



**RSL SUB-BRANCH and Military
Memorabilia Display**

OPENING HOURS:

10-2pm 5 days a week

<https://veteranhub.org.au>

Lest We Forget

Register now

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Update from the Board of Management

In recent months there has been steady activity at the Sub Branch. Development Plans for our local area Veteran Hub, at the Sub Branch, have been returned with new thinking around entry/exit points to and from the upstairs area which will contain Veteran Support teams linked to specific needs into the future. The double glass door into the building at the back entrance, near Woolworths supermarket, will become the main entrance for access to the lift and the Hub area. This decision will enable the memorabilia display to continue business as usual and alleviate any access issues for individuals or families coming to the Sub Branch Veteran Hub for services. Approval has gone ahead and tenders for the works to begin are in process. Start times will depend on contractor time frames but once started is expected to be completed within three months. We very much look forward to this progressing as quickly as possible.

Our Secretary and Wellbeing Support Officers (WSO) have been involved in training for the operational aspects of the digital Veteran Hub space. How referrals and identified needs of Veterans and families can be forwarded to the right teams for the prompt support they may require. A residential letterbox drop advertising the Veteran Hub and how to register will go statewide, so watch out for that informative pamphlet about the Veteran Hub. We encourage all Veterans/family members to register when they are ready, as the Hub will be the best local way to get the services needed promptly.

Members will be aware that your Pensions and Claims Advocate, Greg Rush, is away having a well-earned break. If you or a Veteran /family member in need support, please contact the WSO's at the Sub Branch on 63822745.

The Board have discussed the need to invest in an RSL Vehicle to support those who are in need of a transport option and the requirements off the Sub branch Well Being Team to get out and about in the community. Currently when one of the WSO team receives a request for transport, reliance has been off the good nature of our volunteer team to pick up the baton. As most would be aware this can be a financial burden and after looking at the figures the board decided to seek support of local business and dedicate money from fundraising activities towards the endeavour of purchasing a fit for purpose support vehicle. Watch this space for progress on this project.

The Cenotaph in Macquarie Square will have some changes this year with a request to council for a pathway from the flagpoles, in front of the War Memorial Hall, to the Cenotaph for wreath laying during our services. We will place a seat in the area as well, to help avoid people sitting on the step of the Cenotaph. We requested of council that the tree remain trimmed to avoid shadow casting on

the Memorial. We anticipate the stones will be replaced by some lawn and plants to make a softer area around the Cenotaph. We look forward to progress this year.

Commemorations:

18th August Vietnam Veterans Day details to come

11th November: Remembrance Day details closer to the date.

Health & Wellbeing Update

The Aim of the whole Health and Wellbeing team, whether at State Branch or at Sub Branches around the state is to *'Help Veterans and Families to thrive in Tasmania'*.

Your volunteer **Wellbeing Support Officers (WSO's)** at the George Town RSL Sub Branch, are Robyn Moody and Audrey Evans. Robyn and Audrey can be contacted through the Sub Branch office on 0363822745 Monday - Friday.

If there are any members who may have an hour or two free and would like to assist with the activities of the WSO's or even make themselves available as a volunteer driver please contact the RSL for further details or to be added to a list as an on-call volunteer when available. Some of the activities Robyn and Audrey may assist individuals with and that form part of WSO responsibilities are:

- Social visits to Veterans and their families in homes, hospitals and aged care facilities.
- Planning social engagement activities such as BBQs in the local catchment.
- Providing basic support to people such as shopping, arranging domestic assistance or home maintenance services.
- Recognise when a person would benefit from external support and with consent, refer them to Veteran Hub or an appropriate external organisation.
- Provide support during time of grief, loss or bereavement, including support with military traditions during funeral services.
- Assist with accessing Non-liability Health Care Card
- Assist people to access their service medals or records.
- Record all client interactions through the Client Record Management.

Register on Veteran Hub <https://veteranhub.org.au/>

Tasmania connect@veteranhub.org.au



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Have you got your MyGov, MyService or MyMedicare or the State based Veteran Hub registration set up? If you need support and find in line registrations baffling, WSO's can assist you to set it up, make an appt through the office to arrange assistance. Call in and chat with volunteers between 10-12 Monday Or 10-2pm Tuesday - Friday

MyService can assist you in these ways:

The Department has created a series of guides you can download to assist you to:

- ☐ Set up a MyService account
- ☐ Claim travel expenses for medical reasons
- ☐ Book transport for medical appointments
- ☐ Request a review of a decision
- ☐ Update your accommodation costs
- ☐ Update your correspondence preference
- ☐ Apply for incapacity payments
- ☐ Update your incapacity claim
- ☐ Complete your incapacity annual review
- ☐ Manage your Acute Support Package

[Department of Veterans' Affairs \(dva.gov.au\)](https://dva.gov.au)

Veteran Card Holders Can Now Register for MyMedicare Longer telehealth consultations and a formalised relationship with your general practice or GP are just some of the benefits veterans can access when registering in MyMedicare. The Australian Government is committed to delivering improved health and wellbeing outcomes for veterans and their families. The Government has recently introduced MyMedicare, a voluntary patient registration model to help improve the continuity of quality primary health care for all Australians, including veterans. Voluntary patient registration in MyMedicare is now open. For more information click on the link to this article on DVA News Veteran Card holders can now register for MyMedicare | [Veteran Card holders can now register for MyMedicare | Department of Veterans' Affairs \(dva.gov.au\)](#)

Annual Luncheon:

Members should have received their invitation to our Annual Luncheon to be held on Sunday 21st July from 12PM. RSVP your attendance to Robyn by 12th July 2024. Call into the Sub Branch or call Robyn on 63822745. We look forward to seeing as many as possible attend.

Wellbeing/Welfare Activities

Morning Tea is held on the 2nd Thursday of each month from 10:30 am. If you'd like to attend, please call Robyn on 03638227445 to let her know, to assist with catering. If you would like to attend and have trouble getting along phone for help.

Bingo is held each Wednesday evening at the winter earlier time of 6:30PM. The door opens at 5:30 Eyes Down at 6:30 PM. Attendance determines the prize pool. Come and join us for this fun evening of chance. Tea/Coffee or other beverages available along with a couple of raffles. Look forward to seeing you on Wednesday.

Mateship/Bonding on Friday from 4-6pm fortnightly (check RSL calendar). Connect with others in a friendly and welcoming environment to develop new friendships. Come along and enjoy good company in a relaxed environment.

Family History and or Research:

We have computers available for research purposes. Would you like to get your own service records or gather information about family members who have served in the past? We can assist you to get started. We can also help with details of awards and honours/medals of service. Pop in and talk with one of our volunteers about your needs or interest.

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle Fundraisers:

We are appreciative of Bunnings for fundraising opportunities. We are very grateful to those volunteers who regularly turn up to assist us at Bunnings. It's fun, full of laughs and easy friendship. The dates for next Bunnings are **13th July, 10th August and 14th September**. Phil organises two teams of 3 or 4 for morning and afternoon shifts. If you can give a hand, please contact Phil Evans 0409001623 and leave a message.

Photo Gallery ANZAC Day



