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Remembrance Day

11th November 2017

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3rd November – 11th November 2017

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MANAGERS MESSAGE

Second Half 2017

Well! I must say how the year is flying. Nearly October. Footy season over. Not the result we all wanted given there have to be winners and others who didn't win.

As most are aware, we were to have had our lift installed several months ago. Well it's not been installed to circumstances largely beyond our control. The good news is, it's still coming and the stairs work extremely well, although it's our aging legs that have worked so hard for all these years that are not so good. However the function room is in great condition so be sure to book your next function in now to avoid disappointment. Our next free entertainment night is Sat 7 October 7-11pm just to start the racing season.

Yes its spring and we can turn our heads to the racing season and the Melbourne Cup. Our TAB will open at 9am on Melbourne Cup Day and Terry in the kitchen has race day specials for this day not to mention their famous grazing platters which will need to be ordered by the 1 November. Ladies dress up. Hats and all! Prizes to be won!

November brings with it a reminder of a major event for the RSL, Remembrance Day on the 11th We will conduct our annual service at the club so for all those attending please be there by 10.45 sharp. It's that time of year; again were we ask our members to give us a helping hand with the RSL's Poppy Appeal.

We have already had a great response from members who helped last year and new members, which is fantastic. Should you be interested in volunteering please see Jim at the RSL, call him on 9532 1357 or speak to anyone in the office. All volunteers will be issued 500 points for every hour they do (with a cap at 10 Hours)

Speaking of Jim, who is doing a fantastic job with our library and memorabilia not to mention being an historian comes to us with a wealth of information and experience and more than willing to assist when he can. Please be patient some research takes a long time. Please pop in and see him. Whilst on staff, welcome to Luke, who has settled in very well, thanks to our long term staff giving directions, the Highett way.

Daryl Absalom
General Manager

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Once again, it is with enormous gratitude, pleasure and enjoyment, that I have the opportunity, as your President, to address you all.

Let us be clear, it is only thanks to you, the members of our Sub-Branch, that we continue to be an outstanding beacon in the community of Victoria. Our membership is growing by the day in fact we won the award for the highest membership growth for the state. Just another credit to our members and staff who look after our members. Well done.

I feel certain that the world war one diggers, and indeed many of the world war two veterans, who are no longer physically with us, are looking down on us and smiling, knowing that the very aspects for which they established the RSL are being carried out. As example, we quietly carry out tasks for members relating to their wellbeing that do not get published. Note we said wellbeing, not welfare. There is a view that welfare means charity and many do not want to be seen as needing charity. But because of such factors as age, physical limitations and the like they need assistance in getting things done. Much of what we do is done in confidence.

Welfare means literally, wellbeing not charity. We do what we can to assist, wherever we can.

Alas, in other matters, we are bound by the rules of external organisations in getting things done. We desperately want a lift for our members, so that we have easier access to the upstairs function room however with the needs of external organisations takes time, in so doing, the work that Daryl Absalom, our manager, the staff, and your Committee are doing is not well known, but is continuous and ongoing to try to get things done. We'll keep at it.

This is your Sub-Branch, if we can make it better in any practical way, for the good of all our members, we will.

George Logan
President

The Friendly Club

The first meeting of the friendly club was held on 17th August 2016. Since that inaugural day there have been a wide variety of activities.

During the year there have been three bus excursions:

- ◆ The first on 29 March was to Healesville with lunch at the Healesville RSL.
- ◆ The second on 7 June was to Mornington with lunch at the Rosebud RSL.
- ◆ The last, on 16 August was to the R.A.A.F Museum at Point Cook, then on to lunch at the Werribee RSL.

Members have enjoyed the weekly activities including board games, quizzes, sing-a-longs, gentle exercises, chit chat, bingo etc. Having lunch in the Hihett RSL Bistro each Wednesday has become an enjoyable part of the day.

We have had a speaker come in to talk about the risk of falls which was very well received as a reminder of how easily we can become complacent around our homes.

The club is looking forward to moving into the function room and increasing the membership.

So don't be shy—any Wednesday 11.00am to 2.00pm unless out and about. We're all friends and the need for everyone to have a chat is great

Call the club: 9532 1357



Women's Auxiliary Report

2017

As I start writing this report close to the end of our cold winter I am looking forward to some warmer Spring weather.

Our first meeting this year was held in April, at which the Sub Branch President George Logan was present. We were able to form a new committee from our limited number of members and therefore will be able to continue the work of the Highett RSL Women's Auxiliary in this its 71st year.

Our committee this year is that I remain President, EVELINE WOOD Vice President and Treasurer and LINDA REID as Hon Secretary, unfortunately we are still without a delegate. We are happy to have welcomed one new member, ANGELA IRVING, to our Auxiliary.

We have been very busy in the last few months with the Easter raffle, Anzac Day, and managed to attend the Metropolitan South Area Meeting of the Women's Auxiliary in May and in early August the two days of the Social and State Auxiliaries 84th Annual Conference, both meetings were held at the Dandenong RSL. The Victorian RSL State President Dr Robert Webster OAM was present.

Our State Auxiliary Project for this year, 2017, is to raise funds for PTSD - Post Traumatic Stress Disorder - (Beyond Blue). We were given a few raffle books to sell on their behalf. The draw was at the annual conference and was able to raise over \$15,000.00 which was presented to help Region 9 and Rotary International in support of a medical student's university fees who is specializing in PTSD and its implications.

I called in to see our oldest member, Dot Griffiths, at the nursing home where she resides on the day she celebrated her 100th birthday to give her our warmest wishes, she was in good spirits celebrating the day with her family and enjoying all the fuss.

Our Father's Day raffle has been drawn. We congratulations to the winners and thank you all for your usual great support and generosity raising \$665

We are sorry to have one of our members, Eveline Wood, with her leg in plaster after a tumble and breaking her leg and ankle in two places, our sincere wishes for a speedy recovery Eveline.

Any ladies who wish to join the Auxiliary are most welcome, as we need to recruit more members and desperately need a delegate who is able to represent us at the Women's Council Delegate Meetings at ANZAC House approx. five times a year.

Our Auxiliary meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of the month at 6.00 pm at the Club Function Room, for any further information you can contact myself on 0418 304 455.

'We Also Serve'

Gladys Procter
President



Dorothy Griffiths
celebrating her 100
birthday in April this
year.

Happy Birthday



Father's Day Raffle Results

1st Prize:
Daniel Ross
2nd Prize:
Shannon Shine
3rd Prize:
Ruth Cleary
Congratulations

DART SECTION REPORT

Hello everyone,

First of all I would like to congratulate the Vipers on making the grand final, in division 2 for the first half of the year. Sadly they could not get the job over the line on the night. They still earned themselves a chance to compete with the big boys, in division 1. It's been a tough start in division 1, losing their first 4 rounds, but had a taste of success winning round 5. Hopefully it's only the start of a lot more success to come. Good luck for the rest of season Vipers.

As for my team Highett Bears, we came back to division 2. After being in division 1, and having a bit of success there. Going back to division 2 was going to be relatively easy. It would appear I was wrong. As we are currently 0-5, not the start we were hoping for. Maybe we can do a Sydney Swans and still make finals!

I would like to congratulate Grant Canterbury on winning the club singles, and Stewart Haddrick & Paul Vagalis on winning club doubles!!!

Thanks to everyone at the club for their support and bar staff for putting up with us!!!

Cheers Marcus

GOLF SECTION REPORT

Hi,

Some great golf has been played since our Howlong weekend away in March, mainly by Mitch Lomas and Dennis Sabau, both of which have had their handicap sliced, especially Dennis. We have played our first 2 rounds in the Handicap & Club champion events and the next round is at Flinders on the 10th of September.

The leaders in the Club Champion event are Leo O'Keefe on 185, Ralph Stewart on 188, Jim Campbell on 190 and in the Club Handicap event; we have Peter Hibbert on 148, Colin Thornton on 151, Lex Marshall, Phil Kelly and Ralph Stewart all on 152. This is a new format with the 4 rounds split into 2 rounds in the early part of the year and 2 rounds later. Good luck to those that are in contention.

We have also had a couple of major trophies decided. The Bert Gay was won by Mitch Lomas with +4 and the runner up Ron Thornton with +3, a very close result.

The Captain's trophy was won by Mitch Lomas and Steve Smith and runners-up were Dennis Sabau and Kevin Reid, congratulation to those players.

We have also had lots of different daily winners starting with Kingston Links A grade won by Ralph Stewart, B won by Colin Thornton, Mornington A won by Leo O'Keefe, B won by Peter Hibbert, Mt. Martha A won by Mitch Lomas, B won by Ron Thornton, Flinders A won by Paul Housden, B won by Mick Stanton, Drouin A won by Peter Stewart, B won by Steve Smith, Rosebud Country Club A won by Mark Flahive, B won by Leno Abdilla, Garfield A won by Graham Thompson, B won by Peter Hibbert, Centenary Park, A won by Leo O'Keefe, B won by Dennis Sabau, Montuna, A won by Rob Tinsley won by Jim Bouchier, and finely Rosebud Park, A won by Phil Kelly, B won by Christine Porter. Again, congratulations to all winners so far for the year.

So far, the golf year has been a lot of fun and some great golf has been played and we have had a lot of laughs along the way.

We are always looking for new members, so if you're keen for a game of golf, let us know, or ask someone at the RSL

Regards

Ralph Stewart
Secretary
Highett R.S.L. Golf Section.

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Drawn on Tuesday 24 October at 7.00pm

Bill's Story

On the wall of the club rooms you will see the Memorial Plaques or better known as Dead man's Pennies. These were issued to the relatives of service men who died in service during the First World War, there were 1,355,000 issued and were still being sent out into the 1930s.

Private William John McNerney Service Number 3007,
59th Bn., Australian Infantry, A.I.F.

Bill McNerney was born in Sydney in 1896 and lived with his Parent's Cornelius and Mary on Main Street Mordialloc at a time when it was a small fishing village at the north end of the Carrum Carrum Swamp.



Bill died on 19 July 1916 during the Battle of Fromelles, The Battle of Fromelles on 19–20 July 1916 was the first occasion on which the First Australian Imperial Force (AIF) saw action on the Western Front. The battle is widely regarded as a disaster for the Allies, and has been described as "the worst 24 hours in Australia's entire history." [1] It resulted from a plan to divert German attention from the Battle of the Somme, but historians estimate that 5,500 Australians and 2,000 British troops were killed or wounded. The Australian losses were equivalent to the combined total Australian losses in the Boer War, Korean War and Vietnam War: [1] although later World War I actions would be more deadly for the AIF, Fromelles was the only one to achieve no success. [Wikipedia]

He is buried at V.C. Corner Australian Cemetery and Memorial, Fromelles and remembered at the Mordialloc cenotaph and his dead man's penny at the Highett RSL.

Jim Dale

ANDREA LEES DUO

Featuring Andrea Lees Singer, TV Host

Adrian Scott ex Kylie MD

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HIGHETT RSL FUNCTION ROOM

7th OCTOBER 2017



ANGLING SECTION

Hi, the fishing season is fast approaching us, this season we have been asked by Springvale RSL to compete in the Perpetual RSL Bayside fishing shield. I understand that Mentone, Long beach, Clayton, Noble Park, Bentleigh, Rosebud, Rye have also been invited. We have limited available spots on board so first in with name and payment will secure your spot-on board. Over the off season the boat has had some upgrades, and is about to have some major work done to it with the Diesel Injector Pump and cooling system, hopefully that can be completed in the next coming weeks. We are also intending to go out fishing mid-week once daylight savings commences. So again, get in early to avoid disappointment.

Key Dates this season

Snapper September thru to May.

Perpetual RSL Bayside fishing shield 19th November.

Mentone RSL v Mordialloc Boat and Angling Club **TBC**.

It is our intention to go out at least twice per month starting in mid-September on either a Saturday am or Sunday am and evening Day light saving subject to weather.

Angling Section Members will be notified via Text Message prior to weekend or daylight-saving trips. We will try and notify at least 3 days prior, as we don't have control of the weather.

For RSL members who wish to join, the annual Fees are \$50.00 and \$20.00 per trip. Non-members but guest of RSL Angling section members \$30.00 per trip.

Includes Bait, BBQ and running cost of boat.

If Members or guest require fishing gear we can supply providing 24 hours' notice is given. A donation to Highett RSL angling section would be appreciated.

Members and Guest are required to have a current fishing licence. And must comply with bag limits and size.

Regards and Tight Lines

Greg Warren

Chair: Highett RSL Angling Section

Monday Members Raffle

Come down and join us every Monday night for the members draw for your chance to win big bucks.

Every financial member is in the draw but you have to be here to win.

VALE

It is with regret that we record the passing of the following service & Affiliate members since our last Advance

LEST WE FORGET



John Dudley	Service	31 Jan 2017
Jack Ryan	Affiliate	3 April 2017
Lilian Hagger	Affiliate	3 April 2017
Freda Quinn	Affiliate	17 April 2017
Richard Haselip	Service	19 April 2017
John McMillan	Affiliate	20 April 2017
Gloria James	Service	30 April 2017
Matherson Molly	Service	1 Aug 2017
Norman Campbell	Affiliate	6 Aug 2017
Gordon Mouat	Service	11 Aug 2017
Helen Barnes	Affiliate	14 Aug 2017
Thomas Barwick	Service	27 Aug 2017
Rodney Brewer	Affiliate	3 Sept 2017

Main Draw

6 March	\$1200 Bob Harrison	Not present
13 March	\$1300 Dale Sheppard	Not present
20 March	\$1400 Gweneth Burrige	Not present
27 March	\$1500 Joyce Smith	Not present
3 April	\$1600 Ivan Sutcliffe	Not present
10 April	\$1700 Alex Whalebone	Not present
17 April	\$1800 Garry Williams	Not present
24 April	\$1900 Robert Horibrook	Not present
1 May	\$2000 Peter Tsismetsi	Not present
8 May	\$2100 Stephen Kane	Not present
15 May	\$2200 Peter Lovitt	Not present
22 May	\$2300 Mel Carney	Not present
29 May	\$2400 Jeffrey Smith	Not present
5 June	\$2500 William Menaham	Not present
12 June	\$2600 Peter Longshaw	Not present
19 June	\$2700 Michelle Campbell	Not present
26 June	\$2800 Jennifer Smith	Claimed
3 July	\$500 Nancy Jack	Not present
10 July	\$600 Joan Farr	Not present
17 July	\$700 Ron Conway	Not present
24 July	\$800 Mary Thornton	Not present
31 July	\$900 Peter Broome	Not present
7 August	\$1000 Judy Adamson	Not present
14 August	\$1100 Gordon Duffus	Not present
21 August	\$1200 Rowland Hill	Not present
28 August	\$1300 Tim Stewart	Not present

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