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NEWSLETTER

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From the President's Desk

Confirmation has now been received that the State is substantially in lockdown until we reach 70% double dose vaccinations which is not expected until mid-October. Business hardship is

becoming more evident especially for those who cannot open and don't lend themselves to online trading. It is good to see the vaccine take-up increasing quite rapidly after a fairly slow beginning. Denise and I have now had our second dose of AstraZeneca and are straining at the leash to be freed.

Because of the stay at home restrictions we have all had to adapt to a new way of living, whether that be personal, business or voluntary work. As all our general meetings have been postponed, communications with each other have taken a different form. Phone call and emails from home seem to be the most popular, however the new kid on the block is visual online meetings such as Zoom. We had two recent such experiences, firstly with Linda Emery as reported on page 2. The second meeting was by invitation of the Bundanoon History Group to join them in a shared online meeting. The link was duly sent and we watched Bud Townsing give a preview of his latest book featuring photographs of the Bundanoon area by renowned photographer William Augustus Nicholas.

Thanks to both Linda and Bud for providing us with such entertaining and informative presentations. It is planned to continue with an exchange of online meetings between the two history groups and be available to all members. Thanks to David Brennen for the initial approach.

The Mittagong Memorial Hall upgrade has been quiet for some time but has recently come to the fore when the consultants deemed the development needs to comply with the Building Code of Australia and also requires Council development approval. This has resulted in some significant changes which have impacted on us but hopefully will be resolved in the near future. A new lease for the premises is currently being drafted.

On page 5 of this newsletter you will find a summarised history of the Bowral RSL Sub-Branch. The Sub-Branch was formed in 1920 and has now been in existence for over 100 years. The Sub-Branch has gone through some difficult times moving at least four times since the 1970s. Today they are domiciled in the Bowral Bowling Club where they enjoy the facilities of that establishment. Mr John Cummins, President of the Sub-Branch for the past 19 years has provided invaluable information on the events that have occurred during the past 50 years.

Ian Mackey

GENERAL MONTHLY MEETINGS 2021

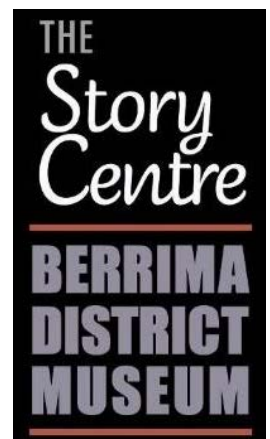
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Thursday 23 September – Zoom meeting at 2:00pm
Ros Dale presentation on Berrima's history (see page 3)

OCTOBER

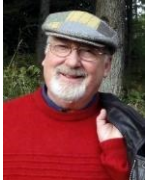
Thursday 28 October – actual or Zoom meeting at 2:00pm
Speaker details to be provided in next newsletter

NOTE: on the first Wednesday each month, at 1pm
the **Family History Interest Group** meets at the Mittagong Archives
(but not if a lockdown is still in place)



Moore Memorable Musings

OLYMPIC GAMESMANSHIP



I'm really into the Olympics these days, with little else to watch after the Gladys Show at 11 but the Games for all shapes and sizes.

It surprises me how simple recreational activities have been mutated into a gold medal sport at the recent Olympics. How about 13-year-olds picking up the odd gold medal for Street Skateboarding down steps and over odd poles.

Then there's Sport Climbing, which means an athlete covered in white resin quickly climbs Spiderman-like up a wall covered in plastic rocks. That's enough to send you up the wall!

Another one to make you shake your head is watching middle aged men cavorting on their pint-sized BMX bikes inside giant concrete tea cups.

This gives me the idea to include us not-very-able Seniors in the Paris Olympics.

I suggest we stage an over-80 Zimmer Frame race down the Champs-Élysées with penalties for losing one's way or stopping for a cheeky Café au Lait.

All competitors should begin by lying supine in a Lazy-boy recliner before propelling themselves into an upright position, then hobbling to collect their frames.

Tiddlywinks is also a favourite in nursing homes and quickly tests arthritic agility.

Cardigan Knitting can be another gold medal event. It's easy turning some old parlour games into a top event, like Drop the Hanky, Pin the Tail on the Donkey and a family favourite, Musical Chairs. What about the Sack Race, I hear you cry?

I've learnt some doozie expressions during these Games. I've learnt to 'explode off the blocks', 'work on my core strength' and 'reset' after losing. Without a doubt too much 'Lactic Acid had kicked in' which of course leaves 'nothing more in the tank'.

After watching so much TV I've learnt to lead with my 'lead leg' and propel myself with my 'trail leg'.

I sincerely hope that this hasn't pulled yours too much. **Bruce Moore**

'New Normal' Zoom Meetings

Last month, due to Covid restrictions, we trialled an on-line talk via Zoom on our regular monthly meeting day, Thursday 26 August at 2.00pm.

A link was sent beforehand at short notice to all members for whom we have an email address, inviting them to join archivist Linda Emery for her presentation **Captured in the Light – photos & stories from the archives**. The response was most pleasing, with 31 members logging on and enjoying the talk and experience, unanimously

declaring their keenness for more such meetings until we are able to get together in person again.

Further, we are now partnering with our colleagues at Bundanoon History Group to share Zoom meetings. Their first Zoom meeting, on 6 September, featured a well-received talk by Bud Townsing, a member of both groups.

Ros Dale will be the next BDHS Zoom meeting's speaker, on 23 September. A link will be emailed out several days beforehand. If you did not receive a link last month, you may wish to let us know your current email address. Look forward to 'seeing' you all then.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

That time again!!

Renewals are due from 1 October.

A renewal form is enclosed with this newsletter. We are happy to receive payment by cash, cheque or money order, OR funds can be deposited to our bank account, details of which are shown on the Renewal Form.

NOTE: If depositing funds to our bank account, please ensure that your initial and surname are used as reference and **PLEASE RETURN YOUR COMPLETED RENEWAL FORM AND BANK RECEIPT BY MAIL OR EMAIL**, as this helps the Membership Secretary to keep track of the many payments.



Linda Emery (top left) live in action on our first Zoom meeting, with 'mug' shots (apologies) of some participants.

Note: to be seen and heard, use a laptop (has built-in camera & microphone) or just watch on a PC (will show as black tile).

September Zoom speaker: Ros Dale

HISTORIC BERRIMA and the 'CORRECTIVE' SYSTEM

Society member Ros Dale will be talking to us about the changes of our penal system from the early years of the colony, until our current 'Corrective' system and how, as a society, our perceptions have moved with the times in a number of ways. Ros will present some 'in-house' information about our current system and some interesting stories about her research into bushrangers housed at Berrima and some daring escapes, past and more recent.



Ros was employed by NSW Corrective Services at the Berrima Correctional Centre until its closure in 2011. She then started in business as a historical and ghost tour operator at Berrima and has written and published several books about the historic village:

Opening a Window on Berrima's Past takes the reader around the village, once an important coaching stop on the main road south. The buildings are explored as are some interesting residents.

Berrima – a very spirited place is a booklet that Ros produced for her ghost tour participants. These tours had many stories of historical significance with research sourced from the experiences of Berrima residents and shop employees, historical records and the findings of paranormal team investigations.

To educate children about life in 1849, Ros published *Bunty Bailey's Adventures in Berrima* in 2018, being a fictional book based on historical events in Berrima, showing the differences between then and now.

In 2019 Ros produced another booklet *Historic Berrima Gaol*, an overview of the Gaol's history since it opened in 1840 until just before its closure in 2019.

Ros's Zoom presentation is sure to be a lively and most fascinating talk, so catch it if you can!

Inside Berrima Gaol: one of the cell blocks of the early, original layout



Praise for Berrima District Museum staff

Below is a letter, dated 20 November 2020, to our Museum at Berrima from a visitor, Rebecca Needham of Jamestown, South Australia, being located 207 km north of Adelaide.

The letter lay uncollected at Berrima Post Office for some months as the PO had moved to a location in the shopping strip where parking can be difficult.

Dear Lovely Staff of Berrima Museum,

My boyfriend Ben Johnston and I visited your wonderful Museum as a stop on our way to Junee on Friday 13 November 2020. Upon entry we were warmly greeted by the staff and tried to pay for our entry to the museum, unfortunately we had no cash on us and the Museum's EFTPOS machine was down.

The lovely two ladies (sorry I didn't catch their names) we spoke to kindly let us into the museum free of charge. We were very impressed with the two ladies' warm, friendly hospitality. They were very informative and knowledgeable and answered all our questions about the museum patiently.

I am posting to you mine and my boyfriends entry charge to the Museum (\$20 in total) for that visit. We will be back to your lovely Museum in future and will never forget the excellent customer service from your museum staff. It is because of their willingness to go that extra mile that your museum will now always be a fond memory. I will also tell all my friends and family to visit your museum. I have also left a positive review on your Facebook Page.

Thank you so much. Keep up the great work. We look forward to seeing you again. **Warm regards.**



BDHS committee members and museum volunteers gathered on the museum verandah back in January 2018, long before the pandemic, to celebrate the 80th birthday of our keen museum manager, John Schweers, who is pictured at centre with his wife Bev and a grandson.

BDHS Library acquisitions since July 2020

Our Librarian Carolyn Dougherty has provided this list and is pleased to advise that, despite the pandemic, the BDHS library collection has continued to expand. While reference books are for use within the archives only, almost half the collection is available for loan.

The Lost Diggers by Ross Coulthart published in 2012. Library Shelf No. 35/01

Dark Emu: Aboriginal Australia and the birth of agriculture by Bruce Pascoe. Published by Magabala Books Aboriginal Corp., Broome, WA. This new edition published 2018. REF. 12/40

The New South Wales Military Volunteer Land Grants. Researched by Laurel Burge for the Council of the NSW Military Historical Society. Published 1976. Donated by Stephen Spence. REF. 03/10-17

Pride, Spirit and Enthusiasm: A History of Mittagong RSL Sub-branch 1919-2019 by Linda Emery. Published 2019. REF. 13/282

Searching for Charlotte: The Fascinating Story of Australia's First Children's Author by Kate Forsyth & Belinda Murrell. Published 2020. REF. 13/287

Tales From Our Streets: A Photographic History of Illawarra by Anne Wood. Published 1999. Reprint 2002. REF. 27/79

An Index of Births Deaths & Marriages of Australian Born Cupitts and their Families by Eric William Cupitt. Published 2021. REF. 01/184A

The Garden at Harper's Mansion, Berrima: Its History and Content by Chris Thompson. Published 2020. REF. 13/283

Greenbrier Park: A Dream Fulfilled by Robert Constable. Published 2020. REF. 13/284

Off we go to Adelaide! The story of the Hodge – Batton family by Narelle Bower. 2nd Edition, 2013. REF. 01/219

Mr Batton and Mr Williams: The story of the 1883 cattle drive across Central Australia by Narelle Bower. Published 2020. REF. 01/220

Archaeological Assessment, Bong Bong Reserve Moss Vale for Bong Bong Reserve Management Committee and Wingecarribee Shire Council. Produced by Casey & Lowe Associates, Archaeology & Heritage. Revised Ed'n. 2002. REF. 13/288

AIATSIS Family History Kit. Produced by AIATSIS Family History Unit. REF. 03/04-3

Main Southern Line Maps. Issued by The Dept. of Railways, Information Bureau, Sydney, NSW. Revised Edition 1967. REF. 21/103

Mittagong Rail Line Centenary 1967. DVD. REF. G/AV
150 Years Mittagong Railway Station (NSW) Monday 6th March 2017. DVD. REF. G/AV (2 copies)

Moss Vale Railway Station. Celebrating 150 Years - Saturday 9th December 2017. DVD. REF. G/AV

The Gordon & Mansfield Families by Noel E. Mansfield. Published 2009. REF. 01/221

Gundagai: A track winding back by Cliff Butcher. Published 2002. REF. 30/198

The Village Smithy: our Harrison family from Norfolk by Anne Pollitt. Published 2021. REF. 01/223

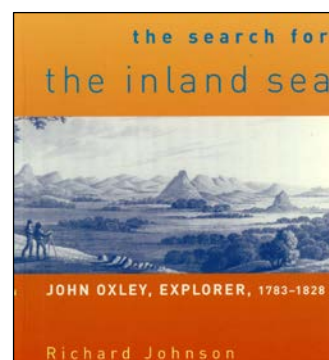
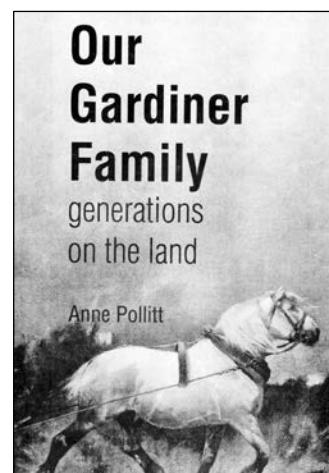
Our Gardiner Family: generations on the land by Anne Pollitt. Published 2021. REF. 01/222

Both these books donated by family historian Anne Pollitt are limited editions of the finest quality production and contain a wealth of research and stories. The Harrison family settled at Bowral, as described in our last newsletter, and the Gardiner family, who emigrated from East Sussex, England, took up land in 1862 at Wingecarribee Swamp, later to be called Burrawang, where the family prospered.

The search for the inland sea: John Oxley, Explorer, 1783-1828 by Richard Johnson. Published 2001. REF. 13/289

The author declares that John Oxley (1783-1828) ranks among the great explorers of Australia, his expeditions along the Lachlan and Macquarie Rivers being feats of endurance, as he pursued his dream of finding the mysterious 'inland sea' that he believed lay in the interior.

Oxley joined the Royal Navy in 1799 and sailed to the NSW colony several times. In 1808 he served as First Lieutenant on the *Porpoise*, witnessing the deposing of Governor Bligh, and had a grant of 600 acres in the Nepean district approved by Governor Macquarie. He was appointed Surveyor-General of NSW in 1812, devoting most effort to administration and leaving the practical survey fieldwork to his capable deputies Meehan and Evans, while he developed the business of his estate. His fascinating, complex personal life is brought to life in the book, culminating with his failing health and early death in 1828, his widow and children inheriting the land granted to/purchased by him, on which much of central Bowral is situated.



Holme Hale/Tor Lodge & Bowral RSL Club

In last month's issue a history of Bowral's Harrison family was provided, along with the story of *Holme Hale*, a residence they built, that stood from c1870 until 1982, with several name changes and seven ownerships. It was situated on a large block, with a front entrance off Bong Bong St and a side entrance from Bowral St via the short Holmehale St.



The house, renovated and enlarged in 1939 by new owner Captain Smith, became *Tor Lodge*, an exclusive guesthouse which was run by his wife until the early 1960s. Between 1967 and 1973 it was owned by the Bowral RSL Sub-Branch, being a turbulent period when they attempted to join with local sporting clubs to establish a social club and obtain a liquor licence.

As our archives held only some newspaper clippings about Bowral Sub-Branch, our President Ian Mackey, who remembers going to club meetings at *Tor Lodge*, widened the search for information and with the help of Bowral Sub-Branch President John Cummins and Sub-Branch records, has now compiled a summary of its history. A shortened version follows here.

A HISTORY OF BOWRAL RSL SUB-BRANCH

On 14 November 1919 a meeting of Bowral and Mittagong returned servicemen met at Bowral Town Hall for the purpose of completing the inauguration of a local branch of the Returned Sailors and Soldiers League. There were over 40 in attendance.

Mr John A Lucas JP, general organiser of the NSW branch, was present as Chairman and delivered a lengthy address dealing with the aims and objects of the League. He said that he was glad to see steps being taken to form a local sub-branch of the League, which was out to fight for the welfare of returned men, especially those least able to fight for their own interests. From a small beginning, the League then had about 88,000 members and 180 sub-branches in NSW alone. He emphasised the fact that the League was non-political and non-sectarian, and hoped it would always retain those qualifications.

After the enrolment of members, it was unanimously decided to form a sub-branch to be known as the

Nattai District Sub-Branch of the Returned Sailors & Soldiers Imperial League of Australia (RSSILA). Verton Bruce Smith was elected President; Messrs E Fuller, W A Coffison and H Alcock as Vice-Presidents; Hon Secretary, Mr E P Turley; Hon Treasurer, Mr A Speer.

In August 1919, the fifth anniversary of the declaration of war, a large crowd assembled in the park at the corner of Bong Bong and Murrumbidgee Streets, Bowral for the laying of the foundation stone for a War Memorial by Sir George Fuller KCMG, MLA.

This was unveiled on 30 January 1920 by His Excellency the Governor, Sir Walter Davidson.

The Bowral War Memorial, constructed of polished trachyte, then contained 211 names, 41 of whom made the supreme sacrifice, and was

erected by the people of Bowral, Glenquarry and Burradoo. His Excellency said

the monument was put up by the people in honour of their fighting men, munition

workers and nurses, all having taken their chance in order to do their duty for their country.



February 1920 saw the formation of the Bowral Sub-Branch of the Returned Sailors, Soldiers & Airmens Imperial League of Australia (RSS&AILA), the League's name having been altered to include airmen. Then in 1922 the Mittagong diggers formed their own Sub-Branch. The reasons for the formation of two separate sub-branches is unknown, there being no surviving records of the Nattai, Bowral or Mittagong sub-branches from this period.

Verton Bruce Smith was the first president of the new Bowral Sub-Branch. He was the son of barrister and local Member of Parliament, Arthur Bruce Smith. Verton was an Architecture student at the University of Sydney when he enlisted in 1917 aged just 18. He served as a gunner in the 39th Battalion and returned to Bowral after the war. The Bruce Smith Cup, a golf competition played between Bowral and Moss Vale, is named after Verton's father, Arthur, who acted as a civilian patron of the Nattai Sub-Branch. The competition is still in existence today.

By the end of 1920, Walter Coulson replaced Smith as President. Coulson, a school teacher at Glenquarry, had served in the 34th Battalion. He later became a headmaster and was Deputy President of the Teachers' Federation. A father and son combination served as presidents: Charles Griffin was President from 1921-1926 and in 1951, Norris Griffin, who served in the RAAF, in turn succeeded as president.

Another prominent member of the Sub-Branch was Arthur Burton who settled in Bowral soon after WW I when he bought the real estate business that would become the well-known Burton of Bowral. Gunner Burton of the 107th Howitzer Battery was awarded both the Military Medal in Belgium in 1917 and the Distinguished Conduct Medal for his actions in 1918 at Zonnebeke. Burton served as President in 1926 and from 1938-1941 and Secretary at various times.

Considerable funds were accumulated to fund a hall or clubroom, but the members decided that greater benefit would ensue to the community by donating the money to the Bowral & District Hospital for a memorial children's ward. In 1935 the Bowral Sub-Branch transferred over 700 pounds to the Hospital Board for the erection and furnishing of the ward.

In 1938 the Bowral Sub-Branch received a certificate for the highest country collection per member for the Anzac Memorial in Hyde Park Sydney, a great honour as there were only two awards made in NSW.

With the cessation of World War II in 1945, the new generation of diggers who had ventured their all to preserve Australia as a country of free men, swelled the ranks of the Returned Soldiers' League (RSL), as it had become known, endeavouring to carry on the precepts laid down by their fathers before them.

Establishment of a Women's Auxiliary was mooted at a Bowral Sub-Branch meeting in November 1945, and 11 days later was an accomplished fact. Mrs W Foley, then Mayoress, became President and Miss L Munro, Secretary. Large sums were raised from many charitable efforts, the 1947 total being 1000 pounds.

In the beginning the Sub-Branch encountered many difficulties, not least being the lack of a clubroom, but this was solved when arrangements were made for the Bowral School of Arts billiard room to be converted into an All Services Club. The Bowral Soldiers Club was opened on 12 November 1948 prior to the commencement of the annual Diggers' Ball. The clubrooms proved to be a fine meeting place for the various ex-service organisations. Sub-Branch membership hovered around 35-40 in the years between the wars. Like most sub-branches, the post-World War II years saw huge increases in membership of the League and by the late 1940s Bowral Sub-Branch had well over 200 members. They were very active in social activities with newspapers of the 1940s and 1950s reporting that the Bowral Diggers' Ball was a hugely popular event with as many as 400 people attending.

At a meeting in Bowral in February 1961 Mr K H Ballans was made an honorary life member of the

Bowral Sub-Branch. He received this for outstanding service to the League. Mr Ballans served in the AIF in World War II and was a prisoner of war in Malaya. He was a former secretary of the Bowral Sub-Branch and was President in 1960.

Major Eric Grant was a long serving president of the Sub-Branch, fulfilling the role for 15 years on three separate occasions, as well as acting as secretary for a couple of years. Eric was one of the 'Rats of Tobruk' and in 1944 was awarded the Military Cross for "marked leadership, courage and coolness". He was one of the drivers for the establishment of a licenced Ex-Servicemen's Club in Bowral.

In February 1967 Sub-Branch members decided to purchase the well-known Bowral guesthouse, *Tor Lodge*, as a clubhouse, registering the entity Bowral RSL All Services Club to run it. The objective was to obtain a liquor licence to sustain it into the future. Obtaining this would, however, prove difficult.

By 1973 the name of the club had become Bowral RSL Citizen's & Sportsman's Club Ltd. In October that year Club President, Major Grant, chaired a meeting at *Tor Lodge* to put a case to the district sporting clubs for joining together to build the membership and support that was a prerequisite to obtaining a liquor licence for their club. In attendance at the meeting were Bowral mayor, Ald David Wood, and representatives of local sporting bodies.

Referring to finance, Major Grant said *Tor Lodge* was bought in 1967 with a deposit of \$12,000, chiefly provided by RSL members in the form of debentures. The former owners were pressing for payment of the balance owing, about \$28,000. Major Grant stated that "some of us thought the building was worth keeping and we threw in enough to pay off the difference so that it now rests in our names. With other commitments, including the \$12,000 deposit and payments to contractors, we owe about \$60,000 with an income of only \$100 per month."

Major Grant suggested that if Council bought *Tor Lodge* the Sub-Branch would have enough money to build a social/sporting club. The Mayor told the meeting that Council agreed in principle that a social club was needed in Bowral and put up an alternative solution, namely to use the existing YWCA building in Bendooley Street for a social club, with a sporting club to be located at another site.

With no agreement from Council and no liquor licence, in early November 1973 *Tor Lodge* was put up for auction in Sydney with a reserve of \$100,000. The building was initially passed in but was later sold by private treaty to a Sydney company for \$92,500.

Bowral RSL Sub-Branch members were left with just over \$30,000 in hand after paying their debts. Now without a home, the Sub-Branch moved its activities back to the Bowral School of Arts in Bendooley Street where some years before they had a meeting room.

In early 1978 talks were held between the RSL Sub-Branch and the Bowral Country Golf Club regarding an amalgamation. On 15 February 1978 at an extraordinary general meeting of the Country Golf Club it was resolved to alter the Article of Association to allow the amalgamation of the Bowral RSL Sub-Branch and the Bowral RSL Citizen's & Sportsman's Club Ltd with the Country Golf Club. The name of the new club was to be Bowral Country Golf & RSL Club Limited. The motion was put to the meeting and was approved in favour by an overwhelming majority.

The Bowral Sub-Branch remained in the School of Arts until July 1978 when they held their first meeting at The Country Club in Boronia Street, Bowral. It was agreed at a meeting held on 4 July 1978 to transfer \$20,000 to the new club together with subscription fees for all members of the new club. In addition to the cash contribution the Sub-Branch transferred two full size billiard tables, two sets of carpet bowls, dart boards and a table tennis table and bats. The total value of the contribution was estimated at \$30,000.

At a meeting of the RSL Sub-Branch on 4 September 1979 it was resolved to upgrade the Bowral War Memorial. Replacement of the sandstone flagging around the base of the cenotaph was carried out plus the addition of commemoration plaques to those who lost their lives in World War II, Korea and Vietnam. It is seen here with Major Grant in front. The cost of \$3,000 was funded by public donations and the work was completed in 1981. Several years later a further plaque was added on the western side, to mark the 75th anniversary of the end of World War I.



In 2002 major work commenced on a reconstruction of the Memorial at the instigation of Bowral businessman and Sub-Branch member Mr Ted Springett, with the final design by local architect H Sheaffe. The Cenotaph was completely dismantled and relocated a short distance away to a more central position within the

Memorial Park. A new block of stone was positioned at the base of the memorial with the names of World War II veterans engraved in gold. A small addition was also made to the World War I section to include extra names. Constructed from trachyte quarried from nearby Mt Gibraltar, the newly upgraded memorial was opened before the Remembrance Day Service on 11 November 2003.

During the late 1990s the Bowral Country Club ran into financial difficulties resulting in the collapse of the club and the sale of the land and buildings. The new owner demolished the existing structures and constructed a new building on the site. The result was the RSL Sub-Branch was again forced to move to various locations to hold their monthly meetings.

Negotiations then commenced with the Bowral Bowling Club to secure meeting and storage facilities in their clubhouse. Bowral Bowling Club advised the Sub-Branch on 19 February 2004 that it had agreed to allow them to hold their meetings in the clubhouse in Shepherd Street, Bowral. At a meeting of Bowral Sub-Branch on 6 October 2004, members voted to accept the Bowling Club's offer of a home.



A plaque added to the Commemoration Wall in April 2006 acknowledges Bowral Sub-Branch history. This SHN photo shows, from left: John Cummins, Audrey Hawkey, Tom Moon, Frank Hawkey and Ted Springett.

A grant of \$4000 was received in 2011 to upgrade the plaques on the War Memorial. It was used to include the men and women who served in the Korean and Vietnam Wars, the Malay Emergency, Borneo and the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. With assistance from Wingecarribee Shire Council, the Sub-Branch replaced the flagpole at a cost of \$1200, the new one being erected in memory of the late Sergeant Frank Hawkey who was Treasurer from 1956 until 1986.

Mr John Cummins is the current and longest serving President, having been elected to the position in 2002. The Bowral RSL Sub-Branch has now held its meetings in the Bowral Bowling Club for the past seventeen years and continues to do so.

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