



Monbulk RSL Newsletter

The Gunn News

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Presidents Report

Welcome to 2016. We had our AGM on the 8th February 2016 and I am pleased to accept the position of President for another term.

Paul Bennett remains as Treasurer and we congratulate and welcome Mathew Bull for standing for Secretary, duly elected.

I would like to thank Phil Rundle for his time as Secretary and his valuable input and hard work for the RSL.

John Surridge is Vice President, Case Broekhof Jr. Vice President, Pete Frazer Membership Manager, Ted Beard, bar and grants, Craig Van Den Berg, Social media and Dave Aitken, newsletter editor and along with wife Jill and Artie Skipper the football tipping competition.

We have major works to be carried out in the kitchen as the old white ants are very active and eating their way through the floor and part of the architrave. As Anzac day

is not too far away, we will have to have a few working bees to replace the floor and any other damage done.

John is still arranging the replacement of the roof, also by Anzac day.

Over the past few weeks we have done a lot of work to the RSL hall.

The floor in the kitchen has been removed due to the termite problem and Kevin Rogers has replaced the old gal pipe from the water meter for the new hot water service.

The ramp for the disabled access is also being concreted ready for Anzac Day.

There is still a lot of work to be done to make the hall ready so all volunteers will be welcomed with open arms.

I will also be arranging and organizing for Anzac day, including the sale of Anzac tokens. If anyone is unable to help with the hall perhaps they could

help with the sale of tokens?

I am looking forward to another great year at the RSL, enjoying the company of all the members and the activities that will happen through the year which will include the families of members.

We are pleased to announce that amongst our guests on ANZAC Day will be James Merlino, Deputy Premier, for our Dawn Service and Cr Len Cox from the Yarra Ranges Council will attend our morning service.

Best regards to all.

Bill Ford.



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Victorian Vietnam Soldiers Remembered

2016 Memberships are due

MONBULK RSL NEEDS YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND CONTINUED SUPPORT.

2016 MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW OVERDUE.

PAY JUST \$30 ANNUALLY

Payment /Enquiries:

Membership Manager

Pete Frazer

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Cheques/money orders to Monbulk RSL
PO Box 105
Monbulk 3793

Or visit the Club Thursday or Friday evening. **New membership cards for all members are now on issue.**

On Sunday 21st February at 12 noon, Col and Wendy Denison attended part of a state wide Commemoration Service at the Bendigo Cemetery.

This was for John Doherty who was killed in action at fire support base Andersen in Vietnam in 1968.

John served with Col in 3 RAR Mortar Platoon and were on the same mortar. This was a very moving service as John's son was only 3 months old when his father was killed.

This is the first time Col had met his son and family and also John's wife, sisters and brothers. Col took along photos of John taken in Vietnam to show the family and they were interested to know what happened the night he was killed.

A very emotional time for all.

Col laid a wreath on behalf of his platoon.

After the service they were guests of the Bendigo Vietnam Vets in their club rooms located behind the Bendigo RSL.

98 fallen Victorian Vietnam Soldiers were remembered on this day at various cemeteries across Victoria at 12 noon.

Submitted by Wendy Dennison.

Vietnam Soldiers Remembered (part 2)

As part of the Viet Nam Remembrance organized by the Vietnam Veterans Australia Ted Beard attended a service on 20 Feb to remember John Lesley Morgan with whom I served at 2 Advanced Ordnance Depot, Vung Tau, South Vietnam.

"John was unfortunately killed by a reversing truck in a Stores Depot. He was a mate of mine and a decent bloke, a Conscript or Nasho."

Also remembered with a VVAA Service at Lilydale was Malcolm Robertson son of former Monbulk RSL President the late Jim Robertson.

Malcolm was unfortunately accidentally killed at 1 Australian Logistics Support Group Vung Tau on Christmas Eve 1970.





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AGM News.

We had our Annual General Meeting on 9 February 2016. We did not get big numbers, but we had a dozen or 14 or so. It was pleasing to have some "new" people along. It was also very pleasing to have a volunteer to join our Committee. We picked up Matthew Bull but lost Phil Rundle so we had an exchange and Matt replaced Phil as Secretary. Unfortunately we did not have sufficient nominations to need a ballot, but all positions were filled.

They are as follows:

President: Bill Ford
Vice Presidents: John Surridge and Case Broekhof.

Secretary: Mathew Bull
Treasurer: Paul Bennett
Membership: Pete Frazer
Ex Service Welfare: Ted Beard
Newsletter and Footy Tipping: Dave Aitken

Craig Van Den Berg took on a communications role and has taken responsibility for our Facebook page which should in future be more informative and more up to date.

Our Bar takings were significantly down on 2015, but we still traded profitably and maintained all our activities. Our

2015 Financial Statements have been completed and shall be forwarded to our Auditor shortly.

We have affiliated with the Monbulk Business Network to promote the RSL in the local community.

Monbulk's Diggers Project- ANZAC Centenary.

Readers will recall (I hope) our ANZAC Centenary project for which we received funding from Department of Veterans Affairs of \$5.000 to prepare a display of Monbulk's World War 1 Diggers through the Office Tony Smith Federal member for Casey.

We are now in process of transferring the Diggers Service Records and some community history into a book. We believe this book will be a quality production which should be of interest to many Monbulk people and to students.

The stories contained in the display (and Book) are the product of thorough research of all publicly available records by Jill A'Vard of Monbulk Historical Society, who has performed the valuable service of putting all the information

together in the one place. We hope the publication will encourage relatives and descendants of the Diggers to come forward with additional information and memories.

ANZAC Day 2016.

ANZAC Day will be observed at Monbulk RSL 25 April 2016 with a Dawn service at 5.45 am and a 10am Memorial Service.

All are welcome to join the RSL in remembering our Service men and women past and present. Dates to Remember for 2016.

25 April: ANZAC Day
1 October: AFL grand Final at the RSL
29 October: RSL Plant Sale
11 November: Remembrance Day.

Ted Beard



Search for Monbulk RSL on Facebook for up to date information



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Lest We Forget

Sadly we lost revered ex-Service Members since our last excursion into print.

Maurie Jennings

25Mar29–7Dec15 aged 86yrs

Ron Jennings

Died 4Dec16 aged 91yrs

Tom Cavey

22Apr18 – 25Feb16 aged 97

Dennis Cattle: We were saddened to learn of the death of Denis Cattle- quite some time ago.

Dennis was a member of Monbulk RSL for a long time before he left with Robin to live in Alexandra.



Dennis was an active member of our Sub-branch, he had served in the British Army, part of the time in Germany after World War 2. He was Treasurer and Auditor of Monbulk RSL during his time with us. He was also known to play table tennis with Pete Frazer.

We extend our sincere sympathy to Dennis's family.

Lest we forget.

Photo L to R: Maurie and Ron Jennings with Tom Cavey at a Monbulk RSL ANZAC Day service. We extend our sincere sympathy to their families. We will remember them.

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