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FEBRUARY 2022 MEMBERS NEWS



Dear Member

I trust you have enjoyed the festive season and our most pleasant summer (COVID excluding!) Your committee has been very busy since our last Newsletter in October undertaking the Poppy Appeal, Remembrance Day service and welfare support services. I would also like to acknowledge all the work of our Womens Axillary undertaken throughout the year. Just one example was the Christmas Lunch held in December. It was an outstanding success organised in very trying times providing a huge amount of enjoyment to all attendees.

The Design Sub-Committee has handed over its work to each committee for due diligence and approval processes. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for all the work that has been done over the last few months. The time taken to date has been extremely important. Building the trust and confidence of both committees is just as important as the actual construction of our new facilities. We strongly support a slow and steady path to gain support for all members from both clubs. We encourage members to drop into the BRSC on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday and become acquainted with the current facilities. Once the current process is completed our intention is to resume our Wednesday night Stand To's.

The reform of the Victorian RSL movement has continued since the conference held in October. One of the current key policies being debated and discussed is the voting system for members of the State Board and delegates to the conference. I encourage you to read the story and if you do want further information to attend the AGM or reach out to myself. I hope you enjoy all the news in this newsletter and please don't forget to send us anything through you may have of interest.

Long Term Accommodation Update

The joint BRSC and BRSL Refurbishment Sub-Committee completed its work in December 2021. This involved developing the approval processes for each club, establishing the design brief, procuring an architect, making arrangements for site visits and meetings of the user groups and presenting various designs and concepts to the committees. Included in this work has been the presentation of the Victorian hospitality economic environment. We expect the concept drawings to be ready to present to members leading up to the AGM.

AGM 30th March 2022 and call for Nominations

The AGM will be held at the Black Rock Sports Club starting at 6.30pm sharp. As per our constitution 2 executives are elected for 2 years and general committee for 1. Nominations are now open for the below committee positions (please see appendix 1 for the nomination form):

- President (held by Shayne Benedict)
- Secretary (held by Gina Scott)
- 3 committee members (held by Stephen Gage, Jane Lapa, Clarke Martin)

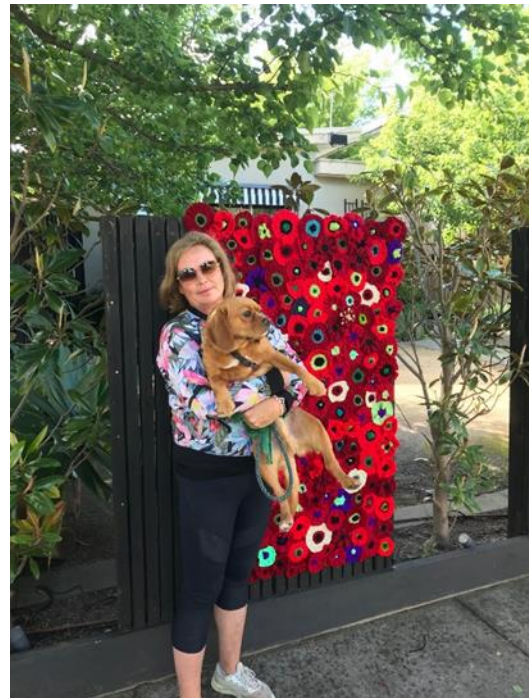
Outside of formal committee positions we also have a number of voluntary jobs for interested members. These include assisting with the coordination of the ANZAC and Poppy appeals, memorabilia curation and assisting with members welfare.

2021 Remembrance Day



The Vice President goes aloft

Megan Martin with Okkina admiring local residents poppy displays



The weather was perfect for the occasion and attendance was pleasing, with approximately 150 present.

Our local schools were well represented and representatives from each laid a wreath.

This year, for the first time, a year 10 student from Beaumaris Secondary College, opened the proceedings with the Acknowledgement of the Traditional Owners.

Our Service was well supported by either Members or their staff of Federal and State Governments and three Councillors from the City of Bayside.

Miss Zoe Rombatis, another Year 10 Student from Beaumaris Secondary College, both composed and delivered a very fine Remembrance Day Commemorative Address.

Mr Peter Bartlett, Deputy Headmaster of BSC provided and operated the sound equipment, doing a splendid job in Microphone for voice, and delivering the appropriate Bugle Calls, Wreath Laying Music and the National Anthem.

Clarke Martin took charge of the Wreath Laying segment and did a great job in getting each group of students fallen in, dressed by the left and stepping off in unison. Well Done Clarke.

A successful day is recorded with sincere thanks to all who played a part including our fantastic “Hook Rope Party” consisting of Ross Brimmer, Lindsay Robinson, Peter Corfield, Andy Coogan and Bill Gleadell who all arrived at 0900 to set up the site.

Thank you also to Zane Jobe who is Fima Builders Site Manager. He assisted by providing power leads and electricity from his portable site office and to Paul Tope of City-Wide Park Care, who had the site looking it’s best under the circumstances.



Wreaths laid by local community and members..



John Douglas, Geoffery Goode, Simon Williams and Jonathan McGuigan.

Unfortunately, Terry Black was unwell on the day and Reg Black did his part perfectly, in addition to making all the Wreaths and numerous other preparations.

Mairi McIntosh delivered her part of the Service after spending several weeks sending out invitations and then following them up one by one, as well as putting up with all my computer illiteracy.

Our Club Chaplain, Bill Pugh did a great job with his part of the Service as usual and in addition, made a point of congratulating and thanking students who participated.

Due to COVID lockdowns, severe storm damage and significant attacks of vandalism, involving Fire, Flooding and Burglary, the Senior Citizen's building was not available for Morning Tea.

Clarke Martin jumped in on the day and ordered Sandwiches, Cakes, Tea and Coffee and served in the Community Hall on completion of the Service.

Our Memorabilia is on the move

With our leasing discussions entering the final phases and State RSL reorganising its storage needs it has been agreed to relocate our memorabilia and historic records to the BRSC.



We expect the task to be completed by end of March which will include displaying some of our items in our large glass case and a number of pieces hanging on walls while our new space is being built.

Andy Coogan

The annual ANZAC and Poppy tenure of Andy Coogan has come to an end and on behalf of the entire membership we thank Andy for all his contributions over the last 2 years+. In the role Andy took on the restoring and manning of the stalls and ensure the stock and sales reports were sent through to State Branch. Thank you Andy for all the work you have done. Carlyne Strong has offered to assist but wishes to share the role with 1 other for the 2022 appeal drives. We think the sharing is a great idea. Please get in touch with us if you can assist.



Errol Driver

The RSL Component of Veterans Funerals is an extremely important function of RSL Sub-Branches. It needs to be conducted competently, professionally and with the upmost care for the loved ones present. Over many years Errol Driver was the Beaumaris RSL designated funeral service officer and his dedication to this role has been outstanding.

In December Errol Driver retired from Hodges Real Estate in Beaumaris after many years of loyal service and has let us know he is moving to Queensland in 2022. He will be missed greatly and we take this opportunity to thank Errol for all the work he has done and wish him well for his future adventures. We hope before he heads off to the Queensland sunshine we can hold a gathering for him and will let members know details when they come to hand.

RSL Victoria Electoral reform proposal



Via a State Executive Communique issued on the 12 October 2021, RSL Victoria President, Dr Robert Webster advised the network that we were establishing an Electoral Reform Advisory Group (ERAG).

Part of the reason for the creation of this group is to look at how we do things within the context of State Annual Conference elections. Whilst the systems and methods we've used in the past have served the League and the Membership well, many are no longer best practice. We must ensure that our League remains the Ex-Service Organisation of choice for Victorian Veterans and their families. We must ensure that our League remains beyond reproach with regard to its integrity and governance, so that our elected leaders can advocate freely and without prejudice on behalf of all its Members. To achieve this, we need to continue to improve our processes and ensure we are fit for purpose now and into the future.

To this end, please find attached an information package that the ERAG have created regarding proposed electoral changes.

What we're asking of you is to take the time to read this and the attached documents:

- [ERAG Proposal PowerPoint](#);
- [One Veteran One Vote model analysis](#);
- [Hybrid Voting System model analysis](#), and;
- [Current Voting System model analysis](#).

...and think about their contents. Whether you're a Sub-Branch President or only joined the league last week, we need your help in providing feedback and suggestions on these proposals. We're seeking the opinions of all members of RSL Victoria, from top to bottom, including individuals, committees, regions or any other group.

We know the immense amount of experience and knowledge that exists in the league, and we want to harness that because we recognise that our greatest strength is our members.

Any and all feedback can be sent to ERAG@RSLVIC.com.au and we ask that it be provided between now and the 28 February 2022.

*Happy Birthday to you
 Happy Birthday to
 you
 Happy Birthday Dear
 Member
 Happy Birthday to you.
 Hip Hip Hooray.*



Happy Birthday for February

MRS	KATHLEEN	JONES	1	Feb		
MRS	AUDREY	CAUDWELL	3	Feb		
MRS	NANCY	EDWARDS	5	Feb		
MRS	MARIA	BENNING	7	Feb		
MR	PAUL	MAPLE	7	Feb		
MRS	CATHERINE	COOGAN	11	Feb		
MR	DONALD	FRASER	15	Feb	Army	
MR	JEFFREY	LITTLE	18	Feb		
MR	JOHN	O'CONNOR	21	Feb		Special 90th
MR	JOHN	NEILL	22	Feb	Navy	
MRS	SUSAN	CANTERFORD	23	Feb		
MR	RAYMOND	LEWIS	24	Feb	Airforce	

Happy Birthday for March

MRS	VONDEL	DONOVAN	1	Mar		
MS	LOIS	LINDSAY	2	Mar	Navy	
MRS	TINA	COULTMAN- SMITH	2	Mar		
MR	MICHAEL	CASEY	5	Mar	Army	Special 70th
MR	ROBERT	ESSERY	6	Mar	Navy	
MR	WILLIAM	HORRIGAN	11	Mar	Army	
MR	TONY	MCCOY	12	Mar		
MRS	BETH	CARRUTHERS	13	Mar		
MR	FRANK	VERINDER OAM	14	Mar	Navy	
MRS	JANE	MCLEAN	15	Mar		
MR	MALCOLM	WILTSHIRE	17	Mar		
MR	KEITH	BEARD	17	Mar		
MR	STEPHEN	GAGE	17	Mar		
MRS	KATHERINE	ANSTEY	18	Mar		
MR	ROB	MCINTOSH	19	Mar	Navy	
MRS	JOSEPHINE	MOWDAY	22	Mar	WRNS	
MRS	ROSEMARY	ROBERTS	22	Mar		Special 90th
MR	PETER	TELFORD	22	Mar	Army	
MR	STEPHEN	HARPER	22	Mar		
MR	SELWYN	PILCHER	22	Mar		
DR	MARDIE	WHITLA	25	Mar		
MR	DONALD	VAN	31	Mar	Army	



Beumaris RSL Women's Auxiliary

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WOMEN'S AUXILIARY
Hon. Sec.: Reg Black OAM 0408 324 866
Treasurer: Hilary Ferguson 9592 6234

How things have changed since our last newsletter!

We were so fortunate to have been able to celebrate our combined Christmas together at a function for Women's Auxiliary, Legacy widows and the wider RSL and community. What a great event it was. We advertised the function and the response was so rapid that we stopped promoting the lunch as we already had 106 attendees booked.



Thank you to everyone who supported our function and used this as a way of reconnecting with friends and neighbours. We also thank Kathy Anstee for entertaining us with Christmas carols and getting us involved singing old-time favourites. With the words supplied no one had an excuse not to.

We must acknowledge our local member Brad Rowswell, who regularly supports the Women's Auxiliary, for booking a table for members of the community to attend as his guests. I'm certain that they appreciated the day and enjoyed it as much as we did.



With Christmas fading in our memories, it's now time for the work to begin on preparations for ANZAC DAY. Our local ANZAC SERVICE will be held on Sunday April 24th. Our "Master of Ceremonies", John Douglas has already organised much of the logistics so that we can have our traditional march along Reserve Rd and has been busy organizing the choir, the booking for the after-service drinks and organizing our guest speaker. So much work goes into these events and it is a credit to John that he is able to keep abreast of all the criteria and protocols needed for it to be a success. The Auxiliary will ensure that the afternoon tea is up to our standard and will be set up with the help of some very supportive and enthusiastic members. If you are available to assist with making sandwiches, slices or sausage rolls or assist on the day, please let me know so that a roster can be set up.

We are also pleased to let you know that our Secretary, Reg Black has been nominated for Senior Citizen of the year for 2021 by the Bayside Council. It is great to acknowledge Reg in this way for her ongoing work with the Auxiliary, her commitment to our Veteran community and her other community activities. The public announcement of this award will be made at a Bayside function on March 23rd.

VALE

It is with great sadness that I inform you of the passing of a dedicated and supportive member of our Auxiliary, Nan Charles on 4 October 2021. Nan was always involved in the activities of the Women's Auxiliary and served as President for 3 years. She attended all functions, bought raffle tickets and willingly put her hand up to meet and greet attendees at functions and selling more raffle tickets. Her commitment to us was exceptional.



Nan supported her husband Len in his activities as a Legatee and after his death Nan became a member of the War Widows Club in Hampton. She was also a member of Probus.

I had the great fortune of speaking to Nan on the phone days before she died and the conversation was mostly about how I was and how the family was. She loved keeping up with the news of what others were up to and was a great support and conversationalist. She will be greatly missed.

Marie MacIntosh President

VALE

John Walter Rendall: November 2 1923- January 23 2022.

John was a Life Member of The Beaumaris RSL, a WW11 Veteran. ARMY and RAAF

A 'fire side chat ' with John to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the ending of WW11 (VJ Day) was conducted a few years ago. John enlisted in The Army in December 1941, he transferred to The RAAF Bomber Command, Air Crew, in September 1942 and saw active service in Europe.

John didn't have strong memories of VJ Day, but does recall VE Day. John was on a train from Scotland to London when he heard the news, upon arrival in London he quickly showered and made his way to Buckingham Palace to join in the Celebrations.

John's happiest memories of Beaumaris RSL was playing tennis on a Saturday afternoon and mowing the lawns on a ride on mower 😊.

Our thanks to Errol Driver for conducting the RSL component of John's Service.

Roy Watts; WWII Veteran, RAN.

Sadly Roy passed away in November 2021. Roy for many years was our Appeals Officer, he was a hard working and admired Member. He was also a much respected and active member of our Golf Section - TAGA (Thursday Afternoon Golf Association) which we hope to get back up and running soon!

LEST WE FORGET

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

Community News LOCAL LIVE MUSIC

Beaumaris Cricket Club with generous support from the Music For Victoria Fund present Field, See and Mason with special guest Angus Burchall (AKA the Wizard of White Street, as much for his prowess with both junior and senior BCC and BFC teams in the 70's and 80's as for his impressive musical exploits).

Lindsay Field (NZ), Sam See (Australia), and Glyn Mason (UK) have been singing and playing together and separately in some of Australia's biggest acts including Jimmy Barnes, Glenn Shorrock, Renee Geyer, Paul Kelly, Sherbet and Chain to name a few.

Of course, "The Wizard" has hit the skins behind Farnham for decades and toured with such legends of the Australian music scene as Olivia Newton John, The Black Sorrows and, most notably, the Faraway Pencils.

Their stellar harmony blend and inventive acoustic rock guitar arrangements deliver a high energy musical experience.

Tickets are just \$15 and will be limited due to government restrictions, so get in early by clicking - <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/864727>

Sunday 27 February 2022

Doors @ 2PM / Show time @ 3.30 PM. Bar Snacks available

Beaumaris Cricket Club, Banksia Reserve, Oak St, Beaumaris

Look forward to seeing you there for a star-studded afternoon of classic Australian live music! FYI here is the text again and i will email the flyer shortly Sent from my iPhone