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TS Noarlunga (ANC) - 40th Anniversary

TS Noarlunga is a Navy cadet unit that meets in the southern suburbs of Adelaide and provides young Australians aged between 12½ and 19 years with an opportunity to gain unique military and leadership experience. As with other cadet units across the country, TS Noarlunga fosters values of honour, honesty, integrity, courage, loyalty, teamwork and citizenship.

Navy cadets contribute their time to local, state and national events, giving back to our community.

The Australian Navy Cadets program develops an individual's abilities, confidence and capacity to contribute to Australian society.

The training for Navy cadets, for example, includes seamanship, boat handling, sail and power, navigation, physical training, rifle shooting, signalling, rope splicing, general sporting activities and a variety of other subjects.

This training is very exciting for young people to experience. Additionally, instructional camps are arranged for cadets and they are often given opportunities wherever possible to undertake training at sea in ships of the Royal Australian Navy.

The unit was recognised by the Royal Australian Navy in 1982 and later selected 'most efficient unit' in South Australia in 1987, 1988 and 1991, and 'most improved' in 2001. In 2004 Cadet Midshipman Mark Weeden was judged top cadet.

Each year Navy cadet units are judged around the country with rounds of drills, inspections and assessments.

In 2012 TS Noarlunga received the very prestigious award, Australian Navy Cadets Most Efficient Training Ship - Navy League of Australia. The award recognises excellence in teamwork, leadership, ceremonial standard, emergency response procedures, dress and bearing, ability in maritime activities and community support.

Congratulations on their 40th Anniversary go to the cadets who are currently part of TS Noarlunga, along with the great team of staff and volunteers who work very hard to prepare and support the cadets.

*From Hansard information provided by
Amanda Rishworth (MHR for Kingston)*

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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 All,

Welcome to my report on activities at the Sub-Branch since last October.

The past few months have been full of challenges, both within our Sub-Branch and with our RSL State headquarters. We have met these challenges head on and have had some wins and some not so positive outcomes.

As normal our membership numbers have been fluctuating a bit recently.

We stand at about 120, both Service members and Affiliates.

Our Open Mic Days, that started off with a flourish last year have died with a quiet whimper, as they have been cancelled indefinitely, due to lack of support from our membership.

A Veteran's Lunch was held for the first time last year. This event was fully funded by our Digger Day Fund. We supplied veterans with a meal and some live entertainment as part of the afternoon. It was a great afternoon and well appreciated by all those who attended.

Remembrance Day was well attended with 300 people there to commemorate our men and women who paid the ultimate price in the service of our country.

Sadly, last year we lost Betty Dobson to an ongoing aggressive illness. Betty fought on until the end. I went over to Bendigo to represent the Sub-Branch and conduct the service at Betty's funeral and interment. Our condolences go out to Stephen and the family. Betty will be missed here at the Sub-Branch.

Roy Jago has been unwell for a while now but in recent months has been getting progressively worse. Roy suffered a stroke recently and he may not be coming home to his loving wife and devoted friend Jean. We hope that everything goes well for Roy and Jean as they work through these difficult times together.

Now to 2024.

So far this year we have been busy preparing for ANZAC Day and Digger Day. These events will be held on April 25th and 27th respectively.

Our Bunning Sausage sizzle participation has brought to a total of a total profit of just short of \$55,000 since we started doing the sausage sizzles.

A great effort by all our volunteers.

We are bringing online shortly new aprons for our volunteers to wear at the sausage sizzle. To help promote our "brand", these new aprons are kindly being made by Dianne Anthony and they will be embroidered with the RSL logo and our Sub-Branch name.

On a sad note, at the time of writing, Jarrad and myself plus other Sub-branch members have just attended the funeral of our wonderful friend, Meg Rogers. Meg was a valued supporter of the Sub-Branch and the RSL Her smile and warm humour will be missed in the Sub-Branch.

Memberships are due and payable for this year from 1st January.

If you haven't paid your membership by the 1st April your membership may be considered to be lapsed. Please contact see Dierdre to get your membership up to date.

Volunteers are needed to help out with the many activities that the Sub-Branch supports. Please consider giving your time to assist with whatever event we have going at the time. "Many hands make light work" and it also reduces the stress on our regular volunteers, who sometimes just need a break.

Our Dinner Music Friday Nights continue to enjoy good support and you are encouraged to invite along friends and family to enjoy a good meal and some really good entertainment.

I hope to see you all over ANZAC Day, when the Sub-Branch will be open all day with live entertainment and meals throughout the day.

We will also be having Two Up and maybe some Crown and Anchor games.

So come along and support the Sub-Branch on ANZAC Day,

LEST WE FORGET

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Creepy and Spooky RSL Personalities

Not everyone can pull off the creepy, kooky, mysterious and spooky look, but these Sub-Branch members, potential new members for the Addams family, were a sight to see at last year’s Halloween theme night.



The very Fetching Dierdre



More Frightened than Frightening Elaine



An Unusually Coloured Jo



New Hair Coloured Sandy



Seemingly Harmless Maureen



and ‘What the Heck’ Brian

Christmas in July will Rock

Grab your Santa hat or fav Christmas shirt and join us for a spectacular Christmas In July event with live music from Fahrenheit 451.

Doors will be open from 6pm and the band will be on stage 7pm - 11pm.

The bar will be stocked and ready to go and our kitchen will be open offering a selection of snacks you can purchase.

Entry is \$15 or \$10 for Members Benefit cardholders.

This event is capped to 100 people, so while it may seem a long way off, if you would like to attend, please RSVP asap via Messenger or call Jarrad on 0433 793 347.



Secretary's Report

As delivered at the AGM on Monday 6 November 2023

There is nothing like going out with a bang!! A heated discussion is always a good option for All organizations. I was not aware that the comments of the earlier meeting would head to the direction that it went but I will continue the path.

Unlike previous year's that I have held this position this year seems to be the most normal that I have officiated the role of Secretary. Although not everything has been a bed of roses we still continue to function with our core principles as our #1 focus – Veterans and the veteran community.

As I have said in almost every one of these reports that I have tabled, despite the perceived lack of support we receive from our membership, I believe most members enjoy the benefits that we the Sub-Branch provide.

- Yes we have Cheap drinks for you on a Friday night and other members occasions,
- Yes we have negotiated cheap meals with the caterer for everyone,
- Yes we provide free music every second week at a cost to the Sub-Branch that we don't always cover costs.
- Yes the Sub-Branch is always available and open when needed for members to pay their respect
- Yes your Sub-Branch puts on the largest Dawn Service in the State

All of these things are only made available by the very small band of people that are prepared to give up their own time to ensure that funds are raised and the Sub-Branch is always presented to the community with the utmost respect. I am not asking that all members drop everything that they are doing every time the Sub-Branch does something, as that is just not practical, but if you're available then the Sub-Branch will continue to grow and prosper. If however we continues to get no support then I fear that our ability to continue to keep our doors open will cease as the burn out of the small few isn't worth it. This year saw the wind-up of our Women's Auxiliary for exactly the same reason, lack of support, planning of our 2026 100th anniversary has already commenced and we have some special things already in the pipeline and we would hate to see the events not happen.

We will continue to trial different things on our Friday nights to get members of the community involved with our Sub-Branch and we ask that if you see someone new attend on a Friday night and they are sitting on their own, please make an effort to approach them and welcome them into our community and the Sub-Branch.

Fundraising

Bunnings has continued to be a major fundraising event for the Sub-Branch with this year alone raising a total of \$15,061.49 in pure profit for the Sub-Branch, bring a total since we started in August 2020 to \$45,463.51. This is all possible again by a very small group of volunteers, I know not everyone can be of assistance on these days but to at least come down and say hi and buy a \$3.50 sausage certainly goes a long way to improve the morale of the members. we all do this so that the above points can happen for you the membership.

Joker Jackpot has seen another decent amount of money being raised for the Sub-Branch, and surprisingly this is the one thing that most members on our Friday nights do support. We have seen \$2000.00 profit raised for the Sub-Branch since the start in February this year, so thank you to all who have participated and of course to Elaine and Jason for their big wins.

45 Club continues to raise money for the Sub-Branch although throughout the year we have had a few people pull out which leaves numbers available for others.

Library

We have seen this year that the Ray Kelly Library be moved from the locked office, out into the pool room for all to benefit from, as we do have some great books and DVD's, and plenty more still to be catalogued and to be added to the display it is great to see many books each week go out and more importantly come back. Thank you to all who have donated books for the use in the library and to Mark, Ron, Rob and Jason for your help in getting it to the position it currently is.

Hall Hire

Although we have lost the hire's that we have been doing for Bunnings Training and also Hallmark, Hall hires have for the 9 months up to 30th June seen almost \$10,000 worth of hire fees be received.

Weekly hires by Lion's, BSAC, Southern Rebel Rockers and the Onkaparinga Harmony Chorus are also continuing into the new financial year.

We have seen some repeat business this year with some weddings, baby showers, birthday parties and as therefore predicted funerals and wakes. Thank you to all who help out behind the bar, to the women's auxiliary / social club for the efforts when it is called upon.

We welcome CPR First aid to the regular hire groups starting this month, their plan is to start with monthly hires, move to fortnightly and eventually weekly.

I will continue to push the Sub-Branch as a venue for all events and see it as great revenue for the Sub-Branch. If there is any family or friends that you know looking for a venue for a function please remember the Sub-Branch as this also raises funds to provide the above benefits back to you the members.

The role of secretary is an important one for the Sub-Branch, and despite the stresses it causes, it is and can be even more a rewarding role. Additional support again from the membership will never be refused.

My own mental health has taken a hit this year and the support that I receive from Ron and some members of the Sub-Branch is greatly appreciated. I will always give 100% of my energy and at time to the detriment of my own business, to this Sub-Branch and the organisation to which I believe in strongly. I know at times we all feel as if there is something proposed that if one or two people don't like it, it won't happen, I assure you that it is not a reason to not look for alternatives to help make this Sub-Branch a truly great place to be involved.

Thank you to all that have assisted throughout the year or have at least offered, please note that it is always appreciated.

May we as a Sub-Branch continue to grow from with-in and with additional support from you our members, see our Sub-Branch celebrate our 100th in 2 years' time and well into the future.

Thank you.

Lest we forget

Jarrad Kay

Honorary Secretary



Dinning In

Recently the combined annual Dinning In night for TS Noarlunga (ANC) and 40 ACU Australian Army Cadets was held with the support of Morphett Vale RSL, by providing the venue.

It was a great night with food and drinks, some history lessons and the honour of helping TS Noarlunga celebrate their 40th anniversary.

Thanks to all the NCO's, Cadets and parents/family members that came along for the night.

TS Noarlunga put in a lot of effort for the night. We thank them for hosting and look forward to next year !



A chap was in the six items express lane at the store quietly fuming.

Completely ignoring the sign, a lady ahead of him slipped into the check-out line pushing a cart piled high with groceries.

Imagine everyone's delight when the cashier beckoned the lady to come forward and asked sweetly, "So which six items would you like to buy?"

Women's Auxiliary Final Report

As delivered at the AGM on Monday 6 November 2023

This past year was a tough one due to various health challenges which ultimately led to us making the very difficult decision to wind up the RSL, Morphett Vale & Districts Women's Auxiliary, which has been a long standing tradition since 1966.

Over the years the Women's Auxiliary has raised large amounts of money through cake stalls, catering and the weekly raffles and this year we were able to assist the sub branch with new flooring and doors as well as other items to keep the RSL up to date and comfortable for it's patrons.

This year we celebrated with our Annual Ladies dinner at Mings Court Chinese and had a wrap up lunch later in the year at the Old Noarlunga Hotel.

The ladies worked hard to decorate the hall for special events like the Annual dinner and our theme nights where they always get into the spirit by dressing up and having a laugh.

It's very sad to see the Women's Auxiliary come to an end but it's important to end on on a high by celebrating the ladies.

- Mrs Lyn Lodge - Joined 3rd June 2021
- Mrs Rosemary Sherlock - Joined 28th January 2021
- Mrs Judy Martin - Joined 28th January 2021
- Ms Kerrie Doudle - Joined 4th February and became the President from December 2020 until today.
- Mrs Elaine Winter -Joined 4th March 2014
- Mrs Beryl Sheean -Joined 5th February 2013
- Mrs Sandy Wheaton -Joined 3rd November 2013 and has been secretary since 1st December 2014
- Mrs Beverly Hillman - Joined 4th September 2012
- Mrs Ros Day - Joined 4th September 2012 and was President from 6th December 2016 – December 2020
- Our second longest serving member Mrs Kay Forsyth Joined 5th December 1989 and has received her 30 year Long Service award.
- Our longest serving member is Mrs Dierdre Owen. She joined in July of 1986 and in that time has held the positions of President from 1987 - 96 & 1999 - 2009, Secretary in 2009 and Treasurer from 2010 to the present.

Thank you ladies for all you have done in support of the Sub branch and Veteran's welfare over the years.

We sadly say goodbye to Lyn Lodge as her and Bernie have relocated to Victoria. Judy and Lindsay are off travelling the country but for the rest of the ladies they will still be around to assist with social functions and of course help raise much needed funds for the sub branch.

Personally in closing I want to thank each of the ladies for their encouragement, friendship and support of me and say I really appreciate the many laughs and fun times that we have had together.

Regards

Kerrie Doudle

President, Women's Auxiliary



A professor stood before his class of organic biology students, about to hand out the final exam. "I want to say that it's been a pleasure teaching you this semester. I know you've all worked extremely hard and many of you are off to medical school after summer. So that no one gets their GPA messed up because they might have been celebrating a bit too much this week, anyone who would like to opt out of the final exam today will receive a 'B' for the test."

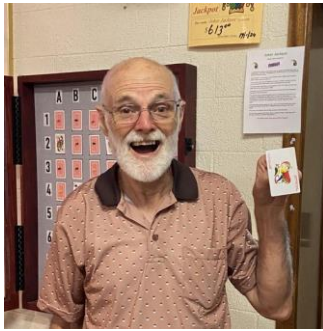
There was much rejoicing in the class as students got up, walked to the front of the class, and took the professor up on his offer. As the last taker left the room, the professor looked out over the handful of remaining students and asked, "Anyone else? This is your last chance."

One final student rose up and opted out of the final.

The professor closed the door and took attendance of those students remaining. "I'm glad to see you believe in yourselves," he said. "You all get 'A's'."

More Joker Jackpot Winners

Joker Jackpot is run every Friday night at the Sub-Branch offering a chance to win thousands. Tickets are on sale between 6:30 and 7:30 each Friday night, with a minimum Jackpot of \$250.00 each week.



Brian found the Joker for a \$613 win.

A single draw of a ticket takes place after the raffles on a Friday night and the winner can select a card from the secure cabinet on the wall. If the Joker isn't selected, each week the jackpot will continue to grow until it reaches a maximum pot of \$4,000.

There are constellation prizes for picking;
A picture card - a meal voucher, An odd numbered card - \$10 cash and An even numbered card - a drink voucher.

Full terms and conditions and the prize list are on display at the RSL, adjacent to the display cabinet.



Congratulations Jason on winning \$824.

Members Benefit Card

We have now introduced an annual Member's Benefit Card, starting from 2024.

For financial Members or Affiliates the cost of the card will be \$5.00.

For non RSL members, who wish to take advantage of the card benefits, the cost will be \$20.00.

What card holders will receive during the year:

- \$1 off drinks at the bar
- \$1 off meals ordered with the caterer
- Discounts to certain RSL events
- Additional benefits that will be announced progressively

(In the case of non-member cards, the cost includes a complimentary RSL Stubby Cooler and a Free Drink, on purchase of the card.)



You must produce the Members Benefit Card each time, to obtain the discounts. **No Show - No Discount**

Please see Dierdre Owen, or ask at the Bar, for an application form to obtain a card.

Dinner and a Show

Join local talented artists in one special night of comedy and magic at the Morphett Vale RSL on Saturday April 13th.

Delhi Boy - one of the funniest stand-up comedians in Adelaide. Having performed locally and interstate.

Steve Prior - Australia's most wanted magician, Steve is down to earth comedy magician. He will take you on a ride of magic that will have you in stitches.

Scott Stunz - Australia's Comedy Magician. Performing right across Australia, Scott's shows are in high demand for corporate events. His unique style is entertaining and enchanting.

Nona Mona- Nona is fast becoming Australia's best female comedian. Selling out shows at the Adelaide Fringe Festival I, Nona uses life experience in her comedy.

Tickets includes entertainment and a 2 course meal.

Entrée: Antipasto Plate

Main: Grilled beef fillet with crispy bacon on creamy garlic mash potatoes topped with red wine and mushrooms sauce (cooked medium) Or Salmon fillet oven baked in lemon and oregano butter, roasted baby potatoes, broccolini and hollandaise sauce.



ANZAC Day Activities for 2024

- **Sunday Commemorative Service**

Scheduled for Sunday April 21st at the Sub-Branch, this annual service has been held for over 90 years, with the support of the Glenelg Brass Band. This year the service will start 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 2024**

With planning well underway, it is hoped that a normal Dawn Service will be held this year at the Memorial Gardens. Support from members to assist with setting up the Hall for Gunfire Breakfast and assisting in transporting equipment and chairs from the RSL to the Memorial Gardens, in preparation for the Youth Vigil, would be appreciated. Please liaise with Rob Winter if you can help.

- **Youth Vigil**

The ANZAC Youth Vigil in the South will be back as normal at the Memorial Gardens. This is the 22nd year that the Vigil has been held.

Members of cadet and community youth groups with their leaders gather at the Morphett Vale Football Clubrooms and a BBQ dinner is served by the Lions Club around 5.00pm.

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.

- **Dawn Service**

Dawn Service at the Memorial Gardens this year will commence at 5.45am, with any veteran who wishes to march to the memorial stepping off from the oval gates at 5.30am.

At the conclusion of the service all members and friends are invited back to the RSL for a FREE Gunfire Breakfast kindly cooked by Rotary. Breakfast is on us. The bar will be open and we will have live entertainment from Company of Two throughout the day, from 11am.

Two-Up and hopefully Crown & Anchor are also planned. Lunches will be available, provided by our caterer David.

- **Digger Day SA 2024**

The CHC Helicopter Digger Day Event will be held at the Flagstaff Hill Football Club on Saturday 27th April 2024. RSL representatives and local and state politicians will conduct a small Remembrance Ceremony prior to the A Grade game, which this year will be a replay of the Southern Football League Grand Final match of season 2023, between the Flaggies Falcon's and the Noarlunga "Shoes". Special Guests for the Digger Day event will be invited to attend the RSL Sub-Branch for dinner on the Friday night 26th April.

'Bubbles and Bling' is Back Again

Save the Date - Sunday May 26th

It is time to update or replace your jewellery collection.

Bring a friend, see what's new and enjoy the odd glass of 'bubbles'.



Aussie, Aussie, Aussie - January 26th

A wonderful Aussie Day of celebration with delicious food, music and fun.

Congrats to Rob who won the thong flip game!

Our trivia winners were: 1st Bev, 2nd Kerryn and 3rd Hugh.

Enjoy your sweet treats.

Thanks to Company of Two and Steve D. for stepping in at the last minute to entertain us – really appreciate you guys.



Bar Manager's Report

As delivered at the AGM on Monday 6 November 2023

Having changed our financial year from what has historically been October to September to the more widely accepted July to June, this year's Bar Report is only going to be for the nine months from the 1st October 2022 to 30th June 2023, hence the figures will appear less than previous reports. With COVID-19 mostly gone, although we are still having the occasional case within the Sub-Branch, we are generally trading as we were pre the pandemic. We have managed to run all planned and booked functions without the constraints of the past couple of years and have had a reasonable year from the function point of view, as well as introducing regular Friday night entertainment. In this regard, we started this on the first Friday of each month, followed in more recent times, by adding the third Friday which has proved to be a bonus for bar takings.

The past year has been a continuance of the success of 2022 and whilst this has only been a nine-month reporting period as previously mentioned, the income is only marginally less than last year, on a pro rata basis. This means we have nearly equalled last year's income, which was the highest since our records were first kept in 2011-12.

Hall hires and functions over this past year continue to be a bonus, which includes our Southern Rock 'n Rollers who still hire the hall every Wednesday night, as well as many other private functions, including only a few Open Mike days, various quiz nights, Rock 'n Roll's Christmas night, View Club's fashion Show, Bubbles & Bling, Khaki and Chrome and various other functions, all of which have contributed to our bar and Sub-Branch income.

I am pleased to advise the total income from the bar this part year was \$48,925.00, being the second-highest total ever on a pro-rata basis. This has allowed the bar to transfer \$24,105.00 to No1 Account. The percentage profit for this year was 53.89.

As mentioned on many previous occasions, the Bar has historically been the ONLY regular income lifeline available to our Sub-Branch, so it is therefore so important we keep it as profitable as possible, albeit without adding any further burden on Members. We have only increased our prices on a very small number of items early in the year, which was necessary due to increases in purchasing costs. With prices of everything going up and our percentage profit tending to go down, we unfortunately believe occasional small increases are inevitable on some of our drinks, but we monitor this very closely and will advise our members if and when we have found it necessary to change any pricing.

A comparison of the Bar Account Income/Expenditure since the inception of the computerised cash book in 2011/2012 is set out below.

At this time of the year, it is most important we recognise the contribution of our very diligent group of volunteer Bar Staff, namely Jarrad, Rob, Elaine, Jason, Ray, Sue, Steve Dobson, and Gibson & Janet Atherton, who really all need to be congratulated for the work they have been doing behind the bar. I would also like to offer a special mention to Jarrad in terms of his assistance with the overall operation the bar, particularly in more recent times whilst Sandy & I were on holiday and with the Wednesday Southern Rock 'n Rollers, as well as Rob & Elaine who have stepped up to share the load with Jarrad and me. I'd also like to mention and thank Ray for looking after the bottle & can recycling throughout the year. I believe the whole Bar Staff have done a brilliant job and I feel they should all be applauded for their extraordinary work to make this year the success it has been.

The Women's Auxiliary needs to be recognised, congratulated and thanked once again for their tireless efforts in organising, decorating and setting up successful functions like our Christmas Dinner and Annual Dinner, that all assist in adding to the atmosphere, the turnover and profitability of the bar, as well as the overall wellbeing of our Sub-Branch.

As Bar Manager and on behalf of our above-mentioned dedicated Bar Staff, I would like to thank everyone for their patronage throughout the year and wish everyone a very Merry Christmas, as well as a Happy, Safe and prosperous 2024.

Thank you ALL again for your support this year.

Mark Wheaton

Bar Manager

RSL Morphett Vale & Districts Sub-Branch Inc.



Friday Night Music is Back for 2024

A band, singer or other artists have been engaged this year to provide dining and dancing music at the Sub-Branch on the first and third Friday night of each month.

A scheduled list of performers and dates can be found on the Calendar page of the RSL Website.

If you know any bands or someone who you think would be a good fit for the RSL please let Jarrad know.

Some of the artists featured over the last 12 months are pictured here.



Enuf Said



Jack McGuire



Six String Acoustic



Sonic Fusion



Tusk



Matusi

Membership For 2024

2024 RSL Service and Affiliate Memberships are now due for payment. Please contact Dierdre Owen at the Sub-Branch on a Friday night or on **0438 384 729** and become financial again.

If you're paying at the Sub-Branch, Dierdre will have a new Service Card for you.

However if are paying your subscription directly to State Branch, please advise Dierdre, so she can update your Sub-Branch Membership status. When paying by electronic banking, please include your Surname and First name so your membership can be recorded correctly.

To maintain the benefits of membership of the RSL and the Morphett Vale Sub-Branch and to show your support for our veterans, all members should renew their membership annually.

Guitars for Vets.

On Friday March 8th we welcomed Guitars for Vets to the Sub-Branch. Jim Mavromatis played a few songs for us, as well as giving us an insight into this program that helps Veterans learn how to play the guitar.

- Are you a Veteran from any war, conflict or policing action and, like many veterans, have struggled with PTSD?
- Would you like to learn how to play the guitar ?
- Don't have a guitar, don't worry, we'll give you one.
- We'll also give you ten free lessons to start with.
- Led by a teacher who understands your situation.

Contact: Jim on 0438843254 or at mick.mavromatis@inet.net.au or [#caring](https://www.caring.org.au) for veterans or www.guitarsforvetsaustralia.com

Guitars for Vets

"where words fail, music speaks"

www.guitarsforvetsaustralia.com

A chap and his wife were sitting in their lounge and she's holding their very young child. The wife says, "I want another baby." His response was, "That's a relief. I didn't like this one either."



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Bar Menu and Price List Changes

As we are all aware, the cost of living is on the rise. This has now affected the RSL bar running costs. In order to maintain a reasonable profit margin, so funds can be put towards the costs of running the sub-branch, some items on the Bar Menu have increased in price.

The current Bar Menu can be found on the Menu page of the RSL Website.

Shaking it all about

The Morphett Vale RSL Rocks and Rolls every Wednesday night when the Southern Rebel Rockers host their regular social nights.

The music is great the company is friendly and everyone has a great time.

RSL Bar Staff are on hand to keep everyone refreshed.



Join the party at the RSL Sub-Branch

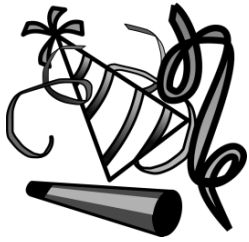
Wednesdays from 7.00pm till 10.00 p.m.

Come and have a Dance and a Drink and Meet with friends or make new ones

\$5 Entry

Great Music, Good Drink Prices and Wonderful Company

Wednesday Night is the Time to Rock



Celebrate at the RSL Hall for Hire

Weddings ★ Anniversaries ★ Birthdays
Major Functions ★ Quiz Nights ★ Reunions
Presentations ★ Community Meetings



- Bar and kitchen facilities
- Stage area and dance floor
- Outdoor patio area
- Off-street Parking
- Wheelchair access
- Air conditioning and heating
- PA system and video screen
- Caterer available

For bookings or further information contact
Jarrad Kay 0433 793 347 or jarradkayrsl@gmail.com

Do You Remember When?

Here are a couple of photos from the past, from one of our members.
Can you remember when they were taken, where and who is pictured?



ANZAC Day Badge Sales

Our Sub-Branch volunteers are once again out and about this year selling ANZAC Day badges, key rings, pens and other related merchandise.

Proceeds aid veteran support services in South Australia.

Look out for sales locations including:
Southgate Square, Bunnings Noarlunga, Hallett Cove Mall, Woodcroft Plaza and Rundle Mall.



Sub-Branch Web Site, Social Media and Weekly News

The Sub-Branch website can be found at: www.rslmorphettvale.com.au and contains all sorts of information about the RSL, photographs and downloadable forms etc. Contact information for key personnel, a sample Friday Night menu, Bar Price List and dates for Bunnings BBQs and special events are also included.

Jarrad and Kerrie will continue to make regular posts on the RSL Facebook page at: <http://facebook.com/morphettvalers/> where you will find interesting RSL related messages and the latest news and photos from sub-branch activities.

Contributions are welcome for both Web Site (contact Rob) and Facebook page (contact Jarrad or Kerrie). Weekly News email updates are sent to all current members.

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.

Terry White Chemmart, Woodcroft Town Centre, Panalatinga Rd, Woodcroft SA 5162

Phone - 8325 1166



Terry White Chemmart has 450 pharmacies across the country that provide high-quality, accessible and cost-effective community-based health care services, ensuring every Australian has easier access to pharmacists, expert health advice, cosmetics, medicines and giftware, every day.

Foodland Hackham - 77A Collins Parade, Hackham SA 5162

Phone - 8326 1155



Foodland Hackham take pride in the quality of the fresh produce offered. They only source from reputable suppliers and take every step possible to provide a top quality product, as well as offer the best possible prices throughout the store.

They take pride in looking after Hackham and Southern Adelaide customers and supply the RSL with meat trays for our raffles. When in the area please pay them a visit.

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.

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 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.

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.

**FOR ALL YOUR REAL ESTATE NEEDS,
 CALL DEBBIE TODAY!**

Maybe you’re not thinking of selling, but would like an up-to-date appraisal of your home?

Speak to the agent that more people are recommending.

DEBBIE GLASTONBURY
 0432 209 355
debbie@magain.com.au



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	



I was at the airport, checking in at the gate when the airport employee asked, “Has anyone put anything in your luggage without your knowledge?” To which I replied, “If it was without my knowledge, how would I know?” The airport employee smiled knowingly, nodded and said, “That’s why we ask.”



Dates for your Calendar

March 2024

Friday 1st.	6.00pm Friday night meals and fellowship - Live Entertainment by 'Matuezi'
Monday 4th.	7.30pm Sub-Branch General Meeting
Friday 8th.	6.00pm Friday night meals and fellowship - Visit from 'Guitars for Vets'
Sunday 10th.	Sausage Sizzle - Bunnings NOARLUNGA
Friday 15th.	6.00pm Friday night meals and fellowship - Live Entertainment by Jack McGuire
Friday 22nd.	6.00pm Friday night meals and fellowship - Music by Onkaparinga Pipes & Drums
Friday 29th.	GOOD FRIDAY - Sub-Branch CLOSED
Saturday 30th.	Sausage Sizzle - Bunnings NOARLUNGA

April 2024

Monday 1st.	7.30pm Sub-Branch General Meeting
Friday 5th.	6.00pm Friday night meals and fellowship - Live Entertainment from 'Kat Caton'
Sunday 7th.	Sausage Sizzle - Bunnings NOARLUNGA
Friday 12th.	6.00pm Friday night meals and fellowship
Saturday 13th.	6.00pm Variety Night Dinner & Show
Friday 19th.	6.00pm Friday night meals and fellowship - Live Entertainment from 'Tusk'
Saturday 20th.	Bunnings BBQ - NOARLUNGA - Also ANZAC Day Badge Sales
Sunday 21st.	2.30pm ANZAC Sunday Commemorative Service
Wednesday 24th.	8.15pm Youth Vigil in the South - Onkaparinga Memorial Gardens
Thursday 25th.	6.00am ANZAC Day Dawn Service - Onkaparinga Memorial Gardens Gunfire Breakfast (after Dawn Service), RSL Sub-Branch RSL Sub-Branch open all day with Entertainment

Monday 1st. 7.30pm Sub-Branch General Meeting

May 2024

Friday 3rd.	6.00pm Friday night meals and fellowship - Live Entertainment
Sunday 5th.	Bunnings BBQ - NOARLUNGA
Monday 6th.	6.00pm Sub-Branch General Meeting
Friday 10th.	6.00pm Friday night meals - Mothers/Grandmothers Day theme night
Friday 17th.	6.00pm Friday night meals and fellowship - Live Entertainment
Friday 24th.	6.00pm Friday night meals and fellowship
Friday 31st.	6.00pm Friday night meals and fellowship

June 2024

Sunday 2nd.	Bunnings BBQ - NOARLUNGA
Monday 3rd.	7.30pm Sub-Branch General Meeting
Friday 7th.	6.00pm Friday night meals and fellowship - Live Entertainment
Friday 14th.	6.00pm Friday night meals and fellowship
Saturday 15th.	7.00pm Sub-Branch Quiz Night - Book Early
Friday 21st.	6.00pm Friday night meals and fellowship - Live Entertainment
Friday 28th.	6.00pm Friday night meals and fellowship

July 2024

Monday 1st.	7.30pm Sub-Branch General Meeting
Friday 5th.	6.00pm Friday night meals and fellowship - Live Entertainment
Sunday 7th.	Bunnings BBQ - NOARLUNGA
Friday 12th.	6.00pm Friday night meals and fellowship
Saturday 13th.	7.00pm Christmas in July with Fahrenheit 451
Friday 19th.	6.00pm Friday night meals and fellowship - Live Entertainment
Friday 26th.	6.00pm Friday night meals and fellowship

August 2024

Friday 2nd.	6.00pm Friday night meals and fellowship - Live Entertainment
Sunday 4th.	Bunnings BBQ - NOARLUNGA
Monday 5th.	7.30pm Sub-Branch General Meeting
Friday 9th.	6.00pm Friday night meals and fellowship
Friday 16th.	6.00pm Friday night meals and fellowship - Live Entertainment
Friday 23rd.	6.00pm Friday night meals and fellowship
Friday 30th.	6.00pm Friday night meals and fellowship - Fathers' Day theme night

September 2024

Sunday 1st.	Bunnings BBQ - NOARLUNGA - Fathers Day
Monday 2nd.	7.30pm Sub-Branch General Meeting
Friday 6th.	6.00pm Friday night meals and fellowship - Live Entertainment
Friday 13th.	6.00pm Friday night meals and fellowship
Friday 20th.	6.00pm Friday night meals and fellowship - Live Entertainment
Friday 27th.	6.00pm Friday night meals and fellowship

October 2024

Friday 4th.	6.00pm Friday night meals and fellowship - Live Entertainment
Sunday 6th.	Bunnings BBQ - NOARLUNGA
Monday 7th.	NO Sub-Branch General Meeting (due to long weekend)
Friday 11th.	6.00pm Friday night meals and fellowship
Sunday 13th.	10am - 3.30pm - 'Khaki and Chrome' - Car Club exhibition event with refreshments - All welcome.
Friday 18th.	6.00pm Friday night meals and fellowship - Live Entertainment
Friday 25th.	6.00pm Friday night meals and fellowship - Halloween theme night

Thank you to Kerrie Doudle and Jarrad Kay for use of their Facebook posts in this edition.

Next edition of the Morphett Vale RSL Newsletter will be in September 2024.

Contributions are welcomed by Friday August 23rd 2024.

Please send articles and/or photographs to thewinters@optusnet.com.au