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# BOX HILL NEWS



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## ANZAC Day **2023**

BOX HILL RSL

After the restrictions of the Covid years we were at last able to conduct our ANZAC Day service in the proper manner, with dignity, pride, and a sense of shared grief. It was wonderful to see such large numbers of veterans, RSL members and members of the general public appearing out of the gloom, to take part respectfully in the Dawn Service.

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305 Cadet

### ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

There will be an Ordinary General Meeting of The Box Hill RSL Sub-Branch at 6:00pm on Friday the 23rd of June 2023 to confirm the Sub-Branch's four delegates to attend the 2023 Victorian Branch Annual Conference, and to confirm which candidates for positions on the State Executive our delegates should vote for, and to decide how we should vote on matters put to the Conference for resolution.

**Andrew Guest**  
Secretary

# 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.

**Ronald EADE**  
Affiliate

**Norman JARMAN**  
127262 – RAAF

**Ian WARD**  
399741 HQ CRACT

**Melville GRACE**  
126872 RAAF

**Norman RICHES**  
A35428 RAAF

**John ELFORD**  
18322 ARMY

## 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

**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

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

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

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

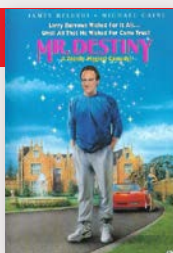
**RALPH WEATHERELL**,  
Uniting Agewell, 75  
Thames Street, Box Hill

## FREE MOVIES FOR MEMBERS Presented by Ray Wall

Thursday 27th July, 2023 at 10.30am

**"Mr. Destiny"** This is an American Fantasy Comedy released in 1990 Rated PG 13 and runs for 116 minutes.

**Synopsis:** "Larry Burrows (Jim Belushi) believes his entire life could have turned out differently had he not missed that shot in a baseball game when was a kid. Larry is given a chance to see what his life could've been like, had he made that winning home run as a teenager!"



Thursday 31st August, 2023 at 10.30am

**"Eddie the Eagle"** This is a biographical true story released in 2016 Rated PG13+ and runs for 106 minutes

**Synopsis:** "The film is based on the true story of Michael "Eddie The Eagle" Edwards, the notoriously tenacious British underdog ski jumper who charmed the world at the 1988 Winter Olympics."



# Women's Auxiliary

It has been a busy time, for Women's Auxiliary last month or two.

On the Monday 27th March we had a visit from Rob Winther, Veteran Liaison Officer from Austin Health, who gave an interesting talk on the 80 year history of the Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital. Rob spoke about the constantly filled 20-Bed Ward 17, the changes to the facilities, and the nursing care. Also, the amount of work that has been done with providing a peaceful quiet place for Veterans to sit and enjoy the colourful gardens, and surrounds. And of the services available to Veterans, War Widows and the broader Community, which are far greater today.

The Women's Auxiliary and Box Hill RSL Sub-Branch, were able to gift Austin Health \$1,500 to further the care and needs of our Veterans from all wars. Korea, Vietnam, East Timor, Iraq, Afghanistan, etc.

Members enjoyed Maxine's home-made cookies with a cuppa for afternoon tea.

On Wednesday 12th April, Penny Farthing Gifts came along. They displayed a variety of gifts, soft toys, jewellery, bags, candles, scarves, general merchandise etc. Members had a nice choice of pressies to buy.

On Monday 24th April, Leanne McKenzie from Care Connect, came and gave a talk to members on the 4 levels of age care packages. These consist of home care flexible in home support services, based on personal circumstances. With Care Connect you have access to services, such as Transport & Outings, Gardening, Cleaning and Household tasks, Meal Preparation, Nursing & Allied Health Services, etc. For further info contact: careconnect.org.au or call 1800 692 464.

With ANZAC Day celebrations, badge selling, attending the Dawn Service (at which I was honoured to lay a wreath at the First World War Memorial on behalf of the Women's Auxiliary), conducting committee meetings and planning future activities, time has gone rather quickly.

Our Mother's Day raffle was an enormous success; it was fun putting it all together. Thank you to everyone that participated in supporting

Women's Auxiliary, with the purchase of raffle tickets. To the Day Section, Friday night raffle people, the different groups of Box Hill RSL, Club members, and visitors, thank you. A fabulous amount of \$2,300.35 was raised [after expenses].

Some of this money will go to well-deserved charities and needy organisations, such as Mental Health, Upton House, Emergency Services, and Emergency Department Hospitals. \$200 has already been donated to Women's Council Project 2023.

The draw took place Friday 12th May. The winner of 1st prize was actually at the draw, which was a surprise bonus, he would have been a popular boy on his arrival home I'm sure.

The **1st Prize** winner of the Hamper was Jeff Richards.

**2nd Prize** winner of the Stainless steel steamer set was Hazel Stuart.

**3rd Prize** winner of the 4bag Velour Toiletry gift set was Lee Hanson.

**4th Prize** winner of the Mikasa Heart shaped Platter was Joan Wells.



1st prize:  
Jeff Richards



2nd prize:  
Hazel Stuart



3rd prize:  
Lee Hanson



4th prize:  
Mikasa Heart

Congratulations to all, well done and a big thank you to all that took part.

Monday 15th May we had an outing to Pascoe Vale RSL for the Women's Metropolitan Forum. This is a catch-up

on what is happening with other RSL Women's Auxiliaries. State Branch President Robert Webster spoke about the happening's at Anzac House, followed by Lenise Gold, Women's Auxiliary State Secretary, who read her report followed by other Auxiliaries reading theirs.

Women's Auxiliaries unfortunately are getting smaller and smaller in most RSL's. We are very fortunate here at Box Hill RSL, we have 43 very happy hard working members. A warm welcome to new member Susan Sims to our Committee. Welcome aboard Sue.

On Monday 22nd May we celebrated our Women's Auxiliary Birthday Luncheon. On that day 3 of our members received their gold Star for 10 years' service as members. More on that next issue.

We look forward to our outing Wednesday 7th June to Lynbrook Hotel, a nice lunch and perhaps a drive around the area. Our Guest Speaker on Monday 26th June will be John Storey, author of "Big Wars". A story on Military History, and the future of Warfare. We have most interesting times ahead.

To those that are feeling unwell, take care, and hope all are well again soon. To the Birthday people; myself included; Happy Birthday!!

**Helen Harrington**  
Vice President

## THE MOVIE IN MARCH HAD ANOTHER PRESENTER

Pictured right is our Welfare Manager Faye Clark assuming the role of Movie Director while Ray Wall was overseas. Assisted by Phil Kinnear, (able bodied usher and lolly distributor), along with Justin Kozikas for technical support.



The movie was enjoyed by all. Please come along to our next film, see page 2 for details.

**Bep Dawes**  
Committee member

# ANZAC DAY 2023

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For the first time we raised and lowered the New Zealand national flag alongside our own, and we listened to the beautiful strains of God Defend New Zealand and Advance Australia Fair, in true ANZAC spirit. Our newest committee member and New Zealander, Dr Russell Keast, laid a wreath for members of New Zealand armed forces killed in action.

As usual, the 305 Army Cadet Unit did a first-class job of providing the catafalque party, and it was pleasing to see the 401 Squadron Air Force Cadets were also present. These fine young people are the nucleus of our future armed forces.

After the Dawn Service, veterans and invited guests were welcomed into the Upton Room for a light breakfast. Unfortunately, we could not open the Level 2 car park to invite everyone to a traditional gunfire breakfast (as we did in the years prior to Covid) due to the building works now underway, but we hope to do so in 2024 and subsequent years.

Following breakfast in the Upton Room, the veterans boarded a coach which took them into the city for the ANZAC Day march to the Shrine of Remembrance, and after the march many of them met up for lunch with their mates.

A big thank you to Judy Coates for her organisation of the day, and to all our staff and volunteers for their great work on the day!

**Andrew Guest**

**Secretary**



Crowd attending the Dawn Service



305 Army Cadets Unit



John Haward, President



401 Squadron Air Force



Bugler, Lauren Innes



World War One Memorial with wreaths



Volunteers Box Hill Nth Football Club



Ian Carnegie, Malcolm Fraser



Piper, Snr Sgt Ron Sinclair and Bert Alesich



Steven Bennett recites the ANZAC Requiem



Mike Charenko and Wayne Bastow



Andrew Guest, Brian Tateson, Garry Willett



Charles Kook, Steven Bennett

# Bowling Section



This image and overleaf: Memorial Day

April was a very busy month for our Club commencing with Memorial Day on Saturday April 8th when we had 35 bowlers in attendance.

Thanks to Dennis Arnel for conducting the day's proceedings: reciting the Ode and remembering seven former bowlers who had passed in the last year. Dennis then went on to remind all present of upcoming club events and to thank Denise Kirwan for the wonderful scones she made for afternoon tea. I heard several people complementing Denise on her scones. Well done Denise, much appreciated.

On the weekend of April 15th/16th approximately 24 members journeyed to Yarrawonga-Mulwala to compete in the Edinburgh Shield at the Mulwala Golf Club. Overall our team did very well. Thanks to Jan Durham for her report of the weekend.



Pam McCormack, Jim Burrowes and Dennis Arnel

Thanks must go to the catering team, well done, and, to Cheryl Frail for conducting the raffle.

To round off our events for the month we had the Jim Burrowes Perpetual Trophy Day on Saturday 29th April which was a great success with 44 bowlers participating in this enjoyable day.

This is the biggest number of bowlers we have had in a long time which shows how respected Jim is at our club. Jim was honoured to have the Trophy named after him. He made a wonderful speech and also entertained us with a couple of tunes before announcing and presenting a delighted Pam McCormack as the inaugural winner of this Perpetual Trophy. Thanks to the two Cheryls and Mick Frail for their catering skills on the day.

May 7th we held our AGM in the Upton Room with all proceedings going smoothly.

We had three retiring members and these positions were filled by very capable people. I wish the Committee all the very best for the next two-year term.

I would like to make mention of the retiring Secretary and Chairperson.

Secretary Harold Lepp did an amazing job during the term he served. Last year we were lucky enough to have a new green installed but this doesn't happen without a lot of



Richard Sluggett presents an OBE to Denise Kirwan

The following Saturday 22nd April was Presidents and Presentation Day where we had good turnout of members for the early 10am start. The weather was very kind to us which always helps.

This is a big day for our club where bowlers' wives/partners then move upstairs to The Deck and enjoy a two-course lunch while we continue with the rest of the day's proceedings.

After Dennis Arnel recited the Ode, President John Woodford then welcomed Richard Sluggett who represented Eastern Ranges on this official day. John then continued on with the important presentations to the members who had won or were runners up of our Club Championship events and also the very important presentation of those who had turned 80 in the past 12 months.



work being undertaken. Harold was at the helm during the several months it took to plan and complete and the job he did was immense both during this busy time and for his term on the Committee.

Chairperson Dennis Arnel has held many positions at our club over many years and once again Dennis was superb. I think Harold and Dennis consulted one another most days on subjects relating to the betterment of the club moving forward.

Many other people were involved in the process of our new green and I wish to thank all who took part.

Saturday 13th May there was a good attendance to our annual Talkfest, while many issues were discussed all were resolved amicably.

Thanks to all members who have helped our club by being part of sub committees and to the people who have now volunteered to fill vacancies left by retiring members. Things are looking very positive for season 2023-24.

It has been pleasing to see several new members join BHRSL Bowls Club and we are hopeful of obtaining some interest from people when we hold our first ever Bunnings Sausage Sizzle on Sunday 21st May at Box Hill Bunnings. Thanks to Graham Spriggs and John Knezevich for coordinating this event.

Cheryl Ryan wishes to thank everyone who volunteered their time selling Anzac Badges and contributed to help raise the total of \$5,200.

Box Hill RSL Bowls Club will welcome anyone who is interested in playing bowls. Contact Phillip Johnson on 0431 2718 805.

**Judy Smith**  
Vice Chairperson

# Snooker Section

With our four teams in action midway through the season, performance has been better than last year and we wish to bring home the trophies.

Our section Billiards and Snooker Championships will be held in June with a truncated time limit of just over two weekends. All players please note, and not assume, it will be like past years where it went on for more than two months!

Much appreciate Anthony M and Peter R accepting to wash and shine all the ball sets at regular intervals and thanks to Roger B and Boz S in mending anything broken. My thanks to all who volunteer and continue to do so for the ANZAC and Poppy appeals.

Just today I heard that Robert the handyman has retired and Shane has taken over. Many thanks Robert and do put your feet up while I have already started to bother Shane with our bigger maintenance jobs.

Again, another reminder to those who have cues in the cupboard to put their names on or take them home!

Any member/s willing to give a shot at billiards and snooker (sorry no pool) please walk in any morning and meet our regulars who will be more than happy to welcome you and coach if necessary.

**Suresh Alphonse**  
President

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## FAREWELL TO MAX

Max Hayes is off to Bright Victoria to be closer to his family. A small gathering was held to celebrate Max's farewell. A recognised Veteran and a committed volunteer, working for the welfare Section helping with the mailout and for other veterans with the Appeals each year, raising over \$100,000. We wish him well and will miss him very much.



**Bep Dawes**  
Appeals Officer

# Day Section

In March, Rosemary Hughson entertained us with a medley of songs spanning many decades but one stood out in particular. It was "Molly Malone" which actually was written in 1896. Funny how everybody was able to join in. Was that because we had all learnt it at school as was my case? After presenting Jim Burrowes with a home-made wooden heart in recognition of his favourite song, he gave us a rendition of it. Congratulations again to Jim on reaching this milestone of 100 years.

At our meeting in April, we saw some of the DVD of Ron and Allana's New Year's Day trip to Antarctica. It certainly was a trip of a lifetime. Imagine being able to see so much despite it being night-time but it never really gets dark there at this time of the year.

Our next meeting was on 9th May. We had a very interesting speaker, Matthew ETTY-Leal, whose subject was the story of the legendary Cobb & Co. The founder set up the company along with three other Americans. As with all companies, Cobb & Co. had their ups and downs but it really flourished

during the Gold Rush period when wood, needed for the mines, was transported from Port Melbourne to the Gold Fields, having come from Tasmania. The last coach service ran from Warrnambool to Melbourne. The stagecoaches and business were modelled on those which had proved to be a success in USA. Some replicas of the stagecoaches used, can still be seen today, one of which is at Sovereign Hill.

Several of our members are not enjoying the best of health at the moment, so may I pass on my best wishes to them. Take care and get well soon.

#### **New members welcome. For further details, contact:**

Mary Simpson (Co-ordinator) 9077 9784

Allana Kirk (Secretary) 9819 3527

**Future dates:** 13 and 27 June, 11 and 25 July

**Mary Simpson**  
Co-ordinator

## LEGACY WIDOWS

A small but happy group continue to attend our meetings. It may be cold outside but it is warm in the Upton Room where all are welcome. There's lots of chatter and laughter and a genuine interest in all that was being discussed. We miss those who have gone into care but try to keep in touch as much as possible.

Our April meeting included a visit from Occupational Therapist Janet Kearns from DVA -- what a wealth of information. There is so much available to help us in our daily living. Today so many wanting to stay independent and do their own thing. It is helpful to know help is only a phone call away. There were tools of all kinds to help with the little things that, as we age, seem insurmountable.

Question time was of importance and handouts were distributed, phone numbers exchanged and some consultations later made. We are so fortunate as when my parents needed help, there was so little available.

May 11th saw a small group travel to the Glen Waverley RSL for morning melodies. We joined a fairly large crowd of men and women for morning tea before the entertainer

joined us and the fun commenced. All the old songs, many jumping up and dancing, lots of laughter, and a very good time enjoyed by all, it followed a delicious meal.

May 15th Legattee Robyn Weir will entertain us with singing and her ukulele.

In June, Lois Comerford reaches the grand age of 100 years young. We are hoping to celebrate this day with her. What a celebration for her.

The year is going fast but we still have a lot of living to do, come and join us, you will be very welcome. We meet on the 3rd Monday of the month at 10.30am in the Upton Room.

Please ring either Glenys or myself if we can be of assistance.

**President: Glenys Lewis 0427 307 434**

**Secretary: Patricia Keech 9807 3779.**

**Patricia Keech**  
Secretary



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