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George Town RSL Sub Branch Newsletter March 2023

Board of Management team:

Executive:

Max Griffiths President

Phil Evans V.P (Service)

Phil Challis V.P (Affiliate)

Robyn Moody
(Secretary/Treasurer)

Board Members

Ivan Dean

Brian Bull

Alex Dustan

Ven Grollmus

Terry Norris

Update from the Board:

AGM Sunday 26th March 2023

The Annual General Meeting is set for Sunday 26th March at 11 am at the Sub Branch.

Nominations to the Board are open. Forms have been sent to members and must be received two weeks prior to AGM. We encourage interested Sub Branch members to consider nominating for a Board position and contributing to the growth of the Sub Branch.

We encourage members to attend the AGM and vote for incoming Board members, you want to 'carry the Baton'.

To have a Vote, current financial membership is required prior to the AGM.

The Board of Management are in discussions with State Branch to further our direction, with having a dedicated area for

Veterans Services. CEO John Hardy, has taken time to come north and discuss options and opportunities with Board Members as well as interested Sub Branch members. As with most projects, funding is required and we are doing our utmost to seek grants and assistance where we can to support future plans and our fundraising efforts contribute greatly to this work. As these discussions progress and grants or funding is successful we will keep members informed. State Branch is supporting our Sub Branch team to strive for ongoing review of what we do and can offer Veterans and families.

Welfare:

Welfare Support is key to some of the work we undertake at the Sub Branch. It is a requirement that Sub Branches nominate Welfare Support Officers (WSO) to support Veterans and families in our community. State Branch has organised workshops using their own resources and staff, as well as other organisations, such as Open Arms, to deliver training to WSO's around the state. Robyn Moody and Audrey Evans are our nominated WSO's and are currently undertaking training to upskill into this important role.

If you need support or have some concerns in welfare matters they can certainly assist in pointing individuals and or families in the right direction for assistance.

Please call the Sub Branch office with questions/ queries.

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Mobility Aid Register:



The Sub Branch has a register of a number of items that can be issued on loan for short term and temporary use. The items include walkers, canes, shower chairs, mobility scooter etc. If you or someone you know, has need of an item for a short period, please contact the RSL Secretary, Robyn Moody on 63822745. We thank those families who have donated items to the register. If you have any used items, not currently needed or not sure what to do with, please consider donating them to the RSL for needs of others.

If you know someone who may need short term use of mobility equipment please contact the Sub Branch to enquire.

Cripps Limited Edition Biscuits

Cripps Tasmania, has released another in the series of Limited Edition ANZAC Biscuit tins. This edition is commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the end of Australia's involvement in the Vietnam Conflict.



The Sub Branch has some tins of these biscuits in stock and encourage collectors of the tins or lovers of ANZAC Biscuits to consider buying a tin at \$11.00 each. Call in a purchase a tin if you are interested.

Memorabilia display:

We have many people stopping in to look at the Memorabilia Display from all over the country. The interest people are showing in the display is wide and varied. It has been great to speak with visitors about items on display. Thanks to Vince Davis who adds special antidotes and stories that interest visitors.

We have had a number of local families donate military items from family estates to add to the display. Members will notice changes in the space to cater for new frames and further enhancement of existing displays in the rooms. We sincerely thank families for their contributions and for keeping local veteran and ex servicemen items in the community to share with future generations.

Volunteers / Member help needed.

How can you assist at the Sub Branch, we run on the generosity of Volunteers. We have the need for regular volunteers and or members to help in a variety of ways. Apart from assistance to help run our Commemorative Events we need people to be here during
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operating times for Veteran support, mowing occasionally, trimming trees for older single family members, window cleaning for frail members. We are hoping to have a register of people willing to help when the need is there on call. Help from fellow members has a huge impact on those who have come to the realisation they need some help and have asked and cannot get the occasional support they need. Can you be a supporter in mateship for others? If so please phone and ask to be included with the days you can assist. In advance thank you for your consideration.

We need help with creating and caring for displays, framing photos, maintenance, regular cleaning, Bingo, Happy Hour, Sausage sizzle, merchandise sales, hospital/home visits, driver support, Happy hour and morning tea sessions for catering and service. In coming weeks we will need some help with building some new storage cupboards. Please contact Robyn during operating times and chat with her about possibilities. Many hands less work, a roster of helpers would be invaluable. If you can give some time, an hour here or there, it would be greatly appreciated.

Happy Hours have been very enjoyable with numbers building and generally coming along. We were surprised recently with drop in visit from our Premier Jeremy Rockcliff and Nick Duigan. Both were very interested in RSL happenings and enjoyed a beverage with those in attendance. Next Happy Hour March 17th & 31st.

L-R MP Nick Duigan, Graham Boyce, Premier Jeremy Rockcliff and Max Griffiths



Next dates for Bunnings Sausage Sizzles: Please contact Phil Evans (0409001623) if you can give a morning or afternoon to help, on any of the following Sundays 19th March, April, 21st May and 18th June.

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