

**Drum**  
**Wyong RSL Sub Branch**  
**Newsletter**  
**June 2020**



**The now completed**  
**Anzac Memorial**  
**Museum and Monument**  
**Hyde Park, Sydney**

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## Presidents Report

Hello members

I trust that this report finds you all in good health and living comfortable at home during this Covid 19 lock down. Our Newly appointed VP, Jason Hicks will be leaving us on the 30th June for a 6—7 months deployment to the Middle East. We wish Jason a safe journey throughout his deployment and trust that he will return safely to his loved ones.



There has been some angst about the club Ltd merging with the Sydney based Mounties. The Sub Branch executives are in constant contact with the Club Wyong CEO and have been advised that they are looking to amalgamate with the Mounties as a preferred option. A meeting of all Club Wyong Members will be called for a vote on this matter and until then we must wait. We have been assured that all that we are entitled to under the Deed of Provisions when we sold the premises to Wyong RSL Club Ltd will be continued.

The office is now open on Tuesday and Thursday mornings for phone calls only until the Club opens up full time. Our Secretary and Treasurer have been keeping an eye on all matters relating to the office and making sure our finances are kept in order. The State Branch have been in contact with us regularly and send us notifications which we receive when they come to hand.

Our Welfare Officer Peter Niven has been going through a very trying time and has been unable to get around without the aid of a wheelchair, things are improving though and he has been able to get into the office to get some things done. It's good to see him on the recovery trail.

The club itself is currently undergoing renovations in the upstairs auditorium with a paint job being carried out by some of the Club Wyong staff, it's looking cleaner and brighter.

Keep safe and well and hopefully we will be able to get back to our monthly meetings soon.

Regards

Alan Stanford

## Secretary's Report

After being elected into the Secretary's position at the AGM in March and receiving a handover from Bing I was ready to get busy with picking up the reins organising ANZAC Day. Within two weeks Covid-19 changed all that and put a halt to ANZAC Day across the nation. A very sad moment.

Clubs closed so access to the office became restricted to two people at a time and then only when the club manager was onsite. Even with those restrictions the office was attended generally once a week so we could keep the wheels turning.

Obviously with all the restrictions there was not much activity. The RSL Head Office closed with staff working from home so correspondence was kept to a minimum. The main correspondence was about ANZAC Day, Head Office changes with the pandemic, accounts to be paid and legal matters with changing of our Trustees.

The club is re-opening Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June and will be open Wednesday to Saturday 1130 to 2000 (2100 Friday) and 1130 to 1700 Sundays for sit down meals although pokies will also be available. Bookings are essential as they are restricted to a maximum of 50 people with a group maximum of 10. Everyone, including members, will be required to sign in to help tracking in the event of an infection.

With those restrictions we won't be able to hold a June monthly meetings until further relaxations are made but we should be able to hold a meeting in July.

The amalgamation of the club with the Mounties club is still progressing well. I have been advised that information sessions will be held to brief the club members on the amalgamation shortly. The club members will have their say in the fate of the club at an EGM/AGM but I am personally in favour of it. We have paid our first instalment of our membership fees so membership cards should be coming from Head Office soon so please be patient. We will get them out to you as soon as we receive them.

Looking at the membership details I note there are email addresses for about half of the members, but I am sure more of you have email access. If you have an email address could you please send me an email to secretary@wyongrslsubbranch.com.au so I can update our database. In times like these it allows us to get information out to our members quickly. Another source of information is our Facebook page so if you are on Facebook please follow our page as well.

I look forward to seeing you all soon. Stay safe.

# Sub-Branch Happenings

Christmas Luncheon 2019



Shirley  
Wendy  
And  
Peter

The all  
im-  
portant  
raffle  
draw



Downstairs afterwards, a great day had by all

## Sub Branch Happenings

It was great to see 33 members attending our last outing to the Art House for a night of laughter. We met at Club Wyong for a set 2 course meal and a few cold ones before wandering across the road to see the “Senior Moments 2” show.

The cast included Tony Barber, John Howard, Kim Lewis, Max Gillies and David Callan with Mitchell Price-Norgaard tickling the Ivories.

The show had some very amusing skits in it such as Senior of the Century, Mr Macquarie's Cares, Captain Midnight, The Miracles of Mary, When I was PM, Songs with No End and About the Opera House amongst others.

It is fabulous that Wyong has such a venue and 1st time visitors were pleasantly surprised with the building and quality of the performance. I would highly recommend a night out at the Art House if you haven't been there.



Treasurer Chris and his wife Sue with Anne waiting for the show to start

The cast perform one of the skits “About the Opera House”



## Sub-Branch Happenings



Greg Warren MP giving a talk to members at a recent meeting, he was accompanied by Sub Branch Patron David Harris. The message was that they will look after the Veteran community and if we have any problems that their door is always open.

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If you have natural gas or bottled gas in your home, you are entitled to a \$110 rebate from the State Government. Just take your latest bill down to any Service NSW office or go online to apply for bottled gas or phone your supplier for natural gas.

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The Sub Branch recently secured a Grant from the DVA to get the border of the Jilliby Cemetery replaced with sand stone.

At the time of construction the border was made with treated pine so the replacement with sand stone will not only look better but will last far into the future.

The garden is looking great and the Lone Pine is growing well.



## Sub Branch Happenings

Anzac Day this year was very different to previous ones with no services held, however members showed their respects by standing in their driveways, lighting a candle and playing the Ode and Last Post.

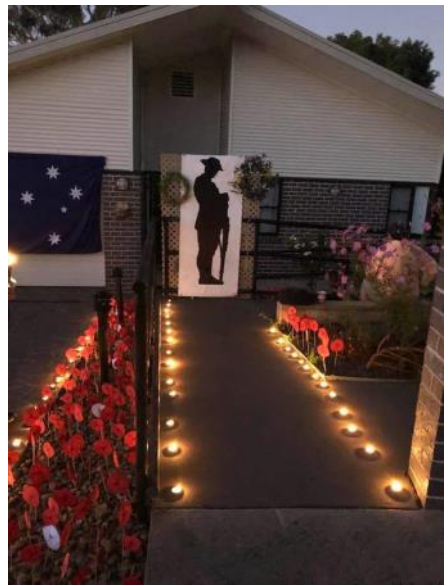


Sub Branch Vice President Jason Hicks at his home proudly displaying the White Ensign.

Committee member Fred Roome built a flagpole and had his sound system on to share the Ode with his neighbours.



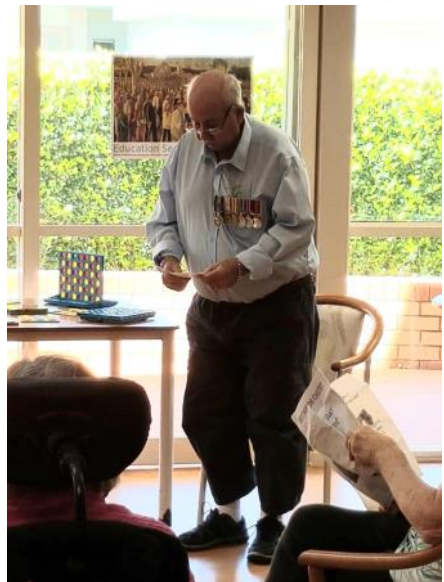
## Sub Branch Happenings



Sub Branch Vice President and Trustee Peter Woodhouse teamed up with neighbours at dawn to remember fallen comrades.

Rod Murphy read out the Ode at his nursing home on Anzac Day.

As he was the only resident who had served it was a great honour for Rod and his fellow residents.





## Sub Branch Happenings

The Covid 19 saga has put a stop to our trips but as the world slowly gets back to normal we can start thinking of new destinations to visit.

I am thinking of an overnight trip to regional NSW, both for interest as well as helping out our state after the devastating bushfires that raged during the past 6 months.



If you have any suggestions or requests on where we can go please contact the office and leave a message with our new secretary.

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The Sub Branch would like to welcome some new faces that were voted in during our AGM in March.



Firstly Alan Stanford replaces Ray Brailey as Trustee, Tony Drover replaces Bing Brett as our Secretary, and Jason Hicks replaces Peter Niven as Vice President.

The Sub branch thanks these outgoing executives for their efforts in past years, as well as thanking Walter McGarry for his time on the Committee.

We also welcome Laima Drover, Rod Sykes and Glenn Murray for stepping up and joining the Committee. We look forward to working with you in the future.

## Sub-Branch Happenings



Sub branch members Bill Stewart, Jason Hicks and Laurie Shaw represented the Sub Branch at the HMAS Voyager Memorial Service held at the Everglades Country Club recently. While they were there they laid a wreath on behalf of Wyong Sub Branch.



Sub Branch Affiliate member Garry Whitaker shows his respect on Anzac Day

# Some Trivia

- 1: In what year did Steve Irwin die?
  - 2: What is the high score in bowling without a strike?
  - 3: What year were seat belts made compulsory in NSW?
  - 4: In golf, what is a double eagle known as?
  - 5: What were Bonnie and Clyde's last names?
  - 6: What was the date of the first moon landing?
  - 7: When was the Australian Federation?
  - 8: What was Australia called before Federation?
  - 9: Who was Truganini?
  - 10: Which country won the 1st FIFA World Cup?
  - 11: What year was the 1st Wimbledon Championship held?
  - 12: Which F1 driver has the most Grand Prix wins?
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*My teenage daughter and me in the car.*

**Lauren:** Dad, do you know what the most commonly used letter in a girl's name is

**Me:** Hmm, is it a consonant or a vowel? (*Silence.*) Please tell me you know what consonants and vowels are.

**Lauren:** You're no fun, Dad. Forget it.

**Me:** What is a vowel? **Lauren:** OK, OK. A vowel is ... ahh ... eh ... well, oh ... uh ...

**Me:** Close enough

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## Trivia Answers

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| 12: Michael Schumacher                      | 6: 20/7/69                     |
| 11: 1877                                    | 5: Bonnie Parker, Clyde Barrow |
| 10: Uruguay                                 | 4: Albatross                   |
| 9: The last full blood Tasmanian Aboriginal | 3: 1971                        |
| 8: New Holland                              | 2: 190                         |
| 7: 1/1/1901                                 | 1: 2006                        |

# Wyong RSL Sub Branch

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**Sub Branch Patron:**

David Harris

**President:**

Alan Stanford

**Vice Presidents:**

Jason Hicks  
Peter Woodhouse

**Secretary:**

Tony Drover

**Treasurer:**

Chris Isted

**Committee:**

Brian Barnes	Fred Roome
Rod Sykes	Bill Stewart
Jan Arnold	Mary Bernsdorff
Laima Drover	Glenn Murray

**Trustees:**

David Watts  
Alan Stanford  
Peter Woodhouse

**Welfare:**

Peter Niven JP

Jan Arnold

Office opened Tuesday & Thursday 10am to 12pm

Club Wyong opens at 10am