

## Victorian Branch Assistant Secretary Heather Stone

Farewell and a very heartfelt Thank You to Heather. Heather has relocated with her daughter Danielle to Margate in Tasmania. Those of us who have served with Heather on the Victorian Committee will miss her friendship, comradeship and input at future Committee Meetings. I would like to personally thank Heather for the support and assistance she has given me during my relatively short time as Secretary/Treasurer since 2013. Heather has been Assistant Secretary during that time and has been responsible for the minutes of all committee meetings and AGMs. Heather first joined the Victorian Association Committee in April 2008. She served as Assistant Secretary for the years 2009-11, Secretary in 2012 and Assistant Secretary from 2013 until 2017. The one key thing that has impressed us all about Heather is her strong conviction and advocacy. She is a champion of those virtues to which we all aspire, 'social justice, preservation of basic human rights and a fair go for all'. In particular, she has been most forthright in her opposition to those draconian rules being imposed by the RSL in recent years on Associations such as ours, as to who can and who cannot march behind Regimental banners on Anzac Day. I am proud to say that our Association has followed Heather's lead, and we have in no way inhibited our family members from participating in the march behind our banner. In fact we invite and encourage our family members to participate. You can access Heather's thoughts on this issue [here](#). On behalf of all our members I extend very best wishes to Heather in this next phase of her life as she settles into her new home, which is not very far from her sister Josie. Josie has also been a very hardworking member of our Association, being responsible for much of the material on this website. Heather will still continue to promote our Association on our Facebook page. You can access Heather's profile [here](#) and her sister Josie's profile [here](#).