



Coffee Club News

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BUSY, BUSY JULY

Since the last edition there has been a bit going on in the Branch. We had a wonderful picnic which had to be diverted to the Lintott's due to the windy and cold day. The large attendance enjoyed the BBQ cooked by Jim with Colin holding the tools just like in a hospital. Talking of hospitals, quite a lot of our members have been in them lately. Members such as Gordon Webber, Don Meredith (twice), Max Foot, Jim Lintott, Frank Morris, Jim McDonald and Col Shapland. We wish Jim L. the very best for his recent news on his problems and to let him know that we are wishing him the best and for him to keep his chin up.

Reserve Forces Day parade in Newcastle was well attended by our mob.

Bruce and Colin attended the National AGM in freezing Goulburn with some good results coming out of it. See the brief report in this newsletter.

Our Fifi la Tarte was a hit by being on the wanted list. It was pleasing that the Associates are now recognised with them having full voting rights. A full report will be given at the July meeting.

By the time you read this newsletter the Xmas in July luncheon would be over and it looked promising to the lead up with Newcastle and Nelson Bay Branches promising to sent a large crowd.

Attendance of our Branch was sought by Maitland RSL for a commemorative service for the Korean War to be held in Maitland Park. More information would be available at the Luncheon.

A meeting is to be held on Friday 28th July between the RSLs etc to begin the process of sending some students to Gallipoli in 2015.

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The Branch advertising sponsors, Visual Expanse, have just completed creating a commemorative area at Mudgee Ex-Services Club. The area was dedicated after the RSL Sub Branch May meeting and the finished "Anzac Cove" looks terrific.

If anyone wants their medals mounted or any other memorabilia or any photographs framed just contact Alex or Kirsty.

DIARY OF EVENTS 2011

July 26th Xmas In July
11.00am Easts Bowling Club
Billabong Restaurant.
Admission \$15 pensioners

July 27th Korean War
Commemorative Service in
Maitland Park at 11am

July 28th Monthly Meeting
10.00am

July 29th Combined RSLs
meeting to discuss sending some
students to Gallipoli in 2015

July 30th Support Group invi-
tation (more details at the July
meeting)

August 25th Monthly Meeting
10.00am

September 22nd
Monthly Meeting 10.00am

SICK LIST

Gordon Webber (eyes)
Max Foot (Melanoma)
Don Meredith (Ears & Eyes)
Frank Morris (prostrate)
Jim Lintott (prostrate)
Jim McDonald (Heart)
Col Shapland (Kidneys)
Jack Allen (Ongoing)

WELCOME

Maitland Branch welcomes our newest Patron. Robyn Parker, to our ranks. Minister Parker accepted our invitation and we can look forward to possibly having her company at our meetings and social events. Unfortunately she is unable to attend the Xmas in July event. but will be at the July meeting

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JUNE MEETING NOTES

- Attendance 26 apologies 9
- Raised \$85 from picnic BBQ (17 attended)
- Correspondence 14 items received 2 sent (Donation from Peter Blackmore)
- Delegates to AGM received subsidy to attend
- AGM motions discussed. Meeting approved each which were to include associates as being recognised
- Ken DeLoas displayed two posters about WW1 to Afghanistan. RSL to be approached on how to use them.
- July meeting to discuss a program for social events
- Raffle won by Noel Williams

XMAS IN JULY 2011

Date: 26th July 2011

Venue: Billabongs Restaurant, Easts Bowling Club

Time: 11 am assemble for 11.30 lunch

Menu: For those who may not attended the venue before,
AS MUCH AS YOU CAN EAT

Cost: \$15.00 per head (seniors)

Entertainment: What do you want when you have other's company But there will be a fund-raising raffle organised for our private area. Tickets being \$2 each or Three tickets for \$5. Six Lucky Door prizes (tickets free) will be drawn for six lucky winners.

PLEASE LET THE BRANCH KNOW BEFOREHAND SO THAT NUMBERS CAN BE BOOKED.

Mary (aka Fifi) Xmas has been booked (at great expense) for the occasion, to once again entertain the guests with much appreciated frivolity and fun.

This is the new prayer as approved at the AGM in Goulburn

PRAYER OF N.S.C.F.A.A

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father,

We remember with thanksgiving those who made the supreme sacrifice for us during their periods of National Service.

We pray the offering of their lives may not have been in vain.

Dear Lord in your wisdom, bless and keep safe, our own and other serving and ex-serving members of the Defence Forces.

We pray, also, for our associate members who so willingly give their time in support of our Association.

May Your grace enable us this day to dedicate ourselves to the cause of justice, freedom and peace

And give us wisdom and strength to build a better world.

For the honour of Your name through Jesus Christ, our Lord

AMEN

PICK UP

A man was dining alone in a fancy restaurant and there was a gorgeous redhead sitting at the next table..He had been checking her out since he sat down, but lacked the nerve to talk with her Suddenly she sneezed, and her glass eye came flying out of its socket towards the man. He reflexively reached out, grabbed it out of the air, and handed it back.

'Oh my, I am so sorry,' the woman said, as she popped her eye back in place. 'Let me buy your dinner to make it up to you.'

They enjoyed a wonderful dinner together, and afterwards they went to the theatre followed by drinks... They talked, they laughed, she shared her deepest dreams and he shared his. She listened to him with interest.

After paying for everything, she asked him if he would like to come to her place for a nightcap and stay for breakfast. They had a wonderful, wonderful time.

The next morning, she cooked a gourmet meal with all the trimmings. The guy was amazed. Everything had been so incredible!

'You know,' he said, 'you are the perfect woman.. Are you this nice to every guy you meet?'

'No,' she replies. .

She said:

'You just happened to catch my eye.'

NATIONAL AGM REPORT

This report is a précis on the happenings at the National AGM and do not follow the AGM Agenda and is a brief report on what occurred. The official Minutes will be forthcoming from the National Executive.

The 2011 National AGM was held in Goulburn on Saturday 9th July 2011. Many Delegates attended the Meet & Greet the previous evening and met new faces and a good meal.

There were Delegates from each Branch and during the proceedings presented their Branch Report.

The 2010 Minutes were read by Norm Barty (Canberra). Matter arising from the Minutes was about the Logo. While this was deferred to GB, Newcastle sought the reason why a different colour background was on the NSCFAA Website. It was agreed that the 2010 Motion was the use of the logo was mainly for official stationery and it was on a clear background. This meant that the background colour was irrelevant.

The Association was in a sound financial position with the advertisers covering the expenses for the "Combined Servicemen".

Articles of interest were sought to widen the scope of the newsletter and the advertisers were to be contacted by each Branch for renewals.

The Motion submitted by Newcastle to amend the Prayer was discussed with four versions being submitted. While there were only small variations the fourth version (white copy) was the accepted version by all members.

The Canberra Motion recognising the associate members and giving them full voting rights was amended before passing which included all associate members and not only the executive associates.

Each Branch Delegate read their report. It was interesting to note that Nelson Bay associates meet separately and that a gold coin donation is made for their morning tea.

Canberra Branch donated over \$4000 to various organisations over the past year.

2012 AGM would be held again in Goulburn but it was resolved to be on 7th/8th September to avoid the cold weather. All Branches confirmed that they would attend the social dinner on the Saturday night.

The National Treasurer was given each Branch's mailing address to send financial matters.

Merchandise was discussed with ties still available. Each Branch was asked to supply a list of any excess merchandise to Laz Csibi for publication in the "Combined Servicemen"

A discussion was held on the wearing of berets and hats on official parades and the appropriate procedure. Generally, it was required to remove the headwear during any saluting requirements unless wearing an official uniform. The navy jacket and blue shirt as currently worn appears not to be an "official" and gazetted uniform.

Each Branch was requested to check their Membership list and forward their up to date membership to Laz Csibi to enable the National database to be updated.

Newcastle advised the meeting that new OH&S regulations will apply to volunteer groups and their members from January 1st. It was discussed what the insurance coverage is for the NSCFAA and generally it required claims to be made against the company/organisation involved. Claims would not be recognised if alcohol or drugs were involved if claims were made as a last resort on NSCFAA insurance.

Newcastle also mentioned the Maitland RSLs etc. subsidising a student from each high school in its area to go to Anzac Cove in 2015.

John Dunbar (Leeton) moved to thank Canberra and the National Executive for such a good meeting.

The evening found most delegates and their wives attending the social dinner. Much fun was enjoyed by all and the meals were splendid. As agreed at the AGM the evening dress was our uniform dress.

Colin Shapland

These items should be ordered through Helen Meredith or Colin Shapland. Our advertiser Visual Expanse does not carry them. We must support our advertisers as much as possible

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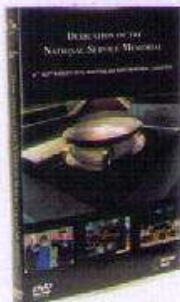
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Lapel Pin	\$6.00	\$3.00			
Stubby Cooler	\$7.00	\$3.50			
Picque	\$49.00	\$24.50			
Coffee Mug	\$10.00	\$5.00			
Medallion in Sleeve	\$12.00	\$6.00			
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