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# BOX HILL NEWS



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## Box Hill RSL has a new Secretary

The Annual General Meeting on Sunday the 27th of March saw the present Committee remain in their roles except for Andrew Guest who was appointed as Secretary, replacing the long-serving and highly respected, Ray Wall, who decided not to stand for personal reasons. On behalf of our members, I thank Ray for his dedication to the role of Secretary over the past 7 years, and I know we all look forward to seeing him as "Mr Movies" on the last Thursday of each month.

### Let me introduce our new Secretary –



Andrew is a service member who saw action in Vietnam in 1968 and '69 as a National Service Second Lieutenant in the Royal Australian Artillery, serving in 102 Field Battery and 105 Field Battery as an Artillery Section Commander. For a brief time he was the Australian Task Force Artillery Liaison Officer, serving alongside American and South

Vietnamese officers at Sector Headquarters in Ba Ria, the capital of Phuoc Tuy Province.

Andrew's broader family has a history of proud service. His great uncle, a Lieutenant, was killed in WW1 during the Battle of Fromelles, his father was a Lance Bombardier on the anti-aircraft guns at Darwin in WW2, and his uncle was a Lieutenant Colonel in WW2 serving in North Africa and New Guinea.

In his private life Andrew is qualified in science and horticulture and has worked in field research, (agricultural and horticultural chemicals), parks management, wholesale nursery extension and marketing of commercial vegetable and flower seed.

Andrew is involved with a number of military associations including the Vietnam Veterans Association of Victoria, (Box Hill Sub-Branch), the OTU (Scheyville) Association, the 105th Battery Association and the 58th/32nd Infantry Battalion Association. His other main interests are bushwalking (preferably in the Victorian high country), gardening, and researching/compiling his family history.

He has been married to Carmel for 49 years (happily, according to Carmel), and is the father of Will, Kate and Doug, and the grandfather of Will's son, Charlie.

We wish you well in your new roll, Andrew!

**Faye Clark**  
Welfare Coordinator



Ray Wall hands over to Andrew Guest

# Welfare Report.

For all welfare matters telephone: Faye Clark on 9897 6780



## BOX HILL NEWS

Stories by Members for Members



## VALE

lest we forget

### Members in Hospital

No members were in hospital that we know. If you do go to hospital, we do like to visit or ring to check on how you are going. So, if you would like your name on this list, please advise Faye on 9897 6780.

**Alan Morris**  
500926 ACU

**Jim Paizis**  
PM5077 RAN

**Irene Walker**  
Affiliate

## Members in Aged Care

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

**COLIN BARRACLOUGH**, Regis Alawarra, 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

**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**, Regis Alawarra, 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**, Regis Alawarra, 220 Middleborough Rd, Blackburn Sth

**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 Manningham Road, Doncaster

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

**EDNA TANDY**, Regis Alawarra, 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

## A WELL DESERVED CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Lindsay Burke presents Nicholas Lipscombe with a Certificate of Appreciation at Camberwell Grammar School Assembly. Nicholas took it upon himself to take a tray of Poppies and sold them in his neighbourhood raising almost \$1000.00. A Big thank you to Nicholas!



## SWIMMING SECTION

Despite being allowed to swim in 2022 we have again started with a bumpy ride.

Unfortunately, the carnival in Albury scheduled for January once again had to be cancelled due to COVID concerns. Despite this, some of our team still travelled to Howlong and Albury, just to get away and swim in the Murray River.

Despite the disappointment, we have been swimming each fortnight at Croydon Aquahub, although numbers have been down due to the end of the summer sporting season.

We held our AGM on 20 February 2022 and were delighted to have in attendance the Sub Branch Treasurer, Arthur Merryweather to also watch our swimmers in the pool. We are still encouraging Arthur to dip his toe in the water one of these days!



Thanks to Arthur Merryweather for this photo of our willing members seeking Committee positions. Our President, David O'Connell, is sitting in the front row holding the lucky envelope! Steve Russell, (red shirt), and Jody Russell, (beside Steve), maintaining that they are "right behind the President". Liam O'Connell, (looking like a hiker), ecstatic after realising he is the Swimming Captain for 2022. Our long-suffering Handicapper, Patricia O'Connell, (at the end), is ever ready to help new swimmers with times with husband Bob O'Connell, (blue shirt, white hair on the end), who is

only 80 years young and still swimming strongly, (if not a little slower than previous years). Tom Ware, (sitting in the front trying not to look like Harry Potter), happy not being President (or dozing after a tough swim). And the other fella is the author of this article.

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 nights; 5.15pm for 5.30pm start; are set for Sunday 20th March, then 3rd April, 17th April, 15th May prior to our carnival, then 5th June and 26th June and will follow 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](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. Despite rumours to the contrary, there are no crocodiles or sharks in our pool.
2. Frederick Lane was Australia's sole swimming representative at the 1900 games, winning two individual gold medals.
3. Women's events were added at the 1912 Olympic Games in Stockholm, with Fanny Durack and Whilhelmina 'Mina' Wylie being Australia's first female representatives, winning gold and silver in the 100m freestyle, which was the first women's event on the program.
4. There is no age limit on swimming section members.
5. There is no speed limit on swimming section members, (it is all handicapped according to your own pace).
6. Swimming is fun, healthy and social.

### Steven O'Connell

Secretary / Treasurer

## BILLIARD AND SNOOKER SECTION

After periodically pleading and calling for new players in our newsletters and canvassing by members, we have managed to get Andi and Grant to join the RSL. Welcome to you both and we hope you enjoy our camaraderie for many years to come. Which means our 2nd team on Monday nights is now looking comfortable, (after a major struggle), for this summer season and seems promising for the ensuing winter season. However, we are still searching for players to field two teams for Tuesdays VBSA 'B' grade and for Thursday's B side. Both combined, there is room for at least 18 players, a very tall ask indeed!

We currently have two VBSA 'A' grade teams and two 'Over 55s' on Tuesday day sessions. Good luck for the rest of the season my friends. In early March, our two 'Over 55s' clashed downstairs but cherished a good lunch upstairs with many bringing in their soul mates.

Our annual RSL handicap Billiards & Snooker championships are in progress now and I request all players to ensure the finals are completed this month.

### Suresh Alphonse

President



# Anzac Day Appeal Box Hill RSL

## We need volunteers!

Please give us a few hours of your time, between Monday 11th April and Friday 22nd April 2022.

Simply leave your name & contact number at Reception or phone our Welfare Section on 9897 6780.

The success of this Appeal depends on you, the Members of the Box Hill RSL.

Thank you for your support

Donations from the Appeal go towards the welfare of our ex-servicemen and women who still suffer as a consequence of their military service and to their dependants who may be in need. **Please Help**

# Anzac Day Dawn Service

**MONDAY 25TH APRIL 2022**



## To be held at the cenotaph, Box Hill Gardens, commencing at 5.40am

We are pleased to announce Anzac Day Dawn Service will return this year to the Cenotaph in Box Hill Gardens.

Due to Covid Duty of Care conditions, Food Vans for the purchase of light refreshments will be available in the open area of the Gardens from 5.30am.

We look forward to seeing as many members & guest's at the Service.



**ANZAC Day** is a day on which we think of those veterans who have made the ultimate sacrifice that we may enjoy our democratic way of life. It is a day where, by the sale of ANZAC Day tokens, we can help support the welfare of the many Veterans, their Wives and Families who still suffer and who are in need.

**Your donation to this worthy cause is appreciated!**

(Please return below section with your donation)



## 2022 ANZAC DAY APPEAL

**Enclosed is a \$10.00 ANZAC Badge. Please forward your donation to:**

The Secretary, Andrew Guest, Box Hill RSL - PO Box 1318, Box Hill 3128

Please find enclosed \$ ..... Being my donation towards the 2022 ANZAC Day Appeal.

Name: ..... Membership No: .....

Money Orders and Cheques to be made payable to "Box Hill RSL".

Alternatively you can go to our website [www.boxhillrsl.com.au](http://www.boxhillrsl.com.au) and follow the link to donate.

# Day Section

It's great to feel our lives are returning to normality, even if it is somewhat different to the "olden days."

We had a good turnout at our first meeting of the Day Section on 8th March, after a gap of 9 months. Hard to believe it was so long, but that's the reality of it. I have not arranged speakers or entertainers for the first few meetings to give everyone a chance to catch up with old friends and it was heart-warming to see cheery faces. Members can come and go as they wish, till confidence in socialising is regained. It is quite a daunting prospect for many people to come back into circulation after all the lockdowns we have had to endure.

Some members have offered to address our group, telling them about things they have done in their lifetime. We often think we've led mundane, insignificant lives but to others this is not so. It's great to see interaction and audience participation. One such case was when a member told of having suffered Covid recently. Fortunately, the recovery has been steady, though very slow. A first-hand account like this can go a long way to allaying fears which many have, myself included.

Martin Fraser presented our "What am I" quiz, the answer to which was Freddo Frog. This choccie favourite was "born" in 1930. Our Secretary, Martin Dickenson, spent all his working life at Cadbury's Chocolate Factory, so was able to tell us a lot more about the evolution of Freddo. Pity it has shrunk nowadays from what it used to be.

Thanks to all who have rallied round and offered help to keep our Section running smoothly again. Our best wishes go to those who are not in the best of health and/or recovering from surgery.

**New members are always welcome, so if you're free every 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month, come join us.**

**For further details, contact:**

Mary Simpson: 90779784 or Martin Dickenson: 98984638

**Future Dates:**

March 22nd | April 12th and 26th | May 10th and 24th

**Mary Simpson**

Co-ordinator

## FREE MOVIES FOR MEMBERS

Presented by Ray Wall



**Thursday 26th May, 2022 at 10.30am**

The May movie to be played on Thursday, May 26, 2022 will be **"The Wedding Date"** (2005) rated M with a running time of 86 minutes.

**Synopsis:** "The Wedding Date" is a romantic comedy about a single woman who hires a male escort to pose as her boyfriend at her sister's wedding in order to dupe her ex-fiancé, who dumped her a few years prior.



**Thursday 30th June, 2022 at 10.00am**

The June movie to be played on Thursday, June 30, 2022 will be **"The Lady"** (2011) rated MA 15+ with a running time of 159 minutes. **Please note the Movie will start at 10:00am due to the length of this movie.**

**Synopsis:** "The Lady" is the true story of pro-democracy activist Aung San Suu Kyi and the academic and writer Michael Aris; a true story of love set against political turmoil in Burma (Myanmar).

# BOWLS SECTION

The BHRSB Bowls Section has had a very successful 2021/22 season with both Saturday Pennant teams finishing in the Finals and one Tuesday Pennant team also in the Finals.

Our Wednesday Night Pennant team were very competitive in what was a tough season.

On Saturday unfortunately we didn't achieve the results we would have liked, still it was a great effort by all players.

All the best to our Tuesday Pennant team competing in a final tomorrow at Blackburn.

I think as a Club we should all be very proud of what we have achieved in 2021/22.

After the completion of our games on Saturday, the players, wives/ partners were treated to a wonderful BBQ and salads on the balcony, then we retreated inside to enjoy Chez and Mick's entertaining raffle night topped off with some treats.

A big THANK YOU must go to the following people who made all this possible:

To Kat and Dave for providing the meat and lovely treats, also to Kat who was BBQ chef.

To Lynn and Russell for the great salads and to Lynn for assisting Kat.

To the people who helped clean up, much appreciated as all this co-operation is what makes a club.

Once again, we were hindered by Covid this year which meant there just wasn't enough time to play all our

Club Championships, however we did manage to complete the ladies' and men's singles competitions and the President's Cup.

A lot of work goes into organising these club events, so I would like to thank the Match Committee of Peter Houghton and John Woodford.

Congratulations to the winners and runners up on some excellent matches.

LADIES' SINGLES CHAMPION: Heather Arnel, Runner-Up, Helen King.

MEN'S SINGLES CHAMPION: Peter Forbes, Runner-Up, Russell Keast.

PRESIDENT'S CUP WINNER: John Woodford, who, coincidentally, is our President. The Runner-Up was Russell Keast.

President and Presentation Day will be held on the Deck on Saturday 30th April. This is always a most enjoyable day, then the following day, Sunday 1st May is our AGM.

Anyone interested in playing bowls can inquire at reception for information. New members are most welcome to join our happy club.

Thanks to all members who have volunteered many hours of their time on committees etc, you have all contributed towards making this Club the great place it is today.

**Judy Smith**  
Vice Chairperson.



Helen King and Heather Arnel



Russell Keast and Peter Forbes



Russell Keast and John Woodford