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Official Newsletter of the Caulfield R.S.L. Sub-Branch Inc. & Caulfield R.S.S. & A. Club

2020—What a year!

History will remember 2020 as a one-in-one hundred year experience.

This year, we saw the world change as the COVID-19 pandemic took hold in Melbourne. People were forced to stay at home, wear masks and, in the early days, even fought over toilet paper in the supermarket aisles!

The lockdown forced us to find new ways to stay together, while staying apart. Home schooling, working from home and online meetings became the 'new norm'. And whilst that would suit many in our community, our older members—and those without internet access—could have been left behind.

During the lockdown, we reached out to our older members and, where needed, provided food parcels, home maintenance and assistance. Zoom webinars were hosted by the New Zealand Sub Branch to ensure people were aware of services and assistance that was available, for their mental as well as physical health, and for people to stay in contact.

Our ANZAC Day—normally a day where thousands of people attend the Club—saw just 6 socially distanced people commemorate the day. ANZAC Day services were cancelled, but people still got up early to 'Light up the Dawn' in their driveways to ensure the day was still commemorated. The 75th Anniversary of the end of World War 2, similarly saw no public gatherings, whilst by Remembrance Day in November a small service was able to be held at the Club.

During the lockdown, our Members supported the Club by purchasing Club gift cards, Squealers and Growlers of beer and bottles of wine. The caterers—who started in between lockdown periods—trialled home delivery, which was embraced by our members. Unfortunately, they did not renew their tenure with the club and, in early December, we were pleased to welcome Prior's Catering into our Kitchen, who are already getting rave reviews for their excellent food.

Our great Club was formed around the time of the last global pandemic—the 1919 Spanish Flu. As we head into our 102nd year, we invite our members to share the spirit of mateship through which our Club was born—a spirit and sense of community which has rarely been more evident than in 2020.

In 2021 we will see many Club favourite return—Member's night, Raffles, Bingo, Trivia etc—as well as some new initiatives—Sounds of Silent, Morning Melodies etc. We encourage all our Members and their friends to continue to support our Club as we as a community have supported each other this year, and as we will continue to support our Members who need assistance.

We wish all our Members and their friends and families a safe and Happy New Year, and look forward to what 2021 has in store!

The Caulfield RSL
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VALE TO THE FOLLOWING SERVICE MEMBERS

Andrew Sinclair – Passed away 30.10.2019 – aged 90

Dorothy O'Donaghue – Passed away 23.12.19 – aged 96

Bruce Sandwith Wilkinson – Passed away 6.3.2020 – aged 95

Raymond John Monagle – Passed away - 29.03.2020 – aged 84

Harold Little - Passed away 21.5.2020 - aged 96

John McRae – Passed away 1.6.2020 – aged 93

Ronald Elwell Holt – Passed away 8.6.2020 – aged 99

Alan Patrick McGowan - passed away 30.8.2020 - aged 88

Kenneth Francis – passed away 10.9.2020 – aged 82

Thank you for your Service

Lest we Forget

ANZAC AND POPPY APPEALS

In 2020 we took our annual ANZAC and Poppy Appeals online.

As one of the first RSL's to offer online ANZAC Badge sales, we filled orders for badges and shipped throughout Australia. Our online badge sales totalled \$9,490.

With Remembrance Day looming, and Melbourne in lockdown and mandatory facemasks in place, in September, we began offering Poppy-themed face masks for sale through our online store.

Again, we were one of the first to offer this service, and sold more than 270 masks. We were also able to place Poppy boxes in a few businesses and some local schools, and between the two initiatives, we raised \$1,759 for the Poppy Appeal.

We thank all of our Members who supported our Welfare initiatives in this most difficult year.

RETURNING IN 2021

2021 will see the return of many of our regular events at Caulfield RSL.

BIRTHDAY OFFER

From January 1st, we will resume our monthly birthday offer. Swipe your card at the kiosk during your birthday month, and you have the choice of 4 prizes— points, meal voucher, bottle of wine or Keno ticket.

MEMBERS NIGHT & MEMBERS DRAW

Our Thursday night Member's night will recommence on Thursday 21st January along with our weekly Member's draw and raffle.

The Member's draw has been redesigned this year, and will look a little different.

From Thursday 21st January 2021, there will be 2 draws each Thursday night for a guaranteed \$1,000. each time The first \$1,000 draw will take place at 7pm, the second \$1,000 draw at 8pm.

All current financial members will be entered in the draw—there is no need to swipe your card at the kiosk to be entered into the draw—however, you must claim your prize within 4 minutes of the draw to win.

The 8pm draw will take place regardless of whether or not the 7pm draw is claimed. Therefore, each week, we may have 2 winners, 1 winner or, if neither winner is present, no winners.

FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIAL CLUB MEAT & VEGIE BOX AND MEGA DRAWS

The Social Club will begin 2021 with a Mega Raffle on Friday 29th January. Tickets will be on sale from 5pm on the day.

The weekly Friday night meat tray and vegie box raffles will resume from Friday 5th Feb.

BINGO

The weekly Friday afternoon Bingo that provide so popular is back in 2021. Bingo will start on Friday 22nd January from 1pm. Eyes down at 1.30 until around 3pm in our ANZAC Room. Social distancing measures will be in place and hand sanitizer will be available.

PICK A BOX

Friday afternoons will see another chance to win, when Pick A Box returns on Friday 29th January. Grab a ticket from our host and see if you can win a weekly prize.

TRIVIA

Tuesday night trivia will be back at Caulfield RSL from Tuesday 2nd February.

To accommodate the return of Trivia—the Dining Room will close for dinner on Sunday nights and open for dinner on Tuesday nights.

AND,,, MORNING MELODIES MAKES A COMEBACK .. SEE PAGE 8

2020 IN PICTURES - THE YEAR WE DID THINGS DIFFERENTLY!



BUSHFIRE FUNDRAISING DAY JANUARY



OFF TO LOCKDOWN



ONLINE BADGES SALES & ANZAC SERVICE ON YOUTUBE



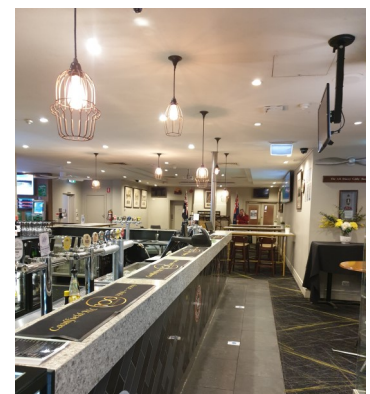
ANZAC DAY 2019



ANZAC DAY 2020



UNEXPECTED REFURBISHMENT!



ROOM AT THE BAR!



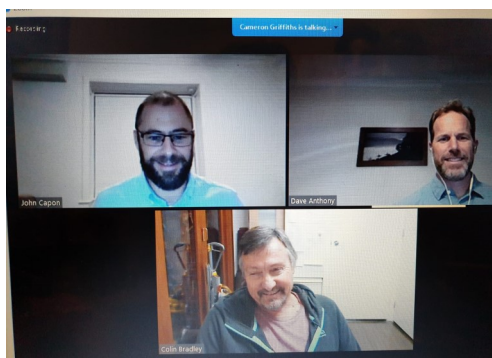
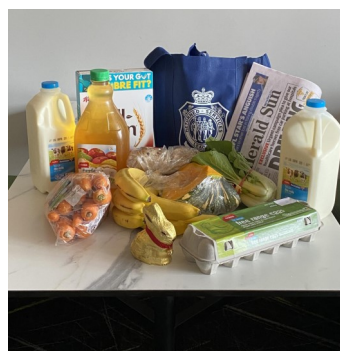
KITCHEN REFURBISHMENT



A NEW LOOK FOR THE DANCE FLOOR & SOCIAL DISTANCED DINING



KEEPING THINGS TIDY!



VETERANS SUPPORT—CARE PARCELS AND ZOOM WEBINARS



POPPY MASKS & GROWLERS



CUP DAY 2019



CUP DAY 2020



DEC 2020—WELCOME BACK !

DID COVID RUIN YOUR MILESTONE BIRTHDAY?

Didn't get the chance to celebrate that milestone birthday or anniversary with friends and family in 2020?

Why not just reschedule it for 2021?

With renown catering specialist Priors Catering now in our kitchen, we can cater a food and beverage package to suit your event.

Contact the Club on 9528 3600—or email admin@crsl.com.au to discuss options.



TWO CLUB STALWARTS TO RETIRE

Caulfield RSL wishes to announce that Rick Wilkin and Frank Usback are both semi retiring.

The pair—who have a combined history at Caulfield RSL of almost 50 years—will be farewelled on Wednesday January 27th from 6pm.

We hope that you can join us to farewell Rick and Frank and thank them for their decades of dedicated service to the members of our Club.

Enjoy your well-earned retirement guys!

Swipe your card in January to win in our Australia Day raffle

From January 1st, swipe your card at the Member's kiosk to go in the running to win prizes in our Australia Day Raffle.

Financial members will receive one entry every day when they swipe in at the Kiosk between January 1st and 1pm on Tuesday January 26th.


Place your ticket in the barrel to be in the running to win. You do not need to be present at the Club on Australia Day to win, however if we are unable to contact you or your prize is unclaimed after 5 days, we will re-raffle prizes.

Similar to our Christmas Party raffle, the Social Club will in future aim to source prizes from local businesses and Victorian regional and rural suppliers and Australian businesses.

Join us on Tuesday 26th January for our annual sausage sizzle lunch.



THE SOUNDS OF SILENT—SATURDAY FEBRUARY 6TH




1920s cinema experience.
Silent movies with live band.


The SOUNDS of SILENT

present Buster Keaton in
'Steamboat Bill Jr.'
dinner & show
Saturday 6th February, 7pm

Caulfield RSL
4 St Georges Rd, Elsternwick



preceded by
Laurel & Hardy in
'Liberty'



Bookings:
www.crsf.com.au
9528 3600

www.soundsofsilent.com

On Saturday 6th Feb from 7pm, Caulfield RSL will be hosting 'The Sounds of Silent' movie night.

Relive the 1920's with a showing of silent movies, with music played by a live orchestra.

The night will start with Laurel and Hardy in "Liberty", followed by Buster Keaton in 'Steamboat Bill Jr'

Tickets: \$75 per head (inc GST) or a table of 10 people for \$600

Price includes a cocktail and canapes on arrival, a superb 2 course meal provided by our catering team - Priors Catering - and movies

Dress: Casual (or embrace your inner Gatsby!)

Let's party like it's 1921!

Book on our website via [this link](#) or call us.

MORNING MELODIES

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 or **Furfs** **Caulfield RSL** **4 St George's Road** **Elsternwick, 3185**



Join legendary entertainer Issi Dye with his Morning Melodies in 2021. To be held in the ANZAC Room, the cost is \$14 per head, which includes tea and coffee and light morning tea.

The schedule of events are:

WED 17/3.....ISSI DYE presents MEMORIES IN GOLD

WED 14/4.....THE VERA LYNN ANZAC SHOW with LESLIE MARTIN

WED 12/5.....MICHAEL BUBLE SHOW with GARRY JOHNS.

WED 16/6.....DUSTY SPRINGFIELD AND CONNIE FRANCIS SHOW with LYNDAL ALDERSON