



RSL NSW AUXILIARY NEWS

April, 2022

Since our last Newsletter, life has been turned upside down for thousands of people here in NSW, some of whom are members of our Auxiliaries. It will take a lot of time and hard work to recover from the devastation the floods have caused.

We have received a report from Judy Vivers who is the Deputy Co-ordinator City of Lismore RSL Auxiliary:



Our lovely city has been devastated with two major floods. The flood on 28th February surpassed all other floods and the second flood 3 weeks later was higher than the flood in 2017.

A lot of people have been left homeless including veterans. It is so sad to see most homes and businesses left gutted including our Co-ordinator's home.

The City is slowly healing and everyone is helping each other during and after this disaster. The motto is "One day at a time".

We would like to thank everyone for their generosity, donations and help during these trying weeks.



It was lovely to see Ray and Pauline James and David Elliott who visited Chauville Village and toured our City with the Mayor Steve Krieg who also lost his home and business.

We are going ahead with commemorating ANZAC Day as we feel Lismore needs this. This was a unanimous decision by all of our sub-branch and auxiliary members.

We are also endeavouring to get back into fundraising which will be a slow process

Judy Vivers

Our thoughts and prayers go out to everyone affected by this disaster.

Photographs from Ray & Pauline's visit to the area will be at the end of this newsletter.



As they say "It's a woman's prerogative to change her mind", Pauline and I had a rethink about the timing of these Newsletters, as you know we did say we would have two a year, one at the end of June, the other the end of the year, however we feel it would be better to have another one in March were we can swap ideas for Anzac Day. Obviously, we didn't think of it in time for this year but going forward we will do that.

Thank you to everyone who has shared their Auxiliaries stories, I have loads of photo's coming up.

What an Anzac Day! Congratulations to RSL NSW and all sub Branches, wasn't it wonderful to be back? The crowds were amazing, better than I have seen in a very long time.

Over the last few years we have lost several Auxiliaries, Covid didn't help but the lack of attracting new members obviously was the biggest problem. Recently there seems to be a renewed interest in our organisation, we have had another Auxiliary start, another one that is in the process and I'm thrilled to say we have had over 20 new members join various Auxiliaries in the last month, so we need to keep the momentum going.

Membership is very different now, we don't have to attend meetings, we don't have committees, we don't have paperwork but, what we do have and what we need is people working together, sharing their talents not only to raise funds but to support their sub Branch and to promote the work of RSL NSW.

We know there are people out there who would join if they understood what we are about. Sadly from past times many people have a false idea of what being an Auxiliary member is and we need to get the message out that we are an awesome organisation who do wonderful things.

We still have over 100 Auxiliaries but we are one League, maybe if we could work together as one then we can move the organisation forward. RSL NSW Auxiliaries is bigger than any one of us and our focus should only be working together for our veterans and their families.

RSL NSW Purpose Statement:

Support veterans and their families by connecting them to services to improve their wellbeing and assist former Australian and allied veterans and families by connecting to them to their local community, through camaraderie, mateship, recreation, and commemorating service.

Simple words but it does emphasise what we are working for. I have a few thoughts which I'm going to put out there and I would really appreciate your comments so that hopefully we will all be working off the same page, so be patient with me and I'll go through them.

Newsletters: not having finished this one I have no idea how long it will be but the last one was 49 pages, don't get me wrong, I was thrilled with your input, but I doubt I would fully read through 49 pages if I received it, so should the newsletters be shorter and more frequent? I am more than happy to do them more often but I need content, I need you to provide me with information. By sharing what we are doing it can encourage other Auxiliaries and give them ideas, for either fundraising, recruitment, many things.

Facebook: social media is a huge part of most of our lives these days, several Auxiliaries already have a Facebook Page, have you thought of setting one up for your Auxiliary?, it's a great way to communicate with members but also for others to see what you are doing. If you already have a Facebook Page please let me know and we can all pop over and join you. Not being very techy I don't understand how algorithms work, but if you are getting engagement on your page, Facebook could then promote the page which could bring new members.

Fundraising: Obviously there are certain things we all do, selling tokens etc but there are so many other things that we could share with each other.

I have come across a great website www.fundraisingdirectory.com.au it is a group for helping

Merchandise for Anzac & Remembrance Day: As you already know ANZAC & Remembrance Day Tokens are no longer sourced from DefenceCare, it is up to each sub Branch to source tokens and other merchandise, as you will see in some of the photos coming up our Auxiliaries are resourceful and have obtained or made some terrific things, this is another area where we can share with each other our ideas, patterns etc. and though November seems ages away the way the year is going it's probably a good time to start thinking about Remembrance Day, at my Auxiliary, Toukley we are looking at making a quilt which we will raffle over about six weeks to be drawn on Remembrance Day. Do you have sewers in your Auxiliary? Knitters/crocheters that could make poppies, we can always supply patterns.



Don't forget about if you have tokens left over from previous years, these can still be sold however, to do this the any mention that the proceeds go to WBI or DefenceCare must be removed, it is very important that this be removed as it is breaking the law for it to falsely adverted this way.



Another great fundraiser is the Poppy Masks. These are made by Jenny Leach, they are available for \$10 each (minimum order of 20) plus postage, then you could sell them on for \$15. If you would like to purchase masks email your order through your sub Branch to auxiliaries@rslnsw.org.au, an invoice will be issued by RSL NSW to that sub Branch. (few colours available)

We are always looking for ideas for fundraising, I got this from Harrington-Crowdy Head RSL Auxiliary I hope they don't mind me using it but I think it's a great idea



I have put together collages of Anzac Day photo's which will be at the end of the newsletter, hope you like them.



1. For new members, a copy of the application form which has been filled out by the sub Branch, is to be forwarded to RSL NSW. The name of the new member will then be added to our portal and a new badge will be sent out. The new badge is only for new Auxiliary members, existing members should keep their existing badges. New badges are free, in the event one is lost or broken we can replace them at a cost of \$6.00
2. Auxiliary donation (from your sub Branch) to DefenceCare, should be deposited to RSL of Australia NSW Branch BSB 062-016 Account No 0000-074, please note on the deposit that it is a donation for DefenceCare from your Auxiliary, they will then be eligible to enter the Lady Woodward Cup.
3. Newsletter RSL NSW will email a copy of the Newsletter to each sub Branch and a copy will be placed on our website. I will email a copy to each Auxiliary and any individual member that I have an address for, if any members would like to be added to my database please send their email address to me at sueallen123@bigpond.com and I will add them.
4. Recently I sent out an email to your sub Branch Secretaries, requesting details of Auxiliary membership, it is essential that now we are part of the League RSL NSW have a correct record of us all on the portal the same as any other member.
5. Many people are confused between RSL clubs and the Returned & Services League of Australia?

It is a common misconception that the RSL is a club where people go for beer, poker machines, well-priced meals and entertainment. This is not the case. In the majority of cases, RSL Clubs are not associated with the Returned & Services League of Australia – they are separate commercial entities that carry the RSL name.

The easiest way to make the distinction is to remember that the League – comprising Sub Branches, Districts and RSL (State – NSW in our case) – exists to provide wellbeing and welfare assistance to current and former Australian Defence Force (ADF) personnel and their families. The Clubs are licensed entertainment venues which may or may not provide some of their proceeds to the League.



Our sub Branches do a wonderful job touring schools around Anzac Day to educate our children, it is so important that they not only learn the Anzac story but to understand the ongoing need for our Defence Forces today. It is never too early for the little ones to become involved and great way they can do that is to make an Anzac Day Wreath.



RSL Queensland posted a fabulous tutorial on their website to make this wreath, obviously by now it is too late for Anzac Day this year but there is always next and of course Remembrance Day, Click on the link for details [How to make an ANZAC Day wreath | RSL Queensland \(rslqld.org\)](http://rslqld.org)

LIFE MEMBERS

Our congratulations to Sally-Ann Maslen and Yvonne Bleach of Bundeena RSL Auxiliary on receiving their Life Memberships, well deserved.



The RSL Auxiliary Coordinator, and Mudgee RSL Sub Branch Vice President & Treasurer Jackie Perring was presented with her Life Membership of the RSL at the ANZAC Day luncheon. This Life Membership was awarded as a culmination of 30 odd years working for both the RSL Sub-Branch and also the RSL Women's Auxiliary and the RSL Auxiliary. Jackie is a valued and very appreciated member of both organisations.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE QUILT

It was with great delight that several Thank You For Your Service Quilts have been awarded so far in 2022. Congratulations to you all.

Col Flatters OAM receiving his Thank You For Your Service Quilt



Russ French's Thank You For Your Service Quilt is now hanging pride of place on his wall



Mr Edward (Matt) Helm OAM received his Thank You For Your Service Quilt for his many years of service to the Queanbeyan RSL Sub Branch and District Council



A Thank You For Your Service Quilt awarded to Mr Stuart Christmas for his many years of service to the Berry RSL Sub Branch and his District Council



A Thank You For Your Service Quilt was awarded to Ron Irwin for his many years of his service to The Wingham RSL Sub Branch and Auxiliary



Congratulations to Greg Laird OAM on receiving his Thank You For Your Service Quilt
Greg has given many years to Port Macquarie RSL Sub Branch as the President
Greg paid tribute to his wife for her support



Awarding a Thank You For Your Service Quilt to Brigdier Phil Winter AM . CSC . ADC .Chief Executive Officer RSL National in Canberra Phil is a very proud member of Ingleburn RSL Sub Branch



Thank You For Your Service Quilt awarded to Greg Mawson, President of both Gosford RSL sub Branch and RSL NSW Central Coast District Council, Greg



Auxiliary member, Elizabeth Allen made and presented this Thank You For Your Service Quilt to Ray James for his wonderful work and dedication

Those of you who quilt will know the enormous amount of work that goes into just one quilt, so here is a sneak peak behind the scenes of Kaye Brown and Christine Frame working hard on the NSW RSL Thank You for Your Service Quilts



A huge thank you to Kaye Brown and the Camden Quilters, Ann Marie Jacobs and the Canberra Quilters, Christine Frame, Jenny Leach and Elizabeth Allen for all the hours and hard work that has gone into this project.

If you would like to nominate someone to receive a Thank You For Your Service Quilt please contact Pauline at auxiliaries@rslnsw.org.au, if any quilters would like to help, please also contact Pauline and if there is anyone who would like to learn to quilt I would like to let you know of a couple of quilt stores that have been a great support.



Jody Sutton has two stores, one at Wyong on the Central Coast and the other at Argenton near Newcastle

Stocks fabric, threads, notions, patterns & wool. Sit n Sew, workshops at both locations Online Classes are also available.

Wyong stocks Brother, Husqvarna Viking, Elna, Juki, HandiQuilter, Accuquilt and has & edge to edge quilting services available.

Argenton is all things Brother

check out her website at <https://www.allaboutsewing.net.au/>



Deb Dafter recently opened her store at Coonabarabran

Stocks fabric, threads, notions, patterns & wool. Sit n Sew, workshops, crocheting & Knitting group & edge to edge quilting services available.

check out her website at <https://www.thecrafterscottage.net/>

AROUND THE AUXILIARIES



A huge thanks to the members of various RSL NSW Auxiliaries who spent a day at ANZAC House preparing for the ANZAC Appeal activities in the Sydney CBD. All proceeds will go directly to partner charity RSL LifeCare to deliver services and support to veterans and their families.

BUNDEENA-AUXILIARY



A wonderful day at Bundeena RSL Auxiliary life Membership presentation

WIGHAM -AUXILIARY



Busy selling Anzac Tokens and raising funds at Wingham Plaza

MUDGEE-AUXILIARY



Elsie Atkins & Carolyn Beamish selling Anzac Tokens ably assisted by the wonderful local Cadet Unit



Jackie Perring selling tokens at Lions Club twilight markets



Jackie Perring & Carolyn Beamish selling tokens



Bettina Franklin laying a wreath on behalf of the Mudgee RSL Auxiliary



Elsie Atkins laying a wreath



Bettina Franklin with Cadets selling tokens.

The lead up to ANZAC Day in Mudgee was quite busy with a lot of the Auxiliary members wearing several hats.

Elsie Atkins sold badges for the Auxiliary (Deputy Coordinator) and then laid a wreath for the Legacy Widows (President)

Bettina Franklin sold badges and lay a wreath for the Auxiliary while also being instrumental in the organisation for ANZAC Day as the Assistant Secretary of the RSL Sub-Branch.

Jackie Perring sold badges for the Auxiliary (Coordinator) and then also helped in the organisation for ANZAC Day as the Vice President and Treasurer of the RSL Sub-Branch.

Glynis Hill and Lorna Shapland sold badges for the RSL Auxiliary. Glynis is also involved in Legacy.

Mudgee ANZAC Day was a very special day and we were all happy how it went off.

Jackie Perring (Coordinator)

PORT MACQUARIE-AUXILIARY

Held their craft/Mother's Day stall in Port Macquarie Thursday 21 April. So many beautifully knitted, crocheted and sewn items for sale. Boy they have been busy.



DUBBO-AUXILIARY



BARADINE - AUXILIARY

Made and sold about 100 bags of Anzac biscuits at the "Light the Nights" market Night in Baradine on April 8th and sold the lot raising funds for the local branch which will be used for a couple of projects that have been planned for this year including two memorial gardens in the town of Baradine.



Baradine RSL Auxiliary members Sandy Rees, Dot Skinner and Stella Hotchkiss packing up the biscuits ready for sale



Anzac biscuits ready for sale with beautiful labels made by Sandy Rees



Dot Skinner Evelyn Hampton, Cathy Johnston and Avice Boyden ready to sell their biscuits at the Market Day

CASTLE HILL – AUXILIARY



Carole Wright, Ruvi Pooliyadde, Di Botfield, Chas Naylor
local student Ruvi Pooliyadde
presenting the Auxiliary poppies
which she had crocheted, Ruvi
crocheted over 20 poppies for the
Auxiliary to sell.



Cheryl Hill (Co-Ordinator) Michelle Byrnes
(emeritus Mayor), Annette Standard, Cheryl
Holmes, John Payne (Castle Hill RSL Club
President) Robert Holmes and Leith Warner,



INGLEBURN-AUXILIARY



Selling Anzac Tokens and memorabilia at Ingleburn RSL

URALLA-AUXILIARY



As we prepare for ANZAC Day on Monday, we have been doing plenty of fund-raising to help our local veterans. Helping us out with this important task is our RSL Auxiliary. Today we welcomed our newest member, Ruth. Welcome Ruth and thank you for helping us today and we look forward to many fun times.

Uralla RSL sub Branch

CITY OF CAMPBELLTOWN – AUXILIARY



Wreaths ready for ANZAC DAY proudly made by the members

MANILLA-AUXILIARY

We have welcomed 2 new members, Noel and Annette Nelson

Adrian Boyce-Coordinator

KINGSGROVE- AUXILIARY

Kingsgrove RSL Auxiliary is small in members but big in commitment in raising funds for RSL NSW Defence Care. The gathering of our members at our meetings is always enjoyable and we conduct a small raffle each month to raise further funds for our cause.

This year we are able to conduct our three raffles, Mother's Day, Father's Day and Christmas.

During December the Auxiliary prepared Christmas gift baskets for sub-branch and auxiliary members. These baskets were well received and a delight to see happy faces to know that they were remembered.

Four members attended the Anzac Day Service at Kokoda Track Memorial Walkway on Sunday 24th April in the presence of Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC QC, who delivered a moving and interesting address.

On Monday, Anzac Day, our Sub-Branch was able to conduct a full Anzac service commencing with a march of veterans along Kingsgrove Road ending at the club. The President then presided over a service which included the Catafalque Party from 233 St George Cadet Unit, Sutherland Shire Silver Band and Sing Australia Ashbury. At the completion of the service the participants and the community were invited to breakfast where the auxiliary served breakfast in four separate areas. A busy morning but enjoyable.

Our welfare officer has been busy these past few months with providing cards, telephone calls and visits to some of our members who may be in hospital or recuperating at home. We wish them all a speedy recovery.

On Saturday September 24th next the Auxiliary are celebrating their 70th Anniversary and preparations are in progress. Further information will be given at a later date.



June Roy, Lynda Lake, Yvonne Talbott packing tokens for Anzac Day



Auxiliary Members

Yvonne Talbott, Coordinator

Kingsgrove RSL Sub-Branch Auxiliary

OLD BAR BEACH AUXILIARY

RSL Sub-branch hosted a very successful Anzac Day Commemoration. The day started with a Dawn service at 5.30am followed by breakfast for all members and the community.

Auxiliary and community members volunteered to prepare food and organise breakfast on the day.

The Anzac Day March took place at mid-day at a new venue overlooking the beach, starting at the Old Bar Heritage Airfield due to its historical links during WWII. Special Guests included our Federal member, David Gillespie MP and his wife Charlotte, the Mayor of Taree Claire Pontin, and Area Commander Chris Schilt NSW Police Manning Great Lakes Area Command.

We secured a fly over by an Air Force E-7A Wedgetail. The aircraft made a spectacular sight flying north to south over our airstrip, our commemoration and beyond over the beach and ocean.

The Auxiliary had made and sold poppies as a fund-raising venture leading up to the day, which proved to be very popular, the Auxiliary also assisted with the ANZAC Day raffle, helped prepare and serve the Dawn Service breakfast and assisted in setting up for both commemorations. One of our male auxiliary members had the privilege of assisting Doreen Prebble OAM who is 100 years and 8 months old and a Life Member of the Ladies Auxiliary in leading the ANZAC Day march.

The community have expressed their appreciation for the day through many conversations, emails and phone calls.

Vickie Jackson Coordinator of Old Bar Beach RSL Sub-branch

Teresa Earley Co Coordinator of Old Bar Beach RSL Sub-branch





To all our Auxiliary Members who are not feeling the best at the moment, especially Trish Bain & Noelene Joyner, we are thinking of you and sending our love and best wishes



The delivery of Veteran Services has been core to RSL LifeCare since its beginnings over 100 years ago. Now, we have combined the services of RSL DefenceCare and our range of other contemporary services for veterans and their families under the one banner, RSL LifeCare Veteran Services.

In 2020, RSL LifeCare extended its support and focus on veterans from those in RSL LifeCare aged care facilities, to include veterans and their families across the state with wellbeing services like financial assistance, employment support, housing and DVA claims expertise.

As part of this support, several programs have been acquired or developed by RSL LifeCare, including RSL DefenceCare transitioning from our partner charity RSL NSW, bringing the Homes for Heroes program in-house, delivering the RSL Veterans' Employment Program on behalf of RSL NSW, continuing the Spur Equine Program, and opening two Veteran Wellbeing Centres.

Each of these programs, dedicated to supporting different areas of wellbeing for veterans and their families, now sit under the single RSL LifeCare Veteran Services brand, making it easier for veterans and their families to know where to turn for support and guidance. There will be no change to the professional services or the dedication of our team members

The team at RSL LifeCare are very excited to be moving forward as one, supporting veterans and their families with Wellbeing support, DVA Claims and Advocacy, Employment Assistance, Homeless and Housing support and the Spur Equine Program.

Veterans and their families can access the range of services in person at our Veteran Wellbeing Centres in Nowra and Wagga, on ADF Bases for current-serving members or via telephone and video conference from anywhere across New South Wales.

The services we deliver would not be possible without donations from our supporters, including our partner charity RSL NSW and its sub-Branches. In 2021, RSL NSW donated \$2.1 million to support the ongoing delivery of our services to veterans and their families.





Pauline & Ray recently presented Mrs Pat Mortlock OAM for her 36 years on CCWA Council as the Southern Country Vice President and Councillor

Thank you to Ann-Maree Jacobs for supplying the beautiful quilt



New England District Council AGM meeting and General meeting Sandra Lambkin OAM receiving her Thank You for Your Service Quilt

Recently Pauline and Ray had the privileged to attend a Garden Party with HRH Princess Anne and her husband Vice Admiral Tim Laurence at Government House, The Princes Royal was here in her role of patron of the Royal Agricultural Society of the Commonwealth to open the 200th Sydney Royal Show. Yes, Pauline did present HRH with poppy masks and scarves, a huge thank you to Jenny Leach for making them.





A huge Thank You to everyone who has contributed to this Newsletter, as I said earlier I would like to hear from you as to whether the Newsletters are more frequent but as I also said I need your input, you may not think something is interesting to someone else but you never know what you may encourage others to do. And if you have a Facebook Page or set one up please let me know and we can all come and join you.

GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE



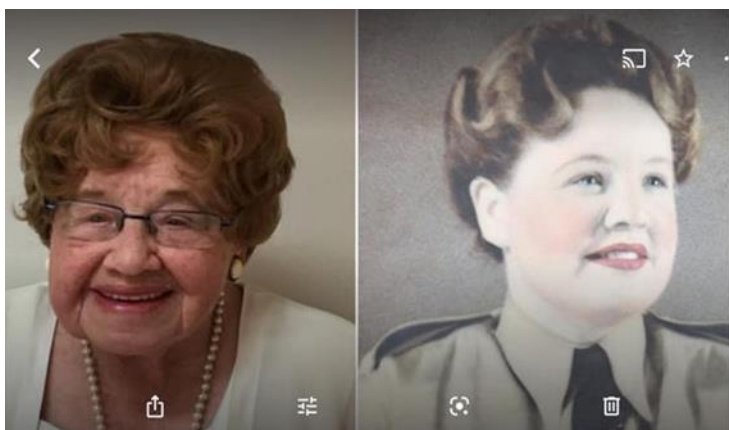
IRIS TERRY – CITY OF FAIRFIELD AUXILIARY



Iris Terry served in WW2 at Richmond RAAF base born 19th May 1917 Passed 28th January, 2022 104 and 8 months received the Quilt of Valour on her 100th Birthday she lived with a great smile and a loving heart representing the RAAF at the 2021 Anzac Day March in Sydney

Born in 1917 in Griffith NSW, Iris joined the Royal Australian Air Force in April 1944 as an Aircraftswoman stationed at Richmond until being discharged in December 1945 after the conclusion of World War II.

A much loved member of the City of Fairfield RSL Sub Branch, Iris marched for the first time at last year's ANZAC Day March in Sydney. She is pictured here at the march wearing a special issue RAAF uniform to commemorate her service. She will be missed.



JOYCE O'KEEFE – INGLEBURN



Joyce O'Keefe joined the Ingleburn RSL Women's Auxiliary on 22nd June 1984 and remained a member until her death. She passed away on 21st March 2022 aged 95 years at the Whiddon Homes Glenfield surrounded by her family.

Joyce was a Life Member with 38 years of service to the Ingleburn RSL Women's Auxiliary, and during that time she was heavily involved in all aspects of fund-raising for

the Women's Auxiliary. One thing that stands out was Anzac Day and Remembrance Day activities. These were her favourite times of the year, especially in the earlier years when the Women's Auxiliary members were involved in the preparation, serving and clean up afterwards for the Anzac breakfast. Everyone was exhausted but happy.

She was also involved in other organisations particularly in the Country Women's Association (CWA) and had been President for a period of time. Joyce also loved Coconut Ice which she could not resist.

Unfortunately, Joyce had been unable to attend meetings for many years due to illness and then going into care. I remember Joyce as being a very cheerful, well liked and helpful person who loved helping out.

May she rest in peace.



MARGARET CAMPBELL – FORESTVILLE

It is with great sadness that I report the passing of another one of our long term members Margaret Campbell lost her long battle on Thursday 22nd April.

Margaret had been a member of the Forestville RSL Auxiliary since 5 May 1997

Margaret and her husband Ronald spent most of their lives on the Northern Beaches where they lived at Fairlight and then Killarney Heights Ronald was a motor mechanic and then he taught at Brookvale Tafe, when Ronald died Margaret moved into a villa in Cook St Forestville where she lived for over 20 years Margaret had many friends there where she will be sadly missed.

Margaret was a loyal supporter of Forestville R.S.L Club where she held many positions over the years.



Margaret was Secretary of the Women's Auxiliary for over four years and then became President of the Widow's where she has continued in that role for the last 12 years.

Margaret had many interests she loved cats. she was also a member of the Women's Bowls and then became a social member when she gave up bowling Margaret was a regular visitor on Tuesdays sitting on the deck with the other ladies enjoying the bowls. Margaret was also Patron of the indoor bowls..

Margaret is survived by her sister Judy, brother Colin, niece Karen, nephew Michael and many extended family members our thoughts and prayers are with them at this time.

She will be missed, but fondly remembered. Rest in Peace, Margaret.

*They bade no one a last farewell, or even said goodbye,
Their souls had left before we knew, and God alone knows why.
They would not ask for sorrow, they would not ask for tears.
But just to be remembered throughout the passing years.*

"LEST WE FORGET"

Annie Betts President Forestville R.S.L Women's Auxiliary & Peter F McAskil JP
Membership Officer Forestville RSL sub-Branch



KATHLEEN CECELIA TUCKERMAN-EAST MAITLAND



29th August, 1929 – 23rd March, 2022

Kath joined East Maitland RSL Auxiliary in 2001, and was still actively involved even attending our Christmas celebrations though she was very ill.

She leaves behind four sons and four daughters, two of which are members of our Auxiliary.

June Campbell, Coordinator East Maitland RSL Auxiliary



JANET URQUHART-DUBBO

Janet passed away 19th January, 2022 at age 97

Born in Sydney, grew up at Ulong near Dorrigo and finished her schooling at Coffs Harbour. She learnt to knit, crochet and embroider and was a good singer and could still sing many faithful Methodist hymns, At school she studied Sewing, Latin, French, Science, Shakespeare and remembered many quotes.

Janet met her husband Tom who was in the Army and the romance continued by correspondence and they married on her 21st birthday in March 1946 They moved around a little and eventually settled more permanently at Binnaway in 1960 having five children.

Janet became an avid gardener, a great cook of jams etc. and a sewer.

Janet joined the Binnaway RSL Auxiliary 11th January 1960 Badge number 1378 and later moved to Dubbo 1996 after her husband had passed away.

She thoroughly enjoyed all her time with auxiliary in particular Congress and meeting new people.

In 2011 she was awarded an OAM for her tireless work for veterans and 2019 appointed Patron of the Dubbo Auxiliary

Janet was a fantastic leader and organizer and is sadly missed.

Rest in peace

Elizabeth Allen OAM- Deputy Coordinator Dubbo RSL Auxiliary



ANZAC DAY MOMENTS



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RSL NSW President and Vietnam veteran Ray James with Middle East veteran Peter Liston at the Anzac Memorial in Hyde Park. Picture: Richard Dobson

MIDDLE EAST VETS TO LEAD ANZAC PARADE FOR THE FIRST TIME

LACHLAN LEEMING

RAY James remembers what it was like for Vietnam veterans returning from the conflict. The absence of a welcome home parade. The difficulty joining RSL subbranches. The lack of appreciation for their sacrifices.

determined for the same thing not to happen again with Australia's most recent veterans.

For the first time, those who served in the Middle East over the past two decades will march at the very front of Sydney's Anzac Day parade column, behind only Mr James and a dwindling contingent of World

"The Vietnam veterans weren't really treated well right across the board ... (There were) mistakes made by previous members of the (Returned Services) League. We want to make sure we don't do the same," Mr James said.

"We're all veterans, whether it be Vietnam, World War II or Afghanistan,

moving forward with all veterans together."

Army veteran Peter Liston, who toured Afghanistan and Timor, said the gesture was "humbling" for those who have served over the past two decades.

"It's great to have the acknowledgment for those that have









PAULINE & RAY VISIT LISMORE









For those of you who use Facebook, do you know that we have both a Facebook Page and a Facebook Group, why not pop over and join us?

Facebook Page,
(<https://www.facebook.com/groups/163434587113422>)



Facebook Group
<https://www.facebook.com/ccwawomensauxiliarynsw>

Battlefields of WWI , Gareth McCray OAM has regular posts, poems from Bill Charlton, so much more.

We are aware some Auxiliaries have their own Facebook Pages/Groups, if you do, please let me know so that I can add the details to the next Newsletter and other members will be able to follow you.

Heicke Keefe has set up a Facebook group for all of us crafters, **Helping our Veterans Craft Group**, pop over and join, some great ideas to help raise funds.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/3455036824555520>

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From 23rd August, 2021

Anzac House will be located in
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