

Frontline



Summer 2018

From The President



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Brian Luscombe

With another Christmas, New Year and Australia Day done and dusted, I trust everyone had a safe and festive summer season, with lots of good food and cheer with family and friends.

Looking to the year ahead, we have put together some exciting activities and events for you, such as the Black Tie Dinners and Service Member Excursions as well as the return of many traditional favourites such as Morning Melodies, Friday Night Raffles and Bingo.

VALE

Mr Wally Roberts
Mr Wal Hacking



The Black Tie Dinners are a chance to dust off your favourite suit or evening gown, get a bit dolled up and experience an all inclusive wine, dine and entertainment evening as a part of our Commemoration of ANZAC Day, the 100th anniversary of WW1 Armistice and the 75th anniversary of the Korean War Armistice. The first one is Sunday 22nd April and will cost \$80 per head. **Seats are limited so book now.**



We are working on changing the name of our Welfare section to better reflect what we actually do for our returned services men and women and their families. We provide a suite of support services that range from taking people to medical appointments, restoration of medals, assistance with DVA applications, visits to nursing homes, assistance with funeral arrangements and estate planning, provision of home help services and often just a visit and chat by one of our volunteers.

We are developing a logo that represents and reflects Healesville RSL and the support we provide to our members and community and this will be presented at the upcoming AGM.

We are currently progressing the Lifestyle Retirement Village with our legal team to identify any impediments that may impact on the development proceeding.

Our AGM is fast approaching so try and come along. The Committee and I would love to see as many of you as possible attending to discuss our past years performance and progress on projects and future developments.

I look forward to seeing you at the Club during 2018.

Brian

Healesville RSL Sub Branch Inc.

Annual General Meeting

Sunday 18th March
11 am at the RSL

Nominations now open for Committee positions.
See Reception for details



A Black Tie Event

Centenary Dinner Dance

Sunday 22nd April	RSL Healesville	6PM - 10PM
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Food by: The Essential Caterer
Four fabulous courses with matched wines
\$80 pp Discounts for groups of 4 or more

100 YEARS OF ANZAC THE SPIRIT LIVES 2014 - 2018

Book Now
Ph: 5962 5017
Email: reception@healesvillersl.com.au



Around The Club

The Government has recently changed limits on Gaming Winnings payments by cheque. A cheque for any prize payment over \$2,000 is now required. Previously it was any prize payment over \$1,000



Cribb Point RSL was seeking some bar stools and Healesville RSL was pleased to be able to donate 12 of our old pink gaming stools. Cribb Point said they came up a treat after a clean up and fit perfectly.

Did you know that you are not only a member of Healesville RSL, you are one of over 171,000 Members of RSL Victoria.

Those of you who have not renewed your membership are now lapsed. If you renew by 23rd of March and bring the reminder letter to receive a Bonus 500 points.

Did you know that you can also renew for a Triennial (3 year) membership?

Winner of the Membership renewal promotion, the Hyundai i30 was Keilor East Member, Cheryl Richter.



Geelong RSL's Coral Chapman won the Triennial (3 year) membership promotion and received \$5,000

Congratulations both winners.

"Gone are the Good old Days of Gaming Subsidising Everything" says General Manager

I often receive comments about the price of this or that in the Club. The beer is too expensive or I can get a cheaper meal elsewhere. To remain a viable business the club has to ensure its pricing is commensurable with the costs of providing that service or product, of course. **Sadly, the "Good Old Days"** when gaming revenue subsidised just about everything in a club, has long gone.

Revenue in this area is falling and the number of players is declining as more and more people opt for online gambling. The vast array of gambling options that can be seen through Television advertising is swamping us.

Gaming, unlike most other **business's, is highly regulated** and restrictive. We are prohibited from advertising ,reducing the amount of a payout and increasing the cost to play.

When the Government increases gaming tax, or a supplier increases their costs such as recently with Electricity, we do not have the ability to pass on those increases through 75% off our Business – Gaming.

We have to either absorb those increases, try and increase patronage, increase pricing in the remaining 25% of our business ie food & beverage or develop other revenue areas.

Use Down, Costs Up

Here's a perfect example. Over the past few years our electricity consumption has declined through better management and equipment. However, despite this our electricity bill has gone up from an average of \$6,000 a month in 2016/17 to an average of \$11,000 a month In 2017/18.

That is another \$5,000 per month. **Yes that's right, another**

\$5,000 a month or \$60,000 a year we have to find just to remain open.

We are working hard to reduce costs that are within our control and we are working hard at trying to develop other forms of revenue that move us away from Gaming such as the Lifestyle Retirement Village.

So to remain a viable business into the future, we do have to pass on price increases. Therefore gone are the Good Old **Days of the "Cheap RSL"**.

We will however continue to provide value and even better member services, products and support at our great Club.

See you at the Club

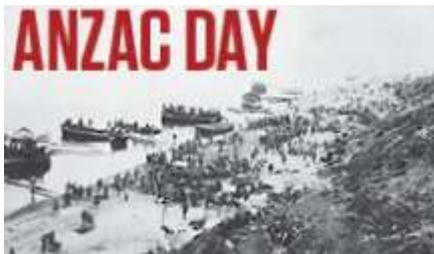
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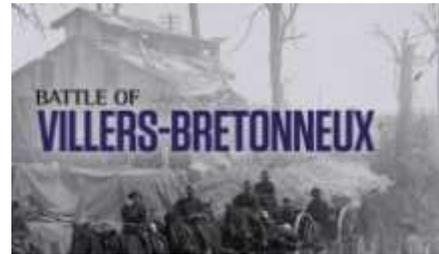


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LIVES
2014 - 2018

Significant Commemorations 2018 courtesy AWM



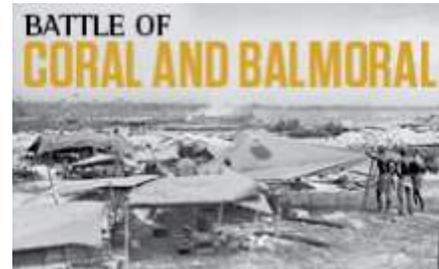
ANZAC Day Services
Wednesday 25th April



Centenary of the Battle of Villers-Bretonneux Wednesday 25th April



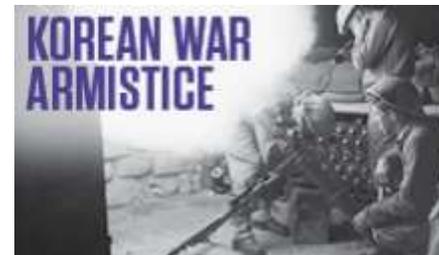
75th anniversary of the Battle of the Atlantic Tuesday 1 May



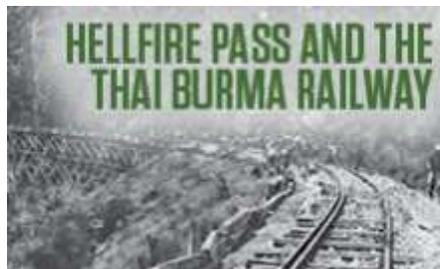
50th anniversary of the Battles at Fire Support Bases Coral and Balmoral Sunday 13 May



Centenary of the Battle of Hamel Wednesday 4 July



65th anniversary of the Korean War Armistice Friday 27 July



75th Anniversary of Hellfire Pass and the Thai Burma Railway Tuesday 16 October



Centenary of the First World War Armistice Sunday 11th November

Morning MELODIES

10am to 12pm

13th February	Rory Kaa
13th March	Joey D & Dennis Cahill
10th April	Marcia Ray
8th May	Rick Charles
12th June	Eddie James
10th July	Col Perkins
14th August	Rob Foenander
11th September	Dennis Rea
9th October	Cee Jay Jones
13th November	Ramon Demillo



HEALESVILLE RSL



FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION SIGN UP DAY

- Footy ticket giveaways
- Pots at happy hour prices
- Snacks provided
- Great rewards for members
- Wild card rounds
- Special end of season function

Only \$50 to Enter

Sunday 18th March 3pm to 6pm



JACKPOT JOE AUSSIE ADVENTURE

Win up to \$100,000*

EVERY MONDAY & THURSDAY

EVERYONE WELCOME FOR LOTS OF FUN




Car Boot Sale

Sunday 18th March
10 am to 2 pm
\$10 per stall

Car Boot Sale

