

MORSE CODE



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with our community

ANZAC DAY 2018

1918: 100 YEARS ON



Notice of 2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SUNDAY 18TH MARCH
10:30AM
SIMPSON II

2018 ELECTION

The Annual Election of Office Bearers to the Committee of the Frankston RSL Sub-Branch Inc will be held on Friday 16 March 2018 from 12pm –7pm in the Prendergast Veterans Room at the Sub-Branch.

NOMINATIONS FOR COMMITTEE

Opening Date: 10am Friday 9 February 2018; Closing Date: 5pm Friday 23 February 2018.

POSTAL VOTING IS AVAILABLE TO BE USED AT THIS ELECTION

Available from 10am Monday 26 February 2018.

RECEIVED BY THE RETURNING OFFICER

No later than 6pm Thursday 15 March 2018.

POSITIONS OPEN FOR ELECTION

President - Service (Tenure 2 years)

Treasurer - Service/Affiliate (Tenure 2 years)

2 x Committee Members – Service/Affiliate (Tenure 2 years)

Please note that at a meeting of the Committee on Wednesday 3 January 2018, it was agreed that the Committee number would be 8 (4 Executive and 4 Committee).

The positions open for election are currently held by:

President - Kevin Hillier OAM

Treasurer - Peter Bromley

Committee – Lyn Lynch

Committee – Vacant

Special note: The Committee, at its meeting on Jan 3, 2018 agreed to appoint Service Member Brian Hill to fill 'a casual vacancy' on the Committee, left by the resignation of Elected Member Margaret Graham, who resigned in September 2017.

This is as per By-Law 10A, 19m, and n (5).

Committee duties are detailed in a publication available from the Secretary and all nominees are obliged to read and fully understand these prior to nominating, as they include all statutory requirements pertaining to the role of the Committee. An interview and competency test may be required for each nominee (at the discretion of the Returning Officer), and a review of the Committee Induction Manual. A National Police Check and VEDA Credit check will be required for all new nominees and to be submitted with their nominations in accordance with VCGLR Rules.

Roles of the Committee will be deemed by the Committee at the first Committee meeting after the Election.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Notice is given of the **Annual General Meeting** of the Frankston RSL Sub-Branch Inc on Sunday 18 March 2018 in Simpson Room II at 10.30 AM.

Note 1: By-Law 10A-20(m) Canvassing is not permitted for any elected position in the Sub-Branch.

Note 2: Any Agenda items should be receipted by the Secretary in writing prior to 3 March 2018, however items received after that date or on the day will be discussed in an open forum and therefore are not entitled to be proposed or actioned.



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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Happy New Year and welcome to 2018. I hope all of our members had a successful festive season as we work our way back in to normality, whatever that is. There are always ongoing activities within the club which need to be attended to, between the welfare of our members and the business in general. We are extremely lucky to have professional staff looking after both our business and the welfare of our veterans.

The end of 2017 saw three successful commemorative services, held to honour those veterans who enlisted in the First World War. We were fortunate to have three varying guest speakers at our services. Lieutenant Colonel Perry GUNDER from Victoria Barracks at our cemetery service, Leading Seaman Joshua WEEKES from HMAS Cerberus for our student's service, and Legacy recipient Henry Barnes for our service at the club. I thank them all for their keen insight into Remembrance Day. These speakers were a perfect lead up to 2018 which is the Centenary of Armistice (Remembrance) Day at the conclusion of World War One.

Soon it was Christmas and I was honoured to represent the committee at a Christmas lunch on the 6th December for our many social groups. We had 150 attend this event, with entertainment from our music group (who rehearse every Tuesday at the Veterans Centre), a magician, and of course Santa. Groups attending included, TPI's, Vietnam Vets, Seagull Day Club, War Widows and Widowed Mothers, Women's Auxiliary, Welfare, Probud, Exercise Group,

Partners of Veterans and the Memorabilia Group. This was to thank these groups for their input into the welfare of veterans, and also for the social inclusion of our large membership.

Christmas also required sending out 1,488 Christmas cards to our service members. The theme this year was to keep their flame burning bright. Also important was for members to advise their families that if there is a need for assistance, or sadly should a member pass away, to contact the club. It is our duty to support our service members, and their families, so that we can repay them for the service they have provided to ours, or commonwealth and allied countries. These aspects of our welfare activities are difficult to carry out if we are unaware of the need.

Also part of the Christmas festivities included providing some of the food for the Frankston City Council/City Life lunch for the homeless and disadvantaged, held at the Frankston Arts Centre on Christmas Day for 350 recipients and 135 volunteers assisting.

There are reminders in other parts of Morse Code in regards to our Annual General Meeting coming up in March. This is an opportunity for our Service and Affiliate members to have a voice in the running of the club, provide input for the Returned Services League, and find out what the committee has planned for the future. Social members may attend, but have no voting rights.

Finally, with ANZAC Day coming up, we look forward to seeing members at any of the services which are listed. We also seek assistance from our members to help with the selling of ANZAC tokens. 100% of the funds received from these sales goes to the welfare of veterans from Australian, Commonwealth or Allied Forces. The money that we raise is used for not only our own members, but may be used throughout the state of Victoria to assist smaller traditional clubs, which find it difficult to raise funds to support their veterans.

In closing, on your behalf I would like to thank the committee, management and staff for providing a large and unique club for the benefit of our members. While we have not nominated the club for any annual awards, this year our Administration Manager, Liesl New won an Achievement and Recognition Award at the Victorian RSL Hall of Fame Dinner held in November. Congratulations.

Kevin HILLIER OAM



FROM TOP LEFT: Women's Auxiliary table amongst the crowd; Kaye Ruitenbeek and Lyn Tate; Trish Wilson & Santa Tony; Santa Tony arriving on his scooter.



REMEMBERING WWI

- 100 YEARS ON -

2018 marks 100 years since key battles including Villers-Bretonneux, Hamel, Amiens and Damascus. In this edition, and subsequent editions of the Morse Code in 2018, we will feature information on each of these battles, as they occurred.



*The town of Villers-Bretonneux
four days after the battle*

10 JANUARY -

Governor-General recommissions Prime Minister Hughes to form a new government, despite his pledge that he would not be able to govern if conscription was defeated.

3 MARCH -

At Brest-Litovsk, Russian Foreign Minister Leon Trotsky signs a peace treaty with Germany.

30 MARCH -

The Australians repel a German attack at the Battle of Dernancourt, but the village is later lost by British troops.

11 APRIL -

British General Douglas Haig issues his famous communiqué 'to all ranks of the British Army'; 'with our backs to the wall and believing in the justice of our cause each one of us must fight on to the end'.

24 APRIL -

The Australians attack at Villers-Bretonneux, which is a crucial position on the road to Amiens and vital to the defence of Paris. They play a critical role in halting the German advance.

26 APRIL -

Prime Minister Hughes leaves Australia for Britain.

VILLERS-BRETONNEUX

25 April 1918

Villers-Bretonneux was a key village on the Western Front; it served as the gateway to Amiens and was an important railway junction. Possession of Villers-Bretonneux would give the German Army an open path to Paris. The Germans attempted a breakout from their defensive positions in March 1918 along the frontline. This breakout was, at first, highly successful. Within days the Germans had regained much of the ground they had surrendered in 1916. The Australians counter-attacked from both north and south on the night of 24-25 April 1918 with great ferocity. The confidence of the Australians was high; they trusted their commanders and they had become very experienced attacking troops.

For the first time in the war, tanks were employed both sides. The Germans had begun their attack on the village with tanks and the Allies also used tanks to repel them. The Australian attack linked up on the eastern side of the village, surrounding the enemy and expelling the Germans from the village completely. This involved close-quarters fighting between the two forces in the rubble of houses and in the cellars beneath.

The Australians were successful at Villers-Bretonneux with the village remaining in Allied control thereafter. Much later, the Australian National Memorial in France was built just outside the village and national commemoration takes place there each year on the anniversary of the battle. Victorian schoolchildren contributed liberally to a fund to rebuild the village school, named the 'Victorian School', after the war and they are still remembered there.



By the end of WWI, members of the single branch of the
Red Cross Society of Rutherglen, forwarded to soldiers abroad:
8,512 pairs of underpants
1,233 pairs of pyjamas
2,405 pairs of socks
776 pillow cases



It's all about *Quality of Life ...*

Providing special Christmas memories for Frankston's less fortunate, in what otherwise could be a time of loneliness, involved a few smiles, a caring hand and a little financial assistance.

SENSING THE SEASONS

The final Sensing of the Seasons at Wallara was a festive treat for all who attended at the Sages Cottage Farm.

The lunch on Wednesday 15th November, 2017, brought clients and friends from the local communities, together for a 'home-made' feast. Our Executive Chef Nathan Tracy, as well as Kath Dunlop, assisted Wallara clients in preparing and serving a beautiful 3-course lunch which included an entrée of savoury meatballs with tomato salsa, beef casserole for main course and a delicious chocolate mousse for dessert. Our front of house team, Wendy and Anja, assisted the clients with setting the tables and serving the food. Events such as these assist Wallara's clients in growing their confidence and they really love being a part of it.

Wallara's mission is to empower people with a disability, and support them to live the life they choose. Sages Cottage is one of 30 sites across the south east corridor of Melbourne. Wallara provides community day services, residential and supported accommodation, part time and full time employment and training and workplace opportunities.

For more information on any services that Wallara offer, visit their website <http://www.wallara.com.au/>



FRANKSTON LIFE COMMUNITY (CITY LIFE) CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH

The aim of the Frankston Life Community Christmas Day lunch is to provide an opportunity for lonely people and disadvantaged families, who would otherwise feel deprived of the joy of Christmas, to experience good fellowship, good food and good entertainment at this time of celebration. The Frankston RSL supported the event by supplying and cooking the chickens for the lunch, as well as providing Christmas pudding and custard for approximately 350 grateful men, women and children who packed into the Frankston Arts Centre in a marvellous atmosphere of fun, good cheer and harmony.

City Life were able to do this with a great team of over 130 enthusiastic volunteers who planned, organised, cooked, served and entertained on the day and during the months leading up to the event.

Frankston RSL has been proudly supporting City Life and their Christmas lunch for over 10 years now.

PORTSEA CAMP

In continued RSL tradition, the Frankston RSL Women's Auxiliary donated \$3,000 to send ten students from Wallaroo Primary School to the Portsea Camp between 19th & 25th January. The Portsea camp is a week-long camp for disadvantaged, special needs and rurally isolated 9-12 year old children.



DID YOU KNOW?

Frankston RSL supports over 45 local community and sporting organisations, and donates over \$200,000 per year to these groups to assist them in their operation and development.

CONNECTING 2 AUSTRALIA (CONNECTING SKILLS) CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Frankston RSL hosted their eighth Connecting2Australia Christmas lunch in 2017. The long time partnership with this organisation has built many friendships and much fun was had on the day.

With over 50 clients, affiliated staff and volunteers in attendance, they enjoyed a traditional Christmas lunch with all the trimmings. Our resident Santa (aka Terry) made his special appearance, generating more smiles and laughter.

Our partnership with Connecting2Australia extends to their grounds and maintenance team, who we have employed now for over eight years to maintain the grounds of the club. Their attendance ensures our members and guests can enjoy pleasant looking gardens and outdoor areas.

Connecting2Australia is a registered NDIS provider and not-for-profit organisation focussed on the integration of adults with a disability into the workforce and/or community through development, training and support.

For more information, visit <http://connecting2australia.org.au/>







Volunteer of the Year Awards

2018

Calling for nominations



To acknowledge and celebrate our most dedicated volunteers, we are hosting our Volunteers' Dinner on Wednesday 16th May, 2018. On this night, our Volunteer of the Year Award winner will be announced.

Nominations for the award can be put forward by any full member, and forms will be available at Reception from 16th March 2018. The closing date for nominations will be Friday 20 April 2018.

A selected Sub-Committee will then assess the nominations and select the members who will be acknowledged on the night.



THE ANZAC APPEAL

A CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS



The Anzac Appeal is vital in raising funds to support former and serving members of the Australian defence forces, their allies and dependants when in need.

This year, the Appeal starts Wednesday 11th April and runs up until Tuesday 24th April.

The Frankston RSL oversees merchandise selling at various locations around Frankston, and is calling for volunteers to help, for just a couple of hours, in order to make this appeal the best it can be. If you are able to help, please contact Reception via 97832288 or reception@frankstonrsl.com.au.

We encourage everybody to buy a badge and wear it with pride this ANZAC Appeal.



One of the greatest challenges for the Appeals is finding enough people to volunteer. Become a part of our special volunteer team today.



25 APRIL 2018

ANZAC *Day*



DAWN SERVICE

6:00am at Frankston War Memorial, Beauty Park, Frankston

GUNFIRE BREAKFAST

on completion of the Dawn Service, in the park at the rear of the War Memorial. Gold coin donation

COMMEMORATIVE MARCH

10:30am - Muster at the corner of Yuille and Park Streets

11:00am - Step off and proceed to War Memorial, saluting the Flame of Remembrance as you pass

COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE

On completion of the march at the Frankston War Memorial

SERVICE MEMBERS LUNCH

All Service members who attended the March and Commemorative services are invited back to the club for lunch

Plus on Tuesday 24th April at 1:30pm, there will be a school students Commemorative Service at the Frankston War Memorial





FRIDAY 23 FEBRUARY

DINNER & SHOW

\$60.30 MEMBERS

\$64.00 GUESTS

Book online or at Reception

SIMPSON ROOM

DOORS OPEN 7:00PM

SHOWTIME 9:00PM

Formed in Melbourne in 1984 by Joe Camilleri, The Black Sorrows continue to be one of Australia's most enduring touring bands, earning the reputation as a dynamic live act and festival favourite. Their musicianship and energy appeals to music fans everywhere. On stage, Joe steers the band through an infectious interplay of solid grooves that mixes blues, soul, old school R&B and gospel, with flashes of jazz, country and Brill Building pop.



SATURDAY 17 MARCH

DINNER & SHOW

\$58.00 MEMBERS

\$63.00 GUESTS

Book online or at Reception

SIMPSON ROOM

DOORS OPEN 6:30PM

SHOWTIME 8:30PM

Queen Forever, The Australian Queen Tribute Show was formed in 2006. With the technical brilliance of the original Queen replicated to a tee and a stage show that brings the brilliance and magic of Queen alive like no other, Queen Forever: The Australian Queen Tribute Show are simply the best sounding, best looking and most technically accurate Queen Tribute anywhere in the world! Gareth Hill as Freddie Mercury has to be seen to be believed.

COCKER HAPPY

ON SALE
13TH FEB



**SATURDAY
7 APRIL**

DINNER & SHOW

\$54.00 MEMBERS

\$60.00 GUESTS

Book online or at Reception (from 13th Feb)

SIMPSON ROOM

DOORS OPEN 6:30PM

SHOWTIME 8:30PM

You can revisit the experience that was Joe Cocker, through the exciting new concept band Cocker Happy. Melbourne's George Grayland has always presented with an uncanny resemblance to the late great Joe Cocker. A likeness that caught the attention of the legend himself, resulting in numerous meetings between George and his idol Joe, both here and overseas. Cocker Happy's 8-piece show band combines local talents boasting over 150 years of music experience.

ROY ORBISON AND THE LEGENDS OF ROCK

ON SALE
13TH FEB



**SATURDAY
28 APRIL**

SPECIAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

PRICES FROM \$20!

Book online or at Reception (from 13th Feb)

SIMPSON ROOM

DOORS OPEN 6:30PM

SHOWTIME 8:30PM

This outstanding tribute to the Big O, Elvis and Buddy Holly is a great night of nostalgia performed by Joey Piastri and his superb 4 piece band in 3 fully costumed sets. The first set is a tribute to Roy Orbison, the second set is a tribute to Buddy Holly, and finally, the third set is Elvis at his best and a portrayal of his Las Vegas performance with all of the big songs. Roy Orbison and The Legends is playing to sell out audiences all over Australia and is a show not to be missed.



LIVE & FREE

Entertainment

FEBRUARY

SAT 3RD AMBER WALKER | CRACKED PEPPER

SAT 10TH YELLOW | CRACKED PEPPER

SAT 17TH JOHN JAMES | CRACKED PEPPER

SAT 24TH SHOOTING TWO | CRACKED PEPPER

SUN 4TH JAY & ELDORADO | CRACKED PEPPER

SUN 11TH IAN RICKARD | CRACKED PEPPER

SUN 19TH HIBERNATORS | CRACKED PEPPER

SUN 25TH TIM HANEGAN | CRACKED PEPPER

MARCH

SAT 3RD IAN DUCHESNE | CRACKED PEPPER

SAT 10TH YELLOW | CRACKED PEPPER

SAT 24TH RON KINGSTON | CRACKED PEPPER

SAT 31ST BABY BOOMERS | CRACKED PEPPER

SUN 4TH TOM BAEPLER | CRACKED PEPPER

SUN 11TH IAN RICKARD | CRACKED PEPPER

SUN 18TH HIBERNATORS | CRACKED PEPPER

SUN 25TH SINGLE INCOME | CRACKED PEPPER

APRIL

SAT 14TH YELLOW | CRACKED PEPPER

SAT 21ST AMBER WALKER | CRACKED PEPPER

SUN 1ST RIPPLE EFFECT | CRACKED PEPPER

SUN 8TH JAY & ELDORADO | CRACKED PEPPER

SUN 15TH IAN RICKARD | CRACKED PEPPER

SUN 22ND HIBERNATORS | CRACKED PEPPER

SATURDAY ENTERTAINMENT FROM 7:30PM
SUNDAY ENTERTAINMENT FROM 2:30PM
BAND LISTINGS ARE CURRENT AT TIME OF PUBLICATION.



get more!

from your Frankston RSL membership

Swipe

YOUR CARD AND BE REWARDED!

You've probably heard about the RSL Rewards online shop - it's a fantastic way for you to redeem your Rewards points, earned at the club, for products such as bbqs, tvs, cooking appliances and much more. Here's how it all works.

Where can I earn points?

Members can earn and redeem RSL Reward points at participating RSLs across Victoria. If you're purchasing a meal or a round of drinks you will be rewarded! You will be rewarded for every dollar you spend, so the more you spend, the more rewards you will enjoy.

How do I become a RSL Rewards member?

You will automatically be entitled to RSL Rewards by becoming a member of any RSL in Victoria. You need your RSL membership number to login along with your date of birth. Your membership number can be found on your RSL card.

I'm not a RSL member, how can I join?

Simply visit our Reception and sign up to become a member. All you need to do is fill in the membership form and pay \$30.

What can I buy with my points?

The online shop has hundreds of great products to choose from including cooking appliances, toys, outdoor equipment, ipads, and so much more. You can also browse our range of exclusive member rewards and check your points balance from the comfort of your own home at www.rslrewards.com.au

What if I don't have enough points to get the reward I want?

Don't worry, you can top up your purchase with credit card. Simply add the item to your basket and choose the 'points + pay' option.

How can I check how many points I have?

You can log on to rslrewards.com.au, or swipe your card at one of the black kiosks in the venue.

How can I earn more points?

Make sure you swipe your card each and everytime you make a purchase in the club.

Are there different levels of reward access for RSL members?

No. Although there are a range of RSL memberships including Service, Affiliate, Community and Social, everyone who is an RSL member can access the RSL Rewards program at either participating Sub-Branches.

Will I be able to see what I have redeemed my points for by swiping at the kiosk?

No. While the Kiosk will show when you have redeemed and the amount of points used it won't show what rewards your points have been redeemed on. You will be able to see your order history on the website.

How long will it take to receive my rewards order?

As soon as you place your reward redemption you will receive an order confirmation via email. Deliveries can take approx. 6-8 weeks.

Can I only redeem my points online?

No. You can also redeem your points for a purchase within the club. Simply notify our staff member at the time of purchase you would like to use your points, and they will do it on the spot. If you don't have enough points to complete the purchase, you can top up with cash or card payment.

also swipe your card for...

food & drink discounts

entry into promotions

function room hire discount



More Rewards, More Often

FOUR SEASONS BISTRO

CELEBRATING SEAFOOD IN FEBRUARY

AVAILABLE THU - SUN NIGHTS | 5:30PM - 8:30PM



The Mornington Peninsula is renowned for its wineries and fresh produce, some of which we will be showcasing in our CELEBRATING THE PENINSULA month in April.

Our chefs will be preparing dishes made from our local suppliers, and our special menu items are sure to entice.

Plus, we will be offering special wine deals, perfect to pair with your meals, or drink on their own

Available from 5th - 29th April.

Celebrating the Peninsula



CARVERY

A great choice of succulent meats and an expertly prepared range of vegetables, every Sunday.

Prices from \$19.80

Returning Sun 6th May

CRACKED PEPPER



Experience the *difference*

In 2018, Cracked Pepper has all your dining needs. Our nightly specials are designed to cater for all tastes and include our

SIZZLING STEAK TUESDAYS

WEDNESDAY PARMAS

TASTE OF ITALIAN THURSDAYS

COCKTAIL FRIDAYS

ALL DAY PIZZA WEEKENDS.

A new cocktail menu has just been released and includes Espresso Martini, Pina Colada, Tropical Mojito, plus many more, and prices start from just \$12!

Plus, choose from **12 FLAVOURS OF GELATO AND SORBETS** any time of day.

SERVING LUNCH & DINNER - 6 DAYS A WEEK

Tuesday 12pm - 2pm, 5:30pm - 8:30pm

Wednesday 12pm - 2pm, 5:30pm - 8:30pm

Thursday 12pm - 2pm, 5:30pm - 8:30pm

Friday 12pm - 2pm, 5:30pm - 9:00pm

Saturday 12pm - 2pm, 5:30pm - 9:00pm

Sunday 12pm - 2pm, 5:30pm - 8:30pm

LITTLE DIGGERS KID'S CLUB

Our Kids' Club has been running for only a few months now, but is proving to be a huge hit with the kids. Here is what we have coming up exclusive to our Little Diggers.

COOKING WITH KIDS

This Anzac Day, we are offering Little Diggers the chance to make their own Anzac Cookies with our Executive Chef.

SATURDAY 21ST APRIL
10AM - 11AM

REGISTRATION

Please register via our website
www.frankstonrsl.com.au/littlediggers
or in the club. Limited spots available, so be quick!

COST

\$10 per child which includes their own chef hat and apron to keep, plus a take home jar with all ingredients and recipe card.

(parents must remain on premises during event)



MONDAY 19TH MARCH - SUNDAY 1ST APRIL

Easter brings all sorts of coloured eggs, and this year we are looking for the brightest colours in our Easter Colouring Competition. Pick up one of our three designs in the club for a chance to win one of three prizes. Entries will be displayed in our reception area.

Mother's Day Crafts Activities for Kids

SUNDAY 6TH MAY | 12pm-3pm

Show mum just how much she means to you this Mother's Day with a visit to our Mother's Day Craft Day. We will have a range of craft activities for all ages, ready to take home and hide until Mother's Day. Why not book in for lunch, and let the little ones spend time using their artistic skills in our Simpson Room.



If your child is not already a Little Digger, it's free to join (as long as they have a parent, guardian or grandparent as a financial member of the Frankston RSL). To join, pick up a registration form from either Reception, Bistro food till, Cracked pepper food till, or online at frankstonrsl.com.au/littlediggers



Mother's Day

LUNCH, DINNER & HIGH TEA

Treat mum to a delicious and affordable lunch or dinner in our Four Seasons Bistro or Cracked Pepper Restaurants on Sunday 13th May. Bookings essential.

High Tea

Saturday 12th May
from 3pm

Enjoy a range of sandwiches and pastries,
with freshly brewed tea and coffee.

Limited seats available. Bookings essential.

(on sale Tue 13th Mar)



WIN A FAMILY PHOTO SHOOT

We are offering you and your family
the opportunity to capture those
special memories that can
sometimes get forgotten.

Your prize includes the
photoshoot and some money
towards getting your photos
professionally printed.

Promo runs via Reception between 13th April and 13th May.



SATURDAY 17TH MARCH

Drink specials, giveaways + more
Come dressed in green to
join in the fun!



EASTER RAFFLES

THURSDAY 29TH MARCH
plus giveaways throughout the weekend



CHRISTMAS memories



Our Christmas was full of fun, laughter and special memories as we catered for 450 people for lunch on Christmas Day. We also hosted a special family night with Santa, and made three Little Diggers Christmas wishes come true.

In traditional Christmas spirit, our buffet lunch was extremely popular, booking out only a few weeks after tickets went on sale. Guests were treated to a large array of breads, entrees, meats, seafood, vegetables, pastries, fruit and even our coloured Santa ice sculpture! We would like to thank those of you who shared your Christmas with us, and especially to our staff who worked to bring you the best day possible.

In addition to Christmas Day, we hosted a few extra Christmas events in the lead up to the big day. Our Christmas Raffles saw hams, pork, seafood, Christmas

hampers, wine and beer given away each week, with all profits going back to the community support fund.

We also hosted our third Christmas Family night in our Simpson I room on Sunday 17th December. The children were entertained by our magician and face painter, as well as a special visit from Santa himself. We offered families the opportunity for their free Santa photo, which was a great way to remember a fun night.

This night also saw our first Christmas Wish giveaway for three of our special

Little Diggers. Little Diggers Kids Club members were offered the opportunity to submit an application form and tell us something extraordinary they have done for a member of the community, or someone in their family. It was a hard decision to choose the winners, but we decided on Indiana Sands (2-5yr category), Marco Chaucer (6-9yrs) and Amelie Finocchiaco (10-12yrs). These children received their Christmas wishes of Disney on Ice tickets, a new scooter, and a Shopkins plane set.

To read their stories, please visit the Little Diggers page on our website.



CELEBRATING OUR STAFF

The end of 2017 saw six of our staff in the spotlight for outstanding work they have done for the RSL, noticed within our own club, and across the Victorian network.

Each year at our Christmas staff meeting, we acknowledge our wonderful staff with Department Member of the Year awards. Each winner is selected by their peers, and highlights their exceptional efforts throughout the year. The 2017 winners were:

Bar & Gaming: Peter Shillabeer
Front of House: Beth Nicholl
Admin / Reception: Lynda Leverington
Back of House: Kathy Dunlop
Service Excellence: Mata Harawira-Tai

From these fantastic people, our Staff Member of the Year was selected and the very worthy winner was Mata Harawira-Tai. Mata has been with our club since 2007, and is very popular with all her peers and our members because of her lovely smile and ability to go that extra mile for members and guests.

In addition to Staff Member of the Year, each quarter Senior Management present an award to a staff member who has shown exceptional initiative and support above

and beyond normal expectations. Kathy Dunlop was the worthy winner this quarter. Kathy stepped into the void when we lost our Head Chef and gave great support to Nathan in getting through all of the Christmas functions and meals.

Another significant award that was received was at the Victorian RSL Hall of Fame dinner on 18th November, 2017. Our very own Administration & IT Manager, Liesl New, received an Achievement and Recognition Award.

Liesl joined the Frankston RSL in 2011 and has been instrumental in creating new processes and structures that have impacted the whole of the venue. Her professionalism and awareness when dealing with anything IT or administration based, is an essential part of our business and her expertise in this area is a credit to her.

We congratulate Liesl on receiving this prestigious award.



**DID YOU KNOW THAT THE
FRANKSTON RSL CURRENTLY
HAS 110 STAFF MEMBERS?**

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:
Mata Harawira-Tai; Liesl New;
Mata Harawira-Tai, Beth Nicholl,
Peter Shillabeer, Kath Dunlop,
Lynda Leverington; Kath Dunlop

BILLIARDS & SNOOKER

PAT CHUNG PAIRS

The Pat Chung Pairs and 2017 Presentation Day was held on 10th December. The random draw saw some impressive pairings. Hot favourites Brett Porter (2-time winner) and Ian Gilbee (winner of nearly all the 2017 championships) were drawn to play Mark Dunn and Bill Lindsay in the first round. Lindsay and Dunn produced some good pots when necessary and ran out easy winners. They squared up against Alan Clews and Gareth Griffiths in the semi final. In a nail biting black ball finish, Dunn and Lindsay made it through to the final. The other side of the draw saw a huge upset in round one. The highly fancied pair of Peter Gilligan and Bruce McPhee were beaten by 91yo Ron Stecum and his partner John Van Zanden. Ron and John then played the in form Rob Davies and Kevin Davenport. After a tough struggle in the semi final, it was the younger duo of Davies and Davenport through to the final. The short format 6 red snooker final frame was a classic. The tension was evident as all players missed relatively easy chances. Davies and Davenport started to get on top. Dunn and Lindsay were coming back into the final stages of the frame when Rob Davies played a pink hard and around the angles and finally into a pocket that appeared from nowhere to seal the deal. Pat Chung Doubles Champions for 2017 Kevin Davenport and Rob Davies.

WINNERS ARE GRINNERS 2017

SNOOKER CHAMPION - Ian Gilbee
Runner up - Bill Lindsay
BILLIARDS CHAMPION - Ian Gilbee
Runner up - Bruce McPhee
HANDICAP SNOOKER HENRY MERRETT
WINNER - Jim Murphy
Runner up - John Walters
HANDICAP BILLIARDS NORM SMITH
WINNER - Ian Gilbee
Runner up - Kevin Davenport
PAT CHUNG SNOOKER DOUBLES
WINNERS - Kevin Davenport & Rob Davies
Runner up - Mark Dunn & Bill Lindsay
BEST CLUBMAN AWARD 2017
Alan Clews

FIRST VBSA PREMIERSHIP

Phil Roost and his team, Ronnie George, Dale Bolton, Matt Lee, Bruce McPhee and Alan Clews won the first ever VBSA premiership in C Grade snooker in the Willis Season. After a consistent season, the team finished fourth on the ladder. This meant they had to play the minor premiers at their home venue to gain a place in the grand final. Frankston beat Yarraville 7 frames to 4. Frankston played Hit and Run Club in the premiership decider and won a tight battle 7-5. Dale Bolton made a well compiled 26 break.

PIPES & DRUMS

The Pipes & Drums, in true Scottish style, wish all members of, and the wonderful staff at, Frankston RSL a Happy New Year and may 2018 be a good one for you all. We were, as always, privileged to be part of Remembrance Day services in November. This year will see the Centenary of the end of the first World War. We are now entering our busy time of the year and start with a couple of engagements during January, Cranbourne Lodge's Burns Night and the Balnarring Picnic Races on Australia Day. The annual Pier to Perignon (Sorrento to Portsea) swim is taking place on February 11th and it is something of a tradition for us to play at that event. It is our intention to compete at Ballarat on February 25th followed by Scots Day Out at Bendigo on March 3rd. The Victorian Pipe Band Championship is being held at Geelong on March 18th. We also intend to travel to Canberra in October to compete there. We are always in need of both new and experienced players to join our band. Contact Tom on 0430 471 431 or frslpad@hotmail.com.

DARTS

Happy New Year to everyone. This is our quiet season so not much to report. We started our in-house doubles on 17th January, along with the singles on 24th. Our AGM is also approaching and will report back in the next edition of the Morse Code.

INDOOR BOWLS

Social bowls resumed on 22nd January, and the A.G.M is set for 5th February. Another huge year is in the offering with special events as well as the bowls. All new members are welcome to come along and join a great friendly group. Enquiries can be made to David Anderson on 0412118295.

GOLF

The Golf Section had a very successful 2017 season. The weather was not always good, but we managed to complete 15 rounds of golf with an average participation of 34 members per game. The year included an enjoyable weekend away to Tocumwal in April. Many thanks to Ian Reichman and Bev Cato for their efforts in organising, and congratulations to Peter Gilligan and Karen Hinkley on winning the Men's and Women's Championships.

The Club Championship was very competitive and congratulations go to the winners: Jason Ramsden - A Grade and Club Champion, Gary McCall - B Grade, Eric King - C Grade and Fiona Brown D Grade. Gary McCall and Bev Cato were recognised as Club Man and Woman of the Year. Looking forward to 2018, the section has 16 rounds of golf scheduled to be played mainly around the Peninsula, which includes a challenge match against Dromana Social Golf Club. There is also a weekend away to Corowa planned for 13 – 15 April. This will provide an opportunity for members and their partners to enjoy some golf and social activities in a different environment. Also, in addition to the golf and regular BBQs that are held after each game, the Section plans to hold a number of social functions such as a Trivia Night and Restaurant Night. In closing, on behalf of the members of the Golf Section, our thanks go to Committee of the Frankston RSL Sub-Branch and all staff members of Frankston RSL for their on going support and assistance, which allows us to enjoy our golf and associated social activities.

COMMUNITY RAFFLES

\$1,000 IN PRIZES TO BE WON EACH RAFFLE



FRIDAYS

MEAT AND ALCOHOL

- featuring roast and BBQ meat trays
- beer and wine

WEDNESDAYS

MEAT AND MOVIES

- featuring roast and BBQ meat trays
- movie passes
- beer and wine

PLUS MEMBERS DRAWS

with up to \$1,000 to be won every week



RACING SYDICATE WRAP-UP

Another year of fun, crazy bets and indifferent results! Syndicate 2 won the 'Hoof on the Till' Award for the leading syndicate for the second year in a row, and Graham Davy was the leading punter. The highlight of the year was in the first best of the year. Graham had a bet on Melbourne Race 2, backing #2, which finished 2nd and refunded a dividend of \$22. Syndicate 1 highlighted why the racecourses keep building flash buildings, by returning 26 ZIPS from 50 bets. Good luck to all punters in 2018.





WELFARE REPORT

2017 was as usual a busy one for all members of our Welfare Team across a raft of activities and as many know Welfare does not take a holiday and we even ringed in President Kevin to help out one in need.

In early December our partnership with the 406 Sqn of the Air Force Cadets was again reinforced with invitations from new Commanding Officer Bree Neve to their end of year parade. Despite the inclement weather, the Cadets shined with their drill and Advocate Tony was on deck for the presentation to the Instructor of the Year, Cadet Flt. Sgt. Jack Barber.

Those close to the RSL and who attend our Commemoration services, will appreciate the dignity the Cadets bring to our service and our association works both ways, as they also assist with our Appeals and invite us to their 'Dinning In Nights' that are just that something special. Another interesting point is that a high number of Cadets transition into the ADF to further their aspirations to serve their Country.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS PRESENT

Even before Santa took off on his rounds, we had a call for a 'special Christmas present' and President Kevin was on hand to take delivery of an electric scooter from Dorothy, who no longer needs it, and no guesses as to the size of the smile on Kevin's face as he thanked her for the kind donation (pictured).

LANGWARRIN GIRL GUIDES

As Christmas fast approached, another call, this time from the Langwarrin Girl Guides, requested a different type of assistance. Right down Tony's alley, he was on the wheels job but in a traditional red suit and beard for another 'Santa' job for the year. The Girl Guides are regulars when it comes to Appeals time so helping out works both ways.

FISH CREEK DELIVERY

Not long after Dorothy's scooter was on the shopping list, our friends from Fish Creek RSL were in need of some more help. Not known to many is that Fish Creek, although one of the traditional Sub-Branches, has a significant number of veterans in their catchment area. Our last donation assisted an Afghanistan vet with his mobility and December the call went out for more. This time we were able to assist with a Mobility scooter, a Queen Size Electric Bed and Mattress, two shower seats, two wheelchairs, two adjustable chairs and two walkers, plus a few other items to top up their trailer (pictured).

STEPTOE TONY AT IT AGAIN

We make no apology for talking about our 'Steptoe Tony' and his stock of items, as in 2017, thanks to his efforts, over 77 donated items (valued at around \$20,000) were gifted in the best spirit of all, to those in need. These included a number of high value electric beds that make living just that more comfortable.

RSL PARK

Our friends at RSL Park were also quick off the mark this year with a new flag for their Community Centre and a top up of some mobility equipment.





HMAS CERBERUS FAMILY DAY

We were delighted to be invited to the HMAS Cerberus Welcome Day on 17th January.

It is a day is for Defence Members and their families to have fun and find out about the many support and service groups available to them in the local area.

The Frankston RSL was in attendance and had a great time meeting many new faces. We are proud to provide free RSL club membership to serving Australian Defence Force (ADF) members during their posting at Cerberus. Along with this membership, we offer ADF members' children the chance to be a part of our Little Diggers Kids Club, as we are great advocates of having the whole family being part of our club.

The day involved lots of entertainment for the kids, and we offered free take home activity packs for those to enjoy, as well as a popular lolly guessing competition (pictured).

Along with facilities within the RSL, The Frankston Veterans Centre can offer ADF members advocacy and welfare services, along with a place to relax and socialise.



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The centre provides advice and support to members of the ex-service community, their families and carers. Located at 1/18-28 Skye Road (cnr Farrell Rd), Frankston
Ph: 97834151 | E: kmillman@frankstonyvc.com.au



HOW YOU CAN HELP

Volunteering is now as simple as a few clicks. Simply visit our website home page and on the left hand side look for the three hands of help, click and follow. Anyone can simply register their interest and especially at our Appeals time we need lots of help and YOU can make a difference to those we assist.

VIETNAM VETERANS

Once again the Vietnam Veterans finished off 2017 with a Christmas dinner at the RSL where quite a few of our members attended.

An enjoyable night was had by all, which ended a very successful year of social activities and welfare work.

In December, Kelvin Park had the pleasure of presenting the "Caring Cobber" award to Cortez Lupeikitama a 5th grade student from Pearcedale primary school, this is an award that is not based on academic achievement but on the students continued endeavours, linked with mateship, and overall self-improvement (pictured above). We were also invited to the Airforce end of year parade where again we presented the cadets with an annual award supplied by the Vietnam Veterans (pictured above).

2017 was a very social year with, some of the activities being:

- a trip away to Toora
- a trip away to Wangaratta Both these trips are mostly with caravans but some take the more practical way and book a cabin

We are trying to start up a darts night once a month as a family friendly night, we may not be any good but we have fun. We will also have several outings to Footscray RSL to mingle with the Vietnamese community and forge a stronger bond.

In 2018 we have a night of Barefoot Bowls planned to start the year off, and a trip to Lakes Entrance planned for April.

The Frankston Sub-Branch meets on the first Monday of the month at 7.30pm at the Frankston RSL in Simpson Room 2. Any Veteran, partner or family member is more than welcome to come along to a meeting.

For any information please contact the President Kelvin Park on 0432473039 or the Secretary Cheryl Myers on 97766600.



WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

2017 now well and truly gone, Christmas is over and we are into a New Year. I hope 2018 is a good year for all, and your celebrations went as planned. The Women's Auxiliary had a busy finish to 2017. We packed and sent 26 care packages to our troops overseas, all containing a letter from the students of Kingsley Park Primary School, Frankston, and some home-style goodies. It was great to be able to send a bit of cheer over for Christmas as they are so far from family and friends.

Our Christmas hamper raffle was an enormous success with Charmaine Dystelblom winning first prize and Nanette Boarke winning second. On behalf of all, I would like to thank those who bought tickets. Our profit was \$2,400 with all money going to welfare.

We attended the RSL Christmas lunch along with all the other groups within our club, arranged by President Kevin, and what a great day it was. The meal was delicious which I must congratulate the chef and the staff for looking after us so well. It would not have been complete without the ladies finishing up on the dance floor!

We donated \$1,000 to the Sub-Branch, to go towards making Christmas hampers for our welfare team to deliver to all the people they visit. This is another way of bringing a bit of cheer. Many of our members are also our RSL Welfare Officers and they assisted in delivery. As usual we 'topped up' the traditional RSL gift with some help from a local supplier.

We also donated \$3,000 to send ten students from Wallaroo Primary School to the Portsea Camp, another RSL tradition that gives a break to parents with young ones. We met up at the Hastings RSL on 19th January for a 'hand over' of shirts, a few nibbles and then off to Portsea in the Welfare Bus, and returned on 25th. We would like to thank Hastings President Keiren Gallagher and his wife Pauline (the Women's Auxiliary President) for their hospitality and a great collaborative effort.

I would like to thank my Committee for all their hard and dedicated work you put into the Auxiliary over the year and members for supporting us - we need you all just as much. All this on top of our regular Friday Night Raffle support that saw us in the final Friday before Christmas sell a record number of tickets. Another thank you to President Kevin and Secretary Brent and the committee for all your assistance over the year.

I also would like to mention how nice it is to walk in the front door and be greeted with a big friendly hello and smile from all at the front desk. Keep safe and well.

Kaye Ruitenbeek & Catherine Bernhardt
President & Secretary

PVA believes that there is a great need for support for all partners/carers, widows/widowers and families of Australian veterans, both now and in the future, as our defence forces continue to be deployed to areas of conflict throughout the world.

We are committed to providing every support and assistance practicable for their welfare, health and special needs. We provide a support network for partners of past and present members of the Australian Defence Force (ADF) and their Allies. This year our members raised money to support the foundation "MSFIN" which stands for Mums Supporting Families In Need.

P.V.A. offers SUPPORT, FRIENDSHIP, INFORMATION & UNDERSTANDING. We meet on the 2nd Monday of the month at 11.00 am in the Veterans Room. For any information please contact Cheryl on 9776 6600.





COMMITTEE

(from left to right)

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 Days of play: Thursday evenings

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 DAYS OF PLAY: Monday afternoon & evening,
 and Tuesday



IN MEMORY

Bill Petry	Earle Fordham
James McNeilly	Don Webb
John Flyger	Patrick McMahon
Eric Johnstone	Douglas Charman
Alan Wrigley	Thomas Faulkner
Eddy Knox	



TRADING HOURS

Club Trading

Monday	10am - 11pm
Tuesday	10am - 11pm
Wednesday	10am - 12am
Thursday	10am - 12am
Friday	10am - 1am
Saturday	10am - 1am
Sunday	10am - 11pm

Reception

Monday	10am - 8pm
Tuesday	10am - 8pm
Wednesday	10am - 8pm
Thursday	10am - 8pm
Friday	10am - 9pm
Saturday	10am - 9pm
Sunday	10am - 8pm

Frankston Veterans Centre

Monday	By appt only
Tuesday	9am - 4pm
Wednesday	9am - 4pm
Thursday	9am - 4pm
Friday	By appt only
Saturday	Closed
Sunday	Closed



AFFILIATED GROUPS

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

President: Kaye Ruitenbeek, 5979 2325
 Secretary: Catherine Bernhardt, 9789 8897
 Meetings: 3rd Monday of month at 1:30pm

VIETNAM VETERANS

President: Kelvin Park, 0432 473 039
 Secretary: Cheryl Myers, 9776 6600,
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 Meetings: 1st Monday of month at 7:30pm

Fours Seasons Bistro

Monday	12pm - 2pm
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Cracked Pepper

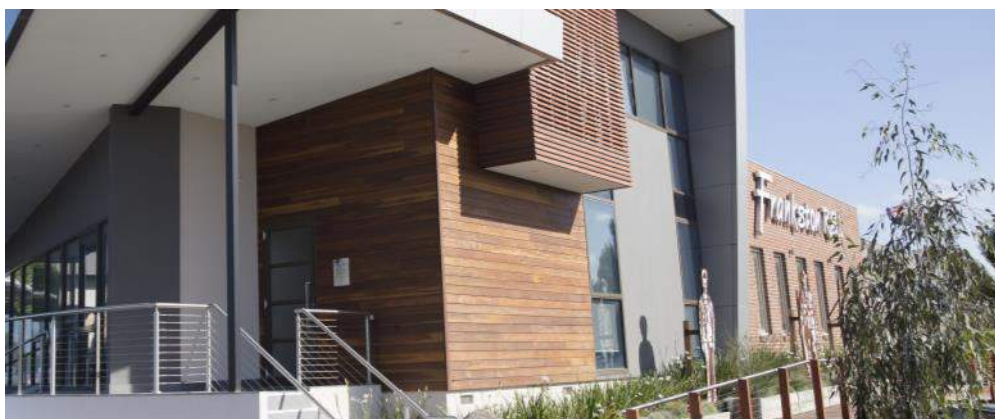
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Friday	12pm - 2pm
	5:30pm - 9:00pm
Saturday	12pm - 2pm
	5:30pm - 9:00pm
Sunday	12pm - 2pm
	5:30pm - 8:30pm

DRESS CODE

All patrons must be dressed in a clean and tidy manner whilst in this club. The following items are NOT permitted to be worn:

- Caps, hats, beanies
- Offensive material on clothing
- Singlets and muscle shirts
- Torn or dirty clothing

The final decision on acceptable attire is made by the Manager on Duty.



WIN A  **\$5000**

DREAM HOLIDAY

Plus... 2ND PRIZE: \$2,000 TRAVEL VOUCHER
3RD PRIZE: \$1,000 TRAVEL VOUCHER



Swipe your membership card at the Reception silver consoles between 9th February & 23rd March for your chance to win. One ticket per member per day.

Plus...spend a minimum of \$20 anywhere in the club*
and you will receive an extra entry ticket to place into the barrel.

*not valid for spend on gaming machines