



## February Newsletter

### The monthly branch newsletter

**State Management Meeting:** The February SMC meeting was held RSLWA today. We dealt with the general items required to keep our Branch running smoothly. Information of particular interest to our members are:

- ❖ The 1<sup>st</sup> General Meeting for members this year. This is to be held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024, starting with a cuppa after 9.30am, meeting time 10am. Venue is 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, DVA Perth Head office, 140 St. George's Tce, Perth. Take the lift to 5<sup>th</sup> floor and you will be escorted to 4<sup>th</sup> floor. The committee has arranged Morning Tea and Lunch at the usual cost of \$10. The raffle is supplied by the Hillary's group so bring some extra dollars to take part in the raffle. This helps in raising some much needed funds to run our branch. Our Guest Speaker is Lesley Westlake. Lesley will speak about the Federal Government's "Volunteering Strategy for 2023-2033" and how this can be applicable to PVA. If you have any dietary requirements please contact me [evettehouse@gmail.com](mailto:evettehouse@gmail.com). I look forward to seeing many of our members at this General Meeting.
- ❖ Carmel Bowman and Gae Donaldson from the South West Group have arranged for WAPVA to be part of the Bendigo Bank Community Raffle. It involves selling raffle tickets provided by Bendigo Bank. They come in books of 10 tickets at \$5 each ticket. All the money raised by WAPVA comes directly to us. The prizes are 1<sup>st</sup> - \$15,000; 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$3000; 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$2000 Bendigo Bank saving accounts. The books of tickets will be available at the General Meeting on 19<sup>th</sup>. All unsold tickets need to be returned to either Gae, Carmel or any SMC members by 1<sup>st</sup> April so that we can return them to Bendigo Bank. Please support your Branch by buying some tickets, your friends & neighbours are eligible to purchase tickets. So please get busy and sell some tickets. This is a Fund Raising event for your Branch.
- ❖ Accompanying this newsletter is the flyer for the WA PVA Retreat for 2024. Bev has negotiated a very competitive price - \$205 - for a shared room for 5 nights. To ensure your place contact Bev [ager@iinet.net.au](mailto:ager@iinet.net.au) with your Expression of Interest by 1<sup>st</sup> March. A \$50 deposit is due by 1<sup>st</sup> April and the final payment is due 1<sup>st</sup> May.
- ❖ Cash for Cans / Containers for Change. Ellen Hathaway, our 'think outside the box' committee member, suggested another fantastic fund raising event. It is a WA PVA "Cans for Cash Drive", to be held during the month of August this year. Once you have deposited your containers using the WAPVA ID code: C10418395, send an email to Alethea [aletheagilmore13@gmail.com](mailto:aletheagilmore13@gmail.com) with your name to go into the draw. A \$50 prize will be awarded at the September AGM/GM from the draw. So get collecting.

#### **Group News**

**Bunbury** - Contact Rhona [jardyer@bigpond.net.au](mailto:jardyer@bigpond.net.au)

**South-West** - Contact Gae [gaerobdonaldson@optusnet.com.au](mailto:gaerobdonaldson@optusnet.com.au).

**Hillary's** - Contact Debbie [dasmithwapva@gmail.com](mailto:dasmithwapva@gmail.com).

**Midland/Hills** - For information on this group contact me [evettehouse@gmail.com](mailto:evettehouse@gmail.com)

## Positions Available – Your help is required.

**President** – 2024 is an Election year and we need a President to lead WA PVA into the future. Please consider taking on this role. We have a very strong State Management Committee (SMC) that will give all available assistance required.

**Grants Officer** – We need a person in this role as we are unable to apply for grants to keep our WA Branch functioning. Please consider helping out. Contact me [evettehouse@gmail.com](mailto:evettehouse@gmail.com) for further information.

## Notices of Future Events:

**General Meeting:** 19<sup>th</sup> February for the 1<sup>st</sup> General Meeting of WA PVA for 2024. To be held at DVA Perth Head Office, AMP Building, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor. 9.30am for 10am start. Come for a cuppa.

[See information at the top of this newsletter](#)

**WA PVA Retreat:** Dates are 26<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> May. Contact is Bev. She will request Expressions of Interest next month, so get in early if you want to join this very successful fun/relaxing time.

[See information at the top of this newsletter](#)

**Legacy Camp** – Dates are 8<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> March. To Register contact Kathryn Robbins at Legacy – 9486 4900. Gae is our organiser for this event.

**RetroRock** - Army Museum of WA. Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March 4.30 – 7.30. Held at Army Artillery Barracks in Fremantle. Check out the Army Museum website for further information.

## Reminder To

Check the PVA web pages for information of interest to you.

[www.pva.org.au](http://www.pva.org.au)

OR

[facebook.com/partnersofveteransaus](https://facebook.com/partnersofveteransaus)

## Remember

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Regards

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Vice-President / Acting President