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## **JUNE 2025 MEMBERS NEWS**



Beaumaris Sharks players wearing the inaugural Beaumaris Sub-Branch ANZAC commemorative strip

### **Dear Member**

Timber, steel and all the rest of the materials make up our refurbished rooms. As we come to the end of our long-term accommodation journey the question of what is it that makes up our Sub-Branch? Friendship, comradery, service to others and a sense of optimism seem to be key ingredients. We have proved people rather than the buildings are core to the Beaumaris Sub-Branch.

The ANZAC Appeal, Community ANZAC Commemorative March and Service, Major Frank Reade ANZAC Commemorative Football Game and lunch and ANZAC Day at Fern Street were all incredibly well organised and patronised. Our volunteer recognition event this year also demonstrated the strength of the Beauy Sub-Branch.

As always there has been lots going on including the Winter Solstice Lunch on the 18<sup>th</sup> of June and our Long Tan Dinner on Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup> of August and lots more to look forward to and we thank all those that are making it happen.

Enjoy the news!

## Acknowledging our Volunteers 21 May 2025



Our next generation of Volunteers, Nelly and Marlow, Di Vance's Granddaughter's who ably assisted by Di received our largest one-time donation of \$400!

We came together and acknowledged all our volunteers from the next generation to our life members who made a terrific contribution during our ANZAC month of activities.



Carolyn, Rhonda and Reg OAM celebrating another record appeal. These 3 get so much done and we are all so grateful for their on-going contributions.

It was great to see a large turn-out for our first dedicated event recognising the contribution of all the people provided their time and effort. There were tasty platters of canape's provided by Kingsley our house caterer and plenty of cheers all round.

Organisation of our November Remembrance Day Poppy Appeal is around the corner and of course we are always looking for volunteers. Please come to any Wednesday Stand-To from 5pm to find out more!



## Our Inaugural Frank Reid ANZAC Commemorative Football Game



Players wearing the commemorative strip for the first time 26<sup>th</sup> April 2025 Beaumaris Football Club

Our Sub-Branch has participated in an ANZAC football game with the Beaumaris Sharks for 8 years which has included an on-field commemoration and lunch with a variety of guest speakers from the Australian Defence Force.



This year marked a significant step up with a 5-year agreement struck between the club and the sub-branch. A set of commemorative football strips for the 3 male and 2 female senior teams and a new medal for each game were part of it.



The medal is presented to the Beaumaris player that has showed the most mateship during the game. Frank Reade was imprisoned by the Japanese and survived being forced to construct the Burma Railroad which led to 1000's of Allied Forces deaths.

Frank left Australia a Sargent, returned a Major and settled in Beaumaris with many other Veterans. He went on to be a leading figure in starting the Beaumaris RSL and establishing the Beaumaris Football and Cricket Clubs. He coached and played many other roles in the club and those that had the privilege of spending time with him experienced someone like no other.

**The rain cleared and our secretary stepped up!**



Gina Scott, Secretary Beaumaris Sub-Branch MC and Key Note Speaker Captain, Andrew Newman CSC 2025  
ANZAC Commemorative March and Service



Rain showers and sunshine were all part of this year's commemoration on Easter Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2025. The traditional march and salute to our guest of honour went like clockwork and our speakers provided emotional and compelling addresses. Our volunteer vintage drivers did a magnificent job ensuring our vulnerable members being able to attend and our Women's Auxiliary produced beautiful wreaths.



Mairi, Reg and the beautiful wreaths. Rev Bill Pugh and volunteer Heather Robbins

Our Veterans, their Family Members and Legacy Widows, keenly look forward to 'transportation' in one of the available classic cars, to attend our ANZAC Ceremony. This year was no exception; our thanks to John Humphries for organising and making his Rolls Royce available. To Tom Chapman and Terry Black for making their vehicles available. Special thanks to Legacy Widow Margaret Banks for organising the participation of our Legacy Widows. A huge thank you to Heather Robbins, who never left Rev Bill Pugh's side.



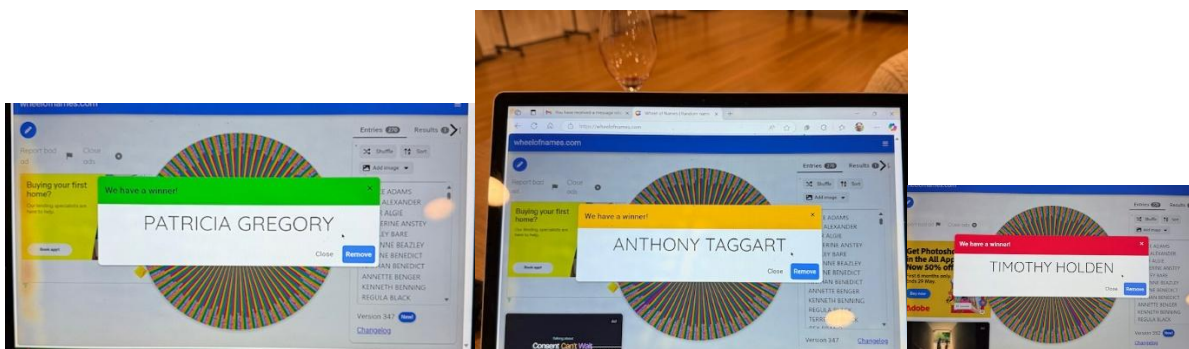
Lloyce Gibson travelling in style, Sean 'Dusty' Miller and his proud Dad Adam

## RSL Wednesday Night 'Stand To' Doors open 4.30pm Jackpots at 6.30pm

### DINNERS NOW AVAILABLE WITH MEMBERS DISCOUNTS!

The Jackpot draws are a very popular fortnightly event and for the lucky winners very profitable! Our weekly raffles are also building into a terrific mid-week distraction and bit of fun. There are not many places where you can come in and feel at home almost immediately. Our members take a great deal of pride in welcoming new faces and making sure everyone feels apart of the fun.

So come on down, enjoy the new RSL atmosphere we are creating be part of the rebuilding of our community.



Timothy missed by a couple of minutes, Pat and Tony were not in the house and up went the Jackpot!



Steve loves the updated menu from Kingsley and his daughter providing lovely mid-week meals

Kingsley and his team are providing an incredible selection of delicious meals each week provide members discounts. The offerings are value priced and the numbers are increasing. It has taken us a long time to return to food on a Wednesday and we definitely need you support to keep it that way.

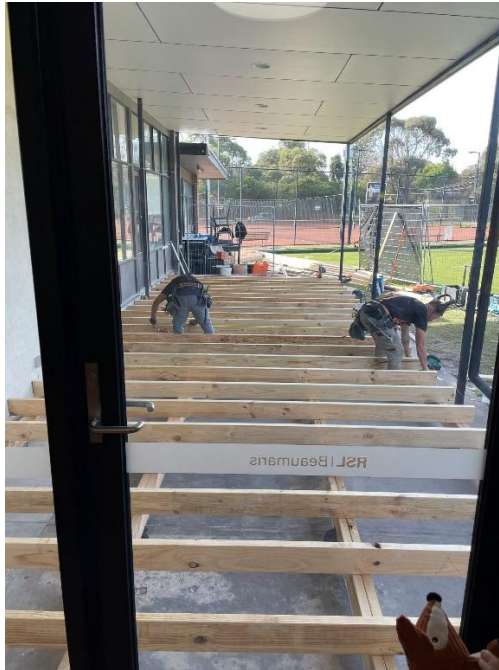
Jackpots for June and July:

June 4<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> July 9<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> and beyond.

Break up the winter and enjoy some fun and food!



## Building Refurbishment Project



Construction of the other part of our deck started 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

With great anticipation works finally started on the completion of our decks. This section enables patrons to enter and exit our space without having to navigate stairs. We thank local builder Russel Cormack from Cormack Developments for his very favourable quote.

## Hanging the honour Boards and Art Works



Our honour boards have gone up along with our beautiful Biplane Propellor and other key items.

### **The Fire roars to life**



There is nothing like coming in from the cold and warming up by a log fire. There are not many left across the district and the enjoyment is not lost on anyone who has so far experienced our new cherished fireplace.



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

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**Treasurer: Rhonda Corfield 0429 647 481  
Women's Auxiliary Newsletter March 2025**

### **Women's Auxiliary Newsletter June 2025**

What a wonderful Autumn we have experienced, although there has been very little rain. The days have been an absolute delight. We are very aware of our farmers who haven't had a heavy downfall since November last year. Our thoughts are with them as we enjoy the urban benefits of beautiful weather. The need for watering the gardens in mid-afternoon is a wonderful opportunity. Sneak out and spend some quality time, admiring the many beautiful gold, orange and red plants which are ever changing as they prepare for their Winter hibernation. Time to plant bulbs and pansies as we await the budding of spring.

### **Thank you**

Where would our RSL be without the tireless work of volunteers behind the scenes?



A very special thank you to Rhonda Corfield. Rhonda realised that the ANZAC appeal needed to be co-ordinated and worked for up to a month before to ensure that the Appeal ran smoothly.

In the fortnight prior, she spent many hours sorting badges. At all hours during the day one could find her hard at work. Boxes needed to be filled and schools needed their boxes delivered before the holiday break. Nothing was left to chance. When all was sorted, the enormous task of filling the sales rosters began.



A huge thank you to the 45 volunteers who stepped up in support. Rhonda not only replaced empty boxes daily but also set up and cleared away the stalls daily. She also filled in the many blank spaces on the roster. She would not admit it, but she probably covered 6-8 shifts extra due to vacancies.

Without Rhonda's great input, I don't believe that Beaumaris RSL would have come anywhere near the \$25,000 collected during the two-week Appeal.

We are greatly indebted to her.

Our Badge Appeal was true evidence of commitment and dedication in raising Welfare funds for Service and ex-service members and their families, who, due to unforeseen circumstances may need support. Our RSL Sub-Branch's commitment to those who have given much, is now here to support them. If you are aware of anyone who is part of our service family, who may need help, please inform our committee. They are here to help.

Volunteers were invited by the Sub-Branch committee to attend a pre-dinner meet and greet at the Clubrooms in appreciation of the contribution they made towards the Appeal. The Auxiliary was able to provide each volunteer with "a glass of good cheer" as it's sign of appreciation to the hours volunteers spent at Appeals tables.

## **ANZAC DAY**

Food, glorious food!

A thumbs up to all those who helped with the catering for our post-ANZAC Service function at Beaumaris Bowling Club. It is such a pleasure to contact our cohort of volunteers to be greeted with a "hello, what would you like me to prepare for ANZAC Day". Often a phone call comes to the Auxiliary with the offer and a request for the time that their catering needs to be delivered on the day. This support and willingness is so very much appreciated by the organising committee. Thank you to our very competent "director of works" in the kitchen on the day in Noelene Muller. The catering and table service runs like clockwork ensuring

everyone is catered for and has plenty to eat followed by the bottomless cups of tea and coffee.

This year, Rhonda suggested that the Choir and the workers who are at the Cenotaph setting up many hours before the service, are catered for with sandwiches and sweet treats, prior to the service. This initiative was very well received.

The Cenotaph display, focused on indigenous Australians and New Zealand Maori's supporting the Armed forces when more manpower was needed. They were treated as equals, proud to be there, fought as valiantly as any. Their losses were great. Unfortunately their commitment was not acknowledged once they arrived home. They were treated with disdain.



Thank you to Mairi McIntosh OAM, whose secretarial work and compilation of the Orders of Service took many months to create under the supervision of our Convener, John Douglas OAM. Invitations to dignitaries, schools and local community groups were sent out well in advance, due to the Easter holidays, to ensure that the event was representative of our community.

Signage and wreath labels were printed in advance to ensure that wreaths are ready for distribution and hand held flags also ordered well in advance from our local Federal MP, Zoe Daniels.

This year, a record number of wreaths were laid and provided a colourful and dignified display on the Cenotaph. Similarly a number of books were laid, for subsequent donation to local school libraries





### Women's Auxiliary Voluntary Hours

The volunteer hours for the Women's Auxiliary for March/April of 1228 hours were submitted to John Douglas, OAM for the the Southern Region RSL meeting. The Auxiliary continues to work behind the scenes and their support is a testament to these incredible hours. The Auxiliary catered for the Southern Regional meeting held on June 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Clubrooms. Thank you to Rhonda and Kathy for their domestic skills.

### Member's Draw and Weekly Raffle

Mother's Day was acknowledged in the raffle prior to Mothering Sunday and we were able to have some great raffle prizes.

We purchased:

- 50 cm Spathiphyllum
- \$30 meat Voucher was donated by Seaview Meats
- basket of three cyclamens containing a \$25 voucher donated by Glicko
- Queen sized doona

Our prizes continue to build as your support for our raffles increase.

Our Member's draw, held once a fortnight was up to \$500! Just remember that you need to be present to collect the cash if your name comes up! Unfortunately, the member whose name was called out was not in attendance. The draw will revert to \$50, if not claimed it will increase each draw by \$50 till won.

### Women's Auxiliary Winter Solstice Function will be held Wednesday June 18 at Sandy By The Bay

The flyer for our function is attached. Come along, bring your friends, make up a table and share in a great mid-week luncheon. We look forward to catching up with you all and hitting the dance floor to the music of the Repeters.

The Auxiliary members are busy seeking donations from the local businesses which we support when purchasing weekly raffle prizes. These businesses are very supportive of the RSL and Women's Auxiliary and we appreciate their generosity.

Dates to pop into your diary.

Our next Auxiliary meeting will be on Wednesday 20 August at Beaumaris RSL Club Rooms, Fern Street, Black Rock at 1.30 pm. Make note of the new start time! Please note that we do not have a meeting in July and our June meeting falls on our Luncheon function.

Reg Black OAM  
Hon Secretary.  
Beaumaris Women's Auxiliary  
2 June 2025

### **Welfare Report**



It was great to see Barry Taylor Vietnam Veteran happy and well at the Sharks ANZAC lunch. As with all of us he was most impressed with the new dedicated strips with the RSL Logo and names of the Sub-Branch Veterans.

As always if anyone would like to chat please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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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.

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