

**Drum**  
**Wyong RSL Sub Branch**  
**Newsletter**  
**May 2019**



Another bumper crowd attended the Dawn Service on  
Anzac Day at Club Wyong

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## Presidents Report

I start my report not on a good note as we have lost 3 of our members since my last report. Keith Turner in April with Greg MaGannon and Stan Roberts on the 13th May. All will be missed by those who Knew them.

Myself, Bing Brett and Peter Niven attended the Masonic Lodge annual Anzac Day Service on Thursday the 18th April where were invited to lay a wreath, an enjoyable night.

Anzac Day was an embarrassment during both services with no Catafalque Party and no chairs for people to be seated. I don't know what the public thought of this but we must ensure that it doesn't happen again.

On Friday the 3rd May 2019 saw the presentation of the War Memorial placed at Jilliby Cemetery to honour those from the Wyong area who joined the AIF during WW1. The service was attended by Emma McBride, Mayor Jane Smith and David Harris along with several Sub-Branch members and members of the public. Emma McBride and I cut the ribbon together for the official opening.

We thank Peter Niven for the diligent work he carried out during the lengthy process to bring this to fruition. The day was successful and all enjoyed a sausage sizzle afterwards.

The matter of the Constitution will not be settled until State Congress convenes again in October 2019.

Our last bus trip went very well with over 30 members attending the trip to Windsor for the luncheon cruise on the Hawksbury River and a tour of the Tizzana Winery.

Stay healthy until my next report

Alan Stanford

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My playing number for the Seniors Footy team is 80, look out for me.

## Sub Branch Happenings



President Alan Stanford gives the welcome address at the Dawn service

The Flag Party was made up of serving Navy personnel



Morning Service at Town Park Wyong

## Sub Branch Happenings



After the Morning Service all gathered to watch the march to the Club

The Sub-Branch Vice Presidents welcome the Dignitaries, members and guests at the Anzac Day luncheon



VP Peter Woodhouse, Member for Wyong David Harris and Club Wyong CEO Tracy Malloy toast the Queen

## Sub-Branch Happenings



Sub Branch President Alan Stanford, Vice President Peter Niven and Honorary Secretary Bing Brett were invited to the Wyong Masonic Hall to lay a wreath at the Masons Anzac Day service.

While we were there we witnessed Masonic traditions and heard a moving tribute to a local veteran who served with the small ships during the war.

After the service we were treated to a meal and a few cold ones with Masons from around the coast where we were honoured with a place on the head table with the Worshipful Master.



## Sub-Branch Happenings

On our latest bus trip we went to Windsor and joined a Hawksbury River Paddle wheeler for a relaxing lunch cruise

Morning tea was held on the banks of the river



Kevin,  
Mary,  
Sharon  
and Julie  
enjoying  
the views

## Sub-Branch Happenings



Sub-Branch member John Kuchta shows his skills with a didgeridoo

After the cruise we went to the Tizzana Winery for a wine tasting and hear about the history of the winery. We were fascinated by the stories that we heard. Very impressive.



## Social Page

I'm planning a visit to the theatre for our next outing, to be able to book the seats required I have to have definite numbers and pay for the seats in advance.



There are a few shows that are in the running that might interest members

1: Muriel's Wedding at the Star Sydney Casino with lunch at the Harvest Buffet (at own expense)

or



2: West Side Story at the Sydney Opera House with lunch nearby (at own expense)

If you are interested in either of these shows can you please phone the office on 4353 1869 and tell me which show and how many seats you want to reserve. Once the seats are paid for no changes can be made.

There is an option to see "Hair" at the Art House in Wyong as well.

I am also gathering names for a trip to Canberra later in the year, it will be around the beginning of November for 3 days. The trip will be around \$100 per person so if you are interested please let me know soon, numbers will be limited to around 40.



## Dates for Your Diary

9th June	Sub Branch Meeting
14th July	Sub-Branch Meeting
11th August	Sub-Branch Meeting



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### A Chuckle

My boss told me to have a good day.. so I went home

The other day, my wife asked me to pass her lipstick but I accidentally passed her a glue stick. She still isn't talking to me.

Why do blind people hate skydiving? It scares the hell out of their dogs.

When a deaf person sees someone yawn do they think it's a scream?

When I lost my rifle, the Army charged me \$85. That's why in the Navy, the captain goes down with the ship

My high school assignment was to ask a veteran about World War II. Since my father had served in the Philippines during the war, I chose him. After a few basic questions, I very gingerly asked, "Did you ever kill anyone?"

Dad got quiet. Then, in a soft voice, he said, "Probably. I was the cook."

## Sub Branch Happenings

The Jilliby Cemetery Memorial was officially commissioned on 3rd May with Alan Stanford and Federal Member for Dobell Emma McBride cutting the ribbon at a function on site.

Wreaths were laid for the fallen.



They were joined by Member for Wyong David Harris and Mayor Jane Smith as well as Sub-Branch members and the public.

The Lions Club supplied a sausage sizzle afterwards.



## Sub-Branch Happenings



A pine tree, grown from a seedling taken from the pine that features in the “Battle of Lone Pine” in Gallipoli has been planted at the memorial.

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**A man and his wife were sitting in the living room** and he said to her, "Just so you know, I never want to live in a vegetative state, dependent on some machine and fluids from a bottle. If that ever happens, just pull the plug."  
His wife got up, unplugged the TV and threw out all of his beer.

Two hunters are out in the woods when one of them collapses. He’s not breathing and his eyes are glazed. The other guy whips out his cell phone and calls 000

“I think my friend is dead!” he yells. “What can I do?”

The operator says, “Calm down. First, let’s make sure he’s dead.”

There’s a silence, then a shot. Back on the phone, the guy says, “OK, now what?”

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