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FOR YOUR DIARY:

**Next sub-Branch meeting
Saturday 12 October**

**@ 11.00 hr. Followed by a light
lunch.**

Committee at 10am

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Dear Members

This month saw our inaugural bi-monthly luncheon at our sub-Branch. It started at 11am with lunch served by Rob W at noon. These luncheons are designed to be a family and friend social event. A get to know others moment.

Many thanks to the volunteers who sold raffle tickets over the past two weeks. Once again, our lovely community continues to support us.

A warning to all about snakes at this time of the year. We lost our 9 months old Ragdoll to a brown snake bite. The warmer weather has them on the move.

Friendship

Friendship marks a life even more deeply than love. Love risks degenerating into obsession, friendship is never anything but sharing."

God Bless

John Porter 🙏



From the President

Sub-Branch Notices

Social Luncheon Saturday 14 Sep.

As per the resolution at the August meeting to hold meeting every second month, the Sep meeting was replaced by a social luncheon. All who attended were very pleased and the offering of Roast Chicken and vegetables was very tasty! The best thing was not having to cook yourself!

Chef Rob Wilson did an excellent job as always, ably assisted by Phil Skinner and a few others. It commenced at 11am, with coffee & tea and the opportunity to chat with members and family, and the hall was abuzz with laughter and conversation. We keep forgetting that the RSL is about having FUN, so it was good to see the smiling faces, those who couldn't attend missed out on a very good day!

Rob Wilson assures me that the next one (November 9th – put it in your calendar!!!) will be an up-market BBQ lunch, my mouth is watering in anticipation already!

QUILT RAFFLE:

President John Porter and a few other helpers sold raffle tickets in the Main St and at the Plaza, selling 12 books so far, we will have another two weeks next month (October) from 9-11am & 11-1pm on the 7th – 12th in Main St, then 14th-19th at the Plaza. Anyone with a spare couple of hours on any of the days, please contact the Secretary to arrange, all assistance is welcome & I'll even shout a coffee!

REMEMBRANCE DAY:

Monday the 11th November is fast approaching, and some assistance will be needed in setting up and running a short service in EAB Park. Help with handing out programs, Flag hand, transporting chairs, sound & Wreaths will be welcome. Please advise the President or Secretary of your availability

DRAW TO REMEMBER:

We are also attempting to start the 'Draw To Remember' RSL initiative with the Primary schools, so people wishing to volunteer to go to one of the four Primary Schools in our area, to introduce the 'Draw To Remember' program are needed. It is very basic, not like the ANZAC Day visits, as the theme is about Remembrance Day and what it means, not about personal stories. Please contact the Secretary if you can help

I've received an email from Marjory Moffat's daughter Lorraine saying that Marj has now entered full-time care and although quite frail physically, she is still 'sharp as a tack'! Marj will turn 100 on Christmas day!

Don't forget, the 2024 Alstonville Show is on again, Fri 25th – Sun 27th Oct

News from around the Region!

Byron Bay sub-Branch have an interesting agenda item for their next meeting. It is about the results and recommendations from the Royal Commission into Veteran Suicide and the plethora of business that are now jumping on the bandwagon to provide Mental Health counselling to veterans.

Social media is awash with advertisements (the Heart Health Program is one that springs to mind), and even emails (I recently received an unsolicited email from a company in Melbourne offering medication ordering! I prefer to use my LOCAL pharmacy thank you! They look after me very well!).

Byron sub-Branch's main concern is that all these offers (?) of help may not be genuine, and probably don't meet the needs of veterans. They would like RSL NSW and DVA to vet these businesses and endorse those who meet the standards to treat veterans.

City of Lismore sub-Branch are holding a Veterans Health Week activity

City of Lismore RSL sub-Branch Veterans Health Week

Sunday 6th October 2024 11am to 4.00pm

Barefoot Bowls, Darts etc, lunch provided, kids activities

Lismore City Bowling Club

STS Young Endeavour – Sail Training Ship voyages for 2025.

If you have grandchildren in this age group, what an experience!!!

Applications are now open for an unforgettable youth development voyage in STS *Young Endeavour*.

During each voyage, a crew of 24 young Australians aged 16-23 learn the skills to sail a square-rigged tall ship, including how to navigate, keep watch, set and furl sails, take the helm and climb the 30 metre mast.

New dates have just launched for six summer sailing voyages along the East Coast of Australia, including the legendary Bass Strait.

Youth live and work on board for 11 days with fellow youth crew from across Australia, and together they overcome challenges and work as a team as they learn to sail STS *Young Endeavour*.

First round applications close Wednesday 2nd October so apply now!

We hope to see youth from your community on board STS *Young Endeavour* soon!

A unique and unforgettable challenge awaits so apply today!

<https://youngendeavour.gov.au/> for more information.

Defining Moments in Australian History: The introduction of television



By AG Staff • 16 September 2024

“Good evening and welcome to television.” These, the first words on Australian television, were uttered by Bruce Gyngell on 16 September 1956. Since then, TV has become the nation’s most influential news and entertainment medium. In 1956 there were fewer than 100,000 televisions. Today Australia has more than 18 million sets.

Experimentation with and discussion about TV began in Australia in the 1930s but World War II halted its development. National debate restarted in 1949 when Prime Minister Ben Chifley announced the implementation of a national television service. But his Labor government was ousted and the Liberal-Country Party coalition came to power under Robert Menzies, who said in 1952 to a visiting BBC representative: “I hope this thing will not come to Australia in my term of office.” Australians were, however, clamouring for the new technology, and in 1953 Menzies set up a royal commission. It recommended that the law allow for a system of both national and commercial stations similar to that developed for radio since the ABC’s 1932 creation.

The government wanted the network to be ready for the [1956 Melbourne Olympics](#) and that year, on 16 September, TCN9 Sydney produced the first official broadcast. Audiences heard station announcer John Godson declare that the station was on-air at 7pm before throwing to Bruce Gyngell who, dressed in a dinner suit, appeared on black-and-white screens across Sydney and delivered that famous line.

Crowds of Sydneysiders watched shop window displays and parties were hosted by TV retailers and people who’d bought sets ahead of the transmission.

HSV7 Melbourne began transmission on 4 November and the ABC followed suit from Sydney the next day, two weeks ahead of the Olympic opening ceremony. In 1959 television was introduced to Queensland, South Australia and Western Australia; Tasmania followed in 1960 and the Australian Capital Territory in 1962.

Sales of TV sets boomed. The *Women’s Weekly* offered advice on how to rearrange living rooms for the new addition. And some inner-city cinemas and theatres closed down due to competition for their audience.

TCN9, HSV7 and ABN2 televised the Olympics, although arrangements for rights to particular events were not confirmed until three days beforehand. Organisers insisted they should be paid for rights while film companies and television stations lobbied for the Olympics to be classified as news, which didn’t require paid rights. Eventually it was agreed that rights would be paid for, setting a precedent for future Games.

The Melbourne Olympics were touted as the Friendly Games but took place against a backdrop of heightened global tensions, with news dominated by the Cold War, Suez Crisis and Hungarian Uprising. These hostilities spilt into the Games when Hungary and the Soviet Union contested a particularly tense water polo match.

As a result, the organising committee's chair Kent Hughes took seriously the suggestion of Chinese-Australian boy John Ian Wing, aged 17, to change the closing ceremony's format. He suggested athletes march as individuals, not as teams representing nations, and mingle in the spirit of the Friendly Games. "During the march there will be only one Nation," Wing suggested. "War, politics and nationality will be forgotten. What more could anyone want, if the whole world could be made as one Nation?"

We saw it all unfold on TV and the tradition has since been followed at every Olympics.

'The introduction of television' forms part of the National Museum of Australia's [Defining Moments in Australian History](#) project.

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Memorabilia Update August 2024

Tony Tyler,

RSL Sub-Branch Committee Member, Memorabilia Officer.

Since March 2024, I have conducted 5 x 10% monthly stock-takes. This covers approximately 50% of all the Alstonville RSL sub-branch's memorabilia items.

The monthly stock-takes also included checking of the Sub-branches collection of registered library books.

I am pleased to report that all the items are in good condition, especially considering the age of some of these. WWI items are over one hundred years old.

Several weeks ago, a working bee was held to clean and restore the memorabilia items which were held in the shed. A number of the larger items, in picture frames, will now be displayed on the wall in the hall. Thank you to those who attended and assisted.

A number of new items have been donated. I am in the process of putting these on the memorabilia database and assigning them item numbers.

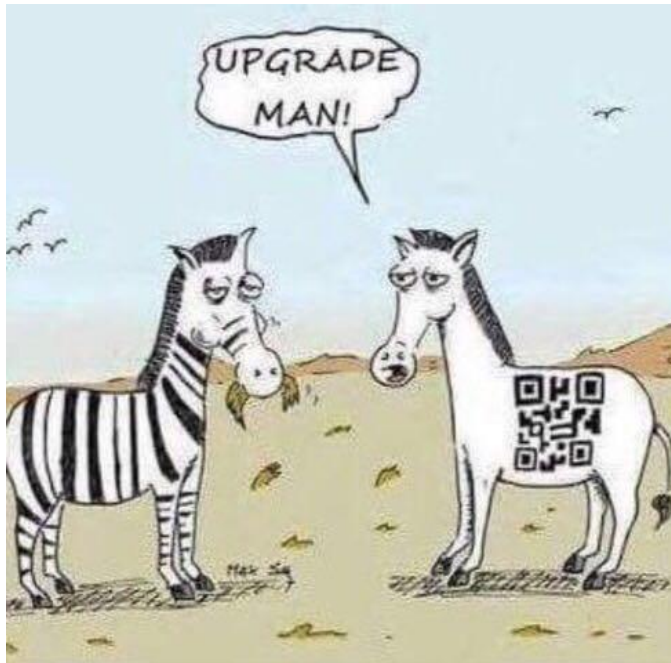
This includes items

- (I) donated by Joyce Wong from her father's WWI service and her own WWII service, as well as the donation of a beautiful display cabinet for displaying our memorabilia.
- (II) donated by his daughter Meredith Wallace, Warrant Officer Sid Lewis's service medals and other items.

Other Items, including books, have been donated by several members. These are being assessed, categorised, and will be entered into the database and displayed in the hall in the near future.

The official portrait of the Monarch King Charles was released and has now been framed and placed on the wall between the national flags. This has replaced the portrait of the Monarch, the late Queen Elisabeth II. The memorabilia item number 16 has been kept for the portrait of the Monarch.

The funny side of life:



DO YOU KNOW

Fish can get seasick

Butterflies can taste with
their feet

Emus and Kangaroos cannot
walk backwards

The loop on a belt that holds the loose
end is called a "keeper"

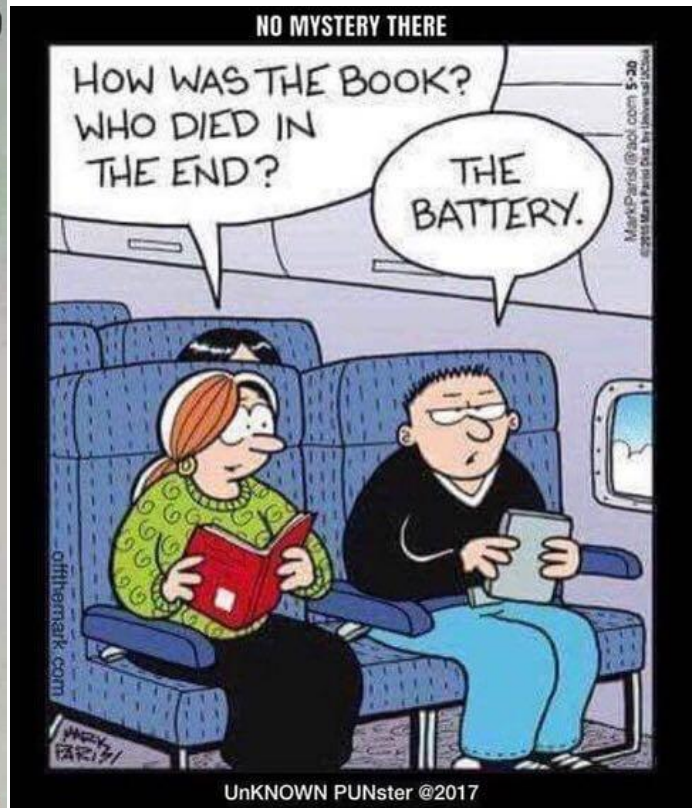
A lady of my acquaintance was complaining about donating blood, she said she wasn't going to try any more as they ask too many stupid questions! Like, who's blood is this? and why was it in a bucket?!!!!!!

Want to feel old?



Bonanza premiered 64 yrs ago.
 The Beatles split 54 yrs ago.
 Laugh-In premiered nearly 56 yrs. ago.
 The Wizard of Oz is 84 yrs old.
 Elvis is dead 46 yrs. He'd be 88 today.
 The Thriller video is 40 yrs old.
 Jimi Hendrix and Janis Joplin dead 53 yrs.
 John Lennon dead 43 yrs.
 Mickey Mantle retired 55 yrs ago.
 Back to the Future is 39 yrs old.
 Saturday Night Fever is 46 yrs old.
 The Ed Sullivan show ended 51 yrs ago.
 The Brady Bunch premiered 54 yrs ago.
 The triplets on My Three Sons are 54.
 Tabitha from Bewitched is 59.
 The Corvette turned 70 this year.
 The Mustang is 59.

Updated in 2023





BIRTHDAYS

THIS MONTH



*Happy birthday
Many Happy Returns!!*

Allan Thomas	04 Oct.
Stan Green	13 Oct.
Hazel Shrubbs	13 Oct.
Chris Simpson	16 Oct.

Information:

DVA – Lismore VAN Office:
Suite 8 Level 1 17 Conway Street
Lismore (next to Australian Hearing)
Email:
Ph 6625 8300
DVA
GPO Box 9998

DVA Gold Card – Many 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”.

The Gold card is also available to Ex-Service persons covered under the VEA if you reach 100% Disability Compensation Payment (DCP) – this doesn’t mean you have to be 100% disabled, just that the DVA calculation of your impairment and Lifestyle effects equal a payment of 100% of the General Rate. If you currently are on 70% you can access the NSW Registration & Licence concession (Free in NSW, 50% in Qld!!), if you are on less, talk to an Advocate about submitting new conditions to claim!

If you are under DRCA (Workers Comp) then there are no concessional discounts.

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- Alstonville Plaza Meats & Deli
- Alstonville Quality Meats
- Alstonville Cellars
- Village Fresh Fruit and Vegetables, Alstonville
- Federal Hotel, Alstonville
- Melanie Stewart Real Estate, Alstonville
- Coles Supermarket, Alstonville
- Parkview Funeral Home, Ballina
- Guardian Funerals – Alstonville, Ballina, Lismore
- McGraths Real Estate, Alstonville

Alstonville Show – 25-27th October –
Come along and join the fun!!!!

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 Marett for more details: **0421 272 643**