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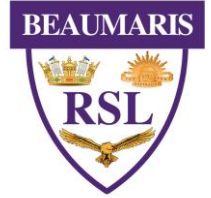
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SEPTEMBER 2024 MEMBERS NEWS



The new deck progress 19 Sep 2024.

Dear Member

We are approaching one of the greatest milestones in our recent history with the completion of the refurbishment of our new home at Fern Street. The works have been progressing at pace and we are gearing up to re-enter and set ourselves up. The planning of a number of significant events to open our new facility and celebrate are underway.

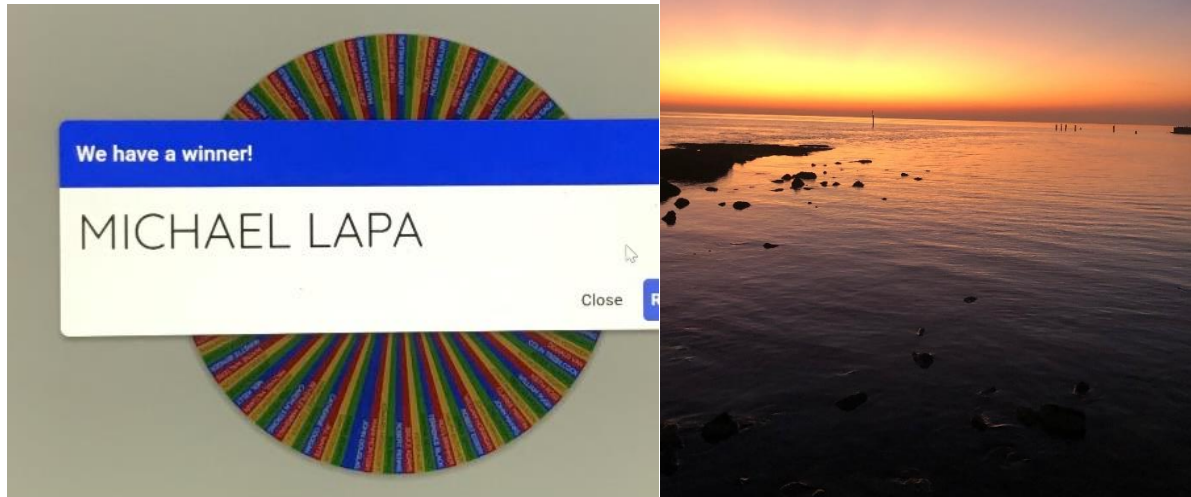
As always we are always seeking volunteers and are very mindful of members concern of being roped in and becoming to entangled. I can personally assure you that all our volunteers can select their own tempo of contribution and take leave at any time.

Our reason for being remains the number one focus with support to Veterans, commemoration and our Appeals. The organisation for the Poppy Appeal is well underway and the stall holder rosters needs filling. Rohnda Corfield has stepped up with Caroline Strong recuperating from illness.

On behalf of all members we thank the Womens Auxiliary for the organisation of the Winter Lunch and Long Tan Dinner. I recommend you get your tickets early for the Christmas lunch (flyer attached). Once we are in our new home we are looking forward to hosting many lunches and dinners in our own wonderfully refurbished facility.

Enjoy the news!

Wednesday evening Stand To's at our temporary accommodation



Not a great time to take a trip to Europe for our regular Stand To Mick Lapa

Black Rock Yacht Club has been a wonderful host for our Wednesday night Stand To's, fortnightly jackpots and weekly raffles. We will communicate the planned dinners for October on Jackpot nights. Please come on down, they have a great crackling wood fire on and you get a 15% discount on all bar prices!

The member Jackpots continue to build each fortnight and 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

September 25th
October 9th, 23rd

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

Building Refurbishment Project



New bricked entry ramp and rendering of existing building. New groovy ceiling taking shape Sep 2024

The project is moving ahead a quite apace. Works inside and out continue to transform the old building and are on track. The Sub-Branch continues to keep the Victorian State Trustees informed of progress with a face to face/zoom meeting held on the 16th of September.

At the same time meetings and discussion continue to ensure all is in place for our members to have brilliant experiences in our new comfortable setting.

Commemorating WW1 Returned Servicemen



Grave of Gunner T.M .Boyle, 11th Field Artillery Battalion died 22nd August 1926 (8 years post WW1)

The 11th Field Artillery Brigade formed in Egypt in early 1916 to support the newly raised 4th Division. It went on to serve in *Egypt: Defence of Egypt*, *Western Front: Retreat to the Hindenburg Line*, Bullecourt, Messines, Menin Road, Polygon Wood, Passchendaele, Villers Bretonneux, Hamel, Amiens, Albert, Hindenburg Line.

Over the past 10 years the Friends of Cheltenham Pioneer Cemetery have been quietly researching the more that 200 unmarked graves of WW1 veterans. Many of the Veterans died of their wounds in the near-by Cheltenham Repatriation Hospital that was stood up during the war.

It takes a lot of effort and time before an official application can be made to the DVA to have a plaque approved. Often family attends a service at the grave site commemorating their ancestors. The cemetery is part of Beaumaris RSL area of operations and we do hope to have a greater role to play to complete this most important work. In the meantime please head down to the Cemetery and seek out their work. It is incredibly moving.



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 SEPTEMBER 2024

WEEKLY RAFFLE

Since our last report we have only had one winner in our members draw and they went home with \$150. The pot has started to build and on Wednesday evening at the Black Rock Yacht Club we will once again wait to see whether a member attending will take home \$250.

Just a reminder, you must be present to collect the winnings if your name is drawn.

Proceeds from the weekly raffle are used to fund the raffle prizes and also fund the members draw each fortnight.

LONG TAN DINNER Thursday 15th August

What a very entertaining evening! Thank you to all attendees who supported this RSL event. A welcome drink on arrival helped to get the evening going and prepare for a very interesting presentation from this years' guest speaker Charlie Bossani. His insight into the minds of the underworld and the enormous stress involved in collating every piece of evidence to convict criminals was, at times, disheartening and disappointing to the task forces who work so hard for convictions and to then hear of a re-trial, or at best a short time stay at Government's pleasure.



We sincerely thank Charlie, who offered his services for free so that our RSL could use these funds appropriately on our Club in the near future.

We must not overlook the acknowledgement address given by our very own Rosco who has a unique way of entertaining the throng and adding to the entertainment of the evening. Rosco also donated his gratuity towards the coffers. Pity it was never formally offered to him.....

Thank you to MC Terry Black who ensured that the evening ran smoothly and also acknowledged the impact that the Battle of Long Tan had on all those who were involved in the greatest loss of Australian servicemen on a single day in Vietnam.

Legacy Week

Thank you to the Auxiliary members who put their hand up and manned Moorabbin and Mentone Bunnings stores. Another story of many hands make light work.

Remembrance Badge Appeal.

If you have been involved in organising any function or fund-raising event, you would have a deep appreciation of all the hours of work and preparation that goes into making it successful.

Each year the same people put their hands up to volunteer and support the organisers, but more hands are needed to ease the pressure on so few.

Please, if you have a few hours to assist at anytime, reach out to Rhonda, her number is at the top of this newsletter. She would welcome your call **soon** so that rosters can be done well in advance.

Dates to pop into your Diary

- Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 21st October at 32 Bayview Cres Black Rock at 1.00pm
- Remembrance Day Service will be at the Cenotaph at Beaumaris Community Centre. All to be seated by 10.45. Light refreshments will be provided by the Auxiliary
- CHRISTMAS BREAK-UP Luncheon Thursday 27th November See attached flyer

We are delighted to welcome a new member to our Auxiliary and hopefully will meet us all at our meeting in October.

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
18th September 2024

Welfare Report

We have three 'stalwarts' recovering at home after recent time in hospital:

Shirley Bare, John Moore and John Roberts. Our best wishes are extended to all three for a speedy recovery.

Robbie Essery is in fine form and looking forward to attending Wednesday Night Stand To once we move back to Black Rock Sports Club.

Margaret Cooper Johnson is back home recovering after a stint in hospital , we wish Margaret also a speedy recovery and hopefully a return to participating in activities organised by The Heathland Club.

Peter Corfield
Welfare Officer

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



Let's celebrate together!



**BEAUMARIS RSL
WOMEN'S AUXILIARY
CHRISTMAS**

Luncheon

Make up a table with friends and neighbours and dance the afternoon away with the **Repeters Band** on Thursday 28th

November 2024

12.00 for 12.30p.m.

TICKETS \$40. Enjoy a two course spit roast Buffet catered by ASAT catering

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

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

Beumaris RSL Women's Auxiliary

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Please ensure that your bank transfer clearly includes your name/s.

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