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AUTUMN 2026 MEMBERS NEWS



British Army Tennis squad 12th January 2026 Beaumaris Sub-Branch

Dear Member

We have had our best summer since formally moving into our permanent accommodation at Fern St. The highlight was the visit of the British Army Tennis Squad and I thank all the volunteers on the day. With ANZAC activities ramping up I encourage you to get involved.

With news of War we support our National President's call printed below. If you or have family who are Mid East Veterans please know the Beauy Sub-Branch is here for you.

State Branch reported our neighboring Mentone RSL Sub-Branch is now in Administration. We have confirmed in writing of the outdoor memorabilia we own and have stored in the surrounding gardens. Our committee is working on a plan to resolve the permanent location of these items and provide support to the President and his committee.

Our AGM will be held on Wednesday the 25th of March 2026, 7-30pm at the Sub-Branch with details below. Please contact me with suggestions on any improvements before the meeting. Dinner & bar will be on as normal so please plan to stay for the meeting.

As I have previously reported I am retiring from the role after a six year term. Although I have relocated to Inverloch I am in Melbourne regularly and will continue to be engaged with Beauy going forward. It has been an incredible time of change for all of us and I thank the committee for the huge contribution they have made to get us back up and running. I look forward to seeing as many as possible at our AGM.

Enjoy the news

**Message from the Australian RSL President, Peter Tinley AL
2 March 2026**

I'm watching the news from the Middle East. Here we go again.

If you've been there, you know that's not cynicism. It's recognition. Your body knows before your mind catches up. The geography. The language. The tempo. You've seen this movie before.

I don't watch it as news. I watch it as a sequence. Strikes lead to responses. Responses lead to decisions. Decisions lead to someone packing a bag. I know how fast it can go from "tensions in the Middle East" to "wheels up". And I think of my son, currently serving in the Army.

Here we go again.

26,000 Australians served in the Middle East. A lot of them are sitting in lounge rooms tonight, feeling the same weather change. And behind every one of them, a partner quietly asking themselves whether they're about to do it again.

Pick up the phone tonight. Not a hotline, a mate. The one who was there. The one who doesn't need the backstory. "You watching this? How's it going?"

That's what the veteran community is for. Not anything else but this.

And if you've drifted from those people the RSL has 1,100 sub-branches full of people who get it. Walk in. Your service is enough.

Here we go again. But you don't walk alone.

Veterans' Crisis Line: 1800 011 046

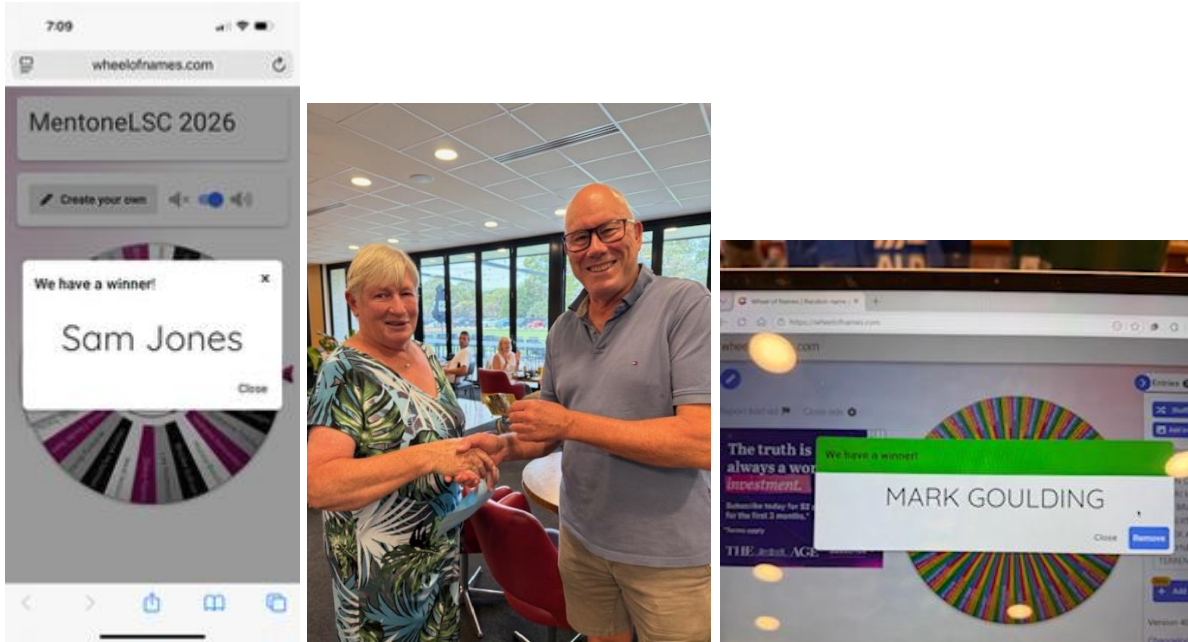
2026 DATES FOR THE CALENDAR

Tuesday 7th of April	ANZAC Appeal begins	Local Stalls
Sunday 19th April	Commemorative March and Service	Concourse and Cenotaph
Sunday 19th April	Post March and Service reception	Fern Street
Saturday 25th April	ANZAC DAY Commemoration Activity	Fern Street
Saturday 25th April	ANZAC Football Match and Lunch	Sandringham Oval
Wednesday 20th May	Anniversary Dinner Dance	Fern Street
Tuesday 16th June	Womens Aux Winter Luncheon	Sandringham Oval
Wednesday 19th August	Long Tan Dinner	Fern Street
Monday 26th October	Poppy Appeal begins	Stalls
Wednesday 11th November	Remembrance Day	Cenotaph
Saturday 10th October	Formal Dinner	Fern Street
Tuesday 1st December	Womens Aux Christmas Luncheon	Sandringham Oval

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

DINNERS AVAILABLE WITH MEMBERS DISCOUNTS!

The Jackpot draws are an extremely 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 and feel at home almost immediately. Our members take a great deal of pride in welcoming fresh faces and making sure everyone feels part of the fun.



Sam and Mark missed out but Steve picked up a nice little prize. You gotta be there to win!

So come on down, enjoy the new RSL atmosphere of a mid-week bit of fun.

The jackpot nights are very popular every fortnight! Don't miss the next dates coming up.

Mar 11th, 25th

April 8th, 22nd

May 6th, 20th

Dinners every Wednesday!





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 and provide members discounts. The offerings are value priced, and the numbers are increasing. It has taken a long time to return to food on a Wednesday, and we definitely need your support to keep it that way.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Beaumaris RSL Sub-Branch Inc. will be held on Wednesday 25 March 2026, commencing at 7.30 pm at the Beaumaris RSL Sub-Branch, 8 Fern Street Black Rock, 3193.

BUSINESS TO BE CONDUCTED

1. To confirm the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting and any Extra Ordinary General Meetings held in 2025.
2. To receive and consider the Financial Report, Committee Report and the Independent Auditor's Report for the year ended 31 December 2025.
3. To elect the President, Secretary and Committee members. (2 year terms)
4. To elect the Treasurer for 1 year term due to resignation of previous appointee
5. To appoint Welfare & Appeals Officers
6. To deal with any other General Business that may be dealt with at the AGM.

Nominations forms are available and must be returned to beaumarisrsl@gmail.com or directly to myself by Wednesday 11th of March 2026.

Gina Scott
Secretary

RSL Victoria Statement on Mentone RSL Sub-Branch

RSL Victoria in January met with the Mentone RSL Sub-Branch Committee to update them on matters following the Sub-Branch's decision to enter voluntary administration on 4 December 2025.

RSL Victoria, in conjunction with the Sub-Branch, commenced an investigation into financial and governance issues that lead to this situation. This has found several irregularities that warrant a full investigation.

Given the need to complete that investigation while the Sub-Branch is in administration, RSL Victoria will control the affairs of the Sub-Branch for up to 12 months and will appoint a Management Advisory Group to manage day-to-day matters and liaise with the administrator.

All parties will be working towards achieving a positive outcome for the Mentone RSL Sub-Branch.

While this process continues, the Sub-Branch will not operate, and the hospitality venue will not re-open until further notice.

RSL Victoria and the Management Advisory Group will work with Sub-Branch members ensure that veteran and family support and commemoration continue in the local area.

They will also work collectively to ensure memorabilia is preserved and secure.

The support of veterans and their families remains the priority of RSL Victoria and Mentone RSL Sub-Branch. Mentone members have today been communicated details on how to access support during this period.

75th anniversary of National Service 1951-72



Peter Corfield acknowledging Nasho's in attendance 11th February 2026

Peter did a great job organising an event inviting all local 'Nashos' to come along, be recognised and enjoy a drink on us. It was wonderful to see new faces and old enjoying their company and stories of this incredible time in Australian history.

In attendance

Terry Black OAM
Rosco Brimmer
John Douglas OAM
Robbie Essery
Bill Gleadell
Geoffrey Goode OAM

Robert Hornibrook
John Humphris
David Langridge
John Manks
Charles Switzer
Barrie Taylor
Colin Trebilcock

We also had apologies from Tony Taggart, Peter Telford, Garry Forster, Daryl Neal. Peter said on the night let us never forget 'Their Legacy Is Our Liberty' and acknowledge on the night the support we received from The Black Rock Sports Club, in particular The Bowlers and David Ray in making the Commemoration happen.



To mark the 75th anniversary of National Service (1951-1972), the Australian Government held a major function in the Great Hall, Australian Parliament House, Canberra on National Servicemen's Day, 14 February 2026.

National service refers to two conscription schemes for the armed forces that operated during the Cold War. Both schemes saw young men conscripted into Australia's armed forces for full-time and part-time service. Those who served in the national service schemes were affectionately known as 'Nashos'.

- The National Service Training Scheme (NSTS) ran from 1951 to 1959. It required nearly all 18-year-old males to be registered for national service and undergo between 3 and 6 months of full-time training in one of the armed services followed by a part-time service commitment in either the Royal Australian Naval Reserve, Citizen Military Force, or Citizen Air Force.
- The National Service Scheme (NSS) ran from 1965 to 1972. This scheme required males turning 20 and resident in Australia to register for potential national service and then men were selected for national service by a ballot system. Those selected were required to complete 2 years of full-time service with the Australian Regular Army or six years of part-time service in the CMF. Nashos in this scheme could serve in Australia or overseas, including in Vietnam, Malaysia (including in the Indonesian Confrontation), Singapore, and Papua New Guinea.

Over 280,000 young men were called up for national service between 1951 and 1972 with the last Nashos discharged in 1974. More than 200 died on active service overseas and others died while serving in Australia. Although many young men were proud to serve their country in uniform, national service came at a personal cost for all Nashos, irrespective of the nature and location of their service.

British Army Tennis Squad Tour Jan 2026



Mick cooking up a storm on the BBQ, Greg Mier on behalf of the Sub-Branch receives a plaque from the OIC of the team



The deck was the place to be.

After a flurry of calls in early December & January from far and wide including BRSC we finally got to host the British Army Tennis squad. Everyone in attendance had a lovely day and enjoyed both the tennis and classic Aussie BBQ on the deck. We hope to do more of this sort of thing in the future.

Our Cenotaph continues to improve



Flags flying and new plaques on our Cenotaph

Our Vice President John Douglas, OAM our Commemoration Officer has been overseeing works to our Cenotaph over the past 6 years. Through the successful application of grants submissions written by Andy Coogan and the on-going strong support of Bayside City Council major upgrades have been completed.

It has taken quite a long time but we now have the ability to keep our flags raised at the Cenotaph over-night. Illumination is required to fly flags at night and the new works included the lighting of the 3 new masts for this purpose. Our Federal Member Tim Wilson provided the Australian National Flag which is complemented by the Victorian Flag supplied by our State member Brad Rowswell MP. Also flying is our Sub-Branch flag.

The work has been completed in time for our March and Service on Sunday April 19th April 2026.

John organised six bronze plaques and has had them installed by the Bayside City Council. The front four acknowledge the Royal Australian Navy, Army, Airforce and Merchant Navy of Australia. Two at the rear recognise the Australian RSL and the Beaumaris RSL Sub-Branch.

We thank John, Andy, Council, funders and our volunteers who made this happen.

Further works are visioned for the Cenotaph including memorial walls with plaques.



**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 FEBRUARY 2026

Welcome to 2026. Record weather conditions hit Victoria and bush fires are fierce, continuing to burn for the months ahead.

Our thoughts are with the fire services and volunteers who dedicate their lives assisting others in times of deep distress and in need of emotional support. It is difficult to imagine the experience of leaving your residence, treasured possessions packed in the boot of your car, not knowing whether this would be the last time you see your family home.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Our final function for the year was celebrated with full Christmas cheer. Tinsel, Christmas decorations and attendees adorned with Christmas hats and headbands added to the colour and festivities of the day.

Hampton and Beaumaris Legacy widows were either chauffeured by Legatees or driven by taxi to ensure that they arrived early to catch up with friends.

Twelve tables of guests sat down to superb Christmas fare catered by ASAT Catering. We are very grateful Scotty and Luke's care and attention to our senior members, some of whom went home with a pre-packed meal to save them cooking for the following day.

Our special thanks to the hard working Women's Auxiliary members who spent many hours contacting our weekly raffle suppliers, from whom we purchase vouchers throughout the year. Their generosity and willingness gave us hampers worth between \$150 and \$200 each. This ensured that many guests went home with wonderful prizes and added to the festive celebrations.



Some of the many who came along and celebrated our end of year function.

We welcomed new faces this year and thank our regular supporters

RAFFLES

We ran 3 weekly raffles in January and have had 2 members' draw evenings. Congratulations to Stephen Gage who won the draw on the 28th January and took home \$100. The draw will now revert to \$50 and increase by \$50 a fortnight until the next time a fully paid up member is in attendance. Our member's draw is held fortnightly and we also run our weekly raffle.

VOLUNTARY HOURS

December was a busy month and with the organisation of the weekly raffles in January, we submitted 335 Voluntary hours to the RSL South East Regional meeting held in February

ST VINCENT DE PAUL FOODBANK CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Prior to Christmas, we requested donations of non-perishable food to support families who struggle to create a magical Christmas environment for themselves and their children. Thank you to those who made donations of food at the Club. Also thank you to those who made cash donations with which we were able to purchase jars of coffee, tins of chocolate and other more expensive staples. With a donation from the Women's Auxiliary, we were able to spend \$300 to assist with this worthy cause.

ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATIVE MARCH SUNDAY 19TH APRIL

Our next commitment will be to assist with the organisation and refreshments for ANZAC Day, under the direction of our convenor John Douglas OAM. John has already set in motion the majority of the co-ordination for the day. This is always a well attended service and one that grows larger each year.

Local schools and community organisations support the Beaumaris RSL with many marching down Reserve Road behind our Veterans. Many choose to lay a wreath at the Cenotaph during the service. Wreaths may be ordered in advance, through President Mairi McIntosh at a cost of \$70.00.

With a very busy month prior, we support the ANZAC Appeal under the diligent organisation of Rhonda Corfield. This is our largest fundraiser, with monies used to support Veterans and their families throughout the RSL community.

This task needs your help. This is an RSL community commitment that we take on each year. Your support, of even one spot on the roster to sell badges and meet and greet those out shopping would take the enormous load off other collectors. Please, please, contact Rhonda and help with this worthwhile task

Our next meeting will be held in the Clubrooms on Wednesday 18th March at 1.30 p.m.

Till next time,

Regards

Reg Black OAM

Hon Secretary.

Beaumaris RSL Women's Auxiliary

Belgrave-Upwey RSL Sub-Branch



Origins in 1917: The RSL began as the Belgrave RSL during the final year of the First World War, making it one of the earliest Returned & Services League sub-branches in Victoria. It was established by local returned servicemen after WWI with the purpose of preserving mateship from the war, honouring those who served, and supporting veterans in peacetime.



The separate Belgrave and Upwey branches, along with Tecoma, formally amalgamated in 1974 to create the combined **Upwey-Belgrave RSL** sub-branch that exists today.

1 Mast Gully Road, Upwey, in the foothills of the Dandenong Ranges now has a bistro, bar, gardens and a gem of a Museum.

With live music and wonderful Sunday lunches we hope to arrange an outing during the Autumn which will include an exclusive tour of the museum.

VALE - Frank Verinder

A number of Members attended Frank's Memorial Service held at The Sandringham Yacht Club after his passing in December 2025.

Frank was a regular attendee at The RSL, a National Serviceman, serving on HMAS Australia in the 1950's. Frank was employed by the Aircraft Research Development Unit; he worked on

The Mirage Jet Fighter and the upgrade of The F111; he also introduced a new computer system for The US Air Force and received an award for this from the US Air Force. In the words of his good friend Peter Algie 'what Frank didn't know about the F111, wasn't worth knowing'. Frank was also a member of The Sandringham Yacht Club, he held the position of Race Officer for a number of years.

Our sincere condolences were passed on to Frank's partner Eryl, at the Memorial Service.



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

Peter Corfield
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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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Please contact Jane Lapa our membership officer with any enquiries.

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