



Lest We Forget

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Newsletter Month of Sept/Oct 2020

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SUB-BRANCH OPENING HOURS:

10-2pm Monday -Friday

AGM and Board of Management Update:

The AGM was held on the 23rd August with forty members attending along with invited guests, State VP, Geoff Leitch and his wife BJ and GT Council General Manager, Shane Power. We appreciate everyone's involvement and interest in how the RSL Sub Branch is going and for participation in voting new members to the Board of Management.

The meeting agenda was followed and included the President's, Treasurer's and Auditors reports and opportunity to raise business about the matters tabled. All reports were accepted. A new Motion was put forward by the President, Vince Davis, with the following Rational:

Quote 'Subject to the opportunity of maintaining equality in the senior management position and the increase in Affiliate membership, I believe that the time has come to have the substantive position of Vice President (Affiliate). This would allow a representation for both Service and Affiliate members within the Executive.' Unquote. The motion was carried.

Welfare Report: It was reported that the War Widows morning teas (now called Ladies morning tea) were deferred during COVID-19.

The proposed and budgeted Bus Trips and Movie nights are planned to start depending on COVID 19 restrictions. Welfare and Pension Advocates are still attending to member's needs as they arise, with some hospital visits being made during this year. The COVID Pandemic found opening hours drop off and we are back to Summer opening hours whilst continuing to follow recommended restrictions and Health guidelines.

Some Nominations for new office bearers were listed on the agenda and the meeting undertook to process of the elections. Three new members were required for a complete Board of Management. The vote for Service and Affiliate V. Presidents and the Public Officer positions, all formed elements of the election. We thank all nominees for their interest and know they will contribute at the Sub-Branch whenever they can.

Sincere thanks are extended to outgoing Board Members, for the massive contributions they have made over many years. We thank them in advance for their continued involvement in Sub-Branch matters and activities.

We confirm the 2020/21 Board of Management and times they are available in the Sub Branch if anyone would like to speak to them or raise suggestions and ideas moving forward.

Days at Sub Branch	Name	Role
Monday	Vince Davis	President (BoM Exec)
Tuesday	Barry Sherrin	Vice President Service (BoM Exec)
Wed & Friday	Audrey Evans	Vice President Affiliate (BoM Exec)
Monday, Wed, Fri	Robyn Moody	Secretary/Treasurer & Public Officer (BoM Exec)
Tuesday	Greg Rush	Advocate DVA / B of Management
Wed	Ven Grollmus	B of Management
Sat-Summer opening	David Reid	B of Management
Thursday	Max Griffiths	B of Management
On Call	Dale Brown	B of Management

Veteran Views

DVA: New Contact number 1800

This change is part of DVA's Veteran Centric Reform Program which includes improvements to our telephone channel to make it easier for veterans and their families to speak to the right person at the first point of contact.

You will start to see 1800 VETERAN (1800 838 372) rather than the previous general enquiry number 1800 555 254 in our publications and correspondence and on our website and other online portals. This is a gradual process and 1800 555 254 and 133 254 will remain active for some time yet until 1800 VETERAN (1800 838 372) is well embedded.

Some other external-facing numbers will remain for specific needs, including the transport bookings and Veteran Home Care.

Phone numbers for other non-DVA services will stay the same. For example, the current phone numbers for Open Arms and the Veterans' Review Board, will stay the same.

Please refer to Secretary Robyn Moody's email for full details.

Events and Commemorations

Remembrance Day 11th November

We are planning for our usual Remembrance Day service at Max Harris Reserve. We have been advised by State Branch that the Community Remembrance Day service will go ahead providing there are no new outbreaks of covid-19. We will forward information as we become aware of any restrictions.

Vietnam Veterans Day on 18th August

As in past years, RSL's Sub-Branches in our region have taken turns at hosting this day for Vietnam Veterans. Northern Midlands hosted a service at Longford RSL Sub-Branch

along with the Launceston City Council in partnership with Vietnam Veterans Association at the Cenotaphs in those communities. This day remains one of the numerous commemorations held each year and numbers at both these events indicate their importance to those who served. Lest We Forget.

RSL Bursary for Further Education:

Applications are open for the RSL Bursary for Further Education to Year 10 students of George Town Schools. Information can be obtained through School Senior Staff.

Fundraising

We have been fortunate, to have had two Bunnings Fundraising Sausage Sizzles, the last on Fathers' Day and the next will be on the 24th October. Thanks to all who give their time to cook and serve at Bunnings. Currently we must have two teams of 5 volunteers per team to meet Bunnings COVID guidelines. We are hoping some members can help by volunteering. If you would like to offer to be available on a rotating team of rostered people, please give Barry Sherrin a call at the RSL Sub Branch 63822745 between 10 and 2pm. Barry is regularly at the Sub Branch on Tuesday.

BSG Bingo is now going to be held regularly at the Sub-Branch each Wednesday night. Doors open at 6pm, eyes down at 7pm. COVID19 Restrictions are in place with those attending signing in for COVID tracing purposes. Other restrictions that we are all making a habit of everywhere we go, 1.5mt Social Distance, wash/sanitize hands, sneeze, or cough into elbow. Please remain seated during BINGO. Due to the restrictions and limited seating, only over 18's will be admitted.

WELFARE

The first Bus trip for Veterans /members, to be held in November, will be open for booking soon through the RSL Sub Branch. Watch out for details.

People will be pleased to hear that **Farmers Markets** will once again be held at the RSL Sub Branch on Saturday mornings between 9 and 12 PM. The first is on the 10th October. Flyers are in the community, so watch out for those, come along to browse and purchase items, are made, sewn, grown in our local region and support our local producers. If you are interested in having a table to display your goods. Contact the RSL on 63822745.

Happy Hour and Mateship

Ladies morning tea is an enjoyable get - together for Widows & family of veterans and we encourage anyone who knows of a spouse or relative of a service person to make contact with the office so that we can assist them in attending Morning Tea with other veteran family members. They are held on a regular basis the 2nd Thursday of each month.

Happy Hours are happening regularly and the dates moving forward are listed on the calendar attached. A good way to see friends and enjoy the company of others, a raffle or two which contributes to fundraising is usually offered. Some nibbles are available. Partners and guests are most welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.

With everything moving back to a stage of lifting numbers safely and mindful of social distancing, the calendar below gives an indication of Sub Branch happenings that may be of interest to you, perhaps begin feeling like there is something that can bring you out into the community to enjoy with others.

Our Christmas Raffle is ready with tickets available at the Sub-Branch and some businesses in the community. This wonderful raffle, of a variety of handy person tools and trolley made available through COVID 19 support from Bunnings because Sausage sizzles had been cancelled. Talented Local Artist, Cathie Shearing, has donated one of her beautiful Soft Pastel Landscape. The prizes are on display in the Sub-Branch. Thank you for your support.

2020 CHRISTMAS RAFFLE



1ST PRIZE: SELECTION OF ELECTRICAL TOOLS

(VALUED AT \$1000 - Bunnings COVID19 Support)

2ND PRIZE: SOFT PASTEL LANDSCAPE PAINTING

(VALUED AT \$300—Donated by local Artist Cathie Shearing)

Tickets \$2:00 ea.

Drawn 18th December at RSL Sub Branch Christmas Function.



Calendar: October

Date	Activity	Time
Sat 10 th	Farmers Market	9-12pm
Tues 13 th	Sub Branch Meeting	6pm
Wed 14 th	Bingo	Doors open 6pm
Fri 16 th	Happy Hour	4-6pm
Sat 17 th	Farmers Market	9-12pm
Wed 21 st	Bingo	Doors open 6pm
Sat 24 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Farmers Market Bunnings Sausage Sizzle 	9-12pm 8-4pm
Wed 28 th	Bingo	Doors open 6pm
Fri 30 th	Happy Hour	4-6pm
Sat 31	Farmers Market	9-12pm