



Wangaratta Sub-Branch Inc

Charitable Activity Report

Month of: **June 2022**
 Committee Meeting: **21 July 2022**

	Veteran Support	Commemorative & Patriotic	Sub-Branch & Other	Total
Volunteer Hours	121	85	231	437

Welfare Activity Type	RSL Object	Number
Home Visits/Hospital/Nursing Home Visits	A	4
Funerals: Poppy Service/Assisting with Wakes etc.	A	
Pension Applications, Claims & Advocacy	A	4
Communication with Members	A	275
Other Welfare (including Home Maintenance, Transport Assistance etc) Courtesy Bus.	A	43
Total		326

Donation Recipient	RSL Object	Donated Amount
Oxley Residents Association	A	1500
Total		1500

Details of Activities

- **Hospital visits** – No visitations due to Covid-19.
- **Funerals** –
- **Community Assistance** – None.



Commemorations-

Navy Lunch

Staff were very helpful and set up the tables as I requested. Ten Veterans, some with their wives attended, a total of 18.

The speaker, COMMANDER Peter Martin and his wife attended, and he gave a very informative presentation about the Battle of the Coral Sea. The presentation was well received by all the veterans and the American Navy Veteran, Bud Martin, and his wife commented on how succinct and informative it was.

COMMANDER Martin mentioned to John Bailey that he would like to attend our ANZAC Day Service. I will need to make those arrangements very soon with the Committee's approval.

The Veterans would like to have a lunch again next year.

Thanks to Vicki Bear for helping make up the placemats with the photos on the back. There were none left on the table after lunch!

VIETNAM VETERANS DAY

18th August is the third Thursday in August, which clashes with the Committee meeting date and time. What do we change?

I have left a message for Father Nathan Verallo to contact me. I will brief him on what we would like him to say.

I thought I had a speaker, but he has a family function in Sydney that week and is now not available. I have spoken to the Geoff Daly but he has told me that none of our veterans want to speak.

I have spoken to the Vietnams Veterans Association in Melbourne and they will try to get a speaker. They were helpful but pointed out that it may be difficult to get someone.

A work in progress.

Liz Rouse Salmon – Ceremonial Officer

APPEAL REPORT

Poppy Appeal

Phone/text x 5, Emails x 8, KLM x 40

ANZAC Day reviewed and Remembrance Day dates chosen by team. President sent copy of outcomes.

Poppy appeal colouring sheets finalised.

EFPOS machines ordered.

Colleen Davis - Acting Appeals Officer

VETERAN SUPPORT

Phone/text x 250(incl. ring around), Emails x 25, Pension x 4, KLM x 72, Home visits x 3

Ross (Rosco) Robotham to assist with Wednesday's ring around.

Basic Mentor workshop to be attended 19/7/22

Notification to Jeff Jackson (Anzac Hse) re possible expenditure to cover home and car repayments for veteran.

Two veterans (that we are aware of) in Kerford Clinic, Open Arms (Andrea) contacted to manage the mental health legislation re veteran's involuntary status being revoked to voluntary.



Three volunteers attended the full day volunteers workshop.
DVA refusal of veteran white card reviewed and denied.
Veterans lawns to be serviced for 3 months while rehabilitating, will review situation when time expires.
Veteran white card application completed.
Lift has been 'Out of Order' for over a week. Have placed a sign informing veterans and family to phone if they are unable to access stairs.
Investigating TAFE 'Towing Course' for current and ex-service personnel.
TPI veteran has to annually reapply for RCOW concessions. This only occurs to approx 6 out of 160 local veterans. DVA sees this as a council issue and vice versa, all to do with the data portal.

Have set up a spreadsheet to monitor attendance at the Veteran morning tea. Having held the 5th coffee catch up the statistics identifies the following: 47 ex-service personnel have attended at least once (43 Males 4 Females) of this number 15 have chosen to bring their partner and average attendance to date is 26 veteran/partner.

A questionnaire shared at the morning tea identified the majority would prefer not to have a guest speaker, would like to see more outings and would like the opportunity to bring along an article of memorabilia/interest to share in the future.

Open Arms (Terri) has accepted an invitation to attend the July coffee morning. The request was initiated by a younger veteran.

Free coffee morning advert has been appearing in The Chronicle 'Social Calendar'- intend to submit monthly. Would also like to place information re Veteran Support hours of business in Social Calendar.

Referral to 'Workcom' re veteran's vocational rehabilitation was accepted and activated.

Notification of increased prices for gutter cleaning.

Sent Legacy Melbourne supporting information re Veterans DVA compensation claim.

Goorambat luncheon and silo art excursion was attended by 9 people (4 veterans, 2 wives, 3 WSO.)

During lunch we caught up with Eugene and Bette from the Benalla RSL.

Attended 2hr ANZAC Hse Volunteer workshop (micro-communication) via zoom.

Following up request for A.A. meeting venue that's not connected to any religion.

Printer initially installed by Glen Ingram.

RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATION 1

Service fee for 2 heaters (Rinnai 561 FTR & Braemar TH420) to be paid \$418.

RECOMMENDATION 2

Serviceman's windows cleaned, payment of \$149.50 to Brenton Grey Industrial Services.

RECOMMENDATION 3

Speedy Gutter Cleaning to be paid \$133.35

RECOMMENDATION 4

Educational fees (June & July) and student excursion for veteran's daughter \$350

RECOMMENDATION 5

Gardening account to be paid to T. J. Jones for \$200

RECOMMENDATION 6

Gutter account to be paid \$261



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RECOMMENDATION 7

Veteran's mental health account \$86.75

RECOMMENDATION 8

Veteran's fuel for wheelchair basketball \$84.03

RECOMMENDATION 9

Taxi reimbursement for service personnel \$118.59

RECOMMENDATION 10

Veteran art supply \$72.98

RECOMMENDATION 11

Runners purchased for veteran's daughter \$218.49

RECOMMENDATION 12

Veteran art supply \$232.55

Colleen Davis – Welfare Coordinator