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## SERVICE MEMBERS

Last Name	First Name	Service No.	Date of passing	
PEARSON	KEVIN	NX505525	26-Jun-2019	
COGAN	PHILLIP	3789114	07-Apr-2019	
SEYMOUR	HARRISON	A17388	19-May-2019	Life Member
LANGDON	KEITH	3/400252	02-Mar-2019	
TAYLOR	DONALD	149806	21-Nov-2019	Life Member
LADE	JOHN	VX84753	10-Jan-2019	
MAHER	IVAN	VX146185	19-Sep-2019	
RYAN	IVAN		30-Sep-2019	
COLLETT	STANLEY	VX114765	08-Jul-2019	
FLY	WILLIAM	144460	07-Jul-2019	
BOMFORD	JEFFREY	3792726	06-Sep-2019	
GROVER	DAVID	A32816	18-Dec-2019	
LYNCH	GRAEME	A317704	06-Aug-2019	
WISHART	LEO	3745279	01-Aug-2019	
JENSZ	HERBERT	V220596	24-Nov-2019	
CHRISFIELD	JEFFERY	A36862	15-Oct-2019	
PIRIE	NEIL	37549875	22-Feb-2019	
GILL	KEVIN	V49208	17-Aug-2019	
HUNT	WARREN	23587114	28-Mar-2019	
FULLER	ROBERT	342802	10-Aug-2019	
ROTHERHAM	LINDSAY	3788404	17-Jan-2019	



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## Affiliate Members

<u>Last Name</u>	First Name	Date of passing
LUTWYCHE	NEVILLE	15-Jul-2019
DYER	ROGER	28-Aug-2019
HARVEY	PETER	13-Dec-2019
BALDWIN	NORMAN	15-Jan-2019
KEYS	CHARLES	01-Jan-2019
KINNEAR	BEVERLEY	28-Apr-2019
EMERSON	JACK	20-Jul-2019
NICHOL	ELVA	26-Apr-2019

## Social Members

Last Name	First Name	Date of passing
SCHOLES-ROBERTSON	CLEM	28-Apr-19
BURGESS	ROBERT	3-Dec-19
JEFFRIES	LEON	11-Apr-19
HEYEN	COLIN	15-Nov-19
JANISZEWSKI	KATRINA	10-Dec-19
GIOSSERANO	MARY	1-Feb-19
WOODMAN	DAVID	27-May-19
RYAN	ROBERT	1-Jul-19
MARTIN	IAN	2-Dec-19

# ATTENTION MEMBERS

## **Election of Office Bearers and Committee Members**

The positions of Sub Branch Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Two Committee positions fall vacant in 2020. Nominations open Thursday

13th February and close 5pm Thursday 27th February.

Details of nominees will be placed on the notice board in reception by 6pm on 27th February 2020.

The Election for the positions above will be held in the Ringwood RSL VC room by the Returning Officer from 4 pm to 9 pm on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020 and from 10 am to 2 pm on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2020:

**Absentee Voting**—Eligible members need to apply for Ballot Papers in writing to the Returning Officer. Ballot Papers issued must be returned to the Returning Officer before the close of Elections on Saturday 14th March 2pm.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of Ringwood RSL Sub Branch Inc. will be held in the VC Room at 10 am on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2020 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.

Any additional items to be added to the agenda must be received in writing to the President by 19<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

No items will be taken from the floor for discussion.

Minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting and Financials will be available from reception on presentation of your financial membership card week commencing Monday 23rd March, 2020.

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## FROM THE PRESIDENTS PEN



### Australia – Divided Without Visionary Leadership?

As I review the year that has just passed, I wonder where we are headed as a Nation. The Government won the federal election much to the surprise of the arm chair experts. It claimed to have won the support of the “quiet Australians” who were and I believe still are looking for visionary leadership from our federal politicians. Unfortunately although there are isolated exceptions we are still looking! The prolonged drought and the bush fires emergency provide an opportunity for our leaders to step up to the mark, galvanise the public with a message of hope and comfort and initiate actions to help the community cope with their consequences. People on the ground fighting the fires and providing community relief for our farmers are doing wonderful work, but where is the overall marshalling of the various governments’ resources and coordination of efforts to cope with the present circumstances and to plan for the future to ameliorate future adverse conditions? The federal authorities have been slow to mobilise an effective response and mobilise the necessary resources, particularly the ADF, and there has been too much foot dragging and bickering. As well there is too much finger pointing and blame shifting among politicians and sectional interest groups.

Underlying this is the increasing division in the community on ideological grounds with little if any tolerance of differing points of view. This lack of vision and effective leadership is not confined to politics; I see similar situations in most sectors of the community. Our church, business, law enforcement, military, community, education, bureaucracy and judicial leaders can all be criticised for losing focus on what their roles are and intruding into areas outside their legitimate realms. This is exacerbating community angst and is not providing ideas to help us move into the future with any level of confidence let alone unity.

Unfortunately the RSL is not immune from this. There have been many shortfalls in its approach to veteran advocacy and support that have emerged resulting in government intervention in some cases. I would like to think that this would have spurred the national and state bodies into drastic actions to revitalise the institution but disappointingly I cannot see much evidence of this. The RSL is a resilient organisation but if it is to remain relevant to its constituency it must reform itself in a way that attracts bigger numbers of more recent veterans into its ranks.

Why is all this relevant to us as an ex-service organisation? The simple answer is that we remain the voice of those who have paid a price as members of the Australian Defence Force defending our freedoms and way of life. We cannot let their sacrifices be in vain; we must continue the fight to keep our embracing and tolerant culture and our individual freedoms.

The RSL motto that “*the price of liberty is eternal vigilance*” remains very relevant.

## About our Sub Branch and its Club

We are part of a network of sub branches that is integral to the fabric of the Victorian community. It is important to remember that our trading operations are essential to generate the revenue from which the benefits we provide are funded. Some of this revenue comes from gaming operations but gaming is always only an adjunct to what we offer our members.

Our primary objective as an RSL Sub Branch is to support serving and former ADF members and their families as well as our other members. We offer members activities and facilities to host “get-togethers” to enjoy each other’s company, to swap stories and particularly for veterans, to share experiences and support and help each other in an empathetic environment.

## Our Veteran and Community Contributions

The welfare and support work for the veteran and local communities remain the major focus of the Sub Branch.

- Over a year we help some hundreds of veterans in the Eastern Metropolitan Region of Melbourne. We provide assistance with their claims for support from the Department of Veterans’ Affairs and our Welfare Coordinator and her team of volunteers provide 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 include 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 is worth in excess of \$285,355.
- We conduct commemorative services for the Ringwood community to mark ANZAC and Remembrance Days at the Ringwood Clock Tower Memorial Park.
- We have been involved with a number of local football teams spread from Mitcham to East Ringwood to partner with them in providing suitable ANZAC commemorative services as a public service.
- We provide bursaries and assistance worth \$1,800 for children attending Ringwood, Heathmont and Norwood Secondary Colleges.
- We support the Maroondah Brass and the Ringwood Pipe Bands with sponsorship of \$3,000 each.
- We provide 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 \$277,058. In addition we have allocated Loyalty Points able to be spent in participating RSL establishments in Victoria at a cost to the Sub Branch of \$32,300.
- The Welfare/Courtesy Bus is provided for members benefit as part of our social inclusion program at a cost of \$66,779.



- We provide sponsorship of and support for the Women's Auxiliary, War Widows, the Day Club and Sub Branch Sporting Sub Sections worth over \$31,218.
- We provide \$4,000 sponsorship to the Ringwood Football Club, \$ 3,000 sponsorship for Eastern United Football (soccer) Club and \$3,000 for the Raptors Rugby Club.
- We provide facilities either free of charge or at nominal rates for local community group activities at a cost of \$37,250 during 2019.
- We contribute about \$3m to the local community in goods and services purchased and employment of 50 staff from the surrounding community.

In total we contribute some \$3,732,826 worth of benefits to our veterans and community.

We are not for profit. We operate with the sole purpose of supporting veterans, our members and their families. That said, the revenue from gaming helps enables us to continue play an important role in the health and well-being of veterans and their families. At the same time we work hard to ensure our gaming operations are properly conducted within the regulated framework. Never the less with the assistance of an E-Gaming expert, we are actively exploring the possibility of introducing E-Gaming as part of a longer term plan to phase out the poker machine operation.

## Securing our Future

Our trading situation remains challenging. The food and liquor operations are performing well but the poker machine side of the business more directly mirrors the general economic situation where there is a diminishing level of discretionary spend available to many families as the increasing cost of living bites into their budgets. As well the more recent deployments have been with machines with a higher return to player ratio than was generally the case previously. Whilst the Sub Branch remains in an overall healthy financial position we must look to the future where the acceptability of "pokies" among the younger generations is not as amenable as it has been to date and we are facing a future that requires us to plan for decreasing net revenues from them. Thus the Committee is planning for the future with renewed facilities and a lesser reliance on "pokies".

The Committee has been working hard on the redevelopment project. It has been in detailed discussions and negotiations with both the developers and the State Branch Trustees and their legal advisers to develop an agreed "Heads of Agreement" that will form the basis of a development contract for the project. This is a complicated project that has the potential to ensure the viability of the Sub Branch well into the future so the detailed work to gain the various approvals although tedious and lengthy is well worth the effort. More specific details are contained in the "Redevelopment Newsletter" available at reception.

My thanks go to the "Redevelopment Team" especially Christian Bolog and Des Myers and I'm very grateful to Harry Agathagelides and Wayne Chisholm for their work and support of the project.

**David Jamison**

**President**

## **BANTER FROM THE MANAGER**



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all the members.

2019 has been a frustrating year with trading. We have had growth in the Bars +5.2%, Bistro +3.8% and Membership +4% I98, however Gaming Revenue has gone backwards -11.2%. This has impacted negatively on our bottom line.

The food and beverage services we provide are performing very well however gaming in line with most poker machine operations across Victoria has been on a decline over the last twelve months. The Maroondah area is the second worst local government area in Victoria for gaming performance. The State last year saw ten consecutive months of decline which is quite significant - historically the maximum period of decline we have seen has been two months and that was considered relatively large. Gaming is still the greatest revenue area for us and is the largest profit centre compared with bars and food. This is consistent for just about all clubs and although we make a good profit from gaming, there are substantial annual costs associated with operating gaming machines as shown in the table below:

<u>Cost Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Gaming Regulator Intralot Monitoring	\$50,196
VCGLR levy	\$16,536
TGS supply of gaming machines & service.	\$714,411
ANZAC House Levy	\$151,998
State Government Tax	\$701,609
State Government charge for gaming license	\$161,671
GST paid on gross revenue	\$340,165
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,136,586</b>

### **ENTERTAINMENT**

Afternoon Melodies on Tuesdays has been well received with over 450 members and guests enjoying the afternoon. We have all new entertainers for 2020 starting in February. The three shows of ELVIS (Damian Mullin) attracted 284 guests to the shows and we have two more booked in for 2020. BABBA will also be back after last year attracting 180 guests. The Friday night FREE entertainment will continue with some changes to the line-up, but keeping with the tempo and style of music from last year.

### **RAFFLES**

The two Welfare Raffles this year were both successful selling 7,756 tickets which raised \$13,171 for welfare. We will be continuing this program over the forthcoming year.

### **OAKS DAY**

This year was our first Oaks Day function, small (31 guests), but well received and all wanting to do it again this year.

## CHRISTMAS

Christmas Day was another great success with over 150 members and guests dining with us for lunch with nothing but compliments to the chefs and staff.

## PROMOTIONS

In 2020 we will continue to run Marvel Stadium footy ticket giveaways, Football Tipping Competition, Senior 2 for 1 Tuesday lunches, Friday Night Members Draw, Friday Night Meat Tray Raffles, Tuesday Night Parma's for \$15, Wednesday Night Steak's for \$20, Thursday Night Pizzas for just \$10 and continue to run Happy Hours in the Anzac Bar. We will be introducing some new and exciting promotions throughout the year. To stay up to date with what's happening make sure you have agreed to receive promotional emails and download our APP at the Google playstore or Apple.

## COURTESY BUS

Last year I was successful in obtaining a grant from the DVA to cover 85% of the cost for a new courtesy bus and we also gratefully received funds from the hardworking Women's Auxiliary which contributed towards the purchase cost. This year I have again applied for a grant to replace the ageing Ford transit bus which is on its last legs and we will be replacing it with a bus of the same size.



## CONCLUSION

With the help of the staff and committee we will strive to make all your experiences at Ringwood RSL enjoyable and fulfilling.

Thank you to the Staff and Committee for all your support and hard work to make Ringwood RSL the best RSL in the eastern suburbs.

**Wayne Chisholm**

**General Manager**

## SECRETARY



Hello Members,

Memorabilia as mentioned at the half yearly General Meeting the crew mainly: Shirley Devery, Colin Vincent, Brian Roe, George Ward and Peter Hedgcock. They have processed in excess of 1,200 items. That can be accessed on the net at Victorian Collections and go to Ringwood R.S.L. Many thanks for their efforts during the year. Also, I mentioned that before this site is developed, we have to relocate our whole collection – “off-site” (A place to be determined), it will be a mammoth job.

I did mention last year that we (Ringwood RSL) in conjunction with Ringwood Historical Society received from the federal government a grant of \$27,000 to develop what is termed a heritage walk! Progress this year has been very slow, however we hope to see some results in the next months.

During the year I have attended on behalf of the branch. Many services held in nursing homes and local schools. Both cases it was very uplifting to notice the solemnity of the audiences young and old.

**Thankyou – and have a safe new year – Geoff Coghlan**



## MEMORABILIA REPORT

At the start of 2019 we had been working with Victoria Collections for 8 months. During that time we have sorted and catalogued about 400 items. When the team finished for 2019 we were up to item number 1165 so we are making good progress. The cataloguing involves 5 tasks.

1st. Sorting the items,



2nd. Photographing

3rd. Entering onto the website which involves listing a description including when and where the item was made, who donated it and a valuation.

4th. Uploading the photos onto the website. 5. Packing it away in correct order.

When finished the club should know just what it has in the collection, the value and have most of the items that are not on show packed away ready to be placed in storage for when the renovations start.

The team has had a couple of changes through the year. Peter Fogarty went onto full-time employment thus had to leave us. We thank him for his input while with us. A replacement soon stepped up and Shirley Devery joined us in May 2019. Shirley shares our passion for military history and has worked for a number of years as a Volunteer Shrine Guide. She is also a member of the Ringwood RSL Women's Auxiliary.

Although the Victoria Collections dominates our time, we have also managed to change and clean up a number of the displays.

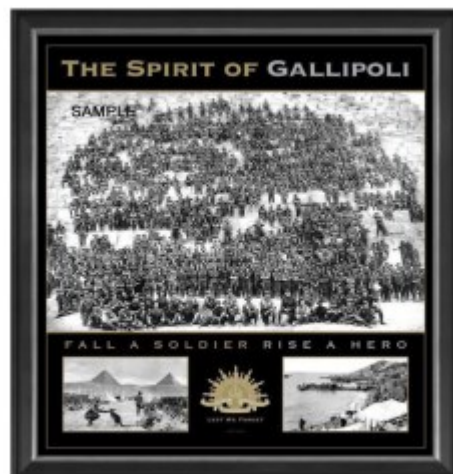
The Scouts and Cubs continue to visit and view the memorabilia and these are generally fun nights. For one group it has become an annual event.

In August we had a small setback when a water leak developed behind one of the large cases in the function room. Once the case was emptied and moved, the leak was repaired and the displays were back in place in just over a week.

For many years there was a large model of the Ringwood Clock Tower stored downstairs. Not really Military Memorabilia, I was not sure of its future in the new building. Well as fate would have it one Monday morning Neville from the Ringwood Historical Society called in. He was once a member of Apex who had their meetings at the RSL. He built the model Clock Tower and was very excited to see it. He enquired as to its fate? Could the RHS have it? I put it to the RSL committee and they were pleased to give it to them. The RHS have since passed on some papers to the RSL.

In closing I would like to thank the Memorabilia Team for their efforts through the year and the RSL members and their families for taking time to view the displays.

**George Ward and Team, B.Roe, C.Vincent, D.Liggett,  
S.Devery, P.Hedgcock, G.Coghlan**





# TREASURERS REPORT 2019



The summary of Profit and Loss for financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2019 reflects a NET PROFIT of \$34,970.

I'd like to take the opportunity to focus on a few areas that influenced this result.

- The turnover in the ANZAC bar (up 14.19%) and the Bistro (up 2.26%) were extremely positive and reflect the significant effort to improve the experience and quality of service in those areas.
- Gaming turnover was down 8.3% on last year, whilst payback was at 91.07% compared to 90.7% last year. The combination of these had a negative effect on the bottom line of over \$200,000.
- RSL revenue was on par with last year a pleasing result considering the decision to drop the membership fees by \$15. The extra revenue was a result of the two successful big raffles and interest income on our term deposit.
- RSL expenses were up by 11.2% a reflection of members discounts over the bars and restaurant, the subsidised Seniors meals and the improved courtesy bus facility.

Moving forward to 2020, I can report that we have restructured our loans with the ANZ bank (November 2019) which will provide us with interest rate savings of around 1% and are currently in discussions with Tabcorp which will provide significant improvement in our gaming income. Our budget for 2020 shows our club returning a profit of \$129,061.

I would personally like to thank the management, staff, committee and members of the club for the work that they do to make this a great club and for assisting me in my role as treasurer.

Looking forward to working with you all again to ensure 2020 is a great year for this special club.

**Harry Agathagelidis**

**Treasurer**



## Ringwood RSL Sub Branch Inc - Audited 2019

STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS	2019	2018	Difference	% +/-
<b>ANZAC BAR:</b>				
Sports Bar Turnover	\$761,032	\$678,440	\$82,592	12.17%
TAB	\$25,066	\$10,210	\$14,850	145.15%
Net Anzac Bar Trading	\$786,098	\$688,650	\$97,448	14.15%
<b>GAMING ROOM:</b>				
Gaming Gross Profit	\$1,814,971	\$1,957,197	-\$142,226	-7.27%
Bar Turnover	\$389,915	\$386,864	\$3,051	0.79%
Keno Net	\$8,195	\$8,980	-\$785	-8.74%
Net Gaming Turnover	\$2,213,081	\$2,353,042	-\$139,961	-5.95%
<b>BISTRO:</b>				
Food Turnover	\$1,236,986	\$1,189,986	\$47,000	3.95%
Bar Turnover	\$306,580	\$319,461	-\$12,881	-4.03%
Bistro Turnover	\$1,543,566	\$1,509,446	\$34,120	2.26%
<b>GROSS OTHER INCOME:</b>	\$69,739	\$65,252	\$4,487	6.88%
<b>COST OF SALES</b>	-\$1,036,052	-\$987,340	\$48,712	4.93%
<b>LABOUR</b>	-\$1,408,756	-\$1,392,783	\$15,973	1.15%
<b>TOTAL TRADING PROFIT</b>	<b>\$2,167,676</b>	<b>\$2,236,267</b>	<b>-\$68,591</b>	<b>-3.07%</b>
<b>RSL:</b>				
RSL Revenue	\$183,463	\$183,203	\$260	0.14%
RSL Expenses	-\$594,790	-\$535,087	\$59,703	11.16%
Trading Profit	-\$411,327	-\$351,884	\$59,443	16.89%
<b>NET TRADING PROFIT</b>	<b>\$1,756,349</b>	<b>\$1,884,383</b>	<b>-\$128,034</b>	<b>-6.79%</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES:</b>				
POWER / LIGHTING	-\$126,141	-\$134,545	-\$8,404	-6.25%
INSURANCE	-\$47,180	-\$49,371	-\$2,191	-4.44%
OTHER OCCUPANCY COST	-\$161,384	-\$160,627	\$757	0.47%
FOXTEL	-\$36,662	-\$38,768	-\$2,106	-5.43%
ADVERTISING & PROMOTIONS	-\$44,507	-\$41,420	\$3,087	7.45%
FINANCE & ACCOUNTING COST	-\$22,148	-\$24,097	-\$1,949	-8.09%
CLEANING	-\$135,157	-\$134,297	\$860	0.64%
ADMINISTRATION	-\$636,338	-\$605,514	\$30,824	5.09%
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>-\$1,209,517</b>	<b>-\$1,188,640</b>	<b>-\$20,878</b>	<b>-1.76%</b>
<b>EBITDAR</b>	<b>\$546,832</b>	<b>\$695,743</b>	<b>-\$148,911</b>	<b>-21.40%</b>
<b>RENT</b>	<b>-\$350,191</b>	<b>-\$487,142</b>	<b>-\$136,951</b>	<b>-28.11%</b>
<b>GAMING MACHINE ENTITLEMENTS</b>	<b>-\$161,671</b>	<b>-\$161,671</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>NET PROFIT</b>	<b>\$34,970</b>	<b>\$46,930</b>	<b>-\$11,960</b>	<b>-25.46%</b>

## DESK of KNOWLEDGE—WELFARE & PENSION

The Welfare & Pension Office for the last quarter of 2019 assisted people with multiple & deferring needs. Demand for assistance continues across all areas of Welfare & Military Pension, including substantial requests for legal related services & aged care support services.



Our Volunteers continued to support our Veterans, current serving personnel & our wider community. Our volunteers provided support, over 100+ hours per month & continue to provide their time to support the needs of others.

*We continue to receive requests from local residents & organisations, if you wish to become a Volunteer across our community network please let us know.*

Our Wellbeing & Social inclusion groups also grew in the months leading up to Christmas, this trend continues on the previous months.

Our teams continue to receive positive feedback relating to our Social & Wellbeing groups:

“the exercise is so deceiving, I can’t believe how much my movement has improved”

“attending the weekly program has helped me so much, it’s been so lovely”

“the group were so inviting, I didn’t feel like the new person”

*If you are interested in participating in our Tuesday Strength & Mobility program or our Friday Friendly Program please contact us. New members are always welcome.*

A reminder that the Welfare & Pension Advocates are qualified under Advocacy Training & Development Program (& also hold other external qualifications) if you require support we are available:

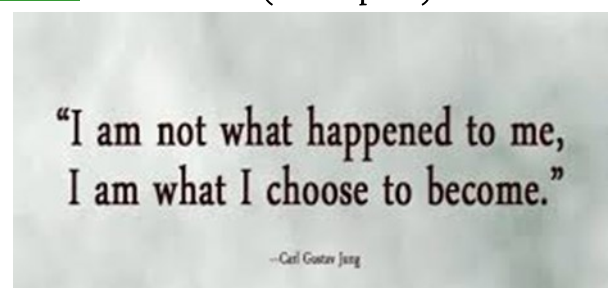
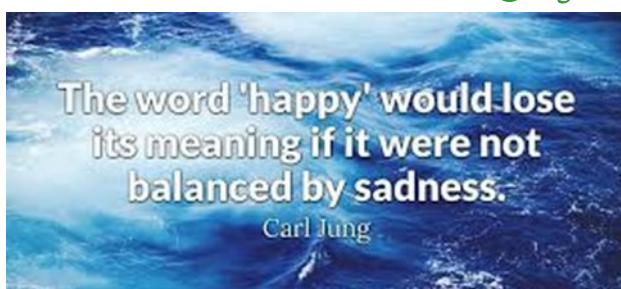
***Wellbeing Advocacy & Support- Nicole Frost***

*Office Operating: Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9am- 5pm*

***Military Advocacy Pension Support- Kevan Andrews & Ian Richards***

*Office Operating: Thursdays from 10am- 3.30pm*

Nicole Frost- Welfare Coordinator [welfare@ringwoodrsl.com.au](mailto:welfare@ringwoodrsl.com.au) or 9870 6604 (via reception)



## RINGWOOD RSL WAR WIDOWS

The RSL War Widows have enjoyed another year of many luncheons and interesting guest speakers. We have had a talk on Palliative Care, a visit from a Vietnam Vet and Michael Van Leeuwen from Legacy who gave a very interesting talk on a walking trip that he had done.

Sadly we have lost two members this year, but on the upside we are looking forward to celebrating another member's 99<sup>th</sup> birthday in February.

Our Club is open to all widows of men who have served in any of the forces either abroad or at home. We meet in the RSL on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 1pm, our next meeting being on the 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2020. For further info contact Therese on 0419 329 869 or Jean on 9758 4640.

Here we all are enjoying our Christmas breakup luncheon in the Bistro.





## FUNERAL OFFICE

Lest we forget.

Sadly sometimes when it is time to say goodbye we have missed the opportunity to ask the question of how much did his or her service in defence of our country mean to them.

For those of us who have served regardless of how long or short that period of our lives was-it has hopefully made us stronger, while keeping the Australian Anzac spirit of service & mate ship and looking after each other alive not just in defence but also in our community and our lives as a whole.

The RSL portion of a service member's funeral gives recognition and thanks not just for their service but also give thanks to the family past and present who have supported them during their lifetime.

**Funeral Officer Margaret Handte**





# Defence Veterans' Covenant



The Australian Defence Veterans' Covenant serves to recognise and acknowledge the unique nature of military service and the contribution of veterans and their families. The Covenant is supported by the Veteran Card, Lapel Pin and Oath. These provide the opportunity for Australians to identify veterans when they are not in uniform or wearing their medals, and offer respect to them and their family. Employers, businesses, local community groups and the broader Australian public are able to commit their support for the Covenant. The Covenant provides the framework that enables veterans and their families to better connect with their community. Veterans and Reservists can now apply for the Covenant, including the Veteran Card, Lapel Pin and Oath, online using MyService. Depending on your type of service, you may be eligible for all, or some, of the Covenant items. These items will be sent in the mail, noting that the Lapel Pin and Oath will be sent separately to the Veteran Card.

**To Apply For The Covenant Please Logon To The Webpage Below.**

<https://recognition.dva.gov.au/how-veterans-can-apply-information-page>

# BISTRO MEMBERS SURVEY 2019

FOOD			SERVICE			VENUE					
Variety	5	51	Pre-sen-tation	5	59	Speed	5	60	Location	5	71
	4	29		4	24		4	22		4	23
	3	12		3	9		3	11		3	2
	2	4		2	5		2	2		2	0
	1	2		1	0		1	5		1	0
		98			97			100			96
Quality	5	52	Value for Money	5	58	Staff Courtesy	5	79	Atmos-phere	5	54
	4	31		4	24		4	14		4	28
	3	9		3	11		3	6		3	7
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	1	6		1	3		1	0		1	0
		99			99			99			89
Portion	5	56				Staff Knowledge	5	55	Cleanli-ness	5	71
	4	35					4	26		4	26
	3	6					3	17		3	2
	2	1					2	0		2	0
	1	1					1	0		1	0
		99						98			99

## Our Fire Relief Appeal Has Raised

Door \$830, Bar Sales \$400 & Donations \$774.35

RINGWOOD RSL PRESENTS:

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## WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

In August 2019 the Women's Auxiliary celebrated our 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday with a luncheon attended by the Mayor of Maroonah, Sub Branch President and Treasurer, past and present auxiliary members.

Some of the older members got a few laughs and thrills out of seeing the Powerpoint presentation of old photographs of past events. During the luncheon Kas McCormack Smith was presented with her 10 year Silver Badge and Certificate.

At the Sub Branch AGM 2019 the Women's Auxiliary presented a cheque for \$20,000 to the President, David Jamison. We held many raffles and other fundraising ventures during the year and I thank everyone who bought raffle tickets, helped sell tickets and especially those who donated prizes. A big thank you to Fletchers Real Estate Ringwood for sponsoring our meat raffle.

Thank you also the Sub Branch, Wayne and his staff for the support and assistance given to the Women's Auxiliary throughout the year.

To my fellow members, a very big thank you for your hard work in 2019 and also the support you have given me.

Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at 10.30 a.m.

New members are always welcome. I can be contacted on 0427 280 887 if you would like more information.

May 2020 be a safe, prosperous and happy year for all.

Regards,

**Lyn Coad**

**Hon. President**



## BINGO REPORT

Unfortunately, we are starting the year without Kas McCormack Smith who has been doing the paper work and calling bingo for almost 10 years. Kas has resigned because of ill health, but we are hoping things will improve and we will see her at bingo sometime in the future. Thank you Kas for all the hard work you have put into bingo.

Bingo is held every Thursday except for a short break over the Christmas/New Year period. "Eyes Down" at 1.00 p.m. finishing about 3.00 p.m. The Women's Auxiliary run the bingo sessions and I would like to thank everyone who helped organise these during the year.

We have a raffle each week and proceeds from this and our trade table are donated to Ringwood RSL welfare.

New players are always welcome, so come along, try your luck and hopefully win a prize or two.

Don't forget "Eyes Down" at 1 p.m.

Regards,

**Lyn Coad**  
**(Hon. President)**





# AFTERNOON MELODIES

**FEBRUARY - TUESDAY 11TH**

**AT THE MOVIES**

**MARCH - TUESDAY 10TH**

**VARIETY SHOW FEATURING:**

**MARCIA RAE**

**APRIL - TUESDAY 14TH**

**BOBBY JAMES: GOLDEN MEMORIES**

**MAY - TUESDAY 12TH**

**ALL MY LOVIN**

**JUNE - TUESDAY 9TH**

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## RINGWOOD ANGLERS

This season opened with nine Anglers travelling to Lake Eucumbene in October for a week of Freshwater Angling, however although the participants had a great week away the trout didn't cooperate and very few were taken.

Michael McMillan came out on top for the week with the largest fish and wins the Snowy Mountain trophy for 2019.

Salt water season was scheduled to start in November but poor weather and low participation resulted in the first two charters being cancelled however the third one in December resulted in a successful charter from Stoney Point with the first snapper of the season trophy being won by Michael McMillan.

John Yoemans showed his saltwater prowess and not his usual seasickness and bagged a nice Gummy Shark, along with a seven gill and a couple of large rays and the charter was enjoyed by all who went with most anglers catching fish.

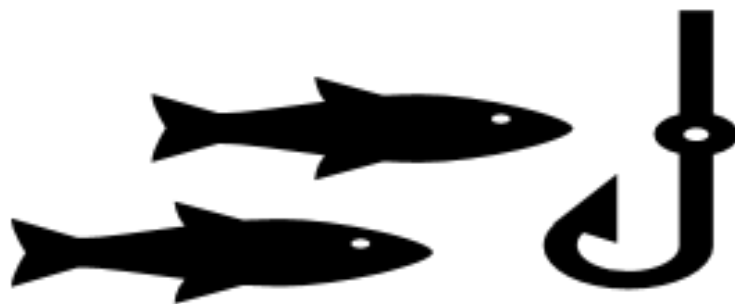
There are six more charters over the next three months that will see season 2019/20 completed.

If you are interested in fishing or just an enjoyable few hours in good company on the water please leave your contact details with reception and a club member will make contact with you.

Details of our season charter booking dates are printed in the social events booklet available from the Ringwood RSL.

**Rob Swenser**

**Secretary.**



## RINGWOOD PIPE BAND REVIEW

Another successful and eventful year has passed. We moved back into our refurbished band hall in February 2019. Thanks to the Shire Council there is a vast improvement and structure, just a few niggles remain but at last we are home again! Somewhere not only to practice on Wednesday nights but also to store all our equipment, uniforms and instruments; but of course all this comes with increases in rent and strict access times!

### ENGAGEMENTS

Our playout calendar gets busier each year with many Community events like Australia Day March in the CBD, several Anzac Day events and marches and of course The Ringwood Highland Games in March. At this we competed as a Band and performed for the Opening Ceremonies and promotions before hand. We also performed at various school fetes, the Warrandyte and Croydon Festivals and several Residential Retirement Homes. Then in November there was the Maroondah Festival and Remembrance Day commemorations. Our main Fund Raising event of the year was our Scottish Dinner and Dance, "When the Pipers Play" held at the Dorset Gardens Hotel in August. It was a most successful night attended by nearly 200 folk. A different venue for us was a concert at the Karrylyka Theatre with the Yarra Hills Secondary College Orchestra with a packed house. More formal engagements were in support of the CFA at their torch light processions at Diamond Creek in September and at Knox in February. We also assisted with the 408 Squadron R.A.F.C. final parade. We then relaxed at our "in house" Christmas Party and BBQ in our Band Hall. Our performance, the arrival of Santa and the Fun and Games made for a very special family evening.

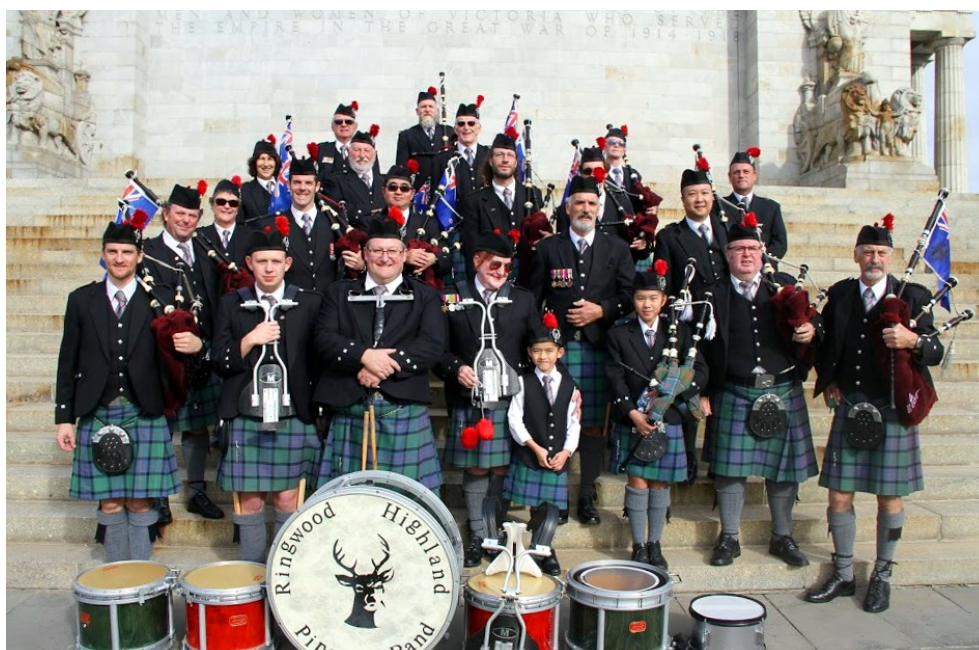
### SPONSORSHIPS

We still actively need financial support, hence our Scottish Dinner, Bunnings Sausage Sizzles and donations for our performances. However we remain most appreciative of the assistance given to us by the Ringwood RSL and are proud to represent them at any function. So thanks to all your members and especially David and Wayne!

Finally we wish all our RSL friends a Happy and Successful New Year.

**John Wicks**

**President**





## RINGWOOD HIGHLAND PIPE BAND



## MEMBERSHIP AT YOUR RSL 2019

Membership has had a increase on last year of 4% 198 members.

We relinquished \$46,000 in members fees to encourage new members and existing members to encourage their friends to join.

RSL's like Greensborough, Montmorency and Watsonia had increases in their membership on average of 55% after dropping their fees from \$40 to \$10 2020 will be a better year for Ringwood RSL.

Our membership is still well above the post renovation of 2014 by over 40%.

### Members by Class & Gender

Class	F	M	Total
Service	94	663	757
Affiliate	568	505	1,073
Social	1101	1666	2,767
Community	335	181	516
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,098</b>	<b>3,015</b>	<b>5,113</b>

### Male Members by Class & Age

Class	18-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80+	Total
Service	14	18	32	52	108	247	192	663
Affiliate	14	23	36	73	175	157	27	505
Social	86	162	184	472	372	293	97	1666
Community	18	18	28	16	32	51	18	181
<b>Total</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>613</b>	<b>687</b>	<b>748</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>3,015</b>

### Female Members by Class & Age

Class	18-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80+	Total
Service	1	3	5	9	22	24	30	94
Affiliate	5	15	25	58	169	204	92	568
Social	29	67	174	239	264	225	103	1101
Community	8	16	31	29	80	103	68	335
<b>Total</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>535</b>	<b>556</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>2,098</b>

**Wayne Chisholm**



## GOLF SECTION



The Golf Section committee hopes that all Ringwood RSL members and their families had a great 2019 and an even better 2020.

Sadly, we lost 4 of our golfing mates this year and they were; Jack Emmerson, Phil Cogan, Neil Kostic and lastly our immediate past president Peter Harvey. They all, over the years, made contributions to our section and they will be greatly missed.

Our presentation night (our 62nd) was held on 30th November with 68 people attending. Good food, good music, good company and generally a good time was had by all.

Congratulations to all the trophy winners; they thoroughly deserved their time in the sun.

Major winners for the year were;

A grade – Greg Frost B grade – Gunter Loidl

C grade – John Stabb C grade – Steve Jacobs

Club Champion – Greg Frost



And a very popular winner of NAGA of the year – Bob Dunstan.

A sporting section such as ours just doesn't run by itself. It takes hard work and enthusiasm to maintain the highest standard required to run our section. The committee for 2019 was listed in Over the Top for last year. Our AGM is listed for 15 January 2020 where committee members could very well change for 2020.

We would struggle without the assistance of our magnificent sponsors...they are:-Michael (Chuck) Berry, Brian Roe, Ringwood RSL, Bayswater RSL, Mick Soden, Jason Cocks, Harry Agathagelidis, House of Golf, Paul Madams and Ringwood RSL Indoor Bowls Section. Thank you very much, you have been terrific.

Our monthly raffle (first Friday) is run by Carol Smith and Brian Roe and funds raised go towards the running of our section. Thank you Carol and Brian.

We are very keen for new members to join us every month and have a laugh and we even play golf...some of us not very well but we have a go! You will be driven by bus to the course and returned back to the RSL.

We always feed the group with either a clubhouse lunch or a BBQ. So don't be shy, we have players of all standards...it is a great Day!

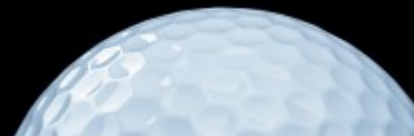
Have a great 2020.

**David Liggett**

**President Golf Section**

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-Raymond Floyd





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## 8 BALL SUMMER 2019 REPORT

During the 2019 Winter Season the Ringwood RSL Pool Club had teams in 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup> Division. Both teams consistently played high quality games and remained strongly competitive throughout the Winter 2019 season. Unfortunately our 2<sup>nd</sup> Division team narrowly missed out on making the finals. Our 1<sup>st</sup> Division team played the Village Green, defeating them 21-12 to become 2019 Premiers! Great work by all who played and supported on the night.

The 2019 Summer season commenced on the 15<sup>th</sup> October 2019 and we have 1 team in 1<sup>st</sup> Division. Competition is very strong this year and our team is currently 4<sup>th</sup> on the ladder.

On an individual note, congratulations to Neil Skinner on being inducted into the EDPL Hall of Fame inductees on 12/10/19. This is a huge honour for Neil and for the Ringwood RSL Pool Club.

The Ringwood RSL Pool Club would also like to congratulate:

Terry Lacey and Craig Mangan for coming Runners Up in the Les Michell Memorial Doubles Tournament on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2019.

Terry Lacey for taking out 2<sup>nd</sup> Best Player in the 500 Club.

The Winter 2020 Season will be commencing in February/March and we plan to enter 2 teams.

We are a strong, solid and competitive club. We are always seeking to recruit new players. If you are interested in playing 8-Ball please contact reception for more information.

A big thank you to Carol Smith for her ongoing contributions to the Committee and the Club.

The Ringwood R.S.L. 8-Ball Section hopes you and your family enjoyed a wonderful Christmas and wish you all the very best for 2020.





## PRESIDENT / WELFARE NIGHT

Welfare Achievement Awards Winners 2019—Presented by Cr Nora Lamont





# REMEMBERANCE DAY 2019





## CARPET BOWLS SECTION

2019 saw two Ringwood R.S.L. Teams again entered in the 2019 Tuesday Night Competition of the Eastern Suburban Indoor Biased Bowls Association's Winter Pennant Season. We welcomed Paul Scollard, a new member to replace Bernard Boucherau who sold up and moved to Queensland. This meant we were again able to maintain the same structure of two teams of six members to form our two teams of four bowlers for the weekly competition. Both of these teams struggled in the Home & Away games leaving both teams very low on the ladder, with only one team qualifying for the Finals in August. The No 1 Team skipped by Peter Robinson and Jim Corcoran missed the finals. However, the No 2 Team skipped by Margaret and Paul Storey qualified to play in the semi-finals for the Division 2 Pennant. Sadly they were simply outclassed by their opponents on the night and missed playing in the Grand Final.



*RSL's Lead Lucas Protopapas delivering the opening bowl in the Semi-Final at Blackburn Bowls Club with Paul Storey and Fiona McNamara (left of picture watching on).*

The Tuesday Night Grand Final Results for 2019 were;

### Division 1

Blackburn RSL I **29 shots** defeated Glen Waverley I **13 shots**

### Division 2

Doncaster I was given a walkover by Blackburn I – the team which beat Ringwood RSL in the Semi-final the previous week.

The Carpet Bowls Section hopes to once again enter teams for the Association's 2020 Winter Pennant Competitions. Separate competitions are conducted on Tuesday Nights and 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 )

### Ringwood RSL No 2 Team - 2018 Division 2 Runners-Up

*L to R – Paul Storey ( Second ), Margaret Poile ( Skip ), Gail Loidl ( Lead )  
and Fiona McNamara ( Third ).*

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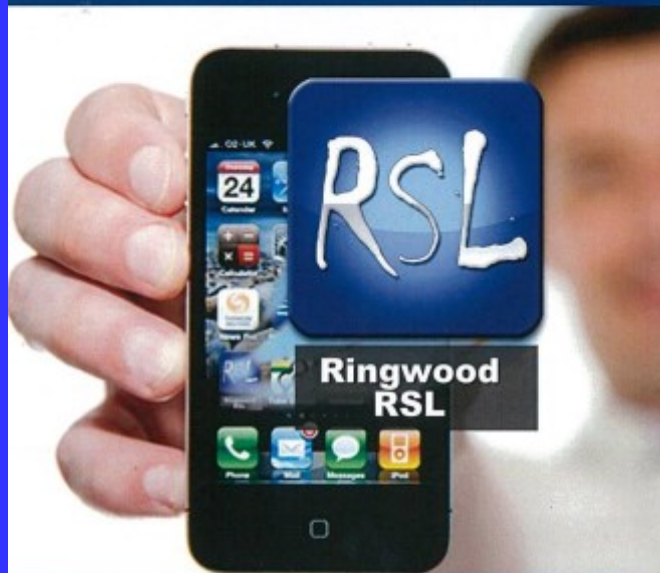
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