



Beaumaris RSL Sub Branch
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MEMBERS NEWS

Dear member

Time is certainly marching on and your committee has been busy continuing our work to find a permanent home. The Members forum held late last year has provided us with very good direction which we are using to guide our discussion with the Beaumaris Sports Club. I hope you enjoy this edition of our newsletter and if you have an item you would like to include please send it through to our secretary Kevin McDonnell at secbeaumaris@bigpond.com

Inaugural Wednesday Night Stand To

What a terrific turn out we had at our first Wednesday Night Stand To at our temporary home the Beaumaris Sports Club (BSC). The 80 odd of us who were able to attend were able to observe our Vice President John Douglas conduct the Ode right on time at 1830hrs. The short ceremony was respected by all patrons in the venue and the feedback has been very positive. With such large RSL numbers the BSC prepared a one off special menu to ensure our members were provided meals in unison. For Wednesdays going forward the standard menu will be available. Bookings are essential and can be made by calling the BSC on 8544 5400.





It was so good to see members being able to come together in a brand new facility with the knowledge we will be there every Wednesday until further notice.

Our Wednesday Nights are part of our short term agreement with the BSC which also includes reciprocity of our members. This allows all Beaumaris RSL financial members access to the BSC during opening hours. The BSC member's cards are currently being prepared and should be available in the next couple of weeks. In the meantime your Beaumaris RSL member's card will suffice.

We intend to host in the new function room a members' dinner in February and will have details out soon.

Christmas Lunch

The Women's Auxiliary organised a fantastic Christmas Lunch in December at the Cheltenham Golf Club. The event was well attended and enjoyed by all. Below is Mairi McIntosh's account (thanks for your contribution Mairi)

A Community Christmas Luncheon organised by the Beaumaris RSL Women's Auxiliary on 14 December at Cheltenham Golf Club was attended by 78 members and guests.

Mentone Girls All Star Choir, under the direction of Ms Blanka West, Voice Teacher/Choral Director, gave a rousing rendition of Christmas Carols which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The luncheon was a perfect occasion to present Auxiliary Secretary, Reg Black, with a Silver Star for 10 years meritorious service. The Auxiliary President read the Citation and invited RSL Women's Council President, Yvonne Dent, to present the award.

This award is not given lightly and Reg is a most deserving recipient. WWII Veterans, Life Member Ted Morecroft, John Rogers, Jim Spotswood and Roy McIntosh were welcomed as were Vietnam Veterans, Terry Black and Ambrose Crowe. The hard work and meticulous planning were noted by all present who voted it an extremely enjoyable occasion.



ANZAC DAY 2018

The organisation of ANZAC Day 2018 has begun under the leadership of John Douglas. This year it is hoped the Beaumaris RSL and the Beaumaris Football Club will partner in the organisation of an ANZAC lunch followed by a dedicated game of football. The proposed event will be held on the Saturday before ANZAC Day and the day before our annual Beaumaris March. There is lots of opportunities to get involved in these events so please don't hesitate to get in touch with John if you would like to volunteer.

A permanent home

Your committee has continued the development of our business plan. A dialogue has begun with the BSC identifying the key elements of the plan that both organisations need to work on. These discussions are on-going and at this stage confidential with the aim of producing a formal update in early February. As previously advised in November 2017 a major milestone was reached late with the completion of the sale of our land on the Cnr of Bay and Reserve Roads for a sum of \$14.9million. Our club owes over \$3.5million to Victoria RSL State Branch for the purchase of this land and thus deposit proceeds go towards the repayment of this loan. The settlement of this property will be in November 2018 by which time we will have a defined plan for our club's future.

VALE

It was with sadness we received the news that MAJOR GEORGE LOGAN passed away in December.

George was a member of the Beaumaris RSL and a former President. He was currently President of the Highett RSL and Senior Vice President of the RSL State Branch.

Beaumaris RSL Sub-Branch was well represented by members who had known George a very long time. Lest we Forget.

As always, we thank you for your continued support of the RSL. We look forward to serving you in the future and seeing you at our Wednesday night Stand To

Sincerely,
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