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# BOX HILL NEWS



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## IN MEMORY OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II

As we are all aware, Queen Elizabeth II passed away on September the 8th after a 70 year reign over her territories and as head of the Commonwealth.

As a tribute to Her Majesty, our flag was lowered to half mast, and her photo appropriately displayed in our foyer.

As Queen Elizabeth II was fond of the colour mauve, our Operations Manager, Mr Les Davis, thought it might be a good idea to light up our poppy wall in mauve like many city buildings. The poppy wall remained lit up in the colour until the formalities ended. Well done, Les.

**Brian Tateson**

Memorabilia



## Box Hill RSL Women's Auxiliary is recruiting

Women's Auxiliaries were formed by mothers, wives, widows, sisters, daughters and aunts of men who served in the First World War. Women have played a central role in sustaining the activities of ex-service organisations.

Women's auxiliaries are dedicated to fundraising, supporting the activities of their local RSL, and caring for veterans in their wider community. Today, there are more than 1200 auxiliary members in Victoria.

Box Hill is still a very active group as Helen's report on page 3 shows, but they are always looking for new members. The group is very supportive of each other and they have lots of fun, so if you are looking for a social group with a cause, please give me a call on 9897 6780 so I can pass your name onto them.

**Faye Clark**

Welfare Coordinator



# Welfare Report.

For all welfare matters telephone: Faye Clark on 9897 6780



## BOX HILL NEWS

Stories by Members for Members



## VALE

lest we forget

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

**Alicia McShane, Joan Verbeck, Grace Melville,  
Eric Derbshire, Geraldine MacDonald**

**Andrew Brentnall**  
4086634 RAF

**Joseph Panetta**  
3795586 RAEME

**John Valentine**  
3106917 Army

## Members in Aged Care

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

**RHODA GORDON**, Faversham House, 27 Shierlaw Ave, Canterbury

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**IAN WARD**, Alawarra, Inala, 220 Middleborough Road, Blackburn South

**RENE CALDWELL**, Arcare Surrey Hills, 18 Florence St, Surrey Hills

**KATHRYN HOLMES**, Alawarra, Inala, 220 Middleborough Rd, Blackburn Sth

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

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

**LANCE WARD**, Arcare, 75 King Street, Templestowe

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

**NORMA IRELAND**, Eva Tilley, 110 Burke Road, Balwyn North

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

**EDNA TANDY**, Alawarra, Inala, 220 Middleborough Rd, Blackburn Sth

**RALPH WEATHERELL**, Uniting Agewell, 75 Thames Street, Box Hill

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

**NORMAN JARMAN**, Blue Cross, 48 Dorking Road, Box Hill

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

**DAVID TAYLOR**, Blue Cross, 250 Waterdale Rd, Ivanhoe

**ALWYNNE FAIRWEATHER**, Faversham House, 27 Shierlaw Ave, Canterbury

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

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

**MARJ TURRIFF**, Faversham House, 27 Shierlaw Ave, Canterbury

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

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

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



**18th August**  
**VIETNAM VETERANS DAY**

**Vietnam Veterans from Box Hill RSL, forming up to March to the Melbourne Shrine of Remembrance.**

Pictured above are :

John Haward, Andrew Guest, John F Sheehan, Ken Turnham , Michael Charenko and Gary Willetts (Noble Park) , Dal Crocker (Vice President Greensborough RSL) plus other veterans .



## NOTICE TO MEMBERS - SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

A Special General Meeting will be held in the Upton Room at **7pm on Friday 25th November.**

**Subject:** A request for the approval of our Stage 3 building works, which incorporates a Administration/Welfare wing, New York Bar and Staff room.

## WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

Spring has sprung, finally. We all need to feel the warmth to brighten our days. It has been a hard slog this winter.

The Women's Auxiliary received thank you notes firstly from patients and staff at Box Hill Hospital for the 52 bags full of toiletries for the emergency department.



The toiletry bags were generously and beautifully made by Emi Luppino, a recent member to Women's Auxiliary. The drawstring bags were filled with the necessary toiletry needs, also donated by Women's Auxiliary, and were greatly appreciated.

The second thank you note was from the Mental Health Department Upton House. This was for 20 beautifully colourful hand-knitted stuffed bears, also made by Emi, along with some children's books that were given for the day (Community) room at Upton house. These gifts from Women's Auxiliary will bring delight and happiness to those in need. Thank you so much Emi for giving your generous time and effort.



Emi Luppino

On Wednesday 10th August, Auxiliary members enjoyed a light lunch of sandwiches at Pinewood Cinemas, before seeing the quite hilariously funny movie 'Phantom of the Open' about a man who has never played golf in his life, and whose aim it is to win a world-wide golf tournament. Some of the antics were disastrously funny. All this for \$20 – a great day. Members were driven by other members or taxied from the RSL to the theatre. Thank you to the organisers.

Our first Father's Day raffle for some years raised \$1,340.40, and was well worth the effort. Thanks to Bunnings and committee member Maxine for chasing up the prizes. The raffle was drawn successfully on 2nd September after the regular Friday night raffle in the Upton Room before Father's Day.

**The Esky, Bunnings vouchers, chocolates, books etc. winners were:**

- 1st** The Esky won by Therese Street.
- 2nd** Vicky Longshaw.
- 3rd** Brian MacDonald.
- 4th** Peter Carey.

Congratulations to prize winners, and thank you to everyone who contributed and bought tickets. This is how we raise money to help very worthy causes on behalf of the Box Hill RSL Sub Branch and Women's Auxiliary.



Peter Carey and Judy Coates

Look out for the Christmas Raffle...

yes just like Christmas, coming shortly, it will be upon us before we know it.

Unfortunately our Craft Day, held on a nice sunny day Wednesday 14th September in the Upton Room was sadly supported by just 12 members. Therese, our function organiser, did a tremendous job of supplying lots of different craft items and ideas to keep us all busy with our fingers, from stickers, glitter, photo frames, stencils to make our own birthday, Christmas cards etc, colouring-in books and graphic markers, canvases, paint and paint brushes, cardboard and wool for making pom-poms. Some members knitted and chatted, one person did some lovely colouring-in which she hadn't done for years.

Thank you Therese, you did a great job, and of course Doreen too with her raffle and door prize.

We have a couple more gatherings before the end of the year: Chicken Salad luncheon on 12th October, and a bus trip to 'Buda House' Castlemaine 9th November. We would like to see the bus full, so, Auxiliary members bring a friend along, they must be RSL members (\$35.00 a head including lunch). It should be a most enjoyable day. Get your name down at the next meeting, before finalising numbers. Date closes 26th October or ring a committee member. Once the attending numbers are in no more can be added.

Anyone wanting to join Women's Auxiliary, please enquire at reception.

Hope everyone is staying well, we all look forward to brighter and better times ahead. Keep safe.

**Helen Harrington**  
Vice Chairperson.



# BOWLS SECTION

With the Pennant season almost upon us, we are most fortunate this year to have a NEW GREEN and surrounding area that is looking fantastic.

This could not have been achieved without the many months of work by several of our wonderful members. They worked diligently and tirelessly to remove all old and unwanted materials from the area so BioScapes could commence work on the green. Some were then on hand most days to supervise the work as it progressed. Once the new carpet was in place, our members swung into action again to erect new shades, score boards, handrails and many other jobs which were required to complete the task.

Amazing job guys, your efforts are much appreciated.

I would like to thank the BHRSL Committee for all their co-operation and support to our Bowls Section during the entire journey of this major project.

Members are very much looking forward to the Season ahead and enjoying the benefit of our beautiful new surface.

Our 2022/23 Tuesday Pennant Season commences on Tuesday 11th October

and Saturday Pennant Season starts Saturday 15th October.

OFFICIAL OPENING OF OUR NEW GREEN: SATURDAY OCTOBER 8TH AT 1PM.

VIPs attending are from the BHRSL Committee and a Board Member from ERBR, who will open the Green.

We ask all Members and Guests to arrive no later than 12.45pm.

After the close of the Ceremony teams will then be announced and a pleasant afternoon of Bowls will commence.

On completion of the Bowls, members will then gather in the Upton Room where the rest of the day's proceedings will take place.

Well done to Graham Spriggs who is in charge of Sponsorship and has booked Bunnings Box Hill for us to conduct a Sausage Sizzle Sunday on November 20th 2022. We will need some willing helpers, so mark it on your Calendars now if you can spare a couple of hours. Training and roster to be arranged. Remember many hands make light work!

On Sunday 11th September, Russell Keast, David Skinner and Sean Cathie represented the BHRSL Bowls Section in

the BPL Tournament at Narre Warren.

They competed well in all three games winning one and being narrowly defeated in the other two. Well done team, great effort.

Anyone interested in joining our Bowls Club or organising a Corporate Bowls function should contact; Phillip Johnson 0431 271 805 or Dennis Arnel 0403 520 750

Sadly, I have to finish this report with a disappointing message to "SMOKERS".

STOP AND THINK BEFORE YOU ACT!

Unfortunately, due to someone's thoughtless actions we now have a hole burnt through the CARPET OF OUR NEW GREEN.

Because of this undisciplined behavior we now have a totally unnecessary added cost to have it fixed.

I know there are adequate receptacles for "SMOKERS" to put "BUTTS" in, so PLEASE USE THEM. DO NOT FLICK YOUR BUTTS OVER THE BALCONIES. You are also burning holes in our sunshades as well.

THIS ACTION MUST CEASE!

**Judy Smith**  
Vice Chairperson.

## 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

The 14th of September will mark the 75th Anniversary of Australia's involvement in international peacekeeping efforts.

Australia first sent military observers on a United Nations (UN) Consular Commission to Indonesia in September 1947, and over the intervening 75 years has had tens of thousands of military and civilian operations on station around the world.

The 75th anniversary, on the 14th of September will be marked by a Last Post ceremony commemorating the service of 16 Australians who lost their lives on UN peacekeeping operations: 10 Members of the Australian Defence Force whose names are listed on the Roll of Honour, and 6 members of the Australian Federal Police.

Those not listed are the soldiers who took their lives after returning home.

One of those soldiers is Paul Ingram, the son of Michael and Joan Ingram who are members of the WAA Box Hill Sub-Branch and great friends of this RSL. Our mannequin displays Paul's United Nations outfit, including his lanyard, the famous blue beret and various distinctive arm bands of the United Nations. Inside the cabinet is his photo taken in Somalia.

After Paul passed away, Michael and Joan donated all of Paul's army uniforms and protective armory for which we are very grateful. As I write this editorial for the 75th Anniversary, we should not forget the peacekeepers as they are deployed somewhere in our world today.

**Brian Tateson**  
Memorabilia



# Day Section

Our entertainment in July by Tony Diamond started off literally with a BANG as I handed over to him, because of a technical issue. It certainly made a few of us jump! As he sang a medley of songs from different eras, those present enjoyed the chance to join in and interact with Tony. One particular member relished the opportunity to sing a duet with Tony when he sang his all-time favourite song "Wooden Heart." Well done Jim and thanks for my wee twirl we had together on the floor. Some members were disappointed their partners were absent as there were several songs which made you feel like getting up and dancing along too. We shall certainly rebook Tony next year.

On 9th August, Arthur Merryweather told us about plans for the RSL – past, present and future. The original plans for the next phase of work have been amended, a very sensible decision considering the current climate within the construction industry. A much needed larger Welfare Department is to be built to assist with the ever increasing needs of members whilst coping with current advances in technology. It is good to hear the current Welfare area will be put to good use for staff welfare. After all, a happy staff contributes to a happy venue and so a happy clientele.

Box Hill is certainly changing, as is our RSL where we have seen many changes over the last decade and we look forward to the next phase. My heartfelt thanks go to Arthur for giving up his valuable time so willingly and for all the work he does as Treasurer for Box Hill RSL.

Claire Dubery was our entertainer on 23rd August. She has visited previously and it was good to see a familiar face. Her

repertoire included a wide variety of styles, some classical and some lighter music. Again, it was good to be able to sing along and just proves that music is great therapy.

On 13th September, three speakers from the Suburban Rail Loop Authority gave an insight into this project for which preparatory work is now underway in Box Hill. A new station is to be located in the heart of the activity centre, making it easier to access shopping, education and health services and will integrate with local tram and bus services. It will be configured over two levels underground and will be accessed via two entrances, a southern entrance at Main and Market Streets and a northern entrance at Whitehorse Road.

Construction of the SRL Station at Box Hill will be done in stages, main works beginning in 2025, with completion in 2031. The SRL itself comprises three sections, SRL East from Cheltenham to Box Hill, SRL North from Box Hill to Melbourne Airport and SRL West from Melbourne Airport to Werribee. The topic certainly created lots of discussion and many varied questions were answered by our guest speakers. We certainly live in ever-changing times and this is certainly "on our doorstep." Thank you, Jeannine, for arranging this most enlightening talk.

#### To find out about joining our Day Section, contact:

Mary Simpson (Co-ordinator)	9077 9784
Allana Kirk (Secretary)	9819 3527

#### Mary Simpson

Co-ordinator

## FREE MOVIES FOR MEMBERS

Presented by Ray Wall



Thursday 24th November, 2022 at 10.30am

The Thursday, November 24, 2022, movie is "**Maudie**" a true story. Rated PG is an Ireland/ Canadian 2016 biographical drama film that runs for 116 minutes.

**Synopsis:** It is about the life of folk artist Maud Lewis, who painted in Nova Scotia. An arthritic woman who works as a housekeeper while she hones her skills as an artist and eventually becomes a beloved figure in the community.



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