



**RSL**  
Murgon Sub Branch

# FROM THE TRENCHES

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

This year the Sub-Branch has seen many changes. We have relocated from a small office within the Services Club to our new Welfare Drop-In Centre. Since we have begun operating from the new premises, we have seen a steady increase in membership along with requests for welfare services and assistance with the preparation of DVA claims.

Our Auxiliary has provided amazing support to the Sub-Branch with their fundraising and the running of the various functions. Merchandise stalls have been extremely successful with valuable funds being raised to assist in the support of our membership.

Next year we will no doubt have more challenges and look forward to facing them with you. We are so grateful for all your support and cannot thank you enough for all your great work throughout the year. The Board wish you and your extended families a safe and happy holiday season, keep safe and we look forward to seeing you all again in 2022.

Kevin Gill

## VISIT BY ADF & LOCAL SCHOOLS

26<sup>th</sup> Transport Squadron once again provided support for our Remembrance Day services at Goomeri and Murgon. On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November they were welcomed to Murgon by over 140 local school students. The visit to the Drop-In centre was a hit with both the soldiers and the students.



## SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2021

Are now due and payable by 31/12/21  
Service Members \$20  
Social Members \$10, Auxiliary \$5



## SUB BRANCH AGM

10am Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2022  
Drop-In Centre, 44 Stephens St W.  
Please contact the Secretary if you are interested in applying for any of the positions as noted in the minutes of the December meeting.

**AGM**

## CITIZEN'S AUXILIARY

The Auxiliary have once again had an extremely busy and successful year. Fundraising include Cake Stalls, the Annual Dinner and Club raffles. The Auxiliary has contributed to the purchase of several large items for the Drop-In Centre including the Art Gallery Hanging System, Commercial Dishwasher and airconditioning for the commercial kitchen. They have also assisted with catering for a number of functions. Congratulations to Gloria Bell and Janet Mergler for obtaining their Food Safety Supervisor Certificates.



## ANNUAL DINNER

This year's Annual Dinner was once again held at the Murgon Services Club. 86 guests enjoyed the evening. RSLQLD Deputy President, Wendy Taylor, gave a most interesting speech on the history of the nursing service within our Defence Force along with some of her personal history.



The music by Murrumba Pipes & Drums was once again a highlight of the evening. Elgan Leedie surprised everyone by joining the band on drums and it was great to see everyone supporting him with enthusiasm.

## ART SHOW

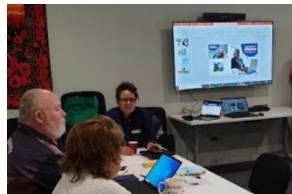
The art show held at the Drop-In Centre on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October was enjoyed by over 40 attendees. The wine and cheese was also a big hit. The paintings by artist Ross Driver were absolutely amazing!



The Latham family attended the art show and thoroughly enjoyed the painting which Ross created of Harry Latham's action which was rewarded with a Military Medal during WW1,

## COMPUTER CLASSES

We have run Computer Group Classes fortnightly on a Wednesday. We have all learnt how to put the Covid-19 certificate on our phones and learnt how to stay safe online.



We will be continuing classes in 2022.

## SUB BRANCH CERTIFICATES

### 25 Year

### Membership

certificates were awarded to Rick Piggott, Bernie Holznagel, Bill Ross, Jim Kingston OAM, Bill Kapernick and John Taylor.



### 30 Year Membership

Certificates were also presented to Trevor Sanderson and Keith Solomon.



## MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

On 13<sup>th</sup> October we held a BBQ and discussion for Mental Health Week.

Dr Graham McAllister and Arvind Ponnappalli were very interesting guest speakers. MC for the morning was David Piggott.



## VETERANS HEALTH WEEK

We were fortunate enough to receive funding from the Department of Veterans' Affairs to run events for Veterans Health Week. These events were run over a 5 week period during October and November.

### GOLF DAY

Our inaugural Golf Day was hosted by the Goomeri Chapter on 30<sup>th</sup> October. Everyone enjoyed the day and the BBQ too.



### BAREFOOT BOWLS



The Barefoot Bowls Day held at Murgon Bowls Club on 24<sup>th</sup> October was a great day out. Competition was stiff as memories of old skills came to the fore.

### EXERCISE PHYSIOLOGY

We commenced weekly Exercise Physiology classes. It quickly became evident that some were fitter than others! It was fantastic to see the comradie of the group as they encouraged each other.



The Drop-In Centre will close at 3pm on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December, re-opening at 9am on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas and safe and happy New Year