



# City of Albury RSL Sub-Branch

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## Newsletter

### Autumn Edition 2015



## City of Albury Sub-Branch 2015 Committee

**President:** Graham Docksey, OAM, JP

**Vice Presidents:** Mark Dando, Harry Hacking, JP

**Secretary:** Mark Lunnon

**Assistant Secretary:** Pauline McLeod (insert)

**Treasurer:** Jan. Francis

**Assistant Treasurer:** Noel Francis

**Committee:** Don Dennis, John Gunton, (insert)

Barry Howard, Barbara Townsend

**Trustees:** Barry Howard, Marlene Sullivan, John Gunton

**Pensions Officer:**

Harry Hacking, JP

**Welfare Officer/s:**

Harry Hacking JP, Barry Howard & Dani Jourdain (insert)

**Hospital/visitation:**

Peter Jansen

**The Sub- Branch  
meets  
the third Sunday  
of every month.  
(Except December)  
Commencing at  
11 am.**

**Light lunch follows  
the meeting .**

**Sub-Branch meeting dates  
for 2015**

**15<sup>th</sup> March  
19<sup>th</sup> April  
17<sup>th</sup> May  
21<sup>st</sup> June  
19<sup>th</sup> July  
16<sup>th</sup> August  
20<sup>th</sup> September  
18<sup>th</sup> October  
15<sup>th</sup> November**

**PENSION AND WELFARE HELP??**

**Don't forget that if you require a pension review or welfare  
assistance please phone  
ANZAC House (Albury)  
02 6021 1241  
for an appointment.**

**If you would like a home visit, please leave your details at:  
ANZAC House 527 Wilson Street Albury NSW 2640  
Or email: [information@alburyrsl.org.au](mailto:information@alburyrsl.org.au)**

**WARNING: All Gold Card holders:**

**The RSL suggests that before making a specialist  
appointment you check to ensure that they accept Gold Card.  
Not all specialists accept Gold Card. The cost, without  
approval from DVA, could be a considerable.**

# Token Days 2015

**School students Token day 24th April**  
**Shopping centres etc 23rd and 24th April**

Volunteers are always welcome to assist with the selling of ANZAC tokens.

If you can help please contact  
ANZAC House at (02) 6021 1341.



New badge arriving soon at  
ANZAC House Albury.  
Limited supply.

**Dysons**

**NEED A BUS?**

- Social Club Events
- Fundraisers
- Football/Netball Trips

- Weddings/Parties
- Special Occasions
- School Tours/Camps

**Low floor**  
**Air conditioned**

**Wheelchair access**  
**Seat belts**

**Ultra modern**  
**Coaches/Mini's**

**Contact us for a quote**

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## **ANZAC DAY PROGRAMME**

- 5.30am Dawn Service at the Albury War Memorial on Monument Hill.
- 8am Service at SS & A Club Memorial Wall.
- 8.15am Waugh Road Memorial:  
Service conducted by National Servicemen's Association.
- 8.30am Assemble for Dean Street March  
Eastern end of Dean Street.
- 9am March commences down Dean Street  
Reviewing Officer Colonel Todd Ashurst.  
The march will terminate in either  
Townsend or Elizabeth Streets, as  
directed.
- 10am Service at the Albury War Memorial on  
Monument Hill  
  
Guest Speaker: Colonel Todd Ashurst,  
Commander Joint Logistics Unit (Vic.)

**Host High School this year:**  
Albury High School

## **LINK RSL DAY CLUB**

The Link RSL Day Club meets each Thursday at Legacy House, from 10am to 2.30pm.

The Club provides a range of activities such as gentle exercises, quizzes, games, entertainment, guest speakers and special events.

Lunch and morning tea are provided and transport may be arranged, to and from the Club. The Club is a financially independent and not-for-profit organisation. A fee of \$5.00 usually applies: \$10 if you use the transport.

Don't forget membership is open to all older people, both veterans and non-veterans.

Phone Judith Fenton on 02 6059 1890 for details.

There is only one thing left for you to do - round up your friends and come along and spend an enjoyable day at your RSL Day Club.

## **Thank You**

Thank you to all the volunteers who help in manning the Reception desk, looking after Pensions and Welfare, assisting in the kitchen with catering and cleaning up, setting up the meeting room, cooking the BBQs, and the committee for their ongoing dedication and compassion for their fellow members.

**Martin's**   
**TRAVEL GROUP ALBURY**

## **PRESIDENTS CORNER - AUTUMN 2015**

Welcome to the autumn 2015 Newsletter of the City of Albury RSL Sub-Branch. Executive positions remain unchanged as appointments are for three years. Present Membership: Life Members 3, Life Subscribers 2, Ordinary 202, and Affiliates 33 with the total membership being 260.

I am pleased to say that the Sub-Branch is in a sound financial position and is able to pay all operating expenses. Pension claims and reviews have remained steady. Welfare, Hospital and Nursing Home visits have continued to increase in line with our aging membership. Let me at this time thank Peter Jansen and Harry Hacking for their commitment and hard work with regards pensions and visits throughout the year.

The past period has been busy with repairs and upgrade work at ANZAC House continuing as outside funds become available. The Sub-Branch is active with continued improvements to the Albury War Memorial and is working closely with the Albury City Council for further works to be completed prior to ANZAC Day. ANZAC Day 2014 was very well attended with one of the largest crowds turning out to watch the parade.

During the year we were audited by a team from State Headquarters which resulted in a sound report.

The 2014 Remembrance Day Service was held in St Matthew's Church Albury for the second year and was standing room only. The Guest Speaker was a Navy Captain from Navy Headquarters in Canberra. All local schools participated. This was again an outstanding success and the service will continue to be held in the church into the future. The advantage clearly being that the Sub-Branch no longer needs to provide chairs, umbrellas, lectern and a PA system thus saving the Sub-Branch funds and effort better spent elsewhere. This venue provides shelter on those hot days and when it is wet as it was last year.

Monthly meetings continue to be very well attended and most productive with many members remaining for the luncheon afterwards and a chat. Most meetings have a guest speaker to provide information to members on topics such as: hearing, vision, Police and safety, DVA, research to name but a few topics.

The Christmas function was well attended with a great feed being provided for members and guests.

The Sub-Branch was active in the recently conducted 'Great Race' in conjunction with DVA Victoria.

The Sub-Branch continues to support DVA sponsored activities such as Veterans Health Week.

In conjunction with VVCS, the Sub-Branch hosted a one day course during the year and will be hosting a two day course on the 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of July.

On a final point, the Hyde Park Inn in Sydney is half price for Sub-Branch members including Affiliates.

Best wishes for a great 2015.

*Graham.* Graham Docksey, OAM, JP President 3 March 2015

# Christmas Party 2014

Winners of the Annual Appeal:

1<sup>st</sup> Judy Goodsell

2<sup>nd</sup> S & G Field

3<sup>rd</sup> D & A Baker



Do you really believe young Barry??

"Yes Santa"



"Yes you are all on my "nice" list!!



"Well almost all"



# REMEMBRANCE DAY 2014





## YOUR SUB-BRANCH

Volunteers are the mainstay of operations, without them your Sub-Branch would not continue to exist.

Volunteers include trained Pension & Welfare Officers, who work closely with all ex-service organizations and the Department of Veteran's Affairs.

We also need volunteers to look after the reception desk.

***We are always looking for volunteers.  
If you have some spare time on your hands,  
please give us a ring***

The Sub-Branch relies on generosity of donations to off-set our running costs.

***When does the Fight Start???***

My wife sat down on the couch next to me as I was flipping the channels. She asked, "What's on TV?" I said, 'Dust'

**And that's when the fight started.....**



**Nonagenarian**



Just take a look at the young lady in the front row with the star on her chest she has just celebrated her ninetieth birthday

**Congratulations Erin**



## **Volunteers required**

### **Bunnings BBQ**

Our dates for this year are

**22<sup>nd</sup> March & 18<sup>th</sup> April**

If you are able to assist on those days please contact the office at ANZAC House Albury.



Hi everyone- from the **Ex-Servicewomen's Association** – Albury Wodonga District

Our meetings are friendship based get togethers for ladies that were in any Service covering all the years of WW11 and thereafter. Australian, British or others are welcome to join us.

We meet twice a month - have afternoon tea and catch up with friends. We have planned outings and the Commercial Club hosts us for Dining Room luncheons twice a year.

Our Club would like to see some new members and if you are interested and can come along please ring Barbara on 6021 3858 for any information.

Our meetings are held at ANZAC HOUSE Wilson Street on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 1.30pm and then a Cuppa day on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, also at 1.30pm for just a Cuppa and a chat and to keep in touch.

**Love to see you- come along and meet some old and new friends.**



## **Albury Sub-Branch welcomes the addition of Affiliate Members.**

At State Congress in May 2012 it was resolved that RSL NSW establish a new membership type. This membership is open to people who do not qualify for Service Membership of the League but meet set criteria and will be referred to as Affiliate Members.

For more details call at the Office at Wilson Street for an “Application to join” form.

### **World War 1 Bugle**

Our Sub-Branch has been offered the use of a World War 1 Bugle to be played during services held on ANZAC day in Albury.

The bugle belonged to Pte Lesley Allen Edwards who enlisted 11<sup>th</sup> August 1915 at the age of 18 yrs and 1 month in Goulburn. He was a miller. He spent time in France (where he was hospitalised wounded by gas) and Belgium He returned to Australia on the “Boonah” and was discharged from the army 3<sup>rd</sup> August 1919.

He was the great grandfather of one of our local Police Highway patrol officers. Who has kindly offered us the use of the bugle)



**World War 1 Bugle**



**Pte LA  
Edwards  
medals**

**Pte Lesley Allen  
Edwards holding  
his bugle.**



# MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR 2015

Members renewal was due on 1 January 2015

## **Absolute deadline 1st April**

If you miss this deadline you will be un-financial.

Put this reminder on your fridge for payment with cash or send a cheque along with completed form now.

**If you have already paid there is a \* on your mailing label.**

**Membership fees are \$35 per year.**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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