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## Message from the President

This has been another busy month for the Club.

I am pleased to announce that we have appointed a new General Manager.

Rocky Rinaldi will be taking up his new role from August 28th.

Rocky has extensive experience in hospitality, gaming and event management from roles in a range of small and large venues - most recently as manager of the Freccia Azzurra Club in Braeside.

We were fortunate to attract several excellent candidates for the position and believe we have selected the best person for the job.

We look forward to welcoming Rocky to the Club later this month.

On the back page, you will see another event being planned by RSL Active - a Come Try Archery day on August 18th.

We are working to shift the focus of the Caulfield RSL back to where it should be - on providing welfare and supporting veterans, their dependants and families - and not on making money as a commercial operator, with welfare as an after-thought.

It is timely to again remind people that the money raised from the weekly raffles that we run on a Thursday night are used to fund our Welfare Programs.

Programs supported by the welfare program include assisting veterans with household maintenance, mobility aids and medical expenses, grocery shopping and bills.

We also provide several Veteran's Lunches across the year.

It is disappointing to note that there are many long term members - some of whom may require these welfare services one day - that do not support the efforts of our raffles by buying tickets.

If there is a particular reason that Members are not supporting these efforts to raise funds for welfare, then the Committee would appreciate being advised of these reasons.

We would like to make these Member nights of more benefit to members - and the welfare services they support - so would strongly urge members to support these raffles.

Similarly, in November, we will be collecting money for our Remembrance Day appeal. As part of this

annual collection, we will be having a sausage sizzle at Bunnings on November 11th.

As always, we will be looking for people to assist with selling poppies from late October. Often the efforts of raising money in these annual appeals falls to too few people.

If you are able to spare some time to assist with this fundraising appeal, then we would ask you to get in touch with the Club.

If you work in a large office or retail environment where you would be able to place a box of poppies on a counter or reception desk, we would appreciate your support.

Colin Bradley  
**President**  
**Caulfield RSL**

## RSL Victoria State Conference

As noted in the last edition of FURF's, the RSL Victoria State Conference was recently held.

Caulfield RSL proposed 4 remits to the State Executive:

### The Caulfield

#### RSL Committee

#### **President**

Colin Bradley

#### **Senior Vice**

#### **President**

Bob Larkin

#### **Vice President**

Russell Phillips

#### **Treasurer**

Graham Cook

#### **Secretary**

David Labrum

#### **General**

#### **Committee**

Geoff Goldsmith

Jacey Octigan

Shauna Phillips

#### **Manager**

Rocky Rinaldi

- To support the moves to posthumously promote Sir John Monash to the role of Field Marshall.
- To ensure that the Boer War Memorial in St Kilda Road be relocated to within the Shrine precinct.
- The Rights of reciprocal New Zealand citizens to be restored to equivalency with Australian citizens in New Zealand.
- To petition the National Archives and Federal Government to reverse the increase of costs to obtain historical documents.

The first remit regarding Sir John Monash did not get up, however the other three did.

At the Conference, Dr Robert Webster OAM became the 14th State President of the RSL. He has been an executive of the State branch since 1989 and Director of Vasey RSL Care since 2004. He was awarded his OAM on Australia Day this year for his service to Veterans and their families.

## RSL Rewards

The three winners of the RSL Rewards Christmas in July promotion have been drawn.

The winning members, who have each won a gourmet hamper, are:



Darren Altman

Steven Degetto

Stephen Cook

Congratulations on your prizes!

Remember, you can redeem your points for over 100 exclusive rewards via the RSL Rewards website – [www.rslrewards.com.au](http://www.rslrewards.com.au)

See page 4 for details of the RSL Rewards August promotion.

## Our Car Park

Over recent times, the Committee have been made aware by Members of occasions when there is a lack of parking spaces in the rear car park - particularly on days when there is a function booked upstairs.

We are looking at options to try and ensure our car park is available for members and guests to attend the Club and not for people to drop their cars to go shopping or catch the train to work. We will keep you posted.

## Christmas in July

On Sunday 30th we had our Christmas in July luncheon. Over 100 guests enjoyed a 3 course meal, gifts from Santa and Christmas tunes on the piano from Phil Carroll. Thanks to the Staff and Committee members who made this a great day (and thanks Judy for the pictures). You can see more pictures from the day on our website - [www.crs1.com.au](http://www.crs1.com.au)



### Member's Draw

**Our Member's Draw went off last week at a total of \$6,250.**

**At time of printing the member's draw has now reset to \$1,000.**

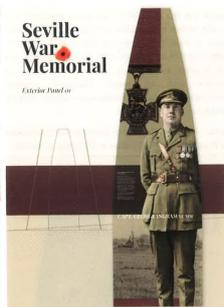


**Remember that you need to be a current financial member, and claim your prize within 4 minutes of the draw to win.**

**AND**

**If you wish to dine on Members night - book your table early!**

## Honouring locals, “The Breaker” and the War Memorial



In mid July, Committee members Russell & Shauna Phillips went to a function in Seville in the Yarra Valley to raise funds for a memorial for local servicemen and women.

Following the closure of the Seville War Memorial swimming pool several years ago, the site was remodeled into a water play park, retaining some features of the old pool.

A Seville Township Group was formed to plan a war memorial for the site.

The proposed memorial features 4 large glass panels depicting servicemen from the 1st and 2nd World Wars, their history, rolls of honour for the area and local history.

One of the panels features Captain George Ingram VC, MM - a soldier who grew up in Seville and was awarded the last Victoria Cross of World War I.

You can find out more about the project at <https://sevilletownshipgroup.wordpress.com/>



believed to belong to Boer War soldier Harry “Breaker” Morant were on display.

The items - found in aessian bag at the tip in Tenterfield, NSW - are believed to have belonged to Morant’s late lawyer, Major James Thomas who lived in the area.

The display featured a penny used as a dog tag with the name Edwin Henry Morant engraved on it. The tag shows damage believed to be caused by a Boer War era bullet and may have been worn by Breaker Morant at his execution.

Also on display was a signed Australian flag with an inscription that claims the men - Morant, Handcock and Witton - were “Scapegoats of the British Empire.” There was also a first edition book of the same name, written by Lieut, George Witton - whose was sentenced to life in prison, whilst Morant and Handcock were shot.

The guest speaker at the function was Dr Brendan Nelson AO, the Director of the Australian War Memorial in Canberra.

Dr. Nelson gave the group a fascinating address about the role of the Australian War Memorial, the importance of preserving the history of our country and the role that relics and memorials have for future generations.

He spoke at length - without referring to notes - about various battles, events and people who shaped Australia’s history. His speech received a standing ovation from the assembled audience, who included Vietnam Veterans and representatives from various RSL’s around Melbourne.



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At the same function, items

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## Wouldn’t you like to win this?



This month remember to swipe your card to go in the RSL Rewards draw to win this burgundy red 2017 Indian Scout motorcycle.

Simply swipe your membership card at the Kiosk when you enter the Club or when you purchase any food and beverages in the Club.

The prize will be drawn on September 1st.

For terms and conditions see the RSL Rewards website -[www.rsirewards.com.au](http://www.rsirewards.com.au)

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## My Brother Jack Awards

Glen Eira City Council's My Brother Jack Awards 2017 were announced at a ceremony at the Town Hall in late June. Held as part of the 2017 Glen Eira Storytelling Festival, a record number of entries were received in the 11 categories this year,

with 631 submitted. The awards are open to people who live, work or study in Glen Eira and are in their 22nd year. They cover original stories, poetry and photography in Open, Senior and Junior School divisions. The Open Short Story

Award is co-sponsored by Caulfield and Bentleigh RSL's and was won this year by Anthony Carr. Anthony's story—"The Mid-Way Chair" can be viewed along with all the other contributions—at the Glen Eira City Council's website. [http://](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/Places-and-events/Arts-and-Culture/My-Brother-Jack-Awards)

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My Brother Jack is an acclaimed novel by George Johnson. It won the prestigious Miles Franklin Award in 1964 and is the first in a trilogy about the Meredith family. George Johnson lived in Glen Eira and his father fought in France in WWI and his mother was a nurse at the local Caulfield Repatriation Hospital.



Find us on Facebook and Instagram to stay in touch with all the happenings at the Caulfield RSL



## Members discounts at August Flying Saucer Club events

Caulfield RSL Member's discounts for August.

The two nominated shows for August are:

**Sunday 13th August**  
**"Ron Vincent sings Cat Stevens"**

Doors open at 2.30pm — Showtime 3.30pm

Ron Vincent has been performing professionally

for 28 years as a singer/guitarist in many parts of Australia and all over the world. His act is the only one of its kind that is endorsed by Cat Stevens himself!

And

**Saturday 19th August**  
**"The Blackeyed Susans"**

Doors open at 6pm (Seats/

Dining) Showtime 8:40pm.

Formed in Perth in 1989, The Blackeyed Susans have been declared National Treasures by Rolling Stone Magazine, and have toured the world, playing with the likes of Johnny Cash and Leonard Cohen and have released numerous albums.

To obtain your discount, you must book your tickets online and use the discount



code of fsc0817 and show your members card at the door.

The full calendar of Flying Saucer Club events can be found on their website—

[www.flyingsaucerclub.com.au](http://www.flyingsaucerclub.com.au)

## Upcoming events

### Contact Us

If you have a comment or story you would like to submit to **FURFS**, or you have a business and would like to offer discounts or specials to your fellow **CRSL** members, then drop us an email at [furfs@crsl.com.au](mailto:furfs@crsl.com.au) or **Furfs** **Caulfield RSL** **4 St George's Road** **Elsternwick, 3185**



## RSL Active: Come 'n' Try Archery

**RSL Active** is a new program from RSL Victoria offering a range of activities to create and develop social networks, enhance support circles and improve mental and physical health outcomes.

This 90 minute **RSL Active** event offers the chance to try archery in a fun environment with other young veterans. Suitable for all levels – from beginners to experienced, you'll learn all aspects of archery including safety, shooting form and technique.

Free for young veterans to attend, but for booking purposes, registration is required.

**FRIDAY 18 AUGUST, 11am – 2pm**

**ARCHERY, 11am – 12.30pm at**

AIM Indoor Archery Club  
73 Grange Road, Cheltenham

**FOLLOWED BY LUNCH at**

Cheltenham Moorabbin RSL  
289 Centre Dandenong Road, Cheltenham

**Register to attend at:**

<https://rslarchery.eventbrite.com.au>

For enquiries email [rslactive@rslvic.com.au](mailto:rslactive@rslvic.com.au)  
or phone (03) 9655 5574

For more information on RSL Active visit

<http://www.rslvic.com.au/veteran-support/rsl-active/>

Veterans and Veterans Families Counselling Service (VVCS) provides free and confidential counselling and support for war and service-related mental health conditions, such as post traumatic stress disorder, anxiety, depression, sleep disturbance and anger. Support is also available for relationship and family matters that arise due to the unique nature of the military lifestyle. Contact VVCS by calling 1800 011 043 or visit [www.vvcs.gov.au](http://www.vvcs.gov.au)



**CHELtenham**  
**MOORABBIN RSL**



## New Smoking Regulations

A reminder that the new Victorian Government smoking laws came into effect from August 1st.

From August 1, smoking in outdoor areas where food is consumed is banned. The new law applies to restaurants, cafes, pubs and beer gardens, as well as footpath dining where food (other than snacks such as chip packets) is being served.

At Caulfield RSL, smokers can light up in the designated smoking area in the rear car park. Smoking is only permitted in the front 4 Court after 9pm.

If a venue disobeys the new laws, they could face a fine from the Government of up to \$7924. If an individual gets caught, the fine is up to \$793. See more at: <http://www.vic.gov.au/news/tobacco-reforms.html>