

MONTHLY SUB-BRANCH REPORT

FOR THE MONTH OF August 2021

Sub-Branch Name: Beaudesert RSL Sub Branch

Vale List: Nil

Sub-Branch Activities:

- Keeping members informed on RSL Qld, Sub Branch and DVA news and updates.
- Updating Policies and Procedures.
- Monthly Board Meeting.
- Working on Grant Submissions Submit Grant to RCIF for Lysaght Shed to be erected.
- The Sub Branch Support U3A Group for access to our Boardroom to hold weekly French classes, this assists with our profile in the Community
- Monthly Board Meeting for U3A held in our premises, this is for Community engagement.
- Advocates Assisting Veterans on Wednesday's each week with claims (total of 5 for August)
- Also now opening on Tuesday due to new trainee Advocates.
- Volunteers busy with QAS Patient Transport continuing to grow and expanding with new patients to transport to their specialist appointments. (01/08/21 up to 20/08/21 Total of 39 Patients & 4,183 Kms travelled). Numbers low this month due to COVID-19 restrictions.
- Held small Service for Vietnam Veterans Commemoration Day and held luncheon for Vietnam Veteran members. This continues the Charitable Objects new rules where social isolation is considered a Mental Health issue, and needs to be addressed by Sub Branches with more interaction with a social connection.
- Some members attended Aust Veterans Long Tan Dinner hosted by The Freemasons of Beaudesert – Glen Hotel.
- Organise Peace Keeping Day Commemorative Service for 14th September, 2021.
- Preparing and Sending out Newsletter to members this month.
- Arranging next members general meeting for September.
- Sent out 100 year Air Force medallions to RAAF members who did not attend Luncheon.

Future Events:

- Peace Keeping Day – 14 September, 2021
- Board meeting and General Members Meeting – 16th September, 2021
- Centenary of the Beaudesert Cenotaph Sub-Branch involved in this Commemoration with the Historical Society.
- Veterans Health Week 22nd October, 2021
- Remembrance Day – 11 November, 2021

Pensions & Welfare Statistics/Activities:

Advocate Level 2 officer (Jay Collins) 1 x day advocacy a week in Sub Branch. Advocacy Level 1 officer Samantha Morgan and new training officer Kerry Carney in training to assist with Advocacy with assistance and mentoring from S. Monteath and P Higgins. Received interest from prospective Advocate to join our team. A Young ex-serving defence and prospective member.

Keeping members up to date with DVA information being distributed and any other RSL information members may be interested in eg. Health fitness programs,

Welfare check on members who are unwell. Patient community transport. Visiting Veteran at Home and Hospitals for Wellbeing when able to during COVID-19 Restrictions.

Membership Statistics:

177 - Service Members plus 1 new member to be approved (Continue to discuss ways we can attract more younger members) & 9 – Non League Members.