

Beaumaris RSL Sub Branch

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January 2020 MEMBERS NEWS

Dear Member

Time has certainly flown since our last newsletter. I hope you have all had a wonderful festive season and are looking forward to the year ahead. Your committee and Sub-Branch certainly was kept very busy leading up to the end of the year as you can read in this edition.

Our project to secure long term accommodation has achieved some significant milestones. At the October Ordinary meeting of Bayside Council (I have a declared conflict of interest and do not participate as a Councillor on any matter concerning this proposal) the Beaumaris Sports Club & Beaumaris RSL proposal was recommended by Officers. During the debate by Councillors the proposal was amended and approved. The amendment (which was developed on the night) placed a 10% charge back to Council for the term of the lease (49 years) on all profits.

The 3 sports clubs, the BSC and our Sub-Branch after discussing this amendment with our respective committees wrote back to Council in late October not agreeing to this amendment.

The proposal was then again debated in December and the proposal to have a long term lease was not supported without the amendment and rather a suggested standard lease be negotiated.

The sub-branch has begun these negotiations and is very confident the matter will be resolved in a short timeframe. Extensive work that has been completed over the past 2 years covering off all the risks, weaknesses and opportunities of the proposal. We continue to keep the State Branch updated and keep this project moving forward.

Change in Catering

The interim short term arrangement with the local catering firm FoodStyling completed just before Christmas. The BSC is in the final stages of confirming the catering offering for 2020. We expect this work to be completed soon and in February will be able to offer meals again at our Wednesday night Stand To's. In the mean time please don't hesitate to come down to socialise over a drink or two from the bar!

Remembrance Day Service and Lunch

It was a very special lunch in deed this year with our very own Vice President John Douglas receiving his life membership. The lunches held the Friday before ANZAC and Remembrance Day dedicated to our WW2 veteran members have become our most popular social occasions.

The table and room decorations provided by the women's auxiliary were absolutely splendid. The lunch was MC'd by our membership officer Jane Lapa and the Hot Flushes Choir provided a selection of WW2 ear tunes.



Jane Lapa, Membership Officer Beaumaris RSL Luncheon MC



CPOSN Jane Lapa, Beth Carruthers, Clarke Martin The Deputy Mayor Cr Rob Grinter with the Electoral Officer of Enver Erdogan MLA at the Beaumaris 2019 Remembrance Day Service

The service held on the Monday was very well attended with local schools, Council, State & Federal MP's, and many veteran members well represented.

John Douglas – Life Membership

It was with great pleasure and long overdue to be able to present our Vice President John Douglas with his life membership to Victorian RSL.



John Douglas with his Life Membership certificate and other life members Marie MacIntosh, John Moller OAM, Beaumaris RSL

John's unwavering commitment to the club is demonstrated nearly every day through his work organizing ANZAC and Remembrance Day March and Services, his engagement with members, attendance at all functions and his formal involvement with the wider RSL through is representation at various meetings and events. We look forward to another great year with John in 2020!!

Vale-Lois Edward 1925 - 2019

We were sad to hear the news of the passing of one of our WW2 veteran members in December. The branch was well represented at the Funeral and an RSL commemoration provided.

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