



THE DISPATCH

From RSL Morphett Vale & District Sub Branch

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Welcome to 2021 at your RSL

The Sub-Branch will re-open for business on Friday January 15th 2021, subject to any changes in government regulations relating to Covid19.

At the Sub-Branch Annual General Meeting, held on Monday 7th December 2020, President Ron, Secretary Jarrad and Bar Manager Mark outlined activities conducted over the last 12 months.

Although the Covid-19 pandemic had an effect on our Sub Branch's social and financial status, with the aid of cautious management, after a 13 week closure in compliance with the government restrictions, we came out the other side in a fiscally depleted state but still operating.

Towards the end of the year Bunnings new store at Reynella invited us to conduct sausage sizzles which resulted in some much need funds.

Adelaide Cruisin' Classics car club conducted a 'show and shine' event at the Sub-Branch called "Khaki and Chrome". A donation from the car club and fundraising on the day provided another financial boost. This event was such a success that is planned to be held annually in October each year.

Over this past year a few projects to fix or enhance the Sub-Branch and the grounds were undertaken including repairs to brickwork and roofing, establishment of a 'smoking area' and additions to our memorabilia collection.

The 'Beer Garden' project for the Southern side of the building commenced with the erection of the post-rail fence.

Also identified was the need to hide the unsightly display of pallets on our northern fence line. Eight lattice panels have been installed using volunteer labour with the Women's Auxiliary funding 50% of the purchase costs.

Although initially cancelled due to Covid restrictions, the Sub-Branch Annual Dinner was able to proceed at short notice. The attendees included special guests, our own members and visitors from a number of other Sub-Branches.

This year for the first time in ages, our local ANZAC Dawn Service was cancelled due to restrictions placed on us by the State Government. However, not to be beaten, many in our community joined a national movement to commemorate the sacrifice of our fallen and returned Servicemen and Women with a remembrance observance at the bottom of their driveways. We as a Sub-Branch also produced a video that was available on YouTube. This included messages from President Ron and local MPs along with the Last Post and the Ode.

The Remembrance Day Service this year went off really well with about 150 people attending.

The Women's Auxiliary once again organized Poppy Badge sales with over \$4,000 being raised for veteran welfare.

Two particular members who passed this year were Bill McEvoy, our surviving "Rat of Tobruk" and Bob Douglas, a stoker in the Royal Australian Navy. Both men were valued members of our Sub-Branch and will be missed.

This year has been a challenging year for our Secretary Jarrad on so many levels. Firstly, taking over from the previous Secretary and coming to grips with the required duties, although the immense assistance provided by Gordon made this a little easier. Secondly, dealing with the challenges related to organising events and activities under ever-changing Covid conditions.

It is worth reminding members that the only regular funding that the Sub-Branch receives is from bar trade on Friday nights and monthly Hall Hire. So without the other events that the committee and Women's Auxiliary arranged

this year being supported by members, the on-going volunteer service provided by the bar staff and maintenance carried out by members, we wouldn't be in the reasonably stable position that we are at present.



Pictured above is some of the crowd that gathered at the Onkaparinga Memorials Gardens to observe Remembrance Day 2020.

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| The following Office bearers were elected at the AGM: | | The following were elected to Women’s Auxiliary Offices: | |
| President | Ron Payne | President | Kerrie Doudle |
| Vice-Presidents (2) | Mark Wheaton Jim Bowles | Secretary | Sandy Wheaton |
| Secretary | Jarrad Kay | Treasurer | Dierdre Owen |
| Treasurer | Sandy Wheaton | Assistant Secretary / Treasurer | Elaine Winter |
| Committee Members (6) | Dierdre Owen Lance Reeves Hugh Mortimer Stephen Dobson Lindsay Martin Wayne Herreen | Sub-Branch Committee Rep. | Ros Day |
| | | President Ron extended the Sub-Branch’s heartfelt thanks to Ken Treloar for the excellent job he had done in managing the club’s finances over many years and wished him well in his retirement from the committee and the role of Treasurer. | |

Annual Subscriptions Due Now

Members who have not renewed their RSL Service or Affiliate membership should contact Dierdre Owen at deeowen1@bigpond.com or on a Friday night at the club to arrange payment.

Subs can be paid directly to **RSL Morphett Vale & District** Bank account: **Westpac** BSB: **035053** Account: **80-1573**

When paying by bank deposit please notify Dierdre by email or the Sub-Branch at: MorphettVale@rslsa.org.au

Maintaining your membership will ensure that you continue to be informed about Sub-Branch activities through the newsletters and are entitled to hold office and vote at member meetings.

NEWS from Sub-Branch Meeting Minutes

- Our RSL Digital Honour Board was provided to the Noarlunga Library for display on their video screen to commemorate Remembrance Day.
- Acknowledgement and thanks to Noarlunga-Morphett Vale Lions Club for the donation of two more outdoor umbrellas for use by the RSL in the ‘Beer Garden’ area.
- Regular promotion of the Sub-Branch is happening through Facebook. We ask all those that follow our page to like and share posts. Recently an Online Competition winner attended the Sub-Branch, enjoyed a meal with family and friends and even won the meat tray. In the New Year there will be weekly specials and promotions so keep watching our Facebook page <http://facebook.com/morphettvalers/> and share it with your friends.



Members and guests at the Christmas Dinner were welcomed with carols sung by the Onkaparinga Harmony Chorus.

Christmas Dinner

Covid restrictions did allow for our Christmas Break-Up Dinner to go ahead with many of those attending dressing in the Christmas spirit.



Dates for your Diary:

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| January | | |
| Friday | 15 | First Friday Night opening for the year |
| Monday | 18 | 7.30pm Sub-Branch Committee Meeting |
| Thursday | 28 | 7.00pm Women’s Auxiliary General Meeting |
| February | | |
| Monday | 1 | 7.30pm Sub-Branch Monthly General Meeting |
| Friday | 12 | Valentine’s Day Dinner (Friday Night) |
| Monday | 15 | 7.30pm Sub-Branch Committee Meeting |
| Thursday | 25 | 7.00pm Women’s Auxiliary General Meeting |
| March | | |
| Monday | 1 | 7.30pm Sub-Branch Monthly General meeting |
| Monday | 15 | 7.30pm Sub-Branch Committee Meeting |
| Thursday | 25 | 7.00pm Women’s Auxiliary General Meeting |

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