



City of Albury

RSL Sub-Branch



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Newsletter

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City of Albury Sub-Branch 2022 Committee

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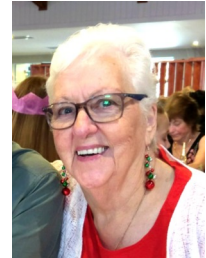
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Graham Docksey,
OAM, JP



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& Welfare
Harry Hacking, JP



Secretary
Mark Lunnon



Treasurer
Jan Francis

Committee Appointments 2021/AGM 2023

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: Jan & Noel Francis

Newsletter Editor: Jan Francis

Library Coordinator: Ann Martin

Welfare Team:

Harry Hacking JP

Peter Jansen

Funerals Team

Harry Hacking, JP

Graham Docksey OAM,JP

Ann Martin

Chaplain

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 19th February

Annual General Meeting 19th March

General Meeting 16th April

General Meeting 21st May

General Meeting 17th September

General Meeting 15th October

General Meeting 19th November

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

Membership fees

You may have read in the Reville 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 and will be known as Administration Fee.

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

2023 Administration 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.

Presentations

Certificate of appreciation to Phil Cooper for his many years of support as first aid officer at our annual events . Presented by Vice President Harry Hacking



Presentation to Mark and Jenny for their continued care of the property, keeping the lawns and gardens looking immaculate. Mark has been Secretary for 12 years and Jenny for her culinary skills preparing the meals for the meetings and other events.



Harry Hacking Vice President of Albury RSL Sub Branch presenting a beautiful clock which he made to Jan & Noel for their 7 years of volunteering at the Link RSL Day Club. Harry also presented a clock to Judith Crawford who has been the caterer of Link RSL Day Club for more than seven years.



Australia Day Awards

We were nominated for Community Group of the Year.



PRESIDENTS CORNER – FEBRUARY 2023

Welcome to the mid-summer edition of the sub-Branch Newsletter with the sound of lawn mowers, birds singing and neighbour's out gardening still with us during the hot weather.

Thank you, Jan, for your work in producing your last newsletter to keep our members informed on the happenings in their sub-Branch. Several other sub-Branches have recently closed their doors and others are considering becoming chapters of others, but we continue to serve our members, making welfare phones, visits and helping when requested by members and non-members.

Another reminder 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 yourself but to your family.

The NSW Regional Seniors Travel Card is again being made available to eligible members with a value of \$250. Check the details on the Service NSW website.

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 Secretary Mark.

As I now plan for ANZAC Day this year, I am looking for volunteers to assist with marshalling of the marching groups. School children are again welcome along with community groups and First Responders. I consider this to be our community responsibility which is what we do for the community along with Remembrance Day and assisting veterans in need.

The sub-Branch is active in conjunction with council with planning now becoming a reality at the World War Two Memorial Bowl with \$740k being recently provided by the NSW Government towards the project. The remaining funding will come through Albury City. The project will see a covered children's play station, a covered exercise station and much needed landscaping and will be wheelchair friendly.

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A new interpretive panel will tell the story of what happened in Albury during World War Two. A presentation by Albury City staff on the upgrade will happen at the monthly meeting on the 19 th of February.

The 2022 Remembrance Day Service was held in St Matthew's Church Albury and was very well attended.

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. If you wish to assist with the lunch, please put your hand up.

On Saturday the 11 th of February the sub-Branch hosted the 50 th Anniversary of the Withdrawal of the Australian Combat Force from Vietnam. The format of the day was a Freedom of Entry of Albury by Vietnam Veterans from many parts of NSW and Victoria. The Army Band Kapooka, The Australian Federation Guard, Navy, Army, and Air Force Cadets were also present along with many other veterans.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday the 19 th of March and the State President, Ray James will be attending to present several certificates of appreciation to members of the sub-Branch.

We continue to support DVA sponsored activities such as Veterans Health Week with further details to be provided by DVA for the 2023 activities.

Do not forget about the NSW Government Seniors Travel Card for 2023.

I continue to remain grateful for the support of my committee and members.
Regards to you all. *Graham*

As mentioned in the above report this is my last newsletter as I am finally retiring from the committee. I have enjoyed bring the news and activities to you over the last 12 years and I wish you all well. I will be retaining my membership and I will see you at meetings and events.

Jan

ANZAC DAY Sunday 25th April 2023

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 21st 2023

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.



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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 or 0419953563.

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



MID CITY SERVICE CENTRE

AUTO REPAIRS & Maintenance

Our Services

- General service & Repairs
- Log Book Servicing
- Tyre check & Rotation
- Battery Replacement
- Inspection & NSW Roadworthy
- Diagnostics
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Discounts offered for students & pensioners

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Mid City Service Centre are offering veterans \$80 per hour fixed labour

REMEMBRANCE DAY 2022



Link Activities



Melbourne Cup
Fashions off the
Field



Halloween





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 \$10. 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
We are back and observing COVID rules so feel safe to come along and enjoy one another's company.

Situation Vacant: Newsletter Editor.

If you can open a computer then you will need no other qualifications.
Full instruction will be given. A template is already in place.

Link Day Club Christmas 2022



Christmas 2022



Freedom of Entry Commemoration, 50th Anniversary of Withdrawal of Combat Troops From Vietnam



Nasho's 50th



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