



City of Albury

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Newsletter

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City of Albury Sub-Branch 2022 Committee

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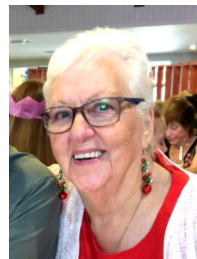
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Committee Appointments 2021/22

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Harry Hacking, JP

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Ann Martin

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Fr Alan Kelb, OAM

Fundraising Team

Jan Francis

Noel Francis

Pauline McLeod

Dani Jourdain

**Your Sub-Branch meets the third Sunday of each month
Commencing at 11am**

General Meeting 20th February

Annual General Meeting 20th March

General Meeting 10th April

General Meeting 15th May

General Meeting 19th June

note change of date April meeting due to Easter

SUB-BRANCH OFFICE HOURS

TUE., WED., THU. 10am -3.30pm

Membership fees

You may have read in the Reveille that RSL NSW requires no membership fee.

The sub-branches have now been informed that they can set their own membership fee to cover administration.

Your Sub-branch Membership fee covers, free lunches for the AGM and Christmas. subsidised lunches at General Meetings and Newsletters

2022 Membership fees are now due and will be \$15.00

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.

Soldier On

Hello, I am Sharon the new Pathways Officer for Soldier On. I am very excited to be at Soldier On to assist veteran's and their families to thrive in the Defence Community here in Albury/Wodonga and Wagga.

Soldier On aims to assist individuals in building resilience and creating connections with family, community, and employers through our HELP program.

H - Health and Wellbeing Services

E -Employment Support

L - Learning and Education Programs

P - Participation and Social Connection

I grew up in Albury and left Albury when I joined the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) in 1983 - something few women did at the time. I've had a fabulous 18-year career in the RAAF as an Education Assistant and Clerk with many postings including DPA. Travelling with many postings and as a RAAF spouse; I have raised three beautiful daughters Dana, Monique, and Brittany.

A memorable highlight I enjoyed when working at 3RAAF Hospital at Operational Health Support & Training Flight (OHS&TF)- MEDEVAC Training; was in a harness, hanging off the ramp of a Chinook with my legs dangling as we flew over The Blue Mountains! Lots of other fabulous memories with work and sport as I represented the RAAF in VIC Combined Services Hockey, NSW Interservice Hockey, RAAF Williams Water Skiing and Touch Football.

After discharge from the RAAF, I was active in supporting the local NT Community, as Secretary Katherine Playgroup, Treasurer of Katherine East Community Centre, and President Katherine Gymnastics. Then moved to Tasmania and started up the Lauderdale Stamp Club where ladies enjoyed crafting, coffee, and chocolate.

I have moved back to Albury and transferred as an Albury Legatee and proud to have taken on the role of Field of Remembrance Coordinator.

Looking forward to supporting many veterans and their families with the aims of Soldier On and my background as a Defence member and understanding the role of Defence and Family.

Kind regards,

Sharon



Veterans Health Week



Enjoying a healthy lunch following guest speaker Renee Nightingale from Helloworld Travel on the anticipated joy of resuming travelling after lock-downs



Yoga for mind and body



Fresh air and friendship



Throw in a few prizes and a great day was had by all



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.



TREE SERVICES

Steve Pettit

0408589990

Tree Lopping | Stump Grinding
Mulching | Gutter Cleaning

Free Quotes

Need help around your yard?

Steve is the man.

He is responsible for the improvements to the gardens of ANZAC House.

(Removal of the Yuccas and the replanting)



RENEE NIGHTINGALE | OWNER/ MANAGER

Helloworld Travel Albury

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ANZAC DAY Sunday 25th April 2022

The programme for the day is as follows:

5.30am Dawn Service at War Memorial

9am Dean Street March

Assemble at Dean Street near the theatre
from 8.30am

10am Main Service at the War Memorial.

ANZAC BADGE DAY

As usual we are calling on volunteers to help sell badges prior to ANZAC Day. Each year our assistant Secretary spends hours phoning volunteers. This year we would greatly appreciate it if you would come forward if you are willing to assist,. Please don't leave it until the last minute.

Every site is contacted and permission sought to sell badges it is quite embarrassing when we have permission and don't have the sellers available. The site is then left empty.

ANZAC badge day is

April 22nd 2022

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.



REMEMBRANCE DAY 2021

Held in St Matthews Anglican Church the service was once again perfect. Under slightly reduced COVID restrictions we were able to accommodate all who attended.







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 \$8. If you need door to door transport, this can be arranged.

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.

Regional Seniors Travel Card

Applications opened on 17th January 2022 and will close 30th November 2022.

The advice due to COVID is to apply on line at service.nsw.gov/transaction/apply-regional-seniors-travel-card or call 137788 rather than visit a service centre.

The Regional Seniors travel card provides eligible seniors living in regional, rural and remote area of NSW with a \$250 prepaid credit card to help ease the cost of travel .

You can use the card at certain retailers to pay for pre-booked NSW Trainlink Regional trains and coaches, fuel and taxis.



AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

Your sub Branch was nominated for the

“Community Group of the Year “

We didn't win but it was great to be nominated.

PRESIDENTS CORNER – SUMMER 2022

Welcome to the Summer edition of the sub-Branch Newsletter to the sound of lawn mowers, birds singing and neighbour's out gardening and the smell of barbecues. Thank you, Jan, for your work in pulling together another newsletter to keep our members informed on the happenings in their sub-Branch. Several other sub-Branches have simply closed their doors over the past several months, but we continue to soldier-on with improvements to the gardens, applying for grants, phones calls and assistance when requested.

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. (RAP program). I strongly encourage you to look at the schedule and then discuss this with your GP or Health professional. Your continued health is important to 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 last year was held under our COVIC-19 Safe Plan, and I am pleased to say that the community understood the conditions under which we could conduct both the Dawn and 10am Services. The 9am March was also conducted under a Strict COVIC Safe Plan with only Veterans and Descendants being allowed to participate. A very warming community turned-out to applaud the veterans. Perhaps one of our best Marches. As I plan ANZAC Day this year, I am keeping an eye on the Public Health Orders likely to be in place. At this time it appears that there are no likely restrictions and school children are again welcome along with community groups and First Responders. I consider this to be a community activity which is what we do for the community along with Remembrance Day and assisting veteran's in need.

PRESIDENTS CORNER CONT.

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. I have now authorised the two new plaques for the Afghanistan War to be formally unveiled on ANZAC Day at 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 2022/23 Albury City budget. We look forward to this plan being implemented over the next two years. Over the next couple of months David Armstrong from Albury City will provide a presentation at a monthly meeting on the final design work.

The 2021 Remembrance Day Service was held in St Matthew's Church Albury and was conducted under the Public Health Orders in place at the time. 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.

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

Graham,

February 2022

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