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Presidents Address

The Extraordinary Meeting on the 6 June 2018 resulted in new elections for Executive and Committee. The now current executive is indicated below under the contacts and the following nominated volunteers were elected to Committee. William DEAN, Branko MAKSIMOVIC, Robert MINNS and Neil O'BRIEN.

All current members and recent un-financial members were fully brief with written reasons why the new elections were needed.

We acknowledge the time and effort put in by our past president Oliver Staggs and we appreciate his guidance when State Branch allowed us to resume our Sub Branch community activities.

Executive Contact Numbers

President – Robyn Hanckel

– 0400 413 958

Vice President – Wayne Burgess –

0488 229 705

Vice President – Don McIntosh

– 0487 000 919

Secretary – Peter Ellis

– (02) 4256 0158 or 0433 633 445

Treasurer – Beau Byers

– 0411 735 232

Welfare – Deborah Hamilton

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VP Day Information

NOTE: NO VP DAY SERVICE THIS YEAR

We will not be holding a VP DAY Commemoration Service this year.

However we will be attending the Illawarra VP Day Service at McCabe Park as a Sub Branch.

Wollongong Service times are:

**McCABE PARK CHURCH ST MEMORIAL
15 AUGUST 2018 11.00AM**

Please contact our office if you have transport difficulties. We apologise for the inconvenience.

Next General meeting

First Wednesday of the month (05 September 2018) ¹

Advocacy Support through IVES

It is prudent to see an advocate concerning your current rate of disability pension or changes in your circumstances. There are a myriad of services and entitlements that DVA can assess you for. If your on less than 100% disability pension you should have an interview with a pension officer or advocate. The Illawarra Veterans Entitlement Service, IVES has been assisting all veteran types for over 22 years. IVES services are free and they will represent you through the process.

If you have a gold card that is good but that card will die with you. Your spouse/partner will not be issued one automatically on your passing unless you are TPI, INTERMEDIATE or EDA rate of pension.
I strongly urge you to see an advocate for advice on these type of matters.

Information

IVES -

02 42 36 1940

SECRETARIES REPORT

In May with Oliver Staggs I attended the State Congress in Albury. It was a dynamic Congress and there were some motivational guest speakers who basically read the riot act to the Sub Branches. This was a bit puzzling as I thought it was the State Branch who was in trouble and not the rank and file at community level.

It is now August and State Branch has been unusually quiet as to when we are allowed to fund raise again. There was some mention that the State Branch was not registered as ‘tax deductible recipient’ status. It is my thoughts that this may be the sticking legal point as to why the State Branch is delaying us the authority to fund raise.

The Memorial Wall on the corner of Tongarra Road and Hamilton Road is in dire need of repairs. The memorial has become a long term project for the Sub branch to undergo a total rebuild. In the interim we will be carrying out urgent repairs until we finalise liaisons with the other stakeholders.