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Stanthorpe Sub Branch

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Friday 10am - 12noon

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CP NEWS

PRESIDENT RAMBLINGS

Tempus Fugit is the latin phrase for "Time Flies" and another year has gone!

Over the past year our Sub Branch committee has changed. At our March AGM we welcomed Greg Williams. Mid year, Norm Steele resigned from his position as Deputy President. Glen Gibson was voted by our committee to the position of Vice President. Greg, volunteered to become our Ceremonial Officer and has since overseen Vietnam Veterans Day and Remembrance Day. Peter Beacroft joined our board of directors in July. He has been our Membership Officer for the past couple of years and is now assisting our Treasurer and also volunteering for Friday Bingo.



(Pictured - Bingo Men. Back Row - Norm Steele, Peter Beacroft. Seated - Ernie Jones, Ray Rankin and Kevin Ross)

Our Headstone Project (placing headstones on our unmarked WWI graves in the Stanthorpe Cemetery) has continued and we have identified five more graves. We hope to place these new headstones on them later in December 2022.

The 2022 schooling year has now ended however we continued with our school bursaries. Monetary bursaries were given to Year 9 students from both St Joseph's School and Stanthorpe State High School, for their essay on a fallen service person named on our War Memorials. We also acknowledged our 14 primary schools by presenting a book to a worthy Year 6 student and by donating a book to the school library. Congratulations and well done to all students.



Pictured - Pat Bruce and Ingrid Munday from our Women's Auxiliary.
Photo by Sandra McEwan

We had a great round up of members and their partners for a highly successful Christmas Function in October. I had the pleasure to present Sandra McEwan, our photographer, a bunch of flowers and Certificate as a thank you for her continued support and for capturing our events. I presented Tom Page with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Commonwealth Bank in recognition for his work as our Treasurer. Our Women's Auxiliary celebrated their 80th Anniversary - congratulations!



Pictured - Tom Page presented with a Certificate of Recognition by President Martin Corbett.
Photo by Sandra McEwan

Remembrance Day in Texas was supported by Texas State School, local Veterans and the community. Thank you to our Bugler Darren Euhmann and Sub Branch Members Les Fletcher and Jacquie Large who laid wreaths for the Sub Branch. Thank you to Ray Williams who assisted in the coordination of the event.

To all the members and families, your board members and I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a great New Year. We look forward to seeing you all in 2023 especially at our AGM which will be held at the Services Club on the last Sunday in March. Let us get together and support our Sub Branch.

Cheers, Martin Corbett

SUB BRANCH HOURS

Over the Christmas period the Sub Branch will be closed from

Friday 16th December 2022 until
Tuesday 10th January 2023

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

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

DECEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

2023 AGM DATE CLAIMER

Sub Branch AGM
Sunday 26th March 2023 at 1400

Positions to be filled:
Treasurer and Director x 2

Nominations to open:
Tuesday 21st February 2023
Nominations close:
Monday 13th March 2023

The results will be published:
Friday 17th March 2023

More details will be forwarded to all members in February 2023.

LAST POST

We remember our Sub Branch Members who have passed away.

Lest We Forget

Kevin Fletcher
Ron McLean
Leonard Rigg
John Digweed
William McCarthy
Darrell Rubie
Janice Bolton

RSL QUEENSLAND CHRISTMAS SPIRIT HAMPERS

In 2020, RSL Queensland staff were honoured to create Christmas Spirit Hampers and the initiative continued in 2021 and again this year.

This year we nominated 3 veterans from our within our membership to receive a Christmas Spirit Hamper.

Pictured below is Ray Williams from Texas who has shown outstanding dedication to the Texas veteran community. His involvement with ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day is truly valued.



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NEWS FROM OUR WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE

The Western District Branch Annual General Meeting is to be held in Toowoomba on Saturday 25th February 2023.

Nominations are being called for Deputy President. If you are interested, feel free to contact the Sub Branch for a copy of the Position Description and Nomination Form. Nominees are also requested to provide an Resume with their Nomination.

Please return your completed Nomination Form and Resume by close of business on Friday 3rd February 2023.

Email - admin@stanthorpersubbranch.org

Postal - PO Box 887, Stanthorpe Qld 4380

SUB BRANCH VOLUNTEERS

At times, our volunteers go away on holidays or may be busy with other commitments. Unfortunately we fall short on persons who assist with the services that we provide to our Sub Branch members, veterans and our community.



We are calling on **YOU**, our members, as we need your help.

Bingo - It's eyes down at 10am for Bingo, at the RSL Services Club however we need some pre-Bingo assistance. Are you available and can assist for a few hours on Friday morning? Our Bingo Men are very experienced and will gladly welcome and assist you as you get to know the process. Your attendance won't be required every Friday however it would be greatly appreciated.

Raffles - Every Friday night from 6pm, we conduct the raffles at the RSL Services Club. There are always 2 persons to conduct Raffles with one of those being a committee member. You would be on a roster basis with rotation being approx. every 8 weeks.

Gardener - Do we have any keen gardeners? You may be asked to trim some lavender or rosemary plants, herbicide some weeds or keep a watch on the roses in our Memorial Garden. We do employ the services of a professional gardener who takes care of the larger hedges and there is no mowing involved. We will provide you with gardening implements.

If you are available to help us for any of the above mentioned roles, please drop by the Sub Branch for more details. The Sub Branch is open on Tuesday and Friday between 10am -12noon.

VICE PRESIDENT NEWS

Commemoration Services - On Remembrance Day, I attended the commemoration service at the Stanthorpe Aged Care facility. The service was conducted by Chaplain Ben Boland and was well attended by residents and staff. The respect and courtesy displayed was truly heartwarming. (Right - Chaplain Ben Boland with Stanthorpe Aged Care Residents)



Unmarked Graves Project - The project is currently in the main works phase which includes the completion of the five headstone plaques on black granite and the positioning of the headstone bases at the Stanthorpe Cemetery. A dedication service will be held in early 2023. More information to follow closer to the dedication date.

Welfare Lunch - A welfare lunch was held at the RSL Services Club on 20th September for Stanthorpe Aged Care Veterans' and Veteran families. The lunch was well received with 10 people in attendance. As another lunch is being planned for February 2023, if any Veterans' or Veteran families within the community would be interested in attending please contact the Sub Branch on 4681 0047 or email Glen Gibson - glen.gibson@stanthorpersubbranch.org

BINGO UPDATE

As our volunteers are heading away for an early Christmas break, Bingo for 2022 has now ended. We wish to thank to our volunteers and committee members who take the time to provide this service to our community every Friday morning.

We look forward to welcoming you, your partner and friends when we commence Bingo in early 2023. Notices will be published on our Facebook page.

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NEWSLETTER

REMEMBRANCE DAY

It has been a busy year with our three memorial services with Remembrance Day being our last service for the year.

It was a beautiful Stanthorpe spring day. The service was attended by SDRC Mayor, Vic Pennisi and two councillors, Andrew Gale and Cynthia McDonald. Our guest speaker Graeme Caesar (pictured below) gave a moving and meaningful speech which was well received by all attending.

The service was well attended by the community and also our local schools which was great to see. RSL Queensland engaged a professional photographer who captured the occasion perfectly. (All photos courtesy of Red Boots Photography)



We have already started our preparations for ANZAC Day 2023, which is shaping up to be another successful and busy day for the Sub Branch.

Veteran Medals



SDRC Mayor Vic Pennisi, Sub Branch Treasurer Tom Page and Cyril Charlwood

Wreath Laying



Raising of The Flags



BOOK BURSARY AND TRUE LEGENDS AWARDS

This year, the book that has been awarded to Year 6 students is "ANZAC Sons". The children's edition tells the story of Five Brothers on the Western Front with photos and extracts of letters written from the trenches. Sadly only two brothers returned home. The library donated book is "Uncle Finny's War—The Forgotten Soldier". This is a touching story of the trials and tribulations of Finny, an Aboriginal warrior who wanted nothing more than to serve his country.

Book Bursary

St Joseph's School (Primary) - Kayleb Spiller (Pictured right with Norm Steele)
Texas State School - Charlee-Rae Johnson-Nguyen
Dalveen State School - Mackyla Mitchell
The Summit State School - Sienna Cavanagh-Green
Ballandean State School - Jack Anderson
Stanthorpe State Primary School - Lachy Davies
Thulimbah State School - Kiara Harvey
Broadwater State School - Jordan Kirkpatrick
Glen Aplin State School - Nate McCarthy
Greenlands State School - Natalie King
Applethorpe State School - David Moss



True Legends

This awards program, True Legends, is a monetary award to assist students with their education costs. As WWI is studied during Year 9, students are asked to submit a research paper and should relate to 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:

Stanthorpe State High School -
Victoria Morison and Isaac Hall
(Pictured right with President Martin Corbett and Principal Justin Kuskie)

St Joseph's School (Secondary) -
Grace Roberts, Heidi Favaro and Halley Duff

TS KOOKABURRA

On Saturday 3rd December, TS Kookaburra held their first Awards Night dinner at the Summit Bowls Club. It was wonderful to see all cadets and their families attended the night. Our VIP guests were SDRC Mayor Vic Pennisi and Cr Steve Tancred and from TS Kookaburra Cadet Unit, LEUT Waterson and SBLT Hanzic.

The recipients for the Awards presented are:
Cadet Of The Year: CDTAB Taneeka Kennedy
(pictured right with SDRC Mayor Vic Pennisi)
Pride in Uniform: CDTSMN Marley Skinner
Best in Drill: CDTPO David Nemeth
Best 1st Year Cadet: CDTAB Ally Elms
Best 2nd Year Cadet: CDTLS Will Bonner
Best Senior Cadet: CDTPO David Nemeth
Best Division: Hobart Division were the winners
Cadet Most Deserving (by secret ballot):

CDTAB Taneeka Kennedy & CDTAB Lochlan Addley
Most Improved Cadet: CDTAB Tyler Kussrow & CDTAB Nathaniel Armstrong
Courage Award: CDTPO David Nemeth, CDTLS Will Bonner, CDTAB Tyler Kussrow, CDTAB Taneeka Kennedy, CDTAB Lochlan Addley and CDTAB Ally Elms for their participation in the Anzac Day Dawn Service and Remembrance Day Service.



TS Kookaburra cadets are now on their school holiday break however staff are busy planning next year activities. 2023 will be a great year for the cadets as we have been given a safety boat from the Australian Navy Cadets. You will be seeing the cadets on Storm King Dam starting with our first day back in January 2023.

I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and have a safe and Happy New Year. Thank you to everyone for your support during this year.
Merry Christmas
LEUT Katrina Nemeth, ANC

ADVOCATE UPDATE

Non-Liability Health Care – White Card

DVA may cover the cost of mental health treatment for veterans without the need to prove it is related to ADF service.

Cover for Cancer and Pulmonary Tuberculosis Care

DVA may cover the cost of cancer and pulmonary tuberculosis treatment for veterans. DVA do not have to accept their condition as service related.

Who is Eligible?

Current and former full-time members of the ADF can get free mental health treatment. This includes reservists who have at least one day of continuous full-time service (CFTS).

CFTS is defined as:

- full-time service in the permanent forces of the ADF
- a reservist who has been formally designated to be on full-time service by Defence
- a reservist who has been called out for full-time service by the Governor General under the Defence Act.

CFTS does not include training conducted as reserve service days.

Reservists without CFTS may still be eligible if they have either:

- Disaster Relief Service
- Border Protection Service
- involvement in a serious service-related training accident.

What Conditions DVA Cover

DVA cover treatment costs for all mental health conditions, such as:

- posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD)
- depressive disorder
- anxiety disorder
- alcohol use disorder
- substance use disorder
- phobias
- adjustment disorders
- bipolar disorder.

What You Need to Know

Before arranging treatment for your eligible client, please be aware that:

- the Veteran White Card does not cover NLHC treatment overseas
- you need to confirm that you or the relevant provider will accept the Veteran White Card as payment before making an appointment.

For further information or assistance contact Martin Corbett, Advocate, on 0412 697 586.

NAVAL ASSOCIATION - STANTHORPE SUB SECTION

Stanthorpe's Seafarers and Community to, once again, commemorate the "The Battle of Coral Sea".

The committee of the Naval Association - Stanthorpe Sub Section is proud to announce that the "Battle of the Coral Sea" commemorative dinner is on again in 2023 after a 3-year hiatus due to COVID. This important event is being held at the Stanthorpe RSL Services Club on the 13th May 2023 and the committee is looking forward to a exceptional evening of comradery and remembrance including dinner, guest speakers and entertainment from members of the Navy Band. The Sub Section invites the community to join with members and invited guests on this very significant occasion.

The Stanthorpe Sub Section of the Naval Association of Australia is one of 20 Sub Sections across Queensland with the role of uniting and developing comradeship among former and serving Navy personnel in the region.

At the recent AGM, the members elected a new executive comprising of Mark Bryant (President), Peter Beacroft (Secretary) and Graeme Caesar (Treasurer). Mark has a long relationship with Stanthorpe region having grown up in the area prior to joining the Navy in 1977. He still has strong ties with the Navy working as a mentor for indigenous recruits and supporting operations for Patrol Boats and other Minor War Vessels in Cairns area. "I am hoping that the Naval Association here in Stanthorpe can continue to meet our charter and I look forward to working with the members to contribute to the health and wellbeing of our shipmates and those locals with an interest in the Navy," said Mark during a recent meeting of members.

Mark also reiterated that the Stanthorpe RSL Sub Branch has supported the Sub Section and thanked them very much for their assistance to date. "It is great to work alongside a likeminded team with a passion for their community and our great country. The work done by the RSL Sub Branch here in Stanthorpe is a credit the organisation and the region" said Mark.

The Sub Section welcomes new members and enquires from anyone with an interest in the Navy. Being the only Sub Section in the Southern Downs and New England area the team would like to extend an invitation for membership and comradeship to Matelot's near and far.