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FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

Well hello to all and yes I have arrived back from 6 tripping around South Australia. I had a great break and enjoyed all our travels almost 4000Kms, we really are a large country and need to travel long distances to get between States. In traveling around Sandra & I took time out to visit several South Australian RSL Sub-Branches and found them most interesting. South Australian RSL's are purely Sub-Branches with no commercial activities attached to them.

Firstly, on Remembrance Day we saw a notice in our Caravan Park saying the Port Victoria Sub-Branch (This Sub-Branch only opens the 4th Wednesday of each month) would be holding a Service at the Memorial in the centre of the town. So Sandra & I turned up at 10.45am and at that time there was only the Secretary & the President on hand. I introduced myself and asked do they have a good role up (Remember this was 10.45 am) I was told sometimes there was just the two of



them and sometimes they could have up to 30 or more turn out. Well at 10.50am a school bus arrived with about 20 children then around 12 tourists from the park also arrived and about 3 locals and with the kids there was about 36 in attendance.

Not knowing how many may arrive the President had prepared a service sheet and it was very good but in handing those out we needed to share because the numbers were greater than expected.

The children from year 6 of a near by school (45 kms away) did the Ode & In Flanders Field and laid a wreath from the school and the kids were just great. At the end the president said thanks for coming and all those visitors attending were not invited into the club but all adjourned to the local pub down the street.

Then; on shifting camp we went through Moonta and here stopped for morning tea at the visitors centre and here they have a large building with a trophy W.W.1 gun. The gun is a 105mm light Field Howitzer which used a wide range of shells as well as Granate, Schrapnell and Gas and was shipped to Australia as a war trophy and it was restored by numerous ex RAEME members in recent times at 102 Fld workshops in Adelaide. In Moonta the Vietnam Veterans have taken over the local RSL and built themselves a very nice Sub-Branch and we were made most welcome there as well.

Travelling on we saw a notice in the camp kitchen at Port Broughton that the local Sub-Branch would be open on Sunday from 2.00pm to 4.30pm and a meat raffle of 20 prizes would be held. Well we attended and were again made very welcome and Sandra participated in the raffle and won two meat trays. With that in mind we were invited back for the following Sunday to a BBQ lunch at a cost of \$7 each and **wow what a BBQ, they really did it well and the ladies did a magnificent job with the salads and sweets.**

Again the meat raffle was conducted and numerous other fund raising activities and for a small Sub-Branch they had 72 members and guests turn up for the day. (The Sub-Branch got there worth back from Sandra as she didn't win anything that day)

All in all the hospitality shown to us in South Australia by the Sub-Branches we attended was just great and an experience of being involved in a small Sub-Branch that does not have commercial activities involved. Our last stay was in Bendigo and I visited the RSL Memorial Museum in the main Street well I was blown away, this museum was just something else and a credit to the members of the Bendigo RSL Sub-Branch. The museum is self funded by a gold coin donation when entering and the income from this keeps the Museum a float with out other support so it is well attended. If you are in Bendigo and passing the Memorial Hall and haven't been there drop in and you will be pleasantly surprised it covers over two large halls and is really comprehensive in what has been collected over the years. Then at the Club a little distance away they have all the large hardware with the most recent addition being a Leopard Tank.

Our Treasurer has returned from overseas and is now back in control of our funds again and she tells us that she ran out of money Hmm!!!!

Hope to catch you around the club don't forget Members Draw on December the 23rd and from Sandra and myself **may we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous new year.**

See you back at the club in 2012.
I leave you with this little thought!!!!

The old man and his wife were sitting on the verandah sipping glasses of wine. Taking in the magnificent sunset.

"You know" he said.

"I love you so much. I don't think I could live with out you"

**His delighted wife turned to him and said;
"Is that you or the wine talking?"**

"It's me" he replied.

"I was talking to the wine"

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

As 2011 comes to a close, I wish to thank the people who have supported us in our efforts during the year.

While our numbers have been small in volunteers, I appeal to all members to assist in some way during next year.

Notices of the Club trading hours during the holidays are in position on notice boards.

In closing may I take this opportunity to wish Management, Committees, Staff, Members and all of our Sub – Clubs, a Very Merry Christmas and a Bright, Prosperous and Healthy New Year.

Ray Scott JP

President.

During the past months we have lost a number of our members and they are remembered herein:-



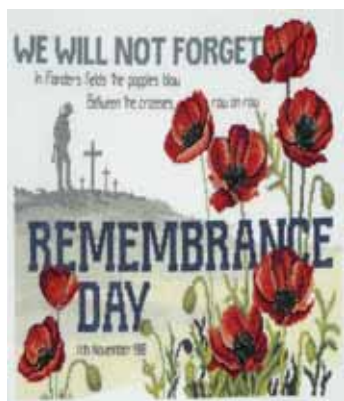
*Elise Mac Kenzie
Harold Wood
Albert Staggard*

Remembrance Day

Friday 11th November

Now back to the real world and our Sub-Branch and club. Remembrance Day **11th day of the 11th Month of the 11th year (2011)**

I am told the morning was most successful and well supported and we had numerous dignitaries from the services, Council & Members of Parliament and of course more importantly the children & teachers from our 8 primary schools.



Our Guest speaker this year was from the Navy, LT Stockman who represented the Officer Commanding HMAS Cerberus.

The "Ode" was recited by St Peter's PS **Dhievienne Marquez** and "In Flanders Field" by Clarinda PS - **Jeff Li and Mariah Kyriakopolous**

What a wonderful job the students did.

At the conclusion of the Service the Children returned to the Sub-Branch where our President Ray Scott JP conducted the Scholarship award Presentation and each child apart from receiving a grant from us when they attend secondary college next year also were handed a book and calendar from as keep sake.

The children who are to receive the scholarships are:-

Scholarship Winners

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| Oakleigh South | Elizabeth McAllister |
| St Peters | Maria Peenicka |
| Clayton North | Neha Salahuddin |
| Clayton South | Vegnish Pakkiam |
| Clarinda | Alastair Schache |
| St Andrews | Thuy-Vy Nguyen's |
| Huntingdale | Kayden Sauer |
| Westall | Sothearath Chan |

Our congratulations go to all of those children from all of us at our

Sub-Branch and I am told the displays at the club were once again outstanding and we thank not just the Children who put in a wonderful effort but also to the teachers who helped the children with this project we look forward to again having the schools participate once again in 2012.



Our Sovereign Bistro

Our Sovereign Bistro is fully functional with a great Menu at very competitive pricing and they are enjoying good numbers attending each day & nights and if you wish to have.

You're Family, their children your Grandchildren & friends would be made more than welcome in the Sovereign Bistro.



Seniors Meals

Lunch 12 – 2pm
Sun – Sat
Dinner 6 – 8pm
Sun – Fri

Carvery Night

Every Saturday
\$15 members
\$17 non-members

For your special, private or business Function at the club contact Lisa or Daniel and she will be more than pleased to assist your needs.

Morning Melodies

13th Feb Alan Moore
12th Mar Labour Day
No M / Melodies
9th April Easter Mon
No M / Melodies
14th May Alex Matthews

Show, Morning Tea \$8
Show, Morning Tea and Roast Lunch \$13

Coming Soon



Saturday Jazz Nights Admission \$15

Starts Back on 15th Jan

Every Saturday night you can book in and head down to the Jazz nights, it is well worth coming along and hearing some great music. Our girls at reception will give you a contact number for bookings and before hand, why not have dinner in the "Sovereign Bistro", great meals at reasonable prices are offered by Lisa and Daniel.



Bookings are Essential

Phone Marg 9553 3850

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SOCIAL ACTIVITIES IN OUR SUB-BRANCH

NOTE: - Just a reminder please check the notice boards as most of the Sub- Clubs will have a break between December & January.

Bingo is conducted in the **George Foster Room** each **Tuesday 12 – 2pm** **Saturday 2 – 4pm** **Snacks available all are welcome** **Come along and enjoy this day.**



Bluebirds Day Club

Our **Bluebirds Day Club** is a very active group and meets in the **George Foster** room every Thursday and they would welcome new members. Gale Hall is now the conveyor and would welcome all our members and friends to go along.



Friday Nights

6.15pm – 7.30pm

Friday night Members **Happy Hour** continues with a **Key Draw & raffles** being run for the enjoyment of all.

(See amended dates for December)



Raffle tickets on sale from 5.30
Drawn @ 7.00pm

MEMBERS NIGHT

- Then we have **Members Big Barrel Bonus Draw** the last Friday of the month, so come along swipe your card and participate in the **special bonus members draw with a prize value of \$200.**

First draw for 2012 will be January 27th at the normal times.



Raffles

The last raffle draw for this year is to be on the **Friday 23rd December** (This will include the members draw) times as normal **NOTE:** - this will also be our monthly **Members Big Barrel Bonus Draw Night.**

Then for 2012

Raffles and the monthly Members Big Barrel Bonus Draw will resume on the last Friday in January being the 27th January 2012 and hopefully you will again attend our Friday night draws from that date during the ensuing year 2012

Entertainment

27th Jan @ 7.00pm
In the Bistro with Dennis Rea.

So good luck with the raffles between now & Christmas.

Well, it is now that time of year when our thoughts head to Christmas and holidays and I would like to just put in some house keeping regarding Christmas activities and our raffles.

Firstly; since handing the raffles back to our sporting groups, it is reported that it is again being well supported by our members and guests and we thank you for that. The meat and fruit raffles are well received.

To Sandy and the Sporting groups thank you for getting behind this venture and helping to bring it back into the Sub-Branch.



Christmas Raffle

- ❖ Tickets on sale now \$2
 - ❖ drawn Wed 21st Dec @ 7pm
- (Available from Bar)

- 1st Prize: Entertainment Package
- 2nd Prize: Bike & Pool
- 3rd Prize: Outdoor Setting.

Remember, you need to be in it to win it.

Of course we also have several very active Sporting Sub-Clubs in the Sub-Branch they are: Angling, Bowls, Darts, and over 55's Snooker & Billiards.

Not forgetting of course our **Ladies Auxiliaries** the Women's Auxiliary, War Widows Club, and Legacy Club and all our Sub clubs and auxiliaries have vacancies. If you have interest in becoming a member of any of these clubs please ask for a contact from the reception staff.

VOLUNTEERS In closing; I ask for your participation in helping with our **volunteer work** such as Hospital visits to members who need our support or are lonely and nowadays have no local family to visit them. You are invited to come along to our **Welfare meetings that are held on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 3.30pm any member is welcome to attend** and see what the Welfare members do for our Sub- Branch and its

members. Ann Coram heads up this committee and she would make you more than welcome.
URGENT CALL: - We are in desperate need for volunteers as without them we cannot continue to do what we need to do for our members. Consideration by Service, Affiliate & Social members should be given to assist us when needed and for the coming year ahead a number of committee persons will be required so don't leave it to just a few hard workers please get on board and support your club you are needed If you are thinking about being involved please contact either myself or our President Ray Scott JP (Don't be shy in coming forward) we will be pleased to meet with you and inform you as to what is needed to help the Sub-Branch along. It does not necessarily take a lot time depending on your needs and you will be helping and get great satisfaction in knowing your efforts have been involved in having our club move into the future and well beyond 2015. Please call me at anytime on 0418 104 895 and I will be happy to meet with you and discuss what is needed.

NOTE:

Just some house keeping for the benefit of members.

If you have a concern or suggestion and want it addressed please **do not hassle our staff as they cannot help you.** Direct all your inquiries to the undersigned and it will be attended to without hesitation in due course. I can be contacted via email reception@claytonrsl.com.au I will then make contact with you ASAP.

Remember, your committee is there for the management and control of all matters that relate to Our Sub-Branch, its members or any matters relating to the RSL in general and they are there to address your inquiries. Please do not direct your concerns to Staff Members as mentioned above.

Well, on that note I look forward to catching up in the club. By the way I am available and at the club on most Tuesdays from **11.00 am to 2.30 pm approx** or **Thursdays between 11.00am and 1.00pm approx**, other times by appointment.

Well; by now look forward to seeing you around the club.

Bruce

Bruce Williams Sub-Branch Secretary.

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NOTE: This news letter can be found on the web site and copies around the club and in the members bar. www.claytonrsl.com.au