



War Veterans Village [Narrabeen] RSL Sub-Branch

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

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“To live long, it is necessary to live slowly”

The President's Message



This year's Poppy Day Appeal starts with the assembling of the seller's trays on the morning of Friday the 28/10/16 at 9.30 am in the Gallipoli Building- Afghanistan Room, followed by morning tea for all the helpers.

Volunteers are still needed for the sale of the poppies and the various memorabilia. This is one of the most successful fund raising days for us each year. All monies collected are divided evenly between our Sub-Branch and the RSL Defence Care. Come along and support a great cause. Selling commences on Monday the 31st October.

Remembrance Day service at the Montgomery Centre 11 November 2016.



CHANGE OF DATE

The November meeting date has been changed to the **3 November 2016 at 9.30 am**. There will be a Guest speaker and hot refreshments. Please remind your mates of the change of date. Our last General Meeting before our Christmas function is on the 8 December 2016.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

There will be an election of Committee members at our AGM on Thursday 9 February 2017. Ballot papers will be available at the Retirement Living reception desk where the ballot box will be located.

For Service members, Associate members and Affiliate members, your renewal of membership form for 2017, is enclosed with this Newsletter. Please complete and return promptly with your payment to our Treasurer - Neil Stronach, in the enclosed envelope.

Christmas Luncheon tickets are still available at the November, December meetings and Sub-Branch Office.

George Main
President

Chaplain's Corner

“The spirit of Christmas is joy, the message is peace and the meaning is love.”

These are words not just to be read but to be lived and I sometimes wonder just how many people think this way at Christmas. For me, celebrating Christmas needs to go past the celebration of the 'nativity of Christ', the celebration of His birth.

While we all like to celebrate birthdays, this particular one has so much more meaning for us. This birth changed the world forever, something which, whether we are believers or not is a fact. When our children/grandchildren etc are born we often pause to think what their lives will bring. When Christ was born His birth was a fulfilment of Old Testament prophesy and a dawn of a new era in humankind.

Christ mas is a time when we rejoice in the birth of the One who came to give us eternal life.

Christ mas is a time when we rejoice in the birth of the One who showed us that the way to a harmonious world is through peace and not war or hatred.

Christ mas is a time when we rejoice in the birth of the One who practiced what He preached when He taught us to “Love one another as I have loved you”.

This **Christ** mas I pray that each of you, your family and your friends will know, feel and live the true spirit of **Christ** mas.

Grace & Peace
Bob Durbin
Chaplain 0458 005 280

Membership

Life Member	= 1
Life Subscribers	= 9
Service Members	=61
Associate	=38
Affiliate Members	=22
Our strength at 24 th October 2016	=131

Record of your Service

With our July Newsletter we enclosed a form for your completion and return. This was so you could advise, the type of Service you had served in e.g. Navy, Army or Air Force. We want to update our records and some members have not yet returned the form so could you please do so or contact our Secretary - Stuart Doyle.

Flanders

by Frederick Niven (1878-1944)

This poem recounts the story of the spontaneous 1914 Christmas Truce along the lines of the Western Front

In Flanders on the Christmas morn
The trenched foemen lay,
The German and the British born,
And it was Christmas Day.

The red sun rose on fields accurst,
The gray fog fled away;
But neither cared to fire the first,
For it was Christmas Day!

They called from each to each across
The hideous disarray,
For terrible has been their loss;
"Oh, this is Christmas Day!"

Their rifles all they set aside,
One impulse to obey;
'Twas just the men on either side,
Just men - and Christmas Day.

They dug the graves for all their dead
And over them did pray;
And Englishmen and German said;
"How strange a Christmas Day!"

Between the trenches then they met,
Shook hands, and e'en did play
At games on which their hearts were set
On happy Christmas Day.

Not all the emperors and kings,
Financiers and they
Who rule us could prevent these things -
For it was Christmas Day.

Oh ye who read this truthful rime
From Flanders, kneel and say:
God speed the time when every day
Shall be as Christmas Day.

Christmas Jokes

What is the difference between the Christmas
alphabet and the ordinary alphabet?
The Christmas alphabet has Noel.

What do you get if you cross a duck and Santa?
A Christmas Quacker

Who doesn't eat on Christmas day?
A turkey because it's always stuffed.

Newsletter

We are still looking for a new Editor to replace Doug Smyth. This has now become an urgent situation. Please consider this opportunity and support our Sub-Branch, as we need your help.

Dates to Remember

NOTE: Changed dates for November

Committee Meeting **Monday 31st October**
(previously Monday 7th November) 11.00am
(**Somalia Room**)

General Meeting Thursday 3rd November
(previously Thursday 10th November) 9.30am
(**Montgomery Center**)

Committee Meeting Monday 5th December 11.00am
(**Somalia Room**)

General Meeting Thursday 8th December 9.30am
(**Montgomery Center**)

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON



*Lone Pine, Gallipoli Building
Wednesday, 14th December 2016
12.00pm for 12.30pm
Sub-Branch member and a guest only
Dress - Smart Casual
\$30.00 per person*

Tickets available at November and December General Meeting or from the Sub-Branch Office

There is **NO General Meeting in January.**

Committee Meeting Monday 6th February 2017
11.00am (**Somalia Room**)

General Meeting followed by Annual General Meeting
Thursday 9th February 2017
9.30am (**Montgomery Center**)

FORMAL NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our Annual General Meeting for 2017 will be conducted on Thursday 9th February following our General Meeting

Montgomery Center

Thursday 9th February 2017 at 9.30am

(2017 Committee members will be announced from Nominations received)

Nomination forms are available at the Ballot Box in the Retirement Living Office. Be sure your nomination form is in by noon Friday the 3rd February 2017.

George Main
President