



# City of Albury

# RSL Sub-Branch

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## Newsletter

## June Edition 2022

# City of Albury Sub-Branch 2022 Committee

Patron The Hon Sussan Ley, MP

Historian Howard Jones, OAM



President  
Graham Docksey,  
OAM, JP



Vice President  
& Welfare  
Harry Hacking, JP



Secretary  
Mark Lunnon



Treasurer  
Jan Francis

## Committee Appointments 2022/23

**Assistant Secretary:** Pauline McLeod

**Assistant Treasurer:** VACANT

**Assets Officer:** Ann Martin

**Assistant Assets Manager:** Bill Godde

**Welfare Officer:** Barry Howard

**Membership Officer:** Jan Francis

**Funerals Officer:** Harry Hacking, JP

**Activities Officer:** Gary Treeve

**Security Officer:** Mark Lunnon

**Purchasing Officer:** Noel Francis

**IT Officer:** Noel Francis

**Media Officer:** Graham Docksey, OAM, JP

**Fundraising Officers:** Jeanette & Noel Francis

**Newsletter Editor:** Jeanette Francis

**Library Coordinator:** Ann Martin

### **Welfare Team:**

Barry Howard

Harry Hacking JP

Peter Jansen

### **Funerals Team**

Harry Hacking, JP

Graham Docksey OAM,JP

Ann Martin

### **Chaplain**

Fr Alan Kelb, OAM

### **Fundraising Team**

Jeanette Francis

Noel Francis

Pauline McLeod

Dani Jourdain

**Your Sub-Branch meeting dates for the remainder of 2022  
Commencing at 11am**

**General Meetings**

**19<sup>th</sup> June**

**18<sup>th</sup> September**

**16<sup>th</sup> October**

**20<sup>th</sup> November**

**Christmas Party 11<sup>th</sup> December**

**SUB-BRANCH OFFICE HOURS  
TUE., WED., THU. 10am -3.30pm**

**Thank you**

**To all the volunteers who help:  
Manning the Reception desk,  
Looking after Pensions and Welfare,  
Assisting in the kitchen,  
Catering,  
Cleaning up,  
Setting up the meeting room,  
Cooking on the BBQ,  
Gardening and lawn care,  
Setting up chairs at outside events  
and the committee  
for their ongoing dedication and  
compassion for their fellow members.**

## Ex Service Women's Association - Albury/Wodonga

Our Ladies would very much like to welcome any ladies that are current or ex Defence members, who are interested in joining us.

Our members range from WWII onwards.

Membership is \$5 per year.

Meetings are held from February to December on the second Tuesday of each month at 11.30am at ANZAC House 527 Wilson Street Albury, in the function room.

A Welfare Officer is available for anyone requiring help with a DVA claim or advice.

For further information please contact:

President Marj Howard on 6025 8197 / 0409038953, or  
Secretary Kim Turner on 6036-2252 / 0419953563.

*We would love for you to join us, you may meet some old friends and make new ones.*



Patti Biles with her winning raffle prize.

# ANZAC DAY



# ANZAC DAY continued

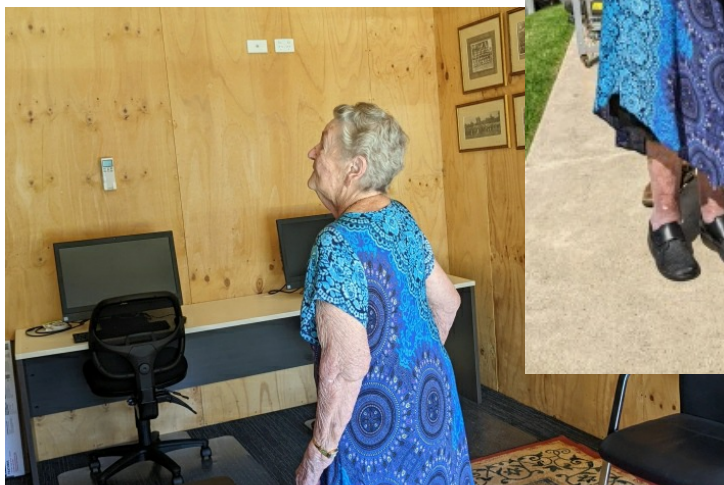








## Tom & Pat Freyer Room Opening



Room is now open for use.  
Thank you Pat for your generous donation.

This room is suitable for small groups to get together, zoom meetings, coffee catch ups, research, quiet conversations etc

## **PENSION AND WELFARE HELP???**

Don't forget that if you require a pension  
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

### **YOUR SUB-BRANCH**

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

Volunteers include 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 Veterans Support Centre relies on generosity of  
donations to off-set our running costs.

## **PRESIDENTS CORNER – WINTER 2022**

Welcome to the Winter edition of the sub-Branch Newsletter to the sound of rain falling, chilly winds and short days and long nights. Thank you, Jan, for your work in pulling together another newsletter to keep our members informed on the happenings in their sub-Branch. Have you found a volunteer to take over the newsletter yet? Answer : (NO)

Just a reminder that at a monthly meeting last year we had a guest speaker talking about the Rehabilitation Appliances Program (RAP). The schedule of items, the guidelines and forms are available on [www.dva.gov.au](http://www.dva.gov.au). (RAP program). I strongly encourage you to look at the schedule and then discuss this with your GP or Health professional. You could also consider House Help Services like domestic cleaning, lawn mowing and window and gutter cleaning. If your fans are too high to safely clean you can have this sorted for you if you have an entitlement. Your continued health is important to us and not only you but your family.

This is your sub-Branch so please get involved whether it be doing a few hours on the reception desk or assisting on Remembrance or ANZAC Days. If you are interested, please talk to the Secretary.

ANZAC Day this year was an outstanding success with both services and the march very well attended. As I now start planning for Remembrance Day this year, I can safely say that there will be no restrictions as in the past two years so please make every effort to attend the service commencing at 10.30am on Friday the 11<sup>th</sup> of November in St Matthews Church. I consider this to be a community activity which is what we do for the community along with ANZAC Day and assisting veteran's in need.

The sub-Branch is active with continued improvements to the Albury War Memorial and is working closely with the Albury City Council to ensure that Albury has the finest War Memorial in regional Australia if not Australia. If you get an opportunity to drive up there to have a look you will be very impressed at the outstanding result.

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## **Presidents Report continued**

The two new plaques for the Afghanistan War were formally unveiled on ANZAC Day during the 10am in conjunction with the Commemorative Service.

Our interest is now on a refurbishment of the nearly 70-year-old World War Two Bowl. Plans have been completed and the plans had been out for community consultation and were warmly welcomed by the community. The funding has been approved in the upcoming Albury City budgets. We look forward to this plan being implemented over the couple years. At the June meeting David Armstrong from Albury City will provide a presentation on the final design work.

Monthly meetings continue to be very well attended and most productive with many members remaining for the luncheon afterwards and a friendly chat. So come along you are most welcome. Often, we have a guest speaker on a subject of interest to our members.

The Sub-Branch continues to support DVA sponsored activities such as Veterans Health Week with further details to be provided by DVA. Do not forget about the NSW Government Seniors Travel Card for 2022.

Presently we are working with DVA in relation to the funding for two unmarked war graves.

I continue to remain grateful for the support of my committee and the membership. Best wishes to you all and stay safe.

**Graham,**

Information contained in this newsletter correct at time of printing.

## Secretary's Report...

Since the last issue of the R.S.L. News there has been quite a lot of activity in the sub-Branches.

Two of our Committee men have resigned, one through illness and the other through pressure of business.

Mr. Roy Maloney of East Albury and Mr. A. Crawford of the Commonwealth Bank have been elected to the Committee. Both these men are 1939-45 ex-service men and we must look the facts in the face we must have these younger men coming into Committees of the R.S.L. The older members have done a wonderful job in the past but many have passed on and the health of others will not allow them to take an active part in the work of the League so therefore we need the younger generation to carry the duties of the Sub-Branch of the R.S.S. & A.I.L.A.

The Repatriations Dept. is still doing an excellent job in the Albury District. Their officer comes down every three months and straightens out a lot of problems. Just how much the Repatriation Dept. benefits the ex-service personnel is hard to estimate.

The Women's Auxiliary have been very active lately and have had catering for weddings which helps build up their funds. It is a pity that they do not have sufficient room in their own rooms to hold their receptions as it would cut down their expenses and have the work that is so necessary to make these functions a success. Their cuture parties are a success

and are bringing in sufficient revenue to make them worth while.

The number of ex-service men in hospital throughout the year has been in excess of other years. Mostly these men have been 1918-18 Diggers and some have passed away. When you consider the age of some of these men and know what they passed through it is only natural this should happen.

Mr. Steele and myself attended the Far South West District Conference at Gouladga. The attendance was, I think, disappointing when you know the work put in to organising these meetings. We were excellently looked after by the executives of the club and the Womens Auxiliary provided a wonderful luncheon and afternoon tea. Mr. Todd gave a most informative address and if we had more speakers with his knowledge of R.S.L. workings we would benefit greatly our own knowledge on the activities of the R.S.L.

This year has not been a fortunate one for the Committee as several members have had to miss meetings through illness. We have had as many as 3 and 4 in hospital during the same period.

I again wish to thank the members, and they have been numerous who have helped me during the year. Without their aid matters would have been much more difficult.

B. Welch  
Secretary

**This is a copy from  
Albury RSL newsletter  
dated 1965-66.**

**Nothing has changed we  
are still looking for the  
younger service people  
to take our places to  
keep the RSL viable and  
ongoing.**

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# Want Something to do on Thursdays?

Why not come and join in with the fun and frivolity of our Day Club?

We meet each Thursday at ANZAC house in Wilson Street Albury from 10am-2pm and is open to senior members of the Albury community.

**Our programme includes:** Gentle exercises, quizzes, games, social activities, guest speakers, entertainment and occasional bus trips.

We have morning tea and lunch every week Contribution weekly is \$5. If you need door to door transport, due to disabilities this can be provided For information about becoming a member please contact :

The Link Club coordinator: Danny on 047 224 751  
or Administrator: Jan on 0418 418 159

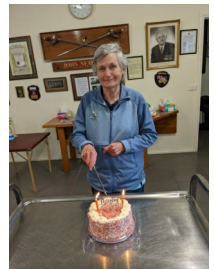
**We are back and observing COVID rules so feel safe to come along and enjoy one another's company.**



I'd like a block of chocolate please its for my Mum



"Happy Birthday Mum"(Lynette)



Joy



Barbara

The unveiling of the Afghanistan plaque at the Albury War Memorial.



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