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FOR YOUR DIARY:

Next sub-Branch meeting
SATURDAY 14th Oct@ 1000 hr.
 with Morning tea then
 Meeting followed by a light
 lunch at 1200.
 Committee Meeting @ 0900

Alstonville RSL Sub-Branch Office Bearers

President	John Porter	0476 677 626
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Vice President	Phil Skinner	0427 291 292
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Dear Members,

This past month saw us celebrate the Peacekeepers Day at the EAB Park War Memorial. Ballina Mayor Sharon Cadwallader attended for the dedication of the plaques which have been mounted on the end pillar of the memorial.

Mr. John “Jack” Thurgar SC MBE OAM RFD spoke about Australia’s involvement in Peace Keeping Operations around the world since 1947.

The tribe has spoken and we have listened.. We have a new but old day locked in for all future Committee and Members meetings. It’s the second Saturday of every month. Thanks Alan for having the guts to tell us some home truths.

Respect.

Respect means that you accept somebody for who they are, even when they're different from you or you don't agree with them. Respect in your relationships builds feelings of trust, safety, and wellbeing. Respect doesn't have to come naturally – it is something you learn.

Bye for now



From the President

Sub-Branch Meeting Minutes

MINUTES of the sub-Branch General Meeting Saturday 9th September 2023.

The Chair, President John Porter, declared the meeting open at 11.05 hrs with the wreath laid by member Phil Skinner, followed by the Ode and a half minute's silence.

Attendance was 16, with 11 apologies.

MOTION: That apologies be accepted.

Moved – Les Daley **Seconded** – Phil Skinner

CARRIED

Minutes of the meeting held on 12 Jul 2023

MOTION: That the Minutes of the meeting on 11 Aug as printed, be accepted as a true record of that meeting.

Moved – John Gordon **Seconded** – Bob Wilson **CARRIED**

Business arising from minutes - Nil business arising.

Correspondence:

Secretary read the received and sent correspondence including:

State Circulars.

Peter Scanlan & Micheal Letts – apologies.

Responses re Peacekeepers Day

Outwards

Emails relating to Peacekeepers Day 14 Sep.

MOTION: That the Inwards correspondence be adopted, and the Outwards correspondence be endorsed

Moved - John Gordon

Seconded – Rob Fry

CARRIED

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer presented the revenue Statement and accounts as at 30 Aug 2023 and the Accounts for payment.

MOTION: That the Revenue Statement as at 30 Aug be accepted, and the Payment of Accounts for Aug/Sep be approved.

Moved – Treasurer Gary **Seconded** – Phil Skinner **CARRIED**

State HQ – Congress is fast approaching

FNCDC –

Secretary attended a briefing in Kingscliff about the proposed Hub, RSL LifeCare has been invited to develop a business plan. They have listened to the ex-service community and are looking for a site outside of Tweed Heads, although still in the Tweed Valley, preferably near the new Tweed Hospital.

They are very keen on a built for purpose building and in setting up a number of paid advocates who will become a resource for volunteer advocates in sub-Branches. They are keen to maintain the Hub and Spoke model.

One challenge for them is that the data from Nowra and Wagga Wagga Hubs is different, as they both have large military bases nearby, which is not the same in this region.

Welfare & Hospital visits

Grahame Gooding reported that visits to St. Vincent's still going ahead, averaging about 4-6 veterans. No other matters.

Hall Bookings

Grahame reported no changes. Prospective new renter will visit today.

Membership:

Membership is now 75.

Memorabilia

There have been some changes to the displays, please pass your comments on to committee!

Fundraising

Tickets for the first Bear Raffle are still on sale, \$2 each, with Captain Murray, the wounded Great War Bear as the prize.

Thank you to all the ticket sellers, another round will commence on 18th Sep at the Plaza, roster sheets are available.

Remembrance Day merchandise has arrived.

General Business

Flags & Flagpole - Rob Fry stated that we have been offered 50 Australian National Flags by a local gentleman, and also an offer to purchase a 6 M flagpole for \$250.00 (usually about \$1800), it will need transporting from the Gold Coast if we accept, which is easily arranged.

Moved Rob Fry that the sub-Branch purchase the 6M flagpole for \$250.00, Seconded Phil Skinner CARRIED

Bench plaques – The engraving of the plaques for the EAB Park benches has been done.

Moved that \$60.00 be approved for engraving of plaques, by Secretary, seconded Phil Skinner. Carried

Peacekeepers Day – 14th Sep at 1700!! Full medal jacket please. Only having dedication, not an unveiling ceremony.

Congress – Moved by Secretary that the RSL Congress Delegate expenses for meals, travel & accommodation be approved in principle. Seconded Rob Fry – CARRIED

President John Porter commented that it was good to see the recognition for Vietnam Veterans.

Meeting days & Times – Alan Brown raised the issue about confusion relating to the meeting days/times, it was resolved to make the meetings permanently on the second Saturday of the month, with Committee Meeting at 0900, followed by Morning Tea at 1000 and General Meeting at 10.30. Lunch will still be at 12 for families & friends.

Moved Alan Brown, seconded Rob Fry CARRIED

Wills etc. - Secretary mentioned the show on ABC recently about Death and Dying, it is well worth watching, very tastefully done and raises interesting points that we all should consider, especially about discussing with family about our wishes and also about having the proper paperwork in order, Enduring Power Of Attorney, Enduring Guardian, Advanced Care Directive, Will and what service we would like (also about organ donor and/or donating to science). These things need to be sorted out sooner rather than later! Phil Skinner will try to get some more of the DVA Planning Ahead kits for the next meeting.

Meeting closed at 11.47.

Next Meeting: Saturday 14th Oct with Morning Tea from 1000hrs.

(DON'T FORGET TO VOTE IN THE REFERENDUM)

Committee Meeting at 0900 Sat 14th

NATIONAL Peacekeepers Day 14th September

A small gathering attended the Peacekeeper's Commemorative service and Dedication of the Plaque on 14th Sep. We had Mr. John "Jack" Thurgar SC MBE OAM RFD as guest speaker who gave a very interesting and pertinent address.

The dedication of the new plaque was carried out by Geoff Vidal



The plaque on the left, then Mayor Sharon Cadwallader, President John Porter and Mrs Liz Hill APPVA

The funny side of life:



WHY DO EGGS COME IN FLIMSY STYROFOAM CARTONS AND BATTERIES COME IN A PACKAGE ONLY A CHAINSAW CAN OPEN?

Only Willie Nelson could look perfectly normal in this situation . . .



A woman was surprised to find an old picture of herself, younger, slimmer and falling in love with her future husband. When she showed him the picture he said, "WOW, look at that..."



"That's my old Impala!"

Marriage is a relationship where one person is always right and the other person is the husband.



Happy birthday

Allan Thomas 04 Oct.

Stan Green 13 Oct.

Hazel Shrubbs 13 Oct.

Hope your birthdays are ones to remember!

Information:

DVA – Lismore VAN Office:
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Lismore (next to Australian Hearing)
Email: NSWVANLismore@dva.gov.au
Ph 1800 838 372
Mail to
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GPO Box 9998
Brisbane QLD 4001

DVA Gold Card – Many Vietnam and other Returned from Active Service Veterans are not aware of their entitlement to a DVA Gold Card which is not means or asset tested.

To check for your entitlement complete the DVA form D3057 “Application for a Gold Card for Veterans of Australia’s Defence Force”. Those under 70 and not in receipt of any DVA payment can complete DVA form D0506 “Claim to determine Qualifying service by current or ex-member of the ADF”.

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Please call:

Ross - 0488078987 or Kim - 0400 983 113

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RSL Tibouchina Day Club

When: Wednesdays @ 10:00am

Where: Rous Mill Hall

What: Enjoy good company, live entertainment, light exercise (suitable for the elderly). Mental stimulation activities, morning tea, lunch
A bus will pick you up and return you to your home within the Alstonville / Wollongbar villages for a \$10:00 contribution.

Who: For members of our community who are looking for social interaction in a friendly welcoming environment.

Contact Marette for more details: **0421 272 643**

Recommended Coffee Shops in Alstonville Main St.

Miles & Henry Coffee Shop

Buckley's Chance

ESP

The Crossing

All have great coffee and friendly, helpful staff.

Jo Jo's Coffee & Sandwich Shop in the Plaza

Great coffee, scrumptious hamburgers, with friendly and helpful staff.

Jo Jo's supports or badge sellers with coffee and is a favourite of the Lower Deck as a lunch order!