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Office Hours

Tuesday 10am - 12noon

Friday 10am - 12noon

Drop-in Centre

Friday 10am - 12noon

BBQ First Friday of Every Month

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

Useful Links

Stanthorpe Sub Branch - Website
www.stanthorperssubbranch.org

DVA

www.dva.gov.au

stanthorperssubbranch.org

JUNE 2020 CP NEWS

PRESIDENT RAMBLINGS

Over the past two months our Sub Branch has continued to operate to ensure our veterans and families had someone to talk to and if needed request assistance. With winter arriving we would like to remind you that we are here if you need assistance (wood, blankets and etc). Our secretary has continued to improve our Sub Branch; he is in the process of finishing the renovating of the Sub Branch disability toilet (next to our library).

Our Drop in Centre has re-opened and we would invite you to pop in any Friday between 10am -12 noon and meet fellow members and partners. First Friday of each month we put a BBQ lunch (free).

I look forward to seeing you soon at the Sub Branch or the Drop in Centre.

Cheers, Martin Corbett

ADVOCATE

Over the past couple of months I've had the opportunity to talk to Wendy Abbott our DVA Occupational Therapist for Stanthorpe/Warwick.

If you're a Gold Card holder then ask your GP for a DVA Referral for Wendy to come out to your house to assess what you might need to make life that little bit easier. Example of items she can help you with include a Handy Bar for your car to make it easier to get in or out, vibrating smoke alarms with flashing lights for members who have hearing problems or even a reclining chair or lamb wool underlay for your bed. The old saying "you only have to ask". Members with white cards are also entitled to receive help from Wendy for their specific disabilities. If your GP doesn't have Wendy's contact details I can supply them.

Now that the cooler weather has arrived remember we are here to help. We can arrange and supply you items to keep you warm. Have you thought about Veterans Home Care (maintenance/house) up to 196 hours per year? Please don't hesitate to contact me if you need further information. Don't forget we are still supplying members with the LiveLife Personal Alarms. If you're a Gold Card holder you could be entitled to a DVA supplied Personal Alarm.

I'm available on my mobile most times, please leave a message if I don't answer and I will return your call as soon as possible.

Cheers, Martin Corbett
0412 697 586

CAN WE HELP?

Do you know of anyone who could benefit from our services? Do you need DVA assistance? Need assistance in making a claims? Do you miss social outings? Feel free to pop in and see the Advocate if you need any guidance.

WEBSITE UPDATE

As you may have noticed, our Stanthorpe RSL Sub Branch website is now available for you to view. If you have any articles that you would like published on our website, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Ron Lange (IT/Media Manager)
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MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Hello Members and Volunteers,

A check of the membership database has highlighted many of the contributions made by members may not be noted. As we have access to the membership database, we can record the considerable efforts and contributions made by yourself and others which often goes unnoticed. These can now be acknowledged on the database. Many roles and hours have been generously given by members both in elected positions and roles. Steering or assisting in such activities as Bingo, Raffles, Poppy Services and Anzac Day Services to name but a few.

You are invited and encouraged to bring forward details of any of your past and present contributions so that they may be duly noted on your behalf. This will form a legacy reflecting each member's efforts and highlight the often-forgotten contributions toward the ongoing support of our community and members.

A brief, **title only**, of the role/s undertaken with dates (if exact dates are unknown, approximate dates and years will be sufficient). If you are aware of other members contributions, please encourage them to have their contributions recorded in the spirit of why we are here.

The information can be submitted in hard copy (typed preferred) to the RSL Sub-Branch office or emailed to Sub-Branch Secretary Paul – secretary@stanthorperslsubbranch.org or Admin Assistant, Connie – admin@stanthorperslsubbranch.org

Peter Beacroft
Membership Management
Representative
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NEW MEMBERS

We are only as good as our members.
Know anyone who wants to join?

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

Women's Auxiliaries have existed since World War I, when the female relatives of returned service men raised much – needed funds to buy land, buildings and furnishings to establish RSL Sub Branches.

If you haven't served, you can still volunteer to help our Defence families through your local RSL Sub Branch. Current or ex-serving personnel can join, also an Auxiliary can also choose by resolution to admit any female member of the community.

Auxiliary members support the RSL Sub Branch by fundraising, selling raffles and assisting the Sub Branch in anyway required, such as Anzac Day, Remembrance Day and other special commemorative events, and helping with the well being of veterans and their dependents.

The Auxiliary meets every second Monday of the Month (Feb-Nov) for Lunch at 1200 followed by the meeting at 1300 in the Sub Branch building. If you would like to join or come along to see what happens.

Veronica Ryan (President)
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Helen Corbett (Secretary / Treasurer)
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VETERANS ACCOMMODATION

At the AGM in March this year, I advised all members who attended, that I would investigate the possibility of our Sub Branch purchasing or building Veteran's accommodation here in Stanthorpe and that I would report back to you with our progress.

Over the past two months I have had the opportunity to investigate most aspects of this project. The age old question popped up – Do we purchase a block of land and build or do we purchase an established property? Everyone has their options and suggestions. I have had discussions with a couple of local Real Estate Agents and builders who gave me valuable information. I am also in discussion with our local council with reference to council land that could be available for community use. Tom Page (Treasurer) and I have had numerous discussions regarding the best way to finance this project. I have been in contact with RSL State Compliance Team who has offered to help us with the proposal if and when we decide which way to go. We have also been seeking advice from our town planner with reference to local and state regulations.

I will continue to keep you informed over the coming period. We have a process we must follow which starts with our Sub Branch board approving the proposal, then District must submit their approval and finally State RSL gives their approval.

Martin Corbett
President

NEWS FROM VVAA GRANITE BELT SUB- BRANCH JOTTINGS

The virus has now let members resume pay day Thursday get-togethers. Few members have taken advantage of this initiative which is disappointing.

John Priestley's plaque has now been delivered for attachment to the wall at the RSL Club thanks to the work done by our president Graham Slater. Because of the virus further action will be taken in due course. Ron McLean has been hospitalised for treatment of his medical condition. We, as members, wish him well in his ongoing situation. Pedro Curr is doing a lot for the community with his involvement with the fire brigade. Well done Pedro!

Kerry Ryan
Secretary

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POINTS OF INTEREST

ARE YOU CONSIDERING A NEW /USED CAR OR NEED PARTS?

As a Veteran with a Gold Card or you have a letter from DVA confirming your eligibility, you are eligible to purchase a car or car parts GST-free and only if you intend to use the car for your personal transportation. If however, you have just purchased a vehicle and think you should have been eligible for a concession, you may still be able to get a refund on the GST paid.

The following link is available for you to access online or if you need further assistance please call the ATO on 13 28 66 or contact the Sub Branch and Martin can obtain more information for you.

<https://www.dva.gov.au/health-and-treatment/help-cover-healthcare-costs/help-your-vehicle-costs/supply-cars-or-car-parts>

VETERAN TRAVEL PASS

Did you know that TPI and EDA Veterans are entitled to a Veteran Travel card (TPI/EDA Veteran Travel card). This card entitles eligible TPI/EDA ex-service men and women to unlimited free travel on approved public transport services. This card is valid for ten years from the date of issue.

Want to know more? Go to <https://translink.com.au/tickets-and-fares/concessions/tpi-eda-veteran-travel-pass>

100 YEAR BOOK AND COIN

At our centenary luncheon, all current members would have received a copy of our 100 Year Book and Coin. If you didn't attend a copy was sent out. If by mistake you haven't received your copy, please feel free to drop by the Sub Branch to collect your book and coin.

FROM RSL STATE OFFICE NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO FOR OUR VETERANS

Our volunteers are the beating heart of RSL Queensland. You are the army that stands shoulder to shoulder with each and every veteran in this state.

It is our volunteers who help our Defence family with the complicated DVA claims process, and who visit them at home or in hospital when they are alone and in need. It is our volunteers who work tirelessly to raise funds to support their local veterans. And it is our volunteers who keep the memory of our fallen alive, organising ceremonies and marches for ANZAC Day, Remembrance Day and other dates of significance.

During this National Volunteer Week, we want you all to know how deeply we appreciate your dedication, and the time and effort you devote to supporting our Defence family.

From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you.

Tony Ferris
State President

Melanie Wilson
CEO

HISTORY NOTES

Did you know that –

On 09 December 1918, a meeting of Returned Soldiers was held in the office of Mr Alfred Bateman for the purpose of forming a Sub Branch of the Returned Sailors and Soldiers League in Stanthorpe. 102 yrs forward and we are still actively assisting our members.



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TS KOOKABURRA

TS Kookaburra, Australian Navy Cadets are still operational.

In February 2020, POANC Peter Beacroft decided to resign from the Australian Navy Cadets. We would like to thank him for all his time and effort he put into TS Kookaburra.

POANC Katrina Nemeth is now OIC of TS Kookaburra and is looking for new staff members to join the team. TS Kookaburra is fully supported by the ANC. We are grateful to the wonderful staff of TS Toowoomba who have been coming down each Sunday so that the cadets can parade. They will continue to do so until TS Kookaburra has enough staff. Thank you once again to TS Toowoomba staff and the wider Australian Navy Cadet Community for their support.

TS Kookaburra is currently suspended due to Covid-19. We are doing Zoom conference with our cadets to keep them engaged and learning. In this time of social distancing, this connection supports their welfare. Our cadets attend Light up the Dawn this Anzac Day, I was very proud of them all. Our cadets are really looking forward to once again parading and advancing their skills.

TS Kookaburra staff and cadets would like to thank the RSL Sub Branch for their ongoing support. We look forward to working with the RSL members in the future.

Thank you for your support. Please stay safe.

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