



TOUKLEY RSL SUB-BRANCH *Newsletter*



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NEW SUB-BRANCH MEMBERS

Vale

Geoff Morell

Welcome to the following new Sub-Branch Members:

Marie Berry

Auxiliary

NIL

Sub-Else

NIL

Internment of Ashes

Geoff Morrell – Sunday 9th February – Cenotaph – 10.30am

Lest We Forget



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



**Sub-Branch General Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month,
At 10.30am, upstairs in Club Toukley RSL, with the exception of January.
All Members are invited to attend.**

CCDC Meeting Gosford RSL sub-Branch	Monday 10 February 2.00 pm
Sub-Branch AGM	Sunday 16 February 10.30 am
Sub-Branch Committee Meeting	Monday 17 February 10.30 am
Nasho's Luncheon Wyong Leagues	Friday 21 February 11.45 am
Family Fun Day/Barefoot Bowls	Sunday 2 March 11.00 am
Sub-Branch General Meeting	Monday 3 March



Welcome everybody to 2025.

**I hope everybody had a lovely Christmas and are looking forward to a
Happy and Healthy New Year.**

This is my first report for this year.

**The Committee was busy in December/January attending /
representing the Sub-Branch at the following events:**

- **Merchant Mariners Day at Norah Head 7 December**
- **CCDC meeting at Davistown on 9 December**

- **Warnervale Public School end-of-year presentation day – 2 ceremonies on 10 December**
- **2 Committee meetings 16 December & 20 January**
- **Meeting with Liam from Bishop Collins on 16 January**
- **Traffic meeting with Wyong Police for Anzac Day on 14 January.**

At the Traffic meeting the police stated they may not be able to provide the customary six vehicles as they have in the past. They are going to work with Central Coast Council on this and the Council will then report back to us.

The Annual Wellness and Wellbeing Event (Christmas Party) on Sunday 15 December was attended by 78 members, partners and invited guests. It was a good afternoon with a quality meal and the normal excellent entertainment from Brassic Duo.

The Committee also organised a Farewell Dinner for Rosemary and Bob Swift on 7 January at Ziva at The Ary. Bob was very appreciative that we had gone to the trouble. We wish them a lovely retirement in Scone. Bob will be sadly missed as he did a lot of work for the Sub-Branch.

The Committee decided at the December Committee meeting to distribute some Christmas hampers to some of our members this year. The Committee reviewed the membership and chose nine members to receive a hamper. Alan Thiele, John Tyson, Allan Love and I delivered the hampers on the Thursday before Christmas. All the recipients were surprised and delighted with the hampers.

Sadly, one of our members Geoff Morell passed away in January. The family had a private cremation but have asked for the remains to be interred in the Memorial Garden at the Cenotaph.

The Committee received a request from the horticulturalist who looks after the Memorial Garden to remove the hedge. The hedge has in recent years detracted from the floral display for both Anzac Day and Remembrance Day. The Committee considered his report and agreed to the removal of the hedge.

The Sub-Branch working in partnership with The Ary are going to hold an Open Day/ Family Day / Barefoot Bowls day on Sunday 2 March. A sub-Committee has been formed to attempt to ensure that the day is a success. Please put the date in your calendar and consider if you might like to volunteer a few hours on the day. This is the first time the Sub-Branch has attempted something like this and we would like to make it an annual event.

I also need to inform members that Judith Walker has decided to resign as Secretary. Judith has done an excellent job over the years since stepping in about 5 years ago to fill the void left by the previous Secretary. The position will be filled at the AGM this month.

Ian Collier

Ian Collier – President

1. Monday morning tea and hampers given to Ary staff who provide assistance in supporting the Sub-Branch all year round from the team at the Welcome Desk, to the Catering team, to the Marketing team to back office support. Your efforts are appreciated and help us to make the Sub-Branch work efficiently.



2. Sub-Branch 2025 Xmas Party:





3. Sub-Branch committee decided this year to deliver some festive cheer to some of our ex-serving veterans in the way of a Christmas hamper. Two committeemen Alan Thiele and John Tyson were the elves for Santa President Ian Collier with Committeeman Allan Love playing Rudolph behind the wheel of the Sub-Branch sleigh.





4. Toukley RSL Sub-Branch attended the Merchant Mariners Lost in Time of War at the Merchant Navy Memorial at Norah Head on Saturday. This annual Commemoration Service is organised by The Hon. Yasmin Catley, MP Member for Swansea. Yasmin's staff do a great job in putting the service together with support from a lot of community groups.



5. Following correspondence from CEO of Ary, Mr. Trevor Haynes, following a request from the Landscape Company we use, to remove the Hedges in the Cenotaph to improve the presentation of the floral displays for events. The Toukley RSL sub-Branch Committee has approved the removal and the removal is underway.



Keeping your Sub-Branch Details Up to Date

If you have recently moved, or your details have changed, please let the Sub-Branch Office know so that we can update your address and contact details.

This information is required so that we can send any correspondence to the correct address.

Also, if you know of a member who has moved, either to another area or to an Aged Care Facility, please notify the Sub-Branch Office.



WANTED NEW MEMBERS National Servicemen's Association Central Coast Sub-Branch Toukley - monthly meetings held 3rd Sunday every month except December, regular social luncheons for members, family and friends, BBQ's, Bus trips to places of interest. Membership forms available from our Membership Officer Bobby Byrnes on 0400 352 811 or email robertbyrnes7@bigpond.com

Volunteers required for Vietnam Veterans Park at Gorokan. The Vietnam Veterans Park located on the left-hand side of Wallarah Road just as you drive over the Toukley Bridge towards Gorokan is maintained by the Vietnam Veterans group. The group would appreciate some assistance if anyone has a few hours to spare. They meet on a Wednesday at 9.30 every five weeks in winter and about every 2 weeks in growing season. If anyone has some spare time please contact Steve Edmunds on 0428 093 726 or email at sheenasteve21@gmail.com

Auxiliary Report

TOUKLEY RSL SUB-BRANCH AUXILIARY REPORT – JANUARY

- **Wellness Bus Trips**

November trip on Nova Cruises in Newcastle was a great success; when reboarding the bus, Ron Whitby (driver), drove a short distance from the wharf to a fish co-op for anyone who wanted to purchase quality seafood. A great suggestion by Ron, and an excellent extension of the trip.

February 28th trip to a Brewery on the Central Coast had to be cancelled due to final confirmation that tours of the Brewery only occurred on weekends not weekdays. All who had put their name down to attend the trip, were contacted and advised of an alternative trip being organised. The alternative trip is the Postman's Cruise which is for three hours on the Hawksbury River. Please note: the bus will need to depart the front of the ARY at 8am to allow for traffic; also, there is a requirement to board the boat 15 minutes prior to departure which is 10.00am. Additional information on the trip is attached to the sign on sheet located at the front of the room on the Executive Teams table at the general meeting.

A written procedure for future trips is in the process of being finalised; it is expected that the procedure will be ready for the March general meeting, where the procedure will be highlighted; any questions or issues can be raised under general business at that meeting. In addition, the procedure information will be incorporated into the Sub-Branch newsletter.

Any constructive feedback regarding any of the Wellness Bus Trips are welcome, should be raised under general business at the general meetings.

- **Activities**

The Auxiliary will be working with a Sub-Branch committee (in partnership with the ARY Club) to assist in finalising arrangements for a 'Family Fun Day'.

Volunteers will be sought from the Auxiliary to assist with the Family Fun Day; assist with the organisation of Anzac Day stall, as well as assisting Sub-Branch at the Anzac Service by increasing Auxiliary members presence.

- **Next Meeting of the Auxiliary**

The meeting is scheduled to be held at 11.00am on the 10th of February 2025.

Christine Sellers Co-Ordinator, Auxiliary

Puzzle Corner



Trivia

History Trivia Questions and Answers:

1. Who was the first president of the United States of America?
2. What was the name of the conflict between North and South Korea that took place from 1950 to 1953?
3. Who was the first person to circumnavigate the world?
4. What was the name of the period of cultural and intellectual growth that took place in Europe during the 14th to 17th centuries?
5. Who was the leader of the Soviet Union during World War II?
6. What was the name of the conflict between North Vietnam and South Vietnam that took place from 1955 to 1975?
7. Who was the first female prime minister of the United Kingdom?
8. What was the name of the series of wars between England and France that took place from 1337 to 1453?
9. Who was the first person to sail around the world solo?
10. What was the name of the period of political and social change that took place in China from 1966 to 1976?



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Helping Veterans and Their Families

We are located at 203 Main Road, Toukley. We are available at Toukley on Tuesday morning from 08.00 till midday by appointment, and on Thursdays from 08.00 till midday for interviews and as a drop in for coffee centre to meet others and relax.

We are available to assist serving and ex serving veterans and their families in their interaction with DVA as Advocates. We have here;

- Four Advocates to assist with claims advice and general advice on DVA requirements.
- Wellness officers to assist with,
 - Counselling
 - Mental health contacts
 - Seeking appointments with Medical Practitioners
 - Homelessness
 - Widow and widower rights and entitlements.

If you have worn the ADF uniform for more than one day, or are the family of such a person, you may have entitlements that you do not know about. Drop in and let us help you.

We look forward to meeting you.

Emergencies	000
Open Arms	1800 011 046
Lifeline	13 11 44
Kids Helpline	1300 224 636

Welfare Report January 2024



TOUKLEY RSL SUB-BRANCH

WELLBEING/VISITATION OFFICERS' MONTHLY REPORT FOR THE SUB-BRANCH

OFFICER	NUMBER OF VETERANS/FAMILY VISITS	HOURS	KILOMETRES TRAVELLED	PHONE CALLS	TRAINING HOURS	FUNERALS Interments
Michael Humphries	7	14	30	12	0	0
Roy Norman	11	18	40	22	0	0
Mike Henley	1	6	14	5	0	0
Alan Thiele	11	6	50	10	0	0
Allan Love	9	6	0	0	0	0
John Tyson	9	6	0	0	0	0
Ian Collier	9	6	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	57	62	134	49	0	0 IN TOTAL

Puzzle Corner Answers



History Trivia Questions and Answers:

- 1 Answer: George Washington
- 2 Answer: Korean War
- 3 Answer: Ferdinand Magellan
- 4 Answer: Renaissance
- 5 Answer: Joseph Stalin
- 6 Answer: Vietnam War
- 7 Answer: Margaret Thatcher
- 8 Answer: Hundred Years' War
- 9 Answer: Joshua Slocum
- 10 Answer: Cultural Revolution

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