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Uncovering the 100 years Commemorative Park Benches

It is my hope this year to be able to post the newsletter to those who do not have email, or are unable to come to the RSL to collect a copy.

If you are aware of someone in that situation please let me know, with their details. This may take a couple of months, to get lists sorted, but it is not going away, be patient.

This is not an inexpensive exercise as a stamp will be \$1.10. So please if you have email use it.

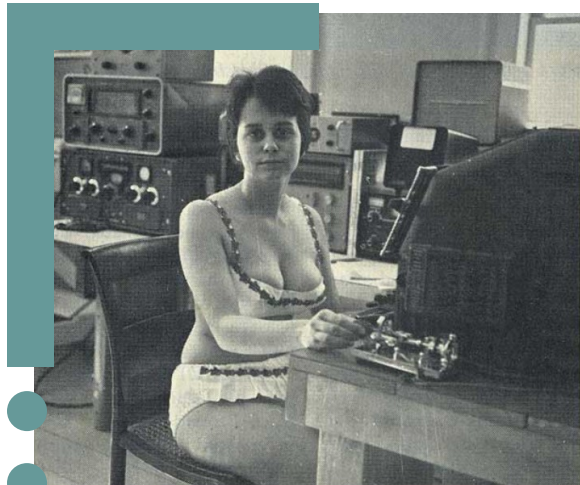
Josh's office has kindly offered to print the extra copies for posting.

Some will be delivered by members who live near members.

But there will still be a number who will require posting.

I thank you in advance for your help.

Deb Editor



The Model 12 was eventually replaced by the Model 15 (19) printer. Here is a photo of an operator using a Model 15 in the 3 ham shack in 1963 ... note key for Morse ID. We've always had nice operators.

Not intended to offend—1963—how times have changed—

I was looking for a funny pic to do with typing—I guess I found it.

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From the Editor

Hello, I made an executive decision, there will not be "a year that was", we haven't done anything other than Anzac Day, Remembrance Day, and the Centenary, and although these were all great days, they were fairly extensively covered in the relevant newsletters.

I hope you like the new format, it is less paper and ink. Better for the planet.

I had a great cruise to the South Pacific, it's always wonderful. Total pampering—I love it.



Bowls Report

North-West Pennant. Friday mornings' competition started again in October. We've just got enough players: about 12 regulars and a few reserves. The NW RSL bowlers voted to remain at Buckley Park again this season and not return to Glenroy. The controversial Buckley Park greens have improved a bit since last season.

After round 7 we were sixth on the ladder, with three wins, and two losses by one shot to top team Keilor East blue and fourth-placed Glenroy.

The **Edinburgh Shield** next year is at the City of Echuca Bowling Club, 4th and 5th of April. There is usually plenty of interest shown in this weekend tournament, and we're making accommodation arrangements already since it soon becomes hard to get the good places. Our first choice is the *NRMA Echuca Holiday Park*.

The new facility at **Sunbury Bowling Club** is very busy with functions, conferences funerals and the like, and is attracting new bowlers. The facility includes new dining, entertainment and other social facilities near the new under-cover synthetic green.

Sunbury Bowling Club has now issued all its pennant bowlers with **new uniforms**, so we are currently collecting old uniforms for our RSL Bowlers to wear of a Friday. The coloured strip swill look a bit smarter than our plain old whites.

Thanks John

Australia 1951

- Jan** The 50th anniversary of Australian Federation is celebrated.
- Feb** Jean Lee becomes the last woman to be hanged in Australia, when she, Robert Clayton and Norman Andrews are executed in Melbourne for the murder of a 73 year old man.
- Mar** The Bank of Australasia merges with the Union Bank of Australia to form the ANZ.
- The Governor-General, William McKell, issues a double dissolution of parliament for the second time in its history, citing the Senate's referral of the Commonwealth Bank Bill as a "failure to pass" the bill.
- April** Conscription begins as the first call-up notice is issued under the National Service Act (1951), requiring Australian 18-year-old males to undergo compulsory military training.
- A Federal Election is held. The Liberal government of Robert Menzies retains power.
- June** The first lessons of the School of the Air are broadcast from the Royal Flying Doctor Service in Adelaide.
- Aug** The Australian Financial Review is first published.
- Sep** The Anzus Treaty, between Australia, New Zealand and the United States, is signed.
- A federal referendum is held, proposing to alter the Australian Constitution to allow the banning of the Communist Party. The referendum was not carried.
- Oct** Francis McEnroe sells the first Chiko Rolls at the Wagga Wagga agricultural show.
- A De Havilland Dove aircraft crashes near Kalgoorlie killing all 7 on board.
- Nov** William McKell is gazette a Knight Grand Cross of the Order of St Michael and St George, becoming the only Governor-General of Australia to be knighted during their term.



The Australian Grand Prix was held at Narrogin and won by

Warwick Pratley driving a George Reed Special



Horse Racing

- *Basha Felika* wins the [Caulfield Cup](#)
- *Bronton* wins the [Cox Plate](#)
- *Delta* wins the [Melbourne Cup](#)



The 1951 VFL Grand Final was an Australian rules football game contested between the Geelong Football Club and Essendon Football Club, held at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on 29 September 1951.

[Wikipedia](#)

Date: 29 September 1951

Location: [Melbourne Cricket Ground, East Melbourne](#)

Stadium: [Melbourne Cricket Ground](#)

Attendance: 84,109



What's Happening



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JAN	21
FEBRUARY	18
MARCH	17
APRIL	21
MAY	19
JUNE	16
JULY	21
AUGUST	18
SEPTEMBER	15
OCTOBER	20
NOVEMBER	17
DECEMBER	15

Meetings for 2020

	RSI	COM	REG 7
JAN			22 Heathcote
FEB	10 AGM	12	
MAR	10 (Tue)		25 Woodend
APR	14 (Tue)	8	
MAY	11		27
JUNE	9 (Tue)		
JULY	13		22 TBC
AUG	10	12	
SEP	14		23 Kerang
OCT	12	14	
NOV	9	11?	25 K'flat
DEC	14	9	





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Our Centennial Commemorations

Preparations to commemorate the Centenary of the founding of our Sunbury Sub-branch began on the 22nd August, following our August monthly RSL meeting where Nola Williams had brought to our attention that our little Sub-branch was turning 100 years young in November this year.

I was seconded to chair a sub-committee to make things happen. Those who were volunteered into this esteemed group were Nola Williams, Deb Williams (no relation!), and Peter Free. Luckily for me they all agreed to being dragooned.

Our first meeting (of what were to become weekly meetings) was on Tuesday arvo at 1630hrs.

We had a brainstorming session that day which identified that the commemoration was primarily for the members, and not the public to congratulate them for their service to the ideals of the RSL.

Central to this was finding some way of acknowledging their membership in this centennial year. Nola and Graeme were going to attend the Bacchus Marsh RSL's centennial commemorations, where they may pick up some ideas for our effort. Nola also thought a commemorative bottle of Port and Glass would be a good idea.

Meanwhile, Peter Free had proposed a coffee-table type of book containing historical photos of past Sub-branch events be given to the membership, while Deb and I proposed some form of token/badge to acknowledge membership this year.

So that's how this all started.

As the weekly meetings progressed our ideas firmed up, attendance numbers and quantities were estimated (a huge lot of guesswork involved here). The designs for both the badges and Port bottles/Glasses were finalised and quotes sought, the items for public display and display layout were nussed out.

Our team really worked well together.

And some 16 meetings later our Commemorations actually happened!

We had a great attendance at our Commemoration Service and the weather was kind to us as well. The service was over in about 30 minutes and the members and public were invited into the Hall to view our display.

The extensive photographic display by the Historical Society was highly admired and commented upon. Nola's special effort to display more than 6 female mannequins wearing uniforms of different military eras and services raised a fair deal of forgotten memories as well, while Max Hawkins' Air Force display went down a treat too.

At about 1200hrs I told the public (nicely) to bugger off as the rest of the day's activities in the Hall were for our RSL members only.

Tables and chairs were quickly organised and our members and partners, and official guests got stuck into the tucker with gusto!!

Although it was only "finger food", Nola's caterer Kristy(?) certainly made sure no-one went home hungry! The food just kept on coming!!

Naturally, later on someone ordered that the Bar be opened and many a good yarn was held over some tongue-loosening amber refreshment.

It was certainly good to see people catching up with long-lost friends because, after all, that's what these get-togethers are all about.

What a ripper of a day was had by all!! We hope that our efforts were appreciated.

Well done Team! It was certainly a day to remember.

Dieter.



Centenary Celebrations



Sunbury RSL sub-branch, thanks the centenary committee for the work they did to help make the day a success.

Student address from Remembrance Day 2019

Good Morning,

My name is Darryl, on behalf of Sunbury Downs College I'm here with the 2020 Later Years captaincy team alongside Halle, Jamil, Kaitlyn and the Year 11 Level Coordinator, Mr Oliver Taylor. I would like to thank you all for being present today to pay tribute to those who fought and those who sacrificed their lives for the freedom of our country and its citizens. We gather not to glorify war or the victory of either of the forces, but to reflect on their actions and what remembrance day truly means to us.

Today on the 11th of November, the anniversary of the Armistice, we remember those who fought in the prospect for peace, solidarity and prosperity of this nation's past, present and future. During World War 1 men and women fought for this nation, too many of which unfortunately lost their lives and for what they achieved we are truly grateful.

We wear a poppy as an enduring symbol of our appreciation, respect and remembrance for the servicemen, women and their families. The poppy grew on the barren battlefields around the fallen soldiers. The poppy personifies hope for a peaceful future by carrying a wealth of history acting as a constant reminder of our gratitude and our choices. It implies that they will never be forgotten as the wearing of a poppy acts as a reminder to us all that they remain in our hearts and their stories will never die.

Paraphrasing the words of Winston Churchill when he spoke about the lessons of war suggesting: "The [war] 100 years ago resonates down the decades [challenging] us to remember the lessons of the past so we may not be condemned to repeating [the mistakes made]. It will always be a defining period in our nation's history, as we seek to better understand where we fought, when we fought and reflect on the values we fought to defend. There are many things we can do to try to prevent violence and cultivate peace in our fragile world. I want us to make a difference today by looking back into the past, considering what actions have been taken before and how we can prevent war."

I believe what Churchill said resonates with us here today. Remembrance: a thing kept or given as a reminder. A reminder of our choices and the effects they had on this country's heritage.

We look back upon the sacrifices of the soldiers, military and nurses in order to create the future most nations dream about. Without their sacrifice we may not have been able to focus on issues facing our society today, such as a refuge for those in need, an inclusive society in which all human beings are equal without exceptions, our ability to help those who are still experiencing wars right now and who will be condemned to face them in the future. Most of all we have modeled a free, just and peaceful society. A society in which we abide by democratic law and processes not by the most powerful or the most corrupt. As Australians we model a democratic society that allows each individual on this soil to speak freely, which many countries fight and dream for today.

To uphold these values is to remember what our ancestors fought for, to unravel and upheave this would be to condemn this nation into repeating the past instead of focusing on the future.

I myself can't say that I know what it is like to live in times of great struggle and turmoil. My generation knows of no strife, a reality in which loved ones, my peers, my friends and my siblings would be taken away from us. We owe our gratitude to our ancestors for this privilege. We thank you for allowing this generation and those that follow to be able to live in a country that isn't under constant attack or threatened by other nations. We thank you. I not only commend the soldiers but the nurses and families who had individuals come back changed or sadly never came back home. Czesław Miłosz once said "the living owe it to those who no longer can speak to tell their story for them." For me personally, I believe this is true. They can no longer share with us their memories of warfare and the treacherous battle for peace and freedom. They can no longer tell us about their constant struggle day in and day out for four

years. I ask you today to contemplate why must we remember this? We cannot truly create a peaceful future without reflecting on the past. Learning from and acknowledging their efforts and actions to which we may use to build a safer and brighter future not only for us but for our children and our country.

We are indebted to you for allowing our nation's disposition to be one of freedom and free speech. We remember the efforts through a minute of silence. A minute in which we take to reflect, pray and contemplate their efforts, their sacrifices. I know that a minute does not come close to what they have done for us and still continue to do, but nothing could ever possibly reflect their great sacrifices.

Take this day to not only remember but acknowledge their efforts as they have provided us with the freedom that we too often take for granted.

Thank you



Sunbury Exhaust & Mechanical Centre

Deb went on a cruise

Hard work cruising——doing nothing but drinking, swimming, drinking, eating, swimming, drinking, eating, sleeping. The best holiday ever. Our cabin before we made it messy, but you know they came in two times every day and made it nice again.



And everyone knows what this is.



A good friend of Daves gave him the feathers, name of Timothy Paterakis- he had been to Afghanistan as a medic. The feathers are the real deal. Daveput them away in a safe place, some years ago, and has only now found them, he has down given them to the RSL. *Thank you Dave Collet*





VIETNAM VETERAN

UPCOMING EVENTS 2020

First BBQ day back is Thursday 17th January 2020.

BBQ's every Thursday for the year 2020.

Australia Day Sunday 26th January 2020 at the Vietnam Veterans House. \$5 entry fee.

AGM Thursday 13th February 2020,
11am @ the House.

Mulwala Trip 23rd-26th March 2020.

Moama Trip 27th -30th March 2020.

ANZAC Day 25th April 2020.

Long Tan Dinner Dance Friday 14th August 2020 at the Melton Country Club.

We will be conducting a service for Vietnam Veterans Remembrance Day on Monday the 17th August 2020 @ 10am @ the Memorial Precinct on High Street.

Vietnam Veterans Remembrance Day Tuesday 18th August 2020. We will be going into the Shrine of Remembrance for this day. A bus will be provided. Contact your secretary if you wish to attend. More details later.

Lunch @ Galli Restaurant Thursday 15th October 2020.

Melbourne Cup Day 3rd November 2020 @ th Vietnam Veterans House. \$5 entry fee.

Remembrance Day Monday 11th November 2020 10:30am @ the Memorial Precinct High Street Melton.

Children's Christmas Party Sunday 29th November 2020.

Christmas Dinner Dance Friday 4th December 2020 @ the Melton Country Club.

Please contact your Secretary or Treasurer to make a booking to attend any of these events.

you gotta laugh!!!



"At least we'll know where to find them...!"



WE WORK SIDE BY SIDE WITH THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED AND CONTINUE TO SERVE OUR NATION, AND THEIR FAMILIES, TO HELP SECURE THEIR FUTURE



I thought what Josh said was really good. And so I ask Jarrod to send me the opening paragraphs.



Today is a monumental milestone—an extremely proud day for Sunbury.

This building has the power to change and shape lives, and I am so very excited for it to open today.

Just a few blocks down from here is the Sunbury RSL and last Saturday I had the privilege of speaking at their 100th anniversary.

For 100 years now, our local RSL has been providing care and support for those who served, defending the values this nation holds dear.

Values like:

Freedom of speech, freedom of expression and freedom of democracy.

When books were burned en masse in the lead up to the WW@ - those values were under siege.

By burning books, knowledge and culture are destroyed. Opportunities are removed and along with them the hope of a better future.

But by building libraries you do the exact opposite. You create knowledge, opportunities and hope for young and old alike.

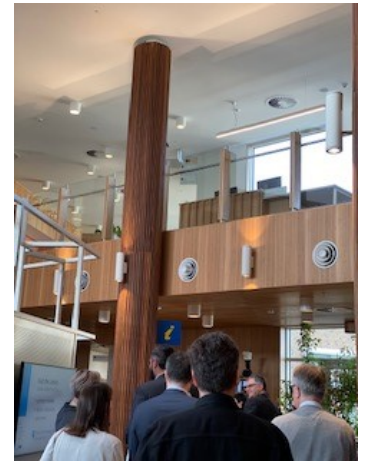
With buildings like the Global Learning Centre—the values our veterans fought for, are reinforced in our community.

Our Global Learning Centre will be an inspiring place to meet, share, learn, create, collaborate and access information in our ever changing digital world—providing lifelong learning opportunities for the thousands of people who walk through the door.

This facility is more than just a library.

This is a place of freedom, of discovery and of creativity.

It is a place of education, imagination and community.



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