



## Wangaratta Sub-Branch Inc

## Charitable Activity Report

**Month of: September 2022**

**Committee Meeting: 27 October 2022**

	Veteran Support	Commemorative & Patriotic	Sub-Branch & Other	Total
<b>Volunteer Hours</b>	136.75	3	245.25	<b>385</b>

Welfare Activity Type	RSL Object	Number
Home Visits/Hospital/Nursing Home Visits	A	6
Funerals: Poppy Service/Assisting with Wakes etc.	A	
Pension Applications, Claims & Advocacy	A	2
Communication with Members	A	172
Other Veteran Support (including Home Maintenance, Transport Assistance etc) Courtesy Bus.	A	35
<b>Total</b>		<b>215</b>

Donation Recipient	RSL Object	Donated Amount
<b>Total</b>		

### Details of Activities

- **Hospital visits** – No visitations due to Covid-19.
- **Funerals** – Ernest Williams RAAF. 29<sup>th</sup> September.
- **Community Assistance** – None.



## Commemorations-

### New Memorial Dedication ceremony

A dedication ceremony has been organised for Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 11am for the new memorial that is dedicated to our veterans of recent conflicts.

### REMEMBRANCE DAY

Organisation is well underway. Guest speaker is Lt Col John Amour ASLO.

### Liz Rouse Salmon – Ceremonial Officer

### APPEAL REPORT

#### Poppy Appeal

Phone/text x 15, Emails x 12, KLM x 200.

Roster has been placed at the RSL

Working bee 17/10 jobs completed:- H/b divided into rural & CBD ready for delivery, green bags packed, etc.

Working bee 5/10 jobs completed were:- 37 honest boxes (rural and CBD), 5 selling boxes, tins recorded to match venues etc.

PEAK will sell on the 6/11 at Bunnings.

Application to Wangaratta Turf Club re Melbourne Cup Day attendance has been approved - thanks Greg.

Working bee (18/9), jobs completed were:- labels placed on donation tins, numbers recorded, lamination done, information folders updated and prepared for appeal.

#### Colleen Davis - Acting Appeals Officer

### VETERAN SUPPORT

Phone/text x 150, Emails x 22, Home visits x 2, Pension x 2, KLM x 40.

General enquiries re white card, VAN office, DoD record requests, etc.

Veteran Support team invited to attend Open Arms Bandiana Museum morning tea.

Meeting with Legacy Melbourne and Vasey RSL was informal and informative, Kay Adams (Legacy Wangaratta/Myrtleford & Bright) Natarsha (Open Arms), Chris Roberts (Mansfield RSL / V.P.), W.S.O.'s, Bob Hayward and self.

Veteran Morning tea 11/10/22 attended by 48 veterans/partners including Legacy Melbourne (Adam Kent) & Chris Gray (Vasey RSL).

Grit & Resilience Festival attended by Veteran Support. Brochures & give always supplied by Open Arms, HVIC & Goulburn Valley Veteran Centre Inc.

Notified by Aged Mental Health (Gail Benton) re clothing urgently required by veteran's widow who has been placed in respite. Food for the widow's pet to be paid while person in care. Second hand uniform has been organised and will be delivered by that agency.

A small selection of the Wangaratta RSL volunteer programs was showcased through the Anzac Hse SITREP (7/10) volunteers training day.

Thank you emails or phone calls to dietician, Soldier On, and all refreshment providers.

Veteran Health Week BBQ was held on 2/10 (12.30-2.30pm), 51 veterans/family members attended.

Thanks to Nadia, Caleb, (RSL staff), Jenny, Julia, Leah, Toni and Ray for assisting with the preparation. To improve the outcome we would use a larger bbq, more lower table and chairs and another 2 volunteers to help.

Phone call and visit from veteran's wife re concern of husbands mental health. Emailed his psychologist re situation. Veteran is on our radar board and is being closely monitored while wife is absent.



Art group using the scout hall has folded.

Phone call to all new/transfer service members to inform them of the services available.

Veteran enquiry on process to receive community nursing.

Discussions with Robert Winther (Austin Hospital, Psychological Trauma Unit) re their needs. Best to provide cash to assist with the repair of the Snooker table or to improve the gym equipment. Would like to support Ward 17 with a \$2,000 donation. Discussion please.

Goorambat Veterans Retreat has received the vouchers (\$2,000) for fuel and groceries.

RECOMMENDATION 1

Air conditioner serviced for Veteran \$160

RECOMMENDATION 2

Account for T. F. Jones Horticulture \$50

RECOMMENDATION 3

Account for O'Briens for \$355

RECOMMENDATION 4

Gutters account to be paid for \$290.80

RECOMMENDATION 5

Speedy Gutter Cleaning account to be paid \$215.30

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Speedy Gutter Cleaning account for \$211.30 to be paid.

RECOMMENDATION 7

Lawn account for T. L. Jones to be paid \$50

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RECOMMENDATION 9

Lawn account T.J. Jones to be paid \$50

RECOMMENDATION 10

Reimbursement of \$12.82 to Ray Steadman for veteran health week BBQ bread.

RECOMMENDATION 11

Payment of \$249 to Colleen Davis for the purchase of clothing for veteran's widow.

RECOMMENDATION 12

Payment of \$49 to be reimbursed to Colleen Davis for lunch provided during volunteers training (7/10)

RECOMMENDATION 13

That the Sub-Branch pay the membership renewal fees for all veterans 80 years and over from the 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2023 from the Agency Account.

**Colleen Davis – Veteran Support Coordinator**