



# TOUKLEY RSL SUB-BRANCH

## ***Newsletter***



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**NEW SUB-BRANCH MEMBERS**

**Vale**

**Nil**

**Welcome to the following new sub-Branch Members:**

**Service**

**Nil**

**Auxiliary**

**Nil**

**Sub-Else**

**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.**

<b>Vietnam Veterans Day</b>	<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> August</b>
<b>Sub-Branch General Meeting</b>	<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 10.30am</b>
<b>Sub-Branch Committee Meeting</b>	<b>No Committee Meeting this month owing to Vietnam Vets Day falling on same day.</b>



### **Presidents Report:**

*Ian Collier*  
**President**

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**1. Christmas in July 2025, a great day enjoyed by all who attended, complements to the Chef, have not heard a complaint about the food or service on the day!**





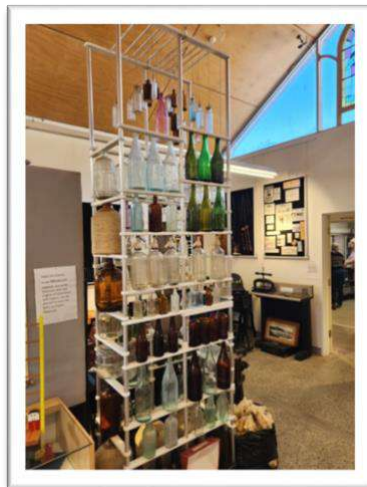
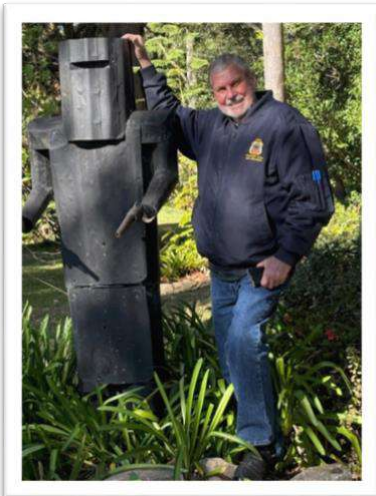


## **2. Bus Trip to Alison Homestead and lunch at Kincumber Hotel.**

**Enjoyable day, and a great lunch, enjoyed by all. We had a chance to lock Terry up to keep him quiet for the day!!!! All participated in the scones, coffee or tea as it was very cold.**



**Mike had a chance to meet Ned Kelly, nice quiet chap don't know why so many didn't like him!!! The old bottle collection and classroom brought back a few memories...**





**3. Nasho's Lunch at Canton Beach Sports Club. Great day, great company, and great food, what more could you want!! Great to see Alan Moss and his wife there enjoying themselves.**



## **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](mailto:robertbyrnes7@bigpond.com)**

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**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](mailto:sheenasteve21@gmail.com)**





## **Members enjoying their birthdays during August**

- **Stephen Wilkinson – 3<sup>rd</sup> August**
- **Mike Humphries – 4<sup>th</sup> August**
- **Garry Matthews – 7<sup>th</sup> August**
- **Fred Melville – 13<sup>th</sup> August**
- **Steven Naish – 14<sup>th</sup> August**
- **Lana Grey – 17<sup>th</sup> August**
- **David May – 19<sup>th</sup> August**
- **Christopher Doyle – 21<sup>st</sup> August**
- **Allan Lambert – 22<sup>nd</sup> August**
- **John Fraher – 24<sup>th</sup> August**
- **Brian Murphy – 24<sup>th</sup> August**
- **Max Thom – 24<sup>th</sup> August**
- **David Arnoult – 26<sup>th</sup> August**
- **Jason Gavin – 39<sup>th</sup> August**

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## **JULY/AUGUST - AUXILIARY REPORT**

### **Welfare and Wellness Sub-Branch Bus Trips:**

**Updates on the trips scheduled for the rest of the year:**

**25th July – Alison Homestead – The visit to the Homestead started with a warm welcome by the volunteer staff; this included a wonderful morning tea with a brief overview of the Homestead provided by senior volunteer Margaret Boldt, who encouraged us all to investigate the surrounds which included a nursery. Lunch was at the Kincumber pub; comments included that the food was very nice, and the size of the meals were substantial.**

**Updates on the trips scheduled for the rest of the year:**

**29th August – Newcastle Botanical Gardens: The bus departs the front of the ARY at 8.00am. The Sub-Branch is making a co-contribution by paying the entrance fee to the gardens. Lunch has been organized for Stockton RSL at the Three Sicilians Restaurant; Ron Whitby advised that the food is ‘fantastic’. Lunch is at your own cost. The trip sign on sheet will be placed on the Executives table at the meeting on the 7th of August.**

**25th 26th September – Overnight trip staying at Young Federation Motel. Following breakfast, we travel to Murrumburrah to view the ‘Bill the Bastard’ Horse. Following this, we will visit the sculptor of Bill, Carl Valerius, for ‘conversations with Carl’, whilst enjoying a wonderful morning tea organised by Carl’s very supportive wife Faye. The Executive of the Sub-Branch are making a co-contribution towards the cost of the trip. The President Ian Collier, contacted the President of Doyalson RSL Sub Branch to determine if it was possible to use the Doyalson bus for the trip as it is a twenty four seater bus, and allows more room for the fifteen Sub Branch members who are attending the trip; in addition, it accommodates their luggage; the use of the Doyalson bus was agreed too.**

**31st October – Fort Scratchley (located at Newcastle). The bus departs the front of the ARY at 8.00am. Attendees will go on a tour of the facility and be present for the 1.00pm firing of the cannon. The Sub-Branch will make a co-contribution for the trip – entry into Fort Scratchley. Lunch has been changed from the Hexham Bowling Club, which was scheduled for 12.15pm, to the Souths Leagues Club at Merewether at 1.30pm (there will be a menu attached to the sign on sheet) at your own cost.**



**28th November – Morpeth Village Tour. The bus departs the front of the ARY at 9.00am, will make a stop for morning tea prior to arriving at Morpeth Village. Lunch has been scheduled for the Cessnock Leagues Club at your own cost.**

**At the Christmas in July function, three ladies have stated that they wish to join the Auxiliary; application forms will be provided to them.**

**Of the fifteen registered Sub-Branch Auxiliary members, three are RSL NSW Life Members.**

**Christine Sellers**

**Auxiliary Co-Ordinator**

## **Puzzle Corner**



### **Trivia Questions:**

**What is the capital of Australia?**

**Which animal is featured on the Australian coat of arms?**

**What is the name of the famous rock formation in the Northern Territory?**

**What is a popular Australian dessert made with meringue, cream, and fruit?**

**Which Australian animal is known for its laughing call?**

**Who designed the Sydney Opera House?**

**What year was decimal currency introduced in Australia?**

**What year did Cyclone Tracy hit Darwin?**

**What is the Great Barrier Reef?**

**What is the name of the Australian outback explorer who disappeared in the desert?**

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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.

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



## Welfare Report JULY 2025



### 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	6	14	111	0	0	2
Roy Norman	8	15	25	24	0	1
Terry Murray	0	2	14	0	0	1
Christine Sellers	2	10	90	15	0	0
Allan Thiele	0	3	35	0	0	1
Bev Pritchatt	0	3	0	0	0	1
Mick Henly	0	30	0	3	0	0
Ian Collier	0	5	90	15	0	2
Marie Berry	0	2	14	0	0	1
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2 in Total</b>

## *Puzzle Corner Answers*



**Answer - Canberra.**

**Answer - A kangaroo and an emu.**

**Answer - Uluru (Ayers Rock).**

**Answer - Pavlova.**

**Answer - The kookaburra.**

**Answer - Jørn Utzon.**

**Answer - 1966.**

**Answer - 1974.**

**Answer - A large coral reef system off the coast of Queensland.**

**Answer - Harold Lasseter.**

## TOUKLEY RSL SUB - BRANCH

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