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MEMBERS NEWS



Dear Member

I am very pleased that we are able to report this month on the return of normality. We have been able to conduct our AGM in person, operate our appeals stand at the Concourse, will have a presence at the commemorative football game and the best ANZAC March and Service yet. Further, our business planning committee is progressing very well on the long-term debt and accommodation projects.

Being a member of an RSL Sub-Branch gives you connection to likeminded members of the community through events and our regular Stand To's and gives you plenty of opportunities to volunteer. I encourage you to get involved by coming to the football game lunch or contact Andy and do a shift on the appeals stand. It is these things that keep us all active and healthy of body and spirit.

Debt Forgiveness Proposal

The Beaumaris RSL Business Development Sub-Committee has been in discussions with Mr Jamie Twidale (CEO RSL Victoria) to discuss various options to resolve this situation.

Mr Twidale has confirmed that the Board of RSL Victoria are considering a proposal whereby our debt to RSL Victoria would be forgiven and that the debt to the BRSL Patriotic Fund would be dealt with.

It is also intended that the Gaming Entitlement debts be forgiven, failing which RSL Victoria will indemnify the Beaumaris RSL Inc. Sub-Branch in the event that the debt is required to be paid.

This will enable the Beaumaris RSL Inc. Sub-Branch to re-establish itself without the debt burden that currently exists.

Patriotic Funds Proposal

The Beaumaris RSL passed a resolution at the recent AGM regarding the transfer of patriotic funds Committee to RSL Victoria as follows:

- The Beaumaris RSL Sub-Branch will contribute Patriotic Funds to RSL Victoria in the sum of \$5,420,000.
- The funds are be applied to assist in the development and operation of Veteran Welfare Centres (80%) and the Statewide Patriotic Fund (20%).

This proposal will allow the BRSR Patriotic Fund to retain almost \$6,000,000 which is estimated to be sufficient to allow for the establishment of a new fixed location to operate from.

The State Executive has been informed of the decision and we now await its advice.

As always we will provide a further update when the Board completes its work.

Long Term Accommodation Update

The established Sub-committee with the Black Rock Sports Club has been continuing its work on developing the various models of operations and investments. These are major tasks and require time and sensitivity. To date there is very strong confidence from the committee that there are strong benefits for both organisations and the identified challenges can be addressed. As soon as the approval processes for the above proposals are completed further information will be provided to the membership.

2021 Annual General Meeting

It was so good to be back in person for the AGM and see faces for the first time since last year. The meeting was held at the Black Rock Sports Club on the 24th of March. The meeting was attended by the CEO of the Victorian RSL Mr Jamie Twidale, who provided an update on State Branch's Veteran Hub's Strategy and answered questions. Our Treasurer Timothy Holden stepped the meeting through the two proposals that were on the agenda and both were supported unanimously.

(Lto R)
 John Douglas, Vice
 President,
 Jane Lapa,
 Membership Officer,
 Timothy Holden
 Treasurer,
 Clarke Martin,
 Immediate Past
 President,
 Steve Gage, Property
 Officer
 Shayne Benedict,
 President
 (Not pictured Gina
 Scott, Secretary was
 an apology)



Election of Office Bearers

As no other nominations were received the following members were elected.

John de C. Douglas (Vice President)

Timothy (Holden Treasure

Jane Lapa

Stephen Gage

Clarke Martin

(The President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer have two-year terms alternating to ensure continuity in the Executive.)

Peter Corfield Welfare Officer and Andy Coogan our Appeals Director were both endorsed.

Women's Auxiliary AGM 17th March 2021

The meeting took place at the Black Rock Sports Club and this year's invited 'Chair of Elections' was our Treasurer Mr Timothy Holden who also provided an update on the above proposals. All attendees certainly enjoyed coming back together in person and are very much looking forward to the next occasion where Reg has committed to the return of morning tea!

The ANZAC commemorations have been very well supported by the members of the Beaumaris RSL with great support from the Women's Auxiliary. Sales stations have been set up at Bunnings in Mentone and at the Concourse and Seaview Shopping centre. The community have been extremely supportive and have willingly purchased ANZAC badges, poppy face masks and knitted poppies made by the members and friends of the Women's Auxiliary and the Heathland Day Club. We are very grateful for the support and generosity of local Bayside residents who support our RSL. Hand held flags have also been given to our young residents who love to wave and show national pride. These have been a wonderful asset with thanks to Federal Member Tim Wilson.

Our badge appeal continues through to April 25 around our local area. Please take the time to stop, chat and buy a badge in support of our veterans and their families as they benefit greatly from your donation.



(L to R) Margaret Milliken, Mairi McIntosh, President Beaumaris RSLWA, Rhonda Corfield, Annie Tolliday, Beth Carruthers, Di Vance, Pat Gregory, Noelene Muller, Shirley Bare, Treasurer, Beaumaris RSLWA, Timothy Holden, Treasurer, Beaumaris RSL, Reg Black, Secretary Beaumaris RSLWA

ANZAC Appeal 2021

Leading up to ANZAC Day the Sub-Branch is up and about raising much need funds for veterans across Victoria through the sales of badges and other merchandise. It is pleasing to see more volunteers fill shifts, but we could always do with a few more particularly next week to man Sandringham and Cheltenham stations. Please call Andy Coogan to arrange your shift. 0401 340 064

Beamaris Football Club ANZAC Commemorative Lunch and Game

Beamaris will Parkdale in a local derby on the 24th of April. The Reserves and Firsts of both clubs will come together on the field for the ANZAC commemoration. A lunch in the club rooms has been organised with a guest speaker, raffle and door prizes. Our Sub-Branch very much supports this event and the committee with partners are attending. We would love to see a few more tables joining in. To attend just pay using the details on the attached flyer. For further details please email clarkemartin@bigpond.com or call 0412 259 631

Works Begin at the Beamaris Memorial Community Centre Frank Reade Pavilion

The Sub-Branch has been consulted and is in regular contact through John Douglas with the Council and Building contractor regarding the works adjacent to the Cenotaph.

John has been instrumental in ensuring the Marchpast and Service proceeds with minimal disruption.

The contractors and council are congratulated on their response to our requests.



HMVS Cerberus Stamp dedication

On the 22nd of March members of the Sub-Branch attended a splendid event at the Black Rock Sailing Club to launch a new Australian postage stamp.

The function was organised by the Friends of HMVS Cerberus who collected an impressive range of VIP attendees. It was very pleasing to see the Chief of Naval Forces Victoria attend along with the Mayor Laurance Evans OAM.



Cr Clarke Martin Immediate past President Beaumaris RSL, Cr Laurance Evans OAM, Mayor City of Bayside, John Douglas Vice President, Beaumaris RSL, CDRE Greg York, CSC, RAN, Senior Naval Officer Victoria.

Shayne Benedict
President
Beaumaris RSL Sub-Branch
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