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December 2025/January 2026 Newsletter

Christmas Greetings

Your Committee wishes all our members and their families a very merry Christmas and a wonderful 2026.

Christmas is a time to remember all the blessings we have been given and provides an opportunity to pass these on to those we love and to those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

Our Christmas lunch is again booked out this year. Those fortunate enough to be able to attend can look forward to a very enjoyable day celebrating with family and friends.

Works in the Sub Branch Club Rooms

Works to renovate the venue have begun so we are in for a period of disruption. However, the outcome will see a rejuvenated interior and at the same time see some essential maintenance undertaken on the exterior of the building. We can look forward to the present function room becoming the new ANZAC Lounge with additional features such as an Esports hub and an indoor golf simulator. The present ANZAC Lounge will morph into a function area. Progress on these works has been slower than hoped for. The planning approval processes behind these works is both time consuming and overly complex.



DVA services during the holiday season

DVA will continue to provide support to veterans and families during the Christmas / New Year period. However, some services will be impacted.

Counselling and mental health support

Open Arms offers military-aware mental health support for veterans and their immediate families, day and night, 365 days a year. Telephone 1800 011 046. For free and anonymous counselling, Safe Zone offers 24/7 support, every single day of the year. Telephone 1800 142 072.

If you require urgent assistance, please call 000. If you are unwell, please contact your local doctor or go to your nearest hospital.

Open Arms centres will be closed for the Christmas / New Year period from Thursday 25 December 2025 to Thursday 1 January 2026 inclusive, and will re-open on Friday 2 January 2026. For further information visit the Open Arms website.

Transport bookings for medical treatment

In a medical emergency, always dial 000. DVA staff will be available to process transport requests for approved or compensable medical treatment. Staff will not be available on weekends or the public holidays of 25 and 26 December 2025 and 1 January 2026. If transport is required on these days and has not been pre-booked, you can pay for the travel and seek reimbursement. Please call 1800 550 455 for assistance during business hours. Or, if you are an existing MyService user with access to the Booked Car with Driver service, you can make new transport bookings and review existing ones online.

Pension payments

The last pension payment in 2025 will be moved forward to Wednesday 24 December to ensure payments are received prior to the Christmas Day public holiday. The first payment of the new year will be Thursday 8 January 2026. See also 'Payment dates' section below.

Incapacity payments

The incapacity payment that would ordinarily be paid on Thursday 1 January 2026 will be moved forward to Wednesday 24 December 2025. The next payment after this will be made on Thursday 15 January 2026, as scheduled. See also 'Payment dates' section below.

Defence Service Homes Insurance

DSH Insurance advisors will be available for support with any insurance needs from 8 am to 5 pm Eastern Standard time from Monday 29 December to Wednesday 31 December 2025. Outside of business hours, and during weekends and public holidays, calls will be diverted to DSH Insurance's after-hours service partner, ensuring that support is available 24 hours a day and 7 days a week. For enquiries, or help with a policy or claim, phone 1300 552 662. You can also lodge a non-urgent claim via the online claim form.

Comprehensive information available is on DVA's web site.

Women's Auxiliary Activities

- Christmas Breakup 10th December
- Tram Boat along the Maribyrnong River in February next year
- Christmas raffle in December
- Weekly 'Chook Raffle' every Wednesday evening

2026 AGM & Committee Elections

Annual General Meeting – 10:30am Sunday 1st March 2026

Positions for election; President; Secretary & 3 Committee.

Nominations open – 5th Feb 26 & close 19th Feb 26

Voting: Friday 20th Feb, 4pm – 6pm & Saturday 21st, 10am – 12pm.

