

Almoner Report

29 April 2025

1. Current sub-almoner list updated by Dave Pillans. We are still short of sub-almoners in many areas.
2. As Almoner, I attended several funerals of members and made available the cap and flag as well as the Kum a Kye disc for deceased members. Letters of appreciation were received from several families who were assisted.
3. Counselling was made available to several of our aged members, as well as recent widows, mainly in the area of state benefits, credit debt issues, and dealing with the BSAP Trust for grants – including motorised wheelchairs and delivery of the same.
4. A number of requests were received for information regarding former members, and assistance was given where required.
5. We dealt with a request for assistance from a member in Zimbabwe, via Karl Hurry which was passed to the Trust.
6. We are busy with a recruiting drive for sub almoners as we are under-represented in many areas. A start has been made with attending regional meetings and a number of new sub-almoners signing up – in conjunction with inviting subscriptions for the Trust 1890 Club.
7. A project for this coming year is for Dave Pillans to organise regular contact with members on the Almoner watch list and assist with updating the data base.
8. A highlight was attending the 99th birthday party of our oldest member 4024 Ted Sheriff, who sadly died shortly thereafter.

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