



INFORMER

October 2016

President's Report

We have had quite a few changes over the last year. Both the Manager and Assistant Manager have given notice, we wish them both well into the future. Andrew Jinks has taken over as Manager, he has a wealth of knowledge in this area and is doing a great job. During these difficult times all of our staff pulled together helping us out. I thank you all for your support!

Last year Glenroy RSL put an application into the Victorian Gaming Commission for 10 extra gaming machines. It was a long process, and the Gaming Commission approved the application and said they would cause a 'no detriment effect on the community'. We also made an agreement with the Moreland City Council to pay them \$20,000/year, then at the last moment the Councillors changed their mind and voted against it. The only way forward now is to go to VCAT and the Council will fight it, that will be happening in January.

The Council has put us in a situation where we have paid for the entitlements but we cannot use them 'So much for helping a Veteran and Community Welfare Organisation'.

Our building is looking tired on the outside and is leaking on the inside. If we do not renovate we will cease to be a viable RSL into the future. We wanted to start this year but because of our problems with Council and everything else, it had to be put off. The forward plan now is to start stage 1 on 1st May next year, just after ANZAC Day, it should be finished around 6 weeks before the end of the year.

Nothing else has happened with the petrol station next door and there is no building permit before council.

Have a happy and safe Christmas to all our members and staff, we look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Ken White, President

Attention: All Members

Membership Fees are due and payable

from 1 November 2016

2017 Membership Fee \$15

Veterans Report

We would like to commemorate two Vietnam VC winners as it is the 50th Anniversary of Long Tan

Keith Payne

In May 1969 he was commanding the 212th Company of the 1st Mobile Strike Force Battalion when it was attacked by a strong North Vietnamese force near Ben Het Camp. His company was isolated and, surrounded on three sides, Payne's Vietnamese troops began to fall back. Payne, by now wounded in the hands and arms and under heavy fire, covered the withdrawal before organising his troops into a defensive perimeter. He then spent three hours scouring the scene of the day's fight for isolated and wounded soldiers, all the while evading the enemy who kept up regular fire. He found some forty wounded men, brought some in himself and organised the rescue of the others, leading the party back to base through enemy dominated terrain.

Payne's actions that night earned him the Victoria Cross

Kevin Wheatley

On 13th November 1965 on an operation in the Tra Bong Valley Warrant Officer K.A. Wheatley reported via radio, Warrant Officer R.J. Swanton had been severely wounded. After being told Swanton was dying, Wheatley refused to abandon him and instead discarded his radio allowing him to half drag, half carry Warrant Officer Swanton under heavy machine-gun and automatic rifle fire to a safety area 200 metres away. He was assisted by Private Dinh Do who urged him to leave his comrade as Viet Cong were only metres away. Again he refused, and was seen to pull the pins from two grenades and calmly awaited the Viet Cong, holding one grenade in each hand.

The two bodies were found at first light next morning after the fighting had ceased, with Warrant Officer Wheatley lying beside Warrant Officer Swanton. Both had died of gunshot wounds. He had the clear choice of abandoning a wounded comrade and saving himself by escaping through the dense timber or of staying with Warrant Officer Swanton and thereby facing certain death. He deliberately chose the latter course. His acts of heroism, determination and unflinching loyalty in the face of the enemy will always stand as examples of the true meaning of valour.



Welfare Report

Hi everybody! During this past year we have continued with our welfare commitments, these include; helping members, veterans and war widows as much as possible with a vast variety of requests, hospital and nursing home visits and funeral services of our veterans.

Our ANZAC appeal this year gave us a total of \$48,000 of which ANZAC House retains 50% for their welfare use. We have some good support from members who help with our appeals, the same ones year after year. I would personally like to thank everyone of you for a job well done.

Our next Poppy Appeal will commence on Friday 27th October until Remembrance Day 11th November. If you have some spare time please give us a call. **Our club needs more volunteers.**

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to all our welfare and appeal volunteers, your help over this time has been greatly appreciated.

Bert Lawes OAM

Snr. Vice President (Welfare)



VALE

Service

Rokesky, Allan
Bradford, William
McLeod, Alexander
O'Shannessy, John
Rich, Herbert
Franklin, Kenneth
Burge, Leslie
Coram, Peter

Affiliate

Fewings, Mavis
Ward, Edith
King, Nina
Bock, Geoffrey
Jones, Sydney
Angell, Neil
Gray, Pauline

Life Member

Lesar, Peter

Social

Bellchambers, Glen

Lest We Forget

The Children's Christmas Picnic

will be held at

The Oak Park Football Club

(Francis Street Oak Park)

SUNDAY

11 DECEMBER 2016

12.30pm – 4.30pm

Father Christmas will be arriving
at approx 2.00pm



Member's children and grandchildren 12 years and under will be accepted.

\$25.00 per child

Includes: • a present, drinks • sausage sizzle • Trackless Train
• inflatable castles • clown • face painting • lots of novelty races



Please collect an application form
from reception, complete and hand
it in with payment no later than
Friday 25 November 2016

**We encourage all members to get involved
to make this a great day!**

MEMBERSHIP ADVANTAGES

\$50 Function Room Hire (conditions apply)

RSL REWARDS POINT SYSTEM

Courtesy Bus — Pick up and Drop Off

Free Entertainment

10% discount on all Main Meals

Monday — Member's Only **Half Price Meals
(Lunch and Dinner)**

Discounted Drink Prices

Member's only Monthly Promotions

Happy Hours

Members Draw 4 times a week

Thursday and Friday Night Meat Raffles

Children's Christmas Picnic

Rewards Plus

*Must be a financial Member to receive the above advantages.

*Some of the above advantages do not apply to Community Members.

COURTESY BUS TIMETABLE

Monday	5pm - 9pm
Tuesday	11am - 9pm
Wednesday	11am - 11pm
Thursday	11am - 11pm
Friday	11am - 12 midnight
Saturday	4pm - 12 midnight
Sunday	4pm - 8.30pm

*Times may vary





ANZAC Cove Bistro

WEEKLY SPECIALS

MONDAY	1/2 Price Main Meals
TUESDAY	Seafood Night \$15.00
WEDNESDAY	Steak Day \$17.00
THURSDAY	Parma Day* \$16.00

KIDS EAT FREE!

Friday-Sunday*

*Parma Day special excludes Prawn Deluxe and Parma Conquest
* 1 x Kid's meal free with 1 x Main meal purchase

*All members must be financial to receive these specials
(Price rises may apply in 2017)*

THE GEORGE TRIMMER BAND
Friday 18 November 2016
8.30pm
 Free Entry, All Welcome!
 Must be 18 years and Over

80s RUS
Band
Friday 16 December 8.30pm
 Free Entry ▾ Must Be 18 years & Over

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DATES TO REMEMBER IN 2017
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AGM-Annual General Meeting

Saturday 18 March

ANZAC Day (Members Only) Function

Sunday 9 April

ANZAC Day Dawn Service

Tuesday 25 April

Remembrance Day Service

Saturday 11 November

Sporting Report

Fishing

As most members would know, the weather for the past 12 months has not been conducive to good fishing.

Strong winds and heavy rainfalls made fresh water angling virtually impossible.

Recently, the weekend to Howqua was transferred to Port Albert.

Those who attended enjoyed themselves just the same. Then followed a social luncheon cruising Westernport from Tooradin.

While Glenroy was buffeted with wild winds, we enjoyed 4 hours on board; both male and female members, thoroughly impressed by their hosts vowed to repeat this day mostly likely in March when the weather is warmer.



yet again, an intrepid eight returned to Tooradin for 8 hours fishing and everyone of them caught fish.

Membership to the club is still open to all RSL members so they too can enjoy days like these.

We have our breakup early in December so on behalf of the committee, I wish everyone a happy and safe Christmas and a prosperous New Year and hope to see you all catching great fish soon.

F. Oliver, Secretary

Darts

The two seasons this year produced some great darts but also some frustrating results.



The Odd-ones had a fantastic 1st season and they continued to show why in the 2nd with good scores thrown on a regular basis.

The Gimmies however were middle-of-the-road just missing finals in the 1st season and in the 2nd, they were frustrated out of games and will be relegated.

I say frustrated because both teams lost a lot of the close games 6-5, in some cases not being able to finish, others not getting that chance.

One memorable match saw an opponent sweat to retire after throwing his highest score ever as a finish. It was also the 2nd highest finish possible at 167.

Throws such as that tend to knock the confidence more than just a bit.

We are hoping to better ourselves next season which starts in February starting with a new look with new shirts arriving shortly.

Our members join me in wishing everyone a great Christmas and Happy New Year and hope we will see some of you supporting your teams next year.

F. Oliver, Chairman

Golf

With only one Championship round to be completed, we will soon have our GRSL Club Champion 2016. We recently had our annual trip away to Denilliquin with 35 members having a great weekend.

Plenty of golf, punting, drinking, mosquitoes. Special thanks to Tony Glen for making this weekend a success.

Dates coming up to remember – Claytons Trip, Sunday 27th November, destination Portarlington Golf Club. Bus leaves RSL 6am members only.

Presentation Day, Saturday 3rd December. Special thanks to the GRSL for our raffle nights without this it is hard to make ends meet for our members. Well done to Hottie and Fee for their efforts. I would like to wish our members a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

New members always welcome.

David May, Chairman



MORNING MELODIES

2016

Tuesday 15 November Blasts from the Past – *Brian Muldoon*

Tuesday 20 December Dolly Parton & Friends XMas Show – *Sandie Dodd*

SHOW TIMES 11.00AM – 12.00PM

\$12 PER PERSON

SINGLE MEAL PROVIDED

Bookings please contact Glenroy RSL 9306 9777

Email: info@glenroyrsl.com.au

Web: www.glenroy.rslvic.com.au

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Tuesday 21 February

Song & Dance Man – *Brendan Scott*

Tuesday 21 March

Legends – *Sean Spiteri*

Tuesday 18 April

The Born Entertainer – *Paul Hogan*

Tuesday 16 May

Country Gentleman – *Ian Castles*

Tuesday 20 June

Human Jukebox – *Michael Mildren*

Tuesday 18 July

Johnny O'Keefe Rock n Roll Show
– *Brian Muldoon*

Tuesday 15 August

Variety – *John Pallozzi*

Tuesday 19 September

Rocking n Country – *Cee Jay Jones*

Tuesday 17 October

Dolly Parton Tribute – *Sandie Dodd*

Tuesday 21 November

Ultimate Entertainer – *Arnie Griffs*

Tuesday 19 December

Xmas Show – *Marion Faye*