

“Your Local Club”

“Your RSL”

“Ringwood RSL”

Over The Top Summer Edition 2023



The Official Journal of the Ringwood RSL Sub Branch Inc.

16 Station Street, Ringwood 3134.

PH: 9870 6604

www.ringwoodrsl.com.au



“Your Local Club”

“Your RSL”

“RINGWOOD RSL”

Ringwood RSL Sub Branch Inc.

16 Station Street, Ringwood 3134.

www.ringwoodrsl.com.au

PH: 9870 6604

ABN: 28 586 074 047

SUMMER 2023 EDITION

PRESIDENT

David Jamison

SNR VICE PRESIDENT

David Kelly

VICE PRESIDENT

Christian Bolog

SECRETARY

Rob Swenser

TREASURER

Harry Agathagelidis

COMMITTEE

Ted Dugdale

COMMITTEE

Des Myers

PENSION ADVOCATES

Kevan Andrews & Ian Richards

WELFARE OFFICER

Lyn Maestri

FUNERAL OFFICERS

Fred Bottrell, Margaret Handte

- VALE -

SERVICE MEMBERS

First Name	Last Name	Service	Service No.	Date of Passing
David	Mattiske	Navy	PM6570	2nd Feb 2022
Alfred	Abbott	Army	VX126111	12th Feb 2022
John	Cupples	RAEME	V845145	5th March 2022
Maxwell	Airey	Navy	36747	15th March 2022
Frederick	Johnson	Army	23677246	21st March 2022
Ross	Sampson		R59977	22nd April 2022
Raymond	Ettridge	Airforce	A1877	4th June 2022
Peter	Edwards	Army	3789161	27th Aug 2022
Robin	Williams		2315892	4th Oct 2022
Robert	Hill		A51188	9th Oct 2022
Malcom	Campbell		313813	22nd Oct 2022
Ivor	Peach	Army	3792785	23rd Nov 2022
Paul	Mcaloney		38740	2nd Dec 2022



- VALE -

Affiliate Members

First Name	Last Name	Date of Passing
Adrian	Palmer	7th April 2022
Gregory	Lacey	7th Nov 2022
Gavan	Knight	14th Nov 2022



Social Members

First Name	Last Name	Date of passing
Jeffrey	Peagram	8th Jan 2022
Peter	Douge	8th June 2022
Bernard	Benedict	15th June 2022
Fred	Reindl	13 Aug 2022
Irene	Ross	12th Nov 2022

“Your Local Club”

“Your RSL”

“RINGWOOD RSL”

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of Ringwood RSL Sub Branch Inc.
will be held in the
VC Room at 10.30 am on Sunday 26th March 2023
for all financial Service, Affiliate and Social members.

There will also be Amendments to Branch Bylaw 10A and
Consequent Amendments to Ringwood RSL Sub Branch
Rules.

Minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting and
Financials will be available from reception on presenta-
tion of your membership card.

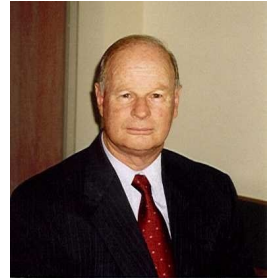


CONTENTS

From the President's Pen	7-9
Support to the Veteran & Community	10-11
Welfare	12
From The Treasurers Calculator	14-15
From The Secretary's Desk	16
Banter From The Manager	17
OASIS Veteran & Family Support Centre	18
Ringwood RSL War Widow's	19
Women's Auxiliary	20
Volunteer / Presidents Night	21
Ringwood Anglers	22
8 Ball Summer Report	23
Ringwood Pipe Band Review	23
Golf Section Report	24
Membership	25
ANZAC Day Service 2021	26
Development Report	27
Carpet Bowls	28-30
Appeals	31



FROM THE PRESIDENTS PEN



Sub Branch News

2022 has been a very successful one for the Sub Branch. Membership numbers have held up well and our trading operations have produced a pleasing surplus. Financially the Sub Branch is in a very strong position.

Unfortunately, we have lost a number of our members succumbing to old age. Most notably Robbie Waterson who contributed so much to the Sub Branch as its long time Appeals Officer and to the repartee in the ANZAC bar most lunch times. He will be sorely missed and our best wishes go to Silvia whose own contribution to the Women's Auxiliary has been immense.

The wide range of programs for members run in the main by volunteers proceeded during the year and contributed much to the life of the Sub Branch. This program is supplemented by entertainment activities coordinated by the manager and day trips organised by the Women's Auxiliary using the Sub Branch buses.

The financial focus in 2022 was to strengthen our position so expenditure was mainly directed down paying the bank loan, to paying for the electronic gaming machines which was necessary under the gaming contract arrangements and to essential maintenance with some minor upgrading to the electronics systems. Looking forward we also need to build a reserve of funds to finance the fit out the new facility once the rebuild has been completed and a start has been made to cover this provision. During the year we worked:

Ordnance Field Park (OFP) South Vietnam Reunion

The Sub Branch is hosting the OFP Association reunion from the 23rd to 26th of April. This coincides with our ANZAC commemorations and will mark 50 years since the last Australian was withdrawn from South Vietnam.

Ringwood WW1 Armistice Heritage Walk

In 2018, Australia celebrated the Centenary of the Armistice of World War I. The Australian Government, through the Department of Veteran's Affairs (DVA), established an Armistice Centenary Grant Program, which has provided the funds to establish the Ringwood World War 1 Armistice Heritage Walk.

The walk has ten signs, with details regarding the significance of World War I and the connection it has to the Ringwood community. The signs are located in chronological order, from 1914 to 1918, as the walk progresses up Maroondah Highway from the Clocktower, turning into Station Street and returning to the Clocktower.

This memorial walk acknowledges and commemorates those from Ringwood who served Australia and its allies in wars, conflicts and peace operations, and the effect of this in the local community of Ringwood.

We have worked with the Maroondah City Council and the Ringwood Historical Society to help bring this project to reality.

This important historical and commemorative project involved a number of community groups and tells the social history of the community of Ringwood over 100 years ago, the trauma they endured and the sad stories and remarkable survival of families and individuals.

Deakin Award for Services to the Community

We nominated Margaret Handte for an award in the 2022 round to recognise her work with the Army Reserve, ADF Cadets and as one of our Bereavement Officers. She was successful in being recognised winning the open category and was awarded the overall Deakin award for 2022.

State RSL Matters

FUNDING THE STATE OFFICE

A State working group to develop a funding arrangement replacing the one which was part of the previous gaming contract proposed a revised basis for levying 10A Sub Branches to fund the State Office. The revised formula takes into account membership numbers, revenue and numbers of EGMs. The impost on Ringwood is slightly more than we had been paying and the Committee signed up to the amended funding agreement which is set at \$138,000 for 2023.

ELECTORAL REFORM ADVISORY GROUP (ERAG)

This task group looked at how the State Executive is elected. It made a number of sensible suggestions concerning the number and length of tenure but its work was largely ignored.

NEW MEMBERSHIP SYSTEM

With the completion of the last gaming contract, the membership system which was part of the contract ceased. Since then we have been in ongoing discussions concerning membership of the League and the Sub Branch. We were somewhat alarmed when one of our members erroneously advised by an employee at the State Branch office “that the Sub Branch has separated from the Returned Services League Victoria”. No such decision has been made by the Ringwood Sub Branch Committee and the Committee has not and has no plans in the future to initiate any action to separate or disaffiliate from the League. All our service and affiliate members are and remain members of the League and all categories of members enjoy access to and reciprocal rights from other Sub Branches.

What the Ringwood Sub Branch Committee has decided is that the Sub Branch will not subscribe to the new state membership system. This decision is about the way the administration of RSL Victoria members is carried out not whether Ringwood Sub Branch members are or are not Victorian members of the League. It is based on two major factors;

Gaming Operations:

The new membership system is a component of the IGT gaming system which the State Branch has adopted to manage its gaming (i.e. poker machine) services and by which it also manages its “RSL Rewards” promotions. The view of the Committee is that the State Branch office should not become a gaming services provider but should instead focus on the central purposes for which the League was established (i.e., advocating and providing wellbeing support for veterans and their families). The Committee had also decided some time ago to withdraw from this rewards system believing a local sub branch-based rewards promotion would be of greater benefit to its members.

Cost:

The Sub Branch has committed to continue to pay affiliation fees (League Support Fee - LSF) to RSL Victoria. These fees for 2023 are set at some \$138,000 and are projected to increase by inflation in 2024 and 2025. The State Branch has set its fee for the membership system at some \$14,000 (in addition to the LSF) system. The State membership system is incompatible with the sub branch systems and to fully integrate it would mean a complete replacement of these that would cost the Sub Branch in excess of \$160,000 initially with ongoing licence costs of another \$22,000 per year plus additional costs to replace/reprogram point of sale registers etc and retrain staff. The Committee did not feel it could justify the expenditure of members funds for this.

The Sub Branch is still discussing with the State Branch on how to administer Ringwood based League members and has proposed alternatives that we hope will provide a basis for the future administration of its members and be accepted by the State Branch. Never the less Sub Branch members are being issued with a card that is fully operable within the premises and we expect the continued issue of the Victorian RSL card by State Branch to all League members (service & affiliates) will occur.

Reciprocal rights are part of the State by-laws and administration of these is up to each sub branch. For example, the Ringwood Sub Branch can be accessed with a State RSL card but it will issue a “visiting RSL member” card to League members visiting the sub branch whose State issued card is incompatible with our systems to enable the access to member benefits including discounts.

Redevelopment Project

The project is proceeding albeit very slowly bearing in mind the prevailing economic conditions, the state of the real estate market, supply chain issues and the shortage of tradespeople. The Committee as part of its risk mitigation strategy, has agreed to slowing it down as it is monitoring the risks in the construction industry at the moment. It has no interest in pushing forward prematurely in view of the difficulties witnessed among a number of both small and large construction firms.

A Final Word

Like everyone else, I’m looking forward to 2023 being a year of consolidation.

On behalf of the Committee and members of the Sub Branch I would like to express my appreciation for the dedication and work of the Manager and his staff during the past year.

Once again thank you for your continued support and keep well in 2023.

SUPPORT TO THE VETERAN AND COMMUNITY

Sub Branch Veteran & Community Support

In 2022 the welfare and support work of the Sub Branch continued as focus of the Sub Branch.

* During 2022 we helped many veterans in the Eastern Metropolitan Region of Melbourne. Our pension advocates provided assistance with their claims for support from the Department of Veterans' Affairs. This is a highly valued service at the core of our objectives as an RSL Sub Branch. The Welfare Coordinator and her team of volunteers provided much needed welfare and practical support to veterans in our region as well as to the older and less mobile members of the Sub Branch. These volunteer services included in-home and hospital support, welfare help, transport assistance, mobility aids as well as minor house and garden maintenance etc. These services have a particular value for our frailer members but also for others in our community who need our help. This volunteer support to the Maroondah community was costed out at \$45,400

Other volunteer activities such conducting Bingo, Friendly Fridays, Mobility Classes, "Boxersize" etc were provided at a value of \$34,560

We conducted commemorative services for the Ringwood community to mark ANZAC and Remembrance Days at the Ringwood Clock Tower Memorial Park.

Our normal remembrance services with local football teams spread from Mitcham to East Ringwood were not possible due to the COVID restrictions.

* We were able to provide bursaries and assistance worth \$3,000 for children attending Ringwood, Heathmont and Norwood Secondary Colleges.

* We supported the Maroondah Brass and the Ringwood Pipe Bands with sponsorship of \$5,000 each even though their activities were suspended. These bands provide a valued component of our commemoration services.

* We provided support to members of the Sub Branch with subsidised meals and refreshments, and other "in club" activities designed to combat social isolation and enhance camaraderie among veterans and their families. The cost for these was approximately \$287,421.

* We provided the Welfare/Courtesy Bus for members benefit as part of our social inclusion program at a cost of \$55,278.

* We provided sponsorship of and support for the Women's Auxiliary, War Widows, the Day Club and Sub Branch Sporting Sub Sections worth \$20,262.

* Sponsorship to the Ringwood Football Club, etc \$16,500.

We gave local community groups access to our facilities at either no charge or heavily discounted prices as part of our support to the wider Maroondah community \$102,354

We contributed about \$2,727,158 to the local community in goods and services purchased and employment of 50 staff from the surrounding community.

The Sub Branch contributed \$224,439 towards funding the welfare and other work of the State Branch office.

In total we contributed some \$3,499,872 worth of benefits to our veterans and community in 2022.

Other Activities

Veterans' Games

An exciting initiative by Heston Russell (Veterans Support Force) is the coming [veterans' games](#). This carnival of sport will be the inaugural launch of an annual event designed to celebrate and showcase the skills and excellence of our Veteran Community in a format that is exciting and engaging for the wider public.

Competitions will include a Team Obstacle Course challenge, Team Tug-of-War, and a number of other Military styled activities designed to test the teamwork and problem-solving skill-sets of competitors. Veterans (current and former serving) will be required to form and register their own team of eight (8) and pass a basic fitness test in order to compete.

This is a first of its kind type of event and will be held during the period 29 September – 02 October on the Gold Coast. The format will consist of Elimination Heats followed by the Finals Day to be held on Monday 02 October 2023.

The Sub Branch is seeking to sponsor a team. Further information can be gained from Jason Isaac or Neil Trigwell via reception.



WELFARE AND PENSION

The welfare and pension office continue to assist members and veterans. I have had over one hundred enquiries to the welfare office alone with a number of diverse queries where I have made many referrals to varied services required by these members.

Our wonderful pension advocates, Kevan and Ian, have been kept busy with appointments on Thursdays and I would like to say thank you to them for all the hard work they do in assisting our ex-veterans. I would also like to mention Heather and Linda the admin assistants that helped in the pension office. These ladies work behind the scenes preparing the files for clients, and thank them for their time during the past year.

Our wellbeing groups continue with the Strength and Mobility Class, Bingo, Friendly Fridays and now this year a small craft group every second Tuesday afternoon. There is also a free boxing class held on Wednesday evenings.

If you are interested in participating in any of these groups, or to become a volunteer for the RSL please let us know.

We receive a large number of requests from families of deceased veterans to conduct the RSL component at the service. Thanks to Margaret, our funeral officer, we can assist these families at their loved one's funerals.

This Christmas we have put together some fantastic care bags for the homeless and certain members of the club.

We are very fortunate to be able to deliver these the last week in December, and donated our Care bags to Uniting Care at Ringwood.

Volunteers continue to provide support to the needs of others, to the RSL community and the selling of the badges and poppies, we thank all that our volunteers do for us.

Military Advocacy Pension support - Kevan Andrews & Ian Richards

Office operating Thursdays from 10.30am-3.30pm

Community Support - Lyn Maestri

Office operating Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9am to 5pm

Lyn Maestri – welfare@ringwoodrsl.com.au or 9870 6604 via reception.





PROUD SPONSOR OF THE RINGWOOD RSL



ROD BURTON

0433 132 499

rod.burton@noeljones.com.au

NICOLE FREENE

0448 877 387

nicole.freene@noeljones.com.au

Complimentary Appraisal

\$500 given to the RSL for anyone who
sells through Team Burton.

TREASURERS REPORT 2022



It is my privilege that I provide this report for the financial year ending 31st December 2022. The report is based on the final audited figures, copies of which will be provided at the Annual General Meeting.

The club had struggled over the past few years due to the disruption caused by the COVID pandemic, in fact the 2022 financial year has been the first full year of uninterrupted trading at our club since the 2019 financial year.

I am pleased to report to you that, for the financial year ending 31st December 2022, our club made a net profit of **\$999,747**. This is an incredible outcome, and, in my opinion, the result reflects the actions, attitude, service and effort put in by our management team and staff during the year. It also reflects on you, our members, for supporting your club and making it a great place to be.

Let me focus on some highlights:

1. The ANZAC Lounge traded over 60% up on the previous year.
2. The Bistro growth was nearly 10 times more than last year.
3. Expenses across the board were in line with expectations.
4. During the month of August, we purchased all our floor stock of gaming machines from TABCORP for \$883,000. The amount was financed by the clubs internal cash flow.
5. The clubs cash reserves remain very strong sitting at \$942,000 as of the 31st of December 2022.

Looking ahead to 2023, I feel confident that the club will continue to remain in strong financial position.

I would personally like acknowledge the good work done by the management and staff of the Ringwood RSL Sub Branch and in particular, I'd like to thank our General Manager Wayne Chisolm and our accounts staff for the support they have given me in performing my role as treasurer. I also like to thank the committee and members of the club for everything they do and to make this a great club.

Looking forward to working with you all again in 2023.

Harry Agathagelidis
Treasurer



Ringwood RSL Trading Financials 2022

Ringwood RSL Sub-Branch Inc.

Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

For the year ended 31 December 2022

	Note	2022 \$	2021 \$
Sales Revenue	2 (a)	7,571,635	5,032,910
Other Revenue	2 (b)	294,609	293,216
JobKeeper		-	-
Rent Concessions	18	-	323,608
Cost of Goods Sold	3	(2,539,243)	(1,505,997)
Accounting, Legal and Consulting Expenses		(50,325)	(21,620)
Advertising Expenses		(108,876)	(103,811)
Amortisation	3	(412,729)	(460,789)
Members Discounts		(287,421)	(194,915)
Donations and Welfare Expenses		(173,748)	(74,234)
Employee Benefits Expenses		(1,965,439)	(1,480,601)
Finance Costs and charges		(51,760)	(71,720)
Patriotic Fund Costs		(73,800)	(72,967)
Office and Administration Expenses		(219,598)	(287,914)
Other Expenses		(490,981)	(302,436)
Rent		(144,696)	(144,120)
Repairs and Maintenance		(54,369)	(27,955)
State Branch Contribution		(150,639)	(63,655)
Utilities		(142,873)	(107,858)
Profit/ (loss) before income tax		999,747	730,142
Income tax expense		-	-
Net profit/ (loss) for the year		999,747	730,142
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total comprehensive income/ (loss) for the year		999,747	730,142

The accompanying notes form part of the financial statement.

FROM THE SECRETARIES DESK



It is pleasing to see the Sub-Branch resuming full activity after a couple of difficult years, the various Sub-Sections are again functioning and activities like the Meat Raffles, the Members Friday night Draw, Dungeons & Dragons, Bingo and the various other group activities being well supported.

Whilst it can be said that “a Committee is a group of the uninformed, elected by the uninterested to unravel the unnecessary”, and “it’s the job of the Secretary to keep minutes and lose hours”.

I find it pleasing that your committee is fully committed to making this Sub-Branch financially successful by planning for the Short, Medium and Long Term.

Organisations such as ours are only successful if we have the cooperation and volunteer support of our members, and I ask of each of you our members, look at your current participation and give a little of your time in support of the vital fund raising events around the ANZAC and Remembrance Days period, The funds raised from the sale of badges and poppies are used in the important work providing Welfare and Support to Veterans and their loved ones, which is the RSL’s principal charter.

I have heard it said that what takes one person eight hours to complete, eight people can achieve in under one hour, its called cooperation.

We need and appreciate your support and horsepower, so please look to giving a few hours of your precious time to assist others.

Rob Swenser

Secretary



BANTER FROM THE MANAGER



Another year is over and thankfully we didn't go into lock down again, hopefully COVID19 is behind us. This has been a great year for the RSL, we have traded well, Anzac Day was back to its normal size, the two BABBA shows were sell-outs, Oaks Day was back & bigger and Christmas day was a huge success with over 170 guests.

We are now operating our own loyalty system which means we can reward our members with more attainable prizes. In November 2022 we gave away \$5,000 cash to our members just for spending \$5 and had overwhelming participation. In 2023 we have two months this is booked in for, first in March and again in November. Additional promotions and benefits will be implemented over the coming months to enhance the benefits of your membership and our loyalty program.

Continuing in 2023 our weekly activities as below:

Mondays = our Memorabilia Volunteers are in 10am to 12noon.

Tuesdays = Seniors Exercise class from 10.15am to 11am.

= Parma night is on in the Bistro for \$15 with three different types.

Wednesday = Veteran Fitness Engagement FREE Boxing Circuit 6.30pm to 8pm.

= Steak Night in our Bistro - a 400gm Rump for just \$20.

Thursday = Our highly qualified Pension Advocates are in to help with DVA claims from 10.30am to 2.30pm.

=The Women's Auxiliary Bingo is eye's down at 1pm & 2pm.

= Curry Night is now Thursday's - three different types all just \$18.

Friday = Is Friendly Fridays with our social group playing games, having speakers or just watching a movie 10am to 12noon

=Board Games and our Virtual Reality (VR) Oculus headset is the must do on a Friday 5.30pm to 11pm.

= In the ANZAC Lounge our sub sections are running a Meat Tray Raffle with four trays at \$5 per ticket with only 100 numbers.

= Members Draw is at 6.30pm for your chance to win cash.

Saturday = Melbourne Horse Race Tipping Comp \$5 to enter with winner takes all.

During the AFL season you can watch your favourite teams on our 180" screen.

Thank you to the committee and staff for all their hard work and support over the year. 2023 will be difficult with rising interest rates and cost of living, but with the strength of the committee and staff we will endure and continue to build a stronger and better RSL.

I would like to thank all the members for their understanding and acceptances for closing the RSL early on Monday 5th December for a staff Christmas party. This was the first time we have closed, and the staff were greatly appreciative for your support.

Wayne Chisholm

General Manager

OASIS VETERAN & FAMILY SUPPORT CENTRE

Hello everyone, the team in the Advocacy department have been very busy since mid-January with claims and claim enquiries.

Christmas and New Year can be a great time of year but unfortunately some of our veteran community pass away, namely older veterans who just want to make it to Christmas.

Veteran Deaths

In the unfortunate event your partner passes away, please contact us here at the Oasis Veteran Support Centre. If your partner has a gold card embossed TPI, EDA all you need to do is call DVA and inform them of the death and supply them with their gold health card number and a death certificate.

Keeping a list of Accepted Disabilities

DVA Health Cards are normally issued to Veterans as a White or Gold card. To assist your partner Veterans are advised that they should keep a list with all their accepted conditions on it. The list is available on your mygov account if you have a link to the Department of Veteran Affairs. The list will also be on your decision letter from DVA. If you do not have a list or cannot access it, come along to the Oasis Veteran Support Centre and we will print one off for you.

Why is keeping this list important? The rationale is that if you die from a Defence caused injury your partner may be entitled to a widow or widower's pension.

Have you had your DVA claims reassessed.

When was the last time your Defence caused claims were assessed?

We recommend that you have multiple claims assessed every 5 years.

Injuries and illnesses change and some injuries/illness lead to another.

Example 1 - A broken leg may get arthritis within 10-20 years. Example 2 - Your Solar keratosis may have become worse, and a BCC may have formed.

Mental Health issues

There has been a large upsurge in Mental Health in the defence community. If you are under 65 years and cannot work more than 8 hours due to your defence caused mental health injury you may meet the eligibility criteria under the DRCA and MRCA Act for Veteran Payments. You will need to provide a medical certificate. Contact the Oasis Veteran Support Centre.

Important Phone Numbers

1800 VETERAN 1800838372- DVA enquiries

Open Arms 1800 011 046

Kind regards

Kevan, Ian, Heather



RINGWOOD RSL WAR WIDOWS

Although our numbers are rapidly declining due to ladies going into care, we still manage to meet in the Bistro at the RSL, for lunch once a month. We all enjoy a good natter and share news from the ladies who are no longer able to come to meetings. Best wishes to those ladies who are not well and may you soon feel a lot better.

Jean Carter

GET OUR APP



DOWNLOAD OUR FREE APP!

Simply Scan the QR code here or search for Ringwood RSL on the App stores.

Our Ringwood RSL App will:

- notify you on all upcoming events and specials.
- keep you updated on whats **NEW!**
- allow you to contact us for bookings.
- Display our menus and much more!

Business Apps by www.biz4mobi.com



ANDROID APP ON



Available on the



Compatible with Android and Apple devices!

Your local Club

Ringwood RSL



16 STATION STREET, RINGWOOD VIC 3134.

EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT 6:30PM—7:30PM

FREE
BOXING
CIRCUIT





VETERAN

FITNESS ENGAGEMENT

CONNECTION · CONVERSATION · ACHIEVEMENT

INNER BOXING CLOTH MITTS
CAN BE PURCHASED FOR \$12.50

FOLLOWED BY MEALS &
DRINKS AT BISTRO PRICES

PHONE 03 9870 6604

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

Well 2022 started off slowly but we have managed to have a successful year with raffles, Anzac Day and Remembrance Day, bingo on a Thursday afternoon and our meat raffles on the second Friday of the month going ahead as normal. We have held several raffles also which raised money for welfare. Well done girls.

We would like to thank Wayne and committee and staff for supporting our raffles and donating to these events. Also a big thank you to Rod Burton from Noel Jones Real Estate for sponsoring our monthly meat raffles. Also Tim from Noble Logistics for their generous donation of \$2000, thank you. We all enjoyed Christmas lunch for our break up. We also would like to say - "New members are welcome" see reception or ring reception on 9870 6604 for enquiries.

Wising everyone a Merry Christmas and Safe and prosperous New year. Looking forward to 2023 with many more events.

See you then.

Carol Wilson

President



VOLUNTEER / PRESIDENTS

Volunteer of the Year Winner

Ms. Margaret Handte

Award Presented by

Snr Vice President David Kelly



Angling Sub-Section Report

A Fisherman's Tail Tale

Following the limitations to travel and the banning of the healthy outdoor sport of angling under the Governmental COVID restrictions being lifted, the Sub-Section hastily found a suitable fishing lodge in the Snowy Mountains and made a booking for a week in October 2022.

As is prone to happen that week away coincided with the floods that hit the Victorian border area and under the weather cloud eight anglers set forth for a week of fishing in the NSW high country. Unexpectedly the clouds parted and we enjoyed the best of weather and fishing for many a year.

Michael McMillan was again successful in catching the largest trout of the trip with a specimen of 5lb 3oz cleaned however he was closely pressed by Bobby Dunstan and Rob Swenser who both had cleaned fish in the high 4lb category. The trip saw 28 quality fish taken, Rob Swenser only got three for the week but all were over 3lb cleaned. Jeff Aurisch aced the lot of us in that he caught two nice fish that were part of the Snowy Lakes tagged fish competition, to date he has not gained any cash or prizes for the effort.

The trip home was in fine weather although the roads were in poor repair, lots of pot holes (and big pots at that) until we recrossed the border and were confronted with torrential rain, visibility severely restricted, welcome home to Victoria.

Although we attempted a saltwater charter in November the weather gods played their usual hand and because of high winds and rough seas the trip had to be cancelled at the 11th hour.

More trips are being planned for 2023 and the Fishing Lodge is already booked for the Snowy Lakes (Eucumbene) week in October.

If you would like to find out more about the Angling Sub-Section or would like to participate in one of our fishing adventures, leave your name and contact details at the Reception Desk.

Rob Swenser

Secretary.



8 BALL SUMMER REPORT

8 ball section has 2 teams in the summer comp after both teams were runners up in the winter season. A fantastic effort. Our next winter season will start on 21 March and again 2 teams will compete. Our end of season dinner was at the RSL and everybody had a great night. Good food good drinks and entertainment. Thank you to management and staff.

We look forward to a successful 2023.

Kevin Lawson

Captain.



RINGWOOD PIPE BAND REVIEW

Hello from the Ringwood RSL Pipe Band. We wish you all a Happy New Year for 2023!

2022 was extremely busy for the band. One of our band members calculated that we have been playing, on-average, every fortnight in 2022. As a result we have seen a tremendous community response to our engagements also importantly, our piping quality has improved steadily over the duration of the year. My sincere thanks to the Ringwood RSL who have supported and added to our playouts this year.

We also saw the transition of our previous President, John Wicks to myself. John was presented with his life membership award for the band and I thank him for his leadership and guidance.

Mick Ryan stated that “We all are friends who happen to play bagpipes and drums.” This year we intend to support the learners with assisted purchasing of Bagpipes, which will make it more accessible for new starters. We also have a significant uniform purchase and refurbishment plan that is being undertaken to ensure we increase the presentation standards of the band.

We look forward to continued support from the RSL and also look forward to playing on Anzac Day!

Warm Regards,

Mike Taylor

President

Ringwood RSL Highland Pipe Band

GOLF SECTION



We must be jinxed. Another frustrating year trying to complete our total programme. Frustration caused by bad weather or poor course conditions. We had to cancel 4 games and we can only hope that 2023 will be much kinder in the weather department.

We were however able to complete some of our programme and while we still held our Presentation Day early December we were able to present 4 trophies to worthy winners. One of the winners was our new Club Champion Ian Morgan...well done Ian.

Thank you to our sponsors, Ringwood RSL; Bayswater RSL; House of Golf and Michael (Chuck) Berry without whose assistance would make the committees task much more difficult.

A huge thank you must also go to your committee whose input and hard work would have made running the Section a very difficult task. A special mention must go to Gunter Loidl (Life Member) who has decided to step down from the committee. I won't mention the various tasks that Gunter used to undertake but they are many and varied.....thank you Gunter.

From the committee of the Ringwood RSL Golf Section, we wish one and all a happy and safe 2023.

David Liggett

President Golf Section



MEMBERSHIP AT YOUR RSL

2022

During 2022 members received \$45,512 in points and \$287,422 in discounts on food and drinks.

Members by Class & Gender

Class	F	M	Total
Service	38	541	579
Affiliate	410	426	836
Social	1029	1565	2594
Associate	1	10	11
Community	182	94	276
Total	1660	2636	4296

Male Members by Class & Age

Class	18-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80+	Total
Service	5	10	12	38	63	243	170	541
Affiliate	8	17	21	45	129	153	53	426
Social	73	113	190	334	375	345	135	1565
Associate	0	0	0	2	3	5	0	10
Community	8	14	12	10	9	24	17	94
Total	94	154	235	429	579	770	375	2636

Female Members by Class & Age

Class	18-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80+	Total
Service	1	1	1	6	8	14	7	38
Affiliate	1	8	13	34	115	169	70	410
Social	20	45	115	204	264	254	127	1029
Associate	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Community	5	2	9	18	43	63	42	182
Total	27	56	138	262	431	500	246	1660

Wayne Chisholm

General Manager / Membership

ANZAC Sunday Service 2022



ANZAC Day Dawn Service 2022



DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Whilst nothing seems to be happening in the development project, be assured that there is a lot going on.

We are in the phase of the project where we need to apply for the relevant permits and approvals to proceed. No physical action can be taken until those permits and approvals are obtained. Our development partners are working diligently on those and will continue to do so. The approval application process could take in excess of **12** months depending on the response of the Maroondah City Council to the application. We had planned on this time frame.

Members were advised very early in the project planning process that there would be periods such as this when nothing appears to be happening, but the committee and the developers are communicating frequently to ensure the committee is fully up to date on progress.

In the most recent meeting between the committee and the developers (December), they expressed their commitment to the project through until its completion. This commitment is in the context of the major issues facing the building industry where the cost of building supplies and materials have risen significantly and are in limited supply and the current shortage of the required trades people for major building projects. These issues are ones that could not be foreseen prior to COVID and the resulting impact it has had on all sectors of supply, materials and expertise and the planned time frame for projects such as ours.

The committee will keep members updated on significant developments as they occur.

Des Myers

Project Manger

RINGWOOD R.S.L. – CARPET BOWLS SECTION

Sadly the Association’s Pennant competitions in 2022 had only 7 teams from 4 Clubs on Tuesday Night and 9 teams from 5 Clubs on the Wednesday Afternoon.

The Ringwood R.S.L. again entered two teams in the Tuesday Night, 2022 Winter Pennant Season Competition of the Eastern Suburban Indoor Biased Bowls Association. As in 2021, the ‘Home & Away’ games continued to be played at the Heatherdale Bowls Club under the same strict Covid 19 protocols introduced by the Association last year. The Season ran without interruption from April 28 to August 16.

THE LADDER POSITIONS [At end of “Home & Away” games]

2022 WINTER PENNANT

Position	Team:	Total	WON	BYE	TIED	LOST	SHOTS	%	POINTS
1.	RINGWOOD RSL 1	14	11	2	1	0	126	175.00	27
2.	BLACKBURN RSL 1	14	9	2	0	3	122	165.59	22
3.	BLACKBURN RSL 2	14	6	2	0	6	4	101.59	16
4	NORTH BALWYN 1	14	5	2	0	7	-25	90.57	14
5.	GLEN WAVERLEY 1	14	5	2	0	7	-48	81.32	14
6.	RINGWOOD RSL 2	14	3	2	1	8	-95	68.54	11
7.	GLEN WAVERLEY 2	14	2	2	0	10	-84	70.63	8



Ringwood R.S.L. 1 Members: L to R. (Gail Loidl, Margaret Poile, Jim Bullow, Jim & Paula Corcoran).



R.S.L. 2 Members: L to R. (Art. Gibson, Peter Robinson, Bruce Greenland, Gunter Loidl & Babs Elliott).

The No 1 Team skipped by Jim Bullow played consistently well throughout the year to finish on top of the ladder. The No 2 Team skipped by Peter Robinson (Senator) started the season short of one player, as well as needing to teach a bowler new to the sport, but finishing strongly during the second half in sixth place with 3 Wins, 1 Tie, 8 Losses, & 2 Byes.

In the Semi-finals - Jim Bullow's Team defeated the 4th placed team North Balwyn and 2nd placed team Blackburn R.S.L. I defeated the 3rd placed Blackburn R.S.L. 2.

The Grand Final was a hard fought game to the end with the Ringwood R.S.L. leading by one shot with one end remaining, only to lose two shots in the 21st end.



In addition to the Pennant Competition, the Eastern Suburbs Indoor Biased Bowls Association also conducts “Group Championships” which the members of all the affiliated Clubs can enter. Each year there are Team and Individual Events conducted with Perpetual Trophies awarded to the Winners and Runners-Up for these events. These events include Ladies’, Men’s, and Mixed Fours, Triples, Pairs and Singles as well as Champion of the Club Champions.

8 of our Ringwood RSL Members featured as winners and or Runners-Up in this year’s ESIBBA Championships. They were Jim Bullow, Paula & Jim Corcoran, Bruce Greenland, Gail & Gunter Loidl, Margaret Poile, and Peter Robinson,

Jim Bullow was defeated by one shot by Rodney Jones from Blackburn R.S.L. on the last end of the Men’s Champion of Champions Final, but the result was reversed in the Men’s Singles Event



Jim Bullow (Ringwood) & Rodney Jones (Blackburn)

Finally, this year, the 52nd Australian Championships were held in Devonport , Tasmania. Two of our members, Jim Bullow and Margaret Poile, were selected as Victorian Team Members.

Jim Bullow came 3rd with 6 wins in the mixed 4’s representing Queensland with three other Victorian emergencies, just ahead of Margaret Poile’s Team that finished 4th with 5^{1/2} wins.

“CONGRATULATIONS JIM & MARGARET”



The Carpet Bowls Section hopes to, once again, enter teams for the Association’s 2023 Winter Pennant Competition. Separate competitions are conducted on Tuesday Nights and/or Wednesday afternoons in the months April to August. Any RSL Members interested in being part of either one or both of the Winter competitions can register their interest with reception.

Gunter Loidl

(Carpet Bowls Secretary / Treasurer)

APPEALS—REPORT

ANZAC

Total funds raised \$42,559.95 and paid to Anzac House

Remitted back to Ringwood RSL Agency A/c \$21,279.97



POPPY

Total funds raised \$25,067.85 and paid to Anzac House

Remitted back to Ringwood RSL Agency A/c \$12,533.93



Thankyou to all the volunteers for their hard work .



Tuesdays

PARMA NIGHT

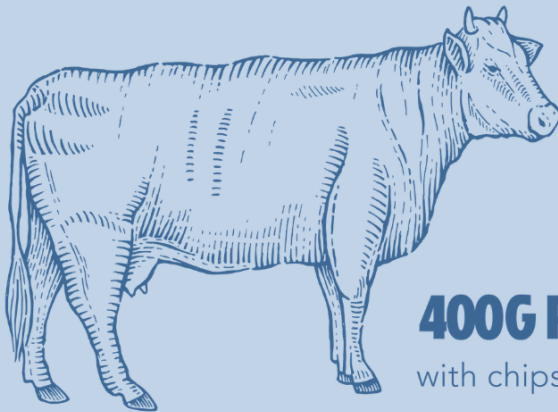
CHICKEN PARMA

3 toppings to choose from
Traditional, Hawaiian or Aussie

\$15

MAKE A BOOKING TONIGHT ON 9870 6604

Wednesdays



STEAK NIGHT

400G RUMP STEAK

with chips & salad

\$20

MAKE A BOOKING TONIGHT ON 9870 6604

Thursdays

CURRY NIGHT

**3 DIFFERENT
CURRY'S**



\$18

MAKE A BOOKING TONIGHT ON 9870 6604

BABBA

SATURDAY

A TRIBUTE TO ABBA

8th JULY 2023



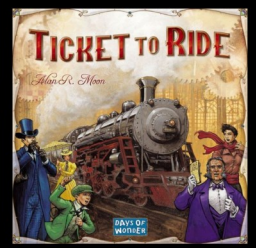
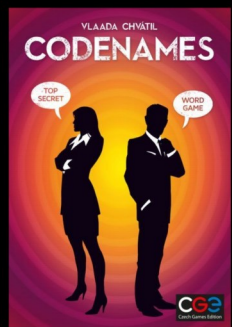
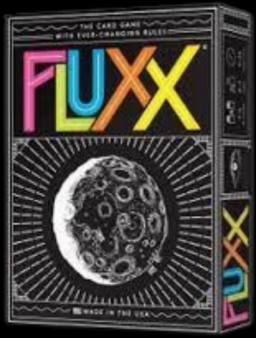
DINNER & SHOW \$80

SHOW ONLY \$40

DOORS OPEN AT 6.00PM

DINNER AT 6.30PM

SHOW FROM 8.30PM



RINGWOOD RSL PRESENTS

BOARD GAMES NIGHT

JOIN US ON FRIDAY NIGHTS FOR BOARD GAMES AND DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS IN THE FUNCTION ROOM

MEALS AND DRINKS CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE BAR UNTIL 8:30PM

FREE TO PLAY JUST COME ON IN

16 STATION STREET, RINGWOOD 9870 6604



RINGWOOD RSL

\$5,000

CASH

GIVEAWAY!

**THURSDAY 30TH
MARCH 2023**

See Reception For Details

RINGWOOD RSL

5 X \$1,000 PRIZES

**SPEND \$5 OR MORE
ON FOOD OR BEVERAGE
BETWEEN 12 NOON AND 8.30PM
YOU WILL RECEIVE AN ENTRY
INTO THE DRAW FOR EACH \$5 SPENT**

**\$1,000 CASH DRAW AT 7PM, 7.30PM,
8PM, 8.30PM & 9PM
WINNERS MUST BE @ RINGWOOD RSL
TO CLAIM**

See Reception For Details

Victoria Cross Function Room

Ringwood RSL prides itself on our professionalism and friendliness to ensure your function is a great success.

Ringwood RSL caters for Birthdays, Engagements, Weddings, Baby Showers, Farewells, Conferences etc Our car park provides ample car parking and we are conveniently located opposite the Ringwood Railway Station .

Our function room is set up to your individual needs as part of our service and we endeavour to fulfil all of your requirements whether it be 30 people or 180 people we will look after you.



Please do not hesitate to contact us for an appointment on 9870 6604 to discuss your function