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Chinese New Year at our RSL

As many of our members and the general public have shown great interest in the current exhibition the "Chinese Anzacs" our events Function Manager Chantelle Casse decided to lift the bar a little high by celebrating the "Chinese New Year" being the year of the "Rooster", and bringing to the RSL a Chinese Lion Dance along with the power drums. The Lion and the drummers, who were all from the "Chinese Youth Society of Melbourne", were a fantastic attraction for all our guests in the club at that time. It was something different and something that everyone present thoroughly enjoyed, even our staff on duty gave the thumbs up. Chantelle advises me that she has more things planned throughout this year; we will just have to wait and see. Congratulations Chantelle, just terrific day as you can see by the attached group photo.

Brian Tateson, Memorabilia

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STORY BACK COVER

2017 COMMITTEE

Good morning members. I'm pleased to report that one of our more important matters, the 2017 elections, has been concluded.

With four positions, Vice President, Treasurer and two committee positions looking to be filled, there were only four nominees for these positions. Meaning, there was no need to conduct a ballot and not having to conduct a ballot the savings to the Sub-Branch was in the thousands of dollars.



Trevor Symes is still the Vice President, Arthur Merryweather our Treasurer and our two committee members, John Haward (an old hand) and Bep Dawes (a new young lady, see photo) as President I welcome these newly elected members back onto our committee and it is great to see a younger member, especially a young lady putting their hands-up to contribute to, I believe the best run/managed Sub-Branch in Victoria.

Tony Bowden, Hon. President

MEMBERS IN AGED CARE

BEULAH ANDERSON, Alawarra, Inala, 220 Middleborough Rd, Blackburn Sth

ARTHUR ATKINSON, Broughton Lea, 9 -17 Broughton Rd, Surrey Hills

FRANK BOLTON, Faversham House, 27 Shierlaw Ave, Canterbury

MAUREEN BRAYNE, Alawarra, Inala, 220 Middleborough Rd, Blackburn Sth

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HILARY BUTTERFIELD, The Heights, 39 Doncaster Rd, Donvale

DON CAIRNS, Nazareth Care, 16 Cornell St, Camberwell

MYRA CAMPBELL, Dorothy Henderson Lodge, 157 Balacava Rd, Marsfield

FAY CLARK, Uniting AgeWell, 75 Thames St, Box Hill

ROBERT CLARK, Faversham House, 27 Shierlaw Ave, Canterbury

MOLLIE CLOUGH, Kew Gardens, 22-24 Gellibrand St, Kew

NOEL & LOIS DUNN, BUPA, 296-304 Springvale Rd, Donvale

ROY EDWARDS, BUPA, 18-22 McGlynn Ave., South Morang

MARJ FINEBERG, Baradine, Baradine Rd, Mooroolbark

ALMA GEORGE, Broughton Lea, 9 -17 Broughton Rd, Surrey Hills

MADGE GILBERT, Broughton Lea, 9 -17 Broughton Rd, Surrey Hills

GEORGE GIRLING, McGarvie Hostel, Strathdon, 17 Jolimont Rd, Forest Hill

GORDON HANG GONG, Alexandra Gardens, 42 Old Warrandyte Rd, Donvale

PAT HAMILTON, BUPA, 296-304 Springvale Rd, Donvale

MARY HODGETTS, Faversham House, 27 Shierlaw Ave, Canterbury

LORNA HOUSE, Wattle Glen ACF, 45 Silvan Rd, Wattle Glen

BILL HOWE, Ascot House, 468 Middleborough Rd, Blackburn

LORNA HUNTER, Cabrini, 54 Queens Parade, Ashwood, 3147

LOLA INGLESINGER, Banksia Lodge, 2 Jones St, Foster

RAY JACOBS, Uniting AgeWell, 75 Thames St, Box Hill

CARMEL JOHANSEN, Opal Gracedale, 205 Warrandyte Rd, Ringwood Nth

MYRA KELLEHER, Clovelly Cottage, 16 Stewart St, Boronia

JEAN KING, Opal by the Bay, 185 Racecourse Rd, Mt Martha

WILLIE KLOMP, Dutchcare, 736 Mt Dandenong Rd, Kilsyth

ALBERT KNOP, Uniting AgeWell, 75 Thames St, Box Hill

CLARE KNYVETT, Alexandra Gardens, 42 Old Warrandyte Rd, Donvale

SYLVIA LANG, Donwood Aged Care, 17 Diana St, Croydon

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ROBERT LONG, Faversham House, 27 Shierlaw Ave, Canterbury

BETTY MADDOCK, Faversham House, 27 Shierlaw Ave, Canterbury

SIDNEY MANN, Roseville, Apt.10, 130 King St, Doncaster East

DAWN MAY, Jack Faichney Hostel, Strathdon, Jolimont Rd, Forest Hill

HARRY & JOYCE MCEWAN, Gregory Lodge, 2-58 Newmarket St, Flemington

EILEEN MCKEE, Livingstone Gardens, 39 Livingstone Rd Vermont South

REGOR MCGREGOR, Cerberus, Strathdon, 17 Jolimont Rd, Forest Hill

HAMISH MACLEOD, Dowell Court, 159 Lwr Heidelberg Rd, East Ivanhoe

BETTY McQUALTER, Uniting AgeWell, 75 Thames St, Box Hill

BETTY MONK, Livingstone Gardens, 39 Livingstone Rd Vermont South

GEORGE MOXHAM, Regis Lake Park, 40 Central Rd, Blackburn

TOM & PEGGY O'DONNELL, Livingstone Gardens, 39 Livingstone Rd, Vermont Sth.

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GERALD PULLAN, BUPA, 222 Serpells Rd, Templestowe

MILLIE RAYNOR, Faversham House, 27 Shierlaw Ave, Canterbury

RAY REES, Estia Health, Brooklyn Rd, Melton South

DOREEN ROCK, Camberwell Gardens, 15 Cornell St, Camberwell

DICK ROSE, Clovelly Cottage, 16 Stewart St, Boronia.

IRENE ROSEVEAR, Vincent de Paul Hostel, 13 Strabane Avenue, Mont Albert North

MAUREEN SAVAGE, Covenant House, 181 Canterbury Rd, Blackburn

ELIZABETH SAYERS, Jasmine Lodge, 56 Mt. Dandenong Rd, Ringwood East

BETTY SMITH, Arcare, Cnr Plenty and Gremel Rds, Latrobe

MARGARET SCRIVENER, Milpara Lodge, Inala, 220 Middleborough Rd, Blackburn Sth

LEO SMITH, Alexander Gardens, 42 Old Warrandyte Rd, Donvale

EDNA TREWIN, Regis Lake Park, 40 Central Rd, Blackburn

NORMA VENDY, Dorset Lodge, 362 Dorset Rd, Croydon

EILEEN WADDELL, BUPA Donvale, 296-304 Springvale Rd, Donvale

PHIL WALTER, Regis Lake Park, 40 Central Rd, Blackburn

HAROLD WOOLARD, Alawarra Inala, 220 Middleborough Rd, Blackburn Sth



WOOL WANTED

The Knitting Group who knit and then donate their items to Cottage by the Sea and Missionary Ventures Australia are in need of more wool. If you have 8ply wool, please drop it at reception.

Thank you, Faye

FREE MOVIES FOR MEMBERS

Presented by Ray Wall

TUESDAY, 21ST MARCH AT 10.30

Wild Target



Victor Maynard (Bill Nighy) is a middle-aged, solitary assassin, who lives to please his formidable mother, despite his own peerless reputation for lethal efficiency. His professional routine is interrupted when he finds himself drawn to one of his intended victims, Rose (Emily Blunt). He spares her life, unexpectedly acquiring in the process a young apprentice, Tony. Believing Victor to be a private detective, his two new companions tag along, while he attempts to thwart the murderous attentions of his unhappy client.

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

Ian Ward, Joyce Rollison and Elizabeth Maddock

Vale LEST WE FORGET

Peter Davison
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Affiliate

Raymond Dunstan
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Svy.

Dorothy Reid
Affiliate

Roma Owen
Affiliate



WHITEHORSE DAY CLUB.

MEETING – Tuesday 14th February, Valentine's Day.

Being Valentine's Day, members were asked to wear something red, so it was a sea of red that met our guest speaker Mr Tom Burrows, son of our member Mr Jim Burrows as he gave us his talk on the famous explorers Burke and Wills.



The official name of the expedition was 'Victorian Exploring Expedition' but unofficially was known as Burke and Wills Expedition. The amazing facts that were prominent in the report were how unqualified and disorganised the team of men were who set off on this trip. Wills kept a very detailed diary which told the whole tragic story of this expedition. 19 men set out on the expedition, 7 men including Burke and Wills died along the way, but they did achieve their goal of exploring the centre of Australia in 1861. Burke was a soldier and then a politician at Castlemaine and Wills was a scientist. Late in 1861 a rescue mission was sent from Melbourne to look for the party under the leadership of Howitt, the explorer. He found King, a member of the party who told of the deaths of Burke and Wills. What a tragedy! Today we see statues and memorials all over Victoria celebrating the achievements of these 2 brave men. Thank-you to Tom for sharing that great piece of Victorian history with us.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CO-ORDINATOR, BOB MCLELLAN.

Do you have spare time on your hands and would like to become involved in Club life? We have just the Club. You would be involved in day trips, holidays, dress-up days, special days, quizzes, prizes and surprises. Lunches with friends and special morning teas, and all this in the company of great friends. If this is what you're looking for, we would like to meet you. For more information contact Bob on 0409 403 262 and he will look after you. We look forward to seeing you at Club.

Carmen Ward, Day Club Reporter

WHITEHORSE DAY CLUB TRIP

Geelong Maritime Museum

Our first destination in 2017 was Geelong's Naval and Maritime Museum. This museum, situated in the Stables of Osborne House, holds a unique collection of artefacts and

memorabilia relating to Geelong, Corio Bay and also nautical development and technology which contributed to the discovery and settlement of Australia.

Osborne House, built in 1858, became Australia's 1st Naval Training



College in 1913-15. Many Geelong residents know Osborne House as the former Corio Shire offices, which it was for over 50 years. We were given a tour of it and learned about its chequered past. In 2003, the Council voted to retain the house and stables for the use and benefit of the community. There is also a Vietnam Veteran's Centre and Military Museum open to the public, within the grounds.

After lunch at the Sphinx Hotel, we did a tour of Geelong. Judging by the crowds, it is a very popular place, particularly during school holidays. It is great to see so many of the older buildings being retained/restored here. A favourite of many is "The Iron House" which was shipped out from U.K. in kit-form. Iron used as ballast on the ship was used in its construction. Thanks, Valerie, for this gem of information.

Another great day kicked off our trips in 2017.

John and Mary Simpson
Tour Co-ordinators

TREV'S COLUMN

MEMBERS PREMIUM REWARDS CARD – "STOCK UP FOR EASTER"

Don't forget to swipe your Premium Rewards Card at the kiosk when you enter the Club and you could win a Bonus ticket to enter the March promotion to win a Bar Fridge and a \$250.00 Vintage Cellar Voucher. The draw is on 25 March. 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.

AIR CONDITIONING

Preliminary work has commenced to replace our aging and overworked air conditioning system. The new units will be located on the roof and there will be no need for that staircase in the passageway to be lowered blocking access to the toilets. They were meant to be in before Christmas but we ran into some structural problems which have now been resolved. Weather permitting the work should be completed by April.

NEW CAR PARK

Denis Fernando and our Architect, Round 6, had a meeting with Council representatives at Box Hill RSL on 13 February to clear some anomalies with our Town Planning application. One thing was the Council reps were unaware of was that Box Hill RSL has been on the Nelson Road since the 1950's. Hopefully we have resolved their issues and we can advertise shortly. We are negotiating with the developer of the 20 storey apartment block next door to have his builder build our car park at the same time which will give us substantial savings as there will only need one builder and one crane on site. His project will not commence until about July and he will need to demolish the old building and excavate for a 4 level car park before he reaches ground level. We will be ready by then!!

BOWLING GREEN

The Bowls Section has made substantial progress towards the installation of lights for the Bowling Green. They have received Council approval and are ready to start work.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2017 AGM will be held on Sunday 26 March at 11.00am in the Upton Room.

2017 SUB-BRANCH ELECTIONS

There will be no need for an election this year as the number of nominations fills the vacancies on the Committee. Those elected unopposed are T Symes (Vice President),

A Merryweather (Treasurer), J Haward and Bep Dawes (Committee)

BISTRO TRADING HOURS

The Bistro is now open at 11.30am Monday to Friday for those who are peckish early.

Trevor Symes Vice President

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Recently, Major General David McLachlan AO (Retd) retired from the position of State President of the Victorian Branch of the RSL after 14 years of great service, and has been



succeeded by Dr Robert Webster OAM. Robert is a member of Box Hill Vietnam Veterans Sub-Branch, and has given advice on many occasions on various issues. In the last Australia Day Honours, he received the honour of OAM

(Member of the Order of Australia). Robert is also a Vietnam Veteran having served with Box Hill RSL Secretary Ray Wall in Vietnam as a Corporal at Headquarters, 26 Company, RAASC, Nui Dat.

Robert has been an active member of the RSL for (40) years. He is an Accountant and a Land Valuer being a Fellow of both CPA Australia and the Australian Property Institute. He is also a Member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and holds a Doctor of Business Administration Degree. Rob has been a Life Member of the RSL with Gold Badge since 2002 and was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal in 2016.

After 8 years as State Honorary Treasurer he was elected to Vice President and we are sure that Robert will handle the position of President of the State Branch with the utmost professionalism that is required of him. He will be no stranger as he has acted in the position of State RSL Senior Vice President for a number of years, and we at VVAA Box Hill Sub-Branch wish him all the very best in his new adventure.

Brian Tateson
Memorabilia



ONLY 2
SHOWS
LIMITED TICKETS

The LOST DIGGERS of VIGNACOURT ...introducing AUSTRALIA'S VALOUR

The Lost Diggers of Vignacourt shows will feature a presentation of the discovery of the intriguing and historically significant photographs, followed by a panel of World War I and Victoria Cross experts:

- Keith Payne, VC AM
- Doug Baird
- Ross Coulthart
(morning show only)
- Dean Mighell
- Lambis Englezos AM
(evening show only)
- Michael Lawriwsky
- Michael C. Madden
- George Petrou
- Brett Macleod
(Master of Ceremonies)

Meet and greet our presenters and special guests along with a private viewing of The Lost Diggers paintings by George Petrou with drinks and canapés, the event will allow for photo opportunities and autographs.

Thursday
March 23

Morning Show
10 AM – 12:30 PM

Evening Show
5:30 PM – 8:30 PM

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PILGRIMS OF YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW

And this darkness is now for me an open field where nightmares love to play leaden my feet and thoughts become where once a dance floor I used to sway.

The desires of the young and the beautiful ladies relentlessly cursed our mind through with the aging of life, experience, maturity brings visions none so kind.

The sights I hold now in head, graced by memories intrigued obscenities? The fireworks have begun in the dead of night, manifestations to one's insanity.

Visions, past, three-dimensional cinema I brought the ticket, movie in my mind? The Swiss watch with all its intricacy, gear and cogs, the spring too over wind.

Pestilence! These cold visions and night-time sweat's to greet a weary open soul but none of us stand individual, the same stench cutting the air 'tis always foul.

Ten feet tall and bullet proof was once a day that we knew of in time; moment felt through skin on feet became large blister none of these though seen as one knelt.

We fly the skies; we swim the seas, move through deserts; blinded driving sand our house, home we carry on our backs and fine weapons held within our hands.

When things get rough and then get tougher we will in time think, jest, laughter though in history we are the pilgrim's master, we shall go always a little further.

The above "Pilgrims of Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow" was composed by Bruce L. Meredith.