



Lest We Forget

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VALE:

It was with much sadness we learned, this week, of the passing of Lyndon Bolton. As members of the Sub-Branch, many would be aware of the huge impact Lyndon had on the George Town Community. His work for and with service men and women through the RSL Sub-Branch, as President from 1997 until 2014, has left a legacy of which he and his family can be justly proud. The partnership he developed with council and business in the community helped to bring to life aspirations for the development Max Harris Memorial Reserve. In his respectful manner, working quietly and diligently, he was always an advocate for Veterans and their families. He led by example, encouraging conversations between Veterans and students, about the role and duties of service personnel. His work with the Adopt-a Vet program in our schools has had a huge impact and evidenced in the growth of young people participating and understanding the importance of ANZAC and Remembrance Days and other Commemorative occasions in our community.

Our thoughts are with Di, Jeanna, Brendon and families at this sad time in their loss.

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Board of Management update:

The Board of management have been working to complete the Strategic and Business Plans, which will guide the Sub Branch moving forward and assist with budget considerations for the coming financial year. The development of these plans gives the Sub Branch Board, Members and Volunteers clear well planned direction in the future.

Consideration has been included from the outcomes of the SWOT Analysis, carried out earlier in the year. Our future direction has been guided by the views expressed through that analysis. More than half the Board are new to this type of work and it has been a learning experience for all involved. The current Board of Management have a real understanding of the need to be more progressive and are examining ways to do so. We thank all those who have participated in this process, and we are sure decisions we make for Members and Veterans moving forward will have benefits for everyone.

Veteran Views

We want to keep the TVVSC in everyone's mind as it is a place that Veterans can call with queries on Advocacy and Welfare. It is a helpful place to connect with a person who can support queries with claims to DVA or indeed any matters to do with welfare.

The Tamar Valley Veteran Support Centre is based in the Sub-Branch at 44 Macquarie Street and we encourage individuals and families to enquire or seek information about claims, benefits, DVA queries, and other agencies. Sometimes there are changes that occur within the DVA that not everyone hears about, so queries can be answered if anyone is in doubt or have been putting off doing something because they are unsure of what to do for their situation. This service is offered to the community of the North East including Beaconsfield, Lilydale, Scottsdale, Exeter, Bridport and George Town and encompasses rural areas in between. Please make contact with Greg Rush Pensions and Advocacy officer at the Sub Branch. Greg works both at the TVVSC at 44 Macquarie Street George Town on Tuesday as well as Launceston on Thursday.

Christmas Raffle - \$2 per ticket

Thanks to everyone who has helped with donations to make up our 2019 Christmas Raffle. There will be two raffles this year, a cart full of a variety of goods, but also a raffle of 'Christmas Cheer' that will be sold in house respecting moral and legal obligations of the sale and use of Alcohol only to Adults. Don't forget to pop in and purchase tickets leading up to Christmas or catch us at stalls in the community. As with all fundraising efforts of the Sub-Branch, monies raised assist with Veteran support and needs of families in our region. We appreciate all your efforts to assist us in this aim.

If anyone can help with selling the tickets, please contact our office.

Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day is just around the corner. There will be a Short service at Max Harris Reserve on Monday 11th November. ANZAC Dr will be closed during the service. Those attending should be there at 10:30 am.

Remembrance Day poppies can be purchased from the RSL and our local schools will also be supporting this drive. If you want to purchase a copy of the Book George Town Remembers we still have some copies at the Sub Branch.

Fundraising

George Town RSL 100 Club still has tickets available at \$20 each. If you are interested in being in this draw, please pop in and get a ticket.

We have a number of Bunnings Sausage sizzles coming up. Dates as Follows

November 21st and December 2nd and 17th. If any members can help or would like to assist at Bunnings on any of these days. Please contact Robyn Moody on the Sub Branch office number - 63822745.

Happy Hour and Mateship

Ladies morning tea is an enjoyable get - together for family of veterans and we encourage anyone who knows a spouse or relative of a service person, contact the office so that we can assist them in attending Morning Tea with other veteran family members. The next Morning Tea is held on 14th November at 10:30 at the Sub-Branch.

The next Happy Hours will be held the 1st and 15th November 4-6pm all welcome. We look forward to seeing you there. There is always a raffle or two which contributes to fundraising, but the main purpose is to catch up with mates. Partners and guests are most welcome.

Calendar November

1st Happy Hour 4-6pm

4th Public Holiday

11th Remembrance Day Service 10:30 Max Harris Memorial Reserve.

13th Board of Management Meeting 3:15

14th Ladies Morning Tea

15th Happy Hour 4-6pm

21st Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

29th Happy Hour 4-6pm