



Lest We Forget

George Town RSL Inc.,
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Board of Management:

Annual General Meeting

Please be advised that the Annual General Meeting is set for Sunday 27th March 2022 commencing at 11.00am.

The notice of AGM, Agenda and nomination forms have been emailed to members.

Please be aware that only financial members for 2022 can only nominate and vote so memberships need to be paid before 27th March.

Board Meeting:

The next meeting of the Board of Management will be held on Monday 14th March.

At the last Management meeting, 14th Feb, the safe return of activities is as below and please look at your Jan-June calendar emailed out with the AGM notice and nomination forms.

Return to activities at your Sub Branch in March:

Bingo will return on Wednesday 2nd & 9th March and each Wednesday following these dates; doors open at 6 PM - eyes down at 7PM.

Happy Hour from 4PM – 6PM on Friday 4th & 18th March

Ladies Morning Tea 10.30AM on Thursday 10th March

AGM Sunday 27th March 11:00AM

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

Newsletter Month of Jan/Feb 2022

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- Summer opening times
- Board of Management update.
- AGM details
- Commemorations
- Veteran 'Blue' card update
- Return of activities at Sub Branch

SUB-BRANCH OPENING HOURS:

10-2pm 4 days a week

Closed Thursday

Happy Hour held Fortnightly on Fri 4-6PM

upstairs area for wellbeing purposes for Veterans and members, will be a much-needed addition to the Sub Branch. If you would like to be involved or have some suggestions, please let Max Griffiths or Alex Dustan know.

Update on the Mural:



People will have noticed that the mural is indeed on the wall. This was placed before Christmas and we appreciate the team at KEMPE, for their work early on the day of installation. Thanks to Nick Duigan MP, Cathie Shearing (Artist), and Max Griffiths RSL President, for their presence on completion of the project.

LAFM Radio: The Board of Management have organized the placement of advertising of the Military Display on Radio over Nov, Dec, and Jan. 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. The board will make decisions as to the value of such advertising and whether it will continue beyond this trial period.

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.

If you know someone who may need short term use of mobility equipment, please contact the Sub Branch to enquire.

George Town RSL Bursary for Further Education.

Applicants for Bursaries were outstanding, and we congratulate, Libby Callinan from Port Dalrymple School, Lulu Long from South George Town Primary School and Amber Webb from Star of the Sea College as Bursary recipients. These recipients will be guest speakers at Commemorative Services in April and November. We wish them a successful and productive school year in 2022.

Events and Commemorations

On 19 February 1942 Darwin was bombed by enemy forces becoming the largest single attack ever mounted by a foreign power in Australia. The attack left hundreds of servicemen and civilians dead, and countless others injured. Each year we come together as a city and a nation, to pay tribute to the men and women who were there.

This date marked the first of at least 64 air raids on the Top End of Australia, which continued for 18 months, until November 1943. In commemorating this day, we are also passing the story on to the next generation.

The Bombing of Darwin Day is a day to reflect on our past and to pay tribute to those servicemen, servicewomen and civilians who were there - those who courageously defended our country, those who selflessly helped others, those who dealt with the aftermath, and of course, those who lost their lives.

Animals in War Remembrance Day

Australia now joins other countries including UK and New Zealand in officially recognising the deeds and sacrifices of our war animals serving alongside our troops with their own day of remembrance.

In 2019 Minister Scott Buchholts announced in Federal parliament that 24th February would be Australia's official war animal day. We are all being encouraged to wear a purple poppy in recognition of the deeds and sacrifice our four legged and feathered diggers have made and continue to make serving alongside our troops.

The president of the Australia War Animal Memorial Organisation and recent ANZAC of the year award recipient Mr Nigel Allsopp said "the 24th of February or purple poppy day is a day all Australians can wear a purple poppy and a time to think not only about our soldiers who gave their lives in war, but also spare a thought for the four-legged and winged hero's that fought and died alongside our troops".

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DVA Advocacy

For those members, Veterans and families who hold a DVA card. The Sub Branch DVA Advocate, Greg Rush, would like people to know there has been some change to 'Blue' Card conditions which may or may not affect individuals depending on circumstances and conditions of the card you have been issued. If you have not been issued a new card or your current card is about to expire, we suggest you make contact with your DVA support person/team, to ask questions or check if any changes will affect your Income Support Supplement (ISS).

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. Please note Sub Branch meeting dates on the 6 monthly calendar already sent out and at the end of news.

What's Happening at your Sub Branch

Members and Volunteers continue to update and improve items and displays within the Sub Branch rooms. There are items that need to be displayed. If you have an interest in Military History and have some time to spare. There are many tasks that need to be prepared and ready for display. i.e. Labels typed, photos framed, update and refresh old labelling, collection cohesion and movements, to name a few things. Pop in or phone, to let us know a day and time you can give an hour or two during the week to assist with these tasks.

WELFARE

It has been a while since the last Bus Trip which was way back in October. The group went to Launceston for a cruise on the Tamar River. 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 was held on the weekend of 5th-7th Nov and 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.

It was terrific to attend the opening of the refurbished 2nd Veterans Retreat Hut, on the 17th February. Those who attended the area in November will have noticed the progression of the refurbishment of the 2nd Hut and to have that completed with just minor finishes needed, was great to see. Please see our Facebook page to view story and photos.

Left Hand picture:

John Tucker MP opening the Veterans Retreat with Kerry Wise RSL Launceston, and Terry Roe VVAA Tasmania Sub Branch President.

Group photo of some in attendance at the opening.



Fundraising



Another Bunnings Sausage Sizzle will be held on Sat 5th March. It is amazing to see members of the Sub Branch and wider community, support the team at the Sausage Sizzle both with sales and support in barbeque preparation.

Barry appreciates help from those he asks to assist on these days and is, in need of people to give a bit of time, if they can. Times at 9- 12:30 & 12:30-4PM. If you can help, please let Barry Know by phoning the RSL Sub Branch.

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

Attachment

We have been asked by Palliative Care to attach the flyer to our newsletter asking If anyone is interested in becoming a volunteer for this service. If interested, please contact Palliative care directly (details at bottom of flyer).

Calendar: Jan/Feb /March

Date	Day	Function	Venue	Time
Jan 10	Mon	Re-Opening		
17th	Mon	Board Meeting	RSL Sub Branch	3.15pm
26th	Wed	Australia Day closed	RSL Sub Branch	
26th	Wed	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	Bunnings Nth	9.00am
Feb				
12th	Sat	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	Bunnings Nth	9.00am
14th	Mon	Board Meeting	RSL Sub Branch	3.15pm
16th	Wed	Bingo	RSL Sub branch	6.00pm
23rd	Wed	Bingo	RSL Sub Branch	6.00pm
25th	Fri	happy Hour	RSL Sub Branch	4.00PM
Mar				
2nd	Wed	Bingo	RSL Sub Branch	6.00pm

4th	Fri	Happy Hour	RSL Sub Branch	4.00pm
9th	Wed	Bingo		
10th	Thurs	Ladies Morning Tea	RSL Sub Branch	10.30am
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18th	Fri	Happy Hour	RSL Sub Branch	4.00pm
23rd	Wed	Bingo	RSL Sub Branch	6.00pm
27th	Sun	Annual General Meeting	RSL Sub Branch	11.00am
30th	Wed	Bingo	RSL Sub Branch	6.00pm