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Wyong RSL Sub Branch
Newsletter
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Leads the combined Victory in the Pacific Day
and Vietnam Veterans Day Service

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Presidents Report



Unfortunately, I start this report with the sad news that
Walter McGarry passed away on Tuesday the 18th August 2020.

RIP.

On Friday 26th June we held a farewell dinner for Jason Hicks who has been deployed to Dubai. The night went very well with Jason's parents also attending.

Jason enjoyed the evening and thanked all who attended. Anyone with books, magazines, etc. they would like to send to Jason can leave these items at the office.

I had a visit with Ray Brailey at the Keith Payne Hostel, and he is doing fine, however his wife Margaret is suffering with dementia. Both are living comfortable in the hostel.

Saturday the 15th August the committee and some members held a combined service For VP Day and Vietnam Veterans Day.

With only 20 members allowed to attend any service held by the Sub-Branch due to Covid 19, 18 committee and Sub-Branch members attended. The service was brief, and wreaths were laid for both VP and Vietnam Veterans day.

Our Sub-Branch meetings of late have been well attended followed by lunch and a few drinks consumed afterwards. The office is running very smoothly however things are still quiet and we must remain vigilant during this pandemic.

I hope all are in good health and in good spirits.

Alan Stanford

President

Secretary's Report

The merger of the club with Mounties is now getting closer with Mounties Club conducting information sessions to Club Wyong members as follows:

Thursday 8th October at 1745

Friday 16th October at 1730

At these sessions the floor will be open to questions from members so get your thinking caps on. We strongly recommend that members come to at least one of these sessions so they can be fully informed and show their support before the vote at the EGM.

Alan and I have met with the club Directors and the CEO and we are confident that Mounties will provide the facilities and services currently provided to the Sub-Branch. We see this merger as a positive move and the only way forward to keep the club operating.



We fully support the merger.

After the information sessions an EGM will be held on Sunday 25 October at 1000 when the vote will be taken. The AGM will be held Saturday 31 October at 1300.

With current restrictions Remembrance Day will more than likely be a small ceremony similar to VP Day. We will keep you informed as more information come to hand.

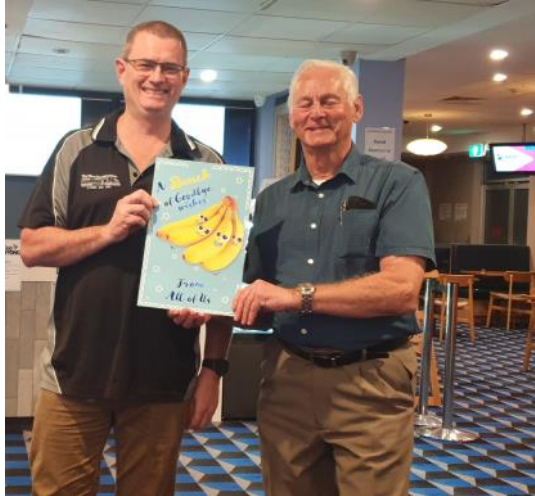
Stay Safe

Tony Drover

Sub-Branch Happenings

Sub Branch VP Jason Hicks was farewelled at a dinner before his deployment to Dubai.

Alan presents Jason with a card from the sub Branch wishing him well and a safe return.



Tony,
John,
Irish,
Bruce and
Louie.

Jan, Bev,
Lynne,
Doreen,
Rod,
Mark,
Mary and
Glen.



Sub Branch Happenings



Jason's family members travelled up from Victoria to farewell him

Sue and Chris with Phil and Annette



Cathy & Brian with Ralph

Garry and Margaret with David and Annie



Sub-Branch Happenings

Sub Branch members gather for a combined Victory in the Pacific Day and Vietnam Veterans Day ceremony at Club Wyong.

Because of Covid 19 the numbers were kept low and the public couldn't attend.

18 sub Branch members attended with 1 member from Toukley sub Branch



Committee member Glen Murray prepares to lay the Vietnam Veterans wreath accompanied by Vice President Peter Woodhouse

Sub-Branch Happenings



After the service members enjoyed a few cold ones while social distancing.

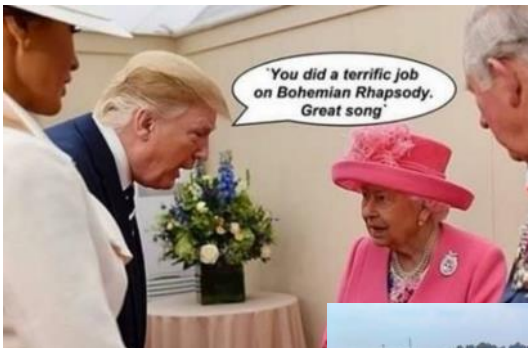


Sub Branch Happenings

The sub Branch Secretary Tony Drover leads the Committee through an extra meeting recently to discuss proposed changes to the new constitution.



The Central Coast District Council called for sub Branches input before going to RSL NSW Congress later in the year.



You bought a Jeep?



Sub Branch Happenings

After securing a Grant, through the Saluting Their Service round of grants, the sub Branch organised the replacement of the treated pine garden surrounds at the Jiliby Cemetery Memorial with sandstone. Not only does it look better, but is safer and will last for many years to come

Local stonemason Steve Shewring once again donated his labour free of charge.



The Lone Pine that was planted there is growing well



Sub Branch Happenings

I have loosely organised 2 bus trips for around October / November **if we are allowed to travel by then.**

The first is a 2 night trip to Cowra where we will visit the Japanese POW campsite and War Cemetery, the Japanese Gardens and Cultural Centre, the Age of Fishes Museum, Historic Abercrombie House and many other attractions. \$100 p/h



The second trip will be a 1 night trip to the Blue Mountains staying at the Hydro Majestic Hotel and visiting Scenic World, lunch at the Carrington Hotel, Chocolate Company, Cultural Centre, Hartley Village, Botanical Gardens at Mt Tomah and the Bilpin Fruit Bowl, all for \$75p/h.

At this stage I'm collecting names and with only 25 people allowed on the coach, think about it and let me know if you're interested. Names are needed soon so bookings can be made.

A customer asked which aisle he could find the Guinness, the shop assistant asks him if he is Irish.

The guy was offended and said "Yes I am but let me ask you something, If I asked for Italian sausages would you think I was Italian or if I asked for German Bratwurst would you think I was German or If I had asked for a taco would you think I was Mexican?"



The assistant says " No I probably wouldn't"

The guy says "Well then because I asked for Guinness, why did you think I'm Irish?"

The assistant replied, "Because you're in Bunnings"

Some Trivia



DID YOU KNOW?

OCTOPUSES HAVE COPPER-BASED BLOOD INSTEAD OF **IRON-BASED BLOOD**, WHICH IS WHY THEIR **BLOOD IS BLUE** RATHER THAN **RED**.



DID YOU KNOW?

In the west side of Sydney there is a **102 year old ship**, which has turned into a **Floating Forest**.



DID YOU KNOW?

Rainbows appear as **full circles** when you're **in the sky**. They only appear as **half circles** from the **ground** because there's no rain below the **person viewing it**.



DID YOU KNOW?

Once a **Tractor Company Owner** was insulted by the **Owner of Ferrari**.

Enzo Ferrari's Words were-
"**You may be able to drive a Tractor** but you will **never be able to handle the Ferrari Properly**".

Today that **Tractor Company** is known as the **"Lamborghini"**.



DID YOU KNOW?

IF THE HUMAN EYE WAS A DIGITAL CAMERA, IT WOULD HAVE **576 MEGAPIXELS**.



DID YOU KNOW?

There is a **naturally occurring black rose**. They **grow** in only **one place**, a small **village in Turkey** called **Halfeti**. And they only appear **black** in the **summer months**.

Wyong RSL Sub Branch

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President: Alan Stanford

Vice Presidents: Jason Hicks
Peter Woodhouse

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Office opened Tuesday & Thursday 10am to 12pm

Club Wyong opens at 10am