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# BOX HILL NEWS

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## Remembrance Day

On Wednesday 11th November Box Hill RSL conducted a small Remembrance Day service at the Cenotaph in Box Hill Gardens. The Last Post was played by Lauren Innes from Box Hill Brass Band. Wreaths were laid by President John Haward, Vice President Brian Tateson and Committee member Judy Coates. A wreath was also laid at the Remembrance Wall at the RSL by Chris Gray, Lindsay Burke, Bep Dawes, Brian Tateson, John Howard, Judy Coates and John Sheehan. Later, Judy Coates laid a wreath at the Boer War Memorial in Whitehorse Rd Box Hill.

Lest we forget.



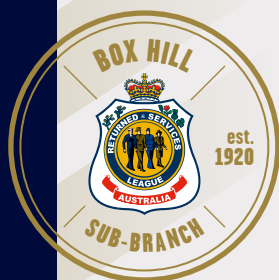
# Welfare Report.

For all welfare matters telephone: Faye Clark on 9897 6780



## BOX HILL NEWS

Stories by Members for Members



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

**Carmel Thompson**

I hope to welcome back  
all my welfare volunteers  
in the new year.

In the meantime, have  
a great Christmas and  
a happy new year!



Faye

## VALE

*lest we forget*



**William Stockdale**  
445045 RAAF

**Laurie Dodd**  
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## Members in Aged Care

**GEORGE AGIUS**, Blue Cross,  
Livingstone Gardens, 39  
Livingstone Rd., Vermont South

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

**COLIN BARRACLOUGH**,  
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

**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

**ALMA & JAMES D'ARCY**, Blue  
Cross, 48 Dorking Road, Box Hill

**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

**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

**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

**GARRY LEVEY**, Broughton Lea,  
9–17 Broughton Road, Surrey  
Hills

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Dorking Road, Box Hill

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Canterbury

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Dorking Road, Box Hill

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Hills, 18 Florence St, Surrey Hills

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Ashwood

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Templestowe

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Donvale

**FRED PIKE**, Faversham House,  
27 Shierlaw Avenue, Canterbury

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

**GEORGE REDFERN**, Blue Cross,  
48 Dorking Road, Box Hill

**MYRA SPENCER**, Faversham  
House, 27 Shierlaw Ave,  
Canterbury

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Melba ACF, 2 Collegium Ave,  
Wheeters 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



# Welcome Back to your Club!

7 Days a Week. Open Till 1am

Dear Member,

We would like to thank you all for your patience and support while we have been closed. We are so excited to welcome you back to your Club.

Our Bistro is open for Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner. Along with Pizzas on the Deck on Thursday, Friday & Saturday from 4pm – 9:00pm.

## Enjoy Breakfast at your Club

Reservations are essential  
Monday - Saturday 9am - 11am

## Pizza on the Deck

Thursday, Friday, Saturday  
4pm - 9pm

## NEW CLUB OPENING HOURS

Mon – Sat	9am – 1am
Sunday	11am – midnight

## RESERVATIONS

Reservations can be made by  
calling Reception on 9897 6700

## IT'S PICNIC WEATHER!

Pop on by for takeaway pizzas & grazing boxes and enjoy it next door at Box Hill Gardens

Thursday, Friday, Saturday  
4.00pm - 8.30pm



## CHRISTMAS HOURS

Christmas Day: Closed

Boxing Day: 12pm to 1am  
(Lunch or Dinner Only)

New Year's Day: 12pm to 1am  
(Lunch or Dinner Only)



## NOW ENJOY YOUR FAVOURITE MEALS AT HOME!

Phone reception on 03 9897 6700  
to place your order

7 Days a Week

12:00pm - 3:00pm Lunch  
6:00pm - 8:30pm Dinner

# THE POPPY APPEAL

The Poppy Appeal this year has been impacted by the Corona Virus providing much less opportunity for our volunteers and supporters. Regardless, we still had a great outcome with much support.

Pictured we have the students from Rangeview Primary showing their keen support for the Appeal. Rangeview, along with some other schools, managed to hold up the tradition in such trying times. Thank you so much all students and teachers from our schools for their fantastic enthusiasm.

We also had the participation of some businesses and Aged Care facilities. Again, what a great effort having to deal with the restrictions but carrying on regardless.

As in the past, our members held strong with their donations via mail and EFTPOS. All in all, it was a terrific Appeal seeing so many willing to support our Veterans in a difficult year.

Heartfelt thanks from all our Veterans, their families and your club.

**Bep Dawes**

Appeals Officer



Archie, Romeo and Thomas.

## Box Hill Day Section

The global "annus horribilis" is almost at an end, thankfully. Like many others, I felt sad being unable to meet as a Section for most of 2020.

Some new challenges arose, including:

Virtually housebound for 23 hours, then 22 hours daily; limited exercise outdoors; wearing masks and travel distances very restricted. As a result we were unable to see family, near yet so far away.

My biggest challenge was being involved with home-schooling. Our granddaughter's music teacher sent music for me to play on my piano to accompany Allegra on her clarinet. This then became a three-way music lesson on Zoom. With guidance from Allegra (aged 11years) I mastered the technology needed and it was declared a success. Guidance with French and English was done

using Whats App and FaceTime. Education is certainly evolving steadily. It's what children cannot do these days, not what they can do.

It is great to see the RSL open once again. We hope our Section will be able to resume early in 2021. New members are always welcome. Details will follow in the next edition.

In the meantime, Merry Christmas to one and all. Keep smiling as we will see your smiles as THAT restriction has been relaxed.

**Mary Simpson**

Co-ordinator



# OUR CENTENARIAN

## Don McDonald 100 YEARS YOUNG

Don was born in Coburg in 1920 and moved to Cora Lyn district as a young child. He was one of seven children and attended the Cora Lynn State School until eighth grade and then went to work at Bayles general store. He then moved to the city and took up a job with the Post Master General's Department. He was 18 when he joined the CMF in 1939. Don described himself as a "absolutely rotten soldier". When war broke out, he joined the RAAF and graduated as a pilot. After training he was placed in 578 squadron RAF in Yorkshire flying Halifaxes over Germany. After completing his tour of duty, Don was to pass on his knowledge at the Operational Training Unit in Moreton-on-Marsh. After some differences of opinion with the "powers that be", Don returned to operational service. He says, "I must have been insane". Don joined the remnants of 466 RAAF Halifax Squadron at Driffield in Yorkshire and the crew completed one operation before the war in Europe ended.

Confronted by the perils of anti-aircraft fire, searchlights and enemy planes, Don says there was no doubt luck played a big part in him surviving the war. While Don is reluctant to talk about his war achievements, it should be noted that he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross Medal at Buckingham Palace for his efforts. In 2015 Don



was awarded the Legion d'Honneur Medal in recognition of his service to France during WW2. When receiving the award Don paid tribute to his crew and to the many others he says, "were just as deserving, or perhaps more deserving, especially those who were killed". "I was just lucky to get a return ticket to come back home, when others didn't make it".

On returning to Australia, Don went back to the Bayles General Store. He married Flora Barr in 1946 before the couple moved to buy the Fawkner Post Office. After Flora's death, Don remarried Ailsa in 1977 and lived in Mont Albert until her death. Don recently moved to Blue Cross Aged Care in Box Hill where he celebrated his 100th birthday under COVID-19 conditions. Don has two children: Lorraine (dec) and Phillip and is great mates with Ailsa's children Jamie and Judy.

A life well lived, Don!

**Faye**  
Welfare Coordinator

## 2021 Membership Renewals

As we are all aware 2020 has been a very different year with lots of challenges, none more than the Coronavirus which has prevented us opening for a fair amount of the year.

This has obviously affected our Members being able to get the full benefit from their membership.

Box Hill RSL Management & Committee have made the decision to reduce our renewal fee to \$20.00 for the next financial year, providing you with a 50% discount.

Renewals can be made online, over the phone by calling Reception on (03) 9897 6700 or the next time you are in the Club.

# Bowling Section

Hi Everyone,

What an amazing year it has been for us all. With all the ups and downs, we have had, hopefully everyone survived, and we are still here, in one shape or another, in my case another!

Wonderful that a few restrictions have been lifted and we are able to get up and out, visit family and friends, wine and dine at our favourite club (the Box Hill RSL) -- something we have all missed doing.

Players of the bowls section were finally able to take to the green on Wednesday 11th November for a roll up. Members enjoyed meeting up and took to the green like a duck to water. At 11 o'clock, the game ceased and the one-minute silence was observed in respect and remembrance of the fallen. Lest we forget.

This is a photo of John Harrington's input at his home on Remembrance Day.

A lot of maintenance by volunteers of the greens and garden crew is underway, to get the green, garden and surrounds ready for play, as it has been well over eight months since we were able to get to or use our bowling green.

In the meantime during RSL lockdown, our match committee organised, with a nearby club, for a few limited bowlers to have an occasional roll up.

Many thanks to Blackburn North Bowling Club, who were under different shutdown rules, for allowing us to use their club facilities, during that time. All COVID-19 health restrictions were abided by. But as the saying goes, "Ah! It's nice to be home". Thanks to the re-opening of the RSL.

Our pennant season is starting much later than usual: first game for Saturday 28th November and midweek: Tuesday 1st December, with 14 games instead of the usual 18 taking place.

Four games will be played this side of Christmas and the remaining 10 starting back in the new year.

Everyone is looking forward to getting back, seeing, meeting and greeting each other, not leaving out that we

are together and like to play bowls.

The committee has been conducting meetings via Zoom -- still a lot to be done behind the scenes as RSL Sub branch would know only too well.

We have planned our Christmas get together for 6th December, where we will celebrate further camaraderie.

Our club champions and runners up will receive their long-awaited trophies on the night for particular participation entry win. Congratulations and well done to all who took part. Thank you to match committee and club championship organisers.



Members have been caring, kind, thoughtful and concerned for other members during these past few months, which is always nice to know, and it has proved comforting to those living on their own.

Unfortunately, a couple of bowl members have transferred to other clubs, during the shutdown due to moving house: Geoff Woods and Alex Robertson, have moved further afield.

Management and members wish them well and thank them for work done during their

time at the club.

Our thoughts also go to the sad loss of some bowl members who have passed during 2020.

I wish, and thank, fellow committee and committee members, bowlers, selectors, caterers, garden and greens committee, RSL Sub Branch staff, a very merry Christmas, a healthier, successful, bright, and peaceful New Year. With all the blessings of a better 2021 for everyone.

Safe travels to those fortunate enough to go holidaying. Stay safe.

On behalf of Bowls Management,

**Helen Harrington**  
Vice Chairperson