

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2008

I sincerely hope you have kept well through this winter season.

These two months since my last report has been busy and sadly I need to report that we have lost five members; Vale,

ED BROWN, Aged 90 ex RAAF WW2 passed away 4th July 2008,

DON WEGER, Aged 87 ex 2nd AIF WW2 passed away 6th August 2008,

JOHN THOMAS, Aged 76 ex RANR passed away 16th August 2008,

BRIAN WARD, Aged 83 ex RAN WW2 passed away 24 August 2008

And BOB LEHMANN, Aged 86 died 2nd September 2008.

Huge thanks to those members who could attend and farewell these fallen comrades at the respective funerals; I can assure you the families are very grateful. "Lest we forget"

Two new members have joined us in September, Ron Selmes and Hugh Vaughn, on behalf of the committee and members I would like say, welcome Ron & Hugh and we hope your stay with us is a long and happy one.

Membership as at 30th September 2008, 2 Life members, 120 life subscribers & 109 (incl 2 over 80's) service members, a total of 231.

The Sub-Branches Monthly meetings have been very well attended, as usual, well done Members! August general meeting, we had 66 Members and nine visitors, and with the Auxiliary ladies of six, we had 81 in total join in the social BBQ after the meeting.

I had the great honour and privilege, at our August general Meeting to present two of our RSL ladies, whom are also members of the Women's Auxiliary branch, with "Women's Auxiliary Life Membership certificates and Gold Badges". Mrs Jeannie McKenzie and Mrs Patricia Welch were most deserving recipients of the awards.

Both these ladies, Jean and Pat have worked extremely hard for this Sub-Branch, to raise funds to provide welfare and to promote the ANZAC legacy within the local community for over ten years. Congratulations, Jean and Pat, well done, and we sincerely hope you continue with your efforts!

Friday the 15th August 2008, VJ day Commemoration Service was held at the Burleigh Heads War Memorial, Cenotaph at 11am, time was spent to remember the 40,000 Australians who paid the supreme sacrifice and didn't come home and to remember all those who have passed away in the last sixty-three years since that war. It is estimated one million Australian served during World War Two, the numbers remaining are withering very fast.
"Lest we forget"

The Sub-Branch fourth Wednesday August social, had forty-five members. Great attendance for winter!

A Huge thanks to the volunteers who continue to provide their time, to set up the hall, serve food, refreshments and help clean up and pack away the furniture.

Please note: the date for the commemoration service, which will be held at the Yugambeh War Memorial next to the RSL hall to pay respect to all the indigenous men, and women who served in defence of Australia over the years has been changed. The Kombumerri Aboriginal Corporation has advised the date has been changed to **Sunday November the 9th, 2008**, commencing 9am, please try and attend, medals to be worn!

Fifty-eight members, three Auxiliary ladies & two visitors, total 63, attended the September monthly general meeting, with a huge amount of apologies, a most enjoyable time was spent, socializing and enjoying mateship!

The September social had 44 members attend, one lady and one visitor, a total of forty-six, a few hours of quiet socializing was enjoyed, great turn out!

All the very best to those who have been on sick parade, I hope you all improve and are 100% again. It isn't nice being sick but make the most of it and recover quickly!

Happy birthday to the November and December babies, I hope you all have many more birthdays to come, and stay as young as you feel.

2009 ANNUAL \$20 "SERVICE MEMBERSHIP" SUBSCRIPTION

It's coming to that time of year again when annual subscriptions are due! Please consider paying your "life Subscription" depending on your age it could be as little as \$100 for life. Please note, you save money, the sub-

branch saves money, all in all everyone saves and you don't have to remember whether you are financial ever again. Remember this class of membership is transferable to any RSL Sub-Branch in Australia and even Tassie. The secretary has the rates for your age, so should you decide to save money, see Trevor for a form.

90th Anniversary Remembrance Day Tuesday 11th November 2008.

I hope you all keep well over the next few months, summer is just around the corner, please remember to keep Tuesday 11th November 2008 free for the Commemoration service. Burleigh RSL will be conducting the commemoration service, at the Burleigh Heads Cenotaph in the Memorial park, Connor Street Burleigh Heads, please wear your medals if you have them. Parade time 10.30am for 10.50am, there will be a Army Catafalque party mount the Cenotaph with weapons from 133 Army Cadet Unit. Hopefully some of the schools in our area will also have representatives attend. Gold Coast City Council will be providing a sound system, some chairs for the park; the service shouldn't take much more than half hour. Hope to see a good roll up!

Christmas Party Wednesday 3rd December 2008, 12noon:

Christmas party tickets will go on sale as from Wednesday 8th October 2008 at the general meeting. Tickets are \$10 per ticket and are limited to one ticket per member, plus one guest. The number attending is limited to a total of 150, so it is the same as last year, first in best dressed! The Secretary, Trevor Taylor and I will have the tickets, please see us for

purchase! Small reminder, please have your guest wear a name tag, this would help make the guest feel more at home and your name tag will be available at the hall!

Take care and remember to update your DVA pension with Neil Harcourt our Sub-Branch Honorary Senior Advocate/pension officer. If your not getting your maximum entitlement please make contact with Neil between 10am and 4pm Monday to Friday at his home on 5576 3091.

Please be considerate and don't ring on weekends or unearthly hours!!

IMPORTANT! Don't forget should you move address or change your phone number let the Secretary, Trevor Taylor know!

Yours in service Chris Keating