

# Southport RSL Sub Branch Newsletter

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**REMINDER**  
**AGM**  
**Sunday 25 May**  
**10.30am**  
**Bring your Partner**

## The President's Report

The past couple of months have been a whirlwind of activity and change for our Sub Branch.

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge the tremendous contribution of **John Riebeling**, who recently stood down as President after ten years of dedicated service. John led us with strength and resilience through some of our most challenging times, including the eviction and subsequent court proceedings. His commitment and leadership have left an enduring legacy. We also extend our sincere thanks to **Sandy**, who stood by John through it all. Her support for him and her valuable contributions to the Board over the years have not gone unnoticed. We wish them both well as they enjoy some well-earned rest and time together.

The **Bowls Club** held their AGM recently, with one notable change to their Board: Jan McMaster stepped down as Secretary, and **Brad Carbis** has stepped into the role. I met with

Chairman **Graham Mee** on April 10 to confirm the Bowls Club's commitment to ANZAC Day and to address some ongoing communication issues between their management, Board, and our Sub Branch. The meeting was constructive. We agreed on the need for clear and proactive communication to avoid misunderstandings—such as the recent Cyclone closure incident—and to ensure that any future decisions are mutually beneficial. Graham was supportive, and we're optimistic about strengthening this relationship moving forward.

In the lead-up to **ANZAC Day**, we received outstanding support from the **Broadwater Parklands** management and staff. Their assistance in streamlining our processes was greatly appreciated. A heartfelt thank you also goes to our dedicated **volunteers** who generously gave their time to sell merchandise at our two locations. Despite operating in a shortened three-day week, the effort was a great success.

**ANZAC Day itself** unfolded largely as planned. By Thursday lunchtime, all infrastructure was in place. We brought in security earlier than scheduled to safeguard the area overnight. **The Dawn Service** march was one of the most successful in recent memory, with an incredible turnout of veterans—the most I've ever seen—and a strong show of community support, especially given the weather forecast.

A special mention to the **Southport Yacht Club**, who once again demonstrated their unwavering support with a modified raft-up and their signature flare salute—always a highlight of the morning. The service proceeded smoothly, but

as the final wreaths were laid, we were greeted by thunder, lightning, and a light rain that quickly intensified.

At approximately 0730, in consultation with **Ken Orr**, members of the Board, Parklands staff, and our production crew, we made the incredibly difficult decision to **cancel the Community Service** due to safety concerns. The production equipment had become wet and, being powered by three-phase electricity, posed a significant risk. The volume of surface water added to the danger. It was not a decision taken lightly, but safety had to come first.

Looking ahead, we're aiming to introduce more **social activities** to bring our Sub Branch together. We're planning a **Christmas in July** event and possibly a few **bus trips**. We welcome your input—please let us know what kind of events or initiatives you'd like to see.

Of course, **our core mission remains unchanged**: supporting veterans and their families in every way we can.

The **VSC office team** continues to do a fantastic job and are available every **Tuesday and Thursday**, while **Michael** is in the Sub Branch office Monday to Friday, 0900–1200. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you need support or even just a chat.

Duty First, *Craig Thomas*, President

### The Secretary's Report

It is my privilege to present the Secretary's Report for the 2025 Annual General Meeting of the Southport RSL Sub Branch.

The past year has been one of significant transition and growth for our Sub Branch. We have undergone important leadership changes, welcomed new members and initiatives, and continued to expand our presence and engagement within the community. These developments have positioned us well for future success, despite the challenges faced along the way.

#### New Office and Official Opening

After a prolonged period of uncertainty, the Sub Branch has secured a permanent home at the Southport Bowls Club—returning to where our journey originally began. The office has been professionally fitted out with display cabinets, a

magazine rack, noticeboard, new furniture, and prominent signage at the club entrance.

A key highlight of the year was the official opening of our new office, officiated by Queensland State President Mr. Stephen Day, who unveiled a commemorative plaque to mark the occasion. Distinguished guests included Gold Coast District President Mr. Pat Fairon, State and Federal members Ms. Angie Bell and Ms. Brooke Patterson (on behalf of Mr. Rob Molhoek), representatives from neighbouring Sub Branches, and our own dedicated members. The ceremony was followed by a well-attended buffet luncheon.

During the event, Mr. Day presented Mr. John Riebeling and Mrs. Sandy Riebeling with certificates of appreciation and President's Coins in recognition of their exceptional efforts in securing the new office location and managing complex legal and logistical challenges. In addition, Ms. Patterson presented a certificate of appreciation from State Member Mr. Rob Molhoek.

#### Social and Special Events

Our Veterans' Morning Tea Christmas Party was a resounding success, receiving overwhelmingly positive feedback. This event will now be held annually, reflecting its popularity and value to our community.

Another noteworthy initiative has been the establishment of the Blue Shirt Friday Group, a relaxed social gathering for veterans—both members and non-members—held every Friday. The only requirement is to wear a blue shirt and enjoy the company. This initiative has proven effective in promoting mental wellbeing and fostering social connection among our veteran community.

#### Donations and Displays

This year, the Sub Branch received two treasured donations, now displayed proudly in our office:

A plaque from the US Navy Fleet Command, donated by Mrs. Harrison in memory of her late husband, Brian.

A model navy ship, generously donated by the family of the late Mr. Keith Basley.

These items are meaningful additions to our displays, serving as tangible reminders of service, sacrifice, and history.

### Training and Representation

Throughout the year, board members and volunteers from our Veterans Support Centre have participated in training programs to strengthen their operational knowledge and service delivery. Sub Branch representatives have also attended numerous Gold Coast District functions—often accompanied by their spouses—as well as community church services, school visits, nursing homes, commemorative ceremonies, and public speaking events.

### Resignations and Leadership Transition

Several key resignations occurred this year:

Mr. Steve Bloxham resigned and relocated overseas.

Mr. John Riebeling stepped down after a decade of dedicated service as President, having led the Sub Branch through challenging times, including our eviction and related legal matters.

Mrs. Sandy Riebeling also resigned from the Board to support John and enjoy a well-deserved rest after years of tireless dedication.

We sincerely thank John and Sandy for their extraordinary commitment, leadership, and lasting contributions to the Sub Branch.

Following John's resignation, Mr. Craig Thomas was appointed Interim President and has expressed his intent to nominate for the position at the upcoming AGM. I encourage all members to support his candidacy as we look to the future.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday, 25 May 2025 at 10:30 am at the Southport Bowls Club. Your attendance is essential to ensure democratic leadership and ongoing momentum.

### Relationship with Southport Bowls Club

After an initially challenging transition, the relationship between the Southport RSL Sub Branch and the Southport Bowls Club continues to improve, with both organisations working together toward shared understanding and cooperation. The Bowls Club has generously extended social memberships to Sub Branch members for just \$5.00 per year.

Members are encouraged to consider the Bowls Club as a venue for personal functions such as birthdays and anniversaries.

We also acknowledge and thank the following organisations for their support throughout the year:

Southport Bowls Club, Southport State Emergency Services, Southport Volunteer Coast Guard and Southport Yacht Club

And most importantly, our dedicated Sub Branch members who have generously given their time and energy.

### Looking Ahead

The year ahead promises continued growth and community connection. Plans are underway for new social events, including bus trips, and the ongoing monthly Veterans' Morning Teas will continue on the third Wednesday of each month.

I extend a heartfelt plea to all members to remain active in supporting our Sub Branch—particularly during key occasions such as ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day. Your participation is essential to the vitality, sustainability, and spirit of our organisation.

Thank you for your continued support.

*Michael Burg* Secretary

**I went to a McDonald's and ate a kid's meal.**

**It was good but his mother was furious.**

A little Scotch on the rocks





### Anzac Commemorations in the local Hospital & Health Service

By Ken Orr, Deputy President

We are fortunate to have close links with the Gold Coast Health Veteran Employee Network, and provide support as needed. The Network creates a community of veterans and supporters to promote the veteran spirit at Gold Coast Health. It was established to encourage their veterans and supporters to mentor, share knowledge, and create networking opportunities. Veteran staff assist each other using their shared experiences, to benefit the wider health service. Their motto is very apt – **“We Still Serve.”**

Several well received activities are undertaken by members of the Network in the week leading up to Anzac Day:

- Large ANF flags are displayed in the main foyers of both Gold Coast University Hospital (GCUH) and Robina Hospital. The GCUH flag is on loan from your Sub Branch.
- A theme is selected and member stories in line with the theme are featured on both in house and social media. This year's theme was the effects of deployment on the family unit. Media included the experiences of a nursing staff member who is ex RAAF, and her husband (who assists with Network activities) who still serves as a Training Warrant Officer with The Royal Queensland Regiment. A link to their story follows:  
<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/12Hv375TsNQ/>
- Poppies donated by our Sub Branch, along with rosemary, are offered to staff at multiple sites as they arrive at work on the last weekday before Anzac Day.
- On the same day a commemorative service is held in a large lecture theatre at GCUH and livestreamed for all staff on Microsoft Teams. This year's keynote speaker was Wendy Taylor, State Deputy President RSL Queensland. Wendy trained as a Registered Nurse, working in several clinical nursing roles before joining the Royal Australian Army Nursing Corps as a Nursing Officer. She served nine years in the Army Reserve

and then 16 years in the regular Army, including senior nursing and Command roles in both the Gulf War and East Timor. Wendy's words were quite fitting for this particular audience!

Photos from this year's events follow, and your Sub Branch looks forward to continuing to build on this fine collaboration.



**Ken Orr presenting the Anzac Ceremony**



**Wendy Taylor  
State Deputy President**

**I went to the paint store to get thinner. It didn't work.**

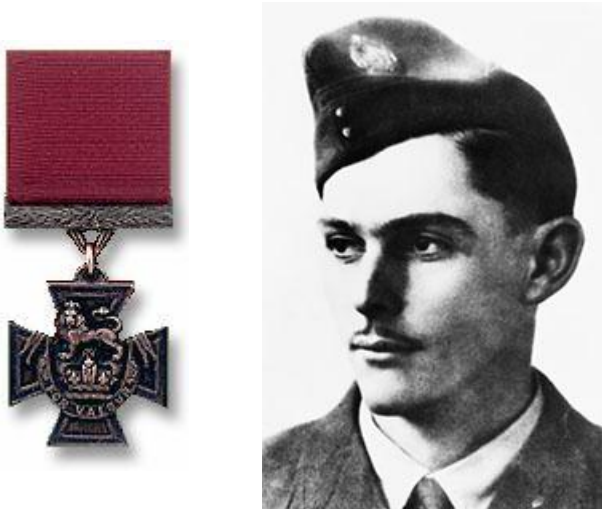
### **Flight Sergeant, R.H. Middleton, VC**

Pilot Officer Rawdon H. Middleton, VC

#### **Part 2**

The story of the events in which he earned the Victoria Cross are told in his citation.

#### **Citation**



**F/SGT R.H. Middleton VC**

Flight-Sergeant Middleton was captain and first pilot of a Stirling aircraft detailed to attack the Fiat works, Turin, one night in November, 1942. Great difficulty was experienced in climbing to 12,000 feet to cross the Alps, which led to excessive consumption of fuel.

So dark was the night that the mountain peaks were almost invisible. During the crossing, Flight-Sergeant Middleton had to decide whether to proceed or turn back, there being barely sufficient fuel for the return journey. Flares were sighted ahead and he continued the mission, and even dived to 2,000 feet to identify the target, despite the difficulty of regaining height. Three flights were made over Turin at this low altitude before the target was identified.

The aircraft was then subjected to fire from light anti-aircraft guns. A large hole appeared in the port mainplane which made it difficult to maintain lateral control. A shell then burst in the cockpit, shattering the windscreen and wounding both pilots. A piece of shell splinter tore into the side of Flight-Sergeant Middleton's face, destroying his right eye and exposing bone over the eye. He was probably wounded also in the body or legs; the second pilot received wounds in the head and both legs, which bled

profusely. The wireless operator was also wounded in the leg.

Flight-Sergeant Middleton became unconscious and the aircraft dived to 800 feet before control was regained by the second pilot, who took the aircraft up to 1500 feet and released the bombs. There was still light flak, some very intense, and the aircraft was hit many times. The three gunners replied continuously until the rear turret was put out of action.

Flight-Sergeant Middleton had now recovered consciousness, and when clear of the target, ordered the second pilot back to receive first aid. Before this was completed, the latter insisted on returning to the cockpit as the captain could see very little, and could only speak with loss of blood and great pain.

The course was set for base, and the crew now faced the Alpine crossing and homeward flight in a damaged aircraft with insufficient fuel. The possibilities of abandoning the aircraft or landing in Northern France were discussed, but Flight-Sergeant Middleton expressed the intention of trying to make the English coast so that his crew could leave the aircraft by parachute. Owing to wounds and diminishing strength, he knew that by then he would have little or no chance of saving himself. After four hours the French coast was reached, and here the aircraft, flying at 6000 feet, was once more engaged and hit by intense light anti-aircraft fire. Flight-Sergeant Middleton was still at the controls and mustered sufficient strength to take evasive action.

After crossing the channel there was only sufficient fuel for five minutes' flying. Flight-Sergeant Middleton ordered the crew to abandon the aircraft which he flew parallel with the coast for a few miles, after which he intended to head out to sea. Five of the crew left the aircraft safely, while two remained to assist Flight-Sergeant Middleton. The aircraft crashed into the sea and the bodies of the front gunner and flight engineer were recovered on the following day.

The gallant captain was apparently unable to leave the aircraft and his body has not been traced.

Flight-Sergeant Middleton was determined to attack the target regardless of the consequences and not to allow his crew to fall into enemy hands. While all the crew displayed heroism of

a high order, the urge to do so came from Flight-Sergeant Middleton, whose fortitude and strength of will made possible completion of the mission. His devotion to duty in the face of overwhelming odds is unsurpassed in the annals of the Royal Air Force.

### How I found Faith

A Letter to the Editor  
by Ted McEvoy

In February 1960 I, along with 42 other 15 and 16-year-olds, joined the RAAF apprentice scheme.

Even though my dad was Catholic and my mother Presbyterian (Church of Scotland), I was ambivalent in regard to religion.

During the first Sunday of our RAAF enlistment, we were ordered to assemble for a "church parade".

The drill instructor gave the following instructions: *"All you Catholics form to the left of the parade ground and then attend Mass."*

The next instruction was: *"All you Prods form to the right and attend church."*

He followed with: *"The rest of you will pick up rocks and paint them white."*

Next Sunday, I became a Christian!

### A Veteran's Tale

Corporal AT Dean

2/3 Ordinance 22<sup>nd</sup> Brigade, 8<sup>th</sup> Division AIF  
**Part 1**

### Editor's Note

*I was recently handed a rather large document which contained a story about a veteran. He is now long past, but I was so taken by his story, I want to share it with all of our members. The story runs to some eighteen pages, so it will be serialised in the forthcoming editions of the newsletter.*

### 16 August 2001

Yesterday was V.P. Day and the period has been 66 years, (56?) so before time catches up, I will put a few items on paper as far as my memory allows me. I joined the army in mid forty(?). It was not patriotism — it was plainly a cause of the depression. No money and no prospects. I joined up with a few Southport boys. We went

to Enoggera and then to Grovely, which was a new camp and was a tent camp. We slept on palliasses, which were a bed size hessian bag filled with straw, which was different but comfortable when you got used to it.

Grovely was an infantry training camp where you were taught everything. Twenty-six-mile route marches twice a week, bayonet drill, unarmed combat. You name it we did it. It was a three months course and you certainly felt the better for it after it was over. A couple of funny incidents happened there that still stay in mind. There was a sergeant named Roberts who came directly from the permanent army to Grovely and was not the most popular in Southport and less so at Grovely. He had the morning parade and one morning a chap named Selwyn Sharpe, a Southport lifesaver, was alongside me. Sgt Roberts called the role and when he came to Sel Sharpe he called "Sharpe" three times with no reply. The next time he called Sel replied "If you are talking to me, you knock-kneed bastard it happens to be Private Sharpe". The whole platoon thought it was funny and Roberts never, to my knowledge, took a morning parade again.

The other incident related to Henry Thurman who was a brother of Dad's second wife Doris. He was in E Company with me and his wife kept worrying the army to discharge him. He got a call one day to front our Commanding Officer. He was escorted by a sergeant to present himself to the chief. As I said before everything was tents. When ordered to enter, he presented himself, saluted with the wrong hand, knocked the ridgepole and brought the entire tent down. He was discharged from the army as definitely not the type to become a front-line soldier.

Another episode related to Henry — he was a point's boy in the Brisbane tramway. I was living with Grace in South Brisbane at the time and I used to often go down and have a yarn with Henry. At that stage he was working the points on the corner of Queen Street and Wharf Street in Brisbane. I was there one evening with when one of his many girlfriends turned up. He said to me would I look after the points as he was going away for a while. I said OK and off he went. The first tram came along and I shifted the points. One half of the tram liked Queen Street and the back bogey decided on Wharf Street. In a few minutes there was Fire Brigade, Police and Ambulance but no points boy. I don't



think Henry ever forgave me for that one. The amazing part of it was that he never lost his job. I would have loved to hear his story at (?)

After Grovely we went to other Brisbane military camps for different classes regarding Ordinance work. If you are not aware, Ordinance governs all material outside of food and transport (then, not now). We did non-commissioned Officer courses. (I did not get my stripes till I was in Singapore for a few months). I had time in Redbank, Chermside, Enoggera and Gaythorne camps before going overseas. One job we had before we left was doing overnight picquet in Queen St. Brisbane. The reason being that at that time there were no canteens at any camp in Brisbane and certain elements were getting upset which finally resulted in the Grand Central Hotel being raided. A number of barrels of beer were stolen and mounted on the steps of the G.P.O. in Queens St. for all and sundry to partake. We were on duty for a week. In the meantime, wet canteens were the go in every Brisbane military camp and peace and quiet returned. Less people went on leave into the city and it turned out ok.

The time arrived and we were given leave prior to embarkation, which we thankfully received. Then back to camp, no leave, no outgoing mail. We were not told where we were going. If there was a Jap or German around, we could have asked them, they would have known, as it was two weeks later, we were told that all troops will leave next day for parts unknown. We finally left South Brisbane rail station on 18<sup>th</sup> February 1941 (?) for Sydney. On arrival in Sydney, we went direct to Darling Harbour and straight onto ferries, which took us out to the "Queen Mary" which was anchored off Bradleys Head. The Harbour was full of hundreds of watercraft including a lot of police boats stopping civilian boats from getting too close. Once on board we were assigned to F. Deck, which was seven decks down on the waterline. We had hammocks to sleep-in, salt-water showers etc. We soon overcame that one by having nothing but a towel around you and wandering up top to the Officers' quarters and have a hot plunge bath or shower with all the necessary soaps, lotions and after shave. Smithy and I never said anything to the boys and we never had any badge of rank and so it went on for sixteen days till we reached Singapore.

### February General Meeting

by John Riebeling

February 23 was a significant day for me. It was the day of my good wife's birthday—which is a story for another day. This was the date that a General Meeting would be held where, for only the second time in the last ten years, I did not chair. The first time I missed being the chairman of the meeting was when I had gone on a two-week excursion helping to get about 600 bike riders from one location to another with 700 Km in between. But this time, it was because I had resigned my position as President and had not sought a different position on the board.

The meeting was held on the top floor of the Bowls Club and was very well attended. Two particular persons present were Warren Rhone and his wife Shirley. They are "holidaying" in Queensland for a few months but will eventually return to their home in Western Australia.

Getting back to the meeting, it was the first time that Craig Thomas, our new President, and Michael Burg, our reliable Secretary, had to organise and run a meeting without considerable input from yours truly. They did a great job and I began to feel I had left the Sub Branch in good hands.

The meeting lasted some twenty-five minutes, something of I record I feel. Following the meeting everyone went to the area set aside for the social side of the gathering. Unfortunately, I was not able to stay as I had to get home to look after my dear wife who had been ordered to rest by the doctors at Pindara Hospital.

### A Dear John Email from One of Our Members

*Dear John,*

*Can you please put me down as an apology as I am back in London?*

*I did make it to attend the dawn service for Southport as was glad to have a gunfire breakfast whilst the bowling green began to flood. I also made it to the main march in Brisbane and your padre must have said some very good prayers to avoid a washout in Brisbane. As I understand that the citizens parade was cancelled in Southport.*

*I visited my family in Southport and had lunch with my aunt (96 years old) and with my cousins and enjoyed some beers at the club. I did manage to meet your new chairman Craig and introduced myself to him whilst he was busy with the run up to ANZAC day.*

*I was very happy to see the memorabilia on display in the Bowls/RSL club and glad to see that you saved everything from the skip. I was also happy to know that the other club is now legally obliged to compensate the sub-branch, and we have now a new home and are appreciated by the community of Southport.*

*I got back to London with somewhat worst for wear and back to work at 05:30 at the depot and to my job at Islington Council still jet lagged.*

*Thank you for all your good work.*

*UBIQUE*

*Mark Samson*

### **An Email to One of Our Members**

Hi Dad, Thank you so much. Here's an example of how precious some of the kids are now. Steven was assigned a first-year apprentice last week. First day on the job he was walking daintily, so Steven says "What's up mate?" Apprentice replies "I don't want to get my boots dirty". Steven says "I've got just the thing for that, come this way. Meet the brick layers! Work there till morning tea!". Needless to say, the boy had concrete boots. 🥾

**During a lull at a White House dinner, Melania Trump leaned over to chat with Elon Musk.**

**"I bought Donald a parrot for his birthday. That bird is so smart, Donald has already taught him to say over two hundred words!"**

**"That's very impressive," said Musk "but you do realise he just speaks the words. He doesn't really understand what they all mean."**

**"Oh, I know", replied Melania, "but neither does the parrot!"**

### **A message from our oldest Member**

Florence Drury recently celebrated her 105<sup>th</sup> birthday and wanted to tell everyone how happy she was to receive the gift from the Sub Branch

### **AN AGED CARE JOURNEY**

#### **Introduction**

The writer recently was obliged to seek and arrange long-term Residential Care for his beloved, ailing and frail wife. This report describes that complex and stressful episode, with cautions which might be helpful to readers. Readers might also recall recent government Inquiries into Aged Care facilities.

#### **Facilities Available**

There are both Charity and Commercial facilities, and a recent Inquiry found Charities to be preferable. However, in this case, the Robina Hospital's premature discharge of the Patient, who was unable to walk, whose injury from a fall-the reason for her hospitalisation-was not healed, forced a quick decision. Fortunately, the Robina Aged Care Assessment Team kindly assessed our patient as needing full-time residential care, and approved immediate Respite Care, which meant 63 days' residence at a cost of \$87 per day. It so happened that a commercial facility a few kilometres from home, offered a suitable vacancy-a 30 square metre room with en suite, with garden views and direct access. So, our Patient initially became a Respite Care Resident.

#### **Transition to Long-Term Care**

The standards of accommodation, food, care, and compassion, by both management and staff, at this Commercial facility were excellent. There were two Veterans in residence there, including a long-time Member of Southport Sub-Branch. Whilst there, our Patient improved, but medical advice recommended ongoing full time residential care. So, the Family decided to apply for long-term residence. To qualify, both Departments of Aged Care and Services Australia (Centrelink) are involved, requiring conferences and means testing! Because the Family had assets, neither my wife nor I had applied for an Aged or Service pension. To our surprise, we were informed that we both qualified for a modest part aged pension, which,



in view of the forthcoming aged care costs, we accepted.

### Cost

The structure of Aged Care costs comprises: A “Refundable” Accommodation Deposit (RAD) plus daily fees. Typical RAD's are in the hundreds of thousands, this one being \$450,000 for that pleasant room with garden access. In lieu of a lump sum, Residents can opt for a Daily Accommodation Payment (DAP) calculated at 8.5 %—a maximum of \$103 per day! Plus, a Basic Daily Fee of \$64, plus an Extra Service Fee for the ensuite of \$20 per day, plus the government-calculated “Means-Tested Care Fee” of \$ 23 per day! Total fee without RAD = \$210 per day! Since about 50% of joint assets were in non-government Industry Superannuation, the Family elected to deposit a token RAD, and pay a DAP of \$91, which totalled \$198 per day.

### Medical Situation

Our beloved Jan had contracted Covid in May 2023. Despite anti-viral medication, she never fully recovered, experiencing falls and hospitalisation during the succeeding 13 months. Tragically, notwithstanding the best Specialist and Residential Care, Jan passed away on 3 Dec 2024.

### Cautions

If possible, Family should shop around to find the most appropriate accommodation for their loved one. Frugal Families who might have assets other than the family home need to be aware that good residential care is expensive. Refundable Accommodation Deposits (RAD) appear financially attractive, effectively saving over 8 %. Problem is, for even frugal middle-income families, \$450,000 would represent a significant proportion of savings. And if providing that amount meant liquidating a Superannuation Account, which cannot later be reinstated, perhaps, as in our case, payment of a DAP might be a better option.

**By the time a man is wise enough to watch his step, he's too old to go anywhere.**



**“Why did your nurse want to know my ‘next-of-kin’?”**

# B.S.

## FRIDAY

**Join Us for Blue Shirt Friday**  
At the Southport Bowls Club

**The Southport RSL Sub Branch invites all members to come together every Friday from 10:00am onwards for Blue Shirt Friday—a social event dedicated to supporting the wellbeing of our members**

**Enjoy great company, meaningful connections, and a chance to relax among friends. Whether you are a regular or it's your first time, all Sub Branch members are welcome to join this uplifting initiative.**

**Wear your blue Sub Branch Polo shirt, show your support, and make every Friday a special one!**

**We'll see you there**

## Special Dish Sunday Roast



**Every Sunday at the Bowls Club.**  
Includes season vegetables,  
potatoes and gravy

**Available 11:30am-2:30pm**

To book a table phone 5531-2626

Southport Bowls Club- 2 Marine Parade, Southport



### Meeting Dates 2025

Meeting	Date
Quarterly General	Sunday, 23 Feb 25
<b>AGM</b>	<b>Sunday, 25 May 25</b>
Quarterly General	Sun, 24 Aug 25
Quarterly General	Sun, 23 Nov 25

All meetings commence at 10:30 am

Position	AGM		
	2025	2026	2027
President			
Deputy President			
Secretary			
Treasurer			
Director 1			
Director 2			
Director 3			
Director 4			
Director 5			
Director 6			

### Current Board Members

Craig Thomas	<b>President</b>
Ken Orr	<b>Deputy President</b>
Harold Hansen	<b>Treasurer</b>
Michael Burg	<b>Secretary</b>
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Heath Mason	<b>Director 2</b>
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### Poppy Service



Although it is not a pleasant thing to talk about, I would like to remind all our readers, especially those that are looking after our aging and frail veterans, that when the time comes, the Sub-Branch offers a service that goes a long way to honouring the service that he or she has given to our country by putting on the uniform of our Defence Forces.

Please contact the Sub-Branch office for any further information. **(Phone 0484 280 750)**