



# **BEAUMARIS RSL SUB-BRANCH INC.**

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## **JULY 2024 MEMBERS NEWS**



R.I.P Ted Morecroft 7 July 1922 – 30 June 2024.

### **Dear Member**

We said good-bye to our last WW2 Life Member Ted Morecroft with a full Military Funeral and appropriate send off for one of the Sub-Branches great contributors. Please take the time to read our story on Ted below.

Since our last newsletter it has been all hands on deck to prepare for the closure of the club for our much expected renovations. I would like to thank all the volunteers for ensuring our precious memorabilia has been safely stored away during the works.

It is very pleasing to report that Black Rock Yacht Club has approved a temporary reciprocal arrangement for us. This means our members get a 15% discount and do not need to sign in. Please note the date of the Jackpot nights reported below as we continue to hold our Wednesday night Stand To evenings with doors open at 4pm. Also as a member you can attend the Yacht club on Thursday to Sundays.

We are now taking bookings for our major event, the annual Long Tan Dinner. Last year it was close to a sell out so please make sure you get in early. We very much look forward to continuing our relationship with Victoria Police through our incredibly interesting speaker Former Detective Senior Sergeant Charlie Bezzina.

Enjoy the news!

## Temporary Accommodation secured



Reg Black, Gina Scott, Clarke Martin, Megan Martin, General Meeting Dinner 17/7/24 Black Rock Yacht Club

Black Rock Yacht Club will be our new home until early November during the building works. We will be continuing our Wednesday night Stand To's, fortnightly jackpots and weekly raffles. We also have some dinners planned for September. Please come on down, they have a great crackling wood fire on and you get a 15% discount on all bar prices!

The jackpot for July 31<sup>st</sup> is \$350 and is waiting to be won. Remember, you must be in attendance to win!

The view is superb and we have had two fantastic Sunsets on the first two out of three weeks that we have been there. It is warm and comfortable and there is plenty of room, so please come along and join us. There is plenty of car parking right outside.

### Jackpots

July 31<sup>st</sup>

August 14<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>

September 11<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>

October 9<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>

Our dedicated bar man opens the doors at 4pm each Wednesday.

## Building Refurbishment Project



Stud walls of new RSL Remembrance Lounge July 2024

After nearly 2 years our refurbishment project has begun. Working Parties were arranged and the limited items of our extensive collection that were on display, were moved back into our warehouse for safe keeping during all the building activity that is now well underway.

The contractors then moved in with the site sheds and temporary fencing installed. The first two weeks has seen demolition works, asbestos removal and construction of the internal stud walls.

The project is currently on track with no set backs encountered.



## RETURNED SERVICES LEAGUE

**BEAUMARIS** (Sub-Branch Victoria) WOMEN'S AUXILIARY  
 ABN Number 88265918231

**President:** Mairi McIntosh OAM - 0419 882 501    **Secretary:** Reg Black OAM - 0408 324 866  
**Treasurer:** Rhonda Corfield 0429 647 481

### WOMEN'S AUXILIARY NEWSLETTER July 2024

#### WEEKLY RAFFLE

Since the introduction of our weekly raffle on 25<sup>th</sup> of October last year, we have been able to support local businesses with purchasing goods and vouchers from them. This weekly raffle is now able to support our fortnightly Members' Draw. To date we have had 3 winners who have taken home \$500 between them. You must be present to win the "pot" which at present stands at \$350.

#### ANZAC Badge Appeal.

A very big thank you to all our members who weathered the chilly weather and supported the ANZAC Badge appeal this year. Your efforts are appreciated as approximately \$23,000 filled the accounts for the benefit of Veterans and their families. We are a small Sub-Branch and we are able to make such a difference through the determination and support of others. You should all be pleased with your efforts as they make a huge difference to the lives of others.

Our local ANZAC DAY commemoration was conducted on Sunday April 21<sup>st</sup> and what a huge success this was. The Auxiliary members worked extremely hard making the sandwiches and sweet treats to ensure that those in attendance were catered for. Each year this afternoon tea gathers momentum and more and more of the community attends. A very big thank you to all behind the scene members who volunteer on the day. We couldn't do it without you.

Congratulations to John Douglas, OAM and his workforce who have already begun the task of organising the 2025 ANZAC service. His contribution, and dedication throughout the year goes unnoticed until the day, when all the preparation and time that has been spent over the past 12 months comes together with military precision. As with every other event, helpers are needed and John would gratefully receive a call from anyone interested in assisting with work needing to be done prior to ANZAC Day. Pop into the Wednesday Night gathering and have a chat to him.

#### MID YEAR FEAST Luncheon Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup>

We celebrated the 40th Anniversary of the Beaumaris Legacy Widows Club at our combined Mid-Winter Feast this year. And what a great success it was! We had 123 attendees who did fill the room with much laughter and joy.





Unfortunately, our beloved Ralph Butcher OAM who was part of the initial driving forces to create the Beaumaris Sub Branch Legacy Widows was an absent friend.

Sadly, Ralph passed away on 14 May 2024. He is sadly missed.



Ralph was remembered by his daughter Jenny Purnell who donated some cash for us to organise a door prize. We were able to purchase a Volunteer Camellia in recognition of Ralph's lifetime commitment to serving others.



All attending Legacy widows were given an embroidered hand towel acknowledging the great occasion by the Beaumaris Sub Branch Women's Auxilliary

A chocolate sponge and a raspberry sponge for dessert to celebrate this great day



We were joined by Women's Auxiliary President Mairi McIntosh OAM and President of Melbourne Legacy, MS. Kerry Jenke who explained to all, the contribution that Legacy makes to Legacy Widows and their families and congratulated all Legacy widows on their commitment to 40 years of membership.

Beth Carruthers at her favourite luncheon place with Bayside Legatee Peter McKittrick.



And the winner of one of our many raffle prizes donated by local businesses from whom we purchase many vouchers throughout the year for our Wednesday night raffle

## LONG TAN DINNER Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August

Flyers have already been distributed for this Dinner so please book early and come along with your family and friends and enjoy a social evening with others in the community and listen to a great speaker. We look forward to seeing you all there.

### Dates to pop into your Diary

- There will not be a meeting in July
- Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August at 32 Bayview Cres Black Rock at 1.00pm
- CHRISTMAS BREAK-UP Luncheon Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November

The Auxiliary welcomes new members and if you would like to become involved with our vibrant group, please don't hesitate to contact us. We promise that we will welcome you with a great big cheer....

Reg Black OAM

Hon Secretary.

Beaumaris Women's Auxiliary

21 July 2024

### **Vale**

R.I.P Ted Morecroft 7 July 1922. - 30 June 2024.



On Tuesday July 16 we said our farewells to Ted, at a well-attended Service conducted by WD Rose of Brighton. The Service included a Full Military Tribute; our thanks to ADF Liaison Officer/ Ceremonial, Warrant Officer Class Two Craig Duncan, for organising this. We are indebted to Major Michael Lee, Royal Australian Signals (RASIGS), who was accompanied by Acting Sergeant Major Michael O'Loughlan, and Bulger David Robinson. Below is the 'piece' delivered on Ted's Army Service. No coincidence that Major Lee is from Signals.

Many attendees at The Funeral had fond memories of Ted organising the Friday Night Raffle at The RSL, for 27 years, ably accompanied by Fred Allway and Bert Matthews.



John Douglas recalls how meticulous Ted's record keeping was, re who won what, going back in time, notes written in his book with a fountain pen.

A very special thank you to Reg Black, who designed a beautiful Wreath in Red, White and Blue flowers, accompanied with some very well-chosen words on a laminated card to join Ted on his last journey.

Ted was our last WW11 Veteran to pass away; R.I.P. Ted.  
Peter Corfield

We would like to thank both of our Welfare Team members, Peter, and Rhonda Corfield for the effort they both put in visiting Ted at his new accommodation in Cobram after his recent move from Beaumaris.

Peter's tireless effort in working with Family, Funeral directors, Celebrant and the Army Signals detachment from Simpson Barracks, Watsonia, for Ted's Funeral on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2024

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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.

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# Beaumaris RSL LONG TAN DINNER

Join us for this community event. Everyone is welcome

Thursday 15th August 2024  
6:30pm for 7pm Dinner

Sandringham Oval Clubrooms,  
Trevor Barker Beach Oval  
Beach Rd, Sandringham

## \$70 PER HEAD

Net proceeds to be directed to  
veterans' welfare.

Finger food on arrival, main  
course and dessert.  
Main course will be steak.  
Please advise in advance if you  
prefer a chicken or vegetarian  
option

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

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Speaker

## **Charlie Bezzina**

Lead Detective in  
some of Victoria's  
most prominent  
homicides

