



RSL

Stanthorpe Sub Branch

SERVE - REMEMBER - INSPIRE

38 Marsh Street

PO Box 887

Stanthorpe Qld 4380

admin@stanthorperssubbranch.org

Phone: 07 4681 0047



Branch Contacts

President: Martin Corbett, 0412 697 586
president@stanthorperssubbranch.org

Advocate: Martin Corbett, 0412 697 586
stanpension@gmail.com

Secretary: Paul Petter, 0402 128 552
secretary@stanthorperssubbranch.org

Treasurer: Tom Page, 0434 212 485
treasurer@stanthorperssubbranch.org

Admin Assistant: Connie Maggiolo
admin@stanthorperssubbranch.org

Women's Auxiliary

President: Veronica Ryan
ryankavm@bigpond.com

Secretary: Helen Corbett
stanthorpewomensauxiliary@gmail.com

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

stanthorperssubbranch.org

OCTOBER 2021

CP NEWS

PRESIDENT RAMBLINGS

Since our last newsletter I have had the opportunity to travel around our great state and visit many Sub Branches and RSL Service Clubs. Everyone I spoke to, was positive and looking forward to returning to some normality.

On 18th September 2021 at the District Meeting held in the Stanthorpe at the RSL Services Club, our District President Dennis Pollard and I presented Norm Steele with his Life Membership Award and his Thirty Year Membership Certificate. Actually Norm joined the RSL on the 23rd January 1971, 50 years and 9 months ago! I congratulate Norm for his well-deserved Life Membership. Norm never hesitates to jump in and help when asked and over many years has insured that our Ceremonies (ANZAC Day, Vietnam Veterans Day and Remembrance Day) run smoothly.



Pictured - Western District President Dennis Pollard, Norm Steele and Stanthorpe RSL Sub Branch President Martin Corbett.



Pictured - Norm being congratulated by fellow Sub Branch Directors Kevin Ross, Robert Swaine and Glen Gibson.

On Sunday 3rd October 2021, Norm Steele and I attended the Stanthorpe RSL Snooker Championships play off. This year winners were Col Davis and Allen Goodyear and they were presented the "Ernie Booth" Trophy and a \$100.00 RSL Services Club Gift Voucher each.

Pictured - Stanthorpe RSL Services Club President Cyril Charwood, Snooker Winners Col Davis and Allen Goodyear, Stanthorpe RSL Sub Branch President Martin Corbett.



I will be attending the State AGM being held over the weekend of 8th and 9th December 2021 in Brisbane as the Sub Branch delegate. I need your input and directions on how to vote for the New Constitution and the State President. We will send you the nominees resume as we receive them. You can read the New Constitution on the RSL State website. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact the Sub Branch and we will try and answer your queries. I need your preferences on the nominees and you're Yes/No on the constitution by no later than Tuesday 23 November 2021.

Remember this is your constitution and only Service members can vote.

<https://www.rslqld.org/About-Us/Governance/Constitution-2021>

Cheers, Martin Corbett

NEWS FROM RSL QUEENSLAND

In accordance with the Returned & Services League of Australia (Queensland Branch) constitution there will be an election for the position of State President (Chair) to be held at the Annual General Meeting of the RSL (Queensland Branch) which is to be held on 9 December, 2021. A call for nominations was distributed to members as required under the constitution and two nominations were subsequently received. These nominations can be viewed –

<https://www.rslqld.org/Whats-On/2021-State-Congress/Important-Documents>

Your vote can be emailed to secretary@stanthorperssubbranch.org or a written vote can be dropped into the Sub Branch no later than 23 November, 2021.

ADVOCATE

OCTOBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

WELLBEING LUNCHES

Stanthorpe, like many rural townships has a rich history of Military service and was a designated Soldier's settlement following World War One. Unfortunately, we have an ever-increasing elderly population. Many years ago to break the aging isolation, the Sub Branch identified the need for elderly Veterans to be able to leave the local Aged Care Facility every few weeks and have lunch in a relaxed and safe environment. These lunches have been very well received and are invaluable for the Veteran's wellbeing and social connections.

Whilst our President was absent on leave, Deputy President Norm Steele, Directors Glen Gibson and Robert Swaine had several veterans from Churches of Christ enjoy a lunch outing at the RSL Services Club.



Photo - Veteran's enjoying lunch at the RSL Services Club.

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.

Over the past 4 months I have had the opportunity to travel around Queensland and visit many Sub Branches / RSL Clubs and talk to their board members and advocates. The main talking point we all agreed on was there is strong concern with the mental health of our veterans and their families due to the lockdowns and COVID-19. In the past three months, we have had the two of our younger veterans commit suicide and our condolences go to their families. We need to talk to our mates and have an open ear. If you need help or know someone who might need, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Below are some activities that are available to all our members.

For the young at heart, in this quarter RSL Magazine is an article on **Abseiling** on the Sunshine Coast (See page 14).

October 2021 - Raemus Rover Wellness Weekend (Ipswich) Postponed to 13th - 14th November

Our program has been designed to create an experience that enables the participant to start trusting themselves in a very unique way. Our highly trained and experienced drivers will spend the day working on and off the track with the aim to have the participant navigate at high speed through the tight and precarious bends, turns and corners of our off-road track.

<https://www.rslqld.org/Find-Help/RSL-RAEMUS-Rover-Off-Road-Racing>

You are all invited to call into our Drop-In Centre for a chat, cuppa and meal every Friday morning between 10am – 12 noon.

*Cheers, Martin Corbett
0412 697 586*

TS KOOKABURRA

TS Kookaburra has had another busy term. With the promotion of CPO ANC Katrina Nemeth to LEUT ANC Katrina Nemeth and also promoted to the Commanding Officer of the unit. PO ANC John Nemeth was promoted to SBLT ANC John Nemeth.

Several cadets received promotions from Seaman to Able Seaman and Able Seaman to Leading Seaman. Also the first Cadet PO of TS Kookaburra was CDTPO David Nemeth.

Due to border closures we have been short staff with a staff member living in Tenterfield. One of our cadets, also residing in Tenterfield, has been unable to attend most of the term. We are hoping they can return to parading this term, fingers crossed.

Cadets have been busy working on their promotions, drill and have attended 2 x Live fires on the Gold Coast. CDTPO David Nemeth got top shot on the last Live Fire he attended, second was a cadet from TS Toowoomba and third was a cadet from TS Moreton Bay.

Over the school holidays 5 x TS Kookaburra Navy cadets attended Specs Course for a week which was held at TS Paluma. On Spec course the cadets can choose 6 different courses, Cooks, Seamanship, MT, Comms, CWS and Drumming. My 5 cadets did Seamanship and MT. They all passed there courses and had a great time at camp and looking forward to next year.

Term 4 we will doing Recruitment drives in town. Hoping to do as Sailing camp on Storm King dam in November with TS Toowoomba and TS Walrus cadets. Looking forward to Remembrance Day Service in Stanthorpe.

On Sunday, 24th October we graciously received a donation from the Stanthorpe RSL Sub Branch. This donation was a 2010 Kia Carnival. Thank-you for your generous donation.

Katrina Nemeth
LEUT, ANC Commanding Officer



Photo - TS Kookaburra, TS Toowoomba and Officers



Pictured - LEUT Katrina Nemeth, ANC and Martin Corbett, President of the Stanthorpe RSL Sub Branch.

OCTOBER 2021

NEWSLETTER

LAST POST

We remember our Sub Branch Members who have passed away.

Lest we Forget
Mr Harold Rayson

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

From time to time, our dedicated team of volunteers need some R&R and unfortunately their absence can cause a little stress on our regular team. If you would like to become a volunteer, please come and see us at the Sub Branch. We don't expect you to be here every week, however if you can only spare an hour or two each month, it will greatly assist us.

We would like more assistance in preparing for Friday morning Bingo, participating in Raffles on Friday evening, Sub Branch Library and Memorabilia. We have a few projects that need urgent attention such as the Unmarked Graves and Headstone Project.

WEDNESDAY GOLF

The weather is warming up so there is no excuse why we can't be out enjoying Stanthorpe's perfect weather.

The Sub Branch sponsors RSL Social Golf and it enabled veterans to participate in both the Men's and Ladies golf competitions conducted each Wednesday morning at the Stanthorpe Golf Club situated at 50 Amosfield Road.

The golf course is accessible for social golf anytime from 12 noon each Wednesday. If you wish to have a round or only a couple of holes the course is there for your use. There is no cost to play and golf clubs can be borrowed from the club, also at no cost. If you wish to hire a motorised cart the cost will be \$20 regardless of the number of holes that you play.

Whether you are a regular golfer or a novice player, here is your chance to improve your game and 'smell the roses'. Enjoy.

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

During August, our members (Photo supplied by Eve from Luxury Home Living) were busy selling tickets for our Father's Day Raffle. Thank you to the local businesses for their donations - M and D Auto's, Repco, Gleasons Mercery, Granite Belt Meats, Slaps Coffee House and Mr Les Fletcher.



Proceeds from the raffle were donated to Stanthorpe Men's Shed during Mental Health Week. Thanks to all the members who gave their time selling raffle tickets.

Pictured - Women's Auxiliary Member Bernice Steele, President of the Stanthorpe Men's Shed Kev Armstrong and Stanthorpe RSL Sub Branch President Martin Corbett.

Stanthorpe Women's Auxiliary recently invited Kim Cadman, RACQ Life Flight to give a presentation to Sub Branch and Auxiliary members (pictured below). The Women's Auxiliary, together with the RSL Sub Branch, support RACQ Life Flight with donations. RACQ Life Flight services this area and members have been taken from Stanthorpe to Brisbane or Toowoomba for specialist attention. We thank Kim for taking the time to come and inform us of the broad scope of work that the team carry out. If you would like to learn more about Life Flight visit their website www.lifeflight.org.au/about-us/ or if you would like more information there are reports available at www.lifeflight.org.au/3d-flip-book/annual-report



Veronica Ryan (President)
0407 626 301

Helen Corbett (Secretary/Treasurer)
0409 696 420

VIETNAM VETERANS' DAY

The Stanthorpe RSL Sub Branch along with the Stanthorpe Vietnam Veterans' Association joined members of the Stanthorpe community to remember sacrifices of those who served in the Vietnam war. One of the Sub Branch's core values is to preserve the memory of those who have and are still serving. The Sub Branch supports and sponsors activities that promotes and inspires the community in coming together with veterans and participating in commemorative events.



Pictured—James Lister MP with Stanthorpe RSL Sub Branch Deputy President Norm Steele and Padre Rev Kaye Renolds

On 18th August, we commemorate Vietnam Veterans' Day, on the anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan in 1966. In a rubber plantation near the village of Long Tan the men of Delta Company, 6th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment faced an overwhelming force and fought one of the fiercest battles of the war.

Australia's involvement in the Vietnam War commenced in 1962. In the decade that followed almost 60,000 Australians served with tragically 521 paying the ultimate price and a further 3000 wounded.

On Vietnam Veterans' Day, we pause and reflect on the bravery, teamwork and endurance displayed by those that served in this conflict. We also reflect on the impact of service has had on our veterans and their families.

Norm Steele
Deputy President



Pictured - Vietnam Veterans Garry Sutcliffe, Kerry Ryan and Stewart Brett



Photo - Stanthorpe Community joining together for Vietnam Veterans' Day

OCTOBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

DATE CLAIMERS

11th November

Remembrance Day

- Stanthorpe - Weeroona Park Memorial, Marsh Street
- Texas - Cenotaph, Avon St

28th November

Sub Branch Special General Meeting

Discussion -

- State Constitution
- State President Nominations
- Need for additional General Meetings (AGM in March with proposed October Meeting)
- Method of Advising details for General Meeting
- Proposed Sub Branch Constitution Changes

Venue: Stanthorpe RSL Services Club

Time: 2.00pm

8th - 9th December

State Congress in Brisbane

18th December 2021 to 11th January 2022

Sub Branch Office Closure for the Festive Season.

WHO ARE YOUR CURRENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS?

President - Martin Corbett
Deputy President - Norm Steele
Secretary - Paul Petter
Treasurer - Tom Page
Directors - Graham Cockerell
Glen Gibson, Robert Swaine and Kevin Ross



Pictured—2021 Stanthorpe RSL Sub Branch Directors

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

Since my last report to you it feels like a lot has happened. A number of the management committee have enjoyed a winter sabbatical and have returned fit and fresh and ready to party on, I mean work hard for the Sub Branch. In thinking about this report, I have four main topics to cover with you this time - Membership, Vacancies, Upskilling and Governance.

Over the past few months the Sub Branch has grown with several veterans and a few joining as non-league members. This has been most pleasing as we often hear about declining rates of membership. Having said that we do need to rejuvenate as our average age is north of 65. So, check your contact list and encourage your mates and those you know to consider joining the league.

While you are encouraging your mates to join the league consider if you have some time and energy to assist us to assist you, other veterans, families and community members. Remember we assist those in need, we also remember service and deeds, and inspire others undertake civic responsibilities.

Not only do we have vacancies on the board, there are openings to assist in the many commemorative and ceremonial activities we arrange and other activities we participate in. We are not looking for any particular skill sets rather a willingness to be involved, coupled with an engaging attitude. We can provide guidance and on job training and on occasion attendance on workshops and other training opportunities.

Speaking of this, from time to time openings arise that allow us to provide a means to enhance skills and knowledge for our volunteers. In November, COVID-19 dependent, Brisbane North District has contracted Josh Tarrant, of Museums Queensland to run a four-day workshop, Memorabilia/Museum Maintenance Professional Development Course, covering the handling, storage and display of memorabilia and other artifacts. Thomas Cavanagh assisted by Robert Swaine oversee the maintenance of our memorabilia collection, this includes the cataloguing and displaying our memorabilia. In that role Thomas will be representing the Sub Branch for this training and if suitable we are hopeful further opportunities will be available in the future. He will, of course, bring what he learns back to the Sub Branch.

If you have not been in Lena White house, the Sub Branch office, drop in and have a look around. Fridays are a good time as we open the Drop-In Centre and put on the kettle. Martin may even shout lunch.

Earlier this month, the management committee, together with representatives from Killarney and Wallangarra (pictured) attended a one-day workshop on Board Governance and Director responsibilities. All who attended found the day very rewarding and provided some much-needed context to our duties as Directors. In this instance this training opportunity was organised and arranged by the Sub Branch with an offer to others.



While on the subject of governance our association is run according to our rules of constitution. Our rules are largely take their lead from the RSL Queensland constitution. There is a proposal to significantly change the state constitution, at the upcoming State AGM, and though our delegate get to vote on whether or not we accept these proposed changes. Please review this document and let us know. (see link for proposed constitution). We also need to elect a new state president, again please carefully review their respective claims and let us know. (See link for nominees and skill matrix).

Paul Petter
Secretary

Link for proposed constitution

<https://rslqld.org/-/media/RSLQLD/Documents/Governance/Constitution-2021/Final-Draft-Constitution-Returned-and-Services-League-of-Australia-Queensland-Branch-17-August2021.pdf>

Link for State President Nominees

<https://rslqld.org/-/media/RSLQLD/Documents/State-Congress-Important-Documentation/State-Congress-2021/Notice-of-Nominations-for-State-President.pdf>

In considering the nominee compare with skill matrix required by board members

<https://rslqld.org/-/media/RSLQLD/Documents/Governance/Constitution-2021/Skills-Matrix-Artifact-Final-2.pdf>