



THE RETURNED AND SERVICES LEAGUE OF AUSTRALIA

ALBION PARK RSL SUB BRANCH

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Presidents Address

Members,

Welcome back from the festive season. Now it is time to make this Sub Branch the best around. Before Christmas various members attended many functions representing the Sub Branch. During most years we receive many invitations to functions. Starting now I would like to see at least one rep attend each function. We now have to make the Sub Branch known in and round the area and this can be done mainly by showing ourselves in Sub Branch colour and attending all meetings and functions. I am looking forward to a good future and this can only be achieved with the full cooperation of each and every members.

Mr Oliver Staggs

APRSL Sub Branch President

Email Correspondance

It is costing the Sub Branch over \$1500 per year to send out updates to our members and invitations. We will continue to do this, but are working to provide an alternative. Please contact the Sub Branches new email address albion-parkSB@rslnsw.org.au with your name in the subject line and we will add your address to our email list. After we have sufficient email addresses registered we will ask you if you want to receive updates and newsletters via email. Until this occurs all correspondence will continue to be via hard copy.

New Email Address

RSL NSW have ordered all Sub Branches to transition to new email addresses to allow ease of communications within the league. Please direct emails to:

albion-parkSB@rslnsw.org.au

Notice of AGM

07 March 2018 – 6 o'clock pm followed by GM

Albion Park RSL Memorial Wall Sub Committee

Our memorial wall has continued to deteriorate over time, and its current poor state has been commented on by many members of the Sub Branch and the public. As such, Life Member Bill Dean has requested that a Sub Committee be formed to begin planning for temporary restoration of the wall for our ANZAC Services, and then for future replacement. This committee would benefit from any Sub Branch members with Project Management or landscape design experience, and would receive further direction from the Committee once formed. Their duties will include liaising with the Memorial Club for their future plans for the Memorial Wall, and also to apply for grant monies from local politicians and Federal agencies. Any members wishing to nominate for the committee please contact the Sub Branch or be prepared to put your hand up when asked to volunteer at the next General Meeting.

Affiliate Members

A motion to accept Affiliate members into the Sub Branch was approved at the December General Meeting and we are now ready to accept nominations. A service or life member must nominate a person to become an Affiliate and assist the potential Affiliate with completing an application form. Once this is completed a meeting will need to be organised with a member of the Executive, as they are responsible for confirming the potential Affiliates

eligibility. Once this is confirmed the application will be tabled at the next General Meeting and the nomination will be voted on by the members present. If approved by a simple majority the application will be accepted. Affiliate Members pay full membership fees, have full voting rights during meetings, but are restricted from some Committee positions. Further information and application forms can be found in the 'Membership' section of our website:

<https://albionparkrsl.org.au/membership/>



Albion Park RSL award for outstanding leadership and support being awarded to SGT (CDT) Weeks (26ACU) by Treasurer Beau Byers 1 February 2018

Treasurer

The ban on fundraising imposed by RSL NSW is still in effect. RSL NSW are working hard to lift this by ANZAC Day, which will then allow us to recommence our fundraising efforts. Unfortunately, this fundraising ban also extends to the acceptance of donations. We are supremely grateful to those that send us donations, but are not allowed to accept them. We will contact anyone that has sent a donation cheque when the ban is lifted to confirm whether you still wish to make the donation. We also intend on continuing to sell RSL merchandise

Audit Completed

Our audit by Carter Grey Accounting has now been completed. No outstanding issues remain and the report will be available for viewing at the AGM.

through the Sub Branch once the ban is lifted. Examples of possible items are Sub Branch shirts, caps and bullet pens. If members want us to look into any particular items, please let us know.

SECRETARIES REPORT

The executive recently met to discuss our commitments and the administration of the Sub Branch. We have four Ceremonies to organise, being Anzac Day, Anzac Sunday, VP Day and Remembrance Day. We also have the obligatory reporting procedures to State Branch together with the looming dramatic changes to implement resulting from the Bergin Inquiry. At the time of writing the Bergin inquiry has not been released by the government and there will be a time lapse before it filters down to all the Sub Branches in the form of 'Operating Orders'. 2018 will be a busy year for the office holders of this Sub Branch.

Whilst we have made good changes in how the committee communicates in real time, we are stuck with snail mail in the form of newsletters out to the members. This can be a financial strain as it costs over \$1 for every letter sent. If you have an email address or a member of your family has one please consider having your newsletter sent to you electronically. An added advantage to this is that we can provide more updates as they take place.

We get a good membership turnout for our ceremonies but volunteers are dwindling and are doing it tough. There are many small tasks to perform to stage our ceremonies so please consider coming an hour early or putting your name down as a volunteer to share the setting up and taking down tasks.

As Honorary Secretary I would like to suggest that if you would like to put a motion up at a Sub Branch Meeting let us know well before hand. We will assist in the wording of the 'Motion' and offer guidance in how you can present your argument. You may like to put a question to the executive, by giving early notice, we should be able to answer the question comprehensively. Members on the floor are the voice of the Sub Branch and the executive is very interested in what you have to say.



Members 2018 Calendar

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Commemorative Services

22nd Apr – ANZAC Sunday – 1pm

25th Apr – ANZAC Day – 4:30am

15th Aug – VP Day – 11am


11th Nov – Remembrance Day – 11am

Other Activities

2nd June – Dining-in Night 6pm

8th December – Christmas Dinner – 6pm

GM (7pm) = 

AGM / GM (6pm) = 

Service = 

Dining-in night = 

Xmas Dinner