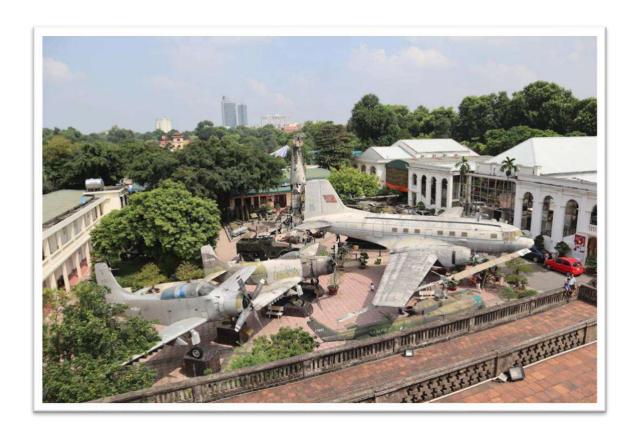


# TOUKLEY RSL SUB-BRANCH Newsletter



<u>Vietnam Museum – Hanoi Vietnam</u>

Issue 106 - September 2025

#### **NEW SUB-BRANCH MEMBERS**

# Vale Robert Cubitt Ken Furness John Dale

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

<u>Service</u> Nil

<u>Auxiliary</u> Angie Murphy

Sub-Else

NIL

#### **Internment of Ashes**

Kenneth Furness - date to be advised





#### 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 1 <sup>st</sup> September - 10.30am  |
|------------------------------|---|
| Sub-Branch Committee Meeting | Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> September - 10.30am |
| Sub-Branch Bus Trip to Young | Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> September         |
| Remembrance Day              | Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November - 11am    |



#### **Presidents Report:**

*Ian Collier*President

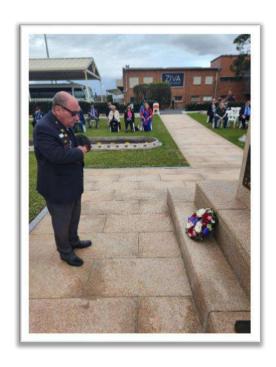
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## Toukley RSL Sub-Branch President Ian Collier presented Brian Campbell and Milton Porter with certificates for membership of the NSW RSL for 50 years.





Vietnam Veterans Day, 18th August, Service at the Cenotaph.













<u>Bar B Que Breakfast at 203 Main Road Toukley.</u> Great to catch up for "breaky" with the Sub-Branch members from Doyalson and Toukley, all enjoyed the good company and especially the bacon and egg rolls!!!!









#### **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 – September 2025**

#### Welfare & Wellness Sub-Branch Bus Trips

• 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> September-Overnight trip to Young staying at the Federation Motel; dinner at the Young Services Club (across the road from the accommodation). Next morning the bus departs the Federation Motel at approximately 8.45am to Murrumburrah to view the famous sculpture of the legendary war horse from WW1, 'Bill the Bastard'. The sculpture is prominently displayed in the main street of Murrumburra.

From here, we will then proceed to Carl Valerius's home in Harden to meet the 'Sculptor Extraordinaire' and his lovely and supportive wife Faye, where you will be regaled with the stories behind 'Bill the Bastard', and other works he has undertaken for Councils and RSL's for Cenotaph's and Remembrance area's. Conversations with Carl also include morning tea. A lunch stop will be determined on the day. It is anticipated that we arrive back at the ARY 4.30-5.00pm on Friday the 26<sup>th</sup>
The cost per person will be advised closer to the time. Christine - Co-Ordinator is organising this outing.

- 31<sup>st</sup> October Fort Scratchley Newcastle, then onto 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.
- 28<sup>th</sup> 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 - Co-Ordinator is organising this outing.

Two new Auxiliary members - Angie Murphy

Auxiliary members held a luncheon meeting to undertake some forward planning for the 2026 trips. The following trips are being organized for the first 6 months of next year:

#### **Summer Tour**

27<sup>th</sup> February - Trip to Dangar Island in the Hawkesbury; Morning Tea at Café then lunch at the Mounties Club at Mount White

#### **Autumn Tours**

21st March - Trip to QT Station for a one-hour tour, morning tea, then lunch at the Manly RSL Club.

29<sup>th</sup> May - Trip to Garden Island Naval Heritage Centre. Booking the tour at the Museum on Garden Island, morning tea and lunch to be confirmed.

#### **Winter Tour**

26<sup>th</sup> June - Rookwood Military Cemetery; morning tea and lunch to be confirmed.

Next meeting of the Auxiliary is the 5<sup>th</sup> of November, at 11am in the upstairs training room at the ARY. The meeting will focus on creating a roster for selling military memorabilia for Remembrance Day at the ARY Club.

Christine Sellers

**Auxiliary Co-Ordinator** 



#### **Birthdays this month:**

| Catherine            | Henly      | 2nd  | September |  |
|----------------------|------------|------|-----------|--|
| David                | Ragan      | 9th  | September |  |
| <b>Gregory James</b> | Boorman    | 18th | September |  |
| Steven John          | McLeod     | 10th | September |  |
| Arnold J             | Lockrey    | 15th | September |  |
| Robert Edward        | Williamson | 15th | September |  |
| Milton Francis       | Porter     | 22nd | September |  |
| Barry                | Middleton  | 23rd | September |  |
| James Edward         | Ryan       | 23rd | September |  |
| <b>Denise Carol</b>  | Humphries  | 28th | September |  |

## Puzzle Corner



#### **Trivia Questions:**

#### **Questions:**

- 1. What was Sir Don Bradman batting average?
- 2. Who was the last Australian to win the men's singles title at Wimbledon?
- 3. Who is on the front of the current issue \$100 note?
- 4. In what city did the first Commonwealth Parliament first sit?

- 5. Who was the first Australian writer to win the prestigious Booker Prize?
- 6. Who designed the Sydney Opera House?
- 7. Where was Australian bushranger Ned Kelly's last stand?
- 8. What year in Australian was decimal currency introduced?
- 9. What year did Cyclone Tracy hit Darwin?
- 10. In rhyming slang, if someone was going to have 'a Bo Peep' what will they be doing?

### CENTRAL COAST VETERANS CENTRE Inc

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Graham Kerle JP

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**Danny Chouffot** 

Treasurer:

**Kelly Gray** 



Helping Veterans and Their Families

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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
- o 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 August 2025**



#### **TOUKLEY RSL SUB-BRANCH**

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

| OFFICER                  | NUMBER OF<br>VETERANS/FAMILY<br>VISITS | HOURS | KILOMETRES<br>TRAVELLED | PHONE<br>CALLS | TRAINING<br>HOURS | FUNERALS<br>Interments |
|--------------------------|--|-------|-------------------------|----------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| Michael<br>Humphries     | 6                                      | 18    | 30                      | 8              | 0                 | 1                      |
| Roy Norman               | 10                                     | 32    | 70                      | 35             | 0                 | 0                      |
| Mick Henly               | 2                                      | 60    | 200                     | 11             | 40                | 0                      |
| <b>Christine Sellers</b> | 4                                      | 15    | 125                     | 1              | 0                 | 0                      |
| Ian Collier              | 1                                      | 10    | 30                      | 5              | 0                 | 1                      |
| TOTALS                   | 23                                     | 135   | 455                     | 61             | 40                | 1 IN TOTAL             |

## Puzzle Corner Answers



#### **Answers:**

- 1. 99.94.
- 2. Lleyton Hewitt.
- 3. Dame Nellie Melba.
- 4. Melbourne (9th May 1901).
- 5. Thomas Michael Keneally (Schindler's Ark, 1982).
- 6. Joern Utzon.
- 7. Glenrowan, Victoria.
- 8. 1966.
- 9. 1974.
- 10. Having a sleep.

### **TOUKLEY RSL SUB-BRANCH**

| Friend of:              | David Harris MP                           |
|-------------------------|---|
| President:              | Ian Collier                               |
| Vice President:         | Mike Humphries                            |
|                         | Mick Henly                                |
| Secretary:              | Alan Thiele                               |
| Treasurer:              | Terry Murray                              |
| Committee:              | Allan Love                                |
|                         | John Tyson                                |
|                         | Roy Norman                                |
|                         | Robert Sellers                            |
|                         | Steve Edmunds                             |
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