

RIVERINA AUTUMN BRANCH REPORTS

Unlike some branches we have been able to continue our face-to-face meetings and morning teas/lunches all be it with some restrictions during the new normal that we have had to become accustomed to and hopefully things will continue to improve with most borders open at the time of writing this. Now that restrictions have eased sufficiently, we moved forward to a planned lunch with Southern Highlands & Murray River RFPA at Sir George Hotel at Jugiong on the 25th of March with photo's etc in the next report.

Since the last report we have lost another legend and former Secretary Gus Williams who has moved to the Gold Coast to be closer to family and our loss is the Gold Coast Branches gain of course.

January also saw our treasurer Mick Robinson resign at short notice and on behalf of the committee his service was greatly appreciated, I understand that he and Helen will still be attending our morning teas and Lunches when they can. As a result, an urgent meeting was called at our morning tea/lunch on the 14th of January to elect a new treasurer on a casual basis until our next AGM and pleased to say that Robert (Bob) Hogno agree to take on the position on that basis.

Thanks to the great assistance of Graeme Holmes who is one of our Young based members we had a morning tea and Lunch at the Ex-Services Club in Young on the 19th November 2020 which was attended by about 30 members and their partners with guest appearances of the Commander at Young, his lovely wife and some local detectives which was much appreciated. Many of us then took advantage of cherries being in season to grab some on our way home. It was decided that this would now be an annual event and the next one will be in May when it is a bit cooler.

Christmas for our Branch was celebrated at the Wagga Wagga RSL on the 27th of November which again had a great roll up of about 35 members and partners. The Wagga Wagga LAC were good enough to attend which was much appreciated.

Our First Bimonthly Meeting for 2021 was held on the 15th of February which was well attended including a new member being Harvey McRae who appeared to enjoy his first visit. Importantly also was an OBE presented to John Wendt.

MINUTES OF THE BI-MONTHLY MEETING FOR THE RIVERINA BRANCH OF THE RETIRED AND FORMER POLICE ASSOCIATION HELD AT THE WAGGA WAGGA RSL CLUB MONDAY 15.2.21

MEETING OPENED; 11am by Chairman, Fred Loneragan

PRESENT : Fred Loneragan, Steve Turner, Kevin & Lois Barber, Bon Wighton, Grahame Winson, Dennis Guerin, Ray Green, Frank Fuller, Barry & Helen McLachlan, Sandy Melles, Ken & Sue Jackson, Kevin Golspinks, Barry Winkler, John Wendt, Grame Garrod, Harvey McRae, Bob Hogno.

APOLOGIES: Dave Barron, Bob Tuck, Bruce Christensen, Bev Mellis, Lynell Turner.

MOVED: Bob Hogno **SECONDED:** Kevin Barber Apologies be accepted, Carried.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: 14.1.21 **Presented and tabled.**

MOVED: Grahame Winson **SECONDED:** Ray Green - that the minutes be accepted as a true and correct record of that meeting, Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING : NIL

CORRESPONDENCE:

INWARDS: Committee of Management Newsletter- N/A as meeting cancelled and rescheduled to 23.2.21. Card from Civil Celebrant Chris Longhurst, Merry Christmas to our RFPA Branch. John Wendt's OBE

OUTWARDS: T Shirts & Name Plate orders, Lunch with Southern Highlands & Murray River RFPA at Jugiong 25.3.21, Minutes of urgent meeting to elect new treasurer Bob Hogno.

WELFARE REPORT: Steve Ross recently discharged from surgery for Prostrate cancer which fortunately they got in time. I spoke to him on Sunday and he seemed in very good spirits and said that he has two follow up appointments this week including today, both he and Joy missed the meeting but were able to catchup for our lunch, which was really great.

Need for welfare officers: No applicants at this time but standing request to members to consider taking up a position in this important area.

TREASURERS REPORT: Currently Cash on hand as of 12/2/21 \$2,090.59, plus \$100 petty Cash.

MOVED Bob Hogno **SECONDED** – Frank Fuller that the Treasurers Report be accepted, Carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS: Presentation of Veterans Certificate(OBE) John Wendt by Chairman Fred Longergan. John gave a short but moving highlight of his Police service and successful family.

Kevin Barber asked that Bob Hogno keep a log of the vast distances that he is travelling transporting cancer patients as he would like the Branch to support a submission for citizen of the year at the next opportunity.

Fred also took the opportunity to welcome new member Harvey McRae.

MEETING CLOSED :11.45am

Steve Turner
SECRETARY

Finally members are encouraged to invite other formers Police and importantly their partners who are not currently members to attend our morning teas and lunches and if they like what they see then join up, as they say the more the merrier.