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After Lights Out – Skits Happen

One of our members at Box Hill RSL, Peter Norman, is currently undertaking a book project during 2017. The title of the book is "After Lights Out – Skits Happen". It's a compilation of anecdotes from many people, who when they were trainee servicemen, student nurses, boarding college students, and so on, got up to mischief when they were supposed to be asleep in their dormitories. As we older people now know, telling young 18-20 year olds that at 10pm they must go to sleep, was an order that was very likely to be ignored as soon as the assigned supervisor went home to bed. Such as:

"I remember one night when the 'sappers' had got the mobile generator powering a circuit of lights around the site, and we decided to hook up our own lighting system for the tent. We got it connected alright, but as soon as the generator kicked in there was a loud bang and it shut down leaving everything in darkness. We quickly whipped our wires down from the pole, then sat in the tent in silence. A Sergeant poked his head in the flap: "Did you guys see anything on the overhead lines?" "We think there might have been a possum up there, Sarge." "OK. Carry on." (Source: Brian Giddings, Army 3/752587, 15NSTB Puckapunyal 1954, "Hard Yakka and Bivouacs" pub. 2002).

And

"I had one guy who I suspected was spending nights out of Camp. I took to going to the tent and counting one live head on each pillow. I finally discovered he was indeed going "over the hill" and his mates covered him by sharing his bedding out, dismantling his bed and moving all the beds along a bit! After that, I made him sleep in the Guard House each night". (Source: Captain John Quantrill, 14 NSTB 1951-56, [Retired Major], "The National Serviceman – The 90 Day Wonder" by James A Oliver, 1999).

Contributions from Box Hill RSL members will be gratefully received. Please forward them to Peter Norman, 1 Deborah Street, Kilsyth, Vic, 3137 or pdnorman1945@gmail.com. The authors of all anecdotes will be acknowledged in the book, unless anonymity is requested.

Peter Norman



Called to do a funeral service for a returned serviceman often has its surprises. At Doncaster the other day I was volunteered, army style, to lead the coffin into the Funeral home. No Problem, until they said it was on a dray being drawn around the block by two Clydesdale horses!

Peter McPhee - Volunteer

CAN YOU HELP?

In the early days of the Sub-Branch the committee produced a newsletter called "Reveille" – I recall it was black and white which carried quite a bit of information about the "goings-on" within the Sub-Branch.

The author of our forthcoming book celebrating the centenary of Box Hill RSL has been attempting to gain copies of this rather old information sheet.

If you have copies or know where some maybe hiding can you please contact me at the Sub-Branch or via the phone on 9877 4407.

Tony Bowden, Sub-Branch President

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WELCOME TO PAM, OUR NEW WELFARE WORKER!



I am a qualified Social Worker having completed my Masters in 2014. Prior to this I completed a Bachelor of Speech & Hearing Science followed by a Graduate Diploma in Rehabilitation Counselling. My career has been quite mixed. I have experience working in Aged Care both as an Activities Officer and a personal carer. More recently I have been working the TAFE sector assisting disengaged workers to identify career paths and study options as well as supporting them with job search activities. I live locally and am married with two teenage children.



FREE TRIP TO BALLARAT

THURSDAY 11TH MAY
LEAVING AT 8.30

To visit the prisoner of war memorial and the garden of the grieving mother with lunch at the george hotel.

TO BOOK PLEASE
RING PAM ON
9898 2044

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

Dorothy Leith & Phyllis O'Reilly

Vale LEST WE FORGET

Gordon Gotch
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Affiliate

Malcolm McLellan
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Don Cairns
Social

Patricia Williams
Affiliate



WHITEHORSE DAY CLUB

What a great start to our club's meeting in Feb. Clive Jones, our entertainer, is a great singer/musician. He encouraged audience participation and had us reminiscing about old radio shows e.g. Dad & Dave and Blue Hills.

I would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank Box Hill RSL, Department of Veteran Affairs, Whitehorse Community Chest and Michael Sukkar MP for their generous support, without which the Club would have great difficulty in offering the current program of activities to its members.

WDC Meeting 14/3/17

A good turnout today for our guest speaker, Eric Panther. He had a great collection of memorabilia including old match boxes, Bex Powder bottles and old money boxes from Banks, past and present. He also talked about old radio programs we heard on old Bakelite radios on the mantelpiece.

I wish to thank those who have contacted me and welcome our new members. Keep up the good work as we need more new members. Can I also ask members who could help with small jobs in and around the club to contact me.

Bob McLellan 0409 403 262, Day Club Co-ordinator



BLUE LOTUS GARDENS FEB. 2017

Watch "Better Homes and Gardens" and you may see some of us at the Blue Lotus Gardens as they were filming when we visited. Owner Geoff Cochrane saw potential as a tourist attraction, in what was originally a commercial Chinese cabbage (wombok) farm, so turned it into today's gardens by adding ponds and growing lotus flowers and water lilies. Lotus flowers come from S. China so are suited to cold weather, not tropical climates. All parts of the plant can be used in cooking – we got to sample lotus chips. The lilies are used mainly in corporate floral arranging because of the vibrant colours. There was a lot to see in this 14 acre site and many of us were fascinated seeing a drone in action, filming for the T.V. show. We picked up tips on growing the plants we saw.

En route home, we got to wander through some shops in Yarra Glen.

John and Mary Simpson
Tour Co-ordinators

FREE MOVIES FOR MEMBERS

Presented by Ray Wall

THURSDAY, 27TH APRIL AT 10.30

Seabiscuit

140 MINUTES SUGGEST YOU BOOK YOUR LUNCH AT RSL BISTRO FOR 1PM.

True story of an undersized Depression-era racehorse whose victories lifted not only the spirits of the team behind it but also those of their nation.



TREV'S COLUMN

MEMBERS PREMIUM REWARDS CARD – "EASTER GETAWAY"

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 April promotion to win \$1,000.00 towards the weekend of your choice. The major draw is on 29 April. There are also 2 x Easter Hampers to be won and these are drawn on 14 April at 7.30pm. 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

A large mobile crane was located in the northern car park on Thursday 9th March to install the gantry for the air conditioning units. The units have been installed. As mentioned last month, weather permitting the work should be completed by April.

NEW CAR PARK

A further submission is to be made to the City of Whitehorse after some minor changes have been made to the design. When Council approval has been received we can advertise for objections and then proceed to detailed working drawings for the project.

PAKENHAM RACE DAY

I have organised a Race Day to Pakenham on Wednesday 31 May 2017. See ad elsewhere in Scuttlebutt.

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.

BIRTHDAY VOUCHERS

It is important that you check your Scuttlebutt envelope as your birthday voucher will be inside!!

Trevor Symes, Vice President

BOWLS REPORT



This is our first input to the Scuttlebutt News from the Bowls section for a couple of months. I have been on holidays recently, and then I had to have a full knee replacement. As a result, there is lots to tell!

Our Christmas breakup 2016 was held in the Upton room and was a great success! We shared fine food, fine wine, fine company, and fine entertainment by Brendan Scott.

Our Christmas Raffles were very "Chrissmassy" and were greatly appreciated by the winners.

The Bowls pennant ceased for a month over the Christmas and New Year break. During this time our

Club Championships for 2016- 2017 were being held. All games are completed so we can announce and congratulate, our new Ladies Singles Club Champion Jan Durham, and Mens Single Club Champion Peter Houghton.

Singles Ladies Runner up: G.MacDonald.

Mens Runner up: D.Skinner.

Ladies Pairs Winners: Eril Browne and Heather Arnel. **Runners up:** J.Smith & C.Ryan.



Men's Pairs Winners: Barry Maddock & David Laughlin. **Runners up:** B.Jones & B.MacDonald.

Mixed Pairs Winners: Heather and Dennis Arnel. **Runners up:** C.Ryan & P.Houghton.

Ladies 100 up Winner: Kim Howe
Mens 100 UP Winner: Peter Houghton
Runners up: J.Smith & D.Skinner.

Congratulations to all who competed; having a go is what this is all about! Thanks to match committee organizers, players, and player supporters.

Jan and Peter went on to Represent Box Hill Bowls in the State Champion of Champions and competed well!

The bowl section is proud to announce that Jan Durham has

been nominated this year for the Australia Day Awards. Jan is our Ladies Single club Champion. The awards recognize excellence in contribution by employees working in both Government and non-Government organizations including courts. Jan is currently the judicial associate at the Family Court.

Congratulations Jan on this Prestigious award.

Our Tuesday Pennant game finished on the 4th March. All 3 teams played well, and look forward to a bigger and better season next year.

Our Saturday Pennant sides did extremely well this season with 3 of the 4 sides finishing 2nd, in the top 4, the 3rd side just missing out by finishing 5th .

The 3 sides went on to play in the finals, winning the first round only to be knocked out in the second round. This still enables them to go up another division next season.

Well done all bowlers and selectors – it was a great team effort.

Our Social Bowls resumes after Easter on Wednesday 19th April and Saturday 23rd April during the winter and Non Pennant Season.

Our light situation for our Night Pennant is on-going, and looking good at this stage. Thanks to management.

Easter is creeping up on us again this year! It seems to be coming far too quickly, or is it just me? The older you get... the quicker it goes...

Helen Harrington
President Bowls Section

The Race Day Program continues

A DAY AT THE RACES

PAKENHAM RACE COURSE

WEDNESDAY 31st MAY 2017

SPECIAL PACKAGE FOR SERVICE, AFFILIATE AND SOCIAL MEMBERS

ONLY \$35.00 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.

THIS WILL BE ANOTHER GREAT DAY OUT!

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

Hello Ladies!

We held our AGM and meeting on 27th February with 33 members in attendance. 2016 has seen a drop in numbers due to increasing age, illnesses, and others going into care. Despite this it was a good meeting. I was very lucky that all the committee re-stood with the exception of Maria Massoud (Treasurer). Thank you to Pat Calabresi who has taken on the roll. Trevor Symes (Vice President of the sub branch) presented the badges so thank you Trevor for making the time.

On March 8th we had our first in-house function, chicken and salads. We got the chickens from Red Rooster and everyone raved about them which was great. We

had fruit salad and ice-cream for dessert. We then had 15 games of bingo with each committee member bringing along 3 gifts which we used for the prizes. It was a great day! Thank you ladies for coming.

I would like to invite any ladies interested in joining, or seeing what we do at the Auxiliary, to come along to the our meeting which is held on the 4th Monday of each month in the Upton Room starting at 10.30am. We would love to see some new faces.

On a sad note, we have lost member Margaret Geermans, we will miss her; R.I.P.

I did forget one big thank you last time our new father Xmas – John who not only gave out the gifts but entertained us as well – Great job John!

Well ladies take care keep smiling and stay safe...

Joan Clarke, Honorary President

Quote: *Remember the past, plan for the future, but live for today.*

Meeting Dates Mondays

Monday 27th March
Monday 24th April
Monday 22nd May Birthday Lunch

Function Dates – Wednesday

Wednesday 12th April Bus Trip
Chocolaterie Yarra Valley & Lunch
Healsville RSL \$20

Wednesday 10th May Postie Fashions
\$5.00 1.30 (bring a plate)