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Newsletter

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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

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 21st February 2016

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PRESIDENTS CORNER - SUMMER 2016

Welcome to the summer 2016 ANZAC House Newsletter.

Executive positions remain unchanged as appointments are for three years. The present total membership is 240.

I am pleased to say that the Sub-Branch is in a very sound financial position and is able to pay all operating expenses and the up keep of ANZAC House. Pension claims and reviews have remained steady throughout 2015. Welfare, Hospital and Nursing Home visits have continued to increase in line with our aging membership. Let me at this time thank Peter Jansen, Harry Hacking and Barry Howard for their commitment and hard work with regards welfare, pensions and visits throughout the year. We now have a new member to our welfare team Isaac Adams, a young veteran fully qualified in welfare.

The year 2015 was busy with maintenance work at ANZAC House continuing as outside grants become available. A new Memorial Garden at the rear of ANZAC House for the conduct of smaller services has been established through the hard work and foresight of your committee. 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 commenced prior to ANZAC Day and continue over the next couple of years.

ANZAC Day 2015 was very well attended with one of the largest crowds turning out to watch the parade. I thank Vice President Mark Dando for coordinating the ANZAC Day activities whilst I was absent in Turkey for the Centenary Services at Gallipoli.

The 2015 Remembrance Day Service was held in St Matthew's Church Albury for the third year and was standing room only with some 300 attending. Many of the local schools attended the service. 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 from those very hot days or when it is wet.

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

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

The Sub-Branch was active in the recently conducted Veterans Health Week family activity in conjunction with DVA Victoria. This year we combined with Soldier On with over 100 attending even though it was a wet day. It was good to see younger veterans attending with family members. The Sub-Branch continues to support DVA sponsored activities such as Veterans Health Week. In conjunction with VVCS, the Sub-Branch hosted a two day course in July.

On a final point, the Hyde Park Inn in Elizabeth Street Sydney is half price for Sub-Branch members including Affiliates. I stay there on most occasions when I am in Sydney. Great value, great location.

Best wishes for a great 2016.

Graham. February 2016

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Remembrance Day 2015

Thank you St Matthews church for providing the venue for the Remembrance Day Service. This venue has proven to be popular with everyone. It brings the reverence that Remembrance Day deserves.

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.

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.

Younger Veterans Forum

May 8th 2016

Albury RSL Sub-Branch invite all veterans and serving members to join us for this informative event. The aim is to advise young veterans and their families of services available to them through the Department of Veterans Affairs, the RSL and Soldier On.

The forum will commence at 10 am and conclude around 2pm

Lunch will be provided so if you wish to attend please advise the RSL office for catering purposes.

There is a secure yard for children to play (under supervision) and this will be a family friendly day.

Come along and ask “those” questions, hear the answer to yours and many others. These forums have proven to be beneficial to veterans, serving members and their families.

Mark Dando

Vice President

Hi everyone- from the **Ex-Service Women'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 monthly - 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 2nd Tuesday of each month at 1.30pm

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

**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 2016**

21st February AGM

20th March Monthly Meeting

17^h April Monthly Meeting

15th May Monthly Meeting

19th June Monthly Meeting

17th July Monthly Meeting

21st August Monthly Meeting

18th Sept. Monthly Meeting

16th October Monthly Meeting

**Editors apology!!!! Sorry for the incorrect information on meeting
dates last issue.**

PENSION AND WELFARE HELP??

**Don't forget that if you require a pension review or welfare
assistance please phone**

ANZAC House (Albury)

02 6021 1341

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

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 considerable.**

Token Days 2016

**School students Token Day
Friday 15th April**

**Shopping Centres etc
Thursday 21st 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.



Thurgoona Public School year 5 students Tine` Read and Jacob Wiseman made poppies and sold them to their fellow students. They donated \$15 to Albury RSL. Photo shows Tine` and Jacob presenting the cheque to Vice President Harry Hacking. Well done boys.

ANZAC DAY PROGRAMME

- 5.30am Dawn Service at the Albury War Memorial on Monument Hill.
- 7.30am Service at SS & A Club Memorial Wall.
- 8am 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
The march will terminate in either Townsend or Elizabeth Streets, as directed.
- 10am Service at the Albury War Memorial on Monument Hill
- Guest Speaker:
Representative from the Navy

**Host High School this year:
Murray High School**

LINK RSL DAY CLUB

We have had a change of venue !!!

The Link RSL Day Club meets each Thursday at ANZAC 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 is a 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.



Harry Hacking, Vice President Albury RSL Sub-Branch presenting Judith Fenton with her certificate of appreciation for all her hard work and dedication as coordinator of the Link RSL Day club.

CHRISTMAS 2015

Santa's been at it again. Lots of laughter and frivolity (as you can see) What a way to wind up a very busy year.

Congratulations to the Winners of the annual Appeal:

1st Liz Campbell

2nd R Phillips

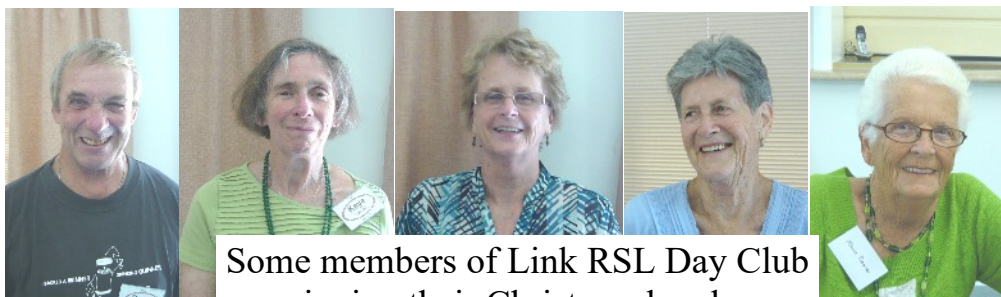
3rd M & J O'Callaghan





And a good time was had by all.

Hope you all had a Merry Christmas and wishing you a very happy and healthy New Year



Some members of Link RSL Day Club
enjoying their Christmas breakup



Link RSL Day Club Activities during 2015



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR 2016

Members renewal was due on
1 January 2016

If you have already paid there
is a * on your mailing label and
you can disregard this notice.

Membership fees are \$35 per year.

NAME: _____

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