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## Werribee RSL



### SEPTEMBER 2026 NEWSLETTER

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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## **From the President – John Thomson**

It's hard to believe we're already this far into 2026 — I'm sure someone has hit the fast-forward button! It also feels like only yesterday that I took on the role of President, and it has certainly been a busy and rewarding year so far.

Earlier this year, we were incredibly proud to see Daryl Ryan recognised with an Order of Australia Medal (OAM). On behalf of everyone at Werribee RSL, congratulations once again to Daryl on this very well-deserved honour.

There has also been plenty happening around the Sub-Branch, including our building receiving a fresh coat of paint and looking better than ever. ANZAC Day was another outstanding success, with one of the biggest turnouts we have ever seen. It was wonderful to see so many members of our community come together to honour and remember those who have served.

Our commitment to supporting veterans and their families continues throughout the year. On the last Friday of every month, we hold our Veterans Social Inclusion Lunch for veterans and their dependants, free of charge. Providing a great opportunity to catch up, enjoy a meal and connect with others.

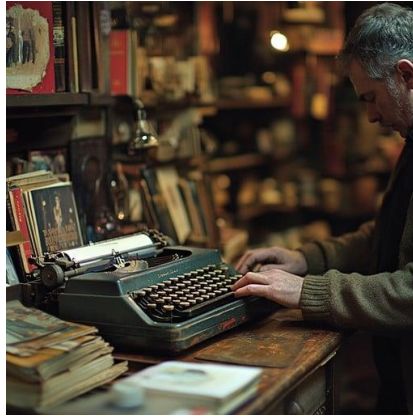
We also have more to look forward to, including our Veterans Social Inclusion Bowls Day in October and our bus trip to Puckapunyal in November, again, free of charge, but bookings are essential!

*\*Please see flyers at the back of the newsletter for more information*

Finally, I would like to sincerely thank our staff, management and committee for their continued hard work and dedication. A great deal goes on behind the scenes, and their efforts help make Werribee RSL the welcoming and supportive community it is.

John Thomson

*President*



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## From the Editor's Desk

Hi folks, and welcome to our September Newsletter.

So much has been happening around the Sub-Branch, and before you know it, another month has slipped by, hence the delay!

Many things have been happening around your club. Some of these are behind the scenes, with important work being carried out to ensure we remain compliant with all government requirements.

There are also plenty of things you will have noticed around the club, including the many activities happening throughout the week, additional offerings on our regular menu, and the new format in our two dining areas, which has been receiving very favourable feedback.

## Monday – Games, Bingo & Trivia

Mondays are our games day, with our Ladies Group Bingo starting at 12:30pm. It continues to be a well-attended afternoon filled with plenty of fun.

We then follow this up with our new **Quizzame Trivia Night**, kicking off at 5:30pm. It's a great couple of hours of fun and laughs, so grab some friends and come along.

Be sure to check out the flyers as you enter the Bistro for more information.

## **Thursday Members Night**

Thursday nights are our traditional Members Night, and we have recently changed the format slightly with the introduction of Spin the Wheel.

This is in addition to our raffles, Hundred Club and 8 o'clock raffle. The wheel is spun every half hour, with plenty of prizes to be won.

When you enter the club and swipe your membership card, you will receive a ticket for the barrel. You will also receive additional tickets when you purchase a meal or drink.

## **Mega Member Fridays**

Mega Member Friday is another great night of fun, and the format has also been slightly changed.

You will receive a ticket when you enter the club, as well as additional tickets when you purchase food or drinks. Simply place your tickets into the barrel.

Every half hour, we will draw a member's number. As usual, if the member is in the club and has their membership card with them, they will win \$1,000.

If the money has not been won by 9pm, we will go to the barrel for a final draw, ensuring someone will walk away with the \$1,000 cash prize.

We also have raffles, with eight great prizes available. Tickets are just \$2 each, and EFTPOS is available.

## **Social Inclusion Luncheon**

Our end-of-month Social Inclusion Luncheon brings together our veterans, their partners and affiliate members for lunch.

Most months, we also have a guest speaker covering a variety of informative and interesting topics.

It is a wonderful opportunity for our veteran community to come together, catch up and enjoy some great company.

## **Improvements Around the Sub-Branch**

You may have noticed that a few months ago we had the Sub-Branch painted, giving it a fresh and updated appearance.

Earlier this month, we also installed four cut-out figures near the entrance, and the positive feedback has been fantastic.



Many of you have also asked what is happening with the arch.

It is our intention to eventually remove it. We had planned for this to happen when Kelly Park Hall was being demolished by Council. However, before we could remove the arch, we were required to apply for a demolition permit.

What appeared to be a simple process became an incredibly frustrating task. The arch is not heritage listed, it was built by the RSL in the 1990s, but by the time the permit was approved, Kelly Park Hall had already been demolished.

We are now responsible for arranging its removal ourselves, at an estimated cost of around \$30,000. At this stage, that is simply not a viable option.

In the interim, we intend to have the arch painted to match the colours of the Sub-Branch. This is expected to happen within the next few months.

## **Storage Relocation**

We have also vacated our storage area in Riverside Avenue and relocated to smaller premises in Hoppers Crossing.

This change will result in savings of approximately \$25,000 per year.

## **Gaming Area Renovations**

We are still planning renovations to our gaming area.

Negotiations have been ongoing since late last year, and while we had hoped the renovations would take place before Christmas, it is now more likely that the project will commence in the early part of 2027.

We look forward to keeping members updated as plans progress.

## **Welfare Support for Veterans**

We are pleased to announce that John Weiss, one of our committee members, has taken on the role of Welfare Advocate for the Werribee RSL Sub-Branch.

John is currently undertaking further training and is well qualified to help guide our veterans in the right direction with any concerns they may have.

It has been quite some time since we have been able to offer this service to veterans throughout Werribee and the surrounding areas, so we are very pleased to have this important support available once again.

John can be contacted on **0424 676 944**, by email at **[advocacy@werribeersl.com.au](mailto:advocacy@werribeersl.com.au)**, or by leaving your contact details with Reception at the Sub-Branch.

## **Remembrance Day Volunteers Needed**

Before I sign off, Remembrance Day is not too far away.

We are always looking for volunteers to assist with selling badges.

Even a commitment of just two hours is an enormous help and greatly appreciated.

If you can spare some time to assist, please contact Reception at the RSL.

Well folks, that's about it from me at this stage.

On behalf of the Committee, Management and Staff, thank you all for your continued support of the Werribee RSL Sub-Branch.

Merv Clifton

*Treasurer*



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# MONDAY BINGO!

— STARTS —

## 12:30PM



≡ GOOD TIMES, GREAT PEOPLE, BIG WINS! ≡

# QuizzaMe! ?

**MONDAY  
NIGHT TRIVIA**



**WERRIBEE RSL**



Dinner from  
**5:30pm**



QuizzaMe  
Registration  
**6:00pm**



Starts  
**6:30pm**



**NO PENS.  
NO PAPER.**

**WIRELESS BUZZERS TO CREATE  
A FAST, FUN AND INTERACTIVE SHOW**

**BOOK NOW!**

# FREE COURTESY BUS



MEMBERS  
ONLY



FRIDAYS  
FROM  
5PM - 11:30PM



SAFE &  
RELIABLE



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**\*SEE STAFF TO BOOK OR  
FOR MORE INFORMATION**



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# STEAK

## Night

**TUESDAY  
NIGHTS**



ONLY

# \$29

★ CHOOSE FROM ★

200 GRAM

**RUMP**

OR

200 GRAM

**PORTERHOUSE**

GET A  
**FREE**



POT OF  
BEER

OR



GLASS OF  
WINE

OR



SOFT  
DRINK

GREAT STEAK. GREAT COMPANY. GREAT NIGHT.  
**SEE YOU TUESDAY!**



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# RSL PARMA NIGHT

EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT

**\$25**  
PER PERSON

**PARMA**  
AND A GLASS OF  
**BEER, WINE**  
OR **SOFT DRINK**



**PARMA TOPPINGS CHANGE WEEKLY!**

GREAT FOOD • GREAT DRINKS • GREAT COMPANY



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## Thursday MEMBERS NIGHT

### SPIN TO WIN!



**EVERY 30 MINS  
FROM 6:30PM  
TO 8:30PM**

★ Spin the wheel for a chance to win an  
**INSTANT CASH PRIZE!** ★ ★



SWIPE AT KIOSK FOR AN ENTRY  
OR MAKE ANY PURCHASE  
IN THE BAR OR BISTRO.  
**1 TICKET PER TRANSACTION**



## RAFFLES!

**\$2 PER TICKET**

*For your chance to win!*

★  
**7:15PM  
RAFFLE**

★  
**8:00PM  
RAFFLE**

★  
**8:30PM  
RAFFLE**

★ ★ *Great prizes, great nights, great company!* ★ ★





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# MEGA MEMBER *Fridays*

**\$1,000**  
**GUARANTEED**  
**TO GO OFF**  
**EVERY WEEK!**

## HOW TO GET YOUR TICKET



SWIPE YOUR CARD  
AT THE KIOSK

OR



FOR ANY FOOD  
OR BEVERAGE  
PURCHASE MADE

**1 TICKET PER TRANSACTION**

Members must be present to win.  
Winners drawn from members  
financial at the time of the draw.

**DRAWS START FROM**

# 6:30PM

**THEN EVERY 30 MINUTES  
UNTIL 8:30PM**

IF NOT WON BY THEN,  
THE 9:00PM DRAW WILL BE A

**★ GUARANTEED  
★ WINNER! ★**

# ★ RAFFLES

# \$2 PER TICKET

## 7:30PM RAFFLE



**3 MEAT TRAYS &  
3 FRUIT AND  
VEGGIE BOXES**



**PLUS a pot card or schooner card!**



*Great prizes, great nights, great company!*



# JAG THE JOKER

**DRAWING EVERY SATURDAY!**



**GROWS \$50  
EVERY WEEK**

**UNTIL WON!**

**SATURDAY  
12PM - 2PM**



**SWIPE YOUR CARD  
AT THE KIOSK  
BETWEEN  
12PM - 2PM  
RECEIVE AN ENTRY!**

**OR**

**ANY PURCHASE  
MADE IN THE  
BAR & BISTRO  
RECEIVES AN ENTRY!**

\* ANY FOOD & BEVERAGE PURCHASE  
\* ONE TICKET PER TRANSACTION

**WILL YOU BE THE ONE TO  
JAG THE JOKER?**

**SEE STAFF FOR DETAILS. | MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN.**



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AVAILABLE  
LUNCH  
&  
DINNER

SUNDAY

*English*

ROAST

ROAST OF THE DAY  
SERVED WITH A  
YORKSHIRE PUDDING  
AND ROASTED  
VEGETABLES

★  
\$21

— Seniors —

★  
\$28

— Main —



*Classic. Comfort. Done Right. ♥*

★ GREAT FOOD. GREAT COMPANY. EVERY SUNDAY. ★



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# VETERANS SOCIAL INCLUSION BOWLS DAY

*at Werribee Bowls Club*

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 18<sup>TH</sup>**



**12pm-5pm**



**Courtesy Bus Available**



**Lunch & Drinks Provided**



**Bookings Essential**





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## VETERANS SOCIAL INCLUSION BUS TRIP

*to*

# PUCKAPUNYAL



**AUSTRALIAN ARMY  
MUSEUM PUCKAPUNYAL**



**LUNCH AT  
ROYAL HOTEL SEYMOUR**



**VIETNAM VETERANS  
COMMEMORATIVE WALK**



**24TH NOVEMBER**



**LEAVE RSL AT 7:30AM**



**SERVICE MEMBERS  
PLUS DEPENDANTS &  
AFFILIATE MEMBERS ONLY**

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**

**BOOKINGS CLOSE 10TH NOVEMBER**



**PHOTO ID REQUIRED FOR MUSEUM**



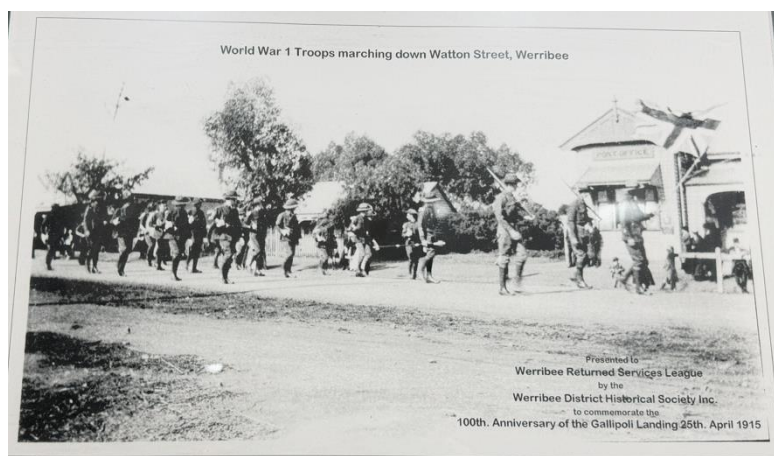


Welcome to this edition of the Newsletters Memorabilia Corner.

Since our last Newsletter I can report that the donations to our memorabilia continues to grow. As mentioned in a previous newsletter whilst we have reached capacity in our display cabinets, we continue to rotate items on a quarterly basis to ensure all donated items are displayed.

Our new display cabinet located in the top section of the Dining Area was formally opened by Joanne Ryan, MP for Lalor and John Lister, MP for Werribee.

We continue to progress our Grant for a Mural to be placed on the rear wall of our Sub-Branch. The purpose of this Mural is to honour and remember those residents of Werribee as they marched down Watton Street as they go off to WW1. The Mural will be based on the actual painting in the WW1 cabinet area in the RSL. (Refer photo).



This mural will be the highlight of our Commemorative service programs on pre-ANAZC Day march, ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day. This will form the entrance way to the RSL as our veterans and families return from the Memorial in Station Place along Watton Street following the services.

The Ladies Group are also assisting us

Richard Conn

*Secretary*

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That's all from us for now at the Werribee RSL.

If you'd like to contribute or have feedback, we'd love to hear from you – written and signed, with your contact details, so we can get back to you.

**Take care, and see you around the Sub-Branch!**



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