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MEMBERS NEWS

Dear Member

Reporting the Sub-Branch news and events this April, must be one of the most unusual in our Sub-Branch history. The pandemic has changed the way we commemorate ANZAC Day, how we hold meetings, elections and catch up with each other, but we are adapting at overcoming these challenges and the others we are confronted with. On that note we reported last month that State Branch executive had provided us with a proposal to resolve our debt. Unfortunately, this month we have been informed (details below) that the elected Board did not support the proposal. On top of that we have also been advised that the lease at the Beaumaris Sports Club is being changed.

Your committee has become accustomed to challenges and I know our members have too. Beating adversity, staying the course and keeping a sense of humor in dark times are traits in the DNA of Australia's defence forces and from our perspective, the Beaumaris RSL.

Debt Resolution Update

The BRSL received a letter from the CEO of State Branch Mr. Jamie Twidale last week advising the proposal to resolve our debt had been presented to the State RSL board and was not supported. The letter is attached.

On the 26th of March we received a proposal from State Branch that resolved our historic debt. It involved our club making a donation of over \$3 million and was conditional on the State Board approval and our sub-branch members approval. The negotiations leading up to this proposal had been thorough and included advice from Consumer Affairs Victoria and Australian Charities and Not for Profits Commission.

Due to very short time frames in good faith we undertook a consultative process with our members using a variety of tools including phone calls, video conferencing and emails

At the end of the consultative process we have had strong support with the proposal from our members. It was very pleasing to be able to use video conferencing effectively and be able to present the proposal and answer and discuss questions.

Although the committee is very disappointed in the unexpected decision of the State Board we accept it. We have communicated to the CEO that we are still very much open and willing to continue discussions and seek a resolution to this matter. We feel progress will be made in shorter timeframes than we have become unfortunately accustomed to.

Long Term Accommodation Project

We have been informed by Council that the Beaumaris Sports Club's lease at Banksia Reserve has come to an end. The Council is now discussing with the 3 sporting clubs and the Sub-Branch on new accommodation arrangements both short and long term.

The current CONVID 19 restrictions on licensed clubs provides time to undertake these discussions in an orderly and comprehensive manner. Your committee remains confident that our new headquarters will be secured during this process and we will keep you informed of any developments.

ANZAC DAY 2020

Beaumaris RSL is calling members at 5.55am to Stand To in your driveway, balcony or doorway to commemorate this years ANZAC Day. The ABC on TV, Radio and on-line will begin broadcasting from 5-30am and play the Last Post and Ode at 6am.



ANZAC Appeal 2020

The supermarkets have begun selling badges in lieu of street sales. The State Branch is sending out a special COVID 19 letter which provides a convenient method of donating to this years appeal. We strongly support this campaign and encourage to make a donation. If you don't get the letter please get in touch with the Jane who will assist in making a donation. Even though it is very different from previous years it is still so important to make a contribution.

Members ZOOM meeting

With the success of our first members meeting we are holding another on the 20th of May at 8pm. We will be providing our annual financial report, a round up of the year gone by and an update to members on the debt and long-term accommodation projects. Further details including the link to the members will come out closer to the date.

Isolation Distractions (provided by our very own John Douglas)

A concert at Royal Albert Hall

Here is this year's Mountbatten Festival of Music at the Royal Albert Hall on 07MAR20, by the Massed Bands of HM Royal Marines. It is one of the best concerts you will ever see in the greatest venue of all. The first half ends with a medley of Sir Tom Jones songs. Great lock down viewing.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4WV9YohPS6M&feature=youtu.be>

A bear in there

Put a bear in your window and be part of the world-wide pandemic bear hunt. The idea is simple. When kids are out walking with their family (and yes we're still allowed to do that!) they're on the lookout for bears in windows. At a time when things are pretty tough, the bear hunt is putting a bit of fun back into the world.

Because it's almost Anzac Day put your Great War bears out and share smiles and history.

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And lastly if you're really getting desperate

<http://www.hmswarrior.org/webcam>

HMS WARRIOR'S WEB CAM. The view moves every 10 Seconds You get Portsea Hard, Portsmouth Harbour Railway Station and Ferry Jetty, Spinnaker Tower , Gosport and HMS ALLIANCE in the Submarine Museum. South Railway Jetty, HMS LANCASTER berthed alongside, today, HMS Queen Elizabeth and more.

A letter was sent last year and asked if they could relocate the camera to avoid the view being fouled by halyards and shrouds. They wrote back the next day and said NO. Too expensive and they don't have anyone in the ship who is qualified to go aloft.

Enjoy the view.

Vale

Lois Edwards

Pauline Burgess

Millie Evans

These three members were part of the initial group who were instrumental in establishing the Beaumaris RSL Women's Auxiliary. Their commitment to veterans inspired them to work tirelessly from the mid 60's to raise much needed funds for the RSL through sales of badges, raffles and social events. Their friendship and dedication to the Auxiliary was much admired and they will be greatly missed.

LEST WE FORGET

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