

WWII & KOREA VETERANS LUNCHEON



Treasurers Trivia

In the 1700's Personal hygiene left much room for improvement. As a result, many women and men developed acne scars by adulthood. The women would spread bee's wax over their facial skin to smooth out their complexions. When they were speaking to each other, if a woman began to stare at another woman's face she was told 'mind your own bee's wax'. Should the woman smile, the wax would crack, hence the term 'crack a smile'. In addition, when they sat too close to the fire, the wax would melt. Therefore, the expression 'loosing face'.

Barry Castledine

From the Welfare Officer

I have been quite busy answering welfare inquiries and assisting veterans. If anyone needs assistance please contact me at any time.

Don Scott

From the Membership Officer

As the year is coming to an end, it is time for Sub Branch membership renewal payments. Payments will be accepted at the Club reception. Our membership year is the calendar year and early payments, particularly before the end of December helps with membership administration.

If you are aware of any ex-service or serving personnel who are interested in joining the RSL, application forms are always available at the Club reception.

I would like to thank the Club staff and Sub Branch members for helping me over the year. With your help my job has been made easier.

Malcolm Muir

From the Hospital Visitor

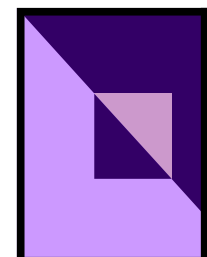
The strong demand for hospital visits continues with between 10 and 15 veterans or their dependants being confined in Eden at any one time. The folks I visit are appreciative of the visits and seem to look forward to the visit each week.

John Diprose

From the Property Officer

Any persons wishing to donate or loan memorabilia may contact me on 5455 5730 or can leave it at the Club reception together with a name, address and phone number. All items will be catalogued and photographed.

Vern Johnston



COOROY POMONA RSL SUB BRANCH NEWSLETTER



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Presidents Message

It's hard to believe that it's almost October and our Annual Dinner is upon us again (details below). It has been a turbulent year with some fine achievements once again, for those members who have not seen our new memorabilia display cabinets, weapons and timber Honour Wall in the foyer of the Club; I would encourage you to do so. Thanks to Vern Johnson and his crew for its maintenance. On a serious note, at this time no one has put up their hand to take on the roles of President, Secretary or Treasurer for 2010 (after our AGM in February). I am currently making

arrangements to be in France for ANZAC Day and will definitely not be standing for the Presidency. With so many new members joining the Sub Branch I would hope that some will come forward to take up the reins. There is always great support and ongoing infrastructure to ensure the working and success of our Sub Branch, If you think that you would be interested in any of the positions please give me a call and I will tell you honestly what those positions involve. If most can serve for a year or so it spreads the knowledge and the workload of our Sub Branch around.

Ken Morgan

New Welfare Officer
Mr Don Scott has volunteered to become the Welfare Officer for the Sub Branch following the resignation of Margaret Castledine. Don, who can be contacted on 5449 0082, will undertake these duties until the AGM in February 2010.

Veterans in Profile
It is proposed to profile our local veterans in future newsletters. Those profiles will generally include a photo of the veteran taken during their service life and a short overview of their service. If you would like to feature please contact John Simmons on 5485 5342 or leave a message for him at the Club reception.

Our WWII & Korea Veterans



"Humour is reason gone mad"
Groucho Marx

"A joke is a very serious thing"
Winston Churchill

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From the Women's Auxiliary



The Women's Auxiliary has been busy over the last few weeks with the start of bingo at the Club early in August. We are sorry to say that through lack of support for this venture the Auxiliary has let it fold and it is now being run by the Club.

Craft classes are being well attended and many items are being made for our Christmas stall. Any partners of RSL members wishing to join us please give me a call on 5485 1025.

Lyn Morgan

Calendar for the Remainder of the Year

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| Monthly Meetings | Second Monday month 5pm |
| Women's Auxiliary Monthly Meetings | Second Monday month 1pm |
| Sub-Branch Annual Dinner | Saturday 10 October |
| Remembrance Day | Wednesday 11 November |
| Annual General Meeting | Sunday 14 February 2009 |

SUB BRANCH ANNUAL DINNER

Saturday 10 October

The timing for the dinner is 6.30pm for 7.00pm. The dress for the evening is – gentlemen, black tie/suit/ coat and tie (miniature medals to be worn). Ladies, evening wear.

Cost - \$30 per person, all inclusive. Transport – Rockie's bus will be available for most if needed, distance and times may impact so it is recommended that bookings are made early.

**BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL – CALL 5447 6131 NOT LATER THAN 02 OCTOBER
(PAYMENT SHOULD BE MADE AT TIME OF BOOKING)**



REMEMBRANCE DAY

Wednesday 11 November

The service will be held at the RSL Memorial Park commencing at 10.30am. Following the service there will be drinks and nibbles at the Club. Although there will be no charge you are asked to advise the Club reception of the number of you and your guests for catering purposes, not later than 06 November 2009.



MORNING TEA – DROP IN CENTRE

Morning teas will be held each Tuesday from 10.00 – 12.00am in order to maintain contact with veterans and their families. The first morning tea will be held on Tuesday 29th September. We look forward to seeing you there. For further information contact Don Scott on 5474 3507.



CARE PARCELS

We are proposing to commence a program of sending care parcels to our local service men and women who are serving in war zones and peacekeeping forces overseas in order to let them know that we are thinking of them and so that they know that they have our support.

If you know of or become aware of any such service people please provide the details to a member of your committee or leave the details at the Club

GUESS WHO?



From the Pensions Officer

Building Excellence in Support and Training (BEST) Grant The aim of the BEST program is to provide Ex Service Organisations (ESOs) with resources which will assist in improving the quality of claims received by DVA at primary determining level, improve the rate of appeals to the Veterans' Review Board (VRB) and promote the provision of welfare services and assist access to the veteran and service community. The Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Mr Alan Griffin, has recently announced that our sub branch has been allocated a total of \$2,000 In the 2009 – 2010 program.

Veteran and Community Grants In response to a joint application by the Sub Branch and the Club the Minister for Veterans' Affairs has recently announced that a grant of \$50,965 has been approved under the Veteran and Community Grants Program to assist with the purchase of a bus to be used as a Veteran and Community Bus Service and as a Courtesy Bus by the Club. It is expected that this service will commence before Christmas this year.

Peace-building Compared A project called 'Peace-building Compared' is being undertaken at ANU. The twenty year project is a comparative study of building peace across many countries, focusing on the contribution and limitations of peacekeeping operations in building sustainable peace. Peacekeepers are being interviewed about their roles in peacekeeping operations to understand their 'on the ground' perspective of the peace-keeping process – these operations include Cambodia, West Sahara, Mozambique, East Timor, Solomon Islands, and Rwanda to name a few. Currently Cambodian veterans are being interviewed but the study team are interested in hearing from peacekeepers who have been involved in other operations. If you are interested in making an input please contact John Simmons for further details on 54855342.



4 RAR (Commando) to become the 2nd Commando Regiment Chief of Army, Lieutenant General Ken Gillespie recently announced that Army's 4th Battalion (Commando), the Royal Australian Regiment, (4RAR Cdo) has been renamed as the 2nd Commando Regiment (2 Cdo Regt)

Review of Pension Indexation Arrangements Some time ago the government commissioned a 'Review of Pension Indexation Arrangements in the Australian Government civilian and military superannuation schemes'. That review headed by Mr Trevor J Matthews concluded that 'A change to wage indexation is not supported by any of the matters listed in my terms of reference. Accordingly, my recommendations are for no change from CPI indexation for civilian and military pensions.'

John Simmons

From the Commemorations Officer

The Sub Branch manages the Columbarium and the Memorial Garden in the Cooroy Cemetery.

The following groups of persons are eligible for Sub Branch commemoration:

An Australian veteran who is eligible for official commemoration ie. a war grave; A Sub Branch member; The spouse / partner of a Sub Branch member; A war widow; Other veterans whom the Sub Branch wishes to commemorate, and Other persons in the community whom the Sub Branch wishes to commemorate. Tiles in the Memorial Garden and niches in the Columbarium can be reserved by contacting me on 5447 7496.

Eric Cull