

Returned and Services League Morphett Vale and District Sub-Branch Inc.

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“The Price of Liberty is Eternal Vigilance”

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Due to government restrictions on public gatherings related to the COVID-19 Corona Virus there will be no public ANZAC Dawn Service held this year at the Onkaparinga Memorial Gardens, on South Road, Morphett Vale.

Instead a smaller gathering will be held on the Morphett Vale Sub-Branch premises. Further details are inside this newsletter.

Similarly restrictions on cadet, youth and service organisations means the Youth Vigil in the South will also be held, this ANZAC Eve, within the Sub-Branch grounds.

Anzac Day 2021 at the National War Memorial

On April 25th the Australian War Memorial will host the Anzac Day National Ceremony. Commemorations will take place onsite at the Australian War Memorial. Staff are working with ACT Health and other stakeholders to finalise details of the activities.

The ceremony will follow the traditional order of service including the veterans' march coordinated by the ACT branch of the Returned and Services League of Australia (RSL), a Commemorative Address, wreath laying, hymns, the sounding of the Last Post, observance of one minute's silence, and the national anthems of Australia and New Zealand.

Early ANZAC Commemorations

In 1916 the first ANZAC Day commemorations were held on 25 April. The day, that marks the anniversary of the landing of ANZAC troops at Gallipoli, was marked by a wide variety of ceremonies and services across Australia, a march through London, and a sports day in the Australian camp in Egypt. In London more than 2,000 Australian and New Zealand troops marched through the streets; a London newspaper headline dubbed them "the knights of Gallipoli". Marches were held all over Australia; in the Sydney March convoys of cars carried soldiers wounded on Gallipoli and their nurses. For the remaining years of the war Anzac Day was used as an occasion for patriotic rallies and recruiting campaigns, and parades of serving members of the AIF were held in most cities.

Visit our Facebook page for the latest news and RSL related issues: www.facebook.com/morphettvalersl
or the RSL web site for pictures and information about Sub-Branch activities: www.rslmorphettvale.com.au

From the President's Desk

Hi All

Welcome back to another year. 2021 is looking to be a far better year for the Sub-Branch than last year (what year was that?) We, your committee, at the Sub-Branch are working hard to bring together some activities and fundraising events to make our Sub-Branch more financially viable. We already have plans for a couple of events in hand and will be seeking YOUR support to make these events successful.

Other events that are being planned are the ANZAC Day Dawn Service, the ANZAC Youth Vigil in the South and the Commemorative Church Service.



ANZAC Commemorations

This year due to the Corona Virus, we will be conducting these commemorative services at our Sub-Branch with attendances capped at 500. This number will include the Youth Vigil participants, Sub-Branch members and invited guests. The general public will have the opportunity to book the remaining tickets through Eventbrite.

Jarrad, our hard working Secretary, will need to know if you intend to attend these events, so he can book the tickets for you. The Commemorative Church Service will be held at 1420hrs on Sunday 18 April 2021. This event is also capped at 100 invited guests and members; this number also includes the band. If Jarrad has not already contacted you regarding your attendance, please let him know of your intentions regarding attending these events.

Fundraising

Our fundraising program is going ahead with the Sub-Branch members having now completed 3 Bunnings sausage Sizzles and raising over \$3,000 for the Sub-Branch. Some of this money has been reinvested into equipment for the sausage sizzles. The Sub-Branch is now the proud owner of 2 portable fridge/freezer units to keep the sausages and onions frozen or chilled to the required temperature for food hygiene purposes. We have purchased other small BBQ items to assist with the fundraising event. By the time this newsletter reaches you, we would have conducted our 4th sausage sizzle at Bunnings Noarlunga. We have a good group of volunteers helping out but it would be great to have some more helpers. Once again if you feel you can help with the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle please contact Jarrad.

Sub-Branch Improvements

Maintenance of the Sub-Branch is a never ending issue and at this point we are diligently working towards clearing the fence of the northern boundary of the Olive trees. In doing this we have found that the actual fence is in a bad state of repair. However, our much loved Dierdre Owen is donating some Lattice work to help cover the damaged area of fencing and we should have the fence line and the fence cleaned and repaired in time for ANZAC Day. There will be plenty of working parties to get the Sub-Branch up and cleaned in time for this important week of commemoration.

We have also been asked to participate in commemorative services in the community at the Reynella Lodge retirement village and the Emu's Football club. We are hoping to increase our Community involvement throughout the coming years.

Other Happenings

This last Australia Day, a group of us attended the City of Onkaparinga Australia Day Breakfast, held at Colonnades.

It was a great time and we hope to see you there next year.



Jarrad, James Bowles and his wife Sue attended the Australia Day celebrations at the Ahmadiyya Muslim Association. Their Imam, Fareed, met me and our group and we were provided our own host for the event. I was asked to give a short speech and present two awards, one for Educational achievement and one for Humanitarian activities. This was followed by a very nice meal of traditional Pakistan foods that were both rich in flavour and some were very well spiced.

In my discussions with Fareed, we talked about the possibility of our two organisations working together on some mutually beneficial community projects. We'll see how it goes.

Coming up, we have the Badge sales for ANZAC Day; we will be having an ANZAC Day sausage sizzle at Bunnings Noarlunga on Saturday 17th April 2021. We will also be having Badge sales at the same time, in the same space. Please see Dierdre for more info on what times and dates are available to assist in the Badge Day sales.

Please remember that the Sub-Branch is only as strong as the support that it receives from its members, so please try to assist with activities or at least participate in events when they are planned, so that those who are doing the hard yards can see the value of what they are doing for you, the Members!

Ron Payne

President, RSL Morphett Vale and Districts Sub-Branch.

Boost in Support for Veteran Mental Health

Mental health providers, social workers and community nursing providers who provide vital services to our veteran community are set to receive a boost in funding from the Australian Government with an increase in fees from Monday, 1 February 2021.

Minister for Veterans' Affairs Darren Chester said the Government committed \$94.3 million in the Budget to increase fees paid to mental health, social work and community nursing providers, and ensure continued high quality care for our veterans and their families.

"Maintaining competitive fees for these mental health and community support providers will enable better outcomes for our veterans and their families, and encourage providers to continue to offer services to support members of the veteran community through challenging times," Mr Chester said.

"It was crucial that the Government continues to deliver positive change to boost support for veterans' mental health and wellbeing, particularly as we navigate a global pandemic.

"This Government has invested in the veterans' affairs portfolio year-on-year and will continue to do so to ensure we are putting veterans and their families first, including by regularly examining the fees paid to providers for health services."

The \$94.3 million over four years to improve mental health outcomes and ensure high quality care for our older veterans and their families, and to better support their transition to civilian life by increasing fees paid to mental health, social work and community nursing providers.

"I would like to acknowledge the ongoing advocacy by ex-service organisations and peak bodies who work with us in partnership to ensure our veterans and their families have access to world-class care and support," Mr Chester said.

"For any veteran out there who may be struggling, I encourage you to reach out for help. Support is always available."

More information on mental health support available through DVA is available at dva.gov.au.

For support, Open Arms Veterans & Families Counselling provides free and confidential support for current and ex-serving ADF personnel and their families. Help is available 24/7 on 1800 011 046 (international: +61 1800 011 046 or +61 8 8241 4546) or visit www.OpenArms.gov.au

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.

ANZAC Day Activities for 2021

- **Sunday Commemorative & Dawn Service**

Scheduled for Sunday April 18th at the Sub-Branch, this annual service has been held for over 90 years, with the support of the Glenelg Brass Band. The Service starts at 1430Hrs (2:30pm) with a March in of Service Members. On conclusion of the service a light luncheon will be served by the members of the Women's Auxiliary.

- **ANZAC Preparations 2021**

As the ANZAC Dawn Service will now be held in the Sub-Branch car park the hall and grounds need to be configured for dinner on Friday night, the Youth Vigil on Saturday night, and Dawn Service and Gunfire breakfast on Sunday morning. We will be looking for help from sub-branch members on Friday night to reset the hall and Saturday afternoon to set up chairs and tables in the outside areas.

- **Youth Vigil**

The ANZAC Youth Vigil in the South will also be held at the Sub-Branch this year.

Members of cadet and community youth groups, with their leaders, will gather at the Sub-Branch and a BBQ dinner will be served by the Kiwanis Club around 5.30pm.

The first group of young people, who stand guard throughout the night at the memorial set up around the Contemplation Garden, take their positions shortly after dinner and various groups change places, until the commencement of the ANZAC Dawn Service.

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. Entry to the Youth Vigil will be by TICKET only for RSL members and members of the public. Tickets are available through Eventbrite ticket service, just search ANZAC Youth Vigil in the South or use this link: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/anzac-youth-vigil-in-the-south-vigil-tickets-143016531295>

- **Dawn Service and Gunfire Breakfast**

This is scheduled for 6.00am on Sunday April 25th at the Sub-Branch. Entrance to the event will be for **TICKET HOLDERS ONLY**. Members please notify the Secretary, should you wish to obtain a ticket. 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. Members of the public can obtain tickets through Eventbrite ticket service, just search RSL Morphett Vale Dawn Service or use this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/rsl-morphett-vale-dawn-service-tickets-140003798129>

We have capped the event at 500 attendees to comply with COVID restrictions and also to allow the ease of control of the number of people.

- **Digger Day SA 2021**

The Digger Day commemorations and football match are scheduled to take place at Flagstaff Hill football ground on Saturday 24th April. 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 2020 Grand Final.

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



Afternoon Tea at Government House

This year the location for Bangka Day commemorations, marking the Anniversary of the Radji Beach Massacre, where six Australian nurses were among a group of allied soldiers and nurses that were massacred during WWII, was changed to Government House.

Normally the event is marked with a gathering and afternoon tea at the Women's Memorial Playing Fields, St. Marys.

Pictured in attendance are Morphett Vale RSL members, Rosemary Beattie and Women's Auxiliary members, Bev Hillman, Sandy Wheaton and Dierdre Owen.

(Photo by Elaine Winter)

Due Process must be Assured in ADF Investigation

The Returned & Services League of Australia (RSL) says that, despite the horrific and reprehensible allegations, all personnel suspected of alleged war crimes in Afghanistan are entitled to due process and this must be assured in the pending further investigations.

This follows the release of the Inspector-General's report and the investigation by New South Wales' Justice Paul Brereton into alleged unlawful killings and other possible breaches of the laws of armed conflict. The RSL views the allegations as extremely serious but speculation has already impacted adversely on veterans who served in Afghanistan, the vast majority of whom are in no way involved in the alleged conduct.

RSL National President Greg Melick said the organisation was aware of the significant strain this matter had placed on all veterans and their families. The further investigations must ensure that service personnel are treated with procedural fairness, in accordance with due process and not pre-judged.

"Australian Defence Force (ADF) personnel serve in a unique and highly challenging environment and the allegations, resulting inquiry, report, subsequent announcements and media speculation have caused considerable distress and mental health concerns. The RSL is committed to supporting all serving and ex-serving members of the ADF through the provision of wellbeing and general support to veterans and their families. We encourage any former or serving personnel suffering adverse impacts and distress to immediately contact their local RSL Sub-Branch for direction to access wellbeing and other support services or call Open Arms on 1800 011 046," General Melick said.

Recently the **RSL Facebook** page <http://facebook.com/morphettvalersl/> has been introducing members of our RSL Sub-Branch committee and Women's Auxiliary, giving readers an opportunity to get to know them better. Thanks to Kerrie Doudle some of those profiles have now been included in this newsletter.

Sub-Branch Personality Profile

Name - Ron Payne.

Position - President of the RSL Morphett Vale and Districts Sub-Branch.

3 words that describe you - Happy, Kind and Caring.

Why you volunteer - to assist my fellow veterans and help in our local community.

Your hero - my Mum, she has raised 5 sons nearly on her own and now is struggling valiantly against the effects of aging.

Favourite singer - probably John Farnham.

Proudest accomplishments - my three sons, closely followed by my marriage to the love of my life.

Most favourite meal - anything prepared for me by my better half, especially bangers and mash.

Bucket list - I would really love to attend the Dawn service at Lone Pine.

Something people don't know about you - Mmm, I am pretty much an open book. What you see is what you get. But, I am a person who enjoys watching the political machinations of others.



ANZAC Badge Sales

The week leading up to ANZAC Day is traditionally a time that RSLs raise funds for veteran care through the sale of badges. Members of the community also look forward to donating to this cause each year.

In order to conduct this activity volunteers are required to sell badges at various locations.

All the equipment used and badge stocks are delivered and set-up by Sub-Branch members. If you are able to assist with this task please contact Dierdre Owen on 0438 384 729 or at deewen1@bigpond.com

Southern Volunteer Recognised

Many volunteers have worked incredibly hard during the health crisis, while others have had to pause their efforts to keep themselves and their loved ones safe.

Federal Member for Kingston, Amanda Rishworth, believes volunteers have been essential to supporting our community during this difficult time, which is why once again this year she has made presentations to recognise exceptional service by volunteers in the South.

Mark Wheaton, who makes a valuable contribution to the RSL, South Adelaide Football Club and other organisations, is one of the volunteers who has been recognised with a **Southern Suburbs Volunteer Service Award**.

A ceremony for family members was held to celebrate the service provided to our community by these dedicated volunteers. Mark's award was re-presented recently at the Sub-Branch by President Ron in front of members.

Volunteers like Mark make a valuable contribution to our community and deserve to be recognised for the wonderful services they provide.



Sub-Branch Personality Profile

Name - James (Jim) Bowles.

Position - Vice President of the RSL Morphett Vale and Districts Sub-Branch.

3 words that describe you - Gentleman, Loyal and my wife Sue says Naughty.

Why you volunteer - community minded and enjoy helping others. I have always volunteered in many different organizations.

Your hero - Uncle Art with whom I lived at the age of 3 and 4 years. I realised many many years later I learned a lot of life's skills from him.

Proudest accomplishments - winning my first Queens Badge at SA State shooting.

Favourite singer - Jimmy Barnes and Cold Chisel.

Most favourite meal - anything Asian.

Bucket list - to drive the Big Loop Highway 1 around Australia.

Something people don't know about you - a gentleman never tells.



Quick Laughs

I took my new girlfriend out on our first date to the ice rink, and entry was half price. She called me a cheap skate.
 Studies show cows produce more milk when the farmer talks to them. It's a case of in one ear and out the udder.
 An invisible man married an invisible woman. The kids were nothing to look at either.
 I'm really good friends with 25 letters of the alphabet... but I don't know Y.
 A Roman man walks in to a bar and holds up two fingers and says five beers please.
 I told my carpenter I didn't want carpeted steps. He gave me a blank stair.
 I didn't think the chiropractor would improve my posture. But I stand corrected.



RSL Morphett Vale Women's Auxiliary APRIL FUNDRAISER 2021

Please join us and Sam from Fifth Avenue Jewellery Collection for some



Bubbles and Bling

SUNDAY 11th of APRIL - 1.00pm to 4.00pm

Gold coin donation entry

Nibbles will be provided and bar will be open.

Bring along a friend or two to try on quality pieces of jewellery at affordable prices !

Fifth Avenue feature Swarovski Crystals, Cubic Zirconias, and genuine gemstones and pride themselves on offering allergy free jewellery with an exclusive lifetime warranty.

Please help us put the "fun" into fundraising by sending your **RSVP to Sandy 0417 220 349** and spoil yourselves with some stunning pieces, or even purchase a gift for your mum for Mother's Day, gift wrapped with love.

Sam will donate \$10 for each Jewellery Party booking (home or Facebook party) PLUS 10% of all sales to the RSL Women's Auxiliary funds.

Check out the sort of items that will be on offer at: <https://au.fifthavenuecollection.com/sgregory>



National Network of Mental Health First Aiders

Australians who support veterans and their families are being trained as 'Mental Health First Aiders' through free training offered by Open Arms Veterans & Families Counselling and ex-service organisations around the country. Minister for Veterans' Affairs Darren Chester says, "Family members, friends and colleagues are often the first to notice subtle changes in someone's behaviour and training in Mental Health First Aid or suicide intervention equips them with the skills and confidence to identify signs, start a conversation and encourage them to seek professional help."

Open Arms offers a variety of free training opportunities to those seeking to help family, friends, co-workers or others in the veteran community, including suicide intervention and mental health literacy workshops. To find out more call 1800 011 046 or visit <http://www.openarms.gov.au>

Sub-Branch Personality Profile

Name - Bev Hillman.

Position - Women's Auxiliary committee member.

3 words that describe you - Short, Cuddly & Cute.

Why you volunteer - it is a good thing to do to give back.

Your hero - Agent Leroy Jethro Gibbs from the TV show NCIS (Naval Criminal Investigative Service).

Favourite singer - The Bachelors & Elvis.

Proudest accomplishments - my children.

Most favourite meal - Chinese food.

Bucket list - done with my trip to Bathurst 2015 to the V8 motor races.

Something people don't know about you - Nothing my life is an open book.



Two senior ladies met for the first time since graduating from high school. One asked the other, " you were always so organized in school, did you manage to live a well-planned life? "

"Oh yes", said her friend. " My first marriage was to a millionaire, my second marriage was to an actor, my third marriage was to a preacher and now I'm married to an undertaker."

Her friend asked, " What do those marriages have to do with a well-planned life? "

" One for the money - two for the show - three to get ready - and four to go."

'Open Mic' at Morphett Vale RSL

Sunday March 14 is set to be a great day of entertainment and relaxation. The bar will be open and 'nibble platters' are available, only if pre-ordered. Entry is by gold coin Donation.

Play an instrument or love to sing? Come along. A backing band will be there to support you on stage.

Singing not your thing? That's OK we need an audience too, so grab your friends and book your seats.

To keep things COVID friendly bookings are essential. So call Steve on 0409 710 214 to secure your spot.

Pre-order your 'nibbles platter' by contacting Dierdre (0438 384 729) or Sandy (0417 220 349).

Sub-Branch Personality Profile

Name - Dierdre Owen.

Position - Sub-Branch Membership Officer and Treasurer for the Women's Auxiliary.

3 words that describe you - Caring, Loyal and Friendly.

Why you volunteer - volunteering has been part of my life since my children reached school age right through to today. It is my way of expressing my love and respect for those people and organisations I am proud to have in my life.

Your hero - I don't know if I actually call it hero worship, but my Dad would be number one. He taught me to always be proud of my achievements no matter how small. Number 2 would be my late husband Frank who loved me unconditionally, even my faults.

Proudest accomplishments - receiving the Medal of the Order of Australia for Services to the Veteran's Community and Women's Lacrosse.

Favourite singer - Charlie Pride.

Most favourite meal - steak and salad would be the one meal I would like to eat forever.

Bucket list - I would love to go on the train trip from Adelaide to Brisbane.

Something people don't know about you - I was a Women's Lacrosse umpire for 20 years, gaining International Accreditation.



A Chance to Give Back to Your Sub-Branch

The Morphett Vale RSL is like any other community group, trying to operate under continuing increases in operating expenses. One way to keep some of these costs down is to ask for volunteers to assist with tasks that have previously been conducted by business contractors.

Although professional cleaners are employed on a periodic basis to service the kitchen equipment and do major cleaning of windows, floor coverings and the like, each week a number of member couples have been attending the Sub-Branch over the weekend to vacuum, dust, sanitise and tidy the venue for use during the coming week.

It is not hard work and takes about one hour to complete the tasks required, with all cleaning supplies, equipment, access to the premises and an outline of what is to be done provided.

Currently there are only 3 teams involved. It would be nice to recruit other cleaning volunteers in order to reduce the work load and rostered shifts to once every 5 to 6 weeks.

If you could spare a little time to help with the cleaning of the Sub-Branch premises please contact Sandy Wheaton on 0417 220 349 or at sandmarkw@icloud.com

Thank You.



NEWS from Sub-Branch Meeting Minutes

- In order to allow the catering staff time to prepare and set up for cooking and serving meals, we are requesting that members and visitors do not line up to place orders until the pool room doors are opened after 6:00pm on Friday nights.
- The name of 'RAAF Association Adelaide' has been changed to 'Air Force Association' to make the organisation more encompassing, by including allied air force personnel from e.g. RNZAF, RAF etc.
- Damage to one of the entrance bollard lights has been repaired and modifications have been made by Mark Wheaton to both, to make them more visible.
- Lattice work has now been erected on the Northern fence line to hide the rubbish from next door. President Ron Payne would like to express his thanks to Mark Wheaton and Rob Winter for their efforts in doing the work and also the women's auxiliary for their financial assistance in this project.
- Capt. Jenny Rowley OC 40 ACU has advised that both her and husband Ian have stepped down from the ACU as at December 2020.
- The Digital Honour Board was provided to the Noarlunga Library for display on their video screen to commemorate Remembrance Day 2020.
- Member Notices have been moved to a new area near the pool room kitchen door.
- The former purple coloured notice board will now be used for display of navy memorabilia.
- 'Service Silhouettes' that were to be placed on the fence line of the outdoor garden area are to be now located on the western (front) fence.
- 'Hazard' tape has been attached to the poles under the entrance porch and they have been painted to highlight their presence.
- We have been successful in obtaining a number of dates for sausage sizzle fundraisers at Bunnings, Noarlunga. Jarrad would like to hear from volunteers able to assist on the days that we have been allocated.

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	

Please also ensure that your membership fees are paid annually.

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. - 1250'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



Situated on Old South Road, Old Reynella, boasting an atmospheric bistro and outdoor dining area, private function area, spacious gaming room, main bar & convenient Cellarbrations drive through bottle shop, the Crown is a characteristic venue in tune with the community. Monday night is community schnitzel night with \$5 from each one served being donated to organisations like the RSL.

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

Visit The Crown Inn and you'll have a great meal and support the RSL.

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Dave Oakley has been a trusted supplier of computer hardware, IT support and advice to the Sub-Branch for many years. He has also arranged for new and replacement equipment along with donating equipment and providing video conferencing services.

Bunnings Hardware, Corner Goldsmith Drive & Beach Road, Noarlunga SA 5168

Phone - 8329 1000



Bunnings are the leading retailer of home improvement and outdoor living products in Australia and a major supplier to project builders, commercial tradespeople and the housing industry.

Their ambition is to provide their customers with the widest range of home improvement products in accordance with a lowest prices policy, backed with the best service.

They support the RSL by donating items to the annual raffles and offering fundraising opportunities at their store.

Sub-Branch Supporter

Debbie Glastonbury, 52 Hillier Rd, MORPHETT VALE SA 5162

Phone - 0432 209 355 Email - debbie@magain.com.au

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

“Connecting with people and helping them achieve their success is such a pleasure.” From first home buyers to those wanting to downsize, Debbie and Magain Real Estate can assist you every step of the way.

A donation is made to the Morphett Vale RSL for any sales referred by members.

Reflecting on Indigenous Military Service

Minister for Veterans’ Affairs and Minister for Defence Personnel Darren Chester has urged us to always remember the legacy and valuable contribution of Australia’s First Nations’ service men and women.

“The contribution of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to our modern military history dates back to the Boer War, over 120 years ago,” Mr Chester said.

Many Indigenous defence personnel have served with distinction, such as Torres Strait Islander, Kapiu Masi Gagai, who was renowned as a skilled boatman and fearless soldier. In late 1943 he was seconded to the 11th Infantry Brigade and took part in a hazardous expedition led by Donald Finlay Fergusson Thomson in Netherlands New Guinea, where he was twice placed in charge of an outpost at Caledon Bay and promoted to acting sergeant. He became an expert Vickers gunner and was praised by Thomson for his sense of responsibility, devotion to duty, leadership, loyalty, selflessness and setting an example to others.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have a proud history of participation in the Australian Defence Force (ADF) that continues today. This is especially true when thinking of the Second World War, in which it is estimated as many as 6,000 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people served. In 2019-20 almost 200 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have participated in Indigenous ADF pre-recruit and development programs.

"We recognise those Indigenous Australians who have donned the uniform and celebrate their achievements, culture, and history," Mr Chester said.

“I encourage all Australians to acknowledge, remember and thank our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander defence personnel and veterans for their service.”

It’s a COVID Crazy World

- 2019: Stay away from negative people. 2020: Stay away from positive people.
- The world has flipped. Old folks are sneaking out of the house and their kids are yelling at them to stay indoors!
- This virus has done what no woman has been able to do. Cancel sports, shut down all bars & keep men at home!
- Never in a million years could you have imagined going up to a bank teller wearing a mask & asking for money!

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Dates for your Calendar

April

Friday	2	Good Friday (Sub-Branch closed)
Monday	5	NO Sub-Branch General Meeting (due to Easter long weekend)
Saturday	17	Bunnings BBQ - Noarlunga Store
Sunday	18	2.30pm ANZAC Sunday Commemorative Service (Sub-Branch)
Monday	19	7.30pm Sub-Branch Committee Meeting
Saturday	24	ANZAC Digger Day - Football match, Happy Valley Oval 8.15pm ANZAC Youth Vigil in the South (RSL Sub-Branch - Ticketed Event)
Sunday	25	6.00am ANZAC Day Dawn Service (RSL Sub-Branch - Ticketed Event) Gunfire Breakfast after Dawn Service (RSL Sub-Branch - Ticketed Event)
Thursday	29	7.00pm Women's Auxiliary Committee Meeting

May

Monday	3	7.30pm Sub-Branch General Meeting
Friday	7	Mothers/Grandmothers theme night
Monday	17	7.30pm Sub-Branch Committee Meeting
Thursday	27	7.00pm Women's Auxiliary Committee Meeting

June

Saturday	5	7.00pm Sub-Branch Quiz Night To Be Confirmed
Monday	7	7.30pm Sub-Branch General Meeting
Monday	21	7.30pm Sub-Branch Committee Meeting
Thursday	24	7.00pm Women's Auxiliary Committee Meeting

July

Monday	5	7.30pm Sub-Branch General Meeting
Monday	19	7.30pm Sub-Branch Committee Meeting
Thursday	29	7.00pm Women's Auxiliary Committee Meeting

August

Monday	2	7.30pm Sub-Branch General Meeting
Monday	16	7.30pm Sub-Branch Committee Meeting
Wednesday	18	Veterans Day activity To Be Confirmed
Saturday	21	6.00pm Sub-Branch Annual Dinner
Thursday	26	7.00pm Women's Auxiliary Committee Meeting

September

Friday	3	Father's Day theme night
Monday	6	7.30pm Sub-Branch General Meeting
Monday	20	7.30pm Sub-Branch Committee Meeting
Thursday	30	7.00pm Women's Auxiliary Committee Meeting

October

Monday	4	NO Sub-Branch General Meeting (due to Labour Day long weekend)
Sunday	10	10am - 3.30pm - 'Khaki and Chrome' - Car Club exhibition event, all welcome.
Monday	18	7.30pm Sub-Branch Committee Meeting
Thursday	28	7.00pm Women's Auxiliary Committee Meeting
Friday	29	Halloween theme night

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