



NEWSLETTER

GLEN INNES RSL SUB-BRANCH

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August - September 2026



Left to Right

V.P. Rod Gair, Mrs Natalie Hill - *Principal Glen Innes High School*, and Honorary Secretary Peter Brown

President's Report

Anzac Day 2026 was a memorable occasion with a deeply respectful turn out of community members from right across the district. Particularly encouraging was the number of school students and young members of our community who showed great patriotism and pride as they commemorated the Anzac legacy. Though over 111 years have passed since the fateful landing at Anzac cove, the respect and pride for our Anzacs resonates stronger than ever, and our future is in nurturing hands - exemplified by the strong connection our future leaders embody with this important legacy.

Since establishing our new executive for the sub-branch just a few short months ago some significant inroads have been realised through the dedication and hard work of our volunteers. It was humbling to see great enthusiasm as we worked through our strategic priorities for our tenure as an executive. Hugely encouraging was the fact that our unified purpose has been front of mind through every initiative considered. We have conscientiously endorsed a list of strategic priorities aimed at making our organisation more efficient and capable of supporting veterans within our community. These come in the form of procedural amendments to administrative requirements, actions to lift the profile of our sub-branch within the community, working bees to preserve our history and memorabilia in storage, IT infrastructure upgrades to streamline the promulgation of information and enable remote access for our busy executive.

The past two months have been another busy and productive period for the Glen Innes RSL Sub-Branch, and I am proud of the contribution our members continue to make to veterans, their families and our broader community.

We have held commemorative services for Korea, VP Day and Vietnam Veterans Day, all of which received tremendous community support. I am particularly grateful to the local schools that supported these important services. Their involvement ensures that the stories of service and sacrifice continue to be passed on to the next generation. Thank you to Mick Wilson, Phil "Boma" De Bomford and David Donnelley for making keynote addresses.

It was also fantastic to see Gail and Caz recognised as outstanding volunteers at the 2026 New England / Northern Inland NSW Volunteer of the Year Awards. This recognition is thoroughly deserved and reflects the enormous contribution they make to our Sub-Branch and veteran community. WELL DONE and CONGRATULATIONS!

Our number one priority remains welfare and advocacy. I want to particularly acknowledge Caz and Kyle, who have once again made an inspiring impact on the wellbeing and support of Glen Innes veterans. I also thank all our Welfare Support Officers for their dedication and commitment, including their continued investment in training and professional development. This is some of the most important work our Sub-Branch undertakes.

We have also continued building strong relationships within our community. Thank you to the Glen Innes Men's Shed for their generous donation and their commitment to supporting upcoming working bees. We are extremely grateful for their support. We have also had productive discussions with the Glen Innes Services Club and are progressing the development of a Strategic Partnership Memorandum. I also thank the Glen Innes Probus Club for inviting me to speak about the important role our Sub-Branch plays in supporting veterans and their families. Thank you to The Hon Barnaby Joyce MP for supporting our Sub-Branch and provisioning us with a set of brand new Australian National Flags for us to proudly fly at all our events and ceremonies.

I would like to acknowledge the tremendous work of our Executive. Peter, thank you for your dedication to the Secretary portfolio; Cass, for your diligence as Treasurer; and Rod, for the enormous amount of time you dedicate to travelling the district, visiting members and running errands on behalf of the Sub-Branch. Mick, thank you for the huge body of work going into our Sport and Recreation program. There are some exciting initiatives ahead, and I look forward to seeing them come to fruition. Vic thanks for another great issue of the Sub-Branch newsletter.

Our Sub-Branch is only as strong as the members who are prepared to put their hand up and contribute. I encourage members to consider the volunteer opportunities outlined in the Hon Secretary's 8 August email, "Volunteer Support Requested – RSL Sub-Branch Members," particularly the roles of Membership Clerk, Fundraising Leader, Grants & District Monument Remediation Coordinator, and Social Media Manager. If you can contribute in any of these areas, or in another active role, please put your hand up—we would greatly value your support.

Finally, to those who are unwell or doing it tough at the moment, please let us know if we can help in any way. You don't have to face it alone.

Thank you all for your continued support and commitment to the Glen Innes RSL Sub-Branch.

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President

Glen Innes RSL Sub-Branch

‘Join the March in March’



The Glen Innes RSL Sub-Branch is currently in the planning stage for a proposed new community initiative, **“Join the March in March.”** The concept is being developed as a 5,000-metre community charity walk to honour the service and sacrifice of Australia's current and former Defence Force personnel, while bringing the Glen Innes community together in support of our veterans and their families.

At this stage, the event is proposed to commence at the Australian Standing Stones and finish at ANZAC Park, where a community barbecue would provide an opportunity for participants, volunteers and supporters to come together. Planning is continuing around the proposed route, safety arrangements, volunteer requirements and involvement of local community organisations and stakeholders.

A key proposal being considered is the community fundraising theme **“5,000 meters to raise \$5,000,”** with funds intended to support veteran welfare initiatives within our local community. The Sub-Branch is now working through the planning and consultation process, and members will be kept informed as the proposal develops and further details are confirmed. Our aim is to build an event that can become an annual Glen Innes tradition reflecting our values of service, remembrance, respect and community participation.

Seeking Members/Affiliates for participation in Gym and Pilates sessions



The Sport & Recreation portfolio has recently received a generous donation from **the Glen Innes Men’s Shed**, for which we are most grateful. We have engaged a qualified Physical Training Instructor to identify suitable and available time slots to undertake Gym Exercises and Pilates classes for Members and Affiliates.

The available time slots are tabulated below:

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
9:00am to 10:00am	11:00am to 12:00am	9:00am to 10:00am
12:00am to 1:00pm	12:00am to 1:00pm	11:00am to 12:00am
1:00pm to 2:00pm	1:00pm to 2:00pm	12:00am to 1:00pm
2:00pm to 3:00pm	2:00pm to 3:00pm	1:00pm to 2:00pm
3:00pm to 4:00pm	3:00pm to 4:00pm	
	4:00pm to 5:00pm	

We will send out an email to all Members and Affiliates seeking your participation and indication as to what day/time slot would suit you. We are funding an initial six-week trial of both Gym Exercises and Pilates and will review the participation and popularity for further ongoing sessions into the future. There will be a maximum limit of 10 x participants per activity, and it is hoped that participants will commit to the six-week trial in order to justify this initiative.

Contribution V.P. Mick Wilson

PHOTO GALLERY

(Photos Courtesy of Peter Brown)





National Servicemen's Association Update

NASHO News

Our NASHOS membership has now grown to 28 members, and we extend our thoughts and best wishes to several of our members who have been experiencing ill health. Please keep Allan Campbell and David Robertson Cunningham in your thoughts.

Our newly elected President, David Donnelly, has travelled to Sydney for heart surgery. We wish him a smooth procedure and a speedy recovery and look forward to welcoming him back when he is well.

If there are any National Servicemen or their partners who would like to join the National Servicemen's and Affiliates Association, Glen Innes Branch, we warmly invite you to become part of our community.

Membership is \$15 per annum, and new members are always welcome. For further details, please contact the Glen Innes RSL Sub-Branch on 0423 000 787 or email glen-innesSB@rslnsw.org.au.

All members and affiliates are welcomed at our RSL social and commemorative events, where camaraderie and community remain at the heart of everything we do.

Thank you for your continued support of the NASHOS.

Contribution S.V.P Gail Turnbull



Patricia Brown
Reginald Hainsworth
Trevor Sturtridge
Khane Tracey

WERE YOU EVER A **NASHO?**

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1951-1959 OR 1965-1972

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MEETINGS**



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& EVENTS**

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Glen Innes Sub Branch of the NSW National Servicemen's Association and Affiliates is putting the out the call for more members.

State President Greg Mawson said the group works for all ex-Australian or Commonwealth Nashos, called to serve Australia between 1951 and 1972 in the Navy, Air Force or Army.

"The Association also has members who served in the Citizens Military Forces, ARES Units and those who were members of the Australian Regional Forces and or Allied Forces," he said.

"Full membership is open to any National Servicemen, serving or ex-regular CMF or ARES persons of the armed forces, or persons who are like minded and support the NSW National Servicemen's Association and Affiliates."

Mr Mawson said Nashos served Australia in two eras: 1951-1959 and 1965-1972.

"Sub Branches extend right across the state of NSW but sadly, given the age of many of our former Nashos, a few are in decline," he said.

"Many of our current membership are from the first scheme of Nashos, many in their eighties, some older.

"Unfortunately, Nashos from the second scheme are very few and are much needed for the Association to remain viable.

"Many Nashos hold dual memberships to our Association and to the RSL and as sub-branches close, members are encouraged to take up membership with their nearest RSL Sub Branch."

Mr Mawson said the Nasho Sub Branches were a semi formal organisation, observing all the ex-service memorial days in addition to allowing Nashos to mix in social environments as well as contributing to local community events.

Some Sub-Branches visit hospitals, retirement villages and the like as well as observing important days such as Easter, Xmas in July and Christmas.

Nashos also can be seen partaking in events like ANZAC Day, Vietnam Veterans Day and Remembrance Day where many march, representing their sub-branch.

"This is where we make the call-out to the second scheme of Nashos to start to become involved," Mr Mawson said.

"They are needed to keep the fading light of National Service alight.

"It is little known by many that Nashos are entitled to two medals: the Anniversary of National Service 1951-1972 Medal and the Australian Defence Medal.

"These medals recognise all service Nashos gave to Australia in times of need and are great piece of memorabilia to pass on to the grandkids."

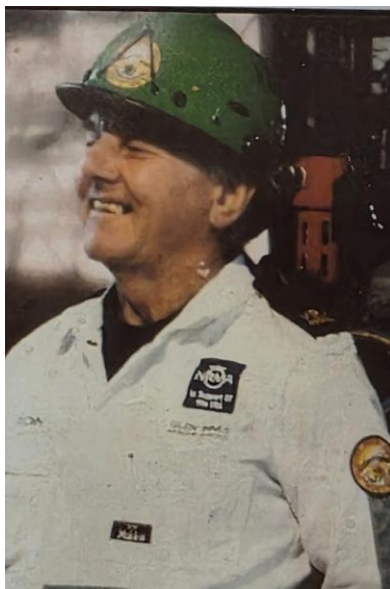
If you are interested in joining the NSW National Servicemen's Affiliates Association, check the organisation's website NSW National Servicemen's Association & Affiliates Inc or email webmaster@nasho.asn.au for further information.

Source: Greg Mawson, President, NSW National Servicemen's Association and Affiliates

**Please keep in your thoughts the Families of Veterans who
have recently passed**

Ronald George "Ron" Biddle

Born 25th October, 1937, passed away 3rd July, 2026



Ronald George "Ron" Biddle



Please keep in your thoughts our veteran and members who are unwell. Especially:

David Robertson Cunningham

Ray Zahn

Allan Campbell

Larry Higgins

Judy Durich

Grant Durich

Merve Sharman

David Donnelly

James Tattersall

If you know of a veteran who is unwell or in hospital, please let the Sub-Branch know (with veteran's consent), so we can visit or offer them assistance if required. The Sub-Branch has purchased two new wheelchairs that are available for loan. Please contact the Sub-Branch on 0423 000 787 or 0428 323 601 or via email at: glen-innesSB@nsw.org.au

ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY

AUGUST

Date	Year	Event
3 rd	1916	Battle of Romani
4 th	1914	Great Britain Declares War on Germany
5 th	1944	Mass Breakout of Japanese Prisoners at Cowra Prisoner-Of-War Camp, Cowra NSW
6 th	1915	Battle for Lone Pine at Gallipoli
	1945	1 st Atomic Bomb dropped on Hiroshima
8 th	1918	Battle of Amiens begins
9 th	1942	HMAS Canberra sunk in Battle of Savo Island
	1945	Atomic Bomb dropped on Nagasaki
15 th	1955	Victory in the Pacific Day
18 th		Vietnam Veterans Day
18 th	1966	Battle of Long Tan, South Vietnam
	1971	Australian Government Announces Withdrawal from Vietnam
22 nd	1942	18 Australian Brigade lands at Milne Bay, New Guinea

SEPTEMBER

Date	Year	Event
3 rd	1939	Britain, France, Australia and New Zealand Declare War on Germany
4 th	1942	Japanese evacuation of Milne Bay Begins
8 th	1951	Peace Treaty (WW2) Signed with Japan
	1955	2 ND Battalion Royal Australian Regiment Advance Party Arrives in Penang, Malaya
14 th		National Peacekeeper and Peacemakers Day
	1914	HMAS Submarine AEI lost off East New Britain, Papua New Guinea
19 th	1918	5 th Light Horse Brigade captures Nablus
	1918	Battle of Megiddo begins
20 th	1999	INTERFET Coalition Forces deploy to East Timor
21 st	1914	German New Guinea Surrenders
	1971	Battle of Nui Le South Vietnam
25 th	1918	ANZAC Mounted Division captures Amman
	1942	HMAS Voyager grounded and destroyed off Betano Bay, East Timor
28 th	1950	3 rd Battalion Royal Australian Regiment arrives in Korea

OCTOBER

Date	Year	Event
1 st	1918	Australian Light Horsemen take Damascus
2 nd	1943	9 th Division captures Finschhafen
7 th	1951	Fight for The Hinge, Korea
	2001	U.S. and Allied Nations conduct operations near Al-Qaida & Taliban in Afghanistan
8 th	1942	25 th Brigade 7 th Division contacts rear guards at Templeton's Crossing
9 th	1950	United Nations Forces advance into North Korea
11 th	1944	Australians land at Jacquinot Bay, New Guinea
15 ^h	1942	25 th Brigade 7 th Division drives Japanese back from Templeton's Crossing
16 th	1943	The Burma Railway and Hellfire Pass completed.
	1967	Royal Australian Navy helicopters deploy to Vietnam
17 th	1950	Australians in action at Sariwon, Korea
18 th		HMAS Geelong sunk off New Guinea
22 nd	1944	HMAS Australia damaged by kamikaze aircraft
23 rd	1942	Battle of Alamein begins
28 th	1918	Armistice with Turkey
29 th	1950	Australians reach Chongju, North Korea
31 st	1917	Battle of Beersheba

Wellbeing & Compensation Corner

Community Nursing Program – how do I access in-home support?

The Community Nursing Program funds clinically required nursing and personal care services provided in your home by registered and enrolled nurses, and personal care workers. Services can include help with medication, wound care, hygiene/ showering, dressing and palliative care.



Veterans with a Gold Card or White Card who need community nursing for an **accepted service-related condition**, are eligible to apply. To enroll in the program, your GP needs to complete a [DVA Form D9389 – Community Nursing Referral Form](#), which we can help draft for you before your appointment.

A local DVA provider is Registered Nurse, Sonya Sullivan, who comes to Glen Innes and surrounding towns each month. Sonya sees the importance of supporting veteran health and wellbeing, as her son is a current serving member of the ARA.

For information on the DVA Community Nursing Program see: <https://www.dva.gov.au/what-we-help-with/care-at-home-and-aged-care-services/living-independently/dva-in-home-programs/community-nursing>



Veteran Concessions & Services – how do I find Veteran related discounts?

According to the NSW Government website, The NSW Government is committed to ensuring our veterans, past and present, are honoured with dignity and respect. A range of programs, services and concessions is available for veterans and their families to help them transition from military to civilian life and to help them save on everyday costs, such as transport, energy and utilities, registrations and national park fees.

Some services, programs and concessions are available to all veterans, while others are only available to veterans who meet specific requirements, such as holding a DVA Veteran Gold Card printed with TPI (Totally and Permanently Incapacitated) or EDA (Extreme Disablement Adjustment). To find concessions and services, go to: [Savings Finder – use the Service NSW search tool to find savings | Service NSW](#)

If you would like to discuss your eligibility for a DVA white or gold card, apply for liability for service-related injuries or conditions and/or would like other health & wellbeing support, please contact the Sub-Branch Office to arrange an appointment with our accredited ATDP Wellbeing (Level 2) and Compensation Advocate (Level 1) – **Caz, Kyle** (ATDP trainee) or our qualified Legatee – **Peter** for Legacy support. More information can be found on the DVA website: <https://www.dva.gov.au/what-we-help-with/health-support/injury-or-health-treatments/free-treatment-for-cancer-and-pulmonary-tuberculosis>



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- Listen to the veteran's needs and identify which support services are best for them.
- Share the FREE services available to veterans & family members from RSL LifeCare:
 - Employment Assistance
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 - Wellbeing support and financial assistance
 - Veteran & Family Hubs
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- Encourage them to contact the RSL LifeCare Veteran Services team for free support.

Phone: 02 8088 0388
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Welcome to RSL NSW

By joining our sub-Branch, you've joined a community of like-minded veterans and family members.

Thanks for joining us - we're here to help.




INVITE A MATE TO JOIN

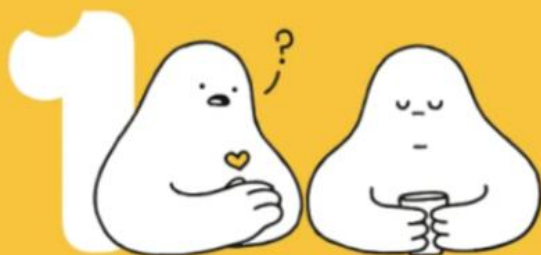



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Encourage action



Just wanted to check in and see how you're doing?

Have things improved for you since our last chat?

Check in

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The 'Emu War' proper began in November 1932. Deployed to the combat zone, such as it was, were two soldiers, Sergeant S. McMurray and Gunner J. O'Halloran, and their commander, Major G. P. W. Meredith of the Royal Australian Artillery. They were equipped with two Lewis light machine guns and 10,000 rounds of ammunition. Their objective was the mass extermination of a native species.

THE GREAT EMU WAR

Already forced to push their campaign from October due to rain scattering the emu across a wider area, the military struggled at first to make effective use of their firepower. On 2 November, locals tried to herd emus towards an ambush, but they split into small groups. On 4 November, an ambush on some 1,000 birds was foiled by a gun jamming.

Over the next few days, the soldiers travelled to locations where emus had been spotted and attempted to complete their objective. To this end, Major Meredith mounted one of the guns on a truck to enable firing at the birds while moving. It was as ineffective as their ambushes. The truck was too slow, and the ride was so rough that the gunner couldn't fire anyway.

The invulnerability of tanks

A week in and the campaign was making little headway. An army observer noted of the emu that "each pack seems to have its own leader now: a big, black-plumed bird which stands fully six feet high and keeps watch while his mates carry out their work of destruction and warns them of our approach."

At each encounter, the emu suffered far fewer casualties than expected. By 8 November, between 50 and a few hundred birds had been killed. Major Meredith commended the emus for their ability to withstand gunfire: "If we had a military division with the bullet-carrying capacity of these birds it would face any army in the world. They can face machine guns with the invulnerability of tanks."

Tactical withdrawal

On 8 November, an embarrassed Sir George Pearce withdrew the troops from the front line. Yet the emu nuisance had not stopped. On 13 November, Meredith returned following requests by farmers and reports that more birds had been killed than had earlier been suggested. Over the next month, the soldiers slayed around 100 emus every week.

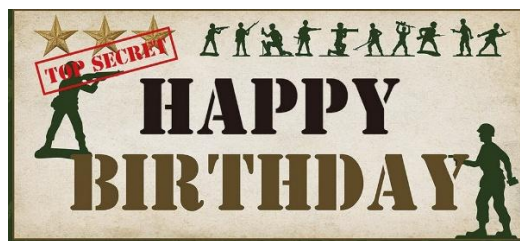
When asked if there was a "more humane, if less spectacular" method to undertake the cull, Sir George Pearce replied that only those familiar to emu country could understand the damage done, according to the Melbourne Argus of 19 November 1932.

But it was at a huge cost in ammunition, which Meredith claimed was exactly 10 rounds per confirmed kill. The operation may have saved some wheat, but the effectiveness of the cull paled next to the strategy of offering bounties to rifle-wielding farmers.

By contrast, farmers managed to claim 57,034 bounties over six months in 1934.

The campaign was beleaguered by errors and was hardly a success. And worse, as The Sunday Herald reported in 1953, "the incongruity of the whole thing even had the effect, for once, of arousing public sympathy for the emu."

Contributed by Rodney Latham



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

<i>9th August</i>	<i>John Mark</i>	<i>15th August</i>	<i>Robert Brown</i>
<i>6th August</i>	<i>Merve Sharman</i>	<i>26th August</i>	<i>Steven Lucas</i>
<i>11th August</i>	<i>Simon Frankland</i>		

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

<i>2nd September</i>	<i>Gordon Say</i>	<i>10th September</i>	<i>Brian Flaherty</i>
<i>2nd September</i>	<i>Michael Butcher</i>	<i>18th September</i>	<i>John Coleman</i>
<i>5th September</i>	<i>Reginald Hainsworth</i>	<i>20th September</i>	<i>Charles MacLaughlan</i>
<i>8th September</i>	<i>Kevin Conroy</i>	<i>23rd September</i>	<i>Lewis Crothers (President)</i>
<i>9th September</i>	<i>Connor Light</i>	<i>28th September</i>	<i>Maurice Dunn</i>

OCTOBER BIRTHDAY

<i>2st October</i>	<i>James Berridge</i>	<i>18 October</i>	<i>David Donnelly</i>
<i>4th October</i>	<i>Bradley Bloomfield</i>	<i>23rd October</i>	<i>John Williams</i>
<i>13th October</i>	<i>Phillip Rowe</i>	<i>26th October</i>	<i>David Howell</i>
<i>14th October</i>	<i>Sandra Kiehne</i>	<i>29th October</i>	<i>Natalie Hazelwood</i>
<i>15th October</i>	<i>Colleen Willcocks</i>	<i>31st October</i>	<i>Kenneth Mitchell</i>
<i>16th October</i>	<i>Grant Durich</i>	<i>31st October</i>	<i>David Townes</i>



Korean Day 27th July

On 27 July each year, we commemorate Korean Veterans' Day. This is the anniversary of the day in 1953 when an armistice was signed to end the fighting in Korea. This day is a time for us to remember the almost 18,000 Australians who served in the war, including some 340 who lost their lives.

A Commemorative Service was held at Glen Innes Cenotaph on Monday 27th July followed by lunch at The Glen Innes Services Club.

Thank you to all those who attended.

Victory in The Pacific Day 15 august

Victory in the Pacific Day, also known as Victory over Japan Day (VJ Day), is celebrated on 15 August. This date commemorates Japan's unconditional surrender to the Allies after more than three years of war. It marks the end of World War II in the Pacific region, with Australia's Prime Minister, Ben Chifley, announcing the war was over on this day. The day is a time for reflection on the contributions of Australian veterans in ending the war, as well as a celebration of the nation's war efforts from 1942 to 1945.

A Commemorative Service was held at Glen Innes Cenotaph on Saturday 15th August followed by lunch at The Glen Innes Services Club.

Thank you to all those who attended.

Vietnam Veterans Day 2026

Vietnam Veterans' Day is commemorated annually on 18 August, marking the anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan in 1966. This day honors the sacrifices of approximately 60,000 Australians who served during the Vietnam War, acknowledging their service and the impact on their families and communities.

A Commemorative Service was held at Glen Innes Cenotaph on Tuesday 18 August followed by a lunch at The Glen Innes Services Club.

Thank you to all those who attended.

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There is a range of concessions and discounts available for veterans who meet the eligibility criteria. Please check each concession to ensure you meet the requirements.

Depending on your personal circumstances, you may qualify for additional concessions and rebates.

Travel concessions

Licence, registration and driving concessions

Driving licences and tests

Eligible DVA card holders and clients do not have to pay for licences, driving tests, riding skills tests and for certain log books.

Vehicle registration, transfer and tax

Eligible DVA card holders do not have to pay for vehicle registration fees, conditional vehicle registration fees and the motor vehicle tax. DVA pensioners pay no stamp duty or transfer fee when transferring a motor vehicle rego.

General boat driving licence

To drive a vessel at more than 10 knots on NSW waters, you need a general boat driving licence. DVA card holders may be eligible for a 50% discount on the licence fee.

Private mooring licence

A private mooring licence is an annual licence that allows you to moor your vessel on navigable waters. DVA card holders may be eligible for a 50% discount on the licence fee.

Recreational fishing licence

You need a recreational fishing licence when fishing in NSW waters. If you hold an eligible DVA card, you do not have to pay the recreational fishing licence fee.

Vessel registration

Eligible DVA card holders who operate a vessel that requires registration may get a 50% discount on the registration fee.

Firearms licence

As a DVA card holder, you may be able to claim a fee exemption for an A, B or H firearm licence.

You can apply for the programs, services and concessions listed on this page by phone or online, rather than visiting a service centre or other location.

Call Service NSW on [13 77 88](tel:137788) from 7am to 7pm (Sydney time), Monday to Friday.

Energy and utilities concessions

Seniors Energy Rebate

If you're a Commonwealth Seniors Health Card (CSHC) holder, you may be eligible for a \$200/year rebate to help cover the cost of your electricity.

Pensioner water rebate

As a DVA card holder, you may qualify for a rebate on your water bill.

NSW Gas Rebate

If you hold a DVA Veteran Gold Card or Pensioner Concession Card, you may be eligible for a \$110/year rebate on the cost of your natural gas bill.

Low Income Household Rebate

If you hold a DVA Veteran Gold Card or Pensioner Concession Card, you may qualify for the Low Income Household Rebate to cover the cost of your energy bills.

Medical Energy Rebate

If you're unable to self-regulate your body temperature, you may qualify to receive up to \$285/year in rebates to cover the cost of your energy bills.

Council rate rebates

Concessions on council rates may be available to pensioners, veterans and war widow/ers or wholly dependent partners. Please contact your local council directly for more information.

Companion Card

A Companion Card is for people with a significant and permanent disability. When a cardholder buys a ticket at selected venues and facilities around NSW, their carer or companion will be given a second ticket at no charge.

NSW Seniors Card or Senior Savers Card

Both the NSW Seniors Card and NSW Senior Savers Card give you discounts and special offers at over 7,400 businesses across NSW, including shops, restaurants and professional services. The NSW Seniors Card also provides public transport concessions.

NSW Photo Card

A NSW Photo Card can be used as photo identification if you do not have a NSW Driver Licence or to prove your identity in situations not related to driving. You may qualify for a free NSW Photo Card if you hold an eligible DVA card.

NSW National Parks concession pass

A NSW National Parks concession pass gives eligible veterans and pensioners free car entry into 45 national parks that charge entry fees.

Making a Power of Attorney

A Power of Attorney is a legal document where you nominate a person or trustee organisation to manage your assets and financial affairs in case you're unable to do so – for example, if you are travelling or ill. NSW Trustee and Guardian offers eligible pensioners free preparation of their Power of Attorney document.

Become a Member

Membership is open for Current or ex Service personnel (Members) and family (Affiliates) to join the Glen Innes RSL sub-Branch. Whether you're currently serving or have retired from service in the Australian Defence Force (ADF) or Armed Forces, joining Glen Innes RSL sub-Branch means so much more than being invited to events. It's about what you get as a valued member and the positive impact you can have on fellow veterans.

The ADF and Armed Forces are a family of committed and like-minded people who thrive on camaraderie and friendship. After you transition from service, that bond is continued via your membership to the sub-Branch. Staying connected to people who understand what you have been through is the most valuable support an ADF member can have.

But the Glen Innes RSL sub-Branch is not just for ADF or Armed Forces members. Partners, spouses and families can join the sub-Branch as Affiliate or Auxiliary Members. Affiliates/Auxiliary members can play a vital role in supporting other members and taking an active role in coordinating events and participating in vital fundraising.

Membership applications can be accessed online at RSL NSW home page or filled out at the Glen Innes sub-Branch on Tuesday mornings. Membership is free.



Office Hours



2026 Opening Hours

Tuesdays only: 10:30am – 3:30pm



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Members are welcome to contact the Sub-Branch at any time



Please Support **LEGACY**

'Legacy is dedicated to caring for the families of veterans who have died or become incapacitated, either during service or subsequently. This extends to veterans who have served in war, on peacekeeping and humanitarian missions and during training for military operations. Today, Legacy's compassionate service assists over 60,000 beneficiaries, with 96% of them being elderly widows and dependants with a disability by means of innovative and practical programs aimed at:

- * Protecting the basic needs of individuals and families;*
- * Advocating for the entitlements, rights and benefits of individuals and families;*
- * Assisting families to cope with bereavement; and*
- * Helping people thrive, despite the adversities they face and the losses they bear.*

Legacy is a charity supported by men and women of all ages, from all walks of life and includes veterans and current ADF personnel. Our support services now extend to include the beneficiaries of members of today's ADF who have lost their lives or become incapacitated as a result of their military service. Legacy values the opportunity to work with other Ex-Service Organisations in the care of veterans and their families.'



Many thanks to the V.P Rodney Gair and Honorary Secretary Peter Brown and other volunteers for raising awareness for Legacy.



Legacy displayed a vast range of products

Your Donation is always graciously received.

Letter From the Editor.

As I write this, I don't know what I'm going to write. It's been a few days since I last wrote anything. And yet, here I am, feeling an undeniable urge to put words on paper — though my thoughts are still scattered, drifting just beyond my grasp like whispers in the wind. And with them comes the familiar weight of uncertainty, layering itself over me again and again.

By the time I reach this paragraph, the questions creep in. What shall I write about to. Should I really go to sleep or should I continue to empty my mind? Will people like what I am writing or will they read it through to the end? Am I able to capture my audience attention? What if they do not like what I write? But then again, I've felt this way about so many things in life. The hesitation, the doubt, the feeling that maybe I'm not enough. Does that mean I truly can't write? But No... I don't think so.

Looking back, I realize I've written before. Back in school, I used to dream up little stories, sketch out silly comics with my friends, filling the pages with whatever our young minds could imagine. I wasn't skilled then, but that never stopped me. So why does it feel so different now? What's holding me back? I still don't know the answer.

The desire to write is stronger than ever, but so is my hesitation. For days, I've wrestled with this, searching for a way to write something I've never written before — this very piece.

And amid this battle with myself, I've come to a simple realization:

Writing is not reserved for the masters.

Writing is for anyone who has something to say, even if they've barely begun.

No one is incapable of writing — because from the moment we learned to form letters, we were already telling stories.

I see this now, especially when I look at the people around me — the way they struggle, just like I do.

Some write to make their work easier.

Some write to pour out their hearts, hoping to calm the storm inside them.

Some write to untangle their thoughts, to silence the constant noise in their minds.

And for others, writing is a battlefield — a space where they push themselves to be better, where words become their weapons, their victories.

And then there's me — staring at the blank page, wondering if I even belong here.

For a while, these thoughts paralyzed me, made me feel like I had nothing worth saying. But now, I'm making a choice. A simple one, that

I will write.

Not because I have the perfect words, but because I need to let them out.

Starting is always the hardest part. The first sentence always feels like a mountain. But once it's there, it becomes the foundation — the direction, the path forward.

I forget my words mid-sentence. My thoughts slip away just as I try to catch them. But I've realized — I don't have to fight it. I just have to keep going. Since after all, I'm only human. Forgetfulness is part of who I am.

Maybe I need to read more to fuel my ideas. Maybe I need to open myself up to different perspectives, even if they confuse me at times.

But more than anything, I need to stop waiting. I don't have to be ready. I don't place where I can make sense of the emotions have to have everything figured out. I just need to begin.

Because for me, writing is more than just an act — it is a lifeline. A sanctuary. A memory and thoughts that refuse to stay still.

Maybe it can be that for you, too.

There is a quiet kind of freedom in writing. A way to break free from the chains of uncertainty, from the limits we place upon ourselves.

For me, writing is both the problem and the solution. Just like a reader who longs to finish their first book but only finds peace in turning the last page.

And maybe, just maybe, this isn't just about writing.

Maybe this is about everything in life that we're too afraid to start.

So, if you've been waiting for the perfect moment, the perfect skill, the perfect confidence — Don't

We don't have to be an expert to create something meaningful.

We don't have to master everything before we begin.

We don't have to be perfect to start.

So,

We just have to start.

WHAT'S ON

Sunday September 6 th	11-30am	Social Luncheon	Glen Innes Services Club
Friday 28 th September		NSW Schools Spring Holidays	
Sunday October 11 th	11.30am	Afghanistan Commemoration-ANZAC Park (Followed By Social Luncheon)	
Monday 5 th October		Public Holiday Labour Day NSW	
Monday 12 th October		NSW Schools Return Back	
Sunday October 18 th		NEDC Meeting	Tamworth
October 23 rd – 25 th		Congress	Tamworth
Sunday November 1 st	11am	Nacho Meeting	Glen Innes Services Club
Sunday November 1 st	11.30am	General Meeting (Followed By Social Luncheon)	Glen Innes Services Club
Wednesday November 11 th		Remembrance Day (Followed By Social Luncheon)	
Saturday December 12 th		Christmas Party	Glen Innes Services Club
Friday December 18 th		Office Closes	
Friday December 25 th		Christmas Day	
Tuesday 19 th January 2027		Office Will Re-Open	

Members

<i>Life Members</i>	2
<i>Service Members</i>	88
<i>Affiliate Members</i>	18

TOTAL MEMBER 108