



TOUKLEY RSL SUB-BRANCH *Newsletter*



Battle of Normandy Museum – Bayeux France

Issue 100 – November 2024

NEW SUB-BRANCH MEMBERS

Welcome to the following new Sub-Branch Members:

Service

Greg Boorman

Garrie Hensby

Auxiliary

Donna Crouch

Sub-Else

Nil

VALE

Victor Bilbow

Internment of Ashes

Ralph Bull – 10 30am Sunday 1st December

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.**

Remembrance Day	Monday 11th November – 10.45 am
December General Meeting	Monday 2nd December - 10.30am
Sub-Branch Christmas Party	Sunday 15th December – 11am

Toukley RSL Sub-Branch President's Report presented by Vice President - Mike Humphries with Ian Collier away for the November meeting:



The start of October saw a meeting with Ethinvest – our Financial Advisors – two of the Trustees Milton Porter and Steve Edmunds and I. Max Thom was unavailable as he was on holidays at the time. At this meeting Matthew Hicks the advisor from Ethinvest spoke to the trustees about the balance of our investments and suggested for Toukley RSL Sub-Branch to slightly modify our approach to a more growth accented portfolio. He said this was in keeping with RSL NSW advice and as such it was agreed to by the Trustees. Matthew also suggested – and we were already aware – that we had too much money sitting in a Macquarie Cash account and the Trustees agreed for Matthew to proceed with investing some of this account back into the market.

On Sunday 13 October I attended a Social Bowls day at The Entrance/Long Jetty Sub-Branch accompanied by two of our Auxiliary members in Bev Pritchatt and Midge Scott. A good day and a chance to consolidate our relationship with another of our local sub-Branches.

I have been approached by Trevor Haynes to see if there is any interest in the Sub-Branch hosting a day at Mason's Place. A few of the Directors are looking at ways for the Sub-Branch to receive a bit more exposure and have suggested this. It is early days, but I hope we can take advantage of this opportunity.

The day would be promoted as a fun family day and promoted in a way to hopefully attract new members through the family aspect.

On Monday 14 October I chaired the Auxiliary meeting. Bev Pritchatt as acting co-ordinator did a good job in running the agenda and asked for volunteers from the floor to sell Poppy Badges etc for Remembrance Day. The Auxiliary will be set-up in the club from Wednesday 6 November to Sunday 10 November. Any assistance to them would be appreciated.

My grant application to The Mounties Community Grants scheme to cover the cost of the work at Diggers was not successful.

The saga of the VSF funding to the CCVC was finally resolved. The President of the CCVC – Les Jacobs – refused to sign the contract that RSL NSW wanted him to sign before they released the money. There are two sides to this scenario and we now have to live with the end result. The \$28K that we donated to the VSF for the CCVC has been refunded with interest and is now back in our account. We now intend to proceed with the work we had always planned to do – which is build a garage in the backyard at Diggers to put some shelving in to allow the VMCC to move their fridge and other material out of the office at Diggers into the garage.

Friday 25 October saw a bus trip to Mingara to have a look at the club and have Yum Cha at their Chinese Restaurant. If you are attending any proposed trip please put it into your diary to ensure you turn up on the day.

The planning for Remembrance Day on Monday 11 November is well under way. Mike, Roy and Judith have picked up the ball and are running with it. We will have a catafalque party from 236 Army cadets, the choir from Warnervale Public School and a new sound system guy.

Brad Moore from AV electronics who we have used in the past has retired.

Mike Humphries and I attended the RSL State Congress from Sunday 27 to Tuesday 29 October. It was a good opportunity to network with other delegates from around the State. It is a bit of an eye-opener to see how some of these sub-Branches are surviving with the numbers and finance that they have. The issue of affiliate members was canvassed widely at Congress and even though Toukley RSL Sub-Branch remain opposed to the idea in some of the remote areas there would not be a Sub-Branch without affiliate members and this includes holding executive positions. The date for the MEAO commemoration – the Middle East Area of Operation – also had plenty of discussion. It was held for the first time this year on 11 July which is the day our troops withdrew from Afghanistan and the veterans from that campaign do not regard it as an appropriate occasion to be commemorating. It was voted to not use 11 July next year and District Councils will be asked to submit dates they consider more appropriate.

The Committee will be holding an interment service for Ralph Bull on Sunday 1 December at 10.30 am.

And finally tickets for our Annual Wellness and Wellbeing Event (Christmas Party) on Sunday 15th December at 11.00am will be on sale after today's meeting and on Thursday mornings at the Sub-Branch office up until 1 week before the event.

Ian Collier

**Ian Collier
President**

Morning tea with Emma McBride at Wyong Hub Wednesday 23rd October.



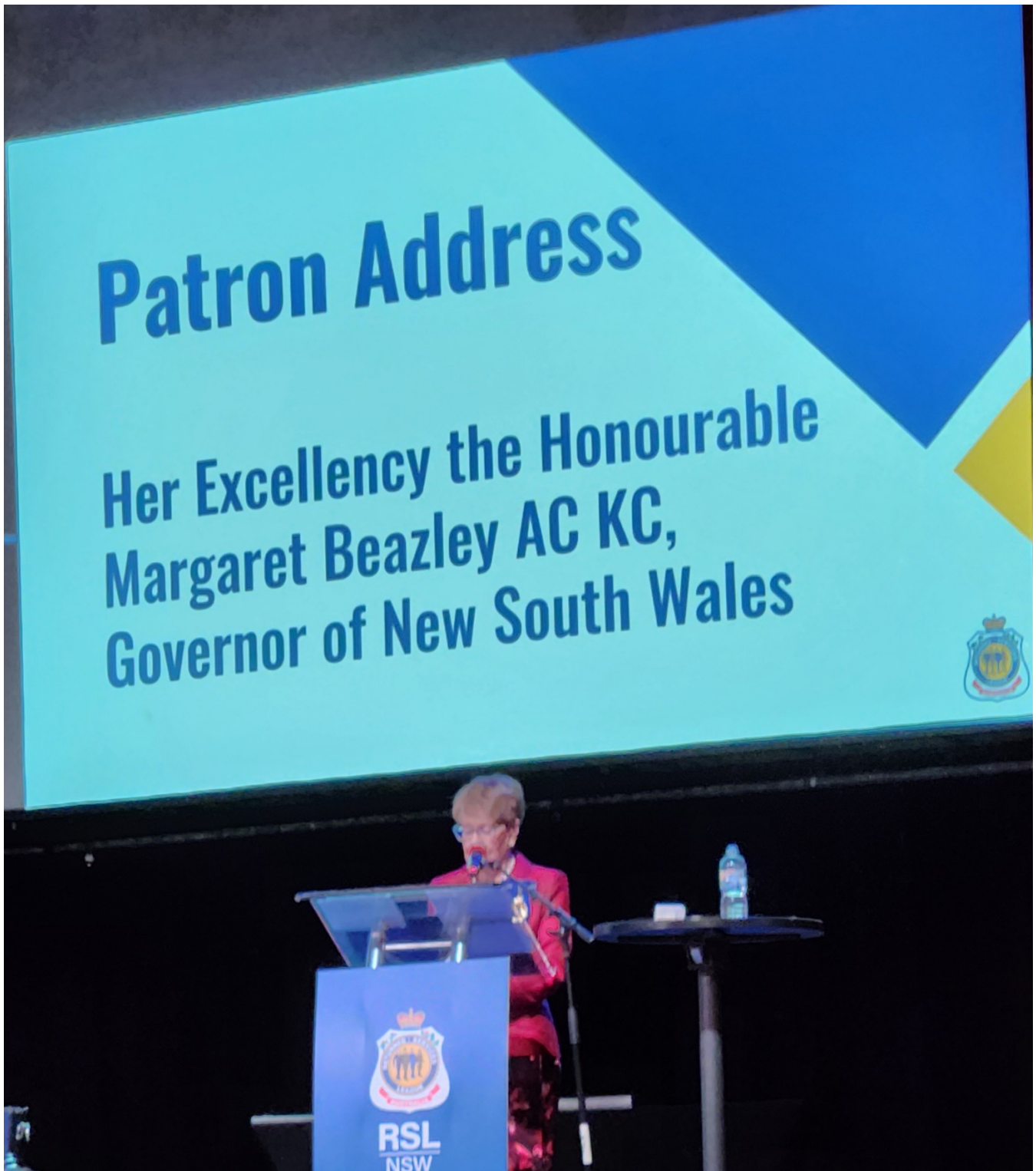
Enjoyable time attended by Alan Thiele, Judith Walker and Mike Humphries. Emma had a chat with all, including discussions with service people who attended. Emma was impressed with the manager Kristin [third from the left in the photo] and staff member James [he took the photo] who did a great job with the cooking!!!!

The RSL Congress – Newcastle NEX – 27th to 29th October.

- **CEO Giles Hurst – presented the CEO report for 2023/2024**



- RSL Patron Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley Governor of New South Wales. Addressed the Sub-Branches



- NSW RSL President Mick Bainbridge also addressed the Sub-Branches



- Premier of New South Wales the Honourable Chris Minns also addressed the Sub Branches



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 APRIL and JANUARY, 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

Upcoming Events:

1. Monday 11th November – Remembrance Day.

The Cenotaph, commences at 11am, open invitation to all Veterans and their family. upstairs at Ary, after the Service, for finger food and drinks.

2. Monday 18th November – Committee Meeting

3. Saturday 7th December – Merchant Mariners

At Norah Head Lighthouse commencing 10.30am. Committee attendance requested. Members also can attend, Bus times TBA.

4. Sunday 15th December - Sub Branch Xmas Party

Commences at 11am – Bookings essential, attendees to be advised to Ary following the Sub-Branch General Meeting on 2nd December.

*****Reminder that there is no Sub-Branch General Meeting in January**

Next scheduled Sub-Branch meeting will be Monday 3rd February 2025.

Auxiliary Report – November 2024

Our Co-Ordinator, Chistine Sellers has been away all month on a well deserved holiday and our Assistant Co-Ordinator, Bev Pritchatt has been acting as Co-Ordinator in Christine's absence.

The Auxiliary recently held their meeting on Monday 14 October followed by a nice lunch.

During this meeting a roster was drawn up for Auxiliary members to sell the poppies, badges and memorabilia leading up to Remembrance Day on Monday 11 November. These items will be on sale in the downstairs area of the Club from Wednesday 6 November through to Sunday 9 November. The stall will be manned from 11am through to 3pm each day. A big thank you to all the auxiliary ladies who have put their name on the roster to assist.

Also, during the meeting discussion was held with respect to the Auxiliary members taking over the planning of future Sub-Branch wellness bus trips once a month. It was decided that Christine Sellers and Joan Kennedy would be in charge of planning and running these trips with Bev Pritchatt as back up for either Christine or Joan if they are unavailable for any reason. It was also decided that we should pass a sheet around at the Sub-Branch meetings so members can write down any suggestions of where they would like to go on the monthly bus trips. This of course will help with future planning. Christine, Joan and Bev are meeting shortly to try and map out the next six months of bus trips. Alan Love will be helping with respect to the bus drivers and availability of the bus.

The first Sub-Branch Wellness bus trip was held on Friday 25 October where a visit was made to the Mingara Recreational Club for 'Yum Cha' at the Golden Dragon Restaurant located in the club. Everyone who attended enjoyed this day out.



The trip organised for the 29th of November for the Christmas themed lunch cruise on the Newcastle Harbour with Nova Cruises is now fully booked and everyone is looking forward to that day out.

The Auxiliary members will be meeting for a Christmas Lunch on Tuesday 3 December at 12 noon at the Club as no meeting is being held in December. Our next meeting is being held on Monday 10 February 2025.

Bev Pritchatt (for Christine Sellers)

Assistant Co-Ordinator, Toukley RSL Sub-Branch Auxiliary

Puzzle Corner



Trivia

1. What was the highest-grossing film of the 1960s?
2. Who directed the iconic sci-fi film “2001: A Space Odyssey” released in 1968?
3. Which film, released in 1961, starred Audrey Hepburn as the iconic character Holly Golightly?
4. In which film does Clint Eastwood play a mysterious stranger who arrives in a small town torn apart by feuds?
5. Who directed the controversial and groundbreaking film “Easy Rider” released in 1969?
6. Which film, released in 1967, featured the character of James Bond facing off against the villainous Auric Goldfinger?
7. Name the film that starred Paul Newman as a rebellious prisoner who refuses to conform to authority.
8. Who played the role of Bonnie Parker in the 1967 film “Bonnie and Clyde”?
9. What film, released in 1962, tells the story of a lawyer defending a black man accused of raping a white woman?
10. In which film does Julie Andrews play the magical nanny who brings
11. Who directed the classic film “Lawrence of Arabia” released in 1962?
12. Who directed the film “Psycho,” released in 1960, known for its iconic shower scene?

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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 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 available;

- 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, Wellbeing and Visitation Report-October 2024



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OFFICER	NUMBER OF VETERANS/FAMILY VISITS	HOURS	KILOMETRES TRAVELLED	PHONE CALLS	TRAINING HOURS	FUNERALS Interments
Michael Humphries	4	9	22	4	0	0
Roy Norman	5	12	32	8	0	0
Margaret Scott	1	4	12	2	0	0
TOTALS	10	25	66	14	0	0

Sub-Branch Christmas Party



Sunday 15th December 2024

11.00am – 4.00pm

3 course lunch

Refreshments

Entertainment by Brassick Duo

Monster Raffle

Tickets \$20 per person for members and partners, tickets on sale today and every Thursday until the event.

Puzzle Corner Answers



1. Answer: *The Sound of Music* (1965)

2. Answer: Stanley Kubrick

3. Answer: *Breakfast at Tiffany's*

4. Answer: *A Fistful of Dollars*

5. Answer: Dennis Hopper

6. Answer: *Goldfinger*

7. Answer: *Cool Hand Luke*

8. Answer: Faye Dunaway

9. Answer: *To Kill a Mockingbird*

10. Answer: *Mary Poppins*

11. Answer: David Lean

12. Answer: Alfred Hitchcock

**Being twenty in the
seventies was much
more fun than being
seventy in the
twenties.**

TOUKLEY RSL SUB - BRANCH

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