



Newsletter

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hullo everybody,

I am making this report in the wake of our former President Gary Guidotti's resignation. I thank Gary for all the work he put in, especially with the Club Mulwala Lease and with the trustees of RSL House.

Gary's resignation has left us very short on committee positions, but some of the old stalwarts (well perhaps not so old) have offered to step up and help keep us going. Thanks Paul Nieuwenhout, Kerry Pendergast, Lynne Dowsett and John Fitcher, and thank you to David King who has volunteered to keep managing our memberships.

We have achieved quite a lot over the last couple of months. Especially in the managing of RSL House. The house is now completely empty and we are getting a group together to come up with a plan for the continuing use of RSL House. If anybody has any thoughts or ideas on the future of the house, we would be very glad to hear them. - VERY GLAD.

Remembrance Day is our next task. We will be holding services at Karana and Woods Point on the 7th November at 11am and 2pm. Anyone who would like to attend is most welcome. On Remembrance Day the 11th November we will gather at the wall at 10.45m. Earlier help on the day at 9.30am would be greatly appreciated.

Xmas is fast approaching and we will be having our Xmas function on Sunday 10th December, with the meeting at 11.00am. Doors to the function room will open at 12noon with meals served at 12.30pm. Tickets are \$10.00 a head and tickets go on sale right after the November meeting.

I wish you all the best and look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

Ian Summers, President

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Meet Brooklyn

One of the first tasks assigned to me when I commenced writing the Sub-Branch's newsletter was to make contact with Brooklynn Dowling and introduce myself. I initially made contact with Brooklynn's dad, Jim back in April 2022, on the basis that I wanted to write an article about Brooklynn for the newsletter. Brooklynn has certainly been very busy over the past year and we haven't been able to meet up in person, but we did finally chat over the phone last week.

Some of you may be aware that Brooklynn was sponsored by the Sub-Branch during her Army cadetship at the 33rd Army Cadet Unit in Wangaratta, concluding in 2019. But for those of you who do not know Brooklynn, she is the daughter of Jim and Catherine Dowling. Brooklynn grew up on her parent's family farm in Savernake NSW and attend primary and secondary school at Sacred Heart in Yarrawonga. Following her high school graduation in 2019, she worked for four local businesses in Yarrawonga including Terry White Chemmart, Strathavon Farming Pty Ltd, Hermiston Ag Enterprises as well as working alongside her Father Jim with his family business JF Dowling and Sons Pty Ltd.

On the 15th of February 2022, Brooklynn enlisted in the Royal Australian Air Force, as a medic. Brooklynn undertook her recruit training at 1RTU (No. 1 Recruit Training Unit) at RAAF base Wagga Wagga and graduated on 11 May this year earning the rank, of Aircraft Woman. Brooklynn even had the pleasure of the Former Chief Air Force, Air Marshal Leo Davies attend her graduation as her special guest. More about Brooklynn and Air Marshal Leo Davies can be found on the Defence Service Website at

<https://www.defence.gov.au/news-events/news/2022-05-31/chief-and-recruit-bond-promises-and-coin>



Brooklynn will shortly be graduating on the 30th of November 2023 from the Army School of Health located at Latchford Barracks in Bonegilla and leaving for her first posting to 2EHS (No. 2 Expeditionary Health Squadron) Detachment in Darwin. This opportunity will allow Brooklynn to work within RAAF base Darwin's health centre. Brooklynn is very excited for what's install with her upcoming posting to Darwin, giving her the opportunity to work at other locations such as RAAF base Tindal located in Katherine NT. I asked Brooklynn what it's been like in the RAAF and she told me she absolutely loves it. She said the RAAF is extremely supportive, especially about postings and it is very family orientated. She said 'the friends you make in the Airforce, become your friends for life'. Congratulations Brooklynn and thank you for letting me share your story with the Yarrawonga Mulwala RSL Sub-Branch Members. Best wishes on your defence force career from all the Members of the Sub-Branch.




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The Remembrance Day Service on Saturday 11 November 2023 at 10.45am at the Club Mulwala Memorial will include a 9 aircraft flyover by the Tocumwal Flying Club. Comradeship will follow at Club Mulwala.



Come Join Us for the December General Meeting in the ANZAC Room of Club Mulwala on **Sunday 10 December 2023 at 11am** followed by Christmas Lunch and entertainment in the Endeavour Room. Two course lunch - \$10 per head. Bookings essential.



Your Membership fees for 2024 are now due and renewal notices have been sent to Sub-Branch Members by mail or email. Payment methods have been detailed in the renewal notice. Please call Dave King 0405 074 990 for all membership renewal enquiries.

MEMBERSHIP

Renewals are due by 15 December 2023

Vale

It is with sadness that we have learnt of the passing of Alan Neal and Jim Dowling. The Sub-Branch sends its condolences to the families and friends at this time.

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The Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm Unit Citation



Eligible veterans and family members of a deceased Vietnam Veteran can now apply for the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with PUC. More information on eligibility can be found on the Australian Defence website at <https://www.defence.gov.au/adf-members-families/honours-awards/medals/foreign-awards/republic-vietnam-cross-gallantry-palm-unit-citation>

Women's Auxiliary Update

Pauline and the Auxiliary are pleased to advise that they had a total of 7 new members this year. Well done ladies, keep up your good work!!



Bunnings BBQ Saturday 4 November

The Women's Auxiliary will hold its next Bunnings BBQ on **Saturday 4 November 2023.** Please come along and show your support and purchase a sausage.

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**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO ATTENDED THE HIGH TEA ON 19 OCTOBER 2023.
ALSO A VERY BIG THANK YOU TO PAULINE, MARGARET AND THE WOMEN'S
AUXILIARY FOR PUTTING TOGETHER A FUN AFTERNOON ENJOYED BY ALL.**



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Petty Officer Joe Muckenthaler and his two children Shay and Blake. Joe is the son of Mrs Alison Mitchell of Yarrawonga.

The pictures show the medals and certificates that were awarded to Shay and Blake for perseverance and support whilst their dad was deployed for 6 months on Operation Argos.

Operation Argos is the Australian Defence Force's contribution to the international effort to enforce United Nations' sanctions against North Korea.

It is wonderful to see the government supporting the families of our defence personnel.

Thank you Alison for sharing your photo with us.



Harold Wignall Celebrates 102

Below: Harold Wignall recently celebrated his 102nd birthday with his family at Club Mulwala. Congratulations Harold on this wonderful milestone in your life.



Official Opening of the Goorambat Retreat

The Goorambat Retreat will be holding its official opening on Friday 10 November 2023 at 11am followed by a community open day, tours of the retreat and refreshments from 11.30am. Former Premier Dan Andrews will officiate at the opening. More information can be found on the Goorambat Retreat Website -

<https://www.veteransretreat.com.au/officialopening>

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Happy Birthday to Members celebrating their birthdays in November and December

November

Kylie Thitchener
John Lonergan
Lisa Banks
Robert Fiddes
Stuart Ralph
Gregory Bayne
Robert Mackenzie
Keith Allender
Evelyn Calder
Judith Wenzel
Tony Dunne
Kathleen Murphy
Joan Bennell
Peter Lidgerwood
Kathleen Chisholm
Reginald Bryce
Arthur Mayne
Gina Annand
Pamela Dodman
Phillip Droop
Jeanette Hermassoo
Robert Hummel
Michael Mullarvey

December

Geoffrey Loughrey
Graeme Arnold
Stephen Brander
Kerry Kinnane
Margaret Pretty
Raymond Tovey
Owen Walsh

Gregory Cummins
Ngaire Butcher
John White
Barry Martin
Deidre Roberts
Dennis Causby
Pauline Frauenfelder
Toni Scott
Brian Batty
Ronald McKellar
Siegfried Rempel
Michael Millsom
Roland Holland
Ian Mullen
Terry Perus
Sheryl Cossar
Colin Leeworthy
Denise Causby
Adrian Loughnan
Geoffrey Blake
Ron Stoneman
Maureen Warren
Graham Seccull
Kenneth Trinder
Raymond Evans
Pamela Fry
Allan Goudge
Loris Lochhead
Kaylene Smith
Gregory Fisher
Darryn May

Best
Wishes



Target Puzzle (left) – how many words of four letters or more can you make? There is at least one nine-letter word. Each letter may be used only once and all words must contain the centre letter. No words starting with a capital, no plurals ending in 's' unless the word is also a verb eg. he fires the gun. Tell us how you did.

Word puzzle (below) – Join four pairs of letters below to make a word that means 'determined'.

SC LU PT SO NS RE OM TE NE

Did you know –

- Bees can sting other bees – especially if threatened or when protecting their hive.
- Dolphins and their incredible sonars were studied during the Cold War.
- Australia is 600km wider than the moon!
- Elephants are the only mammal that cannot jump.



Can you name the song and the singer or band?



Quiz answers from previous edition

Q1. 20, **Q2.** 12, **Q3.** Ghana (has two vowels the same); Letter sequence – NON;
Song & Band 60's Midnight Special – Credence Clearwater Revival, 70's Riders on the Storm – The Doors
 How did you go?



Sub-Branch Anecdotes

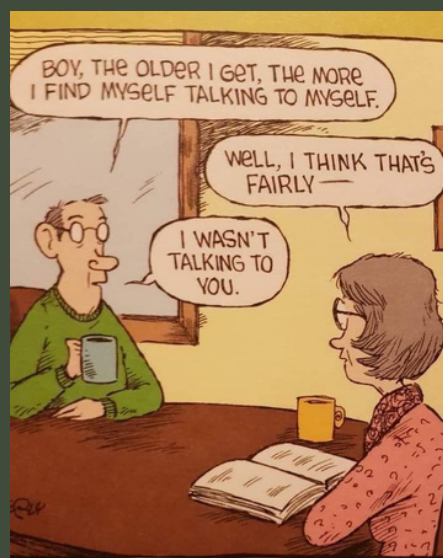
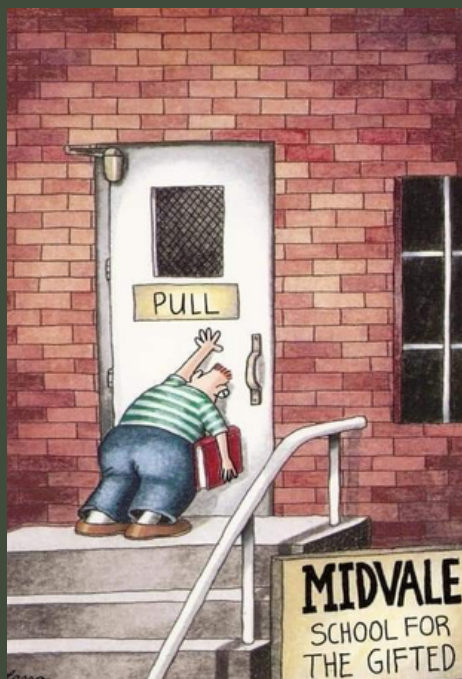


Some More Aphorisms

Always be yourself because the people that matter don't mind, and the ones that mind - don't matter.

There are no new sins; the old ones just get more publicity.

The trouble with bucket seats is that not everybody has the same size bucket.



Sub-Branch General Meetings are held monthly in the Endeavour Room at Club Mulwala from 7pm. Come along for a chat, have your say, enjoy the meeting followed by light refreshments

The Women's Auxiliary Meet in the Long Tan Room at Club Mulwala on the 4th Monday of each month at 2pm.

2023 General Meeting Dates

8 November

10 December (Sunday) at 11am followed by Christmas Lunch

No January meeting

MEETING TIME

2023 Women's Auxiliary Meeting Dates

27 November

Sub-Branch Noticeboard

We are seeking members who would like to be actively involved in the Sub-Committee.

All enquiries to Ian Summers

The Sub-Branch Website is live – check it out now at www.yarramulrsl.com.au

Got something for the newsletter - email committee1@yarramulrsl.com.au

Expression of Interest

Are you interested In becoming a future Welfare Officer (this is a training position). If you would like more information please contact Ian Summers on 0428 848 139.

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**Do you have something you would like
to contribute to this newsletter?**

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All contributions welcome.

We are here to support you

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Treasurer – Alan Morley

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Barry Cocks

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