

## RSL SUB-BRANCH

Dear Members,

Whilst we have all been approaching life with the utmost care during the pandemic the world is experiencing, the Sub-Branch has been conducting affairs to the best of our ability within the legislative and safety provisions currently pertaining.

Belinda has kept the operation of the office continuing with the usual high efficiency, with welcome backup when necessary by Jan Partridge. Jenny has continued to support veterans and families through the pension and advocacy work along with Joe, who similarly supports veterans in this activity in an expanded field in the Gold Coast District.

Of course, the Welfare team of committee members - Max and Sheila, along with volunteers Peter Freeman, Patricia Cummins and David Graham - are maintaining contact with members and families to ensure optimal communications and information transference. John Connolly is maintaining contact with our local schools.

The committee has been meeting on an 'as required' basis to ensure all obligations are met and effective administration is maintained. Treasurer Ronda, Secretary Norm, and I had the opportunity to meet with State and District representatives with telephone contact with State Branch consultants to examine the needs and Sub-Branch/State relationships.

We were able to clearly state requirements of Sub-Branches to carry out their role for Veterans and their families. We hope that our efforts will be productive.

We look forward to the future when we will be able to return to the new future and share together with events that we have missed during the proceeding months. Keep safe.

John Griffin



Max Greber, Sheila Humberston and Joe Russell. Sheila served in the Women's Royal Air Force (WRAF) from 1973 to 1997.



Joe Russell and John Griffin at the President's handover



Veterans Advocate Jenny Sheehan

## SENIORS SOCIAL

The lock down has certainly affected our meetings and trips. As social distancing is our main priority, this, and the border closure, makes it impossible to make any arrangements at this time. All we can hope for is in the near future things will ease to allow us to get together again soon. We are still unable to hold meetings and book venues for outings, so until things change due to the virus, we have no way to be able to arrange any outings. The club will advise of any changes. Stay safe and well everyone! Phone calls Tuesday to Friday 10am-4pm NSW. Membership Officer Dorothy Colman 07 5523 4581; Welfare Del 07 5534 4756; Tour & Social Organiser Dot 07 5590 9301.

## MASTERS SWIMMING

We are very thankful to have a membership of 40 swimmers, but of course, due to Covid and the cold winds, many have squibbed to getting wet. The pool is a wonderful warm temperature, so why not get your swimmers on and dive in, showing how brave you are. No morning tea is allowed but stay to join in socialising with everyone. Libby is doing a great job arranging our social outings. We went to the Murwillumbah Arts Centre to peruse the paintings, followed by lunch. Great to get out and about again. Sue is doing a great job timing the Endurance swims even though the other Clubs are not doing it anymore. John Scarr 1000 metres is another one. John was a member of our Club for many years. The blizzards down at Jindabyne spoilt Lyn's skiing this year. Hopefully, it will be better next year. She loves to ski. Come join us for fun, friendship and fitness.

Ding Dong

## MENS BOWLS

Pairs Open Championships are at the finals stage, which will be contested by veterans Rae McLean and Max Nelson versus first time championship contenders, Jerry Bliss and Steve Flecknoe. This should be an interesting encounter. Will advise the outcome next publication with hopefully Open Triples results. Our discounted game fee has now ceased and reverted back to the usual \$10. At our next committee meeting, we will discuss some type of Christmas function and break-up dates. From Club Banora Bowls Newsletter June 2002 (thanks to long time member Les Taylor): When was the first rollup at Club Banora? This historic event took place on 14 October 1984 by Mick Winders, after he had officially welcomed 200 members of the Men's and Ladies Clubs to the first inaugural game of bowls. Note the first Inaugural Meeting of the Men's Social Bowls club was on 5 July 1967.

M.C.

## GOLF

Men's and Ladies Club Championships have been run and won. Congratulations to our new champions and well done to all participants. Men's A grade Alan Hubbard, B grade Nigel Luxton, C grade Robert Sheppard. Ladies Division 1 Pat Hodda, Division 2 Jeannette Fisk, Division 3 Coral Rasmussen. The Men's Foursomes Championships will be held on 28 November with six players per group over 27 holes. Team up and have a go. Triathlon season has started and will incur disruption from 7.30am to 8.30am NSW to the buggy shed access until 13 March. Another reminder to keep practising the COVID requirements. Your health and welfare are vital and ultimately it is up to each one of us to look after ourselves and each other. Remember what it was like in isolation? We don't want to be there again. See you out there.

Brent McLennan, President

## LADIES BOWLS

A quiet month of social bowling during October, with encouraging play by our newest members who are matching it with experienced players. Well done Fay, Mary, Carolyn and Carol. The plover chicks are providing entertainment as they torment their poor parents by scooting all over the greens and surrounds. You would think the Federal government could supply ADF support to control the situation. We have been offering mat-free days to use Twin Towns' generous grant money. Covid tracking has been successfully managed, with the Club providing a site to record members without phones. Not much else to report, and to see if anyone actually reads the newsletter, now that it's online, I leave ladies bowlers with a secret November word: PLOVERS. First to say the word to me will receive a fabulous prize.

Veronica Power

## DIGGERS SWIMMING

Due to the North Coast Championships (for junior swimmers) being held at our pool on 22 November, there will be no official swimming for Diggers members on that day. By happy coincidence, that is the date that Southport Sharks have invited us and the Nerang club to have a social swim with them at the Somerset College pool. Cost is \$8 per person which includes your entry, swim and BBQ. Nominate from 8am for an 8.30am start, (remember this is Qld time and NSW residents will need a border pass for every person in their vehicle). Until 6 December, our national body is running a virtual swim competition - a good opportunity to see how your times compare with people in other clubs scattered over the States. From the wording, I suspect there are random prizes. All details are on the notice board. A big thank you to those swimmers who nominate to withdraw from our cuppa, when numbers exceed 20.

Bubbles

## GARDEN

How odd with there being no competition this year but the gardens will be flourishing just the same. Gardeners can't help themselves as they care for their dependents. When bending to tend seedlings, every ten minutes or so, stand up straight and tilt your spine backwards. This protects your back as informed by a visiting physio to the club. November is time to plant summer salads and herbs - basil, tarragon and chives. Feed vegetables and flowering annuals; prune azaleas and camellias; feed and prune hibiscus. Our friendly club welcomes visitors, Covid 19 permitting, so when the time is right, please call our President Maria to be up to date with Garden Club information. All members welcome to call Maria 0448 531 055.

## TRIATHLON

We are now well into our second month of racing for the season. The changes implemented to adhere to our Covid plan have worked well with all agreeing that the new wave start format is very successful. As there are only very few outside club events being held, we have maintained consistently high numbers competing in our weekly races. At the end of October, the annual double distance event was held, in which the course is done twice, clocking up 1km in the swim, 28km on the bike and 9.5km on the run. This race is usually a warm-up for the very popular Noosa Triathlon but unfortunately, due to the current situation, the Noosa Tri has been cancelled for the first time in its 37-year history. A few of our members are training hard to compete in the Hervey Bay 100 Triathlon in mid-November. This race involves a 2km swim, 80km cycle and 18km run. If anyone is interested in racing, you must be a financial member of both Twin Towns Services Club and the Triathlon Club. For more detailed information go the Facebook page or the website [www.twintownstriathlon.org.au](http://www.twintownstriathlon.org.au)

## SOCIAL GOLF

Results from 27 September are as follows; 2-man Ambrose winners, capt of vice Will Salter and plain old captain Dunny; runner-up Porky and Spooky. Our October Medal was run and won by President Graeme 32 nett with a regular bridesmaid Mr Rick Downes 34. Nice to have Leigh Bradley back. We had our first away since Covid kicked in - a trip to Murwillumbah. Conditions were great, not so our performance. With a small team we were up against it, going down by 60 pts. Our winner was Chris Harding 36pts from a fast finishing Dunny 31. Well done to those that travelled. Results 18 October: Secret Partner 4-Ball winners were Mick Byrne/Leigh Bradley from Dunny and Chris Harding. It's a little tough not having the half-way house available but we can still play our golf so look forward to seeing more each week.

Happy Hitting, Dunny

## TENNIS

The Tennis Clubs Annual Social Golf Day will be held in November. Please see the noticeboard to confirm date, time and further details. This is an event for those who are great golfers and ones that are not so good. The aim is to have an enjoyable afternoon and a few laughs. The Junior Christmas Party will be held at the Banora Tennis Club on Saturday morning, 5 December. There will be plenty of social tennis and other interesting activities to keep the young ones busy. Due to Covid 19 restrictions at this stage, hopefully, the adult Christmas Party will go ahead on Sunday 6 December at Social Tennis. This possibly will be an opportunity to catch up with members you have not seen much of this year due to the pandemic. More details will follow so please read the noticeboard for further updates.

Kerry

## RUNNERS AND WALKERS

We are still restricted to meeting and running/walking on the Queensland side of the border. We meet at Greenmount beachfront, opposite the Pink Motel, Tuesdays at 7pm NSW, Thursday mornings at 6.30am NSW and Sundays 7am NSW. Our Sunday meeting places vary - check our website or Facebook page for more information. We are following a strict Covid safety plan and maintaining social distancing. We are a friendly group of runners and walkers and new members are always welcome. We meet three times a week and cater for all ages and levels of fitness. Come run or walk with us for up to three times before you need to commit. We also enjoy social interaction outside the meets. Check us out on Facebook or our website [ttsrunnersandwalkers.org](http://ttsrunnersandwalkers.org). For enquiries contact our Secretary Tracy Mo 0414 590 940.

## BRIDGE

The committee has made progress by starting to move all our bridge paraphernalia into the new premises in preparation for when we can play physically again. We continue to play online three times a week on our usual playing days - Monday, Wednesday and Friday. This helps keep our bridge skills up to date, even though it is a lot of work for our President to arrange the games, for which we are very grateful. We still meet at Club Banora on the first Thursday of every month for a social event so that we are able to keep in touch with our members. So far, all our members have managed to keep away from Covid19 so to all our members, keep well and hopefully we will get back to playing soon.

Valerie 0266 745 631

## SNOOKER

October saw the running of our annual Eamonn Duff tournament. The final field consisted of 69 players. Due to Covid restrictions, the event was split and played at across two venues. Club Banora hosted all NSW players with Southport Snooker Club looked after Qld players. Many thanks to Steve Springer and a small group of Qld based Twin Towns members for their valued support in running the Qld part of the event. Congratulations to all winners and runners-up at both venues. The Snooker Club would like to thank the management and staff of Twin Towns, and in particular the staff of Club Banora, for their invaluable assistance in making this event so successful. The Wednesday teams competition is nearing completion. It is anticipated that there will be some closely contested matches. Winners of the main competition this month were Jessica Woods, David Jones, Len Caccioppoli, Dave Thomas and Des Turner; runners-up were Andrew Clarke, Len Caccioppoli, George Johnson and Paul Thomas. Consolation event winners were Peter Campbell, Dave Dern, Chris De Azevedo, Paul Thomas; runners-up Peter Campbell, George Johnson, Joe Caridi and Chris De Azeredo. The Snooker Club would again like to invite anyone with an interest in our great sport to come along and join us.

Paul Thomas, Committee Member

## FISHING

In our Out of Comp Competition, we have eight species registered. The challenge is out there to get a bigger and better fish than previous catches. The competition results for October weigh-in is as follows: 1st Mark Small with a bream, tailor, 3 flathead, 5 trevally and 3 mangrove jacks weighing a total of 6.65kg; 2nd Dario Rombo with 10 bream and 4 whiting weighing a total of 5.4kg; 3rd Di Ruehland with 4 bream, 1 flathead weighing a total of 1.4kg. Congratulations to all that weighed-in, a fantastic effort by all. Our club calendar is available for any interested fisho's who would like to join. \$15 for the year; there are three club boats available for member use, 7 days a week. We fish 11 months of the year and have a weigh-in comp once a month with a Covid plan approved by Twin Towns. Great social atmosphere at the weigh-in BBQs at our clubhouse. All welcome. There is exciting news regarding our monthly competitions. Firstly, the constitution has been altered to allow for the catch and release and we have a length to weight ratio chart for our common species caught. We are keeping up with the times of change. Keep fishing, tight lines for all.

Dutchy



Steve Lovegrove doing his weighmaster duties.