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Newsletter

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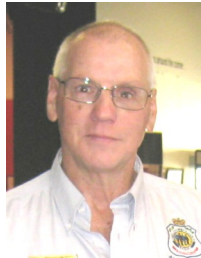
City of Albury Sub-Branch 2021 Committee

Patron The Hon Sussan Ley, MP

Historian Howard Jones, OAM



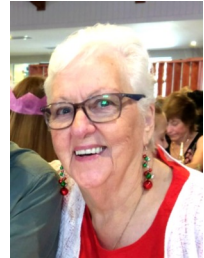
President
Graham Docksey,
OAM, JP



Vice President
& Welfare
Harry Hacking, JP



Secretary
Mark Lunnon



Treasurer
Jan Francis

Committee Appointments 2020/21

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 meets the third Sunday of each month
Commencing at 11am**

General Meeting 21st February

Annual General Meeting 21st March

General Meeting 18th April

General Meeting 16th May

General Meeting 20th June

**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.**

Rededication of the Monument

Due to COVID 19 restrictions the number of people who could attend was limited to invited guests only. Visit the monument when you can as the work that has been undertaken is fantastic.



Veterans Health Week Part one



Veterans Health Week Part two



MEMBERSHIP CARDS

The new membership cards have arrived.

These cards are a permanent card and will be replaced if lost or damaged. You will be required to fill out a statutory declaration.

You will be required to pay membership annually as usual.

Membership for 2021 should all be paid by 1st January but we will relax this closing time until the end of February.

The sub branch is billed for the entire membership in one payment.

Ex Service Women's Association - Albury

Welcome to our news again and a reminder that we would still very much like to welcome any ladies interested in joining us as a member.

Meetings are held second Tuesday each month at 11.30am at ANZAC House 527 Wilson Street Albury.

We have lunches arranged - day trips to enjoy

We have our own Welfare Officer for anyone needing help or advice. Please ring Marj 6025 8197 (LEAVE A MESSAGE) or 0409038953 if you would like to enquire about coming along.

Love to see you - join us and meet some old and new friends.

Have some input as to what we as a group can do to enjoy ourselves
We have a friendly mix of age rank & service among us & can still relate to each other as Ex-service ladies Looking forward to another year ahead.



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.

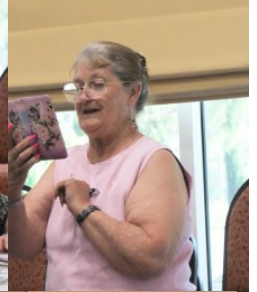
Our programme includes: Gentle exercises, quizzes, games, social activities, guest speakers, entertainment and occasional bus trips.

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

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

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

Our Link RSL Day Club Volunteer Caterer taking time out at Christmas.



ANZAC DAY Sunday 25th April 2021

It is intended to conduct the following, given the likely restrictions imposed by the Public Health Orders at the time.

A 5.30am Dawn Service at War Memorial

B 9am Dean Street March

C 10am Main Service at the War Memorial.

Some restrictions on numbers attending, may be imposed, so please watch out for news in the local media close to the date.



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 – February 2021

Welcome to a potentially brighter new year with many of the restrictions of 2020 now behind us. I wish you all well for 2021 and hope to see many of our members at our monthly meetings being held at 11am on the third Sunday of each month with a \$5 luncheon that follows. The Annual General Meeting for 2021 will be held at ANZAC House on Sunday the 21st of March commencing at 11am with a free lunch to follow.

I am very pleased to report that the \$1.35 million refurbishment of the Albury War Memorial has been completed and that the project has resulted in an outstanding outcome for the veteran community and the large number of visitors that go up to the memorial. If you have not yet visited the memorial to see the work, then may I suggest that you visit in the evening as all the new plaques now have lights of them. There are several new plaques bringing the memorial up to date. I thank the members for their strong support of the project from the very beginning. Now we can start on the project to refurbish the very neglected World War Two Bowl. A consultants and a heritage report have been completed and are very favourable for the project.

Over that past twelve months a number of small projects have been completed around ANZAC House as grants have become available and I thank the Commercial Club and the SS&A for their ongoing support. At this time there is a grant application in with DVA to convert a part of our storage shed into an area where veterans both young and old can meet for a cuppa and a chat, learn some computer skills or to simply make online applications and play games. This project had been stalled for a while but will now proceed.

The annual Veterans Health Week was held in November this year with a Games Day held at ANZAC House on Wednesday the 4th and a social lawn bowls day at the Lavington Bowling Club on Friday the 8th of November. To continue our support of this activity I urge members for your support by attending.

Nursing Home and Hospital visits have been restricted due to the Public Health Orders in place. Both Harry and I have conducted nine RSL Funerals over the past twelve months.

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Your committee has worked hard over the 2020 period even with the restrictions imposed on meetings. I continue to be indebted to all members of the committee for their loyalty to me as your President, and to you the members that ARE the RSL. I also thank the ladies that prepare and present the meals after the monthly meetings. A big thank you to ALL our volunteers that put-in their time in so many ways to support ANZAC House.

On the 7th of December I attended the Wagga Wagga RSL where the NSW RSL State Congress zoom meeting was being held online. At the end of this meeting the result of the RSL State election was announced and I am very pleased to announce that Mr Ray James, OAM who had been the acting State President for quite some time was declared the new President. Ray is an ex-Navy Vietnam Veteran, and an ex-NSW Cop and Ray will do a great job in our recovery from the disasters of the past. Let us all now move on for the greater good of the veteran community which is the most important issue before us. We need to stop squabbling amongst ourselves and remember that we all served under the Australian Flag as one.

Planning is under way for ANZAC Day which again this year will be restricted due to the limitations imposed by the Public Health Orders. At this time, I can say that unlike last year where there were no marches or services, this year a small march will be held commencing at 9am along Dean Street though numbers marching will be restricted. I expect to be conducting both a Dawn and 10am service at the Albury War Memorial though the numbers attending may be limited.

My final point concerns the membership of the sub-Branch and the aging of our members. I ask you to seek out new members and volunteers. Please speak with the Secretary Mark Lunnon as to how you can assist.

I welcome any ideas that the members may have, so please contact any member of your committee, we are here to serve you. Best wishes to you all.

Graham, February 2021

Christmas 2020



Lots of talent on show
great time had by all.





Visit to ANZAC House by Geoff Lee, MP NSW Minister for Veterans

Geoff is photographed with Graham Docksey President City of Albury RSL Sub Branch and Sarah Charlton Soldier On Pathways Officer

Regional Seniors Travel Card

Have you got your's yet?

You can apply online, call 137788 or if restrictions are eased visit Service NSW.

Once you receive your card you have 45 days to activate your card and then you have 12 months to use your card from the date of activation.

The regional seniors travel card provides eligible seniors living in regional. Rural and remote areas of NSW with a \$250 prepaid card to help ease the cost of travel. You can use the card at certain retailers to pay for pre-booked NSW Train link Regional trains and coaches, fuel and taxis.

Are you eligible?

If you are receiving the Age Pension or hold a Commonwealth Seniors Card with Service NSW

Or receiving Age Pension, Service Pension, Disability Pension under Veterans Entitlement Act 1986 or a War Widow(er) Pension, then you are eligible.

You must also have received you pension least one month.

Safe and happy travels



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