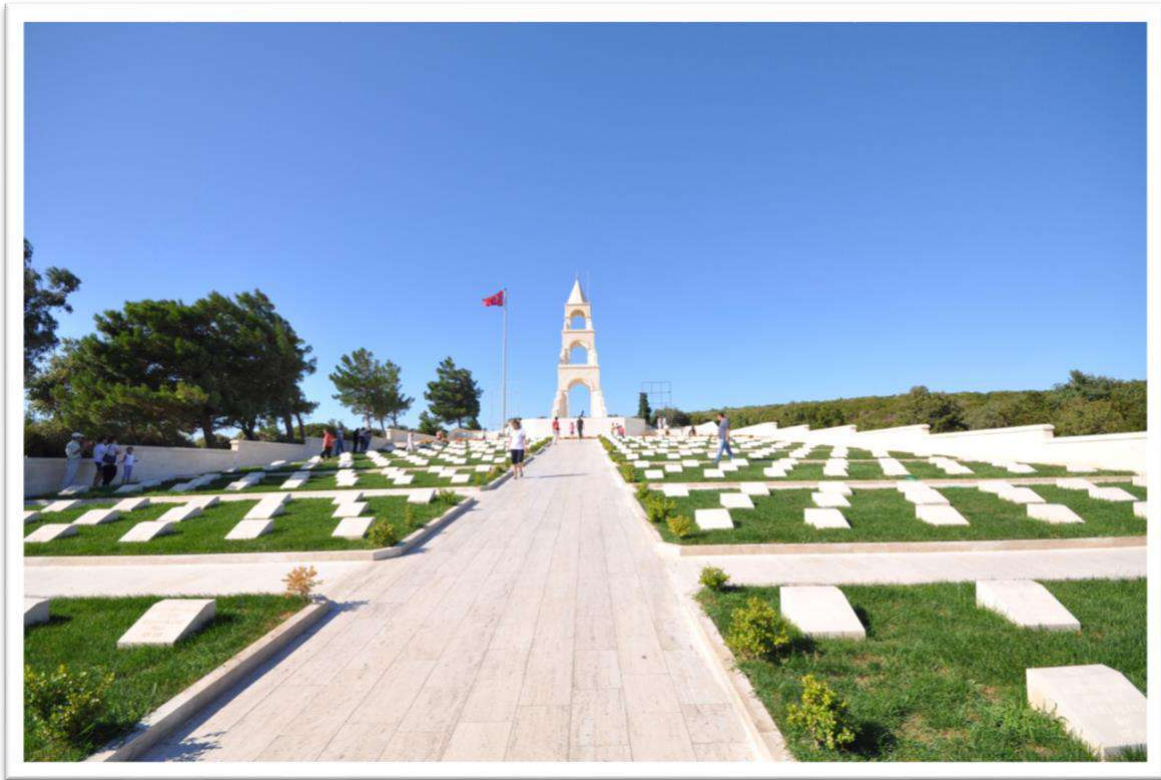




TOUKLEY RSL SUB-BRANCH *Newsletter*



Turkish Memorial and Cemetery in Gallipoli

Issue 103 – April 2025

NEW SUB-BRANCH MEMBERS

**Welcome to the following new Sub-Branch Members:
Vale**

New Members Service

Auxiliary

Margaret Northwood

Sub-Else

NIL

Internment of Ashes

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.**

Sub-Branch General Meeting	Monday 7th April – 10.30am
Wallarah Bay Club Anzac Service	Sunday 13th April – 9am
Auxiliary Meeting	Monday 14th April – 11.00am
CCDC Meeting at The Doylo	Monday 14th April – 2.00pm
Sub-Branch Committee Meeting	Monday 21st April – 10.30am
Anzac Day	Friday 25th April – Dawn Service - 5.20am
Anzac Day	Morning Service – following march which starts at 9.45am
Sub-Branch General Meeting	Monday 5th May – 10.30am



Presidents Report:

Another busy month for the Committee with ANZAC Day preparations continuing. All the school services and Aged Care Facility services have been booked in – starting on 7 April and ending on 1 May.

The ANZAC Day sub-Committee also held a review meeting with The Ary to ensure everyone is aware of what they are required to do.

The Saluting Service Family Funday - 3rd March went ahead as planned. It was a qualified success – 87 people including children attended. An enjoyable day and a good chance to share some camaraderie with your mates. The day was officially opened by the Hon David Harris MP who continues to support the sub-Branch at every opportunity. There was good support from Doyalson/Wyee RSL sub-Branch but not a lot more from other sub-Branches

on the Coast. The day was extensively advertised so in the end the turn-up was probably a little bit disappointing. We have had a review meeting with The Ary and have decided to have another go next year.

Early in the month I had a meeting with Bob Dokter the President of Doyalson/Wyee RSL sub-Branch to formulate where the boundary is between the two sub-Branches. The main idea of this is to ensure there is no overlap of services to Aged Care Facilities or schools and equally that none of them miss out. The only change for us is we have relinquished Woongarra Public School as it now sits inside their boundary.

The sub-Branch will again be supporting the ANZAC Day service at Wallarah Bay on Sunday 13 April. We are again looking for members to be in the Flag Party. The bus will leave The Ary at 8.00 am and return to the club after some refreshments at the conclusion of the service.

Tickets are available now for the ANZAC Day luncheon. Will be on sale after the meeting and on Thursday mornings at the sub-Branch office \$10 per head member and partner.

I am pleased to report that I recently received an offer to have a solar system installed at Diggers Inn free of charge. After investigating the authenticity of the offer it proved to be as good as it sounded. 22 panels were installed on Wednesday 26 March – see photo below.

The company that installed it – Resinc Solar on 1300 755 487 do a fantastic job in giving back to the Community. The system we had installed has a retail value of \$12,500. Having these panels installed may save the sub-Branch about \$1,500 a year each year. So if anyone is thinking of having solar panels installed please consider Resinc. Their after sale service has also been great – even though we didn't pay for the system.



Ian Collier - PRESIDENT

**COMMEMORATION
OF ANZAC**

**March and Service 9.00 am
WBRC Sunday 13th April 2025**



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



*"They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn,
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We shall remember them"*

Toukley RSL Sub-Branch

ANZAC Day

Holmes Avenue Toukley

Commemorative Services

Friday 25th April 2025



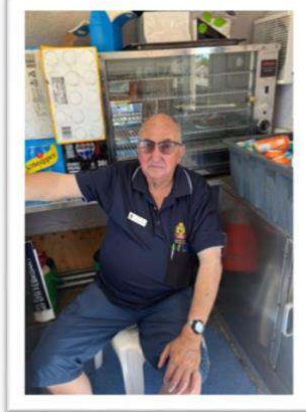
Dawn Service - Toukley RSL Sub Branch Cenotaph
commences 05:20 am.

Morning Service – At Toukley RSL Sub Branch
Cenotaph

**March from Toukley Village Green to Toukley RSL Cenotaph
commences at 09:45 am.**

Service commences on completion of the march

Few photographs from Saluting Service and Open Day:



Auxiliary Report

Auxiliary Report – March 2025

A roster for Anzac Day stand in The Ary in the week leading up to Anzac Day has been organised, as well as members assisting with Anzac Day Ceremonies, at schools, care facilities, and dawn and morning ceremonies at the Cenotaph. Also, there will be an Anzac Day stand set up at the Wallarah Bay Recreational Club on the 13th of April.

Introduction of a Bus Trip Procedure – Is included in the Newsletter.

Welfare & Wellness Sub Branch bus trips –Information regarding the remaining bus trips are as follows:

- 23rd of May (bus unavailable on the 30th of May) - Alison Homestead visit, which includes morning tea - \$5 entry & \$5 for morning tea (\$10 per person); lunch at Wyong RSL at your own cost. The bus departs from the front of the ARY at 9.30am. Bev – Asst Co-ordinator is organising this outing.
- 27TH June – Lemon Tree Passage Cruise on the Wangi Queen for two and a half hours - this includes, a BBQ lunch plus dessert. The bus departs from the front of the ARY at 7.45am to allow for a brief morning tea stop (at your own cost). The cost for this outing is \$55 per person. Christine – Co-ordinator is organising this outing.
- 25th July – Pearl Beach and surrounds tour; then Mantra hotel at Ettalong for lunch at your own cost. Bus will depart the front of the ARY at 9.00am with a morning tea stop included (at your own cost). Christine – Co-ordinator is organising this outing.
- 29th August – Newcastle Botanical Gardens – Stockton for lunch at your own cost. The bus departs from the front of the ARY at 8.30am; a morning tea stop is included (at your own cost) Bev, Asst Co-ordinator is organising this outing
- 25th – 27th September – In the process of organising a two day trip to Canberra. To date, I have organised two night's accommodation at the Canberra Novotel at a rate of \$338.00 for the two nights; once finalised,

further details will follow so members can determine whether they will commit to the trip. If there are not enough members for the trip, it will be cancelled, and an alternative outing will be suggested. Christine-Co-ordinator is organising this outing.

- **31st October – Fort Scratchley – Newcastle, Hexham Bowling Club for lunch (booked for 12.15pm) at your own cost; there will be a brief morning tea stop (at your own cost) on the way to Fort Scratchley. The bus will depart the front of the ARY at 8.00am. Christine – Co-ordinator is organising this outing.**
- **28th November – Morpeth Village visit, then Cessnock Leagues Club for lunch at your own cost; there will be a morning tea stop on the way to Morpeth (at your own cost). The bus will depart from the front of the ARY at 8.30am. Christine is organising this outing.**

Saluting Family Fun Day was very successful. Christine, Rose, Midge and Bev, with the assistance of Jenny, organised the registration of all participants and handed out raffle tickets for the raffles and activities been undertaken; Alf Schembri, Sub-Branch member was organising the bowls games.

Christine Sellers

Co-ordinator, Toukley RSL

Sub Branch Auxiliary

Sub-Branch Mystery bus trip 28 March.

Despite the weather forecast a good turn-up for the monthly bus trip. A “Mystery Tour” of the Central Coast. Out to Yarramalong for morning tea at Angel Sussurri. Then a lovely drive out to Mangrove Creek Dam for a group photo and a look around the Visitors Centre. Then back on the bus for the trip to our lunch spot – the Woy Woy Hotel. A nice venue with a good menu. Then back on the bus for the return trip to The Ary. A well organised day – thanks to the Auxiliary. Coach driver Steve Edmunds did a great job as always.



Puzzle Corner



Trivia

Trivia Questions:

- 1. Where is Gallipoli?**
- 2. Who was the “man with the donkey”?**
- 3. When did the first ANZACs land at ANZAC Cove?**
- 4. What is the Victoria Cross?**
- 5. Why does Australia commemorate ANZAC Day on 25 April?**
- 6. Where is the Tomb of the Unknown Australian Soldier?**
- 7. What is the Menin Gate?**
- 8. Why do the veterans carry banners on ANZAC Day?**
- 9. Where is Villers-Bretonneux?**
- 10. When did the Anzac’s leave Gallipoli?**

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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 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	4	14	25	0	0	0
Roy Norman	15	28	36	42	0	0
John Tyson	4	6	25	0	0	0
Steve Edmunds	1	2	14	0	0	0
TOTALS	24	50	100	42	0	0 IN TOTAL

Puzzle Corner Answers



Answer 1: Gallipoli is a peninsula of land in western Turkey separating the Aegean Sea and the Dardanelles: the site of the costly but unsuccessful campaign by the Allies in the First World War.

Answer 2: John Simpson Kirkpatrick. Better known to Australians as Jack Simpson.

Answer 3: 4.28am on Sunday 25 April 1915.

Answer 4: The highest British Commonwealth award for the most conspicuous bravery in the presence of the enemy.

Answer 5: Australia commemorates Anzac Day on April 25th each year because it marks the anniversary of the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces during World War I, the landing at Gallipoli in 1915.

Answer 6: In the Hall of Remembrance at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra.

Answer 7: Menin Gate is a war memorial in Ieper (Ypres), Belgium. This memorial to the missing contains, inside and out, huge panels into which are carved the names of the 54,896 officers and men of the Commonwealth (6,209 Australians) who died in the Ypres Salient area during WW1 and who have no known grave.

Answer 8: Banners are colourful visual records of the veterans' units' insignias, mottos, battle histories and honours which are used as rallying points for ceremonies of significance such as ANZAC Day and other memorial services. Ex-service unit members march behind their banners on ANZAC Day.

Answer 9: Villers-Bretonneux is a small French village which the ANZACs liberated from the Germans in World War 1. The French were so thankful, they put a sign up in the local school which says "Never forget Australia". It is still there today. The village commemorates ANZAC Day each year.

Answer 10. The Anzac's left Gallipoli on The ANZACs, along with other Allied troops, began evacuating Gallipoli in late December 1915 and the final evacuation occurred on January 9, 1916.

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