



BOX HILL RSL

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AN AMAZING AFTERNOON

Centenary of ANZAC

Our official commemoration of the Centenary of Anzac commences on the 25th of April 2015 and concludes on Remembrance Day 11th November 2018.

Germany declared war on France on August 3rd and invaded Belgium – then on August 4th Great Britain declared war on the German Empire and its allies.

On August 5th the first Empire shot of the war was from Point Nepean, Port Phillip Bay, on the German ship SS Pfalz, and on August 23rd Japan declared war on Germany. On November 1st 1914 the first AIF convoy departed Albany Western Australia.

HOW BOX HILL RSL WILL REMEMBER

While the commencement and remembrance of this important event doesn't commence until April next year, your committee has been active in thinking of ways to show our reverence to what occurred one hundred years ago.

Two major projects are near completion – the first is a substantial book of the lives of our 29 young local lads who were killed and buried at Gallipoli. The second is a painting of our famous World War 1 General, Sir John Monash. Also planned for 2015 is a short story competition amongst members; details will be advertised closer to the beginning of 2015. On a smaller scale, we are having designed special beer coasters depicting scenes from that conflict.

WHAT CAN MEMBERS CONTRIBUTE?

While all of the above except the short story competition has been designed by the committee, we would like to ask members to put their thinking caps on and come-up with other ideas/suggestions that may be applicable to commemorating this important year 1915. We need the membership to be an active part of what we do.

Tony Bowden, Hon. President

The Race Day program continues

KILMORE RACE COURSE

MONDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER, 2014

SPECIAL PACKAGE FOR SERVICE, AFFILIATE AND SOCIAL MEMBERS

ONLY \$30 PER HEAD

Includes

- Coach fare
- Entry to racecourse
- Race book
- 2 Course luncheon

Bus leaves clubrooms at 10.00Am sharp and returns to clubrooms, departing 15 Minutes after the last race

BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT

PLEASE PAY AT RECEPTION



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The gentleman with the snowy head-of-hair is John "Ned" Kelly, Secretary of the band and a long-time member of Box Hill RSL.

Request for lemons

If you have a small bag of lemons and you would like to donate them to the Sub-Branch, please leave them at the reception desk.



FREE MOVIE FOR MEMBERS

THURSDAY 28TH AUGUST AT 10.30AM

Presented by Ray Wall

"Bandits"

"Bandits" is a 2001 American crime-comedy romantic drama film directed by Barry Levinson. It stars Bruce Willis, Billy Bob Thornton, and Cate Blanchett. Two convicts, one charismatic

(Willis) and the other a hypochondriac (Thornton), break out of prison and immediately start a bank robbing spree. To add to the complications, a bored & unhappy housewife (Blanchett) ends up in the hands of the criminals, and begins to have romantic feelings for both Willis and Thornton, causing a sticky love triangle.

NO NEED TO BOOK, JUST TURN UP

Members in Aged Care

BEULAH ANDERSON

Alawarra, Inala, 220
Middleborough Rd, Blackburn Sth

MAUREEN BRAYNE

Alawarra, Inala, 220
Middleborough Rd, Blackburn Sth

DON CAIRNS

Nazareth Care, 16 Cornell St,
Camberwell

JOYCE CAMERON

Uniting AgeWell, 75 Thames St,
Box Hill

MYRA CAMPBELL

Dorothy Henderson Lodge, 157
Balaclava Rd, Marsfield, NSW

BRIAN CLARK

Broughtonlea, 2 Berwick St,
Camberwell

WILLIAM CLOUGH

Melalucca Lodge, 395
Manningham Rd, Doncaster

SID COHEN

Wallawe, 854 Centre Rd,
Bentleigh East

SHIRLEY & RAY CUDDIHY

The Heights, 39-41 Mitcham Rd,
Donvale

ROY EDWARDS

BUPA, 18-22 McGlynn Ave., South
Morang

GEOFF GLEESON

St Catherines, 1 Clayton Rd,
Balwyn

MARY HODGETTS

Faversham House, 27 Shierlaw
Ave, Canterbury

ROSE HOOKE

Eva Tilley, 110 Burke Rd, Balwyn
North

LOLA INGLESFINGER

Banksia Lodge, 2 Jones St, Foster

RAY JACOBS

Uniting AgeWell, 75 Thames St,
Box Hill

JOHN & MYRA KELLEHER

Clovelly Cottage, 16 Stewart St,
Boronia

ANNIE KENNEDY

Jhambi, Inala, 220
Middleborough Rd, Blackburn Sth

ALBERT KNOP

Streeton, Uniting Age Well, 75
Thames St, Box Hill

SYLVIA LANG

Donwood Aged Care, 17 Diana St,
Croydon

LORNA & LES LE FEVRE

Karana, 55 Walpole St, Kew

DOROTHY LEITH

Alawarra, Inala, 220
Middleborough Rd,
Blackburn Sth

JIM MCKEE

Vincent de Paul, 110 Albion Rd,
Box Hill

BRUCE MCLEAN

Templestowe Pioneer Village, 16
Herlihsy Rd, Lower Templestowe

NOEL MCMAHEN

Faversham House, 27 Shierlaw
Ave, Canterbury

LEIGH McQUALTER

Uniting AgeWell, 75 Thames St,
Box Hill

DAWN MAY

Jack Faichney Hostel, Strathdon,
Jolimont Rd, Forest Hill

GRAHAM MILLER

Vincent de Paul, 13 Strabane
Aveune, Mont Albert North

AMY ONANS

Mountain View, Chapel St, Maldon

PHYLLIS O'REILLY

Richard McGarvie Hostel,
Strathdon, Jolimont Rd, Forest Hill

NOEL OUTHRED

BUPA, 296/304 Springvale Rd,
Donvale

TED PHILLIPS

Faversham House, 27 Shierlaw
Ave, Canterbury.

DOROTHY REID

Blue Cross, Springfield, 40
Dorking Rd, Box Hill

IRENE ROSEVEAR

Vincent de Paul Hostel, 13
Strabane Ave, Mont Albert North

BETTY SMITH

Arcare, Cnr Plenty and Gremel
Roads, Reservoir

ERN TRELOAR

Broughtonlea, 9-17 Broughton Rd,
Surrey Hills

EDNA TREWIN

Regis Lake Park, 40 Central Rd,
Blackburn

RALPH VAN DER HOEVEN

Ruckers Hill, 14-24 Pearl St,
Northcote

NORMA VENDY

Dorset Lodge, 362 Dorset Rd,
Croydon

PHIL WALTER

Regis Lake Park, 40 Central Rd,
Blackburn

HELEN WILLIAMS

Glen Waverley PNH, 982 High St,
Glen Waverley

VERA WILLIAMS

Greenslopes, 236 Greenslopes
Drive, Templestowe

PAT & BRYAN WOOLLARD

BUPA, 296/304 Springvale Rd,
Donvale

Our best wishes are with those members who are, or have been in hospital since the last issue.

Noel McMahan, Arthur Tonkin, Doug King, John Whiteley, Vilma Dodd and Betty Window

Women's Auxiliary

Hello Ladies

Our speaker for June was Jennifer Evans from Horizons of Hope Ministries. Jennifer told us how through Fair Trade Networks, the lives of women in particular, in the developing world, are given dignity and hope by the creation of beautiful handcrafts which are marketed through Fair Trade Network. This helps to transform the lives of village people in countries such as India, Bangladesh and Thailand. For most of these women it is their only means of survival and their families.

Jennifer had a display of beautiful unique goods for sale such as bags, jewelry boxes, wallets and scarves. They were really very lovely and unique (not seen in shops). Our ladies really bought up big so I'm sure we made some difference to someone somewhere.

On Wednesday 9th we had Millers fashion parade which always goes well. I would like to thank our great models Betty, Judy, Sheila and Wendy a good job ladies. The parade was followed by a lovely afternoon tea, thanks to all who brought a plate. We always have plenty of goodies and everyone can find something they like.

Welcome back to those ladies who have been away for awhile and to those who can't get to the meetings and functions due to illness or family commitments hope to see you soon.

To Norm and Joy Bate hope all has been sorted out we are thinking of you.

Meeting Dates

Monday 25th August

Monday 22nd
September

Monday 27th October

Function Dates

Tuesday 5th, Wednesday 6th and
Thursday 7th August – Winter Break
Cost \$175.00

Wednesday 10th September
TBA

Well for now keep warm and safe till next time

Joan Clarke

Honorary President

Vale

Ken Moncrieff - VX108765 - 2/33 Trans.

George Smith – 14739732 – Army

Cliff Whitehouse – 7889189 – 3rd Btn. Ryl. Tank

Robert Clark - - VX44006 – 2/24th Btn

Lest We Forget



An Amazing Afternoon

It was a couple of Sundays ago and to be precise, it was Sunday 6th July 2014, with the Weather Bureau predicting a top temperature of 14 degrees, overcast and rain, and they weren't wrong, it was cold, overcast and drizzle by the bucket load.

One side of my brain urged me to stay at home where it was warm with the outside weather not fit for ducks, plus my footy team was live on the telly. Then another part of my brain suggested that as President of Box Hill RSL I had an obligation, in fact a duty to attend the 125th Anniversary of the Box Hill Brass Band recital – luckily the latter won the day.

My knowledge of brass bands extended to marching behind one on Anzac Day, not much more. The Box Hill Town Hall concert over three hours consisted of the three Box Hill brass bands, two junior and one senior playing everything except marches. To say I was impressed is an understatement with the professionalism of all players being exceptional.

Not having a musical bone in my body, but with an eclectic collection of CDs, the range of their repertoire, especially the main band, which by the way, has been re-admitted into the Victorian A grade competition, was unbelievable. One of the reasons for the success of this band is their conductor, Dr. Matthew Van Emmerik, born in Bendigo. He cut his teeth playing in the RAF band then the RAN band and is highly regarded by US and UK brass bands. His enthusiasm in conducting this band is something to behold and having seen his conducting you understand why the band members put their hearts and souls into every performance.

Maybe I'm getting a bit sentimental but when you view these young men and women enjoying the challenges of performing before a town hall full of family and friends you sense this younger generation has great promise.

The final piece for the afternoon involved all players from the three bands – with some sixty/seventy players filling the vast Box Hill Town Hall with a sound that bored into your soul - it lifted your spirits and nearly the roof, to a degree where tears of joy were forming. Elation, a word I would seldom use comes to mind after listening to their final piece of music, it was called "Knights of Cydonia" a 2006 track from the rock band Muse arranged by Andrew Batterham. To members of Box Hill RSL, if you haven't heard Box Hill Brass Band, then you need to be on the lookout for their next performance and make it a must see and listen.

As an aside – this same band was judged the best band for this year's Anzac Day March, something all members of the band can be proud of.

FREE TRIP TO THE SPRINGVALE CEMETERY

17TH SEPTEMBER, 2014 LEAVING AT 9.30AM

Lunch Provided

They provide a very interesting and fun tour of the facility, including the Australian War Graves, Police and VC Cross Memorials as well as the Rocco Mausoleum, Rose Gardens, Chapels, Site of First Cremation. For those who want to be adventurous a behind the scenes tour of the crematorium operation can also be arranged.

TO BOOK YOUR SEAT – PLEASE CONTACT ME ON 9898 2044
Faye Clark – Welfare Coordinator



THE 100th ANNIVERSARY OF WORLD WAR 1

We remember and commemorate the commencement of World War 1 on the 4th of August 1914. Our Federal Government pledged Australia's wholehearted support to Great Britain. It was decided to raise a force of volunteers for overseas service and to be called the AIF. Altogether Australia raised and maintained throughout the War:-

- a. Five Infantry Divisions
- b. One Cavalry Division and One Cavalry Brigade
- c. A Flying Corps of several Squadrons and
- d. Many small miscellaneous units.

Nearly all of the arming and supply of the troops, once in the field, was carried out by Great Britain, but paid for by Australia. It was first intended that the AIF should be despatched to the main centre of war in Europe, but as training resources in England were over-taxed by British and Canadian troops, the Australians were landed in Egypt. Here they trained with the New Zealand Corps and became known as the ANZACS.

The first major operation undertaken by the AIF was the landing at Gallipoli on the 25th April 1915. Following the withdrawal from Gallipoli the Australian Infantry Divisions were sent to France, whilst the cavalry remained in the Middle East to participate in the conquest of Palestine and Syria.

The AIF in France was not a self-contained Army and the divisions served separately in various Corps of the British Army. In the middle of 1918 the divisions were concentrated in the Australian Corps which, under the command of General Sir John Monash, won several outstanding victories. More than 60,000 Australians died during WW1.

Arthur Merryweather, Hon. Treasurer.

BOX HILL LEGACY WIDOWS

On the 8th July Legacy Widows attended our annual Comradeship Luncheon at Legacy House. The guest speaker was the principal of Melbourne High School. Unfortunately some ladies were unable to attend due to illness, which is taking its toll on many of our members.

Christmas in July was celebrated on 15th July in the Upton Room, with Kevin Cosier entertaining us with pleasant background music. Thanks Kevin. Bruce Roberts (from Legacy House) will be the guest speaker at our next meeting on 21st July – be sure to come along and hear his "Words of Wisdom".

If you can't keep well, keep warm and we hope all those who are unwell, will soon be feeling much better.

Pat Douglas
Hon. Secretary



TREV'S COLUMN

THE TRIVIA QUESTION

The ANSWER to the July question of "Where did the old clock in the Sports Bar come from?" is tricky. There are 3 solutions to the question. The first was that it came from Flinders Street Station. The second was it came from Box Hill Station. The third and most commonly believed was that it came from the old Shire of Nunawading Council Chambers which were located in Station Street about where Anna Burke's office used to be.

This month's question is: Does anyone know about the mushrooms growing on the Bowling Green (before the synthetic one)? ANSWER in the next issue of Scuttlebutt.

HELP! I am running out of ideas for the Trivia Question. I have been doing this segment since 2011. If you can think of something topical regarding Box Hill RSL please let me know at the Club or on 9898 5992

MEMBERS LOYALTY CARD

Don't forget to swipe your Member's Card at the kiosk when you enter the Club and you could win a Bonus ticket to enter the August promotion to "Escape Winter" with a chance to win one of 2 x \$500.00 Travel Vouchers. The Draw will be made on 29th August at 7.30pm. You can also win a bonus ticket from the kiosk. Also present your card over the Bar or Bistro with each purchase and you can obtain additional tickets when you spend \$20.00

or more. Each purchase accumulates until you reach \$20.00 so present your card even if you are only buying one drink.

MEMBERS' LOUNGE

Your Committee has commissioned Geoff Hooke, an architect, to extend the Members' Lounge out toward Nelson Road. The Building Sub-Committee consisting of Tony Bowden, Denis Fernando, Brian Tateson, Ray Spokas and myself are holding regular meetings with the architect to make sure that he delivers what we are seeking. Work is still expected to commence in January 2015

GAMING ROOM

Plans are being drawn up for renovations to the Gaming Room and work is expected to commence before the Members' Lounge work.

NEW BEER

Why not have a taste of our new craft beer, Two-Birds now available at the bar?

"THE DECK"

From 4.00pm to 8.00pm on Fridays Pizzas are available at \$7.00. Now you can purchase other snacks on the Deck from 6.00pm to 8.00pm. Visit the Deck on Friday to see the selection menu.

RACE DAY

The Race Day to Kilmore is rapidly filling so you need to book soon if you wish to go. Further details elsewhere in Scuttlebutt.

Trevor Symes
Vice President

Box Hill Old Boy Acknowledged Posthumously:

A former resident of Box Hill in the 1920s has been recognised posthumously by a number of national bodies including the Australian War Memorial, the National Film and Sound Archive and the Royal Military College Duntroon.

Thomas Hector Norman, 1900-1981, was a composer and musician. He was a member of 3AR's first orchestra in 1924 and composed many songs for broad appeal during radio's pioneering days. In the 1950s he had his own live music show on Wangaratta's 3NE radio station. He was not only a musician of several instruments; he had the distinction of serving in the Australian army during both world wars, and his atypical army experience is another story indeed, but not for the telling here. His final army posting was with HQ New Guinea Force and the Australian Amenities Service as a piano tuner and member of a touring concert party entertaining the troops in FNQ and at Finschafen and Bougainville.

Although he died in 1981, his 1939 musical composition "Aussie Boys: The Regimental Marching Song of the 2nd A.I.F." has been added to the collection of the Australian War Memorial. With the encouragement of the AWM's Director Dr. Brendan Nelson, The Royal Military College Band and Choir are currently arranging and practising the music for performance in August. The sound recording will then be incorporated in the AWM collection. Another of his published war-time compositions, "Join the Colors Today" has also been accepted into the collection of the Australian National Film and Sound Archive.

Mr. Norman was at the peak of his musical creativity when a resident of Box Hill. Most of his work was copyrighted and much of his portfolio is currently owned by Sony Music. Not bad for a bloke who could neither read nor write music. His son Peter Norman is a member of Box Hill RSL.

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