

# RSL WODEN VALLEY SUB-BRANCH



Current Items of Interest

3 February 2023

## RSL Sub-Branch OGM on Tuesday 31.01.2023 has been deferred

Dear members,

The OGM on Tuesday on 31 January 2023 has been deferred due to the lack of a quorum.

In accordance with the Sub-Branch Constitution, the OGM will now be held **at 1400 hours on Tuesday 7 February 2023** in the RSL Sub-Branch office in Holder. The number attending that OGM will constitute a quorum.

Kind regards,

Greg



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## **Award of an Australia Day Achievement Medallion 2023**

On 31 January 2023, the CEO of RSL ACT Branch, Kimberley Hicks, presented the Sub-Branch Treasurer, Jan Properjohn, with an Australia Day Achievement Medal as part of the 2023 Australia Day celebrations. The presentation was made in *The Corey Room* of the Sub-Branch office and attended by several Sub-Branch members.

Following is the citation for Jan's award, submitted by the Sub-Branch President, Jim Gilchrist:

*Jan Properjohn joined the Woden Valley RSL Sub-Branch as an Affiliate Member in May 2014 and was soon thereafter elected Sub-Branch Treasurer. For more than eight years since then, Jan has met all the responsibilities and tasks required of this critical role with focus, competence and integrity. From the beginning, Jan applied her knowledge and experience as a bookkeeper to build and enhance the Sub-Branch financial accounting systems. Particularly as the Sub-Branch established its Veteran Support Centre Jan developed, in concert with our auditors, a system whereby all financial transactions are linked clearly to specific functional elements within the Sub-Branch.*

*Concurrently, and as the ACT Branch revamped its membership system, Jan monitors all Sub-Branch membership applications and transfers, renewals and those who qualify for and subsequently transition to membership categories such as Life Members and Members for Life.*

*Jan's role as Treasurer includes her being a member of the Sub-Branch Executive in which capacity she contributes to all Sub-Branch proposals, contracts and activities and oversees the value-for-money aspects of each. This work has been particularly valuable in our dealings with the ACT Government from which we rent the Sub-Branch facilities, and in relation to the evolving information and technology requirements of our work. Jan is an ex-officio member of the management committee for the Sub-Branch's Asset Management Fund and liaises extensively with the Fund Manager in carrying out that role. Jan also drafts and monitors the annual financial budget.*

*For some years, Jan has organised each of the two major annual Sub-Branch appeals, ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day, that have been particularly difficult as we dealt with the effects of the COVID pandemic during the past three years. This has involved arranging volunteer rosters, overseeing the probity of the process, and the safe banking and reporting of the funds raised.*

*I have pleasure in recommending Jan Properjohn for the award of an Australia Day Achievement Medallion.*

On behalf of the Board and members of the Sub-Branch, I congratulate Jan on her well-deserved award.

**Greg Kennett**  
Secretary



**The first coffee catch-up this year was on Friday 27 January. Everyone was happy to return to Friday`s coffee catch-ups. Almost 20 people came to meet and talk after the Christmas break.**



## The Reinvigoration of the Eddison Day Club

The Eddison Day Club is one of over 70 Day Clubs that were initially formed in 1977 on the initiative of the Department of Veterans' Affairs as a way of having veterans, their partners and other older members of the general community to meet others to share ideas, do light exercise, be educated and informed, have morning tea, a light lunch before returning home. Our Club met for the first time on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2004 at the Canberra Irish Club in Weston. Our Club was promoted to the Board of the Woden Valley RSL Sub-Branch by Mr Ian Gollings who was the initial coordinator. There has been a succession of coordinators over the years as well as other volunteers who were once able to coordinate raffles, arrange transport for those who can no longer drive, leading exercise, prepare quizzes etc.

The Eddison Day Club has been fortunate to be able to have available a multitude of guest speakers, entertainers and musicians come to our club. Previously we were able to attract between 40 and 55 persons each week. This had to cease on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2020 due to COVID-19 which forced the Canberra Irish Club to close until being able to open once again in July of that year. Further lockdowns occurred in the latter months. During 2021 and 2022, there were many attempts to restart the attendance at the day Club, but have so far failed to regain the attendance required to attract both members and guest speakers or entertainers.

To this end the Board of the Woden Valley Sub-Branch and others have agreed to combine the usual Ordinary General Meeting Dinner planned for late February and the 19<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the Eddison Day Club. The kitchen of the Canberra Irish Club is currently undergoing renovations and is not expected to open again until late January or early February.

Plans are well advanced for a lunch on **3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023**, where members of the Eddison Day Club and Sub-Branch members will hold a combined lunch. The cost of this lunch is expected to be no more than \$20.00 per head. There will be a two-course meal as well as some light entertainment and a raffle. The main purpose is to talk and have fun.

Following the meal, we intend to gauge the interest of those attending in having the Eddison Day Club meeting on a regular basis – maybe not meeting initially each week, and maybe not on a Friday as was usual in previous years. New members will be required from all.

The Eddison Day Club is a vital activity of the Woden Valley Sub-Branch and is the only one in the Canberra district. Due to COVID-19 and the aging of veterans, out of the 70 Day Clubs in 2020, only 40 have survived. The Day Clubs are an outlet for our older, and sometimes isolated members of the community to get together.

One thing under consideration is to have residents of local Aged Care Facilities attend the Day Club. The facilities will provide transport and support workers. Our volunteer base has been vastly depleted over the last few years. We will need to recruit some new volunteers to assist with several positions to have the Day Club proceed efficiently.

**Please save the date of 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023 to attend the luncheon of the combined membership of the Woden Valley RSL Sub-Branch and the 19<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the Eddison Day Club. The luncheon will be 1200 for 1230 at the Canberra Irish Club.**

## Greetings Friends of the Band,

Welcome to 2023! On behalf of the Officer Commanding / Music Director Major Matt O'Keefe and members of the Band of the Royal Military College, we hope you had a happy and safe Christmas and New Year. We are excited to announce that the Band's first concert of the year is only a week away. You are invited to attend next Tuesday for the first Music at Midday performance of 2023.

When: Tuesday, 7 February 2023 at 12:00 noon

Venue: Canberra Theatre Centre, Civic Square, Canberra City

Entry: Gold coin donation supporting Bosom Buddies ACT.

Bookings essential: Call (02) 6275 2700 or visit [Music at Midday \(canberratheatrecentre.com.au\)](https://canberratheatrecentre.com.au)

Be sure to keep an eye out for our upcoming Masterworks for Winds concert series at Llewellyn Hall for which we will shortly release the details.

Kind regards,

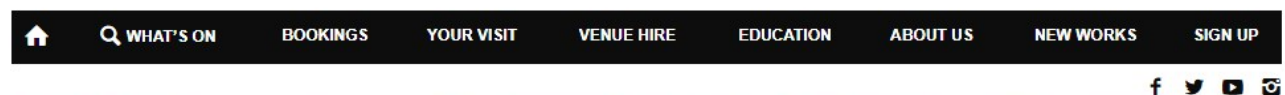
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**COFFEE CATCH UP  
EVERY FRIDAY 10-12**



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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