



Lest We Forget

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News of the month that was: July 2020

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Board of Management update:

The last Board of Management was held on July 8th there was much discussed including the following.

State Congress has been deferred until 19th September. Further details as we get closer to the date.

Board Member and Protocols officer, Brian Bull, has been looking at a review of our documentation of a simple code of dress, in line with other organisations. A motion was passed that a code of acceptable neat tidy dress be documented as Standard Operating Procedure. That motion was carried.

The Farmer's Market looks like starting again in September. The council have handed this event over to the RSL to run. There will be a book at the front desk for any bookings for stalls, once health guidelines to permit such gatherings are given. Numbers in our premises are still restricted to area space.

We have limited storage space at the Sub Branch, so President Vince Davis is seeking to find storage possibilities in the community. He is working with council to move this forward.

With the closure of Bank of Heritage Isle in the North, the Sub-Branch have changed business dealings to Bendigo Bank. This change has happened with no major issues. We also now have Eftpos facility options available for membership, merchandise sales, and cashless at Bar during happy hour. To cover costs for this facility we do have to make a small convenience charge of 20c per transaction to cover the fee charged. This facility is not for cash out actions. If you are coming along to Happy Hour, we advise having some cash along with you, especially if you are not in the habit of using cards for transactions.

Events and Commemorations:

George Town Remembers:

Vietnam Veterans Day is commemorated on 18 August every year. The day was originally known as Long Tan Day, chosen to commemorate the men of D Company, 6RAR who fought in the battle of Long Tan in 1966. On that day, 108 Australian and New Zealand soldiers fought a pitched battle against over 2,000 North Vietnamese and Viet Cong troops in a rubber plantation not far from the small village of Long Tan. The Australians prevailed, but only after fighting in torrential rain for four hours.

Thank you to all those in our region, who served in Vietnam

We take this opportunity to remind the community that we, along with other towns in the North, share the responsibility for holding a service for Vietnam Veterans, their families and others. This year there

will be service held in the Northern Midlands RSL as well as a service organized through the Launceston Vietnam Veterans Association to be held in Launceston. We will run a bus for those who would like to attend the Northern Midlands service. We will need to know numbers prior; to book a seat please contact Robyn at the RSL on 63822745 by the 14th August.

World War Two-VP Day. On 15 August 2020, Australia will Commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the end of World War Two-VP Day. This may well be the last Major commemoration where we will be fortunate to still be able to say a personal thankyou to some surviving Veterans.

Thank you to all those who served during World War Two.

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Thanks AP Kempe Engineering:

We are pleased, appreciative and extend a big 'thankyou' to Luke Hancock and the team at AP Kempe Engineering for their quick assistance in designing, constructing and placing grabrails at the entrance of the Sub Branch. This has been something we are pleased has been done, for the safety and care of those entering and leaving the premises. Visitors who move about with the assistance of a cane, walker, wheelchairs and those who may be vision impaired, will be more safely able to enter and leave with the support, if needed, of the Handrails. Our thanks to everyone involved.

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle Fundraising

Barry Sherrin & Audrey Evans attended COVID Safe guideline training, as part of the Sausage Sizzle start up at Bunnings. We are keen to get started, as most would be aware this is one of the main methods for us to raise funds. The training was extensive and made clear to all in attendance, the expectations around running a Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings. We fully understand these expectations and know that doing the right thing secures both the Bunnings Brand as well as our own. The first Sausage sizzle for us will be on Sat 8th. We hope to have one Sizzle a month, Bunnings are currently only running them on the weekends. There is a requirement that 5 people help, 3 in the past, so we need 2 teams of 5 people. We usually run 2 shifts at each event, 10people. We have this first Sizzle covered; however, Barry is running a roster of helpers so if you can give some time to help occasionally please contact Barry at the RSL on Tuesdays or Audrey on Wednesday. Barry is organizing a short information session to assist everyone to understand the simple but safe processes needed.

Vet views

Greg Rush, DVA Advocate, is available at the RSL Sub-Branch on Tuesday. Please call the RSL to make an appointment or to get Greg's details if you need to contact him.

COVID19 Roadmap to Recovery for your Sub Branch:

We would like to thank all those who have attended the last Happy Hours and abided by the Social Distancing guidelines in place to allow us all to meet safely. The Social Distancing rule of 1.5 metres will remain at the Sub-Branch Wellness area and Memorabilia display. Signs and marking around the premises will reflect continuation of the Health guidelines.

We are now opening 4 mornings a week Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 until 12pm. There is usually a Member of the Board in attendance each day along with Secretary Robyn Moody. The option of a call to one of the Board members, if anyone visiting the area would like to view the Display is available. Contact information will be listed on the front door.

Get well soon:

Our thoughts continue to be with Sue Mackrill, who remains in hospital. Her husband Don, currently, also unwell in the GTH. A difficult time for them both. We extend our best wishes to Sue, Don and the family for continued healing and our wishes for a speedy recovery to them both.

AGM

Board of Management can confirm, the date is set as 23rd August 2020 at 11:00am to be held at the Sub-Branch. This date allowed plenty of time to get nominations out and returned, prior to the AGM. A Nomination form went to current financial members with the last newsletter. If you are interested and would like to nominate, a form is available at the Sub Branch or please call in and see Secretary Robyn Moody. There are positions open for election to the Board of Management and we encourage anyone considering, to fill their form in and return by the 8th August. Membership or renewal of Membership is needed if considering.

What is required of those on the Board of Management? Our Sub-Branch is highly valued in the region and is in a good position moving forward. This is an opportunity to make contributions and help consolidate the support we offer to our Veterans and families, well into the future. Maintaining records and of War Heritage of our region is Key to our role in the community.

Annual Luncheon

This year, due to COVID restrictions, we will combine our Annual Luncheon and Christmas functions. A date is yet to be determined but will most likely be held in December. We will give plenty of warning, as planning around this event will still depend on the health situation of the state and guidelines provided by the Government.

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 intend to go ahead with those plans. We are currently seeking the guidelines around bus travel restrictions that may be in place.

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 soon.

Calendar:

Date	Activity	Time
Wk Aug 3 rd	Sub Branch open Memorabilia Display open (restrictions apply) <u>(Closed Thurs)</u>	10-12pm
Fri 7 th Sat 8 th	Happy Hour Bunnings Sausage Sizzle Fundraising	4-6PM 9-4PM
Wk Aug 10 th	Sub Branch open Memorabilia Display open (restrictions apply) <u>(Closed Thurs)</u>	10-12pm
Wed 12 th	B of Management Meeting	3:30pm
Wk Aug 17 th	Sub Branch open Memorabilia Display open (restrictions apply) <u>(Closed Thurs)</u>	10-12pm
Fri 21 st	Happy Hour	4-6PM

August 23 rd	AGM & Election of Board We encourage members to attend and vote for who you want on the board of your RSL Sub Branch.	11:00am
Wk Aug 24 th	Sub Branch open Memorabilia Display open (restrictions apply) <u>(Closed Thurs)</u>	10-12pm

We have some terrific samples of past student work from South George Town Primary School, which we will include in a window display for Vietnam Veterans Day.

❖ Keep in good health everyone.