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* As the end of another good year comes to a close, I would like to reflect on the great year the Club has had.

* The highlight of the year of course, was the opening of our new Memorial on 11 November. What a terrific day, the mood after the "Service" at our Christmas Lunch was fantastic and to see so many people enjoying each other's company was very pleasing. I would like to thank Robyn Blackford for taking all the photos on the day.

The photo at the bottom of the page shows some of the ex-service members and guests who attended (even including a little madness right at the back).

* That leads me to thanking everyone involved in the construction, design and help in getting the project finished by Remembrance Day. A special thanks to 'Hodgie' and his staff for the planning and to the sponsors who were more than willing to assist.

* I would also like to thank the following members for their input throughout the year making the Club run smoothly:

- Kerry Johnson, Jim Crawley and Dave Lenowry – for the BBQ.
- Peter Board - Master of Ceremonies.
- Tib Kovas and John Mac - Cleaning the Memorial.
- Gary Townsend - Correspondence and PR Man.
- Mick Manning - Memorial Garden and Flag.
- Jim Donnelly, Ray Andrews and Dave Hamill - the Raffles.
- Paul Rowan - the Hams.
- Eddie Grocott - the Nearest the Pin Markers.

* On a sadder note we were all saddened to lose our long time starter, coffee maker and buggie hire person, Chrissy. She gave us 12½ years of great service, nothing was too much trouble for her, she was always very pleasant and helpful to all of our members. We wish you all the best in the future Chrissy.

* Dave Simmo's son, Tom, enlisted in the Australian Army on 15 May 2018 and spent his recruit training at Kapooka. He Marched Out on 3 August, awarded the Most Outstanding Soldier and received the Cameron Baird VC, MG Trophy. He is very thankful for all the support he received from the Club, especially the card we sent him when he first started at Kapooka.

He was posted to the School of Infantry at Singleton and Marched out on 7 December and is now to become a member 1st Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment, in Townsville. Tom was awarded a certificate for being the 'Best at Physical Training'.

Dave's face carried the only bigger smile than the one showing on Tom's face in the photo.



PTE Tom Simpson

* I have put down games for 21st and 28th December, I know it is school holidays and close to Christmas but there seem to be a few members interested in playing so, we will see how many turn up on those days.

* Slim Harvey is organising a game at Tenterfield in late February, he will keep you informed over the coming weeks.

* Just a reminder that the AGM is on 25th January, Nominations for Committee Positions close on 11th January for all interested members.

* To everyone, have a Merry and Safe Christmas and a Happy New Year.

* Thanks to all my fellow Committee Members for your assistance throughout the year.

* Happy golfing and remember, ***always have fun!***

Dan Tully
Club Captain



The Veterans present on Remembrance Day.