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The Norman A. Smith Memorial Scholarship

The Norman A. Smith Memorial Scholarship honours the memory of a man who was an active member of the R.S.L. from 1947 until his death in November, 1982, and who worked tirelessly to assist ex-service people in the many problems that confronted them after their discharge from the services following the conclusion of the Second World War in 1945.

During most of this period, Norman Smith was a member of the Waverley Sub-Branch. He was active in all facets of its activities throughout his long period of association with the Sub-Branch. He was elected Vice-President from 1962 to 1964; President from 1965 to 1967; and Secretary from 1968 until his passing in 1982. During this period, membership of the Sub-Branch increased from about 180 to over 1000. Norman Smith was instrumental in the foundation of the associated Waverley R.S.L. Club in 1968 and was the Club's first and only Secretary/Manager up to the time of his death. He was elected Life Member of the Sub-Branch in 1965; and of the Waverley R.S.L. Club in 1975.



On the broader R.S.L. scene, Norman Smith represented Waverley Sub-Branch at the Annual State Conference of Sub-Branches for 24 years from 1959 to 1982; was a delegate to the No. 3 District Board for the same period, and was elected a State Councillor of the Victorian Branch from 1968 until his death. During this period, he was a member of the State Executive of the Victorian Branch for some years where he was vitally interested and concerned with the welfare and activities of young people. He was elected Life Member of the Victorian Branch in 1970, and of the No. 3 District Board in 1982.

Apart from his R.S.L. activities, Norman Smith was intensely interested in and involved with competitive sport as an administrator. He encouraged young people to take an interest and participate in sporting activities and in their physical fitness. He was also a keen reader, a debater of matters of public interest and was an actor of some note, appearing on both radio and in television shows as well as in several stage shows.