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BOX HILL NEWS



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Stage 3 Redevelopment building works

Our Stage 3 Redevelopment building works are about to commence, and unfortunately, we are going to lose a large number of car parking spaces for quite a long time.

As a result, we are asking all members, especially those who come to section or group meetings, to offer to pick up their friends and car pool if possible. This would be very much appreciated. We are also asking all sections and groups that are going on excursions by bus or taxi from the RSL, to do the right thing and leave their cars at home.

We still find there are a few RSL members who park at the RSL and then attend nearby hospitals or clinics. Being an RSL member does not entitle anyone to do this. Box Hill RSL

free parking is strictly for RSL members or guests/visitors only for the time they are attending the RSL.

It is going to be a difficult time for everybody, and tempers will get short, but we ask members to please be understanding, and to treat our staff respectfully at all times.

If you are experiencing hardship because of these measures, please contact our Welfare Coordinator, who may be able to help in some way.

Denis Fernando
General Manager

Welfare Report.

For all welfare matters telephone: Faye Clark on 9897 6780



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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.

Hazel Mourney, Lorraine Owen

Diana RIDLER
Affiliate

Geraldine MACDONALD
Affiliate

Charles HAMILTON
148290 RAAF

Brian STOREY
Affiliate

Helen BEESLEY
Affiliate

Grant EMBERSON
Affiliate

Ken LYONS
120269 RAAF

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

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Cross, 48 Dorking Road,
Box Hill

JOHN NICHOLSON,
Arcare, 75 King Street,
Templestowe

FRED PIKE,
Faversham House,
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Canterbury

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

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

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Shierlaw Ave, Canterbury

BRENDAN STAFFORD,
Manna Care, 371
Manningham Road,
Doncaster

DAVID TAYLOR,
Blue Cross, 250 Waterdale
Rd, Ivanhoe

MARJ TURRIFF,
Faversham House, 27
Shierlaw Ave, Canterbury

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

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

LANCE WARD,
Arcare, 75 King Street,
Templestowe

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

GROUPS

We have some interesting groups that you may be interested in joining, if so, please ring Faye Clark, Welfare Coordinator on 9897 678.

They are:

- TAI CHI
- GARDENING GROUP
- FRIDAY NIGHT RAFFLE
- MEDITATION
- KNITTING GROUP
- GENEALOGY

Bowling Section

I would like to start by wishing one of our wonderful members, Jim Burrowes, a very HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY on the 29th March. Jim is a much-loved member of our Club and only stopped playing Pennant Bowls 2 years ago. This was a huge achievement. We are always pleased to see Jim's smiling face at the club when he visits occasionally. All the best Jim.

The Pennant Season for 2022/23 is now over. Well done to our Saturday and Tuesday teams for all reaching the Finals. This was a good effort. Unfortunately, we didn't advance past the first week so the challenge for next season is to take the bit between our teeth and focus on working towards and achieving a better result in 2023/24.

All our Club Championships are now completed. Congratulations to newcomer Mark Leonard (who also won the Club Pairs with his Dad, Peter) on winning the President's Cup in a tight and entertaining finish over Graham Spriggs.

The 100up saw John Knezevich defeat Alf Maglitto 100 to 70 (see other reports from Match Committee).

We had a good number of entries this year in most competitions, which was very pleasing.

It was a great effort by the Match Committee to organise all the competitions as there is a lot of work involved. Well done guys!

Just a note to all members, we still have several events happening at the Club in the next couple of months, so we are looking for your support and attendance if at all possible.

THE NEW SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS ARE:

SATURDAY 1ST APRIL

Memorial Day

SATURDAY 15/16th APRIL

Edinburgh Shield at Yarrowonga/Mulwala

SATURDAY 22ND APRIL

PRESIDENTS DAY. This will be held on the deck

SATURDAY 29TH APRIL

Jim Burrowes Perpetual Shield Day also Sponsorship Day. This will be a sausage sizzle day.

SUNDAY 7TH MAY

Annual General Meeting in the Upton Room (11am start)

SATURDAY 13TH MAY

Talkfest in the Sports Bar (Time TBA).

SUNDAY 21ST MAY

Bunnings Box Hill Sausage Sizzle. Helpers needed.



Graham Spriggs and Mark Leonard.



John Knezevich and Alf Maglitto.

All the best to our Men's Singles Champion, Russell Keast, who will be competing in the Champion of Champions at Berwick on Sunday 19th March at 9.30am.

PRESIDENT'S CUP AND 100 UP FINALS

Congratulations to Mark Leonard on winning the final in a tiebreaker against Graham Spriggs. After a comfortable set win to both players Mark won a tight tiebreaker 4/3. Well played to both players. Thanks to the 15 spectators who came along to lend their support. Well done.

100 UP FINAL

John Knezevich won 100 to 70 over Alf Maglitto after 16 ends. It was a tightly fought contest until John had a couple of dominant ends and got a decisive break after about 11 - 12 ends, which Alf was unable to reel in. Congratulations to both players and thanks to all members who participated in the event. Thanks also to those members who came out to support the players and the match itself.

A big THANK YOU to our Management Committee, Selectors, Club Officials, Sub Committees and Volunteers. You all do an amazing job, and our club certainly wouldn't function as well as it does without all your fantastic support.

Personally, I think 2023/24 is looking very positive for our Club.

New Members are made very welcome.

All the best everyone.

Judy Smith

Vice Chairperson

DARTS SECTION: 2022 REPORT

The club has had a very successful year with membership increasing and a very encouraging number of players on a Monday night.

The Eastern District Darts League competition has ceased.

Meanwhile, there have been some in-house competitions run amidst friendly banter and good-natured sledging.

Engraved glassware trophies were presented to all winners.

Winners were:

Drawn Doubles	Selected Doubles	Hugh Doyle (double start)
Stephen Carter	Cheryl Hunt	Steve Carter
John Jones	Charles Eller	
Ladies Champion	Mens Champion	Club Champion
Terry Walker	Charles Eller	Charles Eller

Many congratulations to the winners with more competitions to be played in the New Year. Many thanks also to Bernie Tinsley, our Competition Director, who works tirelessly to organise the complexities of competition play.

Ray and Helen Jones very kindly hosted a Christmas celebration at their home where trophies were presented to the winners (as above).

We look forward to another successful year in 2023. If people are interested in joining the club, please contact Ray Jones 0419 114 126.



John Jones and Steve Carter



Cheryl Hunt and Charles Eller

Day Section

It was good to see so many members back for our first meeting of the year in January. After our AGM, the meeting took the format of a chew'n'chat. This is really popular as it provides a chance to socialise for a longer period of time, and after Xmas and New Year, there was plenty to chat about. The Upton Room looked cheery with flags on the tables in celebration of Australia Day.

On 14th February, Ken Smithies spoke about and demonstrated Bowen Therapy. This can alleviate severe pain and aid movement of limbs by easing muscle tension. He worked on several volunteers who certainly seemed to benefit quickly and quite dramatically. Obviously more sessions with him would be needed to help remedy long-term problems. One of the main problems people 'of our vintage' experience is balance, so it is something we should all be mindful of.

Some of our members have shown a willingness to contribute to our meetings, so on 28th February we took up that offer. Raymond Reaburn spoke about money and how it has evolved here and abroad over the years. When asked whose faces appear on certain Australian notes, there was silence. Funny how we become complacent and ignore these details. We shall have to watch out for a new face to appear on our coins and notes; that of King Charles.

At the same meeting, John MacDonald recited some poems and the audience joined in with familiar ones. He even had one with a "Scottish slant." Was this specially for me, John? Thank you both for your contributions.

On 14th March, Lorraine Smith told us about a 16th Century manuscript which was found in a book in her second-hand bookshop in Warrnambool, and its journey from Gildersome in Yorkshire, England, encountering many twists and lucky escapes on its way. She showed us the original, dated 1583, made of vellum. This is calfskin which is climate-affected but can last for centuries if cared for properly. Vellum has to be treated with chalk or lime to accept ink. Though expensive, vellum was used for legal documents as it difficult to forge because of imperfections and blemishes. Lorraine's daughter helped her do research and it was found to be one half of an authentic deed for the transfer of a small parcel of land in Yorkshire. She has written a book and visited living descendants who thought the manuscript was long gone.

Thank you to the Women's Auxiliary for allowing us to join you on your recent trip to the Begonia Festival in Ballarat. The displays were spectacular. It was a most enjoyable day, topped off with a beautiful meal.

New members welcome. For further details, contact:

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

Future dates: April 11, May 9 and May 23.

Mary Simpson

Co-ordinator



Anzac Day Appeal Box Hill RSL

We need volunteers!

Please give us a few hours of your time, between Tuesday 11th April and Monday 24th April 2023.

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

TUESDAY 25TH APRIL 2023



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

We are pleased to announce Anzac Day Dawn Service will be held at the Cenotaph in Box Hill Gardens.

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)



2023 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 2023 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 and follow the link to donate.

ANGLING SECTION

Fishing Report for 23rd February 2023

On Thursday 23rd February, 11 members of the Box Hill RSL Angling section set off on a fishing Charter.

We used the same charter company that we used in December as we had a very successful outing with them (see previous report).

Again 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 another good feed of fish.

As we did last time, we only travelled a short distance before stopping at the first fishing spot, and it wasn't long before we started getting a few bites, but things went quiet after a very short time, so we made a few short moves to see if we could locate some fish.

As this wasn't very successful either, we made a move right across the bay towards the channels at the top end. This area didn't provide much action either, so we moved back towards Hastings. Here we got onto a good spot, and it ended up being the most productive spot of the day.

We continued to move to different locations and were able to catch a few more fish, but nothing like the number pulled out at the previous stop.

As usual, 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.

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 no more fish were caught.

All in all, approximately 70 odd fish were caught, the majority being whiting, with a leather jacket and a wrasse added to the catch. 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 fish again.

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



Thursday 25th May, 2023 at 10.30am

The May 25, 2023 Movie will be **"Bullseye!"**. This is a British-American Comedy released in 1990 Rated PG 13+ and runs for 95 minutes.

Synopsis: Two scientists (Michael Caine & Roger Moore) working for UK and USA invent cold fusion. They decide to auction it off to foreign nations. Two look-alike crooks (Michael Caine & Roger Moore) decide to steal their deposits but end up working for CIA and MI5



Thursday 29th June, 2023 at 10.30am

The June 29, 2023 Movie will be **"Coach Carter"**. This is a biographical true story released in 2005 Rated PG13+ and runs for 136 minutes.

Synopsis: The film is based on the true story of American Richmond High School basketball coach Ken Carter (played by Samuel L Jackson), who made headlines in 1999 for suspending his undefeated high school basketball team due to poor academic results.

Women's Auxiliary

Our first members get together, was 27th Feb when we held our annual AGM where Helen Jones (Treasurer) and Bette Illman retired from the Women's Auxiliary Committee. Helen had held this position and did a fantastic job over her many years in this and many other roles she took on. Bette Illman was also a valued longtime member and worker over the years (Bette was also our model on fashion days). Bette and Helen will remain as members but can sit back now and enjoy a rest. Thank you both for all your past voluntary dedicated work for the Women's Auxiliary.

We now welcome Emi Luppino onto the committee as Treasurer. Emi is fitting in very well to her new role and will prove to be a very worthwhile candidate. Emi has achieved in the past many awards as a busy volunteer capable of achieving goals.

Sadly, member Geraldine MacDonald has passed away. On top of having rheumatoid arthritis, Geraldine lost her hard fought battle in February having contracted pneumonia after having Covid. We had bowled together for quite some time. Geraldine was a dear friend. Condolences to Brian and family.

A few Day Club members, who are always a pleasure to have, joined us on a bus trip to Ballarat (15/3), to visit the Ballarat Botanical Garden's Begonia Festival. It was a beautiful day. We departed early from the RSL, taking our time, enjoying the scenery from the bus of multiple new constructions, and the expansion of the west side of town.

On arrival at Ballarat, passing Lake Wendouree where the 1956 Olympic rowing took place, we were met by Bernice and Jim Donnelly, who also joined us for lunch at the Ballarat Golf Club. Jim was a RSL bowler for many years and Bernice was function organiser of the Women's Auxiliary for many years before moving to Ballarat four years ago. There was lots to talk about.



On walking through the gardens seeing the Adam Lindsay Gordon cottage, the Floral Clock (more than 10,000 annuals are planted yearly), and the statue of Scotsman hero William Wallace was good to see having Scottish blood in me.

The Robert Clark Conservatory is home to Ballarat's renowned tuberous begonia collection. It was full of: heavy big-flowered hydrangeas, fuchsias, pelargoniums, magnificent hanging baskets, ferns and, of course, the begonias, which were beautifully displayed. It was very impressive.



We then ventured onto the golf club for an enjoyable lunch; the main was followed by cake and coffee. What a delicious variety cakes we had.

Leaving the historic town of Ballarat, John, our bus driver, got us back to the RSL around 5pm. Our day raffle, held by Maxine and Kay, was drawn on the bus during our return travel. First prize: RSL Voucher was won by Hazel Stuart, second prize W/W Voucher was won by Susan Sims. A most rewarding, comfortable day was had by all.

We have all missed our bus trips during Covid lockdown, so getting back, relaxing, talking and enjoying each other's company was what we all needed after such a long time in lockdown.

Thanks, Therese, for organising such a great day. We look forward to our next outing June 7th Lynbrook Hotel. We have our Penny Farthing gift day on 12th April at 1pm, and our Birthday Lunch on 22nd May at 12noon.

Anyone wanting to join the Women's Auxiliary, can call me on 0400 723 072. You must be an RSL Service or Affiliate member.

Take care to those who are feeling unwell; we wish you a speedy recovery, and happy birthday to all those celebrating birthdays.

Helen Harrington

Vice President

JOKE FOR YOU: **Knock Knock!!**
Who's there?
Arch!
Arch Who?
Bless You.

Legacy Widows

January 16th saw a happy return of our ladies after the holiday break. There are not as many of us now, as age creeps up and we find we cannot attend as we once did. Some of our members have gone into aged care, and others are not well enough to attend. However, we were a happy group that joined together in January for lunch in The Bistro. There was much talking as we exchanged family news, Christmas events and caught up on all the events since we last met. It was a delight to see the ladies once again.

Our President Glenys had prepared the new syllabus for us, which promised a happy year ahead. We added a new member to our committee with Valerie Glen joining the team.

In March we celebrated our 39th birthday. After the meeting but before hearing from our guest speaker, RSL Treasurer Arthur Merryweather, we cut the sponges and sang happy birthday. Later, we went up to the Bistro for lunch. That day we also celebrated two of our ladies' birthdays: Pat Carter who turned 90, and Rene Caldwell,

95. Most of our ladies are now in their 90s with Elizabeth McKenzie turning 99 this year. Three of us are still young (only in our 80s). I have lost count of the times I have been told I'm still a baby (how I wish).

We look forward to the year ahead. As well as our normal meetings, we will journey to other venues for morning melodies and 'Christmas In July'. We would welcome any new members who would like to join us. If you are a Legacy or War Widow, please come and join us. We meet in the Upton Room on the 3rd Monday of the month at 10.30am.

We say thanks our Legatees, Robin and Pam, for assistance and attendance during the year. To our members: we are always available to you.

President: Glenys Lewis 0427 307 434

Secretary: Patricia Keech 9807 3779.

Patricia Keech
Secretary

VALUABLE UNIFORM RETURNS HOME

After many years at HMAS Cerberus, one of our valuable uniforms returns home where it should be, the Memorabilia collection of our RSL.

The uniform, once belonged to Surgeon Captain "Sandy" Ferguson AM VRD RFD RANR Rtd. This was one of three uniforms donated to Box Hill RSL some fifteen years ago, along with his miniature medals. "Sandy" spent some time at HMAS Cerberus, before being posted the Infantry landing ship, HMAS Manoora. He also saw active service in the Southwest Pacific, taking part in the landings at Rabaul, Leyte, Lingayen Gulf and Balikpapan.

He continued his naval service following WW2 in the Naval reserve and was promoted to Surgeon Captain in 1968. He continued to serve as medical officer at HMAS Lonsdale until its closure in the early 1990's, and he then returned to HMAS Cerberus.

Many of you will remember Sandy as the Club President of the Hawthorn Football Club. Hawthorn great John Kennedy Snr. recalled the spirit in which Dr Ferguson lead the club off the field, saying "I think that the administration of a club is the important thing and Sandy was very conscious of that".



Dr Ferguson passed away of a long battle with illness at the age of ninety-one. Our photo shows Commander Helen Ward of HMAS Ceberus handing me the uniform.

Brian Tateson
Memorabilia