

RIVERINA BRANCH NEWSLETTER – SUMMER EDITION 2019.

This branch responded very well to the invitation from Commander Bob Noble to attend the Police Retirement Day on the 5<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at the Wagga Wagga Police Station. Bob made us most welcome, and a member of the Dog Squad put on a demonstration with the drug detection dog.

**Those attending were Rod and Anne GOLLAN, Frank FULLER, Denis GUERIN, Geoff WOLSEY, Fred LONREGAN, Linda ROESLER, Graham GARROD, Dave BARRON, Steve ROSS, Bob QUAMBY, Grahame WINSON, Gus WILLIAMS, Sandy and Bev MELLIS, Liz LATHAM, Jeff ABEL, Mick and Helen ROBINSON, Denis MILLER, Bruce and Chris CHRISTENSEN**

**Superintendent Noble presented the retirement medal to Frank FULLER, Rod GOLLAN, Dave BARRON, Linda ROESLER, Liz LATHAM, Bob QUAMBY, and Sandy MELLIS.**

The attached photos show those members receiving their medals.



Our monthly coffee morning on the 17<sup>th</sup> September was well supported, with over 20 members coming to the Commercial Club, and about a dozen staying on afterwards for lunch.

One of our most senior members, 92-year-old, Ken SEDGWICK, had a fall at “The Haven “nursing home where he lives with his wife Shirley, and broke his hip. After spending a few days in hospital, he was able to return home to recuperate.

On a sad note we lost one of our veteran members, Colin George LAWRENCE, who passed away in September at Cootamundra where he lived with his wife. In late June, Chairman FRED and myself made a trip to his home to present him with his Veterans Certificate.

In August Jan BEARD, wife of our veteran member Ron Beard, passed away, and in September Sheila ROGERSON, the wife another veteran Jock passed away. They will be sadly missed, as both Jan and Sheila were regular attendees at our coffee mornings.

This year's Police Remembrance Day was very well attended by our members. The Protocol officer for the ceremony was Acting Inspector Phil Malligan, who carried out a very moving ceremony. Two of our members, Bruce Christensen and Kevin Barber laid a wreath on behalf of our members.

The Police Chaplain who performed the service was Rev. Dr. Grant BELL. Grant is a former member, who joined the NSW Police Force in 1972. Grant's reg.no. was 15275. Grant has been the Police Chaplain for the Riverina District for the past 2 years. Grant is the head of the Residential College at Charles Sturt University, Wagga Wagga.

**Our Bi-Monthly meeting for October, was held on the 21 October, 2019. Those members who attended were: Fred LONREGAN, Steve TURNER, Graham GARROD, Bob HOGNO, Kevin BARBER, Jeff ABEL, Bob MARTIN, Denis GUERIN, Athol PRICE, Bruce and Christine CHRISTENSEN, Gus WILLIAMS, Bob TUCK, Barry WINKLER, Bob WIGHTON, Kevin WALES, Ron BEARD, and Mick and Helen ROBINSON.**

**APOLOGIES were received from Grahame WINSON, Kevin NISBET, Greg NEWHAM, Tony MADIGAN, Rod and Anne GOLLAN, Norm DEEN, Pat KAIN, Sandy and Bev MELLIS, Frank FULLER, Graham HOLMES, Grant BELL, and John HOLSTEIN.**

Chairman FRED presented Kevin WALES with his Veterans Certificate. Kevin gave a short speech, and spoke about his career. After Kevin retired in 1995, he went into local government, and later became Mayor for the city of Wagga Wagga for over 4years.



Our guest speaker was one of our own members, Bob HOGNO, who spoke about his career whilst working at a one-man station Bundarra in the early 1970's and his work as a volunteer with the Cancer Council at Wagga. Great volunteering Bob.

Garry (Gus) Williams

Secretary.

