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

2019 in review

2019 has been an important year for the Caulfield and New Zealand RSL Sub Branches and we thank you all for being part of it.

The Caulfield Sub Branch celebrated our Centenary year, and the New Zealand Sub Branch celebrated their 70th year in Victoria. We should be proud of both Clubs, and what the Members, Staff and Committees of those Clubs have achieved across the years to ensure that both Sub Branches survive and thrive.

The year has also been one of physical change within the Club, with new toilets adjacent to the Dining and Gaming Rooms (FINALLY!) completed and the introduction of the new food initiatives, with the cutting down of the main bar and installation of the display fridge of cakes and sandwiches plus the recent introduction of the Perfect Fryer to supply bar snacks to our Patrons from open until close. We continue to serve coffee from the Wild Timor Coffee Company, who are a Veteran-run business who support communities in East Timor to exist and thrive, whilst employing Veterans.

We have now marked around 12 months since the relocation of the TAB from its former location. Despite some predictions that this would be the downfall of the venue, the reverse is true. Whilst we may have lost some members because of that Strategic Plan decision, we have gained many more – mainly younger people with families – who appreciate the opportunity to access the 4 Court (when Melbourne's appalling weather allows!) without crossing the TAB. (In fact, earlier this year, we received an award from RSL Victoria for new membership growth.) You only need to look at the number of people who were in the Café Lounge area and 4 Court on Melbourne Cup Day to realise that this change was a positive move for the Club.



This is an old building, with some old equipment, but (should Melbourne's summer EVER arrive), we have new air conditioners to help us through the heat this year.

2019 in review (continued)

The Caulfield RSL Committee & Management

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Treasurer**
Danny Allen

Whilst there is a lot of negative press about RSL's – and particularly those with poker machines – you, our Members, need to know that a lot of positive things are going on behind the scenes – often without any fanfare.

We regularly welcome community groups and kindred organisations to our Club for their meetings and lunches. These groups include Ex Service Organisations, Schools, Scouts, Cadet and Community groups. Many of these, and other corporate functions that we hosted in 2018 returned in 2019 and we have function bookings for 2020 as far out as December. Our ANZAC Day this year was the most successful ANZAC Day we have ever had – and was the most successful in the RSL Metropolitan network. Remembrance Day, and the Veterans lunch that followed were both better attended than we had expected, given that it fell on a Monday and was not a public holiday.

We have been chosen to be one of 3 venues in Melbourne to host the 'travelling roadshow' from the Australian War Memorial, to showcase the proposed changes to the Memorial to the public and seek community feedback. This free Community event will be held on December 10th (see page 5 for more information) and we encourage you to attend if you can.

Whilst the focus in the press seems to be on 'young veterans', over 75% of our Service Members are aged over 60. This Club's support for our veterans is not determined by their age – it is because they are a Veteran. Period. Not because they saw overseas service (or didn't), not because they are young (or old). They wore a uniform of either Australia or an allied Nation, and deserve our support, respect and assistance.

We have provided financial, emotional and physical support to a number of Australian and New Zealand veterans from the start of this year to the very moment this article is being written. Our Club is now recommended by others as a place that Veterans seeking welfare should go to seek help. We continue to encourage any Veteran who needs support of any kind to contact the Club.

THEY are the reason that we ask you to volunteer to collect for ANZAC and Poppy Appeals. THEY are the reason that the RSL Network exists. We encourage our members to assist us with future appeals by volunteering and helping to raise funds to help ALL of our Veterans, and not just leave it to a few dedicated volunteers. We find that, whilst we have no problem finding people prepared to attend Club social events, we need to work unnecessarily hard to have people support initiatives that support Veterans welfare, and we ask that you consider supporting future events that support the Welfare initiatives of this Club.

This Club would not function without the Management, Staff and Committee, and all deserve your support and thanks for their efforts across the year. We thank you for being a member and wish you and your families a safe and happy Christmas and a Happy and prosperous New Year.

Veterans Xmas Lunch

We will be holding a Veterans Xmas Lunch and invite all Veterans and their friends to attend.

The lunch will take place on **Sunday December 15th from 12 noon** in our Dining Room

There is no cost for Veterans. Guests of Veterans will pay \$25 per head.

Bookings and pre-payment are essential. Bookings must be made by Friday 13th December.

Both Veterans and non-Veterans can book online via [this link](#), or contact the Club to book.

Members Xmas Party



2019 Poppy Appeal fundraising



Thanks to our members who responded to our request for collectors for the annual Poppy Appeal.

This year, with the help of those collectors, along with shops, schools, businesses and community groups, we have raised \$12,208.10, which is nearly \$3,500 more than last year.

The funds raised in this Appeal will support our Veterans Welfare fund.

**Finish dates for
2019 and restart
dates for 2020**

**Our Thursday
Members draw and
raffles for 2019 will
finish on Thursday
19th December
and resume on
Thursday 23rd
January**

**Tuesday Night
Quizzame will
finish for 2019 on
Tuesday 17th
December and re-
sume on Tuesday
14th January**

**Friday Bingo will
finish for 2019 on
Friday 20th
December and re-
sume on Friday
17th January**

**Pick A Box will
finish for 2019 on
Friday 20th
December and re-
sume on Friday
17th January**

Renew your membership to be in with a chance to win!

2020 RSL Memberships are now due for renewal.

Renew your RSL membership before December 19th to be in the draw with a chance to win a Hyundai Kona Go.

Renew in the Club with cash, card or points, call us or visit [our website](http://ourwebsite) to re-new using your card, or use your points on the rslrewards.com.au website.

If you renew using your points on the RSL Rewards website you will earn 100 bonus reward points.



Café menu and new opening hours for kitchen



Several weeks ago, we introduced a range of sandwiches, cakes, slices, wraps and Turkish Bread rolls to the Club. These items have proven very popular for those wanting a lighter lunch, or a sweet snack to accompany a coffee. They can be seen in the display case at the end of the main bar, near the gaming room, and are available all day and night.

More recently, we have introduced the 'Perfect Fryer' which allows us to serve hot bar snacks from when we open to until we close each day.

These snacks currently consist of: Beer Battered Chips, Potato Cakes, Dim Sims with Beer Battered Chips, Flathead fillets with Beer Battered Chips and Chicken Tenders with Beer Battered Chips. Condiments available include, Tomato, Tartare, Soy, Sweet Chilli and BBQ Sauces and Vinegar.

As a result of these changes, the kitchen hours for meal service are from 11.30am—2.30pm and from 5.30pm —8.30pm (9pm on Friday & Saturday) At other times, the items above can be ordered from the main bar.

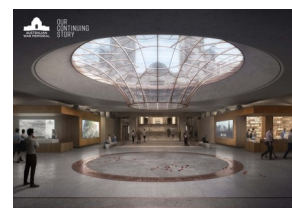
War Memorial Community drop-in session

Caulfield RSL is pleased to be hosting a Community drop-in session for The Australian War Memorial for the public to learn about the future plans and vision of the development project at the War Memorial in Canberra.

The drop-in session will take place on Tuesday 10th December from 4-7pm at the Club.

The War Memorial development will modernise and expand the Memorial's galleries and buildings, so it can tell the story of Australia's recent contribution to a better world through the eyes of those who have served in modern conflicts. By sharing the stories of modern Australian veterans, the Memorial will connect the spirit of our past, present and future for generations to come.

Learn more at: <https://www.awm.gov.au/ourcontinuingstory>



Stained Glass window restoration

We have recently received a government grant to restore the 2 stained glass windows in our Dining Room.

The windows have now been recognised as being of National Importance and have been placed on a State register.

The DVA grant we received is for \$4,000, however the quote to repair the two windows is closer to \$11,000 and so we are seeking support from our members to donate the remaining funds.

For donations of \$1,000 or more the donor will be able to have a small plaque placed adjacent to the windows and perhaps use it to acknowledge or remember a friend or relative that served.

If you can donate please contact the club on 9528-3600 and talk to Cameron or Shauna and read more about their history on our website.

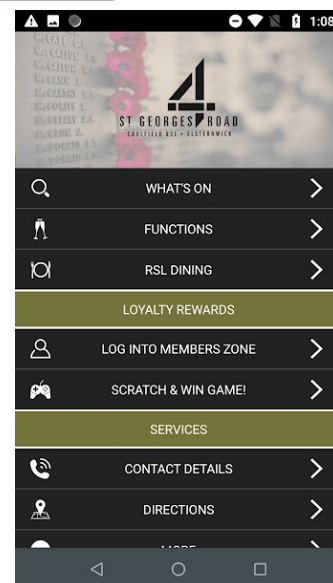
We hope to have the windows completed for ANZAC Day 2020.



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APP from the Google Play Store
or Apple App Store to see what's
coming up at the Club and win
prizes



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business and
would like to
offer discounts or
specials to your
fellow **CRSL**
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Xmas opening hours

The Club will be CLOSED on Christmas Day, Wednesday 25th December

Opening hours on all other days remain the same.

Expressions of interest—2020 Veterans VAFA Football team

We are looking for expressions of interest from current or former Service personnel to field a Veterans team in the 2020 VAFA competition. The team would play in Division 3 in the VAFA competition as part of the Elsternwick Amateur Football Club.

The EAFC will be holding a training session and BBQ on Wednesday 11th December from 6.30pm. Interested ADF personnel can register via this [event link](#) or contact Shauna at admin@crsl.com.au

Female Veterans are welcome to contact the Club to enquire about their women's team who will be making their debut in 2020.

Please share this event with your friends and any relevant Veteran pages or groups.

More information on Elsternwick Football Club can be found at www.eafc.com.au

