

Bulletin # 39, 18th April 2019



Our pre - Easter meeting saw Taylor Rimmer join us for our meeting this week and was quickly put too work on the door.



Members and honoraries met at Evviva Café on Wednesday and were joined by mayor Ryan Palmer

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Birthdays: 19th Apr – 1st May

20/4 Andrew Downey
22/4 Judi Priestley
23/4 Lynne Treble
25/4 Kathy Rimmer
25/4 Milton Williams

Anniversaries:

23/4 Henk & Agnes Tobbe
27/4 Phill & Chris Smith

Heads and Tails:

Milton Williams

Member Duties 2 May

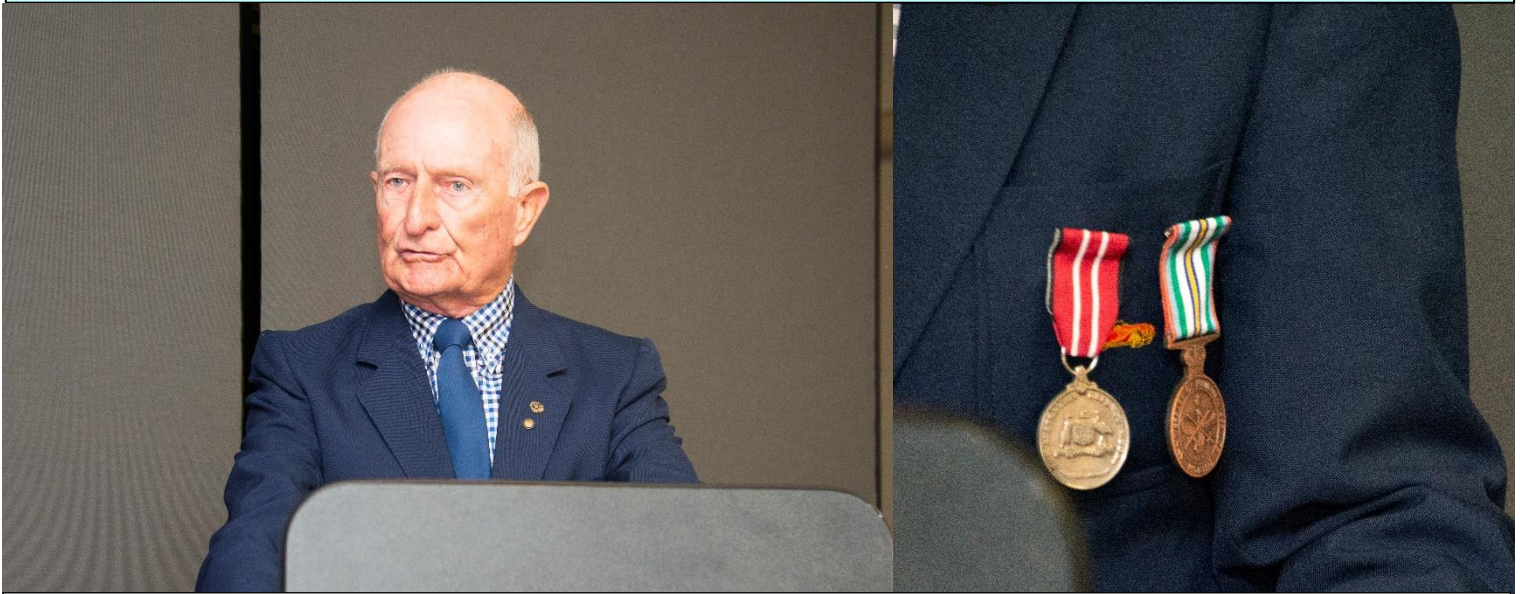
Door: Richard Turner, Don Whatham
Meet/Greet: Milton Williams
Loyal Toast: Doug Bairstow
Grace: Jim Booth
Introduce Speaker: Ian Brigden
Thank Speaker: David Clark
Bulletin: Don Watham
Photos: Phill Smith

Binoculars

29/4 John Stumchke/Dieter Greiter
6/5 Dieter Greiter/Michael Jenkins

Next Meeting: 2nd May. Speaker: Jamie Maslem "Digging Deep"
Supporting the vulnerable and disadvantaged in Myanmar

Apologies/Extras to John Crump by noon on Wednesday! Ph 0401 450 239



With ANZAC Day approaching Peter McBean was invited to give us his thoughts on the day and presented his recollections of how he grew up with ANZAC Day and the notion of honouring those who served.

One of his early memories was how he was moved as a child to hold his own march and remembrance in his back yard with the neighbourhood kids. ANZAC Day was always significant throughout his life. Peter himself served his National Service in The RAAF.

In later years he was privileged to attend services in Gallipoli and in Darwin both of which he found very emotional.

Originally to celebrate and honour Australian and New Zealand troops of the First World War, the day which was declared a public holiday in 1927 now recognises all servicemen who have served our country be it in the two great wars, Korea, Vietnam or the middle east.

Peter reminded us of the commitment, bravery and valour of these men and women and called for one minute's silence.

President Kathy Presented "The Last Post" at the conclusion of Peter's presentation and gave a brief story of her own involvement with ANZAC Day.



Members are reminder there will be no meeting next Thursday 25th April - ANZAC Day

Also from the meeting:

- President Kathy reported on the Board's meeting with Rebekah Wilson from HMRI regarding supporting Assoc Prof Kelvin Kong. Several options were discussed and the Board is yet to confirm which one will be pursued. Feeling at the Club meeting was that we should go with Kelvin's preferred option.
- A post-mortem discussion of the recent Golf Day was held before the meeting. In-all, the day was a great success as already reported and only a few issues were identified.
- Assistance required for Bunning's BBQ next Friday 26th April for the PM shift and to assist with transport back top shed. Contact Liz Friend. Also, see Roster below.

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Friday 26 April 2019

Morning Transport

John Stuhmcke

Help needed
Contact Liz Friend

AM Shift 8.30am to
12.15pm

Judi Priestley

Phill Smith

John Stuhmcke

PM Shift 12.15pm to 4pm

Milton Williams

Don Whatham

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Afternoon Trailer: Milton W.

Assist put-away:?

BUNNINGS



Coming up: 2nd May Jamie Maslem: Digging Deep for Myanmar - a charity committed to supporting the vulnerable and disadvantaged communities of Myanmar.



Papua New Guinea Polio Update

Almost two decades after being declared free of the disease, Papua New Guinea (PNG) is battling an outbreak poliomyelitis.

The re-emergence of the disease – the first cases seen in the country since 1996 – has been traced to the strain of poliovirus used in the standard vaccine administered to protect against the illness. But the real cause, reports a team of medicos writing for the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), is not the vaccine itself, but the fact that not enough people have received it.

The country was officially certified free of polio by the World Health Organisation in 2000.

Researchers led by Mathias Bauri of PNG's National Department of Health report 26 confirmed cases of polio occurring between April and October 2018.

The cases have been recorded in nine of the country's 22 provinces.

The first, or index, case of the current outbreak is identified as a boy aged six from Lae in Morobe Province, who succumbed to paralysis on April 25.

Investigating doctors discovered he had received two doses of the standard Sabin oral poliovirus vaccine (OPV).

Genetic testing revealed the cause of his illness was a variant of vaccine-derived poliovirus type 1 (cVDPV1).

The virus differed from the vaccine type across 14 nucleotides, leading researchers to conclude that it had been circulating in the community for more than a year.

Of the subsequent cases, all have been young, with 19 of them under five years old. Two-thirds of the cases have arisen in areas containing mines or plantations, which have highly transient populations.

Bauri and colleagues say the outbreak is because vaccination rates across the country remain too low, meaning cVDPV1 can be extensively transmitted person-to-person in conditions that allow it to mutate and turn virulent.

Because of a multitude of factors including inadequate access to healthcare, infant vaccination against polio was as low as 44% in 2017, and never climbed about 70% during the preceding decade.