



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL SPECIAL

Membership Renewal is upon us...

RSL Membership Renewals will commence from November 1 and take place at Watsonia RSL only. We ask that you also take the time in updating all your details for our database ☺

Pricing will remain the same as 2013 (see below) For all pre-requisites on being entitled to a certain Membership, please check out our website www.watsoniarsl.com.au

• Service Member	\$30.00
• Affiliate Member	\$35.00
• Social Member	\$35.00
• Associate Member	\$5.00
• Community Member	\$2.00
• Over 75 Year Membership	Complimentary

From 1st January 2014, your yearly birthday vouchers will once again be redeemable by swiping your Membership card on the kiosk at reception, and \$10.00 of value added to your card.

Once again we will be offering the ever so famous two bottle offer of 'Lindemans Henry Sons' for a discounted rate of only \$10.00 when you update and renew your Membership. These are for a take-away purchase only and exclusive to Membership Renewals. **conditions apply*

Sign up or renew today and enjoy the benefits of being a Member at both Watsonia RSL and Bundoora RSL Bowling Centre!!!

Matt Guest
General Manager

Please note: That all membership reward / loyalty points will expire on January 31 if your membership is not renewed within the renewal period. It is up to you the member to ensure you use your points between now and then as no points will be re-allocated to any Members cards.





*Wishing you all a very
Merry Christmas and a
safe and prosperous new year*



Letter from the editor

In recent times there have been some reports of specialists not accepting the Gold Card from Veterans. In the past the TPI Federation has had an input into addressing this issue by providing information to DVA and Government.

We need accurate details when this occurs to enable a submission to be compiled to DVA/Government. If you are made aware of this could you please provide the following, the Doctors name, the date it occurred, the town/city and the specialist area IE: vascular, orthopaedic etc. and pass this information to me and I will forward it to the appropriate authorities.

Donation: Carl Christensen donated \$231.55 on behalf of his father Valdemar William Christensen 4/63rd Squadron RAAF. Many thanks to Carl, the money will go towards the annual RSL Kids Xmas Party.

Kids Xmas Raffle: Again this year we will be receiving an amount of toys from Mattel for the kids Xmas Raffle, many thanks to Allan Chandler. The monies raised from the raffle will go towards the Xmas Family Fun Day which is getting bigger and better every year, so please support this initiative. All details for this day are on page 3 of this issue.

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Management and Committee of Watsonia RSL to thank all our members for their continued support over the past two years. Your acceptance to change and continual use of the Bistro and Members areas has us in a position whereby we can look forward to the future in a positive manner. Whilst we have some way to go to control our inherited debt we are moving strongly in the right direction.

As mentioned above, please support the Kids Xmas Raffle and Barbs Big Bash Christmas Raffle which will have the usual array of great prizes.

I wish all members and their families a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

**Jeff Mawkes
President**

WE HAVE WINNERS!!!

It pays to swipe your Membership card every time you enter the club!

Simply swipe your card not only in the kiosk at reception, but at the bar with any purchase to enter into all competitions and prize giveaways, receive discounts etc. If you're an existing RSL Member, you're already apart of the program, if you're not, why not join today and ensure that you get rewarded too!!!

**OCTOBER WINNERS
of a \$500.00 Coles / Myer Gift Card**

Watsonia RSL – Murry Klemm

Bundoora RSL – Justin Park





Aussie bush etiquette is recognized throughout the civilized world, but we all need to be reminded from time to time...

In General;

1. Never take an open stubby to a job interview
2. Always identify people in your paddocks before shooting at them
3. It's tacky to take an Esky to church
4. If you have to vacuum the bed, it's time to change the sheets
5. Even if you're certain you're included in the will, it's rude to take your ute and trailer to the funeral

Eating Out;

1. When decanting wine from the box, tilt the paper cup and pour slowly so as not to bruise the wine
2. If drinking directly from the bottle, hold it with only one hand

Entertaining at Home;

1. A centrepiece for the table should never be anything prepared by a taxidermist
2. Don't allow the dog to eat at the table, no matter how good his manners

Personal Hygiene;

1. While ears need to be cleaned regularly, this should be done in private, using one's OWN ute keys
2. Even if you live alone, deodorant isn't a waste of money
3. Extensive use of deodorant can only delay bathing by a few days
4. Dirt and grease under the fingernails is a no-no, it alters the taste of finger foods and if you are a woman it can draw attention away from your jewellery

Weddings;

1. Livestock is a poor choice for a wedding gift
2. For the groom, at least, rent a tux. A tracksuit with a cummerbund and a clean football jumper can create a tacky appearance
3. Though uncomfortable, say "yes" to socks and shoes for the occasion

Driving Etiquette;

1. Dim your headlights for approaching vehicles, even if your gun's loaded and the roo's in your rifle sight
2. When entering a roundabout, the vehicle with the largest roo bar doesn't always have the right of way
3. Never tow another car using panty hose and duct tape
4. When sending your wife down the road with a petrol can, it's impolite to ask her to bring back beer too

LIVE BANDS

Every Saturday Night from 8.30pm

November 16	Blush
November 23	Johnny Stingray & The Wanderers
November 30	The Sociables
December 7	Kopy Katz
December 14	Mamma Jam
December 21	Blush

Saturday night bands return February 1, 2014

WATSONIA RSL
6 MORWELL AVENUE, WATSONIA

new years eve
2013

TUESDAY 31ST DECEMBER 2013 | 7PM - 1AM

**\$60 MEMBERS
\$70 NON MEMBERS
INCLUDES 2 COURSE
DINNER, CANAPES &
DRINK ON ARRIVAL**

ENTERTAINMENT BY
**JOHNNY STINGRAY
AND THE
WANDERERS**

*Conditions Apply
T: 9435 4233
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL



XMAS FAMILY FUN DAY

SUNDAY 8TH DEC 2013 | 11AM-3PM

\$15 PER CHILD INCLUDES A PRESENT FROM SANTA, UNLIMITED RIDES, SAUSAGE SIZZLE LUNCH, A DRINK AND LOLLY BAG

AT THE REAR OF BUNDOORA RSL BOWLING CENTRE, YULONG RESERVE, CAMERON PARADE BUNDOORA 3083

TICKETS ON SALE NOW AND CAN BE PURCHASED AT BOTH WATSONIA & BUNDOORA RSL'S. CUT OFF DATE IS STRICTLY FRIDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 2013. ALL ENQUIRIES, PLEASE PHONE 9435 4233

FESTIVE SEASON TRADING HOURS

CHRISTMAS EVE

10.00am – 11.30pm

CHRISTMAS DAY

Members Bar

10.00am – 12.00pm

Anzac Bistro & Upstairs

12.00pm – 4.00pm

Gaming Room

10.00am – 4.00pm

BOXING DAY

10.00am – 10.00pm

27th December 2012

10.00am – 12.00am

28th December 2012

10.00am – 12.00am

29th December 2012

10.00am – 10.00pm

NEW YEARS EVE

10.00am – 1.00am

NEW YEARS DAY

10.00am – 10.00pm

XMAS FAMILY FUN DAY 2013

A few things to note...

This year the XMAS Family Fun Day will be held at the rear of the Bundoora RSL Bowling Centre on Council parkland. Parking will still be at the Bowling Centre along with toilets and baby change rooms.

The day will be scheduled to run the same as every other year by volunteer staff. Please make Kristy Eddington or Jan Gallacher aware if you are able to help out for a period of up to two hours.

We would also like to mention that there is no shelter or seating on this grassed area. The Bowling Centre will endeavour to have 'some' seating arranged however, it would be ideal if each Member and their guests supplied their own seating (camping chairs are a good idea) a picnic rug and/or even some temporary shelter, weather permitting.

The RSL will also have a Bar available for the adults to purchase beverages. I must take this opportunity to emphasise there is to be no BYO alcohol at this event.

Santa will also be scheduled to arrive at approximately 1.00pm.

If you require any further information, please contact reception on 9435 4233.

Sporting Bodies

SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER RESULTS

SUNDAY GOLF

Venue Tullamarine 15/09/2013

Game Stroke

Weather Mild

A Grade Winner J Bowden 69

B Grade Winner N Pollock 68

C Grade Winner M Walker 75

Golden Putter D Thomas 26

Monthly Medal N Pollock 68

Venue Craigieburn 06/10/2013

Game Stroke

Weather Mild

A Grade Winner B McClean 74

B Grade Winner K Fraser 67

C Grade Winner M Walker 71

Golden Putter N Spoor 31

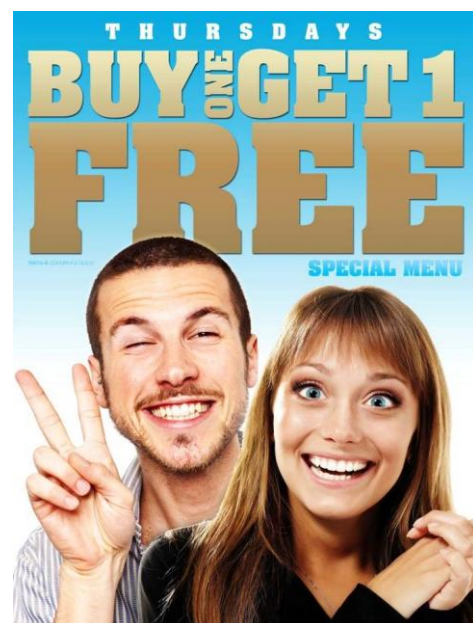
Monthly Medal K Fraser 67

DARTS

It was a disappointing season overall, Watsonia Reds finished just outside the four which is a good result in 'A' Grade. Watsonia Blues 5th, Purples 6th and Warriors 7th in 'C' Grade after an up and down season. Watsonia Whites in 'D' Grade had to fold due to lack of members. If Watsonia is to be a force next year there needs to be some consolidation of teams to strengthen our position particularly in 'C' Grade.



In the Bistro...



WILDFLOWER DAY CLUB

The Wildflower Day Club celebrated its 12th birthday 'Upstairs' in the function room. We began the day as usual with a "chat, biscuit and a cuppa". Then we enjoyed our Tai Chi with most members performing very well. Practice makes perfect. Our gentle exercises are very helpful to keep fit. These exercises are advised by the DVA team.

We have 100 members now with an average of 60 – 65 attending each week. That is a good effort after starting 12 years ago with around 25 members. We have 14+ original members still with us. One of them saying it is the happiest day of the week for her.

Our Volunteers were all nominated again and will be on the go for another 12 months.

Our financial statement was quite a healthy one. We are going on a trip to the Lavender and Italian Farm on Monday with lunch at the Daylesford Bowling Club. These days are enjoyed by all of the members every third month during the year. Our trips are subsidised by raffles and a monthly 'trade table' which is very popular, especially now with Christmas coming along very fast.

The Day Club was designed to get people out and about, to prevent isolation and encourage them to make new friends. We meet every Wednesday at Watsonia RSL at 10am. The courtesy bus picks you up and returns you to your home. Ideally the day ends at 2pm. Our age range is from 97 down to those in their 30s. Friendship has no age group or limit.

For information please ring Margaret Jorgensen anytime on 9434 4931 or 0433 695 712.



EASY EATING

Steamed Meat & Veg Pudding

Ingredients

Dice: 500g Blade Steak	2 Carrots
3 Tomatoes	2 Onions
Add: 2½ cups Water	1tbs Parsley
½ tsp Salt	¼ tsp pepper

Simmer until tender, strain off stock to keep. Leave meat and veg to cool.

Batter: 6 tbs SR Flour	1tsp Butter
1 Egg	½ cup Milk

Stir meat and veg into batter and mix well. Pour into greased steamer and then cook for 2 hours. Thicken stock to serve as gravy over the pudding.

Camp Pie

Ingredients

3 cups Mince	1 cup Breadcrumbs
1 cup Bacon, minced	Salt & Pepper
1 tbs Worcestershire	1 cup Milk
1 tsp Thyme or Mixed Herbs	

Mix all ingredients together. Place in a greased steamer and then steam for 2 hours. Allow to become cold before turning out.



Veterans Page



War Veteran targeted by scam...

Consumer Affairs Victoria has recently received a complaint about a scam that targeted an elderly war veteran.

The scammer, posing as an officer from the 'Department of Fair Trading', called the veteran and told him that he was eligible to receive payment for his military service.

After agreeing to this, the veteran was visited by the scammer who asked him to fill in forms to ensure the payment could be made. The scammer then convinced the man that he would need to make a payment via Western Union to release the funds. However, the veteran's family became aware and intervened before any money changed hands.

Consumer Affairs Victoria urges veterans and their families to be on the lookout for this type of scam. If you think you've been scammed, report it to your local police station or Consumer Affairs Victoria on 1300 55 81 81.

Tips to avoid scams:

- Speak to friends and family about any offers you receive.
- Do not be tempted by unexpected cheap deals – they may be more expensive in the long-run. If it seems too good to be true, it probably is.
- Be wary of offers that promise you a reward only after you pay money or provide personal information. Chances are you won't get the 'promised' reward.
- Be wary of sending money or give credit card details to someone you have not met and don't know and trust.
- Do not make up-front payment to a stranger via money order or wire transfer.
- Do not agree to offers or deals straight away: tell the person that you are not interested or that you want to get some independent advice before making a decision.

Check your bank account and credit card statements when you get them. If you see a transaction you cannot explain, report it to your credit union or bank.

**WATSONIA RSL
COURTESY BUS
NOW IN SERVICE
7 DAYS A WEEK**



HOURS OF OPERATION
Monday 11am - 9pm
Tues/Wed/Thurs 11am - 10pm
Fri/Sat 11am - 12 midnight
Sunday 12pm - 8pm

**TEL:
9435
4233**

DEFENCE BANK SEMINAR

DATE: Wednesday 27/11/2013 at 6.00pm

LOCATION: Watsonia RSL

In times of economic uncertainty, many who are retired, or are looking to retire, are focussed on the security of their money. We at Defence Bank offer a completely fee-free, capital protected Retirement Savings Account (RSA), which offers term deposits within a superannuation environment and access to tax-free and Centrelink/Veteran Affairs friendly pensions.

Everyone is eligible to join Defence Bank and we have the added benefit of being covered under the Financial Claims Scheme (formerly the Government Guarantee).

**RSVP: by 15/11/2013 to Kim Dower
8481 7226**



Veterans



Lieutenant Thomas Currie 'Diver' Derrick, VC, DCM

Date of Birth: 20 March 1914
Place of Birth: Adelaide, SA
Date of Death: 24 May 1945
Place of Death: Tarakan Island, Borneo



Thomas Derrick was born on 20 March 1914 in Adelaide. He was the eldest son of David Derrick, a labourer, and his wife Ada. The Derricks were not well off and Tom often walked barefoot to attend primary school. He left school at 14, by which time he had developed a keen interest in sports.

During the depression he subsisted on the proceeds of odd jobs; fixing bicycles, selling newspapers and working in a bakery. In 1931 he travelled to Berri, on the Murray River, looking for work which he eventually found in a vineyard at Winkie. He remained there for the next nine years. He married Beryl Violet Leslie in 1939 and enlisted in the Australian Imperial Force on 5 July 1940. Derrick embarked for the Middle East with the 2/48th Battalion and soon proved himself to be an excellent soldier, gaining promotion to corporal while his unit was in Tobruk.

In July 1942 he was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal for his bravery and leadership at Tel el Eisa. At the end of that month Derrick was promoted to sergeant. By October his unit was in action at El Alamein, where he again served with distinction. Derrick's unit returned to Australia in February 1943, training in north Queensland and Papua before helping to capture Lae in September. In November the 2/48th were in action at Sattleberg, overlooking Finschafen. Fighting amidst rugged terrain and under heavy fire from Japanese machine guns, Derrick performed the feat that earned him the Victoria Cross. Scaling steep cliffs, under fire, hurling grenades and using his rifle he cleared ten machine gun posts, making possible the capture of Sattleberg.

The 2/48th returned to Australia in February 1944 and in August Derrick was posted to an officer training unit. He was commissioned as a lieutenant in November. On 1 May 1945 he took part in the landing at Tarakan, Borneo. Later that month he led his platoon against a heavily defended position code-named Freda, gaining all but the highest knoll. That night a Japanese machine gun fired into the Australian lines. As he sat up to check that his men were all right, Derrick was hit by five bullets from the gun's second burst. He had been lightly wounded before, but recognised that this time his wounds were mortal. He died on 24 May 1945 and was buried in Labuan War Cemetery. A superb soldier, Derrick has also been described as a sensitive and reflective man - widely respected in the AIF he remains one of its better-known figures.

VALE

Val Fenton

Barb Baker

Patrick Keen

Dulcie Burke

Albert Philp

Lloyd Hansen

Glad Girraway

Leigh Gallacher

