



War Veterans Village [Narrabeen] RSL Sub-Branch

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**"Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come.
We have only today. Let us begin."**

The President's Message

I hope you all enjoyed a safe and healthy festive season and on behalf of the Committee we wish you all the best for the New Year. I would also like to take this opportunity to ask you to pause for a moment to remember those who are no longer with us. **"Lest we Forget"**

This year promises to be even bigger and better than 2013 with a variety of social functions and several new projects planned for the year with more information to follow in later newsletters and meetings.

- March - Twilight Bowls
- May - 25th Anniversary celebrations for the sub-Branch
- July - Waterview Restaurant - Christmas in July
- December - Christmas Luncheon

Our first General Meeting for 2014 is on the 12th February at 9.30am. Please note the venue is at the Colooli Community Room.

The Annual General Meeting is on the 13 March 2014 directly following the General Meeting. All Committee positions will be declared vacant. I would encourage you all attend so that you may cast your vote.

Nominations are called for the following positions: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Committee members (max five).

Nomination forms are held with the Ballot Box located at the Retirement Living Office Reception counter in the Gallipoli building.

Looking forward to catching up with you

President
George Main

SHOES

As Gandhi stepped aboard a train one day, one of his shoes slipped off and landed on the track. He was unable to retrieve it as the train was moving. To the amazement of his companions, Gandhi calmly took off his other shoe and threw it back along the track to land close to the other shoe. Asked by a fellow passenger why he did so, Gandhi smiled. **"The poor man who finds the shoe lying on the track will now have a pair he can use"**



Chaplain's Comment

Hi and welcome to another year! Our Church services this year have been looking at "new beginnings". Last week we looked at baptism and what it means/meant to be baptised. Most of us would have 'been done' as a child; some perhaps as a teenager and even some as an adult. Those who were baptised as children may then have 'confirmed' for themselves the vows taken on their behalf.

Of course baptism isn't something that most of us think about as we go about our daily living, those present at a baptismal service are asked a series of questions and part of the response of those in the pews is;

With God's help, we will live out our baptism as a loving community in Christ: nurturing one another in faith, upholding one another in prayer, and encouraging one another in service, until Christ comes.

Whether Christian or not, we in the RSL have a similar ethos of how we live our lives.

"Mates helping mates."

As you start 2014, may each of you recommit yourself to one or both of the above!

Bob Durbin
Your Chaplain

Don't Quit

When things go wrong as they sometimes will,
When the road you're trudging seems all uphill,
When the funds are low, and the debts are high,
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,
When care is pressing you down a bit--
Rest if you must, but don't quit.

Success is failure turned inside out,
The silver lining of the clouds of doubt,
And you never can tell how close you are,
It may be near when it seems afar,
So, stick to the fight when you're hardest hit--
It's when things go wrong that you must never quit.

Observations on Growing Older

"Going out is good Coming home is better!"

"The 5 kilograms you wanted to lose is now 10 and you have a better chance of losing your keys than the 10 kilograms"

Defence Force Flags

The Australian Defence Force Ensign is a flag of Australia which represents the tri-service Australian Defence Force. The flag was declared a "Flag of Australia" under Section 5 of the Flags Act 1953 on 14 April 2000.



The Defence Force Ensign is supposed to be used in the case of joint activities. It is made up of three vertical bands: dark blue, red and light blue, representing the navy, army and air force respectively. In the Centre is a large joint services emblem in yellow. This emblem features an anchor, crossed swords and wedge-tailed eagle with wings outstretched combined above a boomerang and below a crest featuring a seven pointed Commonwealth Star.

The Royal Australian Navy and Air Force have ensigns. The Army has historically used the Australian Flag.

The Australian White Ensign (also known as the Australian Navy Ensign or the Royal Australian Navy Ensign) is a naval ensign used by ships of the Royal Australian Navy (RAN) from 1967 onwards. The Australian White Ensign is identical in design to the Australian National Flag but with the reversal of the blue background and the white Commonwealth Star and Southern Cross.



From the formation of the RAN until 1967, Australian warships used the British White Ensign as their ensign. However, this led to situations where Australian vessels were mistaken for British ships, and when Australia became involved in the Vietnam War, the RAN was effectively fighting under the flag of another, uninvolved nation. Proposals were made in 1965 for a unique Australian ensign, which was approved in 1966, and entered into in 1967.

(This covers the start of our series of articles on Flags which will be continued in the March newsletter, where we will cover the RAN and Army Ensigns)

Dates to Remember

Monday 10th February Committee Meeting
11.00am (Colooli Community Room)

Wednesday 12th February General Meeting
9.30am (Colooli Community Room)

Monday 10th March Committee Meeting
11.00am (Colooli Community Room)

Wednesday 12th March General Meeting
9.30am (Colooli Community Room) followed
by Annual General Meeting

Who's Who - Name Tags

Please wear your name tag to all Meetings
(If you need a name tag please drop the Hon.
Secretary a note and request one.)

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Colooli Community Room
Wednesday 12th March 2014 9.30am

2014 Committee members will be announced from Nominations received.

Nominations are being called for the positions of: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Committee members (max 5).

Nominations can be made on the forms held with the Ballot Box which is located in the reception area at the Retirement Living Office in the Gallipoli Center.

Be sure your nomination is in the ballot box by noon Thursday 6th March 2014.

Membership

Our strength at the 22nd January 2014

Life Member of our sub-Branch	= 1
Life Subscribers of our sub-Branch	=15
Ordinary Members of our sub-Branch	=46
Associate Members (belonging to other sub-Branches) in our sub-Branch	=43
Affiliate Members	=16
Total	=121

Sub-Branch Location

The Sub-Branch Office is located at 1a Churchill, 4 Endeavour Drive - **Spot the sign!!**
Phone number 9971 0332. An answer phone responds so please leave a message if Doug doesn't answer.