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YANDINA-EUMUNDI SUB-BRANCH NEWSLETTER



Remembrance Day 2011 YANDINA CENOTAPH

A small gathering of RSL members and locals attended the ceremony under beautiful sunny skies.

Vic Flatt played Reveille and Last Post.

President, Helen Cook, recited the Ode and gave a short speech. Padre Peter presented a precis of assisting each other at times of conflict. In remembrance of all wars, conflicts and those who made the supreme sacrifice. Lest we forget

YOUR COMMITTEE 2011

PATRON: WILLIAM 'DUSTY' MILLER. 5446 7628

PRESIDENT: HELEN COOK 0417 682605

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SECRETARY: MICHAEL 'SPIKE' BETTEGA 5476 0242

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AGM

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS

THE 2012 AGM OF THE YANDINA/EUMUNDI RSL Sub-Branch

Will be held - 06 FEBRUARY 2012 at the HALL 24 North St.

- SUBSCRIPTIONS DUE
- ALL POSITIONS TO BE VACATED
- NEW ELECTIONS
- NOMINATION FORM at the REAR of NEWSLETTER

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Yandina/Eumundi RSL Sub-Branch Inc.

MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING OF THE YANDINA/EUMUNDI RSL
SUB-BRANCH INC
YANDINA/EUMUNDI RSL HALL

Monday 5th December 2011 at 0930 hrs

Opening: 0935

Ode: Recited by President Helen Cook- a special thought for our troops overseas

Attendance: 15 As per attendance register

Apologies: Des Hayes, Kerry Cook, Marilyn Berry, Oedina Holmes

Guest Presentation. DVA Homefront representative Kylie, attended and gave a short presentation on the benefits to White and Gold Card Holders of the Homefront program. Mainly concerned with slip and fall prevention Kylie will do a no obligation quote at your residence on the services of DVA Homefront.

Contact DVA Home Front on 0428 804 510 to arrange an assessment.

Minutes: As promulgated.

Motion: Moved : Jack Pegg **That the minutes as written are accepted**

Seconded: Dusty Millar Carried

Matters Arising Nil

Correspondence: As tabled - important items verbally summarised

Motion: Moved: Spike Bettega **That the inward correspondence is accepted and outgoing be endorsed**

Seconded: Bill Reeve Carried

Treasurers Report – As tabled

Motion: Moved the Treasurer **That the Treasurers Report is received and the accounts as listed be passed as paid.**

Moved: Glen Holmes

Seconded: Ozzie Apps Carried.

REPORTS

Presidents:

This month has been very busy with the lead up to Remembrance Day. School visits, Bunnings sausage sizzle, the PAWS forum and State EGM have all been very time consuming.

Remembrance Day poppy week was a huge success for us this year, as you will see from the Treasurers Report. Thanks must go to the small band of outstanding helpers.

The Remembrance Day service although small, was successful and many of the local community thanked us for delivering the service. Thanks Jesse for a lovely lunch after. It was pleasing to see a few locals attend.

I have visited all three state schools in our area and all have agreed to take part in the Community Link Program, plaques have been ordered and I will have further meetings with the schools when those plaques are delivered. I will take Ian Riddell with me on these meetings as he has agreed to be our liaison. I am hopeful that we will encourage more involvement with the students next year.

Bunnings Noosa sausage sizzle was another successful day although not as busy as days at Maroochydore. The new store will be opening this month and we look forward to selling at this new location.

The PAWS forum was very informative, as usual, I think the time was well spent.

The State EGM on Saturday 26th November went smoothly and the new Constitution was accepted by a majority. The model constitution will be available shortly. We will then need to study the model and make any changes appropriate to our sub-branch. The document will then be presented to State for approval and then to the Office of Fair Trading to be registered.

This being our last meeting for 2011 I take this opportunity to thank my committee for their help and support during the year. We have done a sterling job of managing your Sub-Branch affairs. Special thanks must go to Spike who came forward and took on the positions of Secretary and Newsletter Editor and has done a great job. I ask you all to thank them in the usual manner.

You will notice there will be nomination forms in your newsletter, give some thought to nominating. No job is too onerous and the more bodies there are to help to share the load the less time each one will need to spend.

I wish you all the compliments of the season and hope that you and your families have a healthy and happy 2012.

President.

Helen Cook

Delegate:

The District council met at RSL Sub-branch on 18th October the State President Mr. Terry Meehan attended.

The District President reported a quiet month with most interest focused on the new constitution.

A copy of the District Council minutes are tabled for your perusal.

Welfare:

A meeting of Welfare/Pension practitioners was held in the Yandina/Eumundi hall in November.

Kerry and I attended the PAWS Forum in Brisbane last week. This forum was very informative and we both felt it was time well spent.

The new Activity booklets will, I am sure, be a beneficial tool to help keep statistics. These are being used by all volunteers to record their time and mileage spent on RSL duties. They will be collected by Sub-Branch stats records to correlate an end of year report. This report will accompany the AGM documentation to the State Branch.

I have had no requests for assistance this month.

Moved: Jack Pegg that the Presidents, Delegates and Welfare reports be accepted

Seconded: Bill Reeve. Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. The suggestion to hold a Friday evening sausage sizzle in Yandina has been scrapped as impractical. Thank you Dusty.
2. To continue with improvement to our hall it is suggested that ceiling insulation be purchased and installed. The cladding did help but not by much.
3. Alex Starkey proposed hosting the returned servicemen resident in his village to our hall for a BBQ lunch as an outing. He expects to have a small bus full of interested residents.
4. It has been decided by committee that ALL DRINKS – EXCLUDING SPIRITS – be provided free of charge for our Christmas party. This is to reduce old stocks.

A delicious morning smoko was provided by Jesse. Jesse made the BEST EVER quiche ever followed by fabulous home made mince pies and shortbread stars for an early start to Christmas. Too bad if you missed it. THANK YOU JESS!

Raffle won by: Alex Starkey

There being no further business the meeting closed at: 1015hrs

Next Meeting: **06 February 2012**

YANDINA – EUMUNDI RSL
EVENTS CALENDAR

2011

FINAL EVENT FOR THE YEAR

Sunday 11th December

CHRISTMAS PARTY

- Catered
- Free drinks (excluding spirits)
- 40 bookings so far

IF YOU READ THIS BEFORE THEN
IT ISN'T TOO LATE TO BOOK

SEE YOU THERE

NEWS ARTICLE - Australian Department of Defence

Soldiers returning from Solomon Islands 05 December 2011

More than 100 Australian Defence Force personnel are heading home to Australia after a four-month deployment on Operation ANODE, contributing to the Australian-led Regional Assistance Mission to Solomon Islands (RAMSI). The troops are predominantly drawn from the Australian Army Reserve 5th Brigade, based in the Australian Capital Territory and regional New South Wales. Commanding Officer of Combined Task Force (CTF) 635, Lieutenant Colonel Campbell Smith said the main role of the Task Force is to provide support to the Participating Police Force (PPF), to ensure security within Solomon Islands. In recent times the security threat in Solomon Islands has become very low and the police are doing a very good job maintaining stability, Lieutenant Colonel Smith said.

As a result the Combined Task Force has not been engaged in active support and patrolling with the Police. This is a good thing because our mission here is to support the police, not do police operations. RAMSI mission is to assist Solomon Islands Government in maintaining security, law and justice, economic governance and improving the machinery of government. Due to the improving security situation, Rotation 25 was able to spend time undertaking specific military training which will be of value to the troops when they return home. Lieutenant Colonel Smith said this included conducting a Junior Leadership Course which is the first course a soldier has to complete to be promoted to Corporal. We also managed to deploy the soldiers on a number of training patrols where they went to remote areas, conducted navigation activities, various field training activities, moved thorough various villages, engaged with the locals, and just learned how to live in Solomon Islands, Lieutenant Colonel Smith said. Rotation 25 has been officially replaced by Rotation 26, which is drawn mainly from the Queensland based 11th Brigade.

NEWS ARTICLE - Australian Department of Defence.

Brisbane farewells soldiers deploying to Afghanistan 06 December 2011

Almost 900 soldiers preparing to deploy to Afghanistan have been officially farewelled by family, friends, colleagues and official guests during a parade at Gallipoli Barracks, Enoggera, in Brisbane.

The 7th Brigade parade comprised of soldiers preparing to serve with Mentoring Task Force Four, Combined Team Uruzgan, Provincial Reconstruction Team, Artillery Training Team-Kabul and the Special Operations Task Group.

The primary Australian effort in Afghanistan, Mentoring Task Force Four, will be led by the Brisbane based 8th/9th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment (8/9 RAR). The majority of the soldiers farewelled will leave for Afghanistan in January. Around 70 soldiers from 7th Brigade will deploy to East Timor.

F-111 fans are outraged many of the iconic RAAF fighter jets have been dumped at a landfill site near Ipswich. A RAAF spokesman confirmed to Ipswich News on Thursday that 23 of the planes had been dumped at the Swanbank landfill site. The jets had been located at RAAF Base Amberley, near Ipswich, before being decommissioned late last year.

It is the photo that broke the heart of every airman in the country - eight of the nation's proud fleet of retired F-111 fighter planes being buried in an Ipswich mine site. For former pilot Cliff Robinson, head of the Queensland Air Museum in Caloundra, it was an unthinkable end for the jets so loved by the country they protected. What made it worse was the fact museum officials have been pushing for some time to secure one of the retired fighters for their display. The dumping of the fighters in Ipswich's Swanbank Industrial Park leaves only seven F-111s kept by the Australian Government to be made available on loan. Despite the diminished odds, Mr Robinson is optimistic the Coast museum could be first in line. "I can assure you that we are in the forefront of those requesting one," he said. "We have to put in a request detailing how we can meet the conditions of the loan." "We have led the charge, if you like, in trying to get some aircraft made available to museums." In consequence of that, the (defence materiel) Minister Jason Clare visited the museum and spent time talking with us. "But the unceremonious burial of the other F-111s - the planes seen regularly doing "dump and burn" fly-overs in south-east Queensland - pains the museum leader. "The F-111, one has to say, has such an intimate connection to Queensland," he said. "One can only be very sad." "You could speculate that some time in the future, people would've given their right arm to be able to obtain one of the aircraft scrapped in this fashion." Mr Robinson said if the Australian Government approved the loan of an F-111 to the Caloundra museum, it could be delivered in 2013. "All of this is up in the air of course," he said.

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SECONDED BY _____

DATE NOMINATED _____

ACCEPTANCE OF NOMINATION

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