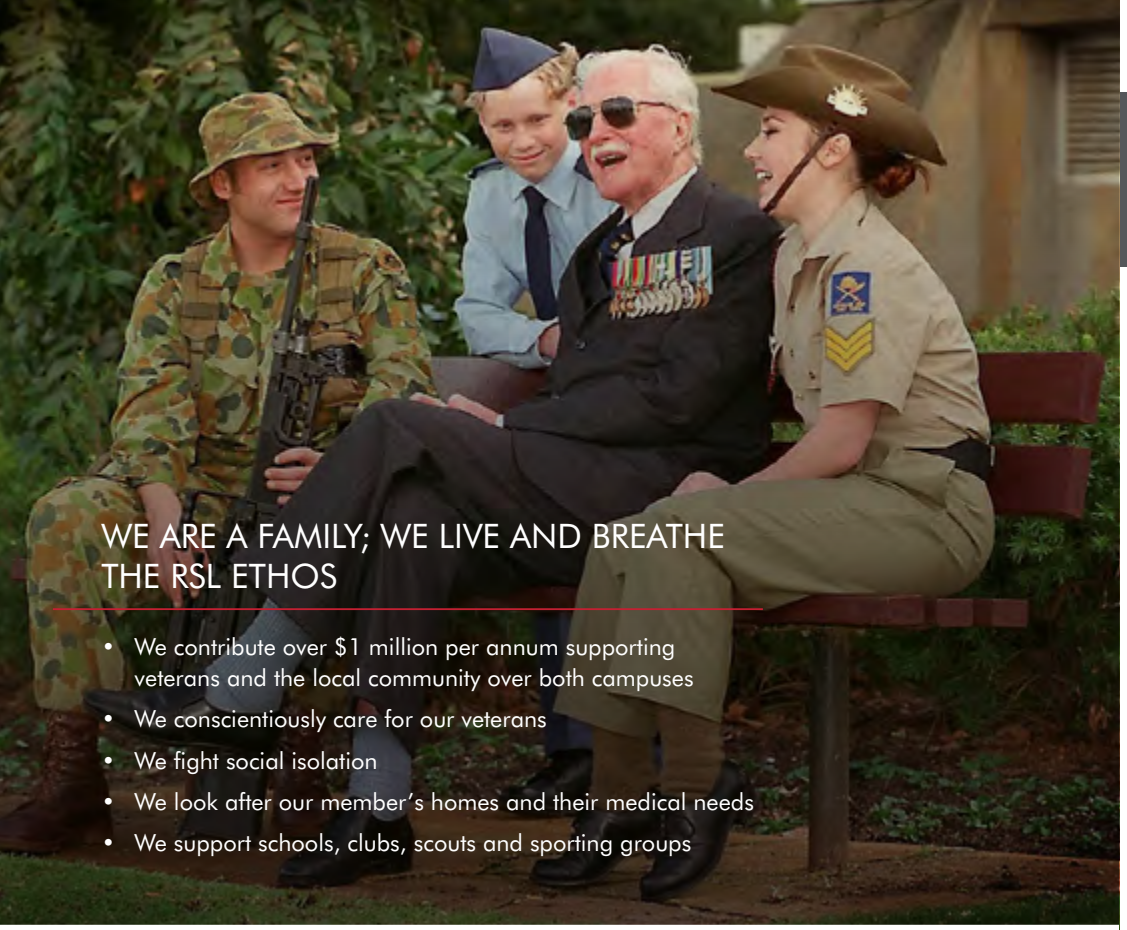


At Ease

Bentleigh RSL Newsletter Vol. 68
Cheltenham Moorabbin RSL



WE ARE A FAMILY; WE LIVE AND BREATHE THE RSL ETHOS

- We contribute over $1 million per annum supporting veterans and the local community over both campuses
- We conscientiously care for our veterans
- We fight social isolation
- We look after our member's homes and their medical needs
- We support schools, clubs, scouts and sporting groups





PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Happy New Year,

It's 2020 and it's hard to believe that we made it. I'm sure you can remember the doom and gloom that was written about "the end of the world", the next virus that "will wipe us out" or the next world war. With "change of climate" being the song now, I wonder if we will look back and scoff or accept that "they" were right. I don't know about you, but I've found there are so many "experts" I just don't know what to believe any more. "They" say "the scientists say" but then the other side say the same thing! There is no denying that we have horrific fires and if you live in a forest area as I do then you can't help but be nervous. The Bentleigh RSL is supporting the appeal for help through our two campuses and State Branch is also helping through the Clubs involved in the areas affected.

Bentleigh RSL looks at "change" and hopefully we have prepared for it. Investing in solar power to reduce our electricity grid use has had significant financial benefits since its install, along with 26 tonnes of CO2 Emissions saved. We are also doing our best to cut down on plastic waste and recycling when we can. Already the straw initiative (replacing plastic straws with recyclable versions) has worked and we are finding a more enlightened clientele requesting "no straw thanks!" The instalment of ORCA, which is a recycling machine and process in December has enabled us to convert waste into a reusable material. ORCA recycles food waste by breaking it down into water (mainly), and some carbs, fats and proteins which are then captured or repurposed by the wastewater treatment plant. ORCA is a 100% recycling solution. There is a Greenhouse Gas Reduction because it avoids the emission of both methane and carbon dioxide gases. There is also a benefit in waste reduction from landfill per year plus reducing the amount of bin collections per week. The future may see recharging points for electric vehicles available in the carpark, who knows?

Planning is a good thing and when Glenn our Manager presented his budget to the Committee, it included a cost for a replacement lift (all things have a life span). If you have been to the Club recently and needed to go upstairs, you will know that our lift has been out of order for a while. Good news is that the lift is due for a service (a regular event) but maybe it's time for a new one.

Remembrance Day services were held at Bentleigh and Cheltenham with a good attendance. Interestingly I went into the park at Bentleigh the day after, to make sure everything had been cleaned up and returned to normal and found the large tree, that the band usually stands under for protection, from the sun and sometimes rain, had fallen overnight. The tree was snapped off at the roots, so that wouldn't have been a nice surprise, if it had fallen during the ceremony.

The season brings many invitations to attend school presentation nights, Council and other community events. Unfortunately, not all can be attended but we do our best with the Committee sharing the responsibility whenever they can. Bentleigh RSL with two campuses supports over 40 entities and the number is growing. We are not a "bottomless pit" of money but we do the best we can. Part of our Charter is Community Support and we are in the Kingston and Glen Eira areas, although we do stray a little we do our best to look after those entities (Sporting Clubs, Schools, Cadets, Scouts etc) in our area. Our Veterans are supported through our

Welfare Department at both Campuses and we do our best to help where we can. There is a process we have to go through, so please be patient with our staff who are doing their job.

Cheltenham has established itself as a place to go because the restaurant is usually booked out. Because of this popularity if you don't book a table there is little chance you will be able to get a seat, even though we have now extended service to the bar and lounge areas. The new paint job in the gaming section has lifted the area and we have noted an increase in patronage.

Let me finish with a reminder about the AGM to be held at Bentleigh on the 1st floor in the Function Room on Tuesday the 31st March at 7pm.

Regards,

Warrick McDonald
President

Dates to Remember

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
7.00pm - Tuesday 31st March 2020

Bentleigh RSL Sub Branch Inc.
538-540 Centre Road, Bentleigh
Ron Smith Function Room, 1st Floor.



VETERANS LUNCHEON

12noon Monday 6th April 2020 at Bentleigh RSL

All Service Members from both Bentleigh and Cheltenham Campus are welcome.

Please RSVP to reception by phone
(03) 9557 4547
or in person during office hours
no later than 1st April 2020.

BENTLEIGH RSL



Elections 2020

No election will be conducted
Nominations received and duly elected:



1x NOMINATION FOR PRESIDENT

Warrick McDonald
Duly Elected



1x NOMINATION FOR TREASURER

Patricia Cahill
Duly Elected



1x Nominations For VICE PRESIDENT CHELTENHAM

Chris Barrile
Duly Elected



3X NOMINATIONS FOR COMMITTEE

Judy Smith
Duly Elected



Jeff Blutman
Duly Elected



Ray Dunstan
Duly Elected



Ray Neuchew
Returning Officer

MEMBERS DRAW JACKPOTS MONDAYS

BETWEEN 7PM-8PM

STARTS AT $250

WIN UP TO $5,000

PLUS SECOND CHANCE DRAW.
MUST BE IN ATTENDANCE TO WIN.
T'S&C'S APPLY.

CHELTENHAM MOORABBIN RSL

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50 ACRES BAR + BISTRO

50 Acres is a bar and bistro conveniently located within Cheltenham Moorabbin RSL.

Surrounded by vast parklands, 50 Acres provides a warm and family-friendly atmosphere for all members and visitors.

It's the perfect environment to enjoy lunch or dinner. 50 Acres offers a diverse range of food options for the whole family.

You can enjoy a range of versatile meals that provoke thought and confront the expectations in a restaurant of this type. All dietary requirements can be catered for and the range of options that we offer includes a large array of contemporary and classic bistro fare, however it also extends beyond the typical and into the complex world of culinary gastronomy.

Open 7 days and conveniently located on Centre Dandenong Road with easy parking, opposite DFO.

We accept reservations. Actually we encourage it due to the demand often facilitated during weekends and other busy periods. Families are welcome to utilise the available childrens lounge.

www.50acresmelbourne.com.au

Located At:

CHELTENHAM MOORABBIN RSL

BENTLEIGH RSL

Our establishment offers a welcome respite from busy Centre Road Bentleigh. The RSL is part of the sub-division of branches that spread right across Victoria and the nation.

Named as Sub-Branch of the year 2013 and 2017, against many strong contenders, our establishment upholds the values ingrained in the RSL culture as well as those virtues exhibited by many members during service for our country.

The overall experience created by our staff is an exceptional way to spend a special occasion or long afternoon with friends. There are many different areas throughout the venue that can cater to everyone's needs, from work to leisure, or from a planned function to a small gathering.

There is plenty on offer here at the Bentleigh RSL. Please make sure to let us know if there is anything we can do for you during your time spent with us. It's imperative that you walk away feeling elated and refreshed and from the moments you shared at our place.

We proudly maintain a standard here at the RSL which is among the best that Victoria has to offer and its all part of our service to you.

Make sure to drop by next time you need a break.

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WEEKLY SPECIALS

MONDAY
LUNCH & DINNER

$20.00 STEAK

CHOOSE YOUR OWN SIDES, SAUCE + EXTRAS.

MEALS MAY VARY FROM IMAGE SHOWN.



TUESDAY
LUNCH & DINNER

$15.00 BURGER +BEER

MEALS MAY VARY FROM IMAGE SHOWN.



WEDNESDAY
LUNCH & DINNER

$15.00 PARMA +BEER

MEALS MAY VARY FROM IMAGE SHOWN.



538 CENTRE RD, BENTLEIGH

BENTLEIGH RSL

BENTLEIGH RSL 2020 LADIES' SOCIAL CLUB

Monthly, on the 4th Thursday at 1pm

March 26	**Guest Speaker -** Dr Declutter - Wardrobe organisation
April 23	Movie Day
May 28	High Tea - Cost -$15 at reception only. Bookings close May 14th. Entertainment by Tony Diamond and raffle
June 25	**Guest Speaker** - Local History presented by Moorabbin Historical society
July 23	Christmas in July - **12pm.** Cost - $15 at reception only. Bookings close July 11th. Bring unwrapped present. Entertainment by Alex Kyle
August 27	**Guest Speaker** - James Wall from Garden World
September 24	**Entertainer -** Lino Ettia is returning to dazzle you
October 22	**Guest Speaker** - Joy Meekings speaking about being a 10 Pound Pom
November 26	Trivia with Sylvia and Sophie
December 3	Christmas Party - **12pm.** Cost - $15 at reception only. Bookings close November 26th. Entertainment and bring an unwrapped present

BENTLEIGH RSL

Morning Melodies

10AM - 11AM

Featuring

MONDAY 2ND MARCH
RETRO JOE - JOE MASTRO

MONDAY 6TH APRIL
LINO ETTIA - HITS OF MOTOWN

MONDAY 4TH MAY
COL PERKINS - EARLY ROCK LEGENDS

MONDAY 1ST JUNE
TONY DIAMOND & FRIENDS

MONDAY 6TH JULY
ADAM PALMER - JOHN LENNON BEATLES SHOW

MONDAY 3RD AUGUST
ALEX KYLE - AROUND THE WORLD

MONDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER
GOLD CLASSICS - ROB FOENANDER

MONDAY 5TH OCTOBER
LEADING LADIES SHOW - MARGARET DENNIS

MONDAY 2ND NOVEMBER
STEVE VAN - MEMORIES OF THE GOOD TIMES

MONDAY 7TH DECEMBER
COL MILLINGTON HITS & MEMORIES SHOW



*SUBJECT TO CHANGE ENTERTAINERS. PLEASE CONTACT VENUE CLOSER TO THE DATE.

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BENTLEIGH RSL AND CHELTENHAM RSL COMMUNITY



















WELFARE REPORT

Why do the years appear to fly by as we get older?

We have had another busy year in 2019 thanks to my great team of staff comprising of Tammy Gardner, Aged Care Support and Sophie Calogiros, Welfare Assistant.

The Welfare Department continues to strive with our primary focus on facilitating and providing a range of welfare services and support to our veterans, ex-servicemen, ex-servicewomen, widows, widowers and their families. This support has expanded over the years to include our social members as well as the disadvantaged in the community.

Our workload is diverse, ranging from our elderly population to young veterans seeking welfare support and guidance.

APPEALS

The final amount raised for Remembrance Day 2019

Bentleigh - $23,040.25

Cheltenham - $15,301.90

Total- $38,342.15

The Poppy Appeal is down $10,000.00 compared to previous years and the lowest amount raised by Bentleigh since I started. We are $30,000.00 less than the previous year which goes to show that the generosity decreased last year.

The schools did exceptionally well, but the sellers in the community were down. The support from members coming in and purchasing a $5.00 poppy is where we lost the money. People felt an obligation to come in and pay for their badge when it was sent to them in the mail, but few people chose to make donations via the form in At Ease.

Please try and support the RSL by coming in and purchasing a badge at reception or you can donate via the form in this newsletter.

I would like to thank all the volunteers who helped. Some volunteers sell for a few hours, some stand out in the cold and others work tirelessly for weeks preparing and selling right up until the day. Thank you to everyone for your constant dedication and commitment to the RSL.

The total volunteer hours for the 2019 ANZAC and Remembrance Day Appeals is 1,300 hours.



WELFARE

Funds raised through Appeals go back into the welfare programs. We constantly assist people in many ways not only helping out financially, but purchasing mobility aids, paying for removalists, household furniture, cleaning homes, bills and much more. So much goes on behind the scenes and we need to ensure people have the correct knowledge when making choices. This may range from knowing the path when going into aged care to finding support networks available in the community.

DON'T FORGET!
SWIPE YOUR CARD
WITH EVERY
PURCHASE
BE REWARDED
WITH POINTS

CHELTENHAM MOORABBIN RSL





PROUDLY SUPPORTING OUR
VETERANS AND THE
WIDER COMMUNITY

WELFARE PROGRAMS

Letters were recently sent out to everyone who has a key safe installed to update their details to Ambulance Victoria. All details must now be checked every two years.

If anyone who has received this letter and not yet updated their details, please contact Sylvia at Bentleigh RSL.

VOLUNTEERS

We are fortunate to have around 120 volunteers who help with not only Appeals but Committees, assisting with Pensions, Funeral representatives, Community visiting, Bingo, Day Club, Friendship Program, maintenance, changing smoke alarms, installing keys safes, library, memorabilia and much more.

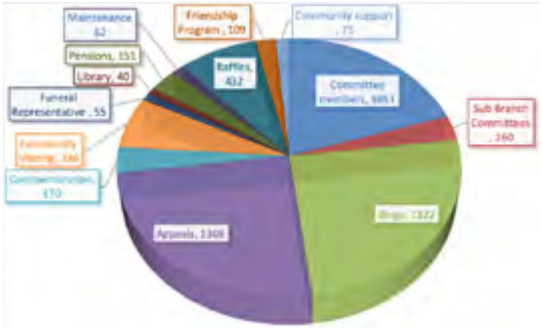
In 2019, our volunteers clocked up approximately 6000 unpaid hours of work. If we were to pay staff members that would cost the RSL $236,100.00

Most RSL volunteers have current Police Checks and are matched to a role suitable to their needs.

Without the volunteer's support, the Welfare Department could not perform to the excellent standard we have come to expect over the years.

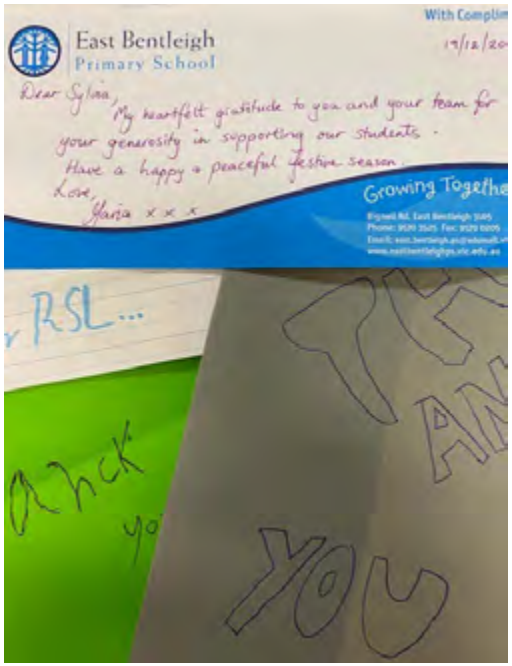
If you are interested in volunteering, it is easy to apply via the website.





PORTSEA CAMP

Four students attended the Portsea camp in January. The students and families were extremely grateful for the opportunity to attend this event. One student refused to go on a family holiday in favor of attending the camp. All those attending had packs made up consisting of toiletries, beach towels, rashie tops, sun cream and goggles. Lovely letters of acknowledgment were sent to the RSL and they were all very thankful to be chosen to attend.



PENSIONS AND ADVOCACY

Terry Hogan, our Pension Advocate, has assisted many veterans and war widows. Terry has had excellent results including claims that have seen 100%, EDA's and War Widows pensions along with a few ex-service personal receiving successful MRCA and SRCA claims. Terry has developed a successful reputation and helps veterans from all over the South East Suburbs.

The Pension office is based at Bentleigh RSL and can assist you with disability pensions, compensation payments, associated allowances, income support payments and treatment available to entitled veterans and former serving members of the Defence Forces and their dependants.

Terry is up to date on all the Department of Veterans Affairs changes and treats each application with confidentiality and privacy

I cannot stress enough that the Department of Veterans Affairs will not increase your pension without the veteran putting a claim in. Even if you have made a claim and was rejected it is worth trying again as circumstances change.

If there has been a change in your medical history, DVA must be informed.

Pensions are by appointment only on Tuesday and Thursdays and all appointments are made through Sylvia Lindsay, Welfare Coordinator on 9557 4547 or email sylvia@bentleighrsl.com.au

COMMUNITY VISITING

This program is still going strong with a dedicated team still visiting our veterans, war widows and members in aged care facilities, hospitals, rehabilitation centres and in their homes.

If you know of someone living alone that would benefit from a Community visitor, let me know and we will arrange one of the team members to call in on them.

BIRTHDAY BARREL

Celebrate Your Birthday All Month!

GO IN THE DRAW TO WIN 50,000 REWARDS POINTS

To enter please swipe your RSL members card to receive your voucher and place into the Birthday Barrel.

Drawn first day of the following month.



SOCIAL GROUPS

We are fortunate to run various programs at both Bentleigh and Cheltenham to create a sense of community and belonging for our members.

The Day Club at Bentleigh continues to develop each year with the strength training program run by PACE Heath Management held each Tuesday along with the afternoon program holding monthly concerts, guest speakers and movie days. A medical clearance is required before commencing. See Sylvia Lindsay for further details.

The Bentleigh RSL Ladies Social Group has gained a huge patronage with 80 women attending on a monthly basis. Gaye Guest, our wonderful volunteer, has been the driving force behind this success and continues to plan many events for 2020.The group meets on the 4th Thursday of each month and all women are welcome to attend and take part in events such as guest speakers, dancing and trivia days.

The Coffee Club at Cheltenham on Tuesday at 10am meets every fortnight and anyone is welcome to join in. Please contact Tammy at Cheltenham for further details.

Six bus trips are funded by the RSL each year and members pay for their meals and drinks. Seats are available on first in basis. Contact the Welfare department for dates.

MUSIC MELODIES

Concerts are held at Bentleigh on the first Tuesday afternoon of the month and at Cheltenham on the first Monday morning each month.

WELFARE PROGRAMS

Please notify Sylvia or Tammy if you need assistance with the following programs are offered at both the Bentleigh and Cheltenham campuses.

- **Key safe program-** The key safe is available to veterans and members over 80, or if they meet a specific criteria, who feel they need the security of this device.
  The safe is installed and locked at the front of the home with a personalised PIN number and it can only be opened using a PIN number that will only be known by the member, next of kin, Ambulance, Police or Fire Brigade.
  In the case of an emergency, the emergency services will obtain the key from the key safe to gain access to the home without them having to break in and cause damage to your property. The Key Safe can also be used if you accidently lock yourself out of the house or a family member needs to access your home in an emergency.
- **Smoke Detector battery change -** Your smoke detector batteries can be changed annually by our police checked volunteers. Your old smoke detector can also be replaced if required.
- **Friendship Program -** If you can no longer get into the RSL, a volunteer can pick you up and bring you in for lunch. This is held once a month.
- **Home Maintenance -** We offer minor repairs such as replacing light bulbs or fixing leaking taps.
- **Taxi Vouchers -** Vouchers are for Veterans and war widows who need to get to medical appointments and are unable to use public transport.
- **Lawn Mowing and gardening -** Lawn mowing is only available to veterans who can no longer attend to their own lawns. Please ask family members if they can help you first before contacting the RSL.
- **Medical aids -** We stock a variety of mobility aids available to try or borrow for temporary use only. I recommend consulting your doctor prior to using any mobility aids.
- **Shopping -** We can assist you with grocery and personal shopping if required providing you meet the criteria

COMPUTER CLASSES

S.A.N.I.T.Y – Seniors and New Information Technology 1:1 private lesson to help you with your laptop, mobile phone, iPad or anything technological you may want to learn. Classes are held on the third Wednesday at Bentleigh.

If you would like to take part in the classes, contact S.A.N.I.T.Y. on 1300 569 832

Please do not call the RSL to make a booking.

We provide information on how to access aged care services, community health respite services and residential care and a broad range of services.

For more information about Aged Care Facilities, health information and support within the home contact Sylvia Lindsay, Welfare Coordinator on 9557 4547 or email sylvia@bentleighrsl.com.au or Tammy Gardner, Aged Care Support on 9583 1775 or email agedcare@bentleighrsl.com.au.





Tammy Gardner
Aged Care Support



Sophie Calogiros
Welfare Assistant



Sylvia Lindsay
Welfare Coordinator



Bentleigh RSL

REMEMBRANCE DAY 2019















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SPORTING BODIES

BENTLEIGH MAKES A SPLASH

Over the past six months most of the endeavors of the Swimming Section have been focused on organizational matters rather then competition. We believe that getting these goals straight will lead to success in the pool. (That's a clever way of saying we haven't been winning that much in inter-club competition lately.)

Our priority on gaining new members has paid off with an almost 50% increase in active weekly Sunday members swimming. We have also been integrating the new committee with Wendy Baker taking the duel role of President and Handicapper. This means we lose the experience of valued "old hands", Ray Neuchew and Keith Riddle.

Our most important issue has been the loss of our pool at Caulfield Grammar. It's been the home of our Sunday morning swims for over four decades. We had hoped to move to their new very flash pool that recently opened but due to circumstances beyond ours and their control this is not happening. It may yet come about but not in the short term. After an extensive search we have managed to find a place at the Wesley Grammar College pool in St. Kilda. It will be a little more expensive and take place on Sunday afternoons rather than the morning.

We look forward to 2020 with increased membership, a new committee and a new pool. We will also be planning our 50th anniversary celebrations taking place in 2021.

We are exceptionally welcoming to new members. Anyone wishing further information about our group please contact a member of our committee:
- Wendy Baker 0405 936 026 or
- Dieter Haspel 0428 928 708

Club Captain
Frank Johansson





BENTLEIGH GOLF

Season underway with the first game under our belt with a good turnout considering the holiday timing. Looking forward to a good season with some challenging courses in the mix. Should you wish to join us call Mike 0409026843 or Mark 0418549587.

As foreshadowed in our last column the annual Murray trip went ahead to Cobram/Barooga in pursuit of the George Warburton trophy. The winner out of left field was Mike Wells who overcame the Saturday clubhouse leader "Radar" to prove once again that being leader at the halfway mark is the kiss of death.

Feedback on this new venue was very good and the package provided for lodging and golf well received, and this area provides many options for any spare time. Given that accommodation at our previous venue is likely impossible for that weekend consensus was that we make arrangements to return to Cobram-Barooga for the 2020 Trophy challenge.



Cheltenham RSL
REMEMBRANCE DAY 2019











MEMBERS DRAW JACKPOTS THURSDAY

STARTS AT $500

WIN UP TO $5,000

BETWEEN 7PM - 8PM

PLUS SECOND CHANCE DRAW.
Winners must be present.
*see terms and conditions inside venue

2020 DAY CLUB CALENDAR

All concerts $5pp - 1pm

DATE	EVENT
3rd March	Rick Evans – Tribute to the Greats
7th April	**Piano Magic – Mick Reed**
5th May	Sam Milan
2nd June	**Rob Foenander – Gold Classics**
7th July	Bobby James – Golden Memories
4th August	**Paul Hogan Presents**
1st September	A trip down Country road featuring Cash and Company
6th October	**Dave Allen – Songs of the 60's**
1st December	Marcia Raes Xmas Show

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LIVE SPORTS ON THE BIG SCREEN!

FOX FOOTY ESPN TAB FOX SPORTS

BENTLEIGH RSL 50 ACRES CHELTENHAM MOORABBIN RSL

CRAFT BEER NOW ON TAP





PREMIUM QUALITY
50 Acres
LAGER
BREWED FRESH
REFRESHING TASTE

NOW ON TAP



Pots Only **$4.50** | *Schooner Only* **$5.50**

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VOLUNTEERS "THANK YOU" CHRISTMAS PARTY

We held two parties across Bentleigh and Cheltenham to thank 130 volunteers who have supported the RSL in their volunteer roles.

Our dedicated volunteers are the backbone of the RSL and we respect the time they individually give to us.

Some give more, some give what they can, but to us it makes us what we are today and what you do for us does not go unnoticed.

Thank you

















VALE

It is with deep regret that we report the passing of old mates.

TAYLOR Francis George	VX132621	Service	30-01-2019
PROWSE William (Bill) Lavers	59791	Service	19-02-2019
FARNBACH Josephine Margaret		Affiliate	29-03- 2019
JOHNSON Albert Roy	34287	Service	16-04-2019
MOON Maxwell Clarence	VX139032	Service	14-05-2019
WARING Jeffery John	PM7403	Service	22-05-2019
POOLE Reginald	36251	Service	28-05- 2019
VIDLER John Raymond	R37981	Service	28-06-2019
HARRISON Benjamin Rupert	409995	Service	29-06-2019
HARDINGHAM James Barry	3/726615	Service	30-07-2019
BIRT Peter Ronald	3802469	Service	06-08-2019
ALLEN Jennifer Anne		Affiliate	22-08-2019
COLEMAN Leslie Harold	A32698 RAAF	Service	15-09-2019
COLGAN, Patricia Ann		Social	27-09-2019
PITT, Ronald Allan	428053 & T25800	Service	05-10-2019
PARKINSON, Esther		Affiliate	06-10-2019
WYNTON Lynette		Affiliate	16-10-2019
WINTER, Charles	CJX708844	Service	07-11-2019
HUGHES, Betty		Affiliate	11-11-2019
WILLIAMS, Robert Maxwell	3173689	Service	22-11-2019
ANTHONY, Rodney Willis Stansfield	VX137956	Service	29-11-2019
DEWSBURY, Josephine Ruth	WR/2730	Service	04-12-2019
WARD, Norma		Affiliate	08-12-2019
HORSFIELD, Gloria		Affiliate	10-12-2019
DYER, Linda Patricia		Affiliate	22-12-2019
HUNT, Jacqueline Margaret		Affiliate	27-12-2019
GRANGE, Ross	PA2543	Service	06-01-2020

BUSHFIRE RELIEF

For the first time in Australia's history, Australian Defence Force (ADF) Reserve Brigades have received a Call-Out Order of Reservists: Operation BUSHFIRE ASSIST 2019-2020.

One of our staff members Nytan Pereira was deployed to assist the Bushfires and the community, the priority for those involved is to assist in ensuring the safety of life, support the evacuation of affected people, provide assistance to communities and support State-managed evacuation centres.

From all of us at Bentleigh RSL we would like to thank Nytan along with all the volunteers and firefighters for their dedication and tireless efforts in helping the Victorian community in this very devastating time.

Thanks to all our members who have contributed to the Bushfire Relief fund through out Friday night raffle, due to the generosity from both campuses we have raised $5200 which will be donated to the Salvation Army Bushfire Appeal and Zoos Victoria Bush Fire Appeal.



NYTAN PEREIRA'S STORY

I was called up on Friday 3rd January 2020 and was sent to Sale. I was at East Sale RAAF base where I assisted civilians off aircrafts, processed them to the nearest evacuation centres, or helped accommodate them on the base.

After a few days in Sale I was then sent to Mallacoota, a small town completely isolated due to closed off roads; the only way into Mallacoota was via Air or Water. We were finally able to get to Mallacoota with the help of the Victorian Water Police. At Mallacoota, we assisted the local council, CFA, SES and Victoria Police by delivering food, water, generators, and assisting with whatever tasks they needed done. Some of those tasks included creating infrastructure damage reports for the council and taping off areas that were deemed dangerous or may have contained asbestos. Additionally, we helped build a local youth centre and eventually played a game of cricket and soccer with the local youth to help raise morale.

So far it's been a very fulfilling experience for me and I'm happy to have been part of OP Bushfire Assist.

AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE VETERAN'S COVENANT

"For what they have done, this we will do"

By now all Veterans and Reservists should have received a package to the address you have registered with DVA, containing a personalized letter, a copy of the Australian Defence Veteran's Covenant and your Veteran Lapel Pin.

You will also be issued with a new Veteran Card, which is linked to various offers from Australian Businesses.

This new card will be sent to you separately.

You may visit **www.recognition.dva.gov.au** for more information about the covenant.

Veterans who served in the permanent ADF are eligible for all components of the Covenant, including the Veterans Card, Lapel Pin and Oath.

Reservists who served one day of service, have engaged in Disaster Relief Service, Border Protection Service, or involved in a serious service-related training accident are eligible.

Reservists not included in the above are eligible for the Lapel Pin and Oath.

Should you not have received the package from DVA containing the Covenant and the Lapel Pin you should contact Sylvia Lindsay, Welfare Coordinator on **95574547** or email **sylvia@bentleighrsl.com.au**.

Sylvia will investigate why you have not received the items and let you know the outcome.









Anzac Day - Gallipoli 2004



CHELTENHAM CAMPUS MEMORABILIA

Members, we need your help to build an impressive collection for our new memorabilia wall at the Cheltenham Moorabbin campus. So please, dust off those old trunks and boxes and let us know what you can share with your club. Our aim is to provide something special that will engage and educate the many visitors to the club and to enhance our reputation in the community.

To do this we are looking for a wide interpretation of the life of all the Australian service men and women, their activities and areas where they have or are serving. Small items and those that can be linked together to tell a personal story or experience of note are highly sought. Whilst we may not be able to display everything on offer a good cross section would be wonderful.

As you know, we currently have a solid representation of WW1 and WW2, mostly Army, focused pictures and items. Our priority in this call to arms is for items with a Korea, Vietnam, Middle East or recent peace keeping activities focus. We are also seeking any information you may have about the items currently on display at the club.

Please note all items displayed will be publicly acknowledged with the item(s).

If you have something that you think fits the bill **please contact Tammy on 9583 1775** or **Norm on 0417 551 548**.

ANZAC Day Services Dates to Remember

Bentleigh RSL

March and Commemorative Service

Hodgson Reserve Bentleigh

Sunday 19th April

Form up for march
Bentleigh RSL Carpark 10.00am

Service will commence at 10.30am
followed by morning tea

Cheltenham RSL

Dawn Service

Rear of the RSL
289 Centre Dandenong Road
Cheltenham

Saturday 25th April 2020

Service commences approx. 6.00am
arrival time 5.45am

March and Commemorative Service

March commences at 1.50pm

Form up 1.40pm
At corner of Grange and
Centre Dandenong Roads Car Park

Service commences 2.00pm

Followed by afternoon tea

BENTLEIGH RSL

ANZAC APPEAL 2020

A $5.00 POPPY BADGE IS NO LONGER ENCLOSED IN "AT EASE" DUE TO THE BADGES BEING DAMAGED IN THE MAIL. A BADGE MAY BE PURCHASED AT RECEPTION.

Your generous donation allows the RSL to tailor specialist services to the needs of our current and former service men and women, and their families.

Examples include:

- Crisis accommodation for at risk veterans
- Financial assistance for families in need
- Health and wellbeing programs
- Employment support
- Assistance with accessing pension entitlements

How you can donate

Name: _____ **Amount: $**_____(cash/chq/cc)

Bentleigh RSL Membership No: _____

Payment Enclosed/or in person at reception at Bentleigh or Cheltenham Campuses
Bentleigh RSL Sub Branch Incorporated – P.O Box 125, Bentleigh 3204
Please detach and return to above address with your donation.
(Donations of $2.00 or more are tax deductible)
Make cheques payable to **Bentleigh RSL Sub Branch Inc.** Do Not make cheque payable to Cheltenham RSL

Credit Card
Number ____/____/_____ Signature_____
Expiry ____/____ CVC_____ [ ] Visa [ ] Mastercard

Direct Debit
Pay online banking direct into our "Bentleigh RSL Agent Appeals Account"
BSB: 013 328 Account #: 2148-29447
Reference: Membership # or Full Name

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Committee: Judy Smith
Ray Dunstan
John Jones
Jeff Blutman
General Manager: Glenn Sanders
Pensions Officer: Terry Hogan
Welfare Coordinator: Sylvia Lindsay

Darts
Holger Neuman - 0437 323 703
Competition Wednesday at 7.30pm

Golf
Mike Wells - 0409 026 843
Members bar Fridays at 5.30pm

Swimmers
Frank Johansson - 0413 422 608
Meet all but last Sunday 10-11.30am
(Caulfield Grammar School)

Angling
Cliff Row - 0412 090 445
1st Thursday of month at 7.20pm

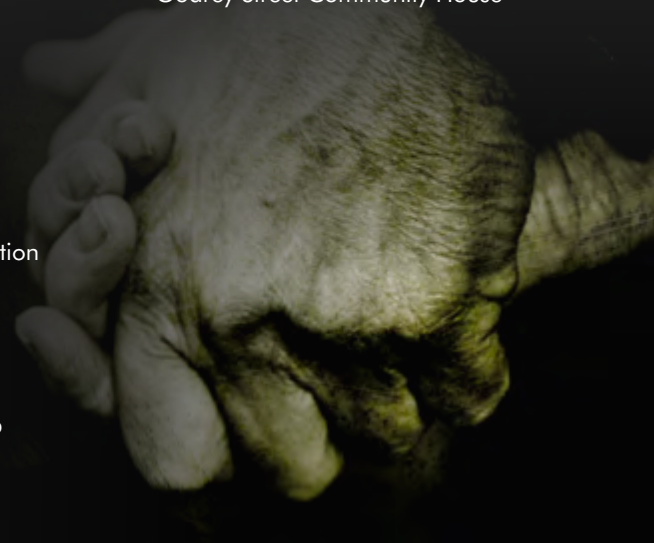




ACTIVELY DEVELOPING COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Bentleigh RSL sees community partnerships as critical to expanding the RSL's footprint in the local areas. We have developed strong ties with:

- Bentleigh Football & Netball Club
- Bentleigh Junior Football Club
- Bentleigh Auskick
- St Pauls Football Club
- St Peters Junior Football Club
- Heatherton Football & Netball Club
- Cheltenham Football & Netball Club
- Cheltenham Junior Football Club
- McKinnon Basketball Association
- Omega Netball Club
- Cheltenham Panthers Netball Club
- Southern Football League
- Bentleigh Cricket Club
- McKinnon Cricket Club
- West Bentleigh Cricket Club
- Cheltenham Cricket Club
- Cheltenham Park Cricket Club
- Le Page Park Cricket Club
- Kingston Heath Cricket Club
- Heatherton Cricket Club
- Cheltenham Baseball Club
- Moorabbin Little Athletics
- Bayside United Football Club
- Bayside Regional Tennis Association
- Bentleigh ANA Cricket Club
- Mackie Cricket Club
- Bentleigh Uniting Cricket Club
- Kingston Hawthorn Cricket Club
- Cricket Victoria - Southern Bayside
- St. Kevin's Gaelic Athletic Club
- Bentleigh Greens Soccer Club
- East Bentleigh Soccer Club
- McKinnon Secondary College
- Bentleigh Secondary College
- Brighton Secondary College
- OLSH College Bentleigh
- Cheltenham Secondary College
- Parkdale Secondary College
- Bentleigh Bayside Community Centre
- Salvation Army
- Monash Health Foundation
- 417 Squadron Aust Air Force Cadets
- Number 302 Army Cadets
- Godrey Street Community House



Thank you to all the service men and women who have helped out with the recent bushfires across Australia.





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