



War Veterans Village [Narrabeen] RSL sub-Branch

Through an active membership we keep the ANZAC spirit alive and growing

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PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

We are getting closer to the end of the year and closer to greater relaxation of Health Orders.

While this is happening in stages it is good to know that there have been many people who have been able to get out and "Picnic".

This year has seen so much negativity in our communities that it is pleasing to let you know that three of our members have reached the incredible milestone of 100Years! Our congratulations to Mavis Wheeler (February) Pam Meyers and Elva Batt (both September) on being our latest centenarians!

Your committee continues to work behind the scenes to ensure our smooth sailing. To enable this, we have met via ZOOM – aren't we thankful for technology. A significant matter for our next meeting will be the establishment of a "Memorial Peace Park" in the grounds of the former Manly Hospital. I would encourage anyone who would like to see the proposal and to give ideas, to contact either Secretary John or myself. There is a PowerPoint presentation we can provide you with, which will give an overview.

Please continue to remain connected.

We are hoping we will be able to do this in person sooner rather than later.

Keep well, Lest We Forget
Bob Durbin, President

WAR VETS SUB-BRANCH PROGRAMME 2022

January - No Meeting/ Breakfast/Social Outing

February - General Meeting with morning tea in Monty Forecourt.

March - Breakfast Meeting in Lone Pine – members pay \$10. Speaker.

April - General Meeting with morning tea in Monty Forecourt/Theatre.

May - Social Outing – bus trip. Sub-Branch subsidises.

June - Christmas in June lunch in Lone Pine.

July - General Meeting with morning tea in Monty Theatre.

August - Breakfast Meeting in Lone Pine – members pay \$10. Speaker.

September - General Meeting in Monty Theatre with morning tea.

October - Social Outing – bus trip. Sub-Branch subsidises.

November - General Meeting with morning tea in Monty Forecourt.

December - Christmas Luncheon in Lone Pine Lounge.

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READ YOUR EDITION AND ENJOY



As COVID-19 restrictions continue and as the Village plans for the way out of lockdown are yet to be made clear, it has been necessary to cancel our October Meeting. Advice on whether we will have a November Meeting will be advised in the November 'Dispatches'

Positions Vacant

Our sub-Branch runs, supported by committed Committee members and Volunteers.

Currently we have two positions that we wish to fill urgently and we would ask that you consider any one of these opportunities.

Treasurer: Duties and responsibilities are listed in RSLNSW Standard Operating Procedure 5 & 7. These include overseeing the financial management of the sub-Branch through the keeping of books of account, receiving payments, paying accounts, preparation of financial reports and with the support of the sub-Branch Executive prepare the annual budget.

Our current Treasurer - Arthur Skene is resigning, effective 31/12/2021 or as soon as a replacement can be made. He is able to train the new position holder in all the duties involved.

This position must be filled for the sub-Branch structure to exist Constitutionally. Without a Treasurer the sub-Branch cannot continue.

Fund Raising Co-ordinator: Duties include preparing a roster of volunteers for the ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day appeals, ordering badge supplies, the preparation of trays for volunteers, collecting and reconciling the sales made, passing the funds received to the Treasurer for banking.

Our past co-ordinators, Horst and Denise Kuessner are able to train a new Co-ordinator.

Please give your serious consideration to either of the positions outlined above, so that there is an overlap from the current position holders to the new position holders.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Some of your Committee have been working overtime during these COVID lockdown restrictions. Our Visitations Officer Bev Ash is regularly making contact with those living alone and generally catching up with any member she can during the month. We are hopeful the planned morning and afternoon teas in small groups will be able to recommence in October or November. We just need to be patient.

There have been various welfare packages and items that have been delivered to members and Ross and Bobbi Fairhall volunteered to deliver some special meals prepared by member Irene Axton – most of us around our village know of Irene's fruit cakes, jams and chutneys that used to appear on a pop-up shop in Gallipoli every so often. Won't it be great to see this and other activities re-appear after we're all double vaccinated and allowed some freedom from the current restrictions??

You will find elsewhere in this issue of Dispatches, a draft programme for 2022. If you have any ideas for outings, please pass them on as we may not rely just on the visits that were previously organized through RSL LifeCare. There will be pent up demand for outings so we may be able to plan some more activities ourselves. Thank you to those who have passed on several ideas – some are very exciting and we look forward to sharing these with you at our first general meeting after lockdown is lifted.

There is a tentative booking for Wednesday 15th December for a Christmas lunch - please make a note in your diary and we hope this comes off. Cost will be around (don't know exact figure yet) \$35.

Please continue to take care, stay safe and keep in touch with others.

John Sowden, Secretary

**BENEFITS OF A GOOD VOCABULARY!
I RECENTLY CALLED AN OLD ENGINEERING
BUDDY OF MINE AND ASKED WHAT HE
WAS WORKING ON THESE DAYS.**

**HE REPLIED THAT HE WAS WORKING ON
"AQUA-THERMAL TREATMENT OF
CERAMICS, ALUMINUM AND STEEL UNDER
A CONSTRAINED ENVIRONMENT."**

**I WAS IMPRESSED UNTIL, UPON FURTHER
INQUIRY, I LEARNED THAT HE WAS
WASHING DISHES WITH HOT WATER UNDER
HIS WIFE'S SUPERVISION.**

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

All members are currently financial.

Current total Membership = 104

Life Members	3
Life Subscriber	4
Service	45
Affiliate	35
Associate	17

It is with great regret that we report the sad passing at the age of 85 of our esteemed Service Member Alf Murray on 21st September at Phyllis Stewart Hostel.

Unfortunately, Alf had been unwell for some time, in and out of Northern Beaches Hospital. He was a shining light in the Village and the sub-Branch. He was prominent in Fund Raising activities at such venues as Warriewood Square, Bunnings and throughout the Village. He will be remembered for his cheerful disposition and humorous, if at times, indecipherable Scottish accent.

Applications for new membership are in progress for 9 prospective members as previously reported.

Updating Service Records

Given the present onerous conditions of lockdown this seems an appropriate time to reminisce.

With your help this could offer an opportunity for us to update profiles of Personal Service.

In the interest of keeping alive the Anzac Spirit, we are seeking from all members a short resume outlining your service history or, in the case of Affiliate members, the history of your relative.

When you have completed this, which hopefully will be as soon as possible, please contact me on 9981 2918.

Alternatively email it to me at peter.yardly@bigpond.com

Thanking you in anticipation

Best Wishes

Jan Slater

Membership Officer

BELIEVE IT OR NOT

- * A cow drinks about a bathtub full of water every day.
- * Sheep outnumber humans in NZ 15-1.
- * Honey is the only natural food which never goes off.
- * A strawberry is the only fruit where seeds grow on the outside.
- * The film 'Mary Poppins' was filmed entirely indoors.
- * The chances of dying on your way to buy a lottery ticket is greater than your chances of winning.

WELFARE REPORT

Looks like we are headed into at least another month of restrictions, hopefully we might be able to get together in Monty, spread out obeying the 4 sq m rule and mandatory masks - I'm sure President Bob will work it out as soon as the rules allow.

Elva Batt has asked me to pass on her well wishes, she often thinks kindly of us all **BUT** we need to send our good wishes to her this month because she has also celebrated her **100th birthday**.

Elva, we hope you had a wonderful celebration 🍷 with just a little bit of bubbly!

So, what are the rest of our residents doing during lockdown?



Well Lyndsay Dufty is busy in his garden and has recently shown me all his beautiful orchids. We had a delightful afternoon chatting about all manner of things and I look forward to going back again. Happy gardening Lin! 🧑🌱



This pure white one is quite rare I believe and the pink cascade (shown in next column) has multiple types of orchids all mixed together. It certainly looks far more natural that way! A joy to share!

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Who else? President Bob's wife **Lesley** is keeping busy sewing for family and also for our Care Homes.

Irene Axton is busy, as always, making some very yummy goodies!

I highly recommend the mixed berry jam 😊!! What are you doing? Be prepared, because I might be knocking on your door soon to see how you're spending your time.

Bev Ash
Visitation Officer

Answers to last months' Word Puzzles

Word puzzles JUST FOR FUN!

M1Y1LI1F1E (what's in between the letters?)

For once in my life (4 x 1's in between the letters)

TRAVEL

CCCCC's (remember the under/overrule)

Travel overseas (over C's)

mce mce mce (what's missing?)

3 blind mice (there are no i's in the word mice)

DAYSALLWORK

All in a day's work (the word ALL is in the middle)

Which country borders 14 nations and crosses, 8 time zones? **Russia**

Which Second World War battle was named, even before it had started? **Battle of Britain**

Dump, floater and wipe are terms used in which team sport? **Volleyball**

The unicorn is the national animal of which country? **Scotland**

Which country invented ice cream? **China**

What is the biggest animal in the world?
The Blue Whale

Happy 100th birthday to Pam Meyers 🎉.

An amazing lady who is regularly seen at the Dugout and seen sitting out the front on her terrace surrounded by the plants she loves.

When you sit and chat with Pam you come away feeling more energised - perhaps we absorb her positive energy.

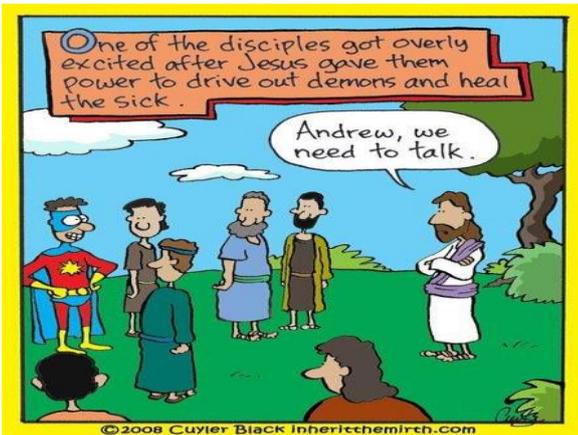
You may have noticed Pams front door when it was completely covered in balloons and streamers for her birthday (courtesy of some very good friends.)

Pam, we're looking forward to a time when we can celebrate with you with gusto!



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

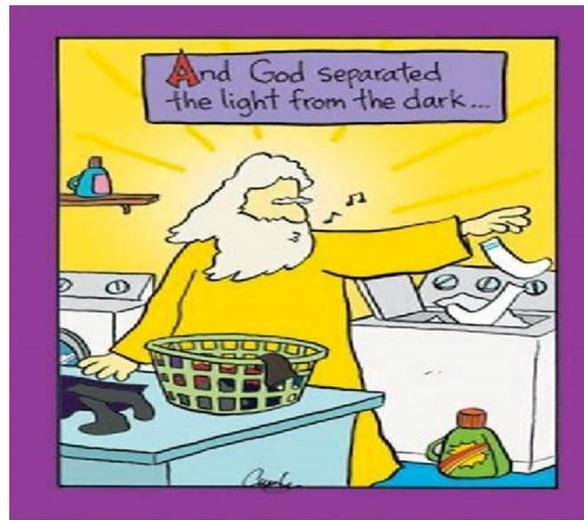
Time for a laugh



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No phone!!



Grace and Peace, Bob Durbin, Chaplain.

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