



Nambour RSL Sub-Branch News



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Presidents News

Our last outing, "Christmas in July" was a great success by all accounts. Unfortunately I was ill and unable to attend but others stepped up to cover for me. Special thanks to Spot & Anne Ward for their efforts in keeping our people entertained with their Quiz. Congratulations to all prize winners. Details of our next outing appear in the Social Section of this newsletter.

It is at about this time of the year that our attention swings to our Annual Formal Dinner or, "Black Tie Dinner". It is almost certain that we will be able to revert to Saturday night again after the renovations at the Club are completed. That being the case, pencil in **Saturday 8th October** for this very popular event. A delicious 3 course menu is being prepared and together with free beer, wine, soft drink, port, tea & coffee and after dinner mints plus our usual fellowship is great value for only \$30 per head which covers the lot. Dress is minimum lounge suit and tie for gentlemen (although many of us wear dinner suits or mess jackets). For the ladies, it's really their night and they dress up to the hilt and really look 21 again. It is a night not to be missed and to hold it on a Saturday night we have to cap numbers to 100. Bill Sawrey takes names and money for this night and is away overseas until 26th August, so please hold your bookings until Bill's return. As with last year we require money at the time of booking.

KOREAN VETERANS PLEASE NOTE: An email was received on 19th July informing us of a trip to Korea in October. Sorry for the short notice but this is the only way we could contact all Korean Veterans. The email is printed elsewhere in this newsletter.

In the last newsletter I made a slip of the tongue in giving credit to D.V.A. for grants for the Nambour Primary School Memorial Garden and our Community BBQ Trailer. Of course both grants were gained from Sunshine Coast Regional District of the R.S.L., under their Community Grants Scheme. Many thanks to Kerry and his Committee for approving these very worth while projects.

Regards

Ray



To all Korean War Veterans:

The Minister for Korean Affairs, the Honorable Warren Snowdon MP, has sent the following message for all Korean War veterans.

There will be a special tour to Korea for seven days surrounding the 24th October this year.

If you would like to take part in this tour, please send in your postal details (and email address if any) to me as quickly as possible, and I will send you the Application forms, preferably by email, otherwise by post. Nominations must be on this form, and include biographical details that will facilitate the selection process. The final decision will be made by the end of August by the Dept of Veteran Affairs, so quick action is necessary.

This will be a fairly demanding tour, both physically and emotionally. While the itinerary will take account of mobility and age, it will still be quite demanding with activities and events each day requiring a degree of physical endurance.

Physical requirements are that the veteran must be:

- Physically independent to the extent that they can climb and descend stairs unaided,
- Walk distances of up to 500 meters (including on uneven ground) without tiring,
- Climb in and out of vehicles and aircraft without difficulty.

Limited medical support will be available on the visit, but there will be no provision for individual carers.

Applicants are required to have detailed medical assessments, the details of which are laid out on the Application Forms which will be sent to anyone wishing to be considered for this tour. Nominees who are short-listed will be required to undergo additional medical assessment before their names are put forward to the Minister for selection. The final decision on fitness to take part in the visit will be made by the Department's Principal Medical Adviser.

While there are strict criteria for acceptance to this tour, the Department will arrange all travel, accommodation and meals, and passports (where necessary) for visit participants. Some items of clothing will be provided to be worn at ceremonies and functions during the visit. All nominees must accept a number of conditions before acceptance. These are,

- To accept twin share accommodation;
- To travel at all times with the visit party, and remain with the visit party for the entire duration of the visit (ie from the departure from Australia to return to Australia);
- To take part in media interviews arranged by the Department, if requested to do so, before, during and after the visit. (Departmental support will be provided for any such interviews.)
- No family members will accompany the mission.

Any further queries may be answered by Mr Stuart Watson, on 02 6289 6210 or freecall 1800 026 185.

Applications, on the prescribed form, are to be sent to the Department, PO Box 9998, Canberra, ACT 2601 (marked for the attention of Mr Stuart Watson.)

Yours truly,

Ron Perkins, ACKVA National Secretary





ON HOLIDAYS AND HAVING A BLAST

Welfare Report



David Oliver

At last week's meeting we had a couple of young ladies to talk about the HOME FRONT program. If you are a gold or white card holder you are entitled to a free home assessment every year in this fall prevention program. These people will come out to your home and assess any potential hazards that may be a risk to you. They will then recommend any items that would make your life easier and to prevent any falls. The best part about this is that DVA will cover up to \$207 of these recommendations per year. If you are interested or would like more information please feel free to call me anytime.

Another good idea is the IN CASE OF EMERGRNCY or ICE plan. This is where you can program your mobile phone with the number of the person you would wish to be notified if you take ill or have an accident while you are out. It could be either your partner or one of your children or maybe your doctor.

The last item I would like to pass on is the free gym programs that are out there for gold/white card holders and war widows. It doesn't matter if you think that you would not be able to participate in this as first off you would need to consult your doctor, who would supply you with a reference (D904) and then off you go to the gym where the physiologists will design a program for you. They also conduct senior group classes so that you would be there with other like minded people.

Once again, if you require more information on any of these matters, you can ring me any time. So till next, keep breathing. (It helps).

Cheers, Dave



Treasurer - Surfie

As most of us know the Sub-Branch subsidises the social outings to a great degree. At times half of the actual cost for that function.

When final numbers have been determined for the function, bookings are made on that number and we are obligated to pay for that many people.

It is Sub-Branch policy, that should you book to attend a function, and not show up, then you are required to pay the FULL cost for that function, not the subsidised cost. At times an emergency may arise at short notice that precludes attendance. Should this occur please notify the organiser of the function as soon as possible.

Regards

Surfie AKA "Bean Counter"

Gordon Piper

54761989

surmin@tadaust.org.au

NEW INCENTIVES FOR WORKING VETERANS

From July 1 additional incentives will apply for veterans, war widows and widowers over the relevant pension age to remain in the work force. Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Mr Warren Snowdon said *The Work Bonus Scheme* will allow eligible income support pensioners to undertake some paid work with a reduced effect to their pension.

Changes to the *Work Bonus Scheme* will mean that the first \$250 per fortnight of income earned by eligible service pensioners, income support supplement recipients and age pensioners paid by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, will be excluded from the income test. Any unused amounts of the \$250 exemption will accrue in a *Work Bonus Bank*, up to a maximum of \$6,500, which can then be used to offset future employment income. "This Scheme is about supporting members of the veteran community to take-up some paid work or return to the work force, if they choose to, and alleviating concerns about how the extra income will affect their pension," Mr Snowdon said. To be eligible, a veteran or war widow/er must be of qualifying pension age and over and be receiving an employment income. Work can be casual or permanent, part time or full-time or any variation. Pensioners must advise the Department of Veterans' Affairs of any new employment income within 14 days of commencing employment. Mr Snowdon said the Australian Government is committed to supporting initiatives that improve the financial welfare of Australia's veteran community. "The *Work Bonus Scheme* was one of the improvements the Government made as part of its Secure and Sustainable Pension Reform package introduced in 2009," Mr Snowdon said. For more information on the *Work Bonus Scheme* or the *Work Bonus Bank* visit the factsheets page on the DVA website www.dva.gov.au or call 133 254 (metro areas) or 1800 026 185 1800 026 185 for regional callers.

CARE PACKAGES

I'm sure all of you have all either heard, read or been involved in organizing the Care Packages to our overseas troops, well here is a list of what it is that we send them.

Quite interesting – not sure about the Tin Tuna??!! Must be good for you.



- Vegemite 145g
- Le Snack
- Muesli Bar
- Lollies
- Colgate Wisp
- Nescafe Coffee (tubes)
- P.K. Chewing Gum
- Nobby's Peanuts
- Peanut Butter 250g
- Fruit Salad 140g
- Tin Tuna 95g
- Toothpaste 45g
- Beef Jerky
- Sultanas - 6 pack
- Hand sanitiser
- Deodorant Roll-on

FOR SALE

Joe Flaherty has a 3.5m Bermuda tinny with 8hp mercury motor on a trailer. Boat & trailer has 12 months rego. The unit has only 8 hrs use price at only \$2500.00. Anyone interested can contact Joe on 5476 0262.

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EVER WONDER ...

Why the sun lightens our hair,
but darkens our skin?

Why women can't put on mascara
with their mouth closed?

Why don't you ever see the headline
'Psychic Wins Lottery'?

Why is 'abbreviated' such a long word?

Why is it that doctors call what
they do 'practice'?

Why is lemon juice made with
artificial flavor, and dish washing
liquid made with real lemons?

Why is the man who invests all
your money called a broker?

Why is the time of day with the
slowest traffic called rush hour?

Why isn't there mouse-flavored
cat food?

Why didn't Noah swat those two
mosquitoes?

Why do they sterilize the needle
for lethal injections?

Bits & Pieces

If you're getting older and wiser then we wish you a
Happy Birthday. If not have a great day anyway!!

Thinking of you
Thinking of you

To all our people not in the best of health we
wish you a quick return to good health (well
as good as we can expect)

Get help here

Need assistance?? Help is just a phone call
away. Our welfare team headed by Dave
Oliver may be able to help. Call 54422921.

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**Sheila walked into the kitchen to find Bruce stalking around with
a fly swatter.**

"What are you doing?" She asked.

"Hunting Flies" He responded.

"Oh. Killing any?" She asked.

"Yep, 3 males, 2 Females," he replied.

Intrigued, she asked. "How can you tell them apart?"

He responded, "3 were on a beer can, 2 were on the phone."

Social Scene

Social Scene



We are heading to ALMA PARK ZOO

Alma Park Zoo is a small 20 acre park and is filled with Australian and exotic species. Alma Park zoo is fully landscaped with walking paths through tropical gardens under a canopy of rainforest trees and plants. A number of enclosures are walkthrough, such as the fallow deer and kangaroo enclosures. Koalas can be patted and photographed.

A genuine wildlife experience with Australian, Exotic and Endangered species all set in tropical rainforest garden.



Come and join us on Sunday 25th September, 2011 it may be your last chance as this wonderful park is moving to Logan in 2012. For those of you with a computer, the Zoo has a wonderful website at www.almaparkzoo.com.au have a look.

When? Sunday 25th September, 2011

How Much? \$20 each

Depart? 8.45 AM sharp – Nambour RSL Club

Contact? Annie on 54761294 to make your booking

You will have the opportunity to “Meet the Keeper” at various enclosures including the Baboons & Spider Monkeys at 2 pm more info on these to come on the day.

Morning Tea will be provided on arrival at the zoo and lunch will be a BBQ which includes succulent rump steaks and sausages served with a selection of salads, fresh bread rolls, condiments, tea and coffee.

I look forward to seeing you all on the day!

Anne Ward

“Christmas In July”

A fantastic day was had by all who attended our “Christmas In July” excursion to Silky Oaks Tearooms, at Kio Ora on 17th July. The weather was delightful, our 3-course luncheon would have pleased the most fussy of diners, and the venue with it’s cracking fire and magical gardens was just beaut.

We were fortunate to again secure Musician Glen Mooney for the day and he kept everyone entertained. Those unable to keep still and were up dancing included Jean Peterkin, Val Chatfield, Joyce Raph, Lorraine Stevens, Robyn Madden, Norma Plater, Coleen Giles, Maree Bredhauer and Annie Stuart – Go Girls !! (Notice the lack of males!)

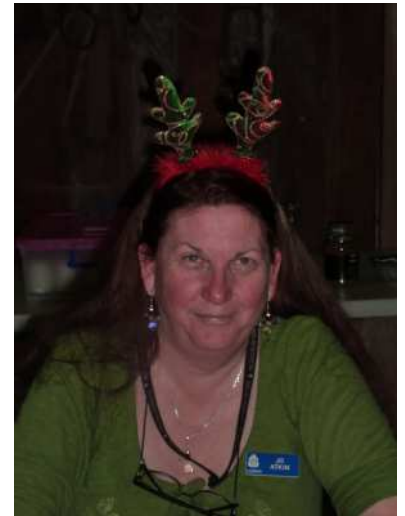
A really lovely letter of thanks from one of our participants on the day has been received by the Social Girls. Knowing that our members have enjoyed their day out is all the thanks we need.



Jean & Rob Peterkin



Coleen Giles



Joe Aitken

Pauline
Ray



Len & Judith Leoni



Me!! I’m flying



Father Christmas & Glen Mooney



Dick & Val Chatfield



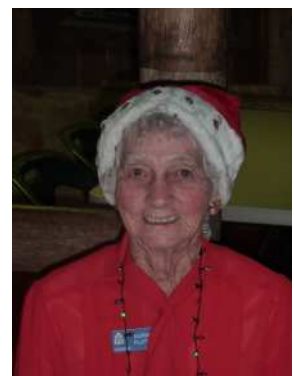
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Norma Plater

HOSPITAL VISITS

CUT OUT & PUT ON YOUR FRIDGE



For hospital visits by the RSL Sub-branch Welfare Team,

Contact Welfare Co-Ordinator Dave Oliver on

(H) 5442 2921 or Email

david.oliver.2007@hotmail.com

Advise:-

Member's Name

Hospital Name

Dates expected to be in hospital

