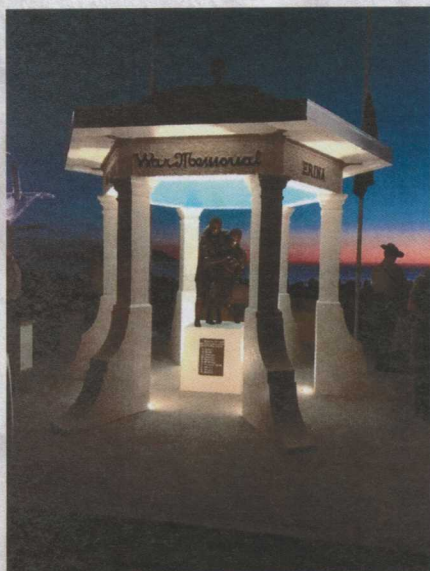


NEWSLETTER

Terrigal Wamberal RSL Sub-Branch



THIS ISSUE

**NEXT SUB-BRANCH
MEETING 12TH OF
SEPTEMBER**

**SUB-BRANCH
ACTIVITIES CANCELLED
DUE TO COVID-19
RESTRICTIONS**

**TERRIGAL/WAMBERAL
SUB-BRANCH HISTORY**

**NEW QUARTERLY
NEWSLETTER, HAVE
YOUR SAY!**

President's Message

by Terry Saxby

Welcome to the first edition of our sub-Branch newsletter.

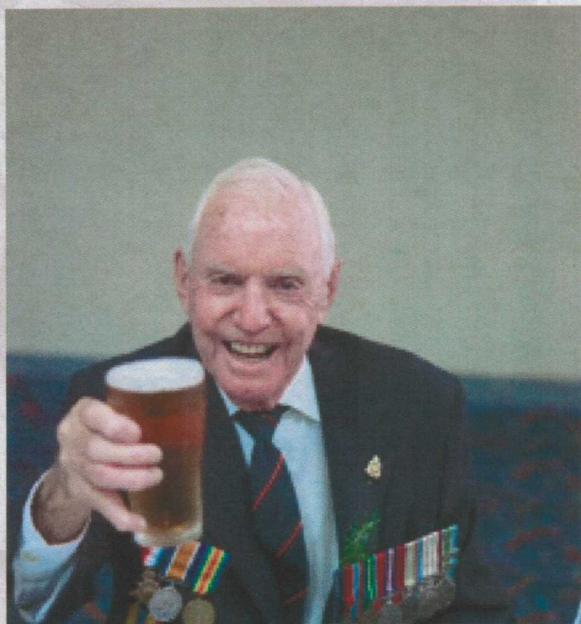
For some time we have been considering ways to better communicate with members and others that share an interest in the activities of the sub-Branch. We hope that this newsletter will be informative and keep members up to date with planned events and activities. Conceivably, this will encourage participation and attendance at our sub-Branch meetings.

To coincide with the 75th anniversary of the end of WW2, we will be featuring a WW2 member veteran in each edition of the newsletter over the coming months.

With COVID-19 restrictions, activities will be limited in the short term and we will communicate changes as they occur.

I thank Luke Hill who has agreed to be the newsletter coordinator. Please contact the Sub-Branch committee if you have anything that may be of interest to our members.

Meet the members



Peter Wyllie OAM

Peter is a WW2 navy veteran. He was 17 years old when he enlisted for service and this required his parent's permission. His father, who had survived the Gallipoli campaign, reluctantly agreed. After initial training, he was posted to HMAS Kalgoorlie and was a member of the crew when the corvette was deployed for minesweeping duties in and around PNG.

After discharge, Peter qualified as a pharmacist and was the owner/operator of a chemist shop in Terrigal until retirement.

He is a life member of the Returned and Services League of Australia and Surf Life Saving Australia. In 2017 Peter was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia for services to Surf Life Saving and to the community of Terrigal.

(Presidents message continued)

While our primary role is to support veterans and to commemorate service, we also engage in community projects. We were the driving force behind the relocation of the Erina Memorial to Terrigal and we are now involved in the memorial upgrade at the Wamberal Memorial Hall. Every member should be aware of this and proud of these achievements. On 15th August we commemorate the 75th anniversary of the end of WW2 when victory in the Pacific was declared. We remember the sacrifice of 39,000 men and women who died defending Australia during the War.

Lest We Forget.



Let us know what you want to see in our quarterly newsletter!

SHORT HISTORY OF THE TERRIGAL WAMBERAL RSL SUB-BRANCH

The sub-Branch was inaugurated as a member of the Returned Sailors & Soldiers League of Australia (NSW Branch) on 8th August 1945. The RSL name was later changed to the Returned and Services League of Australia. A converted military hut was the initial Sub-Branch premises and was located near the Terrigal Bowling Club. Once established, the building was referred to as the Terrigal Soldiers' Hall. The bowling club became the preferred venue for post-meeting "smokos". In 1964 the sub-Branch purchased 9 acres of land in Dover Road, Wamberal. The first stages of the clubhouse commenced in 1965. The Club was registered in 1970 under the Companies Act as the Terrigal Memorial Country Club. Additional land was purchased in 1974, allowing for club extensions and the establishment of a 9 hole golf course, bowling greens and two all-weather tennis courts. The sub-Branch decided to sell their ownership of the Club in 1983.

We celebrate the 75th anniversary of the sub-Branch on 8th August.

The full history of the sub-Branch can be located on our website at:

<http://www.twrslsb.org.au/history.html>

