



Canterbury Hurlstone Park RSL Subbranch

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Secretary's Newsletter

Well I hope the October newsletter reached all our Members and gave a little insight on what has been going on during these unprecedented times that we now live in.



VALES

The following have recently passed:

- 06 Sep – Terry Dineen aged 85
- 06 Oct – Barry Delaney aged 85
- 26 Oct – Alwin (Tal) McKinnon Aged 96 (Life Member)

Commemorations – There are plans to hold a Remembrance Day Commemoration starting at 10:45am, 11 Nov. You are more than welcome to attend however the Club will be enforcing whatever the current COVID restrictions are on the day.

AGM – As mentioned last newsletter, a modified AGM will be/was held on the 10 Nov to cover off on the following outstanding matters:

- Recite the Oath on behalf of all our members,
- Table the Minutes to the 2019 AGM and discuss any matters arising from these Minutes
- present the 2019 Financials and
- confirm the new Committee Members for 2020 to 2022.

The Committee has extended an invitation to 12 Members to attend that will establish a Quorum due to the COVID restrictions. I will send out the resulting Minutes of this meeting as soon as I can.

KEEP THIS DATE – NEXT MEMBER'S MEETING
SUNDAY 24 JAN 2021 AT 12 noon

General News

90th Anniversary Birthday Celebrations – The CHPRSL Subbranch 90th birthday was to be held last August however I don't need to elaborate on why this was postponed. The good news is that it is rescheduled for Saturday, 20th June 2021 so please keep this date free so that we not only celebrate our 90th, we can also celebrate our 91st 😊

A Century in the making – A huge congratulations to one of our WWII Veteran Members, Joseph Paterson for reaching his 100 birthday. I went around to the residence of Joe's daughter, Michelle, to pass on a little gift from all Subbranch members.



2nd AIF.

The gift in the photo below shows a slouch hat resting on army boots. This we thought is a fitting tribute as Joe was a member of the

This should give Joe something to admire for many years to come while in his nursing home.

Auxiliary – Unfortunately, our Auxiliary members have not had a lot to do due to COVID. I have kept in contact with Noeleen and Shirley as I do see them from time to time at the Club. They have assured me that all their members are as well as can be expected. Roll on 2021 so that they can get back into what they do best – Fund Raising

Lloyd Birdsall: "If I had my time over, I'd do it all again"

Lloyd will be a spritely 97 early next year and recently, he was interviewed by the Australian War Memorial to tell what he remembers as one of a handful of Kokoda Veterans left in Australia. The following is but a small extract of his memories.



Lloyd remembers watching Japanese bombers flying overhead in New Guinea, and listening to the sounds of the planes as bombs fell from the sky.

"They dropped bombs right through our camp on what they call 14-Mile Airstrip," he said.

"About 20 planes came in, and they followed

the airstrip loaded with bombs.

"We were in holes in the ground of course, and the ground shook and trembled and what not. They punctured holes in our water tanks, and put holes in our trucks and tents and things, but there was not a single casualty. It just shows how inaccurate bombing can be

We don't know whether they were going for the airport, or whether they were going for us, but when the ground trembles, and the dirt starts falling, you say, 'Is the next bomb going to be mine?' And that's a bit scary."

You can continue reading Lloyd's full story on the Subbranch website at:

<https://www.chprslsubbranch.com.au/>

Click on 'About Us' then 'News'

Current Membership Numbers:

174 Members

2 Life Members

13 Auxiliary Members

2 Associate Members

2021 Membership Fees – Fees can be paid from Wednesday, 4th November 2020. The \$35.00 fee can be paid:

- in person at the Club,
- by contacting the Club on 02 9559 0000 quoting your credit card details, or
- by posting a cheque (payable to the Subbranch). Please quote on the back of the cheque your RSLNSW Number, Name and email if applicable.

Membership cards do not have an expiry date so please retain your current card as no replacement will be issued.

If you renew your membership at the Club then you will be handed an envelope that will have your 2021 RSL Diary and the 2021 Subbranch Calendar.

I will post these items to those members that choose to pay by cheque or credit card.

More information and future up-dates can also be found on the Subbranch Website at:

<https://www.chprslsubbranch.com.au/>

Please let me know if there is anything that you would like included on the website as it is a great way to stay informed.

IMPORTANT NOTICE **MUSEUM CONTRIBUTION FUND**

The CHPRSL Club Management has informed us that due to unforeseeable circumstances beyond their control, ie COVID 19, the establishment of a new museum to display our memorabilia will not take place until other priorities are addressed.

As a result, your contribution to the fund will cease at the end of 2020 and be reassessed once we have more clarity on the museum build start/finish dates.