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BENTLEIGH RSL NEWSLETTER VOL. 76
CHELTENHAM MOORABBIN RSL

Notice of Annual General Meeting
Bentleigh RSL Sub Branch Inc.

Registration Number A0091451X

Bentleigh RSL's Annual General Meeting
6.30pm on Tuesday 25th March 2025
Bentleigh RSL 538-540 Centre Road Bentleigh Vic 3205.

Any general business must be submitted in writing to the Secretary no later than 5:00pm AEDT on Wednesday 20th March 2025 secretary@bentleighrsl.com.au PO Box 125 Bentleigh Vic 3205

Followed By:

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Bentleigh RSL's General Meeting

Agenda Item:
Special Resolution for the Amendment of the Rules of the Bentleigh RSL Sub-Branch Inc. (Licensed with Gaming)

7.00pm on Tuesday 25th March 2025
Bentleigh RSL 538-540 Centre Road Bentleigh Vic 3205.

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BENTLEIGH RSL

CHELTENHAM MOORABBIN RSL

COMMITTEE

President	Mark Schröffel
Senior Vice President	Simon Richards
Vice President	John Jones
Treasurer	Pat Cahill
Secretary	Marilyn Parnell
Committee	Wayne Holmes
	Dorothy Humphrey-Lesque
	Allan Monks
	William Keleher
	Andrew Coffey
General Manager	Glenn Sanders
Pensions Officer	Terry Hogan
Veteran and Community Services	Tammy Gardner

SPORTING BODIES CONTACTS

Darts	Holger Neuman 0437 323 703
Golf	Mike Wells 0409 026 843
Swimmers	John Mortimer 0411 134 149
Angling	Marty McCaffrey 0424 152 431



Being an RSL member provides a fantastic way to stay engaged with your community while enjoying numerous benefits. Just a reminder: your RSL rewards points from the previous year will expire on January 1st. To avoid losing any remaining points, make sure to renew your membership by January 31st.

If you're not yet a member, consider joining today! With around 1,500 Sub-Branches across Australia and a membership base of 240,000, the RSL is one of the country's largest service and ex-service associations. Membership comes with the advantage of reciprocal rights among Sub-Branches.

For details on renewing your membership or becoming a member, feel free to ask our friendly staff at reception.

WHAT'S ON

- **MEMBERS DRAW**
  Cheltenham RSL 7-8pm Wednesday
  Bentleigh RSL 7-8pm Thursday
- **FRIDAY NIGHT RAFFLES**
  Bentleigh RSL 6:30pm, Cheltenham RSL 7pm
  Tickets available from 5pm
- **SATURDAY PUNTERS CLUB**
  Bentleigh RSL
- **MORNING MELODIES**
  Cheltenham RSL, 1st Monday of the month
  10.15-11.15am
- **BINGO**
  Bentleigh RSL Wednesday from 11am
- **CRAFTERNOONS**
  Bentleigh RSL Weekends 3-6pm













PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Dear Members,

The festive season has come and gone, and I hope you all had an opportunity to enjoy time with loved ones. It was a privilege to join members and staff for the Christmas celebrations, with a highlight being the chance to meet our dedicated volunteers. Listening to their plans and concerns reaffirmed the critical role they play in our Sub-Branch's success and future direction.

As we begin 2025, I am pleased to share that our 2025–2029 Strategic Plan is in the process of being published. This plan outlines key initiatives to ensure our ongoing impact and sustainability. Highlights include:

- **Diversification for Sustainability:** Developing a long-term investment strategy to generate $500,000 annually in portfolio income and establishing a contingency fund to ensure financial stability.
- **Community Connection and Engagement:** Strengthening the Sub-Branch's role as a welcoming and vibrant community hub by improving member benefits and enhancing value propositions to attract and retain diverse demographics.
- **Operational Excellence:** Streamlining processes to focus on core activities, investing in staff and volunteer training, and reducing inefficiencies.
- **Social Impact:** Measuring and reporting on the Sub-Branch's social, cultural, and economic contributions to guide future initiatives and advocacy efforts effectively.

These strategic priorities reinforce our commitment to supporting veterans, their families, and the wider community, while positioning the Sub-Branch as a thriving, inclusive hub.

> "Together we continue to achieve remarkable outcomes..."

I have also written to local Members of Parliament, advocating for the full implementation of the recommendations from the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide. While the government's response has been encouraging in parts, significant gaps remain.

Our letter stresses the urgency of action on key recommendations, including better transition support, a national funding agreement for veteran wellbeing, and equitable compensation. We continue to urge decision-makers to deliver on these commitments, and I encourage all members to stay informed on these critical issues.

Several other initiatives are progressing, including plans to develop the vacant block adjacent to our Cheltenham campus and the completion of a Social Impact Report.

Additionally, we are excited to announce the redevelopment of the back entrance at Bentleigh into a dedicated memorial, honouring local World War II servicemen who did not return. This project underscores our enduring commitment to remembering and honouring their sacrifices.



Finally, please mark your calendars for our Annual General Meeting (AGM) on the 25th of March 2025. This is a vital opportunity to engage with the Sub-Branch's direction and provide input. We hope to see strong attendance as we seek to strengthen the connection between all our members and the work we do.

I want to extend my thanks to our committee, staff, and volunteers for their unwavering dedication. Together, we continue to achieve remarkable outcomes, demonstrating how a strong community focus can drive commercial success, enabling us to reinvest in initiatives that benefit veterans, their families, and the broader community. Our Sub-Branch stands as a testament to the power of aligning purpose with progress for the greater good.

I look forward to another year of collaboration and progress.

Mark Schröffel

Dr Mark Schröffel
President Bentleigh RSL

ELECTIONS 2025

Election for Ordinary Committee Positions Only.

The 2025 Bentleigh RSL Elections will focus solely on the election of ordinary committee members. Service and Affiliate members are invited to vote for members to fill key committee positions within the club. Social Members are invited to vote for social members only.

VOTING DATES AND TIMES:

BENTLEIGH CAMPUS:

Friday, March 14, 2024 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm
Saturday, March 15, 2024 from 3:00pm to 5:00pm

CHELTENHAM CAMPUS:

Friday, March 14, 2024 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm
Saturday, March 15, 2024 from 3:00pm to 5:00pm

Nominations received by 4.00pm Friday 17th January.

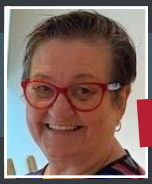
1x Nomination for Snr Vice President



Simon Richards

DULY ELECTED

1x Nomination for Secretary



Marilyn Parnell

DULY ELECTED

No Nomination for Vice President
(position vacant)

Nominations received by 4.00pm Friday 17th January.

Election will be held for 2x committee positions only.



NOMINATION

ELAINE ROTOR

Length of Membership: 1 Year 3 Months

Membership: Service Member

Service on Committee/Executive: Returning Officer 2024.

Qualifications and Experience:

I served as a Logistics Flight Lieutenant in the Royal Canadian Air Force from 1988-1996, beginning my career in the Naval Reserves. I am an Australian citizen who has had the privilege to work and volunteer with the veteran community.

From the start of my RSL membership, I took up the role of Returning officer. I was enriched by the support of wonderful staff and volunteers through the election process. I participated in the RSL Victorian Conference as a guest delegate representing Bentleigh Cheltenham Sub-Branch. I promoted the contributions of our RSL in attending an inaugural RSL dinner which gave me the opportunity to engage with my network of veteran and Defence connected staff and volunteers.

I am the Student Veteran Liaison at ACU where I support ADF members, Veterans, and their families to succeed in achieving a university degree. I help this cohort to receive recognition of their service as prior learning and grant university credit. I facilitate a two-week transition to higher education program and support students throughout their course. This program is the only one of its kind in Victoria. I have applied and received DVA and State Veteran Department grants for Veteran Health Week mental health activities and secured from Victorian Veterans Department a campus space renovated for the exclusive use of student veterans – "Veteran House" opens in January 2025. I conduct both ANZAC and Remembrance Day Commemorative services on our campus and collaborate with Open Arms, Soldier On, RSL Victoria and other ex-service organisations. I present at the Defence Member and Family Seminars for ADF members who are leaving service on medical separations, end of contract and retirement. This year I was a speaker at the Australia New Zealand Student Services Association conference sharing the story of enabling veterans, ADF members and their families to succeed in higher education. I was nominated for the Vice-Chancellor's Excellence Awards for veteran advocacy.

Collaborating with researchers on Victorian veteran needs, attending Shrine of Remembrance ceremonies and special exhibits, and raising awareness of veterans' affairs is extremely fulfilling and I would like to formalize this motivation as a Committee Member. I am so lucky to have a career that betters our community and I'm especially motivated to keep serving in my personal time as a member of our RSL.

ELECTIONS 2025

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NOMINATION

CHAD COOPER

Length of Membership: 8 Years

Membership: Service Member

Qualifications and Experience:

As a local Cheltenham resident, and member of the Cheltenham-Moorabbin RSL for 8 years, I bring my wife, my three children, and family to the Cheltenham-Moorabbin RSL often. Simply to enjoy a great venue and connect.

I am passionate about service to our country and am aware of how important our RSL's are as an identity, place of connection, support and family fun (either looking at it from an individual's perspective, family level, or even at the national and cultural level).

I have served with the Australian Army Reserve for over 10 years, as an infantryman section commander with 5/6 RVR. I have served in domestic operations and am still an active member training in both unit, national, and international level exercises. I have supported ceremonial services at the Cheltenham-Moorabbin RSL as the catafalque party for both ANZAC and Remembrance services.

As a custodian of Australian Service Traditions, I often reflect on the past to honour all people who have served, and those who supported the service.

Professionally I am an Education Specialist, managing a program in the Southeast of Melbourne and Greater Victoria that increases education and school connections for vulnerable children and youth.

Nominations received by 4.00pm Friday 17th January.
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NOMINATION

JOSEPH GIANFRIDDO

Length of Membership: 8 Months
Membership: Social

Qualifications and Experience:

I am the previous 2023/24 Mayor of the City of Stonnington. As a councillor I have had extensive experience in Audit & Risk, Governance, community service. I was also chair of the CEO performance committee and served on the M9 group of councils.

I have been chair of the Gardiner Creek Masterplan committee.

I am a professional CFO with 35 years experience. I am well connected to the Local Government sector and am well known in the property industry.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 25th March, 2025 - 6.30pm

Bentleigh RSL Ron Smith Function Room
538-540 Centre Road, Bentleigh

ANZAC DAY SERVICES

Friday 25th April 2025

BENTLEIGH RSL

March and Commemorative Service
Hodgson Reserve, Bentleigh
Form up for March Bentleigh RSL carpark at 10.00am

Service will commence at 10.30am followed by morning tea.

CHELTENHAM MOORABBIN RSL

Dawn Service
Rear of the RSL, 289 Centre Dandenong Road, Cheltenham
Service commences 6.00am arrival time 5.45am

March and Commemorative Service
March commences at 1.50pm
Form up 1.40pm
Corner of Grange and Centre Dandenong Road Car Park

Service will commence at 2.00pm followed by afternoon tea.

THANK YOU TO OUR DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS

We extend our deepest gratitude to each and every one of you for your incredible hard work and unwavering dedication. Your commitment has been the lifeblood of the RSL, allowing us to continue the vital work we do for our veteran community.

Whether you've served as a committee member, assisted with appeals, visited homes and hospitals, participated in friendship programs, supported veteran transport, helped with raffles or bingo, or contributed in other ways, your efforts have made an extraordinary impact.

In 2024 alone, your combined contribution of 4,500 hours is nothing short of impressive. The diverse roles you've taken on highlight just how essential you are to supporting our veterans and the broader community.

In the lead-up to Christmas, we came together to celebrate you - our volunteers - who had given over 10 hours of their time last year. We hope this day of celebration, complete with a delicious lunch, drinks, and laughter, expressed just a small part of our appreciation.

Once again, thank you for your hard work and dedication throughout 2024. Your efforts make a real difference, and we couldn't do this without you.




LEST WE FORGET
IN MEMORY OF
OUR BOYS
WHO FELL IN THE
GREAT WAR
1914 - 19.



REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICES 2024

Remembrance Day services at both Bentleigh and Cheltenham saw a strong turnout from the local community, with many attending to pay their respects to those who served and those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

“Lest We Forget.”

Bentleigh RSL was proudly represented by committee members and volunteers at the annual Flag Commemoration Service at Brighton Cemetery, where flags were placed beside each Veteran’s grave to honour their role in the war effort.

Committee members and volunteers also attended the annual RSL Victoria State Remembrance Service at Springvale War Cemetery. This service, held in the lead-up to Remembrance Day, has been a significant annual event since 1985.













MUFFIN MONDAY AND THE RSL POPPY APPEAL

Appeals are an essential part of the RSL's efforts to raise funds to support our service men and women, war widows, and families in need. This year, the Poppy Appeal was once again a tremendous success, raising over $43,000.

We extend our sincere thanks to the dedicated volunteers from Bentleigh and Cheltenham campuses, who generously gave their time to sell badges within our local communities.

We would also like to express our deep gratitude to the local businesses, primary and secondary schools, and nursing homes, whose ongoing support year after year has been instrumental in selling badges on behalf of the RSL. Your commitment and partnership are truly appreciated.

Each Monday, Year 6 students from **St Peter's Primary School** bake 260+ muffins to sell to the school community as part of **Muffin Monday**. Muffin Monday was born from a need to undertake a tangible social justice activity that instilled in the students the importance of doing something to help others, and by baking muffins and selling them, they could support various community initiatives. So far this year, the students have raised just under $6,000!

It was decided that the profits raised from muffin sales on Monday, 11th November would be donated to the RSL to support the Poppy Appeal. We recognise and appreciate the hard work and dedication of all the RSL volunteers and hope $325 assists their continued efforts.






TEAMWORK
HONESTY




Poppy Appeal
WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

CHELTENHAM MOORABBIN RSL

Morning Melodies 2025

LIVE FROM 10.15 - 11.15AM

MONDAY 3RD FEBRUARY
Paul Hogan - Born Entertainer

MONDAY 3RD MARCH
Chelly Parisi - Motown Meets Disco

MONDAY 7TH April
Rick Charles - 'Remembering Elvis'

MONDAY 5TH MAY
Alicia O'Brien - Girls Just Want to Have Fun

MONDAY 2ND JUNE
Rene Diaz- Australian Songbook

MONDAY 7TH JULY
The Baby Boomers Duo - Xmas In July

MONDAY 4TH AUGUST
Jennifer Lee - Shania Twain & Friends

MONDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER
Col Perkins - Early Rock Legends

MONDAY 6TH OCTOBER
Smooth and Sassy

MONDAY 3RD NOVEMBER
Frankie Boy

MONDAY 1ST DECEMBER
Brendan Scott - Piano Man



★ JOIN OUR ★

50 ACRES SOCIAL LUNCHEON 2025

CHELTENHAM MOORABBIN RSL

Meet new people, enjoy good conversation and a laugh in a relaxed atmosphere at Cheltenham RSL at our monthly luncheons.

ALL WELCOME

For bookings contact reception on **9583 1775**

ARRIVE AT 12 NOON

Meals and drinks at menu prices

Tuesday 18 March

Tuesday 15 April

Tuesday 13 May

Tuesday 24 June

Tuesday 22 July

Tuesday 19 August

Tuesday 16 September

Tuesday 14 October

Tuesday 25 November
(Outing)

SOCIAL PAGES

ANGE - RECEPTION

Ange has spent her working life in hospitality. After graduating with a Bachelor of Business from Victoria University she spent 6 years as the Venue Manager at Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron in St Kilda and then 10 years as the Functions Co-ordinator at Victoria Golf Club. After starting a family she did a brief stint as a PA in a real estate agency then returned to golf working part time tending to the archives at Commonwealth Golf Club. Ange has been on reception at Bentleigh RSL since 2013 and says the favourite part of her job is her daily interaction with the members. Outside work she spends most of her time on the sidelines with her husband cheering on their 3 sports loving sons in footy and cricket.



COMBATING ISOLATION FOR OUR ELDERLY VETERANS

As our Veterans age, life changes—such as the loss of a partner or family commitments, this can lead to feelings of isolation and loneliness. To support them, we host monthly luncheons at Bentleigh and Cheltenham RSL's.

These gatherings provide an opportunity for Veterans to enjoy a meal, engage in meaningful conversations, and connect with others in a welcoming and supportive environment. For those who are unable to drive, our dedicated Volunteers offer transportation to ensure everyone can participate.

The program operates on a rotating system, with Veterans personally invited by the Veteran Services team. If you or someone you know would like to be included, please contact Tammy Gardner for more information on 9557-4547.



JOHN

John had never received his Australian Service Medal for his dedicated service to our country. Tammy had the privilege of presenting John with his mounted medals. Special thanks to Committee Member Allan for his invaluable assistance in acquiring and mounting the medals on John's behalf.



CHELTENHAM SOCIAL OUTING

Hosting regular coffee clubs and social luncheons at Cheltenham provides a wonderful way for people to connect and share good times. In December we ventured out for lunch in the community for a day of fun and laughter at Dingley Village Mini Golf followed by lunch at a local venue. A fantastic day was had by all.





DAY CLUB CELEBRATIONS

Members of Bentleigh RSL gathered for our annual Christmas luncheon to celebrate their hard work and dedication throughout the year in our Tuesday morning exercise classes, aimed at maintaining strength and mobility.

This year's event was made even more special with a surprise visit from Santa, bringing joy to all who attended. We thank Santa for his visit and congratulate our members on their achievements. We look forward to continuing this tradition in the years to come.












TAKE A WALK ON THE


BENTLEIGH RSL

2025 SOCIAL GROUP

Meet at Bentleigh RSL the 4th Thursday of the month

January 23	Chris Elkington puppets - this is an intergenerational activity at the end of the school holidays suitable for all ages.
February 27	Meet Mark Schöffel Bentleigh RSL President and find out more about the Bentleigh RSL.
March 27	U and I designs show and tell. Clothing and accessories are available for purchase on the day.
April 24	No meeting to be held due to Anzac Day on 25th April. All welcome to join Bentleigh RSL Anzac Day Service.
May 22	Bunnings craft activity, hands on activity.
June 26	Rescue 1 will be conducting a Safety Session with us.
July 24	Midwinter Feast
August 28	Alex Kyle - Musician
September 25	Trivia with Paul and Gillian
October 23	Lino Ettia - Hits of Motown
November 27	Ignite Bollywood - learn some Bollywood moves
December 4	Christmas Party


XV 500N


Bayside








TACKERS CLUB


Local Gippsland wine available in store











2025 BUS TRIPS

Trips are accessible to all Bentleigh and Cheltenham RSL members, departing from either venue. All bookings are to be made in person for BOTH venues. Phone calls no longer accepted. Reservations become available one month prior to each excursion. To ensure fairness, a rotation system is in place enabling every member to participate.

Please note that bus trips and pricing may be subject to change.

20 MARCH – DEORO BY THE BAY
Alongside the Marina in Hastings

Departing Bentleigh at 10.30am
Departing Cheltenham at 10.45am

Cost: $35.00 – 2 course seniors meal

15 MAY – THE ANGLERS TAVERN
Located on the scenic Maribyrnong River

Departing Cheltenham at 10.30am
Departing Bentleigh at 10.45am

Cost: $45.00 - 2 course seniors meal

19 JUNE – PELICANS LANDING (venue change)
On the pier in historic Williamstown

Departing Cheltenham at 10.30am
Departing Bentleigh at 10.45am

Cost: $40.00

17 JULY – FORTNUMS RESTAURANT
Old English Charm In the Main Street of Sassafras

Departing Bentleigh at 10.15am
Departing Cheltenham at 10.30am

Cost: $55.00 – 3 Course Christmas in July meal

18 SEPTEMBER – SKY HIGH
Lunch with a picturesque View

Departing Cheltenham at 10.15am
Departing Bentleigh at 10.30am

Cost: $50.00 – 2 course alternate drop

20 NOVEMBER – ARTHURS SEAT CHAIRLIFT & ROSEBUD RSL

Fully enclosed Gondola Chairlift – One way

Departing Bentleigh at 9.30am
Departing Cheltenham at 9.45am

Cost: $55.00 - Chairlift and 2 course seniors meal

SPORTING BODIES

ANGLING SECTION REPORT

Spring season started well for the angling section with a trip to San Remo in October. On this trip, roughly a dozen Snapper were caught. Several trevally, leatherjacket and a couple of whiting were also caught. Of the snapper caught, 6 were in excess of 3kg.



Unfortunately, we had 3 charters booked in November, all of which were cancelled due to rough weather. A further charter in December failed to produce much in the way of fish.

However, the end of the year was not all gloom and doom, a trip to Port Fairy, resulted in several large Gummy shark, being landed as well as a few other fish.



In the New Year, we will be taking charters in January, February and April, and we will be travelling to, Lakes Entrance, over the Labour Day weekend..

Marty McCaffrey
President, Angling Section

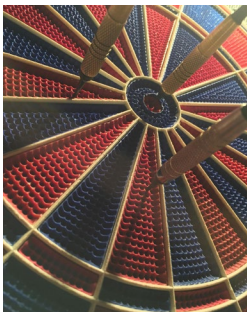
DARTS

Good Afternoon all, Darts this season were very much up and down, the Bandits are now out of 1st Division and Back to 2nd division on percentages having had a grueling season with some players occasionally not being able to play, this meant that they had to give away games.

The Blues have now returned to 3rd division having been in 2nd Division last season where the newer players had some confidence instilled in them from playing some very good players and acquitting themselves admirably.

We will kick off the 2025 season on February 14.

If there are any interested people that would like to play darts they are welcome to come along on any Wednesday during the season.



I would like also to extend our thanks to the Staff from both of the teams for the magnificent jobs they did during the years in setting up the darts area on weekly basis, this is most appreciated.

Thanks and Regards
Holger Neumann

GOLF

Another good season in 24 with healthy attendances on a regular basis.

Our regular Cobram visit was a great success with the George Warburton Trophy going to a patient Wayne Crump (at last), the year concluding at Devil



Bend where Mark and Craig Paturzo duelled over the club championship. Regrettably for our president it went the way of brother Craig on this occasion, there is always next time.

Our season kicked off at Flinders on Sun 19th January.

The section had a healthy influx of new members in 24 which helps with ensuring that our year ahead bookings work beneficially for us with minimal if any change on the day. Given the pressure on clubs to accommodate groups this is very front of mind.

As always however we are open to anyone who would like to join a friendly group on the fairways. If you are interested call Mike 0409 026 843 or Mark 0418 549 587 and let them know.

Mike Wells
Golf Section

SWIMMING

The year 2024 was a very successful year for the club that saw our membership increase, exposure in the community extend and our finances stabilise.

There were four major events: the final competition after several decades held in Albury, a Bunnings Sausage Sizzle, our AGM including our Awards Ceremony and the passing of one of our longest serving members, Keith Riddle.

The year started with the Albury tournament, a three-way contest between Bentleigh RSL, Albury RSL and Box Hill RSL. Whilst we came a strong second overall many of our members were among the medal winners. As the Albury club was unfortunately closing this is the last time this event was to be held.



We always look forward to the Bunnings Sausage Sizzles, often described as an Australian icon event. It not only feeds our treasury while we feed DIY public, but it's also a chance to inform people about our club and the terrific job of the RSL does within the community.

The AGM was an opportunity to recognise individual excellence in swimming performances. It is always a pleasure to see a variety of members excelling and winning trophies throughout the year. The prestigious Best Club Person award was given to a surprised Elliott Katz who had a poor two years of swimming due to illness but excelled in his role as club photographer.



Shortly after our AGM we were shocked by the sudden passing of our good friend and mentor, Keith Riddle. Keith was a long-time swimmer, member of the swimming club Executive Committee (our longest serving club President) and Head Starter. At the Christmas Break-up we presented Keith's wife, Gay, with a photo album of Keith's decades-long participation in our group.





The last event of the year was our Christmas break-up party held at Peter and Leslie Mudra's home. The spirit and spirits downed was only exceeded by the amount of sumptuous food consumed.



All in all, it was a year to be remembered by the thirty some members of our group. We look forward to our 54th year in 2025 with hopes of more social activities and more new members!

And a thank you to Wesley College where we swim most Sunday mornings. If anyone is interested in learning more about the club please contact our Club Captain, John Mortimer on 0411 134 149.

VETERAN & COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAMS

KEY SAFE PROGRAM
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 accidentally lock yourself out of the house or a family member needs to access your home in an emergency. All emergency contact details must be updated on the database every two years via the RSL.

The key safe is the property of the RSL and will be retrieved if no longer required.

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.

HOME MAINTENANCE
We offer minor repairs such as replacing light bulbs or fixing leaking taps. We can also recommend genuine trades people if you require larger jobs done at your expense.

TAXI VOUCHERS
Vouchers are for Veterans and war widows who need to get to medical appointments and are unable to use public transport.

SOCIAL GROUPS
Both campuses offer either a day club or coffee club to socially interact with other people. PACE Health exercises classes are available at Bentleigh. Contact Bentleigh and Cheltenham for further details of programs.

FRIENDSHIP PROGRAM
If you can no longer get into the RSL and would like to interact with other people, a volunteer can pick you up and bring you in for lunch.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS
The welfare car is available to transport you to medical appointments. Please try and ask family members first to assist with appointments.

Programs offered at the Bentleigh and Cheltenham campuses

For more information on our programs please contact Tammy Gardner or Sophie Calogiros, Veteran and Community Services on *9557 4547* or email *veteranservices@bentleighrsl.com.au*

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 RSL. We do not provide help with weeding.

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.

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).



SHOPPING

We can assist you with groceries and personal shopping if required providing you meet the criteria.

AGED CARE AND COMMUNITY VISITING

If you have gone into hospital, have moved into an aged care facility or live alone, we can arrange for one of our community visitors or Veteran Support to visit you.

RSL FUNERAL RITUAL

In celebrating and giving thanks for the life of the deceased, a funeral service assists the bereaved in coping with grief. The RSL can conduct a funeral ritual segment for its members that highlights the services of the deceased to their country, both in conflict and in peace, so that the bereaved will be proud of the veteran's contribution and the RSL's acknowledgment of it.

Bentleigh RSL Invites Service Members from both Bentleigh and Cheltenham to our

ANNUAL VETERANS LUNCHEON

Monday 7th April 2025

12.00pm in the upstairs function room at Bentleigh RSL

Medals to be worn, with a photographer taking photographs from 11.30am











All Service Members and Carers welcome

RSVP via Reception
(03) 9557-4547

No later than 26th March







RSL ACTIVE

Connect with fellow veterans and enjoy activities designed to boost your physical and mental well-being while expanding your support circle.

In 2024, a variety of exciting events took place, including:

- Go-karting
- Axe throwing
- 10-pin bowling
- Dumpling making
- Painting
- Smash room experiences
- Mini golf

All current and former service personnel are welcome to participate. Get involved today!

For more information, contact Veteran Services at Bentleigh RSL on 9557 4547.

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Postal Vote Application

Returning Officer

PO Box 125, Bentleigh Vic 3204 Phone: 9557 4547

Date:.....

I,.....

Member No.....

Being a financial member, residing at:-

Will be unable to attend the RSL on either polling day, and hereby request that ballot papers be forwarded to me at:-

I fully understand that the completed Ballot Papers must reach the Returning Officer prior to 4.00pm on **Friday 14th of March 2025.**

Signature.....

Name (BLOCK LETTERS).....

PLEASE TICK: ☐ Life Member ☐ Service member ☐ Affiliate Member

VALE

IT IS WITH DEEP REGRET THAT WE REPORT THE PASSING OF OLD MATES

Name	Service No	Member Type	Date of Death
MONTGOMERY, Peter	3173193	Service	05-08-2024
SCOTT, Joanne		Affiliate	11-08-2024
MCHARRY, Lynette Patricia		Affiliate	15-08-2024
RATTRAY-WOOD, Robert Laurence	3/759884	Service	02-09-2024
KERVIN, William	23193072	Service	02-09-2024
WEIR, Geoffrey Robert	R57209	Service	03-09-2024
WESTERMAN, Stuart St John		Affiliate	04-09-2024
SOLOMON, Raphael	2397976	Service	04-09-2024
RIDDLE, Stanley Keith		Affiliate	17-09-2024
BON, David Houston	44812	Service	19-09-2024
HIGHAM, Clifford John		Affiliate	21-09-2024
BUIS, Elizabeth Jean(Betty)		Affiliate Widow	26-09-2024
MITCHELL, John Henry		Affiliate	22-10-2024
WALSH, Keith William	1100745 & A129966	Service	29-10-2024
PERT, Robert George Abner	146844 RAAF	Service	29-10-2024
HAYWARD, Winifred		Affiliate Widow	31-10-2024
BLIGH, Donald Maxwell	3743236	Service	08-11-2024
FREEMAN, Trevor James	119662	Service	14-11-2024
CRAWFORD, Raymond	159743 RAAF	Service	02-12-2024
ERICKSON, Catherine Alice	VF507798	Service	14-12-2024
LOVEDAY, Roland		Affiliate	17-12-2024
UNWIN, Peter		Affiliate	29-12-2024
SMYTH, George Terence	39900 ARMY	Service	06-01-2025

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