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CANBERRA BRANCH REPORT 2016

Our time for fundraising has come to an end. Now is the time for our members to enjoy themselves using a small percentage of the funds they so willingly raised. As you know we made a lot of big donations to a lot of organisations in the Canberra community for well over some fifteen years.

The format we are using is subsidising trips, Christmas party, shows, etc. Our committee felt that the members can make a small contribution also to each occasion and it is working well. We have never applied for grants so all the funds raised were from hard work by our members.

One of the first trips we did was to Sydney reported on in the March edition of the Combined Servicemen. This was followed by another trip to Darling Harbour in Sydney. Next Saturday we are going to The 'Q' theatre in Queanbeyan to see a show called 'Boys in the Band' which is a take off of a number of different bands over the years.

A trip down to the south coast is in the planning which involves a boat trip up the Clyde River to Nelligen, a fish and chip lunch at the Nelligen pub and then back to Batemans Bay and home. We will wait for warmer weather for that one.

Our 2016 Christmas party is on Thursday 1st December. We are hoping that a good roll up for lunch happens as it will be subsidised too.

Sadly we have lost members during the year. It is certainly a reminder of the age of us all. Peter Hill passed away in March after a long battle and John Doyle in May also after being sick for some time. We also have some folk that are not real good at the moment and we wish them all the best.

We welcome Soucila to the branch executive and also Laz back into the fold. Thanks folks for putting your hands up.

National Service Day went off well albeit without any cadets. The service was meaningful and we all went to lunch after.

Reserve Forces Day is now being held in one of Canberra's oldest and most beautiful churches and although I could not attend I hear it went off very well with a good turnout.

Wal Beckhouse
Canberra and Districts president