

Friends of the Avenue MAY 2016 Newsletter



From the Executive

Message from the President – Craig Reedman

Thank you to everyone who supported our recent ANZAC Day dawn service. I was surprised and humbled at the turnout. It really is the best thanks the committee can get after all the hard work that was put into the morning. Thank you to our hard working committee for making it such a special ceremony. I would like to thank our guest speaker Jim Petrich AM for his moving address and poem, we have had many comments about how moving his presentation was. Special thanks to all military personnel who attended, your presence makes the service special.

I was worried that with ANZAC Day falling on the last day of a long weekend attendance would be down but the public has once again demonstrated that ANZAC Day is as relevant as ever. Our committee is already looking at ways to improve the day but we must bear in mind the added expense of any improvements to ensure we don't end up in a situation where we cannot afford to run the service. Our next major event is the Patriots charity ride which will once again bring an influx of visitors to the Avenue and Yungaburra. The AAOH association looks forward to this event, we hope all attendees have a safe day and enjoy the Tablelands hospitality.

Thank you all for the continued support and interest in the Avenue, until next time stay safe.



The Executive (L-R): David Osborne (Treasurer), Rod Marti (Vice President), Karina Gibson (Secretary) and Craig Reedman (President)

ANZAC DAY AT THE AVENUE

ANZAC DAY 2016



Dawn Service
Monday 25th April

The Avenue hosted over a thousand people for the ANZAC Day Dawn Service. The service was conducted on Monday 25 April 2016 to honour and commemorate 101 years since the landing of Australian and New Zealand troops at Gallipoli and to remember all Australians who have died as a result of war. The wet weather held off and the military and public support was once again fantastic, cementing this event on the Avenue calendar.

Thank you to all those who travelled and/or contributed to the service, in particular – Craig Reedman (MC), Jim Petrich AM (Commemorative Address), WO2 Wayne Swan (The Ode), Bishop Tony Hall-Matthews (Prayer/Requiem), Robyn Morgan from Tableland United Pipe Band (Lament), Raymond Cupitt (Bugler), Tablelands Venturer Unit (Poem), 1RAR and the Defence Indigenous Development Program (NAVY). We look forward to hosting the Dawn Service again next year.



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Jim Petrich – Commemorative Address



Ashley & Raymond Cupitt (Bugler) with Murray Anderson-Clemence



The crowd paying their respects



LACW Julie Toonen 27th Squadron (RAAF)



Defence Indigenous Development Program (Navy)



The Stanley family (NZ National Anthem)

VISITORS TO THE AVENUE

With the rate the visitor books have been filling up, it is evident that there are many people visiting the Avenue on a daily basis. The Avenue has also hosted and spoken to lots of groups, with thanks to committee members Ray Byrnes, Rod Marti, Terry Edmonson, John Hardy and Tim Webster-Young.



Malanda Information Centre

Ex-members 6RAR

PROBUS Tour – Tully

Atherton State High School – Cross Country

Retired Ambulance Officers Group

Bunnings – Working Bee

National Servicemen's Association – Bayside Branch

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE AVENUE

The Yungaburra Triathlon will be held from the 11th-13th of November, with the Avenue hosting a welcome function for locals, sponsors and competitors on the Friday night. The Avenue will also hold a Remembrance Day ceremony earlier in the day. The Patriots charity ride event will be held on the last weekend in June (25th) and we look forward to welcoming them again to the Avenue.



25th JUNE

Patriots Ride

TBC NOVEMBER

Avenue Working Bee

11th NOVEMBER

Remembrance Day Service

11th NOVEMBER

Yungaburra Triathlon Friday Night Welcome

12th-13th NOVEMBER

Yungaburra Triathlon

