# RSL WODEN VALLEY SUB-BRANCH

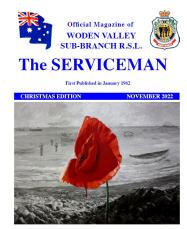


## **Current Items of Interest**

### 25 November 22



Coffee Catch up on Friday 18 November with a purpose. The Serviceman Christmas edition in the mail.



The Poppy' a painting by Canberra artist Margaret Hatfield a fitting tribute for Remembrance Day. (See Note Page 2)



#### **REMINDER:** SUB-BRANCH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING (OGM) 29 November 2022

Dear members,

A reminder that the next Sub-Branch OGM will be held at 1400 hours on Tuesday 29 November 2022 in the RSL Sub-Branch office in Holder.

We look forward to seeing you there.

**REMINDER:** Bookings must close soon for Christmas lunch Please be advised that Christmas lunch bookings must close next week – on Monday 28 November at 3 pm.



Sorry, no refunds are possible after cob 30 November 2022.



### Bus Trip – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2022

The third and final coach trip for 2022 left at 9.00 am from the bus stop outside the Sub-Branch Offices in Mulley Street, Holder. We had 40 passengers, some who were on the first and second trips on Wednesday,19<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> October, the first one to the Southern Highlands and the second to Braidwood, Bungendore, and we had several people who had joined us for the first time. Our coach captain was Mr. Reece Campbell once again. This being his sixth trip with us in the last couple of years.

After leaving Holder we journeyed down Drakeford Drive and Isabella Drive and onto the Monaro Highway. We were fortunate to have Mr Winston Phillips, recently becoming a member of the

Woden Valley RSL Sub-Branch, who maintained and entertained us with a running commentary all the way to Cooma. He has a vivid and interesting knowledge of the Monaro region having come from Cooma and spent much of his working life in a variety of workplaces in and around the Monaro region. He shared with us his studies of the history and significant buildings and landscapes between Canberra and the Cooma district.

On arriving in Cooma, we had a short tour around some interesting areas of the township before stopping for morning tea in the memorial park. Deane's Coaches once again provided tea, coffee, and biscuits.

After a short break and comfort stop, we alighted the coach once again for a tour of the highlights of the town. Then we were driven for a tour of the recently constructed facility for making the concrete sections for the tunnels for the ongoing work on the Snowy 2.0 hydroelectric scheme. We were not permitted to enter the facility for obvious but could see many of the concrete sections that will eventually be loaded onto trucks and taken to the mountains to be installed. From there we went to the taken for a tour around the recently renovated saleyards for cattle and sheep sales. Many thousands of cattle and sheep are sold there each year. After there we had a look at some of the historical sites in Cooma including the Southern Cloud Memorial, followed by the short journey to the Cooma Ex-Services Club. After ordering a refreshing drink, we were seated for a buffet lunch. The choices were Roast Beef, Honey Glazed Double Smoked Ham, Roast Mixed Vegetables, Greek Salad, Beer Battered Chips (or what one nation call 'fries'). This was followed by a selection of cakes and slices, and a platter of mixed fruit. This meal was no doubt enjoyed as there was not much left over when we departed. Tea and coffee were also included in the price. Three members of the Cooma RSL Sub-Branch joined us for lunch.

We then alighted the coach once for a short journey to the Memorial Park where there is a wall containing the names of many of the local citizens who served during World War I, World II and subsequent conflicts. One name of prominence is a section dedicated to Cpl Earnest Albert Corey. He enlisted in both world wars, served as an ambulance bearer. He was awarded a Military Medal with three bars. Ernie Corey was a founding member of the Narrabundah Sub-Branch of the RSL in 1954 which subsequently became the Woden Valley Sub-Branch. He died in 1972 and is buried in the Military Section of the Woden Valley Cemetery. Several people did some Christmas shopping before we once again alighted the bus for the journey back to Holder.

We had planned to stop at the Bredbo Christmas Shop, but they have recently changed their opening hours and now only are open between Thursdays and Sundays. Winston once again continued his interesting commentary on the return journey. We arrived back at Holder at 4.45pm before people said their farewells and departed for home after another enjoyable day with old friends and new friendships formed.

#### Peter Sutton

## The photos from trip on Tuesday, 22nd November to Michelago, Nimmitabel and Cooma

















# Music at Midday

# The Band of the Royal Military College

The final Music at Midday for 2022. Don your Santa hats and bring your best singing voice, it's going to be a Christmas Spectacular! Come join the Band for a performance of all your festive favourites.

When: Tuesday, 6th December 2022 - Midday to 1pm Venue: Canberra Theatre Centre, Civic Square, Canberra City Entry: Gold coin donation supporting ACT Pet Crisis Support.

Bookings call (02) 6275 2700 or https://canberratheatrecentre.com

ACT Pet Crisis Support

# Invitation to suggest a name for the neighbourhood park behind the Campbell Shops

**Dear Veterans Stakeholders** 

I am reaching out to your organisation in relation to our current proposal to name the park at Block 17 Section 49 Campbell (the park) after a deceased member of the Australian Defence Forces.

Our Minister Mick Gentleman felt it was important, if possible, to consider naming the park after a female Defence Force person. Women are not wellrepresented in Campbell with Provan Street the only road in the suburb to commemorate a woman, named after Frances Betty Provan (1911-1963).

The Place Names Unit has been working with our Communications team at the Environment Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate to build a community consultation webpage where the public can find out more about the park and nominate names of Defence Force women. The consultation commenced on 20 October with the project set to run for six weeks and close on Thursday 1 December 2022.

I would like to invite you to have a look at the <u>Website</u> and if you wish to, put forward the names of any female defence force people you feel would be appropriate for the park name.

I have also enclosed a copy of a poster about the consultation which you may wish to circulate.

Please feel welcome to contact me by email at <u>placenames@act.gov.au</u> if you require more information.

**Office for Seniors and Veterans** 



Australian Government Department of Veterans' Affairs

We acknowledge a report released today by the <u>Australian Institute of Health and</u> <u>Welfare - AIHW</u> into deaths by suicide among current and former serving ADF members who served after 1985. A single death of any member of the Defence and veteran communities is one too many, and is felt deeply by all. This report helps us better understand at risk groups and assist us in targeting support to those who need it.

Current serving personnel, veterans and families who are experiencing concerns about their mental health are encouraged to reach out for support.

**Open Arms - Veterans & Families Counselling** provides free and confidential support 24/7 on 1800 011 046.

Defence personnel can contact their local health centre, the All Hours Support Line on 1800 628 036 or the Defence Member and Family Helpline on 1800 624 608.

For a link to the report and more info on the support available, visit: <u>http://spr.ly/6187M0zFW</u>





#### COFFEE CATCH UP EVERY FRIDAY 10-12



Members and guests are welcome to join us for a chat and enjoy freshly brewed coffee & cake with former service mates. Every Friday from 10 to 12 in The Corey Room, Level 2A, of the Grant Cameron Community Centre, 27 Mulley Street, Holder.

# Please note that the Eddison Day Club is currently meeting on only a very casual basis for lunch at midday Fridays.



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