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# BOX HILL NEWS



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## BOX HILL RSL SUB-BRANCH INC. 2023 ELECTIONS & AGM

### COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

Nominations are requested for the positions of Vice President, Treasurer and three Service/Affiliate members for a term of two years. Nominations for these positions will open on Thursday February 2, 2023, and close on Thursday February 16, 2023, at 5.00 pm. Application forms are held by our Secretary.

**Please note:** to nominate for the positions of Vice President or Treasurer the applicant must have served on the Committee for a minimum of 12 months.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Box Hill RSL Sub-Branch Inc. will be held on Sunday, March 26, 2023 (Upton Room) 11.00am. Agenda items must be received by the Secretary, Andrew Guest, by close of business on Thursday, March 16, 2023.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Memberships are now due and only current paid-up Service, Affiliate, Life Members and Life Subscribers of the Box Hill RSL Sub-Branch are entitled to vote.

## New Functions Manager

We have great pleasure in announcing that we have a new Functions Manager. Justin Kozikas has taken on this important fulltime role. Justin comes to us with a wealth of experience in sponsorship and large event management areas, including Royal Hobart Regatta which he has been involved with since 2013. These events cater for 40,000 people over three days, and involves a great deal of organisation with several stakeholders from government officials to the greater public. So, he will be a great asset to our club.



Originally a Tasmanian, Justin has relocated to Melbourne recently and we are very pleased he will be making BHRSL his new work environment. Justin is also involved with the Lithuanian Community Melbourne and has a passion for sailing that keeps him occupied.

Please welcome Justin to the BHRSL Team and help him out as it has been several years since Justin has worked in a club environment. All functions and event enquiries should be directed to him at [Bookings@boxhillrsl.com.au](mailto:Bookings@boxhillrsl.com.au)

**Denis Fernando**  
General Manager

# Welfare Report.

For all welfare matters telephone: Faye Clark on 9897 6780



## BOX HILL NEWS

Stories by Members for Members



## VALE

*lest we forget*



Ian Gibson  
3787661 6RAR

Cynthia Homans  
Affiliate

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



Legacy Ladies



Knitters



Tai Chi

The above photos show some of our group members enjoying their Christmas breakups. We also have Genealogy and Meditation. All our groups are looking for new members, so if you are interested in any of our groups, please ring me on 9897 6780.

**Faye Clark**  
Welfare Coordinator



## Members in Aged Care

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

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

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

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

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

**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

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

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

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

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

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

**HELEN PRICE**, Blue Cross, 48 Dorking Road, Box Hill

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

**BARBARA SATCHELL**, Banfields, 192 Thompson Avenue Cowes

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

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

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

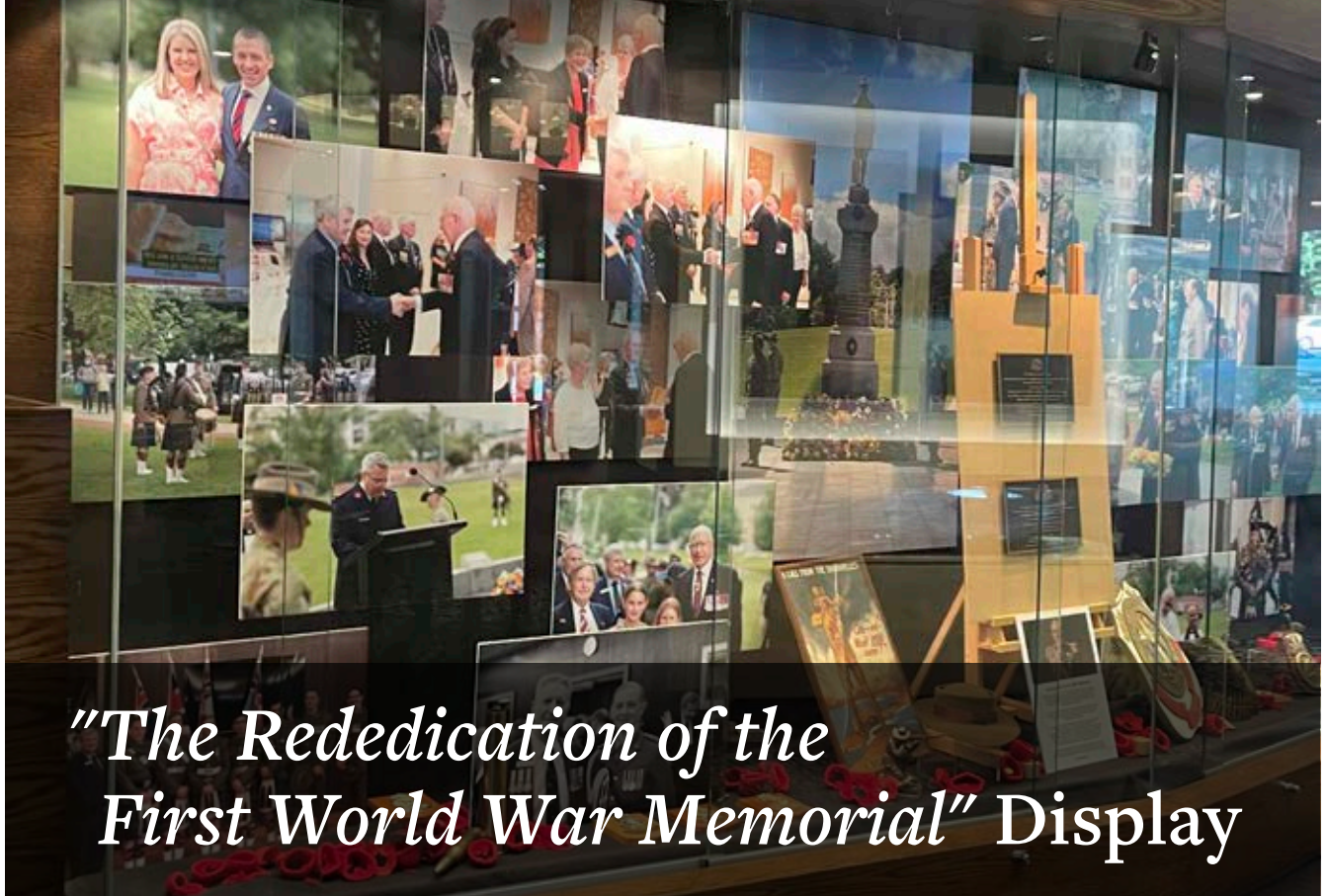
**KEVIN TREVARTHEN**, Bapcare, Karana, 55 Walpole Street, Kew

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

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

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

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



## *"The Rededication of the First World War Memorial" Display*

The current display in the main memorabilia cabinets is just for the members at Box Hill RSL. It is very rare that I have done a display like this before and it very nearly didn't happen. I was ready to do another display, but after the Governor General's visit, I changed my mind and thought why not do the display of this great occasion and dedicate it to our members. The photos in this display are different to others I have done, because they are bigger and give a 3D effect. Many members have told me it is the best display I have done in 2022. I will let you be the judge of that.

The main centrepiece is of two brass plaques. One represents the original Dedication of our WWI Memorial in 1922 by Governor General of Australia Lord Henry William Forster, GCMG, PC. No plaque was struck at the time of the first dedication in 1922.

The second plaque marks the 100th Anniversary of this historic event, which took place on Sunday the 13th November 2022. Box Hill RSL carried out this ceremony with many members and the current Governor General of Australia General David Hurley, AC, DSC (Retd)

Below the two plaques is a photo of Lord Forster and description which I encourage people to read of his history. Directly to the left of the plaques is a photo of the present Governor General and President John Haward unveiling the plaques. There are many photos of our members with the Governor General and three of them stand out. The first photo of Jim Burrows OAM with the Governor General, the second of Graeme Agnew and his two granddaughters with the Governor General. If you look



at that photo carefully, you will notice that the two girls wear official Box Hill RSL name tags. The third photo that catches the eye is of our Secretary Andrew Guest and the ADC to the Governor General Captain Elizabeth McFarland ADC. The photo is in black and white and really stands out.

There are photos of other members of our RSL taken with the Governor General which I suggest members look at before I take the display down for another one to go up.

Sunday November the 13th 2022, was a special day for Box Hill RSL, and to get the Governor General here was very special. The day topped off a great year for me and the RSL which has been reflected in this display for all our members because they are the ones that make our RSL the best.

**Brian Tateson**  
Memorabilia

# CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

SUNDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2022

48 children up to the age of 11 enjoyed a warm, sunny day in the Upton Room. They enjoyed the use of the following facilities over a period of three hours:

The Chrissy Holly Show, Felix the Magician, two face painters, a balloon artist, a roving juggling magic entertainer, two jumping castles and Mr Whippy.

Light refreshments and drinks were served throughout the party. At noon we heard the ringing of Christmas bells. Who was making the noise? None other than Father Christmas who arrived carrying his sack of presents for the children. All children received a present and a bag of lollies and most had their photo taken with Santa.

The Box Hill RSL staff (about 10) did an excellent job in looking after all who attended. I would like to thank the many volunteers who assisted with the smooth running of the party. We look forward to another children's Christmas party next year and thank all the parents and grandparents for bringing their children to the RSL.

**Arthur Merryweather**

Treasurer



The Frail family - Lauren, Mia and Cheryl



The Sheehan family – Makayla, John, Jane, Alannah and Olive



The Entertainer, Joan Waters and Father Christmas

## DAY SECTION

Our last entertainer for the year was Frank Lee Darling on 22nd November. He is a good all-round entertainer who offered a selection of music, banter and comedy. Audience participation was encouraged and enjoyed by all present. It was great to hear chuckles of laughter in the room and we always relish a chance to sing along.

Our Christmas luncheon in December was a lovely way to round off the year. This final meeting of the Section was well attended and it was good to celebrate a successful year of get-togethers. It's hard to believe our last Christmas meal was in 2019, due to COVID restrictions and lockdowns. Obviously, we had all been well-behaved throughout 2022, as Santa visited us and distributed gifts. Thank you, Santa Kevin, for sparing some of your precious time.

The success of our Section is due to the volunteers and committee who give their time and enthusiasm so willingly and the members who attend, so thanks once again to everyone.

Thanks also to all RSL staff who have looked after us so well over the year, showing great patience and flexibility when accommodating our needs.

Finally, but not least of all, may I thank the RSL committee for their continued support and generosity this year. It is really appreciated by us all in the Day Section. I realise we should not really single out specific members of the committee but special thanks to Arthur Merryweather who gave us an update on future plans for the RSL and to Lindsay Burke who gave us a talk about his involvement with the Army Cadets. I'm still getting feedback/ comments about these 2 topics, all very positive I may say.

Happy New Year to everyone. Good health and happiness to all. "Lang May Your Lum Reek" (Long May your Chimney Smoke) as they used to say in Scotland.

New members are always welcome, so if you're free every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month, why not come and join us in the Upton Room. For further details, contact:

Mary Simpson (Co-ordinator): 9077 9784

Allana Kirk (Secretary): 9819 3527

### Future Dates:

February 14 and 28, March 14 and 28

### Mary Simpson

Co-ordinator



(L-R) Mirella Webb, Edward Page, Rose-Marie Power, Sylvia Stacey, Kaye Garrett, Marilyn Vella and Josephine Lessels



(L-R) Janet Allen, Ron Kirk, Josephine Lessels, Hazel Stuart, Kevin Epps, Verna Carter and Mary Simpson



(L-R) Father Christmas, Wendy Epps, Helen Nemeth and Mary Simpson



(L-R) Martin Dickenson, Joan Waters and Verna Carter

# WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

Welcome back everyone, hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and celebrated the New Year with a bang! Good riddance, I say.

Think I left off last time coming up to our Women's Auxiliary Christmas lunch on December 2nd. Our final gathering for the year turned out highly successful. The tables were beautifully decorated with all the finest trimmings.

It was a pleasure to have as special guests: President John Haward, Secretary Andrew Guest and Faye Clark from Welfare.



Lunch was excellent: Roast pork, veggies and delicious, crunchy crackling, followed by moist plum pudding and custard, or fruit salad and ice cream. Thank you, Wei Wei, bar and kitchen staff.

The day included a special door prize, four great hampers for raffles were presented, the main raffle won by Jocelyn Kinnear, comprising of wine cooler, two bottles of wine, wine glasses, RSL \$50 voucher and assortment of nuts. (Don't forget the nuts!) Santa came with a gift for everyone.

Thank you to all Committee members for their contribution and set up. Members and guests went home bellies full, with no intention of having tea, after having such a nice, filling day.



Women's Auxiliary Committee

Our trading table gurus, Kay and Maxine, had some left over goodies from making our Christmas raffle hampers. I was able to pack leftovers into small bags e.g. soaps, shampoos, toothpaste, brush etc. and give to a very

grateful charity, able to supply flood victims who were in much needed circumstances.

Our Women's Auxiliary Christmas Special effort raffle was drawn on 16th December after the regular Friday night raffle (which starts back on Friday 27th January). This is always a popular night to get together. Fifteen hams and turkey breasts were to be won plus bottles of wine and Lions Christmas cakes.

**Our first prize winner** for the TV happened to be one of our Women's Auxiliary members, Patricia MacLaren, who says she never wins anything (as all of our prize winners did say). She said her own TV was very old and just about ready to blow up. Well done to a happy winner.

Congratulations to all. It was good to see prizes going to well worthy winners:

**2nd prize winner:** Ann Ruck: Air Fryer/ Pressure cooker

**3rd prize winner:** Lorraine Sawyer: Blender

**4th prize winner:** Pam Blamey: Garden tools

**5th prize winner:** Elaine Smith: Shower stool

**6th prize winner:** Peter Jackson: Slow Cooker

**7th prize winner:** Prue Gent: Electric Mixer

Thank you to all who contributed and bought tickets. We raised a total, after purchases, of \$2,260.10, for the Sub Branch, an amazing effort. Thank you all again, that was our last commitment for 2022.



5th prize winner, Elaine Smith

Committee and members will resume on 27th Feb 2023. Women's Auxiliary

committee look forward to 2023 and the new syllabus shows there will be heaps of interesting plans ahead for members. Anyone who would like to join our friendly Women's Auxiliary are most welcome. For further information, please ring me on 0400 723 072.

Thank you to all. Hope 2023 is a happy, healthy and wise one.

All the best.

**Helen Harrington, captain of vice!**

Women's auxiliary

**Joke:** What do you get when you cross an elephant with a fish?  
**Answer:** Swimming trunks!

# ANGLING SECTION

On Wednesday 7th December 2022, eight members of the Box Hill RSL Angling section set off on a fishing charter. As the last couple of charters had not been very productive, we decided to try a different charter company.

At 6:15am on a cool, fine morning, we met at Yaringa Harbour, on Westernport, for a 6:30am departure, all with high hopes of catching a good feed of fish. After travelling for about 10 minutes, on dead calm seas, we stopped at the first fishing spot, and it wasn't long before we started getting a few bites, but soon things went quiet.

As it was approaching high tide, we moved a couple of hundred metres along and again anchored over a sandy area with patches of weed (ideal whiting area). This time we started landing fish and continued to do so even though the tide had stopped running. We continued to fish this area until the fish either moved on or had gone off the bite.

We continued to move to various locations and were able to catch a variety of fish at most stops, although whiting was the most prevalent species caught. At about 11:00am, the boat captain cooked up a heap of sausages and we all had snags in bread rolls as our lunch time snack.



A photo of our catch.

As the charter finished at 12:30pm, we started heading back to the harbour, but managed to stop at a couple of places on the way. But, as the wind had picked up over the last hour or so, the fish bites had slowed and very few were caught at these locations

All in all, approximately 70 fish were caught, the majority being whiting, but also pinkies (small snapper), trevally, a few small gummy sharks (released) and a couple of other species. Everybody was able to take home a good feed of fish, and all enjoyed the day out.

We would like to thank Box Hill RSL for their support, and Reel Adventure Fishing Charters for putting us onto the spots where we were able to catch the fish.

If anyone is interested in joining the Angling section, please contact the RSL for contact details

**Graeme Furmston**  
Event Coordinator

## FREE MOVIES FOR MEMBERS Presented by Ray Wall

All Service, Affiliate, and Social Members of the Box Hill RSL Sub-Branch are welcome to come along to the movies which are shown on the last Thursday of each month (except December). Tea/coffee and some nibbles are provided prior to the movie starting at 10:30 am in the Upton Room.

**Thursday 30th March, 2023 at 10.30am**

The March 30, 2023 Movie will be **"Article 99"**. This is an American Drama/Dark Comedy released in 1992 Rated R and runs for 100 minutes.



**Synopsis:** "The film essentially explores the obstacles that veterans have to go through to get medical care and to what length some doctors will go to provide it."

**Thursday 27th April, 2023 at 10.30am**

The April 27, 2023 Movie will be **"Süskind"**. This is a biographical true story released in 2012 Rated MA15+ and runs for 118 minutes.



**Synopsis:** "The film is based on the true story of Walter Süskind (1906 -1945), a German Jew who during WWII, a member of the Jewish Council of Amsterdam, finds a way to spare around 600 children from deportation to the death camps.

# BOWLING SECTION

Happy New Year to everyone, I hope you are well rested and looking forward to our last few weeks of Pennant for Season 2022/23.

Currently both sides for Saturday and Tuesday are in the four, but we need to notch up a few wins in our remaining games to consolidate our positions.

Wednesday Twilight Pennant have competed well in the three games played so far against some strong opposition. All the best for your remaining four games.

On December 4th we had a most enjoyable Christmas Party attended by over 40 members and partners. Thanks to Cheryl Ryan and Cheryl Frail for again organising a wonderful night and several great hampers for the raffle. The work you both put in to making it such a successful evening is much appreciated.

So far we have managed to have completed three of our Club Championships and the President's Cup Final will be played Sunday 29th January. All the best to those who compete in the final.

The 100up will commence late January, so anyone interested please add your name to the list ASAP.

Congratulations to our popular and hard-working club member, Mal Hams, on receiving a Volunteer of the Year Award. It was very well deserved, Mal.

We are looking for new members, so anyone who might like to try their hand at bowls, you will be made most welcome at our Box Hill RSL Bowls Section.

#### Contacts are:

**Phillip Johnson: 0431 271 805** or  
**Dennis Arnel: 0403 520 750.**

**Judy Smith**  
**Bowls Vice Chairperson**

## OPEN PAIRS FINAL

Congratulations to Peter and Mark Leonard who won an engrossing match against Kat Jones and Dave Skinner 3/2 in the tiebreaker.

For the few who braved the cold, they were treated to a high standard of bowling over almost three hours. Well done to both teams as each would have been well deserving winners.

To all club members who participated in the Open Pairs, thank you for making this such a viable event.

A big thank you to Jan Durham for providing the photos.

## Match Subcommittee



Mark & Peter Leonard.



(L-R) Kat Jones, David Skinner, Mark & Peter Leonard.