



RSL
Murgon Sub Branch

FROM THE TRENCHES

Issue 1, December 2019

WELCOME

Welcome to the first newsletter for the Murgon RSL Sub Branch.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

As many of you know, we have been discussing the need for a newsletter over the past 18 months. I have been writing a letter to all members to go out with each set of minutes since my election 2 years ago. As we move into 2020, I think it is timely that we commit to a newsletter. The Sub Branch has had an extremely busy year with many notable milestones achieved. It is necessary, I believe, to be able to reflect regularly with notices to all members about what is going on within the RSL and our own Sub Branch. I implore you all to assist our Secretary in 2020 by providing information that is interesting to the members. Even those members who do not attend our meetings regularly: this is your chance to be part of the Sub Branch by offering up submissions, photographs and articles for inclusion. At this stage it is proposed to put out the newsletter on a quarterly basis but we will review this in the new year. I wish all members and families a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Trevor Williamson OAM

SUB BRANCH AGM

10am Saturday 1st February 2020
Diggers Room, Murgon Services Club

AGM

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS AWARDED

In May 2019, Life Membership was awarded to Jim Kingston OAM and Trevor Sanderson.



SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2020

Are now due and payable by 31/12/19
Service Members \$20
Social Members \$10, Auxiliary \$5

30 YEARS MEMBERSHIP AWARD

Eileen Smith was presented with certificates for 30 years of Service Membership and 30 Years of Auxiliary Membership.



The certificates were presented by Gloria Bell and John Drew. Eileen joined the Women's Royal Army Corps in

Britain and served with British Army on the Rhine in Germany between 1951-54.

CITIZEN'S AUXILIARY

The Auxiliary have had an extremely busy year arranging Dinners, Lunches, making Poppies for Anzac and Remembrance Days, running Cake stalls, selling Merchandise and representing the Sub Branch at a number of Community events. The regular morning tea outings to various locations were a nice interlude between all the hard work. Well done everyone!



ANNUAL DINNER

Once again the Annual Dinner was well attended. Trevor Howe gave a very moving speech about the Korean War. Entertainment was provided by Louise Winton and the very cheeky members of The Clan. That is the first time I have heard 'Rock Around the Clock' played on bagpipes!



GOOMERI CHAPTER

Tree Planting

The long awaited flame tree has now been planted at Goomeri. The tree was donated by Bill Silburn to Commemorate the end of WW1.



School awards night

Archie Pointon presented the 2019 ADF Long Tan Leadership & Teamwork Award to Harry Wardell at the Goomeri State School P-10's award night.



100 YEARS OF RSL

The 100 Year Commemorative Dinner was celebrated in style and declared a resounding success by all attendees. The Band of the 1st Regiment, Royal Regiment of Australian Artillery were magnificent!

The highlight for many was the opportunity to catch up with friends and acquaintances including Past Presidents, Bert Benson and Harold Seng. The anniversary cake was cut by the current President, Trevor Williamson OAM and our oldest and youngest members Mick Purser and Jason Heath.



COMMEMORATIVE DAYS

The Commemorative days for 2019 were very successful. Anzac Day, Vietnam Veterans Day and Remembrance Day were well attended by Sub Branch members. We thank 26th Transport Squadron for providing the cenotaph guard for these important occasions.



VETERANS COVENANT

The long-awaited and much talked about Veteran Card, Lapel Pin and Covenant are now being distributed.



The Pin gives everyday Australians the opportunity to recognise veterans and thank them for their service while the card gives the business community the opportunity to show its thanks by way of discounts. The new-look card is a redesign of the existing DVA health cards (Gold, White and Orange). There are no changes to DVA services or entitlements.



Veterans and Reservists can now apply for the Covenant, including the Veteran Card, Lapel Pin and Oath, online using [MyService](#) or by calling DVA. Depending on your type of service, you may be eligible for all, or some, of the Covenant items. These items will be sent in the mail, noting that the Lapel Pin and Oath will be sent separately to the Veteran Card. If you require assistance, please contact the Sub Branch.



Merry Christmas

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