

LOWER HUNTER BRANCH
2010 NATIONAL AGM REPORT.

I am pleased to report that the Lower Hunter Branch is back in full operations after some severe setbacks that have occurred since the last National AGM.

I reluctantly found it necessary to not seek re-election at our AGM owing to family commitments and other reasons that I will detail below.

This Branch became almost inoperable due to sickness thru-out the year, the whole executive were incapacitated at different parts of the year and the situation became impossible to operate under these circumstances and members were suggesting closing the Branch.

An effort was then made to try to save the Branch and a special meeting was called in December to outline the developments, this meeting was followed by an early Branch AGM to allow the members to participate while still financial.

At the AGM the Treasurer presented his resignation of the Association as did three other members and one other member transferred to Maitland Branch, this loss of 5 members was a blow to such a small Branch. It was then decided to regroup and a new committee was elected to office with the help of three associate members elected to Secretary, Treasurer and Assistant Secretary positions.

That is the present state of the Lower Hunter Branch, now to some activities this Branch has been involved in .

The need for funds to pay expenses became evident and a raffle for a \$500 petrol voucher was organised.

Also an inter-branch BBQ will be held at the RSL Hall during the warmer Spring weather. These BBQ's are not big money makers but are great social events.

Our members represented the LHBranch at these functions:-

Newcastle and Maitland Nasho Day Services in February,

Braye Shield Service 18th April,

Anzac Services for six Cessnock Retirement Homes 22nd -24th April,

Dawn Service, Vietnam Memorial Service, Anzac March & Service on 25th April,

Combined Nasho Meetings in May & August,

Maitland BBQ at Weston,

Reserve Forces Day March at Newcastle in July,

Long Tan Memorial Service on 18th August.

In closing may I offer my full support to the Association and wish it every success in the future.