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THE PRICE OF LIBERTY IS ETERNAL VIGILANCE

In these times of self isolation the Committee has decided to re-launch the Hornsby sub-Branch newsletter as a means to maintain communication between our members. I have in my possession a copy of the May 1959 issue of "The Sentinel". It makes for fascinating reading. A copy is included with this newsletter. Two particular items of interest from the May 1959 issue is that there was a 2 /- annual subscription and in bold letters the heading contained the letters RSL:-

R - REMEMBRANCE S - SERVICE L - LOYALTY

These ideals are still front and foremost to our members today.

Thank you to all our members and guests who joined us for the Annual General Meeting on the 22 March 2020. The only changes to the Committee was the Executive. This was probably the last time for several months that we will be able to meet. Please keep safe and well. If you need assistance you can contact us on the above telephone numbers or email address. The new Executive Committee is:-

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President George Main Vice Presidents John Zeller and Ray Davis

Secretary Neil Turner Treasurer Dulcie Zeller

The Committee will be working on the sub-Branch Strategic plan over the coming months. Some of our Strategic goals are as follows but will not be limited to:

1. Growing the membership base. Removing the barriers to membership.
2. Maintaining a strong relationship with our local cadet units.
3. Reinstate regular telephone contact with older veterans.

REMEMBRANCE

SERVICE

LOYALTY

4. Feasibility study for establishing a Drop in Centre / Coffee Club / Veterans Centre.
5. Improve the public profile and visibility of the sub-Branch.
6. Merge the Committee fund raising role with the Auxiliary.

As you can see there is plenty of work ahead for the Committee. We will keep you posted on our progress through the newsletters until we meet again.

Our sub-Branch will not be conducting Anzac Day services this year. Fundraising has also been cancelled. However there will be a live telecast of the Dawn Service from the Australian War Memorial in Canberra. To be hosted by the Governor General and the Prime Minister.

There will be a Commemoration Service televised from Sydney, location to be confirmed at 10 am led by the Governor of NSW and the Premier.

TRIVIA

As a young 19 year old tank driver in Vietnam George Main was noted for the number of times he bogged his Centurion Tank. The photo on the left shows his tank bogged in an old rice paddy. The tank was stuck in the muck for three days. Photo on the right is another one of George's famous bogs. Four APC's hooked up together trying to tow the



tank out of the bog.

If you have any stories or If photographs you would like to share with our members please forward to our Editor either by email or snail mail. For inspiration please visit our web site and review our photo and video galleries.

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