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FOR YOUR DIARY:

**Next sub-Branch meeting
Saturday 13 April**

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

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Dear Members,

Some of our members have had medical procedures over the past couple of months. I trust all are feeling better now.

Well, my wife and I survived our cruise to New Zealand on the new Virgin Cruise Ship. We had a lovely time, but both came home with Covid. Ships are true disease incubators.

We are fast approaching our busy season. It's always a great time of the year preparing for Anzac Day. Let's all join together and make this coming month one to remember.

Meaning of Mate

Mateship is an Australian cultural idiom that embodies equality, loyalty and friendship. Russel Ward, in *The Australian Legend* (1958), once saw the concept as central to the Australian people. Mateship derives from mate, meaning friend,



From the President

commonly used in Australia as an amicable form of address.

Blessings to all

John Porter
President

Sub-Branch Meeting Minutes

MINUTES of the sub-Branch General Meeting 09 March 2024.

Vice president Bob Wilson declared the meeting open at 10.32 with the wreath laid by member Phil Skinner followed by the Ode and a half minute's silence.

Attendance was 18, with 5 apologies.

MOTION: That apologies be accepted.

Moved – Phil Skinner **Seconded** – Mark Quilligan

CARRIED

Minutes of the meeting held on 10 February

MOTION: That the Minutes of the meeting on 10 Feb, as printed, be accepted as a true record of that meeting.

Moved – Secretary **Seconded** – Jamie Walton **CARRIED**

Business arising from minutes - Nil business arising.

Correspondence:

Inwards

Secretary read the received and sent correspondence including:

State Circulars

Permission for ANZAC Day activities received (Police & BSC)

Outwards

ANZAC Day Invitation letters sent to all usual participants,

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

Moved - John Gordon **Seconded** – Phil Skinner **CARRIED**

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer presented the Revenue statements and accounts as at 28 Feb 2024 and the Accounts for payment.

MOTION: That the Revenue Statement as at 28 Feb 2024 be accepted, and the Payment of Accounts for Feb/Mar be approved.

Moved – John Gordon **Seconded** – Les Daly **CARRIED**

State HQ – Nothing to report

FNCDC –

The next FNCDC Meeting is May.

Welfare & Hospital visits

Ruth reported that visits to St. Vincent's are continuing and she visited two people last week. No other matters.

Hall Bookings

No changes, but a free History workshop is being held on Wed 20th, all welcome..

Membership:

Membership is now 74 with Dusty and Christine Miller as new members.

Memorabilia

10% stocktake not done yet. A WWI postcard of HMZ New Zealand has been received from a lady in Casino, very interesting, it will be evaluated!

Fundraising

Roster sheets for Badge Sales Tables at Plaza (19-24th), Wollongbar (19th) and Main St (20-24th) are now open, please help out, two hour shifts and whichever days you can.

General Business

- **ANZAC Day**

Working hands still needed in various positions, AHS have been asked if any students would be available.

Help to install the sound system speakers & cables at Dawn Service

People to supervise set up at EAB from 0700

Parade Marshall – Blue Skimmings expressed an interest, I will contact him.

Services at Elizabeth Ann Brown Park

Dawn Service – 0530

Main (or Civic) Service commences at 10 am (after the march)

Main St March

Form up at the Paddy Bugden Memorial at 0930

*****Do you wish to have a breakfast (Gunfire Breaky) at the hall after the Dawn Service! Please let me know!*****

Programs are ready to go for printing with Guardian Funerals.

Need people to help with handing out programs at both the Dawn Service and Main Service.

For the Main Civic Service :

Ushers for VIPs

Guides for the schools at EAB

Beacom Shield 2024

Graham Gooding advised that there has been a decision to cancel the Beacom Shield for this year.

A VERY BIG THANK YOU to the Laurel Club ladies for adding their touch to freshening the wreaths, it is very much appreciated.

A Fact from the Treasurer – 98% of Electric Vehicles (EVs) are still on the road, the other 2% actually made it home!!

Meeting closed at.

Next Meeting: 1000hrs on Saturday 13th April.

Signed

John Porter

President

John Gordon

Secretary/Treasurer

New ship to replace STS *Young Endeavour*

A new sail training ship will be built in Australia over the next three years, to replace STS *Young Endeavour*.

The original brigantine is now 35 years old, and has been delivering sail training voyages in Australia since 1988.

The new ship will be a barquentine rig, with square sails rigged on the foremast and fore-and-aft sails rigged on the fore, main and mizzen masts (yes, three masts!).

It will accommodate up to 42 youth crew on each voyage. It will also be able to undertake more voyages per year, meaning more young Australians will be able to access this unique development program.

Over a thirty-year life the ship will have capacity to embark tens of thousands of youth to participate in the world-recognised Young Endeavour Youth Development Program, and a similar number of youth to participate in Community Day Sails around Australia

Australian shipbuilder Birdon will construct the re-

placement ship in Port Macquarie, New South Wales, to a state-of-the-art barquentine design by the experienced team at Dykstra Naval Architects.

Birdon will be working with Dykstra on the core vessel design, and will also have responsibility for the design, engineering, and integration of the vessel's systems, including mechanical, electrical, propulsion, communication and navigation systems.

Like *Young Endeavour*, the new ship is expected to be steel hulled, have timber deck covering, and be rigged with aluminium masts and spars. The *Young Endeavour* staff crew are also looking forward to additional features – including increased endurance at sea, and air conditioning throughout the ship!

STS Young Endeavour

STS *Young Endeavour* was constructed in 1986-87 in Lowestoft, England, and embarked on her maiden voyage to Australia on 3 August 1987. Crewed by 12 young Australians, 12 British youth and a merchant navy crew, the ship arrived in Perth late that year, then sailed around the southern coast of Australia to Sydney. *Young Endeavour* was formally gifted to the Australian people in Sydney Harbour on 25 January 1988.

Since then, *Young Endeavour* has delivered a world class sail training program developed by the Young Endeavour Youth Scheme, embarking crews of 24 young Australians for voyages along the Australian coast. The ship has circumnavigated Australia four times, and twice sailed around the world.

Sail training voyages provide experiential learning at sea, focused on personal development. The Young Endeavour Youth Development Program builds skills and attributes to develop each participant into a better team player, a more effective communicator and a leader – skills which are readily transferable to everyday life and career settings. The program has long-lasting benefits for both individual participants and their communities.

By Young Endeavour Youth Scheme



The funny side of life:

A Tiffy (Naval Artificer) dies.. and goes to Hell. Dissatisfied with the level of comfort, he starts designing and building improvements. After a while, Hell has air conditioning, flush toilets and escalators. The Tiffy is a pretty popular guy. One day God calls and asks Satan, "So, how's it going down there?" Satan says, "Hey things are going great. We've got air conditioning and flush toilets and escalators, and there's no telling what this Tiffy is going to come up with next." God is horrified. "What? You've got a Tiffy? That's a mistake - he should never have gone down there! You know all Tiffy's go to Heaven. Send him up here!" Satan says, "No way. I like having a Tiffy on the staff. I'm keeping him." God says, "Send him back up here or I'll sue." (Now remember, God is in heaven.) "Yeah, right," Satan laughs, "and where are you going to get a lawyer?"

RUGBY – Where supporting a hooker won't get you divorced!



Colin Biddle	03 Apr.
Brian Partridge	05 Apr.
Liam Stevenson	13 Apr.
John Rixon	21 Apr.
Christine Wood	25 Apr.

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DVA Gold Card – Many Vietnam and other Returned from Active Service Veterans are not aware of their entitlement to a DVA Gold Card at age 70 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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- Coles Supermarket, Alstonville
- Parkview Funeral Home, Ballina
- Guardian Funerals – Alstonville, Ballina, Lismore
- McGraths Real Estate, Alstonville

RSL Tibouchina Day Club

When: Wednesdays @ 10 am

Where: Rous Mill Hall

What: Enjoy good company, live entertainment, light exercise (suitable for the elderly), mental stimulation activities, morning tea and lunch.

A bus will pick you up from and return you to your home within the Alstonville/Wollongbar villages for a \$10 contribution.

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

Contact Marettte for more details **0421 272 643**