

Beaumaris RSL Sub Branch

23 October 2017

MEMBERS NEWS

Its official, Beaumaris now has an RSL Sub Branch back in operation! After a tumultuous few months and to cut a long story short on Monday 9th of October the below new committee was elected.

President Clarke Martin
Vice President John Douglas
Secretary Kevin McDonnell
Treasurer Timothy Holden
Committee Jane Lapper, Steve Gage and Shayne Benedict

Our committee has been given the task to develop a sustainable business case for the future of the Beaumaris Sub Branch within a 6 month time frame. We are also committed to fulfilling the RSL Sub Branch responsibilities, organising our membership list, commemorating Remembrance Day, participating in the Poppy Appeal and finding some short term accommodation. It will be quite a ride!

The committee has met, begun the required work and most importantly held a comprehensive handover meeting with the Executive of the State RSL. The good news is the State is very supportive of our efforts and has offered plenty of technical assistance. Also all our Memorabilia is in safe hands in the State RSL storage facility which we will be able to access.

Over the next few weeks we hope to be in a position to announce our short term accommodation and a specific night where we will hold our weekly Stand To. It is the committee's intention to keep members informed of our progress. To ensure we bring everyone along on this journey we also plan to hold members forums to discuss options and send out draft papers for comment etc.

The first major event will be the sale of our property on the Cnr of Reserve and Bay Rd's Cheltenham. ANZAC House commenced the sale process and boards will be going up this week. Colliers has been appointed to conduct a tender sale process which will close in late November. Our committee has the responsibility to receive the tendering information and make the final decision. You will note from the committee Bio's we have a very qualified property expert who will be assisting the committee on this.

We have attached a flyer of this year's Remembrance Day and Poppy appeal and we hope as many of you as possible can get involved.

I hope to see as many of you as possible on Saturday the 11th November and please in the mean time if you have any questions please do not hesitate to call or email.

Clarke Martin
President

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Appendix 1 – Outcomes of EGM's held on 9th of October 2017

The Adjourned EGM was opened by the chair Mr Mike Annett State Secretary of the Victorian RSL at 6-05pm on Monday the 9th of October 2017 at the Mentone RSL. The motion to liquidate the sub branch was debated, questions answered and voted. The result was unanimous and the motion was defeated. This meeting was then closed and the second EGM opened which elected unopposed the new committee who is made up of:

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The meeting also unanimously supported a motion to empower the new committee to develop a sustainable business case for the future of the Beaumaris Sub Branch within a 6 month time frame.

On completion of this motion the chair closed the meeting at 7-10pm.

At 7-30pm the new President and committee introduced themselves. The President then acknowledged Mr. Greg Meir for all his work over the last 3 or 4 years which at times took up most of his working days. Peter Caulfeld from the floor suggested Sue Beazley be recognised for her work in the Friends of Beaumaris RSL group which the President immediately supported.

The President then provided a welcome and set out to member's key principals including leading a transparent committee by providing as much information to members as is possible under the law. The need to use electronic communication due to the resources and timelines. Also over the 6 month timeline to hold a number of member forums. A short update was then provided on the following:

Immediate tasks

- Hand-over from State including membership and financial records
- Return of the sub branch webpage on the State RSL website
- Being adjoined to the land sale process.

The next few weeks

- Identifying short term accommodation to hold weekly Stand To nights, members meetings and a functions
- The framework which will be used to develop the long term Business Plan

John Douglas then provided an update on Remembrance Day organisation.

The update closed at 8-00pm

Appendix 2 Committee Bio's