



*Lest We Forget*

George Town RSL Inc.,  
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Newsletter Month of Nov 2020

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**SUB-BRANCH OPENING HOURS:**

**10-2pm Monday -Friday**

**SUB-BRANCH Christmas Closure:**

**Dec 20<sup>th</sup>- JAN 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

### **Board of Management Update:**

The new Cabinets for the Memorabilia display have started to be installed. These cabinets will hold a selection of mannequins in service dress through time.

Due to COVID19 Restrictions, time did not permit us to organize the Annual Luncheon and the Christmas Function separately. The Board of Management felt it would be beneficial for all, to combine these two functions. It will be held on the 18<sup>th</sup> December offering an enjoyable meal with Bar Facilities from 4PM. Bookings are essential. A flyer containing details is attached. Book early as numbers are limited and we'd like to see as many members as possible join us.

### **George Town Sub-Branch Life Membership:**

The Sub-Branch has acknowledged the efforts of Past President, Don Mackrill, by offering him Life Membership to the Branch. It is generally recognized that Don, in his

role as President, contributed with passion and commitment to maintaining a Sub-Branch in George Town. Much of the work and his many network connections enabled us to obtain a permanent Sub-Branch at 44 Macquarie Street. The work with local and state governments to source grants and funds was invaluable in this endeavour. We appreciate all these efforts. Thank you, Don.



## **Events and Commemorations**

### **Remembrance Day 11<sup>th</sup> November**



The Remembrance Day Service will be held at Max Harris Memorial Reserve. President Vince Davis, lead with a tribute to the fallen and the importance of the day. Mayor Greg Kieser spoke about the role of service personnel in all conflicts and the need for continued acknowledgement of efforts of the ADF both in the past and currently. Samuel Freeman, 2019 Bursary recipient, spoke of the understanding he had gained through this year of challenges. He mentioned that many have faced absence and being away from loved ones or family. As was the case in the past, with those away or involved with conflicts, on the other side of the world not knowing when they might return.

During the service, a dedication of the Bofors Gun was made to commemoration Clarrie Andrews. The last WW2 Veteran member of the George Town Sub Branch.

Thanks to all those volunteers who assisted with preparation of the service and the registering processes for COVID19 contact tracing. Thanks to Council for their continued involvement and organization of road closures, seating, and notices.

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### **RSL Bursary for Further Education:**



RSL Bursary for Further Education was open to Year 10 students at George Town Schools. Announcements and presentations to the recipients will be made at the three schools during their presentation assemblies in December.

### **WELFARE**



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Our day Bus tours have started up well and those who have participated have enjoyed the experiences offered. We aim to have a bus trip each month. The most recent Bus tour held on Wed 18<sup>th</sup> November did a loop in the North East, Ledgerwood carvings, School House Museum at Derby with lunch at the Crank it Café and a short stop at little Blue Lake on the way home. Thanks to Max Griffiths for driving the Bus on our tours. Most of the costs of these trips are subsidized by Fundraising efforts with a small cost to those participating. Next is due on 16<sup>th</sup> December please watch for details if you would like to come along.



Some from the group enjoying a cuppa before visiting the museum. L-R Elaine and Leah enjoying lunch

## **Fundraising**



The next Bunnings Sausage Sizzle will be held on the 26<sup>th</sup> Dec and we are in need help that day, if you can come and assist, 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 going well and held each Wednesday. 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 cough into elbow. Please remain seated during BINGO.

**Farmers Markets** are going well, held at the RSL Sub-Branch on Saturday morning between 9 and 12 PM. Flyers are in the community come along to browse and or purchase items made, sewn, grown in our region and support our local producers. If you are interested in having a table to display your goods. Please contact the RSL on 63822745 during opening times.

## **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 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month. This month ladies are invited to join the Combined Annual Luncheon and Christmas Party on the 18<sup>th</sup> December.

Happy Hour is happening regularly and the dates for this month moving forward are listed on the calendar below. 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.

Our Christmas Raffle tickets available at the Sub-Branch and some businesses in the community. 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: December**

Date	Activity	Time
<b>DECEMBER</b>		
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	BINGO opens door	6pm
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Farmers Market	9-12pm
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup>	BINGO opens door	6PM
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Happy Hour	4-6pm
Sat 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Farmers Market	9-12pm
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Board of Management Meeting	3.30pm
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Sub Branch Meeting	6.00pm
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Veterans &amp; Members Bus Trip</li> <li>• BINGO opens door</li> </ul>	9:00am (depart) 6pm
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	Veterans & Members Combined Annual Luncheon/Christmas Break up Raffle Draw	3pm -
Dec21st	<b>Closed for Break</b>	
<b>JANUARY</b>		
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup>	Re-open	10-2PM
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>	BINGO opens door	6pm
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	Happy Hour	4-6pm
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup>	Farmers Market	9-12pm