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*Lest we forget*

## OUR MISSION

To support the welfare of veterans and their families.

To promote pride, respect and belonging within the veteran and broader community by maintaining a welcoming atmosphere and providing outstanding hospitality and entertainment.

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tuesday-thursday and saturday 9.00am-7.30pm

friday 9.00am-8.00pm

sunday 10.00am-7.00pm

## Four Seasons Bistro

- end time denotes last meal order

lunch: 11.30am-2.00pm monday - friday

12.00pm-2.30pm saturday and sunday

dinner: 5.30pm-8.00pm monday and sunday

5.30pm-8.30pm tuesday-thursday

9.00pm friday and saturday

## Huey's Sports Bar

lunch: 11.30am-2.00pm monday - friday

12.00pm-2.30pm saturday and sunday

dinner: 5.30pm-8.00pm monday and sunday

5.30pm-8.30pm tuesday - thursday

5.30pm-9.00pm friday and saturday

## Nancy's Café - Open 7 Days

coffee, cake, and cabinet display: 9AM-LATE

lunch: 11.30am-2PM monday-friday

12.00PM-2.30PM saturday and sunday

TRADING HOURS	Monday	9am-12am
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# 2025 COMMITTEE

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# President's Report

## Welcome to Summer!

Welcome to the Summer edition of Morse Code! We are hoping for warmer weather, even though rain and hail have been predominant this Spring and especially around Remembrance Day.

As Christmas approaches, I reiterate the need to look out for our family, friends and veterans to ensure they are travelling well, as it can be a lonely time for some.

Our Wellbeing Department have been busy through this period, and the office staff has grown. We now have one full time Wellbeing Coordinator (Stellar), one part time Wellbeing Engagement Officer (Natalie) and one part time Wellbeing Assistant (Jo). Additionally, we have office staff at the Wellbeing Hub including our volunteer ATDP Wellbeing Advocates; three Level 2, one Level 1, and one Trainee.

Our coffee mornings for veterans and families continues to grow, and we have relocated these sessions to CP's Restaurant at the club in a joint venture with our friends at Wallara by bringing in their clients to run the café and serve our veterans and families.

I am pleased to advise that the City of Frankston donated \$10,000 to assist veterans in need with the current high cost of living. This has partially been dispersed to veterans who required financial assistance through the year, and the remainder will be allocated as we lead into Christmas and prepare the Christmas Hampers for veterans in need. Read more on page 39.

We had an extremely successful Remembrance Day Service, even though it was moved from the Frankston War Memorial to the club. Nonetheless, it was a successful Commemorative Service, followed by refreshments, attended by approximately 200 people, and where everyone was at least warm and dry. Read more on pages 22-23.



I would like to thank everybody that volunteered at our Poppy Appeal and everybody who purchased Appeal Merchandise. The funds raised go a long way to helping veterans and their families in need. At the current count, the amount raised is in the range of \$89,000. Once again, we are forever grateful that our Appeals volunteers selflessly donated their time to sell merchandise at various stalls in local shopping areas including Mornington and Mt Eliza, in addition to the greater Frankston area. Read More pages 26-27.

A special thanks to our Appeals Coordinators - Committee Secretary Peter Kerley and James Farquharson who managed the volunteers and the logistics of the stalls. Additionally thank you to Jodi Millar People and Culture Manager and Anja Lepoigneur Administration Manager from the Club Administration Team for coordinating the back-end process.

In August I was proud once again to attend the Peninsula Waves Annual Presentation Night held at the club to celebrate their 2025 season and to award the Anzac Spirit Award to Championship shooter Emmalia Blake - a player who was voted by the VNL Playing Group to receive the prestigious award for demonstrating comradery, putting others before herself and showing courage on and off the court.



In October we were honoured to have the students from local school John Paul College attend the venue and present a compilation of veteran biographies the students put together as part of an intergenerational learning project offered at the school. Read more on page 39.

Have a Merry and Safe Christmas and we look forward to your continued support of veterans in need.

Kevin Hillier OAM  
President  
Frankston RSL Sub Branch Inc.



# WHAT'S ON?

## MONDAYS

### *Bingo - Simpson Room*

11AM EYES DOWN  
NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED

## TUESDAYS

### *Trivia Night Huey's Sports Bar*

7PM REGISTRATIONS FOR 7.30PM START. FREE EVENT

### *Kids Eat Free Deal - Dinner Only*

ONLY AVAILABLE AT THE BISTRO AND  
NOT AVAILABLE PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

### *Age Strong Fitness class \$5p/p*

8AM IN THE PAVILION. REGISTER (03) 8792 4400

## WEDNESDAYS

### *Wednesday Raffle Night and Members' Draw*

RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE FROM 5PM  
RAFFLE DRAWS FROM 6.30PM  
MEMBERS CAN WIN UP TO \$1000 JACKPOT IN  
SPIN-THE-WHEEL, IN HUEY'S SPORTS BAR.  
MEMBERS' JACKPOT SPINS: 6.00PM, 6.30PM, 6.45PM

### *Parma-Night - All Parmas \$21.90*

AVAILABLE WEDNESDAY DINNER  
ANYWHERE IN THE VENUE

### *Veterans and Partners Coffee Mornings*

10AM, CP'S, FREE EVENT

## THURSDAYS

### *Thursday Community Raffles*

RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE FROM 5PM  
RAFFLE DRAWS FROM 6.40PM  
LIVE MUSIC 5-8PM @ HUEY'S SPORTS BAR

### *Bingo-Simpson Room*

7PM EYES DOWN  
NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED

## FRIDAYS

### *Friday Night Rattles and Members' Draw*

MEMBERS CAN WIN UP TO \$2,000 JACKPOT PRIZE  
RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE FROM 4.30PM  
RAFFLE DRAWS FROM 6.30PM  
MEMBERS' JACKPOT DRAW TIMES: 5.30PM, 6.15PM, 7PM

### *Mega Rattles - Huey's Sports Bar*

1ST FRIDAY EVERY MONTH, FEBRUARY-DECEMBER  
RAFFLE DRAWS FROM 6.30PM  
MEMBERS' JACKPOT DRAW TIMES: 5.30PM, 6.15PM, 7PM

### *Free Live Music: Single Income-Simpson Room*

1ST FRIDAY EVERY MONTH, FEBRUARY-DECEMBER  
7PM DOORS OPEN, SHOW 7.15PM-10.15PM,  
FREE EVENT

### *Veterans Coffee Morning - in CP's*

ALL VETERANS WELCOME:  
ALL SERVICE TYPES, ERAS, AGE, AND GENDER.  
10AM, FREE EVENT

### *Age Strong Fitness Class \$5p/p*

8AM IN THE PAVILION. REGISTER 8792 4400

## CHRISTMAS RAFFLES

### *Wednesdays and Fridays in December*

3RD-19TH DECEMBER IN HUEY'S SPORTS BAR.

## CHRISTMAS TRADING HOURS

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# Upcoming Shows

## MORNING MELODIES RHIANNON - SONGS & STORIES OF FLEETWOOD MAC



**WEDNESDAY 3 DECEMBER**

**TICKETS FROM \$27.50 | DOORS OPEN 11:00AM**

"RHIANNON - THE SONGS AND STORIES OF FLEETWOOD MAC" presents the music of legendary band Fleetwood Mac in a brief journey through many their of timeless, classic songs, with intricate vocal harmonies, familiar songs, rocking beats and soaring guitar, this tribute show achieves accolades from even the most ardent fans.

## SOS - ABBA TRIBUTE



**SATURDAY 6 DECEMBER**

**TICKETS FROM \$39 | DOORS OPEN 7:00PM**

SOS The Australian ABBA Tribute Show takes you back in time when ABBA ruled the world stage. ABBA's music has left a sparkle in our eye and a beat in our hearts and this show presents their greatest hits of hot disco tracks like 'Gimmie Gimmie', pop classic 'Dancing Queen', and the heart clenching ballad of 'The Winner Takes It All'. This full production show, costumed, choreographed with a high-energy band, might make you believe you're seeing the real thing!

## CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH THURSDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER



**TICKETS FROM \$149 | DOORS OPEN 11:30AM**

Share this magical day with your family or join our big family and celebrate Christmas with us. The Venue will be spectacularly adorned in Christmas decorations making this very special day an unforgettable experience. Enjoy an open buffet lunch. This is a fully ticketed event and bookings are essential.

## NYE DINNER & SHOW THE JOHN LAWRENCE BAND



**WEDNESDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER**

**TICKETS FROM \$89 | DOORS OPEN 7:00PM**

Ready to celebrate New Year's Eve? Enjoy a glass of bubbles on arrival just to get you started, then enjoy a delicious three course menu and celebrate the new year in a fun filled atmosphere. The John Lawrence Band will be shaking things up again and there will be special New Year's Eve cocktails on sale on the night. Plus free fun party hats, blowers and decorations to make the night festive. Get your party dress ready and polish up those dancing shoes!

## BOP TILL YOU DROP SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN



**WEDNESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY**

**TICKETS \$7.50 | DOORS OPEN 10.45AM**

Bop till you Drop in this 1 hour of interactive high energy entertainment, encouraging children to embrace their inner ROCKSTAR. The energetic entertainer will lead the children teaching dance moves and picking various children to sing on the microphones, ensuring ALL the children are enjoying themselves and involved. The entertainer/s set up a P.A. system, spectacular disco lights, microphones and a huge range of music.

## CRIME NIGHT WITH VIKKI PETRAITIS - THE VANISHING OF VIVIENNE CAMERON ...



**WEDNESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

**TICKETS FROM \$22.50 | DOORS OPEN 7PM**

The Vanishing of Vivienne Cameron: a gripping night with true crime author Vikki Petraitis. Dive into the unsolved mystery, the latest revelations, and your burning questions.



**PHONE (03) 8792 4400**  
**RECEPTION - 7 DAYS**

[www.frankstonrsl.com.au/ticketed-shows](http://www.frankstonrsl.com.au/ticketed-shows)

# What's New Around The Venue ?



*\$8 Schooners  
Beechworth Pale Ale  
1st-31st December.  
Plus members can win  
a festive box of 16 cans!  
Drawn 19th December*



*We are always on the lookout  
for superstars to join the team.  
View our current jobs,  
page 49 or at  
[www.frankstonrsl.com.au/  
about-jobs/](http://www.frankstonrsl.com.au/about-jobs/)*



*Watch the Ashes and buy  
2 Schooners of VB for \$16  
in Huey's Sports Bar.  
+ Members can win a VB  
Branded Esky.  
Drawn 9th January.*



**Bumper Stickers**  
*Now on sale*  
**\$2.50**

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## **FRANKSTON RSL BUMPER STICKERS ON SALE**

Frankston RSL Bumper Stickers are now on sale at Reception. Stickers are \$2.50 each and available for purchase during Reception hours. Sticker dimensions are 28cm x 7.5cm. Buy a bumper sticker today and spread the word!

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## **FREE LIVE ROCK MUSIC - EVERY MONTH**

Every first Friday of the month and straight after Mega Raffles nights in Huey's Sports Bar, Peninsula favourites 'Single Income' perform live at the Club in our Simpson Function Room. Single Income are a 6-piece band performing classic Australian Rock and international hits for over 25 years. Chenai Boucher (Australian Idol finalist 2023 and 2024) and Greg Flemming lead the vocals, and cover a wide repertoire from INXS, Deep Purple, AC/DC, Angels, Aussie Crawl to Bon Jovi, Tina Turner, Cold Chisel, Dragon, and Queen.

**Doors open:** 6.30pm. **Band performs:** 7.15pm-10.15pm.

**Function Room Bar:** 6.30pm-11pm. **Bookings:** Free Entry and Free Seating.



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## **TURN YOUR POINTS INTO PREZZEE...**

Heads up members! Did you know that you can convert your RSL Rewards points into Prezzy Gift Cards. Prezzy eGift Cards are a versatile digital gift cards that can be swapped for gift cards from hundreds of different retailers, including brands like Bunnings, Rebel, Kmart, and more. The value of the Prezzy Smart eGift Card can be used to purchase products or services from your chosen retailer. Plus, your digital card can be kept at your fingertips and on your phone, so no more plastic gift cards for landfill or misplacing the gift card. For more information contact our Reception Team or read more at: [www.prezzy.com.au](http://www.prezzy.com.au)

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## **BUY FRANKSTON MONOPOLY HERE!**

The limited edition Frankston Board Game is available for purchase at the Club for \$69.99, and includes a limited edition Frankston RSL Box Cover. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to get your hands on this infamous board game, and is an ideal birthday gift or Christmas present. Sales of the board-game at the Frankston RSL, go towards Veteran Wellbeing and Support.



LET'S CELEBRATE  
**TOGETHER**



**NEW YEAR'S EVE 2025**

**3 COURSE DINNER & SHOW**  
COMPLIMENTARY GLASS OF SPARKLING WINE ON ARRIVAL  
**\$89 FRANKSTON RSL MEMBER**  
**\$99 GUEST**

**BOX OFFICE:**  
[WWW.FRANKSTONRSL.COM.AU/TICKETED-SHOWS](http://WWW.FRANKSTONRSL.COM.AU/TICKETED-SHOWS)  
RECEPTION: (03) 8792 4400

**DOORS OPEN 7.00PM**  
**GUESTS ARRIVE 7.15PM**  
**DINNER STARTS 7.30PM SHARP**  
**& SHOW FROM 9PM**

*The John Lawrence Band*  
Dinner & Show

FRANKSTON RSL

Enjoy a delicious three course menu\* and celebrate the new year in a fun filled atmosphere. We will have The John Lawrence Band shaking things up and special New Year's Eve cocktails on sale on the night. Plus, free fun party hats, blowers, and decorations to make the night festive. Get your party dress ready and polish up those dancing shoes.

\*Includes 3-course meal of 50/50 drop.

Book Tickets Online: [www.trybooking.com/DGIVN](http://www.trybooking.com/DGIVN)

Reception: (03) 8792 4400



Wrap Up 2025 & Celebrate  
**HUEY'S SPORTS BAR**  
**NEW YEAR'S**  
IN HUEY'S SPORTS BAR  
WITH IAN DUCESNE  
Dec 31st - 9PM-12.30AM

**FREE ENTERTAINMENT**

**FREE LIVE**  
**9PM**  
**MUSIC**

Celebrate this night with us singing along to all your favourite covers, in good company, and great food and drinks.

**31 DEC**

**HUEY'S SPORTS BAR**  
**9PM-12.30AM**

Rock on over to Huey's Sports Bar for some free live entertainment with Ian Duchesne. This stylish singer and guitarist brings both energy and passion to his music. s Ian plays a repertoire of popular songs covering seven decades and well known hits you can't not help singing to, such as These Days – Powderfinger, Take It Easy - The Eagles, Stone Me - Van Morrison, Wish You Were Here - Pink Floyd, Who'll Stop The Rain – Creedence, Set Fire To The Rain – Adele, To Her Door - Paul Kelly, Layla - Eric Clapton, Is This Love - Bob Marley, Message In A Bottle - The Police ... and many more!

What are you waiting for? Get a bunch of friends together and we will see you on the 31st at Huey's Sports Bar.



# ★ MORNING MELODIES 2026 ★



**11-FEB**  
ON SALE 3<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER 2025

## ★ ONE NIGHT IN VEGAS ★

An authentic and unbelievable tributes to 'The Big O' & Elvis that absolutely embodies the heart and soul of these legendary performers of Las Vegas.

**25-MAR**  
ON SALE 11<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2026



## ★ DIAMOND - A BEAUTIFUL NOISE ★

A Tribute to the Music of Neil Diamond, bringing all the legendary songs to life and transporting you back to the golden era of music, where Neil Diamond's songs became anthems of love, hope, and celebration.



**6-MAY**  
ON SALE 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026

## ★ BUBLÉ AND THE CROONERS ★

With his versatile voice and velvet tones Paul covers the sensational crooners of swing, jazz, and nostalgic pop with songs from artists including Michael Bubl , Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Bobby Darin, and more.

**17-JUN**  
ON SALE 6<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2026



## ★ ELVIS TO THE T ★

Multi Award Winning Elvis - Peter Triantis, brings you the best Elvis Songs, such as Suspicious Minds, All shook up, Return To Sender, and many more.



Featuring some of your all time favourite songs

Dancing Queen  
Blame it on the Boogie  
I will Survive  
YMCA  
Rivers of Babylon

**9-SEP**  
ON SALE 17<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2026

## ★ DISCO FEVER ★

Sandie and Jennifer present Disco Fever. Featuring some of your all time favourites from the hypnotic 70's Disco Fever era including Dancing Queen, Blame it on the Boogie, I will survive, YMCA, Rivers of Babylon, and more.

**21-OCT**  
ON SALE 9<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2026



## ★ BEST OF BRITISH ★

A nostalgic music show celebrating the unforgettable hits of the 50s and 60s that brings the golden era of British music to life. A musical journey through Britain's most beloved hits! This show is even better than the best cup o' tea!



**2-DEC**  
ON SALE 21<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2026

## ★ DENIS WALTER - CHRISTMAS SHOW ★

Denis brings his audience on a musical walk through the decades with his show Superstars Of Song 'The Soundtrack Of Our Lives' performing classics from the 50's to the present day along with a casual and fun chat about his life in showbiz!

★ **SAVE THE DATE!** ★

Lunch & Show Pricing: All shows \$27.50 Members, \$30.00 Guests, \$15.00 Carers\*. Denis Walter 2nd December Show \$39.00 Members, \$44.00 Guests, \$25.00 Carers\*. Limited Carer tickets available per show. Programming is subject to change.



# 19 TRIBUTE SHOWS IN 2026

## HERE'S A SNEEK PEAK OF WHAT'S COMING

SHOW ONLY TICKETS FROM \$35 OR SHOW & DINNER TICKETS FROM \$69



**21-FEB**  
ON SALE 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2025

### ★ QUEEN RHAPSODY ★

Fronted by a powerhouse vocalist who channels Freddie Mercury's unique stage presence and vocal range, QUEEN RHAPSODY perform Queen's greatest anthems, creating a concert experience that will transport you back to the height of Queen's reign.

**7-MAR**  
ON SALE 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2025



### ★ FAULTY TOWERS DINNER & SHOW ★

Basil, Manuel and Sybil are in town—and they're bringing a healthy dose of mayhem to your door. Fully immersive, highly interactive and completely original, this is the dinner and show where anything can and usually does happen.



**27-MAR**  
ON SALE 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2025

### ★ LRB - COOL CHANGE ★

Cool Change celebrates the evolution of Australia's most iconic band, and the many musicians of Little River Band, from The Twilights, Axiom, Zoot, Mississippi and John Farnham years, through to all of LRBs greatest hits.

**18-APR**  
ON SALE 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2025



### ★ TINA & TOM ★

A vibrant, upbeat, rocking show, detailing the musical journeys of two soulful legendary icons. Tina Turner and Tom Jones both helped mould the music industry from the 1960's and paved the way for artists to reinvent themselves to move with the times - Enjoy a fun and sassy performance.



**6-JUN**  
ON SALE 3<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY 2026

### ★ TAYLOR SWIFT ★

A live power-packed musical expedition with themed costumes and stunning stage designs, celebrating the illustrious career of Taylor Swift. 'Burning Red' honours the magic of ALL of Swift's diverse musical ERAs.

**11-SEP**  
ON SALE 4<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2026



### ★ ROD STEWART SONGBOOK ★

Fronted by Melbourne powerhouse vocalist Andy Lutze with his signature raspy vocals, this embracing show reaches deep into "The Great Rod Stewart Songbook" which has spanned over an amazing SEVEN decades!



**5-DEC**  
ON SALE 13<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2026

### ★ SOS - ABBA TRIBUTE ★

The music of ABBA lives on with SOS! Performing their greatest hits of hot disco tracks like 'Gimmie Gimmie', unforgettable pop classics like 'Dancing Queen' and heart clenching ballads like 'The Winner Takes It All'.

★ SAVE THE DATE! ★

19 TRIBUTE SHOWS, 3 CRIME NIGHT TALKS & 6 KIDS' SHOWS COMING IN 2026 !

SHOWS & ACTS  
SUBJECT TO CHANGE



**BOOK YOUR OWN TRIVIA IN CP'S**

**TRIVIA NIGHT**

**Package Includes\*:**

- CP room hire
- Security Guard
- Pizza & finger food package
- Wide range of Trivia themes
- Trivia host
- Trivia game consols

40-60 Guests \$75.00 per person	61-80 Guests \$70.00 per person	81-100 Guests \$65.00 per person	101-120 Guests \$60.00 per person
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**TALK TO US TODAY**  
Susan - Functions Coordinator  
(03) 8792 4411  
functions@frankstonrsl.com.au

**CP's Room Only**  
Pricing based on after 5.00pm start  
Monday - Saturday Nights

All beverages at own cost  
Available for 2025 bookings only

Further Terms & Conditions Apply



# CP's Function Room

Everyone's favourite dining space at the venue, is now a Function Room and can be enjoyed in exclusivity for private events.

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# AUSTRALIA DAY

in Huey's Sports Bar

Monday  
26th  
JAN  
2026

### GIVEAWAYS

#### LIVE MUSIC

Chelly Parisi playing Aussie Classics from 2pm-5pm

#### DRINKS SPECIALS

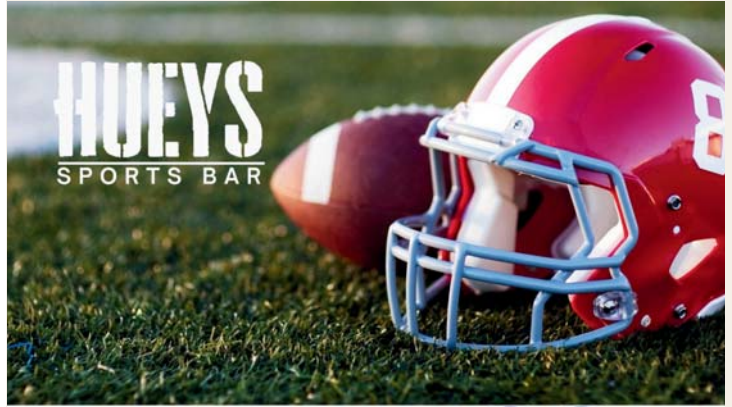
Tap Beer - Cocktails - RTD's

#### AUSSIE TUCKER SPECIALS

Australian style charcuterie board  
Roast Lamb  
Sausage rolls  
Regular Menu also available



Public Holiday Menu & Surcharge applies.  
Food images for illustration only.



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PLUS  
A TICKETED EVENT IN CP'S



US STYLE  
FOOD TRUCK MENU  
BUDWEISER DRINKS  
SPECIALS

ALL DAY GIVEAWAYS

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# Christmas Day Lunch

NOW ON SALE!  
11.30AM & 12.30PM SESSIONS AVAILABLE



\$149  
members

\$49  
Kids 5-11

\$20  
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Under 2

\$169  
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Coming this summer!

# FOOD TRUCK Menu HUEY'S SPORTS BAR

HOURS  
SATURDAY 12PM - 7PM  
SUNDAY 12PM - 5PM



Order from Huey's Sports Bar Tables

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>SOUTHERN FRIED CHICKEN STRIPS</b><br>CRISPY GOLDEN CHICKEN STRIPS SEASONED WITH SOUTHERN SPICES, SERVED WITH SMOKY CHIPOTLE MAYO AND TANGY DILL PICKLES FOR A BOLD, SATISFYING BITE.                 | \$9.5 (M) \$10.5 (G)  |
| <b>BUFFALO WINGS</b><br>JUICY CHICKEN WINGS TOSSED IN A FIERY BUFFALO SAUCE, SERVED WITH A COOL AND CREAMY BLUE CHEESE DIP — THE PERFECT BALANCE OF HEAT AND TANG.                                      | \$8.5 (M) \$9.5 (G)   |
| <b>LOADED POTATO GEMS</b><br>CRISPY GOLDEN POTATO GEMS SMOTHERED IN RICH CHEESE SAUCE, TOPPED WITH SMOKY BACON BITS AND FRESH SPRING ONIONS — INDULGENT, SAVOURY, AND PERFECT FOR SHARING.              | \$14 (M) \$15 (G)     |
| <b>DOUBLE CRUNCH SPICY PRAWNS</b><br>TWICE-BATTERED FOR EXTRA CRISPINESS, THESE FIERY PRAWNS PACK A BOLD KICK AND ARE SERVED WITH A REFRESHING DILL LEMON AIOLI — A ZESTY, CREAMY CONTRAST TO THE HEAT. | \$13 (M) \$14 (G)     |
| <b>CHEESEBURGER SPRING ROLLS</b><br>CRISPY GOLDEN SPRING ROLLS FILLED WITH SEASONED BEEF, MELTED CHEESE, PICKLES, AND A TOUCH OF MUSTARD — A CRUNCHY, BITE-SIZED TWIST ON THE CLASSIC CHEESEBURGER.     | \$12.5 (M) \$13.5 (G) |
| <b>HONEY HOG CRUNCH</b><br>BITE SIZED CHUNKS OF PORK BELLY, FRIED CRISPY AND COATED IN A STICKY SWEET BBQ HONEY GLAZE, TOTALLY ADDICTIVE—PERFECT FOR SHARING (OR NOT).                                  | \$13 (M) \$14 (G)     |

Coming this summer  
to Huey's Sports Bar!

## Staff Learning Academy

In a rapidly evolving world where industries shift, technologies advance and culture intermingles, one truth stands resolute; Knowledge is King.

Our "Staff Learning Academy" is dedicated to the ongoing professional development and on the job training of our staff, in order to empower our teams with product knowledge, to better serve our patrons. It's about going beyond one-off training sessions - it's offering staff a platform for continuous up-skilling, knowledge sharing, and cross-functional learning, through workshops, mentoring, in-house or off-site product training and experiences.



### GABS Craft Beer Festival

Staff from various departments attended the GABS Craft Beer Festival (Great Australasian Beer SpectAPular) in search of new craft beer offerings to offer at the venue. Staff got to taste test limited-edition craft beverages and make selections for a new craft beers coming in 2026 in our Sports Bar.

# Knowledge Is King!



### Spring Racing Carnival

Staff getting into the spirit of Spring Carnival this year, and trying to outdo these dapper patrons on the right. In this industry, you've 'gotta' play the part.



### Nelson Wine Co. Tasting

The best school in life is to experience it first hand! That's exactly what our team did at Nelson Wine Co. when they went in search of a next sparkling wine to add to our drinks offering.



### Never Never Gin Tasting

Thanks to Never Never Gin Distillery for our recent in-house Tasting Session that demonstrated the evolution of gin and the current trend of enhancing the spirit through the addition of botanicals, citrus fruits, juniper, and oyster shell!



Kiandra, Brand Ambassador Never Never Gin provided the most insightful look into forward thinking distillery with new age distillation methods and flavours.



### All abilities cafe - Amstel club

Collaborative ideas are often the best ideas. Front-Of-House Supervisors and People and Culture Manager visited "Everyone Café" at Amstel Club, to gain insights and ideas on making our in venue Café more inclusive for staff of all abilities.



Try one of our Gin Cocktails from Huey's Sports Bar. \$15 each!

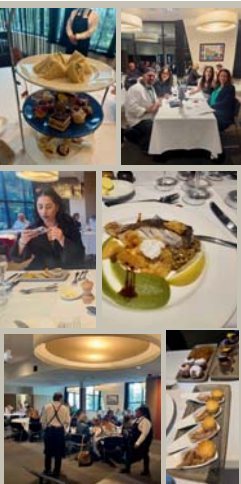
- Triple Juniper G&T
- Coastal G&T
- Ginache & Bitter Lemon



### Campari Academy

Hard at work or hardly working? Our Bar Team experienced some hands-on Aperol Spritz in-house training with our friends from Campari Academy. How else can you aptly upsell an Aperol Spritz?

Coinciding perfectly with our Aperol Spritz \$15 Happy Hour. Saturdays and Sundays in Huey's Sports Bar 2pm-4pm.



### Hospitality Training Restaurant

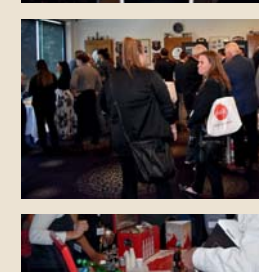
FOH Team Members visited the Holmesglen Glen Waverley Training Restaurant - Zest, to observe and pick up pointers from a patrons' perspective with a view to enhancing our service level, as well as picking up plating ideas for our special events, functions, and our ever popular Mother's Day High Tea sessions.

The training restaurant is an opportunity for apprentices to practice their knowledge and skill set, or for FOH and BOH staff to up their game and inject new ideas at the venue.



### Beverage Trends Day

Staff from different areas of the venue attended a Beverage Trends Day at Box Hill RSL, and explored the latest insights shaping the future of hospitality beverages. The course was centred on discovering the latest insights shaping the future of the hospitality beverage industry. It was an opportunity to gain valuable knowledge across categories, including soft drinks, beer, wine, and spirits, while networking with industry peers.





# Service Excellence & Making Careers!



A round of applause for Ally Gorin who has just completed her apprenticeship! This bubbly junior chef was still trying to work out what she wanted to be, when she joined the Frankston RSL in May 2021. Within 12 months and working with the Back-Of-House Team, Ally's passion for cooking grew exponentially and she decided to undertake an apprenticeship through Holmesglen. Throughout the four years of on the job training, she was supported by her Chef Instructor Cosimo Biviano - affectionately known as 'Cosi', who also happens to be a chef at the venue. Ally holds Cosi in high regard, and says, "He is patient and calm and knows how to get me to relax so I can learn the skills he is teaching. I have learned so much from him". Fast forward to October 2025, Ally has completed her studies and is now a qualified chef! "I love the fast pace and hecticness of the RSL. Everyone works well as a team. To be able to learn in a venue where we have a quality menu and lots of variety has been great for me. We have functions, we have events, we have great leaders who are happy to share their knowledge and teach. It's just a great environment," says Ally. Her next goal is to join the Army as a chef. "Working here I've learnt a lot about the Service, and it's now my next career goal". Congratulations Ally on completing your apprenticeship at the Frankston RSL, we wish you every success in the future!

## On the job training



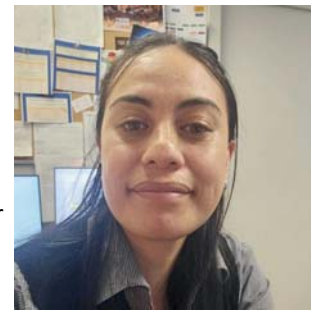
Kill two birds with one stone they say! Meet Cosi, our workplace training manager from Holmesglen Tafe, who has been training our apprentices for 11 years now, as well as working as a chef with us on a casual basis for the same amount of time! Cosi conducts workplace training in our kitchens and with our apprentices, who range from 1<sup>st</sup> year to 3<sup>rd</sup> year students, for up to four hours once a month.

The training is part of their practical and theory assessment that tests their skills and competencies to achieve their Cert III in commercial cookery. The apprentices are also trained on specialised cooking techniques such as smoking food, sous vide, dessert making and pastry baking - as part of their 25 units of study over three years.



## Meet Mata

Where Front-of-House & Back-of-House Converge



Managing a team of 29 is no small feat but our Front of House (FOH) Manager takes it in her stride and makes it look effortless - it's not! Mata puts in 100% effort into her role to make sure all runs smoothly. She did have big boots to fill after all, taking over from Wendy in October 2024, who had previously been in the role for 18 years! Since her promotion, Mata has gone from strength to strength with innovative ideas, as well as implementing new team building initiatives and driving service improvement strategies. Her journey at the Frankston RSL began in 2007 within the Back-Of-House Team as a kitchen hand and steadily learnt the ropes and moved to FOH staff as a casual, to Bistro Supervisor, then Bistro Manager, and finally FOH Manager.

Investing in our staff is one of our priorities and we are fully behind helping our employees achieve career progression. A pillar of our staff development program is to promote from within and give our staff every opportunity to succeed.

One of Mata's most recent ideas that she's successfully brought to fruition (and they are in abundance), is the monthly 'Food & Beverage Pairing Special'. Each month, a member of the FOH and BOH Teams are matched together to craft up a Bistro special.

The initiative was set up to bridge the gap between FOH and BOH Teams that commonly occurs in hospitality venues. "By teaming them up, it strengthens communication, gives each team greater appreciation of what each department does, and provides a creative outlet from their regular daily duties", says Mata. "The Teams have done an outstanding job this year in thinking up new pairings each month, and have really gotten behind the collaborative project. The objective is about celebrating collaboration and strengthening communication. The pairings have brought fresh ideas to the table and created memorable experiences for our guests, which is a testament to the dedication and passion of our staff and showcasing the talent within our venue. Above all else, it provides our Bistro clientele, and particularly our regulars, with a fresh alternative to enjoy throughout the month," says Mata.

Originally from New Zealand, Mata has worked in hospitality for 18 years. "Working at the Frankston RSL has allowed me to be part of a community, and serve those who served us. Being a team leader and manager, I have learnt that communication is about being adaptive in how I communicate, ensuring the message is received, understood and adopted."

**Pairing Special:** 'Elotes' char-grilled Mexican street corn with Chipotle mayonnaise and chili lime seasoning, coated in Mexican cheese, paired with a Passionfruit Margarita.





**BRIDGE ROAD BREWERS**  
BEECHWORTH PALE ALE

**The Crafty for December!**

**\$8 Schooners**  
1st-31st Dec!  
Bistro & Sports Bar

**Plus**  
**CHEERY BEERS**  
16 DAYS OF FESTIVE BEER - 16 x 355ml CANS

**BRIDGE ROAD BREWERS**

**Members only giveaway!**  
**Win a Festive Case of 16 Bridge Road Craft Beers!**  
**Buy a schooner to enter.**  
**Drawn 19<sup>th</sup> December.**

T&Cs Apply

FRANKSTON

**VALUED \$500**

**MEMBERS' PROMOTION**

**WIN NOMADIQ BBQ**

**1ST JANUARY - 6TH FEBRUARY 2026**

Members can win a NomadiQ BBQ!  
Available from 1st January and drawn Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February.  
Purchase any steak\* to enter the promotion.  
**A winner will be drawn during February Mega Raffles Night.**

The NomadiQ BBQ comes in a recyclable box complete with gas hose, pressure regulator, drip trays, shoulder strap, and a manual. Only the gas bottle is needed for hours of grilling and fun!

**T&C APPLY**  
**\*ALL STEAKS ON THE BISTRO & HUEY'S MENU, INCLUDING SENIORS MENU, MONDAY SPECIALS, & STEAK SANDWICH.**

honour service community  
**FRANKSTON RSL**

**PRIZE POOL \$2,500 IN PRIZES TO BE WON!**

**AVAILABLE AT ALL BARS IN THE VENUE**

**MUD HOUSE** St. Hallett NEW ZEALAND

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**12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS GIVEAWAY**

**Win a mixture of high value items and wine!**  
AO TICKETS - HAMPERS - DRIVING RANGE VOUCHER TO RANFURLIE - WEBER BABY Q.

**MEMBERS' PROMOTION!**  
Buy a glass or a bottle of any Vinarchy Wines, at any bar in the venue, to go in the draw to win one of 12 prizes!  
One winner drawn daily 12 days before Christmas.  
Enter from 24th November till Sunday 12th December.

**DAILY PRIZES 13TH - 24TH DECEMBER**

**VINARCHY** REDEFINING WINE

**Beer vs Bucks Gala Night**

**Winner**  
CONGRATULATIONS SALLY-ANN

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> November, we hosted The winner could choose from our Beers v Bucks Gala Night that winning 250,000 cents or 1,000 marked the end the promotion beers! The remaining 11 didn't that ran for six weeks. It was a fantastic night and a huge leave empty handed and each congratulations to our winner, received \$50 worth of RSL Rewards points.

Sally-Ann who went home 250,000 cents richer!

Members who swiped their Follow us on our socials or members' card at the kiosk subscribe to our e-newsletter to during the promotion period hear about our promotions. (22<sup>nd</sup> October - 2<sup>nd</sup> November) Every year, Frankston RSL gives and between 8pm-10pm, were away \$300K in prizes and cash to automatically entered into the members.

draw. Every night, four winners were randomly drawn, and each received an invitation to attend the Gala Night for a chance of winning the Major Prize. Twelve members in total received an invite.

**Birthday Week 2025 MEMBERS' GUARANTEED DRAW WINNER!**  
**Friday 1st August**  
**\$1,000**




**WEDNESDAY MEMBER'S WHEEL WE HAVE A WINNER!**  
**5000 JACKPOT 13TH AUGUST**



**Friday Members' Draw**  
**\$1,600 JACKPOT WINNER!**  
**19th September**



**MEGAS RAFFLES 1ST FRIDAY EVERY MONTH!**  
**Buy a raffle ticket and you too could win!**

**August Winners! \$500 Gift Card**



**WEDNESDAY MEMBER'S WHEEL WE HAVE A WINNER!**  
**5000 JACKPOT 29th OCTOBER**



**Major Prize Winner - August Giveaway!**  
**\$700 IN RYOBI GARDEN TOOLS**

**CONGRATULATIONS BRAD**



**MEGAS RAFFLES 1ST FRIDAY EVERY MONTH!**  
**Buy a raffle ticket and you too could win!**

**October Winners! \$500 Gift Card**



**WELL Done CONGRATULATIONS GIVEAWAY Winners**

**KENO WINNER OCTOBER 2025**

**Ryobi DIY Kit Valued at \$550**



**NINJA SPRING MEMBERS' GIVEAWAY**

**Major Prize Winner - Summer Giveaway**  
**\$900 IN NINJA KITCHEN APPLIANCES**

**CONGRATULATIONS SHANE**



**FATHER'S DAY HAMPER WINNER**

**VALUED AT \$150**

**CONGRATULATIONS DANE!**



**WON MOM ADID BEO**

**CONGRATS DAMJANI**  
 Father's Day Weekend Giveaway!

**VALUED AT \$540**



**RSL REWARDS 40K Cash Avalanche Giveaway Sub-Branch Week 1 Winner**  
**\$250 Cash Prize**

**AUGUST CASH AVALANCHE! WIN\$10K EVERY THURSDAY**



**RSL REWARDS Spring Racing Giveaway WINNERS**

**VENUE MAJOR PRIZE WINNER \$1000**  
**CONGRATS JULIAN**



**Winner**

**CONGRATULATIONS GAILY-ANN**



**RSL REWARDS 40K Cash Avalanche Giveaway Sub-Branch Week 2 Winner**  
**\$250 Cash Prize**

**AUGUST CASH AVALANCHE! WIN\$10K EVERY THURSDAY**



**Birthday Week Family Fun Night Kids Raffles Winners**

**Mon 28th July & Thurs 31st July**  
 Celebrating our 10th Birthday



**GREAT GROCERY GIVEAWAY**

**WINNERS**



**RSL REWARDS 40K Cash Avalanche Giveaway Sub-Branch Week 3 Winner**  
**\$250 Cash Prize**

**AUGUST CASH AVALANCHE! WIN\$10K EVERY THURSDAY**



**Birthday Week Family Fun Night Kids Raffles Winners**

**WINNERS**



**RSL REWARDS 40K Cash Avalanche Giveaway Sub-Branch Week 3 Winner**  
**\$250 Cash Prize**

**AUGUST CASH AVALANCHE! WIN\$10K EVERY THURSDAY**



# Summer Members' Giveaway

**WIN A BEACH BUNDLE  
VALUED AT \$700!**

**INCLUDES 5.8M COOLCABANA, 58L GOLEMAN ESKY,  
BEACH WAGON, 2 X COSTWAY FOLDING BACKPACK  
CHAIRS & TABLE, 2 X SAND FREE BEACH TOWELS.**

**TO ENTER, SWIPE YOUR MEMBER'S CARD  
ONCE DAILY AT THE MEMBERS' KIOSK.**

**DRAWN 19TH DECEMBER!**



**PLUS \$1200 IN ANACONDA GIFT CARDS TO  
GIVEAWAY. TWO \$100 GIFT CARDS  
DRAWN FRIDAYS 7TH, 14TH 21ST, 28TH NOVEMBER,  
5TH AND 12TH DECEMBER  
SWIPE AT KIOSK TO ENTER!**

T&C APPLY

# WIN - WIN - WIN

**Nov - Dec  
MEMBER GIVEAWAY**

**\$1200  
ANACONDA**

**GIFT  
CARD  
GIVE  
AWAY**

**WIN 2 X \$100 ANACONDA  
GIFT CARDS DRAWN  
7TH, 14TH 21ST, 28TH NOVEMBER,  
& 5TH, 12TH DECEMBER  
SWIPE AT THE KIOSK DAILY TO ENTER!**



T&C APPLY

# MEMBERS' GIVEAWAY

**XBOX SERIES X CONSOLE 1TB**

**WITH XBOX WIRELESS CONTROLLER  
& \$100 XBOX GIFT CRD**

**DRAWN FRIDAY 7TH MARCH**

**Swipe your members' card daily to enter**



**VALUED AT  
\$700**

**PLUS \$1400 IN JB HI-FI GIFT CARDS TO GIVEAWAY**

**2 X \$100 GIFT CARDS DRAWN  
17TH, 24TH, 31ST JAN &  
7TH, 14TH, 21ST, 28TH FEBRUARY**



# Jan - Feb 2026

**MEMBER GIVEAWAY**

**\$1400**

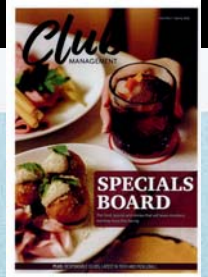
**JB HI-FI  
GIFT  
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**2 X \$100 GIFT CARDS  
DRAWN  
17TH, 24TH, 31ST JAN &  
7TH, 14TH, 21ST, 28TH  
FEBRUARY 2026**



T's&C's APPLY

Frankston RSL Executive Chef Dean Webster featured in the September Issue of the industry magazine "Club Management", right off the bat from Frankston RSL Bistro being crowned this year's 'Best Community Clubs Victoria Metro Club Bistro/Restaurant.



# Bold ambitions

With nearly three decades of experience in the kitchen, Frankston RSL's executive chef Dean Webster is still chasing new flavours and fresh ideas.

WHEN FRANKSTON RSL was crowned Best Metro Club Bistro/Restaurant at this year's Community Clubs Victoria Awards (read more about it on page 94), it marked a major milestone for executive chef Dean Webster and his team.

"It was a huge honour," he said. "To be awarded Metro Club Bistro/Restaurant is an amazing achievement and great recognition of the work that has been put in over a long period of time with both the back-of-house and front-of-house teams."

Webster's path to executive chef at one of Victoria's largest RSLs began nearly three decades ago in Sydney, sparked by a household love for food.

"I always had an interest in cooking while growing up, as both my parents shared the cooking. Dad was the 'wannabe' chef and that triggered my appetite for exploring cooking."

That early interest evolved into a career when he began his apprenticeship, working across fine dining, function venues, clubs and restaurants. He earned his Certificate III in Commercial Cookery in 2000 and followed it with a Certificate IV in 2010. But for Webster, learning didn't stop in the classroom.

"Cooking is something that's intuitive and you develop a passion for. Sometimes the best 'cooking school' is daring to push boundaries and experimenting; you nail it most of the time, but it's also important to have misses, as this only spurs you on to get it right and create something you are truly proud to serve."

A pivotal influence during Webster's early career was executive chef Paul Hamilton, who he worked with at Revesby Workers' Club in Sydney.

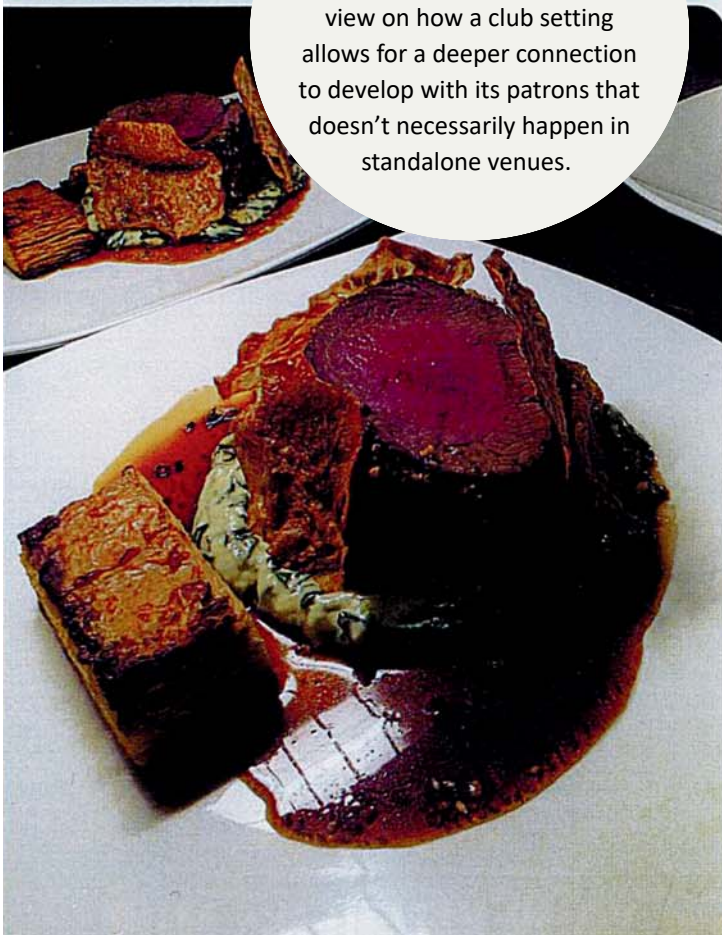
"Paul taught me so many valuable lessons in my younger days and always believed in what I could achieve," he said.

"He moved on to greater things, including group executive chef of a company that owns multiple restaurants and cafes – so he still is a great inspiration for me."

Webster's career gained new momentum when he relocated from Sydney to Melbourne. There, he continued to hone his skills across different kitchens before landing his first head chef role at Ringwood RSL, where he remained for 10 years. After a decade, Webster took the leap to Frankston RSL, a move driven by a desire to take on a larger challenge.



Read about Dean's career progression and philosophy in the kitchen, in addition to his view on how a club setting allows for a deeper connection to develop with its patrons that doesn't necessarily happen in standalone venues.





**“Clubs give you greater connection with your customers ... you get to know them as people.”**



“I knew it would be a big challenge but one I felt ready for. Every day I look forward to continuing to drive the Frankston RSL and my team onto bigger and better things by producing quality food and putting my stamp on the business with new and exciting seasonal menus.”

### Philosophy on a plate

Webster describes his food philosophy as a mix of innovation and responsiveness, balancing modern trends with the comfort classics that club diners still crave.

“Old favourites are a must on a bistro menu, as are dishes currently trending. You need to appeal to a wide gamut of diners in a club setting.”

When asked what dishes he's most proud of, Webster's passion is clear.

“I am proud of all the dishes that I create. When I set out on updating a seasonal menu, I keep in mind not only to make the menu innovative, but at the back of my mind is the thought of consistently achieving customer satisfaction and keeping them coming back to an eatery that's high on their list of dining out options,” he said.

“I love cooking Italian food, as I did a large part of my apprenticeship in an Italian restaurant, but I also love cooking

Middle Eastern food as you can get some beautiful intense flavours from all the spices. Personally, I could eat spicy food all day every day – the hotter the better!”

### Club connection

For Webster, working in a club setting offers something different from standalone venues.

“Working in clubs give you greater connection with your customers, as a lot of them are club members and are at the venue quite often, so you get to know them as people, which is something not always possible working in other food establishments.”

As dining expectations continue to shift and club menus evolve, Webster sees opportunity, not pressure.

“People expect more. As diners become more open-minded and knowledgeable about food, their expectations grow higher in terms of quality and variety.”

Looking ahead, Webster is keen to explore more global flavours and bring fresh ideas to the bistro menu.

“Global street food is a big trend these days,” he says. “Working with these ideas, and implementing them into our menu, is an exciting possibility which will offer something new to our bistro offering.” **CM**



# REMEMBRANCE DAY 2025

107TH YEAR ARMISTICE



On the 11th day of the 11th month, we honour and remember the sacrifices made by selfless Australians who fought for our freedom.

Remembrance Day is a time to reflect on those who have served not only our nation, but those who have served our allies. Whilst it signifies the armistice of the First World War, 107 years ago, we also reflect on the end of World War II, 80 years ago, and the Vietnam Conflict, 50 years ago.

Remembrance Day 2025 was held at the Frankston RSL as there was some uncertainty regarding the inclement weather.

Ultimately, it was a wise move, and unfortunately the service which we oversaw in Mornington had nowhere to go so those who attended had rain, hail, and sunshine! Notwithstanding the weather, both services were well attended, with 200 attending the Frankston RSL service followed by lunch.

We thank the attendance of local politicians at both services, highlighting their ongoing commitment to supporting veterans and the wider community, including Frankston City Council Mayor Cr Kris Bolam, Jodie Belyea MP Federal Member for Dunkley, and Ann-Marie Hermans MP State Member for South Eastern Metropolitan Region, among others at the Frankston service, and Bobby Thompson Deputy Mayor Mornington Council, and Chris Crewther MP Member for Mornington, at the Mornington Service. The Frankston service was also supported by Victoria Police, Brian McMannis ESM JP from SES and SES Volunteers, and our own Vietnam Veteran Association, Legacy groups and members, in addition to several schools who attended both services. We also greatly appreciate the attendance of the 406th Squadron AAFC, led by FLTLT (AAFC) Bree Nieve who provide the catafalque party. Thank you also to the McClelland College Band for the incidental music and Eric Budd, Head of Music at McClelland College played the Last Post and Rouse. Once again, we thank Geoff Shaw of the Frankston RSL Pipes and Drums for piping during the laying of wreaths.

The many wreaths laid at the Frankston RSL were relocated after the service to the Flagpole, the Memorial Garden, and Frankston War Memorial. Along with the wreaths, I thank those who placed a poppy along the walkway of the Memorial Garden for the touching gesture that demonstrates the respect we have for the fallen.

Vice President John Barry emceed the service, and Mayor Cr Kris Bolan JP gave the opening address, which was followed by prayers from Frankston RSL Chaplain Graeme Watkinson. As guest speaker, Air Vice Marshal Schmidt gave the Remembrance Day address, and President Kevin Hillier OAM led the commemorative service in memory of those from the Army, Navy, and Airforce. Matty McLeary, former committee man of the Mornington RSL led the service at the Mornington Cenotaph.

We also would like to thank everybody involved from the the Frankston RSL team in putting the service together and making it a successful and memorable event. Thank you also to the wonderful volunteers from our Home and Hospital Visitation Team, and our Wellbeing Team.

A special thanks also to our committee members Kevin Hillier OAM President, John Barry VP, and Brian Hill CSC, as well as Mark Kinder, Frankston Naval Memorial Club, for their commitment and dedication to our community and leading Remembrance Day services at various, aged care facilities, Karingal Hub, and local schools.

*Lest we forget*

**\$89,000**

*Current Approximate Appeals Count*

The final 2025 Poppy Appeal amount raised by our Sub-Branch will be communicated once all collection tins have been received.

Valuable funds are raised to aid our Veterans and their families who find themselves in necessitous circumstances.

Thank you!

Thank you to our Photographer Steve Brown for capturing the essence of the day.



Images: Steve Brown Photography  
([stevb3199@gmail.com](mailto:stevb3199@gmail.com))

View the full gallery of images at:

[www.frankstonrsl.com.au/remembrance-day-services](http://www.frankstonrsl.com.au/remembrance-day-services)



# WE WILL REMEMBER THEM



# Heroes in our midst

Frankston RSL Committee members and veterans are actively involved in many community focused endeavours and we thank them all for their commitment, dedication, and generously volunteering their time to the community. This Remembrance Day they officiated many services in the community.

*At the going down of the sun and in the morning. we will remember them. Lest we forget*



Thank you to Club VP John Barry for leading the Remembrance Day service at the local aged care facility Langwarrin Community Aged Care (Signature Care) where several Frankston RSL Service Members and their partners reside.

The centre excels at residents' wellbeing activities and once again they did an amazing job helping residents commemorate Remembrance Day and pay tribute and remember those who served our country.

## REMEMBRANCE DAY COMMUNITY SERVICES



The residents at St. Pauls Terrace Aged Care Frankston were honoured to have Frankston RSL Vice President John Barry leading the Commemorative Service at the Centre and were touched by his tribute to those that served. The service was followed by an afternoon of sharing stories of lived experiences. The residents were thankful for the service and appreciated John's attendance and the time he took to chat to everybody afterwards.

## Commemorating Remembrance Day Karingal Hub



Mark Kinder, Veteran and Frankston Naval Memorial Club Member, gave the Remembrance Day Commemorative Service at Karingal Hub Shopping Centre this year. We also extend our thanks to Centre Management for their ongoing support with our Appeals.

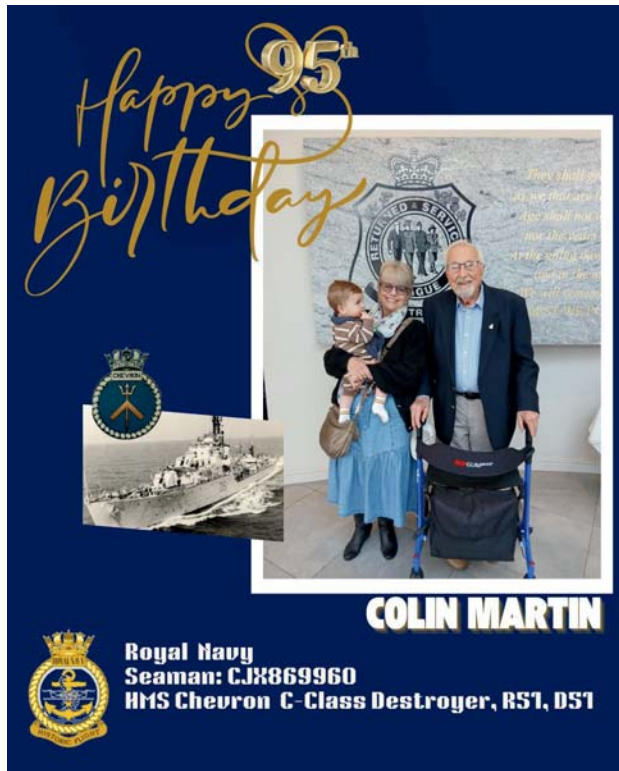


Brian Hill CSC Frankston RSL Committee Treasurer lead the Remembrance Day Commemorative Service at Kingsley Park Primary School. Thank you to the school for cherishing and helping preserve our traditions by commemorating Remembrance Day.



Club President Kevin Hillier OAM gave a moving service at the Derinya Primary School Remembrance Day Assembly on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November. He explained the Last Post and Rouse to students and how they are integral parts of military traditions, symbolising the end of the day's activities and the call to duty. His granddaughter April, who is also a student at the school, proudly read the Ode.

A grade 2 class also read from a book called "Lest We Forget" by Kerry Brown. It's told by a 5-year old boy and begins with, "My granddad says there are two types of days: those you want to remember and those you want to forget. The story alternates between the boys' life and his grandfathers experiences during war.



## HAPPY 95th BIRTHDAY

Colin celebrated his birthday recently at the club with his family. Colin celebrated his birthday recently at the club with his family and judging by his smile, he thoroughly enjoyed all the fuss made over him and had a wonderful birthday lunch.

Colin served as a Seaman in the Royal Navy on the HMS Chevron C-Class Destroyer, R51, D51.

# REMEMBRANCE DAY MERCHANDISE 4 SALE

PROCEEDS OF SALES GO TOWARD SUPPORTING VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES IN NEED.

**Available at Reception**

**Gift Ideas!**

LIMITED EDITION MEDALLIONS  
COLLECTIONS JEWELLERY  
CERAMIC COFFEE CUP  
FIGURINES  
AVIATOR MOUSE & BOOK  
POPPY COASTERS  
POPPY MUG  
BRONZE LONE VETERAN  
BRONZE STAND DOWN FIGURINE  
PLUSH TOY  
ARMY CUFF LINKS  
EDU GALLIPOLI PLAYING CARDS

## HAPPY 101st BIRTHDAY TO OUR DEAREST NEROLI!



*Happy 101st Birthday, and thank you for all that you have done for the Australian Service.*

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY Neroli 101st**

*Neroli Martindale (nee Finlay)*  
**Australian Women's Army Service UF397276**

This young lady just keeps impressing us with her zest for life and proving to still be a delightful conversationalist!

We were elated to have the delightful ex-service member Neroli Martindale (nee Finlay) at the club for lunch once again this year, and this time celebrating her 101st birthday!

Her loyal friends from Baxter Village - Robert and Shirley helped her celebrate and were as bubbly as the young lady herself!

When Club Vice President John Barry popped by for a chat he discussed growing up in Caufield, and Neroli - sharp as a tack, recounted street names and junctions in Caufield remembering where her aunt lived 50 years ago.

*Neroli served in AWAS #VF397276 (Australian Women's Army Service) in the Signals division as a telephonist, 1943-1946. She was born in Melbourne in 1924 and grew up in Morwell.*



# THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS !

Where would we be without our amazing Appeals Volunteers? Thank you to our army of Volunteers, including community groups and members of the club, to committee members and staff, who give up their time and contribute countless hours of selfless volunteering, and help out at our Appeals stands at local shopping centres, businesses, schools, and community groups to sell Appeals merchandise. The valuable funds go to support our veterans and their families who find themselves in necessitous circumstances.

*On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, we commemorate.*

## REMEMBRANCE DAY POPPY APPEAL 2025



**Community Support**  
Thank you to our Community Partner Frankston District Netball Association (FDNA) for helping sell Poppy Appeal Merchandise and displaying flyers and information at Jubilee Park Stadium. In addition to a cookie sale to help raise funds.



*Thank you to everybody who purchased Poppy Appeal merchandise.*





# ANZAC DAY APPEAL 2026



*Volunteer for our Anzac Day Appeal in 2026! 10th-25th April*

With the closure of Mornington RSL Sub-Branch, the Frankston RSL now covers an extensive area including Frankston, Mornington, Mt Eliza, Mt Martha, and Moorooduc. Our selling booths offer Appeal Badges and merchandise through 14 Retail Outlets, 56 Schools and over 130 different kinds of businesses and workplaces. All monies raised go toward assisting veterans and their families, locally and throughout smaller RSL's in Victoria.

My heartfelt thanks go out to all our dedicated badge sellers who really enjoy volunteering their time in working our sites in all the major retail outlets such as Karingal, Bunnings, Mornington Central, Bentons Square, Karingal, and Gateway Plaza, and to the smaller teams and often singlehanded sellers in smaller outlets like the IGA supermarkets. Retail outlets also welcome our involvement and deserve our full appreciation. Local Airforce and Army Cadets in addition to the Girl Guides are also regular badge and poppy sellers.

Schools form a large part of our sales and these sales have the benefit of also educating our children as to Australia's Defence Force - Army, Navy, Airforce and Nursing involvement in events during two major world wars and other extensive conflicts in Korea, Vietnam, Malaysia together with peacekeeping assistance in many countries.

Small business operators from cafes, cake shops, golf clubs, bakeries, through to auto repairers, newsagents, and sporting clubs also help sell badges on their premises and do a great job. The Frankston RSL Sub-Branch staff also get involved within the club and volunteer with badge selling at retail locations.

EFTPOS payments are a large factor in our Appeals' effort these days, particularly since COVID, and represents 40% of our payments. Future badge sellers need not be scared off, as our machines are easy to use and we offer training.

We are always VERY MUCH on the lookout for more volunteers across our entire RSL Membership base - Life, Service, Affiliate and Social Members. Badge sellers work alone or in pairs, for a 2-3 hour shift, at the designated retail selling point of their choice, generally at Frankston: 9am-12pm, 12pm-3pm, 3pm-5.30pm, and Mornington: 10am-1pm, 1-4pm.

Should sales not be your thing, a couple of months out from the Appeals dates there is packing and delivery of merchandise sales trays, then immediately after the end of the Appeal - Poppy Appeal November 11<sup>th</sup> and the ANZAC Appeal April 25<sup>th</sup>, there are the scheduled pick up and return of trays from all sites and outlets. We critically require volunteering assistance, particularly in the Mornington Area.

I take this opportunity to introduce a new Appeals Officer, James Farquharson and his puppy mate "Peggy".

James was a member of Mornington RSL Sub-Branch and is a most welcome addition to our Appeals team and is responsible for coordinating the Volunteers in the Mornington Area.



## How to Volunteer

There are various volunteer roles available during our appeals: tray filler, site manager, badge seller, stockist, or delivery person. To express your interest in volunteering or to find out more please contact one of our Appeals Coordinators:

**Website:** [www.frankstonrsl.com.au/appeals](http://www.frankstonrsl.com.au/appeals)  
**Contact:** Appeals Coordinators Peter and James  
**Peter:** 0450 568 138 (Frankston Area)  
**James:** 0439 431 247 (Mornington Area)  
**Email:** [appeals@frankstonrsl.com.au](mailto:appeals@frankstonrsl.com.au)

*Thank you!*



Friendly reminder! Every \$ collected (100%) is used to assist veterans and their families in need, and volunteer activities and retailers are fully insured under RSL policies.

Peter Kerley,  
 Committee Secretary, and Appeals Coordinator, Frankston RSL.

## SPOTLIGHT ON Sarah Archibald

# volunteers



Meet Sarah! A powerhouse of a veteran, volunteer, motivational speaker, disaster relief worker, and parent.

Where do we start with this modern-day heroine who can be described with double digits positive adjectives and qualities? Resilient, tenacious, dedicated, selfless, charismatic, empathetic, disciplined and team player are just a few that come to mind. Sarah was born in 1980 and raised in Bayswater, Victoria. She attended Aquinas College in Ringwood and enlisted in the Army just after completing Year 12 at the tender age of 18. She always wanted to go to university to study Youth Work but before she could get a chance to enrol into fulltime studies, she saw an advertisement for the military service and that was when her life changed.

Growing up in a family with a deep-rooted military tradition, and where the values of duty, honour, perseverance and resilience were instilled in her from a young age, it was inevitable she would pursue a military career. Sarah is the fourth generation in her family who has served including her uncle who served in Vietnam, her dad was national serviceman, and her grandfather served in World War II and her great grandfather in World War I. It was because of these distinct role models that Sarah dreamed from a young age of joining the Australian Army and felt a strong desire to follow in their footsteps and make them proud. These early lessons shaped her character and fuelled her desire to serve her country. Her determination never wavered, and her dream finally became a reality.

She served 15 years as a Military Police Officer in Townsville and undertook a 7-month deployment to Iraq in 2006 to help the American forces. Her favourite part of her job was the comradery; she loved how everyone was likeminded and had the same goals and interests and worked as a team. However, Sarah's exceptional military career came to an unexpected end when she was medically discharged with PTSD. After her service, Sarah struggled with trauma and adjusting to everyday life. Her experiences, both in Townsville and on

deployment, shaped her into the person she is today and deepened her appreciation for the sacrifices made by those in uniform.

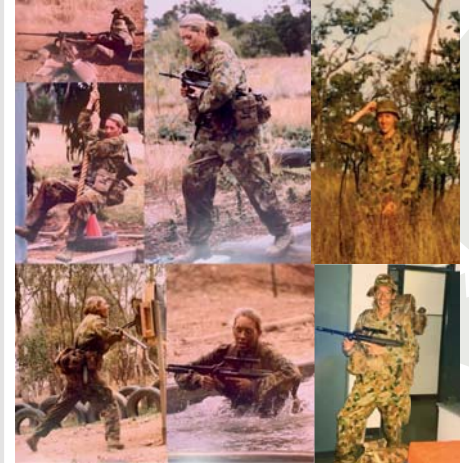
As a result, Sarah remained dedicated to supporting veterans since leaving the military and having witnessed first hand that many veterans find it hard to find work and adjust back to 'normal life'. Since 2018 she actively volunteers and participates in RSL activities through the Frankston RSL, initially helping organise events for veterans and speaking at schools and events mainly around ANZAC Day. She then volunteered helping older veterans who didn't have external supports and were struggling to maintain their gardens. She mowed lawns, weeded gardens, and cleaned gutters for some very grateful veterans, and she always made time for a cuppa and a chat.

These days she helps raise awareness on PTSD issues affecting veterans by speaking at events and talking openly about her struggles with PTSD. Sarah continues to volunteer and support veterans through the Frankston RSL Wellbeing Hub ensuring veterans have access to the support they need to adjust back to civilian life and particularly those suffering PTSD. She does this by organising the 'Younger Veterans and Families Lunches' at the club, engaging with veterans and supporting them in accessing services they may need. This demonstrates her ongoing commitment to her community and peers. The luncheon is aimed at veterans, current and ex-serving service personnel, who may not be able to attend the club's weekday wellbeing activities due to work or family commitments. The objective is to enhance veteran wellbeing and for likeminded veterans, and their families, to get together in a social and inclusive environment.



Sarah is currently working part-time as a Peer Navigator at Wellways - Frankston Mental Health and Wellbeing Local. This is a free service that helps people struggling with their mental health concerns. Her role is to use her lived experience of mental ill-health to support others in their journey to recovery.

Military life was intense, with initial training comprising of 14-hour training days, seven days a week. As a female in a mostly male environment, Sarah faced many challenges but refused to give in to setbacks.



During her time in the army, she served as a Military Police Officer and commanded her own section comprising of 15 personnel. When Sarah was deployed to Iraq in 2006, she worked at the Australian Embassy in Baghdad for the Australian Ambassador.

Being a female military police officer brought its challenges, and it was sometimes a tough road to follow, feeling as though she had to work harder to gain the respect of her peers that were 98% male and especially in a leadership role. As part of her deployment in SECDET X, Sarah was one of two females among 110 male troops, and she needed to demonstrate leadership and not let her emotions get in the way and above all work doubly hard to keep up with the men and even go above and beyond at times. She never let anything get in her way or slow her down. The experience tested her in ways she never imagined, pushing her both physically and mentally. But through the chaos and intensity of war, she found strength, resilience, and a sense of purpose. Looking back, she realised how those tough moments forever changed and shaped her. Even when she saw a young girl who had stepped on an improvised explosive device (IED), who later died. Breaking the news to her mother was probably one of the hardest things she's ever had to do and appreciates the event even more so now that she is a mother.

On a lighter side, she says that one of the things that made it worthwhile was the food. The Americans that she fought with brought their own McDonalds, Subway, and Starbucks and set up these fast-food buildings in the middle of the base at the staging area in Kuwait.



She continued to serve her community during her military career by helping with domestic disaster relief efforts, including helping clean up after Tropical Cyclone Larry hit Cairns in 2006 and the floods in Katherine in 2001 - demonstrating her dedication to service, both abroad and in her home country.



During her career she received the Australian Active Service Medal (AASM), Iraq Medal and Infantry combat badge for her deployment to Iraq and received a commendation for her service and support of deployments to Timore Leste in 2004.

To add to her long list of achievements, Sarah is also the winner of two Invictus Gold Medals for a driving challenge and road cycling event awarded to her by Prince Harry at the inaugural Invictus Games held in London in 2014.



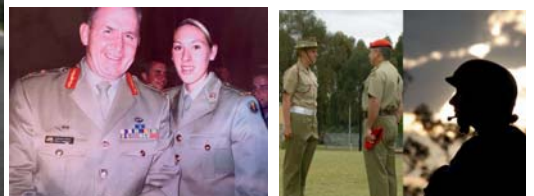
There's no doubt Sarah is a trailblazer and is giving other females hope and determination that anything is achievable when you put your mind to it. She excelled in a leadership role in a challenging, male-dominated field through dedication and tenacity and continues to inspire by volunteering her time and working to support veterans in their hour of need.

The discipline and values she learned shaped how she raises her children and approaches life after service. Her perspective changed after Iraq, instead on focusing on the little things, she now focuses on the bigger picture and what is truly important in life. After having witnessed buildings crumbling around her and people walking for days just to find food and water, Sarah doesn't take anything for granted.

When asked if she would recommend enlisting straight out of high school, Sarah responded, "I firmly believe that the army offers invaluable experiences, discipline, and opportunities that can shape a person's future in ways they may never expect."



While Sarah was in service, she met her husband Mark Archibald in 2003 - a fellow serviceman who is now a police officer, who is her rock and sounding board. He stood firmly by her side during Sarah's most difficult times and together they have two resilient teenage daughters, and lives on the Peninsula since 2014. When asked how she is doing today, Sarah says, "I'm living my best years!"



**"I firmly believe that the army offers invaluable experiences, discipline, and opportunities that can shape a person's future in ways they may never expect."**



Find out more about Sarah in the Podcast: produced by Gianna Lucas. [A Walk With Sarah Archibald](https://www.giannalucas.com/podcast/episode-56) [www.giannalucas.com/podcast/episode-56](https://www.giannalucas.com/podcast/episode-56)

The Frankston RSL gratefully acknowledges the hard work and dedication that Sarah has contributed to the RSL community and the broader local communities over her time. Her passion, dedication, and exemplary performance in supporting veterans and the greater community, reflects great credit on her and the Frankston RSL Sub-Branch. It is volunteers like Sarah that form the backbone of the Frankston RSL



# HAPPY 100<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY

## RUTH HAZEL KIRBY (NEE OSBORNE)



In late 1944, a group of drivers from 16 Field Regiment (1<sup>st</sup> Armoured Division) was on loan to our HQ to do general transport work and it was at the HQ Christmas party 1944 I met the man I was to marry later. By late 1945, after HQ had disbanded lots of units under its command, we too were winding down and some of us were located at Oatlands Golf Course (near Dundas). Burnside soon returned to its pre-war condition with the children returning.



January 1946, I was transferred to Melbourne, living at Camp Pell, working firstly at War Graves Branch in Albert Park and later at Supply and Transport, Victoria Barracks. Late June, I returned to Sydney Showgrounds for discharge. On returning to Orange I did clerical work until I was married in May 1949. We have two daughters and three grand children.

We chose to retire to the Village Baxter" near Frankston after 44 years in Pascoe Vale South. It is only since being here and attending Frankston and Peninsula Ex Servicewomen's Sub-Branch at Frankston RSL with my sister Coral, that I have become a Frankston RSL member. I enjoy the friendship extended.

Born in Orange, NSW, on 7<sup>th</sup> November 1925, I was still at school at the outbreak of World War II. After attending the Orange East Public School, I had gone onto Form 1 (Year 7) at the Orange District Rural School, doing the secretarial course, and completing 3<sup>rd</sup> year at age 15 in 1940.

Jobs were plentiful in Orange with so many men and women away at the war. In 1942 I found myself doing office work in the local Munitions factory, strictly under control of the Manpower Authority - no-one could change jobs without consulting this authority.

By the time I was approaching 18, I was looking forward to enlisting in one of the Women's Services, but had to prove to Manpower that my job was not essential to the war effort !

My older sister had gone into the AWAS in July 1943; my application to join was lodged well before I was 18 and my medical exam was completed in October, 1943 to enable me to be a member by 30<sup>th</sup> November 1943. I did my 'rookies' course at Ingleburn. Operations Branch was my first appointment and later I was to be in 'A' Branch.



### PENINSULA EX-SERVICE WOMEN GROUP

Looking to join a social group with like-minded ex-service women?



This group of amazing women have all served in the Army, Navy or Airforce and make up part of the Peninsula Ex-Service Women's Group that has been in existence for over 30 years. The group is looking to round up new recruits to join a no fuss, full of laughter, and happy go lucky social group with like-minded ex-service women.

#### Meet Up's:

Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month for lunch, laughs, and chatter at Nancy's Café Frankston RSL, from 11.45am.

If you, or somebody you know, would like to try the group, come along to the next meet-up, and see if the ladies are a fit for you. The group includes a wide range of ages and service backgrounds.

We'd love to hear from women who served in the Army, Navy or Air Force.

Contact the group coordinator for more information or with any queries you may have.

Coordinator: Rhonda Stevenson PH: 0417 521 724





# VIETNAM VETERANS' DAY

18TH AUGUST 2025

The Frankston District Vietnam Veterans' Association (VVA) held a Commemorative Service on Sunday the 17th of August at the Frankston RSL - commemorating those who lost their lives during the Vietnam War conflict as well as the service personnel who have since died. There were over 100 guests in attendance.

The guest speaker on the day was Mr. Brendan Kinkade OAM, and current Vice President of Victorian Branch, Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia since 2017.

Brendan spoke about his military service from enlisting at 20, and serving the compulsory 2-year National service from 1967-1969 in the Royal Australian Infantry Corps, 1st Australian Reinforcement Unit, 3rd Battalion of the Royal Australian Regiment, and the 9th Battalion during the Vietnam War Conflict.

He has received the Order of Australia Medal for service to veterans and their families, as well being a Member Advisory Commemorations Committee, Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, 2015-2016. Additionally, he has been actively involved in Rotary Club of Frankston Sunrise, and has been a volunteer Pensions Officer, at Noble Park RSL 1998-2008.

We thank Frankston City Council Mayor Cr Kris Bolam, and Paul Edbrooke MP State Member for Frankston, for their attendance, in addition to Pastor Janette Bolland for giving the service, and Frankston VVA President Cheryl Myers as MC on the day.

As customary, Army and Airforce Cadets provided the Catafalque Party, and helped with wreath laying and flag raising duties on the day. We thank them for their loyal and continued support.



Members of the Frankston VVA also attended the official Veterans' Day Commemorative Service at the Melbourne Shrine of Remembrance, where State VVA President, Mr Bob Elworthy AM highlighted in his address the 50th Anniversary of one of the key actions from the Vietnam War Conflict and spoke about Operation Babylift.



## FRANKSTON RSL WELLBEING TEAM INVITES VETERANS AND PARTNER'S TO NATIONAL VIETNAM VETERANS MUSEUM 25TH NOVEMBER, 2025

MEET AT THE RSL AT 8.45 AND  
BUS RETURNS TO THE RSL APPROX 4.15PM



INCLUDES: BUS TRIP, ENTRY TO THE  
MUSEUM AND LUNCH AT THE  
PHILLIP ISLAND RSL.  
CASH PAYMENT OF \$25 ON THE DAY.

RSVP: WEDNESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER.  
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL. CALL JO: 0493 889 029  
EMAIL: VETERANEVENT@FRANKSTONRSL.COM.AU



# Christmas Raffles 2025

**3RD - 19TH DECEMBER  
WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS  
PLUS THURSDAY 18TH**

Wed 3rd DEC	15 x Ham Halves, 5 x BBQ Meat Tray, 5 x \$100 Venue Vouchers	\$1,850 in prizes
Fri 5th DEC	5 x BBQ Meat Trays, 25 x Ham Halves, 4 x \$500 Mastercard Gift Cards, 5 x \$100 Venue Vouchers	\$4,675 in prizes
Wed 10th DEC	15 x Ham Halves, 5 x BBQ Meat Trays, 5 x \$100 Venue Vouchers	\$1,850 in prizes
Fri 12th DEC	25 x Ham Halves, 5 x BBQ Meat Trays, 4 x \$150 Venue Vouchers, 5 x \$100 Dan Murphy Gift Cards	\$3,275 in prizes
Wed 17th DEC	5 x \$100 Coles Myer Gift Cards, 5 x \$100 Bunnings Gift Cards, 5 x Anaconda Gift Cards. 10 x \$100 Venue Vouchers, 15 x \$75 Ham Halves	\$3,625 in prizes
Thu 18th DEC	5 x Ham Halves, 5 x BBQ Meat Trays, 5 x \$75 Venue Vouchers	\$1,050 in prizes
Fri 19th DEC	10 x \$125 Frozen Crayfish, 20 x Ham Halves, 5 x \$100 Dan Murphy Gift Cards, 4 x \$150 Vouchers	\$3,850 in prizes

**PLUS! GUARANTEED  
\$1,000 MEMBERS' DRAWS  
WEDNESDAY 17TH DECEMBER  
FRIDAY 19TH DECEMBER  
\$2,000 TO BE WON!  
IF THE CURRENT JACKPOT  
DOESN'T GET WON**



**\$10,925 in Crayfish, Hams, & Meat Trays to giveaway**



**\$22,000+  
in cash &  
prizes  
to giveaway**

**Gift Card Mania**



*\$2,500 in gift cards to giveaway*

**WIN 5 x \$100  
Dan Murphy  
Gift Cards  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December**



**5 x \$100 Coles Myer Gift Cards  
5 x \$100 Bunnings Gift Cards  
5 x Anaconda Gift Cards  
10 x \$100 Venue Vouchers**

# Women's Auxiliary Christmas



**tickets \$2 each**

**Raffle**

**3** Fantastic Hampers including  
**win** Good Guys Gift Cards  
 Christmas Goodies  
 Plus Xmas Ham & Sparkling Wine

**THE GOOD GUYS** \$500



Valued \$850

**THE GOOD GUYS** \$300



Valued \$600

**THE GOOD GUYS** \$200



Valued \$450

raffle tickets on sale Friday 14th November  
 drawn Friday 19th December during Raffles Night

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## Festive Season Trading Hours

**CHRISTMAS EVE – 24<sup>TH</sup> DEC**  
**WEDNESDAY 9AM – 10PM**

**CHRISTMAS DAY – 25<sup>TH</sup> DEC**  
**THURSDAY 11.30 – 3PM**  
 SERVING CHRISTMAS LUNCH ONLY  
 PRE-BOOKED TICKETED EVENT.  
 NO OTHER AREAS IN THE VENUE OPEN

**BOXING DAY – 26<sup>TH</sup> DEC**  
**FRIDAY 10AM-10PM**  
 HUEY'S SPORTS BAR OPEN  
 CAFÉ CABINET FOOD ONLY AVAILABLE  
 (BISTRO CLOSED)

**SATURDAY 27<sup>TH</sup>-TUESDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> DEC**  
**OPEN REGULAR HOURS**

**NEW YEAR'S EVE – 31<sup>ST</sup> DEC**  
**VENUE OPEN WEDNESDAY 9AM – 2AM**

**NEW YEARS DAY** *Happy New Year*  
**VENUE OPEN THURSDAY 10AM – 10PM**

**SUNDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY – BISTRO CLOSED FOR DINNER**

## REGULAR EVENTS KEY DATES 2025 END & 2026 RESTART

<b>BINGO MONDAYS &amp; THURSDAYS</b> END: MON 8 <sup>TH</sup> & THU 11 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER START: MON 12 <sup>TH</sup> & THU 15 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY	<b>FRIDAY MEGA RAFFLES NIGHT</b> END: FRI 5 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER START: FRI 6 <sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY
<b>TRIVIA TUESDAYS</b> END: TUE 9 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER START: TUE 3 <sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY	<b>KIDS EAT FREE TUESDAYS</b> END: TUE 23 <sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER START: TUE 13 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY
<b>WED RAFFLES &amp; MEMBER'S DRAW</b> END: WED 17 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER START: WED 14 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY	<b>AGE STRONG FITNESS CLASSES</b> END: TUE 16 <sup>TH</sup> & FRI 19 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER START: TUE 13 <sup>TH</sup> & FRI 16 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY
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*Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year*

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*"I flew with him. I was like the ocean in his words. He was a youngster wanting to fly and he didn't always abide by the rules and regulations, but, that's what I liked about him."*

In an era that is moving faster than what seems to be the speed of light, and that has lost the appreciation of beautifully penned letters – the good old fashioned kind where we put ink to paper, and the keeping of hard copy diaries, we thankfully have a busy team of octogenarians and nonagenarian transcribers in our midst who fervently interpret and transcribe documents written in cursive, to a digital format, and thereby safeguarding our past, as our computer-reared generations fail miserably at the task! Never having turned on a computer in her life, and despite self-doubt creeping in, Ethne progressed in leaps and bounds and mastered her new DELL computer in no time - and works off two screens at that! Having easily demonstrated her aptitude with the AWM Research Team, the projects just kept coming in. Her 'maiden voyage' began with transcribing the manifests of all ships that came and went from Japan after WWII, as part of the British Common Occupational Forces (BCOF) that included transcribing soldier's boarding cards of their embarkation and disembarkation on a spreadsheet. She proudly 'boasts' having picked up an unexplained irregularity where she says, "I got a soldier on a ship, but he never got off it". Ethne deduces that a love story must have been involved in the mystery, rather than the possibility he may have unexpectedly left the service.

## A modern day transcriber, preserving the past.

Sharp as a tack and quick as a whip, this unassuming and soon to be 93-year-old grandmother has been on TV and in newspapers. Ethne Rodgers is ferociously passionate, sentimental, and as dedicated as they come when preserving the memories, dreams, and loves of the young men and women who dutifully served their country. She's also a Frankston RSL member and one of the Australian War Memorial's (AWM) most trusted and respected volunteer transcribers.

So, how did the South Australian born ex-nurse and ex-Army Corporal of the Defence Signals Branch of the Women's Army Corps (WRAAC) 1952, who also worked on complex intelligence projects encrypting and decrypting messages during the Korean war in 1954 as a civilian and for the British government, become an indispensable modern-day transcriber for the AWM in Canberra?

This new 'career' path began in 2021, when COVID-19 hit us like a meteorite, and unimaginably created an abundance of time for us all during lockdown. Sitting around idly was not something Ethne was accustomed to nor an idea she entertained. Having recently downsized from the family home in Mt Eliza - her 'cottage' as she calls it, to a much smaller three-bedroom unit in Mornington - her 'new cottage', Ethne found herself twiddling her thumbs once the unpacking and decorating was done.

It's thanks to her youngest son – John, who works in IT at the AWM that affectionately said to her, "You are going to drive us all mad if you don't do something. Why don't you speak to the Research Centre at the AWM to see if you can volunteer and help with transcribing handwritten documents into digital format". She responded with, "what's a transcriber?" One thing led to another and so began Ethne's new purpose in life, that included learning how to use a computer at the age of 87!

What makes Ethne so apt as a transcriber, apart from an uncanny ability to read everybody's handwriting, is her ability to form a bond with her 'subjects', albeit on paper. This skill helps her get to know them on a deeper level, and this almost embodiment gives her an extra edge and assistance when she's not able to decipher the writings.

She affectionately calls her subjects by their first name, often talks about them in the present tense, and tells their stories like they are family. Skilled at interpreting people's emotions, aspirations, and personalities through words, written in the millions of pages of wartime documents - including love letters, diaries, and postcards, she has become a valued transcriber of documents and records written in cursive, that the AWM museum has been digitising and making available online for the past 20 years. However, the scanned letters and diaries are written in 'longhand', as well as sometimes hastily written on the frontline, and by people of varying educational backgrounds and writing skills. The issue is, therefore, the handwriting, and this is where Ethne's knack for understanding cursive writing comes in very handy – having learned to write in cursive at school. She doesn't flinch at the sight of pages and pages of 'calligraphy' like writing, and is astonished at times how she can easily interpret 'everyone's terrible handwriting



One of her most memorable transcription jobs was working on the diaries and letters of the renowned Lieutenant Colonel Vivian Bullwinkel, an Australian Army nurse and heroine – who had, ‘terrible handwriting’. It was Ethne that deciphered all the letters that Bullwinkel and her mother wrote to each other during a three-year period she was a prisoner of war in Japan. Once back home, Bullwinkel compiled all the letters and donated them to the AWM Archives herself in the year 2000. Ethne amazes herself at being able to decipher Bullwinkel’s almost illegible handwriting and considers this project her ‘best work’ yet. “I was engrossed in her notes and the story she was telling, ... just so brave, she is a survivor of the sinking of the SS Vyner Brooke and the only nurse to survive the Bangka Island Massacre where 21 other nurses and a large group of men, women, and children who had made it ashore at Radji Beach on Banka Island were killed by the Japanese. They were all shot, but Vivian pretended to be dead until the Japanese soldiers left, and she managed to escape with a fellow soldier, the only other survivor of the massacre. They spent 12 days hiding until captured by the Japanese. Vivian became a prisoner of war for the next 3 ½ years.

Ethne works for about two hours a day, usually between 6.00pm and 8.30pm, doing her best work in the evenings. She works on two screens, with the original AWM scanned pages on the left, and on the screen to her the right is her word document, where she transcribes the content that is latter proofread prior to being published.

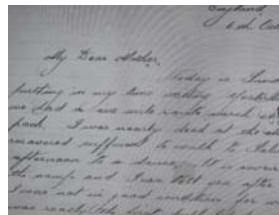
When asked how many transcription projects she’s worked on in the four years she’s been transcribing, she pauses and does a quick mental calculation, responding that it’s at least 19 projects, but hastens to add that some projects include multiple volumes, and cover potentially 40 subjects. With immaculate handwriting herself, she keeps a simple log of her ‘jobs’ in a standard A4 exercise book and no ‘liquid paper’ in sight or crossings out! While showing us her notes she digresses into anecdotes and stories about her subjects, and it’s clear that some of them have made a significant impact on her.

Another of her favourite ‘subjects’ is ‘Garth Clabburn’, a debonair looking 25-year-old pilot who was posted to North Africa during WWII. She spent three months transcribing his diaries. Through the transcripts she also learned that it was hard to enter the Airforce and Garth sat the mathematics exam three times before passing and getting in! She instantly gravitated to Clabburn for his defiance and free spirit. As she read through his diaries, she learned that he had to deliver an aircraft to another base. “He was feeling down in the dumps because one of his friends had just died and in his defiance, he decides that instead of flying directly there, he would fly over the pyramids. He described this amazing feeling of freedom in his diaries, of being up in the skies, and then *wooshing* down through the pyramids. It’s thanks to this diary that we get to know Garth’s personality and discover that he was a risk-taker. “He was supposed to do something, but he decided while he had the opportunity to forget about the war and veered off course to do something that gave him so much pleasure. While transcribing his story, I flew with him. I was like the ocean in his words. He was a youngster wanting to fly and he didn’t always abide by the rules, but that’s what I liked about him. He said to himself, I’m here, I’m going to fly regardless of the consequences. As Ethne retells this story, she stares dreamily ahead, flying with him in her thoughts.



“He drives through mine fields, and bargains with the ‘Bedouins’. He eats bags of biscuits and pickles and sardines and tomato juice. ... In May 1942, he is shot down by three enemy aircraft and crash lands in the desert. He tricks the enemy pilots by taking off his overalls, laying them on the sand nearby and hiding under his aircraft. ... When night came, he emerged and began walking through the desert before meeting Allied troops, who helped him return to his squadron”. \*

Through the power of these scribes, we are fortunate to have these insights that feed into our imagination and allow us to visualise what life was like during WWII.



No sooner does she finish describing Garth, she excitedly retells the story of John Dodds who was a radio operator during World War II, in the four engine bomber planes, the Lancasters, and a fervent diary writer - which provides insight into his operational life and the challenges he faced.

"He'd make punchy diary entries with so much enthusiasm and dedication, and when he'd complete his mission, he would loyally make a diary entry retelling his adventures on where he'd been and what he'd done. He'd write about the crew and how much he liked them, or that they'd have to sneak back to England via Holland because there were too many German fighter planes in the area. His writing was so vivid, and it felt like I was with him on his adventures in the sky, as if he was telling the story just to me. When John was not on the radio, he had a secondary role as a gunner, and he'd describe putting on the white suit to man the 'dome' - that's where the gunner would position himself to accurately help guide the aircraft as to where to drop the bombs", she says.

Ethne remembers typing away each of his diary entries with so much gusto, until she got to an unusually short entry that said, "haven't got time, have to go on an emergency mission, taking the place of a sick crew member, I'll finish this entry when I get back". But after that, there were no more entries. He never made it back from the mission and went down over Germany. It was well known that there was only 50% survival rate flying the Lancasters, and Dodds was posthumously awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for his skill and dedication in the face of danger. It was hard, and it broke her heart, she says, to be the last person to read his final words and to transcribe them for future generations to read. This is the hard part of a transcriber, and she almost gave up transcribing after this project. "You become part of their lives, through the good and the bad. It can be emotionally draining and sad", she adds, "but it is a privilege to have finalised the words for him".

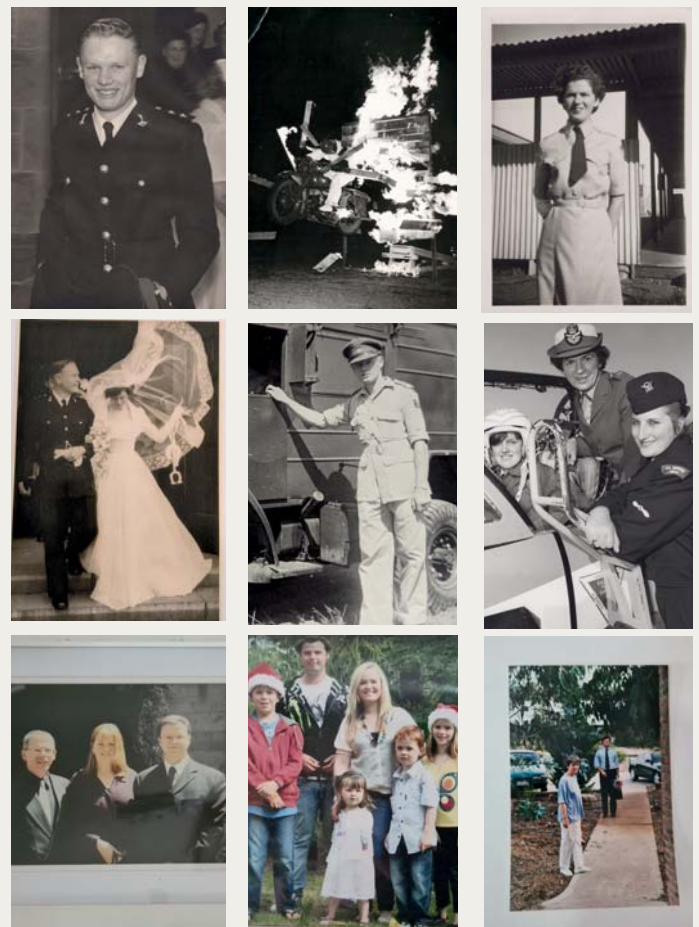
After training as a nurse in 1949-1950, the Korean war soon followed, and so did the enlistments. She volunteered to do nursing in the army and finish her training, and it was during her interview that an all-male panel asked her to change her mind and join the Signals Division of the Women's Royal Australian Army Corps (WRAAC), which she did in 1952, and then went on to do more complex intelligence projects with the British Government and as a civilian until 1954. In 1955, she met her 'dashing' husband and lifelong partner Noel William Rodgers, who was also a serviceman. Her heart flutters as she remembers their meeting at a Military Tattoo concert at Flemington Racecourse, Melbourne. While on duty, she attended the event with her friends and saw a 'bunch of soldiers performing tank demonstration and 'Evil Kinevil' type motorbike stunts through rings of fire - none of them in protective clothing but rather just wearing flimsy white overalls and tennis shoes! She thought 'what the hell are they doing'? They were introduced, and soon enough she'd fallen under the spell of her serviceman and 'quasi stuntman' and married that year. Once the children came, she left the Army, and they bought their first home in Cheltenham, where they brought up their three children. It's what you did back then. You gave jobs to those that needed them most. It was hard times. Noel had a meagre pay, and they needed to be frugal. They grew their own vegetables, she cooked, cleaned, mended and fixed things herself.

Her husband stayed on in the army and was initially based at Maralinga South Australia where nuclear tests were conducted by the UK between 1956 and 1963, that involved seven atomic bomb detonations. Those tests and the radiation poisoning ultimately caught up with his health. He retired at 65, rising to Officer Commanding (OC), and after a lifelong career in service at various postings including Rockbank in Mentone, and Victoria Barracks.

While transcribing, she delves into their stories through their words, emotions, and feelings - then the story comes alive. She says she's proud of the work she does, but doesn't want to be in the limelight, nor detract any attention from 'them' - her subjects. She says, "it's about 'them' and what they did, and not about me, ... we are just bringing them back".

She's very grateful to the families who have donated these documents and signed over the writings of their loved ones to the AWM so that we can all continue to enjoy reading their stories. She's honoured and humbled to be working on this project and is amazed her kids are so proud of her, adding that she doesn't understand all the fuss that's made when people find out what she does.

Ethne acknowledges that most people in her shoes are enjoying retirement and not transcribing 100-year-old documents most evenings, but the pull of knowing how 'meaningful' her work is - to the families, to future generations, to all the AWM transcribers and researchers, to her, and to the young men and women who gave up so much, far outweighs any plans to give up transcribing anytime soon!



If you are interested in transcribing documents at the AWM, please visit the AWM website for further information: [www.transcribe.awm.gov.au](http://www.transcribe.awm.gov.au)

Sources: Interview with Ethne Rodgers. \*Good Weekend Feature, Lives on the line' The Age, by Tim Elliott. Documents and photographs from AWM Archives.

# MEGA RAFFLES



20 X \$70 MEAT TRAYS



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3 X 4 WINE PACKS

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Last Mega Raffles for 2025: Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December.  
Starting back Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

# WEDNESDAY NIGHT RAFFLES

TICKETS \$2 EACH ON SALE 4:30PM  
Over \$1000 worth of prizes to be won!



15 X \$50 MEAT TRAYS



4 X \$50 VENUE VOUCHERS



2 X 1/2 SLAB BEER  
2 X 3 WINE PACKS




Last Wednesday Raffles for 2025: Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December.  
Starting back Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

# THURSDAY RAFFLES

TICKETS \$2 EACH ON SALE 4:30PM  
OVER \$500 WORTH OF PRIZES TO BE WON



2 x \$50 Venue Vouchers



3 x \$70 Meat Trays



3 x \$60 Roast Trays - Pork, Lamb, Beef



2 x 1/2 Slabs Beer



Last Thursday Raffles for 2025: Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December.  
Starting back Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

# FRIDAY NIGHT RAFFLES

TICKETS \$2 EACH ON SALE 4:30PM  
Over \$2000 worth of prizes to be won!



20 X \$70 MEAT TRAYS



9 X \$60 VENUE VOUCHERS



2 X 1/2 SLABS BEER  
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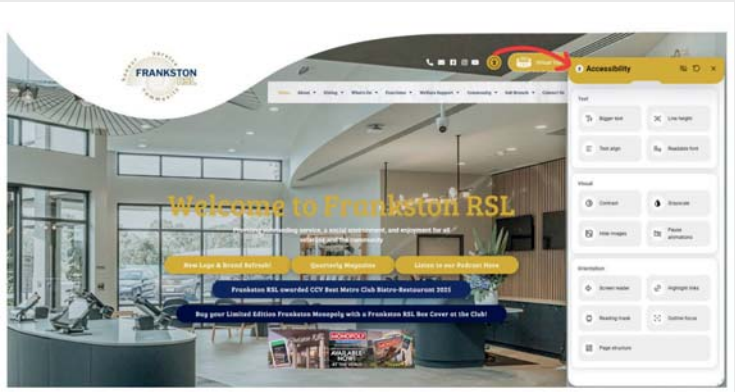
Last Friday Night Raffles for 2025: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December.  
Starting back Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

# Accessibility

As we continually aim to adopt best practices and strive to be inclusive to all, our website has had back-end modifications, ensuring it offers increased accessibility and screen readability to content on our site for those who may have varying degrees of vision loss, including colour blindness, low vision, complete blindness, and more. We sought the advice directly from Vision Australia on what these best practices should be, and what options were available.

The improved user functionality is accessed through a 'Sticky Person' icon, located on our horizontal 'contact us menu'. This accessibility feature is for anybody with a low percentage of vision and ensures users have a logical flow of content and that all elements are easily comprehensible and easier to read.

The back end changes to the website also offer those with 100% visually impairment an improved 'screen reader' experience by only reading aloud accurate and relevant information to users and eliminating the frustration of reading out loud content that doesn't provide meaningful information like 'Icon, headers, sub headers, and main body content.



Take a few minutes to try the 'sticky person' on our website for a greater appreciation of the challenges that visually impaired users face daily when navigating the internet: [www.frankstonrsl.com.au](http://www.frankstonrsl.com.au)

Accessibility refers to the design of products, devices, services, or environments for people with disabilities. It ensures that individuals can gain access to education, employment, transportation, and other essential services. In technology, accessibility involves creating tools and resources that empower everyone to participate fully in activities, whether at work or play.



Read more on the challenges, and how the technology works: [www.accessibud.com/blog/accessibility-visually-impaired](http://www.accessibud.com/blog/accessibility-visually-impaired)

**“Design is not just what it looks like and feels like. Design is how it works.” Steve Jobs.**



## FREE LEGAL INFORMATION SESSION

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December

Free legal information session for all members. Available for one day only! Take advantage of a free one on one session with John, from Peninsula Community Legal Centre.

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## Our Organisation

Serving the community since 1977

### About

Peninsula Community Legal Centre is an independent, not-for-profit organisation that has been providing free legal services to Melbourne's south-eastern communities since 1977.

The Centre helps people use the law to protect and advance their rights, offering free advice on most legal issues, including family law, family violence, fines, tenancy and rooming house advocacy. Ongoing assistance is targeted to assist clients who are experiencing disadvantages. The Centre undertakes a range of community legal education, community engagement and law reform activities and is active in a number of community and Sector networks.

Peninsula Community Legal Centre utilises the skills and work of volunteers to extend and enhance its operations and service delivery. Peninsula Community Legal Centre is funded by the following sources:

- Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department
- Department of Justice & Community Safety (Vic)
- Consumer Affairs Victoria
- Victoria Legal Aid

And also gratefully acknowledges financial support from the following sources:

- Frankston City Council
- City of Kingston
- Glen Eira City Council
- City of Casey
- Mornington Peninsula Shire

### Purpose

We deliver social justice for our vulnerable community members, so they can live a better quality of life.

## Frankston City Council's Local Support Package Funding

### \$10,000 heading to Veterans in need

The Frankston RSL was one of several entities who was identified by Frankston City Council as a worthy recipient of a \$10,000 Frankston City Council's Local Support Package Funding, in recognition of the valuable work our organisation contributes to the community - especially during a time when cost-of-living pressures are impacting so many.

The Frankston RSL funding will be distributed across various veteran wellbeing programs and will go toward assisting veterans most in need: -\$5,000 will be distributed to 20 veterans that have sought our assistance with the rise in cost of living over the past twelve months. -\$5,000 will go towards the Christmas Hamper Packs our Home and Hospital Visitation Team prepares every year for veterans residing at the various residential aged care homes the Frankston RSL support.



Main Photo Left-Right:

- Paul Edbrooke MP State Member for Frankston
- Frankston RSL Club President Kevin Hillier OAM
- Wayne Holdsworth CEO Frankston Basketball and Frankston City Council 2025 Citizen of the Year

Insert: Recipients of Frankston City Council's Local Support Funding.

## Intergenerational Learning

### Veteran Biographies



Students from John Paul College – a local Catholic co-educational secondary College in Frankston, once again this year collaborated with four veterans who are members of the Frankston RSL Sub-Branch, to create and compile their biographies and publish them as a magazine.

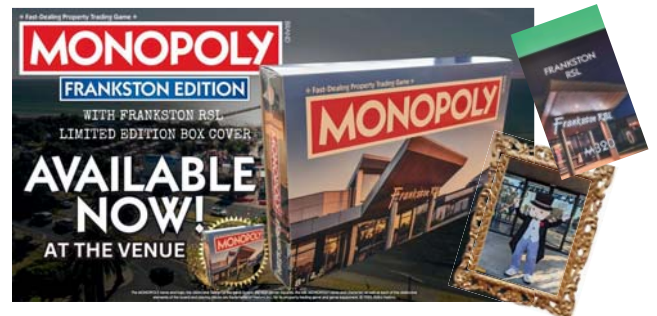
The project was initiated by the college, as there was a desire to form a community connection between the Frankston RSL Sub-Branch and 'Year 12 VCE Vocation Major students'. The college encouraged the connection and saw it as the perfect opportunity to learn about leadership and teamwork - a course requirement for their Personal Development Skills subject.

"This was a more engaging way to cover the required course outcomes for the students - learning about teamwork and leadership from veterans who experienced these traits first-hand during their service.

We are proud of our students embarking on intergenerational learning, where connections are formed between younger and older generations - sharing their rich histories while it is still possible, and creating a record of these histories for future generations". Nicole Scott, VCE VM and English Teacher, John Paul College

The students presented their Veteran Biographies Project to Club President, Kevin Hillier OAM, during a lunch event at the club in September 2025.

Pick up a copy of the magazine at the venue and from Reception.



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### Lemon Pepper Calamari

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penne pasta with Napoli sauce & parmesan cheese

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# Activity Pack + gelato cup Bundle

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*'Frankston will have Australia's most accessible beach!'*

Frankston RSL has donated \$10,000 to the project!

4 THE AGE MURRAY, OCTOBER 27, 2025  
NEWS



First swim in years: Frankston to be our most inclusive beach.

This is one of the reasons why we do what we do at the Frankston RSL. We are thrilled to be part of this wonderful initiative that will ensure Frankston has "Australia's Most Accessible Beach" by summer 2025-2026.

The Club has contributed \$10 000 to this project through its Community Support Program that donates up to \$250,000 each year in funding to a vast array of local sporting groups, charities, not-for-profit and local community organisations.

The Age ran a great spread on the program on the 27<sup>th</sup> October.



There are another 15 beaches in Victoria considered accessible, offering disability car parking, accessible bathrooms, beach matting, and a beach wheelchair available. But what Frankston is about to roll out will be unparalleled by anything that's been tried in Australia. It will include free, bookable and shaded daybeds, and dedicated staff to help beachgoers in and out of the water.



Frankston RSL currently features in the 3MP Peninsula Picks Podcast where the station shines a light on the incredible businesses that make our region so special, including insider tips and great conversations. It's about the people behind the venues and shopfronts, their stories, and their passion.

**Episode Description:**

In this episode of Peninsula Picks, we're stepping inside one of the Mornington Peninsula's most respected community hubs, the Frankston RSL. We chat with General Manager Brett about the RSL's evolving role in the local community, its support for veterans, and the impressive range of dining, entertainment, and family-friendly offerings that keep locals coming back. From the club's rich history to its modern-day mission, discover how the Frankston RSL balances tradition with innovation, and why it's become more than just a venue, but a vital part of community life on the Peninsula. Whether you're a regular or have never stepped inside, this episode will give you a fresh look at what makes the Frankston RSL such a valued local gem.

Listen to General Manager Brett Rowlands talk everything Frankston RSL.

Head to our Home Page

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# COMMUNITY SUPPORT FUND

The Frankston RSL is committed to supporting the local community and currently provides funding to a vast array of local sporting groups, charities, not-for-profit and community organisations.

## SES FRANKSTON



The volunteer members of Frankston SES have responded to over 1000 requests for assistance in 2025 so far. They have provided service to the community for everything from storm and flood response, general and domestic rescue, to road crash rescue. Their 140+ members are always prepared and available.

The Frankston RSL is incredibly proud to continue to support this amazing organisation and wonderful volunteers, who we all owe so much to. This year's sponsorship has contributed to their 'operational preparedness program' and through our donation, every member of their team now has access to an 'alerting and readiness app'. The app enables the Unit to keep track of available members, their

qualifications, as well as managing real time requests for assistance from the local community.

*"We are so grateful to the Frankston RSL for their ongoing support of Frankston SES Unit and helping us stay operationally ready and better equipped to serve our community." - Brooke Bird, Controller - VICSES Frankston unit.*

Additionally, the unit celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary in July at the Frankston RSL with 110 guests. It was a momentous occasion with numerous medals being awarded to extraordinary individuals, including National Service Medals, Unit Service Medals, and Unit Life Membership Medals.



Supporting local sporting clubs and strengthening connections within the Frankston community is high on our Community Support Agenda, and we are proud to sponsor a pillar of local sport - Frankston District Basketball Association (FDBA).

Each year, FDBA host two major Frankston Blues functions at the Frankston RSL, creating special opportunities to bring players, families, and supporters together.



A highlight of their calendar is the annual ANZAC Round, where the Frankston RSL consociates, and veterans assist with the ceremonies, adding great meaning to this occasion.

Our funding is proving invaluable during a challenging period for the association, as the their Stadium undergoes a significant redevelopment. The support has allowed the FDBA to maintain smooth operations, while working remotely, and has ensured the continuation of its programs, community initiatives, and coaching development without disruption.

*"The invaluable partnership with the Frankston RSL is helping FDBA manage day-to-day operations but also ensuring we can continue delivering quality programs across all levels. We are truly grateful for the RSL's commitment to community sport and the next generation of basketballers." - Wayne Holdsworth, CEO, FDBA*



## DRESS FOR SUCCESS<sup>®</sup> VICTORIA



Dress for Success Victoria actively empowers women in our community to achieve economic independence and rebuild their lives, and the Frankston RSL is honoured to back this inspiring not-for-profit.

The sponsorship they received this year from the club will fund two vital initiatives.

The Care Pack Program provides clothing, shoes, accessories, and toiletries to women escaping family and domestic violence. When women flee, they often leave with only essentials for their children. These packs help them regain dignity and stability

until they are ready to visit the centre for a full styling session.

The Career Pathways Pilot Program works with Year 10–12 students, helping them prepare for employment through styling sessions and job-readiness workshops that build confidence and professional presentation skills.

*"Thanks to the Frankston RSL's generosity, 23 women will receive vital support and renewed confidence to move forward in 2025. Having the support of the Frankston RSL means so much to us. It shows the power of community coming together to lift women up, restore confidence, and create real opportunities for a fresh start. Their generosity helps us change lives."*

Samantha Gowan, CEO, Dress for Success Victoria

## Sages Cottage Cafe and Farm



It's wonderful to see the fruits of this years' Frankston RSL's donation – Sages Cottage Café and Farm.

The team has been busy working on a landscaping project to support the garden area surrounding the Basketball Court - the latest addition to their Clients' wellbeing facilities.



The project will enhance the overall environment by incorporating trees, garden beds with native plants, and accessible pathways, that will promote relaxation, connection with nature, and wellbeing for all clients and staff. The natural

elements will provide shade and beauty, and encourage social interaction for their clients with seating areas designed to offer a comfortable place for people to gather, rest, or engage in conversations.

By making the space fully accessible, it will be enjoyed by everyone, regardless of ability.

This project reflects their commitment to creating environments that are inclusive and aligned with Wallara's values of community, creativity, and client-focused service.





## Baxter Men's Shed

The Frankston RSL Community Support Fund recently donated to the Baxter Men's Shed who purchased a sandblasting machine that will be of great value to the group and will provide the stimulus to inspire members to up level their carpentry skills. The new Sandblasting machine is a first for the shed and will be used in equipment restoration and members' personal projects.

The Baxter Men's Shed should be congratulated for their community involvement in supporting Men's Health and providing a venue that is safe and welcoming.

In February this year, and after two years since losing their shed to a fire, the brand-new Baxter Peninsula North Men's Shed opened and the team finally had the keys to their brand-new space.

Read more about the Fire here: [www.vmsa.org.au/baxter-mens-shed](http://www.vmsa.org.au/baxter-mens-shed)

If you'd like to connect with the Baxter Men's Shed you can reach them via: [www.facebook.com/groups/763121169069498](https://www.facebook.com/groups/763121169069498)



## Making Connections

In February this year we were thrilled to launch our inaugural Giving Day with our Community Support Partners. Each year the Frankston RSL provides more than \$200,000 in Community Support to local Charities, Not-for-profits, Community Clubs, and Sporting Organisations. All the recipients of the fund were invited to the club with the aim of building deeper relationships in addition to creating new partnerships and growing our great Community Network.

Once such partnership that newly formed as a result of our Giving Day, is the collaboration between Frankston District Netball Association (FDNA) and Mothers Supporting Families In Need (MSFIN).

Thanks to the connection, FDNA collected donations of new 'socks & underwear' for MSFIN.

MSFIN helps families in crisis, including people leaving family violence so that they have the items they need to start again with dignity. They provide quality, clean, and appropriate items for the whole family, from babies to teens and parents, and they currently have a major shortage of new socks and underwear.

Photo L to R: *Miranda Castles, General Manager - FDNA and Jubilee Park Stadium, Christie L FDNA Community Partnerships, Charlotte Davies, Strategy and Fundraising Manager – MSFIN, and Brett Rowlands - GM Frankston RSL, Manager.*



## Frankston Peninsula Cricket Club

The Frankston Peninsula Cricket Club has continued to strengthen its junior development pathways, and our Community Support Funding has directly assisted with coaching programs and training resources for their Under-15 Girls, Under-16 boys', and Under-18 boys' and girls' teams, helping provide structured skill development, accredited coaching, and a welcoming environment for young players to further their cricket journey.

The support has also allowed the club to enhance training facilities and equipment, ensuring junior members receive quality preparation both on and

off the field. These initiatives not only improve participation and performance but also help nurture the next generation of players, coaches, and community leaders.

"Our partnership with the Frankston RSL empowers us to invest in junior coaching and create lasting pathways for young players across Frankston. The ongoing partnership continues to make a tangible difference to grassroots sport and youth development within our local community."

— Cam Wallace, President, Frankston Peninsula Cricket Club

# VETERAN WELLBEING

Beating social isolation among our veteran community is high up on our agenda, and the Frankston RSL Wellbeing Team does an amazing job at regularly designing interesting and suitable social outings and day trips for individuals and groups to get out and about. These excursions are a wonderful opportunity for participants to meet new people and beat social isolation!

## ArtVo



In October, 35 Veterans and their partners visited the ART-VO Immersive 'trick-art' Gallery, at Melbourne Docklands. Needless to say the bus was full!

Participants stepped into a world of optical illusions and took hundreds of photos against the most unbelievable scenarios. The imagination and sense of humour was both heartwarming and amazing.

To complete the day, lunch was enjoyed at Father's Office Café in the CBD, where many conversations were had with much laughter, about what was seen and done.

## Belleura House and Gardens



In the spectacular backdrop of the Belleura House and Gardens Estate, and set on five hectares on the Mornington Peninsula, the Wellbeing Team and 20 veterans and their partners, enjoyed a wonderful day out. The day started with a short minibus ride to the Gate House where everybody enjoyed a morning tea, freshly made on the premises, while the tour manager provided an engaging chat about the property's history, its influences, and past residents.

The participants then split into smaller groups visited the majestic property and gardens, all the while enjoying the good fortune to have amazing volunteer guides share their passion and extensive knowledge of the house and gardens.

Gourmet sandwiches were on the menu for lunch, enjoyed over lots of chatter about what the different groups had seen on their tours.



The team also runs free talks throughout the year, on topical subjects such as organising a power of attorney or navigating My Aged Care Packages.

Are you a veteran and or family member and interested in coming to the next excursion or workshop? Get in touch with our Wellbeing Department and find out what's coming up!

**Contact Jo:** 0493 889 029

**Email:** [veteranevents@frankstonrsl.com.au](mailto:veteranevents@frankstonrsl.com.au)

## Fox's Classic Car Museum



A day trip in August to Fox's Classic Car Museum had a bus brimming with 46 eager veterans and their partners set off for a great social day out. Set within the historic walls of the Queens Warehouse in Melbourne's Docklands, the museum and collection were an opportunity to explore a sparkling array of the world's rarest and most prestigious vehicles.

It was then onto the Caulfield RSL for lunch, and of course the conversation topic was which car was everybody's favourite!

## Coffee Mornings - Free Legal Talk

Veterans and Partners ...  
**Wednesday Coffee Mornings at the Frankston RSL**

In August, participants enjoyed a **FREE TALK & SESSION ON LEGAL SERVICES OFFERED BY PENINSULA COMMUNITY LEGAL CENTRE**

Enjoy a coffee and a chat and the occasional Free Talk.  
10AM every Wednesday in the Atrium  
Bookings not required.  
Enquiries: 8792 4400



Our Wednesday veterans and their partners weekly coffee session was overflowing with over 40 participants enjoying a FREE legal talk by the amazing Peninsula Community Legal Centre who talked about a vast array of legal issues from wills and the ins and outs of inheritance, dispute resolution, through to identifying scams and 'dodgy' operators.

Peninsula Community Legal Centre is an independent, not-for-profit organisation that has been providing free legal services since 1977 and are one of the largest community legal centres in Australia. They do incredible work, and they are there when the everyday person needs help navigating the complexities of the legal system.

**If you are interested in booking in an appointment with PCLC at the Frankston RSL, head to page 38 for more information.**



## VETERAN HEALTH WEEK LUNCH

Thanks to everybody who made it to this year's veterans' health week lunch on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October.

This year's theme was 'Staying Active' and what a surprise guests received when our Wellbeing Team whipped out headphones and invited everybody to get up and 'boogie' to a silent disco! Congratulations to our star dancer Kathleen for her enviable dance moves on the day and relishing in her Best Dancer Award!

A special thanks to the Wallara Clients who worked the service on the day and did a smashing job. They are currently working side by side with our staff on designated work days as part of our open employment and disability inclusion program in support of Wallara.

## Seniors get email savvy!



**Be Connected is an Australian government initiative committed to building the confidence, digital skills and online safety of older Australians. Whether you want to pick up new skills or dive into a new topic, you can access their free learning resources online or join one of the thousands of community organisations running free computer classes across Australia.**

Thanks to a government grant, the Frankston RSL was able to host a workshop on managing your emails safely that was open to all Frankston RSL Members. Eager attendees listened in on Guest Speaker Stef Tipping, E-Safety Commissioner, who presented online.

Our tech wizard and Wellbeing Advocate, Tony D, was on hand afterwards to help people with questions they might have about their computers or phones.

Participants who submitted feedback at the end of the event, on the Good Things Foundation website, went into the draw to win a prize. Congratulations to Trevor, on winning a \$50 Venue Voucher.

Feedback from participants:

"It was very informative and I learnt a lot".

"This was a comfortable and relaxed environment to learn new things about using emails".

"We will come along to the next presentation".

*If you would like to brush up on your digital skills, look up the government funded website [www.beconnected.esafety.gov.au](http://www.beconnected.esafety.gov.au), and build your digital skills, confidence and safety online with their free learning content and computer classes.*

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MELBOURNE



## SOUNDWAVES 2025 CONCERT SERIES

FRANKSTON RSL WELLBEING  
TEAM INVITE  
VETERANS & PARTNERS

**FREE**

**Includes:**

Bus trip to HMAS Cerberus  
2PM Matinee Performance -  
Royal Australian Navy Band

1 PM SHARP Bus leaves the  
Frankston RSL  
After 4 PM Bus returns to  
Frankston RSL

Must carry Photo ID



**WEDNESDAY  
26 NOVEMBER  
2025**

**RSVP**

Call or SMS Jo  
PH: 0493 889 029  
wellbeing@frankstonrsl.com.au



## NAVY BAND

Soundwaves Concert Series  
One more concert this year!  
26th November, 2025



The final H.M.A.S Cerberus Soundwaves Concert for the year will be in November. Stay tuned for 2026 concert dates. Wellbeing Advocate Tony Davis whisks participants off in a small mini bus for some musical entertainment, and the best part yet is that it's free for veterans and their families. The Matinee performance is performed by the Royal Australian Navy Band.

**Date:** 26<sup>th</sup> November.

**Time:** 1PM departure from the Frankston RSL by mini bus for a 2pm matinee performance and a 4pm return to the venue.

**Reservations:** Call or SMS Jo via PH: 0493 889 029 or

**Email:** wellbeing@frankstonrsl.com.au

*The 2026 Calendar will be announced via our socials, weekly e-news, website and the next issue of Morse Code in May 2026.*



Wednesdays 10 AM  
Veterans\* and Partners  
Frankston RSL CPs

Fridays 10 AM  
All Veterans\*  
Frankston RSL CPs

VETERANS & PARTNERS  
**Coffee Mornings**



staying connected & caffeinated

\*Veterans: all service types, eras, ages, and genders.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT RECEPTION: 8792 4400



**AGE  
STRONG  
FITNESS**

**KEEP FIT  
CONNECT  
GET STRONGER**

DATE & TIME:  
TUESDAY 8AM  
FRIDAY 8AM  
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FRANKSTON RSL PAVILION  
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SPEAK TO RECEPTION OR  
WELLBEING COORDINATOR





# VETERAN AND COMMUNITY WELFARE

Since 2012, The Mobility Aids, Whitegoods and Furniture Program has collected and redistributed household essentials and mobility aids to the value of \$256,000 to veterans and their families.

Volunteers work tirelessly behind the scenes and across weekends, and their actions directly improve the quality of life of many veterans and their families. Additionally, club members, patrons, and the amazing community of people in our network, who donate or are happy to help on weekends with collection and drop-off of donated items, have all made a difference to the lives of so many veterans over the past 13 years.

Donations welcomed: mobility aids, white goods, electrical goods, furniture  
Contact : 8792 4400 Monday-Friday 9am-4pm



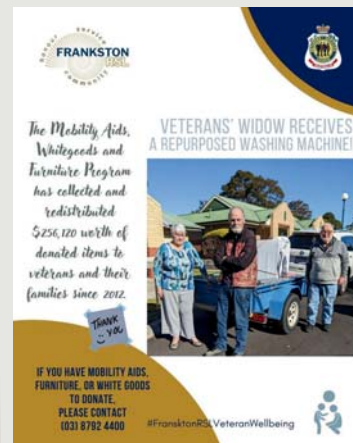
The Team recently met up with a veteran's wife in Chelsea, to provide her with bathroom aids to help her husband recover at home after surgery.



Our Superheroes were able to help a veteran with a clothes dryer to just make life a bit better for him.



We love these kind of feel good stories that make our day worthwhile! The team delivered a re-purposed Mobility Scooter to a veteran living in Chelsea, who unfortunately had to recently relinquish his driving license. His wife lives close by, in residential aged care, and relies on his daily visits. Thanks to the kind donation of a Mobility Scooter, the veteran will now be able to continue to visit her every day and make the short journey on his scooter.



The Team were able to help a war widow residing at Vasey RSL Park in Frankston South with a repurposed washing machine, as her old one had washed it last load!  
The program is run by an extraordinary team of volunteers, championed by Tony Grice Wellbeing Officer and Frankston RSL Committee Member, with the assistance of super heroes and 2IC's Peter Faria and Eric Bishop.



Each year the Frankston RSL Sub-Branch donates circa \$500,000 in function room hire, lunches, and veteran wellbeing, welfare, and support services.

In 2024, more than \$250,000 was donated in community support.

Additionally, the Frankston RSL Sub-Branch offers monthly lunches to residents of local Aged Care Facilities and Community Groups looking to spend a few hours in a social setting and in great company.

Last year, \$17,500 was contributed to these lunches, and some of the facilities include:

**Meracare Carrum Downs Nursing Home**

**Regis Frankston - Shelton Manor**

**Skye Lodge (Autumn Aged Care)**

**Greenways Retirement Village**

**TLC Forest Lodge Residential Aged Care**

**Vasey RSL Care**

**Meracare Frankston Nursing Home**

**Langwarrin Community Aged Care**

**Benetas St. Paul's Terrace**

**The Village Baxter**

**Somerville Gardens Care Community (Opal)**

**Baptcare Peninsula View Community**

**Brotherhood of St Laurence**

**Westernport Bay Care Community Opal**



## TLC Xmas in July lunch

Residents and Carers from TLC Aged Care enjoyed a wonderful Christmas in July lunch with a traditional roast lunch and pudding for dessert of course!





## Age Strong Exercise Classes - PARC

We had 373 attendances to our Tuesday and Friday 8am classes. We always welcome more participants to join our 'Age Strong Exercise Classes' run by a PARC instructor from the Peninsula Aquatic and Recreation Centre (PARC).

New participants are always welcome to join the classes.

**Location:** Frankston RSL Sub-Branch Pavilion.

**Classes:** 8am (1hr) Tuesdays and Fridays. Except Public Holidays.

**Cost:** \$5 p/p.

**Register:** Reception (03) 8792 4400 or Wellbeing Coordinator 0492 820 743

**Requirements:** A doctor's clearance certificate validating current health.



## Veterans and Partners Coffee Groups

Veterans of all service types and eras and their partners are most welcome at our Coffee Mornings for hot drinks and light refreshments supplied by the club. The club holds a Wednesday Coffee Group Session, for veterans and their partners, and on Fridays for for veterans of all eras, genders, and service type at the Welcome Post Café in CP's at the club. The occasional informative presentation is organised by our Wellbeing Officer, Anthony Grice. A record-breaking 493 came for a cuppa in Jul-September 2025 at the Wednesday session. The Friday session regularly has 20 participants come along.



## Home and Hospital Visitation Team

In Jul-Sept, the Wellbeing Support Officers visited residential aged care facilities, spending 174.75 hours and visiting 184 veterans and their partners. With their friendly visits, the Team brings much-needed social contact to those in care. Additionally, complimentary monthly lunches are offered to 14 residential aged care facilities at the Club, so that their residents can enjoy a social outing.



## Veterans and Partners Outings

We hired small buses this quarter, for groups such as Peninsula Ex-Service Women's Association, Vietnam Veterans, Legacy & Partners of Veterans Association. 70 people attended across 9 bus-trips.

## Helpers needed – Volunteer with us!

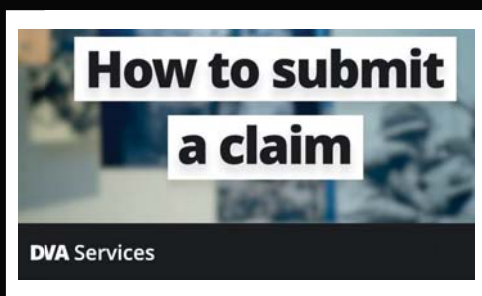
Your kindness can contribute a lot to the veteran community and new helpers are always welcomed. Get in touch with the Wellbeing Coordinator to find out about the volunteering roles available.



## Mobility Aids, Furniture, and White Goods Program

Tony G. and an industrious team of volunteers collect donations of mobility aids, furniture, and white-goods. In this quarter, \$4,185.00 of items were distributed to 8 veterans and families in need. Thank you to all who donated to this worthy program. To donate items, please contact the Reception Team.

**Donations:** (03) 8792 4400 **Email:** reception@frankstonrsl.com.au



## The Akeroyd Veterans and Families Hub

If you are needing assistance with Department of Veterans Affairs Claims and Compensation, please contact Veteran Central through the online form below. The Veteran Central Team will be able to connect you with the Compensation Advocates that operate out of the Veterans and Families Wellbeing Hub, which is located at Frankston RSL.

**Online contact form:**

[www.rslvic.com.au/veteran-support/veteran-central](http://www.rslvic.com.au/veteran-support/veteran-central)

**PH:** 1300 645 838, Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm.



## Funeral Rites for Veterans

RSL Funeral Representatives are available to carry out a Funeral Ritual for veterans. This free ritual follows the celebrant's main ceremony and is our final way of providing recognition for the sacrifices made by veterans in their service to their country. For ex-ADF veterans, please allow a few days to order the Eulogy/Statement of Service which forms part of the service.



# WELFARE UPDATE

## July - September 2025 WELFARE at a GLANCE

**Contact Us ...** If you are a veteran or family member requiring support or assistance, if you want to have a chat about upcoming social and wellbeing activities, or keen on volunteering, call or make an appointment today!

Wellbeing Coordinator  
Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 4:30pm.  
Email: [welfare@frankstonrsl.com.au](mailto:welfare@frankstonrsl.com.au)  
0492 820 743

WELLBEING CASES: number of cases	13
PASTORAL CARE: number of cases	87
DECEASED SERVICE MEMBERS FRSL	11
RSL FUNERAL REPRESENTATION Required	4
WEDNESDAY COFFEE GROUP: FRIDAY COFFEE GROUP: Cost of catering and coffees	\$6,033 \$4,100
WEDNESDAY GROUP PARTICIPANTS: FRIDAY COFFEE GROUP PARTICIPANTS:	493 Not collated
HELLO PROGRAM PHONE-CALLS: Volunteer and Staff Hours	40 4
HOME and HOSPITAL TEAM: Monthly Visitation Hours	175
HOME and HOSPITAL TEAM: # people visited	184
MONTHLY LUNCHESS: Aged Care Facilities # facilities attended # lunches provided Cost	37 368 \$9,182
HOME MAINTENANCE: LAWNS # people assisted Cost	95 \$6,267
MOBILITY AIDS PROGRAM: value of goods re-distributed #veterans and their families assisted	\$4,185 8
PARC EXERCISE GROUP PARTICIPANTS: Tuesday Sessions x 2 Friday Sessions x 2	204 169
WELLBEING BUS: number of people assisted	70
WELLBEING BUS: number of Trips:	9
WELLBEING CAR: number of Client Visits and Transport:	20
WELLBEING CAR: errands, Client Visits and Transport KM's:	1134
WELLBEING SUPPORT OFFICERS: # inducted # retired	2 3

### Support and Assistance for Veterans and Dependants

The Wellbeing Team actively assists and supports veterans and their families with:

- wellbeing advocacy and support
- food vouchers
- applying for Medals entitlements
- support to complete applications for Financial Assistance
- assistance exploring transport options
- providing information and referrals to local services and organisations
- completing housing applications

**In this period, there were 118 requests for wellbeing support and assistance from veterans or their families: 43 health, 29 social support, 25 recognition and respect, 11 income and finance, 8 justice and safety, 7 housing, and 0 employ**

### Wellbeing Social Connection Activities

**August:** 46 Veterans and their partners visited the Fox's Classic Car Collection in Melbourne's Docklands that was an opportunity to explore a sparkling array of the world's rarest and most prestigious vehicles. Lunch was enjoyed at Caulfield RSL.

Also in August, 35 veterans and partners attended an informative session at the club with morning tea from Peninsula Community Legal Centre, covering many topical legal issues and with the opportunity to ask questions.

**September:** 20 Veterans and their partners thrived in an excursion to Beleura House and Gardens, set on 5 hectares on the Mornington Peninsula. Everybody enjoyed morning tea and an engaging talk and tour of the house and gardens. Also in September complimentary tickets to the Mr Snotbottom show were offered to Veterans and their families and afterwards a very hearty lunch of pizzas was enjoyed in our CP's restaurant at the venue.

**October:** Tony D took 17 veterans and partners to the Soundwaves Concert at HMAS Cerberus. November will be the final concert for the year. Don't miss out!

Also in October, we celebrated Veterans Health Week with a healthy 2-course complimentary lunch and as the focus was on physical activity, a silent disco was secretly organised that had many dancing the afternoon away.

At the end of October 35 Veterans and their partners enjoyed the ART-VO Immersive 'trick-art' Gallery in the Docklands followed by lunch at Fathers Office in the CBD. Needless to say the bus was full! We all stepped into a world of optical illusions and took hundreds of photos against the most unbelievable scenarios.

Be Connected gave a talk at the club on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October in recognition of Get Online Week. 23 participants listened to the E-safety Commissioner give a presentation on 'Managing your Emails Safely.'

### Next Event ...

Complimentary Christmas lunch on the 2nd December for Veterans & Associated Groups: Auxiliary Friendship Group, Frankston Naval Memorial Club, Friday Veterans Coffee Group, Home & Hospital Visitation Team, Legacy, Memorabilia Group, Partners of Veterans Association, Peninsula Ex-Service Women's Association, Saturday Veterans & Families Lunch Group, Vietnam Veterans, Wednesday Veterans & Partners Coffee Group).



# LET'S SAVE WITH \$100 POWER SAVINGS BONUS



Frankston RSL Wellbeing Team can assist All Frankston RSL MEMBERS with help to submit a \$100 Power Savings Bonus application.

Program runs until 31 March, 2026.

### WHAT TO BRING:

- ✓ A Residential Electricity Bill (need to be the account holder)
- ✓ Your Concession Card (Health Care, Veterans Affairs Concession or DVA Gold Card)
- ✓ Your Bank Details (BSB and Account) that you want it to be deposited into or it can be posted by cheque to you.
- ✓ One form of ID such as Driver's Licence, Passport, Medicare Card.

### BOOKINGS REQUIRED:

Make an appointment today!  
Thursdays ONLY  
PH: 0493 440 375 OR  
wellbeing@frankstonrsl.com.au

**NOTE: ONLY ONE APPLICATION IS POSSIBLE PER EACH PROGRAM ROUND - EVEN IF YOU HAVE MOVED RESIDENCE.**

**CURRENT ROUND UNTIL 31.03.2026**

## \$100 POWER SAVINGS BONUS

**Real help.** Right now.

### What Victorian Energy Compare can do for you:

- ⊕ It compares available offers with your current plan so you can see if they are higher or lower.
- ⊕ It searches every offer on the market from every Victorian energy retailer.
- ⊕ It shows you green energy offers and solar feed-in tariffs.
- ⊕ It uses data specific to your household or business to provide the best information.

**1** Find your latest electricity bill.

**2** Visit [compare.energy.vic.gov.au](http://compare.energy.vic.gov.au)

**3** Enter your information and find the best offers.

### Compare and save

On average, people who used the Victorian Energy Compare website across 2024 were able to save \$240 by switching to the best-priced offer.

### Residential and Small Business

Victorian Energy Compare has all generally available energy offers for residential and small business energy customers.

### 17.5% discount

Concession card holders may be entitled to a 17.5% discount on their electricity bills all year round and winter gas bills (May - October).

The Victorian Government's Energy website provides information on the work that we are doing with industry and the community, to develop Victoria's secure and sustainable energy future.



Visit [energy.vic.gov.au/households](http://energy.vic.gov.au/households)



## FRANKSTON RSL WELLBEING TEAM INVITE VETERANS & ASSOCIATED GROUPS

### Free Christmas Lunch Tuesday 2nd December, 2025

### PLACE:

Frankston RSL,  
Simpson 1 Room

### TIME:

12PM-3PM

### INCLUDES

2 Course Meal & Drink Voucher  
Lucky Door Prize  
Santa will make an appearance!

### RSVP:

Call or SMS Jo ONLY by 25.11.2025

PH: 0493 889 029

E: [veteranevents@frankstonrsl.com.au](mailto:veteranevents@frankstonrsl.com.au)

Please advise any dietary requirements.  
Limited spaces are available.



Veterans and Associated Groups are invited to a two-course Christmas lunch and a drink voucher. All other beverages will be available for purchase on the day.

We welcome you all to celebrate this special time of year in good company and there will be a Lucky-Door-Prize to make the day even more festive!



## OPEN ARMS

Veterans & Families Counselling

'OPEN ARMS' provide veterans, and their families with individual, couple, and family counselling to help improve your resilience, as well as enhance your mental health and wellbeing. Available 24/7.

Scan the QR code to view the range of Open Arms Veterans and Families Activities and Programs.

Call us 24Hr 1800 011 046



A service founded by Vietnam Veterans, now for all veterans and families



# Frankston Legacy Laurel Club



Each time I am reminded about preparing this update I hear myself say the same words "Already, I've just done the last one!" - the time just races by and I can't believe it's already November!

We are all beginning to come out of hibernation after a long, cold and very windy winter. Our ladies continue to enjoy joining the Combined Outings sponsored by the Frankston RSL and organised by the Wellbeing Team. These events not only provide outings, but provide much needed social connection between the various groups that meet at the Frankston RSL.

Following up on a suggestion, we ventured to Werribee Zoo to visit the elephants. We picked the date only to realise that it was in the middle of the school holidays! I thought to myself, 'not to worry, everyone will be at the Melbourne Show or the Grand Final Parade.' Wrong!!! Everyone was at the Zoo and we still achieved our aim, and saw the elephants and enjoyed our Safari Tour through the Savannah area. I must say we were well looked after by the zoo staff. I think it was our smiling faces or maybe it was the enthusiasm on the faces of our intrepid ladies, because nothing held them back!

As Christmas fast approaches we look forward to a busy time. The two most anticipated events on our Legacy calendar are the Remembrance Service and High Tea in November, again we will be spoilt by the staff at the Park Hyatt in Melbourne. Our second event will be the Legacy Christmas Concert, in December, where we will be at the Melbourne Town Hall.

On behalf of Mornington Peninsula Legacy, a sincere thank you for your support during Legacy Badge Week. All monies raised during Legacy Week is used by us to provide assistance to our beneficiaries - the Widow's and children of our deceased veterans and the families of the Veterans who have given their health.

## Contact & Meet-Up

If you are the widow of a Veteran or the wife of a Veteran who has given his health, we would warmly welcome you to our group.

**Frankston Legacy Coordinator:** Lyn Smith

**PH:** 0423626973

**Email:** lynsmith51@gmail.com

**Meet-Up:** 2nd Thursday of the month at 11AM

Frankston RSL Simpson Room 2



# SUB-SECTIONS Vietnam Veterans Association

The Frankston Vietnam Veterans Association (VVA) seems to be going from strength to strength. Our meetings have been having a great turnout by our members, and we have changed our meeting time to 7.30pm now that daylight savings has started.

Over the last few months, we have had guest speakers from Operation Grain Harvest which is a group that trains younger veterans on how to use machinery and helps them to get work on the land. We also had a speaker from Alison Monkhouse Funeral Homes who gave a very interesting talk about what was involved in planning a funeral, as well as giving us a chance to ask all those questions that you have always wondered about.

We have held quite a few social events lately, one being Christmas in July, which we held at the Naval club, this was a combined lunch with members from Legacy, P.V.A and the Women's friendship group.

On the 17th August we held our Memorial Service at the Frankston RSL. Originally it was planned to be at the Frankston War Memorial, however due to the inclement weather, it was moved indoors. Some members attended the Veterans' Day Service on the 18<sup>th</sup> August at the Shrine of Remembrance in Melbourne, as well as the Dandenong RSL Service on the 31st August, held by the ARVN Rangers Assoc Victoria.



Various day trips were organised, including a trip to Woodend RSL where we enjoyed visiting their Military Museum, and in October we visited the Fire Museum in East Melbourne

Our camping enthusiasts travelled to Arrarat for a week of camping, and some of the places they visited included the "J Ward - Old Gaol and Lunatic Asylum"!

These social outings have been a great success, as reflected in the increased attendance numbers.

## Commemorating

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November a plaque donated by the State VVAA to commemorate Frankston VVA branch being established and meeting at the Frankston RSL since 1990 was unveiled by VVA President Cheryl Myers OAM and Frankston RSL Club President Kevin Hillier OAM.



## Contact & Meet-Up

The Frankston Sub-Branch meets on the first Monday of the month at 1.30pm at the Frankston RSL in Simpson Room 2. Any Veteran, partner, or family member is more than welcome to come along to a meeting.

**President:** Cheryl Myers OAM **PH:** 0409 962 545

**Secretary:** Jo **PH:** 0417540864

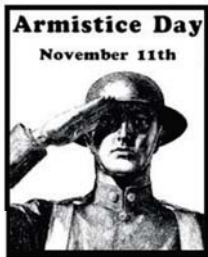
**Email:** secretary.frankston@vvaavic.org.au



# MEMORABILIA

Origins of Remembrance Day

*Why is this day special to Australians?*



At 11 am on 11 November 1918 the guns on the Western Front fell silent after more than four years of continuous warfare. The allied armies had driven the German invaders back, having inflicted heavy defeats upon them over the preceding four months.

In November the Germans called for an armistice (suspension of fighting) in order to secure a peace settlement. They accepted allied terms that amounted to unconditional surrender.

## At the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month ...

The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month attained a special significance in the post-war years. The moment when hostilities ceased on the Western Front became universally associated with the remembrance of those who had died in the war. This first modern world conflict had brought about the mobilisation of over 70 million people and left between 9 and 13 million dead, perhaps as many as one-third of them with no known grave. The allied nations chose this day and time for the commemoration of their war dead.

On the first anniversary of the armistice in 1919 two minutes' silence was instituted as part of the main commemorative ceremony at the new Cenotaph in London.

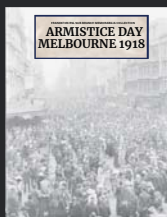
The silence was proposed by Australian journalist Edward Honey, who was working in Fleet Street. At about the same time, a South African statesman made a similar proposal to the British Cabinet, which endorsed it. King George V personally requested all the people of the British Empire to suspend normal activities for two minutes on the hour of the armistice "which stayed the worldwide carnage of the four preceding years and marked the victory of Right and Freedom". The two minutes' silence was popularly adopted and it became a central feature of commemorations on Armistice Day.

## Second Anniversary of Armistice

On the second anniversary of the armistice in 1920 the commemoration was given added significance when it became a funeral, with the return of the remains of an unknown soldier from the battlefields of the Western Front. Unknown soldiers were interred with full military honours in Westminster Abbey in London and at the Arc de Triumph in Paris. The entombment in London attracted



over one million people within a week to pay their respects at the unknown soldier's tomb. Most other allied nations adopted the tradition of entombing unknown soldiers over the following decade.



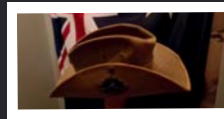
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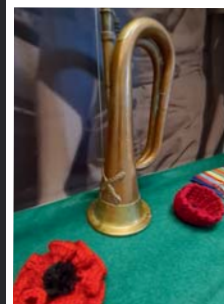
ARMISTICE DAY SYDNEY 1918



Mont St Quentin 21 Battalion 1918 - war graves



The famous lines written at Ypres 3 May 1915 by Col. John McCrae



## Renaming to Remembrance Day

### ARMISTICE DAY

On 10 November 1918, the German Army agreed to enter into an Armistice with Allied Forces with a view to ending World War One. The document was signed at 5.45am in Paris on 11 November 1918 with the Armistice to come into operation from 11am that day.

The Allied Nations subsequently agreed to formally commemorate this occasion. The King directed Empire Nations to conduct this at the 11th Hour of the 11th Day of the 11th Month within the respective time zones.

The purpose was to both recognize the end of the war and all lives lost. British Empire nations agreed to designate the event as ARMISTICE DAY and to include a two minute silence in respect of all lives lost in service during that war.



After the end of the Second World War, the Australian and British governments changed the name to Remembrance Day. Armistice Day was no longer an appropriate title for a day which would commemorate all war dead.

In Australia on the 75th anniversary of the armistice in 1993 Remembrance Day ceremonies again became the focus of national attention. The remains of an unknown Australian soldier, exhumed from a First World War military cemetery in France, were ceremonially entombed in the Memorial's Hall of Memory. Remembrance Day ceremonies were conducted simultaneously in towns and cities all over the country, culminating at the moment of burial at 11 am and coinciding with the traditional two minutes' silence. This ceremony, which touched a chord across the Australian nation, re-established Remembrance Day as a significant day of commemoration. Four years later, in 1997, Governor-General Sir William Deane issued a proclamation formally declaring 11 November to be Remembrance Day, urging all Australians to observe one minute's silence at 11 am on 11 November each year to remember those who died or suffered for Australia's cause in all wars and armed conflicts.

*Lest We Forget*

# MEMORABILIA

80th Anniversary of the End of  
World War II



A special thanks to Ross and Bruce from our Memorabilia Team – headed up by Graham Wilson, and along with a wonderful team of volunteer historians, curated our memorabilia display to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of the End of World War II.

At the RSL we honour those who served their country, and the team of Memorabilia volunteers does an extraordinary job at honouring the past, ensuring we remember events, understand artefacts, and appreciate our forebearers through wonderful, themed displays throughout the year.

The display included various original items ranging from an embroidered welcome home banner, peace Stamps issued to commemorate the end of WWII, through to objects soldiers had made from wartime objects - that were known as "Trench Art" and displayed in homes as a reminder of those times. Visit the venue and take in the display.

This year's 80th commemoration offers us a chance not only to celebrate the victories of our armed forces but also to honour the countless sacrifices made by Australians.

It is a time to acknowledge the resilience of those who lived through the hardships of war - the families who endured uncertainty and loss, the soldiers who returned forever changed, and the communities that banded together in the face of adversity. Their courage reminds us of the fragility of peace and the need to safeguard it at all costs.

Many Australians marked this as the dawn of peace after years of hardship, sacrifice, and uncertainty. As news of the surrender spread, relieved communities celebrated, crowds gathered in the streets waving flags, embracing each other in joy and dancing.

# Quilt of Valour



## CHAPLAIN, GRAEME 'PADRE' WATKINSON

Quilts of Valour Australia aims to award quilts to Veterans, Service Personnel of the Australian Defence Force and our Allies as well as immediate family of Veterans and Defence Personnel who have passed. These symbolic awards are in recognition of the recipients' Service, Sacrifice and Valour they've given their country.

In September, the Frankston RSL Chaplain, Graeme 'Padre' Watkinson, was bestowed with the honour of having been awarded a Quilt of Valour from Quilts of Valour Australia (QQV). Surrounded by friends and family, his surprise was priceless and his humility endearing.

The Quilts are original one-off pieces and are handmade with love from fellow Australians to wrap recipients up in warmth and care

-The top of the quilt with its many colours, shapes, and fabrics, represents the communities and the many individuals that are involved behind the scenes at QOV.

-The wadding, the filler, is the centre of the quilt. It represents hope that this quilt will bring warmth, comfort, peace, and healing to recipients.

-The backing is the strength that supports the other layers. It represents strength, the support of communities, and our nation.

-Each stitch that holds the layers together represents love, gratitude and sometimes the tears of the maker.

Read more here, or if you'd like to get involved:

[www.quiltsofvalour.com.au](http://www.quiltsofvalour.com.au)



## SUB-SECTIONS



# The Women's Auxiliary FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Monthly meetings are informal and friendly, and help the group stay in touch and have fun over a cuppa. This month we say farewell to Janet who is retiring, but not before enjoying her last ice-chocolate made by Barista Aaron, from Nancy's Cafe.



We can't wait for some sunshine and warmth to arrive soon as this winter seems to be never ending, with cold and windy days. Despite the weather, our faithful ladies have continued to support the Friday night raffles, and we whole heartedly thank all who have come to help.

In August, Joy Whyte presented a wreath on behalf of the Ladies Auxiliary at the Vietnam Remembrance Day, held at the Frankston RSL.

The ladies enjoyed a lunch at Trios in Cranbourne in September and we had a great turnout with 23 ladies attending. The meals were delicious and judging by the success of this lunch we may be repeating it early next year.

We sponsored a BBQ at Vasey RSL Care Frankston in September, where American Style hamburgers were served. Sandra at Vasey did a wonderful job organising the day and everybody was amazed at the BIG hamburgers served! We are sponsoring a monthly BBQ from September to the end of this year. The funds go to the residents' social committee at the Vasey RSL Care who organise the BBQ's and get together for the residents. In October, the residents organised a Halloween themed meal!

We also sponsor a Morning Tea/Coffee every fortnight at Vasey, and we hope more residents will attend, once the weather improves. This is a good chance for the residents to meet and have a chat. We have 8-10 residents attending during the cold wintry days, so with summer on the way we hope more will attend.

We had a great turnout for two, fun and delicious, Xmas in July unches, with the Combined Groups Network, at the Frankston RSL, and the Naval Memorial Club.



The Women's Auxiliary fund raising activities are under the guidance of Frankston RSL Sub-Branch Committee and the group runs multiple fundraisers throughout the year such as Easter and Christmas Raffles, in addition to the Friday Night \$1 Raffle fundraiser to win a themed Gift Card that helped raise \$10,485 in 2024. All funds raised go toward helping veterans in need, as well as charities and community organisations. Thank you to all who continue to purchase tickets.

In November, our ladies were busy selling poppies at various shopping centres for the Poppy Appeal. One of our veterans, Carole Beaumont, presented a wreath at the Remembrance Day Commemorative Service held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November at the club.



**Our Fashion Parade on Saturday 15th November held at the club was a wonderful success and we had an unprecedented turnout of 50 attendees. Everybody enjoyed the show and the opportunity to shop after the parade.**



Our planned bus trip to the factory outlets was cancelled and will be rescheduled for early in the new year. Our driver, Margaret, sadly lost her mother and was unavailable on the day. Sincere condolences to Margaret from all the ladies.



## Membership and Contact

The Women's Auxiliary meets at 10.30AM on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Frankston RSL. The Auxiliary helps raise funds for Veterans and Community groups and is a pleasant way to be social and meet new people. We happily welcome all new members to the group.

**Coordinator:** Carol Macfarlane **PH:** 0410 134 599



## SUB-SECTIONS

# Partners of Veterans Australia

## Supporting Partners and Families of Veterans

### Friendship - Support - Information

#### Understanding to all Partners of Veterans and their Families.

Partners of Veterans from the Frankston Branch, have been very busy during the first half of this year.

The Frankston Branch has had quite a busy few months especially with our guest speakers. We started with Stellar from the Frankston RSL Wellbeing Team, followed by Bronwyn and Michelle from Farquhar & Assoc. in Prahran who gave a talk on Occupational Health and Safety (Image 1). At our September meeting we had Karen Cain from Department of Veterans Association (DVA) answer questions put to her by members (Image 2), and at our October meeting we had Gary Ferguson from the Council of Ageing speaking on Elder Abuse. Our meetings have been extremely busy, with the members also enjoying soup and bread at one meeting, and cakes another.

The Branch is spending October and November gathering items of clothing, toys and canned goods to give to Mother's Supporting Families in Need (MSFIN) for their Christmas Hamper drive. We are very proud to be supporters of this amazing group based in Seaford once again this year.

On Remembrance Day we will also be in attendance and again showing our support to all our veteran community. At our November meeting we have a Vietnam veteran as our guest speaker, who will give a talk on what Remembrance Day means to him.



Our members have been kept busy with a few day trips, including one to Kurunga Native Nursery at Mt. Evelyn, enjoying morning tea and lunch along the way. We also made the trip out to the Melton Branch and enjoyed lunch with our fellow members. Our President Lyn, laid a wreath and attended the Vietnam Veteran's service on Vietnam Veteran's Day this year and were very pleased to be invited to this moving service. (Images 3, 4, 5)

### Coming Up ...

Members will be celebrating Christmas lunch and our AGM on the 8<sup>th</sup> December at Legacy House in Mt. Eliza. The Branch then has a break until the 9<sup>th</sup> of February, 2026. During January the elected Committee will be working hard to organise exciting guest speakers and trips for 2026.

## Get Involved

If you are a partner or spouse of a veteran and find yourself in need of some friendship or just a time out for a few hours, come along to one of our meetings. You may just make a few new friends along the way!

We meet every second Monday of the month at the Frankston RSL at 11.00a.m. This is followed by lunch in the Bistro.

The last Monday of the month we meet at different venues and have a lunch or a coffee, some of these venues include the Seaford RSL, Baxter Tavern, Langwarrin Berettas and Somerville Hotel and have a lunch or a coffee while also catching up for a great social session. During the year we organise day trips and an overnight, or three day, bus trip. Contact us if you are interested in coming along to our outings.

### Membership and Contact

\$35 for first year and \$25 for renewals

Partners of Veterans Association welcomes all partners, ex-partners, or widows/ers of all current and former Australian Defence Force (ADF) members.

### Meet-Up and Lunch:

- Every second Monday of the month at the Frankston RSL Simpson Room 2, at 11.00am (except January).
- The last Monday of the month at different venues in the area.

**President:** Lyn Westhead PH: 0408 122 802

**Secretary:** Rhonda Tempest PH: 0410 566 709

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[www.pva.org.au](http://www.pva.org.au)



## Veterans' Friday Coffee Group

Veterans from all ages, eras, genders, and service type welcome. Join us for coffee and light refreshments from 10am in our new location in the club at CPs.





## PENNANT COMPETITION RESULTS UP TO 11<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2025:

### VBSA Billiards and Snooker, Monday night.

- Ron Batrouney's C Grade Chargers sit atop the ladder after 10 rounds with 4 rounds to go. A strong showing in the finals is to be expected. Tony Wakefield is in the mix of top breaks with a 33 whilst the Two Ronnies (Batrouney and George) lead the most frames ladder with 19 and 18 apiece.
- Deryl Adams's C Grade Fireflies have struggled to make an impact and will finish well down the ladder. The team was cobbled together at the last minute, so this comes as no great surprise.

### Over 55's Billiards and Snooker, Tuesday daytime.

- Arthur Holmes's Gold team, after figuring in the finals race mid-season, fell away in later rounds and finished in 11<sup>th</sup> place after all 33 home and away rounds, completed on 7<sup>th</sup> October. Ron Phillips took out the most billiards wins title.
- Ian Gilbee's Green team has made it through to the finals after a great midyear resurgence. Ian Gilbee and Brian Esnouf figured prominently in the billiards high break ladder, whilst Peter Gilligan featured in the snooker ladders.

### Metro Handicap Snooker/Tuesday night.

- Bill Lindsay's and Mike Poda's Dolphins Billiards team sits in 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 4 rounds to go. It's been a very even performance by all the players, which augurs well come finals time.
- Bill Morgan's snooker team is sitting in 7<sup>th</sup> spot after 10 rounds with 4 rounds remaining. A finals spot is not out of the question, but they need to get their skates on.

### Thursday Night RSL handicap billiards

- John van Zanden's Hawks sit in 2<sup>nd</sup> spot on the ladder after 15 rounds with 6 more to play. It's a very tight ladder, except for top spot, so they will need to keep up the standard. Of note is Rob Davies terrific 89 break!

### THE MARK DUNN CLUB BILLIARDS CHAMPIONSHIP WINNER

is Ian Gilbee who held off a gallant Darren Royle in the final, on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October. Darren established a handy lead early, but Ian fought back to level the score at the halfway mark, then pulled away to win his 10<sup>th</sup> title. A good crowd attended and helped Ian celebrate his victory afterwards. Special note to Chris Coyne for refereeing the final and Rob Davies for a lovely 70+ break in the earlier rounds. Images 1 & 2 below are both the players and Ian receiving his Club Billiards Champion award.

### CLUB NORM HANDICAP BILLIARDS WINNER 2025

The Club Norm Smith Handicap Billiards winner was decided on 1<sup>st</sup> November with Rob Davies playing the more consistently in a low scoring match to beat Brett Porter 250/225. Thanks to Chris Coyne for refereeing and the enthusiastic audience for attending. Below right is Rob receiving his trophy and the Norm Smith Perpetual Shield.



The band has been busy practicing our new massed band tunes which have been changed by our Association. New tunes include Waltzing Matilda and Flower of Scotland.

Our learner pipers are progressing well under the tutelage of Malcolm Sinclair, Geoff Shaw, and Bruce McFarlane. We have four experienced pipers and six intermediate pipers.

Our drummers are also progressing well with the new drum scores with Sam Templeton and Linda Packham providing excellent instruction. We currently have a group of eight drummers.

We recently played at a Celtic themed celebration at the Mornington Community Theatre on September the 6<sup>th</sup>. The band gave a wonderful outdoor performance, in what was a magnificent celebration. Geoff Shaw gave a marvelous solo rendition of Highland Cathedral.

James Farquharson recently performed at a Police Remembrance ceremony at the Rosebud RSL which was very emotional given the recent events at Porepunkah. The event is held annually to remember police officers that have died in the line of duty.

## Contact

**Secretary:** Sean Sullivan

**Practice:** Wednesdays 7PM, Frankston RSL

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LOOKING FOR PIPES AND DRUMS PLAYERS.  
GET IN TOUCH TODAY!

The Section would like to acknowledge the recent award of Honorary Life Membership of the Victorian Billiards & Snooker Association to long serving Frankston RSL Billiards & Snooker Section

Secretary/Treasurer, Mark Dunn. Mark has been heavily involved in the implementation of an online scoring system and modernisation of the membership database with the VBSA for some years, as well as Secretary. Pictured above right, is Mark receiving his award from VBSA President, Alec Spyrou, at the recent AGM.



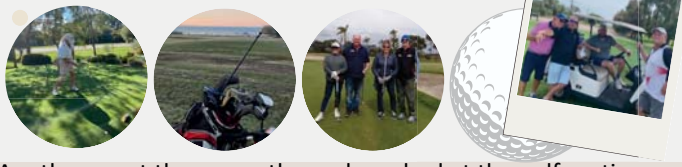
### MEMBERSHIP & CONTACT

Weekly comps are played at the Frankston RSL, Pavilion. Please get in touch if you are interested in joining billiards or snooker. All are welcome, including juniors and ladies. Coaching can be provided free of charge

**CONTACT:** Mark Dunn, Treasurer

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# Golf



Another great three months we have had at the golf section, and the winter weather has been kind to us again.

So far this year we've played at Flinders Golf Course, Eagle Ridge, Devil Bend, and Moonah Links, leaving just Centenary Park to complete the programme. We may be able to squeeze in another game at Cerberus but that is still to be confirmed.

The final game of the season is December 7<sup>th</sup> at centenary park golf club. It's not too late to join us at this great course.

Our sixth game in the calendar in July was at Cerberus, where we played individual Stableford, with 19 players contesting the spoils. The Stableford was closely contested and congrats to the following grade winners; Paul Govarrs A grade, Pete Dawson B grade, Dave Webster C grade, and Ladies winner Fiona Wilson.

The overall winner was Dave Webster with an overall score of 39 points followed by Adam Beness with 38 and Eric King with 37 points.

Next it was to Flinders Golf club where we haven't visited for a while. What a beautiful sunny day with the golf matching the mood and saw us play the next round of the clubs' match play and individual Stableford. Twenty-four golfers had a great day out with some great scores. Congratulations go to Pete Dawson, Brett Wilson, Rob Witting and Dean Rice who all won through to the semifinals in the match play.

We had some great individual rounds with 6 golfers scoring 36 Stableford points or over. The top three were Eric King 38, Geoff Stargatt 39, but overall winner Rob Witting 41 points. Great round Rob. The grade winners were Nigel McKee A Grade, Rob Witting B grade and Eric King C grade and ladies' winner was Fiona Wilson.

Our last game was at Eagle Ridge and again the sun shone. Twenty-Five players enjoyed the day again with some high scoring and Pete Dawson taking the overall winners spot with 40 points. He was closely followed by Geoff Stargatt, David Martin and Eric King all on 37 points. The grade winners were, Will Armastead A grade, Pete Dawson B grade, Eric King C grade and ladies winner Jeanette Kent. Well done everyone.

Finally, we can confirm that the golf trip away for 2026 will be from February 27<sup>th</sup> until 2<sup>nd</sup> March at Howlong Golf Club, NSW. If you are interested in joining the golf section and want more info about the trip, contact either Grant or Tony.

## Fees

Joining fee is \$60 and all games are \$60, regardless of green fees.

## Lunch and Presentations

After each round of golf, we gather at the Frankston RSL Pavilion for a BBQ and presentation. The cost is included in the green fees, and drinks are available at a nominal price.

## SUB-SECTIONS

FRANKSTON RSL



**GOLF**  
SUB-SECTION

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**2026**  
**TRIP AWAY**

**Friday February 27<sup>th</sup> -**  
**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March,**  
**Howlong Golf Club, NSW.**



Overall Stableford Winner of Cerberus Game, Dave Webster with the 'Cock of the Walk Medal' and Geoff.



Stableford Winner Dave (left) with Fiona and John.



Stableford Grade Winners Eagle Ridge: Will, Pete, Eric



Stableford Grade Winners at Flinders Golf club Nigel, Eric, Rob

## New Members



The Golf Section are a lively bunch of male and female players of mixed abilities with a wide range of handicaps that are divided into 3 grades (A, B, C). Of course there are those who are good and then some of us who try to hit a good shot now and then, but all enjoy the fun and banter. We welcome new members, from beginners to pros, and we play once a month on a Sunday morning, at many courses on the Peninsula, and after the game we get together at the Frankston RSL pavilion for a BBQ. Each year we get away on a 3 day golfing trip and you'd be hard pressed to find better golfing company. The joining fee contributes to subsidising games and an end of year presentation. All members must also hold a current RSL Membership.

## Contact

**Club Captain:** Grant Goodall **PH:** 0414 868 164  
**Secretary:** Tony Harris **PH:** 0435 240 342

# Bingo!



## JOIN THE FUN AT FRANKSTON RSL BINGO!

If you're wondering what to do on a Monday morning or a Thursday night why not come along to a great social activity. FREE tea and coffee is available and Bingo Books are just \$6 for 30 games - same price for the last eight years!



## BIG BUCKS BINGO! \$17M WON IN THE HISTORY OF

Have you heard about Big Bucks Bingo? It's Bingo as you've always played. This is another exciting opportunity to win extra cash through various jackpots, and add to the fun of your day or evening. Purchase a \$2 ticket to enter for your chance to win! Available on both Mondays and Thursdays every week. It's easy to play, just watch and listen for the unique numbers corresponding to the bonus symbols, and the first player to win the FULL HOUSE wins the in-house venue jackpot. As the in-house winner if you have marked off 5 matching symbols on your winning Full House ticket you also win the feature Jackpot.

## PLAY AND WIN

### In-House Venue Jackpot

Win 50% of the day's tickets sales.

### Weekly \$250 Feature Jackpot

Congratulations to Sharon B on winning \$250 in November.

### Weekly State wide Mini Jackpot \$1K/\$5K

### State-wide Big Bucks Jackpot

Jackpot goes up by \$500 each week until \$100,000.



BINGO your way to the Frankston RSL.

You've got to be in it to win it!

Eyes down at 11AM for Monday Bingo

Eyes down at 7PM for Thursday Bingo.

Books of 30 games, \$6 each. Simpson Function Room. No bookings required.



## VETERANS & FAMILIES Support Services

FRANKSTON RSL SUB-BRANCH PRIDES ITSELF IN PROVIDING SUPPORT TO VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES/DEPENDANTS.

VETERANS INCLUDE THOSE WHO SERVE OR SERVED IN AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCES (ADF), NATIONAL SERVICE, RESERVISTS, ALLIED, AND COMMONWEALTH FORCES, AND WITH OR WITHOUT OVERSEAS SERVICE. VETERANS DO NOT HAVE TO BE MEMBERS OF FRANKSTON RSL SUB-BRANCH TO RECEIVE SUPPORT.

### THIS SUPPORT MIGHT INCLUDE:

- Wellbeing Advocacy & Support
- Referral to the Compensation Advocacy Team at the Frankston Veterans & Families Hub
- Information & Referral to local community services and organisations
- Applications for Financial Assistance
- Wednesday Coffee (Veteran's & Partners) 10am Table #221 Alfresco area
- Friday Coffee (Veterans) 10am, Huey's Bar
- Support navigating My Aged Care & Veterans Home Care
- Home & Hospital Visitation Team
- Hello Program phone-calls to Senior Service Members
- Social Activities, Bus-trips, BBQ's & lunches
- PARC Agestrong Exercise Classes Tues & Friday 8am
- RSL Funeral Representatives
- Mobility Aids, Furniture & Whitegoods Program

All Wellbeing and Compensation Advocacy Services are **free, private, and confidential.**

### CONTACT

Frankston RSL Wellbeing Team: Monday to Friday, 9AM to 4:30PM.  
 Contact: Stellar Phone 0492 820 743, Email: [welfare@frankstonrsl.com.au](mailto:welfare@frankstonrsl.com.au)  
 Compensation Advocacy (Veteran Central): Mon to Fri, 9AM to 5PM  
 Contact: 1300 645 838  
 Website: [www.rslvic.com.au/veteran-support/veteran-central](http://www.rslvic.com.au/veteran-support/veteran-central)

## VETERANS CARD - VICTORIA

The Veterans Card is available to all past and present ADF members residing in Victoria, including those on active duty, veterans and Reservists.

More Information:  
[www.service.vic.gov.au/services/veterans-card-victoria](http://www.service.vic.gov.au/services/veterans-card-victoria)

# Sub Sections and Groups Contacts



Contact & Meet Up Times	Frankston RSL meet-up
<b>billiards and snooker</b> secretary: Mark Dunn 0422 304 052 email: bill_snooker@frankstonrsl.com.au	mon, tue, thu 6.30PM and tue 10.00AM
<b>golf</b> secretary: Tony Harris 0435 240 342 email: harrisl1978@gmail.com	selected sundays BBQ 12PM
<b>pipes and drums</b> secretary: Sean Sullivan 0413 176 832 email: frankstonrslpad@gmail.com	wednesdays 7PM
<b>home &amp; hospital visitation team</b> contact: Stellar 0492 820 743 email: sraymond@frankstonrsl.com.au	last friday of the month 10AM
<b>bingo</b> reception: 8792 4400 email: reception@frankstonrsl.com.au	monday eyes down 11AM thursday eyes down 7PM
<b>frankston probus</b> secretary: Annie Stahmer 0418 822 744 email: ann.stahmer@bigpond.com	1st wednesday of the month 9AM Pavilion
<b>vietnam veterans australia</b> president: Cheryl Myers OAM 0409 962 545 email: secretary.frankston@vvaavic.org.au	1st monday of the month simpson II function room 1.30PM non-daylight savings 7.30PM daylight savings
<b>women's auxiliary</b> coordinator: Carol 0410 134 599 email: cmacfarlane@frankstonrsl.com.au	3rd wednesday of the month 10.30AM (call for location)
<b>wellbeing and welfare</b> coordinator: Stellar 0492 820 743 email: welfare@frankstonrsl.com.au	monday-friday 9AM-4.30PM
<b>Frankston Hub - Compensation Team</b> wellbeing navigators: 1300 645 838	monday-friday 9AM-5PM
<b>partners of veterans australia</b> secretary: Rhonda Tempest 0410 566 709 email: r.tempest@bigpond.com	2nd monday of the month 10.30AM -4.30PM simpson II function room
<b>legacy Frankston</b> coordinator: Lyn Smith 0423 626 973 email: lynsmith51@gmail.com	2nd thursday of the month 11AM (call for location)
<b>probus club frankston heights inc</b> email: fhprobus@gmail.com	3rd tuesday of the month 9.30AM for 10AM
<b>frankston prostate cancer support</b> contact: Kevin 0419 133 826 email: smko@bigpond.com	last wednesday of the month 10.30AM pavilion
<b>memorabilia team</b> contact: Reception 8792 4400 email: reception@frankstonrsl.com.au	every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month, 9.30AM pavilion
<b>4th/19th Prince of Wales's Light Horse Regiment Old Boys</b> contact: Jeff (Tex) Heuston 0412 500 609 email: jeff.heuston@bigpond.com	Last Friday of each month 11.30AM for 12.30PM

## FRANKSTON RSL MANAGEMENT TEAM

*General Manager*  
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**Colin Ross**

*People and Culture*  
**Jodi Millar**

*Governance*  
**Rose VanVelzen**

*Finance*  
**Jarrold Broben**

*Bar and Gaming*  
**Tracy Vrana**

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Promotions*  
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*Executive Chef*  
**Dean Webster**

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**Mata Harawira-Tai**

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