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Important events:

- Remembrance Day—Friday
11th November, Darcy King
Memorial Garden, Albion Park
RSL Memorial Club, 1045
- Christmas Party—Saturday
26th November, Albion Park
RSL Memorial Club, evening
time TBA

Members,

It has now been 12 months since we were placed into Administration by NSW State Branch. The Audit has been conducted and we are currently awaiting the results of both this and the investigation in order to hold an AGM and then to consider electing a new Executive. Our hands are tied on these matters as we await direction from State Branch. Please contact me if you need to discuss this further or call into the office on a Thursday and rest assured that we will pass on information as it comes.

As you may be aware State Branch has been in the media lately with allegations concerning some Officers at State Branch. Whilst they are being audited and investigated it is important to remember that our Sub Branch is still up and running. Remembrance Day is almost upon us, Poppy Appeal begins in November, War Widows Christmas hampers need to be delivered in the first week of December, members RSL funeral Services are still being conducted and hospital visits are needed to those experiencing ill health. Please support your Sub Branch, remember it will only be operating if it is supported, it cannot run without its members and volunteers to undertake the tasks. Ignore the stories and rumours that you are hearing on the grapevine that we are closed down, they are simply not true. Challenge any rumours and know that our Sub Branch operates now as it has in the past, with integrity and in support and remembrance of its members.

Poppy Appeal 2016

**Volunteers to assist with
badge selling urgently
required for stalls
between 1-10th
November 2016. Please
join in, get involved &
support your Sub Branch.**



Darcy King Memorial Wall
Albion Park RSL Memorial Club

Membership Fees for 2016 are now overdue..... \$29.00

2017 membership cards have now arrived and will be available from 01 Nov 16 -

\$20.00...if membership paid by the end of April 17. Please make payment at the RSL Memorial Club office/Sub Branch office or via mail with cheque.

2016 VP Day

Our members were proud to commemorate Victory in the Pacific Day 2016. Under a warm winter sun we gathered, joined by local parliamentary and Council representatives and members of the local community to pay our respects to those that lost their lives in the Pacific Theatre in WWII in the defence of Australia. Thankyou to those that made the service possible, particularly Deb for the ground work leading up to the day, Dave for MCing the event, and all other Sub Branch members for making the service possible. Your continued support of our services does not go unnoticed so thankyou.

Christmas Party for 2016

Many members have contacted me disappointed that our Dining In evening had to be cancelled this year. Our Christmas party therefore is an important event, to get together at the end of the year to share comradeship and simply touch base with our members. We look forward to your attendance and an invitation is included in this mail out. In order for this event to take place we must have a minimum of 50 people, please show your support by attending on this occasion.

Proposed projects for 2017

- Light Horse Memorial for Mood Park
- New Memorial Wall, Darcy King Memorial Garden
- Continued support of our War Widows (currently 70 on our books)
- Support of younger Veterans
- Continued support for deployed Service men and women

LAST POST

Mr Victor Ahearn

Mr Kenneth Cox

Mr Thomas Dickson

Mr Melville Paul

WE REMEMBER
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SECRETARYS LAST NOTE:

Once again I would like to commend all the volunteers in the Sub Branch, the Women's Auxiliary and the Macquarie Day Club for their continued efforts throughout this past year. Whilst it's been a difficult year of not knowing what the future holds, your support and dedication to our Sub Branch is greatly admired. Without volunteers this Sub Branch will cease to operate so with deep gratitude, once again thank you.

....*Deborah*

