



# Beaumaris RSL Sub Branch Inc.

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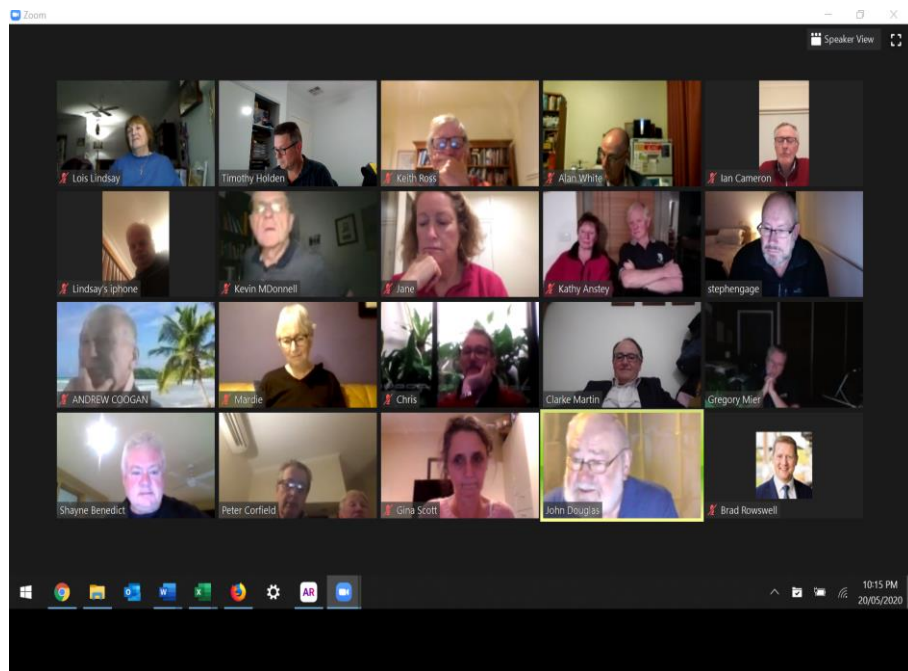
## MEMBERS NEWS

### Dear Member

I hope you are all well and the 2<sup>nd</sup> lock down is a bit easier than the first now that we all know what to do. I hope it is not a surprise to you that your committee has been as active as ever and the on-going work of our sub-branch volunteers has continued. There is no doubt these are tough times and times where keeping in touch, helping a friend and staying informed has never been more important. I hope you enjoy the news and please do not hesitate to contact us we always enjoy the chat!

### AGM

We had our first 'Zoom' online AGM and were very much relieved all the technology worked.



The meeting went very well and the below folk are your newly elected committee:

Shayne Benedict	President
John Douglas	Vice President
Gina Scott	Secretary
Timothy Holden	Treasurer
Jane Lapa	Membership Officer
Steve Gage	Property Officer

Clarke Martin stood down in his role to resolve the conflict of interest with Bayside City Council as he was elected Mayor in October. Clarke spoke at the meeting and confirmed he will continue to be a very active member.

Peter Corfield was also confirmed as our welfare officer and acknowledged on all the work he and his wife Rhonda do for our veterans. All of our volunteers and the Women's Auxiliary were also recognized and we look forward to working with everyone again this year.

### **State Branch and our Debt Resolution Update**

For those who are subscribers to the State RSL newsletter you would have read about the recent departures of staff at ANZAC House. One of these was Luke Gilholme who was performing the role of Strategy and Governance. The CEO stated that due to the ceasing of operations of clubs across Victoria and the resulting lack of income restructuring and redundancies were required.

Luke in his former role as acting CFO and in his current position assisted our Sub-branch significantly culminating in the proposal presented to the State Board we reported on in our last newsletter. Although it was not successful it did provide a very clear pathway forward which we are currently stepping gently through.

State Branch is working through considerable challenges during this time and we as a Sub-branch have taken this into account and have assumed a 'watching brief' on our debt resolution project. Once the major clubs reopen for business, the state branch moves from crisis management to a more stable footing we believe, and our case will be positively progressed.

### **Long Term Accommodation Project**

Since the closure of the Beaumaris Sports Club your sub-branch through the business planning sub committee has been involved in almost weekly meetings with the Council and the clubs. This work has led to a number of high level concepts from one of the clubs taking on the head lease, the 3 clubs returning to a 6 month and 6 month seasonal lease, the Sub Branch take on the head lease with the support from the 3 clubs and the current proposal of a joint venture between the Football and Cricket clubs taking on the head lease.

All this work has been valuable and necessary to stress test ideas and concepts and one positive outcome from the COVID 19 lock downs there is plenty of time to do this work.

At this stage none of the concepts have moved to a more formal proposal stage. Our Sub-branch remains steadfast in securing a lease that complies with the Patriotic Fund Trust rules. Having a secure commercial lease permits us to withdraw funds to support our members. This includes rent, a fit out to properly display and not just our memorabilia but also the sports clubs and providing office space and the like. Our model includes the facility being professionally run supporting the kitchen and importantly supporting the three foundation sports clubs.

As always, we will call a meeting of members when we need to and vote on the matter but unfortunately at this stage we believe it, will be sometime away before we need to do so.

## Ralph Butcher turns 102



Ralph with Mayor in 2019

It was absolutely brilliant to be able to share in Ralph's milestone. He provided us the note below (from his iPad of course!)

Thank you, Beaumaris RSL Members, for your good wishes and gift. It is nice to feel in contact with others. Family and friends are the key to happy living in old age and I am lucky in this regard. I wish you all good health and good luck in the years ahead. Cheers  
Ralph Butcher

## Isolation Distractions (provided by our very own John Douglas)

Some local 24hour live webcams

Beaumaris Motor Yacht Squadron

<https://www.bmys.com.au/bmys-webcams/>

Sandringham Yacht Club

<http://webcam.syc.com.au:8080/viewer/live/en/live.html>

A nice bit of historic Beaumaris News including the RSL from 1962 for you

[https://scontent.fmel5-1.fna.fbcdn.net/v/t1.0-9/95178780\\_10156814809486650\\_5372816070807650304\\_o.jpg?nc\\_cat=100&nc\\_sid=825194&nc\\_ohc=K91lu\\_e0i8qAX9lhEJU&nc\\_ht=scontent.fmel5-1.fna&oh=bd8ae7a3aeb1c64e7431feae39bd0fc3&oe=5F317724](https://scontent.fmel5-1.fna.fbcdn.net/v/t1.0-9/95178780_10156814809486650_5372816070807650304_o.jpg?nc_cat=100&nc_sid=825194&nc_ohc=K91lu_e0i8qAX9lhEJU&nc_ht=scontent.fmel5-1.fna&oh=bd8ae7a3aeb1c64e7431feae39bd0fc3&oe=5F317724)

Sandringham's Trafalgar Heritage Precinct is very much linked to the story of HMS PICKLE. This was the race to get the news of the British victory at the Battle of Trafalgar and the loss of Horatio Nelson to the Admiralty in London.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l6OQ628\\_cyQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l6OQ628_cyQ)

## Vale

It is always a pleasure to report no Vale within our membership but the passing of an absolute legend of the Royal Australian Navy could not go unremarked. Rear Admiral

Andrew John Robertson, AO, DSC, RAN, (RET'D) died a fortnight ago. Click here for the article in Navy News.

<https://news.navy.gov.au/en/Jul2020/People/5931/Rear-Admiral-Andrew-Robertson-remembered.htm#.XxBNaZvittZ>

and an interview with John Anderson is well worth the click through too.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nwvBo\\_7e-Y](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nwvBo_7e-Y)

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