

Caloundra RSL Sub Branch

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Newsletter December 4, 2020



President's message

This will be our last newsletter for 2020. We trust we have been able to keep you informed of important issues throughout the year, particularly during the most difficult times when we were in lockdown and the future as well as being unknown, held potential fears for all of us.

Latterly, as restrictions have eased, life has been able to return to some type of normality. But we need to remain vigilant and continue to ensure Covid-safe practices. As we have seen from South Australia and New South Wales, things can go wrong very quickly.

Negotiations with the Services Club

Despite not having a signed agreement yet between the Sub Branch and the Services Club, the Club is now paying agreed amounts as detailed in what continues to be a working document. The document we are negotiating is a **Rent Waiver and Deferral Deed** and while the process of bringing it to fruition has been long and arduous, we are awfully close to signing.

The content of the Deed, while still under negotiation, unfortunately cannot be detailed here, but I think it is fair to say that the Sub Branch has been very generous in terms of current rent and deferral and waived amounts. The present situation allows the Sub Branch to operate in a rather reduced manner, while at the same time continue to allow the Club to operate and re-establish itself in the Caloundra market under reduced financial pressure.

This week, the Sub Branch submitted what we hope will be the last details to the Club's solicitors for the Board's consideration.

Optimistically, we will have this settled by Christmas.

Negotiations with the bank

Our present arrangements with the bank (NAB) expire at the end of March 2021. This arrangement allows the Sub Branch to pay the interest-only component of our loan up to that date. From April 2021 we will have to have in place a revised situation. To achieve this, we will attempt to commence negotiations with NAB next month. We believe NAB will want to look at the whole set of arrangements with us, so it is imperative that these talks begin sooner rather than later. We have been fortunate throughout these troubled times to have had great support from the bank and we thank them for that.

Our Sub Branch Lounge

The Lounge is now open again.

On the opening night, Friday last week, we saw 37 members rock up, with a total attendance of 50.

The Lounge, under Covid19 restrictions, can accommodate up to 100 people, so there's plenty of room for more. Although the Lounge Bar is not yet open, the Main Bar is, so it's less than a hop skip & a jump to get drinks.

We thank the Club management for its assistance.

Christmas Day falls on a Friday this year, so the normal "social" evening, with raffles and trivia, will

be on Thursday, December 24. Please mark the change in your diaries so you don't forget.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

On behalf of the Sub Branch Committee, I wish you and yours a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. It has been a year like no other and I do not intend to dwell on that as we all know that clearly.

Let's hope 2021 allows us to continue along the path back to a slightly different normal.

We are particularly fortunate to live where we do when we see and hear the continuing problems around the world.

May 2021 be a year we will remember for much better times.

Lastly

Thank you particularly to Terry O'Connor for producing this monthly newsletter and for his continuing hounding of me and others to assist him get the information out to you.

Geoffrey Gardiner, Sub Branch President

Sub Branch office and advocacy closure over the holidays

The Sub Branch office will shut at close of business on Friday, December 18, and reopen on Monday, January 11.

Sub Branch advocacy support will also cease for that period - but emergency support will still be available.

If you or anyone you know needs emergency support during this period, please contact the RSL Sunshine Coast and Regional District Advocates on **0419 412 387**.

Other than during the closedown, the Sub Branch office is open from 1000 hours to 1300 hours on Mondays and Tuesdays, and from 1430 hours to 1700 hours on Fridays.



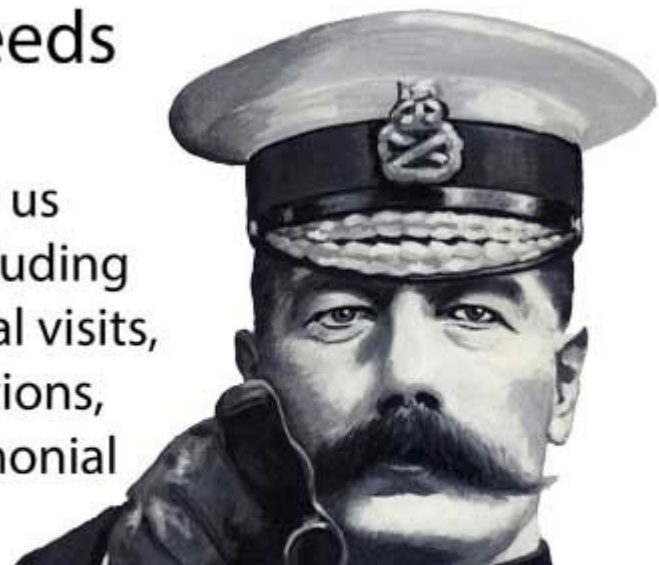
Christmas greetings to all

The Sub Branch Committee wishes to add to the President's message, with special greetings to all our members, and in particular to our many volunteers, without whom the Sub Branch would be greatly diminished (**see below**).

So, a very merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year to everybody. Have a joyous holiday.

Your Sub Branch needs you. **Yes, YOU!**

We need volunteers to help us deliver services in areas including welfare, home visits, hospital visits, the museum, grant applications, organising social and ceremonial functions and more.



Contact anyone on the committee if you can help. Thank you.



Maleny reunion lunch invitation

The President and members of the Maleny RSL Sub Branch invite the President & members of the Caloundra RSL Sub Branch to their annual Reunion Luncheon at Maleny RSL Memorial Hall, 1 Bunya St, Maleny.

The meal commences at noon on Saturday February 6, 2021.

The Caloundra Sub Branch will subsidise our members, so it will cost those who attend \$20 each. Maleny needs an early RSVP, which means we need acceptance – **and payment** – by December 18, which is when the office closes for the Christmas period, or between January 11, when it reopens, and January 15.

Payment can be made at the Secretary's office between the hours of 10am and 1pm on Mondays and Tuesdays, or between 2.30pm and 5pm on Fridays.

Services Club meeting tomorrow

The Caloundra RSL Services Club general meeting will be held in the club tomorrow, starting at 8.45am.

As usual the club doors will open at 8.30am. Members must swipe their cards through one of the three machines in the foyer, then register themselves for the meeting itself, at the main stage area. The downstairs door, near the museum, is off limits to everyone but club staff. Please do not try to enter via this door.

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