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The June/Winter Riverina Branch report 2022.

If you were to go outside at the present time you would be aware of the fact that it's winter well and truly winter in the Riverina. Whilst I sit here and type in my cosy warm den the weather man tells me the temperature outside is six degrees with a wind chill factor of minus four point nine degrees.

As the new secretary for the Riverina branch this is my first report. I have had big shoes to fill since the departure of Steve Turner to sunny Queensland this year. I am enjoying the position and I hope to continue in my new position to look after the members of our branch.

The branch has settled down to a coffee morning once a month, each time at a different location within our area, and a bi-monthly meeting on the even months.

The Branch presented two Certificates of appreciation at our April meeting. Inspector Phil Maligan, Protocol Officer at Wagga Wagga Police Station and Chaplin Gerrard Ryan of Wagga were worthy recipients.

Robert(BOB)Hogno has spent last three months in Wagga Base Hospital after a fall that caused the fracture seven ribs and a dislocated shoulder. Bob was released from hospital at the end of May and is house bound for a while.

On the 16th May a Coffee morning was held at Gundagai with Sandy and Bev Mellis being the hosts. The morning was held at the Family Hotel and turned into a luncheon that was described as scrumptious. The guest speaker for the morning was the former Mayor of Gundagai Gordon Lindley and he spoke on the great flood that washed the township of Gundagai away on 24 June 1852. Many of Gordon's Ancestors drowned on that very day. As it turned out Gordon was the Mayor when Senior Sergeant Sandy Mellis was transferred to Gundagai in September 1990. The two photographs show both men in 1990 when Gordon welcomed Sandy to Gundagai and as they both as they are today.

All attendees to Gundagai for the day really enjoyed themselves and a late finish ensured.

The Branch's next bi-monthly meeting will be on 20th June at Wagga RSL Club with our guest speaker Chief Superintendent Andrew Spliet of Wagga Wagga Patrol.

Regards Graeme Holmes

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