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## Message from the Manager

In the (almost) 6 months that I have been at Caulfield RSL, there has been a lot happening—some of the changes you will have already seen, and some are still to come.

We have been fortunate to secure Lee Watson as our Head Chef in recent months. Lee and his team have been working hard to bring new and seasonal dishes to our Members and guests.

I have already added the Font Wine system to our Members, Dining and Function Room bars and this initiative has been well received. We will soon be adding more tap and craft beers and more wines to our wine list, so watch this space.

We have recently redesigned the space in the kitchen to give the staff more bench space and replaced some out of date equipment. A new dry store has been built at the end of the corridor. Future plans include a walk-in freezer and more storage options.

Recently, we have engaged architects to redesign and renovate the outdated toilets adjacent to the Main Bar and Dining Room.

These toilets have had the plumbing repaired a number of times and this 'short term' fix is no longer working, so major works must be done.

We have applied for a grant to assist in funding these works, which will see the removal of the asbestos roof, and the new designs will bring our toilets up to current building standards and include ambulant and child-changing facilities.

Along with the changes to the toilets, we will be looking to make changes to the TAB and pool table areas.

As part of the Strategic Plan that was implemented 3 years ago by the then management and Committee, potential areas of improvement to the Club were identified.

One of these areas was that our 4 Court was not seen as being particularly accessible to young families, as it requires patrons to walk through the TAB area.

The TAB space was identified as somewhere that, with its proximity to the 4 Court and outdoor space, would make an ideal café/lounge area.

We have sought advice from architects and have provisional plans in place to make this Strategic Plan vision a reality.

The first step in this plan is to relocate the TAB to the area that is currently occupied by the pool table. The consequence of this action is that, unfortunately, the pool table will need to be removed from the venue to allow these changes to occur.

We have looked at all possible options to relocate the pool table somewhere else within the venue, however there are no suitable, permanent options available.

The redesigned TAB area will feature new digital media interface, upgraded infrastructure, monitors and new furniture. The new café/lounge area will feature various styles of low tables and lounges, with a view to making this a more comfortable area for all Members and guests.

Music will make a return to Caulfield RSL on Saturday 27th October from 8pm. Charlie and Fi, who entertained us on ANZAC Day, will be returning to Caulfield RSL with a free concert. (see Page 4).

If the re-introduction of music is supported by patrons, we will look to add other acts to our Saturday nights.

This is not a return to the Flying Saucer Club days, but an opportunity to look to bring small groups and combos to the Club post dinner service on a Saturday night.

If you would like to show support for this initiative, book a table on our website.

The Annual Poppy appeal is coming up, and as usual, we are looking for volunteers who have a few hours to sell poppies on our behalf. If you are able to assist, please contact the Club.

CAMERON GRIFFITHS  
General Manager

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**Care parcels for serving veterans**

We were pleased to recently partner with several groups to pack care parcels to be sent to serving veterans.

Volunteers from Young Veterans, Partisans MMC, Wild Timor Coffee and Caulfield RSL packed 80 boxes with treats to be sent to Task Group Taji in Iraq.

Task Group Taji is a combined Australian-New Zealand military training force located at the Taji Military Complex northwest of Baghdad. TG Taji has been deployed to Iraq to support an international effort to train and build the capacity of the regular Iraqi Security Forces.



**Grand Final day**

A great crowd in enjoying all the action for AFL Grand Final Day. Unfortunately, the bad weather curtailed our usual BBQ but, weather permitting, our BBQ'ers will be back on Melbourne Cup Day.



## Centenary Armistice Ball

It is with great pleasure that we are able to announce that Ryman Health Care have come on board as the Major sponsor for our Centenary Armistice Ball.

The Ball, to be held on Saturday November 10th at Glen Eira Town Hall, is being held to raise funds towards supplying new gym equipment for Ward 17 at Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital.

Ward 17 is set up to treat sufferers of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, primarily from the Defence Force and 1st Responders - Police, Ambulance, Fire Brigade and other emergency services.

Caulfield RSL enjoys a close relationship with Ryman Health Care and is happy to announce this sponsorship following the successful exhibition of Jack Chalker's artwork at the Club earlier this year.

We are also delighted that First Class Accounts are supporting our fundraising efforts, by becoming a Silver sponsor of the event.

Attendees on the night will have a great selection of auction prizes, thanks to the generous support of a number of businesses and individuals.

Prizes on offer on the night include:

- A 55inch 4K Ultra High Definition Samsung Television, donated by the social club.
- 6 Medallion Club tickets to any AFL, A-League or Big Bash game at Etihad/Marvel Stadium, compliments of Medallion Club.
- 3 nights at a Wyndham South Pacific Club Resort and \$250 Flight Centre Voucher—compliments of Wyndham Destinations Asia Pacific and Flight Centre Elsternwick.
- A Mercedes Benz drive day, compliments of Mercedes Benz Brighton.
- Accommodation for 2 people at Mantra Lorne, compliments of Mantra.
- An I-watch series 3—donated by Caulfield RSL
- A men's and women's hairdressing package—compliments of Razor Dolls
- A limited edition silver \$1 Armistice coin—compliments of the Royal Australian Mint.

The Ball is 60% sold out, however tickets are still available via the Club's website – [www.crsf.com.au/welfare/centenary-armistice-ball](http://www.crsf.com.au/welfare/centenary-armistice-ball). Tickets are \$150 per head for a 3 course meal and all drinks. Tables of 10 are still available.

Our key note speaker is Afghanistan Veteran Damien Thomlinson, and there will be a video address by Australian War Memorial Director, Dr Brendan Nelson. Entertainment for the night will be provided by Australian music legend and Vietnam Veteran, Normie Rowe.

If you are not able to attend the Ball, there will be more prizes on offer from other supporters as part of our October Mega Raffle on Friday October 26th—where all proceeds will go to Ward 17. Also you can purchase tickets in our Armistice Raffle, with a chance to win 7 nights on Hamilton Island, 2 Medallion Club tickets—compliments of Medallion Club— or a set of HD wireless earbuds, courtesy of Telstra Elsternwick—see more details on page 5.



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**DVA online services**

**DVA is transforming its services to become better connected and more responsive. Veterans and their families can now access DVA services in the same place they connect with Medicare, the ATO and Centrelink—through the myGov website—**

**[www.mygov.au](http://www.mygov.au)**

**Read more about the changes on the DVA website via [this link](#)**

**100 Members for 100 days**

In the 100 days leading up to Remembrance Day, we are featuring 100 WWI members on our website. These members include not only influential, knighted and decorated Victorians, including Lord Mayors, Organisers of the 1956 Melbourne Olympics, sportsmen and noted businessmen—but also local businessmen, thespians, doctors, CRSL Presidents, a lighthouse keeper, and a man who served for 16 days, but spent the 1st and last days on Gallipoli. Read more about these members on our website—[www.crsl.com.au](http://www.crsl.com.au)



**Saturday entertainment for kids and adults**

On the 1st and 3rd Saturday's of the month, we are featuring kids entertainment, and something for the adults later in the month. On October 6, will feature Amazing David, the Magician, and on the 20th, we will have Rosy Red doing Face Painting. Purchase a main meal and children under 12 receive a free kids meal and activity pack. Book your table via our website. On Saturday October 27th,

Charlie and Fi will return to Caulfield RSL following a great gig on ANZAC Day. This duo play a range of covers from the 50's to today. Featuring Charlie on Guitar/Vocals and Fi on Vocals, the pair had the crowd on their feet last April. This free event runs from 8 till midnight in our dining



room. Bookings for dinner will be taken from 6, with last meal orders to be placed at 8:15pm

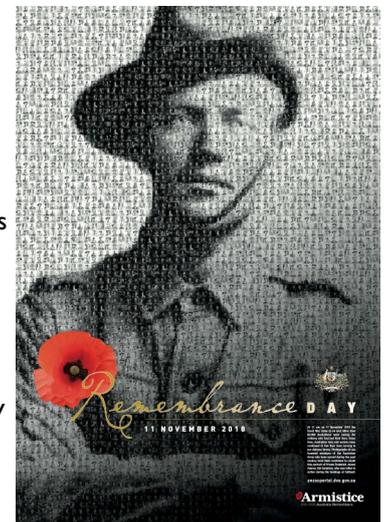
**Vets lunch & remembrance Day**

The 100th anniversary of the end of World War I will be commemorated with our annual service on Remembrance Day.

The Service will take place on Sunday November 11th from 10.30am.

Following the service, light refreshments will be offered in our Dining Room, with a Veterans Lunch to

be held from noon in the Function Room. Invitations to attend the Veterans lunch will be emailed and sent to Veterans in the next week. Lunches for Veterans are free. Non-Veterans may attend by paying \$25 per head. Bookings on our website.



## Poppy Sales

The annual Poppy Appeal begins shortly.

This important appeal allows the RSL to tailor specialist services to the needs of our current and former service men and women, and their families.

Examples include:

- Crisis accommodation for at risk veterans
- Financial assistance for families in need
- Health and wellbeing programs
- Employment support
- Assistance with accessing pension entitlements

If you are able to assist with selling poppies, please contact the Club.



**Farmer for a Parma**

**Thanks to everyone who supported our 'Parma for a Farmer' campaign in August.**

**Thanks to sales of our 'Farmer Parma' and donations we received, we raised \$1,700 for Buy-a-Bale to support our farmers.**



Find us on social media platforms—Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and Trip Advisor. Like and share our posts with your friends



**Armistice Raffle— win 7 nights on Hamilton Island**

Support our fundraising for Ward 17 and purchase tickets in our Armistice raffle.

**1st prize** is 7 nights at the Reef View Hotel at Hamilton Island for 2 adults and 2 kids in a garden view room and \$1,500 Virgin Airfare voucher. Accommodation includes full buffet breakfast daily, return airport/marina transfers, use of paddle skis, windsurfers, catamarans and snorkeling equipment, use of Island shuttle, gym, spa, sauna and tennis court. (Prize can be used over school holidays at an additional cost.)

**2nd prize** are 2 Medallion Club tickets at Etihad (Marvel) Stadium, courtesy of Medallion Club

**3rd prize** is a paid of Wireless Stereo HD Ear Buds, courtesy of Telstra Elsternwick.

Tickets are \$5 each and books of 10 are available for purchase on the bar at the Club.

Prizes will be drawn at the Armistice Ball on Saturday November 10th.

## RSL Rewards



Swipe your card at the kiosk or when making a purchase, throughout October to enter the draw!

Terms & Conditions apply



**At time of printing the member's draw is at \$2,500, having gone off twice in the last month. Remember, when your name and number is called, you have 4 minutes to claim your prize**

**AND**

**If you wish to dine on Members night—book your table via our website—  
[www.crs1.com.au](http://www.crs1.com.au)**

The RSL Rewards promotion for October gives you the chance to win a Indian Scout Bobber.

To enter, members are required to swipe their membership card at the kiosk or when making a purchase throughout the month of October 2018.

Members will also enter the draw when their membership card is inserted into a gaming machine or when logging onto the RSL Rewards website: [rslrewards.com.au](http://rslrewards.com.au)

The bike is valued at \$18,995 and the winner will be drawn on 1st November.

Winners of the 5 Grand Final double passes in September came from Ararat, Rye, Greensborough and Swan Hill sub-branches.

You can find the full Terms and Conditions for the October promotion on our website.

## Virtual Honour boards

We have recently received a grant through DVA to be used to commemorate the Centenary of Armistice.

In partnership with the Brighton Cemeterians, a virtual honour board will

be created, incorporating names of all WWI Servicemen in the Glen Eira area.

The names have been collected from records from the RSL, Town Hall, schools, sporting clubs and

memorials to be displayed together for the first time.

Volunteers will soon be sought to assist with the project, and more details will follow.

## Book your celebration, event or Xmas party now

If you're starting to plan your end of year office celebration or family get together, why not hold it at Caulfield RSL?

We have a wide range of platters available to suit most dietary requirements for a cocktail party function, or a tailored menu for a sit-down lunch or dinner function.

We can style the room and provide AV equipment to suit your event.

Make a function enquiry today via email

[functions@crsl.com.au](mailto:functions@crsl.com.au)



**PLEASE NOTE THAT CAULFIELD RSL WILL NOT BE OPEN ON CHRISTMAS DAY.**

## Governor visits Caulfield RSL

We were honoured to have the Governor of Victoria and her husband, along with the State Executive of RSL Victoria visit the Club on the same night in September.



## Fundraising Trivia night

We are pleased to be playing host to a fundraising trivia night on Saturday 24th November.

Organised by Anonymous X, the Trivia and Social night will raise money for Melbourne's

homeless and less fortunate.

Entry fee is \$20. Participants are asked to bring a wrapped labelled gift for Christmas Outreach.

Doors open at 5pm, and

trivia starts from 6pm.

Tickets for the event can be purchased by going to the Try-booking website— [www.trybooking.com](http://www.trybooking.com)— and searching for Anonymous X.

**ANONYMOUS X**  
Presents  
**Trivia & Social NIGHT**  
Raising Funds For Melbourne's Homeless And Less Fortunate  
24th November 2018 - Doors Open 5pm  
Caulfield RSL, 4 St Georges Rd, Elsternwick, Vic. 3185

1ST \$170 Massage voucher  
2ND \$100 Dinner  
3RD \$50 Happy Valley

\$20 door entry

go to: [trybooking.com](http://trybooking.com) for tickets

**A fun night for all - Come and join us!**  
Bring A Wrapped Labelled Present For Christmas Outreach

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CAULFIELD RSL  
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## A Soldier lived in my house app

Following on from the successful launch of the book *A Soldier Lived in my House*, we are pleased to announce that an app is being developed to accompany this book. The app will showcase

the walking tour that visits sites mentioned in the book.

The app is due to be launched on 11th November, Remembrance Day, and will be available for I-Phone and Android phones.



## Upcoming events

On the 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month, we hold children's entertainment nights from 6pm to 8pm. These free evenings also see kids under 12 eat free when dining with an adult and kids receive an activity pack.

On October 7th, we have David, the Magician, and on the 20th, we will have Rosy Red doing Face Painting.

Along with our regular Thursday night raffles and Member's draw, we also have raffles on Friday nights.

Every Friday, you can win one of 5 prizes of either a meat tray or vegie box.

On the last Friday of every month, we have our Mega Raffle, with 12 prizes on offer. All proceeds from the October raffle will be donated to Ward 17.

And, as mentioned earlier, we are welcoming Charlie and Fi back on Saturday October 27th from 8pm—book your seats in the Dining Room via our website!

### 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*

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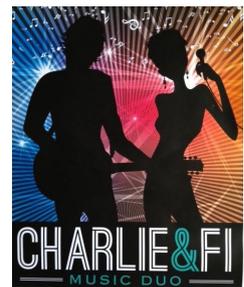
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## Spring into the Spring Racing Season



*Melbourne Cup*

If you can't make it to Flemington this year for Melbourne Cup, why not join us at the RSL. There'll be plenty happening—BBQ, sweeps, great food and drink specials—so grab your friends, book a table and make a day of it!