



Coffee Club News

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**MAITLAND BRANCH
NSCFAA**

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2011- A NEW BEGINNING

DIARY OF EVENTS 2011

On Thursday 24th February the Branch saw a new Committee elected and with the General Business which followed the elections there appears to be a wanting of social activities. There will be a Committee meeting following the March meeting. To discuss the future program of events and how to fund them.

However in the meantime there has been a bus trip organized to Timbertown in Wauchope on Wednesday, 6th April.

It was interesting to notice that the AGM this year was very well attended with 36 members in attendance (a record for the Maitland Branch). The meeting was followed by a Sausage Sizzle cooked by Bev and Margret in the absence of cook Lindsay. Thanks girls.

The monthly raffle is getting good support with two prizes on offer this month. Future raffle ticket prices while remaining at \$2 each there is an option of buying three tickets for \$5.

2011 COMMITTEE

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Committee

Mavis Allen
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**Two old guys talking.
One said to the other:**
"My 85th birthday yesterday. Wife gave me an SUV".

**Other guy: "Wow, that's amazing! Imagine, an SUV!
What a great gift!"**
First guy: "Yup. Socks, Underwear and Viagra!"

March 12 Nasho Memorial
11.00am Maitland Park

March 24 Monthly Meeting
10.00am Guest Speaker

April 6 Timbertown Bus Trip
7am East Maitland RSL Hall

April 25 Anzac Dawn Service
East Maitland RSL

April 25 Anzac Day March
10.45am Morpeth

April 28 Monthly Meeting
10.00am

May 26 Monthly Meeting
10.00am

June 23 Monthly Meeting
10.00am

**July 2 Reserve Forces Day
Parade** in Newcastle

July 9 National NSCFAA AGM
10.30am Goulburn Ex Services

July TBA Xmas In July
11.00am Easts Bowling Club
Billabong Restaurant

July 28 Monthly Meeting
10.00am

TIMBERTOWN BUSTRIP

The idea of having a day bus trip to Timbertown was raised at the December meeting after the postponement of the Cobar Trip. It is hoped that this trip will be well supported and it has been decided that **first in best dressed** rules will apply. A letter is going out to the RSL Sub Branches and the Viet Vet Legion to fill up the vacant seats, if any.

A Mercedes, air-conditioned, toilet equipped Coach has been booked for the trip which will leave the East Maitland RSL hall at 7.00am on Wednesday 6th April, returning by 6.00pm.

Morning tea will be provided by the Branch volunteers on the way to Wauchope. Bring your own lunch or buy it at Timbertown.

Cost for the trip includes the bus hire, morning tea, admission into Timbertown and a Train ride (normally \$8 a ride). Included at no extra cost is a promise of a fun day in jovial company.

Currently the cost is \$37.00 per person but if the bus can be filled then the cost will be \$35.00 each.

Normal admission charges into Timbertown is \$9.50 (pensioner) plus \$8.00 for the train ride.

Bookings can easily be made by contacting either Bruce on 49328100 or Helen (after 6pm) on 49327678.

Don't forget wives and/or girl friends can be brought along.

**RING AND BOOK NOW OR U
MIGHT JUST MISS OUT!!!!**

MEMBERSHIP

It has been an interesting fact that the membership of the Maitland NSCFAA has not decreased like other Nasho branches and sub branches but has welcomed some new members. Frank & Noreen Morris along with ex-Lower Hunter members, Doug Buckman, Geoff & Margret Wood and Neville Russell have joined and we welcome them.

However there are a few out there who still have not renewed their membership so to them please renew and enjoy good activities with us

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AMENITIES

During 2011 the Branch had obtained two wheelchairs which are now available for use by our members. There are also another two wheelchairs available from Legacy which the Branch will be obtaining over the coming weeks.

Jack Allen has been a user on outings such as the Canberra and Victoria Barracks trips but feels embarrassed using it. Convinced that it would be better for him and his health might get him to use it more regularly around his home environment

These chairs are available for the upcoming bus tour to Timbertown so book them early and come along and enjoy the outing without affecting you health.

If anyone would like a more permanent loan then all you have to do is contact the Branch and we will see what can be done to suit the applicant.

FUND RAISING

Owing to the lack of sufficient volunteers the selling of the Rotary raffle tickets have been put on hold.

Each year the Branch has subsidised the Xmas Luncheon and other activities but without some sort of fund raising it may not be able to do it this year. Efforts are being made to assist and this is by holding raffles at outings as well as the popular monthly raffle. Our current President has on many occasions provided an additional and appreciated second prize.

The Branch has applied to Bunnings to have a share of their BBQ roster and to the Maitland Markets for a bucket brigade at their entrance. These events still require volunteers and the more volunteers makes light and timely work for everyone. So if you can spare some time, if asked, please help because it also helps you.

Ideas are always welcome so put them forward and explain the concepts involved.

SOCIAL EVENTS

There was quite a bit of discussion over the past couple of meetings about fund-raising and social activities with the socialising being the winner. During 2011 the Branch will be meeting with the other ex-service organisations in the immediate area to put together an application for a government grant to get us "oldies" out and about. The response so far has been good and all that we require are ideas to be put forward so that they can be costed, sorted and agreed upon by the combined group and put onto an application by about May.

Some ideas were put forward at the AGM as well as more suggested trips such as the postponed Cobar/Broken Hill trip.

These outings would be at no or minimal cost but if accommodation is involved then the accommodation cost would have to be paid for.

In the meantime the Branch proposes to go ahead and have events such as picnics or bus trips until we get a decision on the Grant. The Committee will be meeting after the March meeting to discuss a timetable but they will want ideas to work with. This is where you come in and voice your ideas or concerns. Too long have the members let others do the work and the decision making, it is now time that the ideas and decisions are made by members so that the organising work can be done by the Committee. One or two persons cannot decide for everyone and expect total agreement by all but if everyone decides then there is a common agreement.

Now, put on your thinking caps and put forward ideas of what you would like to see happen and you may be surprised as to how many others might have the same ideas, just put them forward.

This year there is an invitation to participate in Newcastle's NSAA Sub Branch ceremony at the Maitland Memorial in Maitland Park commencing at 1100 hours. Following the service there will be a Sausage Sizzle where old tales can be swapped.

CONTACT ADDRESS CHANGES

The Post Office Box that we have had for so many years has become costly for the mail received. Last year the rental was \$79.50 and there were only 51 items received which meant that each item cost \$1.56 to receive. Then there was always delays in collection of the mail with the secretaries living out of the area. By altering the contact address to the Secretary and the Treasurer for the banking the Branch will become more efficient.

NEW CONTACT DETAILS:

All Correspondence except Financial

Secretary: 5571 Hill End Road Mudgee 2850 telephone 6337 8378 Email: mudnat@clearmail.com.au

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RESERVE FORCES DAY

This year the Reserve Forces Day Council will be presenting a Medallion in recognition to the wives of Reservists who stood by their men during their Reserve Service. An Application Form is available to be completed and must be received by the Hunter Region RFD Secretary by no later than 15th April to enable the Forms then to be received by the Project Officer before 30th April.

The Medallions will be presented at the Hunter Region Parade on Saturday 2nd July in Newcastle.



Inside Story Headline

This story can fit 150-200 words.

One benefit of using your newsletter as a promotional tool is that you can reuse content from other marketing materials, such as press releases, market studies, and reports.

While your main goal of distributing a newsletter might be to sell your product or service, the key to a successful newsletter is making it useful to your readers.

A great way to add useful content to your newsletter is to develop and write your own articles, or include a calendar of upcoming events or a special

offer that promotes a new product.

You can also research articles or find "filler" articles by accessing the World Wide Web. You can write about a variety of topics but try to keep your articles short.

Much of the content you put in your newsletter can also be used for your Web site. Microsoft Publisher offers a simple way to convert your newsletter to a Web publication. So, when you're finished writing your newsletter, convert it to a Web site and post it.



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Inside Story Headline

This story can fit 100-150 words.

The subject matter that appears in newsletters is virtually endless. You can include stories that focus on current technologies or innovations in your field.

You may also want to note business or economic trends, or make predictions for your customers or clients.

If the newsletter is distributed internally, you might comment upon new procedures or im-

provements to the business. Sales figures or earnings will show how your business is growing.

Some newsletters include a column that is updated every issue, for instance, an advice column, a book review, a letter from the president, or an editorial. You can also profile new employees or top customers or vendors.

"To catch the reader's attention, place an interesting sentence or quote from the story here."

Inside Story Headline

This story can fit 75-125 words.

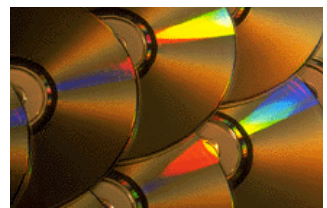
Selecting pictures or graphics is an important part of adding content to your newsletter.

Think about your article and ask yourself if the picture supports or enhances the message you're trying to convey. Avoid selecting images that appear to be out of context.

Microsoft Publisher includes thousands of clip art images from which you can choose and

import into your newsletter. There are also several tools you can use to draw shapes and symbols.

Once you have chosen an image, place it close to the article. Be sure to place the caption of the image near the image.



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This would be a good place to insert a short paragraph about your organization. It might include the purpose of the organization, its mission, founding date, and a brief history. You could also include a brief list of the types of products, services, or programs your organization offers, the geographic area covered (for example, western U.S. or European markets), and a profile of the types of customers or members served.

It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.

Back Page Story Headline

This story can fit 175-225 words.

If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it's a good idea to make it easy to read at a glance.

A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the attention of readers. You can either compile questions that you've received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

A listing of names and titles of managers in your organization is a good way to give your newsletter a personal touch. If your organization is small, you may want to list the names of all employees.

If you have any prices of standard products or services, you

can include a listing of those here. You may want to refer your readers to any other forms of communication that you've created for your organization.

You can also use this space to remind readers to mark their calendars for a regular event, such as a breakfast meeting for vendors every third Tuesday of the month, or a biannual charity auction.

If space is available, this is a good place to insert a clip art image or some other graphic.



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