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Childrens Christmas Party

SUNDAY 3 DECEMBER 2023

More than 50 children and 100 adults attended the Children's Christmas Party on 3 December. The jumping castle and Mr Whippy in our top car park were well received by the children. The two face painters, the balloon twister and the Crissy Holly singing and dancing show were again the highlight of the party. The magician act pleased not only the children but a lot of the parents also, who were amazed at some of the tricks. At noon we heard the bell ringing, and who should appear but Father Christmas with his presents and lollies. Many photos were taken by the parents of their children with Father Christmas. During the three hours of entertainment and fun the staff were able to supply sufficient refreshments to keep everyone satisfied.

Our staff were well led by Wei Wei and Laura. They all worked hard to make the day very pleasant for the adults and children. We look forward to arranging another Children's Christmas Party next year and trust the children can again attend with their parents.

Arthur Merryweather
Vice President



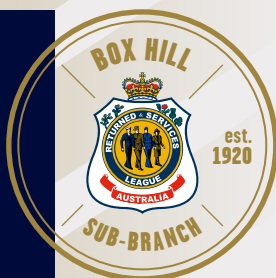
Welfare Report.

For all welfare matters telephone: Faye Clark on 9897 6780



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Stories by Members for Members



Members in Hospital

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

Allan Turk

VALE

lest we forget



Donald HALL
PM8494 RAN

Kevin COSIER
AFFILIATE

Zoe KYLE
AFFILIATE

Lois PRICHARD
AFFILIATE

Alma GEORGE
AFFILIATE

Rhoda GORDON
AFFILIATE

Members in Aged Care

GEORGE AGIUS,
Blue Cross, Livingstone
Gardens, 39 Livingstone
Road., Vermont South

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

JOHN BROWNBILL,
Faversham House, 27
Shierlaw Ave, Canterbury

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

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

FLORENCE KELSALL,
Faversham House,
27 Shierlaw Avenue,
Canterbury

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

ROY McDONALD, Victoria
Grange, 502/514 Burwood
Hwy, Vermont South

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

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

JOHN NICHOLSON,
Arcare, 75 King Street,
Templestowe

**ARTHUR AND LORRAINE
OWEN**, Blue Cross,
Livingstone Gardens, 39
Livingstone Road, Vermont

FRED PIKE, Faversham
House, 27 Shierlaw
Avenue, Canterbury

GORDON PRESS, Boronia
ACF, 7 Cogee Street,
Boronia

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

MYRA SPENCER,
Faversham House, 27
Shierlaw Ave, Canterbury

BRENDAN STAFFORD,
Manna Care, 371
Manningham Road,
Doncaster

DAVID TAYLOR, Blue Cross,
250 Waterdale Rd, Ivanhoe

GEORGE TULLOCH,
Rowville Manor, 18 Le John
Street, Rowville

MARJ TURRIFF, Faversham
House, 27 Shierlaw Ave,
Canterbury

LANCE WARD, Arcare, 75
King Street, Templestowe

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

BOX HILL RSL SUB-BRANCH INC. 2024 ELECTIONS & AGM

COMMITTEE ELECTIONS FOR 2024

Nominations are requested for the positions of President, Secretary and three Service or Affiliate Members, who will serve for two years. Nominations for the above positions will open on Thursday February 1, 2024, and close on Thursday 15 February 2024 at 5.00pm in the Secretary's office. Application forms are held by the Secretary. Please note, to nominate for the position of President or Secretary the applicant must have served on the committee for a minimum of 12 months.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2024

The Annual General Meeting of the Box Hill RSL Sub-branch Inc will be held on Sunday, 24 March 2024 (Upton Room) 11.00am. Entrance via B2 car park. Agenda items must be received by the Secretary, Andrew Guest, by close of business on Thursday, March 14, 2024. Please note only current paid-up Service, Affiliate, Life Subscribers and Life members of the Box Hill RSL Sub-Branch are entitled to vote.

Women's Auxiliary

Welcome back after our Christmas and New Year break.

Having had a rather quiet December and January, the Women's Auxiliary is off to a good start with our first committee meeting on 21 February. We look forward to upcoming outings and get togethers. Anyone wanting to join our happy and meaningful group please contact RSL reception or phone me (Helen) on 0400 723 072.

At our last get together on 1 December President John Haward, a guest at our Christmas lunch function, presented a Gold Star to Michelle Novelli for her 20-year service to the Women's Auxiliary and Silver Stars for 10-year service to Denise Collier, Pat Calabresi, Judy Coates, and Doreen Brooker.



Michelle Novelli, Denise Collier, Doreen Brooker, John Haward, Pat Calabresi and Judy Coates

Congratulations ladies and many thanks for your service over the years.

Women's Auxiliary President Judy Coates thanked our outgoing Manager Denis Fernando for his support over the years of his tenure. Judy also welcomed and introduced new RSL General Manager Ben Myers to our group.

Our raffle on the day made \$242 for the Women's Auxiliary. Thank you to those who donated goods for the hamper and sponsors for their vouchers.



Susan Sims, Judy Coates and Carol Calder.

Carol Calder took home, much to her surprise and happiness, **1st prize** of a Christmas hamper full of wonderful goodies.

2nd prize RSL \$60 Voucher went to Susan Sims

3rd prize Coles \$50 Voucher Maxine Bennett-Wyatt.

4th prize Homemade Christmas cake (made by Maxine) won by Ann Palmer.

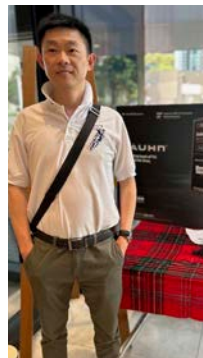
Members took their pick from two Santa sacks full of Kris Kringle pressies. We all went home happy and with our bellies full after a very pleasant day.

On a sadder note, two of our Women's Auxiliary members, Zoe Kyle and Rhoda Gordon, passed away recently and we offer our condolences to family and friends.

Our bigger overall Women's Auxiliary RSL Christmas Raffle drawn on 15 December raised \$2,692.00, a wonderful effort. Thank you to everyone who bought tickets as this money will be added to our Community Distribution Fund helping Eastern Health Emergency Department, Cottage by the Sea, Vasey Care Centre etc. Winners were:

- **1ST PRIZE** Smart TV was won by Eric Liang
- **2ND PRIZE** Kenwood Chef (donated by Bep Dawes) won by Rhonda Lee-Tet
- **3RD PRIZE** Painting donated and painted by Ray Jones won by Andrew Harding
- **4TH PRIZE** Air Fryer won by Lily Wollmer, who happened to be at the draw, which made it all the better and a little more exciting.
- **5TH PRIZE** Wellness Exerciser won by Jennifer Sedgman.

All winners were excited, as we were for them.



Eric Liang



Rhonda Lee-Tet



Andrew Harding

To those feeling unwell, or who have the dreaded Covid, we wish you a speedy recovery and to those celebrating their special day, Happy Birthday!

Kind Regards,

Helen Harrington
Vice President

BOX HILL RSL MEMBERSHIPS 2024

A Friendly Reminder that Membership Fees are now due.

BILLIARDS AND SNOOKER SECTION

Every 2 months or thereabouts this group of friends go out for a Sunday lunch. The idea was started by Doug and Sue Stewart who unfortunately were late scratchings from our normally 12-strong group due to being unwell.

Our group has a common bond: Snooker and Billiards. When this picture was taken at a recent luncheon seven players and three partners all enjoying a lovely lunch together and some of the discussion was about which 4 players would play the first week of our 055's competition finals in our Box Hill 147 Team on Tuesday with Doug missing out unfortunately.

A great day was had by all just chatting and enjoying a pleasant Sunday at the Box Hill RSL with our new members Andrew and Marie Brown.

Rick Conomy

Treasurer



(L to R) Andrew Brown, Boz and Barb Student, Frank and Toni Thornton, Katrina and John Sweeney, Rick and Marg Conomy and Marie Brown.



(L to R) Kit, Arthur, Pam, Patricia, Val, Jo, Glenys, Nola, Robyn, Jerome and Joy.

LEGACY WIDOWS SECTION

We wish all of our members a very Happy New Year. May 2024 is set to be a better year.

In 2023, we had Lois Comerford turning 100, a new member Jo Walker joined us, and sadly we lost some of our members. We are always looking for new members, if you are a War Widow do come and join us. We are a happy welcoming group, and we meet on the 3rd Monday of each Month at 10.30 am.

We finished the year with our Christmas Dinner, held in the Upton Room. This was enjoyed by all, with raffles being won and everyone receiving a Christmas gift bag. One person received the Christmas Cake which as usual was supplied by President Glenys.

2024 Commenced with a luncheon in the Bistro. There was much to catch up on as we all greeted each other. We are looking forward to our meetings, and special events. During the year we hope to attend Morning Melodies and have Christmas in July.

We have been missing Barbara Kearney for some weeks after she had a fall, she is still in hospital, and we are looking forward to seeing her smiling face very soon. Barbara never complains, hurry up and return.

Please if any of you need assistance, we are only a phone call away, even if you need a chat please call Glenys on 0427 307 434 or myself on 9807 3779. Keep safe and well.

Patricia Keech

Secretary



(L to R) Wayne Bastow, Jim Couzin-Wood, Andrew Guest, John Haward and Georgina Reid.

NAVAL ASSOCIATION

The Box Hill Sub-section of the Naval Association Australia enjoyed a Christmas lunch at the Box Hill RSL on Friday 17th November. We were pleased to welcome Box Hill RSL President John Haward and Secretary Andrew Guest to our lunch. Visitors Jane & Georgina from the TPI Group along with a new member Jim also joined us. A very great meal and conversation was enjoyed by all.

Box Hill Naval Association meets at Box Hill RSL on **9th Feb, 10th May, 9th Aug and 8th Nov**. If you have an interest in the Navy please join us. Contact Joy 0406349712 or etri1008@hotmail.com

Joy Emmett

Secretary

Bowling Section

Happy New Year to all RSL members from the Bowls Section.

At the end of November the Bowling Section manned the Sausage Sizzle BBQ at the Box Hill Bunnings store. Thank you to those who cooked, served, manned the till, and ran errands. A very successful day all round. A special thank you goes to John Knezevich who was convenor of the entire day.

The last couple of matches of our 2023 season ended on a very happy note for several of our members. They had the wonderful achievement of beating their opponents on one end by 8 shots. This means BHRSL had all their bowls closest to the Jack, the little yellow ball. So, the following players were the worthy recipients of the coveted "8 Badge". Rinks were - Ian Lansdown, PT Desai, Alf Maglitto, Brian MacDonald - John Moran, Hennie Pasveer, Bruce Gibbs, Bob Jones - Cheryl Ryan, Malcolm Hams, Jan Durham, PT Desai. PT also had 7 shots on another end.

In early December, we held our Christmas breakup in the Upton Room. The room looked beautiful with lovely table decorations done by Kat Jones and Lynne Riddell - a great night. We had our traditional raffle of hampers, alcohol, lovely candles, vouchers from our sponsor Eastern Bell Chinese Restaurant, 16 prizes in total, all presented by the Daily Double of Cheryl's (Frail and Ryan).

We hosted numerous Corporate Bowls Christmas Parties for a number of businesses throughout December. Thank you to all our volunteers who showed the visitors how to bowl. It was a lot of fun for everyone, and the perfect way to show off our lovely club.



Winners of Mens and Ladies Singles Russell Keast and Kat Jones.



Winners of Open Pairs Russell Keast and Peter Houghton.

During our break from Pennant, several Club Championship events were played.

The women's singles between Jan Durham and Kat Jones was a nail biter to the end, with Kat winning on the very last end. The men's singles was between Russell Keast and Peter Forbes, with Russell being the victor. Both games were great viewing for our 30 plus spectators on the balcony.

Bob Jones and Alan Turk battled out the inaugural Open Arms event with Bob winning on a tie-breaker end as both players were on the same score after 15 ends.

Peter Houghton and Russell Keast played David Skinner and Kat Jones in the Open Pairs with Peter and Russell the eventual winners.

Our Pennant resumes on Saturday 20th January, with midweek starting the following Tuesday.

Cheryl Frail

Vice Chairperson

DAY SECTION

Due to Covid rearing its ugly head again within our midst, the final November meeting was cancelled. Disappointed though our members were when I contacted them, they were understanding and appreciative of this decision. After all, nobody wanted an early Xmas pressie in the form of the virus!

On 12th December we had our Xmas lunch in the Upton Room. All 53 members and invited guests enjoyed a lovely lunch in a convivial setting. The RSL staff did well providing and serving our meal considering we were the first of three functions that day. Obviously everyone had been well-behaved throughout the year because we had a visit from Santa Kevin who, along with his elves, distributed a wee gift to all present. It was a lovely way to round off another year.

Let's hope 2024 brings good health and happiness to everyone in our community and a special mention to Ben Myers. Good luck in your new venture as General Manager at the RSL.

New members welcome. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month.

For further details, contact:

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

Future Dates: Feb. 13 and 27, Mar. 12 and 26, Apr. 9 and 23

Mary Simpson

Co-ordinator

Angling Section

VIC ALLEN ANNUAL MEMORIAL CHARTER NOVEMBER 2023

At 6:45am on a cool, fine, morning on the 9th of November 2023, a group of 11 intrepid members of the Box Hill RSL Angling Section met for the annual Vic Allen Annual Memorial Charter at Yaringa Harbour, on Westernport, for a 07:00am departure, all with high hopes of catching a good feed of fish.

A short run out the channel, on a sea that looked like a sheet of glass, we stopped at the first fishing spot, but as there was not even a ripple and very minimal current flow, the fish were shut down (not biting).

We moved around to a few different spots with sandy areas and patches of weed (ideal whiting area) and managed to start catching some fish and continued to do so until the tide had stopped running.

With the tide now turning and starting to run out, the skipper thought it was a good time to try a few different spots for snapper.

We continued to move to a couple of different locations and were able to catch a few more fish like sand whiting and flathead.

At about 11:30am, the boat captain cooked up a heap of sausages and we all had snags in bread roll as a lunch time snack.

It was about this time that a breeze had blown up and some clouds started to roll in creating small waves (large ripples) on the surface.

This must have been a signal for the snapper to start feeding and three members were lucky enough to catch a nice snapper each.

As the charter finished at 1:00pm we started heading back to the harbour and managed to stop at a couple of places on the way in.

Nothing happened to improve on the three snapper and 30 whiting we had already caught.

New member Tim Lennan won a fishing rod and reel for the most fish caught, and Bert received a \$50.00 cheque for catching the first fish.

The catch was divided up amongst the members, and everybody was happy having had an enjoyable day out.



Keith, Allan, Tim, Bert, Heather & Charles waiting for a bite.



Heather with her snapper.



Charles with his snapper

We would like to thank Box Hill RSL for their support, Reel Adventure Fishing Charters for putting us onto the spots where we were able to catch the fish, plus Regal Marine Vermont and Compleat Angler Ringwood for donating the prizes.

If anyone is interested in joining the Angling Section please contact the RSL for contact details.

Graeme Furmston
Event Coordinator

FREE MEMBERS MOVIE

Presented by Ray Wall

**PLEASE NOTE:
THERE WILL BE NO
FEBRUARY MOVIE.**



Thursday March 28, 2024 at 10.30am

The Thursday, March 28, 2024 Movie will be **"Knives Out"**. This is an American Comedy released in 2019 Rated M and runs for 130 minutes.

Synopsis: "When renowned crime novelist Harlan Thrombey (Christopher Plummer) is found dead at his estate just after his 85th birthday, the inquisitive and debonair Detective Benoit Blanc (Daniel Craig) is mysteriously enlisted to investigate. From Harlan's dysfunctional family to his devoted staff, Blanc sifts through a web of red herrings and self-serving lies to uncover the truth behind Harlan's untimely death"



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