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# RSL Bunbury TIMES

## JUNE 2017



> Commander Stuart Watters, RAN, CO HMAS Toowoomba, RSL Guest of Honour.

> War Memorial, ANZAC Day, 25th April 2017



> Bunbury City Band, ANZAC Day Parade, Bunbury 2017

## RSL Sub-Branch Bunbury

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RSL Sub-Branch Bunbury Committee & Social meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 12.30pm.

<b>President:</b>	John Gelmi		
<b>1st Vice Pres:</b>	Tim Thomson		
<b>Secretary:</b>	Alan Hall	<b>Asst Sec:</b>	Andy Shaw
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Athena Sofilas	<b>Asst:</b>	Lyn French
<b>Catering Manager:</b>	Lorrisse Heperi		
<b>Bar Manager:</b>	Matt Rooke		
<b>Membership Officer:</b>	Ron Lowe		
<b>Wardens:</b>	Alf Mainstone - Trevor Kenny		
<b>Military Collections:</b>	Gerry Tyrrell and Jeff Smith		
<b>Librarian:</b>	Laurie French		
<b>Welfare:</b>	Ken Parish, Ross Stewart, Frank Bailey-Ganner, Steve Thompson		
<b>Committee Members:</b>	Andy Shaw, Chris Wark, Peter Gangatharan, Bob Berends, Laurie French, Neville McNeill, Tony Zajer, Kevin Freeman, Stewart Bannister, Nathan Buswell, Audrey Needham and Don Liley		
	Jeff O'Byrne, Dennis O'Brien, Lindsay Millen, Ivan D'Rosario		
<b>Customer Liaison:</b>	Kevin Freeman		
<b>Hospital Visitors:</b>	Laurie French & Trevor Kenny		
<b>Home Visitors:</b>	Fridays - 5.00pm to 11.00pm		
<b>Bar Hours:</b>			



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**General meetings** are held on 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7.00pm.



> John Gelmi, President, RSL Bunbury, Making his ANZAC Day speech, ANZAC Day 2017

## From The Presidents' Pen

The club has been very busy with the lead up to ANZAC Day. Tim Thomson our Vice President organised the school ANZAC Program. Special thanks to Tim and the Members who attended some 35 schools and presented their ANZAC speeches plus their time and effort is second to none and is to be congratulated.

Both ANZAC Dawn and Main services were very well attended by Members and large crowds were present at both. The attendance and participation of the Crew of HMAS Toowoomba was much appreciated and their Commanding Officer, Commander Stuart Watters RAN, gave his ANZAC speech as the Guest of Honour was very well received too.

Special thanks should also go to the support we receive from various groups on ANZAC Day, you know who you are, thank you.

Mother's Day again was once again a great success. Trevor, Andy and Laurie have done a

wonderful job putting this together and it was well represented by Members selling tickets.

Friday nights are back again on 5.30pm to 8.30pm. It is well supported and it's great to see younger members attending. Meals are available from our Cook Lorriss.

The Nga Uri Riders pre ANZAC bike ride was a great success. They have presented the RSL Sub-Branch Bunbury with a cheque for \$1430.00 and the plan is to make this an annual event.

The centenary (100 years) of the establishment of the RSL Sub-Branch Bunbury is coming up on the 1 July 2017. On this date it is planned to have a formal dinner and members will be asked to wear black tie and jacket with medals. Tickets will go on sale soon and are limited to 120 at \$35.00 a head. The function would commence at 6.00pm with a call to order at 6.30pm. A buffet meal will be available to guests.

**John Gelmi** (President)



# Welfare News

## Veteran's Health Week (VHW)

Members and Families of Bunbury RSL are invited to take part in the VHW at the RSL Hall on Sunday, 29th October 2017, at 1.00pm. This year the theme will be a physical activity

## Members Info

**Bunbury Tyre and exhaust:** Bunbury RSL Members. Need Tyres, Exhaust, Tyres of vehicle Service. Just show your RSL membership cards and you will be given a better price, ask for Darren or Brad.

**South West Monumental:** For all RSL Members who need help after the funerals to put plaques or grave surroundings for your loved ones. You can have discounts by showing your RSL

**Tables:** The branch has a large number of 800mm green square laminated tables with steel base that are no longer required and are taking up valuable space.

If anyone is interested in these tables they can have them free of charge, but they need to be picked up as we cannot deliver them.

Enquiries anytime Mon-Fri 9am-12noon.  
Phone 9721 3277 Membership card.

Advertisement:

### LEGAL HELP – YOUR WILL?

IAN WATSON LAWYER (Admitted to practice 1983)

Ian is available to assist members and their immediate family at a reduced rate in the following areas:

Wills

Probate

Enduring Power of Attorney

Enduring Power of Guardianship

Family Inheritance Disputes

Personal Injury Matters/Worker's

Compensation

Debt Collection

Ian is prepared to make home and hospital visits to the elderly and injured (within the Bunbury area) at no additional cost for travel time.

Ian has been receiving instructions from RSL members in the Bunbury area since 1993.

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## Secretary's Notes

Our ongoing commitments at the moment are: The removal of the Scott Family Memorial from ANZAC Park. A letter of Memoranda is with Bunbury City Council regarding ANZAC Park and grant application for future ANZAC Day events.

In July it will be the anniversary of the 100 year formation of the Bunbury RSL and the holding of the first committee meeting. A dinner will be held on July 1st 2017 to celebrate this milestone occasion.

The upgrade and renovations of the Club's Ladies toilet facilities has now been completed.

As you can see with our Club commitments to our veterans and ongoing commitments we have a busy year ahead

**Office/Admin Staff Wanted.** The RSL requires a volunteer, who is available to help out in our Office. If you are a competent typist/computer operator with clerical/office experience, please contact. We also require a Bar Person/s in our bar area.

All members please advise us of any change of address & telephone numbers, so that we can update and maintain our records accordingly.



## Last Post

Since the last newsletter we have farewelled the following Members:

Percival J. Bunn (2/44 BN)	9th August 2016
Veronica J. Grieve (RAAF)	3rd September 2016
Waysl BONDARCZUK (Army)	26th September 2016
Fred Mather (RAAF)	31st October 2016
Edward S. WASHING (RAN)	16th November 2016
Gerald P. O'Byrne (Army)	23rd January 2017
Douglas A. TRINDER (RAAF)	7th February 2017
Thomas S. THOMSON (Army)	14th March 2017
Maxwell HULSE (RAAF)	24th March 2017
Desmond DEVEREUX (Army)	3th May 2017



The President, Committee and all Members extend their sincere sympathy to all families.

**LEST WE FORGET**

## Centennial Coffee Cups

Members, the RSL Sub-Branch Bunbury will be 100 years old on the 1st July 2017, so we now have centenary coffee cups that are numbered 1 – 100, cost is \$15.00 each.

Be quick if you want to purchase one of these unique cups (only 100 will be made) as these are going very fast. We are also looking at a centenary port and wine.



## Membership

Membership figures are as follows:

Service Members:	361
Affiliate Members:	41
Social Members:	66
Total Members:	468

Correct as at 21st May 2017.

All members, if you know of any current ex Servicemen/women who are residing in our community and have taken discharge/resignation from the ADF, please encourage them to join their local RSL Sub-Branch. They are very welcome to use our facilities and enjoy the Social Club amenities.

## Calendar of Events 2016



### Dart/Pool Night

Fri 9th June 2017, RSL Hall



**100th Anniversary RSL Bunbury Branch Dinner – Saturday 1st July 2017**



### Dart/Pool Night

Fri 8th Sept 2017, Army Drill Hal



### Long Tan Day

Sat/Sun 12th /13th Aug 2017, Harvey RSL



### Remembrance Day

Sat 11th Nov 2017

## From the Curator, Sub-Branch Bunbury Military Collection

For those who have seen our military collection, it is housed and displayed in Bunbury's old army drill hall which is now at the Dardanup Heritage Park, Moore Road, Dardanup. It is open Wednesday and Sunday, 9.30am to 4.00pm.

Our military collection had a birthday on 23rd April 2017 and marks ten years since it was officially opened. We have had hundreds of people from all over the world who have seen our vast military collection and it is a great reflection on military history and the only large display of its type in the south west. We continue to add to the collection with new items being sourced on a regular basis.

It was also the sixth birthday of our leopard Tank which arrived on 14th April 2011 and has been decked out with a large amount of

original accessories plus we have opened a hatch on the turret which allows you to look inside. Flood lights have been fitted to show all the internal working components and the cramped conditions tank crews have to deal with.

**Wanted:** We are looking to put a tool collection together and would like the members to look through their sheds for old military tools bearing the "broad arrow mark". If you can help please drop them off at the RSL Bunbury Office.

Email: [gtyrrell1@bigpond.com](mailto:gtyrrell1@bigpond.com)  
Gerry Tyrrell- RSL Military Curator

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## The Chef's Report

This is my last report for the Kitchen and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has assisted me over the past six years.

I started in the kitchen before it was renovated and can say that the money that was spent on renovations was really worth it. This Club is very privileged to have a commercial grade kitchen that is a joy to work in.

I have Catered for the last six ANZAC Day functions and found the first one was very daunting but with the help of a great group of volunteers it all went very well. As the years have gone it has become easier because I have learnt the quantities of food and supplies to order and my loyal group of helpers have continued their support.

The first year that I was here I helped setting up for our Annual Dinner and we hired round tables and table cloths since then the Club has their own tables and have purchased table cloths to match, chair covers and sashes. With the caterers that we have had and the setup of the hall our Annual Dinners have been a great success. Having our own gear has saved the Club a lot of money and work because we



> A mint condition Special Forces Kayak at RSL Military Display, Heritage Park, Dardanup

have everything on hand and after the initial monetary outlay we are not paying money to hire equipment.

Over the years I have catered for several wakes, various morning teas, Remembrance Day functions and for a couple of years I had a group of about 80 people four times a year came in for a safety training day and I catered for morning tea and lunch for them.

When I first started Friday Social nights, numbers varied from 20 to 40 now we are lucky to get 6 in for a meal.

I sincerely thank everyone who has helped in any way over the last six years and hope that you all continue to support our Club. Good bye and have a safe and happy 2017.

(Pat Murray—"The Chef")

# RSL Sub-Branch Bunbury Mother's Day Raffle

Thank you to all members who have assisted in selling Mother's Day tickets at the shopping centres.

We also wish to thank our sponsors who always give us great prizes, so please support them and tell them you are from the Bunbury RSL.

Special thanks to City & Regional Fuels who pay for our tickets to be printed.

The list of winners from the Mother's Day Raffle draw on 14th May 2017 are as follows:

1st:	Ticket No 2654	Tacka
2nd:	Ticket No 838	Glen Firth
3rd:	Ticket No 3014	Geoff Thomson
4th:	Ticket No 8760	Julie Kember
5th:	Ticket No 11207	Braden van Veen
6th:	Ticket No 2870	Gay
7th:	Ticket No 6582	Fran Summers
8th:	Ticket No 1706	Steve Guile
9th:	Ticket No 9978	Carter
10th:	Ticket No 4779	Irene Jarvis
11th:	Ticket No 10921	Dean
12th:	Ticket No 1544	Liebeck
13th:	Ticket No 2251	Kieth Schilling
14th:	Ticket No 8996	Marion
15th:	Ticket No 3383	Julia Kranz
16th:	Ticket No 8364	J Prout
17th:	Ticket No 6112	Barbara
18th:	Ticket No 9376	Karen Rowe



> Mother's Day 1st Prize Winner  
Ray (Tacka) Jordon

Thanks to our Sponsors:





# ANZAC DAY 2017



> HMAS Toowoomba Flag Party and crew, ANZAC Day Parade, Bunbury 2017



> Officers of HMAS Toowoomba



> Sailors of HMAS Toowoomba





> Bunbury Veterans ANZAC Day 2017







> Police Women lead parade on the 100th anniversary of Women in the WA Police Force



> 2017 ANZAC Day Kitchen Staff  
- Ellie, Corina, Lorrissa, Audrey,  
Margaret and Lyn

> 2017 ANZAC Day The  
president thanking some of the  
kitchen staff







> Bunbury Members going to Boyup Brook for Sandakan Day. - December



> Rick Evans, RSL President, Donnybrook and John Gelmi, RSL President, Bunbury.

Veteran's Health Week Seminar - December



> Representatives for Bunbury Sub-branch at Sandakan Day, Boyup Brook

They shall grow not old,  
As we that are left grow old.

Age shall not weary them,  
Nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun  
And in the morning

**We Will Remember Them  
Lest We Forget**

