

NATIONAL PRESIDENT REPORT

December 2018

My first task on returning home from the AGM was to sit down and read all the branches reports which were very interesting to see all the good things they have been doing over the previous 12 months.

Hay Branch it was good to see they have won the contract to look after the Cemetery with an increase in the fee to look after it and keep the good work up Hay members I know there are not many of you.

Leeton Branch ANZAC Day in Leeton was a big day out for Dunbar Clan with over 70 of them attending the ANZAC Day Service it was good to see that many from the one family getting together to celebrate the family history.

Canberra Branch held a thank you lunch for Past President Wal Beckhouse and Wife Pam for his dedication at both National and Branch level with put on by members from the Canberra Branch with National Patron Major General Adrian Clunise Ross AO, MBE and his wife Julienne also in attendance as a thank you for all the good work over the years.

Nelson Bay when you read the report like a lot of other branches has had a lot sickness. But on a lighter note they have still manage to get out and about attending Bingara Nasho's weekend along with a trip to the vineyards and congratulations to Nelson Bay Branch Padre Frank Duffy on being awarded a OAM well deserve Frank.

Maitland Branch have also been doing the tripping about thanks to a DVA grant which like all branches it's good to see the members getting out and enjoying themselves and having a good time.

Newcastle Branch has been getting out and about also with members looking forward to a 7 day trip to Moree next year to have a swim in the nice warm water in the Artisan Baths.

It's good to see all the branches attending local Memorial Services in their local area as we are finding it harder to get members to attend these services these days as it harder due to the age factor. I also find it very pleasing to see the branches getting together for different functions like BBQ's and Christmas lunches.

Your new National Executive have held their first meeting for the year and arrangements are well under way for our 2018 AGM at the Goulburn Soldiers with the park being book with Goulburn City Council for the memorial service and the function room booked at the Goulburn Soldiers Club and menus with minimum of 30 people required for the dinner on the Saturday Night the financial situation was also discuss and how we might best be able to improve it.

On behalf of the National Executive I would like to wish everyone a Safe, Healthy & Enjoyable Christmas & New Year.

Robert Owen JP
National President