



The Partners of Veterans Association of Australia
Tasmania Branch Inc.

National Patron: Lady Lynne Cosgrove

ABN: 34 291 615 206



FOR THOSE WHO STAND BESIDE THEM



Newsletter

No 33 April 2024

Clare: 0429967279 taspresident@pva.org.au

Jan: 0458427288 tassecretary@pva.org.au

President's Report

Welcome to our new editor Patsy Duggan. If you have anything you wish to share please send them to Patsy.

A big thank you to all who volunteered at our 2 fundraising BBQs. We raised a total of \$2,302.30

To all those who have been unwell I wish you a speedy recovery.

Our next adventure is a bus trip on the 15th of May.

Clare McCarthy.

We farewelled Margaret Dodge on the 24th November 2023 at the C3 Café with a morning tea along with her daughters, Nicole and Michelle.

A farewell gift of a cheese board and knife made from Tasmanian timber and a bottle of Tasmanian Wine were presented to Margaret.

Margaret and her husband Geoff have now settled in Lara, Geelong, to be close to their children and grandchildren.

We really miss Marg but wish her and Geoff all the very best in their new life.

*Better Late
Than Never!*



We had a pleasing roll up for our bi-monthly luncheon in February. Fourteen of our members met at the Riverfront Restaurant in Rosetta. It was really great that Jill Clarke from Campbell Town was able to be there. It is important, and very special, to note that Jill was one of two to be awarded Northern Midlands Citizen of the year in the Australian Day awards. The following information was provided as recognition of her achievements: *Jillian Clarke was once a school bus driver (now retired), Jillian continues to be a very active member of Campbell Town contributing to the wellbeing of her community for many years. She is the Chair of the Campbell Town District Forum, member of the Campbell Town Community & Health Centre Board, has manned the gates of the football for the past 20 years, delivers "Meals on Wheels" and is a Volunteer Community Car driver these being only some of her contributions to the community.* Our congratulations to you, Jill, on your achievements over many years.



A date to put in your diary

A bus trip to Launceston is being planned for 15th May. Jan will be providing us with the finer details very shortly.

Anzac Day is fast approaching and our Association has been at the Cenotaph organising the Field of Remembrance since 2017, having taken over this event from the War Widows Association. Again, we are looking for volunteers to support our regular helpers from approximately 9.30am until 1pm. **If you are able to help, please email Jan (tassecretary@pva.org.au).** Your help would be greatly appreciated

The Field of crosses has become a significant part of Anzac Day and the public generously donate, which is passed on to the Legacy Education Fund.

The walking group ladies were not deterred by the thought of 30 deg heat when they headed off on their walk around Knocklofty in February. Their reward at the end - doughnuts!!



April	Fri	5 th	Coffee morning – C3 Rivulet Café
	Thu	25 th	Anzac Day Field of Remembrance, Hobart Cenotaph
May	Fri	3 rd	Coffee morning – C3 Rivulet Café
	Wed	15 th	Pending bus trip to Launceston
June	Fri	7 th	Members Lunch – Kingston Hotel
July	Fri	5 th	Coffee morning – C3 Rivulet Café
August	Fri	2 nd	Members Lunch - Dr Syntax – Sandy Bay
	Sun	18 th	Vietnam Veteran’s Day
September	Wed	4 th	AGM – Members Lunch at our AGM
	Fri	6 th	Coffee morning – C3 Rivulet Cafe
October	Fri	4 th	Members Lunch – Risdon Brook Tavern Veteran’s Health Week
November	Fri	1 st	Coffee morning – C3 Rivulet Café
	Tue	5 th	Melbourne Cup Lunch – Venue to be advised Getaway: Expressions of interest to be advised
December	Sat	7 th	Christmas Dinner – Lindisfarne Motor Yacht club 6.00pm
	Wed	18 th	Final walk for 2024 – Waterworks Park Hut 9. 10.30am Morning tea, Secret Santa gift value \$20.00



This photo of the walking group ladies was taken at Pat Hallam’s house after their weekly walk. It is worthy of inclusion in the newsletter for the fact that Maxeen is in the photo!! (it is suspected that her aim of taking walking group photos is so that she doesn’t appear in them)!!