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APRIL 2022 MEMBERS NEWS



Dear Member

April is always a special month for the RSL and as always, we have a lot going on. However, March was just as busy with our memorabilia collection relocated to the Black Rock Sports Club. I thank the small team in the photo and those who helped during the day. In each Newsletter edition we intend to provide a background piece to each item. I hope you enjoy the read regarding the Furphy Water Cart, tank end piece.

We had a very enjoyable AGM at the BRSC with lots of good questions and discussion. I am pleased to report all the members of the committee have stayed on to complete the long-term accommodation project. This of course means we have also retained our Treasurer who in addition is the current Victorian RSL Treasurer.

At the region level there seems to have been a very good rebound of our fellow Sub-Branches post COVID. Our region is currently very engaged and taking a strong interest in the proposed reforms and strategic plans of the State RSL. The conference this year will be very important particularly with the recruitment process of the new CEO nearing its end.

During this year's ANZAC events and Appeal I would like all of us to think of the people of Ukraine and their armed forces who are doing an incredible job of defending their country.

2022 AGM

The meeting was held on Wednesday the 30th of March 2022 directly after our 'Stand To'. The committee members below re-nominated and as there were no other nominations an election was not needed and the positions filled.

-President: Shayne Benedict

-Secretary: Gina Scott

-3 committee members: Stephen Gage, Jane Lapa, Clarke Martin



Our Vice President John Douglas OAM, and Treasurer Timothy Holden are half way through their 2-year terms. Our Welfare Officer Peter Corfield and Appeals Officer Carolyn Strong were both reappointed. Peter who has now completed the RSL Funeral Service course did raise his concerns on not being a service member. The committee and floor provided strong support that the role was representative and a service qualification was not needed to do the job well on behalf of the families and Sub-Branch. We thank Peter for all the work he does.

There was very good discussion and questions. It was of particular note the points raised regarding the use of the Appeals funds. The funds raised by Sub-Branches contribute to much needed services to Veterans provided by RSL Victoria. The Sub-Branches do receive 50% back to assist any of their service members suffering hardship (homelessness etc.) The point was made the newly refurbished The Vivian Bullwinkel Veterans and Families Wellbeing Centre located at Legacy House is a very good example of recent expenditure.

Our memorabilia is back!

It was certainly a long day (well the truck was 5 hours late!) but the job got done. We have been able to display some of our items in the bar area of the club, store the remainder in secure areas of the building and taken the very valuable items off site into a more secure environment.

Our formidable glass display case was the last piece to be moved into the club and took quite an effort to maneuver it into place. It now has a very interesting display with a complementary framed written information sheet to provide observers with the context in which it is displayed.

It is intended to regularly rotate items and keep the display fresh.

So please make sure you come down to the club and have a look at what we have been able to do.





The Stories behind our Memorabilia Collection The Furphy Restaurant Tank End (As seen in the cover photo)

In 1995 a competition was held to name the refurbished restaurant in the Beaumaris RSL. Subsequently it was won by Sue Murphy who was employed in the office at the time, she thought the ideal name would be Furphy's named after the famous water tanks made in Shepparton and used by the army in World War I where troops would gather and spread the latest rumours, this is very apt for an RSL.

Next came the idea to obtain one of the Furphy tank ends to mount on the wall of the restaurant. As these were fairly rare items the Furphy Company in Shepparton was approached and asked if they had any in stock. They replied that they did not but would cast one especially for us as they still had the original mould. A very kind offer from Furphy's. On completion, the committee flew up to Shepparton on 14th Dec.1995 to collect the tank end and were generously offered lunch by the Furphy Company.

After being flown back to Moorabbin Don Carruthers mounted the piece on the wall of the restaurant to become a much-discussed item and a special dinner was organised for the presentation, attended by representatives of the Furphy family.

The tank end now resides at the Black Rock Sports Club.

Peter Algie.

Long Term Accommodation Update

Our estimate of being able to present the concept drawings before the AGM were a little optimistic but the project is progressing well. We expect the lease documentation to be ready to go across to the lawyers, finalised for signature and final approval by ANZAC House very soon.

Having some of the memorabilia back on display and the re-starting of our weekly Stand To has been a very welcome step. Our former and existing members have remarked how pleased they are to have seen these developments. For the members of the BRSC it has also provided the first tangible steps of our Sub-Branch moving into the premises permanently.

ANZAC WEEK EVENTS



There is something for everyone this year. We very much hope you can get to one or two of the events below. Of course, the March and Service is our key event of the year which attracts our members and vast supporters. This year is no different and we look forward to seeing you all there!

We of course also have the ANZAC Appeal running for the 2 weeks leading up to the 25th. This includes having stalls operating in our shopping centres and a big day at one of our local Bunnings Outlets.

It would be so pleasing to have a few fresh faces volunteering some hours at a stall. All you need to do is contact Carolyn Strong our appeals coordinator on 0411 119 241 email carolynstrong_58@hotmail.com or Rhonda Corfield 0429 647 481, why not bring a friend!







BEAUMARIS RSL COMMUNITY ANZAC COMMEMORATIVE MARCH & SERVICE SUNDAY 24TH APRIL 2022

ASSEMBLY 2:15PM

Beaumaris Concourse Green, Reserve Road, Beaumaris

FALL IN 2:30PM STEP OFF 2:45PM

SERVICE 3:00PM

BEAUMARIS MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CENTRE, FORECOURT and CENOTAPH 96 Reserve Road, Beaumaris

WET WEATHER ROUTINE

In the event of inclement weather the service will be moved indoors.

Afternoon Tea and Refreshments to follow at Beaumaris Bowls Club



ANZAC Football Lunch 23rd April 2022

This lunch will sell out quickly so if your keen to go please use booking details below.



Black Rock Sports Club ANZAC Day 25th April Family Day



I hope you have enjoyed this newsletter and if you ever want a chat or have an idea, please do not hesitate to call me or any of the team.

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Please contact Jane Lapa our membership officer with any enquiries. Phone 0415 935 513 or email jane.lapa@icloud.com

If you have any feedback or an item you would like to include in the newsletter, please email it through to beaumarisrsl@gmail.com

Please note the Black Rock Sports Club Annual Presidents Gala Dinner is coming up!!

