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The significant event for November was our annual Remembrance Day Service on THU 11Nov21.

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.

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.

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.

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**Saluting their Service- Commonwealth Grants Programme - DVA**

I have had to put this on hold until other business is out of the way. It appears that there is a lot of work involved and I believe that applications need to be lodged by late January 2022.

I may need some assistance with this as there are different types of grants. Some, I believe, would be best lodged by Beaumaris RSL and some perhaps, lodged by Bayside City Council.

There are two sites involved here.

1. Our two Field Pieces at Mentone RSL Sub Branch Inc. (A 25 Pounder Field Gun and a 40/60 Bofors Gun) Both of these need preservation and repair regardless where they are presently located.

2. The development of the Beaumaris Memorial Community Forecourt and Cenotaph and environs. Refer to the Conceptual Drawings submitted to Council at BRSL Expense in NOV20.

**Andy Coogan- Storage of Appeals Stock- Both ANZAC and Remembrance Poppies.**

1.Having spoken the Andy yesterday, I think his request needs to be actioned urgently and it would be a pity if we put this off until 08DEC21.

It would help if we could let him know that we are looking into this and will get back to him as soon as we can.

2.Andy has also requested that we approach the Manager of the Bendigo Bank Sandringham and make an arrangement for him to provide us with four (4) remote POS machines as standard practice twice a year for the duration of each appeal. (1 for each of the following sites. Seaview Shops, Concourse, Black Rock and Sandringham)

**Beaumaris RSL Community ANZAC Commemorative March and Service 24Apr22**

Planning is underway and an application has been lodged with Joint Operation Support Staff (JOSS) with our Request for Ceremonial Support.

**Region 4 Meeting**

Our next meeting is scheduled for MON06Dec21 at 1000. St Kilda RSL Sub Branch Inc.

Yours aye,

John