# City of Albury RSL Sub-Branch

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Newsletter September Edition 2021

#### **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

#### **Proposed Committee Appointments 2020**

Assistant Secretary: Pauline McLeod

**Assistant Treasurer:**: Position 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

**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:** 

**17th October 2021** 

21st November 2021

12<sup>th</sup> December 2021 Christmas Party

16th January 2022

20<sup>TH</sup> February 2022

**20<sup>TH</sup> March 2022 Annual General Meeting** 

These events will only be held if deemed safe due to the COVID 19 situation



New signage at the Monument

SUB-BRANCH OFFICE HOURS TUE. WED. 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.

You can view your copy of the newsletters 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.

### REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE



#### 11th November 2021

Remembrance Day Memorial Service will be held at

# ST MATTHEWS ANGLICAN CHURCH

Kiewa Street

# Attendance will depend on restrictions due to COVID 19

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 \*\*

During lock down things have not stood still around ANZAC house.

Ann's plans being implemented in the shed with the new memorabilia room taking shape.



#### **During Closure**

Garden has been upgraded the last Yuccas removed and a new planting in the Memorial garden.





#### VIETNAM VETERANS DAY 2021

Due to the pandemic the service planned couls not be held.

A wreath was laid by President Graham Docksey in memory of those who made the supreme sacrifice and those who have suffered and died since the end of the war. Father Peter at St Matthews Church paid tribute to the local fallen by placing 14 poppies on the church gates.



#### 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

# 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 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 coming u.

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 Report -August/September 2021

Greetings, this virus is proving to be a real challenge for all of us in so many ways. I hope that you are all thinking seriously about vaccinations in order to protect not only yourselves but your families and our community.

Beth and I have both been double vaccinated since July and were able to spend a week on beautiful Norfolk Island. I will tell you more about this beautiful island next month at our sub-Branch meeting.

We are hoping that restrictions may ease and allow the sub-Branch to meet again on Sunday the 17th of October. We have Renee Nightingale from Hello World as our Inspirational Guest Speaker. Renee will bring us up to date with just what we can and cannot do with regards travel both domestically and internationally as we all look to a brighter future. Whilst Beth and I have had some six holidays cancelled we are optimistic about travel in 2022 and beyond and accordingly have already booked several overseas trips.

Sunday the 17<sup>th</sup> of October is the first day of Veterans Health Week. The sub-Branch will shout lunch on the day, so please come along and be inspired by Renee and enjoy the meal and good company.

Monday and Tuesday the 18th and 19th we will have a one-hour yoga session in ANZAC House in the morning and then on Thursday the 21st there will be a fun day of bowls at the Lavington Panthers Bowls Club with fun, prizes and a free lunch. So come along and either play or cheer the players on. No skill needed so have a bowl. More details to follow so put these activities in your diary.

No idle time at the sub-Branch, the doors may have been closed but the work and the planning still goes on. See the photos elsewhere in this publication.

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#### Presidents Report continued

On Monday the 12<sup>th</sup> of July I had the pleasure of being present for the presentation of the award of the United States Air Medal to Margaret Sutherland at the Westmont Village Baranduda where Margaret now resides. The medal was awarded in recognition of her RAAF service during the Vietnam War. (See Photos below)

Planning is now ramping-up for Remembrance Day. The service will again be held in St Matthews Church commencing at 10.30am. As with last year we may have to reduce the numbers in the church given the Public Health Orders in place at the time. More details to follow closer to the date.

COVID has slowed down the processing of several new members applications.

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting in October.

Stay safe and well, Graham.





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#### Have you got Thursday's

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

DUE TO COVID 19 THE LINK RSL DAY CLUB HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO MEET SINCE MARCH. WE HAVE BEEN SUPPLIED FROM DVA WITH MASKS. GLOVES, TISSUES, PAPER TOWEL, THERMOMETER AND ANTIVIRAL SPRAY SO WE ARE READY WHEN THE IT IS DEEMED SAFE TO RETURN.



### **CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Sunday 12<sup>h</sup> December 2021 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 and social distancing.

Information regarding the guest list nearer to the event.





### \*\*NOTICE\*\*

# All membership renewals are due 1st January 2022

#### **Annual Fee is: \$35**

A remittance form is enclosed with this newsletter.
(Please notify us if you have changed your address, email or phone number)

Please call in to the office at ANZAC House Albury to pay your membership

Alternately Direct payment can be made.

Just phone the Sub Branch and you will be given the details.

When making the payment don't forget your reference: Your Name

Sub Branch membership cards can be picked up during office, to save postage.



Ann describing the plans for future development of the shed area

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