

# RSL News-George Town

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## News Letter.

This is the 3rd issue of your monthly newsletter, hope it is proving to be of some benefit and also is an acceptable instrument in getting the news out and about to our members.

We are fast approaching the end of the year, and that dreaded reminder for your renewal of your annual fees—no increase still \$40 per year. Will be starting to get renewals out towards the end of November.

### **The Military Memorabilia area (Museum)**

Since we relocated and opened for business around mid July, our visitations into the Museum has increased extremely well. Being located now on a prominent corner in the town with a shop front, we have been surprised by the number of “drop ins” that are happening.

We have been donated/loaned some new uniforms to place on display. Currently on order we have three more manikins. We have a full set of Afghanistan cams complete with webbing etc. This is at this stage “on loan” and will be displayed by the 11th Nov for you to see. This equipment was previously the issue of a member of 2 Commando Regiment.

In addition to the above a local lad, who has retired after 41yrs (that's right) 41yrs in the ADF has donated a “boot load” of his RAAF uniforms for our display purposes. John Youd from Lowhead Rd was the previous owner of this equipment. Again we hope to have his complete “service dress” as a WO1 on display complete with medals. - thanks John your donation is very much appreciated and will assist us to even up the ADF uniforms we have displayed.

We also have available a number of new items of merchandise available for sale.

Next time you're walking past, just drop in to say hello, and check this out.

### **What's happening to No 44 Macquarie St.**

As we move closer to the 11th Nov 18, we hope to have a few more of our external aspects of the “badging” completed. Phil Hawkins from Hawk Signs is working on these areas—unfortunately the external work relies on the weather and as we all know this has been unreliable over the past weeks.

External painting is now finished - a great job done by Steven our local painter. The building looks great in RAAF Blue. Hopefully before Christmas we will see some of the white front areas on the building completed with silhouette figures/shapes of the men/women depicted in the RSL badge with the addition of a nurse and a combat infantry soldier with a dog representing the Peace Keeping forces in the Middle East.

Hopefully by the time the front is completed the building will be well representative of our ADF. The rear area, (Woolies end of the building) will eventually have a mural depicting the RAAF and a second one depicting the RAN.

It is hoped that by the end of November we should have a response from the Stronger Communities Grant application we made for the installation of reverse cycle heater/fans in the building. This grant application includes a solar panel installation to assist with us a power subsidy. So things are hopefully moving at No 44.

### Tamar Valley Veterans Support Centre. (TVVSC)

The TVVSC is now open and we are already having ex-service personnel calling in for advise on pensions and compensation. Members wishing to discuss welfare situations are also welcome. We are covering the areas from basically west of Scottsdale to the West Tamar area. The TVVSC may be contacted on its own phone number 03 63824162 or, if no one is in attendance, call the GT RSL Sub Branch on 03 63822745. Our advocates are usually available on Tuesdays and Wednesdays for consultations.

### *“George Town Remembers”*

Some nine months ago the George Town RSL Sub Branch Inc, commenced on a number of projects that were funded via a Federal Gov Grant. Funds were allocated to each electorate, in our case Bass. The funds were allocated via a Bass Committee Chaired by Mr Ross Hart MP Federal Member for Bass.

One of those projects was the “George Town Remembers” booklet. Initially Chaired by the Sub Branch President, the work load soon took its toll and Mrs Audrey Evans was appointed to the project as Project Coordinator. Almost immediately the project swung back into life and as we speak, the final copies are being printed in Launceston. This is an absolutely wonderful booklet commemorating the diggers remembered in both the George Town and Lefroy Avenues of Honour. A small committee supplemented by students from the three George Town Schools, completed research studies to pull this remarkable project together. Every effort has been made to retain the authenticity of the information provided on the diggers.

We only have a limited number of the George Town Remembers booklets for sale at a price of \$5 per copy. They will be on sale after the 11th Nov Service at the George Town RSL Sub Branch Inc.

### Medal Mounting (Replica Medals)

**George Town RSL can assist you with replica medals should you wish to have these made—your own, or those of a relative. Call in an talk to Robyn or Don**

### Centenary of Armistice week

Our guest speakers for the 11am service on 11th Nov 2018 will be the Steven -and Maria (Children of Clarrie Andrews, our last WWII veteran) - they will predominately be speaking about their childhood growing up in a military orientated family.

Our other guest speaker will be Mr Doug Baird, father of Cameron Baird VC MG. Cameron was awarded the VC for his actions in Afghanistan. Unfortunately he was killed during those actions.

### New Board Member

**We welcome Audrey Evans, a retired school teacher from George Town, to the Board of Management, with the George Town RSL Inc.**

### Your Board of Management

<b>Don Mackrill - Sub Branch President</b>	<b>Board Members.</b>
<b>Vince Davis - Sub Branch Vice President</b>	<b>Alex Dustan, Brian Bull</b>
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	<b>Brent Daire, Audrey Evans</b>