



*Lest We Forget*

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### **Board of Management update:**

With the shutdown of establishments due to COVID 19, the Sub-Branch has been closed and therefore we have not sent a proper newsletter out since February. Advocate and Welfare work has been available, by telephone, email and Skype for those who have needed assistance. During this time there have seen some Board of Management members out of action as well due to varying illnesses, with all back on board now, contributing to our first Board Of Management Meeting earlier this month.

President, Vince Davis and Secretary Robyn Moody regularly attended at the Sub-Branch keeping up to date with RSL matters. Along with the Advocacy and Welfare team, Greg Rush and Don Mackrill, all following up on queries and issues that Veterans and members have had during this time. Vince, Robyn and Don endeavoured to touch base with many of our older members to 'check' their welfare and wellbeing during this unusual time.

Our application through Teddy Sheehan Grants, was unsuccessful this time. Our plan, had this gone through, was to add to Max Harris Memorial Reserve by adding another small wall area to acknowledge Conflicts and Peacekeeping efforts beyond WW2. We will continue to seek a way to undertake this project, as an important element in keeping with local heritage values and our Sub-Branch responsibility to record for the community, contributions from our own.

Naturally, there was much disappointment about the cancellation of ANZAC Day and Tobruk Sunday events. However, the community rallied in a variety of ways to remember those who served in the past, and continue to serve today, uppermost in their hearts and minds. A colourful Max Harris Memorial appeared, with flags, posies and wreaths left there. Whilst around the community some families placed flags, photographs and lit candles at their homes, the words 'We will Remember them' holding true.

I think it is fair to say many of us would have taken a moment to think about life in the era of those early ANZACs. Of the time, home life I imagine, would have been much like we have been experiencing during the restrictions. All family members in the home, doing daily things, interacting, perhaps sitting around the radio or wireless wanting every snippet of news about progress. Much as we have been doing around our televisions or other devices, since first notice of the news of the Coronavirus.

Congratulations to all in our Municipality for their efforts and belief that every person has a part to play in controlling COVID19. The support throughout our community and sense of responsibility is obvious. Thanks to all our local businesses who modified their operations to assist our community. Wonderful effort and our sincere thanks to you all.

### **COVID19 Roadmap to Recovery for your Sub Branch:**

This week we received notification of Stage 1 out of restrictions with begin. With this in mind, we will open the Sub-Branch 3 mornings a week on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 10 until 12pm. The Social Distancing rule of 1.5 metres will remain and the facilities at the Sub Branch and Memorabilia display will reflect continuation of the Health guidelines.

We will notify veterans, members and the community when Happy Hour will begin, as we are required to operate under the following guide.

**RSLs and community clubs can continue to provide community services, however bar and gaming areas must remain closed.**

To ensure maintenance of COVID19 efforts and to protect those who pop in seating at the RSL Sub Branch, will be setup with 1.5 metre Social Distancing and sanitiser available.

### **AGM /Annual Dinner**

The Annual General Meeting was postponed due to COVID19, as soon as further restrictions are lifted, we will be able to let you know dates for our AGM and also our Annual Dinner.

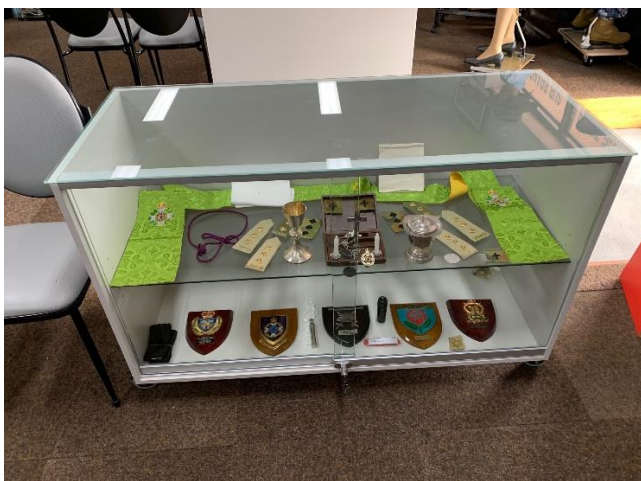
If you want to become involved with your RSL please give some thought and consideration to a position on the Board of Management. We encourage community minded individuals who could bring a little time and experience to the Board of Management, to consider nominating. We are looking for diversity and would also hope to see Returned Service personnel consider nominating for a position on the Board, as a voice for more recent veterans. Some positions are up for election this year. A complete Board of Management Team lightens the load for others and keeps thinking fresh. There would be plenty of opportunity to contribute in a manner that suits your skills and interests. Membership or renewal of Membership is needed if considering.

**What does being on the Board of Management involve?** If in need of 'food for thought' please contact one of the current Board Executive through the RSL office - 63822745

President - Vince Davis, Vice Pres (Aff)-Audrey Evans, or Secretary/Treasurer Robyn Moody

### Memorabilia Cabinet Display

Whilst we have been closed there were things happening at your Sub-Branch. You may be aware we had a successful grant application to enhance our Memorabilia display. Cabinets were built and delivered in March just as the shutdown occurred. The Cabinets are now in place, there is still much work to undertake with labelling and small touches to complete the job. The display is visually appealing but also will protect the older items to be enclosed, from environmental wear and tear. Our Thanks must go to everyone who volunteered the time and energies. Don Mackrill, (Co-Ordinator) David Reid, John Moody, for help the lighting and John A and Ian a terrific effort in meeting the timelines of a schedule for the job to be completed in a timely manner. The grant has been acquitted to meet guideline expectations. Once restrictions are lifted, we look forward to visitors appreciating the space.



## Special Thanks

Leading up to ANZAC Day there were a group of very crafty ladies involved with making poppies as a way of raising funds for the RSL. Our special thanks to Carla Coogan, Amelia Clark, Pauline Heppel who raised funds through their poppy making and sales at News Express. Thanks to Sue Sherriff who support the fundraising effort in Store. Thank you.

The Wharf Café offered 'Diggers Breakie' on ANZAC Day to diggers and their partner or carer. This was a very generous offer taken up by more than 20 'Diggers'. With the help of Volunteers, the Diggers Breakfasts were delivered to those who ordered. A very generous undertaking by the team at The Wharf Café. Thank you.

Tamar Cakes Bakery gave a substantial donation to the Sub-Branch at that time which was very much appreciated. Thank you.

## Happenings:

Prior to the Closure we had activities that were set to become part of our regularly occurrences at No 44.

The **Movie Nights** were set to begin, as restrictions are lifted, these will be rescheduled with dates and Movie information to be announced. We had also budgeted for **Bus Trips** for members and guests and we will go ahead with those plans as well.

We will be offering discounts for activities to members so please keep an eye out for details. We look forward to these activities being offered and underway.

## Calendar:

Date	Activity	Time
25 <sup>th</sup> May	Sub Branch open (restrictions apply)	10-12pm
26 <sup>th</sup>	Sub Branch open (restrictions apply)	10-12PM
27 <sup>th</sup>	Sub Branch open (restrictions apply)	10-12pm
June 1-3rd	Sub Branch open (restrictions apply)	10-12pm
June 10	B of Management Meeting	3:30pm

I'm sure the calendar will begin to be filled again soon.

From all the Board, remember when moving about the community to social distance, wash hands regularly and know that your role helps us all.