



RSL News-George Town

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News Letter— from the Editor

This is the 4th issue of your monthly newsletter. We are always striving to find ways to make continual improvements. With this aim in mind, we are currently in an early phase of discussion and consideration of the merit of reorganising ways to improve how we 'do things'. This could see Board members with 'Portfolios' of responsibility. One of these portfolios could be 'Public Relations', which would have a variety of areas of responsibility, one will no doubt, include the production of our Monthly newsletter.

It's been a pleasure completing the initial 4 copies and look forward to many more informative issues in the future.

We wish Ian Goodwin, one of our Board Members, a speedy recovery. Ian unfortunately suffered a medical condition recently, that has required him to take a break.

What's happening to No 44 Macquarie St.

We have a number of matters that are close to being finalised. **ADF logos** have been installed on the front of No 44 Macquarie St now becoming truly representative of the three services—RAN - Army - RAAF. **Our thanks to Phil Hawkins** for his work on these Logos which enhance the street image of the building.



We have received positive communication from Mr Ross Hart MP, our application for the **"Stronger Communities Grant"** has **been approved**. This provided 50% of the costs to install a solar panel unit on top of No 44 with 2 x 9.1kw reverse cycle units. The State Government has agreed to meet the remaining 50% of the costs.

Once both sides have committed (and we have received the grant documents) we will have the installation completed, hopefully before the summer period commences.

The only remaining external feature on No 44 is to have silhouette figures of the four service personnel on the RSL Badge, plus a nurse and a soldier with an IED dog. Hopefully this aspect will be undertaken in the near future, thus completing our building representation.

LEST WE FORGET

Tamar Valley Veterans Support Centre. (TVVSC)

The inaugural meeting of the TVVSC is scheduled to occur on 3rd Dec 2018.

This will establish our “Committee of Management” hopefully made up of representatives from Beaconsfield, Lilydale, Exeter and George Town RSL Sub Branches.

The Military Memorabilia area (Museum)



Still building up items for our Military Memorabilia Display. Great to see a number of locals and other members from within the Tamar Valley bringing in items for our display.

Had a chap in recently who asked us to identify this item.

Not sure where it fits into his family but an interesting piece of research to establish what it actually is.

It turned out to be a “Mothers Ribbon” that was awarded to a mother who had sons/daughters away at WWI. So as we say— “some interesting artefacts”.

Thanks to Brian Shepherd who assists up with many of these military memorabilia research projects.



Dora Andrews and family members with Don Mackrill after receiving a copy of the booklet. There are five members of the Andrews family mentioned in the booklet.

'George Town Remembers' Book launch

On November 9th a booklet titled 'George Town Remembers' was launched.

Some 40 students from our three George Town Schools researched and created a short narrative on the 42 Soldiers listed on the first Honour Roll erected in 1921 in the memorial Hall. The project was one element under the umbrella of Centenary of Armistice Events.

Among the invited guests were descendants of the soldiers' featured in the booklet. A complimentary copy of the book was given to each family and the students and individuals who contributed to the publication.

Thanks also to the community for their support of this project and purchase of the booklet. Copies are available at the Sub Branch for \$5 with funds going to the ongoing Veteran Welfare. A true community effort. Thank you.



Thanks to Ross Hart MP and his team for their support of publication expenses.

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Remembrance Day 2018



Don Mackrill, Peter Harley and Alex Dustan



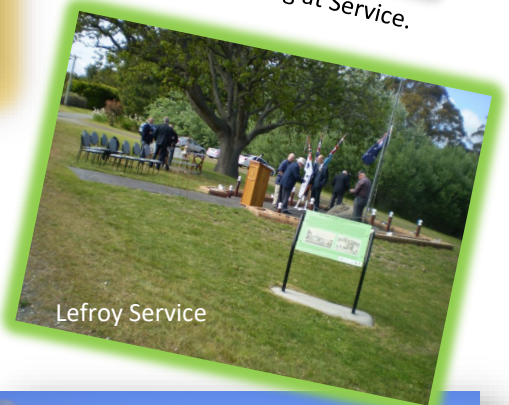
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Mr Doug Baird speaking at Service.



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Remembrance Day 2018

Mr Doug Baird, spent the week leading up to Remembrance Day in our community. Doug was very busy, he spoke at a number of schools, Ainslie House and the RSL. Telling the story of his son Cameron Baird, his journey in service as a Commando and the ethos by which Cameron lived his life. Cameron is Australia's 100th Recipient (posthumously) of the Victoria Cross and started his life in Burnie Tasmania. Doug was very generous with his time, speaking at local services held at Ainslie, Lefroy and George Town. Our thanks are extend to Doug for his flexible, open and friendly manner and it was a pleasure to have him in our community in such a significant year of Remembrance.



Doug Baird with Board Members Alex Dustan, Don Mackrill, Vince Davis, Greg Rush and Robyn Moody.



Alex Dustan, Doug Baird and Letitia Dustan



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Medal Mounting (including Replica Medals)

George Town RSL can assist you with mounting medals, including replica medals, should you wish to have these made—your own awarded medals, or those of a relative. Call in and talk to Robyn or Don about this service - 03 63822745



George Town RSL Sub Branch

Christmas Function

An Invitation is extended to all

George Town RSL Sub Branch Members

to attend

Life Membership Recognition and

Christmas Function

on

14th December 2018

from

4pm until approx. 6:30 pm

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Please come along and join us for recognition, refreshments and to round off a very busy year.

Your Board of Management

Don Mackrill - Sub Branch President

Vince Davis - Sub Branch Vice President

Robyn Moody—Sub Branch Secretary/Treasurer

Board Members.

Alex Dustan, Brian Bull

Greg Rush, Ian Goodwin

Brent Daire, Audrey Evans

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