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Stanthorpe Sub Branch

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Friday 10am - 12noon

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Stanthorpe Sub Branch - Website  
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# SEPTEMBER 2022

# CP NEWS

## PRESIDENT RAMBLINGS

Since our last newsletter our Directors have been busy with Paul continuing to ensure our ACNC Compliance by writing new SOP's and updating the older versions. He has been assisted by Nick Hese. I thank both members.

Glen Gibson with help from Kevin Ross have continued investigating our unmarked veterans' graves in the Stanthorpe Cemetery. They have found another five unmarked World War 1 graves and are in the process of arranging Headstones for each grave. The headstones with plaques will be placed later this year.

On Sunday 28 August 2022 I attended the Stanthorpe RSL Snooker Championships play off. This year winners were, George Bott and Dennis Hamilton with runners up Allan Goodyear and Ricky Mann (pictured right with Martin Corbett, President of the Stanthorpe RSL Sub Branch). The winners were presented with the "Ernie Booth Trophy" and a \$100.00 prize each. The runners up received \$50.00 each. It was excellent competition with some very close games. Congratulations to everyone.



As noted in our last newsletter we advised you that the new Constitution was passed and nominations for four (4) new board positions would be called. Nominations closed on the 25 August and the following candidates have been identified based on their experience and ability to meet the skills requirement. Director 1, 2 and 4 each have one candidate who will be appointed to the new Board in accordance with the Transition Provisions in the constitution once the elections is complete.

Director 1 – ([Financial Management](#)) - Tony Orchard

Director 2 – ([Stakeholder Engagement and Advocacy](#)) - Chris Hamilton

Director 4 – ([Legal, Governance and Risk Management](#)) - Nic Gould

Director 3 – ([Strategy Development and Execution](#)) has two candidates, and voting is now open for this position.

● Candidate 1 – Dan Murray

● Candidate 2 – Ash Naughton

An extract of the candidates' nomination form can be found here - <https://rslqld.org/about-us/governance/election-2022> I ask that you take a few minutes to read the nomination forms for both Dan Murray and Ash Naughton. Please advise me, your Sub Branch delegate, of your preferred candidate no later than Friday 07 October.

*Cheers,  
Martin Corbett*

## VIETNAM VETERANS' DAY

On 18 August the Stanthorpe RSL Sub Branch conducted a memorial service at the Stanthorpe Cenotaph. It was decided to move the time of the service from 4.00pm to 11.00am. Besides being more weather friendly for attendees, it allowed the Sub Branch to extend an invitation to all the local schools to attend and lay a wreath and to make Vietnam Veterans' Day more widely known to the younger population and our community. That invitation was very well received and the school attendance and support was fantastic.



We invited James Lister MP to attend as guest speaker however he was unavailable due to sitting week for parliament. His wife Belinda, also a veteran, kindly offered to attend on behalf of James and delivered a wonderful speech. Again thanks to our Padre's Rev Evans and Rev Ronalds, James our bugler and Burniece our piper who provided the necessary musical support. The SDRC provided support for the sound system, chairs and use of the park and we thank them for the great assistance.



After the ceremony, the invitation was extended for all to attend refreshments served at the RSL Services Club. Overall the ceremony was a great success, well attended and we hope to improve on attendance numbers next year.

Photos courtesy of Sandra McEwan.

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## NEWSLETTER

### RESIDENT JP

Have you been in the need of a Justice of the Peace (JP) and haven't been able to locate a person? Look no further than our Sub Branch. One of our Directors, Greg Williams, is fully qualified to assist you.

Appointments with Greg will be made for either Tuesday or Friday when the Sub Branch is open.

Please email Connie - [admin@stanthorperssubbranch.org](mailto:admin@stanthorperssubbranch.org) with your details, preferred date and time.

### TS KOOKABURRA

On 20th July TS Kookaburra cadets and staff were invited to attend Oakey Aviation Day at Oakey. We were joined by TS Toowoomba cadets and Army and Airforce cadets from the Darling Downs.

It was an amazing day with the cadets being able to walk around the base and look at what was on display. Aircraft that was on display included ARK Tiger, MRH90 Taipan and a RSAK CH-47F Chinook. Other displays included Army Bushmasters, military dogs and mock battle scenes.

The highlight of the day was that our cadets enjoyed a 20 minute helicopter ride in a MRH90 Taipan. All the cadets and staff loved this and couldn't stop talking about it all day! We were also very lucky to be able to stay overnight at the base and we were competing in a Tri Service Competition with Navy, Army and Airforce cadets the next day.

It was a great weekend for everyone.

Katrina Nemeth, LEUT ANC  
Commanding Officer  
TS Kookaburra Navy Cadet Unit



## ADVOCATE NEWS

It has been busy over the past two months. The veteran from the RSL State Homeless Program has arrived and is now living in our unit we purchased last year. We welcome River and look forward to him becoming part of our veteran community.

We had another young veteran who was living in a swag in one of the national parks during winter. With the help from Tom Page, he has found accommodation and employment here in Stanthorpe. If you know of any veterans, young or old, who needs help, please contact us.

Just a reminder to all veterans who are thinking about starting compensation claims, DVA and the RMA have a 25-year limit from the onset of the injury or disease. That is, if you discharge from the ADF you need to see a Medical Practitioner best before 10 years and preferably no longer than 20 years to submit your claims. The longer you wait the harder it is to relate your claim to your military service. Understand if you discharge at 26 years old and you do not see your GP until you retire to have your injury/injuries recorded and then make a claim, DVA will ask the question, did your injury occur after you discharge and in other employment. If you further information, please do not hesitate to contact and enquire.

*Martin Corbett  
Advocate*

### WAR WIDOWS DAY



In 1947, Mrs Jessie Vasey (pictured right and courtesy of DVA) started the first Queensland Branch of the War Widows Guild in Toowoomba. Jessie lost her husband, Major-General George Vasey, just four months before the end of the Second World War. She worked to ensure that war widows were recognised by governments in Australia and given the financial support and services that they needed.

Late last year, our Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk announced that on 19 October 2022, the birthday of Mrs Vasey, 'I can think of no better way to celebrate next year's 75th anniversary of what is now AWWQ (Australian War Widows Queensland) than to formally dedicate this day as an annual recognition of the people left behind by those who have served Australia. Queensland will be the first to do this, to honour the widows and widowers of members of the Australian Defence Force.'

We wish to invite all War Widows to morning tea with a touch of fancy finger foods and sweet treats.

**When:** Wednesday 19 October, 2022 at 9.30am

**Where:** Stanthorpe RSL Sub Branch - Drop In Centre

**RSVP:** Veronica Ryan on 0407 626 301 or Helen Corbett on 0409 696 420  
No later than Friday 07 October. Please advise if there are any dietary requirements.

We look forward to this important day, not only to remember our fallen partners but to gather and support, inspire and honour the families in our community who are affected by the this loss. War Widows Day will acknowledge the sacrifice of widows from all conflicts whose loved ones gave their lives for their country.

### POSITION VACANT - ASSISTANT TREASURER

The Sub Branch is on the lookout for an Assistant Treasurer to perform the following routine duties on a weekly or fortnightly basis:

- Accept Bingo and Raffle monies from respective coordinators
- Raise a web-based bank deposit form
- Deposit funds to bank on a regular basis (no standing in the queue)
- Forward electronic deposit forms to bookkeeper
- Electronically send invoices received by mail to Treasurer

There is no requirement to attend meetings, reconcile accounts, budget for expenditure or perform other tasks associated with financial management of the Sub Branch funds.

The commencement date is negotiable, but the duties will need to be undertaken in full before the end of this year as the Treasurer will be absent from mid-December for an extended period. With this in mind a start date of end October is suggested.

Any queries should be directed to the Treasurer, Tom Page on mobile 0434212485 or email [treasurer@stanthorperssubbranch.org](mailto:treasurer@stanthorperssubbranch.org).