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Presidents Address

Members,

We have completed another major part of our ceremonial calendar with Remembrance Day now gone. Our next important events are our Sub Branch Christmas party and the delivering of hampers to our many war widows. If anyone would like to volunteer to assist in delivering them please contact our Welfare Member Ms Deborah Hamilton on 0403611189.

Thankyou

Mr Oliver Staggs

APRSL Sub Branch President

Mood Park

At the time of writing a report has been prepared and will be tabled at the next Shellharbour City Council Meeting. Council have recommended that placement of our WWI Lighthorse memorial to be at the back of Mood Park, near the carpark as this will be the easiest for construction. While we do not feel that this area is the place of prominence within Mood Park, we still believe that it will be a fitting area for the monument. If this report is accepted then we can begin final design work to begin laying foundations and having the memorial constructed.

Important Dates

Sub Branch Christmas –
Saturday 9th December

Proposed AGM –
Wednesday 7th February
2018 followed by GM

Last Post

Wallace Albert Pithers

Executive

President - Mr Oliver
Staggs

Vice President - Mr
Wayne Burgess

Vice President - Ms
Robyn Hanckel

Honorary Secretary - Mr
Peter Ellis

Honorary Treasurer - Mr
Beau Byers

Welfare Officer - Ms
Deborah Hamilton

Committee Members

Mr William "Bill" Dean

Mr Paul Holland

Mr Robert Minns

Mr Branko Maksimovic

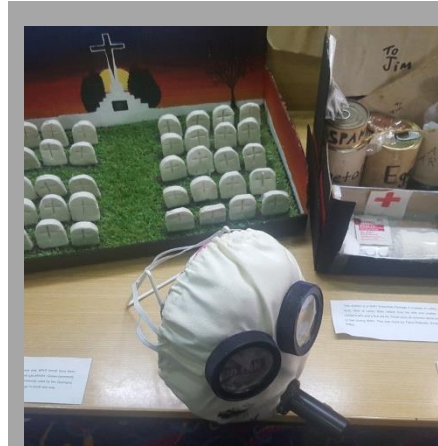
Next General meeting

First Wednesday of the month (6th December 2017) ¹

Remembrance Day 2017

Saturday the 11th saw the Sub Branch conduct our annual Remembrance Day service. Gareth Ward MP, member for Kiama was in attendance and has provided support in principle to help us secure a funding grant for future works to improve the memorial wall. We will begin looking to secure quotes for a full rebuild which will then allow us to begin the process to apply for grants. It is encouraging that local politicians can see the importance of our memorial wall and this is definitely a project that we hope to complete in the next few years.

One of our Vice Presidents Wayne Burgess also attended Albion Park High School to complete a reading for their service on Friday the 10th of November. Wayne was also asked to judge some dioramas commemorating WWI that were constructed by Year 9 students (right). He reported that the quality of the dioramas was high and some of them were subsequently shown at the memorial club on Remembrance Day. Well done to the students and staff at Albion Park High school for their efforts.



SECRETARIES REPORT

I apologise for not being in town for the Remembrance Day Ceremony. I thank the members who made the event run smoothly and the debrief was complimentary in recognition of their efforts.

I am looking forward to my new role as Secretary and working with the executive and committee delivering grass roots RSL service to the community. There is considerable catching up to do implementing routine administration procedures for the efficient running of the Sub Branch. Our new admin team have the skills and technical knowledge to modernise our tasks and most importantly they have strong empathy to RSL tradition and its obligations in the community. Interesting times are ahead for us, changes are already taking place to ensure we can communicate effectively with our members and stakeholders. We wish all a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Peter Ellis

Honorary Secretary

Remembrance
Day 2017, Darcy
King Memorial
Garden

