

The Official (or should that be “unofficial? - doesn’t matter) Newsletter of

BURLEIGH HEADS RSL

The happiest & friendliest sub branch in the world (well, we think so!)

April 2006



Burleigh Bugle

ANZAC Day-2006



DAWN SERVICE

MEMORIAL PARK & CENOTAPH

Parade will “fall in” in Connor Street at 4.15am

SERVICE will commence at 4.28am

COMMUNITY COMMEMORATION SERVICE

Parade will assemble cnr West & James Streets at 9.15am

MARCH will move off at 9.30am

Service will commence at 10.00am

Medals to be worn. Members of the public and community groups are most welcome to participate with us.

*They shall grow not old as
we that are left grow old
Age shall not weary them
Nor the years condemn*

*At the going down of the
sun and in the morning
We will remember them
Lest we forget*





Before the next issue of the **Burleigh Bugle**

comes out, these very nice young folk will be having a birthday!
So we all take this opportunity to wish them Many Happy Returns !!



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| Allan Bass | 12-Apr |
| Harry Gaylard | 12-Apr |
| Trevor Davis | 13-Apr |
| George McCabe | 15-Apr |
| Ken McNaught | 15-Apr |
| Brian Thompson | 18-Apr |
| Jeff Smith | 19-Apr |
| Craig McKenzie | 20-Apr |
| Ken Robbins | 20-Apr |
| George Hohl | 21-Apr |
| Margaret McVeigh | 21-Apr |
| Arthur Dalrymple | 22-Apr |
| Dennis Day | 22-Apr |
| Bill Munsie | 25-Apr |
| David Coombe | 27-Apr |
| Col Garde | 27-Apr |

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| Alan Corbett | 28-Apr |
| Bill Parker | 28-Apr |
| Bill Tyner | 28-Apr |
| Les Coulson | 29-Apr |
| Andy Rush | 30-Apr |
| Barry Austin | 2-May |
| Tom Halliday | 2-May |
| Baz Miller | 3-May |
| Shane Webber | 10-May |
| Bob Proud | 12-May |
| John Thomas | 12-May |
| Ray Coppin | 14-May |
| Ken Spilstead | 15-May |
| Max Weston | 17-May |
| Merv Cox | 19-May |
| Jack Davey | 19-May |

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| Peter Carr | 23-May |
| Horry Morgan | 24-May |
| George Rickertt | 26-May |
| Harry Roth | 27-May |
| Fran McAlister | 28-May |
| Bob McKenzie | 28-May |
| Mick Storey | 28-May |
| Arthur Whitfield | 28-May |
| Ray Houston | 30-May |
| Bill Brown | 2-Jun |
| Peter Stanbridge | 2-Jun |
| Alf McLean | 3-Jun |
| Kevin Snee | 3-Jun |
| Bob Bamford | 6-Jun |
| Don Sharp | 11-Jun |
| Mike Kearney | 13-Jun |

***And how about this
for a birthday!***

OUR MEMBER, BILLY TYNER, TURNS ONE HUNDRED AND ONE YEARS OF AGE ON 28TH APRIL.

Bill is well, and moved to Melbourne to be near his only living relative "in case he needs some help when he gets old." (His words) He lives at:

**Falford Park Lodge
100 Harold Street,
Wantirna Vic 3152**

Your editor just thought it would be a thrill for Bill if as many of you as possible could send him a card for his birthday, even if you didn't know him all that well.

I'm sure he would be pleased to know that his mates at his old RSL still think of him. He was one of the district's and sub-branch's great "characters" for many years. I spoke to him 1st April and he is still as sharp as a tack and asked about all of you, and sends his best regards.

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ANZAC REUNION

A poem by Max Turner, of Burleigh Heads RSL

*Find our unit and our banner, searching faces on the way,
Waving back at friendly greetings, shake some hands and say "G'day",
Seems all chaos and confusion, comrades with so much to say,
Then the practiced bark of orders, and the march gets under way.
Gone the chaos and confusion, trained men measure out their stride,
Row on row of clinking medals, heads held high, chests swell with pride.
A band strikes up "Waltzing Matilda", watch how we swing along,
Here and there, and round about me, men's deep voices sing the song.*

*Mates make way for late arrivals, one shuffle and pick up the tread,
Look left and right to get their dressing (second nature in our head)
Sadly now our ranks are thinner than when we first went away
Some are gone and some too ill now, just to get here for the day.
Seems it was only yesterday we shared our hopes and fears,
And we see some tough men struggling, trying to hold back the tears.
But now we're coming to the dais, heads turn right on one command,
Hats and hands held over hearts now, our flag is flying on that stand.*

*Through the march and at the service, once again the bugles call,
Again we see mates shadowy faces, and again we see them fall.
It's not just what our minds are seeing, it's what our memories make us hear,
The ghostly rattle of machine guns, the thump of "big ones" landing near,
A long dead comrade's urgent warning "Quick, look out there, on your right"
The vicious crack of a sniper's rifle and our mate just drops from sight.
Heroes, they don't come in sizes— some are big and some are small,
To them we owe a lifetime debt that we have a home at all.*

*The speeches finish at the service, a man's voice sings "Abide with Me"
Some of us join in to help him, some are wondering, just like me,
Yet we know that it was worth it, and that we achieved our goal,
And I feel some re-assurance, and a calmness in my soul,
Then suddenly it's over, and the "Last Post" dies away,
A round of solemn hand shakes, good mates part and go their way.
Some head off to a reunion, some stand silent 'neath a tree,
Others wander, seeming aimless, adjusting to reality.*

*A reunion, - time for reminiscing, and we had some laughs and beers,
And each time an old mate walked in he received three hearty cheers.
We joined in singing wartime ditties, each man giving it his best
"Quartermaster" "Sergeant Major", "Slouch Hat", "Bogey", and the rest,
But all things have to finish, and we all go quiet towards the end,
Not wanting now to say good-bye to men that we have called a friend,
I don't say good-bye to any, I just wander out the door,
And I feel an empty sadness — will I see them any more?*

Editor's Note:

Max Turner joined the RAN as a seventeen and half year old in 1943, and has been a member of the RSL for over sixty years. He was one of five Turners who all "joined up" in the little town of Guyra (NSW) as soon as they were old enough. His remarkable talent as a poet really impresses me, and I intend to include one of his poems in every issue of the "Burleigh Bugle" from now on. I hope you enjoy them as much as I do. **BAZ**

NEW LAWS AND YOUR DRIVING LICENCE

From 1st March 2006 the law has been changed where the onus has been put on the driver to report to Queensland Transport any medical condition (past or present) that may affect their fitness to drive a motor vehicle.

Any driver who fails to report such a condition as soon as they become aware of that condition may receive a fine of \$4,500 and be disqualified from driving for a period.

BUT EVEN MORE IMPORTANT, YOUR INSURANCE COULD BE DECLARED NULL AND VOID IF THE INSURANCE COMPANY CAN ESTABLISH THAT YOU FAILED TO REPORT AN ADVERSE CONDITION.

Some medical conditions which may affect driving are:

- Diabetes (early & late onset)
- Epilepsy
- Heart Disease
- Strokes
- Arthritis and other joint problems
- Eye problems (for example, cataracts)
- Hearing disorders
- Parkinson disease or other neurological disorders
- Sleep disorders
- Dementia and Alzheimer's disease
- Depression & other mental health problems
- Lung disease
- Injuries or other disabilities

All drivers must declare if they have OR HAVE EVER HAD IN THE PAST a medical condition that may or would have affected their driving.
(Ed: This one is a "lulu" and should be considered very carefully by everyone.)

Also, under the law changes, ALL DRIVERS OVER 75 YEARS must carry a valid medical certificate at all times. These certificates are available from your own doctor.

In some cases it may be wise to discuss any condition with your doctor, when he/she may suggest placing certain conditions on your medical certificate such as:

- Daylight driving only
- Drive automatic car only

IMPORTANT CONTACTS FOR YOU TO KEEP IN A PLACE FOR QUICK REFERENCE.

PENSIONS AND WELFARE MATTERS

Honorary Senior Advocate/Pension officer:

Neil Harcourt,
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Ray Fellenberg
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A wife was making fried eggs for her husband for breakfast. Suddenly her husband burst into the kitchen.

"Careful... Careful!!! Put in some more butter! Oh my God! You're cooking too many at once. Too many! Turn them! Turn them now! We need more butter. Oh my God! Where are we going to get more butter? They're going to stick! Careful... Careful!!! I said be careful! You never listen to me when you're cooking! Never! Turn them! Hurry up! Are you crazy? Have you lost your mind? Don't forget to salt them. You know you always forget to salt them. Use the salt. Use the salt! The salt!"

The wife stared at him and asked, "What the heck is wrong with you? You think I don't know how to fry a couple of eggs?"

The husband calmly replied, "I wanted to show you what it feels like when I'm driving with you in the car."

Ah, Yes! Them was the Days.....

As I grow old I feel sorry for the kids of today because mine was a very simple, but very happy childhood. I remember with some affection things like:

- Mum using a copper stick to lift laundry from the copper to the tubs
- Manual clothes “wringer” on the tubs.
- Selecting the longest and straightest “clothes prop” from the cart of the “clothes prop man.”
- Nearly everyone’s Mum was home when the kids got home from school.
- It was considered the norm to go barefoot to school.
- Ladies wore stockings that came in two pieces.
- A shilling (ten cents) was enough to have a real afternoon out at the Saturday flicks.
- All your male teachers wore ties and the female teachers had their hair done every day and wore high heels
- Cereals had free toys hidden in the bottom of the box
- You got your windscreen cleaned, petrol pumped, oil checked, tyres checked without asking and all for free while we paid three shillings a gallon for the petrol
- It was a really huge deal to “go out” for a meal.
- When a teacher threatened to keep you back a year if you failed – they did it.
- The milko delivered milk into your “billy” on the front step every morning
- The “ice-man” did the same before we had a refrigerator.
- Stuff came from the shop without safety caps and hermetic seals because no-one had yet tried to poison a perfect stranger.
- A kid could go out and ride his push-bike for hours without his Mum being worried.
- We played cricket in the middle of the street
- Taking drugs was when your Mum gave you an aspirin
- When you were more scared of taking home a bad report card instead of now being scared of drive-by shootings, home invasions, drugs, gangs, terrorists.
- When one would reach down into a muddy gutter to pick up a penny
- When Laurel and Hardy, the Lone Ranger, Hopalong Cassidy all entertained us without the use of gory special effects and four-letter swear words.

- Conversation lollies, Lollie cigarettes, marbles,
- Newsreels before the main movie, and everybody at the pictures stood up for “God Save the King”
- Meccano sets
- Important decisions were made by the “eeny-meeny-miney-moe” method
- “Race issues” meant arguing about who could run the fastest
- Having a weapon at school meant being caught with a catapult.
- Spinning around, getting dizzy, and falling down laughing
- Tram guards collected fares standing on a 12inch board along the OUTSIDE the tram in searing heat, freezing cold, raging storms and pouring rain.
- MAN magazine had black & white picture of semi-naked women but their nipples were covered by big black stars.
- Deodorants were unheard of, so we must have all smelt the same.

Ah, yes. Them was the days.



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It will contain errors, misquotes, spelling mistakes, and other faults just to keep you on your toes and see if you take any notice.

Views expressed are not necessarily endorsed by the Sub Branch or any reasonably intelligent person or persons, but gee, the editor has fun doing it. So if you have any complaints please send them to

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT **FEBRUARY/MARCH 2006**

Good day everyone, I hope this report finds you all fit and well.

Sadly I have to report that two of our members passed away since the last report. Eric Innes, ex- RAAF WW11, died 14 August 2005 aged 85. With the family upset of Eric dying suddenly we were not informed of his death until this month with apologies. Eric was in fact our longest serving Member, he joined Burleigh RSL in 1966 and remained with us until his death. Keith Alexander (Curly) Forsyth, ex-POW Japan 2nd AIF WW11, died 20th February 2006 aged 88 and had been a member since 1991. Curly's funeral was well attended by members of the Sub-Branch and Ex-POW Association. His mates will miss Curly. "Lest We Forget"

The February monthly general meeting was very well attended, ninety members and 2 Auxiliary Ladies attended, 92 in total. Great to see so many come along and enjoy themselves on a very hot day. Sadly the Ladies could not have a meeting in February as they didn't have a quorum - the ladies must have forgotten what day it was!

The regular fourth Wednesday Social Day in February was also well attended, with forty-four Members. It is heartening to see so many coming along to enjoy the mateship and again on a hot and sticky day. Sadly the Ladies of the Auxiliary are not attending the socials; they must be leading very busy lives and don't have time. The March Social day went very well, with fifty-two in attendance. Great effort! I think everyone enjoyed themselves. Keep up the good work. Just a reminder, that there will be no 4th Wednesday Social in April due to ANZAC day.

This year's first "Wednesday Movie Day" started off very slowly. February attendance was almost non-existent but we still showed the movie to the few. March was a bit better with 10 in attendance. I hope more members and their wives start attending. The Sub-Branches 68th Annual General Meeting was a wonderful event, with one hundred and one members and our Patron Paul Gamin in attendance. A record attendance, plus 2 visitors. The ladies of the Auxiliary joined us after their 53rd Annual General

Meeting, for refreshments and BBQ, they are a small band and I would like to congratulate their new committee for another year. The Women's Auxiliary President for 2006/2007 is Mrs. Pat Welch, Secretary/Treasurer Mrs. Jeannie McKenzie and Vice President Mrs. Dulcie Humrick. The Sub-Branch would be the poorer should the ladies decide to call it a day as their numbers are struggling and are always on the look out for new members. I would like to thank the ladies most sincerely for their contribution on the day of the AGM and for their continuing contribution throughout the year!

A huge thanks goes to the BBQ cooks, Ken McNaught & Ray Coppin. The meat was cooked to perfection. Another huge thanks to our providore, Les McKenzie and his band of merry men, Bruce Weir & Brian Williams who provide lovely cold refreshments after the meetings! The new Committee man Fundraiser Kevin Cook and his assistants Trevor Davis, I would like to thank them for their contribution on the day, which was fantastic. Allan Price Door keeper and his helper John Rapp again excelled in their duties, thank you! George Utterson committeeman, willing helper and all the other members who assisted to make the day a huge success, Thankyou!

All Sub-Branch Committee positions for 2006/07 had been nominated and those who nominated were duly elected unopposed. Yours truly Chris Keating, C Dec, President, Bob Birch, Senior Vice President, Les McKenzie, Jnr Vice President, Ray Fellenberg, Honorary Secretary/Treasurer, Robert K Jones, Honorary Assistant Secretary/Webmaster, Allan Price, JP C dec, Doorkeeper. The Following elected to the committee, Kevin Cook, Bruce Paterson, George Utterson, Bruce Weir and Brian Williams. Welcome aboard for another year and it looks like it's going to be another huge success and thank you for accepting your nominations. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing Secretary/treasurer Barry Miller, and outgoing Committeemen Trevor Davis and Shorty Short for their invaluable contribution whilst serving on the Committee. It was a pleasure working with these three members and I wish them well in their well-deserved retirement.

The AGM appointed Pension Officer for the Sub-Branch is Honorary Senior Advocate/Pension officer Neil Harcourt, OAM; Neil can

be contacted on the following phone numbers Surfers Paradise RSL Veterans Office 075539 8336 Mobile 0419 641843 and or in an emergency only after hours 5576 3091 home. Neil is a very experienced Pensions Officer and should continue to give our members the very best of service in obtaining their deserved DVA entitlements. Please should you feel your pension entitlements are not up to scratch, arrange to see Neil Harcourt and get it reviewed!

I have again been appointed your Welfare Officer, should you require to contact me please phone me 0407 761663.

Again, there have been a few new members that have joined us since the last report, I would like to welcome you all to the sub-branch and hope your stay with us will be a very long one.

To all the members who had birthdays recently, and those about to have one, HAPPY BIRTHDAY! I hope you have a great day and have many more birthdays to come.

Those Members who have been on sick parade, I hope you all improve and are the mend.

As your district councilor, I would like to report that the 7th Gold Coast district Annual Conference was held on Saturday 11th February 2006 at Beenleigh RSL Club. All current executive officers were elected unopposed. At the Saturday evening Conference dinner, Neil Harcourt was presented with an award for his untiring work for Veterans and ex-service persons. I extended congratulations on behalf of the Burleigh RSL Sub-Branch members.

I am looking forward to representing the Burleigh Heads RSL Members as your elected Delegate at the next State Congress at Roma in June. It should be a very interesting congress and possibly one of many changes. More news to follow! I have to report that on Friday 24th March 2006, the Qld RSL State President, Mr Bill Mason resigned for personal reasons after leading the RSL in Queensland for nearly three years. Much has improved within the League in this time and I look forward to a new member taking on this very demanding responsibility! We all wish Bill well in his retirement!

Please remember this year is going to be very

special, it is the 90th Anniversary of the RSL and for the first time in Queensland history, the Queensland RSL will lead the ANZAC Day March in Brisbane, with Districts and sub-Branches representatives following with banners.

ANZAC Day this year is the 91st Anniversary of the landing of ANZAC troops on the shore of Gallipoli, the 61st Anniversary of the end of the Second World War, also the 40th Anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan in Vietnam. It's a special year all round, only one World War One Veteran left in Australia. History in the making - once they are gone there will be no one!

A huge thanks to all members that made the effort and paid their 2006 subscriptions on time, and those who paid early. A wonderful effort - strength through numbers! Sadly we have lost five members that have not renewed and do not intend to renew! That is a sad state as we in this sub-branch have had 100% renewal for the last eleven years!

I will conclude with a special request for members to keep attending Monthly General Meetings, Monthly Socials. Please try and attend the 1st Wednesday movie days, it would be great to have forty or fifty coming along!

Remember ANZAC Day, Tuesday 25th April, there will be notices handed out at the April general meeting, and for those who can't be at the meeting to collect one, the arrangements will be the same as last year! Look forward to a great year. (See front page of this "Bugle")

Another small reminder, the Uniting Church Burleigh Heads will be conducting an ANZAC church service on Sunday evening 23rd April 2006 at 6pm. Please try and attended. Medals to be worn. Jim Watt does a great job in organizing this annual event! A few extra prayers never hurt!

Bowlers, please remember the ANZAC Bowls Carnival at the Burleigh Bowls Club to be held at the Bowls club on Saturday 22nd April 2006. Please contact the Club or Alistair McColl 5535 8273.

Yours in service.
Christopher Keating
President

*From the Desk of Neil Harcourt
Honorary Senior Advocate/Pension officer*

Over the past few weeks I have been given some thirty files belonging to members of the Sub-Branch, and I immediately sent out a standard letter to those concerned informing them of this. While I have been unable to see most of you, there are still four or five that have not been contacted as yet for various reasons, and I'll get around to you in the next few days .

I understand that there may be other members whose files are at the Currumbin Veterans Support Centre, so if you have a claim that has not been fully processed, and wish me to do it, you should get your files and get in touch with me. This is your choice of course and in no way do I wish to be seen as

promoting myself as being better than others.

To those of you who have had applications done in the past and who may feel that they do not have the level of pension that they feel they deserve, please contact me. To those who are not on the EDA level of pension and feel that their lifestyle is greatly restricted by their impairments, you should also contact me (several have done so already and I consider that they will get the EDA).

Remember, if you are not on the EDA or do not have all of your impairments accepted, you may well be jeopardising your partner's future.

Looking forward to hearing from you.
God bless.

Neil V. Harcourt.



90 YEARS
1916-2006

IN JUST TWO MONTH'S TIME IT WILL BE THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FORMATION OF THE RSL

With over 200,000 members nationally, and 42,000 in 250 sub-branches in Queensland, the League remains as relevant today as it was in 1916.

Back then, there was no welfare services as we know them today, so the League committed to provide for the sick, wounded and needy among those who had served, and their dependants. Today, the RSL has an Advocacy, Pensions and Welfare section that provides for members and non-members.

Strong leadership over the years has created a large, unified voice that has been able to lobby governments and gain very generous benefits for veterans. Only strong membership enables these services to continue.

There are thousands of men and women out there who don't know that their time in any Australian or Allied service uniform entitles them to RSL membership. Some folk still believe that they have to be returned from overseas service to qualify. This is not so.

Just a simple question: "Have you ever worn a service uniform at any time?" is worth asking, and if the answer is "Yes" you can talk to them with a suggestion to join the League.

Keep the League going into the future. Find someone who has worn a services uniform—at any time—in any capacity— AND RECRUIT THEM —NOW!.

I know a bloke who says he can usually spot a person who has spent some time in the army. Watch at a pedestrian crossing, and when the light turns green, nine times out of ten that person will step off with his left foot. Think about it.

DVA Southport - 56 300 203

Home Maintenance Help

Line

Need a tradesperson and don't know where to go?

The Helpline can arrange a tradesperson in your local area and provide you with relevant details.

The tradesperson will ring you to make an appointment and to discuss your requirements. DVA does not cover costs of work undertaken.

Available to all veteran households.

Phone:

1800 80 1945

HomeFront

Prevention of falls and accidents in the home for Gold or White Card holders.

Free home assessment and referral to approved tradesperson. One assessment per calendar year.

DVA will pay up to \$163 towards recommended work per calendar year e.g. repair broken step, cracked foot-path, lighting.

Links veteran / war widow/widower to other community services.

Phone:

1800 80 1945

Rehabilitation Appliances Program [RAP]

Gold and White card holders [related to war-caused or specific disability] may receive, specific equipment and modifications in home environment that can assist in restoring or maintaining independence and minimising disability.

Based on assessed clinical [medical] need. Access via a referral [D904] from your GP.

Home assessment by Occupational Therapist (or other allied health).

If DVA guidelines met, costs paid by DVA.

Phone/contact

Your GP or
Local VAN office -
56 300 203

Veterans' Home Care (VHC)

Personal Care

Domestic Assistance and Home & Garden Maintenance

Respite Care

VHC provides support services in the home for war widows, widowers and Australian veterans who are Gold or White Card holders.

Approval for all services based on assessed need.

Services are limited and except for respite care, are subject to co-payments. Access via VHC assessment agencies.

NB: Home & garden maintenance is to keep house and surrounds safe – it does not provide routine lawn mowing, weeding, pruning etc.

Phone: **1300 550 450**


POSITIONS VACANT Vacancies exist for several enthusiastic, eager and good looking blokes to help sell, as a group, lots and lots of ANZAC Day badges on Friday 21/4/06 and Monday 24/4/06.

Your chance to do something worthwhile for your sub branch. Just give an hour or two of your time and it can make an enormous difference.

PAY RATES: Bugger-all, nil, nought, nothing—but you will get a great deal of satisfaction. Please see Secretary Ray or Jeannie McKenzie to make a time ..

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Greg is available for consultation any Monday Morning between 9.00 and 11.00am without appointment. For other times, ring and make special appointment

Christine Smith, MLA
State Member for Burleigh

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*Christine is available by appointment
OR 2nd Friday each month at The Pines Shops
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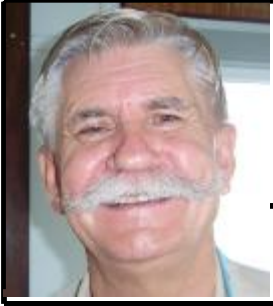
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Wanna go to the pitchas ? At 1.30pm on the first Wednesday of every month we have a "movie" afternoon, so come along, bring a cushion to put on those hard seats, and enjoy some great movies. A small donation of a gold coin will get you a dress circle seat, a cup of tea/coffee and a bickie. Bring your friends—they are welcome.

BURLEIGH HEADS SUB BRANCH COMMITTEE 2006/2007



PRESIDENT. - Chris Keating.

Chris joined the Regular Army in 1963 and was discharged on medical grounds in 1971 after a serious motor accident caused severe injuries to his legs. He was our Sec/Treas for eight years before becoming President in 2004. He holds other appointments at District and State level, and is a tireless worker for the RSL.

SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT - Bob Birch

Bob joined the army in 1941. He served in New Guinea, in particular the Milne Bay campaign. After the war he became a storekeeper before having a long and successful career in the carpet industry. He's a keen bowler, and this will be his 3rd committee term



JUNIOR VICE-PRESIDENT - Les McKenzie

Les joined up in 1942, and served with 2/16 Bn 7 Div in New Guineas, Moratai and Borneo. After the war he became a builder, and has been a committee member for 9 years and Jnr Vice-Pres since 2001 and has done a mountain of work maintaining the Hall over the years.

SECRETARY/TREASURER - Ray Fellenberg

Ray joined the Army in 1965 and was ASM of 5 Base Workshops RAEME when he retired . He served for 15 months in Vietnam. After leaving the army he ran a helicopter pilot and engineer training school before moving to Burleigh Heads last year.



COMMITTEE - George Utterson

George was a British National Serviceman called up in 1952 for the Korean War, but after training at Aldershot spent most of his army career as a dietary caterer in the British General Hospital in Kure, Japan. He came to Australian in 1955 working as a painter/decorator. This will be his 4th term on the committee.

COMMITTEE—Bruce Weir

Bruce joined the New Zealand regular Army in 1966 and served in Malaya and Vietnam. Bad doses of malaria left him with Quinine poisoning, and he left the Army in 1969. He ran a steam cleaning business until retirement and has been on our committee for 5 years.



COMMITTEE—Brian Williams

An old sea salt, Bruce joined the RAN in 1950 and served until 1956, mainly on HMAS Sydney when he did several trips backwards and forwards to Korea. He was part of the Australian Honour Guard at the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. He has been on the committee now for three years, and he doesn't do a bad job behind the bar either.

More handsome and good looking young committee members continued on the next page

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COMMITTEE –FUND RAISER—Kevin Cook

Kevin was a National Serviceman, called up in 1953. He served with 36 Air Despatch Coy and remained in the Reserve for a further four years following his obligatory service. Kevin ran one of the most well-known and respected mechanical workshops for 27 years in Miami. Keep him busy by buying all his raffle tickets.

COMMITTEE—DOORKEEPER—Allan Price

Allan joined the RAAF as an 18yr old in 1942. and served in After the war Allan resumed his career in the Post Office and retired as the Postmaster at Miami. He received his certificate for 50 Years of continuous membership way back in 1997, and has been our committeeman and doorkeeper since 1999.



COMMITTEE—Bruce Paterson

Bruce is one of our younger and enthusiastic members and is the son of member Ken Cook, but don't hold that against him (joke). Bruce served 4years in the ADF Reserve, is a whole 49 years old, married with six children. He is employed at Pacific National Rail, Australia's largest private rail freight business



And where would the Sub-Branch be without those wonderful ladies of the Women's' Auxiliary, who have raised thousands of dollars over recent years. Here we see Jean McKenzie (Secretary/ Treasurer of the Auxiliary) and Pat Welch (President). Jeannie was a VAD during the second World War while Pat was in the Army.

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