



City of Albury

RSL Sub-Branch



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Newsletter

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City of Albury Sub-Branch 2020 Committee

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Committee Appointments 2020

Assistant Secretary: Pauline McLeod

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Welfare Team:

Barry Howard
Harry Hacking JP
Peter Jansen
Jodie Hudson

Funerals Team

Harry Hacking, JP
Graham Docksey OAM,JP

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**

Light lunch follows the meeting at a cost of \$5

Meeting dates:

18th October 2020

15th November 2020

Christmas Party 13th December 2020

**(This will only be held if deemed safe due to the
Virus situation)**

17th January 2021

21st February 2021 AGM

SUB-BRANCH OFFICE HOURS

TUE. THU. 10am to 3.30pm

These times may be altered during the pandemic.



Thank you

**To all the volunteers who have helped:
Fundraising
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.**



Due to the Pandemic changes have to be made for the upcoming Remembrance Day Service.

There will be social distancing requirements to be met and if this cannot be achieved then masks must be worn. Hand sanitiser will be available.



REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE



11th November 2020

**Remembrance Day Memorial Service
will be held at**

St Mathews Anglican Church

As the church can only seat 70 persons

***Attendance will be by
invitation only***

Guest speaker

Colonel Bradley Robinson, CSC

At the conclusion of the service members and guests
are invited to enjoy
nibbles and a cuppa on the lawns of ANZAC House

**** Full size medals to be worn ****

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

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in colour on our website
www.alburyrsl.org.au
or
if you give us your email address it will
be sent directly to your inbox.**

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VIETNAM VETERANS DAY 2020

Due to the pandemic a small service, as discussed at the August General Meeting of the Sub Branch, was held at ANZAC house in the Memorial garden.

A wreath was laid by Graham and Noel in memory of those who made the supreme sacrifice and those who have suffered and died since the end of the war.



**Annual Albury RSL Membership cards
for 2021 are now available.**

**Membership payment for 2021 is due
before 1st January 2021.**

**Your NSW RSL Membership card is a
perpetual card and should be kept safe.**

**The only reason for it to be replaced is
if lost or damaged.**

Ex Service Women's Association - Albury Wodonga

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

We held our first meetin, since the COVID lock-down, in August at Albury RSL.

The September meeting was held at Holbrook RSL only NSW members were able to attend.

Meetings are usually 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 or 0409038953 if you would like to enquire about coming along. Love to see you - join us and meet some old and new friends.

PRESIDENTS CORNER – SPRING 2020

Welcome to the Spring edition to the sound of birds chirping, children playing and the great outdoors. Thank you, Jan, for your work in pulling together another newsletter to keep our members informed on the happenings in the Sub-Branch. Many other Sub-Branches have simply closed over the past several months but we continue to soldier-on with improvements in the meeting room and phones calls and assistance when needed.

All executive positions were filled at the AGM in March and along with the members that volunteered for the other committee positions we are bubbling along in the best interest of all members.

This is your Sub-Branch so please get involved whether it be doing a few hours in the reception area or assisting on ANZAC Day with marshalling.

A special greetings all of our members that have been locked away over the winter period because of the virus or the cold weather.

I am pleased to say that the Sub-Branch is in a sound financial position and is able to pay all operating expenses and the operation of ANZAC House. Our Welfare fund has been supporting several members and homeless over the past year and I thank the SS&A for their support in this regards. The RSL Day Club members have again returned to ANZAC House for their meetings after a direction to stop meetings due to the Public Health Order because of the virus concerns. Pension claims and reviews are now being undertaken by the Hume Veterans Information Centre in Wodonga. Welfare, Hospital and Nursing Home visits have been suspended again due to the Public Health Orders in place. Let me at this time again thank Peter Jansen, Harry Hacking and Barry Howard for their commitment and hard work with regards to welfare and visits throughout the year. If you are seeking assistance, please contact ANZAC House.

The Sub-Branch is active with continued improvements to the Albury War Memorial and is working closely with the Albury City Council to complete a major refurbishment. If you get an opportunity to drive up there to have a look you will be amazed at the outstanding result. Planning is well underway for the 2020 Remembrance Day Service to be held in St Matthew's Church Albury. However, this year because of the Public Health Orders attendance at this service is by invitation only. 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.

The Sub-Branch continues to support DVA sponsored activities such as Veterans Health Week. For this year we intend to hold two activities.

1. Wednesday the 28th of October at ANZAC House a fun activities day, and
2. Sunday the 8th of November at Lavington Panthers Bowling Club time on the bowling green.

More details to be provided as the approvals are gained.

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 and a great location.

Best wishes to you all and stay safe.

Graham, October 2020



Have you got Thursday's free?

Are you interested in getting out of the house
and having some fun?

If so, then why not join us at the:

'Link RSL Day Club'

We meet each Thursday at ANZAC House in Wilson Street from 10am - 2pm and is open to senior members of the Albury community. Entry only \$5.00

Our Programme includes:

Gentle exercises, quizzes, games, social activities, guest speakers, entertainment and occasional bus trips Morning tea & Lunch

Door to door transport may be provided

Contribution : \$5.00

For information about becoming a member

Please contact:

The Link RSL Day Club Coordinator

Danny - PH: 0477 224 751

A joint venture between the RSL New South Wales and the Australian Government Department of Veterans' Affairs (NSW Office)

DUE TO COVID 19 THE LINK RSL DAY CLUB WAS UNABLE TO MEET SINCE MARCH. WE HAVE BEEN SUPPLIED FROM DVA WITH MASKS. GLOVES , TISSUES, PAPER TOWEL, THERMOMETER AND ANTIVIRAL SPRAY SO WE RESTARTED 17TH SEPTEMBER, WITH ALL THE SAFETY PROCEEDURES IN PLACE



CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday 13^h December 2020

commencing at 11.30 am for 12 noon.

BBQ lunch.

We may have to limit the number of members and guests who can attend, due to the pandemic

Information regarding the guest list nearer to the event.

****NOTICE****

Your membership renewal is due

1st January 2021

Fees are: \$35

A remittance form is enclosed with this newsletter.

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

Please call in to the office at ANZAC House Albury to pay your subs to save the postage.

VALE

F McCormack

R Gordon (2018)

T McGrath

J D Liddy

S E Russell

E W Phillips

M J McCooke

D B Webb

C J Cornell



Lest We Forget



Just a Brown Slouch



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.

