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# ADVANCE



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## Address from our President

To Members,

While winter is upon us, with rain and cold a plenty, the good news is our front entrance is back open for business, Bigger and Better. You can now sit in comfort and watch for your lift without getting wet. This also marks the opening of our Club function room upstairs, complete with lift. This will be a significant asset for the Club moving forward. So please keep it in mind if you have a function planned in the future. The room has a dedicated bar and food prep area as well as IT connectivity and big screen, for presentations and family photos etc.

ANZAC dawn service went extremely well and was attended by up to 1000 people, with over half that number remaining to enjoy a gunfire breakfast of bacon and eggs. Our Veterans and their families and friends had a great environment to catch up and remember. The indoor two up was well attended during the day and was a great lead into the ANZAC Day AFL game.



I would like to thank all our helpers on the day, especially committee man Mark Sutherland OAM for organising the murals that were used to hide the renovation works and our manager Daryl for ensuring the front entrance was able to be open on ANZAC day.

We have continued on with our Service member lunches and are pushing ahead with our support to the Veterans and community welfare.

I have been asking for volunteers and you all answered the call, with a significant jump in the numbers that has led to a big jump in fund raising for ANZAC Day badge donations.

I would also again congratulate Gladys Proctor for her National Award- Gold Medal, for her services over many years, the highest award achievable by a non-service member of the RSL. A fantastic achievement for Gladys, who has been ably assisted by her husband Dennis for all of those years. A very big thank you to both.

Our welfare group have again booked the BBQ at Mentone Bunnings in early November and will need some assistance over that time to raise funds for the Legacy appeal. If you have a couple of hours to spare to help cook or serve a sausage or maybe even sell badges, please contact Roger or Jim in the Little House or let Christine in the Office know and she will pass on your details.

Stay warm and safe.

Regards

Jordie Burgess

Highett RSL Sub-Branch President



## Highett RSL Managers Message

Dear Members,

It is hard to believe its September. Reflecting on where the year has gone you would by now know we undertook some renovations in the form of a facelift including a new entrance foyer and dare I mention it, an operating lift to our recently renovated 1<sup>st</sup> floor function room.

I apologise for this taking the time it has; it has largely been beyond the club's control. The flow on effect of having a restricted entrance and the colder months, is that it has affected the revenue and financial success we have been accustomed to over the past few years.

It is now time to get yourself out and about and visit the club. The RSL supports all our service members through welfare and service events. We also make considerable contributions to the wider community including but not limited to junior sporting groups, other traditional RSLs enduring difficulties, and assisting special needs schools with our regular \$15,000 donations only made possible with the support by you our members of the Highett RSL.

August saw our famous services members lunch with over 120 service members attending, honouring Vietnam Veterans Day. November brings with it a reminder of a major event for the Highett RSL, Remembrance Day. On the 11<sup>th</sup> of November 'We will remember them' with a service commencing at 10.30am. We would love to see you there and be sure to buy a poppy.

It's worth noting our club is still growing in membership at a good rate with 1100 members in 2012 to presently 2850. Speaking of membership your fees fall due early November. I would encourage you all to pay with your points, you earned them use them.

I would like to thank you, our loyal members and families for support during the year to date, through renovations and braving the cold. The understanding you have shown our staff members who are doing a great job is appreciated. Thank you also to the staff for still performing when facing difficult challenges in less than ideal conditions.

And now for the business end of the year. The sun is out and the major events are starting with the Footy Finals, Spring Racing Carnival including our Calcutta Raffle and Auction, Children's Christmas Treat and then ending with NYE live Entertainment Duo 'YELLOW' (Entry to NYE event is FREE). See 'Important Dates to Remember' on Page 7 for more information and more upcoming events! Don't forget to install the Highett RSL smart phone application for iPhone and Android to stay up to date.

Sincerely

Daryl Absalom



Adele tests out the new function room lift



**JOIN THE SPRING RACING CELEBRATIONS AT THE HIGHTETT RSL**

**MELBOURNE CUP DAY 2019**

**LADIES CAN ENJOY COMPLIMENTARY BAREFOOT BUBBLES FROM 12-1pm**

**OAKS DAY 2019**

**LADIES CAN ENJOY COMPLIMENTARY BAREFOOT BUBBLES FROM 12-1pm**



## Highett RSL Veterans Welfare

**Welfare:** The RSL and its sub branches key function is to support its veterans and their families.

Over the past 12 months the Veterans Support Centre (Little House) has seen an increase in the need for Pension, Advocacy and Welfare support service. This need varies from assisting with DVA compensation claims to accessing home support services. The little house provides a venue where veterans and their families can meet with a welfare officer and seek the support they need. It also provides the opportunity for veterans, and in particular their families, to seek out service information on those veterans who no are longer with us.

**Volunteers/Appeals:** We now have over 40 volunteers who continue to raise money that goes directly to supporting those veterans and their families in need. Since this time last year our volunteers have contributed 4635 hours. That's over 100 hours from each volunteer. That is a great effort.

The increase in poppy sales last year by 66% was also a great effort and was followed this year with an increase in our Anzac Day appeal. In the past year our volunteers have raised almost \$35,000 from our two appeals. A big thanks goes to our wonderful volunteers.

**Little House:** We have been successful this past year in gaining grants through DVA that will support the ongoing effort of the little house. Grants also include funding to support our exercise programme, which is increasing in numbers each week.

We look forward to landscaping little house before Remembrance Day, which should also include a memorial. The Little House continues to grow in its use.

**Young veterans:** At the AGM earlier this year I mentioned that we would target our younger veterans who are in need. This has been a difficult task but we have managed to seek out and support a number of young veterans along with RSL Active and Nexus. We have held and attended BBQs both at the Little House and elsewhere.

We participated in the Bowling at Moorabbin and Archery at Cheltenham and attended the Path of The Horse Equine Therapy program in Trentham, all of which were attended by the young.

## What's New

**Active Fitness Program:** – On the 30<sup>th</sup> of May we commenced our 'Active Fitness Program' which is run by a fulltime physiologist from NJF. It runs for 1 hour from 11-12 on each Tuesday and is held in the RSL function room. It is designed for all levels of fitness, even you. We currently have funding from DVA to run this trial program for 6 months and depending on the popularity will determine its longevity. I look forward to seeing you there.



**Library/Memorabilia:** The Library has a good following now with ten visits a week and plenty of enquiries. Jim has also been invited to do talks to the community on subjects such as “The Dambusters” and the Australian crews, “Gallipoli” and the “1919 England to Australia Air Race” flown by AFC pilots and crews. These talks have been well received and give our sub branch a much higher profile within the community.

Recent work Jim has been involved in is researching a relatives’ military histories that has revealed a story of a digger in the 58th Battalion AIF who landed on Gallipoli and was wounded then sent to France and was involved in the Battle of Frommels where he was shot in the knee. When he returned to the 58th which was just after The Battle of Polygon Wood he then went right through to Villers-Bretonneux to the Hindenburg Line, such an amazing story and there are many more like it.

## **WOMEN’S AUXILIARY**

It is my pleasure as the new President of the Women’s Auxiliary to present my first report. After many years of service as President, Gladys Procter has stepped aside, but continues to provide unending support as Vice President. As recognition of her service, Gladys has been awarded the National Medal with Gold Star, the highest award that can be bestowed on a non-service person in the RSL. This is an incredible honour, and well deserved. I know I have big shoes to fill and my committee and I look forward to the challenges ahead.

I am pleased to report that the Auxiliary has grown from 5 to 12 members over the past 12 months. The Auxiliary continues to provide great support to the Sub Branch commemorative activities such as Anzac Day and Remembrance Day. The funds we raise from the Mothers and Father’s Day, Easter and Christmas Raffles are used to support a wide range of recipients.

We recently presented a cheque to the Path of the Horse who assist veterans with counselling services such as equine therapy. We also assisted the Sub Branch by donating funds to assist with its military memorabilia and the list goes on.

We are very fortunate to have very strong Women’s Auxiliary that is supported and respected by the Sub Branch President and his committee.

New members are always welcome and if you are interested please contact the Secretary Linda on 0433175692

I would like to thank the women’s auxiliary committee and its members for a great year in supporting the club and those in need.

Angela Irving

President Women’s Auxiliary





## **Highett RSL Fishing Section Report**

The Highett RSL Angling Section in conjunction with The Highett RSL Sub Branch is hosting the 2019 Bayside RSL Fishing Challenge which is to be held on November 17th 2019. Last year 9 bayside RSLs and 80+ angling section members competed in the Challenge.

We have recently met with our members and formed a Sub Committee to assist in organizing the Challenge.

Our Angling section is self-funding, so we will be looking for support throughout the club and local business for assistance by way of sponsorship and raffle prizes.

Rosebud were the host last year and lifted the bar very high and a great day was enjoyed by all with great raffle prizes, meals and cold beers.

If anyone in the club could assist or have contacts that are willing to assist please contact below.

Tight lines,

Greg Warren (Chair) Mobile: 0429 037 124, Email: revolution.deal.14@gmail.com

## **Highett RSL Darts Section Report**

Well, we are halfway through another year of darts.

With season one completed I would like to congratulate Highett Bears in winning division 3 and Highett Vipers doing extremely well in not only staying in division 1 but making the finals again.

We have just completed our club singles & doubles. Congratulations to Grant Canterbury in winning singles & Grant Canterbury, Andrew Campbell winning doubles.

I would like to send out a big thank you to Highett RSL and all staff members for all their help and support. Looking forward to seeing you all at the club.

Regards,

Marcus Commerford (Chad)

## **Highett RSL Golf Section**

Well, this year is flying by, just like our itinerary. It didn't seem too long ago that we were playing our first game at Brighton on the 13th January and we are now in the final third of our year.

Our Executive and Match Committee's do a great job in keeping things running smoothly for members, whilst trying to balance the books and keep golf as affordable as we can. Our yearly trip to Howlong was another great trip.

One of the challenges we continually face is getting new members. Whilst we do a great job of making the Highett RSL Golf Section a great and friendly environment to play golf, I encourage you to invite friends and family to try us out, as we can't keep membership numbers stagnant. Like most small sporting organisations, we need to keep growing.

You can see our details on the Noticeboard at the Highett RSL and we will get a Facebook page up and running soon, or have a chat to a friendly Committee member at the RSL.

We are now starting to play for our 2 major trophies, being the Club Handicap and Club Champion (now named after Ron Thornton), which are always hotly contested events, along with a lot of banter.

Kind Regards,

John McKenzie (Chairman)

**CHRISTMAS PARTY & NYE 2019**

Members please note the Christmas Treat on Turner Rd Reserve will again be happening on Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup> of December. The committee and volunteers continue to put the hard effort in especially during the meat raffle Friday nights that raise the funds to ensure the children of the Highett RSL Members have a wonderful day to look forward to. Please note as per usual registrations for children 12 Years old and under to attend will strictly close on Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> November – NO exceptions – Please visit the RSL to collect your form to register your children. Phone reservations will not be accepted.

This leads up again to our wonderful NYE live music event. Last NYE The band 'Yellow' was fantastic, the dance floor was full, and we can proudly announce that following that success 'Yellow' has also been booked for NYE 2019. This again will be a free event, so save the date now!

It is with regret that we record the passing of the following service & affiliate members since our last Advance – **LEST WE FORGET**



Alfred Eastaugh	Service	14 March 2019
Allan Gandy	Service	6 April 2019
Eric Pinner	Service	1 May 2019
Walter Scammell	Service	24 May 2019
Norma Hesline	Affiliate	1 June 2019
Maureen Bahen	Affiliate	29 June 2019
Claire Hocking	Affiliate	1 July 2019
Margaret Bedford	Affiliate	July 2019
Richard Leckie	Affiliate	12 July 2019
John Pitman	Service	6 August 2019



**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

Sept 11:	Pauls Winery Tours – Yarra Valley – Register interest with Daryl
Sept 23:	Brownlow Night – AFL Tipping Presentation Night
Sept 28:	Grand Final Day – Siren to Siren \$5 Schooners and \$5 house wine
Oct 6:	FREE LIVE ENTERTAINMENT DUO – Yellow – 2.30pm to 5.30pm
Oct 15:	Bookings open for Highett RSL Christmas Lunch
Oct 27:	Pauls Winery Tours – Yarra Valley – Register interest with Daryl
Nov 4:	Calcutta Horse Sweep and Auction – Melbourne Cup Eve from 7pm get booklets in the club
Nov 5:	Melbourne Cup – Dress to Impress, Winners are Grinners, Cup Sweeps, Free bubbles for the ladies 12-1pm. TAB Opens 9am.
Nov 11:	Remembrance Day – Commemorative Event @ Highett RSL from 10.30am
Nov 15:	Registrations close for Children's Christmas Treat
Nov 16:	Pauls Winery Tours – Yarra Valley – Register interest with Daryl
Nov 17:	2019 Bayside RSL Fishing Challenge – Details see page 6.
Nov 18:	Service Members Luncheon – Contact Christine to register attendance
Dec 8:	Children's Christmas Treat - 11am to 3pm – Turner Rd Oval – registrations close Nov 15th
Dec 20:	Join Santa for our last Friday Night raffle for 2019
Dec 31:	FREE LIVE ENTERTAINMENT DUO – Yellow – 7pm onwards – Bistro Bookings Essential.
Feb 29:	Highett RSL AGM – 9am Sharp



**END OF YEAR REWARDS AND PROMOTIONS**

- Renew your membership between 1<sup>st</sup> November and 19<sup>th</sup> December 2019 and automatically go in the draw for the Anzac House Early Member Renewal Promotion – Prize is a Hyundai Kona
- Join a friend or neighbour as a new member before 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019 and receive 1000 bonus points.
- Barefoot wine varieties 2 bottles for \$17.00 TAKE AWAY only during September (While stocks last)



## WHAT'S ON WEEKLY @ HIGHETT RSL

Mondays:	Members CASH Draw Golf Section Raffle \$13 Bistro Pie Night
Tuesdays:	Pots for Points (300pt Pots) \$15 Bistro Parma Night Active Fitness Sessions – Contact Roger Highett RSL Library open Tues-Thurs
Wednesdays:	\$5 Craft Beer Bottles All Day The Friendly Club Meets \$16 Bistro 2 Course Meal Deal
Thursdays:	\$22 Bistro Steak Night
Fridays:	Variety Raffle and Big Wheel Early Bird Bistro Dinner Special
Saturdays:	Angling Section Noon Meat Raffle \$16 Bistro Curry Night
Sundays:	Happy Hours 2-6pm Sunday Carvery & Family Meal Deal in the Bistro

## Highett RSL SEPTEMBER BAREFOOT PROMO



**PURCHASE 2 BOTTLES OF  
BAREFOOT FOR \$17**

**OFFER VALID TO 31<sup>st</sup> September**

Wines not to be consumed on premises. Take Away Only

**\$5 Bottles  
CRAFT BEER  
Wednesdays**

## Paul's Yarra Valley Wine Tour

A relaxed, and informal wine tour to the Yarra Valley. Tastings at 4 wineries and the most delicious gourmet lunch in the Yarra Valley.

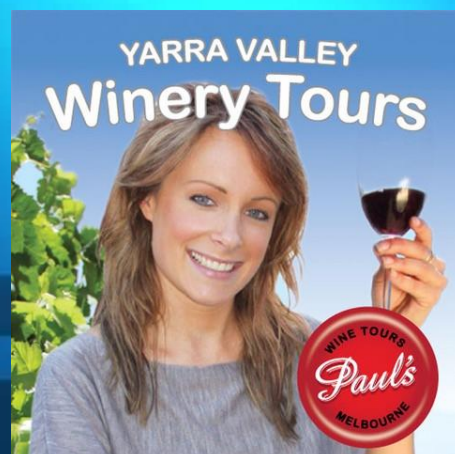
Paul knows the Valley and over the years has taken over 10,000 happy customers. Your day begins as Paul's minibus picks you up from the Highett RSL.

Here's what's included:

- Depart Highett RSL at 8.30am
- Visit Chandon, the house of bubbly with sparkling wine tastings
- More tastings followed by delicious à la carte lunch matched with a glass of wine
- Wine tastings at 2 more wineries
- Return to Highett 5.30pm. approx.

Tour Dates: Wednesday September 11th  
Sunday October 27<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday November 16<sup>th</sup>

Tour Cost: \$130 per person includes all wine tastings and lunch.  
Expression of Interest to Daryl on (03) 9532 1357





## HAPPY BIRTHDAY & CONGRATULATIONS

### FRANK HOLLAND - STABBACK

Mr Frank Holland-Stabback is our oldest service member of the Highett RSL. Management and Staff would like to take this opportunity to congratulate him on celebrating his 99<sup>th</sup> Birthday recently.

Frank held an event in August with close friends and family in the Highett RSL Function Room to celebrate the occasion and we were lucky enough to capture a few of the moments.

Congratulations once again Frank.



Frank was also visited during his birthday week at the Highett RSL by an outstanding organisation known as **Quilts of Valour Australia**, a little about them and what they had to say about meeting Frank is below:

Following tragic loss and injury of Defence Personnel in Afghanistan in 2010, a resident of Victoria learnt of the need to reach out to wounded ADF personnel and honour their sacrifice for serving Australia on combat deployment.

Other coalition forces are involved in making quilts to wrap the wounded in love, care and healing. It is such a powerful symbol in a traumatic time that it felt like an important issue that Australia should become involved.

Victorian resident, Helen, learnt how touched an injured soldier was by the warmth of the quilt he was awarded by the American Quilts of Valor, she was inspired to establish an Australian organisation based on this foundation. Through consultation with this foundation and support from the Victorian Quilters' Guild and the Berwick RSL sub-branch, Quilts of Valour Australia was formed in 2012.



Here is a copy of what Wyn Roper (President QOVA) said about Frank on Quilts of Valour Australia's social media.

*"On Sunday Bill and I visited the Highett RSL, Victoria, to award a Quilt of Valour to an Army veteran Frank Holland - Stabback. Frank is an amazing man at 99 years of age. He was in the 2/10 Engineers 5th Division. He survived Changi prison in Singapore and the Burma Railway. This amazing man meets his veteran friends at Highett RSL every Sunday. He did not know he was receiving a quilt which we were so honoured to present to him. His quilt was made by the wonderful Bev Young of Romsey, Victoria. Bev has made so many quilts for QOVA. Frank, thank you for your Service, Sacrifice and Valour."*





## Renovations of the Highbett RSL Front Entrance and Foyer

Completed July 2019



### HIGHETT RSL EXECUTIVE & COMMITTEE 2018/19

#### Executive Committee

President – Jordie Burgess  
Snr Vice President – Jeff Walter  
Vice President – Alan Tonks  
Treasurer – Kevin Tucker  
Secretary – Michael Bennett

#### General Committee

John Parsons  
Mark Flahive  
Mark Sutherland OAM  
Roger Hyde OAM  
Welfare Officer  
Kevin Tucker  
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