

# October 2018 Newsletter

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### Bunbury RSL Newsletter: October 2018 Edition

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**RSL Sub-Branch Bunbury Committee & Social Meetings**

Are held on the 2nd Wednesday or each month at 12.30pm





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## Annual General Meeting 2018

The Bunbury RSL AGM was held on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> August with an attendance of 30 members. With a membership in excess of 400, it would be great to see a larger representation of members at these important events, this is where a lot of the decisions regarding the running of your club are made.

President John Gelmi welcomed all to the meeting and thanked the members and committee for their support, all positions were declared vacant and Warden Alf Mainstone declared that all nominated members were financial and eligible for election, as there was no voting required, Warden Alf declared all nominated members elected.

The committee remains mainly unchanged with the election of Lorraine Denning to the Committee. Lorraine was welcomed and congratulated by the attendees.

John Gelmi was elected unopposed again, for his 7<sup>th</sup> successive year. It was widely known and acknowledged that John was keen to stand down this year as 6 years is more than enough for any member to take on this role. There was 1 member willing to take on the role of President but unfortunately no member was willing/able to fill the position of Secretary. The Executive ask that any member who may be interested in the position please contact Secretary Alan and discuss the role with him. Any Service or Affiliate member can be elected into the position of Secretary.

Following the election of Office Bearers, President John reconvened the meeting. All members thank John for continuing in the position as President and wished him the best for the coming year.

**Alan Hall**  
**Secretary**  
**28 August 2018**

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## From The President's Pen

Well as you are probably aware by now, I am still in the chair for the coming year.

I would like to thank all who have nominated for committee this year and their continuing support for myself and the Club.

Poppy Day this year falls on the 9<sup>th</sup> November. We need collectors for this day, if you are available and willing to help, please advise the office and your name will be added to the list.

Remembrance Day is on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018. The march will commence from the Stirling/Spencer Street corner arriving at the Memorial. The Parade will be led by the Bunbury 10<sup>th</sup> Light horse Troop. The Bagpiper and Band will be at the Memorial. Further notices will be in the local Newspapers and on our website closer to the day.

It is with great sadness that I announce the passing of our Member and Committee Member, Kevin Freeman. Kevin has, for quite some time now, been carrying out Hospital visits to club members while they have been in Hospital.

We are always on the lookout for any Member who might be available to help out in the office or around the Club. Please let us know if you are

out in the office or around the Sub Branch in a volunteer capacity, if you are able to help, please contact myself or the Secretary.

Don't forget, all members are welcome to drop in for a brew at any time the office is open, Monday-Friday 9AM to 12 Noon.

John Gelmi  
President.

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## Secretary's Notes

Our Membership currently stands at 437.

Our Web Page is now in operation. Members can now get regular updates regarding the Sub Branch activities.

Please feel free to place any comments regarding the Sub Branch and any ideas or suggestions you may have that would benefit the Club.

Our AGM and election of Office Bearers took place on Saturday 25 August 2018, with all previous Committee elected unopposed and one new Committee Member in Lorraine Denning joining us.

We will honour the 11 World War 1 soldiers who died between 1919 and 1923 who lay in unmarked graves at the Bunbury Cemetery, by placing memorial headstones with bronze plaques with the rising sun emblems on each of them leading up to Remembrance Day.

Poppy Day will be held on Friday 9 November 2018, any Member who wishes to help with their selling, please advise us of your availability.

Remembrance Day Parade will take place at the War Memorial, Anzac Park Bunbury on Sunday 11 November 2018.

Secretary  
Alan Hall

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# Welfare News

We salute Ken Parish's Service to Welfare.

Reluctantly, Ken is retiring from the Welfare & Compensation section 'duties' after many years of giving his voluntary service to veterans and their families, in representing them for claims with DVA.

Ken's service goes back to his early membership in Tasmania with the Westbury RSL during the late 70 's. Ken and Helen moved over to WA and Ken started with Bunbury RSL Sub-Branch around 1990.

During his period in Bunbury, Ken has concurrently represented the south west RSL branches as a member of the RSLWA Executive, as well as acting in the senior role in Bunbury Welfare.

His service to Westbury and Bunbury RSL's and to RSLWA was fully recognized in 2015 and he was awarded life membership of the RSL of Australia.

Ken, as a level 3 Advocate had been involved in many Veteran Board Reviews, producing favourable results for veterans on a very high success rate.

Thankfully, Ken is not fading into the distance; he has indicated his desire to be available for assistance to the current members of welfare.

We wish Ken a happy and more relaxing time in his change from voluntary work and hopefully we will see him visit our club on a regular basis.

Ken has been very easy to approach for advice and I certainly appreciate his help given to me through out the years that I have served with him.

Cheers Ken!

Ross Stewart.

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## Calendar of Events 2018





- **14th October 2018** - Donnybrook RSL Diggers Day.
- **9th November 2018** - Poppy Day.
- **11th November 2018** - Remembrance Day.

## Upcoming Events.

**Poppy Day:** Friday 9th November. Please contact the office if you are able to help sell Poppies on this day.

**Remembrance Day:** Sunday 11th November. Remembrance Day Service will take place at the War Memorial, Anzac Park Bunbury, commencing at 1100 hours, (11:AM), muster at RSL at 1030.

**Donnybrook RSL Diggers Day:** Sunday 14th October 2018.



### The Donnybrook RSL

will be hosting

### "Diggers' Day"

At the Donnybrook Country Club

on Sunday 14th October 2018

Starting time 8.00am Golf, 9.00am Bowls

Come along and enjoy a game of Golf or Bowls on  
a day when anything could happen.

Lots of prizes and raffles to be won.

Come early to register and name your game.

Cost is \$25.00 per person which includes morning  
and afternoon tea plus lunch.

All proceeds to Legacy.

Note: No BYO drinks to be brought to the event.

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## Vietnam Veteran's Day 2018

Members of Bunbury RSL attended the (combined south west sub-branches) Vietnam Veterans Day on Sunday 19th. August, held at Donnybrook RSL.

Weatherwise it could not have been a better day, as approximately 120 people attended the commemoration, representing a number of sub-branches throughout the south west. On arrival we were greeted with a welcoming cup of tea/coffee and given plenty of time to socialise with members of the other sub-branches.

Transport from Bunbury was provided by Gannaways for our members at a cost of \$10.00 pp and resulting in a pleasant and most comfortable journey in a late model bus.

A march down the main street of Donnybrook attracted many onlookers as the veterans made their way towards the monument. A catafalque party provided by the 515 Cadet Unit was a fitting part of the ceremony. The guest speaker, Principle Gary Davis from Donnybrook High School presented a history of the Vietnam War, in particular mentioning the Long Tan Battle along with the battles of FSB Coral and Balmoral, and revealed the names of local men who lost their lives in the line of duty.

The wreath laying ceremony and the ode that followed put the crowd aware of the importance of the event and cemented the history of our obligation to the fallen and what our continued support means to keep the memory alive.

Following the ceremony, the gathering made their way back to the Donnybrook RSL to the delight of refreshments and comradeship that exists with the veterans and supporting community.

The whole day was definitely a huge success with a enjoyable array of food, including soup prior to the main meal. Congratulations to Donnybrook RSL.

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The Sandakan Memorial Service was held in Boyup Brook on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

This event which has been running for approximately 20 years, is jointly sponsored by the Shire of Boyup Brook, Lions Club of Boyup Brook and the Boyup Brook RSL Sub Branch.

Although the weather was slightly inclement it was once again a very moving and awesome experience enjoyed by all attendees. 10 RSL members from Bunbury RSL attended along with Representatives from the Sabah Government. The Catafalque Party was provided by 515 ACU Bunbury Cadet Unit.

During the service we were addressed by the 2017 Sandakan Scholarship

recipient, Cameron Nield. Cameron spoke of his life changing trip to the Sandakan Memorial for Anzac Day. Following Cameron's address, the 2018 Sandakan Scholarship winner, Delana Webb was presented to the Service.

These 2 outstanding young Australians are Students at Boyup Brook District High School where the Sandakan Memorial is included as part of the School Curriculum.

Following the Service, all attendees were invited into the Lesser Hall where a lunch was provided by the Boyup Brook Lion's Ladies. This lunch was enjoyed by all. We were then transported back to Bunbury on board a Gannaways Coach.

A great time was had by all and I would strongly recommended Members to attend this function next Year. Watch this space for details of next Year's Event.







## Premier's Reception.

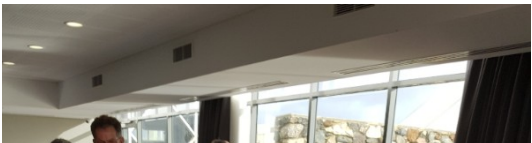
The Premier of Western Australia, Hon Mark McGOWAN MLA, and Member for Bunbury, Don Punch MLA hosted a Reception on Wednesday 29th August to recognise the end of 100th anniversary of Anzac Day.

The premier spoke about various wars including the fact that there is now no Veterans remaining, in the Bunbury region, who served in the First World War.

The guests, who numbered approximately 100, made up of RSL Members, Cadets and local identities then had an enjoyable couple of hours, the Premier moved around the room chatting to guests.











## Birthdays.

Some Members have had the pleasure of celebrating a Birthday since the last newsletter. these include:

23rd June - Alan Hall.

14th July - Dennis O'Brien. 80 Years young.

10th August - Laurie French.

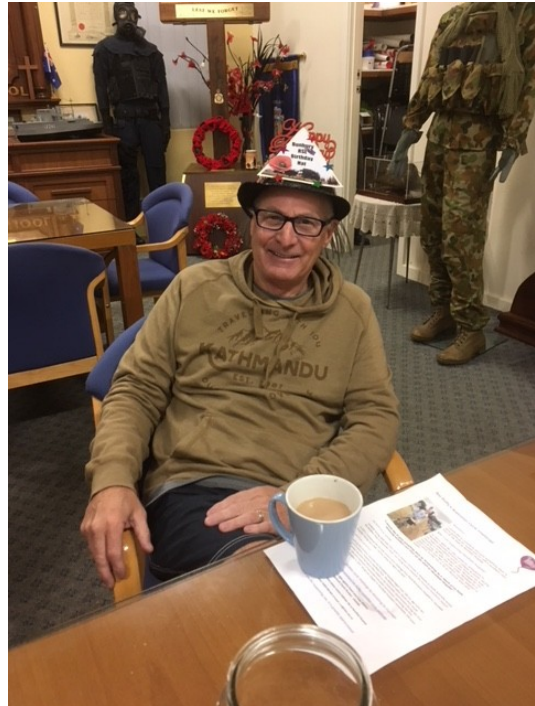
21st August - Ken Parish.

2nd September - Colin Sullivan. The big 90.

Barry Wheals 21st September.

If you happen to be in the Office around the day of your Birthday, this could happen to you.





## Laurie's Locker.

### Political Correctness Accurately Defined.

What is meant by the modern term referred to as "Political Correctness"!

The definition is found in four telegrams at the Truman Library and Museum, Missouri, USA. The following are copies of four telegrams between President Harry Truman and General Douglas MacArthur on the day before the actual signing of the

WWII Surrender agreement in September 1945... The contents of those four telegrams below are exactly as received at the end of the war – not a word has been added or deleted!

### **1. Tokyo, Japan - 0800-September 1, 1945**

To: President Harry S Truman

From: General DA MacArthur

Tomorrow we meet with those yellow bellied bastards and sign the Surrender Documents, any last minute instructions!

### **2. Washington, D C - 1300-September 1, 1945**

To: D A MacArthur

From: H S Truman

Congratulations, job well done, but you must tone down your obvious dislike of the Japanese when discussing the terms of the surrender with the press, because some of your remarks are fundamentally not politically correct!

### **3. Tokyo, Japan - 1630-September 1, 1945**

To: H S Truman

From: D A MacArthur and C H Nimitz

Wilco Sir, but both Chester and I are somewhat confused, exactly what does the term politically correct mean?

### **4. Washington, D C - 2120-September 1, 1945**

To: D A MacArthur/C H Nimitz

From: H S Truman

Political Correctness is a doctrine, recently fostered by a delusional, illogical minority and promoted by a sick mainstream media, which holds forth the proposition that it is entirely possible to pick up a piece of shit by clean end!

**Now with special thanks to the Truman Museum and Harry himself, you and I finally have a full understanding of what “Political Correctness” really means...**

### **THE IRISH “000” EMERGENCY CALL.**

An Irish Woman is cleaning her husband's rifle and accidentally shoots him. She immediately dials “000” Emergency.



**IRISH WOMAN:** “it’s my fooken husband! I’ve accidentally shot him; I think I’ve fooken killed him!”

**OPERATOR:** “Please calm down Mam. Can you first make sure he is actually dead?”

\*Click\* .... \*BANG\*

**IRISH WOMAN:** “Okay, I’ve done dat ..... What’s next ... ?”

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## Last Post

Since the last newsletter we have fare-welled the following Members:

- Edward ARDILLE (RAN.) 15th August 2018.
- Kevin FREEMAN (Army.) 23rd September 2018.

The President, Committee and all Members extend their sincere sympathy to all families. **LEST WE FORGET**

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## Membership

Membership figures are as follows:

- Service Members: 302
- Life Members: 15
- Honorary Members: 02
- Affiliate Members: 46
- Social Members: 73

Total Members: 438 (correct as at 18th September 2018)

**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.**

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# Advertisements

## Bunbury RSL Shop

- **Bunbury RSL Centenary Coffee Mugs** - \$15.00
- **Bunbury RSL Centenary Port** - \$15.00
- **Bunbury RSL Centenary Stubby Holders** - \$6.00
- **Variety of Stubby Holders** - \$6.00
- **Bunbury RSL Centenary Caps** - \$25.00
- **Variety of RSL Caps** - \$25.00
- **Assortment of Badges** - \$5.00
- **Coasters – Army units** - \$10.00
- **Coasters – Medals** - \$6.00
- **Poppy Day Badges** - \$5.00
- **Volunteer Car Stickers** - \$Gold Coin

**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:** We opened our Bunbury showroom in 2011. We're proud to offer Families of the entire South West district an alternative destination when the time arrives to choose a very special memorial tribute to honour the memory of your loved ones. With local knowledge and experience, we provide sincere and understanding service to meet your particular headstone selection requirements.

To help, we've created an "Information Pack". This contains our product brochure as well as a host of other information. This is designed to be the first step in guiding you to make the right selection. We offer a wide range of natural granite, marble and man-made monuments, all with the flexibility to be tailored to suit your needs. The pack also contains a very special "Member Discount Voucher".

We're here to help, so if you require any further information, would like to receive an Information Pack, or for appointment, please don't hesitate to contact us on **08 9791 1000**. See **Jenny Hanley** – Manager

**Buckingham Quality Butchers:** **Blair and Zane Parsons** are based in the Bunbury Plaza Shopping Centre, have been in business together for almost 12 years. Along with their loyal staff, some of whom have been with them for nearly as long, the Boys pride themselves on supplying their customers with the best quality product.

Along with their massive range of gourmet meats, they also provide cooked meats for your catering and party needs.

The Butcher's Café next door is also owned by **Blair and Zane** and they supply

their customers with Buckingham produce, cooked ready to go in their burgers and hot rolls, as well as ready to go meals and top quality coffees and locally made cakes.

Call Buckingham's on **9721 3388** or the Butcher's Café on **9721 6440**.

**Ian Watson - Lawyer**

### **LEGAL HELP – YOUR WILL?**

99 Beach Road  
Bunbury WA 6230  
Telephone: 9721 8377  
Mobile: 0432 091 962  
Email: [info@iwlawyer.com.au](mailto:info@iwlawyer.com.au)

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  
Debt Collection

Ian is prepared to make home and hospitals 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. (Admitted to practice 1983)

## Thank you to our sponsors





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## RSL Sub-Branch Bunbury Commitee

**President:** John Gelmi

**Senior Vice President:** Tim Thomson

**Junior Vice President:** Chris Wark

**Secretary:** Alan Hall, **Asst:** Andy Shaw

**Treasurer:** Athena Sofilas, **Asst:** Lyn French, Frank Bailey-Ganner

**Membership Officer:** Ron Lowe

**Wardens:** Alf Mainstone and Trevor Kenny

**Military Collections:** Gerry Tyrrell and Jeff Smith

**Librarian:** Laurie French

**Welfare:** Ken Parish, Ross Stewart, Frank Bailey-Ganner, Steve Thompson

**Committee Members:** Andy Shaw, Peter Gangatharan, Bob Berends, Laurie French, Kevin Freeman, Audrey Needham, Ken Pritchard, Jeff Peirce, Lorraine Denning.

**Customer Liaison:** Jeff O'Byrne, Dennis O'Brien, Lindsay Millen, Ivan D'Rosario, Ken Pritchard, Rusty Blades, Lorraine Denning, Billy Te Aotonga, Li Ling Ang.

**Hospital Visits:** Kevin Freeman

**Home Visits:** Laurie French & Trevor Kenny

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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**



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