

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

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# Newsletter



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“The Price of Liberty is Eternal Vigilance”

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## 'Rats' Tribute at the RSL

The Sub-Branch is planning to mount a display dedicated to the memory of the 'Rats of Tobruk' that will feature stories and photographs about those who were involved in the battles.

The Rats of Tobruk were soldiers of the Australian-led Allied garrison that held the Libyan port of Tobruk against the German Afrika Corps in World War II. Some 15,000 men of the 9th Australian Division took part in the siege that started on April 11th 1941 and was relieved on December 10th.

Tobruk was the only deep water port in Eastern Libya and as a consequence it had been heavily fortified by its former Italian garrison. The capture of Tobruk was essential for an advance on Alexandria and Suez.

In April 1941, German Field Marshal Erwin Rommel made its capture the main objective of his first offensive in North Africa. British forces in Libya's eastern coastal region of Cyrenaica were caught completely by surprise and retreated several hundred miles across the desert towards Tobruk.

Realising that he had a chance to capture Tobruk before the Allies had time to organise a defence, Rommel pushed forward. The 9th Australian Division, supported by British tanks and artillery, repulsed initial German assaults on April 10-14 1941, and even when the fresh 15th Panzer Division was committed to the attack on April 30th, the defenders held on.

Under siege, the defenders had to adjust to life in stifling heat, under constant artillery and air bombardment. Supplies of food and water decreased, and the troops were plagued by flies, fleas and illness. Nevertheless, morale remained high - the Australians adopting the ironic nickname 'The Rats of Tobruk', in response to reports that Nazi radio propagandist 'Lord Haw Haw' had described them as being caught 'like rats in a trap' in one of his broadcasts.

The Australians provided the mainstay of the Tobruk defence force until August, when they were withdrawn and replaced by the British 70th Division, with the attached Polish Carpathian Brigade.

British forces broke the siege on December 10th 1941 during Operation 'Crusader', when 1st Army Tank Brigade linked up with a 'break out' force from Tobruk - the 32nd Army Tank Brigade - at Ed Duda, to the south-east of the town.

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or the RSL web site for pictures and information about Sub-Branch activities: [www.rslmorphettvale.com.au](http://www.rslmorphettvale.com.au)

## From the President's Desk

Hi All,

We are back in the swing of things here at the Sub-Branch. The year so far has been well attended with numbers steadily getting better. However, your support of Sub-Branch activities is encouraged. There is nothing harder to take than when we arrange an activity or function for you, the members, we end up with more visitors than members attending. If we are not providing events that you would like to attend, please feel free to let us know what you would like to have us, the Committee, arrange for you. OR you could volunteer your time and effort to arrange an activity for the members to attend.

All help is greatly appreciated.



We have held four Bunnings Sausage Sizzles so far this year and have raised in excess of \$3,000.00 for the Sub-Branch.

The next Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings Noarlunga store will be on Sunday 16th April 2023.

Volunteers are required.

Please contact our Secretary, Jarrad, to book your spot.

A big program is developing for our ANZAC Day commemorations, with various activities out in the community as well as our normal Commemorative services. You are encouraged to attend as many of these events as possible. Jarrad has provided a complete list of ANZAC Day activities on page 6 of this newsletter, from Saturday April 22<sup>nd</sup> through to Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>.



We are still having issues with funding for the Hostile Vehicle Management portion of the ANZAC Dawn Service. The Sub-Branch members meeting held last week agreed that we would fund this year's Dawn Service but if regular funding for this Commemorative Service is not forthcoming from either Local Council or the State Government, then this year will be the last year we as a Sub-Branch will conduct the Dawn Service as a "Community Event". The cost of the traffic control element, to conduct the service at the Memorial Gardens, is too prohibitive and would financially break us in a couple of years. We just can't raise enough funds in the year to be able to meet these financial obligations.

Our "Open Mic Day" is going from strength to strength with performers putting up their hands to provide entertainment. The attendances have been OK but, once again, there are far more visitors than members attending. WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT to make this an ongoing and viable event. The next Open Mic Day is on Sunday 21st May 2023, commencing at 2.00pm. Please come along with a friend or two and enjoy the afternoon. You can get up and do an item as well. Try it. See you there!!!



Musical Friday nights are proving to be popular and are achieving the desired effect of increasing the number of people in the Sub-Branch for dinners. They are usually held every second Friday night.

The next Musical Friday night will be on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2023 with Linda McCarthy. It will be an ANZAC Day special event.

The Friday night dinners are progressing well. We are working closely with David, our new caterer, to find a good menu that will be pleasing to all. It is a work in progress and David is doing his best to provide some seasonal variation to the menu as well.

We held our first Veterans Lunch at the Sub-Branch. It was well attended. We had about 45 people attend. The group was entertained by Malcolm Doyle, a guitar vocalist with a good repertoire. Our next Veterans Lunch will be on Sunday 18th June 2023. The bar will open about 11:30am, meals will be served from 12:30pm and Malcolm Doyle will entertain again. The meal will be a choice of two mains and dessert.

In a new fundraising initiative, we are conducting Joker Jackpot. One winner will be drawn every Friday night. Tickets will cost \$1.00 each. Please see Jarrad to arrange for your tickets, as he is the Raffle Master. The Joker Jackpot is another method of raising funds for the Sub-Branch. Please support this initiative.

We, as a committee, have committed ourselves to the improvement of our Sub-Branch and the quality of services that we can provide to you, our members.

Your help, support and feedback are equally important to us.

Well, that is all from me for now.

I look forward to seeing you all during the year.

Yours in Service

### **Ron Payne**

President, RSL Morphett Vale & District Sub-Branch

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## **Secretary's Report**

### **As delivered at the AGM on Monday 5 December 2022**

Well I am sure that, at some point, things would get into alignment for me to have an easy time doing this role and planning for events, similar to our previous Secretary. Well I can live in hope.

COVID has again made life a little more interesting in the way that we do things within the Sub-Branch and at events that we hold. Dawn Service was again the biggest event that we had to plan for and the ongoing issue with funding has added to the grey hair situation I am constantly finding myself in. Election year made life easy in the end but not after the proverbial run around by RSL SA and certain office holders. My thanks go to the previous Acting Mayor Simon McMahon, who has helped immensely with his pursuit to get assistance. Although we ended up with the funding, it is an ongoing battle that we will continue to find ourselves in, in the pursuit of putting on the State's largest Dawn Service. The event is slowly getting back to some form of normality with SA Police advising approximately 10,000 people in attendance. As mentioned by the President, earlier tonight, it will be good to see an aerial shot of the crowd and how much footprint we take up.

Remembrance Day, as always, is a smaller event to plan for and although the weather was warmer than the freezing conditions we had last year, numbers of attendees seemed down with only around 150.

Throughout the year we have tried several things to improve the profile of the Sub-Branch, from Open Mic Days, free Veteran's Lunches, Friday Night Live Music and of course Bunning's Sausage Sizzles. It is a little disappointing that we're not getting the support from with-in our membership let alone the greater community but rest assured your Committee will continue to get your Sub-Branch out there.

2026 see's the Sub-Branch turning 100 and planning for the big year will begin from next year. We will be looking for not only idea's but also support from our members to ensure that the entire year goes well.

This year has seen me develop some health issues and I am thankful for those who have supported me during this time. The old saying many hands make light work also applies to the running of an RSL Sub-Branch. So I encourage everyone here tonight and all our members to please have your say and let's continue to grow our Sub-Branch and bring it into the modern era.

I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year. Thank you.

### **Jarrad Kay**

Honorary Secretary

After the invention of digital watches, the Swiss were in quite a bind. Faced with what seemed like an existential threat to their national watch manufacturers, the Swiss Government sent out pamphlets to foreign and domestic watch owners, asking them to sign up if they were interested in buying mechanical watches as gifts or fashion statements. Unfortunately, no one signed up. The Swiss were mystified until they realised their mistake... No one wants to be on a government 'watch' list.

### Women’s Auxiliary Activity

The ‘Angels’ of the WA have been busy as usual this year organising catering for events held at the Sub-Branch and elsewhere, along with conducting the Friday Night Raffles, that raise much needed funds for operations and improvements at the Sub-Branch premises.



In March the ladies headed out for their Annual dinner. This was a well-deserved celebration of all the work done throughout the year feeding bellies, decorating the hall, running the weekly raffles and all the other bits ‘n’ pieces done by them to help the Sub-Branch.

**Kerrie Doudle**  
President, Morphett Vale RSL Women’s Auxiliary



### Joker Jackpot Excitement

The Sub-Branch has introduced a new Joker Jackpot fundraiser, offering a chance to win thousands.

Tickets will be on sale between 6:30 and 7:30 each Friday night, with a minimum Jackpot of \$250.00 up for grabs each week.

A special display case has been built, by Lindsay Martin, to house a deck of cards that are pinned face down inside. A single draw of a ticket will take place after the raffles on a Friday night and the winner will select a card from the secure cabinet on the wall. No-one, not even the Raffle Master (Jarrad), knows where the Joker is hiding. Only he has access to the cabinet and will not be entering the draws.

If the Joker isn’t selected, each week the jackpot will continue to grow until it reaches a maximum pot of \$4,000.00. 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.



*Di Mortimer was our first prize winner.*

Tickets can only be purchased during the above times on Fridays and if you will not be in attendance for the draw, then a nomination form must be completed, authorising someone to select on your behalf.

The Joker Jackpot is heavily governed by the lotteries commission and there are rules that need to be followed for its administration.

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

Please see Jarrad should you have any questions.



*And our first ‘Joker’ winner was Jane, who found that sneaky little Joker and walked away with a \$464 jackpot. Congratulations.*

A woman went to the Post Office to buy stamps for her Christmas cards. "What denomination?" asked the clerk. "Oh, good heavens! Have we come to this?" said the woman. "Well, give me 50 Catholic and 50 Baptist ones."

## Welcome to a new year at the Morphett Vale RSL

The Sub-Branch is open to the public every Friday night from 5.30pm, with meals available from 6.00pm. At the Annual General Meeting in December there were some changes to the committee membership and to roles and responsibilities within the committee and general membership.

More details about these can be found on page 9 of this newsletter.

The following changes to the Sub-Branch Constitution were also approved:

- ✓ The financial year will now be July 1st - June 30th
- ✓ The association AGM will be one month earlier, in October.
- ✓ Quorum for AGMs has changed to twelve Service Members.

Members and visitors are invited to enjoy new improvements that have occurred at the Sub-Branch recently and new events and activities planned for this year.

- New stage lighting and sound equipment has been installed to encourage and assist live musicians and artists with their performances.
- Joker Jackpot Raffle
- New caterer and modified menu
- New neighbours... side and front
- New carpet installed in the main hall and new flooring fitted to the pool room / memorabilia area.

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## Hall Hire Report

**As delivered at the AGM on Monday 5 December 2022**

This year has seen a large increase in hall hires and profits for the Sub-Branch.

Our regular Hall hirers have continued all year, with Lions every 2 weeks on a Monday, BSAC meeting weekly on Tuesdays, Southern Rebel Rockers have taken up our Wednesday nights and Onkaparinga Harmony Choir rounds out the week with Thursday night hire. The Lions, BSAC and Rockers also use the bar. So as well as the weekly hire fee of \$50 each, we are also making profits from the bar. These hires, although they fluctuate in amount, have been a steady source of funds over the year.

Our casual hall hires have also seen an increase this year, compared to the last few. Our biggest has been Bunnings Training, where we not only get a Hall Hire fee but the ladies of the Women's Auxiliary also provide the catering for them.

Other hires we've had this year have been Baby Showers, 1st Birthdays, 8th Birthdays, wedding receptions, engagement parties, a Rock 'N' Roll night with the Lincolns, Boat License courses, Khaki & Chrome and other events.

Like all things around the Sub-Branch most of the functions can't proceed without Mark and the team of Bar Volunteers. Again as per previous reports it is the volunteers that help raise the much needed funds that keep this Sub-Branch afloat. Thank you Mark and your team for making this role easy, I haven't had to say no to any event. Hall Hires this year have raised \$19,122 for the Sub-Branch in hire fees plus the bar profit.

To the membership, please keep the Sub-Branch in mind for any events you or your friendship groups might have, as this is an easy fundraiser for the Sub-Branch.

**Jarrad Kay**

Hall Hire Officer



## Bunning BBQs

Our volunteers work hard raising much needed funds for the Sub-Branch, so we appreciate any support you can give.

See Dates on the Morphett Vale RSL website Calendar page. Come down and say g'day, buy a snag or maybe even offer your services to help serve on a shift.

Contact Secretary Jarrad for more details and dates where help is required.

## ANZAC Day Activities for 2023

- **Sunday Commemorative Service**

Scheduled for Sunday April 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 2023.**

With planning well underway, it is hoped that a normal Dawn Service will be held this year at the Memorial Gardens. Given we have a busy weekend, support from members to assist with setting up the Hall after the Sunday Commemorative Service ready for Gunfire Breakfast will be appreciated. Also required are members to assist in transporting equipment and chairs from the RSL to the Memorial Gardens in preparation for the Youth Vigil. Please liaise with Rob Winter if you can assist.

- **Youth Vigil**

The ANZAC Youth Vigil in the South will be back as normal at the Memorial Gardens. This is the 21<sup>st</sup> 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 Kiwanis 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 will be back at the Memorial Gardens this year with SA Health (currently) advising that no restrictions will be in place being an outdoor event. It is asked that all attending try to maintain social distancing requirements, masks should be worn if you feel concerned and if you are feeling unwell please stay at home. The service will be recorded and available for viewing on the Morphett Vale RSL website from 12 midday, should you be unable to attend.

The service will commence at 6am with any veteran who wishes to march to the memorial, stepping off from the oval gates at 5:45am.

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

Two-Up and hopefully Crown & Anchor are also planned. Lunches will be available, provided by our caterer David, with the following snacks available from the kitchen:

- 5 Flaming crumbed chicken wings with garlic Aioli - \$12
- Crumbed calamari rings with salad, chips, lemon and tartare sauce - \$17
- 3-Grilled BBQ chicken fillet sliders with cheese, sriracha chilli mayo coleslaw and chips - \$18
- Aussie steak burger with beetroot, pineapple, onion, egg, lettuce, tomato and burger sauce on sesame seeds bun - \$18
- Potato Wedges with sweet chilli and sour cream - \$10
- Bowl of chips with tomato sauce or Garlic Aioli - \$7

- **Digger Day SA 2023.**

The Digger Day commemorations and football match are scheduled to take place at Reynella football ground on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 2022 Grand Final between Reynella Wineflies and Morphett Vale Emus.

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

## Bar Manager's Report

### As delivered at the AGM on Monday 5 December 2022

This year has been a far better one for the RSL than the last couple, with the overall influence of COVID-19 being somewhat diminished. We have managed to run all planned and booked functions without any of the constraints of the past couple of years. We have had a really good year from the function point of view and this is reflected in the bar figures.

This year has been a continuance of the 2021 success and has proven to be our best year for turnover since our records were first kept in 2011-12. It is also, obviously, the best year since I took over the Bar Manager's position at the end of 2015.

Again we have had more hall hires and functions over this past year, some of which have come from the demise of The Southern Districts Working Man's Club. These include our Southern Rock 'n Rollers who hire the hall every Wednesday night, numerous private hall hires, SIX Open Mike days, Khaki and Chrome and various other functions, all of which have contributed to our bar income.

I am pleased to advise the total income from the bar this year was \$67,611.63, being the highest total ever and \$25,784.13 more than last year. This also allowed the bar to transfer \$40,785.49 to No1 account compared to the \$25,587.00 of last year and is also the highest on recorded. The percentage profit, although a little lower than last year, was a healthy 63.33%, being the fourth highest since these records commenced.

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 not increased our overall pricing for several years, with the exceptions of spirits, light beers and mixed lemon, lime & bitters. With prices of everything going up and our percentage profit starting to go down (albeit only a little) we unfortunately believe it is now time to apply a modest increase to some of our other drinks.

Our Friday night trading has remained stagnant with no real growth and whilst they has been well patronised and it should be also noted that this patronage is always the same loyal Members, who need to be thanked for their patronage. We have been looking at different ways to increase patronage with the introduction of live entertainment on the first Friday of each month which has increased attendance and thus, the bar takings and therefore operational income for The Sub-Branch.

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, Lance, Ray, Elaine, Joan, Sue, Steve Mandalik, Steve Dodson, Rob and Lindsay, who really need to be congratulated for the work they have been doing behind the bar. I would like to offer a special mention to Jarrad in terms of his assistance with the overall operation of the bar, particularly in more recent times with the Wednesday Southern Rock 'n Rollers, as well as Rob & Elaine who have stepped up to give Jarrad and me a break. I'd also like to mention and thank Ray for helping on various Saturday night functions as well as looking after the bottle & can recycling throughout the year.

I believe the whole Bar Staff have all done a brilliant job and I believe they should all be applauded for their extraordinary work to make this year the best on record.

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 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 2023.

Thank you ALL again for your support this year.

**Mark Wheaton**

Bar Manager

RSL Morphett Vale & Districts Sub-Branch Inc.



## **‘See it Live’ Grant**

The Sub-Branch has been successful in receiving a \$5,000 State government grant to upgrade audio visual and stage lighting equipment to encourage Live entertainment at our venue on a regular basis.

The funds provided have allowed for new speakers, professional sound mixing, stage microphones, performer monitors and stage lighting equipment to be installed.

This equipment has already been used at ‘Open Mic.’ events, Christmas Break Up and others RSL events. Subsidy funding has also been received to assist with payment of some performers appearing at the RSL.

## **Lions Club Provide Improved Projection Equipment**

The Lions Club of Noarlunga-Morphett Vale has been awarded a City of Onkaparinga 2023 Small Equipment Purchases Grant to install a motorised projection screen and projector at the RSL Sub-Branch. The equipment will be available for use by the RSL and all Hall Hirers in accordance with same conditions as RSL owned AV facilities already located on the premises.

## **Friday Night Music**

We are excited to announce that live music will continue at the Sub-Branch on the first Friday night of each month during 2023. A band, singer or other artists will be engaged to provide dining and dancing music each month.

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

As from March there will also be live music on the 3rd Friday of the month, thanks to further State Government Grants. If you know any bands or someone who you think would be a good fit for the RSL please let Jarrad know.

## **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. These include full-strength Beer, Wine, Ciders, Port and Liqueurs.

The current Bar Menu, including new additions of alcoholic Lemonade and Morphett Vale RSL Veteran’s Ale, can be found on the Menu page of the RSL Website.

## **Membership For 2023**

2023 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.

An Engineer dies and ends up in Hell.

He's hot and miserable, so he decides to take action. The air conditioning has been busted for a long time, so he fixes it. Things cool down quickly. The moving walk-way motor was jammed. He un-jammed it so people could get from place to place more easily. The TV was grainy and unclear, so he fixes the connection to the Satellite dish and now they get hundreds of high definition channels.

One day, God decides to look down on Hell to see how his grand design is working out and notices that everyone is happy and enjoying music and umbrella drinks.

He asks the Devil, "What's up?"

The Devil says, "Things are great down here since you sent us an Engineer."

"What", says God. "An Engineer? I didn't send you one of those. "

"That must have been a mistake. Send him upstairs immediately."

The Devil responds, "No way. We want to keep our engineer. We like him."

God demands, "If you don't send him to me immediately, I'll sue!"

The Devil laughs. "Where are YOU going to get a lawyer?"





### RSL Turns Green

The Sub-Branch was invaded by the colour green for our annual St. Patrick's Day Friday Night. The kitchen provided an Irish themed special - Beef and Guinness Stew with Colcannon potatoes and for something sweet Bailey's choc mousse. Although the beer did not change colour, members and patrons donned a splash of green to mark the occasion.



And here was the result:



The tightly contested 'dress up' prizes went to Molly and Lindsay. While the gentlemen on the right created their 'Irish' version of the Three Wise Men. Always a lot of fun. We look forward to next year's St. Patrick's Day offerings from members and friends.



A friend always seemed to lean slightly to the left. It bothered me, so I suggested that he see a doctor and have his legs checked. For years, he refused, telling me I was crazy, but last week, he finally went. Sure enough, the doctor discovered his left leg was a half-inch shorter than his right. A bit of orthopaedic surgery later, both legs are exactly the same length now and he no longer leans. "So," I said, "you didn't believe me when I told you a doctor could fix your leg." He just looked at me and said, "I stand corrected."



# 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](mailto:jarradkayrsl@gmail.com)



## Open Mic. Day Continues to be a Big Hit

On the third Sunday of each second month (see the events calendar for specific dates) we welcome singers, musicians, RSL members and the public to a great day of entertainment and relaxation organised by Steve Dobson.

The afternoon is packed with guest performers and Company of Two always get the day moving and also accompany some of the performers.

You, your family and friends are invited to jump on stage for a song or two or just come along to enjoy some Live local music.

Contact Steve, on 0409 710 214, to lock in some stage time.

A \$5 donation gets you in the door. Full bar facilities are available.

Feel free to bring your own snacks and nibbles to keep your taste buds satisfied.



## Wilf Turns 100

Yes, in December our most senior Service Member, Wilf Taylor, reached the magic milestone and celebrated with family and friends at the RSL.



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 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**

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

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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**

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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.

## Sub-Branch Supporters

**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.

**KENNARDS HIRE, 136 Sherriffs Road Morphett Vale SA 5162**  
**Phone - 8392 3200 Email: [morphettvale@kennards.com.au](mailto:morphettvale@kennards.com.au)**

Kennards Hire is the largest family-owned supplier of high quality, hire equipment in Australia, built on strong family values and the persistent determination to be the best. Offering customers high quality equipment, exceptional service and established core values. We thank Kennards for their donation of hire equipment to assist RSL projects.



**Debbie Glastonbury, 52 Hillier Rd, MORPHETT VALE SA 5162**  
**Phone - 0432 209 355 Email - [debbie@magain.com.au](mailto: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.

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 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.

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## Sub-Branch Supporters

### Oakley Computers

Phone - 0438 951738 (Dave) Email [dave@oakleycomputers.com.au](mailto:dave@oakleycomputers.com.au)

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[www.oakleycomputers.com.au](http://www.oakleycomputers.com.au)  
 Phone Dave - 0438 951 738  
 ABN 96 463 721601

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

## Sub-Branch Web Site and Social Media

The Sub-Branch website can be found at: [www.rslmorphettvale.com.au](http://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).

## 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](mailto: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	



## Dates for your Calendar

### April 2023

Saturday 1st.	Sausage Sizzle - Bunnings NOARLUNGA
Monday 4th.	7.30pm Sub-Branch General Meeting
Thursday 6th.	6.30pm Women's Auxiliary Committee Meeting
Friday 7th.	Good Friday (Sub-Branch closed)
Friday 14th.	6.00pm Friday night meals and fellowship
Sunday 16th.	Sausage Sizzle - Bunnings NOARLUNGA - Also ANZAC Day Badge Sales
Friday 21st.	6.00pm Friday night meals and fellowship – Music from Linda McCarthy
Saturday 22nd.	<b>Digger Day SA</b> Football match - Reynella Football Club
Sunday 23rd.	2.30pm <b>ANZAC Sunday Commemorative Service</b>
Monday 24th.	8.15pm <b>Youth Vigil in the South</b> - Onkaparinga Memorial Gardens
Tuesday 25th.	6.00am <b>ANZAC Day Dawn Service</b> - Onkaparinga Memorial Gardens Gunfire Breakfast (after Dawn Service) - RSL Sub-Branch Entertainment from Company of Two and light meals all day
Friday 28th.	6.00pm Friday night meals and fellowship

### May 2023

Monday 1st.	6.00pm Sub-Branch Committee Meeting - 7.30pm Sub-Branch General Meeting
Friday 5th.	6.00pm Friday night meals and fellowship - Music from Fern Black Entertainment
Sunday 7th.	Sausage Sizzle - Bunnings NOARLUNGA
Friday 12th.	Mothers/Grandmothers Day theme night
Friday 19th.	6.00pm Friday night meals and fellowship - Music from Six String Acoustic Duo
Sunday 21st.	2-5pm 'Open Mic' Day with entertainment
Friday 26th.	6.00pm Friday night meals and fellowship

### June 2023

Thursday 1st.	6.30pm Women's Auxiliary Committee Meeting
Friday 2nd.	6.00pm Friday night meals and fellowship - Music from Company of Two
Saturday 3rd.	Sausage Sizzle - Bunnings 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
Saturday 17th.	7.00pm Sub-Branch <b>Quiz Night</b>
Sunday 18th.	11.30am Veteran's Lunch with entertainment from Malcolm Doyle
Friday 23rd.	6.00pm Friday night meals and fellowship
Friday 30th.	6.00pm Friday night meals and fellowship

## More Dates for your Calendar

### July 2023

Sunday 2nd.	Sausage Sizzle - Bunnings NOARLUNGA
Monday 3rd.	7.30pm Sub-Branch General Meeting
Friday 7th.	6.00pm Friday night meals and fellowship - Music from Six String Acoustic Duo
Friday 14th.	6.00pm Friday night meals and fellowship
Sunday 16th.	2-5pm 'Open Mic' Day with entertainment
Friday 21st.	6.00pm Christmas in July - Music from Linda McCarthy
Friday 28th.	6.00pm Friday night meals and fellowship

### August 2023

Thursday 3rd.	6.30pm Women's Auxiliary Committee Meeting
Monday 7th.	6.00pm Sub-Branch Committee Meeting - 7.30pm Sub-Branch General Meeting
Friday 4th.	6.00pm Friday night meals and fellowship
Saturday 5th.	Sausage Sizzle - Bunnings NOARLUNGA
Friday 11th.	6.00pm Friday night meals and fellowship
Sunday 16th.	Veteran's Lunch with entertainment
Friday 18th.	6.00pm Friday night meals and fellowship
Saturday 19th.	6.00pm <b>Sub-Branch Annual Dinner</b> (To Be Confirmed)
Friday 25th.	6.00pm Friday night meals and fellowship

### September 2023

Friday 1st.	6.00pm Father's Day theme night
Sunday 3rd.	Bunnings BBQ - Noarlunga Store - Father's Day
Monday 4th.	7.30pm Sub-Branch General Meeting
Thursday 7th.	7.00pm Women's Auxiliary Committee Meeting
Friday 8th.	6.00pm Friday night meals and fellowship
Friday 15th.	6.00pm Friday night meals and fellowship
Friday 22nd.	6.00pm Friday night meals and fellowship
Sunday 24th.	2-5pm 'Open Mic' Day with entertainment
Friday 29th.	6.00pm Friday night meals and fellowship

After being away on business for a week, Tom thought it would be nice to bring his wife a little gift. "How about some perfume?" he asked the cosmetics clerk. She showed him a bottle costing \$50. "That's a bit much," said Tom, so she returned with a smaller bottle for \$30. "That's still quite a bit," Tom grouched. Growing disgusted, the clerk brought out a tiny \$15 bottle. Tom grew agitated, "What I mean," he said, "is I'd like to see something real cheap." So the clerk handed him a mirror.

**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 2023.

Contributions are welcomed by Friday August 25<sup>th</sup> 2023.

**Please send articles and/or photographs to [thewinters@optusnet.com.au](mailto:thewinters@optusnet.com.au)**