



BOXHILLRSL

BOX HILL NEWS



WE ARE RE-OPENING OUR DOORS FOR YOU!

It is with great excitement and anticipation we announce the re-opening of Box Hill RSL Sub-Branch. **The BIG day will fall in two weeks, Tuesday 16th June 2020** and we are delighted to be welcoming all our Members back to the Club.

While our Staff will still greet you with a warm smile and a friendly hello, we will be introducing some new and exciting changes in the way our Club looks and operates as well as new hygiene practices. We understand these changes may be different than what you are used to and our priority is to ensure that you have a safe and enjoyable experience.

Here are some things we have implemented by instruction of the Chief Medical Officer of Victoria to help keep our Club safe for all our Members:

- All Staff have completed the Covid19 Infection Control Government Online Training
- More frequent cleaning and sanitizing of the Club
- Access to hand sanitizer throughout the Club
- New limits on the number of people allowed in the Bistro including communal areas at one time
- We prefer and are encouraging contactless payments
- We are required to restrict Member and Guest numbers in the Club (From June 16 confined to 20 people per enclosed space and maximum table numbers of 6) along with ensuring 1.5 meters distance between tables is maintained
- Reservations are essential
- The Gaming Room, Sports Bar, Library & Function Rooms are NOT currently operating

New Bistro & Club Opening Hours:

Tuesday – Friday	Lunch Service 11am till 3pm Dinner Service 5pm till 9pm
Saturday	Dinner Service Only 5pm till 9pm
Monday & Sunday	Closed

Here are some things we expect from our Members & Guests to implement to help keep our Club safe:

- **DUE TO GOVERNMENT RESTRICTIONS, IT IS EXPECTED THAT YOU MUST HAVE A RESERVATION TO DINE AT THE CLUB**
- You must stay home if you feel sick or unwell
- Wash your hands frequently and thoroughly, along with using the hand sanitizers located throughout the Club
- Stay at least 1.5 m apart when moving through the venue
- Be considerate of other Members & Staff (Remember, we're all in this together)

For the most part I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your patience and cooperation, our priority is to provide each of our Members and Guests with the safest dining environment while having an enjoyable experience.

Our friendly Reception Staff will be available to take your Reservations from 9am on Tuesday 2nd June 2020. To make a bookings please call 03 9897 6700.



We look forward to welcoming you again soon.

Denis Fernando
General Manager

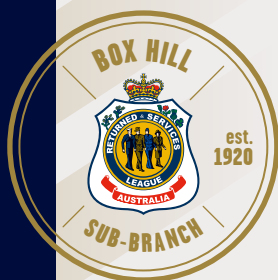
Welfare Report.

For all welfare matters telephone: Faye Clark on 9897 6780



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Stories by Members for Members



Our best wishes are with those members who are, or have been in hospital since the last issue.

Bob McLellan, Arthur Whitbourne, Max Hayes, George Agius

VALE

lest we forget



Arthur Atkinson
QX55162 – A.L.H.

Robert Hammer
R112063 – RAN

Victor Pill
VX133868 – 53 ACA

Michael Newey
AFFILIATE

Alan Spencer
VX151 727 – 58/59 AIB

Di Parker
VF 513577 – AWAS

Eric Aldred
22851385 – BRIT. ARMY

Ellen Monk
AFFILIATE

John Timms
3775260 – ARMY

Glen Boyd
3/759691 – Army

John Willoughby
PM7527 – RAN

Members in Aged Care

BEULAH ANDERSON, Alawarra, Inala, 220 Middleborough Rd, Blackburn Sth

COLIN BARRACLOUGH, Alawarra, Inala, 220 Middleborough Rd, Blackburn Sth

RON BATTEN, Heritage Gardens, 325–329 Canterbury Rd, Bayswater Nth

MAUREEN BRAYNE, Alawarra, Inala, 220 Middleborough Rd, Blackburn Sth

ERICA CAMPBELL, Opal Salford Park, 100 Harold St, Wantirna

MYRA CAMPBELL, Dorothy Henderson Lodge, 157 Balaclava Rd, Marsfield

MARGARET CAVILL, Highwood Court, 359 Warrigal Rd, Burwood

ALWYN CHARLESWORTH, Uniting AgeWell, 75 Thames St, Box Hill

BRIAN & THERESA CLANCY, ESTIA Lodge, 211-217 Wantirna Road, Ringwood

MOLLIE CLOUGH, Kew Gardens, 22-24 Gellibrand St, Kew

ARTHUR COLLISON, Uniting Aged Care, 75 Thames Street, Box Hill

JOCELYN DAVIS, Vasey RSL Care, 702-723 Hawthorn Road, East Brighton

JOHN DONALDSON, ESTIA Health, 879 Plenty Road, South Morang

NOEL & LOIS DUNN, BUPA, 296-304 Springvale Road, Donvale

ALMA GEORGE, Broughton Lea, 9-17 Broughton Road, Surrey Hills

RHODA GORDON, Faversham House, 27 Shierlaw Ave, Canterbury

GORDON HANG GONG, Alexandra Gardens, 42 Old Warrandyte Road, Donvale

SUSIE HALL, Rathdowne Place Aged Care, 497 Rathdowne St, Carlton

NORMA HARVEY, Sherbrook, 14-18 Tarana Avenue, Ferntree Gully

KEN HAZELWOOD, Regis Lake Park 40 Central Rd, Blackburn

PAULINE HIRONS, Blue Willows, 74 Warrandyte Road, Ringwood

KATHRYN HOLMES, Alawarra, Inala, 220 Middleborough Rd, Blackburn Sth

LORNA HOUSE, Wattle Glen ACF, 45 Silvan Rd, Wattle Glen

BOB HOWDEN, Mannacare, 371 Manningham Rd, Doncaster

NORMA IRELAND, Eva Tilley, 110 Burke Road, Balwyn North

NORMAN JARMAN, Blue Cross, 48 Dorking Road, Box Hill

CARMEL JOHANSEN, Opal Gracedale, 205 Warrandyte Rd, Ringwood Nth

WILLIE KLOMP, Dutchcare, 736 Mt Dandenong Rd, Kilsyth

DOREEN KNOP, Livingstone Gardens, 39 Livingstone Rd, Vermont South

IVY JEAN KUTCHER, Faversham House, 27 Shierlaw Ave, Canterbury

GARRY LEVEY, Broughton Lea, 9-17 Broughton Road, Surrey Hills

BETTY MADDOCK, Faversham House, 27 Shierlaw Ave, Canterbury

BERYL MAINON, Arcare Surrey Hills, 18 Florence St, Surrey Hills

NOEL MCMAHON, Faversham House, 27 Shierlaw Ave, Canterbury

BORIS MATHERS, Grand Cedar 61-63 High Street Road, Ashwood

TOM O'DONNELL, Livingstone Gardens, 39 Livingstone Rd, Vermont South

NOEL OUTHRED, BUPA Donvale, 296-304 Springvale Road, Donvale

JACK PHILIPS, Waverley Valley 29-33 Chesterville Rd, Glen Waverley 3150

FRED PIKE, Faversham House, 27 Shierlaw Avenue, Canterbury

LOIS PRICHARD, Arcare Surrey Hills, 18 Florence St, Surrey Hills

GEORGE REDFERN, Blue Cross, 40 Dorking Road, Box Hill

AVRIL SCHOLEFIELD, Lynbrook Park, 42 Olive Road, Lynbrook

MYRA SPENCER, Faversham House, 27 Shierlaw Ave, Canterbury

BARBARA STRUDWICK, Nellie Melba ACF, 2 Collegium Ave, Wheelers Hill

EDNA TANDY, Alawarra, Inala, 220 Middleborough Rd, Blackburn Sth

DAVID TAYLOR, Blue Cross, 250 Waterdale Rd, Ivanhoe

JOHN VALENTINE, Emerald Hill, 215 Napier Street, South Melbourne

PHIL WALTER, Regis Lake Park, 40 Central Road, Blackburn

LANCE WARD, Arcare, 75 King Street, Templestowe

HARRY WESTBURY, Aveo Domaine, 31-43 Victoria Street, Doncaster

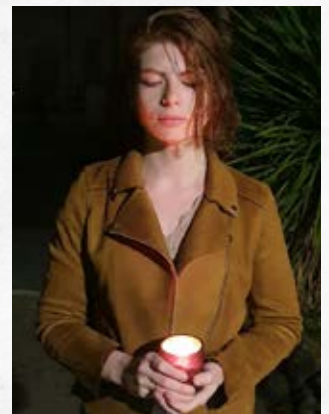
JACK WHITTEN, James Miller Centre, 9-15 Kent Street, Glen Iris

ANZAC DAY 2020

**WAS LIKE
NO OTHER**

Box Hill RSL commemorated our Service Men and Women of all Wars with a small service at the Cenotaph in the Box Hill gardens next door. President John Haward recited The Ode; wreaths were laid by John Haward, Brian Tateson and Judy Coates. The Last Post was played by Box Hill RSL member John Kelly. Wreaths were then laid at the memorial wall in front of the RSL and at the Boer War monument in Whitehorse Road.

Others commemorated at Dawn on their balconies and at their front gates, we share a selection of photos of the above service together with members and staff in a reflection of the importance of ANZAC Day.





APPEALS

Although we could not come together this Anzac Day, the RSL recognises the support our members have for those we lost and our veterans' families. We would like to thank all of our usual and would-be volunteers of the Anzac Appeal which sadly could not go ahead this year.

We would also like to thank all who donated via our website and to those who sent cheques. These donations totalled \$12,682 and are greatly appreciated.

A big thank you to Blue Cross, Dorking Road, who bought 300 badges for their residents and who also sold badges for us at their request.

A thank you also to Bunnings as they donated \$300.00 to purchase badges for their staff.

Bep Dawes
Appeals Officer



Residents of Blue Cross conduct an ANZAC Service

OUR CENTENARIANS

In this edition, we celebrate the lives of four of our five members who have reached 100 years of age. All four are women who were born in the aftermath of WW1 during the time of another pandemic the Spanish flu. They managed throughout the depression and WW2, have seen massive and far-reaching change in society but have lived happy and purposeful lives. I thank these amazing women and their families for sharing their life experiences with us. Also, thank you to our volunteers, Graeme Agnew and Brenda Burr, who visit them and who helped me with their stories.

Alma George



Alma was born on 2nd January, 1919. She was the youngest of six children. Alma was a country girl born and bred. She grew up on a property near Hamilton, Victoria, where she was expected to do her share of the farm work. As a teenager she would 'drive' herds of cattle many miles between their

properties. After leaving the farm and moving to Melbourne she worked for many years as a Dental Nurse.

Alma and Jack met as children, were separated for a period when Jack's family moved away, only to be reunited, fall in

love and marry in 1943. Jack, her husband, pre-deceased her three years ago. He was a Lancaster Bomber's navigator and bomb-aimer over Germany in WWII. Their first born arrived soon after Jack was posted to Europe. They were separated for nearly three years.

Alma and Jack had three children, subsequently, seven grandchildren, and, as of right now, have six great-grandchildren. They are a close family, headed by Alma as a wonderful, much-loved, totally with-it matriarch.

At 101 years old, she is a 'favourite', if not the favourite, of the staff of Broughton Lea Aged Care Facility where she now resides. Alma is a delight to visit as, with all good communicators, she is both interested and interesting.

Diana Parker



Di was born in Woolstonecraft, Sydney, on 27th December 1919 and moved to Melbourne when she was about six. Di worked with Commercial Banking Company of Sydney (now NAB) but, with the war continuing, she volunteered for the Australian Women's Army Service (AWAS). She served with the Central

Bureau, an intelligence unit based in Brisbane from 14 September 1943 to 5 February 1946 and was a Sergeant on discharge. Di made many friends in the army and always looked forward to the CB Anzac reunions in Sydney.

After the war Di married Gerry (Gerald) Parker from the Royal Australian Navy. He served on HMAS Hobart, a Light Cruiser. While the Hobart was repaired after being struck by a

Japanese torpedo, Gerry served on the Corvette Junee. The Hobart was in Tokyo Bay for the Surrender Ceremony.

They had three children and lived in Mount Eliza where a shopping centre now stands, then Kew, then Mont Albert in Victoria before retiring to Tathra on the south coast of NSW. Sadly Gerry passed away in 1992 and Di moved to Box Hill, Victoria, in 1998 and in 2017 when living alone no longer made sense, she moved to Lynden Aged Care in Camberwell. She was well cared for there and was able to celebrate her 100th birthday on 27 December 2019 with a function of around 50 family and friends, including some from Legacy and the RSL. It was a wonderful occasion, something the family will treasure.

Sadly, Di passed away on the 15th April, during the COVID-19 lockdown, remaining to the end a strong and independent woman.

OUR CENTENARIANS // CONTINUED

Mary Forrest



Mary Forrest was born on 31st May 1918 and has lived in Box Hill for all of her 102 years. Mary attended the Box Hill Primary School and Box Hill Girls' Technical School. After leaving school, she worked as a dressmaker with Myer and a Collins Street boutique, then in later years as a shop

assistant and alterations seamstress with Edna Barnett in

Box Hill. She has one daughter and only moved to assisted accommodation a few years ago.

She met and married the love of her life, Mac, in 1942. Mac had transferred from the Army to the Air Force and went on to serve in Darwin and Port Moresby. After the war Mac and Mary joined the Box Hill RSL and became active members of the Bowls Section; Mary also joined the Legacy Ladies. Sadly Mac died in 2004, but Mary continued with her bowling and Legacy Ladies activities.

She still loves to visit the Club, where she celebrated her 100th Birthday.

Erica Campbell



Erica was born in Warracknabeal Base Hospital just after the Spanish Flu, on 30th April 1920. Her parents, Eric and Jean, were wheat and sheep farmers, 10 miles out of town where Erica rode her pony, Mary, to school at Bangerang every day, along with her siblings on their ponies.

Erica was trained as a nurse at the Alfred Hospital and met her husband

Jim through his nursing sister, Muriel. Jim served in New Guinea and Borneo during the war. They married in 1946 at Scotch College Chapel.

After moving around with her husband to different bank work locations in Victoria and southern NSW, including Shepparton,

Corowa, Hampton, Boronia and Box Hill North whilst also raising her four sons, she returned to the paid workforce when in 1964 the opportunity to return to nursing emerged with a program designed to retrain married former nurses.

Erica and Jim Campbell were long-term members of Box Hill RSL, and while living in Rostrevor Parade, Mont Albert North, enjoyed meals in the RSL Bistro and helping the oldies of the area including people of St Andrew's Uniting Church when they themselves were in their seventies and eighties.

Now Erica is living in the peaceful Opal Salford Park in Wantirna and had been enjoying visitors, until COVID-19 caused Restricted Access. Erica celebrated her 100th Birthday in April with a virtual party because of the lockdown.

P.S. Are you wondering about the 5th Centenarian?

She is the oldest at 103 years of age and has also led a happy and purposeful life. She married a WW2 Air Force Veteran who passed away some years ago and she still lives independently in her own home. She tells me she

keeps busy by reading, watching TV and doing crosswords, but didn't want to be part of our profile article.

Faye

Welfare Coordinator



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