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Healesville RSL Sub Branch Inc. Annual General Meeting

Sunday 24th March
11 am at the RSL

Nominations now open for
Committee positions.

See Reception for details

Your Committee

President: Brian Luscombe
V. President: Neil Skinner
Secretary: Kathleen Short
Treasurer: Peter McCracken
Committee: Jill George
Robert Gannaway
Glenn Mitchell
Robert Nation

From The President



Christmas and New Year are over, and we are into February already! We have all had a break, but not from the heat, and now the kids are back at school and we at the RSL are frantically working to put in place some great plans, programs and events for you to enjoy through 2019.

We finished off 2018 in a pretty good position, making a small profit for the year and meeting all our major targets. Membership increased to over 1,300, our Veteran Services increased the number of Veterans and families that we support in various ways, we upgraded facilities in the venue, we finalised plans for the installation of our own power system to make us independent from the energy grid, (yes, no more power outages at the RSL by mid 2019), we installed a new memorial commemorating those Indigenous Australians who served in the armed services in defence of their country, we had some minor changes to the committee and we met all our legislative and governance responsibilities as a registered Charity and a Sub Branch of the RSL. All in all a pretty good year.

Our AGM is on Sunday 24th March here at the RSL and I encourage you to come and learn more about what Healesville RSL accomplished during 2018, our finances via Audited reports and what we plan to do in 2019.

Late last year (December) RSL Victoria held its annual RSL Victoria Hall of Fame awards night at the Regent theatre. Over 300 people attended representing RSL Committees and staff throughout Victoria. The most prestigious award on the night is being inducted into the RSL Victoria Hall of Fame. This year only three RSL members were inducted and Healesville RSL's vice President, Neil Skinner was inducted for his outstanding service to the RSL and Veterans in our Community. Additionally, Carol Ralis, our administration manager, was nominated for and received an achievement and recognition award for her great work at Healesville. You can see more pics of the wonderful night enjoyed by staff and committee on the following pages.



As always, we love to welcome new members so bring along a friend and join them up. We have fantastic offers, prizes and gifts that only members can access. Well worth our low membership fee, which by the way has not increased in over 10 years. We also love to have new people lending a hand when we sell Anzac badges, raffle tickets or just doing things around the club. We are a friendly lot so put your name down at reception to give us a hand. I look forward to seeing you all at the Club.

Brian Luscombe

News

MORE than \$157,000 of funding under the latest round of Supporting Younger Veterans Grants, has been awarded to Flinders University, together with William Kibby VC Men's Shed, to develop a program to support younger veterans undertaking tertiary education.

DVA Online are doing faster claim submissions and processing times for veterans and their families. These are being delivered through a number of

recent improvements and features to MyService – the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) online platform.

ANZAC Day dawn service and parade with main service is a big day for the RSL. Call us if you are able to assist on the day.

Support Services may be accessed by all returned and serving Services personnel but did you know that this extends to the family of those who have or are serving? We can assist with a wide range of support options from help with DVA, legal

financial or estate planning advice to crisis counselling, mobility aids, transport to medical appointments, home help and modifications to name a few.

Our Support Officers, Carol Ralis, Brian Luscombe and the team are always available to confidentially talk and assist.

VALE - Lest We Forget

Mr V. E. Williams
Mr B. Charleton
Mr S. Hansen





Get to know us.

Kim — Gaming Supervisor

Congratulations to Kim and Michael on the arrival of Lincoln. Pictured here at 8 weeks. Kim will be returning to work in April

Favourite Movie:

Ann of Green Gables (Family)

My favourite eating:

Lots—steak yum

Worst food ever eaten

Olives

If I joined the circus I would be:

Animal Trainer

I hate this but wished I loved it:

Running

Funniest place fallen asleep:

In the boot of a car when 19

Kill time doing

Watching movies

If you could be any person dead or Alive who would it be

No one really — Me



Join A Group

Want some company with like minded people? Want to follow a passion?

The RSL has many groups that would welcome new members. Just ask our friendly staff and we can help.

Bingo
Mah-jong
Poker
Valley Vets
Fun Club
Bridge Club
Golf
Probuss

Monday & Thursday nights
Tuesday afternoons
Tuesday nights
Last Wednesday of the month
Thursday mornings
Monday afternoons
Last Sunday of the month
Ladies - 2nd Friday Mens - 2nd Thursday
Valley Ladies - 2nd Monday



Season Begins 23rd March
Join next time you visit the Club

RSL Victoria Hall of Fame

The RSL Hall of Fame Awards is a Gala Ball night for all Victorian RSL Committees and their staff.

This year Healesville Committee member Neil Skinner was inducted into the RSL Victoria Hall of Fame for his years of service to Healesville RSL and Veterans in our community. There were only three recipients for this prestigious award.

Staff member Carol Ralis also received a Recognition & Achievement award for her outstanding support work with our veteran services and administration of the Club.

Congratulations to both Neil and Carol.



Winners Are Grinners

We have a great rang of Promotions during 2019 kicking off this month with a \$20,000 cash draw

March



April



May



June



RSL Member Raffle Friday Nights

New more exciting members only cash draw on every Friday night. Commencing at \$500 cash & 50,000 points the draw will jackpot by \$100 & 10,000 points over two additional draws each Friday night between 6pm and 8.30pm. If no winners are drawn after 8 weeks the draw will continue on the Friday night every 5 minutes until a winner is drawn. Yep that's right it is guaranteed to go off!



Swipe your card at the kiosk or when making a purchase, between 4pm and 7pm on 21st February 2019 to enter* the draw!

Winner will be announced at 7:15pm on 21st February 2019.

*Terms & Conditions apply
rsirewards.com.au



Membership Renewal

Hyundai Member Promotion
The Hyundai Kona was won by Maree Fleet of Darebin RSL - Congratulations!



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Did you know that you can purchase a Gift Voucher for that special occasion?

Use your points or pay by CC or cash, we can make a voucher for that special person or event. A great gift idea for families or friends.



Around The Club

The Lone Pine Memorial commemorative service for Indigenous Armed Services Personnel was held.



Unfortunately the Lone Pine itself has struggled to cope with the transition and extreme heat we have had. We are in the process of acquiring another Lone Pine to plant when conditions are more favourable.



A huge 61cm TV has been installed in the gaming room to keep everyone updated on the latest activities.

Gallipoli Lounge is used regularly by our range of RSL and Community groups in addition to being booked for wakes, conferences and parties. Members are advised that for full Social, Service or Affiliate members a generous discount is provided when you book a function in this room. Book early as the room is heavily used.

Co Generation Energy Contract to supply 3 gas powered generators has been signed and the initial engineering work is being undertaken. The new system will ensure we have a constant power supply. No blackouts.



As a part of the contract we will be installing a form of hydronic heating/cooling system which will run off the heat produced by the generators. This will eliminate our very old and poorly functioning air conditioning system.



The whole package comes in two 40 ft containers that are sound insulated. These will be located adjacent to our exit drive.

We hope to have the system operational by June.

Bad Behaviour won't be tolerated at Healesville RSL.

Recently some members have had to be banned because of their verbal abuse of our staff and, in some cases, other patrons in the venue.

Our members and their guests expect, when they come into our Club, to enjoy our hospitality. Not be abused.

Treat everyone with the respect and courtesy you would expect for yourself.

If you have an issue then arrange to talk to me.

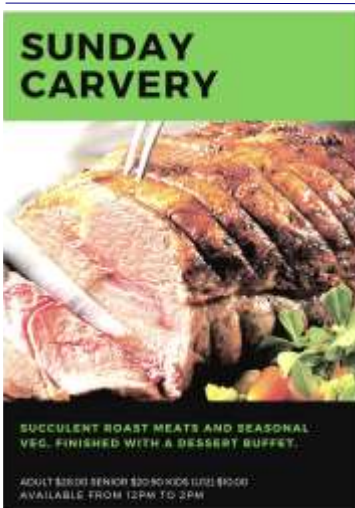


Beer Price Increase will occur this month as a result of Government Excise increases. A pot of beer will go up to \$5.10. Full members get a discount.

We are so sorry to have to do this but we must always stay a viable business.

Take Away Alcohol at reasonable prices is something the RSL has always provided members. We have a limited list of beer and wine items available over the bar when next you visit.

Gary Slater—General Manager



Members Day Trips



Some of our members on the recent day trip to Daylesford.

If you are interested in booking on a day trip please see our staff.