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“The Price of Liberty is Eternal Vigilance”



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STOP PRESS

In support of containing the COVID-19 Corona Virus and in response to government restrictions on public gatherings there will be no public ANZAC Dawn Service held this year at the Onkaparinga Memorial Gardens, on South Road, Morphett Vale.

Similarly restrictions on cadet, youth and service organisations means there will be no Youth Vigil in the South this ANZAC Eve.

About Anzac Day

Anzac Day, April 25th, is one of Australia's most important national occasions. It marks the anniversary of the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces during the First World War. Soldiers of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps quickly became known as the Anzacs.

Why this day is special to Australians

When war broke out in 1914 Australia had been a federated nation for only 13 years, and its government was eager to establish a reputation among the nations of the world. When Britain declared war in August 1914 Australia was automatically placed on the side of the Commonwealth. In 1915 Australian and New Zealand soldiers formed part of the expedition that set out to capture the Gallipoli peninsula in order to open the Dardanelles to the allied navies. The ultimate objective was to capture Constantinople (now Istanbul), the capital of the Ottoman Empire, an ally of Germany.

The Australian and New Zealand forces landed on Gallipoli on 25 April, meeting fierce resistance from the Ottoman Turkish defenders. What had been planned as a bold stroke to knock Turkey out of the war quickly became a stalemate, and the campaign dragged on for eight months. At the end of 1915 the allied forces were evacuated from the peninsula, with both sides having suffered heavy casualties and endured great hardships. More than 8,000 Australian soldiers had died in the campaign. Gallipoli had a profound impact on Australians at home, and 25 April soon became the day on which Australians remembered the sacrifice of those who died in the war.

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or the RSL web site for pictures and information about Sub-Branch activities: www.rslmorphettvale.com.au

From the President's Desk

Hi to everyone. This is the first newsletter under the new format and I am pleased that we will have another issue in October. In between time we will be sending out "The Dispatch" to bring you any items of interest or importance that you will need to know about.

Welcome to all our new committee members and thank you to the Committee members who have taken on new roles.

This year we face significant challenges in our Sub Branch and in our Community.



ANZAC Day

First and foremost at the moment is the impact that this COVID 19 (Corona Virus) is going to have on our various activities during the next few months. In particular and most immediately is the ANZAC Day Dawn service and the Gunfire Breakfast. We have been guided by the RSL State Branch in respect of what can happen on the day. In light of government restrictions on public gatherings, due to the pandemic, the RSL has advised that the traditional Dawn Services held across the country cannot take place.

At the local level Sub-Branches have been advised that they can consider conducting smaller ANZAC Dawn Services for members only. At the moment the Morphett Vale Dawn Service will be held in the Sub-Branch car park and it is planned that the proceedings will be live streamed for people to watch at home. This will be followed by a smaller than usual Gunfire Breakfast. The program will be edited slightly but will still contain the essential remembrance activities. Car parking should be available for those members with mobility issues in the yard next door to the RSL and for others in surrounding streets and vacant spaces adjacent to shops and business premises.

However the Commemorative Church service on April 19th 2020 will not go ahead.

At the time of writing this article, the Digger Day Event is still going ahead but on a date later in the year. In consultation with the Southern Football League, it is their opinion that their matches will continue with only slight disruption. Therefore they still want Digger Day SA 2020 to be part of their fixtures.

Sub Branch Maintenance

There are some significant maintenance works that need to be done around the Sub Branch. Especially to do with structural issues, Steve Mandolik has already done some of the repairs, Mark Wheaton and myself have done the Control spaces in the brick work that had not been sealed. There are still some other issues that need to be attended to and may cost some money if we have to get tradesmen in to do the repairs. We will however try to do as much as possible ourselves. We will be getting the Salt damp damage repaired very shortly.

We are looking at replacing the carpet in the hall and pool room. I need to sit down with Dierdre and do a grant application to replace the carpet.

The Outside entertainment area that was being planned has been scaled back to reduce costs. We will now close off part of the area with some concrete sleepers and allow the grass to re-cover the entire area. We can then use it for social events like movie nights or Sunday afternoon drinks etc.

Other Happenings in the Sub Branch

Our new caterers have started "feeding the masses", Tony and Leanne are doing a great job and providing us with wonderful meals at good prices and very reasonable serve sizes. Invite friends and family along to enjoy a cheap night out and well-priced drinks.

The Annual Sub Branch Conference will be held on Saturday 4th July 2020 starting at 0900. The Annual Sub Branch Conference Business session will commence after lunch at 13:15hrs. The Conference will be held at the Torrens Parade ground in Adelaide.

The Sub Branch was successful in obtaining a spot on the Bunnings Reynella store BBQ roster for April 18th. Jarrad, who was in charge of arranging this event, advises that this activity has now been cancelled. ANZAC badge sales at local shopping centres and Bunnings stores will still go ahead this year, as this is important in raising funds to assist with the many projects that the Sub Branch assists with financially. Safe-guards such as using hand sanitiser and protective gloves to handle money will be in place.

VALE

It is with much sadness that I report to you the passing of Mr Laurence H (Bill) McEvoy OAM. Bill passed away on Friday 28th February 2020 at the age of 96yrs. Bill has been a member of the RSL for many years and was also actively involved with the “Rats of Tobruk Association”. Bill served in the 2/48th Battalion AIF and saw active service in the Middle East from 10 April 1941 to 25 February 1943.

Bill was awarded the following decorations;

- 1939-45 Star
- Africa Star with 8th Army Clasp
- Defence Medal
- War Medal 1939-45
- Australian Service Medal 1939-45
- Returned from Active Service Badge



Pte Bill McEvoy OAM
SX11122 2/48th Battalion AIF

Bill was recently recognised for his long service to Veterans and the Rats of Tobruk Association with the award of the Order of Australia Medal. Bill was quite the quintessential Aussie Digger and remained so all his life, although he was known to be partial to a drop of the Jameson Irish Whisky on the odd occasion. Bill’s funeral was held at the Heysen Chapel at Centennial Gardens on Wednesday 18th March 2020.

Lest We Forget

As the year moves forward we need to increase our membership, so please, if you know some-one be they family of friends, who would like to be a member of the RSL and our Sub Branch, please encourage them to come along and join.

As we endeavour to bring more activities into the Sub Branch for your benefit, it would be great to see more members actively involved with the events that are being put on for you or as fundraising events to support Veteran welfare. Our Sub Branch survival depends on the participation and support of as many of our members as possible, please support your Sub Branch.

Yours in Service

President Ron

Bangka Day commemorations, marking the 78th Anniversary of the Radji Beach Massacre, where six Australian nurses were among a group of British, Australian and other soldiers, nurses and locals that were massacred on the island during WWII, were held on Sunday February 16th at the Women’s Memorial Playing Fields, St. Marys.

Pictured in attendance are RSL Morphett Vale President, Ron Payne and Women’s Auxiliary President, Ros Day, with Auxiliary members, Dierdre Owen and Bev Hillman. (Photo by Elaine Winter)



Please “Keep off the Grass”

The sub-branch is attempting to restore the lawn area to the south of the main building. This would make a pleasant outdoor area to enjoy a drink and a chat during the warmer months. Now that our new liquor licence allows consumption outside of the hall, patio and pool room the outdoor space will provide a quiet location for socialising.

ANZAC Day Activities for 2020

- **Sunday Commemorative & Dawn Service**

Scheduled for Sunday April 19th at the Sub-Branch, this annual service that has been held for over 90 years has now been cancelled for 2020.

Elements of the service will be included in the smaller ANZAC Dawn Service on April 25th.

- **ANZAC Preparations 2020.**

As the ANZAC Dawn Service will now be held in the Sub-Branch car park consideration needs to be given to when and how the hall and grounds will be configured for dinner on Friday night and the remembrance service and Gunfire breakfast on Saturday morning.

We will be looking for help from sub-branch members on Friday afternoon to set up chairs and tables in the outside areas.

- **Youth Vigil**

The ANZAC Youth Vigil in the South has been cancelled for 2020.

Usually members of cadet and community youth groups with their leaders gather at the Morphett Vale Football Club rooms and a BBQ dinner is served by the Kiwanis Club around 6.00pm.

The first group of young people, who stand guard throughout the night at the Eternal Flame memorial in the Onkaparinga Memorial Gardens, on South Road, take their positions shortly after dinner and various groups change places, until the commencement of the ANZAC Dawn Service.

In past years, at 8.15pm on ANZAC Eve a ceremony commences that includes tributes to the fallen, an address by the Onkaparinga Youth of the Year and tokens laid by representatives of the youth groups and local schools.

- **Dawn Service**

This is scheduled for 6.00am on Saturday April 25th at the Sub-Branch. Entrance to the activity will be for RSL members ONLY. It is planned that members of the local community, and those who choose not to attend in person, will be able to view the proceedings at home through our web site.

- **Digger Day SA 2020.**

The Digger Day commemorations and football match are scheduled to take place at Flagstaff Hill football ground on a date to be advised, possibly in mid-June. RSL representatives and politicians will conduct a small ANZAC ceremony prior to the main game, which will be a replay of the Southern Football League 2019 Grand Final.

The Friday night RSL dinner prior to the event is usually attended by a few of the Digger Day guests.

Attention Smokers

Although many sub-branch members are keen to see the premises and site completely Smoke Free, many other members are smokers. As the sub-branch is also open to the public a compromise has been reached where a new designated smoking area has been nominated.

The area at the back of the main building has now been declared a smoking area. It can be accessed either from the southern side, around the corner from the rainwater tank, or the northern side, through the patio and past the small sheds.

A seat and ashtrays have been provided for use by smokers. Lighting is coming. At no time is smoking permitted inside the building, in the car park, in any sheds, in the patio area or at the sides or front of the main building.



Special Note: There have been updates to the Morphett Vale web site at: www.rslmorphettvale.com.au

Visitors may need to click the 'refresh' button to see the current information, particularly on the Calendar page.

Women's Auxiliary Report

Our Auxiliary was invited by Milena from Bunnings to hold a cake stall at their Noarlunga store, to mark International Women's Day. On Sunday March 8th we held a very successful event, raising almost \$500.00. We had a fun social day, as well as selling our wonderful home baked goodies.

I would like to say a big Thank You to everyone who was involved in cooking or making donations of cash and goods and to those who were involved on the day.



Tuesday 10th of March was our Annual Auxiliary Dinner which was held at the Aussie Inn. Everyone enjoyed a lovely meal and a drink or two. The highlight of the night was our participation in the Trivia Quiz. We excelled ourselves, jumping five places from the bottom of the pack last year to 8th overall. A really fun night was had by all with lots of laughs. The Quiz Master even stated that he thought we were having too much fun. At the end of the night he gave our group a bottle of wine for being the 'Best Looking Table'. Well done girls!

Another date to put on your calendar is August 22nd, for our all-important Annual Dinner. We would love to have as many members and guests as possible attend to make this a successful event.

Ros Day

President

Morphett Vale RSL Women's Auxiliary

Sound Familiar?

After putting her children to bed, a mother changed into old slacks and a droopy blouse and proceeded to wash her hair. As she heard the children getting more and more rambunctious, her patience grew thin.

At last she threw a towel around her head and stormed into their room, putting them back to bed with stern warnings.

As she left the room, she heard her three-year-old say with a trembling voice, "Who was that?"

Recently, when a woman went to McDonald's and saw on the menu that you could have an order of 6, 9 or 12 Chicken McNuggets.

She asked for a half dozen nuggets. "We don't have half dozen nuggets," said the teenager at the counter.

"You don't?" she replied. "We only have six, nine, or twelve," was the reply.

"So I can't order a half dozen nuggets, but I can order six?"

"That's right." So she shook her head and ordered six McNuggets.

In dire need of a beauty make-over, Nancy went to her salon with a fashion magazine photo of a gorgeous, young, lustrous haired model.

She showed the stylist the trendy new cut she wanted and settled into the chair as the stylist began humming a catchy tune and got to work on her thin, greying hair.

Nancy was delighted by his cheerful attitude until she recognized the melody.

It was the theme from "Mission Impossible."

Good friends are like stars... You don't always see them, but you know they are always there.

Vale



Lawrence Henry (Bill) McEvoy OAM

Service Number: SX11122
 Enlisted: 28 January 1941, Wayville, South Australia
 Last Rank: Private
 Last Unit: 2nd/48th Infantry Battalion
 Born: Broken Hill, New South Wales, 6 February 1924
 Home Town: Broken Hill, Broken Hill Municipality, New South Wales
 Schooling: Broken Hill High School
 Occupation: Labourer
 Died: 28 February 2020, Morphett Vale South Australia

Bill McEvoy has lived for over 30 years in the same Morphett Vale home. It has been a quiet life punctuated by the raising of a family, fond friendship with neighbours and a comfortable career first with the post office and later in social security.

He shared a very different life with mates who served in the 2/48th Battalion, one of Australia's most highly decorated WWII units, who are justifiably proud of their 'Rats of Tobruk' status.

The boy from Broken Hill joined the army after travelling the country seeking work in the depression stricken '30s. When war was declared, he underwent training in Adelaide before embarking for North Africa. In April 1941, the Allies were fighting to hold the Libyan outpost of Tobruk from advancing German and Italian troops.

Bill remembered, "I cleaned the guns. I was a runner and would go up to platoon or company headquarters, to do this and that. While you were cleaning them, you got to know them. And while you cleaned them, you'd have a shot out of them. So that's the way I learnt how to operate a lot of machine guns. There were Italian guns that we had to have. We had nothing, just one gun to a platoon of 30 men."

"We were out into the line for about seven or eight days and back again, generally a different place. Some were rather easy and some were very, very bad. There was a bad place there called The Salient, which the Germans took. (At The Salient), the nearest (the German-Italian army) were to us was about 100 yards. If you showed up during the daytime, they buried you."

"They had a lot of machine guns... they were mainly on a fixed line. They'd press the trigger and about 10 or 15 rounds would just shoot out. Mortars weren't very good either. All you'd hear would be 'plop' and then 'boom'. It would land anywhere and you'd just hope it wasn't near you."

"On The Salient, at the night time, there was a kind of peace. I don't know what time, but when your rations were about to come up, the Germans would stop firing, we'd stop firing and we'd have our dinner. After that, they'd fire a gun in the air and it'd be back to work again."

Tobruk shuddered under months of heavy raids. Overall, the 2/48th suffered 160 casualties, including 38 men killed and another 18 who died of their wounds. Bill's leg was seriously cut by barbed wire but he refused hospital treatment.

He left Tobruk in October 1941 aboard the HMS Kingston and after some leave, was sent to Syria and Lebanon.

"By this time, the Germans had come down and they had taken Tobruk, that we'd held for a while and then they kept coming. I thought this was going to end up in the desert again," Bill thought. "So we came back down through Syria through Palestine and into Egypt – on July 10, 1942, we had our first battle in a place called Tel El Eisa, which became known as the first battle of Alamein."

"The tanks came through – 40 or 50 of them and we were on top of a hill and they came down, all around and all over us. We managed to beat them off. So they came again the next night and we beat them off again."

Victory at El Alamein was secured but the losses were great - the 2/48th suffered a further 344 casualties, including 98 killed.

After the war, Bill joined the Rats of Tobruk Association in South Australia, commemorating the three battalions - 2/10th, 2/43rd and 2/48th.

The above information was supplied by ADAM HOLMES on the Virtual War Memorial website.



The Call Goes Out

Visitors to the sub-branch over the last 12 months may have noticed the additions to our collection of military memorabilia on display in the foyer, on the walls in the hall, in the pool room and rear passageway walls.

From the dressed mannequins in the new front foyer cabinets to items in the new and refurbished pool room cabinets, through to additional photographs mounted in the pool room and passageway, slowly the sub-branch collections are being brought out of storage and put on display. Items included date from the Boer War to modern day.

Some are everyday items used by troops in action while others are souvenirs from their travels or tributes to commemorate their service. There are some interesting documents related to 20th century conflicts that are well worth a read. Along with hats, newspapers and munitions there are some particularly interesting weapons and other items carried by soldiers.

The TV screens and projector show military equipment and video of different battles.

On the wall of the bar are frames holding collections of badges and patches from the various services.

As there is more space available in one of these frames the sub-branch is putting out a call for donations of any service insignias that could be added. These can be military or associated service patches or badges.

It is hoped to finalise the framed displays before this year's ANZAC Day commemorative events.

So please bring these items to the club on a Friday night and leave them with the bar staff or members of the committee.

Donations of other items, for inclusion in the display cabinets, are also welcome.

Thank you to those members and friends who have already so kindly donated items that help paint a picture of life in the services during times of conflict and in peacetime.

The Little Shed on the Patio

Once there was a little shed that stood all alone on the patio at the RSL Sub-Branch in Morphett Vale.

Its contents included; stacks of chairs, a lawn mower, barbeque, outdoor umbrella, assorted gardening tools and old display cabinets.

Frank used to visit from time to time and then Gerald was the only one who came by to use the lawn mower and garden tools.

But that all changed when Uncle Gordon and Uncle Rob purchased a new shed, just like itself, to place alongside to store the Youth Vigil tents and other equipment.

How lucky it was to have some unused grant money to cover the cost of this purchase. This also meant a change of scenery for the little shed, that was moved towards the back fence and rotated so its opening faced the clubrooms. Some of the contents, that were no longer in a usable condition, were removed and it was re-secured to the cement slab.

For three or four weeks the little shed had lots of company. Teams of volunteers put the new shed together from many pieces that came in two large cardboard boxes.

Although some of the language was a bit 'colourful' the little shed enjoyed the weekly visits and the excitement of seeing the new construction come to life.

Now with shelving added the new shed was ready to receive its valuable contents that were being relocated from the large storage shed.

How wonderful it was to have a neighbour with which to share the back yard. Even if they are a bit younger and look a bit smarter, in their fawn coloured coat.

Both the little sheds now look forward to serving the sub-branch for many years to come.



Weekend away with Ron and Jarrad

After finally getting our Opus Camper working properly, Jarrad and I decided that we have a few days off and get out in the countryside and explore and relax. We have been to Wirrina Cove Caravan Park a few times but we decided to go somewhere different.

One of our members mentioned a place called Camp Andrew Russell at Alawoona. Camp Andrew Russell is a Veterans Retreat operated by Veterans for Veterans.

The camp is approximately 1.2km south of Alawoona on the Lameroo Road, as you head south just look for the big white tractor tyre with CAR painted on it, turn right, follow the track into the camp.



The Camp Kitchen and Dining Room



'Home Sweet Home'

The camp has a kitchen and dining room facility and a generator shed toilet and showers with hot and cold running water. There are marked out campsites to set up caravans or tents. There is also a caravan with 3 beds inside. There is not much to do there but at \$5/vehicle/night it is a good place to stay. Another bonus for those who like to take their fur babies along with them the camp is pet friendly.



Jarrad Sets Up



"I guess this will have to do"

The Camp is about 25 minutes driving time from the thriving metropolis of Loxton, where you will find a big river to fish in and parks and gardens to go to as well as 24hr fuel and bakery and supermarket. But for just sheer relaxation, peace and quiet, the camp is the place to be.



'How's the serenity?'



Packed up ready for home

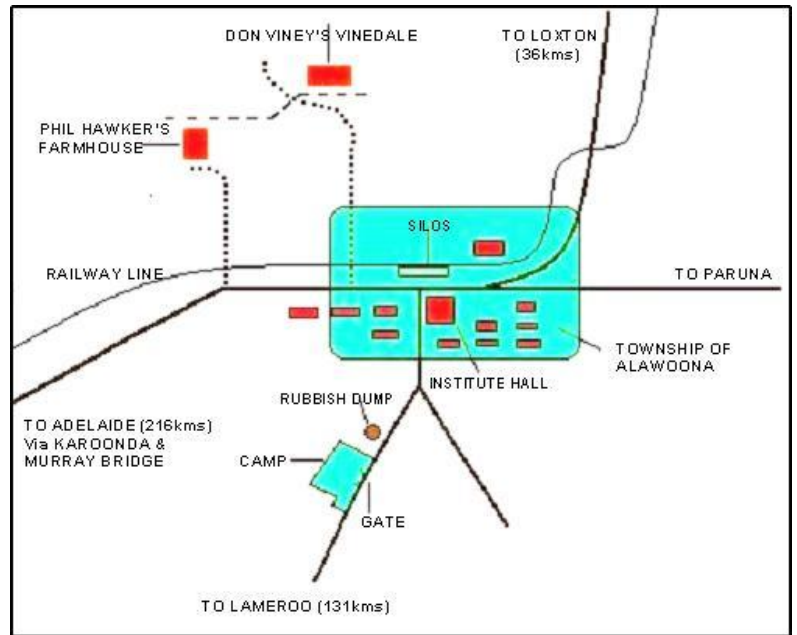
We spent 3 nights there 2 weeks ago and will be going back for another week in a couple of weeks.

We enjoyed the peace and quiet of Camp Andrew Russell and we hope you do too.

About Camp Russell Facilities

Camp Sites are available at any time. A Camp kitchen with gas stove, potbelly for warmth, and running water (to be used sparingly), bathroom block with toilets and shower are available for your use. There is no camp caretaker on site. The generator powers the ablutions block and the camp kitchen. Personal generators or other power source will be needed to supply power to your caravan or tent and are to be shut down at 2300 hours unless needed for medical reasons. Fire extinguishers are located in the camp kitchen and the generator shed. Dogs are allowed as long as they are under control by their owners.

Firewood is supplied. The tank water behind the camp kitchen is suitable to drink but, to be on the safe side, it can be boiled before use. The tap over the kitchen sink has a high flow at night, because the pump is powered by the generator, at other times the flow is slower.



The Evolution of Camp Andrew Russell

In about 2002, the idea of a camp was born. Don Viney, of "Vinedale" at Alawoona, offered the VORG ten to fifteen acres of scrub, sand and a lot of weeds for our use to build a 'camp'.

Eighteen months ago caravan/camping sites were cut in and a track to allow the passage of caravans.

A long drop toilet was manufactured, transported, the hole dug and the long drop positioned for our use.

The 'Camp Kitchen' initially a tarpaulin stretched between trees was replaced with one of iron sheets.

A small unit with a shower and toilet was donated, loaded onto a trailer and moved to the camp area.

Partners, now heavily involved, shifted rocks for the soakage pit and a provisional fireplace was built.

Water tanks were put in place and a road suitable for all types of vehicles and caravans was built.

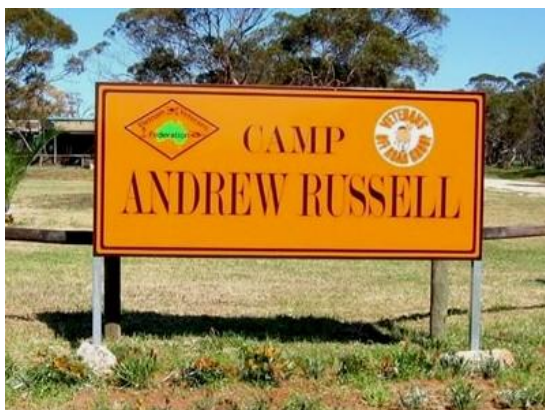
The memorial and flagpoles were fixed into position with the cross also put into place.

Gardens were constructed with statues of soldiers fixed into position.

Trees, lawn and rye were planted to provide a stable base to keep the sand together.

Signage was placed into position, fencing was erected and solar lights and a generator installed.

On 28th October 2005 the dedication and opening of "Camp Andrew Russell" was attended by almost 100. This was a momentous occasion for all that had worked so hard to bring this idea of a camp to reality.



CAMP ANDREW RUSSELL - Alawoona, SA

This camp was built by Veterans for Veterans in honour of Sgt Andrew Russell the first Aussie to make the Supreme Sacrifice in Afghanistan and is for all that have served and their families, friends and others.

Do you have a Caravan/Tent/swag and you want to spend a few days away from the Crowded/Noisy, City/Suburb for the Peace and Quiet of the Australian Country/Bush?

Well, Camp Andrew Russell is for you. Contact the Office Manager at VVFSa HQ ring 82962411 or Email vvfsa@tpg.com.au, or contact Bob Haslett on 0429166186

<https://www.vvfsa.org.au/camp-andrew-russell-2/>



NEWS from Sub-Branch Meeting Minutes

- A reminder that if members wish to qualify for the for the Hall Hire ‘member discount’, they must be financial members at both the time the event is booked and when it takes place.
- Following a successful Bangka Day at the Women’s Memorial Playing Fields, the Women’s Auxiliary has decided to become a supporting ‘Friend’ of the playing fields for \$10 per annum. Benefits include an official invitation to Bangka Day celebrations.
- The capacity of the RSL Sub-Branch is confirmed as 300, which includes the total property and car park, as per the new Liquor License area. We are yet to receive our new licence and licenced area for display.
- The windows and doors in the foyer have been tinted to reduce the glare at sunset and on sunny days. The Women’s Auxiliary have covered the cost of \$450.00.
- Lance Reeves has organised a collection box to be placed on the bar for donations to be made towards the Kangaroo Island Mayor’s bushfire relief appeal.
- Bricks on the back corner of the Sub-Branch building have been fixed by Steve Mandalik and additional work around the building will be completed in due course.
- President Ron obtained a quantity of gospel booklets on a recent interstate trip. Over 24 million of these were distributed to Australian combatants during World War I. They were used for private contemplation and devotions and to conduct religious services for small groups of soldiers and officers, prior to entering into action. The booklet had a space for a soldier to write their name and many casualties were often identified by the name in this booklet. Although the ones obtained by Ron are only replica re-prints, they are based on the original format and content. A copy has been placed on display in the memorabilia showcase.
- Starting on Monday April 20th RSL Committee and General Meetings will be moving to Monday nights, in response to a request from BSAC to move their meetings from Mondays to Tuesdays.



Change of Address or Personal Information

If you have not already advised the Membership Officer, Dierdre Owen, of any change to your personal contact details please update them on the slip below and either post to, RSL Morphett Vale Sub-Branch, PO Box 239, Morphett Vale 5162 or email the information to deeowen1@bigpond.com

This is the only way we can be sure that you receive the Sub-Branch Newsletters and other communications.

Surname	
Given Names (in full)	
Current (or new) Address (Street, Suburb and Postcode)	
PO Box Address (if applicable)	
Telephone Number	
Mobile Phone Number	
Email Address	

Sub-Branch Supporters

There are a number of businesses in our area that provide on-going support to our Sub-Branch and have done so over a long period of time. We are grateful for this support and would urge our members in return to support these local businesses.

Allbiz Supplies Pty. Ltd. - 125O'SullivanBeachRoad, LONSDALE SA 5160

Phone - 8326 2899 Email - stat@allbizsupplies.biz



Allbiz have been one of our long-standing supporters providing our stationery and printing needs. The staff at Allbiz, headed by Di Bellamy, are always friendly and most helpful. The next time that you require anything in the way of stationery, printing, or even office furniture, then call in and see Di and her team. You won't be sorry.

Buds and Blooms - Shop 5, 17-23 Main South Road, REYNELLA SA 5161

Phone - 8326 3664 Email - budsandblooms@interfloraflorist.com.au



Buds and Blooms, a family owned and award winning florist, has been established for 23 years. For a good many years now they have supplied all of the Sub- Branch wreaths for the ANZAC Dawn Service and Remembrance Day Service as well as other floral arrangements as required. Pop in to Buds and Blooms and speak to the friendly staff the next time you require a bouquet or other floral arrangement

Morphett Vale Butcher - Shop 2, 206 Main South Road, MORPHETT VALE SA 5162

Phone - 8382 3159.



Morphett Vale Butcher is a family owned business which has been operating since 2011. For 75 years it operated under only two owners. In 2011 Chris and Amy purchased the shop which has since been revamped and now sells a larger variety of products. Morphett Vale Butcher supplies the meat trays for our raffles at generously discounted prices. Do yourself a favour and pay them a visit.

Delights Lighting Store - 196 Main South Road, MORPHETT VALE SA 5162

Phone - 8382 3159.



Smarten-up your home with new technology or update your lighting décor. DeLights provide the largest range of lighting and ceiling fans on display in Australia. This includes; living, kitchen, dining, garden, wall, vanity, table, floor or children's lighting. We also wish to thank them for donating items for our annual raffle.

Sub-Branch Supporters

Horndale Distillery & Wine Cellars, 41-45 Fraser Avenue, HAPPY VALLEY SA 5159

Phone - 8387 0033 Email - oldhorndale@hotmail.com (also on Facebook)



Horndale Distillery and Wine Cellars were first established in 1896. The current owners, the Albrecht Family, purchased the business in 1984. Horndale has a fine selection of red, white, sparkling and fortified wines, many MEDAL WINNERS. To find the right wine for that special occasion come in and speak to the wine maker, Phil Albrecht, taste a few from their range and ask his advice.

RSL Members, upon production of their membership card, will receive a special discount.

Crown Inn Hotel, Old South Road, OLD REYNELLA SA 5161

Phone - 8381 1319 Email - info.crown@gmhotels.com.au



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Dates for these are announced regularly on Friday nights at the Sub-Branch.

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Sub-Branch Supporter

Debbie Glastonbury, 52 Hillier Rd, MORPHETT VALE SA 5162

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Many years in sales lead has given Debbie a successful career in real estate with Magain Real Estate.

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Lawyers take a Bow

A lawyer died and arrived at the pearly gates. To his dismay, there were thousands of people ahead of him in line to see St. Peter. But to his great surprise, St. Peter left his desk at the gate and came down the long line to where the lawyer was, and greeted him warmly.

Then St. Peter and one of his assistants took the lawyer and guided him up to the front of the line, and into a comfortable chair by St. Peter's desk. The lawyer said, "I don't mind all this attention, but what makes me so special?" St. Peter replied, "Well, I've added up all the hours for which you billed your clients, and by my calculation you must be fully 287 years old!"

A man was sent to Hell for his sins. As he was being taken to his place of eternal torment, he passed a room where a lawyer was having an intimate conversation with a beautiful young woman. "What a rip-off," the man muttered. "I have to roast for all eternity, and that lawyer gets to spend it with a beautiful woman." Jabbing the man with his pitchfork, the escorting demon snarled, "Who are you to question that woman's punishment?"

An Italian lawyer and an Irishman are sitting next to each other on a long flight.

The lawyer is thinking that Irishmen are so dumb that he could put something over on them easily...So the lawyer asks if the Irishman would like to play a fun game.

The Irishman is tired and just wants to take a nap, so he politely declines and tries to catch a few winks.

The Italian lawyer persists and says that the game is a lot of fun. I ask you a question, and if you don't know the answer, you pay me only \$5.00 then you ask me one, and if I don't know the answer, I will pay you \$500.00, he says. This catches the Irishman's attention and to keep the lawyer quiet, he agrees to play the game.

The lawyer asks the first question. 'What's the distance from The Earth to the Moon?'

The Irishman doesn't say a word, reaches in his pocket pulls out a five dollar note and hands it to the lawyer.

Now, it's the Irishman's turn.

He asks the lawyer, 'What goes up a hill with three legs, and comes down with four?'

The lawyer uses his laptop and searches all references he could find on Google. He sends e-mails to all the smart friends he knows, all to no avail.

After over an hour of searching, he finally gives up. He wakes up the Irishman and hands him \$500.00.

The Irishman pockets the \$500.00 and goes right back to sleep.

The lawyer is going nuts not knowing the answer. He wakes the Irishman up and asks, 'Well, so what goes up a hill with three legs and comes down with four?'

The Irishman reaches in his pocket, hands the lawyer \$5.00 and goes back to sleep.



Dates for your Calendar

RSL Committee and General Meetings on Mondays from April 20th

April

Tuesday	7	7.30pm Sub-Branch/Auxiliary General Meetings
Friday	10	Good Friday (Sub-Branch closed)
Sunday	19	2.30pm ANZAC Sunday Commemorative Service (Sub Branch) CANCELLED
Monday	20	Schnitzel Night at the Crown Inn, Reynella, to aid RSL
Monday	20	7.30pm Sub-Branch Committee Meeting
Friday	24	8.15pm ANZAC Youth Vigil in the South (Memorial Gardens) CANCELLED
Saturday	25	6.00am ANZAC Day Dawn Service (Memorial Gardens) CANCELLED 6.00am ANZAC Day Dawn Service , RSL Sub-Branch (RSL Members ONLY) Gunfire Breakfast (after Dawn Service), RSL Sub-Branch (RSL Members ONLY)
Sunday	26	Digger Day - Football match, Happy Valley Oval POSTPONED

May

Monday	4	7.30pm Sub-Branch/Auxiliary General Meetings
Friday	8	Mothers/Grandmothers theme night
Monday	18	7.30pm Sub-Branch Committee Meeting

June

Monday	1	Schnitzel Night at the Crown Inn, Reynella, to aid RSL
Monday	1	7.30pm Sub-Branch/Auxiliary General Meetings
Saturday	13	7.00pm Sub-Branch Quiz Night
Monday	15	7.30pm Sub-Branch Committee Meeting

July

Monday	6	7.30pm Sub-Branch/Auxiliary General Meetings
Monday	20	7.30pm Sub-Branch Committee Meeting

August

Monday	3	7.30pm Sub-Branch/Auxiliary General Meetings
Saturday	15	Veterans Day activity (TBC)
Monday	17	7.30pm Sub-Branch Committee Meeting
Saturday	22	6.00pm Sub-Branch Annual Dinner

September

Monday	7	7.30pm Sub-Branch/Auxiliary General Meetings
Friday	4	Father's Day theme night
Monday	21	7.30pm Sub-Branch Committee Meeting

October

Monday	5	7.30pm Sub-Branch/Auxiliary General Meetings
Monday	19	7.30pm Sub-Branch Committee Meeting