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BOX HILL NEWS

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- OUR BIGGEST - Memorabilia Exhibition Yet

It gives me the greatest pleasure to advise all our members and guests that I have just completed the biggest Memorabilia Exhibition since I started in this role 23 years ago.

This comes on the heels of the recent addition to our RSL, which now includes a larger and improved welfare area and an expanded administration area. The extension also features a generously sized boardroom, purpose-built to be rented out to various organisations for their meetings and conferences.

Upon entering the new building from the foyer, you will be greeted by the first of twelve exhibitions, dedicated to Australia's Defence Forces, including the Army, Navy, and Air Force. This exhibit features three half-mannequins dressed in the appropriate uniforms.

Directly across the hallway, you will find an original uniform from the Boer War belonging to Trooper P. White, who hailed from Violet Town in northern Victoria.

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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.

Patricia Keech

Noel Moore
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Herminia Harrison
Affiliate
Ralph Weatherell
3742407 Engineers

Roy McDonald
VX146578
2/1st Machine Gun Bat.
Suzanne Williams
Affiliate

Jim Burrowes
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Special unit
Norma Ireland
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GEORGE AGIUS, Blue Cross, Livingstone Gardens, 39 Livingstone Road., Vermont South

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

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

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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

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BRENDAN STAFFORD, Manna Care, 371 Manningham Road, Doncaster

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MARJ TURRIFF, Faversham House, 27 Shierlaw Ave, Canterbury

LANCE WARD, Arcare, 75 King Street, Templestowe

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

THE BATTLE OF CORAL BELMORAL COMMEMORATION

On Sunday the 19th May 2024, five (5) Service Members of Box Hill RSL attended the 56th Anniversary Memorial Service at Rosebud RSL.

Pictured Right : L-R Jim Archbold, Herman Harberts, Paul McCrohan, John Sheehan and Ken Turnham. All five are Coral Belmoral Veterans. John laid a Wreath on Behalf of Box Hill RSL.





BUILDING WORKS UPDATE

Above:
Completed Library (Stage 1)

STAGE 1 COMPLETE

I am delighted to inform all members that our stage one building works have been completed, which includes our welfare and administration area, toilets, library, and boardroom. Connecting these spaces is our memorabilia walkway which highlights our ongoing commitment to honouring our heritage displaying some truly remarkable and unique pieces of military history.

STAGE 2 WORKS

The progress on our brand-new lounge bar, bistro bar, and gaming bar is well underway. Once completed, Box Hill RSL will set new standards in our hospitality offerings that are unrivalled. The attention to detail in the new features of this space has extended the project's timeline beyond our initial plans.

We extend our gratitude to our members and guests for your patience during this phase of the project and apologise for any ongoing inconvenience it may have caused. You may have experienced changes to our normal bistro seating layout and had to navigate some necessary adjustments. We appreciate your understanding as we strive to build a better club for now and the future. We will be unveiling this new area in late Spring, just in time for the busy festive season.

Warm regards,

Ben Myers

General Manager



NEW BOARDROOM Completed (Stage 1)



NEW LOUNGE BAR/BISTRO BAR



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Our Biggest Memorabilia Exhibition Yet

Beside this uniform is one of my most prized possessions in our memorabilia collection. This item was given to me by a 95 year old lady member of Box Hill RSL. She diligently polished this leather box every month after her father had passed away. The box is a medical container that her father carried on horseback during the conflict. It remains in pristine condition and still holds the medical bottles inside it.

Next, we come to the exhibition dedicated to one of our most famous soldiers from World War I, General Sir John Monash, GCMG, KCB, VD. This display features a mannequin dressed in Monash's uniform, adorned with all his medals and knighthoods. Alongside the mannequin are his boots and dress sword.

A full-sized photo of his statue, sculpted by Peter Corlett OAM and located at Monash University, shows him in civilian clothes after World War I when he was working as an engineer. Surrounding this exhibition are a World War I bomb helmet, a slouch hat, and trench binoculars.

Directly across the hall is the exhibition dedicated to our latest Victoria Cross (VC) recipient, Ordinary Seaman Edward 'Teddy' Sheean. Teddy Sheean was awarded the VC for his heroic actions on HMAS Armidale during World War II. After Japanese planes bombed the Armidale, most of the crew jumped into the water and were strafed by the Japanese. Despite being wounded twice, Teddy Sheean strapped himself to a 20mm cannon and continued to fire at the Japanese planes as the ship sank. Members of the crew testified that they could see live rounds still being fired by Sheean below the surface of the sea. His bravery did not go unnoticed, and he was awarded our highest honour for valour, the Victoria Cross.

Next, we have the exhibition dedicated to the Australian Air Force in 'Bomber Command' during World War II. This display features another half-mannequin dressed in a pristine Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) uniform belonging to Bruce Hearn.

The name 'Hearn' is familiar to many of our members due to Hearn's Hobbies in Flinders Street, Melbourne. Bruce Hearn joined the RAAF during World War II and was sent to Canada for training, as many were. After completing his training, he was sent to 'Bomber Command' in England. Following his service there, he was transferred back to Australia. Finding it hard to settle down, he applied for and was accepted at Point Cook Air Base, where he served as an instructor for over 15 years at the RAAF Air Training Centre.

Behind the mannequin is a famous photo of 460 Squadron Bomber Command, featuring the entire squadron in front of a Lancaster bomber, the aircraft they flew. Below this photo, thanks to the diligent efforts of one of our members who tracked it down at the Australian War Memorial (AWM), are the names of the squadron members, including those who are missing. In front of this memorabilia is a World War II flying helmet, complete with oxygen and wireless attachments.

Moving through to the next corridor, you are immediately struck by the sight of a replica of the 'Long Tan' Cross. This cross holds immense symbolic significance for all Vietnam veterans and those familiar with the Battle of Long Tan.

While visiting Canberra with our RSL Secretary for an audience with the Governor General, we had the opportunity to visit the Australian War Memorial. I was profoundly moved by the original Long Tan Cross proudly displayed in

the Vietnam exhibits. At that moment, I resolved to obtain a similar cross for our RSL—not just a copy, but a complete replica.

I reached out to some friends at the Australian War Memorial, who provided me with detailed 3D images of the cross. These images captured every intricate detail, right down to the smallest splinter. With these in hand, I sought someone capable of replicating the cross. I found Ben Belzunce, who became a good friend, and together we embarked on the project. It took several months, but when Ben finally called me to view the finished product I was utterly amazed. The replica was flawless, capturing every fine detail perfectly.

This story has many more facets, but time does not permit me to share them all here. If you see me at the RSL, I would be happy to share the full story with you. For now, know that the 'Long Tan Cross,' our main feature in the new building, stands proudly on display embodying the spirit and sacrifice of those who served in Vietnam.

The new Library is also a key feature of this space. As you pass through the sliding doors, you will be greeted by an area designed for quiet reflection, featuring an extensive collection of books. These books are available for the benefit of all members, and our reception staff will be more than happy to assist you. Whether you're looking to delve into military history, enjoy some light reading, or simply find a peaceful spot to unwind, the library offers a welcoming environment for all.

Next, we enter the combined Vietnam and Afghanistan exhibitions. Starting with the Vietnam display, there is a full mannequin adorned in the iconic green Jungle Greens uniform, complete with a pair of highly sought after General Purpose Boots. These boots, known for their steel inner soles, were prized by US Army personnel for their protection against Viet Cong panji pit spikes. The

mannequin also holds an SLR rifle, commonly used by Australian troops during the Vietnam War.

In the background, a painting by Australian War Artist Brian Wood depicts the history of the Vietnam War. It includes Prime Minister Robert Menzies, who first sent Australian troops to Vietnam, and every subsequent Prime Minister up to Prime Minister Gough Whitlam, who brought our troops home and ended conscription.

At the forefront of this display sits a small Vietnamese Doll, awarded to our heroic troops who fought in the famous Battle of Long Tan. Also featured are two precious and rare flags: one from the 6th Battalion RAR D Company and another from the 3rd Battalion RAR, significant pieces of our memorabilia collection.

Beside the Vietnam exhibition, we have the Afghanistan exhibition featuring authentic memorabilia. A mannequin is dressed in the 'Cams' worn by our troops in Afghanistan, complete with the helmet used during patrols.

Hanging behind the mannequin is the original Commando Banner, a significant symbol of our troops' service. In front of this banner, there is a framed photo of the 3 Commando Unit expressing gratitude to Ben Doyle Cox and his company for their support during the conflict. Ben played a crucial role in producing the camouflages and boots for our troops and was a strong supporter of 'Cams Cause'.

On the floor of the display cabinet lies a captured Chinese made machine gun, adorned with a Taliban soldier's bandanna on the butt, blown off during combat. These items serve as poignant reminders of the challenges faced by our troops during their service in Afghanistan.

Beside the Afghanistan display is one of my favourite memorabilia





artifacts—a signed Australian Flag from Changi during World War II. This flag holds a special story, given to me by a member who was a POW in Changi and has since passed away. Every time I pass by this flag in the hallway, I remember him fondly; he was a greatly respected member of our RSL.

If you see me near this flag, I would be delighted to share its story with you. It's a tale that often brings tears to the eyes of those who hear it, a testament to the courage and sacrifice of our servicemen during such a dark period in history.

The next exhibition features all the medals of our Armed Forces, a collection worth exploring for their historical significance and the stories they represent. Adjacent to the medals are the Corps badges of our Australian Armed Forces, each badge telling its own tale of service and identity.

Also on display are around five framed medals belonging to our members, highlighting personal stories of bravery and dedication. Finally, there's an oil painting depicting one of history's most renowned battles: the Battle of Rorke's Drift during the Anglo-Zulu War of 1879. This painting, capturing a pivotal moment in military history, is named 'The Defence at Rorke's Drift' and is a remarkable piece of art. I highly

recommend looking up this action on Google to delve deeper into the courage and heroism displayed during this historic battle.

The Original Stained Glass Windows of 'Upton House', now prominently displayed in the foyer of Box Hill RSL, represent a significant and cherished piece of heritage. These windows, originally held by Box Hill Hospital for many years, have returned to their rightful home at Box Hill RSL.

Carefully mounted with special lighting to enhance their brilliance and craftsmanship, these windows are a testament to the artistry and history they embody. I encourage everyone to take a moment to appreciate and enjoy these windows, which hold a special place in the heart of Box Hill RSL.

I really hope all of you take the time to walk through the corridors of our new building and enjoy the Memorabilia Exhibitions. The greatest reward in curating these displays is the satisfaction and appreciation our members feel when they see them. That sense of connection and pride is truly the best reward of all.

Brian Tateson
Curator of Memorabilia

KNITTING GROUP

On the 8th of June the Box Hill RSL Knitting Group joined in the fun of World Wide Knit in Public Day.

Started in 2005 by Danielle Landes, this event sees knitters and crocheters in many countries around the globe meet in places like libraries, parks, cafés and more to enjoy knitting together. The day was created to show the world that knitting can be a social activity, that it can form a community and to allow knitters to share ideas and a cuppa.

General Manager, Ben Myers, kindly organised for our knitting group to have a great position just inside the front doors to the restaurant where we sat and knitted and enjoyed many conversations with the patrons on the day. We had over 50 knitted and crocheted items on display and a lovely sign introducing us. Afterwards, we stayed for lunch. We look forward to participating in this wonderful event again next year.

Would you like to join us and help us make beautiful useful items for charity while enjoying some great company? We meet in the Sports Bar every Thursday from noon to 2pm. You can also donate yarn to help us create our lovely



L to R: Laura, Joy, Kit, Lydia, Reneé and Hilary

charity items. We accept any kind of yarn although machine washable 8-ply acrylic yarn, in any colour, is preferred.

Please contact the Welfare Coordinator, Faye Clark for more information on joining us or to leave any yarn donations.

Laura Yodgee

Knitting Group Coordinator



FREE MOVIES FOR MEMBERS

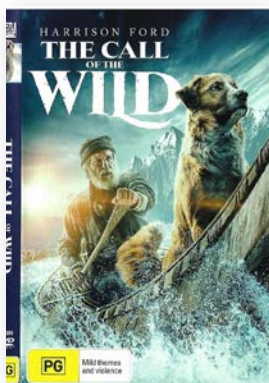
NEW MOVIE
every month!

Presented
by Ray Wall

THURSDAY 29TH AUGUST, 2024 AT 10.30AM

The Thursday, August 29, 2024 Movie will be **"The Call of the Wild"**. This is an American adventure film produced by 20th Century Studios. released in 2020 Rated PG and runs for 100 minutes. The movie is based on Jack London's 1903 novel of the same name.

Synopsis: The Call of the Wild is a vibrant story of Buck, a big and kindhearted dog, a crossbreed between a St. Bernard and a Scotch shepherd whose carefree life of leisure was suddenly upset when he was stolen from his home in Santa Clara County, California and deported up north, to be sold in Skagway, Alaska, and taken further north, to Dawson City, Yukon, during the late 1890s Klondike Gold Rush, when strong sled dogs were in high demand.



THURSDAY 26TH SEPT 2024 AT 10.30AM

The Thursday, September 26, 2024 Movie will be **"Stronger"**. This is an American action/drama film released in 2017 Rated MA15+ and runs for 116 minutes.

Synopsis: Stronger is the inspiring real-life story of Jeff Bauman, an ordinary man who captured the hearts of his city and the world to become a symbol of hope after surviving the 2013 Boston Marathon bombing.



See you there!

Day Section

In May, Geoff Deason gave us an illustrated talk about a 4-wheel drive escorted group tour he did in the 1990's in Central Australia. What surprised me most of all was how similar the landscape still looked to photos that one of our members had taken on a similar trip much more recently. It was obvious that little had changed over the years. It was interesting seeing different flora and fauna to what we are used to seeing in Victoria.

John, my husband, had to deputise for me on 28th May. Having done a 'slip and slide' in the bathroom on exiting the shower, my mobility was reduced to a crawl because of a badly sprained ankle. Fortunately I recovered sooner than the six weeks that the hospital doctor had predicted. I feel so sorry for those with mobility (maybe that should be immobility!) issues, having had to slow myself down for a few weeks. Our entertainer that day was Clive Jones and he certainly entertained everyone by all accounts with everybody joining in. I have been asked to re-book him in future so that proves how good he was.

We gave a warm welcome to a return speaker, Matthew ETTY-Leal, on 11th June. This time he told us about the

mysterious "Madame Weigel: The Woman who Clothed the Australian Colonies." She was an enterprising businesswoman, designer and publisher of dressmaking patterns in Australia and New Zealand. She quickly became an immediate success providing patterns for the entire family. The designs ranged from high fashion to practical everyday wear, babywear, nightwear, underwear, millinery, outdoor clothing, sportswear, shoes and slippers.

Pictures from many of her Journals of High Fashion produced lots of laughter in the room. By 1915 the business was selling over a million patterns annually. Her paper pattern series began in 1878 when there were no other manufacturers in the industry and lasted until 1968 – her legacy endures as a significant contributor to Australasian fashion history. Thanks Jeannine for doing this research.

On 25th June, John and I were both absent following his eye surgery. Several members did a superb job running the meeting, particularly as this was the Section's 24th Birthday. Brendan Scott entertained members and even got audience participation

on the dance floor. Well done Sylvia and thanks to those who assisted in this special celebration. Brendan is always willing and keen to come to our meetings and never fails to provide first-class entertainment.

Beth Aufdemberge, a solicitor, was our July speaker. Her areas of expertise include multiple facets of Law, Wills and Powers of Attorney, Probate and Letters of Administration and Testators Family Maintenance Claims. She will assist from start to finish when administering an Estate and assures her clients she goes above and beyond to ensure she achieves the best outcomes for them. Lots of questions were asked following her talk so it was obviously a worthwhile exercise in having Beth as a speaker.

As you can see, we cover a multitude of topics. If you'd like to join us, please do.

Future dates:

August 13 and 27; September 10 and 24; October 8 and 22

Mary Simpson

Co-ordinator

PAKENHAM RACECOURSE "MEMBERS RACE DAY"

A great day was had at Pakenham Races for our members.

Our bus departed with 36 lovely people at 11am and arrived at noon. We were seated in our special area along the front window in front of the finish post.

A nice lunch was served to us all at the tables, and the punting frenzy began.

After eight races, some were happy and some told of their "just missed by a pimple on the line". One lucky punter had a 60/1 winner. Well done!

A great day thanks to all those who came along. Commiserations to those who could not attend due to the change of day.

Les Davis

Assistant Manager





WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

I heard that it was so cold last week that Jack Frost changed his name to Jack Froze! Even though we have all felt this, it hasn't stopped our members from attending our meetings and going on a bus trip.

Therese Streets, our auxiliary function organiser, recaps our latest bus trip to Lynbrook:

"On Wednesday 12th June there were 17 from Women's Auxiliary and Day Section who left on a trip to Lynbrook Hotel for lunch. It was a cold, windy and rainy morning and the bus was late, at least we were warm inside the foyer. We were off to Albert Park Precinct. Lots of wildlife both on and around the lake. Then across to St Kilda to Beach Rd, where I am sure none of us thought the bus would ever get warm! It was very windy with lots of white caps on the water. We then followed the bay around to Frankston then across to the Hotel. Helen and Ray Jones and Susan and Len Sims (who travelled from Inverloch) joined us for lunch. Lots of choices for lunch and desserts were enjoyed heartily. A lovely relaxing day and even got a bit of sunshine on the way back. Everyone enjoyed their day."

At our June meeting we were treated to a very informative session by Madison Sloans Lawyers who talked about Estate Planning, Executors, Enduring Power of Attorney, Appointment of Medical Treatment Decision Maker, downsizing transition to a Retirement Village or Aged Care. They reminded us that superannuation is separate to your will and require us to consider different death nominations as part of it. Lastly they spoke of 'Leaving a Legacy' of your choice.

Members were reminded that RSL birthday vouchers were to go electronic from 1st July. After this date, members will need to swipe their RSL card on the day of, or after, their birthday to retrieve their voucher.

The end of June saw a few of us make a trip to Rye RSL. We got there safely and on time with the help of Mary Pinjo who

couldn't help herself navigating me along the way, reminding me of speed awareness, speed camera alerts and the use of cruise control.

All of this from the back seat. She sounded like a recording of my husband and on a few occasions I was tempted to drop her off on the freeway. In all seriousness, she had us in fits of laughter.

We joined Rosebud, Dromana and Rye Women's Auxiliary in what turned out to be a wonderful afternoon of getting to know our fellow Auxiliary ladies from the Peninsula. There was plenty of laughter and chatter, again thanks to Mary who entertained everyone and had them in stitches. Marie Lee, President of the Rye RSL Women's Auxiliary took us for a tour of the RSL and showed us a recently donated quilt, handmade over a period of six months by a member in memory of her father who served in the War (photo attached). The luncheon was a real success and enjoyed very much by all, so much so that we plan to have more of them in the future.

We would like to wish a very happy birthday to all our auxiliary members who celebrated their birthdays over the past few months, especially Pam and Glenys who turned 92, Bette who turned 95, and Chresley, Nola, and Isabel who have recently joined the others in the 90's club.

Look out for our Father's Day Raffle with great prizes, soon to be displayed in the foyer.

Stay warm, keep away from Jack Frost, and be safe.

Emi Luppino

Women's Auxiliary Secretary/Treasurer



Cubs and Scouts Galore

It has been a little while since Box Hill RSL played host to the cubs and scouts, but it all happened just recently when I had three different groups at the RSL.

I am going to name the groups individually because they were all different. Group one were from Mont Albert North Cub Scouts There were around 30 in this group and it was straight after ANZAC Day.

As usual, I had different uniforms and hats to try on and there was a story around each uniform. The one that got them in so much was the Polish soldier's uniform. This is because when we tried it on it fitted the cub quite well. I explained to them that this was the height of the soldier during WWII. Inside the pocket when I received this uniform was a small St Christopher medallion. Each time I look at it I can't help but feel this soldier is around us, at least in spirit.

It was time for the cubs' supper and, as usual, the party pies and sausage rolls went in the blink of an eye along with the soft drinks. After supper, we went upstairs and viewed the WWI exhibition, along with our painting of Sir John Monash and the flying boat. The questions came thick and fast and it always surprises me how knowledgeable these cubs are. Because of building works that were being carried out I could not show them anything else in Memorabilia and it was time to say goodbye. The 1st photo shows this group and I have to thank them because before they left they made me an Honorary Cub. As I write about them I have the badge beside me of which I'm very proud.

I was in for a shock with the next group of Cubs Scouts. This group of Cubs Scouts as the next photo shows all from 1/8 Blackburn Cub Scouts totalled 50. At first I was wondering how I would control such a large group by myself. As it

turned out one of the Scout masters in charge was a member of Box Hill RSL and was quite up to date with our Memorabilia displays. After meeting in the foyer we headed off to the Upton Room. It was not until they were seated at 10 to a table and a total of six tables I realised the huge number I had to speak to. Again, I started off with ANZAC Day, then tried on the various uniforms and hats and spoke briefly on WWI and WWII. Most of the interest was around WWI and the questions and answers they gave me were really surprising. The four Scout leaders were great when the talks were on and their knowledge of the conflicts that Australia had been in was superb. They even talked about Vietnam and Afghanistan which I was able to enlighten them on, especially Vietnam. I told them about a few stories and had them in laughter. As I explained, war is not all bad, we all had our moments.

When the party pies and sausage rolls arrived, I looked at them and thought that we would run out of food and drink. We then went upstairs to view our Memorabilia and the four Victoria Cross winners we have on display. Again I could not show them any more, because of our building works. We gathered in the foyer and it was time to say goodbye. They were a great group of young people and it was after nine o'clock when they left and I could head home. On the way home I was listening to the radio and the news came on. There was another stabbing in Melbourne with the owners of the house being harassed. I thought to myself, how can this be happening so often and the people carrying out these atrocities the same age as the cubs and scouts I have just entertained at our RSL? I just shook my head in total dismay.

Our final group which the third photo shows was smaller than the big 50 and all were from 9th Box Hill Scouts and were about 30 in total. I thought to myself after meeting



Mont Albert North Cub Scouts



9th Box Hill Scouts

them in the foyer what a great group I was about to have a couple of hours with. Again, when we were all seated in the Upton Room we commenced with questions and answers about the conflicts Australian troops had participated in. They all were very knowledgeable about different wars that Australian troops participated in. At this group we had two scout masters who assisted me with the pies and pasties and soft drinks. I told them earlier that I had a surprise for all of them. After supper I let them know that they were the first cubs/scout group to see all of our new Memorabilia in our new building. The time had come, and I led them down the passageways explaining each exhibition as we went along. Back in the foyer the group were blown away and I got a great deal of satisfaction out of this. They did not want to go home, but the Scout leaders promised there would be another time.

This was the last group of Cubs/Scouts that I will be having for a while. In closing I have to say that all groups were so well behaved and respectful. It is a pleasure to host these groups at Box Hill RSL and I have to thank all of them for adding a little bit of sunshine to our members who also love the Cubs/ Scouts groups.

Brian Tateson.

Curator of Memorabilia.



Billiards and Snooker Section

Our two Over 55s Box Hill RSL teams had their third and final local derby for 2024. The result a draw: nobody wins and nobody loses.

With six rounds left, we will battle it out with the other eight RSL teams in the association for the tough task of making finals.

Pictured above are some players and partners from both teams enjoying the traditional after-match lunch in the Bistro.

The RSL Thursday night competition didn't look so good on the ladder, but as a team I think it gelled very well. This is our second year in the competition with two new competitors, Terry Duckworth and Adrian Gough. Many of the games were very close and the ladder was not indicative of where we could have been had we had lady luck on our side. It was a great year and I hope all players return next year. But we always have room for one more, so anybody reading this if you want to play Thursday night RSL competition get in touch with the front desk and we will catch up with you.

NOTICE TO BILLIARDS AND SNOOKER SECTION MEMBERS :

The 2024 BHRSL Club Championships: SNOOKER and BILLIARDS are now open.

Entries will close on Monday 19/8/24.

Draw with handicaps will be conducted on Tuesday 20/8/24.

Full details are on the Snooker room notice board.

Rick Conomy / Russell Burgess
Committee

BOX HILL RSL • FRIDAY NIGHT • **CHOOK RAFFLE** IN THE UPTON ROOM

Tickets on sale from 6.00pm
Start time 6.30pm
Finish 7.15pm (in time for dinner)

Great night! Bring your friends
or meet some new ones!

Fabulous prizes:
Venue and Coles Myer Vouchers, alcohol and
the famous Mandy Surprise Bag.

*Look forward to
seeing you there!*

Bowls Section

Although in winter recess, the Bowls Section continues to be active with social bowls and plans and preparations for the coming pennant season which begins in October.

Over winter we join with our friends from Blackburn North and Mitcham Bowling Clubs for social bowls on a Wednesday and Saturday. It is a very beneficial arrangement where we get to practice on three different surfaces and play competitively with a larger group than we would have if playing social amongst ourselves. Over the last three years the three clubs have dedicated the Saturday of the long weekend in June as a joint fund-raising day for the MND Big Freeze. Due to reasonable weather on 8 June we had 60 bowlers who played and our green was full.

Two games of ten ends were played. After the first ten ends the winners played the winners and the losers played the losers for the second ten ends. In lieu of prize money the winners of the winners and winners of the losers were presented with MND merchandise donated for the day.

We followed play with a barbecue lunch with sweet treats and held a raffle with some 20 prizes, all donated. Members of all three clubs who did not play also came to support the day and donate to the cause. We were very pleased to make a donation to MND after the day of \$1500 on behalf of all three clubs, a tremendous effort.

Plans are underway for the next pennant season and the committee have been working hard to ensure that the club is in the best position it can be in for 2024/25. We are very pleased to welcome Vasey RSL Care as a sponsor and you



Winners of the Winners from Mitcham BC



Winers of the Losers, David from Mitcham BC, Russell Keast and Peter Houghton

may have noticed their sign which now 'pops' on the northern boundary of the green. (photo) It is certainly a good partnership for the Box Hill RSL Bowls Section. Vasey are the major sponsor of the RSL Duke of Edinburgh Shield competition which the Bowls Section enters each year.



The Chair, President and Committee of the RSL Bowls Section extend our sympathy to Beryl and family on the passing of Jim Burrowes who was still a member of the Bowls Section at the time of his passing. Jim had played bowls with Box Hill Bowling Club where he was a life member and after the merger continued to play with the RSL Bowls Section until well into his late 90's.

Jan Durham
Chairperson

