



January Newsletter

Happy New Year to all our Members

State Management Meeting: The SMC held its first meeting last Monday. It was a planning meeting to organise our work for the year. The dates and locations for SMC; General and AGM were organised. You will be notified in due course of these dates and locations so that you can come along and find out what your WA association is up to and how it is working to support our ideals.

Our 1st General Meeting for the year is to be held at DVA Perth Head Office on Monday 19th February 2024. Morning tea will be available from 9.30am. Further information in the next newsletter.

PVA – National Board: Now that Bev is our new National President, WA is entitled to another Director to represent us on the Board. To this effect Alethea Gilmore has stepped into the role. Her first meeting will be the Mid-year meeting in Frankston, Victoria in May. If you have any issues that are of a National nature then either contact myself – evettehouse@gmail.com or Alethea on aletheagilmore13@gmail.com

Christmas/Birthday Luncheon 2023: Our Christmas/Birthday luncheon held at RSLWA was a great success with approximately 30 members in attendance. Cheryl Cocodis received Life Membership as thanks for the many years and various roles she has held in WA PVA. She is an example of commitment to something she believes in. Thanks also to Bev and Ellen Hathaway for all the work they have done for WA PVA and to Debbie for continuing in the roles of Treasurer and Membership Secretary plus Hillarys Group Leader. A very busy lady.

Legacy Office Roster: With limited numbers of available SMC members to staff the office, the decision was made to cut the hours to once a month on a Friday. We need this office so that we have a street address and to store equipment and print minutes and agendas for our meetings.

Containers for Change: Thank you to all who continue to support us in this fund raiser, our funds are growing. I remind you all to use our ID code: C10418395 when making a deposit.

Group News

Bunbury group has new leadership. Margaret Donnan is the SMC rep; Rhona Dyer is (Chief) organiser/leader. Contact Rhona jardyer@bigpond.net.au

South-West group will move to new premises the Port Kennedy RSL for their meetings. At the meeting on Tuesday 6th February Kathryn Robbins from Legacy is the Guest Speaker. At Contact Gae for further information gaerobdonaldson@optusnet.com.au.

Hillary's group will have their 1st gathering on Thursday 25th January at Flinderz Café Hillarys. Contact Debbie for more information. dasmithwapva@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 wapresident@pva.org.au for further information.

Notices of Future Events:

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

WA PVA Retreat: Dates are 26th to 31st 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.

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

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

Dedication Ceremony of the "Suffering of War & Service". A sculpture unveiling in Canberra on 2nd February 2024. Titled "For Every Drop Shed in Anguish". Check out the Australian War Memorial web site for more information.

Reminder To

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Regards

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