



Wangaratta Sub-Branch Inc

Charitable Activity Report

Month of: **April 2022**
 Committee Meeting: **19 May 2022**

	Veteran Support	Commemorative & Patriotic	Sub-Branch & Other	Total
Volunteer Hours	52.67	65	358.76	476.43

Welfare Activity Type	RSL Object	Number
Home Visits/Hospital/Nursing Home Visits	A	6
Funerals: Poppy Service/Assisting with Wakes etc.	A	1
Pension Applications, Claims & Advocacy	A	2
Communication with Members	A	75
Other Welfare (including Home Maintenance, Transport Assistance etc) Courtesy Bus.	A	25
Total		109

Donation Recipient	RSL Object	Donated Amount
	A	
Total		

Details of Activities

- **Hospital visits** – No visitations due to Covid-19.
- **Funerals** – Kenneth Arthur Moore held 29th April.
- **Community Assistance** – None.



Commemorations-

ANZAC DAY, 2022 – REPORT ON ACTIVITIES

Planning for the 2022 ANZAC Day activities started in early February and carried on through the next 3 months.

The RSL conducted a Dawn Service which approximately 700 people attended. The Service was led by Lieutenant General Ash Power AO CSC, (Ret'd), assisted by Father Nathan Verallo, in lieu of Father Mike Pullar, MBE, who has moved to Beechworth.

CAPT Cameron Wilson from the Army School of Aviation was the Parade Commander assisted by CAPT Andrew Kay (Ret'd) and escorted by three horsemen, all former members of the 8/13 Victorian Mounted Rifles. The 2/24 Australian Infantry Battalion Association's new Processional Banner, carried by students from Wangaratta High School, led the march. Approximately 400 personnel participated in the march. The Mayor and Councillors joined the March outside the Council Offices.

Veterans and Descendants marched behind their Banners and Flags, supported by Peak Football and the Army and Air Force Cadets.

The Main Service was led by LTGEN Power and assisted by the Most Reverend Clarence E. Bester, Bishop of Wangaratta. The Master of Ceremonies was Mr Greg Larkins JP, Secretary of the Wangaratta RSL. The Mayor, Councillor Dean Rees moved the Motion of Loyalty on behalf of the Citizens of Wangaratta.

CAPT Cameron Wilson delivered a speech on the background of ANZAC Day and the various activities in which the Defence force is currently engaged, not all of which are warlike.

The Catafalque Party under the Command of CAPT Lisa Cloke, was selected from Warrant Officers from the Army School of Logistics Operations, Bandiana.

About 2,000 people attended the main service with approximately 45 wreaths and other floral tributes laid, and many people laid a poppy in remembrance.

Returned service personnel were invited back to the RSL for lunch after the main service, and a barbeque was available for the children who had assisted provided by the Appin Park Rotary Club in King George V Jubilee Gardens.

The Main Service was live streamed through the Council's website for those who could not attend the Service. There were 28 'hits' on the website.

Many Thanks to all those people who contributed in any way to make ANZAC Day 2022 memorable. No matter how small you may think your contribution, without everybody's assistance, it could not have happened.



A special thanks to the Wangaratta Concert Band who played the marchers to and from the RSL and played all the music thorough the Service. Ken Flanagan was also able to obtain the services of the singer, Sarah Holmes-Brown. Having a singer lead us all made a huge impression on the participants.

Other services conducted during the week;

Wangaratta High School,

Galen Catholic College, which was pre-recorded and broadcast through the school's You tube Channel,

Cathedral College, and

Rangeview Private Nursing Home.

Planning for ANZAC Day 2023 has begun. Any suggestions for improvements will be considered by the Ceremonial Officer and the Committee.

Liz Rouse Salmon – Ceremonial Officer

APPEAL REPORT

ANZAC Appeal

Emails/Texts x 70, Phone calls x 30, Klm x 900 (Ray, Bruce & Rod)

A grand total of \$32,060.65 was raised from badge sales and donations. Included was \$3,866 in EFTPOS.

More volunteers are choosing to trial the EFTPOS machines, the 6 DoD personnel raised more than \$8,800 in 2 days.

Great effort from the RCOW community considering many variables during this appeal.

Colleen Davis - Acting Appeals Officer

VETERAN SUPPORT

Emails/texts x 30, Phone calls x 45, Pension x 2

Courtesy call to Veteran Art Group 5/5/22, small group, have been continuing to advertise to increase numbers, no additional needs at this point.

Veteran coffee morning progressing well.

W.S.O's contacted naval personnel re Navy Day gathering at Veterans Coffee Morning, Liz to speak with interested personnel at coffee morning 10/5 (10-11.30am.).

RSL Vasey Care (Chris Grey G.M.) to visit 31/5 2pm to discuss Albury accommodation project etc. C.O.M. welcome.

Veteran Support handed Mrs. Joyce Barry a personalised hand made 100th birthday card designed by Julia Dean.

Keeping close contact with veteran and immediate family.

Homeless veteran has moved to Albury. Brett Newman hopefully to transport scooter from Wangaratta to Albury asap. Police (Acting Snr. Sgt Rowina McEwan) pleased that we have been able to assist with their enquiries re veteran's where abouts. H.V.I.C., Soldier On, Gateway Health and Beyond Housing involved with homeless chap.



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Issues to deal with re night shelter accommodation are AOD, religion, belongings stolen.
Made contact with 3 younger Veterans (Rowan Cook, Glen Ingram & Anthony Stahlhut) during ANZAC Day that are willing to assist in some manner.
Another 3 white card applications submitted.
Located Owner with wood splitter for veteran, job complete and veteran very happy.

RECOMMENDATION 1

Veteran Hair cut \$23

RECOMMENDATION 2

Mitchell Health Care scooter repairs for veteran \$290

RECOMMENDATION 3

Mental health reimbursement paid to Veteran \$87.65

RECOMMENDATION 4

Meals for homeless veteran (\$85) to be paid to Wangaratta Kebabs.

RECOMMENDATION 5

Window cleaning for veteran \$495

RECOMMENDATION 6

Fire Wood payment \$150

RECOMMENDATION 7

School and FFFC term 2 fees payment to be paid \$214

Colleen Davis – Welfare Coordinator