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“Ringwood RSL”

June/July 2025 Newsletter

Supporting our Young School Kids



Many students in our area face significant challenges, including family hardship, relocation, cultural and language barriers, and the impact of foster care. As part of our ANZAC ethos, we believe that every child deserves the opportunity to succeed and feel supported, both inside and outside the classroom.

Following extensive discussions with local schools and welfare staff, the Ringwood RSL has identified several students who are in urgent need of extra assistance. In response, we have committed to providing direct funding to support their education, foster social inclusion, and enhance their mental wellbeing.

At a **Ringwood Primary School**, we are assisting three siblings in foster care with **\$925** towards camps and swimming lessons, ensuring their full inclusion in school life and easing family pressures.

At a **Local Secondary College**, we've provided **\$600** for a student from a non-English-speaking background to join a local soccer club, fostering confidence and social skills. Another **\$250** assisted a VCE student with an Edrolo subscription to manage learning costs after a family relocation. Additionally, **\$1,000** was allocated to assist a student requiring extensive support with speech pathology sessions.

At another **Local Secondary College**, we contributed **\$1,000** towards a laptop for a student who is the sole carer for her disabled father, ensuring she has the necessary tools for her studies.

At **another Primary School**, we provided **\$900** in Woolworths Essential Vouchers for a single mother with five children, relocated due to domestic violence. Further support included **\$600** in vouchers for two children whose parents have intellectual disabilities and **\$300** for a child whose mother is unwell and father is out of work.

Finally, at a further **Secondary College**, we addressed various needs: **\$400** for uniforms and textbooks for two children, another **\$400** for similar needs for two more children, **\$550** for a laptop for one child, **\$400** for a winter jacket, shoes, and textbooks for another, **\$600** for uniforms, a laptop, and textbooks for two children, **\$400** for winter jackets and textbooks for two children, **\$550** for a winter jacket and laptop for one child, and **\$381** for a dress and textbooks for another. These contributions total **\$3,681** for this school alone.

All funding decisions have been meticulously developed in partnership with the referring schools, ensuring our support is targeted and highly effective. Our focus remains on delivering practical solutions that offer immediate and meaningful benefits to those who need it most within our community.

In total, the Ringwood RSL has proudly pledged a substantial **\$9,256** to support students across our local schools. These significant contributions are a direct reflection of our core values as an organisation deeply rooted in service, care, and community spirit. We are confident that by supporting these students today, we are actively helping to shape a stronger, more resilient future for all members of our community.



The Welfare Car Raffle

The raffle was drawn at 2PM on ANZAC Day in front of a very excited group of members and guests.

The car has now been handed over to Andrew the lucky winner.

The Committee wishes to thank all those who supported this venture, the proceeds of which will contribute to our welfare work.

DVA Claims processing data – April 2025

The latest data on the processing of outstanding claims provided by DVA. Below is a snapshot of April 2025:



DVA received 7,591 claims in April bringing the total for the financial year to date (FYTD) to 82,358 claims – 15.9 per cent higher than the same period last year.

DVA made 8,026 determinations and has finalised 83,064 claims in the FYTD, 0.4 per cent more than the equivalent period last year.

72,545 claims were with an officer for processing and 9,406 claims were yet to be allocated for processing.

The average time taken to process a MRCA IL claim was 303 days in the 2024-25 FYTD (1 July 2024 to 30 April 2025), compared to 373 days in the corresponding 2023-24 FYTD.



Building Repairs & Maintenance

One of the consequences of the cancellation of the redevelopment project is the need to undertake maintenance and refurbishment tasks on the present structure. Some examples are the replacement of some of the outer cladding which is very brittle with panels falling off, new carpet in the gaming room, adding a smoking area for the function room, replacing some of the kitchen equipment, fixing the roof to eliminate leaks and possibly installing solar panels to help minimise our energy costs.

General Meeting

The half yearly general meeting will be held on Tuesday 1st July at 6.30pm in the VC Room to discuss remits to be tabled at the State Conference on the 12th.