

# RSL News-George Town

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## Annual General Meeting:

As members would know the Annual General meeting was held on 24<sup>th</sup> March. There were close to 40 members in attendance, with the meeting following standard protocol beginning with a wrap up of business from the existing Board of Management. Minutes from the previous AGM of 2018, were tabled along with the President's Annual report and Auditor's financial Report. There was no business arising from those matters and so the Election of President, Vice- President and some Board of Management positions began. President Don Mackrill informed those in attendance that he was not standing for any positions on the Board. It was agreed that Don would lead proceedings. Scrutineers of the process were Dave Chalmers and Bridget Archer.

There were two nominees for the position of President, those were the existing Vice President, Vince Davis and Board Member Alex Dustan, with Vince voted in as President. Thereby followed the process of seeking nominees from the floor for the Vice-President position. Two nominees were put forward and accepted, Barry Sherrin and Audrey Evans, with Audrey voted in as Vice -President. As no-one nominated for the position of Treasurer this position stayed with Robyn Moody. There were 4 positions open for the Board of Management with those who nominated, making up the new board. Congratulations to all forming the new Board of Management, we look forward to them continuing the work of the last board and taking our RSL Sub Branch forward with passion and enthusiasm.

Your Board of Management are as follows

President: Vince Davis & Vice President: Audrey Evans

Secretary & Treasurer: Robyn Moody

Board of Management: Brian Bull, Greg Rush, Alex Dustan, Barry Sherrin, David Reid, Ven Grollmus

### **Item from our New President**

Well, a new era has arrived for our beloved George Town RSL Sub branch.

I thank Don for his extreme efforts over the past five years. Without which we would have floundered, without a doubt.

Welcome to the new members of the Board of Management.

Your talents, knowledge and skills will be no doubt put to the test, but be brave and strong, we have not hospitalised anyone yet.

Great to see so many at our 2019 AGM and their enthusiasm was noted too.

Thanks for voting for me as your president for the next two years. I hope, with your help, to keep our RSL to the fore in our community. I look forward to serving the needs and requirements of our great organisation. Lest we forget.

Vince.

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

The TVVSC is open and there to support the needs of all service personnel. If you are feeling baffled or frustrated with anything to do with claims and welfare, DVA paperwork or even if you are unclear about what is available for you to access. An Advocacy officer, Greg Rush, is in attendance on Tuesday between 10-2pm or by phoning the RSL other times can be arranged for appointments, conversation and advice. If you are aware of someone in need of help who cannot access the Centre for one reason or another, please seek information by contacting the RSL office on 63822745, we will endeavour to assist.

The Department of Veteran Affairs has an online fact sheet about Concessions available to DVA clients in Tasmania which can be accessed online [www.dva.gov.au/factsheet-con06-concessions-tasmania](http://www.dva.gov.au/factsheet-con06-concessions-tasmania)

We will include some facts in upcoming newsletters.

### **Your Board of Management**

**Vince Davis—Sub Branch President**

**Audrey Evans - Vice President**

**Robyn Moody—Sub Branch Secretary/Treasurer**

**Board Members.**

**Alex Dustan, Brian Bull**

**Greg Rush, Barry Sherrin, David Reid**

**Ven Gollmuos**

**Health Concessions: Pharmaceutical Benefits**, PCC (pension Concession card) holders are eligible for medication under the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) at \$6.40 per prescription. Your Pharmacist can tell you which medicines are listed under the scheme. Once you have spent the PBS Safety Net threshold amount on PBS medicines you will receive free PBS medicines for the rest of the year. Some pharmacies can keep a record for you if you are prepared to let them know you are a PCC holder. Talk to them about this if it will assist you in record keeping.

### **ANZAC Day 25<sup>th</sup> April**

The usual ANZAC Day services will run this year. The Dawn Service will begin at 5.50am, a wreath will be laid at the Cenotaph, followed by the Gunfire Breakfast at approx. 6.45am.

The March will start at 10.30am from the Cenotaph and will make its way to Max Harris Memorial Reserve for the 11am service. We look forward to seeing as many as possible there. We welcome community members, school and organization groups to join the march.

**Medals:** Those attending who are wearing medals from family members please remember the protocol of wearing them on the right side not the left which is where those who have served or are currently serving, wear them.

The Bursary winners of 2018, Brianna Hinkley, Molly Evans and Ella Maurer will be speaking at the services.

Fund raising Merchandise will be on sale from the beginning of April. Thank you for your support

### **Meetings and Mate ship**

The next Sub Branch meeting will be held on Tuesday 16th April at 6.30PM. We hope to encourage more members to attend meetings and contribute with ideas relating to needs from your RSL Sub Branch. Hope to see you at the first one under the new Board of Management team.

**The next Bunnings Fundraiser** will be on Thursday April 18<sup>th</sup>. We run 2 shifts with changeover at 12 Noon. We are in need another person to help Phil and Audrey Evans in the afternoon. Your help would be welcomed even for an hour or two please phone Robyn at the RSL on 63822745. It is great to see locals stop to have a chat and buy a sausage to support our RSL. Thank you.

**Happy Hours for April** are on Fridays 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> from 4-6pm. Come along and meet your new board and catch up with members. There are usually nibbles to have with a drink as well as a couple of raffles. Partners and guests are most welcome we look forward to you joining us.

**Ladies Morning Tea** - The next morning tea is on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April at 10.30am.

