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Office Hours

Tuesday 10am - 12noon

Friday 10am - 12noon

Drop-in Centre

Friday 10am - 12noon

BBQ - First Friday of Every Month

Lunch - Third Friday of Every Month

If you are close by, feel free to pop in.

Useful Links

Stanthorpe Sub Branch - Website

www.stanthorperssubbranch.org

stanthorperssubbranch.org

DECEMBER 2020

CP NEWS

PRESIDENT RAMBLINGS

With the pandemic restrictions easing our Sub Branch was able to conduct Remembrance Day activities. It was decided that our Sub Branch would conduct two Remembrance Day Ceremonies. Our main ceremony was conducted by Deputy President Norm Steele here in Stanthorpe while I conducted a second ceremony in Texas. Ernie Jones participated in the Remembrance Day Ceremony at Broadwater State School and Board Member Glen Gibson attended the Churches of Christ Remembrance Day Ceremony.

I would like to thank all Sub Branch members and members from our Women's Auxiliary who participated or attended our Remembrance Day Ceremonies.



Stanthorpe - Over 100 guests were in attendance at Weeroona Park.



Ray Williams (Texas RSL Sub Branch Chapter, President) and Martin Corbett (Stanthorpe RSL Sub Branch, President)



The new Remembrance Garden behind the Sub Branch is continuing to proceed. Landscaping has commenced and plants planted. I ask all members and families to pop in and view the new gardens. I would like to thank Paul, Connie and Graham for their all their hard work to make this project to become a reality and that will be enjoyed by all members and visitors. With the welcomed rain

we have received, the Gallipoli Roses that are planted have flourished and are flush with beautiful red blooms.

Our Sub Branch library is being re-organised by three very experienced ladies who are cataloguing all our books and magazines and hopefully in the near future all items will have a digital code attached. When completed, Sub Branch members and members of our community including students will be able to read our library books or magazines.

Kay, Shirley and June (pictured) can be found in the library volunteering most Fridays.



Initiatives for 2021

To encourage our veteran community to get together and continue with the comradeship of our fellow veterans, your Sub Branch has agreed to the following incentives;

- To encourage members of the Stanthorpe Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia (VVAA) to attend their fortnightly pay day meetings your board have agreed to supply your lunch at the Service Club after the meeting. If the members would like to have a BBQ then we will supply the food. All VVAA members are requested to attend between 11am – 12noon. This incentive is to commence on the payday 28 Jan 2021.

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NEWSLETTER

WELLBEING FOR MEMBERS

CAMP GREGORY A VETERANS RETREAT

Camp Gregory was opened as a veterans retreat in 2010. Before then the camp was a place where Veterans from the 1968 National Service Intake (including friends and family) would gather through 'word of mouth'.

Approximately 15 minutes drive from Woodgate lives a pristine place called Camp Gregory veterans retreat. A place for all serving, ex-service personal, veterans, first responders from Fire and Rescue, Ambulance, State Police services and their families to camp, relax and get away from it all. The facilities are free for all of the above and include camp sites for caravans, motorhomes, camper trailers and plain old tents, flushing toilets, hot showers and fresh drinking water. Situated right on the Gregory River you can enjoy some fishing and crabbing all year long. For those without camping gear we have available dongas with beds however all you need is linen.

As Woodgate is a 15 minute drive this gives you the convenience of shops, fuel, ice and bottle shops as well as one of the most beautiful beaches Queensland has to offer.

We are constantly working on making Camp Gregory user friendly with our work committee and a string of volunteers. Local businesses and council have donated both time and materials which have helped in making Camp Gregory such a peaceful place to stop and bring your family.

Camp Gregory is free to stay for all the above (Maximum 2 weeks)



- The second incentive is to invite members to the Drop in Centre (we need a name for this building) on Fridays. On the first Friday each month we will have a BBQ and the third Friday we will supply a meal at the services club. This is to encourage more members to come down to the Sub Branch and meet/talk to fellow members and partners. This will commence Friday 7 February 2021. Timings are 10am to noon every Friday.

To all our Stanthorpe RSL Sub Branch members and families, your Board and I would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a joyful New Year.

Cheers, Martin Corbett (President)

ADVOCATE

Since my last report in the September 2020 newsletter I have continued to receive an increase number of enquires about Wendy Abbott our local DVA Occupational Therapist. Some of our members have received reclining chairs and adjustable straight back chairs for the kitchen or computer room. Wendy helps veterans' to receive equipment that will help them with their disabilities. It costs nothing to ask, but it could make your life that little bit better.

I ask all our members to keep an eye out for your fellow mates, especially during this COVID 19 pandemic. We have read and heard how veteran suicides have increased over the past years and we can help by saying "Hello" and having a cuppa with our mates. We need to stop their isolation and let them know we are all here to help them.

The Sub Branch is here to help you, but we can't help if we don't know. If you or someone you know needs help let us know. If you are admitted to the Stanthorpe hospital or any other hospital let us know so we can visit or at least contact you.

I am always on the lookout for your wellbeing needs: see the side article on Camp Gregory.

*Martin Corbett
Wellbeing and Compensation Advocate (Level 2)
0412 697 586*

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL RSL SUB BRANCH WITH THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

Stanthorpe Women's Auxiliary in 2020 has managed to stay connected with its 16 members throughout a challenging year.

Our last article talked about what the Auxiliary does to support the Sub-Branch and our community organisations and meeting the RSL objects. We also support our members to improve their social isolation. This year, despite COVID, we have visited the Wallangarra Railway Cafe for lunch in September, Jamworks for morning tea in October and then a movie and lunch outing to Warwick in November. This month we are trying our hand at a pottery class. Each of these events has had more than half our members attend.

Further to the social connection Women's Auxiliary membership provides, we also support some of our members to attend their medical appointments in either Brisbane or Toowoomba. This has been beneficial for those ladies who are either widowed or unable to navigate the distance or the traffic.

To end the year we are selling a Christmas raffle tickets at The Plaza for two prizes. Raffle will be drawn on Thursday 17 December.

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FROM OUR WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE

Nominations are being called for a 2nd Vice President to be based at our Western District Office. A copy of the nomination form can be found on page 4.

Should you wish to nominate for this position, we ask that you complete and email or mail your nomination form together with a 250 word bio to the Sub Branch no later than 10 January 2021.

Email - admin@stanthorperslsubbranch.org
Postal - PO Box 887, Stanthorpe Q 4380

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SUB BRANCH HOURS

Over the Christmas period the Sub Branch will be closed from -

19th December 2020 until
11th January 2021

For any emergencies, please contact Tom Page on 0434 212 485 for assistance.

Should you need to contact our Advocate, please call 0412 697 586 or email stanpension@gmail.com

DATE CLAIMER

Stanthorpe RSL Sub Branch AGM
Sunday 28 March 2021
Commencing at 2pm

More details will be forwarded to all members in February 2021.

BOARD MEETING

During the course of the year, your Sub Branch board meet for 11 board meetings. These are held on the second Tuesday of each month except in January when the Sub Branch is closed.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 16 February, 2021.

FRIDAY BINGO AND RAFFLES VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

With the eased restrictions, we have been able to recommence our weekly Bingo and Raffles at the Stanthorpe RSL Services Club.

We are needing some volunteers to assist our team on Friday morning for Bingo and Friday evenings when the Raffles are conducted. If you are free and able to assist, please contact the Sub Branch on 4681 0047.

LAST POST

We remember our Sub Branch Members who have passed away.
Lest we Forget

Mrs Eunice McLady
Mr Robert Stirling
Mr Sydney Blank
Mr James Howard

BOOK BURSARY AND TRUE LEGENDS AWARDS

Each year, the Stanthorpe RSL Sub Branch presents a book as an award to a Year 6 student of each of the fourteen public primary schools in the district. The award is given to a student who displays the ANZAC Spirit. The values of the ANZAC Spirit include such human qualities as courage, mateship, fairness, persistence, integrity, humour, initiative, endurance, determination, ingenuity, respect, and the "selfless spirit of ANZAC". In addition to this, the Sub Branch also donates a book to each school library.

Book Bursary

St Joseph's Primary - Hamish Organ
Texas State School - India Cleeve
Severnlea State School - Mia Sutton
Dalveen State School - Isaac Hill and Addison Whittaker
The Summit State School - Cienna Cook
Ballandean State School - Chloe Cox and Penny Andreatta (Pictured with Sub Branch Secretary Paul Petter)
Stanthorpe State Primary School - Azaliah-Storn Fonoti-Filipo
Thulimbah State School - Braylen Harvey
Broadwater State School - Daniel Malcolm
Pozieres State School - Stephen Corin and Ethan Flood
Glen Aplin State School - Charlie Powrie
Greenlands State School - Mykaele Hindley
Applethorpe State School - Sophie Moss
Amiens State School - Alexzander Rossington (Pictured with Sub Branch Director Ron Lange)

Maybe in years to come, when these students are in high school, their name might be listed as a True Legends Award Winner.



True Legends

Four years ago we implemented this awards program - True Legends to assist Year 11 students with their education costs. Each year we ask that the research paper be written about a fallen service person from Stanthorpe whose name appears on an honour board on one of Stanthorpe's memorials.

Our congratulations to the following students:
St Joseph's Secondary
Louise Day and Taylah Whiticker

Stanthorpe State High School
Travis Murphy and Arwen Keith
(Pictured with Sub Branch Treasurer Tom Page)

TS KOOKABURRA

TS Kookaburra Navy Cadets year is coming to an end. Cadets will have their final parade on Sunday 6th December, it will only be a small parade due to Covid 19 this year.

This year has been a difficult year for everyone, but I am immensely proud how our cadets managed to work with Covid 19. Next year is looking good for our cadets to attend camps and water activities which our cadets are extremely excited about. Katrina is pictured above with 8 of her Cadets. (3 Cadets are absent.)



TS Kookaburra Navy cadets would like to thank the Stanthorpe RSL Sub Branch for all your support over 2020. And would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

PO ANC Katrina Nemeth
Officer in Charge

**WESTERN DISTRICT BRANCH RSL
NOMINATIONS FOR THE BRANCH EXECUTIVE**

NOMINATIONS FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT BRANCH EXECUTIVE ARE REQUIRED TO BE FINALISED AND LODGED WITH THE SECRETARY, WESTERN DISTRICT BRANCH BY THE FRIDAY 15 JANUARY 2021.

**WESTERN DISTRICT BRANCH RSL
NOMINATION FORM
FOR
DISTRICT EXECUTIVE**

NAME

NOMINATED POSITION

Acceptance Signature

2ND VICE PRESIDENT

Nominated By _____ Sub-Branch

Name & Signature of Sub Branch

Secretary _____

Date of Sub-Branch Meeting _____