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Wyong RSL Sub Branch
Newsletter
March 2019



Sub-Branch members
enjoying morning tea
at Manly Beach
on a recent bus trip

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Presidents Report

We have lost members of the sub-branch throughout last year and they will be sadly missed. Our latest member to fall was Ted Manego and being Ted he was late for his own funeral.

We Will Remember Them.

Remembrance Day 2018 throughout Australia, services were held to commemorate the end of the First World War 100 years ago. It was a horrific war and many lives were lost during the many battles they fought during the course of the war.

Lest We Forget

2018 saw a lot of frustration at the 2 State Congresses held during the year where many sub-branches couldn't agree to the changes to the constitution put forward by State HQ. **In large, why do sub-branches have to change the way they have been operating for years when it was State Branch who were at fault in the non-compliance of the constitution?**

We are still seeking a resolve and have now been asked to participate in a survey to hopefully come up with a solution during State Congress in May 2019.

Unfortunately it was necessary to close the Wyong Sub-Branch Woman's Auxiliary as there were several members tending their resignations due to a fragmented auxiliary. It was also taken into account that as the sub-branch is in a very healthy financial position, it was not necessary to continue to raise further funds.

Our coach trips throughout the year were greatly appreciated by all who took part. The highlight of those trips was the trip to Doyle's at Watsons Bay. More trips are being planned for 2019. Many thanks to the Welfare officers for the organisation of these trips.

The display cabinets to be erected downstairs are well on the way for completion and should be up in the next few months.

Finally I wish to thank my fellow executive and members of the committee for their continued support and input into the running of the sub-branch and all their support during Commemorative services. Also a big thank you to those members who continually turn up for our monthly meetings as their input is vitally important for them to have their say as to how the Sub-Branch functions throughout the year.

Alan Stanford

President

Sub Branch Happenings

Alan Stanford welcomes members and guests to the 2018 sub-branch Christmas Party.

Sitting at the head table were Reverend Kevin Mears and Club Wyong President Tracy Molloy

We all enjoyed a two course meal and washed it down with a few cold ones, there was a free raffle with heaps of prizes won, music played in the background and a slideshow of photos taken during the year of Sub-Branch happenings.



Leanne, Shirley and Irish enjoying the day

Brian & Cathy share a table with some of our passed members widows.



At the 2018 Christmas Party



Chris, Alan and Phil

Nicki, Laurie and Wendy



All are welcome
to attend and
share a meal

Pat, Bing,
Greg and
Joyce



Sub-Branch Happenings



We went to Doyle's at Watsons Bay on a recent bus trip where we enjoyed a terrific 3 course lunch and a few beverages. All who attended had a great day and complimented the kitchen on the sensational meal.

It was a gorgeous day and we enjoyed 2 ferry trips on Sydney harbour from Manly beach to reach Watsons Bay via Circular Quay



Watsons Bay in all of its glory

Sub-Branch Happenings



A great setting for lunch, great food and better company

It was a very relaxing day



Smiles all around

Social Page



Hawksbury Paddle Wheeler BBQ Cruise & Tizzana Winery

Our first bus trip for 2019 will be on Friday the 5th April.

We will be traveling by coach to “Historic Windsor” through the Hills District where we will join the Hawksbury Paddle Wheeler for a 2 hour BBQ lunch cruise on the magnificent Hawksbury River.

Lunch will consist of BBQ chicken, sausages, salad and dessert with tea and coffee. There is a licensed bar for beer, wine and soft drinks at your own expense.

Take in the views of riverside settlements that were established in the late 1700's as you relax, listening to the churning of the paddles.



Following our cruise we will visit the nearby Tizzana Winery where we can enjoy a touch of Tuscany on the banks of the Hawksbury River and join in a wine tasting and historical tour.

We leave Club Wyong at 8:30am and return before 5pm

The cost is \$10. Call the office to secure your place by the 29th March

Hope to see you there

The memorial that we received a grant for, from the Centenary of Service grants program, is well on the way to completion.

After months of holdups, due to Council regulations, the end is in sight and we will be having the unveiling soon. Sub-Branch members are invited with members of the public to the unveiling with the date being published in local papers.



Stonemason Steve Shewring and his apprentice Jamie hard at work at Jilliby Cemetery. Steve donated his labour for this worthwhile cause, thanks Steve.



A plaque and capping stone are still to be placed on the memorial as well as gardens and a pine tree, grown from a seedling taken from the pine tree from the battle of Lone Pine at Gallipoli.

Dates for Your Diary

10th March Sub Branch Meeting
14th April Sub-Branch Meeting
25th April Anzac Day Services
12th May Sub-Branch Meeting



Anzac Day 2019

This year is the anniversary of the peace treaty that officially ended the First World War, although hostilities had ceased in November 1918, the signing of the treaty didn't take place until the 28th June 1919.

Please note the following :-

DAWN SERVICE, assembly 05:30 hrs at our memorial

MORNING SERVICE assembly 09:00 hrs at the Cenotaph, Wyong Town Park, followed by the march.

If raining both services will be held in the Oasis Hall—corner of Anzac Ave and Hely St.

All members are invited to attend the Anzac Day Luncheon, being held in the upper floor auditorium from 12:00 hrs for a 12:30 hrs meal. Bookings can be made by the following methods, no later than 10th April 2019

Mail to :- P.O. Box 423 Wyong NSW 2259

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Sub-Branch Happenings



Sub Branch members form a Guard of Honour at Ted Manego's funeral, Ted was late of course.



A bugler played the Last Post as

President Alan Stanford waits to lead members to lay poppies on Ted's Casket



Sub-Branch members remember Ted and raise their glasses in his honour.



Sub Branch Happenings

Your Executive and Committee have had a busy time lately as we discuss the new Constitution that the RSL State Head Quarters are proposing.

We were the only sub-branch on the coast that voted for the new Constitution last year, simply so that we could start moving in the right direction and recommence fund raising activities.

Since then that version of the Constitution has been taken off the table and we are now in the process of filling out a RSL NSW survey on the revision of the Constitution.

Because of time restraints we are filling out the survey on a sub-Branch level rather than have every member fill it out singularly, we have taken in all points of view from those who attend our meetings however if any member who wishes to have a say in the survey, please go onto the RSL website at RSLNSW.org.au

Basically, State HQ are proposing that A:- we either operate as an incorporate company (or an incorporated association) and are responsible for our own administration and compliance, or B:- that we transfer all of our funds to an account of State HQ and they will manage all administration and be responsible for compliance.

There is a model C however because of our assets we do not qualify

We at the sub-Branch can only fill out the survey and submit by the due date and then wait to see how other sub-Branches have replied.

The next vote on the new Constitution will be held at the next State Congress in May.

At one Army base, the annual trip to the rifle range had been cancelled for the second year in a row, but the semi-annual physical fitness test was still on as planned. One soldier mused, "Does it bother anyone else that the Army doesn't seem to care how well we can shoot, but they are extremely interested in how fast we can run?"

What were you in civilian life, soldier?' 'Happy, sir.'

Wyong RSL Sub Branch

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