



TOUKLEY RSL SUB-BRANCH *Newsletter*



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NEW SUB-BRANCH MEMBERS

Welcome to the following new Sub-Branch Members:

Service

**Phillip Forbes
Garrie Hensby**

Auxiliary

Nil

Sub-Else

VALE

Nil

Internment of Ashes

Nil

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.**

November General Meeting	Monday 4th November - 10.30am
Remembrance Day	Monday 11th November - 11.00 am
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 on holidays most of the month of September:



Following a request from one of our members Geoff Davidson, on Friday 6th September, Judith Walker, Alan Thiele and I carried out a RSL Tribute Service at the funeral of Graeme Trevor Garside at Point Claire Cemetery. Graeme was a National Serviceman who re-enlisted the same day as his National Service expired in the AMF. He served over 25years.

On 10th September I attended an Open Day held by Central Coast Council at Noraville Cemetery. They had an excellent display of head stones and burial locations, both cremations and burials. I will say that the cemetery was in excellent condition for the day, lawns mowed and edges done. The best I have seen it in 5 years of visiting deceased family members.

On Friday 13th of September, Max Thom, Steve Edmunds, Alan Thiele, Bob Byrnes and I attended the opening of the Wyong Hub. It was well presented by all the speakers on the day. It was well attended by local Sub-Branched and VIP's David Harris and Emma McBride. Photographs are attached within this newsletter.

Phillip Forbes is a new member transferring from St Marys Sub-Branch. He wanted to have his medals mounted and the team at Diggers to sort out a rental assistance issue he had with Hakea Grove Nursing Home. I arranged both for him and the both are well underway.

On 21st September, Toukley Sub-Branch had an excellent roll up at Doyalson Open Day. Allan Love and I worked hard making sure we had everything required for a good presentation on the Thursday before hand. Thanks Allan, there was only the 2 of us on the day, I could not have done it without you.

Ian and I will be attending the RSL NSW State Congress meeting in Newcastle from 27th October through to the 29th October. I am sure we will have plenty to update and report on come our General Meeting on 4th November.

Mike Humphries
Vice President

Opening of the Wyong Hub



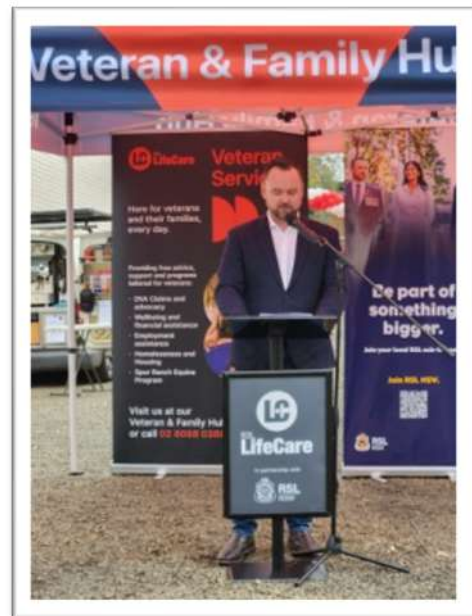
Toukley RSL Sub Branch Representatives



Dignitaries cutting the ribbon



MP David Harris



President NSW RSL

Doyalson Open Day



Some of our Members on hand



It was a great day, enjoyed by all. Especially the children who attended as there was rides, Army memorabilia, Huey Helicopter and old cars on display. Thanks to the team at Doyalson/Wyee RSL Sub-Branch!

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 21st October – Committee Meeting

2. Monday 14th October - CCDC Meeting:

The Hub, Wyong @ 2pm. President, Vice President and Trustees if possible to attend.

3. Sunday 27th October through to Tuesday 29th October.

RSL Congress in Newcastle – Ian Collier and Mike Humphries attending

4. Monday 4th November – Sub-Branch General Meeting

5. 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.

6. Monday 18th November – Committee Meeting

7. Saturday 7th December – Merchant Mariners

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

8. 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 3 February 2025.

Auxiliary Report

AUXILIARY REPORT – OCTOBER 2024

As has been mentioned on several occasions, the Sub-Branch has excess stock of Military Badges and other Memorabilia which has been counted, and re-counted several times. In order to facilitate movement of the stock, a decision was made to place those that there were a lot of (eg: supporter's badges), into small brown envelopes to be handed out to children who attend the upcoming

Remembrance Day Service. As a reminder, the Auxiliary will have a stand set up in the ARY Club to sell additional Military Badges and Memorabilia in the lead up to the Remembrance Day Service. All Auxiliary members will be asked to volunteer, with a roster developed in manning the stand.

At the September general meeting of the Sub-Branch, those present were advised that the first of the bus trips being organised by the Auxiliary was a trip to the Mingara Recreational Club for 'Yum Cha' at the Golden Dragon Restaurant located in the club. The trip had been scheduled to depart the ARY Club at 10.00am on the 27th of September, but unfortunately, had to be rescheduled to depart the ARY Club at 10.00am on the 25th of October. Currently, there are 13 Sub-Branch members who have their names down to attend (including the bus driver); a booking has been made for 15 people. Bev Pritchatt, who is the Deputy Co-Ordinator of the Auxiliary will be co-ordinating the trip.

The trip organised for the 29th of November, is for a Christmas themed lunch cruise on the Newcastle Harbour with Nova Cruises. As the boat leaves the wharf in Newcastle at 11.00am, it is anticipated that the bus will NEED to leave the ARY Club no later than 9.00am. A big thank you to Ian for approving the Sub-Branches co-contribution towards the trip.

No-one put their name on the list to attend the trip scheduled for the 4th of December, to see the Hunter Valley Light show; this will be raised again at the next general meeting.

I have met with the designated Sub-Branch member – Allan Love, who is assisting the Auxiliary with organising the bus drivers for the trips. We are looking forward to working with Allan to ensure that all the bus trips are as successful as they have been in the past.

Mike Humphries (Acting President at the time) and Denise Humphries, and myself, have visited Marcia Bartlett, a war widow, who was admitted to Wyong hospital. Marcia recently had a fall causing her to suffer significant injuries and she was very appreciative that the sub-Branch members took an

interest in her welfare, and assistance offered, but said that family were on their way to see her. Marcia will have a long and slow recovery in front of her, and we all wish Marcia well in her wellness journey.

Christine Sellers

Co-Ordinator, Toukley RSL Sub-Branch Auxiliary

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

Judith has the following books available for loan:

1. 50th Anniversary of Anzac – “The Fuzzy Wuzzy Angels
2. Australian at War – “The Kokoda Campaign”
3. Milne Bay – “Australians in the Pacific”
4. Kokoda – “Australians in the Pacific War”
5. The Huon Peninsula – “1943 to 1944”
6. Battle of the Beach Heads – “1942 to 1943
7. Wau – Salamaua – “1942 to 1943

Stories of interest:

1. While carrying out our usual mowing and trimming at the Vietnam Park last week, Steve Edmunds pointed out this plaque that someone had tech screwed to the telegraph pole near our Stone of Remembrance.





Captain Cook



Tom Hobbs

2. Captain Cook was also a visitor at Doyalson Open Day, he was looking for an old mate Seaman Tom Hobbs, who he said he joined up with. Uniforms a bit different but no doubting similar age!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Sorry Tommy.



3. On returning to Ary following the Open Day at Doyalson RSL, Tom Smith had his push bike stolen from outside the back door at Ary. Thanks to Matt at the club he had photographs of the thief from the cameras at the club. Ian and Roy took them to the police station. We are waiting for the results.



4. We all have our thoughts on this one, I thought we fought for OUR country most of us were born in or have Citizenship

Puzzle Corner



Trivia

Food and drink trivia questions

1. How many herbs and spices are in Colonel Sanders' original KFC recipe?
2. Which fast food restaurant still boards the slogan "Have it your way"?
3. What is the oldest soft drink in America?
4. Which fruit is used to flavour the liqueur, Southern Comfort?
5. Which U.S. state is the only state to grow coffee beans?
6. In 1929 what ingredient was removed from Coca-Cola?
7. What is the world's most expensive spice?
8. This is used to measure the spicy heat of peppers.
9. Which condiment was used as medicine during the 1830s?
10. In 1974, what was the first product scanned by a UPC scanner?
11. In a pinch, this can be used as a substitute for blood plasma?
12. Which food is known to be the most stolen in the world?
13. Which is the only edible food that never expires?
14. How is white sugar converted into brown sugar?

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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 Report October 2024



TOUKLEY RSL SUB-BRANCH

WELLBEING/VISITATION OFFICERS' MONTHLY REPORT FOR THE SUB-BRANCH OCTOBER 2024

OFFICER	NUMBER OF VETERANS/FAMILY VISITS	HOURS	KILOMETRES TRAVELLED	PHONE CALLS	TRAINING HOURS	FUNERALS Interments
Denise Humphries	1	4	0	0	0	0
Michael Humphries	7	22	100	16	0	1
Christine Sellers	0	4	50	10	0	0
Judith Walker	0	4	0	0	0	1
Alan Thiele	0	4	60	0	0	1
TOTALS	8	34	210	26	0	1 IN TOTAL

Holiday News:

Judith visited WA during the month, arrived in Kalgoolie late at night but still managed to have a photo taken with heavy mining machinery. The restaurant on the Indian Pacific look inviting as well.



Ian and Roy investigated a few relics, apart from themselves, while in Rome and their travels. Trevi fountain looks so inviting.



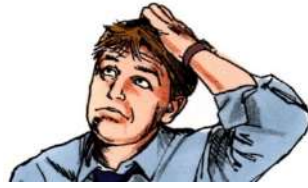
Bev Pritchatt traveled around the UK sightseeing especially Coventry Cathedral and the Cemetery . Bev said - “Finally achieved what I travelled to England for. Mum was placed where my Dad, Nan and Pap are under the beautiful yellow rose tree at Canley Crematorium Coventry ❤️❤️❤️”



“Few Gags from Swifty”



Puzzle Corner Answers



1. Answer: 11
2. Answer: Burger King
3. Answer: Dr. Pepper
4. Answer: Peach
5. Answer: Hawaii
6. Answer: Cocaine
7. Answer: Saffron
8. Answer: The Scoville scale
9. Answer: Ketchup
10. Answer: Wrigley's Juicy Fruit gum
11. Answer: Coconut water
12. Answer: Cheese
13. Answer: Honey
14. Answer: By adding molasses

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