

SUB BRANCH SECRETARY

Report

At the start of the year the Bergin Inquiry report was released and many changes were recommended for State Branch. However it seems that State Branch's idea of change is to rip up everything that has gone before and now we are asked to concentrate on "contemporary" veterans and those who have only just left the service, the older veterans seem to be left behind.

As we go to print there is still vigorous on-going discussions on the wording of the new constitution.

This year's Remembrance Day service was rather special in that it commemorated the Signing of the Armistice in 1918. A special committee was set up under Barry Stevenson and their detailed plan came together on the 11th November with a splendid service. Special mention for our World War One soldier, stand in, Michael Korfias who stood at the memorial during the service and also for the many photographs at the end.

Our two trips out during the year were, in April, going on the Postmen's Run on the Hawkesbury River and then in October it was on Sydney Harbour for the Burning Log Theatre Restaurant.

Two great trips enjoyed everybody who went, thanks to

Pam and Kevin Kelly for organising.

At present we have two pensions officers, Bob Leedow and Dick Matthews so if you need help with a pensions problem give them a call.

I have to thank Chris and the club staff for all their help during the year. I would like to make a special mention of Alicia, who took over from Leah, and is doing a great job in setting up our luncheon functions.

In October this year the Penshurst Sub Branch hosted the Life Members Luncheon.

We are still losing members as our numbers age, this year we lost 15 members including Alf Beattie, Alf Seymour and Arthur Butcher all long serving members of the sub branch.

Graham Grant
Secretary