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PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Hi Folks, there are a number of events coming up in October and November, namely a Lawn Bowls Day, a Veterans Health Seminar, and a visit to the Infantry Centre Open Day. These are being held in conjunction with the Masonic RSL sub-Branch. If you wish to attend any of these events, contact Kim Metra on the Newsletter's phone number during office hours or by email. If you leave a message, please provide your name and phone number.

We have the new membership cards for those former members of the City of Sydney RSL sub-Branch. You can pick them up at the office during office hours or contact Kim to have your card posted to you.

We are happy to increase the membership on the Committee as we prepare for reviewing our Business Plan and programming in 2025. Additional Committee appointments will be considered at the November General Meeting if you are interested contact Kim Metra.

**NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING THURSDAY 7th NOVEMBER 2024
TO BE HELD AT 11.00 AM ON LEVEL 2, 5-7 BARRACK STREET, SYDNEY
(Light luncheon and refreshments served afterwards)**

Chaplain Andrew Nixon will be our guest speaker.

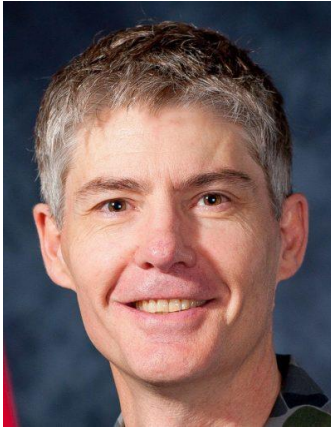
Then also at the Meeting there will be three matters for discussion:

To consider appointing additional members to the Committee.

To approve the sub-Branch 2025 Budget.

To consider approving the installation of a new airconditioning system for the Barrack Street building. The sub-Branch Executive believes that the existing system is too old and beyond reasonable economic repair.

CHAPLAIN ANDREW NIXON IS OUR GUEST SPEAKER
Andrew is our sub-Branch Chaplain and will be speaking on the
Chaplaincy role in the Defence Forces.



Our Chaplain - A Brief Background

The Reverend Andrew Nixon, BSc, MEd, GradDip Bible & Mission, GradCert Professional Supervision Chaplain, RAN.

Andrew was a Naval Officer for 13 years, prior to training as an ordained Anglican minister, and returned to the Navy as a reserve chaplain some 10 years on. In addition to parish ministry roles, he has worked in executive and senior management roles overseeing ministry training to youth and young adults, aged care and palliative care chaplaincy.

Andrew has served voluntarily in governance and executive roles in a number of Christian and NFP organisations. He is currently a Senior Chaplain in the NSW Police Force and provides professional/pastoral supervision to Navy Chaplains and Maritime Spiritual Wellbeing Officers.

(Andrew is available for counselling support. Contact Kim Metra.)

CITY OF SYDNEY CHAPTER MEETING

The next Meeting of the City of Sydney RSL Chapter will be held at 12 Noon on Tuesday 8th October in the Board Room, Level 2, 5-7 Barrack Street, Sydney. General discussions and camaraderie and any Combined Services members are welcome as well as City of Sydney Chapter members. Lunch is available in the Bistro afterwards.

SUNDAY 13th OCTOBER 2024
VICTORIA BARRACKS BOWLING CLUB
OPEN DAY



Arrive at 10.00 am. Social games start at 11.00 am. Coaching is available for beginners. Games end at 1.00 pm for BBQ lunch. All inclusive and complimentary for sub-Branch members and friends. Drinks available at reasonable prices. Meet at 10.00 am at the Pass Office (with photo ID), 34A Moore Park Road, Paddington 2021.

RSVP: Kim Metra on 9287 6465 no later than Thursday 10th October. Please provide full Name and phone number.

WEDNESDAY 16th OCTOBER VETERANS HEALTH DAY AT BURWOOD RSL CLUB

The National Centre for Veterans Healthcare [Concord Hospital] & Burwood RSL Sub Branch are running a Veterans Health Day focusing on AGED CARE & RELATED SUPPORT SERVICES, MENTAL HEALTH and EXERCISE.

This half day is designed for veterans, RSL members & their partner/carer.

Details:

- Date Wednesday 16 October 2024
- Timing 9.30 am for 10 am start.
- Location The Dome Burwood RSL Club 96 Shaftsbury Road, Burwood
- Parking Club opens at 9 am. Plenty of onsite parking.
- Cost Nil
- Catering Lunch plus morning tea
- RSVP: Kim Metra on 9287 6465 by Thursday 10th October.

FRIDAY SATURDAY 8th - 9th NOVEMBER VISIT TO THE INFANTRY CENTRE SINGLETON INCLUDES A VISIT TO THE INFANTRY MUSEUM AND OPEN DAY EVENTS ON SATURDAY MORNING

AN OVERNIGHT EXCURSION TO SINGLETON

FRI 8 NOV

AM	Travel to Singleton by 25-seater Coaster bus	Lunch at the Museum café
PM	Tour of Infantry Museum, Singleton Army Base	
EVENING	Dinner at a suitable venue	Accom at a suitable location

SAT 9 NOV

AM	Open Day at Singleton Army Base	Lunch either on base or nearby
PM	Return to Sydney	

SOME DETAILS

Infantry Museum. Guided tour and free time. Café for refreshment. Infantry Shop. The tour is free but a small donation will be given.

Accommodation. Flexible options. We have a 25-seater bus for transport. People may even wish to drive themselves. Options are around Singleton – selected hotels/motels.

Evening Meal. At a suitable venue to be agreed upon and booked.

Base Open Day. 0930-1230h on Sat 9th Nov. A rare opportunity.

The School of Infantry in Singleton (Lone Pine Barracks) will host an Open Day featuring extensive displays of Infantry Military Weapons, Vehicles and Hardware. There will be live demonstrations of the Obstacle Course, Section Attack drills, Physical Training routines, Army Combative Training routines, the Army Band and much more.

The Open Day is a free ticketed community event.



COSTINGS per person

The bus and a donation to the Museum will be provided by the sub-Branch

Meals and drinks cost will vary but, say ...

\$100

Accommodation – depending on venue

\$ 80-250

Accommodation could vary in cost and luxury depending on the venue.

RSVP

- Reply to Kim Metra at 9287 6465 by TUESDAY 5th NOVEMBER. It is recommended that replies are provided as early as possible to facilitate accommodation arrangements. (Names and phone numbers must be provided for admission to the Infantry Centre.)
- Provide details as to whether you wish to travel by your own means to Singleton or travel on the bus.
- Accommodation proposals in Singleton will be provided by Kim Metra.

ANNUAL PRESIDENT'S LUNCHEON - REVIEW

The President's Luncheon was a very successful event held on Thursday 5th September. 64 members and friends attended. Many thanks go to our intrepid Piper, Doc Ian Cameron (Captain retd), the staunch member of the Burwood Pipes and Drums who travelled down from Queensland to entertain us with some Scottish favourites. Toasts were made to his Majesty and the League and thanks were conveyed to Jason and the Restaurant staff for an excellent repast. There was also a presentation of a new charitable role by Wounded Heroes. This will be a 24 hour call centre for those in domestic/financial crisis. Their CEO, Martin Shaw, came down from Queensland for the presentation. More details about Wounded Heroes will be provided in a later Newsletter. For more photos and videos please visit our FB page or our website.















EDITORIAL:

Ron Hack, PRESIDENT

Kimberly Metra, BUSINESS SUPPORT MANAGER

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