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CHRISTMAS 2020

MEMBERS NEWS

Dear Member

The year is coming to an end and for many of us that could not come sooner. The Sub-Branch has attempted through the pandemic to continue to be chipper and ensure all our members are looked after and kept in touch. I am sure you will agree it was such a pleasure to be able to mark this year's Remembrance Day with a physical event and of course our special care packs. Our thanks go to the volunteers who did all the organizing, preparation of the packs and deliveries. We also need to thank the work that went into the Service pre-event approvals which at times were changing on an hourly basis and of course providing such a great occasion. Our Poppy Appeal team are also thanked for stepping up in short notice to distribute the poppies and man the street stalls. Our business planning team continues to work through extremely complex matters regarding our long-term accommodation and debts. With so much effort being made it certainly makes you proud to be a member of the Beaumaris RSL Sub-Branch. I hope you all have a very joyous Christmas and safe and happy new year.

Long term debt and accommodation update

It should not come as a surprise to any member who has been reading these pages that our desire to relocate to the new pavilion in Banksia Reserve has been significantly delayed. The current round of lease negotiations between Council, the 3 clubs, the RSL Sub-Branch and head office have not at this stage produced the necessary access rights needed to meet Patriotic Trustee requirements. Given the COVID restrictions have lifted the Sub-Branch believe it is in the interest in everyone that the first step must be to get the facility back open as soon as possible. With that in mind we have informed the parties to proceed with getting the lease signed between themselves and we will re-engage once the club is open.

As discussed at our members meeting in November the Black Rock Sports Club (BRSC) have approached the Sub-Branch regarding the establishment of a formal relationship. To undertake this work a new business development committee has been formed to progress a possible memorandum of understanding. Steve Gage our Property Officer has volunteered to be the chair of this group. The President Shayne Benedict has advised the BRSC Committee members that the Sub Branch was unlikely to be in a position to sign off on any MOU before year end as important negotiations with ANZAC House coming up early in the new year. It was agreed that putting our collective ideas and requirements into a paper to discuss further in the new year was the next step. BRSC have been asked to come back to the Sub-Branch with a draft concept of what they require for the MOU to go forward.

To progress our debt negotiations with State Branch we have requested and now received a written document setting out what steps need to be taken to resolve the matter. We have agreed to respond in early January 2021 and will provide members an update.

REMEMBRANCE DAY WED 11 NOV 20

By: John de Cruz Douglas

Due to COVID restrictions, our commemorations were going to be very low key indeed. About 3 weeks out, the rules started to be relaxed somewhat, but not enough for us to get anywhere near staging anything close to our normal Service.

About 2 weeks out, another small relaxation took place that would have permitted us to have a small Service with a maximum of 10 attendees, whilst practicing Physical Distancing with Masks.

Even RSL Branch HQ stuck with this instruction right up to the eve of Remembrance Day, with the State President repeating the above instructions on the news that evening.

However, I obtained a copy of the State Government's further relaxation of rules that were promulgated on SUN08NOV20 and came into being at 2359 that evening.

This changed the numbers allowed to attend "Outdoor Ceremonies" from 20 to 50 people, providing that Physical Distancing and Masks remained.

Whilst not encouraging our more senior members to venture out, we still managed to attract an attendance of approximately 48 attendees and amongst them were representatives from 7 of our local schools accompanied by either teaching staff or a parent.

I consider that we fulfilled our obligation to both our community and even more importantly, to our local school children, who will carry the torch forward in the years to come.

Remembrance Day



Epitaph by John Maxwell Evans. Placed at our Cenotaph by Terry and Reg Black

Lest We Forget

Remembrance Day 2020 Care Packages

The Womens Auxiliary this year took it upon themselves to provide care packages to all our members in lieu of the beautiful morning tea that they normally provide in the senior citizens hall.

With many Sub-Branch members assistance, the deliveries took place after the 11am service and were completed by early afternoon.

The feedback from this initiative has been overwhelming positive and we thank the Auxiliary for all the work they do. Let us hope we can all get together on ANZAC Day 2021 in person!



Poppy Appeal 2020– We raised over \$9000 from Donations and Poppy Sales!!

Dear Friends,

It gives me such pleasure to thank you on behalf of our precious RSL for your terrific effort in supporting this year's collection. You were all so enthusiastic and accommodating, be assured, it was appreciated. Despite the COVID-19 issue and initial lack of stock, we banked a total of \$7863.05. Absolutely wonderful. I have attached the daily breakdown for your interest.

I would like to recognise the help we received from Jim Dale at Highett RSL in supplying us with poppy stock and the excellent effort the schools made also.

Thank you again for your commitment and support

Yours sincerely

Andy Coogan

Members Profile

Jim Spotswood was in this news this year as part of Victory in the Pacific 75th Commemoration. Jim was a crew member on HMAS Diamantina (RAN Able Seaman); HMAS Diamantina played an important role at the end of the conflict in the Pacific, with two Japanese surrenders (Naura & Ocean Island) signed on the quarterdeck (circa October 1945).

The Commemoration was held on Oct 25, on the quarter deck of the vessel, which is on permanent display in Southbank, Brisbane.

[VP Commemoration - Queensland Maritime Museum](#)



Jim was represented by his three grandchildren Jemma, Zoe and Joel at The Commemoration.

Jim was thrilled to be involved in The Commemoration and very proud of his three Grandchildren and their willingness to take part.

Membership Update:

Contact Jane Lapa for all Membership enquiries.

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Our core base of members has remained strong.

We currently have 153 members.

5	Lifetime
52	Service
81	Affiliate
15	Social

Renew by the 21st December are in with the chance to win a Hyundai Venue. Best of luck.



Birthday corner. Hip Hip Hooray.

Our member Jack Farrington turned 96th on December 8, Happy Birthday Jack from all your friends at Beaumaris RSL. This is a snap shot of Jack On enlistment WW11 and ANZAC Day 2019



MANKS	JOHN	26-Dec
MURRAY	MARK	27-Dec
THOMPSON	MURRAY	27-Dec
SUTTON	CHRIS	28-Dec
WINGROVE	RUBY	29-Dec

December Birthday Wishes

BLACK	REGULA	02-Dec
BUCKERIDGE	JOHN	06-Dec
RUFFIN	DIANA	07-Dec
FARRINGTON	TED	08-Dec
BEAZLEY	SUSANNE	09-Dec
HENDERSON	SCOTT	10-Dec
DOUGLAS	JOHN	12-Dec
MCNULTY	NEIL	14-Dec
MC COY	ANDREA	14-Dec
GREGORY	PATRICIA	21-Dec
LETHEREN	BABARA	23-Dec
DRIVER	ERROL	24-Dec

**Belated Birthday Wishes for
November**

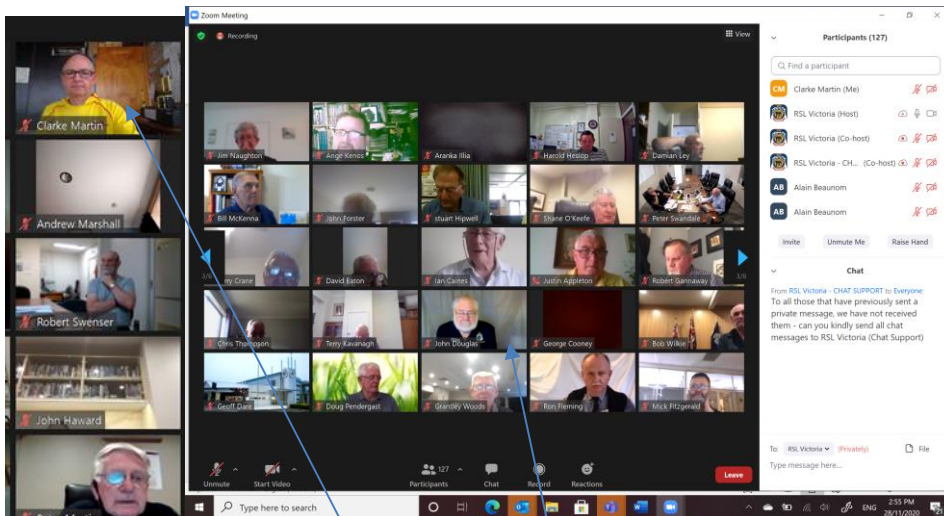
TURNER	JOY	03-Nov
TILLEY	JULIE	04-Nov
SMITH	DIANNE	05-Nov
TAGGART	ANTHONY	08-Nov
STRONG	PHILIP	10-Nov
HOLDEN	TIMOTHY	10-Nov
OVERELL	WILLIAM	13-Nov
NOLAN	FRANCIS	15-Nov
TRIST	HALINA	16-Nov
HILET	NORMA	18-Nov
BOTTOMS	KEN	18-Nov
MCINTOSH	MAIRI	19-Nov
FISHER	PAUL	20-Nov
KANE	GREAME	23-Nov
RENNIE	ROBERT	24-Nov
WYNNE	BRUCE	28-Nov
BROWN	GUY	29-Nov
SMITH	MICHAEL	30-Nov

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January Birthday Wishes

MULLER	NOELENE	01-Jan
BROMLEY	MARGARET	02-Jan
GREEN	JOHN	03-Jan
JONES	ROSS	03-Jan
O'CONNOR	SAM	05-Jan
BARE	SHIRLEY	06-Jan
COOKE	ROSEMARY	06-Jan
DUNSTAN	RONALD	08-Jan
WILLIAMS	FREDERICK	11-Jan
ALGIE	PETER	13-Jan
MCDONNELL	KEVIN	16-Jan
MILLIKEN	MARGARET	19-Jan
HALL	SHELLEY	27-Jan
CUTHBERTSON	ROBERT	29-Jan
LAPA	MICHAEL	29-Jan
MAGEE	MAUREEN	30-Jan
GORI	PAUL	30-Jan

State Conference Wrap



Your two delegates Clarke Martin and John Douglas join over 200 others on a marathon 6 hour+ on-line conference.

The key take outs from the conference was that the new CEO Jamie Tweedale is strongly recommending significant change after receiving a report of a review by EY Consultancy on the state of the Victorian RSL movement. He has produced a very strong plan for the future, but it requires both State Branch and the Sub Branches to accept significant structural and policy changes over the next 12 months.

The President Rob Webster was re-elected along with David Martin, Simon Thorn, Glen Ferrarotto, Ange Kenos and Andrew Hanns who all supported the CEO's proposed changes. The policy and rule remits were part of the change program and formed the majority of debate with the outcomes below:

Policy Remit:

- **No 1:** Royal Commission into Veteran Suicide | Moved by Hawthorn RSL | *Carried*

Rule Remits:

- **No 1:** Eligibility for State Executive | Moved by State President | *Carried*
- **No 2:** Nomination for election to State Executive | Moved by State President | *Defeated*
- **No 3:** Canvassing for election to State Executive allowed | Moved by State President | *Carried*
- **No 4:** Appointment of Returning Officer | Moved by State President | *Carried*
- **No 5:** Directing member voting for the State Executive | Moved by State President | *Defeated*

- **No 6:** Remove the role of State Honorary Treasurer | Moved by State President | *Defeated*
- **No 7:** Incorporated Sub-Branch Committee permitted to appoint a Secretary | Moved by State President | *Carried*
- **No 8:** Member Transfers – Approval by gaining Sub-Branch | Moved by State President | *Carried*
- **No 9:** Definition Social Member to include 10C Sub-Branch | Moved by Dunolly-Bealiba RSL | *Carried*
- **No 10:** State Branch employee may not hold a Sub-Branch Committee Position | Moved by Hawthorn | *Defeated*
- **No 11:** Immediate past President not a member of State Executive | Moved by Hawthorn RSL | *Defeated*
- **No 12:** CEO and CFO not members of State Executive | Moved by Hawthorn RSL | *Defeated*

No 13: No right of address by the CEO | Moved by Hawthorn RSL | *Defeated*

The Hawthorn Sub-Branch moved a few remits that did not achieve the required 75% however a number did achieve over 50% including Beaumaris's support. It seems there is an open mind to change across the RSL network but RSL Sub-Branches also want to see improved behaviour. It was disappointing to see an article published in the Herald Sun covering the conference that Mr Moon from the Hawthorn Sub-Branch was quoted within requiring the CEO to respond with the below last week:

Since the close of the conference on Saturday, there has been some media speculation about the financial stability of RSL Victoria's Sub-Branches and the State Branch pushed by media statements by Mr Moon. I want to assure the membership that despite the challenges of 2020 the RSL is a resilient organisation. Through prudent financial management and timely decision making we have managed the impacts caused by the pandemic very well. Any commentary to contrary is simply malicious and false.

Our core mission of providing wellbeing and advocacy support to Victorian veterans and their families has in no way been compromised by the challenges of 2020, indeed our veteran welfare and wellbeing support programs have continued to deliver and evolve over the past 12 months including the commencement of new programs such as Veteran Central and RSL Employment.

It is very much hoped that the 2021 delivers some much needed and positive change across the RSL network which in many ways deliver what the reform group have been calling (often with unnecessary bad behaviour) on for a number of years.

Vale 2019/2020

And with sad hearts, we would like to remember the following who have passed away.

Passed Away	Last Name	First Name	Membership Class	Birthday
28/09/2019	DOUGLAS	KENNETH	Life Member	20/09/1927
Mar-20	CAVANAGH	WILLIAM	Service	19/07/1922
19/09/2019	HEARNES	JOHN	Service	03/06/1933
17/06/2020	KEAM	ALFRED	Service	23/08/1924
13/04/2020	NICOLL	GRANT	Service	01/04/1937
13/09/2020	TAYLOR	AVIS	Service	05/07/1922
05/03/2020	TURNOR	TREVOR	Service	29/03/1933
31/12/2019	YEOMANS	PETER	Service	24/02/1924
03/10/2020	FORBES	FRANK	Affiliate	18/08/1932
16/07/2020	KINSEY	JOHN	Affiliate	15/02/1927
29/05/2020	NOLAN	PETER	Affiliate	22/12/1957
May-20	RANKIN	JUDY	Affiliate	08/01/1929
Jul-20	REID	PATRICIA	Affiliate	26/06/1922

LEST WE FORGET

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