

Wellbeing Report RSL SED - May 2023

Transport for elderly Veterans has been somewhat of the norm this month as several have requested transport to meetings and social events including ANZAC service. One Veteran with dementia has been a regular requiring a 'ride'. If I asked for directions, then heaven knows where we would have ended up. Beauty of this is that they are happy to have someone to talk to and get them from A to B. I know there are many out there requiring similar assistance and Sub Branches can go the extra if not already done so in finding the 'isolated' in our Veteran community.

Several meetings with Veteran members requesting assistance for family from the DVA. This exercise received excellent assistance from the DVA in Brisbane in guiding family members to a positive outcome. DVA is available on 1800 VETERAN, 1800 838 372.

Meeting with Eve Lanoux from RSL Qld re Wellbeing Support Officer training. This is now in the safe hands of RSL Qld supporting our endeavours to train up volunteers interested in supporting Veterans via hospital visits, home visits, aged care facility visits and preparing initial reports for Advocates. Your collective assistance is always welcome in putting forward names of those prepared to go that little bit further to assist OURS.

The Battle for the Coral Sea memorial was eventful in assisting a Vietnam Veteran in getting paperwork started on a claim he did not realise he was able to get. I guess hip surgery is not something that jumps to mind when you know it is on the horizon and you're not prepared to take it on.

Met with members of Kooralbyn Sub Branch to discuss wellbeing attended to by Beaudesert Advocates. The Kooralbyn market day is presented by the Kooralbyn Sub Branch and is well received by the community across the Scenic Rim and Brisbane.

Attended Gallipoli Barracks with four Advocates and Wellbeing Support Officer to brief ARA, A Res members and officer Corps on DVA Acts, MRCA, DRCA, VEA and available Advocates across the State for advice and applications for compensation claims and general wellbeing of members and families. [23/05/2023]

Visit to Jimboomba Aged Care facility to advise on wellbeing available through Jimboomba and Beaudesert RSL's Pensions, Advocacy, Wellbeing and Support. One last hospital pack supplied to Beaudesert Veteran Kevin B on his journey to hospital. The Beaudesert Sub Branch is using their wellbeing funds to purchase and prepare their own hospital packs thanks to new WSO on board, Trudy Johnson. Trudy has been an asset in advancing our RSL Wellbeing to the local hospital and several aged care facilities in the district. As an RN her experience and communication skills have come to the fore. Sub Branches should check to see who in their locale has skill, qualifications and time to volunteer. Pays off significantly. May not generally a busy month as ANZAC week tend to be the busiest with requests for assistance.