



July Newsletter

The monthly branch newsletter

State Management Meeting: There wasn't an SMC meeting held in June and there isn't one for July. The next SMC to be held is on Monday 5th August 2024, 10am and RSLWA.

- ❖ **Legacy Camp Information:** Bev received a letter from Allison new CEO of Legacy regarding the situation of the Legacy Camps. I include 2 paragraphs from the letter which will clarify the situation for our members who attend the camps each year.
"Camps are only suspended temporarily. We will assess camps and the frameworks required to safely deliver it on a camp-by-camp basis.....Access to the camp through private bookings and other non-Legacy WA run activities will continue without issue."
"We are committed to providing our community with alternative opportunities to connect over the coming year....."
For further information you can contact Kathryn Robbins 08 9486 4900.
- ❖ **Information Day 2024:** Our Information Day for 2024 will be held on Monday 12th August 2024 at DVA Perth Office. 9.00 for a cuppa; Start time 9.30; Finish 3.15. I attach the programme for the day to this newsletter. This year it is "**You and Your Finances**" with Legacy and Centrelink providing valuable information to our members. Lunch and Morning Tea provided for \$10. The Sip and Paint activity will incur a small cost which yet to be decided.
RSVP to Debbie by 2nd August.
- ❖ **Information from DVA:** We have been notified by DVA about their Modernisation Program Project. The Veteran Card is now accessible in the **myGov wallet**. This means Veteran Card holders can now add a digital version of their Veteran Gold or White Card to the wallet. For further information check out the DVA website.
- ❖ **WA PVA Elections:** The elections for the WA PVA SMC 2024 – 2026 will be held at the September General Meeting at the Bunbury RSL on 16th September 2024. **All positions will be vacant** so please consider taking on a position on the SMC. We need 4 people for the Executive roles and 4 people as Committee members. If the positions aren't filled then perhaps the WA PVA Branch will fold and our funds will go to other Branches of PVA. **NOTE:** I am stepping down from the roles of Acting President and Vice-President but will stay on the committee if elected.
- ❖ **Tick Box Identifier:** Further to this ongoing issue, a second meeting has been arranged for August with WA Education Department and Education Ministerial staff. Bev and I will attend to push our case for children of veterans and serving ADF members to be identified so that if the children are having issues at school then instead of being punished they will be supported. This is a State decision and other Australian States are approaching their Education Ministers for support. ESORT is also lobbying. A reply has been received from the DVA Minister Matt Keogh supporting our push for the 'Tick Box' identifier.
- ❖ **Cash for Cans:** A **Reminder** that August is our "Cash for Cans Drive". We ask members to use the WA PVA Cash for Cans number (C10418395) when you deposit cans /bottles. The person who has deposited the most will receive a prize at the AGM/GM in September.

Group News

For Information on what your local group is doing contact the people listed below:

Bunbury - Contact Rhona jardyer@bigpond.net.au

South-West - Contact Gae gaerobdonaldson@optusnet.com.au

Hillary's - Contact Debbie dasmithwapva@gmail.com

Midland/Hills – Contact Maureen (September 2024) Meantime contact Debbie Smith.

Members Assistance Required

If you can help in any small way then please contact me.
With a reduced State Management Committee (SMC) we are all undertaking more than 1 role.

President – 2024 is an Election year and we need a President to lead WA PVA into the future. Please consider taking on this role. We have a very strong State Management Committee (SMC) that will give all available assistance required.

Grants Officer – We need a person in this role as we are unable to apply for grants to keep our WA Branch functioning. Please consider helping out. Contact me evettehouse@gmail.com for further information.

Notices of Future Events:

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle: To be held on Saturday 7th September at Bunnings Balcatta Store. This is a major fund raiser for WA PVA. Please come and join in the fun. Just a couple of hours is all that is needed.

Remember

Support – Understanding – Information – Friendship

Regards Evette House Vice-President / Acting President July 2024

Information Day Program:

Monday 12th August 2024

DVA Perth Office.
AMP Building
140 St. Georges Terrace, Perth

"You and Your Finances"

- 9.00am: Arrival, collection of promotional material. Please be seated by 9.30 am.
- 9.30am: Welcome: Evette House Acting President and – Helen Wauchope DVA – DC
MC – Alethea Gilmore - housekeeping
- 9.30 – 10.00am: DVA- Up to date DVA Information- Helen Wauchope
10.00 - 10.15am: Discussion and Question time
- 10.15 – 10.45am: Morning Tea Break
- 10.45 – 11.30am: "You and Your Finances" – Legacy WA
11.30 – 11.45am: Discussion and Question time
- 11.45 – 12.30pm: Lunch Break
- 12.30 – 1.15pm: Financial Information & Moving into Aged Care – Centrelink Presenter
1.15 - 1.30pm: Discussion and Question time
- 1.30 - 1.40pm: Break and set up for next session
- 1.40 - 3.00pm: Fun and Relaxing Activity
Sip n Paint workshop
- 3.00 – 3.15pm: Summary and Closure – Alethea Gilmore

Note: there will be a small charge for the Sip n Paint Activity