

Newsletter

March 2023



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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to this edition of the Newsletter, the first of many for me as President.

Firstly, I would like to thank the outgoing President – John Burn, his Executive Officers and Committee on the work they have achieved over the last 2 years.

Secondly, I wish to welcome the new Executive Committee and my team:

Ian Summers – Senior Vice President

Kerry Pendergast – Vice President

David King – Secretary

and the following four committee persons:-

- Lothar Augustat
- Barry Cocks
- Sue Brooks-Bozzola
- Ray Minette

Thank you for all your nominations, and I look forward to working together as a team.

Gary Guidotti, President



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Introducing the New Committee of the Yarrawonga Mulwala Sub-Branch elected at the 2023 AGM

President: Gary Guidotti
Senior Vice President: Ian Summers
Vice President: Kerry Pendergast
Secretary: David King

New Committee:
Lothar Augustat
Sue Brooks-Bozzola
Barry Cocks
Ray Minette

The names of all new officeholders are listed at page 11



**Alone We Can Do
So Little. Together
We Can Do SO
Much.**



**The Sub-Branch
would like to thank all
members who
attended the General
Meeting and AGM on 8
February 2023 and
showed their support
to the new and
outgoing Presidents
and Committee**

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Outgoing President's Report

Thank you for your regular attendance at our monthly meeting, and for your support during the past 2 years. I have looked forward to those evenings.

It has been a difficult and challenging term of office, in particular living with COVID, and having to make decisions that affected our routines, services and daily life, including the constant border closures, the requirement for wearing of masks, cancellation of events, to name a few. Not everyone saw eye to eye with the decisions made to protect our Members and Community in response to Government Regulations. These decisions were all made with you in mind, and during those times, contact was made and kept with our senior members in the committee to ensure their welfare and safety.

It is interesting that our membership has dropped once again. In 2021 we met on only 8 evenings and averaged 51 members per meeting. In 2022 all meetings (11) were attended with an average of 35 members. This is somewhat hard to understand.

Both ANZAC Services in 2021 and 2022 were massively supported with excellent attendance by the public. This truly indicates the importance of the ANZAC service, and shows that it is well established within our community. I, for one, have been proud to have been involved. Our other services, though reasonably attended, and mainly attended by our ex-service members were held with the respect they deserved ie Long Tan, Remembrance Day.

I would like to thank those Committee Members for their input on all the relevant business conducted during the past two years. In particular, I would like to thank David King for his outstanding work as Sub-Branch Secretary. Further, I would like to thank Dave Charrington, who together with David King and all many volunteers, given their time at the badge selling locations for ANZAC Day, Legacy and Remembrance Day.

In closing, I wish to congratulate all of you who attended the Club Mulwala Extraordinary Meeting regarding the possible changes to the Club Mulwala Constitution. Your decision to vote against one motion in particular was extremely admirable, and indicated where this Sub-Branch stood. Enough now, thank you again for your support.

John Burn



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2023 PROGRAM

**5.30am Dawn Service
(commencing at 6am)**

7.30am Breakfast Club Mulwala

**9.30am March and service
Mulwala**

**11.00am March and service
Yarrawonga**

**12.00pm Comradeship Club
Mulwala (formalities to
commence 12.30pm)**

**1.00pm Two-up at the Lake
Mulwala Hotel (The Swinger) -
details to be confirmed**

**Wilby, St James and Lake
Rowan ANZAC Service will be
held on Sunday 23 April 2023.**

The Sub-Branch Bus will depart Club Mulwala at 9am. Contact Dave King on mobile 0405 074 990 to book your seat and don't forget to bring your dancing shoes.

A N Z A C

It is with great sadness that we must advise that Ron McKellar, the Two-Up Ringmaster for the past few years is no longer able to assist us on ANZAC Day. We wish Ron all the best, and extend our gratitude for his services over past years.

Details for Two-Up on ANZAC day are still to be confirmed.



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New Faces

Let's welcome our New Members

Teresa & Michael King

Lewis Williams

Norman Looby

Philip Keenan

Lewis Matthews

Beverley Norwood

Reg Atkinson

Thank you for joining the Yarrawonga Mulwala RSL Sub-Branch. We look forward to meeting you at the next General Meeting on Wednesday 12 April 2023.



Teresa & Michael King with New President Gary Guidotti

March On this March with Soldier On !

Why not join Scott Ansell in the Soldier On Kokoda Challenge this month, and walk 96km to raise funds for Soldier On and raise awareness of veteran mental health. Scott has risen to the challenge of his mates to walk 200km in exchange for a \$200 donation from the Sub-Branch. Way to go Scott! You can show your support for Scott by sponsoring him in his endeavour.

If you too would like to have a crack at raising funds for Soldier On check out the website and register online at –

<https://marchonchallenge.org.au/the-challenge>

It's not too late. Come on, show your support for the mental health of our valiant returned ADF members and their families by joining the challenge.

**SUPPORT OUR
CHALLENGE
TO HELP PREVENT
VETERAN SUICIDE**



Soldier On Kokoda Challenger – Scott Ansell

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Women's Auxiliary 2023 AGM

The Women's Auxiliary held their Annual General Meeting on Monday 24 February 2023 at Club Mulwala. New Sub-branch President, Gary Guidotti presided over the AGM and voting process. Congratulations are extended once again to Pauline Frauenfelder, who was elected unopposed as President. Assisting Pauline this year will be -

Treasurer - Gina Annand

Secretary - Margaret True

The Committee -

Noreen Nieuwenhout

Sheryl Cossar

Wendy Brownlie

Sandra Mullins

Sue Brooks-Bozzola

Thank you Pat Andrews, the outgoing Secretary and thank you to all Auxiliary ladies for the vital work you do for the Sub-branch. **The next meeting of the Women's Auxiliary is Monday, 27 March 2023 at Club Mulwala.**

Aged Care Visits

Brian Cossar will continue this year with the important task of overseeing aged care visits to our veterans within our community. If you are aware of any veteran, or family members who are unwell and in need of support, please contact Brian, or the office, so that visitations can be arranged. Thank you Brian for the important work you do for us.



Did you know . . .

All RSL Volunteers undertaking home visits or hospital and aged care facility visits are now required by law to wear photo identification? Ian Summers is coordinating ID Cards for the Sub-branch, and can assist volunteers who wish to obtain an ID card to undertake Sub-branch work.

Our veterans are at a greater risk of homelessness upon leaving service. In February 2023 the Federal Government unveiled its new toolkit designed to address veteran homelessness. If you know of a veteran, or family member in need of crisis care please contact the Gary at the office.

APOD (Australian Partners of Defence) was founded in 2012 by veteran families. It is a platform that seeks to bridge the gap between business and veterans (and their families) by offering local and national discounts across all industries including, but not limited to, travel and leisure. It is Australian owned and operated. Check out APOD at <http://apod.com.au> and see if it can benefit you.

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Veteran of the Month



Des Jones is turning 100 in May

In the early hours of 9 August 1942, Des Jones was a Stoker on board the Royal Australian Navy's heavy cruiser HMAS Canberra (I), when it was sunk at 8am by the Japanese in the Battle of Savo Island. The Canberra had formed part of an American operative to take back Guadalcanal, and in conjunction with other vessels was patrolling an area between Florida Island and Guadalcanal in Solomon Islands when the attack occurred. The sinking of the Canberra saw 84 dead Australian servicemen and another 109 wounded. Des Jones is the last surviving crew member of HMAS Canberra (I), and he is turning 100 years on 4 May 2023. Thank you Des for your bravery and your service for our freedom. Happy 100th Birthday!

New PA System

The Committee is delighted to advise the Sub-Branch is purchasing a new PA system. The new PA system will make an enormous difference to how commemorations and services are delivered. It is anticipated the new equipment will be delivered in time for ANZAC Day 2023



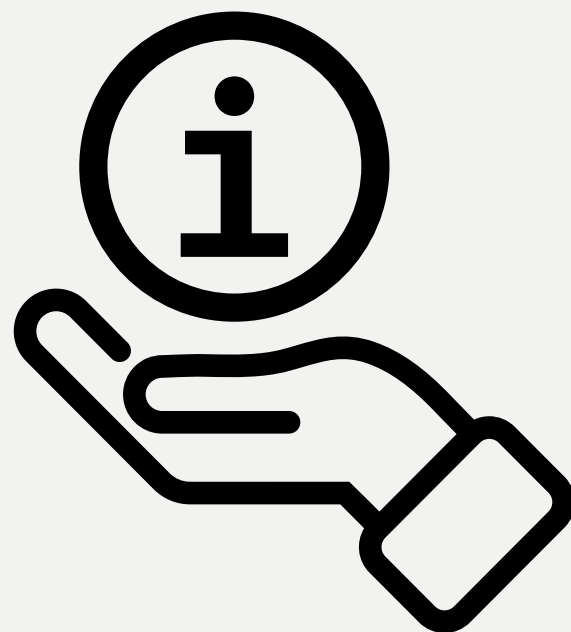
Are you regularly volunteering your time to the Sub-Branch?

Better Impact is an App that provides RSL Volunteers with a platform to record their volunteer hours. It's easy to use and is compatible with Iphone, Android, or you can access the webpage on your laptop or PC at home. If you regularly volunteer your time to the Sub-Branch contact Ian Summers and he will provide you with a logon and password for Better Impact, so you can record your hours.

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Check out RSL Active

RSL Active is an RSL Australia initiative to encourage veterans to join with the local community and get active for good health and well being. As part of the initiative RSL Victoria is encouraging RSL members to get involved in social and leisure events such as cycling, yoga, pilates and fitness classes, walking groups, art classes, shooting, to name just a few. Check it out online at <https://rslvic.com.au/event-listing/rsl-active>.



RSL Wellbeing & Support

Don't forget that RSL Victoria offers many services for veterans and their families including –

- Free 24/7 Counselling
- Veteran support to increase wellbeing and reduce social isolation, encourage mate ship and provide direct financial assistance
- DVA services not only for veterans but for former serving members of the ADF, Australian Federal Policies and their families
- Compensation support – advocacy and assistance through the claim process
- Defence and Veterans Legal Service
- RSL funeral services

If you would like further details contact the office or visit www.rslvic.com.au.

**Do you have a great idea for sponsorship?
We'd like to hear it.**

The Sub-Branch seeks your input on how it can utilise funds to sponsor local schools, with the goal of raising awareness in our young Australians of the sacrifices made by our servicemen, and women for the freedom we all enjoy today. Share your ideas by dropping in at the office for a catch up, or email your idea to yarramul_rsl@bigpond.com.



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Happy Birthday to all Members celebrating their birthdays in March & April

Frank Smeaton 1 March
Gary Guidotti 2 March
Robert Liddell 3 March
Stanley Clarke 4 March
Beverley Norwood 4 March
Malcolm Browning 5 March
Frederick Wolfe 5 March
Carol Christy 7 March
Vicky Long 7 March
Noreen Nieuwenhout 7 March
Dorothy Fisher 8 March
Keith Eade 12 March
Tony Shead 13 March
Ian Summers 13 March
Norman Looby 13 March
William Hill 14 March
Jan Doyle 20 March
Elizabeth Ornsby 20 March
Robert Payne 22 March
Christine Proctor 22 March
John Fairbairn 23 March
Terry Matthews 23 March
Phillip Keenan 24 March
Garry Scott 26 March
Garry Hart 27 March
Kelly Whinray 28 March
June Dolman 29 March
Brian Cossar 30 March
Graham Albert 31 March
Marg McCafferty 31 March

Gerbrand Bruin 3 April
Peter Collins 4 April
Ross Carr 5 April
Nancy Brooks 8 April
Lynne Dowsett 9 April
Peter Dunstan 12 April
Bruce Ellaway 13 April
Edwin Edwards 14 April
Daryl Horley 14 April
Raymond Knights 14 April
Philip Eaton 16 April
Maureen Brincat 17 April
Graham Gardiner 19 April
Joseph Brincat 20 April
Gregory Eales 22 April
William O'Day, OAM 23 April
Kevin Phillips 24 April
Ivan Solomano 26 April

Vale

John Dunstan
Sandra O'Keeffe
Allan Hargreaves
George Gallagher
Phil Eaton
Stan Clarke

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Funerals

George Gallagher – Monday 27 March 2023 at 2pm
Stan Clarke – Friday 31 March 2023 at 2pm
Both funeral services to be held at Yarrawonga
Mulwala Funeral Chapel
67 Ely Street, Yarrawonga

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Noticeboard

Easter Raffles

The Women's Auxiliary will commence sale of Easter raffles tickets from the next General Meeting on Wednesday, 8 March 2023. Please show your ongoing support to the Women's Auxiliary by purchasing a ticket in their Easter Baskets again this year.

Sub-Branch Treasurer

The Sub-Branch is seeking the services of suitably skilled Member to undertake the role of the Treasurer as a result of Lynne Dowsett's recent resignation. If you can assist or know of a person with the require skills, please contact Gary Guidotti 0418 360 553.

Wanted – Gardener / Maintenance person for RSL House

RSL House is looking for a gardener / maintenance person for the general upkeep of the grounds and gardens. Please direct all suggestions and enquiries to the Office.

Can you assist selling ANZAC badges?

We need your help. The Roster is up for those members who can volunteer to sell badges in the lead up to ANZAC Day. If you can spare some time contact Dave Charrington, or the office.

As well, if you can lend a hand on ANZAC Day please contact Dave or Gary in the office, so your name can be included in the roster.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR MARCH & APRIL 2023

Edinburgh Shield 2023 (bowls) Weekend of 15 and 16 April 2023

If you have not registered your interest via your bowls club representatives and would like to be included in selection, contact – Dave King 0405 074 990

Women's Auxiliary Bunnings BBQ Saturday 15 April 2023

If you can assist on the day please contact – Pauline Frauenfelder 0428 284 282.

St James, Lake Rowan & Wilby visit Sunday, 23 April 2023

Bus will depart Club Mulwala at 9am sharp returning approximately 3pm
Contact Dave King or the office to book your place on the bus

ANZAC Day Commemorations Tuesday 25 April 2023

service at the Club Mulwala War Memorial commencing with Dawn Service at 5.30am
(full details page 4)

If you can assist on the day please contact Gary or Dave in the office

Save the Date

**Des Jones' 100th Birthday Celebrations
Thursday, 4 May 2023 at Club Mulwala**
– further details next Newsletter

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Sub-Branch Anecdotes

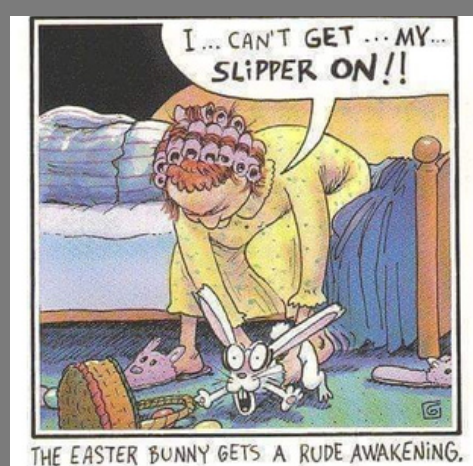


My mind is like an Internet browser. At least 19 open tabs, 3 of them are frozen, and I have no clue where the music is coming from.

Tip: Save business cards of people you don't like. If you ever hit a parked car accidentally, just write, "Sorry" on the back and leave it on the windshield.

"Before you marry a person, you should first make them use a computer with slow Internet service to see who they really are." —Will Ferrell

"Behind every great man is a woman rolling her eyes" – Jim Carrey



THE EASTER BUNNY GETS A RUDE AWAKENING.

A guy walks into a bar, orders **twelve beers** and starts drinking them as fast as he can.

The bartender asks, "Dang, why are you drinking so **fast**?"

The guy says, "You'd be drinking fast too if you had what I had."

The bartender asks, "What do you have?"

The guy says, "75 cents."

2023 General Meeting Dates

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

Come along for a chat, have your say, enjoy the meeting followed by light refreshments

Agenda

**FOR DISCUSSION
12 April 2023**

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



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GET IN TOUCH

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Secretary David King ph. 0405 074 990



**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

YOUR BRANCH

President – Gary Guidotti
Senior Vice President – Ian Summers
Vice President – Kerry Pendergast
Secretary – David King

Committee

Lothar Augustat
Sue Brooks-Bozzola
Barry Cocks
Ray Minette

Eulogies

John Burn

Appeals

Ian Summers
Kerry Pendergast

Publicity

Sue Brooks-Bozzola

Memorials

Dave Charrington
Ray Minette

Functions & Socials

Pauline Frauenfelder

Memberships

David King

Region 9 Delegate

Gary Guidotti

Welfare & Advocates

Kerry Pendergast 0427 442 760
Ian Summers 0428 848 139

RSL House

Ray Minette

Veteran Lawn Mowing

Barry Cocks

Aged Care Visitations

Brian Cossar

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