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## **NEXT GENERAL MEETING**

**TUESDAY 18TH JUNE 2024** 

At our building, Wacol Barracks 907 – 971 Boundary Rd, Wacol COMMENCING AT 6.30 PM sharp

Please note the entrance to the Barracks location on Nashos Place.

IF YOU REQUIRE A LIFT OR TO BE COLLECTED BY THE RSL BUS, Contact Greg Amey on 0416 255 349



# FROM THE PRESIDENT'S and SECRETARY'S DESK – March & April 2024

Hello one and all,

Another great turn out for our BBQ for May with about 31 signed in. I am sure there were a few extras, but can only go by the numbers on the sign in sheets. The next BBQ is scheduled for Saturday June 1st So mark your calendars and come down to the Clubhouse and enjoy some great food, laughs and social chatter.

Coffee Club has been fantastic with great numbers coming and enjoying social interaction amongst fellow members.

The June calendar is included with this Reveille copy and will be available at the Clubhouse so you can keep up to date.

Thank you to RSL (Q) for the amazing opportunity for the fundraising day on April 27th at Suncorp Stadium. This Round 10 game of the Super Rugby season was played against the Auckland Blues. To all those that came and helped raise some extra fundraising dollars, a HUGE thankyou. Our legs, knees and bodies were tired after a big Anzac Day, but we had some fun and raised some great dollars. The final dollar amount into our bank account was \$4505.00.

**Coffee Club** –at the Clubhouse from 10am – 12noon
June Coffee Club dates - Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June and 24<sup>th</sup> June

**Assistance Dog Training** – Thursday's from 5:30pm. Meet at The Coffee Club, Springfield Shopping Centre. A huge thank you to all the staff at Springfield Shopping Centre, and especially the staff of The Coffee Club. Also a big shout out to Two Butchers at the Orion Shopping Centre for their continued support.

**Photography Workshop** – June - Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> from 9am – 12noon

Social Trips – Unfortunately we have had to postpone the trip to Stafford Wellbeing Centre scheduled for 24<sup>th</sup> May. A new date will scheduled asap..

#### FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:

**ANZAC DAY** - A full wrap up of Anzac Day will be tabled in my report at Tuesday's meeting. Well done to all for the three Services on the day.

Members of the Sub Branch attended 6 Schools leading up to the day. Thank you to all that helped out. I had the honour along with Shaun to judge the 2024 Anzac Prize again at Milton Dick's office. A great privilege along with fantastic entries.

On April 18th the Pallara State School cut the ribbon on their "Garden of Service". Pallara State School have always shown amazing support to our veterans via their History Club, and the incredible dedication of Mr Keegan Peace. This school also participated in the "Postcards of Honour" scheme run by RSL Qld. All veterans will receive their copy at the meeting next Tuesday.

Photo at the ceremony below

Thankyou to all for your support and messages of condolences over the past few weeks.

Best regards Steve & Sharron



# Forest Lake Sub-Branch SED Delegates Report 2 May 2024 Dan Baldwin

Please find listed below my report from the SED Delegates meeting held on 7 March 2024. Not a lot of detail from the actual meeting itself but more about what is coming up in the near future.

#### **Notice of AGM SED**

The meeting will take place on the 18 May at 50 Oxlade Drive New Farm beginning at midday. A brunch will provided for delegates starting at 11am. It is expected that the AGM will conclude at 1300 hours.

#### **Notice of State AGM**

To be held on Saturday 22 June 24.

Deadline for nominations for State President and two skills-based Board Directors closed at 5pm on Friday 22 March. This year, just one Delegate from each Sub Branch is to attend the State Congress. If however, if a Sub Branch would like their alternate delegate to also ttend then that Sub Branch will have to meet the costs.

Registrations opened on Friday 22 March and will close on Friday 24 May.

Each delegate will need to complete and sign a Delegate Verification (and it is recommended that this is being signed straight after your AGM and uploaded to the registration portal.)

Congress includes: opening ceremony, AGM and gala dinner that night.

#### **Anzac Day Reviews**

It was a strong view across all the sub-branches that numbers were up and the day was well celebrated. I advised the meeting that we held a Dawn Service at Forest Lake for the first time and we were greatly encouraged by the number of people who turned up which was estimated to be about 800. We have some work to do to make it bigger and better event for next year.

#### **Young Veterans Committee**

A group of young veterans from SED Sub-branches held a meeting on 11 April which was chaired by Doug Egan the Senior Vice-President to form a young veteran's sub-committee of SED. I was expecting to get a report on what happened at the meeting but unfortunately Doug Egan did not attend our SED Meeting. I will raise the matter at the next meeting as this issue has been around for the last six months.

#### Viewing of new RSL/Legacy building at Greenslopes

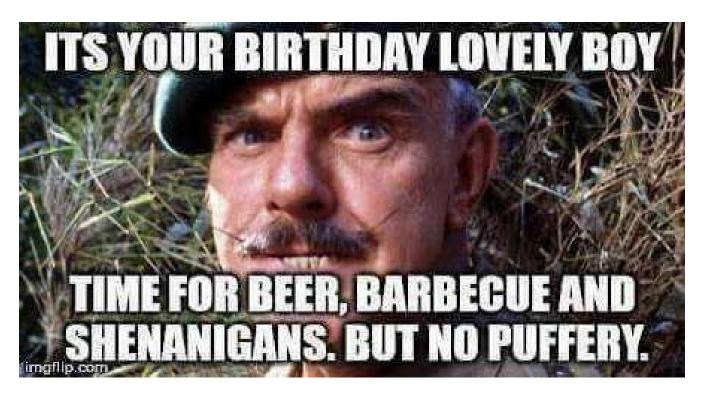
The fit out of the new building is still taking place but it is expected to be ready for viewing in the near future.

#### Possible Iraqi and Afghanistan Banner in future Anzac Day March in Brisbane

The meeting was advised by one of the delegates that there is push on by younger veterans of the Iraqi and Afghanistan conflicts to march under a new separate banner in future Anzac Day marches.

#### Future Training to be provided on-line

A number of SED courses are being considered to go on-line so that those wishing to complete those courses will be able to do them in their own time and location so that members do not have to travel to certain venues. More information will be advised in the future.



## BELATED BIRTHDAY'S

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IAIN CRAPP	APR	DENNIS DEERING	APR
SHAUN RICHARDS	APR	LINDA SLAUGHTER	APR
ANTHONY WHITLOCK	APR	TERESA ROLLS	APR
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GLENN GREENHAM	APR	ALEX ELLEM	APR
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DESLEYAHERN	MAY	THI THOA NORTON	MAY
SHARRON FORD	MAY	EWA KUTNYI	MAY
MADONNA PONTING	MAY	NERRIDA CORNACK	MAY
KAREN FRANCIS	MAY	TONY HALPIN	MAY
ATCHELI RICHARDSON	MAY	SARAH CARTWRIGHT	MAY

## ANZAC DAY 2024















## SUNCORP STADIUM 50/50 EVENT







We would like to firstly thank you and all of your members for supporting us over the past few years.

We have been the owners of Columboola Country for near 18 years.

It was only toward the end of 2019 that we asked for help in promoting Columboola Country toward the Veteran community.

It is with great pleasure to advise you that, with your help, Columboola Country has been very well received by veterans as well as RSL sub branchs and fellow nomads and full time travelers.

Whilst we were financially interupted with COVID during the couple of years with lock downs and restrictions, Columboola Country hosted many, very supportive Veterans. (some of which are still here, 2 years later)

I would like to ask you and your branch, if you wouldn't mind? to please help us remind those who didnt get out much over the past couple of years, by printing out or emailing the promotional material?

> We would again, like to thank you all for your support. Colin & Venessa Jackson Owners/ Operators

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## FOREST LAKE STATE SCHOOL DISPLAY











ST JOHNS COLLEGE ANZAC DAY CEREMONY

## LOGAN CADETS ASSISTANCE AT BADGE STALLS







Above: Forest Lake

Left: Richlands with Glenn & Jenny

April 18<sup>th</sup> Pallara State School Garden of Service with Steve Ford & Greg Amey





It says here you rear ended a car driven by a dwarf. And then what happened? He got out of the car and said, "I'm not happy". So I said, "Well, which one are you then?" and that's how the fight started, Your Honor.





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