

Dear Members,

This is the final edition of Snippets for 2017, so please take your time to read. If you wish to stay in the loop over the festive season and early 2018, please make sure your email address is on our data base at the time of membership renewal.

Membership Renewal; It's that time of year again when Membership fees are due. The renewal period will begin from 1st November, for the 2018 financial year. This year we are offering all Service, Affiliate and Social Members a discounted yearly rate of \$10.00. So please encourage family and friends to become members of our wonderful sub-branch. (Please see page 3 for further details. Those members with current tri-annual memberships will have their membership extended out to compensate for this)

HOT OFF THE PRESS: As an incentive to renew early, all RSL members (state-wide) who are financial by 22nd December will go into the draw to win a Hyundai i30. Drawn at 12.00pm on 22nd December 2017 at State Branch *conditions apply

There will also be a 'tri-annual membership draw' which will also take place at State Branch on 1st February 2018. All tri-annual members at the end of the renewal period will be entered to win \$5,000 *conditions apply

Thanks for your Service; This year Watsonia RSL in partnership with the Mactier Club at Simpson Barracks is sending 300 Christmas packages at a cost of \$3,000 to Defence personnel serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. With the help of some of our volunteers we are making up the packages with appropriate items that our diggers don't get in their ration packs, including a Watsonia RSL pen and a 'Thanks for your Service' sticker. We hope they enjoy!

Festive Trading; Apart from special trading hours for Christmas Day (listed here) and extended hours for New Years Eve, we are trading as normal. Christmas Day special functions must be pre-booked, and are on sale now at Reception, book early to avoid disappointment.

Please enjoy the festivities we offer and don't forget we have the Courtesy Bus running seven days a week, so please use it if you need to ☺

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year.

Jeff Mawkes, President

CHRISTMAS DAY

Members Bar

10.00am – 12.00pm

Anzac Bistro & Upstairs

12.00pm – 4.00pm

Gaming Room

10.00am – 4.00pm

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everytime you enter our club!

SOCIAL CLUB REPORT

On Sunday 8th October 2017, forty of our members travelled by bus to Seymour to visit the Seymour Vietnam Veterans Commemorative Walk.

All the names of the people who served in Vietnam are in the wall superimposed over images of the war, a very impressive monument and a credit to those who instigated the project.

The weather was quite overcast but the rain held off. We enjoyed a beautiful meal at the Seymour Club in the afternoon and the hospitality there was very good.

We all had a very enjoyable day.



Murphy the Painter...

A painter by the name of Murphy, while not a brilliant scholar, was a gifted portrait artist.

Over a short number of years, his fame grew and soon people from all over Ireland were coming to the town of Doolin in County Clare, to get him to paint their likenesses.

One day, a beautiful young English woman arrived at his house in a stretch limo and asked if he would paint her in the nude. This being the first time anyone had made such a request he was a bit perturbed, particularly when the woman told him that money was no object, and in fact, she was willing to pay up to £10,000.

Not wanting to get into any marital strife, he asked her to wait while he went into the house to confer with Mary, his wife.

In a few minutes he returned. "It would be me pleasure to paint yer portrait, missus" he said, "The wife says it's okay. "I'll paint you in the nude all right, but I have to at least leave me socks on, so I have a place to wipe me brushes."

Got to love the Irish

LET'S GET SOCIAL...



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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It is now that time of the year where we would like to invite you to re-join our Sub-branch. Your patronage is what enables us to be one of the top RSL's in Victoria and we hope that you'll continue on as a valued Member.

Watsonia RSL Membership prices for 2018 are as follows;

Service / Affiliate / Social Member	\$10.00
Community Member	\$ 2.00
Over 75 years Member	Free* <i>*(still required to renew your membership)</i>

If you've purchased a tri-annual membership previously...

The Watsonia RSL Board has decided to extend out the payment period for those members that have taken out a tri-annual membership previously. There is not a 'cash back' option.

For example: If you paid \$75.00 for the 2017/18/19 years, \$35.00 will come off the membership for 2017, then with \$40.00 left, your membership will be extrapolated out an extra four more years; 2018/19/20/21.

The RSL will make the relevant changes when the renewal period starts on November 1.

Any questions please see our friendly staff at reception.

To thank you for renewing your membership, we'd also like to offer you a special '2 for \$10' deal on our Beach Hut Cabernet Merlot and Beach Hut Semillon Sauvignon Blanc wines (any combination of the two for a take-away purchase only) This is a Members only offer, applicable at time of renewal, until stocks last. **Conditions Apply*



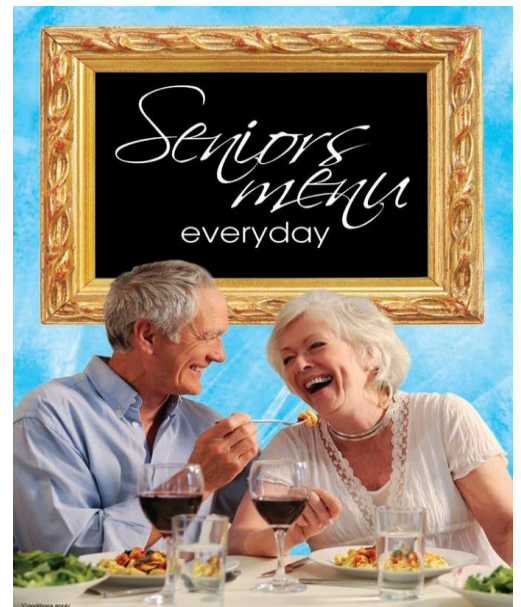
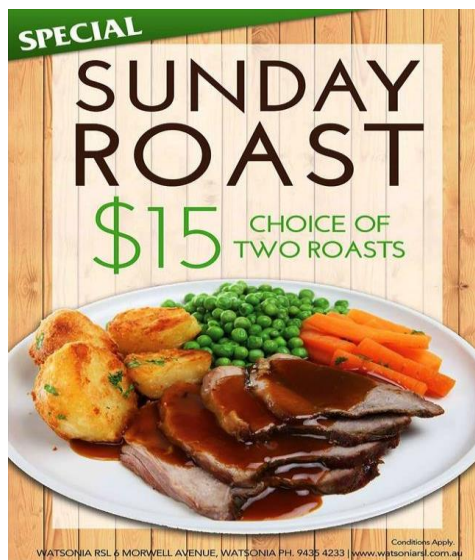
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CONGRATULATIONS

Makayla and Ben who both recently won the under 25 Region singles!

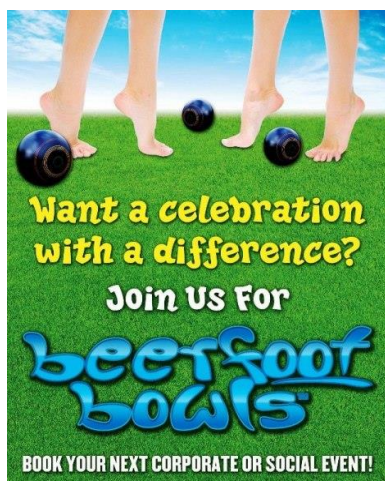
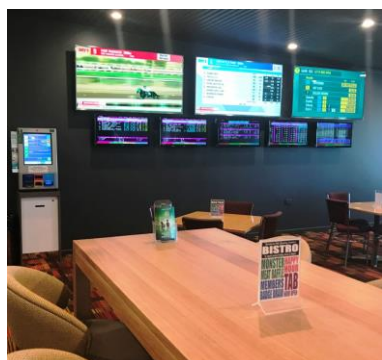


Bundoora's Best Kept Secret...

Just in time for the Spring Carnival!

Did you know that Bundoora RSL now have a designated TAB Sports bar area, and it's open 7 days a week?

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Snooker News; Josh Gorski, one of our long term snooker players has been invited to represent the Australian Snooker Team in the upcoming 2017 IBSF World Snooker Championships from Nov 17-27 at Al-Arabi Sports Club in Doha Qatar.

Josh has to pay his own way and accommodation, so the Watsonia RSL has sponsored Josh to the value of \$2,000.

We wish Josh well.



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FOR
CHRISTMAS

SEE VENUE STAFF FOR DETAILS



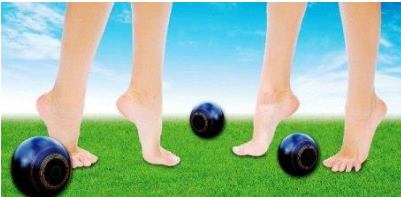
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Veterans



VC Recipient

Major Blair Anderson Wark

Ranks Held: Lieutenant, Major
Birth Date: 27 July 1894
Birth Place: Australia: Bathurst, New South Wales
Death Date: 13 June 1941
Final Rank: Major
Conflict: First World War, 1914-1918
Units:

- Australian Imperial Force
- 32nd Australian Infantry Battalion



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL P05879.001

Blair Wark (1894-1941) had been a militia officer in New South Wales before enlisting as an officer in the AIF in mid-1915. A year later he fought in the battle of Fromelles, where he was highly commended for his work, despite being wounded. Next year at Polygon Wood he won the Distinguished Service Order.

Wark's finest feat took place during the attack on the Hindenburg Line in his battalion's final action. He constantly showed outstanding leadership, often in advance of his troops. He was responsible for the capture of some field artillery, the silencing of machine-guns and the capture of many prisoners.

An outstanding citizen and soldier, Wark was active in business and public affairs in Sydney. He was commanding a militia battalion during the Second World War when he died suddenly almost aged 47.

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IN THE NEWS

Heidelberg Leader; 17 Oct 2017



Jeff Mawkes, Trisha Makes and Tim Paul outside of the Watsonia RSL sub-branch.

WATSONIA

Gifts pay tribute to sacrifices made

RSL partners with nurses to deliver care packs to veterans

Jayitri Smiles

PALLIATIVE care nurses will enter the homes of army veterans in Melbourne's north with a personalised gift pack to show they care.

Ex and current servicepeople who are treated at home by the Banksia Palliative Care Service will soon start receiving welcome gifts that honour their sacrifices for Australia.

Nurses will hand deliver the packs, which contain an RSL bag, Anzac biscuits, mugs and medal stands, during their first home visit.

President of the Watsonia

RSL sub-branch Jeff Mawkes said the partnership with Banksia helps veterans feel recognised for their service and culturally safe in staff hands.

"We obviously have a lot of old Diggers who end up in this situation . . . it's important that the family and patient knows we respect what they've done for the country."

Patriotic funds from the Watsonia RSL sub-branch are being used to collect the items for the Diggers who live in Whittlesea, Banyule and Nillumbik.

The idea stems from simi-

lar packs that have been tailored to Indian, Somalian, Macedonian and Chinese families in the region.

Banksia community liaison co-ordinator Tim Paul said the personalised touch often acts as an icebreaker.

"You've got people in a very challenging time of their lives and this is one way to make them know you care," he said.

Nurses are looking forward to expanding the service into more diverse communities in Melbourne's north as the program increases in popularity.

Details: 9455 0822.



Veterans



The Essendonians Club which supports Essendon Football Club have again sponsored Watsonia RSL from their Anzac Day luncheon with a cheque for \$5,000 to be spent specifically on the needs of our younger contemporary veterans.

Photo Dr. Peter Hughes with Jeff Mawkes at cheque launch



*** Lonely Heroes ***

(submitted by member Gail Ross in fond memory of her uncle Joseph Skinner RAAF 1941)

They were the lonely heroes, the men who went to war
Lonely heroes, they didn't know the score
Of the battles and the horror that only war can bring
For the lonely heroes

Some were only boys, who came from nearby farms
The only gun they had ever fired, was to keep the rabbits down
Some were from the cities, they'd never fired a gun
So how were they to know, how to fight 'till the war was won

What do you say when a father, he asks you to your face
Look after him won't you son, bring him back safe
Then on that fateful day, when your mate is blown away
And you wish it were you instead, so you didn't have to say

He was a lonely hero, the boy who went to war
Lonely hero, he didn't know the score
Of the battles and the horror, that only war can bring
For the lonely hero

Peace comes with a fight, peace comes at a price
For all of you who've been there, we thank you for your sacrifice
You gave with your life, we wish with all our might
You were here today, so we didn't have to say

You were the lonely heroes, those who went to war
Lonely heroes, they didn't know the score
Of the battles and the horrors that only war can bring
For the lonely heroes, they were lonely heroes



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