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SERVICE MEMBERS

First Name	Last Name	Service	Service No.	Date of Passing
ALFRED	WHEATLAND	Airforce	121455	1-Jan-20
BILL	JONES	Navy		24-Jan-20
BRIAN	LEWIS	Army		29-Jan-20
EDWARD	PAWLEY	Airforce	149538	16-Feb-20
FRANK	MERANGE	Army	VX12471	1-Mar-20
GRAEME	LANGLEY	Army	37365	1-Mar-20
IAN	PROCTOR	Army	NX135802	27-Mar-20
IAN	MCGIE	Airforce		10-May-20
JACK	HANLON	Navy	PM6353	27-May-20
JIM	REID	Army		1-Jun-20
JOHN	MASON			6-Jul-20
JOHN	MARGERISON	Army	37565	7-Jul-20
JOHN	WEBSTER	Airforce	4111981	27-Jul-20
JOHN	TREMBATH SNR	Army	VX111782	1-Aug-20
KENNETH	HERDMAN	Army	14438471	5-Sep-20
KEVIN	BURTON	Airforce	A314124	22-Sep-20
NORMAN	RICHES	Army		27-Sep-20
PHILIP	VENN	Airforce	168022	30-Sep-20
RITA	JAMES	Army	SF83903	20-Oct-20
ROBERT	HARPUR	Army	23450192	11-Nov-20
WALTER	EASTHOPE	Airforce	3501480	16-Nov-20

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Affiliate Members

First Name	Last Name	Date of Passing
MAVIS	BELL	8-Feb-20
LOUISE	PALMER	15-Apr-20
TED	NAYLOR	12-Aug-20
GRACE	LE GRIFFON	1-Sep-20
MARGARET	TOOGOOD	14-Sep-20
ELEANOR	BURNS	1-Dec-20
MARNIE	HUNTER	2-Dec-20

Social Members

First Name	Last Name	Date of passing
WILLIAM	ALLEN	17-Jan-20
RAYMOND	CAVEN	24-Jan-20
ELIZABETH	TARR	1-Mar-20
KEVIN	BERESFORD	16-Apr-20
PETER	COLLINS	1-May-20
PETER	BLAND	26-Jun-20
MARGARET	YATES	1-Oct-20
JOYCE	WILKINS	28-Oct-20
GRAEME	MCLEOD	27-Dec-20

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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 28th March 2021 or 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 2020 Annual General Meeting and Financials will be available from reception on presentation of your membership card.



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FROM THE PRESIDENTS PEN

2020 - What a Year!



Last year was like no other in our lifetime. The emergence of COVID 19 (corona virus) and the governments' responses to it impacted all parts of the community. The Sub Branch spent most of the year closed down and only able to provide limited welfare and pension advocacy support to veterans and their families as well as take away and "click and collect" meals and beverage services. Never the less there were some positives. The Federal Government's Job Keeper program allowed us to retain most staff while others who didn't qualify were able to access the Job Seeker benefits which provided support in excess of the normal unemployment benefits. The Committee, the Manager and our Welfare Coordinator tried to maintain contact with members by phone and by sending regular emails to members who have registered their emails with us. In addition we were able to maintain (although at a restricted level) the services provided by the pension office.

The Committee and Manager used the opportunity to spruce the venue up by painting and replacing some of our tired furniture. As well with support from a State Government grant we were able to install good quality gazebos and new furniture in the outdoor terrace of the ANZAC Lounge.

We have much to be grateful for, the Federal Government's Job Keeper program, the waiving of daily poker machine fees by MAX, the waiver of fees for the State Office, and for the State Government waiving of payroll tax, liquor licence fees, reduction of poker machine monitoring fees and the provision of small business and hospitality establishment grants.

We very much appreciated the support of our Manager and staff members who during this time became painters, gardeners, handy men and women and undertook deep cleaning of the venue.

We are also grateful for the continuing commitment of our members who have stuck with the Sub Branch even though it remained closed for so long. In recognition of this the Committee had no hesitation in waiving the membership fee for 2021 for all 2020 financial members. The Committee also reached out to the members of the Maroondah Sports Club (MSC) which was placed in receivership and abruptly closed leaving its membership in the lurch. Any 2020 financial member of the MSC was offered membership of the Sub Branch under the same conditions as our members.

As the year came to a close and we were able to reopen. We have been encouraged by members coming back to enjoy each other's company and the services we offer. Our level of trade has exceeded the Committee's expectations and the EOFY financial outcome is much better than the loss we anticipated. As a result although we have taken a hit our financial position remains very strong.

Project 2022 and Beyond (Securing our Future)

The 2020 shutdown has allowed the Committee to have a greater focus on the redevelopment project. The Committee has reviewed our Strategic Plan and agreed a "Redevelopment Plan" which will be overseen by the Project Development Working Group which in turn will be monitored by the Executive Members of the Committee.

To ensure effective management and governance of the project, the Committee has implemented a dual level management structure. The Project Working Group will provide the key interface to the developers and monitor the project for progress and issue and the working group will report to the Executive Committee of the Sub-Branch. Members of both the working group and the committee have substantial experience and qualifications in business, legal, financial, project and risk management. This dual level management structure will ensure timely reporting to the committee and ensure effective communication of the project to the membership.

Progress to date has seen the agreement on the "Heads of Agreement" (HoA) document by all parties. This was no small task as unlike a typical HoA, many of the conditions which would normally be in a development contract are included in this document.

The Committee and Developer have made a detailed submission to the Ministerial Advisory Panel on the Maroondah City Council Ringwood Activity Centre rezoning proposal, essentially asking for a greater "preferred height" for our block. Although the panel agreed, the Council declined to accept its report so we have to await the Minister's decision on this aspect. The outcome of this will then allow the developer to start full work on the planning application for the site. Work has started on the plan for the Sub Branch facility but it is still in the very early stage and has yet to be agreed.

We have received the proposed development contract which is now being reviewed by our legal advisers with its terms being negotiated with the developer's legal advisers. We expect to forward this document to the State Executive for its signature as trustee during March.

Notwithstanding what we've achieved so far, we are in a phase with a series of steps that have to be completed before any construction work can be undertaken. I expect it will be up to two years before we could see any onsite physical progress.

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

RSL State Executive Elections 2020

The State President, State Treasurer and a number of member positions were up for election.

The resulting outcome saw the existing President re-elected and the following as STEX members also elected;

Mr. David Martin OAM

Mr. Simon Thorn

Mr. Glenn Ferrarotto

Mr. Andrew Hanns

Mr. Ange Kenos

They will join Mr Lee Webb OAM JP Senior Vice President and Mr Des Callaghan AOM BJ JP Vice President. The position of State Treasurer remains vacant. Although a number of new faces have been elected, I expect it will be business as usual in the coming two years with no real change of direction which is a bit disappointing as I firmly believe the RSL needs rejuvenation.

A Final Word

Like everyone else, I'm looking forward to a more normal year in 2021. Although the year is not off to the best of starts we can only hope governments will act with skill and sensitivity implementing appropriate community safeguards where necessary so we can live a relatively normal existence with few restrictions.

Once again thank you for your continued support and keep well in 2021.

Support to the Veteran Community

Throughout the COVID 19 Government restrictions in 2020 the welfare and support work for the veteran and local communities remained the major focus of the Sub Branch. However the government responses severely limited our ability to provide the support and services we had planned. This is reflected in the figures outlined here which are well down on our normal levels of activity and expenditure.

- During 2021 we would like to get back to or exceed the normal level and range of support activities but this aspiration will be heavily dependent on government responses to future instances of COVID emerging.
- Normally we conduct commemorative services for the Ringwood community to mark ANZAC and Remembrance Days at the Ringwood Clock Tower Memorial Park. However in 2020 these were not open to members of the general public but were streamed and made available via Face Book. The Government and veterans organisations encouraged people to commemorate these days by marking them with a "driveway" remembrance at their own homes.

- Our normal remembrance services with local football teams spread from Mitcham to East Ringwood were not possible as COVID restrictions meant that no games were conducted at which a service could be conducted.
- We were able to provide bursaries and assistance worth \$1,800 for children attending Ringwood, Heathmont and Norwood Secondary Colleges.
- We supported the Maroondah Brass and the Ringwood Pipe Bands with sponsorship of \$3,000 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 \$121,257, a long way short of previous years because of the extended lockdowns.
- When we were able to trade we ran the Welfare/Courtesy Bus for members benefit as part of our social inclusion program at a cost of \$31,317.
- We provided sponsorship of and support for the Women’s Auxiliary, War Widows, the Day Club and Sub Branch Sporting Sub Sections worth \$6,566
- Sponsorship to the Ringwood Football Club, Eastern United Football (soccer) Club and the Raptors Rugby Club was suspended due to the lockdowns.
- There was limited use of the facilities provided for local community group activities again because of the lockdowns.
- We contributed about \$ 1,308,363 to the local community in goods and services purchased and employment of 50 staff from the surrounding community.

In total we contributed some \$1,501,313 worth of benefits to our veterans and community in 2020.

Proposed Sale of Vasey RSL Care

During 2020 The State President wrote to Sub Branches outlining his proposal to sell Vasey RSL Care. This decision which was a surprise to the network was made in conjunction with the co-owner, the Victorian Branch of the War Widows Guild.

Vasey RSL Care says it is Victoria’s leading specialist in veterans’ housing, care and support, providing;

Residential accommodation and care for more than 700 people, mostly veterans, in residential aged care homes and independent living units across Melbourne; and

Home care services for more than 150 mostly ex-service clients.

It is the only aged care organisation in Victoria that prioritises veterans. It provides care for veterans regardless of their age or financial circumstances.

There is an expectation that demand for Vasey RSL Care's services will continue to be strong. Department of Veterans' Affairs projections show that in the 10 years to June 2029, Victoria's veteran population will increase 21.8 per cent to more than 35,700. (The real numbers will be much higher, as DVA figures only capture DVA service clients, not all veterans.).

The Board of Vasey RSL Care has expressed serious concerns about the proposed sale. The issue is that the services provided by Vasey RSL Care are within the core role of the RSL. The reasons for sale outlined by the State President's of the RSL and War Widows Guild are vague and wholly unconvincing. There is a continuing need for the veteran focussed services provided by Vasey and it is not clear how the RSL will be able to continue to support veterans with these if the sale goes ahead. These concerns are not alleviated by the lack of detail on how the proceeds from any sale will be used as there is little to indicate there is any well developed plan on how they will be applied. Added to these, the RSL has yet to fully address the needs of the more recent veterans who are in need of independent living support or short term crisis accommodation.

President's Comment on the Afghanistan Allegations

I have been following the public debate on the allegations that our soldiers have committed criminal acts whilst deployed on operations in Afghanistan. I have felt compelled to take a moment to comment on the Brereton report and its allegations the SAS committed war crimes in Afghanistan over a period of 10 years.

In my opinion, the government has botched this in a most spectacular fashion. This belief has been reinforced with the recent revamp of the Federal Cabinet which has left the current Defence Minister in place. Her public reactions to the release of the Brereton report, rather than being measured or considered, are inflammatory and without any consideration for the soldiers or their families who are now caught up in more than a fight to clear their names, but a very public game of political hot potato. Further as a result of her, the CDF and Chief of Army's statements we now have ADF wives being vilified in public and their children being bullied in schools.

The Prime Minister's release of the report with sensationalist statements that it contained brutal truths of criminal offences was quickly followed by equally condemnatory statements by the Defence Minister and CDF which set the scene for a trial by media that is now well and truly underway.

It's no wonder we now have leaders of other countries using our own Prime Minister's words to attack Australia and the integrity of its service men and women.

These untested allegations against our soldiers are now being used as tools by the CDF and Chief of Army to publicly vilify those who served in Afghanistan. Worse still some Army members are being punished before any due process has taken place.

The CDF and Army Chief have failed as leaders and should be offering support to their troops, not throwing them under the bus before a verdict has even been rendered in a court of law. The attempt to forbid ADF lawyers from representing those being targeted threatened to put an almost insurmountable barrier to any charged member obtaining justice with none being able to match the resources of the Commonwealth in mounting a defence. So much for letting the process run its course and then expecting a just outcome! Thankfully intervention by a supporting ESO has ameliorated the situation somewhat.

The CDF and Army Chief continue to demonise those in the gun by indoctrinating other ADF members including newly graduating officers on their "crimes": All this before any actual finding of fact.

I'm troubled by the continuing public display of double standards by those who should be modelling the benchmark for ethical leadership. I'm further troubled by the government's continued mishandling of the matter.

The reception given to the Brereton report, the commentary of Australia's Leaders and the actions of the CDF and Army Chief cast a damper on the motivation and morale of the armed forces of this great country and it is a truly disappointing way to honour the bravery, camaraderie and loyalty shown by our serving members.

A question of Australia's leaders needs to be asked - are they aware of the far reaching implications of their undermining of these members and its impact on the confidence held by not only Australian's but other nations, in both past, present and future members of the Defence forces?

If things continue along the current path, how can any ADF member have any confidence in the integrity of Defence as a whole? I can't think of a better way to destroy the morale and effectiveness of the nation's military personnel than the current actions by the Government and ADF!

I hear also that there has been a continuing number of suicides by ADF members since the release of the report - when will this tragedy end?

How on earth are the targeted soldiers supposed to get anything like a fair trial with the media calling them murderers and politicians calling them a national disgrace?

Additionally those who have been issued show cause notices and subsequently dismissed will be out on their own with no ADF legal assistance to support them during the coming investigation and possibly trials in a court of law (and mind you I understand no officers are included in this action).

The only verdict which has been handed down is that of unqualified public opinion!

I also have grave concerns over the veracity of the report itself. The investigating officer publicly canvassed the population in Afghanistan which has an alien view of justice completely at odds with our own and provided inducements for so doing.

David Jamison

President



TREASURERS REPORT 2020



It is my privilege that I write this treasurers report for the financial year ending 31st December 2020. The audited financial statements are available and will be distributed at the AGM.

2020 has been an extraordinary year, the impact of COVID 19 to the results of our club has been breath taking and unprecedented. As you can appreciate, the two shutdowns (for a period of approximately 8 months) and the restrictions to trading outside of these shutdowns have made it very difficult for our club financially. However, with the assistance of Jobkeeper, government grants and some innovative changes to our business operations model, the club has managed to come out of this pandemic in a position of relative strength.

The summary of Profit and Loss for financial year ending 31st December, 2020 reflects a NET LOSS of \$54,031. This is a much better outcome than was initially being forecast during the early stages of the club's shutdown.

I'd like to take the opportunity to focus on a few areas of interest:

1. Sales revenue in all trading areas were down in line with the period of the shutdown.
2. The committee decided to keep all fulltime staff employed during the shutdowns. This not only showed the clubs support for its employees but provided the club with the resources to refurbish and modernise the clubrooms.
3. The decision to keep the kitchen open for take home and home delivery produced on average 450 covers per week (normal average 1,100).
4. The club invested around \$50,000 on new furniture and TV's.
5. Rent of \$184,120 was still paid into our patriotic fund even through the clubs financial struggles during the pandemic.
6. The clubs cash reserves remain very strong sitting at \$1.339 million as at the 31st of December, 2020.

Moving forward to 2021, I can report that the club has bounced back with a vengeance with trading from the Anzac Lounge and the Gaming Rooms well above budget and previous year. YTD profit for the two months ending February 2021 was \$135,988. As a result of this your committee has decided transfer \$150,000 to reduce our loan with the ANZ bank.

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 2021 is a great year.

Harry Agathagelidis

Treasurer

Ringwood RSL Trading Financials 2020

STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS	2020	2019
SALES REVENUE:		
BAR	\$603,253	\$1,457,588
FOOD	\$581,039	\$1,236,986
GAMING	\$1,205,122	\$3,401,649
TAB	\$12,636	\$58,345
OTHER REVENUE	\$226,531	\$279,465
TOTAL SALES REVENUE	\$2,628,581	\$6,434,033
JOBKEEPER	\$706,050	\$0
COST OF GOODS SOLD	-\$725,582	-\$2,007,053
ACCOUNTING, LEGAL & CONSULTING	-\$28,947	-\$16,091
ADVERTISING EXPENSES	-\$56,265	-\$112,208
AMORTIZATION	-\$135,942	-\$616,146
MEMBERS DISCOUNTS	-\$99,338	-\$231,278
DONATION & WELFARE EXPENSES	-\$34,093	-\$145,736
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS EXPENSES	-\$1,534,348	-\$2,038,499
FINANCIAL COSTS & CHARGES	-\$123,377	-\$171,920
PATRIOTIC WELFARE FUND COSTS	-\$40,000	-\$44,328
OFFICE & ADMIN EXPENSES	-\$156,408	-\$318,508
OTHER EXPENSES	-\$170,141	-\$202,174
RENT CONCESSIONS	-\$144,120	-\$305,863
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	-\$18,458	-\$32,754
UTILITIES	-\$121,643	-\$156,198
NET PROFIT / LOSS FOR THE YEAR	-\$54,031	\$35,277



SECRETARY

From the Secretary's Desk

This was my first year in the role of Secretary and I found the restrictions of the pandemic hampered greatly my transition from committee member to Secretary. Not being able to attend the Sub-Branch because of the "5Km" rule made it difficult to gain the knowledge needed to perform the various tasks asked of a secretary.

Because of the pandemic early preparation for the 2020 Anzac Day Services, required late cancellation of the Council, Police and Vic Roads etc who all play an important role in our services.

I must thank David, Wayne, and Cheryl for their support, advice and knowledge, they make the secretary's job seem easier than it is.

In November for the Remembrance Day Service, we were able to gain the services of Bugler Luke Barr a year nine pupil at Ringwood Secondary College, his contribution was greatly appreciated.

Throughout the year where permissible I attended Anzac House for the State Elections as a scrutineer and attended my first Region 2 Meeting held at the Dandenong RSL Sub-Branch.

As we move into 2021, I hope that the restrictions imposed by Government to protect us all from the COVID19 pandemic ease sufficiently to allow some level of normality back into our lives.

I look forward to serving you throughout 2021.

Rob Swenser

Secretary.



BANTER FROM THE MANAGER



2020 (COVID19) was a vastly different year. I would like to thank the committee for their support and their vision in keeping our full-time staff on during the pandemic and the foresight to see past COVID19 and the opportunities that opened up for the RSL.

By continuing to trade throughout the lockdown, we stayed connected to our staff and our core member base. This also helped with the smooth re-opening of the RSL. Thankyou to the committee and the staff for all their hard work throughout 2020, without your commitment and support we would not be doing as well as we are this year.

Now for the year ahead:

- ◆ We will be having a band in the Bistro on the last Friday night of each month.
- ◆ Afternoon Melodies has returned.
- ◆ Bingo is back Thursday afternoons from 1pm.
- ◆ The Courtesy Bus is back on Thursday to Sunday with the acquisition of a new bus.
- ◆ Marvel Stadium football tickets can be won again in the Anzac Lounge.
- ◆ Meat tray raffle is on Friday nights.
- ◆ The members draw is back Fridays as well.

Once again, we will have our Oaks Day function in the Anzac Lounge and Christmas Day lunch will return, although it might be a little different, depending on what restrictions are still in place.

And to all the members I wish you all the best for the forthcoming year and hope you enjoy your clubs improved facilities. We will continue to strive to exceed your expectations.

Wayne Chisholm

General Manager

OASIS VETERAN & FAMILY SUPPORT CENTRE

Oasis Advocacy office

Welcome to the new year from the Advocacy Team - Kevan, Ian, Heather and Michael. Last year was a difficult time for all veterans. Our condolences to those who have lost their loved ones. I hope you all pulled through given the loneliness and isolation some of us had to face. During this time the advocacy office was lucky to be only closed for six to eight weeks but we were working from home where we could and had online face to face conversations. Unfortunately, the claims process was slowed down at the DVA end due to COVID.

Some useful information: at present we are fully staffed and work on Thursdays from 10.30am until 3.30pm. We have one advocate updating to level two and one trainee advocate. Our aim is to increase our advocacy team and expand our services to the wider community. At present we service many RSL's around our region: Healesville, Lilydale, Emerald, Boronia, Upwey Belgrave, Box Hill, Glen Waverley just to name a few.

During 2020:

Hours worked: 817.5 (at home and in RSL office)

Interviews: 100

Submissions to DVA: 19

Determinations from DVA: 18

We have had our members offered lump sum payments for accepted DRCA and MRCA claims. These members are now in a comfortable position thanks to our staff. We wish them all the best in the future.

There have been some issues around the new tinnitus test (Objective testing), where members have lost points. I am happy to advise that members who had points allocated prior to Objective testing shall remain the same.

If you have been awarded TPI or EDA and you wish to collect your file, please contact us at the RSL. If you have physically / psychologically deteriorated or haven't submitted a claim for a few years, please come and visit us. Please be aware that some claims have time limits.

If you see us walking around come and have a chat. We are here to help you.

Your sincerely

Kevan Andrews JP

RINGWOOD RSL WAR WIDOWS

On Monday 21st December 2020 we had 10 War Widows and two Daughter/Carers attend a Christmas Luncheon at the RSL in the Bistro. It was the first time we had been together since the Covid Lock-down and there was much to catch up on.

One of our ladies had spent most of the Lock-down in hospital with Pneumonia but fortunately not with the virus. We also lost member Norma Cherry after a long struggle with illness.

There was much to talk about and the ladies made the most of the occasion whilst enjoying a sumptuous lunch.

Regards

Therese Woodyard

Courtesy Bus

Thursday - 11am to 10pm

Friday - 4pm to 11.30pm

Saturday - 4 pm to 11.30 pm

Sunday - 4pm to 10pm

COVID Rules Apply



For Members Living Within 5 KM's of the RSL

**TO BOOK PLEASE PHONE 9870 6604
BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL!**

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

Like all of the other groups, our activities were certainly curtailed in 2020.

However, at the Sub Branch AGM we were able to donate \$10,000 and, we are looking forward to being able to get back to some sort of COVID normal activities now.

Our first meeting for 2021 is happening – meetings are held at 10.30 am on the first Wednesday of each month. The general meeting is short and we enjoy having a guest speaker coming along.

All of our members are continuing to keep a positive outlook for 2021 and that we can resume our usual fund-raising activities, whilst enjoying our friendship with each other.

In our own way, we are continuing to serve.

Shirley Devery

Hon. Secretary



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>

RINGWOOD ANGLERS

Several Salt Water Anglers have been on a couple midweek charters chasing Whiting with limited success, and the postponement of the October Eucumbene Fresh Water Trip has been replaced with a trip in March, headed up by John Yoemans.

Anglers are hoping the inactivity through the COVID lockdowns aided in the growth of the fish they hope to catch.

The 2021/22 season will recommence in September and all are looking forward to the return to normality.

Rob Swenser

Secretary.



8 BALL SUMMER 2019 REPORT

The 2020 Winter Season was shut down before it could begin, much like other activity. After a tough year we have all come through the other end and are looking forward to the new season commencing on the 23rd March 2021. We plan to enter 2 teams – 1st and 2nd Division.

We will be a strong, solid and competitive club again this year. 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 2021.



RINGWOOD PIPE BAND REVIEW

Well what a year 2020 proved to be! Thanks to Covid 19 and government restrictions most of the Band's performances and engagement were cancelled: our Band Hall was closed and the Ringwood Highland Games cancelled. Fortunately our members took up the challenge so that practices and meetings were by "Zoom" - not ideal but better than not getting together at all.

Our usual Anzac Day marches and Remembrance Day performances were also hit but several Bands members did don uniforms and play at their front gates or war memorials. This year commemorations are still in doubt but slowly restrictions are being lifted until re-imposed in February!! We have had practices at the band hall since November (when allowed) but social distancing must still be observed - not easy for a marching band!

However our spirits are high and we seem to have survived this awful year, so far, without serious consequences. Thanks to the generosity of the Ringwood RSL our finances have not taken too devastating a hit but of course our performance donations have almost dried up. Never the less our morale is great and we look forward to being an active Band in later 2021.



John Wicks - President

GOLF SECTION



Well, what a year that we and other sporting sections experienced. It is sometimes difficult to look back and work out how we got through those tough restrictions.

Early 2020 we were able to play a couple of games before we were forced off the course. Finally restrictions were removed to allow us to complete the year playing our annual tussle with The Sunday Sippers at Ringwood. We had a victory by a small margin. The committee is now in the process of planning the rest of the year with playing at mainly local courses.

We are still looking for new members to have a hit and socialise with a great bunch of blokes. If you are interested feel free to contact me on 0417 818 116.

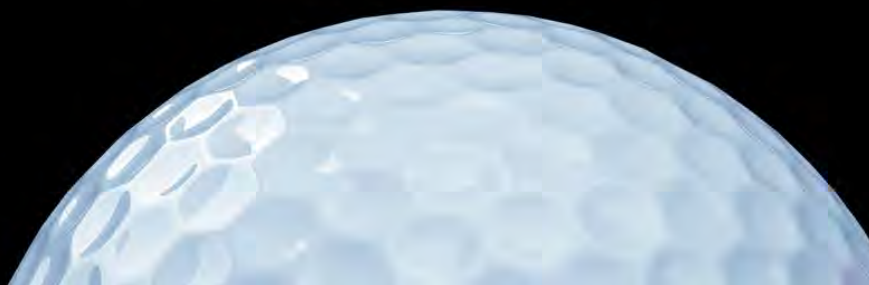
Cheers and good putting

David Liggett

President Golf Section

“They call it golf because all the other four
letter words were taken”

-Raymond Floyd



MEMBERSHIP AT YOUR RSL 2020

Although we endured the COVID pandemic in 2020 our Membership still held up well with only 19% not renewing.

The Committee during the crisis made the decision not to charge membership fees in 2021 for all members that were financial in 2020.

329 Members have graciously donated their membership fee's plus extra to Welfare, totalling \$8,434.

Members by Class & Gender

Class	F	M	Total
Service	95	574	669
Affiliate	517	476	993
Social	897	1408	2305
Community	108	53	161
Total	1617	2511	4128

Male Members by Class & Age

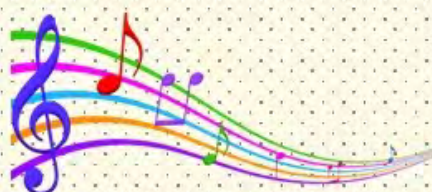
Class	18-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80+	Total
Service	5	6	17	39	82	242	183	574
Affiliate	11	18	30	63	159	158	37	476
Social	53	101	200	325	352	275	102	1408
Community	3	5	15	8	8	10	4	53
Total	72	130	262	431	601	685	326	2511

Female Members by Class & Age

Class	18-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80+	Total
Service	0	1	2	10	18	36	28	95
Affiliate	3	14	20	43	146	203	88	517
Social	23	37	106	185	229	206	111	897
Community	0	3	6	7	21	40	31	108
Total	26	55	134	245	414	485	258	1617

Wayne Chisholm
Membership

Afternoon



Melodies

First Tuesday Each Month

Lunch 12noon

Show @ 2 pm

Seniors Lunch & Show \$20

6th April—Dave Allen

4th May—Marcia Rae

1st June—Sam Milan

6th July—Elvis to the T

3rd August—Marion Rodder

7th September—Rob Fonander

5th October—Rene Diaz

2nd November—Dennis Rae

7th December—John Zammit

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CARPET BOWLS SECTION

2020 Report for "OVER THE TOP" Newsletter

The 2020 Winter Pennant Season of the Eastern Suburban Indoor Biased Bowls Association, which was to be held from May to September, was not conducted due to the Government restrictions enforced to combat the global "Covid-19 Pandemic". However, some of our R.S.L. Carpet Bowls Members did manage to successfully compete in the Association's Summer Competition which was held from October 2019 to March 2020 at the Blackburn R.S.L.

The Summer competition involves randomly formed teams from the Association's Clubs playing weekly Wednesday Night games with amended rules during the Summer months with a break for the festive season. The Division finals which were played on Wednesday, 18 March 2020 are as follows (with our Ringwood R.S.L. Members in bold type) :-

Division 1

Winners; **Margaret Poile**, Adrian Ballinger, Jodie Jones & Jim Bullock (Skip)

Runners Up; Miriam Morton, Antonio Cuce, Mabel Cuce & Graeme Ellis (Skip)

Division 2

Winners; Bernie Cosgriff, **Babs Elliott**, Peter Wilson & **Paul Storey** (Skip)

Runners Up; Wendy Archer, Sue Nesbitt, Rodney Jones & Allen Kinnburgh (Skip)

The Carpet Bowls Section hopes to once again enter teams for the Association's 2021 Winter Pennant Competitions. Separate competitions are normally conducted on Tuesday Nights and Wednesday afternoons in the months April to August. Any R.S.L. Members interested in being part of either or both of the Winter competitions can register their interest with reception. However, whether the Winter E.S.I.B.B.A. Pennant competitions are able to be conducted remains uncertain at this stage of the 2021 year.

Gunter Loidl

(Carpet Bowls Secretary / Treasurer)



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