

Newsletter

May 2023



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Sadly, we lost a number of Veterans over the last couple of months. Vale to – Mr John Dunstan OAM, Mr Stanley Clarke OAM, Mr Ernest Ives, Mr Phillip Eaton, Mr George Gallagher.

The RSL Edinburgh Shield was again held this year at Club Mulwala, Yarrawonga Golf Club and Yarrawonga Bowling Club over the weekend of 15th & 16th April. Good weather afforded the bowlers on the first day of competition however rain stopped play on the Sunday. The event was well attended by regional Victorian teams.

The RSL Women's Auxiliary held their BBQ fundraising event at Bunnings on 15th April. A big thank you for all those who organised the event.

Anzac Day services were held at 1100 on 20th April at Yarrawonga Health (Karana) followed at 1400 at Woods Point Aged Care. Both services were well attended and wreaths were laid by Mr Peter Wallis and Mr Des Jones respectively.

On Sunday 23rd April, Anzac Day services were held at Lake Rowan and St James. Both regional towns were well supported, with both venue's providing morning tea and lunch. Later in the afternoon members attended at Wilby Memorial Hall for the unveiling of the new information sign and to recognise the significance of the new mural and history of the Memorial Hall. President of the Wilby Hall Committee – Robert Glover and Norm Whinray officially unveiled the new information sign (full story page 3). Trevor Hargreaves OAM a former long term Wilby resident delivered the ODE and spoke of soldiers who fought for their country. Thank you to the Wilby CFA for providing afternoon tea.

Anzac Day services at our Memorial Wall, Mulwala and Yarrawonga were very well attended.

A very big thank you to Maya Hargreaves & Jack Bassett from P12 College along with Chloe Burgess & Dominic McInnes from YSHC for their Dawn Service Addresses. A big thank you to all those that made the services a very memorable event.

Ian Summers and I attended Goulburn Valley Grammar School in Shepparton on Monday 24th April for their annual Anzac Day Service. Students provided a very detailed service which was followed by morning tea. The event was also supported by representatives from RSL Sub-Branch's and members of both local and state governments.

Gary Guidotti, President

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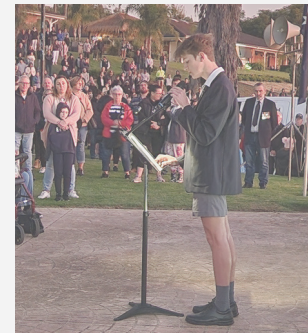
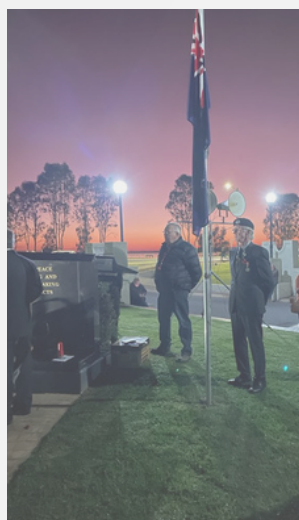
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ANZAC DAY SERVICE 2023



(Above) Maya Hargreaves, Jack Bassett from Yarrowonga P12 College Secondary Campus and Chloe Burgess and Dominic McInnes from Yarrowonga Sacred Heart addressed the ANZAC Service



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Practicing of the Catafalque Party for their Mulwala & Yarrawonga Anzac Day services

(Left) Craig Rothwell our Parade Marshall is seen providing and receiving information as to how the Party will be formed.

(Right) Graeme Beasley with President, Gary Guidotti



Below- Geoff Pigdon at Wilby Hall Memorial Wall



Wilby Hall Visit

Earlier this year Wilby and District Memorial Hall had a facelift. The renovations included a new main entrance, access from the carpark at the side of the hall, and a very impressive mural (completed on the front wall). The mural was painted by Artist, Sobrane and features some local flora and fauna, dancers, together with a soldier, wreath and red poppies. Representatives of the Sub-Branch visited Wilby as part of the ANZAC Commemorations.

Below left - (from the left) Robert Glover, Norm Whinray & President, Gary Guidotti . Norm was part of the team who built and financed the building of the hall and his contribution is mentioned within the sign.



(Above) Wilby Mural



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MORE ANZAC DAY HIGHLIGHTS



(Above) Wilby Mural

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President Gary Guidotti welcomed Kel Baxter and members of the Khaki Vehicle Enthusiasts (KVE) on 17 March 2023, as part of their 43rd Corowa Annual Swim-in and Military Vehicle Gathering. The KVE rolled into Club Mulwala in a range of old service vehicles including jeeps, motorbikes, trucks and landrovers. The Club was given a guided tour of the outside grounds and Memorabilia Room at Club Mulwala followed by morning tea in the Endeavour Room.



Some photographs courtesy of Les Garbutt

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RSL House Important Committee Update

The Sub-Branch Committee are of the opinion that RSL House requires major capital investment to refurbish it. The Committee is currently undertaking a process with the Aged Care Assessment Team (ACAT) to determine whether the current two boarders of RSL House are capable of living independently outside of RSL House, or if they require additional care. The two boarders are NOT being evicted. If the two boarders agree to an ACAT assessment, then the committee will assist with transition out of RSL House.

Negative comments about eviction do not help the Committee in providing better health and wellbeing for our Veterans. If you have any concerns please discuss them with any member of the Sub-Branch Committee.

Would you like to come along on a visit to 'The Largest Military Museum Collection in Australia' located in Bandiana on Thursday 22 June 2023?

The Women's Auxiliary have organised a trip to Bandiana on Thursday 22 June 2023. If you wish to come along, the bus will depart from Club Mulwala at 10.15am sharp. Lunch will be at the Blazing Stump Hotel, then onto the Museum at 1pm, with the bus expected to return to Club Mulwala by approximately 5pm. **Bookings are essential – please call Margaret as soon as possible on 0400 574 330 to ensure your seat on the bus, because seats will book up quickly for this one.**



(left) Pat, Noreen & Pauline at the Bunnings BBQ 15 April 2023

(below left) Women's Auxiliary showing off their new shirts which have proven a big hit



Women's Auxiliary BBQ

Women's Auxiliary Treasurer Marg True reported that the Bunnings BBQ on 15 April 2023 raised \$766. It was a cold, bleak day and this may have contributed to takings. Thank you very much to all those who volunteered on the day and also all of you who came along and supported the ladies with your purchases.

Next meeting of the Women's Auxiliary will be held at 2pm on Monday, 22 May 2023 at Club Mulwala.

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Happy Birthday to Members celebrating their birthdays in May and June



Alan Hyslop
William Morris
John Burn
Phyllis Freer
Stuart McPherson
Debbie Beverley
Desmond Jones
Michael Szabo
Ronald Pearson
Phillip Waite
Margaret Futchter
Alan McColl
Gary Parker
Alan Murphy
David Starr
Paul Byrne
Terence Duffy
Barbara Verbunt
Ian Woods
John Saltmarsh
Philip Grinter
Janice Morton
Ronald White
David King

Peter Edwards
Gary Makin
Douglas Chessum
Maureen Foote
Wayne Lowrie
Simone Bruton
Kerry Pendergast
Trevor Loe
Colin Brennan
Wendy Davis
Keredith Hargreaves
Geoffrey Williamson
Ronald Langdon
Herbert (Bertie) Biggs -
100 years on 6 June
David Charrington
Alan Neal
Robert Evans
Noel Millar
Maxwell Smith
John Futchter
Paul Nieuwenhout
Stuart Spinks
Alexander Mackenzie

Leonard McAllister
Benjamin Annett
Evan Smith
Graham Milner
Brian Bouchier
Lothar Augustat
Kenneth Wales
James Lewis
Henry Martin
Marcus Hargreaves
Charity Summers-Johnston
Gary True
Loretta Karmiste
Roger McDonald

ALL the BEST!!!



Vale
Bill Mitchell

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Welcome to the New Members of the Sub-Branch

Carol Kibble
Peter Kibble
Ruby Grant
Timm Cooke

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Sub-Branch Anecdotes

off the mark.com by Mark Parisi



"Your call is important to us. Please stay on the line until your call is no longer important to you."

I wanna be 14 again and ruin my life differently. I have new ideas.

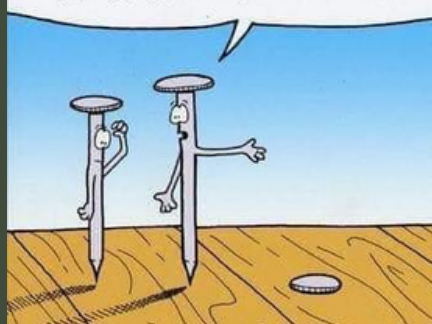
SIRCOLBY.com by Colby Jones



A PASTOR, A PRIEST AND A RABBI WALK INTO A BAR....

Most people don't know I am as old as I am until they hear me standup!

... AND THEN I HEARD A LOUD BANG AND WHEN I TURNED BACK HE WAS GONE!

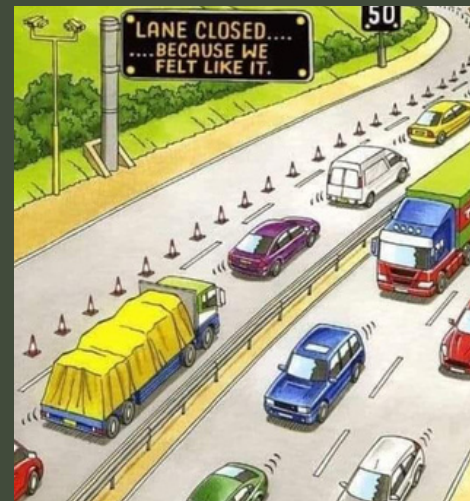
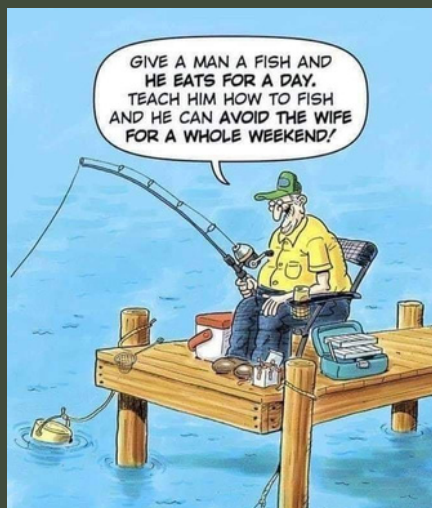


Be careful about reading the fine print; there's no way you're going to like it.

I really don't mind getting older but my body is taking it badly.



"Mikey, can you stop screaming and let us have a good time? It's not our fault you forgot your parachute."



Sub-Branch General Meetings are held monthly in the Endeavour Room at Club Mulwala. Come along for a chat, have your say, enjoy the meeting followed by light refreshments

2023 General Meeting Dates

14 June
12 July
9 August
13 September
11 October
8 November

Is there something you would like to discuss? Let us know, so it can be put on the Agenda for the next meeting.

Sub-Branch Noticeboard

The Sub-Branch Committee would like to thank everyone who helped out on ANZAC Day.

Reminder to All Sub-Branch Members
Club Mulwala membership renewals are due in June 2023 and cost \$5. If you reside within 30kms of the Club your Class of Membership is RSL.

Sub-Branch trip to Bandiana Thursday 22 June 2023

If you wish to come along to visit the largest military museum collection in Australia – bus departing Club Mulwala at 10.15am on 22 June 2023 – **RSVP by Wednesday 14 June 2023.**

If your new Club Mulwala membership card does not say 'RSL' please see the Secretary.

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**Do you have something you would like
to contribute to this newsletter?**

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All contributions welcome.

We are here to support you

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