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# BOX HILL NEWS



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## Welcome back to 2022!

### COVID UPDATE

As you may be aware the contagious Omicron virus is peaking in Victoria & NSW with high infection rates and sadly many deaths. Your defence is the vaccination including the Booster, and importantly always wearing a **mask** correctly in all indoor settings unless you are consuming food & beverage. We have also been advised social distancing and keeping away from large group gatherings is as important to protect yourselves. You may have noticed that we had

to close the Bistro on Monday & Tuesday in January, this is mainly due to a drop in Bistro trade by over 50% and we have also had our own issues staffing the Club due to the Omicron virus. Let's hope the coming months sees the end of COVID and we move forward and learn to live with the virus.

Stay Safe

**Denis Fernando**  
General Manager

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE NOW DUE

As you would appreciate due to the numerous COVID lockdowns over the past two years the Box Hill RSL Sub-Branch Inc. ("Box Hill RSL") was closed for lengthy periods. Box Hill RSL Committee have determined the Membership Fees for 2022 for full Members will be \$20, and 3 Year subscriptions will be discounted by \$20 to \$85.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Box Hill RSL Sub-Branch Inc. will be held on: **SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2022 (UPTON ROOM) 11.00AM**. Agenda items must be received by the Secretary, Ray Wall, by close of business on Thursday, March 17, 2022. Please note only current paid-up Service/Life Members of the Box Hill Sub-Branch are entitled to vote.

### COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

Nominations are requested for the positions of: President, Secretary and three Service/ Affiliate members for two years. Nominations for the above positions will open on Thursday February 3, 2022 and close on Thursday February 17, 2022 at 5.00 pm. Application forms are held by our Secretary. Please note: to nominate for the position of President or Secretary the applicant must have served on the committee for a minimum of 12 months.

## One Hundred Years in the Making

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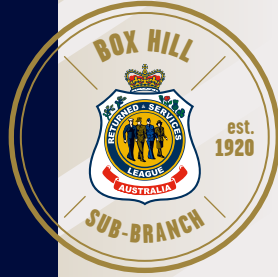
# Welfare Report.

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.

**John Brownbill, Shirley Sencek**

## VALE

*lest we forget*



**Alan NOLAN**  
235105 RAEME

**Desmond BRENNAN**  
3/723755 19 LAA Regt.

**Noel OUTHRED**  
VX111852 6 ADFCO

**George FAULKNER**  
3075051 RAF

## Members in Aged Care

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

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

**ERICA CAMPBELL**, Opal Salford, 100 Harold Street, Wantirna

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

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

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

**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

**RON KELSALL**, Regis Shenley Manor, 440 Camberwell Road, Camberwell

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

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

**DON McKIRDY**, Inala, 220 Middleborough Road, Blackburn South

**NOEL MC MAHEN**, Faversham House, 27 Shierlaw Ave, Canterbury

**ALEX MAGNER**, Blue Cross, 48 Dorking Road, Box Hill

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

**MAURICE MATHERS**, Grand Cedar 61-63 High Street Road, Ashwood

**ALEX MATHIESON**, Blue Cross, 48 Dorking Road, Box Hill

**BETTY MORTON**, Blue Cross, 48 Dorking Road, Box Hill

**JOHN NICHOLSON**, Arcare, 75 King Street, Templestowe

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

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

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

**BRENDAN STAFFORD**, Manna Care, 371 Manningsham Road, Doncaster

**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

**KEVIN TREVARTHEN**, Bapcare, Karana, 55 Walpole Street, Kew

**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

**ERIC YOUNG**, The Orchards, 107 Anderson's Creek Road, Doncaster East

**RUSSELL ZENNER**, Broughton Lea, 9-17 Broughton Road, Surrey Hills

## WELFARE & GROUPS FOR 2022

**Free Hair Cuts:** Are provided by Welfare every Tuesday.

**Free Gardening:** Welfare provides a gardening service for veteran members and widows who are no longer able to manage their gardening.

**Genealogy Groups:** Beginners Class is on 1st Tuesday of the Month at

1pm — Advanced Class is on the 1st Monday of the Month at 2pm

**Tai Chi:** Classes will be held the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the Month at 1pm

**Meditation:** Are held in the library after Tai Chi at 2pm

**Friday Raffle:** Be there at 6.30pm for the draw

**Prostate Support Group:** This group meets every third Tuesday of the month at 9:30am in Upton 2.

**Senior Men's Discussion Group:** This group meets the second Thursday of the month at 2pm in the Library.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON ANY OF THE ABOVE — PLEASE RING FAYE ON 9897 6780**





## AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE CADETS — 401 SQUADRON SURREY HILLS

### PASSING OUT PARADE

Just before Christmas, our President John Haward and I attended the Australian Air Force Cadets (AAFC) — 401 Squadron Passing Out Parade. The precision marching was a sight to behold. It was a credit to the cadets the way they marched in front of their proud parents, around forty in total. You could tell the parents were proud as punch.

Like the 305 Army Cadets, Box Hill RSL will sponsor the AAFC 401 Squadron in 2022, with a Perpetual Trophy to be

**Above:** Australian Air Force Cadets — 401 Squadron

presented for the best and fairest Cadet. John Haward also presented a Certificate of Merit for the outstanding AAFC 401 Squadron Cadet for 2021. All in all, a job well done, and everyone who participated should be congratulated.

**Brian Tateson**

**Vice President**

### BILLIARD AND SNOOKER SECTION

Seems like the extraordinary two years did come to an end in the last quarter of 2021 ending lockdowns and the agonising stop-start living. Personally, for me, it was the last straw on the camel's back. By early December, I just went about life to take the bull by its horns playing as much Snooker and Billiards and dining at the RSL bistro. Hopefully 2022, will be all good!

Last season we had three teams playing in two different circuits and one tournament got culled. But one of our seasoned over 55's managed to enter the finals but got pipped at the post finishing runner up. Congrats to all, (see photo), on a rapid double-up schedule.



Frank Thornton, Doug Stewart, Marg and Rick Conomy, Boz Student and John Sweeney

There is immense pressure on me from the association to field in more teams for Monday nights, Tuesday nights and Thursday nights while the over 55s day tournament is still good with two teams. If you read between lines here, it clearly goes to say that people cannot drive at night due to age, vision, caring or the like. Therefore, I call upon all diggers who have returned from Afghanistan, Iraq and other Middle Eastern countries or even Timbuktu, (with your partners, children and friends), to join and play. Be rest assured, we have stalwarts to teach and coach each one of you free of cost. And, if after a few months, you think if you are not cut out for snooker or billiards, move on to darts, bowls or any other activities our RSL has to offer. I wish to see the wonderful facility used to the optimum.

In the above context, may I request all those members who receive a hard copy of the newsletter not to bin it after reading, but put it in the neighbour's post box. And those who receive a soft copy, forward to people who live in the vicinity. Thank you as that gesture would spur us on for years to come. "The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago! The second best time is now" — Chinese proverb.

In January, I was told by Chantelle Casse that she is leaving us soon. As a functions manager Chantelle has been of much help over the years and I wish her "all the very best" on behalf of all our players.

**Suresh Alphonse**

**President**

# Day Section

Happy New Year to one and all!

Who would have guessed that we would only have 8 meetings in 2021 because of lockdowns and restrictions due to COVID 19 but that is the sad truth! Already our January meetings were cancelled so let's just hope things will improve. Maybe Chinese New Year will be more fortuitous and the Tiger brings better luck. It is the "Year Of The Tiger", after all.

Some of our members have relocated to be nearer to family and extra support. I wish them well in their new surroundings and hope they can visit us on occasion.

Unfortunately, some members have passed away during these last 12 months. To their families and friends, I send my condolences for their sad losses.

May I pass on best wishes to those members who have experienced ill health and/or undergone surgery, for a good and steady recovery during our spell of enforced separation from each other. It's such a pity that we cannot offer personal, 'tangible' support when people most need it, but that's just how it has to be at the present time.

Thanks to Box Hill Committee for their continued support and to all staff at the RSL. Hopefully we shall be able to return soon as a group and be able to support the RSL.

**Mary Simpson**

Co-ordinator

# Women's Auxiliary Section

Who would have thought that we would still be grappling with the effects of COVID in 2022? Along with the sad passing of Joan and Bob Clarke, it has been a challenging time for everyone. Both Joan and Bob contributed greatly to the smooth running of the Women's Auxiliary.

The good news for our group is that several members have stepped up to nominate for committee positions. All being well, our meetings and functions will be able to proceed.

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Here are some dates for your diary;

**MONDAY 28TH FEBRUARY**

Annual and General Meeting at 10.30am

**WEDNESDAY 9TH MARCH**

Games Afternoon 1.30pm, \$5:00 and a small plate please

**MONDAY 28TH MARCH**

General Meeting

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Keep safe and well ladies. We hope to see you soon.

**Helen Jones**

Hon Treasurer

## NAVAL ASSOCIATION

The Box Hill Sub-section of the Naval Association meets quarterly at the Box Hill RSL library on the 2nd Friday of the month, commencing at 11.30am.

The dates for 2022 are 11th February, 13th May, 12th August and 11th November.

Lunch at the bistro follows the meeting. Please contact Joy at etri1008@hotmail.com or 0406 349 712 if you wish to attend as bookings are required for lunch.

Further information on membership is available at <https://navalassoc.org.au/membership/naa-membership-types>.

**Joy Emmett**

Secretary

## THE LEGACY WIDOWS SECTION

The Legacy Widows were able to meet for a Christmas dinner. It was great to see after so many months of cancelled meetings and now a new year begins with a full syllabus. Only one wish is that this year will go ahead without lockdowns.

On Sunday, 13 February we are having a High Tea at the Hyatt where we can meet up with many widows of the other clubs from around Victoria.

On Monday, 21 February will be our first meeting of the year where it would be great to see all of you.

Let's forget 2020 and 2021 and have a happy 2022.

So keep well and keep smiling and remember to smile it is contagious.

If you need Glenys or myself, please give us a call.

**Patricia Keech**

Honorary Secretary and Treasurer

# BOWLS SECTION

After a later than normal start to our season, play commenced mid-November for the Saturday and Tuesday Pennant teams. Wednesday Night Pennant got underway on December 1st.

So far we have been able to field teams each week although, due to circumstances on three occasions other clubs have had to give us a walkover.

It has been a positive start to the 2021/22 season for our Section with Saturdays Side 1 on top of the ladder and three games clear of the next team. Side 2 are in 3rd position. Tuesday Side 1 are in 6th spot while Side 2 are in 4th.

With 8 weeks left to play for Tuesday, hopefully a move up the ladder can be achieved.

Night Pennant have played four games, had one win and been competitive in the other games.

So, overall, we are doing well, it has been a great effort by everyone.

The Ladies' and Men's singles are almost at the finals stage.



Members enjoying Christmas lunch.



Helen and John Harrington.

The Presidents Cup and Mixed Triples will commence mid-February. Still requiring numbers, for both ladies' and men's Mixed Triples. Please have your name down.

Cheryl and Mick Frail continue to do a wonderful job of the Saturday night raffles, always providing us with a few laughs along the way.

On December 5th we held our Christmas Party at Eastern Bell Restaurant, (a club sponsor).

This was a huge success with 50 people attending a most enjoyable evening.

Thanks to Cheryl Ryan and Cheryl Frail for their great work organising the evening, also the hampers which were beautifully presented.

A very special part of the evening was the Life Memberships awarded to Helen and John Harrington.

Helen and John have worked tirelessly over many years in different areas for our Section and it was great to see them recognised for their many and much valued contributions.

A big thank you to Harold Lepp for his excellent work in preparing and then presenting the Life Memberships to Helen and John. It was beautifully done.

New members are always welcome to join our happy Bowling Section.

**Judy Smith**  
Vice Chairperson.

## FREE MOVIES FOR MEMBERS

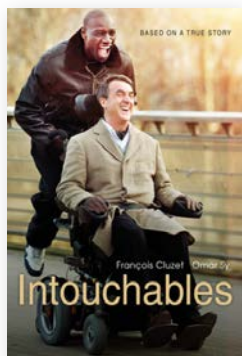
Presented by Ray Wall



**Thursday 31st March, 2022 at 10.30am**

The Thursday, March 31 movie is "**McFarland**" a 2015 Disney movie that runs for 129 minutes.

**Synopsis:** This is a true story about Jim White (Kevin Costner), who moves his family after losing his last job as a football coach. At his new school, he turns seven disappointing students into one of the best cross-country teams in the region. The movie is truly good and sometimes moving. It's an inspirational story like you have seen many times actually, but it is made so well that this movie never drags and is involving from start till finish.



**Thursday 28th April, 2022 at 10.30am**

The 2011 French movie "**Intouchables**" which runs for 112 minutes, will be the April 2022 movie.

**Synopsis:** This movie is a true-life account of a quadriplegic man (François Cluzet) in search of a new aide. However, all the folks who apply for the job seem the same--boring and sterile. On an odd lark, he chooses an unqualified man who doesn't seem interested in the job at all (Omar Sy). And, oddly, they form a friendship that seems to reinforce the old adage that opposites attract.





## VIETNAM VETERANS AA

Vietnam Veterans are back on Board.

The 2021 AGM of the Vietnam Veterans will be held on Sunday 13th February commencing at 11.30am to conclude by 12.30pm, followed by a light lunch and drinks. There will also be

a Raffle worth many hundreds of Dollars- Well worth going in for.

**Brian Tateson**

**President**

## SWIMMING SECTION

2022 – let's hope it goes swimmingly for all!

We all look forward to getting back in the pool after the Christmas break and hopefully not too much ballast! We finished 2021 swimming later than normal and gave all of our swimmers the opportunity to get more practice ahead of the intra-club carnivals in 2022.

Despite the obvious "butterflies" in our bellies (no one dared tried to swim that stroke!) our swimmers enjoyed their time in the pool during the year and Sunday night catch-ups.

Despite the setbacks and disruptions in 2021, most of our swimmers managed to maintain similar time for their swims to those experienced before the disruptions and all looked as good as ever.

During the year we had two swimmers reach the age of 21, being Thomas Ware and Liam O'Connell, which was a stark reality check for their parents, given Liam was thrown into races when he was six. We have more members joining the 21 Club in 2023 and all other older members "re-joining" it every other year!

Given the limited opportunity to swim in 2020 and 2021, we combined the two years for the Club Awards to December 2021.

Key results were as follows;

**Overall Senior winner – Liam O'Connell**

**Overall Junior winner – Alice O'Connell**

**100 metres handicap – Alice O'Connell**

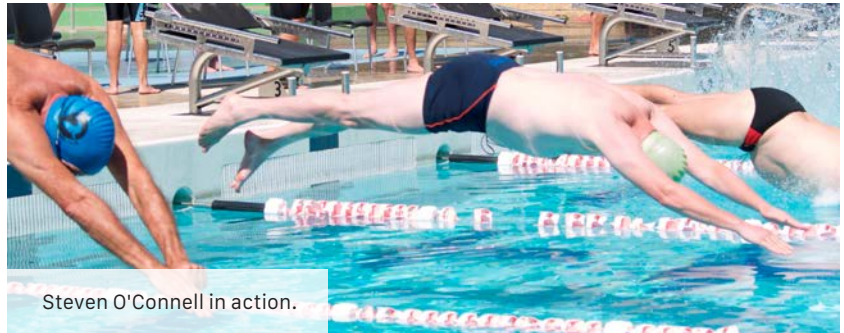
**25 metres handicap – Steve Russell**

**50 metres handicap – Liam O'Connell**

**Braced Pair Relay handicap – Liam O'Connell**

Honourable mentions to Lara Robinson, (a junior swimmer who turned 12 in November), who finished second in the 100 metres handicap by one point and fourth in the overall tally and "young" Bob O'Connell who finished second overall in the Braced Pairs.

Unfortunately, the carnival in Albury scheduled for January



2022 was cancelled again due to COVID concerns, and no other intraclub carnivals were held during 2021.

For our next Victorian carnival, we will be the hosts on Saturday May 28, 2022 at Croydon Aquahub. This will be our first carnival since Albury in January, 2020, and we are all looking forward to the event.

Our next swim night 5.15pm for 5.30pm start is set for Sunday 6th February, 20th February, 6th March 20th March, then 3rd April, 17th April and 15th May prior to our carnival.

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](mailto: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. Swimming is Australia's most popular sport.
2. Flippers were invented by Benjamin Franklin.
3. In one hour, swimming burns about 40% more calories than biking.
4. The first swimming goggles were made from tortoise shells.
5. Swimming strengthens the heart and lungs.

**Steven O'Connell**

**Secretary / Treasurer**



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