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PRESIDENT'S REPORT Presented by Ron Payne

This year has been another busy year for the Sub Branch.

We started off the year with our AGM and in a very short space of time our first critical event occurred, on Dec 21 2018, a stalwart of our Sub-Branch very unexpectedly passed away. Frank Owen was a character who was larger than life, he was a good friend and mentor. He was never shy about sharing his opinion on a wide range of topics and most importantly, you always knew where you stood with him. Frank certainly squeezed all he could out of the "Cup of Life". With his passing it was soon very apparent as to how much extra work Frank did around the Sub-Branch. However with a redistribution of duties we started to recover from his departure. Frank is survived by his widow Dierdre and their children, Dinah, Colin and Kay and their respective families. Thank you for your service Frank. RIP.

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The next big event, was the Youth Vigil and the ANZAC Day Dawn Service. After a slow start, the Youth Vigil with Cathy Fletcher at the helm and ably assisted by our Gordon Curtis proceeded to move ahead with alacrity and on the day proceeded smoothly. We had as a VIP guest at the Vigil, Mr Keith Payne VC AM, who gave a short and eloquent address to the assembled audience. Attendance was estimated to be in the vicinity of 300-400 people. The cadets of all services did a great job

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The Dawn Service was very well attended with the police estimating that the crowd was in the order of 14 to 15,000 people. Once again the service went well mainly due to the efforts of Gordon Curtis and all his hard work in the lead up. A wreath was jointly laid by Mr Keith Payne VC AM and myself. Also vitally important to the success of the day was the work by our resident IT/Audio Visual expert Rob Winter and his willing band of workers Jim Bowles, Hugh Mortimer and Lance Reeves. The Virtual Honor Board and live video feed to the screens has proved to be a winner with the crowd. The Rotary Club of Morphett Vale, led by their President Dini Whyte, provided the Gunfire Breakfast and supplied around 400 meals. Well done to all concerned.

Digger Day 2019, was held again this year. This led to us having a night where we entertained some additional guests here in the Sub-Branch and were able to do an impromptu visit, with Keith Payne VC AM, Tim Britten CV and Darrell Tree CV, to the home of Mr Bill McEvoy OAM. Bill enjoyed the visit immensely and in talking with Keith about a particular action stated, with one finger pointed upwards, "sometimes life gets pretty hard in the Army!" What an amazing memory Bill has. The Digger Day event was held at the Flagstaff Hill Falcons Grounds and once again the Flaggies won the game. The ANZAC Sports Medal went to the Flagstaff Hill Captain for a magnificent game and the trophy to the club. Once the auction for the playing tops was finished the total amount raised for the Digger Day event for distribution to the various Veteran Welfare funds was \$5735.00 a worthy figure for the Veteran community. Funds were distributed to the RSL State HQ Welfare, the Plympton/Glenelg Veterans centre and the McLaren Vale Veterans Centre. My thanks go to the Flagstaff Hill Football Club for their ongoing support of this initiative, the Southern Football League, our local politicians, Ms Katrine Hildyard, Ms Amanda Rishworth and Mr Steve Murray. Once again my thanks go to our IT/AV man, Rob Winter for volunteering his time to set up and run the PA system for the day. Last but not least, thanks to Linda McCarthy and Scott, for being available to sing the National Anthem on the day as part of our pre match ceremony.

Our Annual Dinner was once again very successful although the numbers were down compared to previous years due to clashing activities. Once again the hall was beautifully decorated by the Ladies of our Women's Auxiliary. Well done to those wonderful Women who support our Sub-Branch so well. The meal by our caterers was excellent and very tasty. All in all, a great night was had by all. We had the honour of having Bill McEvoy OAM join us for the dinner but due to health reasons Bill had to leave early. I was pleased to be able to publicly acknowledge Bill's attendance and wish him a good night.

Remembrance Day this year was highlighted for the beautiful sunshine but not for the wind that forced us to adapt our service slightly. The wind was of gale force and was constantly blowing our wreaths off the presentation table and also off the memorial. However, we had about 160 people attend the service. We had an issue getting support from the Cadets for the flag raising party but thanks to the volunteers from our Sub Branch the flags were lowered and raised at the appropriate times. Thank you to Jim Bowles, Lindsay Martin, Steve Dobson and Hugh Mortimer for doing an excellent job.

Other activities that we were involved in were the Field of Remembrance with Dierdre Owen and Ros Day attending for a whole day doing poppy sales on North Terrace. And then we had a table of 10 members attend the Remembrance Day Breakfast at the Adelaide Town Hall. The breakfast had two excellent speakers and they were well received by the people attending.



Membership has been an issue this year with our numbers down slightly from the previous years. However we have been pleased to welcome several new members to our Sub Branch. They are:-

Lindsay and Judy Martin
Margaret Vandenberg
Lachlan Vandenberg
Steve, Betty and Julie Dobson
Joshua Dobson-Gade
Ian Teasdale
Tim, Sue and Rachel Anderson

In order to rebuild our membership we all need to act as recruiting officers and actively engage with other people we meet to encourage them to attend our Sub Branch and hopefully join.

Our Sub Branch grounds are very well maintained thanks mainly to the efforts of our resident "Grounds Manicurists", Gerald Robb and President Ros Day. Thank you both for your wonderful efforts. While on the subject of work around the Sub Branch, I would like to thank all those who have volunteered to assist with projects around the place that needed to be done. These people include, Brian Lorraine, Hugh Mortimer, Jim Bowles, Lance Reeves, Mark Wheaton and Rob Winter.

I would also take this opportunity to thank President Ros Day and her band of helpers for all of the work and fundraising that has been done by them on behalf of the Sub-Branch. This year the Women's Auxiliary has donated and purchased various items for the Sub-Branch, which will help to make things better for the Sub-Branch. Thank you very much ladies for your amazing ongoing support.

This year will see the retirement of some of our key personnel from the Sub-Branch. After many years of service our Chaplain Father Peter Simmonds has retired completely from the priesthood. Our thanks go to Peter and we wish him well in his retirement.

From our Committee, our Honourable Secretary, Gordon Curtis has decided to call it a day. After being co-opted into the role as Secretary by Frank Owen some nine years ago, Gordon has worked tirelessly to bring the Sub-Branch kicking and screaming into the 21st century to make us probably the most up to date and compliant Sub-Branch in the state. His work on the ACNC regulations etc. has been long and extremely thorough. I am sure that the new Secretary will have big boots to fill. Gordon has dedicated the past couple of months on the production of a Secretary's Handbook to assist the next secretary and his successors in the performance of their roles. Gordon is also a friend and mentor with a wealth of knowledge and experience that he is willing to impart. Thank you, Gordon for your friendship and ongoing support. A special "Thank you" to Diana, Gordon's wife, for being so patient with Gordon and us these past few years. We really appreciate your forbearance and kindness. Gordon, I will try to get my reports in to the new Secretary in a timely manner.

Also calling stumps, is our Vice President and Newspaper Editor, Dave Oakley. After 20 years of service to the Sub-Branch, Dave has decided to "call it a day" and stand down from all his RSL activities to focus on Family and Business commitments. Thank you for your service Dave and we wish you the very best in your future endeavours.



The other Committee member not seeking re-election is Kane Hall. For a variety of reasons Kane has not been able to contribute as much as he would have liked to the Sub-Branch this year. I thank him for his service and wish him well in his future.

That's the departures as at writing of this report, now I would like to welcome Father Jonathon Jackson into the fold as our New Chaplain. Father Jonathan has officiated at the Sunday Commemorative Service, the Dawn Service and Remembrance Day this year and has fitted into the role very well. Welcome Father Jonathan.

It would be very remiss of me not to thank the Committee for all their support and assistance this year. The Vice-Presidents, Mark Wheaton and Dave Oakley (retiring). These two men have been a tower of support for myself during the year being able to fill in for me when I am unable to attend a function or an event. Mark was doing other duties such as Bar Manager and skilled worker, Dave was our IT specialist and looked after our web site and Facebook page as well as being our newspaper editor. A great effort and a lot of time expended for Our Sub-Branch, thank you both very much.

Our retiring Secretary, Gordon Curtis and his trusty sidekick, our Treasurer, Ken Treloar, have managed to steer our Sub-Branch through the mess of the administration and the ACNC report and the subsequent changes that were needed to make us compliant with the latest requirements at State and National levels. As previously mentioned due to the efforts of Ken, Gordon and Frank (while he was with us), we are probably the most compliant Sub Branch in the State. Congratulations to you all for a wonderful effort.

The other committee members have all contributed greatly to the upkeep and running of the Sub-Branch, they are Jim Bowles (Events Officer), Hugh Mortimer (Maintenance Officer), Jarrad Kay (Hall Hire Officer), Rob Winter (Special Projects Officer, AV specialist), Lance Reeves (Assistant Projects Officer), Kane Hall (Welfare Officer - on leave) last but not least, Dierdre Owen (Women's Auxiliary Representative and Membership Officer). These members are the mainstay and backbone of the Sub-Branch. Together they have worked hard to make this Sub-Branch the vibrant and friendly place that it is. We are always looking for more volunteers to assist us in the running of our Sub-Branch. Please consider if you can donate some time to help out at the Sub Branch. To the members who work in appointed roles in the Sub-Branch we thank you for your support and assistance throughout the past year.

The future plans for the Sub-Branch include the increasing of our membership in both Service members and Affiliates. We are looking at closing off part of the grassed area on the southern side of the building and making it an outside entertaining area for Spring, Summer and early Autumn. We would like to have film nights out there as well. These are just a couple of the aims for the next year.

In conclusion, I would like to say "thank you" to all the members and Affiliates who have supported the Sub-Branch throughout this year. In particular, I would say to my Husband, Jarrad, thank you for all your support this year. To the new Committee, I wish you well in your endeavours and I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Safe and prosperous New Year. Thank you.

Lest We Forget



WOMEN'S AUXILIARY ANNUAL REPORT

Our year commenced our Auxiliary Annual dinner, which was held at the Crown Hotel. A pleasant evening was had, by all but it was decided that next year we need to go where we can show off our Trivia skills.

April we catered for Sunday service lunch. Numbers were down due to it being Easter.

July the ladies worked extremely hard providing sustenance for 150 people at the Annual Conference in the city. This was very successful due to team effort and the added assistance of Jarrad Kay.

August the Sub-branch Annual dinner was held, this was enjoyed by all who attended. We also catered for a special meeting at Headquarters for over 100.

October long weekend we held a cake stall at Bunnings Noarlunga. We raised over \$500.

All ladies had an enjoyable day, we were even shown how to pot a cacti, and then were able to take it home, so that was a bonus. We have been invited to have a stall again next year.

November the 11th, Remembrance Day was well attended considering it was a regular work day for many. Our catering was spot on with very little food left over. Well done ladies!

December 3rd will be our last meeting of the year and the 13th our Xmas Dinner.

An item will be performed by our talented Auxiliary.

At this time I would like to thank all the members of our Auxiliary for all their hard work in 2019. We have only been able to achieve our goals by working as a cohesive team, supporting each other at all times.

Ros Day
President.

Shortly before our 25th wedding anniversary, my husband sent 25 long-stemmed yellow roses to me at my office. A few days later, I plucked all the petals and dried them. On the night of our anniversary, I spread the petals over the bed and lay on top of them, wearing only a negligee.

As I'd hoped, I got a reaction from my husband.

When he saw me, he shouted, "Are those potato chips?"



REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE – 2019 RSL MORPHETT VALE AND DISTRICT SUB-BRANCH INC.

The Remembrance Day Service for 2019 was held at the City of Onkaparinga Memorial Gardens situated on the corner of Main South and Flaxmill Roads, Morphett Vale. Approximately 160 invited guests and members of the public were in attendance. Whilst it was a fine sunny day the wind was not kind to us and caused havoc with some people's headwear. Some of the wreaths, prior to laying, were blown into the nearby rose garden.

Guests included Ms Amanda Rishworth MP, Federal Member for Kingston, Shadow Minister for Early Childhood Education and Development and Shadow Minister for Youth, Ms Katrine Hildyard MP, State Member for Reynell, Shadow Minister for Recreation Sport and Racing, Shadow Minister for Multicultural Affairs and Shadow Minister for the Status of Women, Ms Katherine Baldock representing Ms Nat Cook MP, State Member for Hurtle Vale, Ms Erin Thompson, Mayor City of Onkaparinga, Inspector Cameron Devey, representing Superintendent Mark Trenwith, OC Southern Districts SAPOL, Members of the Veterans Motor Cycle Club SA Chapter and Mr Khalid Rasheed, Vice-President of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Association.

The Service commenced with a welcome and a brief address from the President of the RSL Morphett Vale and District Sub-Branch, Mr Ron Payne, who then handed over to the Sub-Branch Chaplain, Father Jonathan Jackson (pictured right) to conduct the rest of the Service.

Father Jackson recited the Requiem and then led those in attendance Prayers and the singing of the hymns O God Our Help in Ages Past, Abide With Me and Lead Kindly Light.

Once again Wirreanda Secondary School, as they have done for many years now, provided a choir and music for the singing of the hymns and the National Anthem.

President Ron Payne recited the Ode to the Fallen, the Last Post was played by Bugler Nick Miller followed by a minute's silence and The Rouse.

The placing of wreaths around the Cenotaph was conducted with great dignity and solemnity. In all 11 wreaths were laid during the Service and a number of floral tributes were placed by members of the public. To overcome the problems associated with the almost gale force winds the wreaths and floral tributes were laid on the eastern side of the cenotaph which afforded some protection so that the wreaths were not blow away.

Apart from the wind related problems the whole Service went off without a hitch and, I am sure, everyone in attendance was able to pay tribute in their own special way to those members of the Defence Forces who have paid the ultimate sacrifice. All members involved can be rightly proud of their efforts.



Gordon Curtis
Honorary Secretary



RSL MORPHETT VALE AND DISTRICT SUB-BRANCH INCORPORATED

SECRETARY'S REPORT TO THE 2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The last year has been another intense and difficult year for various reasons. In the 12 months since my last report a lot of hard work has been carried out by your committee and those members who so generously volunteer their time to assist when and where they can. In addition to the every-day maintenance jobs that are part and parcel of the Sub-Branch's life there have been a number of projects that have been undertaken to improve the amenities of the Sub-Branch. These include the construction of a small shed to house the equipment used for the Youth Vigil and the ANZAC Dawn Service, the ongoing improvements to the memorabilia displays in the pool room and the enhancements to the Digital Honour Board, to name but a few.

1. Work Health and Safety Act 2012.

Work Health and Safety, a regular item on the agendas of our monthly members' and Sub-Branch Committee meetings, continues to be an important topic which is important to us all. These meetings provide a forum for the reporting of WHS related matters which, in turn, enables any concerns to be discussed, resolved and documented in a timely manner. In this way we satisfy the legislative requirements imposed upon us by the WHS Act and should keep the WHS Inspectors happy in the event that they make a snap inspection.

The Sub-Branch has a routine preventative maintenance program as part of our commitment to WHS. This program includes the following:-

- Testing and tagging of all electrical equipment and extension leads is carried out in June in accordance with legislative requirements and the results recorded in the Testing and Tagging Register.
- All fire extinguishers and emergency exit lighting are tested in April and October and the results recorded in the Maintenance Register.



- The kitchen is professionally cleaned in June and December - with particular care being paid to the stove, dish washer and all stainless steel areas – and the results recorded in the Maintenance Register.
- The security and fire alarms, along with the smoke detectors, are serviced in August by Chubb Fire and Security and the results recorded in the relevant register.
- All air-conditioning units and refrigerators are serviced in July and January by Accutemp Services and the results recorded in the Maintenance Register.
- The grease trap (waste arrester) is serviced in May by Nitschke Liquid Waste and the results recorded in the Maintenance Register.

Any problems that are identified during any of the maintenance services are resolved at the earliest opportunity.

2. Clubs SA.

Our membership of Clubs SA has continued. We are most grateful for the information and helpful hints that they have provided during the last 12 months especially in relation to the changes to the Liquor Licensing laws which, at times, have seemed quite confusing. Information is provided by Clubs SA via their publication, Keeping in Touch, and by conducting regional meetings around the State where persons attending can get answers to any questions that they may have.

Two Self-Assessment Compliance Checks to audit the Sub-Branch premises to ensure that we comply with the requirements of the Liquor Licensing Act and the Work Health and Safety Act were carried out and no problems were identified. Similarly our Risk Assessment and Management Plan, which is a requirement of the Liquor Licensing Act, was revisited and, again, no problems were identified.



I made mention in my reports in 2017 and 2018 to amendments (hereinafter called reforms) that were made to the Liquor Licensing Act 1997 that were passed by Parliament on 14 November 2017. The first two stages of these reforms became effective in December 2017 and September 2018 respectively. I have spoken about them before so I do not propose to dwell any further on them.

The third (and final) stage of the reforms became effective on and from 18 November 2019. These reforms are as follows:-

- Limited Club licences (which our Sub-Branch held) have disappeared and all clubs that held one now hold a Club Licence.
- The Sub-Branch is authorised to sell liquor (1) for consumption on the premises, (2) to a resident of the premises for consumption on or off the premises and (3) to a Sub-Branch member through direct sales transactions, as long as the liquor is delivered in South Australia between 8.00 am and 10.00 pm.
- Restrictions relating to members and guests have been removed.
- A liquor licence fee will be imposed – in our case this will be \$125.00 but is not due until July 2020.
- Clubs holding a Club Licence may be authorised to sell take-away liquor but will need to apply to the licensing authority to do so. This will not authorise the sale of packaged liquor from a drive-in or drive through bottle shop type arrangement.
- Short term licences will replace limited licences for special occasions.
- Mandatory training of staff particularly in relation to the Responsible Service of Alcohol. All of our Bar Staff have now been trained.



3. Australian Charities and Not for Profit Commission.

In 2017, as reported previously, the RSL (SA Branch) Inc. encountered some finance related problems and were placed under administration. A lengthy investigation by the ACNC ensued and, as a result they threatened to remove the charitable and tax-free status of the State Branch unless they could show good reason for it not to be removed.

The ACNC, in their report as to the investigation, identified a number of “failings” (again as reported previously) on the part of the State Branch, hence the threat to remove the charitable and tax-free status of the State Branch.

Using this report as a guide, work commenced on identifying those areas of administration and governance where our Sub-Branch may be lacking. I am pleased to report that all of the matters identified during this process as requiring attention or development have now been completed.

It is most important, however, that all of the documents, procedures and registers that have been developed are regularly monitored so that they are kept up to date and reflect any changes in legislation or procedure that may occur from time to time.

To maintain our not-for-profit status we are obliged to provide information, online, to the ACNC to ensure that the information that they have relating to our Sub-Branch is correct. Failure to provide this information within six months after the end of our financial year, i.e. by 25 March 2020, will mean that we will lose our not-for-profit status.



The compilation of the required information and the preparation of the necessary “paperwork” takes considerable time and effort. It also requires the annual finance report to be accepted at the AGM. Whilst this information has not been provided to the ACNC as at the time of writing this report it will certainly be provided before the deadline date.

4. Financial Records.

Once again the Sub-Branch Treasurer, Ken Treloar, the Women’s Auxiliary Treasurer, Dierdre Owen, and the Bar Manager, Mark Wheaton, have performed their respective duties, in relation to the financial records of the Sub-Branch that they are respectively responsible for, in a diligent and most efficient manner.

Their work has made the monthly financial check by the Checking Officer and the Auditor’s job very easy indeed. The electronic cash books that have been in use now for the last eight years have greatly assisted in this process and the automatic production of financial reports for presentation at monthly meetings, and the Annual General Meeting, has saved a considerable amount of time and effort.

5. Women’s Auxiliary.

The Women’s Auxiliary, the backbone of the Sub-Branch, continues to provide support off of their own initiative or whenever requested. Nothing is too much trouble. Whether it is providing afternoon tea for the Sunday Commemorative Service and other functions, providing a light luncheon for Remembrance Day, decorating the hall for the various theme nights, setting up the hall and decorating the tables so magnificently for the annual dinner, or conducting the weekly raffles to mention just a few of their contributions, their untiring contribution is invaluable and greatly appreciated. Thank you ladies.



6. General Projects.

Living at Encounter Bay, as previously mentioned, means that I have been unable to attend the Sub-Branch as often as I would have liked. In 2019 I have managed to attend all but one monthly meeting and all of the Committee meetings. I have also attended the Sub-Branch on most Tuesdays when the Sub-Branch is open to members. During these visits I have had the opportunity to catch up and have discussions with various members to discuss a range of matters and projects. I don't propose to go into all of these but there are four matters that I would like to mention.

They are:-

Website, Facebook page and Newsletter.

Dave Oakley, our resident IT guru and Assistant to the Secretary, has administered our Website and Facebook page updating and adding material as required. As Editor of our newsletter Dave has done an excellent job. The Editor's job is a thankless task. It is not his job to write the articles for the newsletter, of course he may if he so wishes, but to collate them into a readable format prior to printing and then distributing either via email or snail mail.

At times he has had to chase material when it failed to meet the deadline, however, notwithstanding this hurdle which was not of his making he has still managed to publish the newsletter and distribute it to members either by email or by snail mail.

Dave has decided that, after 20 years of contributions to the Sub-Branch, he will not nominate for Committee in 2020 and will retire from his duties in relation to the website, the Facebook page and as editor of the newsletter. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you Dave for all that you have done over the years. You can be justly proud of your efforts. Your assistance to me and your friendship are greatly appreciated.



Audio Visual and IT Officer.

Rob Winter, our PA, AV and IT expert, has continued to upgrade and maintain our audio and visual equipment as well as adding additional information to the Digital Honour Board. In his spare time Rob has also added additional video displays of a military nature in the pool room to enhance the memorabilia on display there.

The giant screens and associated equipment, constructed and erected by Rob and his helpers Jim Bowles, Ray Sheean and Lance Reeves, and used at the ANZAC Dawn Service to great effect to display the Service as it proceeded were well received and attracted a lot of favourable comment. Thank you Rob for all of your hard work.

Youth Vigil Shed.

Early this year it was decided to purchase a small shed to house the equipment that is used for the Youth Vigil and the ANZAC Dawn service. Previously all of this equipment had been stored in the main shed and took up space that was required for other purposes. Funds for the purchase of this shed came from a grant provided by the City of Onkaparinga and for this we are very grateful. The shed was purchased from Bunnings – at a discounted price – and eventually erected by Rob Winter, Gerald Robb, Hugh Mortimer, Jim Bowles, Ray Sheean, Ken Treloar and myself. I hope I haven't missed anyone. I apologise if I have. Thank you to all those who have been involved in the construction of this shed.

All of the Youth Vigil and ANZAC Dawn Service equipment has now been relocated into the Youth Vigil shed and the space created in the main shed has allowed a secure storage area for Sub-Branch administration records to be created.

The Sub-Branch Gardens.

Gerald Robb has continued to tend the Sub-Branch gardens by watering the gardens, mowing the lawns, culling the weeds and pruning the shrubs. He has also involved himself in a host of maintenance tasks as required. At times he has been ably assisted by the President of the Women's Auxiliary, Ros Day, who also doubles as a handy gardener. Thank you Gerald, Ros and all other members who have helped from time to time.



7. Volunteers.

The Sub-Branch could not continue to function as efficiently as it does without the generous support of those members who continue to unselfishly donate their time and effort to ensure the success of the Sub-Branch.

Records are kept of the number of hours that members have contributed to the various areas of the Sub-Branch, namely the Committee, the Bar, the Women's Auxiliary and Miscellaneous (general maintenance and gardening, etc.). As at the time of writing this report the number of hours contributed in 2019 was 9136.25, up from 6217.50 hours in 2017, an increase of 2918.75 hours. I attribute this increase in part due to the fact that some members, who do volunteer work for the Sub-Branch, have become more diligent in recording their hours and advising me accordingly. This equates to approximately 175.70 hours per week which is very good indeed. Well done to all concerned you can be rightly proud of your efforts. Having said that though we could still do with some more willing hands to share the workload so that we don't burn out the willing volunteers that contribute so much to the Sub-Branch.

8. Thank you.

My role as Secretary has been made a lot easier than it could have been owing to the help of a number of people who consistently go out of their way to assist me. I would like to personally thank the following people:-

Dierdre Owen for her continued friendship, help and support when it was required especially in relation to the Women's Auxiliary financial transactions in my role as Checking Officer.

Thank you Dierdre.

Ken Treloar, a close friend as well as being our very efficient Treasurer, for keeping our books of accounts in such a professional and diligent manner which made the Checking Officers role and the auditor's job so much easier. Ken, for some years now, has been invaluable to me, particularly so by continuing to check our PO Box as required and scanning mail and emailing it to me as required. Ken is an excellent sounding board when needed by me to discuss Sub-Branch financial and other administrative matters. He has also proof read most of the articles I have written this year and offered constructive criticism as required for which I am most grateful. Thank you Ken.



Mark Wheaton for his assistance in providing me with Bar Account details in a timely manner for our monthly meetings. Thank you Mark and thank you too to all of your hard-working volunteer bar staff who carry out their duties behind the bar.

Rob Winter for taking over the role of minute secretary and carrying on the good work of Frank Owen. This has saved me a lot of work at a time when I felt like I was being drowned with the workload that never seemed to end.

And, I say this every year, last but by no means least my long-suffering and darling wife Di who continues, under great duress at times, to be a magnificent tower of strength and support to me. Her advice, and suggestions, to me are greatly appreciated and help to keep me grounded when the pressure is on.

9. Vale.

It would be remiss of me if I did not mention Frank Owen who, sadly and quite suddenly, passed away on 21 December 2018. Frank had been the life and soul of this Sub-Branch for a good many years. During my time as Secretary Frank became a large part of my Secretarial, as well as social, life.

He was my mentor, my helper, my go to man for advice and, more importantly, he became a true friend. The one piece of advice that he gave me that rises above all others is that "It is easier to ask for forgiveness than it is to ask for permission".

Every time that I left the Sub-Branch for the long drive home to Encounter Bay Frank would say to me "Watch out for the kangaroos". This was more relevant at night and became somewhat of a farewell tradition. I am pleased to add that Dierdre now carries on this tradition and this is something I appreciate. Thank you Frank for being such a huge part of my life.



10. Retirement

By now most of you would be aware of the fact that I have decided to retire as Secretary of this Sub-Branch to spend more time with Di and doing things for both of us that are long overdue. I will retain my role as Checking Officer, however, as this is something that is not all that time consuming, is something that I like doing and something that I can do anywhere as long as I have access to a computer.

To my successor as Secretary, Jarrad Kay, I wish you all the best and hope that you get the same amount of satisfaction that, overall, I did (although sometimes I doubted that in recent years).

It has been a great honour for me to have been the Secretary of this Sub-Branch for the last nine years and for all that we have achieved together. I am very appreciative of the fact that the members who I have been lucky enough to have met and formed friendships with over the years have had faith in me to let me continue. Thank you to each and every one of you.

In closing I would like to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a healthy, happy and prosperous new year.

Thank you one and all.

Gordon Curtis
Honorary Secretary
3 December 2019



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Horndale Distillery and Wine Cellars have also been long-standing supporters of our Sub-Branch. The business was first established in 1896 with the current owners, the Albrecht Family, purchasing the business in 1984. Horndale has a fine selection of red, white, sparkling and fortified wines and with many MEDAL WINNERS in their stable you will find the right wine for that special occasion. Come in and speak to the wine maker, Phil Albrecht, taste a few and ask his advice. RSL Members, upon production of their membership card, will receive a special discount.

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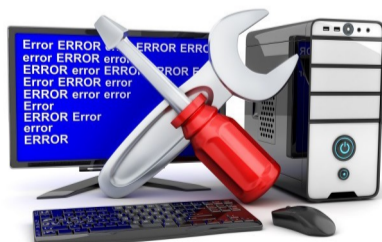
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