

NSCFAA AGM 2016

NELSON BAY BRANCH

As the saying goes.....how time flies when you're having fun. Our branch has been busy as usual.

Just as our membership seemed to be decreasing new faces appeared at our meetings which is great to see.

Our membership now stands at 79.....41 full members and 38 associates which includes 7 life and 2 honourary members.

We sadly lost two members recently,quite suddenly.Vale Trevor Morton and Dot Smith.

We've had a number of members on the sick list, with 5 of them having to be hospitalised,and a few of them still undergoing treatment. We wish them all well. Unfortunately,as we are living longer the chances of contracting more illnesses are greater.

Our Treasurer Pat Sessions who has been in the position since 2002 accepted nomination for Life Membership which was well deserved. Congratulations Pat.

Many thanks to our Publicity officer,June Roach.It is difficult to obtain publicity in our local newspaper but June has been persistant and achieved results.

The Anzac Day march and service was well attended with refreshments provided by the RSL at West's Diggers.

National Service day commemoration was not attended as well as we would have liked due to unforeseen circumstances.

We toured to Tamworth in October thanks to the DVA grant,stopping at Singleton for morning tea and visiting towns such as Nundle,Werris Creek,Hanging Rock,Dungowan, Wallabadah and Quirindi.Tamworth city provided several places of interest including catching up on some shopping for the ladies.

In May we travelled again courtesy of DVA grant to the south coast,basing ourselves at Bateman's Bay and visiting Berry,Bega,Tilba Tilba,Mogo Zoo,and Nelligen.

We all had a great time,ending with a dinner at the motel restaurant on

our final night, and a great lunch at the Catholic Club at Campbelltown on the way home. I must add that we enjoy great camaraderie on these trips.

A "mystery trip" in November took us through the backblocks of the Lower Hunter district and Central Coast ending with a late lunch at Ourimbah RSL Club. Many never realised what lovely countryside is so close to home.

Our Christmas party held at Soldiers Point Bowling Club was a great success as usual, with members from Newcastle and Maitland branches coming along to enjoy the fun. Several of the visiting members went away with hampers to enjoy over Christmas.

23 of our members attended the Maitland Branch "Christmas in July" which is always a great day.

It was decided to donate an open order to the Seafarers Mission in Newcastle to buy toiletries and reading matter etc which was appreciated.

Heather King, one of our associate members who is also President of the RSL Sub-Branch Ladies Auxilliary was awarded the OAM for her work with the auxiliary, which was well deserved.

The festive season is fast approaching so we are taking the opportunity to wish all the branches a very happy & holy Christmas 2016.

SNR. VICE PRESIDENT

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COL THORLEY