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One Hundred Years in the Making

BOX HILL RSL CENTENARY 1920-2020 BOOK LAUNCH



OUT NOW!
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Last month the Box Hill RSL launched its Centenary book, called "One hundred years in the Making Box Hill RSL 1920-2020".

It details the history from when it received the charter in 1920 to the centenary year in 2020. There are events from when the Veterans returned home from WW1 to getting together in 1919 and forming a sub-branch of the RSL in Box Hill. The members then raised funds to build club rooms in Whitehorse

Road, opposite the Council Offices. When WW2 Veterans returned home in 1945, there was an urgent need to find bigger club rooms. After raising sufficient funds and doing a deal with the local bank, they purchased "Upton House". All was well for 12 years when the Box Hill Public Hospital Committee spoke with the RSL and did a deal to acquire their land and buildings for car parking and have the RSL move to three house blocks in Nelson

Road, plus enough funds to build new club rooms. That is where we are located today. It is a very interesting book with many coloured photos of members both past and present that you may remember.

The cost of the book is only \$20.00 and is available at reception. We encourage you to purchase a copy next time you call into the club.

Arthur Merryweather
Treasurer

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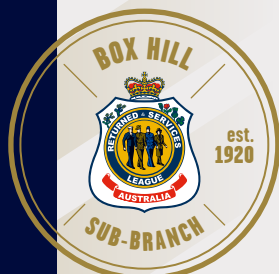
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Stories by Members for Members



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lest we forget



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LEGACY WIDOWS

It was exciting to welcome back our ladies after 12 months for the March meeting. Only a small number attended, but the meeting was enjoyable. There was a lot of talking as we caught up with all the news. Our thanks were expressed to our President, Glenys Lewis, for the sterling job she did during Covid ringing members and giving encouragement, organising the syllabus for 2021. This was also our birthday morning with delicious sponges for morning tea.

We were saddened by the passing of six members including our past president Bettina Pollard.

Remember the date for our next meeting: Monday April 19th at 10.30am. The topic will be 'Women who served'.

We look forward to seeing you there.

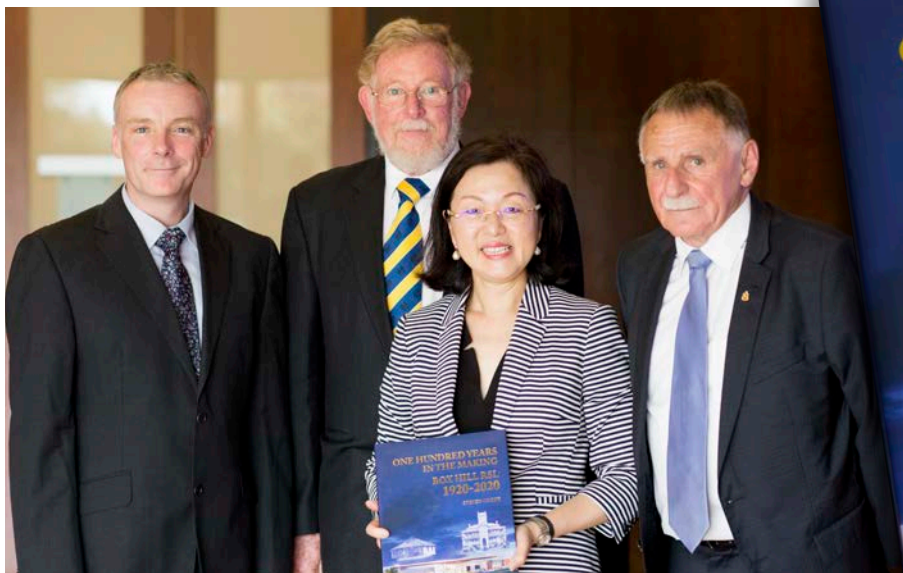
Patricia Keech
Secretary

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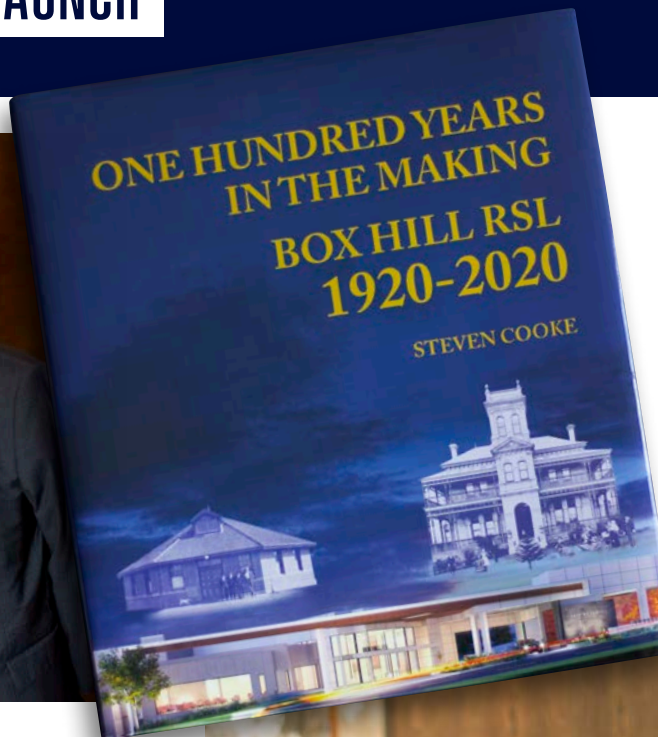
One Hundred Years in the Making

BOX HILL RSL CENTENARY 1920-2020

BOOK LAUNCH



Steven Cooke, Dr Robert Webster, Gladys Liu MP and John Haward.



Roger Berg, Louise and David McLaughlan



Cr Blair Barker and Robert Clark are on right



Arthur Merryweather



Jim and Beryl Burrowes and Arthur Merryweather



Brian Tateson and Anna Burke



Janice Tateson and Gail Robertson

SWIMMING SECTION

Despite being allowed to swim in 2021 we have started with a bumpy ride. Firstly, the pool closed due to COVID-19 restrictions 30 minutes before we were supposed to start swimming in January and on March 14 we arrived at the pool to also find it closed (this time due to a power outage).

Nevertheless, we have soldiered on and attended the pool on a number of Sunday evenings this year and it is great to be back in the pool. It has been great to catch up with some of our team who we had not seen for nearly a year.

Whatever happened in 2020, most of our swimmers managed to maintain similar time for their swims to those experienced before the pool closure.

Unfortunately, the carnival in Albury scheduled for January had to be cancelled due to COVID concerns, and none of our swimmers made the journey to Southport for the Australian Championship (although the event did proceed to great enthusiasm and success).

For our next Victorian carnival, we will be the hosts on Saturday May 29, 2021, at Croydon Aquahub. This will be our first carnival since Albury in January 2020 and we are looking forward to the event.

Our next swim night, 5.15pm for 5.30pm start, is set for Sunday March 28, then April 18, May 2 and May 16 prior to

our carnival then June 6, and June 27, following generally fortnightly until mid-November.

All Box Hill RSL members are welcome to join us at our fortnightly Sunday evening swims at Croydon Aquahub. Please contact Steven O'Connell at soconnell@soccal.com.au for details.

We would love to see more Box Hill RSL members enjoy the benefits of swimming and join our social atmosphere at the pool. We cater for all ages and abilities and all our events are handicapped which means you don't have to be as fast as Ian Thorpe to enjoy yourself.

DID YOU KNOW?

1. The oldest swimming stroke is the breaststroke.
2. The world's oldest swimmer is 100 years old.
3. Swimmers use nearly every muscle in their bodies.
4. The first known record of people swimming dates back to Egyptian drawings from 2500 BC, with Stone Age paintings in the Cave of Swimmers dating back even further.
5. Australia is known as the country that is most passionate about swimming.

Steven O'Connell
Secretary/Treasurer

Snooker/Billiards Section

Tournaments have started a month ago and all of our three teams are on top but a long way to go until June. For the Tuesday competition, our two teams played each other and we caught up for lunch upstairs thereafter. It was indeed a pleasant day with all players smiling.

Late February, we undertook the upgrading of tables lighting including painting of the hoods. What was meant to be a day's job went on for four days. Immense thanks to a handful of members who put in a dedicated and concerted effort. Staff, Robert and Les also chipped in.

Both tables are re-clothed with the generous contribution from management and the tables are running true. If someone is complaining, apparently they have only to improve their game!

The management also has upgraded the CCTV and have promised to change the worn out carpets. With that work done, I am positive our Billiard and Snooker facility will probably be the best comparing to any RSL in Melbourne.

Finally, as always we do look forward to new players to come forward and enjoy the facility and play in the various tournaments commencing in July.

Suresh Alphonse
President



ONE HUNDRED YEARS IN THE MAKING - BOX HILL RSL 1920-2020

A century of memories on display

The current exhibition in the main memorabilia cabinet is based on our 100th anniversary. The two mannequins: one, a WW1 soldier, and the other, his wife greeting him as he arrives home from WW1; there is also a photograph below them that I have used in previous WW1 exhibitions.

As you view this exhibition, you will see members, both past and present, and two who stand out to me are our past Vice President, Trevor Symes, and his friend, Ron Carter. As I am now in the position of Vice President, I reflect on what Trevor taught me during his time as Vice President and I will endeavour to carry on his work. There are photos of Colin Holt, Eric Young, Jim and Beryl Burrowes, Bill St Aubyn, Don Haggarty, Celia Johnson and the padre John Brownbill that you will recognize, and the memories will flood back of the good times had at our RSL.

In this exhibition there is a rare flag called the Australian Honour Flag. The flag was created by the Commonwealth Government in 1918 as a result of WW1. Towns and districts in Australia that subscribed twice their quota of funds to the Commonwealth Government's Seventh War Loan in 1918 were presented with the Honour Flag. It consists of a white flag with a national flag on the canton, a large seven-pointed star and three vertical bars with a red border overall.

I encourage all members to view this exhibition.

If you have any queries regarding our current exhibition, please contact me on 0428 331 946; I am happy to assist in any way.

Brian Tateson
Memorabilia

ANGLING SECTION

FISHING REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2021

On Thursday 18th February, 13 members of the Box Hill RSL Angling Section set off at 07:00am on a fishing charter from Hastings marina.

After the usual onboard safety briefing by the skipper, I announced there was a rod and reel valued at \$100.00 to be won by the person who caught the most fish.

On a beautiful morning with calm seas, we headed to one of the known hot spots, but the target species (whiting) were not interested in taking the bait. Some members managed to catch a couple, but they were few and far apart, and we were also pestered by small toadies. Several moves were made throughout the morning, but fish were hard to find.

A mid-morning BBQ (sausages in bread) was a welcome break from continually rebaiting, due to the prolific number of small toadies. With another couple of moves and about an hour left, we managed to get onto a few more fish giving us a total of 33 whiting and one pinkie snapper.

As we headed back to the marina after five hours of fishing, Brendan, the deckhand, cleaned our fish, whilst we presented Ove Madsen with the prize of rod and reel.

All in all, everybody had a good day, and were thanked by the charter operator for our support.

We would like to thank, the Box Hill RSL for their continued support, Westernport Charters who provided an enjoyable five hours of fishing even when fish are hard to find, and Regal Marine for donating the rod and reel.

Graeme Furmston

Event Coordinator



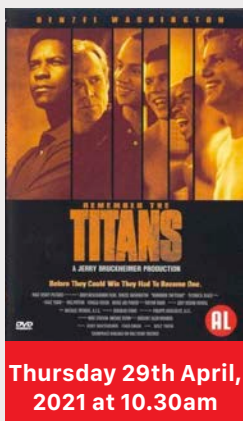
Bert Libro with one of the whiting.



Ove Madsen with fish and prize.

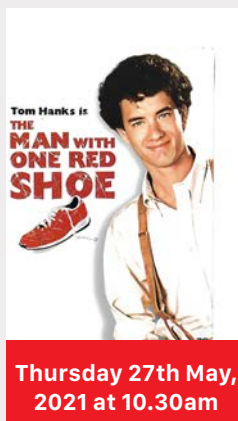
FREE MOVIES FOR MEMBERS

Presented by Ray Wall



April Movie is **"Remember The Titans"** made in 2000 and starring Denzel Washington and Will Patton. It runs for 113 minutes.

Synopsis: The true story of a newly appointed African-American coach and his high school team on their first season as a racially integrated unit.



May movie is **"The Man With One Red Shoe"** a hilarious undercover comedy made in 1985 and starring Tom Hanks and Lori Singer. It runs for 92 minutes.

Synopsis: A man picked randomly out of a crowd is made the target of CIA surveillance and pursuit.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

Hello ladies,

Our first meeting and Annual General Meeting was held on Monday 22nd February; we had 22 people attend. It was a bit topsy turvy, but we managed to get there in the end.

Looking forward to our first in house function on the 10th March.

A lot of our ladies did not know the auxiliary had resumed meetings, so we will have more at our next meeting.

As with all Sections and Groups, we are looking for new members to join us; they will be warmly welcomed. We meet every 4th Monday of the month at 10.30 am, so if you are looking for friendship, don't be alone, come and join us. This also extends to the Vietnam vets' wives who no longer work; think about joining and being involved in the RSL.

Meeting Dates

Monday 26th April

Monday 24th May
Birthday Lunch 11am

Function Dates

Wednesday 14th April

Wednesday 9th June

To all the not-so-well people, we wish you a speedy recovery; stay warm, keep smiling even though it is hard at times.

Joan Clarke

Honorary Secretary

Day Section

It was great to welcome back members in February and have a good old chin-wag as our meetings were "chew 'n' chat" format.

With "Dan's Bans" on travel now eased, it was fortuitous that our first guest speaker was Rod Moore from Travellers Aid. For over 100 years, Travellers Aid has been helping the travelling public of all ages to get to where they need to be. Started by a group of pioneering women who believed that everyone had the right to feel safe while travelling into the city, it offers support, advice and assistance to connect people to people/places. There are bases at Southern Cross Station, Flinders Street Station and Seymour Station in regional Victoria. Different services are available at these locations and most are free.

A Buggy Transfer service for those with limited mobility is available at Southern Cross and Seymour Stations, as is a Companion Service. If you are attending an essential appointment in the city, they can provide trained volunteers to assist you along the way.

A Personal Care service is available at Flinders Street and Southern Cross Stations. This is to help people with a permanent or temporary disability or those who are frail-aged when travelling around or visiting Melbourne. The

afore-mentioned services are free.

Services which incur a cost include Mobility Equipment hire. Even prams and strollers are available – very handy for visiting friends or relations from abroad, once that starts again. Travellers Aid lounges are located at both Melbourne stations where you can even have a shower or nap, for a small charge. Lost your purse, wallet or tickets? Travellers Aid can come to the rescue in this unexpected emergency situation.

Funded by government grants and voluntary donations, Travellers Aid is run mainly by volunteers. Now knowing about it might encourage some to venture further afield or get around the city. We could even put our Senior travel vouchers to good use more confidently.

Thanks go to Jeannine Nolan for arranging Rod's talk.

Our meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month, new members are always welcome.

For further details, contact:

Mary Simpson: Telephone 9077 9784 or

Martin Dickenson: Telephone 9898 4638

Mary Simpson

Co-ordinator

BOWLING SECTION

With two games remaining, our 2020/2021 Pennant season is coming to an end; our Tuesday teams have done extremely well: Side 2 finished on top of the ladder with three games clear, and will be playing in the finals in March. Side 1 still have a chance of doing the same if they can manage the next two wins getting them above fourth position where they are at the moment. Great effort by bowlers and selectors as this year hasn't been an easy one for those involved.

Saturday teams did not do quite as well, but there is always next season to look forward to and the challenge of improving.

Tuesday Night Pennant, which was a very short season, finished middle of ladder!

Congratulations to all players and the best of luck in taking part in club finals. Hopefully we will be flying high the overall sectional Pennant Win Flag for the Tuesday 2020/2021 season.

Thank you to selectors once again for your time and effort in sorting out games and players during the season; it has been a difficult one due to COVID-19: the availability of players, those with ill health, and other issues we all have to deal with at some stage in our daily lives.

Members are happy to be back playing on home ground with Night Pennant Tuesday, and Social Bowls on a Thursday.

Anyone interested in taking part or learning the skills of bowling can enquire at reception for information in getting you onto the Green via a mentor or club coach. New members are always welcome to join our happy bowling club.

Bowlers have followed COVID Marshall's instructions re RSL COVID rules, willingly and without hassle. Thank you, members, it certainly makes life easier for everyone, especially the RSL.

We look forward to holding our President and Presentation day on the Deck on 1st May. After a short game of bowls, a chicken and salad lunch will be had (thanks to our caterers), whilst enjoying the lovely surroundings on the Deck.

This is a day we recognise our current Club President, Dennis Arnel, and present our 2020/2021 club champions with their trophies and prize money. We also recognise this year's over 80 members, which we have a few, by presenting them with their OBE Medal (not a bad effort is it, one to be well recognised). We do have a couple of bowlers in their nineties, which is also commendable.

Our AGM will be held on the 2nd May. Club members are encouraged to take up committee positions and commit further to the benefit of the bowls club.

New committee and old committee, thank you for your voluntary effort, especially those who take on multiple positions, such as Allan Turk, who is our Club Secretary, also Chairperson of Saturday Selectors, runs the Tuesday Night Pennant, and is part of the garden and grounds crew. Time and effort much appreciated, Allan.

Quite a few members are heading out of town over the Easter break; keep safe and enjoy your travels.

Daylight saving ends Easter Sunday 4th April, so don't forget to put your clocks back one hour.

Have a happy Easter everyone; hope the Easter Bunny comes.

Helen Harrington
Bowls Vice Chairperson.



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