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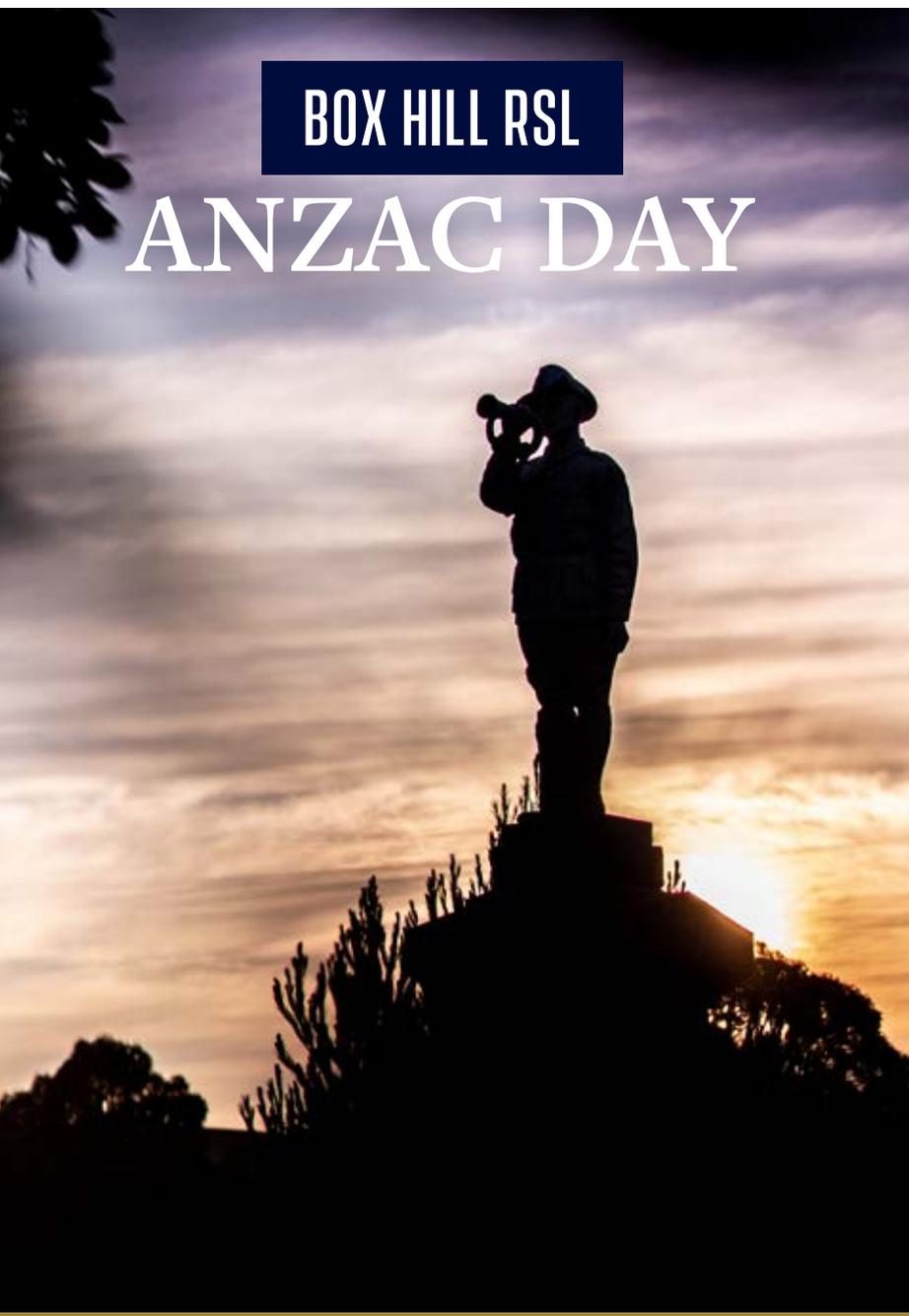


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ANZAC DAY

Dawn Service 2022

As the Memorials Officer I started planning for the 2022 activities at the memorial including ANZAC Day in June of 2021. 2022 was a special as it was 100 years since the dedication of the WW1 Memorial which occurred on the 19th of February 1922. ANZAC Day 2022 was to be the 100th time ANZAC Day had been commemorated at the Box Hill WW1 memorial.

The memorial had been looking a little the worse for wear. The Bugler was covered in black grime and mould, the gold lettering had worn away, the plinth needed some minor repairs and the surrounding wall had subsided. Thanks to a Commonwealth grant to Whitehorse City Council and Box Hill RSL we were able to refurbish and repair the WW1 War Memorial and surrounds. The repairs were finally finished one week before ANZAC Day. The Bugler is now looking resplendent again, the gold lettering looks brilliant and the surrounding wall has been straightened. New plaques have been installed, everything is ready for the beginning of another 100 years of remembrance.

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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.

Thalia Kinsman,
Carmel Thompson,
William Hill, Mal Hams,
Bryan Saunders, Vic Allen,
Colin Berry, John Malek

VALE

lest we forget



Stanley Matthews
NS

Graham Cripps
Affiliate

Nancy Stokes
Affiliate

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

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

RHODA GORDON, Faversham House, 27 Shierlaw Ave, Canterbury

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

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

JOY JONES, Blue Cross, 48 Dorking Road, Box Hill

GEORGE LEONDAS, Blue Cross, 48 Dorking Road, Box Hill

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

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APPEALS

It's good to be back on track with our Appeals after a very difficult few years. We had great support from so many and managed to raise over \$66k. That is really an excellent effort. I can't thank all our volunteers enough.

I would like to make special mention of those who spend the better part of the 2 weeks prior to ANZAC day collecting for our Veterans. The Nashos who commit their time to the stand at Bunnings in Box Hill, the 305 Cadets, headed up by our committee member Captain Lindsay Burke, up at Box Hill Central, our members who man the stand at Box Hill Central, the Box Hill Bowls Team at Coles in Balwyn, and the CFMEU, (thanks James), who take around trays to their many sites. Our member contributions were also exceptional, thank you. Additionally, we have many schools, businesses and aged care facilities, all making a huge effort to support our Appeal.



Lindsay Burke presenting the Cadets cheque, with Bep Dawes, to Arthur Merryweather



Richard Tregear, the Nashos Treasurer on duty at Bunnings

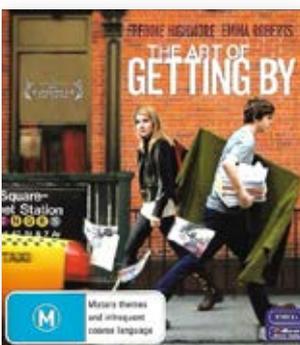
I have had so much help from so many people but can't name them all.

From your RSL Committee, our Veterans, and their families we sincerely thank you all.

Bep Dawes
Appeals Officer

FREE MOVIES FOR MEMBERS

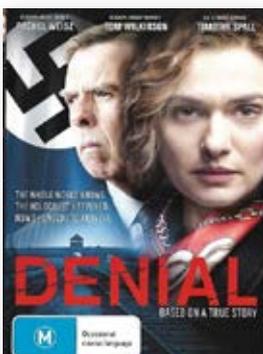
Presented by Ray Wall



Thursday 28th July, 2022 at 10.00am

The Thursday, July 28, movie is "**The Art of Getting By**" an independent 2011 movie that runs for 83 minutes.

Synopsis: George (Freddie Highmore), a lonely and fatalistic teen who has made it all the way to his senior year without ever having done a real day of work, is befriended by Sally (Emma Roberts), a popular but complicated girl who recognizes in him a kindred spirit. An enjoyable romantic film with excellent acting by the main characters.



Thursday 25th August, 2022 at 10.00am

The Thursday, August 25, movie is "**Denial**" an American 2016 biographical movie based on a true story that runs for 109 minutes.

Synopsis: Acclaimed writer and historian Deborah E. Lipstadt (Rachel Weisz) must battle for historical truth to prove the Holocaust actually occurred when David Irving (Timothy Spall), a renowned denier, sues her for libel.

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ANZAC Day

Dawn Service 2022

Faye Clark and Judy Coates, as always, plan ANZAC Day for the RSL and do a wonderful job bringing it all together. They are the unsung heroes organising the Wreaths, Order of Service, Guest Lists, the Piper and the volunteers.

I arrived on ANZAC day at 0430, the Bowlers were already at work transporting the chairs and tables to the park. Our General Manager Denis Fernando and Wei Wei were organising the function room and assisting where they could. My tasks were to organise the Bugler, Lauren Innes from Box Hill Brass, The Australian National Flag and the Cadet Catafalque Party. I was so proud of the Cadets who gave up several mornings of their school holidays to rehearse their sword drill in preparation for ANZAC Day. I believe they did an excellent job on the day.

By 0500 the Bowlers, Mal Hams, Mick Frail, Alan Schumer, John Woodford and John Harrington had set up the chairs and the tables for the wreaths. Other volunteers, Cheryl Frail, Helen Harrington, Brenda Burr and Bep Dawes arrived and were organising the wreaths, marshalling the invited guests and handing out programs. The Cadet Catafalque Party arrived and conducted one more rehearsal prior to the ceremony.

At 0540 the ANZAC Dawn Service commenced. Our President John Haward was the MC and called on the Catafalque Party to mount. Wreaths were laid, while the Piper, Ron Sinclair played a lament. The ANZAC Memorial and the RSL Ode were recited by John Sheehan and John Haward respectively. The names of Service and Affiliate members who had passed away in the past year were read by Arthur Merryweather. The Bugler played the Last Post, a minute's silence was observed then Reveille was played, all of which sounded beautiful in the still morning air with a mist surrounding the memorial which made it all the more poignant. Then followed the reading of the ANZAC Requiem by Chris Gray the singing of the Australian National Anthem led by Jamie Gunn, and John Haward gave the order for the Catafalque Party to dismount.

John then thanked everyone for attending inviting guests, service men and women, and volunteers back to the RSL for breakfast. Coffee and food vans were made available for the other attendees at the Dawn Service.

Thank you to the Committee and everyone who assisted in making the 2022 Dawn Service so special.

Lindsay Burke

**Memorials Officer
BHRSR Committee**



John Haward



Chris Gray



Arthur Merryweather, Brian Tateson, Jim Burrowes and Grandson



Shane Potter, Steven Bennett and Charles Kook



Keith Wolahan, Paul Hamer and Matthew Bach



Lauren Innis



Lindsay Burke and 305 Cadets



Girl Guides



305 Cadets



Glenys Lewis, Isabel Harkensee and Helen Harington



Coffee Vans in the gardens



Scouts



Graeme and Julie Agnew



Glenys Lewis and Isabel Harkensee



Don McKirdy and Bill Gilmore



Neil and Cath Brown and Geoff Smith



Arthur Merryweather, Robert Clark, John Haward, and Matthew Bach

Day Section

Recently, we have taken up our members' offers of talks at our meetings.

On April 12th Jim Burrowes showed us paintings he had done over the years. There was a wide variation in subject matter and one particular painting really made everyone sit up and held their attention. I shall leave it to you readers to figure out the topic of THAT one.

On April 26th Martin Dickenson told us about his experiences as a Scout leader. He became involved with this through his 2 sons. He spoke about a visit to Japan which was through the Scout organisation. He displayed some of the memorabilia he has collected. Someone had lots of patience sewing all those badges on to a blanket. Was it you, Martin?

On May 10th my husband John had to step in as presenter as I had the dreaded virus. May I just say, I was one of the lucky ones as I did not feel ill. Just had an annoying cough and felt really tired. Eastern Health monitored me daily and gave fantastic support and advice, even after I had exited isolation. It's good to know help is available, if needed. Fortunately, John has not developed COVID.

Jim Burrowes came to the rescue, once again, and spoke about his working life and how he earned the title "The Hatchet Man." I'm sure Jim could write a book about his

life experiences as he has had some amazing times during his life, spanning 99 years to date.

On May 24th we had Chris Newman as entertainer. It was great being able to sing along with songs we were all familiar with. Our members certainly seemed to have a bounce in their step as they left the room. I'm sure we shall have Chris back at a later date and I can recommend him to other groups. Music is fantastic therapy.

Next month is our Club's 22nd birthday so we have something special to celebrate. Hopefully our attendance numbers will improve as we have organised a guest speaker as well for June.

Special thanks go to Jim Burrowes, Martin Dickenson and John Simpson. Thanks also to all who contribute to the successful running of our Day Section.

New members are always welcome.

For further details, contact:

Mary Simpson 9077 9784 or 0434214941

Future Dates:

June 14th and 28th, July 12th and 26th, August 9th and 23rd

Mary Simpson
Co-ordinator

SNOOKER/BILLIARDS SECTION

After three years we finally were able to have, what is normally an annual event, our in-house Snooker and Billiards handicap championships. Thanks to our keen Billiards player Boz Student who made it possible to have a Billiards championship for the very first time. The gala event was on International Labour Day, with good numbers in attendance. Our RSL Treasurer, Arthur Merryweather, was our special guest and presented the trophies.

The Snooker was won by Michael Zhang and runner up being Sam Wu.

The Billiards was won by Anthony Mulholland and runner up being Jerry Alexander.

Thanks to all volunteers in cleaning and marking games.

We ended the day with drinks and lunch upstairs.

Next year I hope to have increased participation please. Our summer tournaments are nearing the end and am sure most of us are looking forward to the winter season starting in July. We are still looking for additional players to field new teams.

One of the last items our facility needs is an automatic ball washer (considering the continued pandemic) but as the cost being over \$500 we have been hesitant! But here again Boz has stepped in to donate the very first can of Aramith liquid and went on to volunteer to start the manual process immediately. Much appreciated my friend. Moving forward, we need to do this on a fortnightly basis and need volunteers please ie: to maintain four sets of Snooker balls and two sets of Billiard balls *Clean & Shiny*.

Suresh Alphonse
President



Snooker winners Michael Zhang (right) and runner up Sam Wu (left).



Billiards winners Anthony Mulholland (left) and runner up Jerry Alexander.



Arthur with our committee.



Enjoying drinks and lunch upstairs.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

Finally, after two years of COVID lockdown, and not able to conduct our Women's Auxiliary meetings, our AGM was finally held on February 28, 2022. After the sad and sudden passing of President Joan Clarke (and husband Bob) in November 2021, Judy Coates stepped up and took on the President's role, with me (Helen Harrington) stepping in as Vice President, Helen Jones remains Treasurer, and Isabel Harkensee as Secretary, Bette Ilman, Therese Streets, Kay Garrett, Maxine Bennett-Wyatt and Doreen Brooker making up the now current committee.

March 9th was our first social day, those in attendance were happy to see familiar faces and take part in catch-up conversations, and a fun game of bingo. Prizes are always a mystery, thanks to Doreen Brooker who never ceases to surprise you. Many a bargain is found on our trading table organised by Maxine Bennett and Kay Garrett - it is always worth taking a look.

Guest speaker, Veteran and Committee Member Chris Gray, who is a representative of the RSL Active Program and Vasey for Veterans Welfare, gave a very interesting talk on the support given to Sub-Branches for veterans. Amongst other things, the introduction of ex-service Accommodation Veteran Centres, three of which are in Wodonga 'Kingfisher' (now completed). It was a good insight into what is being done by Vasey to help support some of our homeless Veterans and their families.

April 13th's meeting was a chat and chew afternoon. A lot of chatting and chewing went on.

Monday 23rd May, our Women's Auxiliary Birthday Luncheon, was held in the Upton room. Approximately 40 people attended, including special guests from Welfare and the Sub-Branch. After a lovely lunch and birthday cake for sweets, the raffles and door prizes took place.

We have a few outings and more social activities coming up, thanks to Therese Streets, our social activity co-ordinator, which include, a guest speaker from Eastern Health, Kay's fashions, Frank, a musical entertainer, a craft day, a movie day with lunch, and a bus trip to Castlemaine later in the year. Not forgetting our always fabulous Christmas lunch get-together on December 2nd.

So ladies, if you are looking for some relaxing, enjoyment time, something socially beneficial, and rewarding by being part of a very worthwhile section of the Box Hill RSL you would be most welcome. You must be a paid-up RSL Affiliate, Service or Social member, before paying a \$5 joining fee. Anyone interested in being part of our happy, social group, please inquire at reception.

I must mention on May 10th, committee and members were invited to the Anzac Women's Council 89th year forum, held at the Frankston RSL – a lovely venue.

The Womens State Council President gave an encouraging talk on the future of ANZAC House. This forum was a great opportunity to hear and discuss what some of the remaining 35 working RSL Women's Auxiliaries are doing, to help raise monies for their Sub-Branches. With the unfortunate closing of some smaller RSLs and the women's auxiliaries folding, it was interesting to hear ideas, motivation and positivity put forward by some to fundraise. The Women's Auxiliary at Box Hill RSL who (part of our motto) pledge themselves without self-seeking, without prejudice always remembering, is proud to contribute to the Sub-Branch in helping the club's Veterans. We are fortunate to be part of a well-managed, organised, financially sound club.

Till next time, stay well, keep safe.

Helen Harrington
Vice President.



Members enjoying the Birthday Lunch



Women's Auxiliary Committee Cutting the cake



Mary Simpson, President Judy Coates and Secretary Isabel Harkensee

Legacy Widows

At last we have been able to meet together and see each other's smiles, a lot of chatter too as everyone caught up on news. We still look lovely with maybe a few more laughter lines.

Where has the year gone, already into May? I don't remember the years passing so quickly when I was younger. But we have not been idle. The high tea was something to remember and a wonderful start to the year.

Our year started with a talk from Norm, our Legatee. We thank him for his help during the years, and miss him now that he is unable to meet with us.

March: We visited Uganda and Madagascar with Legatee Robin Weir.

April: We celebrated Easter with an Easter Parade and Easter eggs. We followed this with an Anzac remembrance. Remembering the women who served, with the secretary giving us an insight into her service in Australia and Malaya. After the meeting, all enjoyed lunch at the Box Hill RSL Bistro.

May: Box Hill RSL President John Haward is coming to inform us of past happenings and the future of our wonderful RSL. On May 25, we will travel to the Cherry Hill Tavern for lunch and fun.



A fine lot of Easter Bonnets and Patricia Keech with the winning hat

The syllabus is full for the rest of the year with meetings and outings. We look forward to seeing our members and any Legacy widows who would like to join us.

Keep well, remember to have your flu injection, no falls and keep safe.

Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of the month at 10.30am.

President: Glenys Lewis 0427 307 434

Secretary: Patricia Keech 9807 3779.

Patricia Keech

Secretary

Darts Section

Box Hill RSL Darts Section Is On the Lookout For New Players

Box Hill RSL Darts Section (BHRDS) is back after a long COVID lay off and is seeking new players. We play on a Monday night socially whilst awaiting a decision by the Eastern Districts Darts League to formalise a new competition. We have in-house competitions for all players including singles, doubles and triples and a fun night is had by all. You must have a sense of humour to play as there is a little bit of lighthearted sledging during play.

It does not matter if you are a beginner or a good player as there is room for all. Warm up commences at 7.30pm, in the

Sports Bar on level B2 of the RSL next to the snooker room. If you are interested in joining us on a Monday night, please contact Ray Jones at rjon9991@bigpond.net.au with BHRDS in the subject line or on 0419 114 126.

Beer, wine and soft drinks are available at reasonable prices.

Charles Eller

Secretary



Cheryl Hunt (Ladies Singles Champion)

BOWLING SECTION

April is always a busy month for our Bowls Section as we wind down for the year after Pennant Season.

On Saturday April 2nd, we held Memorial Day where we paid our respects to a number of members who had passed away in the last 12 months.

Then on April 8th, 27 bowlers ventured up to Yarrawonga/Mulwala for the Edinburgh Shield.

Our teams performed well over the weekend and proudly represented the BHRSL who we thank for their ongoing support.

Once again Mal Hams did a fantastic job of organising this successful and enjoyable weekend.

Thanks must go to Peter Houghton and John Woodford who had the unenviable task of selecting the teams.

I would like to thank our many members who volunteered their time over two weeks leading up to Anzac Day to sell badges. Also to Cheryl Ryan who took on the task of organising and collating it all. Well done to everyone.

A working bee was held on Saturday 23rd April at the bowling green to commence work on clearing the surrounds in preparation for our new green.

I believe this work went on for a few days, so, many thanks to all involved. Also to members who contributed in other areas. Team effort is what it is all about.

President and Presentation Day Saturday 30th april.

Despite adverse weather forecasts, the day turned out to be fine and commenced at 10.00am with 28 bowlers enjoying a game of bowls 'to the bell' - just after noon.

Forty-nine members and guests then adjourned to The Deck for lunch which was beautifully prepared by our Catering team lead by Cheryl Ryan - finishing with yummy cakes from Kats Cakes - a valued supporter of the Bowls Section.

We were delighted to welcome John Haward – President of Box Hill RSL and representatives from Applewood Retirement Village as our special guests.

A presentation was made by our Secretary Harold Lepp to our current President John Woodford for his valuable contribution in his first year.



Team at Yarrawonga/Mulwala



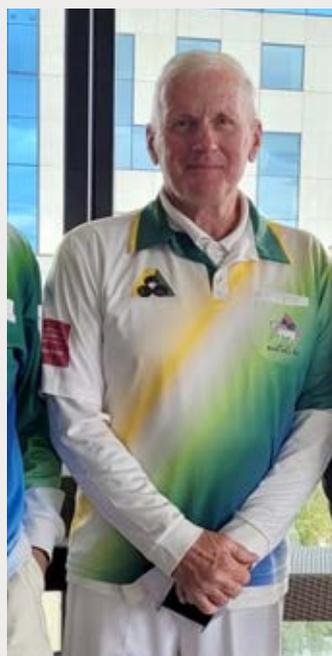
Phil Johnson, John Haward, John Woodford, Dennis Arnel, Mal Hams and Harold Lepp



Ladies Club Champion Heather Arnel – Runner up Helen King



John Woodford, Harold Lepp and Russell Keast



Men's Club Champion Peter Forbes

John then made presentations to our 2021/22 Club Champions - a most enjoyable day was had by all.

Last Saturday we held a very productive "talkfest" where plans for season 2022/23 - much positive discussion took place.

Exciting times lie ahead for our Bowls Section as work has now commenced in preparation for our new green. If all goes to plan, everything should be completed by the end of June.

Recruiting new members is vital for the future success of our Bowls Section and the imminent completion of our new green and the existing lighting will present opportunities for us to commence Corporate Bowls of an evening once all work is completed.

We would encourage anyone interested in organising a group of friends or work colleagues to contact our recruiting team to arrange for an enjoyable evening of barefoot bowls in the near future.

Please contact:
Phillip Johnson (0431 271 805)
or Dennis Arnel (0403 520 750).

Thanks to all our members who have given so much of their time over the past year to support our Section as it is greatly appreciated.

For those people who are taking a break and heading north for some warm weather, travel safe and enjoy!

I would like to pay tribute to Jim Burrowes who is 99 years old and, after over 50 years of bowling, has now retired from Pennant.

You are a wonderful man Jim and we hope to see you at Social Bowls when our new green is completed.

To any members who are unwell, we wish you all the best.

Cheers,

Judy Smith
Bowls Vice Chairperson



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