



*Lest We Forget*

George Town RSL Inc.,  
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Newsletter Month of Nov/Dec 2021

This Issue:

- Summer opening times
- Board of Management update.
- Annual Luncheon
- Remembrance Day Service

**SUB-BRANCH Winter OPENING HOURS:**

**10-2pm Monday -Friday**

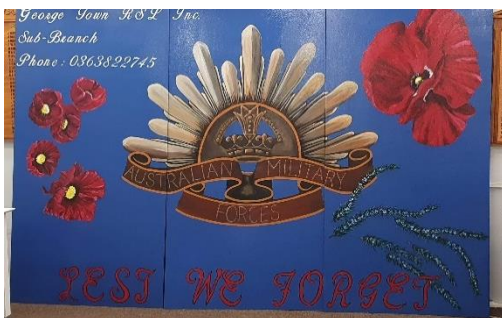
**Happy Hour will continue to be held  
Fortnightly on Fri 4-6PM**

### **Board of Management:**

As most people would be aware we do have items of Military Memorabilia given to the RSL for the display. We are updating the Standard Operating process when accepting donated or gifted family Military items. The purpose to assist those donating or gifting items to understand the terms and conditions around such items.

Update on the Lift. We anticipate that the lift installers will be able to come to Tasmania soon to measure and organize matters to do with the installation. The development of the upstairs area for wellbeing purposes for Veterans and members, will be purposeful and much needed. If you would like to be involved or have some suggestions, please let Max Griffiths or Alex Dustan know.

Update on the Mural: The team at KEMPE Engineering are doing their best to get the mural on the wall. They appreciate our patience in moving this project forward. We are seeking to organize with council the appropriate permits to get the frame onto the wall for the mural. This may entail some temporary traffic changes whilst the Mural is being placed. Members and community will be aware of the many developments occurring in and



around the Macquarie street /Regent Square area. We wait for this process to be worked through.

LAFM Radio the Board of Management have organized the placement of advertising of the Military Display on Radio over the next 3 months. We do have a standout display and want as many as possible to view it. We hope this boost in advertising will help to meet that objective. Listen for the Rediscover Tasmania jingle containing our ad.

## Mobility Aid Register:

The Sub Branch has a register of a number of items that can be issued on loan for short term and temporary use. The items include walkers, canes, shower chairs etc. If you or someone you know, has need of an item for a short period, please contact the RSL Secretary, Robyn Moody on 63822745. We thank those families who have donated items. If you have any used items, not currently needed or not sure what to do with, please consider donating them to the RSL for needs of others.

George Town RSL Bursary for Further Education. The Interviews for Bursaries will be conducted on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. We encourage children of families of service persons to apply, if they are in Yr. 10 attending at Star of the Sea College or Port Dalrymple School, to consider this opportunity. These Bursaries are valued at \$800.00 each. Information has been forwarded to schools and those interested, should speak to Mrs. Tame at Star of the Sea College or Mr. Flanagan at Port Dalrymple School or School Principals.

**The next Board meeting is scheduled for the 13<sup>th</sup> Dec 5PM.**

We have been concerned for Brian Shepherd who has been seriously unwell in recent weeks, spending significant time in hospital. It is good to hear Brian is home now but still recovering. Best wishes for a sound recovery Brian.

*Our sincerely condolences and thoughts are with David Walters and his family on the sad passing of David's wife, Mary, recently. Further, it is difficult to share news that David is currently in hospital seriously unwell. Our thoughts are with David in hopes of a speedy recovery.*

## **Events and Commemorations**

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

The Sub Branch held the Remembrance Day Service at Max Harris Memorial Reserve yesterday. This service was well attended by the community, and we especially thank Port Dalrymple, Star of the Sea College and South George Town Primary Schools representation by staff and student attendance. We thank our Mayor Greg Keiser as well as our guest speaker and Patron, Dr Tim Mooney who spoke with passion of the huge toll war pays both in the past and present, on communities and families. A poignant message of heartache felt by many, both during service and on return, mentioning over two hundred white crosses of those who have served from our community and have now gone. The white crosses that are placed around the Memorial at our services each year are a stark reminder for all of us. We also heard from last year's South George Town Primary School Bursary recipient, Karlee Wayne, speaking about two returned

service persons that she interviewed to ground her speech in the experiences of those people.

The service was followed by refreshments at the Sub Branch which was filled to capacity. Many taking the opportunity to have those conversations with mates and families of those who served.

Thanks to all the volunteers that help to pull these occasions together.

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### **SUB Branch Meetings**

The last information session saw approximately 30 members in attendance. President Max Griffiths took a few minutes to inform those in attendance of happenings. Our constitution dictates that we must hold a number of Sub Branch meetings or informative gatherings, to keep Members up to date with happenings at their Sub Branch.

### **What's Happening at your Sub Branch space**

We thank John, a volunteer, who has repaired and hung some 15 frames of the 25 Past Sub Branch President photos, dating back to our first President Major Davies. This Project is close to completion, with the rest to be hung soon.

We received a photo of a local person, Veronica Turner, who served in ADF Signals Corp. Pat Turner, Veronica's mother, gave it to the RSL with some details of Veronica's considerable service. This is one of a number of photos, we hope to obtain from families who have individuals who have or are serving in the ADF. The aim is to create a section wall to hold these photos and stories in thanks and recognition of their service and efforts.

Ria has completed the Teddy Sheehan story frame and it is currently sitting in the window of the Sub Branch. Thanks Ria.

If you have an hour to spare and would like to assist at the sub-Branch, please call in and have a chat. There are a number of framing tasks that need to be done, your help would be appreciated.

### **WELFARE**

**December Bus Trip** is planned for Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December. This trip will be to Inveresk Museum and the National Automobile Museum with Lunch at the Silo Hotel – The Grain Café. Please call in or phone your interest in attending. These trips are limited to 23 persons. A Flyer will be placed on notice board at Sub Branch containing full details.

The first Bus Trip was to Launceston for a cruise on the Tamar River on the 26<sup>th</sup> October. We had some 12 people booked for this trip. We were able to discount the cost because

we used a car pool to travel to Launceston and the RSL met 1/3 of the cost. The day was beautiful, weatherwise, a stop at Glebe Gardens Café before heading home went down well. Feedback was that those along had an enjoyable day. L-R Pat Crack and Dora and Gwynne



**Vietnam Veterans Bush Retreat** fishing trip this weekend 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> Nov was fully booked quickly. If this is something that you would be interested in doing, please call in and put your name down for the next. The date undecided as this is fully dependent on Bush Retreat booking availability.

### **Christmas break up**

On Sunday, the 19<sup>th</sup> Dec we will hold our Christmas Breakup Luncheon at the Sub Branch. Please watch for details coming out in a flyer soon. **Booking will be necessary to help requirements for catering purposes.**

### **Christmas Closing Times**

The Sub Branch will close on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021 and re-open on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022. Should the need arise to contact the Sub Branch during this closure, please call Secretary Robyn on 0411 966 763 for President Max on 0409 821 451

### **Fundraising**



**Another Bunnings Sausage Sizzle will be held on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> with the last one held on the 30<sup>th</sup> October.** This was another successful effort and thanks to everyone who helped. Usually, we need 5 people for the morning shift 8-12 and 5 for the afternoon 12-4pm

Thanks to everyone who volunteered on the day. Many hands make light work. Thanks also to all those locals who popped in and supported our fundraising effort.

Thanks to Bunnings for supporting the George Town RSL Sub Branch.

**BSG Bingo** is going well and has been well attended in recent weeks and as the weather warms up. Greg& Viv, Barry, Pirjo, Gigi, Cindy all attend every Wednesday to ensure all goes well. They all do an amazing job. Thanks to patrons who are respectful of everyone and contribute to an enjoyable evening.

### **Christmas Raffle:**

The George Town RSL Christmas Raffle is out now. We will be selling tickets in the community, and they can be purchased at the Sub Branch. The prize is on display at the Sub Branch. Thanks for your support. You might see volunteers selling tickets at Woolies or call in to Sub Branch.

<p><b><u>GEORGE TOWN RSL SUB BRANCH INC.,</u></b></p> <p><b>2021 CHRISTMAS RAFFLE</b></p> <p><b><u>1ST PRIZE: HOMEMAKER Package</u></b></p> <p>(VALUED AT \$750)</p> <p><b><u>2ND PRIZE: VOUCHER</u></b></p> <p>(VALUED AT \$150)</p> <p><b>Tickets \$2 ea. OR 3 for \$5</b></p> <p><i>Drawn 19th December at RSL SUB BRANCH Christmas Breakup</i></p>
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### **Happy Hour and Mateship**



Viv, Gigi, Kaye and Robyn organise the Ladies morning tea. Due to Remembrance Day service the Ladies Morning Tea was not held on that day as refreshments were offered following the service.

Next Happy Hour is Friday 12th Nov. The last couple of happy Hours have been well attended and we are all enjoying the opportunity to catch up. There is finger food offered and we thank those who donate nibblies to go with a choice of beverages. Check your Sub Branch Calendar date and times

Partners and guests are most welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Calendar: Nov/December**

<b>NOV</b>				
3rd	Wed	Bingo	RSL Sub Branch	6.30pm
8th	Mon	Board Meeting	RSL Sub Branch	5.00pm
10th	Wed	Bingo	RSL Sub Branch	6.30pm
11th	Thurs	Remembrance Day	Max Harris Memorial	11.00am
12th	Fri	Happy Hour	RSL Sub Branch	4.00pm
17th	Wed	Bingo	RSL Sub Branch	6.30pm
24th	Wed	Bingo	RSL Sub Branch	6.30pm
26th	Fri	Happy Hour	RSL Sub Branch	4.00pm
N.B. No Ladies Morning Tea due to Remembrance Day				
<b>DEC</b>				
1st	Wed	Bingo	RSL Sub Branch	6.30pm
9th	Thurs	Bus Trip TBC	TBA	
8th	Wed	Bingo	RSL Sub Branch	6.30pm
9th	Thurs	Ladies Morning Tea/xmas	RSL Sub Branch	10.30pm
10th	Fri	Happy Hour	RSL Sub Branch	4.00pm
13th	Mon	Board Meeting	RSL Sub Branch	5.00pm
15th	Wed	Bingo	RSL Sub Branch	6.30pm
17th	Fri	Xmas Break Up	RSL Sub Branch	4.00pm
<b>PLEASE NOTE: WINTER OPENING</b>				
<b>10.00AM - 2.00PM</b>				
<b>SUMMER OPENING</b>				
<b>10.00AM - 3.00PM</b>				
<b>N.B. HAPPY HOUR STILL ON FRIDAYS AS ABOVE</b>				
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<b>SECRETARY:</b>		<b>ROBYN MOODY</b> <b>0411 966 763</b>		