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WINTER 2026 MEMBERS NEWS



Mick presenting badges to our new members Jillian, Jodie, Laurel, Emma and Lorraine

Dear Member

It is very pleasing to report the growth in our membership and participation in our activities. The feedback we are receiving is the Sub-Branch provides a range of volunteer offerings but also kinship. Discovering the history of family members who served and the role RSL Sub-Branches continue to play for Veterans is compelling.

Major Frank Reade was one of our founders and now the name of the Beaumaris Football Club ANZAC Medal. It was an absolute privilege to award eight of our young people this special honor. It was part of our extensive activities in April which I encourage you to read about in this edition.

With over 7,000 18-25 year olds living in Bayside and only 2 RSL's we really do have lots of opportunities to engage with our future. Addresses to school assemblies, supporting sport, working with our Scouts and youth groups is all part of our work. Our new committee member Tim Parson's is doing a great job sitting down with Melissa Joy the Scout Leader of 1st Beaumaris Sea Scout Group on building even greater connections.

We have had significant changes to the committee through orderly succession. Gina Scott is now one of the 16 female Presidents in the State and joins Sue Cattermole the Victoria RSL CEO and our First State Vice President Lynn Mizen to leadership roles. Please acquaint yourselves with the new committee.

Lastly we enter the winter period in a very strong financial position and with tremendous momentum from a wonderful Autumn. Please bring some friends or family and join us by the fire one Wednesday night or attend our upcoming functions!

Enjoy the News!

Message from the RSL Australia
13 May 2026

NEWS

**"THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE
AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE
CANNOT DETER CONFLICT
WITH STRATEGIES AND
ANNOUNCEMENTS ALONE."**

Peter Tinley, RSL National President



Australia's strategic clock is ticking, and RSL Australia says investment alone isn't enough. The 2026-27 Budget commits \$53 billion over the decade to Defence capability, and we welcome the Government's recognition that our strategic environment is more dangerous than at any point in recent memory.

But as National President, Peter Tinley AM, made clear: "The men and women of the Australian Defence Force cannot deter conflict with strategies and announcements alone." Money must translate into real capability: platforms, workforce, sovereign industry and the support systems our people need, and it must happen at the speed the moment demands.

RSL Australia will continue to hold Government to account on delivery.

Our New President



Vice President John Douglas OAM supervises Jan with the fastening
It was with delight our first female President Gina Scott was awarded her official name badge in front of members during ANZAC Week on the 22nd of April 2026.

Gina has been on the reconstituted committee since inception in 2017 moving from general committee, Secretary and a short term as Treasurer. Working as a Certified Practising Accountant while bringing up two very active boys has certainly kept Gina very busy.

2026 DATES FOR THE CALENDAR

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.



A nice warm fire awaits!

So come on down, enjoy the 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.

June 3rd 17th

July 1st 15th 29th

August 12th 26th



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.

2026 ANZAC March and Service



Sunny sky's greeted attendees at the 2026 March and Service on Sunday 19th of April



The cadets came out in force



Shayne Benedict MC, former Mayor Clarke Martin with cadet and Chris and his Mum Margaret

Our ANZAC Commemoration Service is very popular with our Beaumaris Widows and Veterans, they look forward to being transported in Vintage Vehicles organised by John Humphris, ably assisted by Peter Shepard, Tom Chapman and Dave Bradley.



This year we had the pleasure of also providing transport to the Ex Mayor and Local Councillor Ken Beadle and his wife Margaret. Widows pictured Margaret Cetera, Mairi McIntosh, Ruth Lombard, Loyce Gibson, Margaret Banks, June McVilly; Veteran Charles Switzer.



2026 Post March and Service Reception 19 April



Our inaugural function back at the Sub-Branch was enjoyed by a large number of attendees. Our new member Loni created a beautiful space with native flower table settings, lovely decorations and a very creative furniture layout. Volunteers cooked and served and bountiful BBQ and the Womens Aux arranged live music!



2026 ANZAC Football Match



On ground Commemoration after the annual Beaumaris Football Club Lunch hosted by President Scott Nish LHS and Vice President Graeme Scott RHS, centre Rick Nugent.

With the Beaumaris Sharks home deck being refurbished this years Football Match was held at Trevor Barker Oval. The lunch guest speaker was the former Acting Police Commissioner Rick Nugent. He shared his memories of his WW1 Veteran Grand Father and Dad who served in WW2. Rick an expert on trauma also led a group of policeman on a Kokoda Trail pilgrimage that ended with a Dawn Service at the Isurava Battlefield Memorial.



This year our Sub-Branch's commemorative footy strip was provided to all 8 senior Mens and Womens teams. The player demonstrating the qualities set out for the Major Frank Reade Medal were presented after each match.

Black Rock Sports Club and Beaumaris RSL ANZAC Day



The ANZAC Day Commemorative Service conducted by The Black Rock Sports Club was very well supported by The Local Community . The Beaumaris RSL Reverend Wayne Walters was part of The Service and The RSL was well represented by members, including James Thorne and Leonie Wuersching.

2026 ANZAC Appeal and Volunteers Week Recognition



Mick Lapa thanks volunteers for their amazing 2026 ANZAC Appeal efforts and makes everyone feel good. A lovely late afternoon tea was conducted on Wednesday 27th May. It was an opportunity to gather with others committed to the RSL annual appeal and take the time to sit back, relax and chill.

Special bags of goodies were very much appreciated by all. The Poppy Appeal kicks off in late October and more volunteers are always welcome!

Manning stalls all over the district and distributing our badge trays through schools, shops and community organisations keep our volunteers busy.

Rhonda every year ensures the appeal runs smoothly, clearing the donations, topping up the trays and motivating the troops!



Beauy RSL Hosts Dare to Hope



Dare to Hope volunteers recognised by founder Cherie Dear (Red & White stripes) for their 2026 campaign

Being part of the community is what Sub-Branch is all about. The Dare to Hope organisation was set up by local resident Cherie Dear and her Husband Paul Dear a Hawthorn Norm Smith Medallist when diagnosed with Pancreatic Cancer. To date over \$1million has been raised through the Hawthorn v Geelong games at the MCG. With no salaries almost all monies raised go directly to much need research.

Anchors Aweigh!



Tim Parsons and Mick Lapa using their Naval training to lay an anchor

The Mentone RSL has been looking after a number of items of outdoor memorabilia since our transition to new premises. Early in the year an opportunity arose to relocate two important pieces, our Anchor and commemorative Sundial.

The Anchor is from the Port Examination Vessel, MV ALVINA that had Midshipman Richard Stanley Veale embarked, together with a Chief Yeoman of Signals. At the outbreak of WWI, they ordered the German Ship Pfalz (pronounced Fal) to heave to and surrender.

Her Master refused and Fort Nepean put a shot across her bows. She then hove to and surrendered. She went on to serve Australia for the next 60 years,

That shot was logged as the first British



The current locations are temporary of these items are temporary and will be permanently displayed when the appropriate design and planning approvals are completed.



**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 WINTER 2026

Call out for Knitters.

Last year, the Auxiliary undertook a new initiative. We decorated the grass plaza of the Concourse with Remembrance poppies to acknowledge veterans who served for us, so that our lives would be free and safe from conflict. We are indebted to these brave men and women who gave up so much.

Local veterans were recognised by their families by buying a large felt poppy for \$5.00 displaying the photo of their family member. If you would like to acknowledge a family member in this way in our display, please contact Reg Black.

This year we would like to extend this display to include the Concourse shops. To do this we need your help. We have wool. We have poppy patterns. All we need is people who enjoy sitting at home keeping warm, who would like to have a simple activity to help occupy the wintery days ahead. If you would like to contribute to this activity, please contact Reg Black.

Our Winter Luncheon at Sandy By The Bay June Tuesday 16th June

Our Winter luncheon flyer is attached. Please join us and meet up with local friends and neighbours. This is always a warm, friendly afternoon of fun and laughter. We look forward to seeing you there.

Our Winter Flyer is attached for booking information, times and venue.

Our Voluntary hours for April/May were 475 hours

Our next meeting will be held in the Clubrooms on Wednesday August 19th at 1.30 p.m.

Till next time,

Regards

Reg Black OAM

Hon Secretary.

Beaumaris RSL Women's Auxiliary

Community Information Sessions: Defence estate divestment in Victoria

The Department of Defence would like to ensure our local veteran communities are kept informed of the [Defence estate divestment in Victoria](#) and have a channel to voice their feedback and perspectives on this matter.

To facilitate this, Defence will be hosting a series of Community Information Sessions across Victoria. We invite you to share this news with your Sub-Branch members and local veteran and family community.

The purpose of these sessions is to provide local communities with information about the Defence Estate Audit, the divestment process, transition planning, and the next steps for affected sites.

Each session will be facilitated by representatives from the Department of Defence and the Department of Finance who will answer questions and listen to community feedback.

Community Information Sessions - details below:

Laverton

Date: Tuesday 9 June 2026

Time: 5:00 – 7:30pm, with Defence address (to be followed by a formal Q&A) at 5:30 pm

Location: Laverton Community Hub, 95-105 Railway Avenue, Laverton VIC 3028

Crib Point

Date: Wednesday 10 June 2026

Time: 5:30 – 7:30pm with Defence address at 5:45 pm

Location: Crib Point Primary School, 70 Milne Street Crib Point VIC 3919

Kyneton

Date: Thursday 11 June 2026

Time: 3:30 – 5:30pm with Defence address at 3:45 pm.

Location: Kyneton Bowling Club, 61-79 Mollison St, Kyneton VIC 3444.

Light refreshments will be available at all sessions.

If you are interested in attending a Community Information Session, please register your attendance by clicking the link [HERE](#).

If.

The Department of Defence understands the strong connection between our ex-service community and these sites. Defence welcomes your attendance to these Community Information Sessions and values your feedback and thoughts on the Defence Estate divestment.

If you have any questions, please contact the Defence Estate Engagement team via estate.engagement@defence.gov.au or 1800 333 362.

Bentleigh RSL Sub-Branch and Melbourne Racing Club partner on Cheltenham

Bentleigh RSL Sub-Branch has entered into an agreement with Pegasus Leisure Group (PLG), the hospitality and leisure operating entity of Melbourne Racing Club (MRC), for PLG to lease and operate the Cheltenham-Moorabbin RSL commercial venue.

The outcome will see veteran support in the local area remain, provide a sustainable income source to help fund that support and ensure the commercial venue continues in the community.

The Cheltenham-Moorabbin RSL Sub-Branch amalgamated with Bentleigh RSL Sub-Branch in 2015, with Bentleigh assuming veteran support responsibilities for both sites.

“Partnering with MRC at the Cheltenham site will allow us to focus on the core operation of local veteran support in the area,” said Bentleigh RSL Sub-Branch President Warwick McDonald.

“The leasing arrangement will see a welfare support presence remain at the site, and the income derived from the MRC lease will support that core mission.”

The Bentleigh RSL Sub-Branch patriotic fund will remain the owners of the site at 289 Centre Dandenong Road, Cheltenham. MRC will operate the hospitality and entertainment venue via its operating entity Pegasus Leisure Group.

Bentleigh RSL Sub-Branch will continue to hold commemorative events such as ANZAC Day services at the Cheltenham site.

“The partnership between both entities also promises to strengthen the hospitality venue offering for members and patrons,” said Mr McDonald.

“This is a positive outcome for local veterans and their families, members of the Sub-Branch and the broader community.”

The agreement will help support the ongoing operation of the venue while ensuring continuity for members, patrons and the local community. Members will continue to have access to the hospitality venue and will retain their RSL membership.

Russell Evans, CEO of Pegasus Leisure Group, said:

“Pegasus Leisure Group is pleased to be partnering with Bentleigh RSL to operate the Cheltenham venue.”

“This is a well-established local venue with strong community connections, and our focus will be on continuing its hospitality operations while respecting the important role Bentleigh RSL plays in supporting members, veterans and the wider community.”

“Pegasus Leisure Group has worked successfully in partnership with RSL clubs across Victoria, and we look forward to building on that experience at Cheltenham Moorabbin RSL.”

RSL Victoria is supportive of the partnership, CEO Sue Cattermole saying:
"RSL Victoria's State Executive has approved and is supportive of the new partnership between Bentleigh RSL and MRC.

"This is an example of our Sub-Branch network focussing on the best use of its resources to provide sustainable veteran support across Victoria."

Beaumaris Football Club PRESIDENT'S LUNCH - GRAND FINAL REMATCH AGAINST AJAX



You are warmly invited to our GF rematch lunch at Trevor Barker Oval.

Relive the excitement of the Grand Final rematch while enjoying spectacular views, great company and an excellent lunch in a fantastic setting.

Mark 'Choco' Williams is Australian rules football royalty, renowned as an innovative premiership winning coach and Australian football Hall of Fame inductee.

He led Port Adelaide to their historic inaugural AFL premiership in 2004.

Choco Williams is a proud indigenous man himself and has also coached the Ajax football club so his insights and football stories are not to be missed.

Game details

2.00pm 13 June

Beaumaris Senior Men V AJAX Senior Men

Catered by Sandy by the Bay.

Date

Saturday 13 June 2026 11:30 AM - 5:00 PM (UTC+10)

Location

Sandy by the Bay (Trevor Barker Oval)

Beach Road, Sandringham VIC 3193

BOOKING LINK - <https://www.trybooking.com/DMCXG>

I hope you have enjoyed this newsletter.

Clarke Martin, Secretary, Beaumaris RSL Sub-Branch

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