



City of Albury

RSL Sub-Branch

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Newsletter

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Your Sub-Branch Committee

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Vice Presidents:	Mark Dando & Noel Francis
Secretary:	Mark Lunnon
Treasurer:	Jan. Francis
Assistant Treasurer:	Noel Francis
Committee:	Don Dennis, John Gunton, Barry Howard, Harry Hacking
Trustees:	Barry Howard John Gunton
Pensions Officer:	Harry Hacking JP
Welfare Officer:	Des Bailey

Hospital Visitations:	Peter Jansen

Poppy Day 8th November

Volunteers are required to sell poppies.

Please call in to ANZAC house to register your availability.



**Your Sub-Branch
meets the third
Sunday**

of each month

(with the exception
of December &
January)

**Commencing at
11am**

Light lunch follows
the meeting at a
minimal cost.

Meeting dates:

20th October 2013

17th November 2013

AGM 16th February 2014

6th March 2014

20th April 2014

18th May 2014

15th June 2014

20th July 2014

17th August 2014

21st September 2014

19th October 2014

16th November 2014

NOTICE

Your membership renewal is due

1st January 2014

**A remittance form is enclosed with this
newsletter.**

**(Please notify us if you have changed your
address and/or phone number)**

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

LINK RSL DAY CLUB

The Link RSL Day Club meets each Thursday at Legacy House, from 10 am- 2.30pm. The Day 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 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's only one thing left for you to do - round up your friends and come along and spend an enjoyable day at your Link RSL Day Club.

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

Remembrance Day Memorial Service will be held at the cenotaph in QE 11 Square, starting at 10.30 am sharp.

Adequate seating will be available and shade will be provided if necessary.

Guest speaker for the service will be :
The Commandant Army Logistic Training Centre
Colonel Duncan Polich

At the conclusion of the service, members and guests are invited to attend ANZAC House for nibbles and a cuppa.

CHRISTMAS PARTY AND ANNUAL APPEAL

A book of raffle tickets has been enclosed with this newsletter and we thank you for generously supporting this appeal.

Please return the butts by 11th December as the draw will take place at our Christmas Party to be held at

ANZAC House on **Sunday 15th December 2013**

commencing at **11.30-12noon.**

BBQ lunch. All welcome, including families

Sweets plate please.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2014

***AGM WILL BE HELD AT ANZAC HOUSE ON
SUNDAY 16TH FEBRUARY 2014***

START AT 11AM FOLLOWED BY BBQ

Partners are welcome.

Presidents Corner

Welcome to the ANZAC House Newsletter, for those of you that have visited ANZAC House recently you will have seen a lot of activity both inside and externally. Jan has covered most of the works and has included some images within. The work was essential for the safety of those that use the facility, and those that we invite on occasion.

Your Committee have worked extremely hard to make all the refurbishments happen with minimal disruption to our normal functioning. I believe you have a most productive and hardworking committee that works solidly on your behalf. A great team.

As I said in my letter to all members, we need your support. I received several letters and calls from members in their late 80's and early 90's apologising for not being able to support the Sub-Branch other than by simply paying their fees. What about the members that are 20 years younger helping out. There is plenty to be done from painting, cleaning up the storage shed and gardening. The Reception Desk needs more volunteers. *This is not time consuming, it is therapeutic.*

We are at present being inundated with requests for RSL Eulogy's from non-RSL member's families, providing guest speakers and organising small services. This is not an easy task to fulfil with a small group of volunteers and accordingly this will need to be reviewed and possibly cut back if volunteers do not come forward.

Veteran's Health Week is being held across Australia from Monday 14 October to Sunday 20 October 2013. The theme for this year is Physical Activities.

The City of Albury RSL Sub-Branch will take the lead and on the Monday commencing at 10am at Noreuil Park near the Hovell Tree. Wear your walking clothes. The river walk will consist of a talk about fitness and stretching by a Health Professional, a walk and talk along the banks of the Mighty Murray by a local history expert and conclude with some gentle cool-down exercises. This opening activity needs your support so I ask that as many as possible please attend if not only for the media coverage but the information and socialisation that you will gain. It is expected that the activity will take about 70 minutes and will be followed by a Healthy Snack at ANZAC House.

Become part of the solution and become involved in the functioning of the Sub-Branch and contribute.

An interesting Guest Speaker is lined-up for the Monthly Meeting on Sunday the 17th of November so please come along.

Please enjoy reading of your newsletter.

YOUR SUB-BRANCH

IMPROVEMENTS AT ANZAC HOUSE

Things are on the move at the home of Albury RSL Sub-Branch, from the rock, shade sail, sliding back gate to the refurbishment of the offices which included electrical rewiring, new phone and data points at each desk. With no wires lying around the floor and only minimal multi-way power boards in use, makes the work space safer for our volunteers and visitors.

Matching desks and chairs all on new carpet making the appearance more professional.

All new furniture, flag stand, vertical drapes and projection screen in the meeting room.

New doors and a coat of paint in the entry and the whole interior has a fresh, new and inviting appearance.

Joss constructions have worked on the exterior, cleaning and re-pointing the roof tiles, replacing the worn barge boards and eaves. Removing the asbestos wall and replacing the wall with a large window and opening up the feature of the lower wall. Replacing and adding a damp course to the concrete area and building a ramp to the new side entrance. They also painted the top half of the front and sides of the main building and replaced the roof gutters..

What's next????



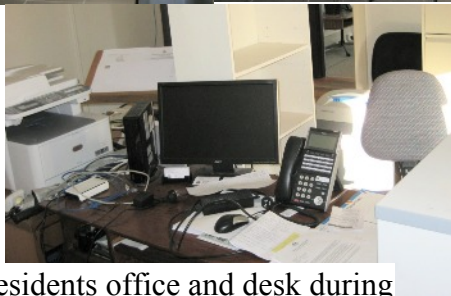
Old meeting room



New meeting room



Presidents office and desk during the renovations



Graham Garvie wields a mean paint brush



Renovations continued:



External repairs were carried out just in time, as we had lost our first tile.
(Lucky there was no one there at the time)



Major works in progress



Cleaning and repair of roof and painting of the eaves completed.

Our Antique badge has a new home in the meeting room



Repairs to damaged wall Waugh Road (these repairs were organised by Col. Darts)

Thank you to all the businesses involved in our renovations and upgrades. If you have a need of their services we can recommend the excellent quality of their work.



Joss Group: Major restoration and repair work still in progress to external areas of the building.



Andrews Office Furniture: Have guided our selection of furniture for the offices . The furniture was purchased with a grant from NSW Government



Fredericks and McClelland: Have replaced all internal doors in the office section and are in the process of replacing the two front external doors.



Middletons Carpets: Office carpets were supplied and fitted with ease



Albury Telephone Systems: Upgrade of the telephone system



Sparkies Electrical: Upgrade of electrical wiring and adding additional wiring to the new work stations



Border Security: Upgrade the security system and added a key pad in the John Neale Room

Introducing our chaplain



Father Alan Kelb, OAM has accepted the position of Chaplain of the City of Albury RSL Sub-Branch and was formally welcomed by the Sub-Branch President at the Monthly Meeting on Sunday the 15th of September 2013. Alan is an ex-Army Apprentice and served as a soldier before being commissioned as a Captain.

Father Alan will be available to assist RSL members as and when the need arises. He will also assist with the conduct of RSL services.

The Sub-Branch welcomes Alan to our ranks.

YOU ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN VETERANS' HEALTH WEEK ACTIVITIES

Promoting the benefits of physical activity to improve veterans' physical and mental health

MURRAY RIVER WALK

Monday 14th October 2013

Where: Meet at Hovell Tree (in the vicinity of the Community Pizza Oven)

At: 10:00 am

Cost: Free

Enjoy a guided, gentle walk alongside the Murray river; Beginning with stretches.

Chat to an Exercise Physiologist about the benefits of exercise.

After the walk healthy snacks will be provided at the City of Albury RSL Sub-Branch rooms, ANZAC House Wilson Street Albury

This is a great way to start the week - bring your family and friends! All levels of walker accommodated.

For more details

Contact Graham Docksey 0429 655 815

Hosted by the City of Albury RSL Sub-Branch

10 PIN BOWLING

Thursday 17th October 2013

Where: Albury 10 Pin Bowling Centre
Olive Street (Next to the SS&A Club)

From: 12noon - 2.30pm

Cost: \$5.00 (to offset hire costs)

Whether you have the twinkle toed style of Fred Flinstone or have never tried bowling before - this is sure to prove a **fun** activity!!

Get a group of mates together or meet new mates; serious or novice- discover (or rediscover) a great new exercise!

After, continue the fun and camaraderie with healthy snacks at Legacy House, Olive Street Albury

For more details:

Contact Gary Treeve 0407 480 201

Hosted by the Border Murray Vietnam Veterans Association

Younger Veterans Get Together.

On Sunday the **27th of October** from 9.30am the City of Albury RSL Sub-Branch is hosting an information session for our Younger Veterans and their family at ANZAC House. The RSL National President and the NSW State President will both be present. Information will be available from several organisations including DVA and the Veterans and Veterans Family

Members of the Sub-Branch are most welcome to attend and to show our support for our younger veterans from recent overseas operations.

Sub-Branch volunteers are welcome to assist with drinks and lunch.

Thank you to all the volunteers who have helped 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 on the BBQ, moving furniture in and out of offices, painting walls, setting up chairs at outside events and the committee for their ongoing dedication and compassion for their fellow members.

ANZAC Field of Remembrance

This fitting tribute came from an idea originated by the late Mrs C J Pope, widow of Rear Admiral Pope. While visiting London she was impressed by a Field of Remembrance Day held each year in the old churchyard at St Margaret's alongside Westminster Abbey. The Royal British Legion Poppy Factory initiated the Field of Remembrance – a day on which small wooden crosses were planted in memory of the fallen.

On her return to Australia Mrs Pope enlisted the NSW Guild in assisting her to organise the first Field in the grounds of St Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney. She continued with her work until her death in 1963 when the War Widows' Guild (NSW) took over.

The first ANZAC Field of Remembrance was held in 1952, and has been held every year since to commemorate those who gave their lives in the service of their country. A non-denominational service is held prior to ANZAC Day at St Andrew's with the lesson read by the Governor of New South Wales. After the service and the reading of the 'Ode to the Fallen' by the Guild's President, the Governor plants the first cross in the Field of Remembrance in memory of the Unknown Warrior. The Governor is followed by representatives of the City of Sydney, the New Zealand Government and the three Services, who also plant crosses, the RSL and the Guild State President.

The Field of Remembrance is open from the service until the late afternoon on Anzac Day for war widows and members of the public to place small wooden crosses in personal remembrance of their husbands, relatives and friends who died during or following war service.

Albury War Widows conduct services in keeping with the history of the Field of Remembrance

Crosses are supplied by the Widows, Red for Army, Lt Blue for Air Force, and Navy blue for the Navy.

The Field of Remembrance is in QE11 Square near the Cenotaph and crosses are placed there a week before ANZAC Day. A closing service is held the day after ANZAC Day and the crosses are collected and held by a local funeral director.

When a Returned Service person passes away the relatives are asked permission to cremate the crosses with that person, the ashes of the crosses are then scattered in a ceremony held at the Albury War Graves Cemetery around the base of the cross by the President of the Albury RSL Sub-Branch.



Photos show some of the ladies who attended a day.

They had sunshine, wind , rain and hail.

Jokes

Do It Yourself

When the printer failed, the man went to the shop to buy more toner. The new toner, however, didn't solve the problem. So the owner went again to the shop to make enquiries. The technician kindly informed him that the printer probably needed to be cleaned. If he bought it in they would only charge \$85 for cleaning. Then, he added, that he could attempt to clean the machine himself after carefully reading the manual. The customer oddly surprised that such a suggestion was made said: "Does your boss know that you discourage business?" "Well, yes, I'm the boss and it's my idea." He added, "the more you meddle with the machine the better... the more we can charge you to fix it up!"

Always ask.. Never assume

His request approved to survey the recent fires, the SBS News photographer quickly used a mobile to call the local airport to charter a flight. He was told a twin-engine plane would be waiting for him at the airport. Arriving at the airfield, he spotted a plane warming up outside a hanger. He jumped in with his bag, slammed the door shut, and shouted, "Let's go" the pilot taxied out, swung the plane into the wind and took off. Once in the air, the photographer instructed the pilot. "Fly over the valley and make low passes so I can take pictures of the fires on the hillsides."

"Why?" Asked the pilot. "Because that's my job", he responded. "And I need to get some close up shots." The pilot was strangely silent for a moment, finally he stammered, "So, what you're telling me, is .. You are NOT my flight instructor?"

Stopped by Police at 2am

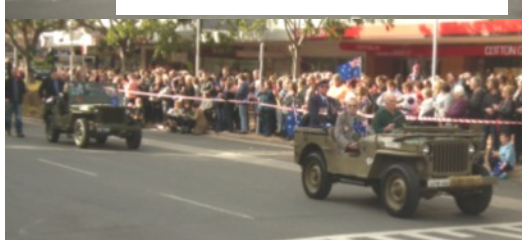
An elderly man was stopped by police around 2 am and was asked where he was going at that time of night. The man replied, "I'm on my way to a lecture about alcohol abuse and the effects it has on the human body, as well as smoking and staying out late."

The officer then asked, "Really? Who's giving that lecture at this time of night?"

The man replied, "That would be my wife."



ANZAC DAY 2013



Vale
2013

S V Rudd
Shirley Moy
Norm Edmunds
Ken Bartell
J A Wynd
John Bates
Noel Griffith's
William Davis

F E Collins
E Dickson
Gus Holicky
W Babington
F McDermott
J R Shepherd
Maurie Miles



Lest We Forget

♪ *Just a Brown Slouch Hat* ♪

Just a brown slouch hat
With the side turned up.
But it means the world to me.
It's the symbol of our Nation,
And the land of liberty,
And soldiers they wear it.
How proudly they wear it,
For all the world to see.
Just a brown slouch hat with
The side turned up.
Heading straight for victory.

