



NEWS TIME

Kilcoy RSL Sub Branch

Edition 5

Message from your Welfare Officer

On Thursday 29th March
DVA Pharmacist Advisor Margaret Bowen will be in attendance at the Kilcoy RSL for an information session. Her presentation will commence at 0900 hrs followed by a Q&A session. Margaret will then be joining us for morning tea at 1000hrs to answer any further questions you may have on your medication. Please advise if attending by contacting the Sub Branch on working days Wednesday 0900hrs to 1430hrs on 54 220 564 or the MHPE Volunteer on 0403336263.

(Please note the date in the last News Time was incorrect for the above visit the correct date was the 29th March apologies)

The Corps of Signals Pigeon Service:

Following is an interesting article from RSL Handbook ANZAC Jubilee Issue 1965.

The Corps of Signals Pigeon Service was formed in Australia early 1942, initially with the object of providing an alternative means of communication between the coast defences of the mainland in an invasion. The service was manned by pigeon fanciers, and pigeon fanciers presented birds to the Army until the service possessed 13,500. After the service had established a network covering a great part of the continent, No. 8 Pigeon Section was sent to New Guinea in December 1942. It was found that birds from the south often became ill in New Guinea and local breeding lofts were established. Many other problems produced by the

Message from your President•••

Well ANZAC Day draws closer and planning/preparation is underway for this very important occasion. I must say that May did a wonderful job last year, mostly on her own due to several of us being absent.

We are now at the stage of engaging an engineer to certify the Community Workshop, once we have the amended plans in our hands. We have to resubmit "As Built" plans due to the changes in construction methods when the shed was being built. I guess that in haste the changes were decided but the plan was forgotten about. We hope to have some good news on that by our next meeting.

Our next event is the Kilcoy Show Ball, with their committee requesting we man the bar. A bit of a late runner but with two shifts of 4 bar helpers we will manage it.

tropical environment were encountered and overcome. For example, there were places where the birds had to rise 2,000 feet in three miles possibly in rain or mist. The service provided lofts for formations of the Sixth American Army at Saidor, Arawe and Manus, as well as for Australian formations elsewhere in New Guinea.

Pigeons gave particularly valuable service when on several occasions they carried messages from small craft that were in trouble. They were most useful to the 5th Division when it was widely dispersed between Madang and the Sepik. On Bougainville, pigeons of No. 1 Section were used by patrols, by small craft, and to carry war correspondents' reports which otherwise would have taken 48 hours to get back to Torokina. In the Torricellis on one occasion, six pigeons were dropped by parachute to a patrol that was out of communication and one of them carried a message 45 miles in 50 minutes.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Next Meeting: 10th March @ 1030hrs

10th March 2018 we will be manning the bar at the Show Society Ball

27th March 2018 the Queens Baton will be in Kilcoy there will be activities in the park near the Information Centre this Sub Branch will be having a sausage sizzle anyone able to help please advise.

Our next race days will be **21st April 2018 and 16th June 2018** always looking for help on the day the more help we get the less time everyone spends there, always a good day.



Announcing an Art Exhibition

A local Artist Noela Lowien is presenting an Art Exhibition with the theme "Kilcoy Country" from 4th March to 2nd April 2018. Opening hours

are Thursday to Monday 0900hrs to 1300hrs. No entry fee please go along and support our local artists.

