



# NEWS TIME

Kilcoy RSL Sub Branch

Edition 7

## Message from your Welfare Officer

### Veterans' Health Week

Veterans' Health Week is an annual initiative where DVA partners with ex-service and community organisations to;

1. Increase the health awareness of current and ex-service members and their families; and
2. Encourage behavioral change leading to improved health outcomes.

This year Veterans' Health Week is from 22-30<sup>th</sup> September 2018. Theme is nutrition.

Veterans Health Week celebrates the ongoing efforts made to improve the health and wellbeing of the veteran and broader veteran community. Veterans', current and former members of the

ADF, their families, friends and carers, reservists and widows/widowers are invited to participate in this week of events run across Australia.

This year's theme is NUTRITION.



### KOREA 1950-53

At 4.00am June 25, 1950, the North Korean Peoples' Army crossed the 38<sup>th</sup> Parallel at several points and launched attacks on South Korea. A few hours later the Security Council of the United Nations met and adopted a resolution calling for the cessation of hostilities and withdrawal

Message from your President • • •

As my message is lengthy it is included in the News Time – following.....

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of North Koreans to the 38<sup>th</sup> Parallel. After two days, during which no such action was taken the Council met again and called on member nations for assistance. At it's third meeting on June 30, President Truman reported that the US Airforce and certain ground forces were ordered into action. The Australian Government agreed to provide immediate air and naval support, and on July 2, No.77 Squadron RAAF began operations against North Korea from air fields in Japan. On July 27 it was announced that a special army force for service in Korea would be raised. Recruiting started immediately, and volunteers were called from members of the British Commonwealth Occupation Force serving in Japan. The Third Battalion, the Royal Australian Regiment, which was based at Hiro in Japan, although under strength, was at a high degree of efficiency and underwent an immediate

intensive training programme to fit itself for actual battle. The Special Force volunteers in Australia, mostly all ex-servicemen with infantry experience, trained intensively at Ingleburn NSW and Puckapunyal Vic, and were flown by commercial airlines to reinforce the Battalion in Japan, as they too, conditioned themselves against the rigors of service life and training. The Battalion assembled in Japan under the command of Lt Col C.H. Green, DSO. On September 27<sup>th</sup> the Battalion sailed for Korea, arriving at Pusan, Korea, on the 28<sup>th</sup>, and on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, made their first operational patrols in the Songju-Waegwan area. Several days later the Battalion suffered their first casualties when "C" Coy 2IC and his driver were killed when their carrier drove into an unmarked mine field. In the course of the next three years, Battalions of the Royal Australian Regiment were to serve with distinction in

Korea. The most outstanding action was on the eve of the 36<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Gallipoli, when at Kapyong, Korea, the Third Battalion Royal Australian Regiment were awarded the United States Presidential Citation for their part in halting the advance of the Communist Chinese Army and averting a possible major disaster to the United States Eighth Army. The citation is a unique honour insofar that this is the first Australian Army Unit to receive a unit decoration or award. By order of His late Majesty, King George VI, the emblem of the award is worn on both upper sleeves of the uniform. The members of the battalion actually present at the battle of Kapyong will wear the emblem "in perpetuo", irrespective of the units in which they eventually serve. And as long as the 3 RAR exists, its members will be entitled to wear the emblem whilst serving with the battalion.

**To be continued next  
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**Extract from the RSL  
Handbook ANZAC  
Jubilee Issue 1965**

President's Message:

Well here we are again, ready for yet another year and fast approaching are the end of the Centenary of ANZAC but also celebrations for our 100<sup>th</sup> year as an active Sub Branch and 100<sup>th</sup> year celebrations of the signing of the Armistice (Remembrance Day).

This year the Sub Branch will be challenged by a number of issues and some things will need to change i.e. we are likely to see RSL Qld ensuring we are complying with any Regulations and By Laws. Also, we need to have a serious look inwards at our own Sub Branch membership and how that impacts on what we do to survive.

We will have a look at perhaps having Social Members on our committees, possibly even our Executive Board, not as head of our Sub Branch but in other positions. Our President and Vice President will ALWAYS be a veteran member, that will not change, but the other roles could possibly be filled by Social Members.

As we constantly struggle to find Executive members, we have to explore a different way of attracting people to these roles. I rightly and respectfully acknowledge that some members have "done their time", some are incapacitated and unable to carry out physical work, some are current serving members well outside Kilcoy district, some are still actively work and some just want to be "Indians" and do the physical work (very important to the Sub Branch). Right now, we are literally flogging a dead horse if our members expect the same structure in our Sub Branch in terms of roles of President, Secretary, Treasurer etc. I am begging members to step up to the plate in preparation for the 2019/2020 year – we will assist you to carry out the role and there is training available to us.



**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Next Meeting:** 9<sup>th</sup> June 2018 @ 1030hrs

**Our next race days will be 16<sup>th</sup> June 2018** always looking

for help on the day the more help we get the less time everyone spends there, always a good day.

**30<sup>th</sup> June 2018** Regional Show Judging in the Memorial Hall help needed for the bar.


**1<sup>st</sup> July 2018** RAAF Truckies AGM at the Sub Branch, Sub Branch members are welcome to attend commencing 1030hrs

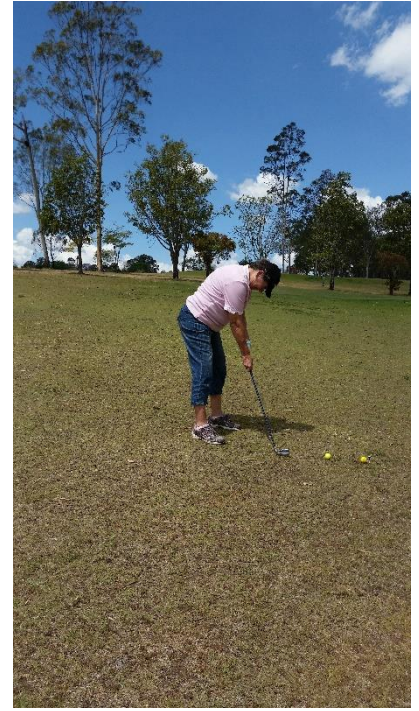
**27<sup>th</sup> July 2018** Korean Veterans' Day will advertise times closer to the day.

This day is also the Anniversary of the Ladies Land Army 1942.

**18<sup>th</sup> August 2018** is Vietnam Veteran's Day again will advertise times closer to the day.

**11<sup>th</sup> November 2018** is the Centenary of the signing of the Armistice that ended WW1 (Remembrance Day)





Photos from one of our Veterans' Health week Golf Day