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SERVICE MEMBERS

First Name	Last Name	Service	Service No.	Date of Passing
RUSTY	ADAMS	ARMY	22276801	18/12/2021
CHARLES	BREWER			1/09/2021
JAMES	BRUCE	ARMY	VX132164	23/07/2021
IAN	COLLIER	ARMY	3173194	13/07/2021
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ALLAN	KINNEAR	ARMY	3143000	9/06/2021
KEITH	RUTLEDGE	ARMY	VX63159	18/04/2021
LEONARD	SPERLING	ARMY	VX93644	15/03/2021
JOHN (DES)	WITHERS	AIRFORCE	A32597	14/6/2021

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Affiliate Members

First Name	Last Name	Date of Passing
BETTY	BEAL	8/05/2021
TINA	BURNE	13/09/2021
IAN	DOWNIE	16/11/2021
ELLEN	EADE	25/03/2021
SHIRLY	HAMILTON	4/08/2021
DOROTHY	HUGHES-GAGE	4/01/2021
SHIRLEY	KOHLER	1/02/2021
MARGO	MORROW	1/08/2021
STEPHEN	RASKOVY	7/06/2021
PATRICIA	SCHULTIES	12/11/2021
PAMELA	WILCOX	7/12/2021

Social Members

First Name	Last Name	Date of passing
SUZY	BIRCH	1/08/2021
ELIZABETH	BLYTH	31/03/2021
ANNIE	FAIRWEATHER	4/11/2021
GAIL	GEORGE	19/11/2021
DAVID	GOODEY	1/03/2021
CYNTHIA	HAMMOND	2/04/2021
PIXIE	HANSON	31/12/2021
ENID	MANNION	10/11/2021
WAYNE	O'CONNOR	14/06/2021
PETER	ROBB	4/02/2021
BRIAN	SLOAN	1/08/2021
BILL	WYATT	2/02/2021

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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 27th March 2022

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 2021 Annual General Meeting and
Financials will be available from reception on presentation
of your membership card.



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FROM THE PRESIDENTS PEN



Looking Back at 2021

In reviewing last year, I was surprised that we had been forced to close on a total of some 108 days. How quickly we forget what we've been through!

We continue to live with government-imposed restrictions and those who have not been vaccinated cannot enter the Sub Branch premises unless they possess an exemption which is almost impossible to obtain. I don't know how long we will have to live with these restrictions on our freedoms. These have been imposed based on health advice from the Chief Health Officer whose advice has not been made public so there has been little or no scrutiny on its veracity. This government secrecy is not a good precedent given that our service men and women have paid a high price to defend our freedoms. As an aside I would like to acknowledge the professional way ADF members have supported the State Government in the management of its response to the COVID outbreaks.

Despite being out of action for approximately one third of the year our members have remained steadfastly loyal and as soon as we were able to reopen, they came back to enjoy meeting together once again and to use the services we offer. The Committee and I are enormously grateful for this support. As a corollary to this I am pleased to be able to report that our trading position has rebounded and we end the year with a healthy surplus. This will help undergird our operations through the coming period of disruption that will characterise our operations during the redevelopment construction phase scheduled to start towards the end of 2023 or early 2024.

During the year our Veterans Fitness Engagement program was conducted by Jason Isaac. This program revolving around a 'boxercise' circuit aims to promote fitness and encourage friendship connections for veterans, our members and their families as well as the community. I look forward to its growth as well as its benefits during the year.

I am grateful for the commitment shown by our Pension Office personnel led by Kevan Andrews and our Welfare Coordinator Lyn Maestri. They've continued to provide welfare and pension advocacy support to veterans and their families throughout the year.

I remain grateful for the loyalty and work of our volunteers including those involved with the ANZAC & Poppy Appeals, Women's Auxiliary, War Widows and the Friday Club, our Chaplains Cheryl & Tristan Forrest and Rhonda Burns and very much look forward to seeing them being able to help with the work of the Sub Branch in 2022.

Other Activities

I have been asked to be part of two State Branch working groups, the Electoral Reform Advisory Group and the State Branch and Veterans Funding Task Force.

ELECTORAL REFORM ADVISORY GROUP

This group comes out of the State Executive response to the discussion on the State Executive election process at last year's State Conference. Its discussions have led to it identifying three alternatives to the present method where each Sub Branch is allocated a number of votes according to its service membership. The alternatives are:

1. One service member one vote;
1. One Sub Branch one vote; or
1. One service member one vote combined with each Sub Branch either having one vote or a tiered number of votes as presently allocated.

I prefer the third alternative as it allows service members a personal vote but at the same time allows Sub Branches to reflect the wishes of their overall membership in deciding on their vote.

STATE BRANCH AND VETERANS FUNDING TASK FORCE

At present the State Branch is largely funded by a levy on each poker machine within the State RSL network. Sub Branches without gaming pay a relatively minor levy to supplement the funding provided by the large Sub Branches with gaming operations. This arrangement was agreed when the present gaming arrangements were put in place ten years ago. The contract underpinning this arrangement ends in August this year: thus the need to bring in a new funding structure to replace the current method after August this year. The immediate requirement is to provide a level of funding for the Branch office over the next three years while a study into its functions and structure is undertaken to ensure it is able to perform its role into the future. The Task Force has considered a number of ways to provide the necessary funding and is leaning towards a formula based on each Sub Branch's membership, its revenue and number of gaming machines. Any revised formula will need to be agreed to by 70% of the Sub Branches with gaming operations so the way ahead is not yet certain.

A Final Word

We hope all within the Defence and Veteran communities are looking after themselves during the pandemic. Although lockdowns appear to be a thing of the past, the current Omicron wave brings its own hardships and challenges. Please remember there are services available to support your mental health and wellbeing.

 <p>OPEN Veterans & Families Counselling ARMS</p> <p>1800 011 046</p>	 <p>SAFE ZONE SUPPORT</p> <p>FREE ANONYMOUS COUNSELLING LINE CALL 1800 142 072</p>	 <p>Defence Family Helpline</p> <p>1800 624 608</p>	 <p>Defence All-hours Support Line</p> <p>1800 628 036</p>
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Like everyone else, I'm looking forward to 2022 being a year of progress. Our developers will be applying for planning approval for the redevelopment and the committee will be starting the work of relocating the Pension Office (hopefully in Maroondah Council owned premises) as well as packing the memorabilia collection for storage.

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 2022.

Support to the Veteran and Community

RAT Tests For veterans

Veteran Card holders are able to access COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Tests for free through participating community pharmacies across Australia. Gold, White and Orange Card holders can access up to 10 tests over a 3-month period, to a maximum of 5 tests per month. Veterans will need to attend the pharmacy in person and present their Veteran Card to receive the amount of tests required, noting the limit up to 5 tests in any month.

If you do not have a Veteran Card, you may still be able to access free tests if you have a:

- Pension Concession Card
- Commonwealth Seniors Health Care Card
- Health Care Card
- Low Income Health Card

Sub Branch Veteran & Community Support

During 2021 notwithstanding the COVID restrictions, the welfare and support work of the Sub Branch continued.

- During 2020 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 \$38,864
- 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 \$1,800 for children attending Ringwood, Heathmont and Norwood Secondary Colleges.

- We supported the Ringwood Pipe Bands with sponsorship of \$3,000 even though their activities were suspended. This band 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 \$297,348, still short of previous years because of the 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 \$29,636.
- We provided sponsorship of and support for the Women’s Auxiliary, War Widows, the Day Club and Sub Branch Sporting Sub Sections worth \$4,700.
- Sponsorship to the Ringwood Junior Football Club, Ringwood Female Football Club, Ringwood Auskick, Ringwood Netball Club and Our Ladies Netball Club total \$10,800.
- There was limited use of the facilities provided for local community group activities again because of the lockdowns.
- We contributed about \$3,299,759 to the local community in goods and services purchased and employment of 50 staff from the surrounding community.

In total we contributed some \$3,702,742 worth of benefits to our veterans and community in 2021.

R E D E V E L O P M E N T

The Lead Up

The redevelopment project has been in process since 2014 but the current phase commenced in earnest in 2018. The first phase was the renovation which was completed in 2015. The committee then started to plan in earnest for the next step understanding the existing infrastructure was not able to sustain the club in the medium to long term. The renovation was the first (interim) step to ensure the Sub Branch facilities could meet the immediate needs of members. As part of the project management arrangements a dedicated project working group has now been formed and provides the ability for the Committee to oversee the project and manage business relationship with the development partners.

Entering into the current phase a number of options were developed and after significant risk analysis and consideration of all the viable options, the Committee determined the best way forward to ensure the long term viability of the Ringwood RSL, was to completely redevelop the existing site. Expressions of interest were sought and two potential development groups were identified and requested to submit proposals.

After a number of meetings with the two developers and extensive due diligence on both (competence, experience, financial backing) the Joint Venture (JV) of REDC and CostaFox was selected. The key focus of the decision was the long term benefits to the Ringwood RSL. The JV selected offered the provision of a brand new RSL Facility with all the current functionality plus additional components such as a wellness centre (gym and pool), mini theatre, commercial space for the RSL to gain revenue from, one hundred basement car parks with elevator access to the RSL and, importantly, a significant cash component for the RSL. The total benefit to the Ringwood RSL is estimated to be in the region of \$24 million.

The key to this achieving the benefit to us was the provision for the JV to build apartment complexes above the area of the RSL but not directly above. The height of these is yet to be finalised and will be determined during the application for the required permits. The RSL will have no responsibility related to these apartments.

A process followed whereby a Heads of Agreement was developed and, after prolonged interaction with the RSL State Branch (acting as Trustees) and considerable legal advice, the HoA was signed. Very soon after that, the formal Development agreement was also signed.

The Present

So, what is the current status of the project? Whilst it may appear that very little has been happening, there has and is a lot going on. Currently, in preparation for lodging the required planning permits, many meetings have been held between the RSL and JV and we are close to finalising the floor plans for submission. There are key considerations in this aspect relative to liquor licensing, poker machines and the continued trading on our current site.

The plans currently under discussion involve the new RSL having full frontage in Station Street from Kendall to James Street with the permit applications expected to be lodged in March/April this year.

The Future

What next? We will now go through the permit application process and, at this stage, can only guesstimate how long that will take, however the overall project plan has allowed contingencies for this.

It is planned for the actual building stage to commence late 2023 with full completion expected towards the end of 2025. It is also expected the new RSL facility will be completed at the end of 2024 during the first stage of the building project and we can then move in. The JV will establish a temporary facility where we can continue limited trading for the duration of the building of the new RSL to ensure that the presence of the Ringwood RSL is maintained on the current site. Many of the administrative and welfare services will be re-located offsite but the location for those services has not as yet been finalised.

Very importantly, all the costs associated in designing and building the overall facility, applications for the required permits and the establishment of the temporary RSL have and will be paid by the JV and not the Ringwood RSL.

Timely updates will be provided on key milestones in the progression of the project but, at any if time you have any questions, seek out members of the committee as they are the ONLY people who know the true situation and actual status of the project.

David Jamison

President



Welfare and Pension

I would like to introduce myself. My name is Lyn and I am the community support worker, (formally known as welfare officer) here at Ringwood RSL. We hope you are holding up well given the current situation we have been facing. If I haven't met you, please pop in and introduce yourself and let me know if there is anything I can do to help.

The welfare and pension office are assisting members again after a year of uncertainty with lockdowns and covid. Kevan and Ian are qualified under the Advocacy Training and Development Program as well as other qualifications, and are available if you need support.

Volunteers continue to provide support to the needs of others and to the RSL community, we thank all that they do for us. If you would like to volunteer, please let us know.

Our wellbeing groups continue with the strength and mobility class, Bingo and Friendly Fridays. There is also a boxing class held on Wednesday evenings. If you are interested in participating in any of these groups, please let us know. New members are always welcome. We are also planning a new social group this year. Watch this space!

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 10 am -5 pm

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





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Complimentary Appraisal

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

TREASURERS REPORT 2021



It is my privilege that I write this treasurers report for the financial year ending 31st December 2021. The figures discussed in this document are subject to audit.

2021 has been an extraordinary year, and COVID 19 once again had a significant impact to the performance of our club. We suffered through 4 lockdowns with a total of 108 days in shutdown with additional restrictions to trading outside of these shutdowns.

Despite this, I am pleased to report that, for the financial year ending 31st December 2021, the club made a net surplus of **\$730,142**.

This is an incredible outcome considering the restrictions the club was subjected to and, I believe, the result reflected the decisions, directions and effort put in by management and staff during the year.

- I'd like to take the opportunity to focus on a few areas of interest:
- The club was in shut down for about 30% of the year in 2021 compared to 66% of the year in 2020.
- Sales revenue in all trading areas were up.
- Expenses across the board were in line with expectations.
- The committee's decision to keep all staff employed during the shutdown enabled the club to open strongly and fully staffed.
- The clubs cash reserves remain very strong sitting at \$1.2 million as of the 31st December 2021.

Looking ahead to 2022, I feel confident that the club will continue to remain in strong financial position. The latest results support this with a promising \$62,000 surplus reported in January 2022.

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 bookkeeper Ainsley Russel 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 all the good work that they do and to make this a great club.

Looking forward to working with you all again in 2022.

Harry Agathagelidis

Treasurer



Ringwood RSL Trading Financials 2021

<u>STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS</u>	2021	2020
SALES REVENUE:		
BAR	\$1,175,427	\$603,253
FOOD	\$830,689	\$581,039
GAMING	\$2,997,848	\$1,205,122
TAB	\$28,946	\$12,636
OTHER REVENUE	\$135,885	\$199,527
TOTAL SALES REVENUE	\$5,168,795	\$2,601,577
JOBKEEPER / GOVT GRANTS	\$151,200	\$733,054
COST OF GOODS SOLD	-\$1,695,626	-\$837,395
BAR EXPENSES	-\$32,025	-\$11,809
FOOD EXPENSES	-\$105,183	-\$58,979
GAMING EXPENSES	-\$62,383	-\$161,515
MEMBERS DISCOUNTS	-\$297,348	-\$141,592
DONATION & WELFARE EXPENSES	-\$55,699	-\$44,573
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS EXPENSES	-\$1,604,133	-\$1,580,256
FINANCIAL & LEGAL COSTS	-\$50,150	-\$35,183
PATRIOTIC WELFARE FUND COSTS	-\$72,967	-\$40,000
MEMBERS SUNDRY EXPENSES	-\$36,455	-\$12,965
OTHER EXPENSES	-\$51,296	-\$6,762
RENT TO BUILDING FUND	-\$144,120	-\$144,120
OCUPANCY COSTS	-\$309,954	-\$274,209
STATE BRANCH CNTRIBUTION	-\$72,514	-\$39,304
NET SURPLUS / DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR	\$730,142	-\$54,031

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK



Another COVID restricted year has passed us by, adding continuing restrictions and complications to our lives. As with most, I long for the return to normality, although I'm not sure anymore what that actually is.

It has been a complex year with special consideration and planning needed to allow us to function and plan and run the ANZAC and Remembrance Day services and other club events under strict COVID Rules.

With the support of the many Volunteers, our loyal Staff and your committee, I have made it through the year. I would like to thank all who through their guidance and friendship assisted me in fulfilling the task of Secretary.

Throughout the year where permissible under our strict Victorian Mandates, I attended a number of Region No2 Forums representing you all and ensuring our Sub-Branch is kept up to date with the initiatives undertaken by other Sub-Branches in our region.

Throughout the year a number of initiatives were commenced and many are still in progress, they involved :-

- Discussions with the Mural Artist to obtain a suitable quotation for the repair and repainting of the Murals.
- Applying for a Government Grant to undertake the refurbishment of the Murals on the Railway Bridge.
- Applying for the necessary permits to conduct the ANZAC March and Dawn Service, and the Remembrance Service under strict COVID Rules.
- Working with the No22 Engineers for Catafalque Party support.
- Brass and Pipe Bands and the Vermont College Student Band.
- Our two Buglers.
- Still underway, with provision through Maroondah Council of office facilities to relocate our Welfare and Advocacy functions during our rebuild.

I am appreciative of the responsibility afforded me as Secretary, acknowledging that it greatly assisted my ability to emerge from the last two years with some semblance of sanity.

Wishing all members of the Ringwood RSL Sub-Branch a Safe and healthy 2022.

Rob Swenser
Secretary.



BANTER FROM THE MANAGER



With the completion of another torrid year, its now time to focus on strategies to increase our revenue and reduce costs. The committee have been a pillar of strength throughout the challenging times over the last couple of years. I thank the committee and the staff for their commitment and loyalty to the sub branch.

Again, by trading through the lockdowns, we were able to keep a connection to our members and staff to facilitate a smooth re-opening.

Moving forward in 2022 we will be continuing with 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 Realty (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 in our Cash Capsule.
- **Saturday** – Melbourne Horse Race Tipping Comp \$5 to enter with winner takes all, with normally 30 to 40 entries.
During the AFL season you can watch your favourite teams on our 180” screen.

In 2022 we will be having BABBA play at the club on two occasions (look out for our advertisement’s) also we will be having an Oaks Day function in the Anzac Lounge, our Treasurer – Harry and his social committee will be organising some bus trips for members throughout the year and we will be giving away Football tickets to AFL games at Marvel Stadium.

In finishing, it’s a challenging time with the uncertainty of the COVID virus and the impact it can still have on our RSL. With the ever-loyal members, the continued support of the committee and our excellent staff we will be able to endure whatever comes forth, and striving to improve our services and value to our members.

Wayne Chisholm
General Manager

OASIS VETERAN & FAMILY SUPPORT CENTRE

Scuttlebutt

Hello Members,

We hope you have had an excellent festive season. We hope you are all well. It's now looking like the Omicron virus is nearing its peak and that things may be settling down as the year progresses.

Last year was a difficult year but we managed to assist our fellow veterans by the use of Messenger and our Facebook page "Oasis Veteran Welfare Centre". This page can be used to answer any generic questions.

Last years statistics were as follows: 82 Interviews with 52 Veterans, 14 Outcomes and 10 submissions with multiple claims. We worked 633 hours and we achieved over \$1,000,000 for our DRCA and MRCA veterans. Our area of operations seem to be from Ringwood west to Box Hill, east to the Yarra Valley, north to Yea and south to Dandenong. This is a wide area and this RSL supports a large volume of veterans.

Claims have become more complex and it may take up to four interviews with the same veteran to formulate a claim. DVA are taking longer than ever, 12-18 months for some multiple claims to be determined. This is unfortunate and is due to the complexities of their new computer system and the limited staff DVA have on hand.

The new name for your disability pension is "Disability Compensation Payment." Centrelink no longer count DVA disability payments as income when they work out how to pay you. DFISA no longer exists so there may be a change to your DVA pension. There may also be a change to your Centrelink pension. Please check that your income and assets are correct to get the most out of your pensions. You should receive a letter from DVA in regard to your individual Disability Compensation Payment. Some members may also be entitled to rental assistance from Centrelink.

If you have not had your pension reviewed in the past three years, please feel free to call us on 98706604 and have a chat about how we may be able to assist you. You can ask a question on our Facebook site or email advocate2@ringwoodrsl.com.au . We hope to respond within 72 hours.

Kind regards

Kevan, Ian, Heather



RINGWOOD RSL WAR WIDOWS

"Ringwood RSL War Widows have endured a difficult year, with not being able to meet on a regular basis. We were able to get together for a Christmas Luncheon in December and it was enjoyed by everyone able to attend. Our numbers are now quite small, but we do still manage to meet on the 3rd Monday of the month at 12.30 in the Bistro at the RSL and enjoy a meal together. The ladies do like to have a chat and catch up on all the gossip. New members are always welcome.

Contact Therese on 0419 329 869

or Jean on 9758 4640 "



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WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

Well, here we are in 2022!!! Where has the time gone?

Last year saw more interruptions for our monthly meetings and activities, but we got through it.

In March, our much loved and respected Life Member, Terry Brown, received the Deakin Award from The Hon Michael Sukkar, MP, Federal Member for Deakin, Assistant Treasurer, Minister for Housing and Minister for Homelessness, Social and Community Housing. Michael acknowledged the work that Terry has done over many years in the community in regard to upholding the standards and history of the RSL in the Deakin area.

It was a sad year for us in many ways with the loss of our dear friend and member Pam Wilcox. Pam had not been enjoying the best of health recently, but was always positive, she was a very staunch member of the Ringwood RSL for many years, as well as the Auxiliary. Members will remember Pam as always saying "Hello Duckie, how are you?"

When we were able to have our meetings our guest speakers who had been arranged through Carole Powell, proved to be a both interesting and entertaining.

The Committee is focusing on a positive 2022. We have gone this far and we will continue to do so.

We extend a hearty invitation to all to come and join in with us. Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month from February at 10.30 am in the VC Room. For more information, please contact Shirley on 9872 3189.

Bingo

January has seen the resumption of Bingo. Eyes down at 1.00 pm on Thursdays for two sessions.

Attendance had been good and we hope it will continue to do so in 2022 and grow. Everyone is well to come and join in. There are plenty of opportunities and there is always a major jackpot – remember if you are not in it, you cannot win it.

Shirley Devery

Hon. Secretary



VOLUNTEER / PRESIDENTS NIGHT 2021

Volunteer of the Year Winners

Awards Presented by the

Hon Michael Sukkar MP and President of Ringwood RSL David Jamison



Kevan Andrews

Ian Richards

Heather Andrews



RINGWOOD ANGLERS

The last two years under COVID fishing has been reserved for the birds, however six members of the Freshwater group managed a trip to Eucumbene in March and although they enjoyed the experience they failed to excite the fish and collectively they only bagged two fish, with Michael McMillan being triumphant and being crowned Snowy Lakes Fisherman of the season.

Planning is underway for a return bout at Eucumbene in October 2022, just need to find a suitable form of accommodation, given most of the houses used for many years by our anglers are being used for accommodating Snowy2 construction workers. Stand by for further updates.

There is also some discussion and planning taking place for a few days fishing on Eildon.

Saltwater enthusiasts have not wet a line since 2020 and are keen to recommence.

My suggestion to anyone who has fishing equipment, brush off the cobwebs, oil the reels and get ready to fish.

If you would like to enjoy a day out and don't have any fishing equipment don't despair we use charter boats for our trips and they supply all the right gear, keep an eye on the club screens for details of planned trips.

Early 2022 planning is to operate one trip monthly, so if you are not a member of the Anglers Sub-Section just give your details to reception and we will contact you.

Rob Swenser

Secretary.



8 BALL SUMMER REPORT

Hi to all from the Eightball section,

We managed a start to the 2021 season but as with most things the CORONA put a stop to it all. We have two teams playing the current Summer Competition and are hoping for some success, but to tell the truth it is great to be back at the RSL and be out and about.

The main season will be starting in March and again we will be having two teams. The First Division team is hoping to go back to back premierships, all be it with a gap in-between.



RINGWOOD PIPE BAND REVIEW



**John Wicks - President
Ringwood Highland
Pipe Band**



GOLF SECTION



Due to the restrictions last year, we were only able to play a handful of games so much so that we were not able to finalise any of our internal competitions.

The committee decided that we would still have a “get together” early December which has always been our presentation day even though no trophies were awarded.

The committee also decided that membership fees paid in 2020 would rollover into 2022.

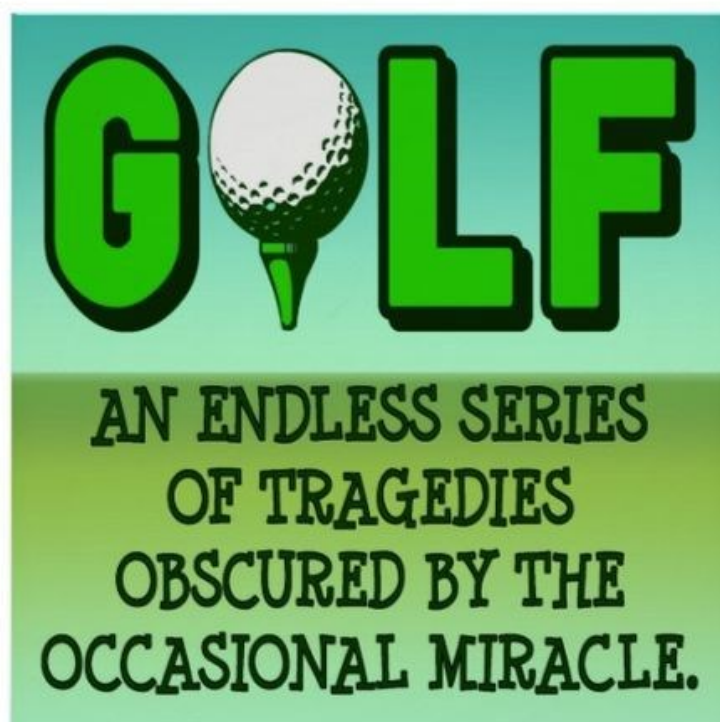
To state the obvious, we look forward to this year being a full year which includes our yearly weekend away to Howlong.

The Golf Section welcomes anyone wishing to join our group. We play local as well as some country courses. The country trips we organise a bus and also have lunch at the course.

Finally; thank you to our sponsors for their continued generosity and support. Also a thank you to the Golf Section committee for their hard work throughout last year. It was not easy but we made it!

David Liggett

President Golf Section



MEMBERSHIP AT YOUR RSL 2021

2021 our Membership increased by 16.2%, with an increase in male members by 14.8% and female members by 18.4%. During the year we lost through death 36 members, 62 members transfer out (47 moving to new locations) and 25 new members transfer in.

During 2021 members received \$34,873 in points and \$194,915 in discounts on food and drinks.

Members by Class & Gender

Class	F	M	Total
Service	94	587	681
Affiliate	550	502	1052
Social	1,079	1,705	2,784
Community	192	89	281
Total	1,915	2,883	4,798

Male Members by Class & Age

Class	18-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80+	Total
Service	7	9	17	40	75	256	183	587
Affiliate	10	21	33	61	159	165	53	502
Social	72	134	228	396	417	322	136	1,705
Community	6	8	20	14	7	23	11	89
Total	95	172	298	511	658	766	383	2,883

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	16	36	29	94
Affiliate	3	15	21	42	150	225	94	550
Social	24	47	133	216	282	249	128	1,079
Community	1	3	14	20	37	62	55	192
Total	28	66	170	288	485	572	306	1,915

Wayne Chisholm

Membership

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CARPET BOWLS SECTION

2021 Report for “OVER THE TOP” Newsletter

The Eastern Suburbs Indoor Bias Bowls Association was celebrating 50 years since its formation – 1970 to 2020. The Inaugural Meeting was held at the Bennettswood Bowling Club on 9th February 1970. Some 31 delegates from 15 Eastern Suburban Bowling Clubs together with 6 Office Bearers from the Victorian Association (VIBBA) attended this meeting convened by Mr A Murray from the Box Hill Bowling Club with the aim of inaugurating an association to cater for indoor biased bowls in the Eastern Suburbs. A motion to form an association with this name was put and carried. The first Pennant Season was played on Tuesday Nights with 32 Teams from 11 Clubs starting on Tuesday 12 May 1970. Wednesday Afternoon Pennant started in 1980, with 35 teams starting the competing in 1981. Participation in the Pennant competition grew to 55 Tuesday teams and 51 Wednesday teams in 1984. Ringwood R.S.L. joined the Association and played in both the Tuesday Night and Wednesday Afternoon Pennant competitions in 1991. Sadly the Association’s Pennant competitions in 2021 had only 7 teams from 4 Clubs on Tuesday Night and 10 teams from 5 Clubs on the Wednesday Afternoon.

Only two Ringwood R.S.L. teams were entered in the Tuesday Night, 2021 Winter Pennant Season Competition of the Eastern Suburban Indoor Biased Bowls Association. The ‘Home & Away’ games were played at the Heatherdale Bowls Club under strict Covid 19 protocols introduced by the Association. The Season ran smoothly, starting April 27. However, due to a Government Covid Lockdown, 4 Rounds - Rounds 6 & 7 (June 1 & 8) and Rounds 12 & 13 (July 20 & 27) were cancelled reducing the Season to 10 games. The competition resumed on August 3 – the last of the ‘Home & Away’ games. At this stage, the No 1 Team skipped by Jim Bullow was placed second on the Ladder with 6 Wins, 1 Tie, 1 Loss & 2 Byes, and, the No 2 Team skipped by Peter Robinson (Senator) finished in sixth place with 2 Wins, 1 Tie, 6 Losses, & 1 Bye. Jim Bullow’s team qualified to play in the finals for the Division 1 Pennant, and Senator’s team failed to qualify for the finals. It was then that another Lockdown caused the cancellation of the Finals and so the Ladder Positions were used to decide the Premiers (Blackburn RSL 1) and Runners-Up (Ringwood RSL 1).

RSL No 1 Team - 2021 Tuesday Night Pennant Runners-Up

Team Members: (*Jim Bullow, Gail Loidl, Fiona McNamara, Peter North, Margaret Poile & Paul Storey*).

In addition to the Pennant Competition, the Association also conducts “Group Championships” which the members of all the ESIBBA affiliated Clubs can enter. Each year there are Individual and Perpetual Trophies awarded for the Winners and Runners-Up for these events, which include Ladies’, Men’s, and Mixed Fours, Triples, Pairs and Singles.

The Ringwood RSL Members which featured as Winners and or Runners-Up in the 2021 Group Championships included Jim Bullow, Jim Corcoran, Arthur Gibson, Peter North, Margaret Poile, and Peter Robinson,

2021 LADIES' & MEN'S CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS FINALS

Margaret Poile defeated Pauline Bradley from Blackburn R.S.L. and Arthur Gibson was Runner-Up to Rodney Jones also from Blackburn R.S.L. .



Margaret Poile and Pauline Bradley

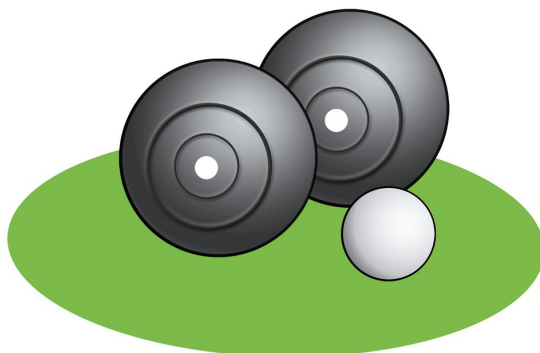


Arthur Gibson and Rodney Jones

The Carpet Bowls Section hopes to enter teams for the Association's 2022 Winter Pennant Competition. 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)





Tuesdays

PARMA NIGHT

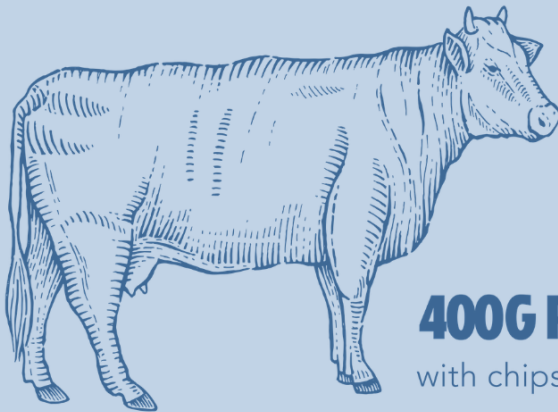
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