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MAY 2024 MEMBERS NEWS



R.I.P Ralph Butcher 24 June 1918. - 14 May 2024.

Dear Member

A sad day indeed to hear the news Ralph has passed away this month. We as a Sub-Branch mourn the loss of one of our greatest members. I hope you can join us at the full Military Funeral (details below) and send off a man of such impeccable qualities.

Our annual hectic and enjoyable ANZAC season of events and fund raising was exceptional. I thank all the volunteers for their work to ensure our commemoration events and activities were of a high quality and success. Of course, Carolyn and Rhonda need special mention for their enormous contribution in organising another incredibly successful appeal and John Douglas and Mairi McIntosh for their unwavering efforts on the March and Service.

I am pleased to announce that a Commemoration Sub-Committee has now been formally ratified by the Sub-Branch committee of management. This group will take on the task of formally organising and documenting all the relevant tasks and stakeholders that make our commemorations so professional and appealing to attend.

As always there is lots going on and I do hope you can get involved over the course of the year ahead.

Enjoy the news!

ANZAC Season delivers again!



Another terrific March with our Reviewing Officer, Captain Andrew Newman, CSC, RAN , taking the Salute.

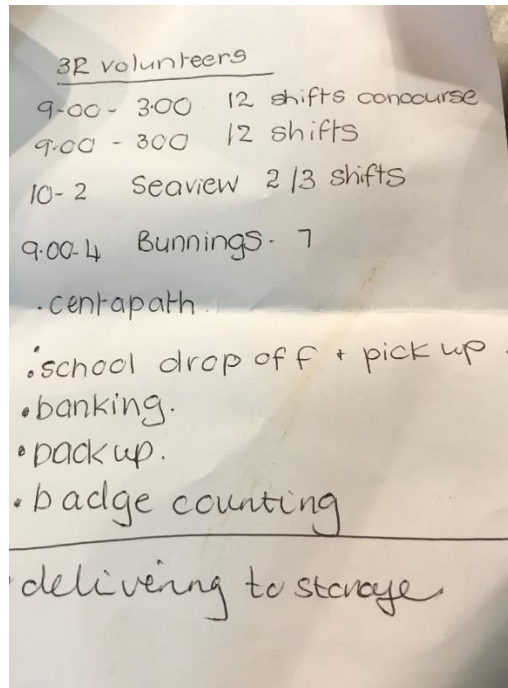


The Catafalque Party Mounted at the Cenotaph.



Right to left: Zoe Daniel MP with President Shayne Benedict, Cr Clarke Martin, and Bugler Kathryn
At the ANZAC Memorial Service at Banksia Reserve on SAT 20-Apr-24

ANZAC Appeal



An outstanding 32 volunteers participated in this year's appeal, raising well over \$20,000. We thank them all, through shopping street stalls, trays delivered and maintained at local schools, manning our rostered Mentone Bunnings table and all the back of house work involved.

We have two appeals each year and are always looking for volunteers to assist with the organisation. All you need to do is contact Carolyn Strong our appeals coordinator on 0411 119 241 email: carolynstrong58@hotmail.com or Rhonda Corfield 0429 647 481, if you want to get involved.

It is a lot of fun and a great way to both meet new people and assist Veterans.

Local young man Archie Padley joins up.

Our Sub-Branch came together in farewelling another local lad who has joined the Defence Forces. His family attended our Wednesday Stand To, to be presented with his letter which was read in full on the night.

We wish him all the best!



Archie at both the formal enlistment day and our Sub-Branch farewell

Dear Archie

It is with great pleasure I can personally present you with this letter of congratulations and kinship. Making the decision to join Australia's defence forces does not come lightly, nor is the recruitment process easy.

You have been accepted into the Australian Army's 1st Recruit Training Battalion at Kapooka Army Base as part of your pathway to Infantry Training at Singleton NSW. Congratulations!

You have not just joined the Army, you have become a member of another family that has significant traditions, language, culture and incredible standing in our community.

Please know that your local Sub-Branch in Beaumaris is here for you both during and post your service. Our service members understand the world you are about to enter including the extreme experiences you may encounter through your training and deployment, the absolute joy you can have with your mates and of course the many challenging times.

Again, congratulations of your successful recruitment and we wish you all the best on your upcoming training and future postings.

When on leave please feel free to drop in any Wednesday night and let us know how you're going.

Yours sincerely

Clarke Martin
Immediate Past President
Beaumaris RSL Sub-Branch

A double winner for our Jackpot!!

Who could believe that Andy Coogan brought home the bacon a second time in a month to win the fortnightly Jackpot Draw. It just goes to show you must be there to win and Andy certainly turns up each Wednesday.



Terry Black awarding Andy his cash prize

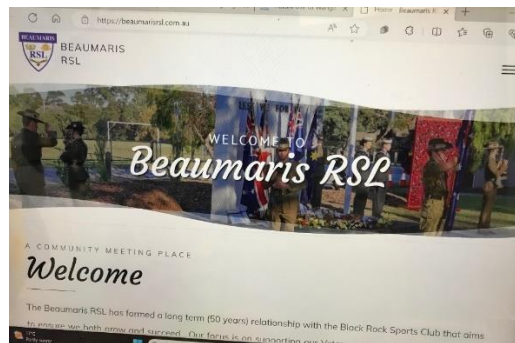
Dates of the upcoming Wednesday Night Members Jackpot draws are:
22nd May, 5th June, 19th June, 3rd July, 17th July and 31st July.

Building Refurbishment Project



Tender documentation has been approved and advertising to builders underway. An expert panel will make the recommendation of the successful bidder later in May. It is a very exciting time indeed!! Please do not hesitate to contact the Sub-Branch if you have any questions or you can contribute through a supply contra arrangement.

Communications update



The new web site continues to enjoy an increase in traffic to the site and has jumped up to second when undertaking a google search.

We are looking for a volunteer to assist with updates that takes less than an hour or two a week and does not need any experience. Please send Gina, our secretary, an email to beumarisrsl@gmail.com if you are able to help.

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Website

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RSL VIC follows up 4 Corners Story on Chronic Pain

Our Sub-Branch advocated for the State RSL through the President Rob Webster to make enquiries regarding the media story of Chronic Pain and in particular back surgeries using stimulators.

Rob sent through the email reply below:

Hi Rob,

Thank you for your recent call regarding the Four Corners report and spinal cord stimulators.

DVA staff are indeed aware of the Four Corners report about the "Pain Factory" that recently aired on the ABC. This investigative report described a number of adverse events for particular patients, the state of medical evidence for back surgery and spinal cord surgery and the concerns of the private insurance industry surrounding some doctors billing habits.

Persistent (or chronic pain) affects many Australians, and veterans are not immune. DVA arrangements fund a range of treatments (for eligible veterans) associated with persistent pain including physiotherapy, exercise physiology, medication, psychological treatments and multidisciplinary pain programs. Only a small percentage of veterans who seek treatment for chronic pain proceed to spinal surgery or spinal cord stimulators.

DVA will fund treatments for eligible veterans that are in line with the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS). DVA follow guidance of Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) and other regulators about safety and warnings around different implanted devices.

MBS items and their restrictions can be revised by the Dept of Health if safety concerns emerge aftermarket release.

DVA clients who get spinal stimulators have discussions with their treating doctors about what may be suitable for them and the potential risks and benefits associated with the treatment. If a treating provider recommends a treatment and the person is eligible, then DVA will fund, in line with our legislation. Guidance on the clinical use of spinal cord stimulators is available for doctors through their peak professional bodies and their medico-legal insurers. The medical evidence can change over time and with use outside of trial conditions.

The TGA is currently investigating Spinal Cord Stimulators and the industry more broadly. <https://www.tga.gov.au/how-we-regulate/supply-therapeutic-good/supply-medical-device/medical-device-post-market-reviews/post-market-review-spinal-cord-stimulation-scs-devices>. As outlined in the show, this investigation has been going for some time.

With regards to billing abnormalities, DVA has an integral Fraud and Integrity section. DVA employees, contractors, veterans or the wider community can report suspected fraud to DVA. DVA also cooperates with other government agencies (such as the Department of Health and Ageing, Medicare and the Australian Federal Police) to share knowledge and intelligence about potentially fraudulent events.

DVA does not have details of the release date of the TGA report, but will analyse its findings, and implications for veterans upon its release.

Thanks for reaching out and hopefully this information is of assistance.

Warm regards,

Polly Frankcombe

Executive Support

Deputy Commissioner Victoria

VEA Compensation & Support

Client Benefits Division

Vale

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Ralph Butcher laying a wreath on ANZAC Day 2024

Sadly, Ralph Butcher passed away peacefully on May 14. Peter Corfield had the pleasure of accompanying Ralph at the ANZAC Day Service at RSL Vasey, Brighton and assisting him to lay a wreath. A few days prior to Ralph's passing he was presented with a Medallion honouring his Service in WW11, on behalf of The Australian Government.

A few years earlier was recipient of the Bayside City Council Senior Citizen of the Year Award for his contribution to the community. This included founding the Bayside Legacy Branch and working tirelessly with Veteran families for most of his post war life.

Ralph will be laid to rest with a full Military Funeral at:

Renownden Chapel, Springvale Cemetery,
600 Princes Highway, Springvale, VIC., 3171

The Service will commence at 3 30 PM

On Friday 24th May 2024

[Click here for Live Stream](#)

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.

Shayne Benedict, President, Beaumaris RSL Sub-Branch
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Please contact Jane Lapa our membership officer with any enquiries.
Phone 0415 935 513 or email jane.lapa@icloud.com

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



Beaumaris RSL Women's Auxiliary Midwinter Feast



Share the joy of community in this festive gathering.

THIS IS A COMMUNITY EVENT -
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

HIGHLIGHTS

- Spit roast dining and drinks at bar prices
- Live entertainment by Covers in the Corner

Join us as we also celebrate 40 remarkable years of the
Beaumaris Legacy Widows Club, recognising the
dedication, impact and companionship of their members.

**BOOK EARLY TO SECURE YOUR
TICKET OR BOOK A TABLE.
BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL, WITH
PAYMENT AT TIME OF BOOKING.**

BANK TRANSFER

BRSL Women's Auxiliary

BSB: 083 337

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 515 228 944

Please ensure that your Bank transfer clearly includes
names of all attendees

CHEQUE

BRSL Women's Auxiliary

C/- 339A Beach Rd BLACK ROCK 3193

For further information

Mairi McIntosh: 0419 882 501

Reg Black: 0408 324 866



JOIN US!

- 12pm, Thursday 27th June
- \$40 per head
- Sandy by the Bay, Trevor Barker Beach
Oval, Beach Rd, Sandringham VIC 3191