



Lest We Forget

George Town RSL Inc.,

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George Town.

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Board of Management update:

The main projects of the Board of Management have been firstly the Veteran Hub moving along, the speaker system fault and sort and getting the support vehicle ready for transport requests which were being covered by volunteers at their own expense and wear and tear on personal vehicles. Transport enquiries from Veterans and families and indeed the community through, Lions, Hospital Auxiliary and Ainslie House and the community will better be addressed with the RSL support Vehicle based in George Town. The vehicle is already being used on a regular basis and the Board of Management is working on policies to meet safety requirements for drivers and individuals. We will be seeking volunteers to help with driving requests. We hope that there will be some members who can see their way to find even one day a month to be part of the roster. We thank those who have expressed an interest in becoming a volunteer driver and we encourage members to assist if they have a couple of hours.

Annual General Meeting

Our AGM is set for Sunday 30th March at 11AM. Nominations for Board Positions should be in ASAP but no later than close of business on Friday 14th March 2025. Information contained in the separate email to current financial members included the nomination forms. We hope individuals will consider sitting on the board to assist with decision making and direction of our Sub Branch. We want the voice of more recent veterans for input and to pick up the baton to help take the Sub Branch into the future with fresh vigor and enthusiasm. If existing members know anyone in the community who they think might like to contribute, please consider a conversation with them to become a member and encourage their nomination. Board Positions rotate on a bi-annual basis, which is not a long period to make a difference. There are, in total 9 positions, with 4 positions up for election and to be filled this year. On the Executive - President, Treasurer, need to be seconded by a Service member and 2 Board Members which can be affiliates and seconded by either Service or Affiliate members.

AGM being held on 30th March, it is advisable to have membership up to date if you want your say and vote to be part of electing the new board members.

Membership renewal is annual and should be paid up by March each year to stay current. We thank all our members and volunteers for having already renewed.

Membership Fees are:

Most will have received a reminder notice of Sub Branch membership dues.

Service & Affiliate members \$40 annually

We also welcome Social membership - \$20 Annually. (open to any community member who is not affiliated to any past or present service personnel.

Your Sub Branch is directly assisting and supporting Veterans and families in our community.

If you would like to actively participate in your Sub Branch, please phone the office We need volunteers for much of what we do for veterans and family welfare. If you have an hour or two to give, we would value your input.

Max Harris Memorial reserve:

The two bench seats generously constructed and donated by Apex Contracting, have been placed. One at the Cenotaph, which has also been refreshed with a softer look of lawn and tree placements. The other Bench has been placed on the lawn at Max Harris Memorial Reserve. The rose gardens are currently being refreshed thanks to another generous donation of timber treated by Timberlink. Phil Evans (V.P) has been widening the Rose Garden beds and using timber to make edging borders. GT Council quickly got the slab prepared for the bench and the water reconnected so that plants and lawns can be quenched. A BIG community effort by these organisations and individuals to get things completed. Thank You.



As most members would know or have heard, the George Town RSL Sub Branch is a 'SPOKE' in the network of Veteran Hubs being established around the state. They are being set up to address queries and needs of Veterans and families in regions, North, North East, North West and the South. The Veteran Hub is a vital link for Tasmanian Veterans and families to seek support.

Progress on renovations of the 2nd floor at 44 Macquarie Street are ongoing with State Branch and George Town Council. We have had meetings to discuss design and options for entry and parking. Max and Robyn have requested that the renovations be undertaken by local businesses as much as possible and we look forward to this progressing and getting started soon.

We encourage Veterans and families to Register on the Veteran Hub website www.veteranhub.org.au This site is for Tasmanian Veterans to seek support at a local level through one of the Veteran Hubs in your region. Services like Mates for Mates, Open Arms, Advocacy, both Claims & Pensions and Welfare can be accessed easily.

George Town RSL offers support in Wellbeing with two officers based at the Sub Branch, in Robyn Moody and Audrey Evans who have undertaken training and are able to assist with contact and guidance around who, what, where to seek response to queries that may arise.

There are a number of points of contact or seeking support or answers to queries, please call into the Sub Branch and chat with Robyn or Audrey (0363822745) OR call the Veteran Hub navigators, **03 61540000**.

Veteran Services State Branch

The State Branch is open from 9AM. The year has found some changes occur with the Veteran Hub Team. Claire is team leader coordinator; Daniel who was with the Veteran Hub navigation team has moved to another role and has been replaced by Tarra. Lisa and Tarra will be the people you speak with on the above phone number and will refer or direct you to the right person to handle your query. That may be advice to pop into the Sub Branch and speak to the well-being team or local Advocates.

RSL Bursaries for Further Education.

The RSL Bursaries for Further Education of 2024 were undertaken in November and we were pleased to announce, at school assemblies, 2024 recipients, **Satayah Moore** Port Dalrymple School, **Austin Evans** Star of the Sea College and **Ella MacFarlane** South George Town Primary School. The standard of applicants is usually high, making selection process challenging for the Panel. We commend all students for their effort and presentation. We wish Satayah, Austin and Ella a very productive and successful 2025 as they further their educational pursuits.

Fundraising

Refresher workshops have been held at Bunnings to assist new volunteer Non-Profit groups to understand the regulations around running the Bbq. Phil Evans attended to bring us up to date with any changes to regulations and operating procedures. Monthly Bunnings Sausage Sizzles along with Bingo and raffles are our main ways of regular fundraising for income needed for our work at the Sub Branch. Please contact the office (63822745) or speak with Phil Evans (0409001623 and leave a message) if you would like to help occasionally. Thanks to everyone who helps to run these occasions.

Calendar March/ April

Mateship

Occassion	Feb	March	April
Happy Hour	28th	Fri 14th and 28th	11th & 25th
Mates Bonding		Fri 7th & 21st	4th & 18th
Morning Tea		Thurs 6th	Thurs 10th

Bingo Every Wednesday Eyes Down at 6:30PM. Doors open for sales from 5:30PM 3 Jackpots, BSG Rewards and Raffles. Game prizes are subject to attendance, so bigger prizes when more folk come along. Refreshments available.

Commemorations:

ANZAC Day Friday 25th April: