

Firstly I would like to begin by welcoming back all our members after the summer interval!! It was lovely to see everyone again at our first meeting of the year held on February 22nd at the '**Lucindale Hotel**'. This meeting also incorporated our branches AGM. Twenty-two members from Bordertown, Kingston, Mount Gambier and Naracoorte attended the day and enjoyed a lovely lunch before our official AGM proceedings. At the AGM all existing office bearers were re-elected, with the additional inclusion of new committee member Margaret Taylor from Bordertown. After official formalities a raffle was held.

Our second meeting was held on March 15th at '**Bob and Helen Bauld's property**' in Kingston. Twenty-three members attended the day with lunch consisting of grilled fish, hamburgers and sausages. In addition a range of salads were brought along by everyone to share. To finish it all off, Helen Bauld provided sweets which included her very own delicious home-made apple pie, fruit salad and trifle, topped with cream or ice-cream (or both). After lunch we held a raffle with a range of prizes donated by members, comprising of several bottles of wine and fresh-fruit.

"Anzac Day Services" were held on the 25th of April at various locations in our sub-branch area. The Naracoorte dawn service commenced at 5.30am. Breakfast & refreshments were supplied to servicemen by '**Billy Macs**', whilst a piper played up on the balcony across from the park. The Anzac street march was then held at 6.30am with at least **1,500** people lining the main street to watch formalities, making it the biggest crowd ever to mark the **"Centenary of the Anzac"**. Light horsemen participated in the march along with a flyover by a '**Tiger Moth**'. Lunch was supplied to servicemen back at '**Billy Macs**'. A few Naracoorte members went across to Apsley to support their Anzac Day march which was held at 10.30am.

The next venue for our sub-branch meeting will be held on Sunday 31st May at the '**Mount Gambier Community RSL Club**'. Concluding this meeting the '**Upper South East Sub-branch**' will be going into recess for the winter months of June, July and August. Needless to say there will be no report in the next edition of the NASHO news.

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