

Horsham RSL Sub Branch Inc.

Members Newsletter – Nov 2018



MEMBERSHIPS

2019 memberships are payable from now until the 30th of January 2019. Rewards Points will expire if membership is not paid by this date. Triennial (3 year) options are available & many members have already chosen to take up this discounted offer.

Memberships can be renewed online via the website www.rslrewards.com.au whereby you are able to pay using RSL rewards points & paying the balance by credit or debit card. All members who renew online will be awarded 100 Bonus RSL Rewards points on the Wednesday following the renewal.



STAFFING CHANGES

With sadness we fair-welled Yvette Oxley who has taken up a roll with the Stawell Health Care Group. Many thanks for her efforts and friendship over the past 4 years.

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Michael Fitzgerald to the position of Assistant Manager on a part time basis. Michael is a very passionate supporter of the RSL and having worked in the Bar for the past few years has a very good understanding of all facets of the business and HR issues.

I sincerely welcome Michael back to the Management team and look forwards to working closely with him in the future as he has many ideas on how to improve our systems and procedures.

REMEMBRANCE DAY



Ron Abbott - Horsham Pipe Band



Hundred's of Horsham citizens turned out to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the signing of the Armistice at Horsham's Remembrance Day Ceremony held at Sawyer Park. David Eltringham OAM was the MC and Mayor Mark Radford spoke in French regarding the connection between Vignacourt and Horsham with translation provided by Cr Alethea Sedgman. A special reading of the Ode was conducted at sunset on the ANZAC Bridge which was again well attended. Thankyou to our commemorative chairman Don Pirouet for his efforts in planning and conducting these services.

HORSHAM AND DISTRICT WW1 COMMEMORATION WORKING GROUP

With the centenary of armistice completing the 100th anniversary of WW1, a working group has been in existence since 2013. This group of like-minded people included members of the Horsham Historical Society, Wimmera Association for Genealogy, Horsham Rural City Council and Art Gallery, Wimmera Branch of the National Trust, Wimmera Legacy, Haven Community, Horsham College and Horsham & Natimuk RSL to name just a few. Fiona Carine was the convener of this group & David Eltringham OAM, was the mainstay representing the RSL during the commemorative period. Some of the achievements of the working group include, the exhibition at the Art Gallery “Wimmera and the Great War”, publication of the book “Strewth” which details all of the Wimmera Soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice in WW1, the WW1 Memorial at the Horsham Cemetery, The WW1 Memorial at Sawyer Park, the naming of the ANZAC Pedestrian Footbridge across the Wimmera River, Armistice projection onto the Post Office and Banners and Poppy planting in the main street.

POPPY APPEAL

Due to the Horsham RSL conducting a “Centenary of Service Exhibition” in the week preceding Remembrance Day, the Poppy Appeal was staggered over a 2-week period. Whilst there are a few remaining “honest boxes” to be returned, a majority of donations have been received. The total funds raised to date is \$11,316.95 which is similar to recent years, but shy of last year’s record \$14,315.50. A great effort by our appeals officer Sally Bertram and her trusty assistant Joyce Byrne. A special mention to Joyce for her assistance in co-ordinating the National Serviceman’s Social Club roster. A big thank you to the groups that manned the selling sites being, the Horsham RSL Ladies Auxiliary, National Serviceman’s Social Club, Horsham Men’s Probus, Horsham Combined Probus, Horsham East Ladies Probus & the members of the Horsham RSL. Finally, thank you to all of the Schools and Horsham business’s that participated in the appeal



THE CENTENARY OF SERVICE EXHIBITION

In recognition of the 100th anniversary of the armistice, the Horsham RSL conducted an exhibition of memorabilia primarily for the Great War. The exhibition was funded by a grant from the Department of Veteran’s Affairs and many hours work by Jim Amos and his band of dedicated volunteers from the ANZAC Library along with many other contributors. 411 school children attended the exhibition along with a steady flow of members from the general public.



Jim Amos at a First World War exhibition for Remembrance Day at Horsham RSL.



Ray Buckley and Hartley Stephens at a First World War exhibition for Remembrance Day at Horsham RSL.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED

With this year quickly drawing to an end our next AGM will be upon us before we know it. It is anticipated that our next AGM will be held on Thursday the 4th of April 2019 at 7pm.

With some of our current committee members having served for significant periods of time, we are always in search of service or affiliate members to join our committee to inject some new ideas and energy into the Horsham RSL Committee.

If you are at all interested in becoming a committee member please make contact with an existing committee member or myself and we can arrange for you to attend a meeting to see what is involved. Nominations will be called for when the AGM is formally advertised in March 2019.

Thank you to Leoni McGaw and her dedicated band of volunteers who run our very successful Bingo Sessions on Saturday Afternoons and Tuesday Evenings. We are always on the lookout for additional volunteers to help share the workload. If you would be interested in assisting, even occasionally, please provide your details at reception.

UPCOMING EVENTS

TRIVIA NIGHT
THE MONTH
BEFORE CHRISTMAS
 24th of November 8:30pm
 \$10 per person
 (or \$5 with the purchase of a main meal)
 Teams of up to 8
 (Book your Teams NOW!!!)
 Prizes - Raffles - Giveaways



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TRIVIA TIME
Our final Trivia Night for 2018 will be held on Saturday the 24th of November. There is a Xmas Theme with teams of up to 8 people.

XMAS PARTY
A Karaoke Christmas Party will be held on Saturday the 15th of December. Book your Xmas break up now & enjoy some great entertainment.

Happy New Year

The Fabulous F'taase's (Peter Hammond, Phil Batchelor & Tim Batchelor) will rock in the New Year at the Horsham RSL. Tickets only \$45 each, includes 2 course meal & band. 6.00pm till 12.30am.

Christmas KARAOKE PARTY

Saturday 15th December
 \$35 pp
 Two Course A-La-Carte Menu

Work Party? or just a fun night out!

FREE Jug of Beer / Soft Drink Groups 10+

Kailee O'Beirne Live Music

KARAOKE V.I.P.S ENTERTAINMENT

Limited Spaces Book Now!

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NOVEMBER RSL REWARDS CASH GIVEAWAY

\$20,000 + \$10,000 draws

Swipe your card at the kiosk or when making a purchase, between 4pm and 7pm on 28th November 2018 to enter the draws!

Winners will be announced at 7:15pm on 28th November 2018.

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CHRISTMAS WISHES



With only 5 weeks left before Xmas, the Committee and Staff of the Horsham RSL, wish our patrons and the many dedicated volunteers who assist the RSL in providing support and services to our members, safe and enjoyable Christmas.

To my staff, I thank you for your efforts in 2018 and look forward to a successful & prosperous 2019