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From the Sub-Branch President – Greg Goodieson

Hello Members,
It's hard to believe we're nearly at the end of another year! Your Sub-Branch committee has come a long way since being elected in March. And has been working hard on a number a tasks.

RSL Congress – Tamworth
Both Kevin Hagan and I attended RSL NSW Congress in Tamworth this year, from Friday the 23 to Sunday 25 Oct. I can say it was an enjoyable and interesting Congress, very different form last year where at times you could have cut the atmosphere with a knife. It's amazing how having a good leader can change an organisation. The new RSL State President, Vice Williams is twelve months into the job and has re-united the RSL and its Sub-Branches in NSW. I will give a full report on Congress at the Christmas Quarterly meeting.





After a long day at Congress, time to relax, tell some stories and have some fun with mates.

Photo (above right): Congress Delegate Greg Goodieson and Acting Alt-Delegate Kevi Hagan at RSL NSW State Congress in Tamworth.

Photo (left): Kevin Hagan, Gary McFarlane, Charles Gallagher, Greg Goodieson

Laurieton & Patonga Properties

Patonga Townhouses: Both townhouses are now leased out on 6-month leases. But the townhouses are still for Sale.
Calwalla Units: are now booked up until the end of the year which is good news. There is list of defect work that will be looked at in the new year.
Lake Lodge: Over the last 3 months this unit block has taken up much our time and money. Blocked storm water pipes have caused mould in unit 4. Flooring needs to be replaced, and the storm water pipes were also replaced with larger diameter pipes. There were several other smaller defects requiring attention over the last few months. Hopefully, we are getting on top of the maintenance required.

President's Report Continued…



Remembrance Day

Not a big crowd at the Remembrance Day Ceremony in Waverley Park this year. The rain stopped and the sun was out for the ceremony. We had good representation from our Sub Branch Committee which is great to see. Nice to have our good friends from Bronte SB join us.

The Army Cadets from 248 cadet unit were able to attend this years ceremony They provided the Catafalque Party and Flag Party. We are so very lucky to be able to have access to these cadets for both the ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day ceremonies. Most of these cadets have never been to the Remembrance Day Ceremony at Waverley Park, and did not know what was expected of them. After spending 30 mins training the cadets in the drill required and two practice runs, I could only cross my fingers that all would go to plan. I then jumped on stage to be MC for this event. The one minutes silence fell exactly at 11am. Warrant Office - Stephen Johnson piped The Last Post and The Rouse. Major Jared Thompson gave the Commemoration address, St Clairs College provided the Choir, Cassy Bartolomei and Bondi Brass were excellent and Father Anthony Robbie from St Anne's Church leading the prayers.

Photo 1(right): David Jeffrey, Mick Kelly, Roley Tyrrell, Belinda Wyard, Bill Harrigan, Greg Goodieson, Jeanette Kearney, Pat Fitzsimons.



Photo 2(right): Cadets posing for a selfie ! This picture shows just how good the Australian Army camouflage uniforms really work in the Australian bush. If the cadets weren't wearing the red parade scarves. You probably wouldn't see them!

Photo below: L to R: Danny Jeffrey - President Maroubra Sub-Branch. Greg Goodieson President BJWSB, Jaqueline McDonald President EMDC.





Cadet Annual Parade at Victoria Barracks

On Saturday 7th November I attended the 248 Army Cadet Annual Ceremonial Parade at Victoria Barracks. I was impressed by their marching skill's and drills, they are very well trained. If you didn't know, the Government want the Army out of Victoria Barracks by Christmas this year. Maybe I was witnessing the last parade held at Victoria Barracks. This was a special event for me, but also an incredibly sad one too. Victoria Barracks is the spiritual home of the Australian Soldier.

Photo(right): Greg Goodieson presenting David Jeffrey with his RSL NSW Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of his outstanding honorary service rendered to the RSL and Sub-Branch at the September Quarterly Meeting. Congratulations David!



December Quarterly Meeting

The Next Quarterly Meeting will be held on Sunday 13th December in the function room on the first floor of Club Bondi Junction. The meeting will commence at 1100am sharp, followed by lunch and show. This year we will be entertained by Magician/Mentalist Show Philip Cornwall.

Finally

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Sub-Branch Committee members and our wonderful Office Manager - Lisa Cinicola. I am very lucky to have such a great team of people to support me. A Big Thankyou to all.

To all our Sub-Branch members, on behalf of the committee, we extend our sincere wishes for a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. Thank you for your continued commitment to our Sub-Branch and have a great holiday, I look forward to seeing you all at the December Quarterly Meeting. If you can't make it, Merry Christmas and see you in 2027.



Honorary Secretary's Report – Belinda Wyard

It is with my sincerest condolences that I acknowledge the passing of our valued and longstanding member, Rodney Duarte. Rodney was a much-respected member of our RSL community, and his passing will be felt by those who knew him. Our thoughts are with his family, friends and fellow members during this difficult time. **Vale Rodney.**

Photo (right): Jeanette Kearney, Ray Bennett, Darren Duarte, Sharmaine Duarte and Greg Goodieson).



It has certainly been a busy three months, with plenty happening across our investment properties. We have been working through new leases, several rent increases and ongoing property maintenance to ensure our properties remain well maintained and continue to provide a sustainable income for the branch.

I am pleased to report that we have now permanently leased the holiday units at Lake Street, providing us with a consistent and reliable source of ongoing rental income. Similarly, while the Patonga property remains on the market, we have secured permanent tenants in the meantime, allowing the property to continue generating income while we await a sale.

On another positive note, our final Veteran Support Fund payment has now been made. We also recently received a lovely acknowledgement and thank you from Saltwater Sailing Veterans, recognising our generous contribution and the support it provides to their organisation. It is always rewarding to see our contributions making a difference to the veteran community. I understand Troy is also working behind the scenes to organise a sailing activity with Saltwater in the New Year, which sounds like a great opportunity for our members. I hope I'm not stealing too much of his thunder by mentioning it here, but it's certainly something to look forward to!

As we head towards the end of another year, I would like to wish all our members and their families a very happy, safe and healthy Christmas and New Year. I hope everyone gets the opportunity to enjoy some well deserved time with family and friends.

Thank you for your continued support throughout the year. I look forward to seeing everyone again in the New Year.

Photo(right): Bill Harrigan at the Service to welcome the Korean Army representatives on Monday 2nd November. A short Service was held where Bill attended as guardian, accepted wreath and recited the Ode.





Photo (left): Bill also attended the Kokoda Track Memorial Walkway - Kokoda Day Commemoration Service on Tuesday 3rd November, where he presented a wreath on behalf of our Sub-Branch. Thankyou Bill !

VALE NOTICE

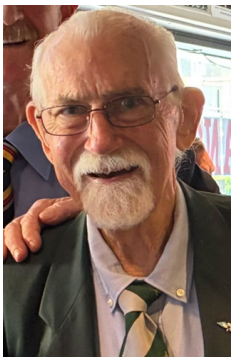
Members and Friends will be saddened to hear of the passing of long time SUB-BRANCH SERVICE MEMBER & CLUB BONDI JUNCTION MEMBER:

ROBERT PHILLIP SMITH

On Sunday 15th November.

Bobby was a well-respected, loyal member of our Sub-Branch and Club. He was an active member of the Swimming Club and worked at Woollahra Council for four decades. He was a loving Father and Grand-Father.
A person held in high esteem by all who knew him. He will be sadly missed.

- Rest In Peace -





SUB-BRANCH QUARTERLY MEETING
Sun 13th Dec -11am

AGENDA

1.Apologies
2.Minutes of previous meetings:
***Sept Qtly meeting**
***Oct Committee meeting**
***Nov Committee meeting**
***Dec Committee meeting**
a).Reception
b).Business Arising
c). Confirmation
3. Welcome new members
4. Correspondence
5. Notice of Motion
6. Reports
7. General Business



Welfare Officers Update – David Jeffrey

VALE: Rodney Duarte

IN AGE CARE:

Johnny Bosler	Avalon House
Kenny Bottomley	Eliz. Bay Lodge
Phyllis Keating	Brigidine House
Marie MacArthur	Charingfield
Desi Mooney	Charingfield
Peter O'Neil	Charingfield
Michael Johnson	Charingfield
Barbara Urquhart	Charingfield
Carol Santa Maria	Homewood Care
Joe Santa Maria	St Georeg Hospital
Ray "Pommie" Sloper	Bondi Waters
Albie Weston	Southern Care

*I had a call from Erle Lindsay recently telling us that Shérley Buffett, from Norfolk Island, is with them at War Memorial Hospital for a bit of respite.
*Doug Benson now back home after spending time in POW.
*Pommie Ray Sloper was also in St Vinnie's for a few days recently & now back at Bondi Waters.
*Keith Benson is living in Queensland - having some treatment from home.
*Edith Young is going well at home - came to the Club for Melbourne Cup lunch.
*Michael Moran has moved to local Age Care in Scotland.



Sport & Recreation Officer – Troy Nicoll

A full list of events can be viewed on the activities calendar through the RSL NSW Website.

Here are a few events coming up in the area:



Rose Bay RSL SB – Sport & Social Day
Fri 27 Nov – 9am-1pm
Club Rose Bay &Lyne Park, Rose Bay
Rose Bay RSL SB members and Family, serving ADF members and Family.

Maroubra RSL SB –
ADF & Veteran's Family Day
Sat 28 Nov – 11am-3pm
Sustainable Classroom Randwick - Environmental Park.
For all veterans & current serving members & their families.