

# Mt Evelyn RSL News



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A Sub-Branch of the Returned and Services League of Australia



## 2015 Meeting Dates

Jul 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
Aug 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015  
Sept 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
Oct 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
Nov 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
Dec 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015

*The Mt Evelyn RSL  
Meetings are held on  
the third Friday of  
each month at  
7.30pm at the:*

## Mt Evelyn RSL

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## CIVIC RECEPTION FOR RSLs



On Thursday May 28<sup>th</sup>, our RSL Club, along with all RSL clubs in the district, were invited by the Mayor, Cr Maria McCarthy, to the Athenaeum Theatre, Lilydale for an afternoon of entertainment in thanks for the efforts the RSL Clubs had put into the recent Centenary of Anzac celebrations. Our club was very well represented and we all enjoyed the day; each club received a certificate of thanks, all of which were very well received. All enjoyed a recital of poems and songs by Lilydale Primary School children.

Our heartfelt thanks to Maria for the lovely afternoon and for the ongoing help she gives our club. -*Betty Crittenden*

**Above:** Members at the reception at the Athenaeum Theatre (courtesy Jim Child).

**Below:** Members of the club stand proudly with their award.

(From left): Rev Richard Schoenmaker, Jim Hurley, Betty Crittenden, Steve McGowan, John Allwood, Roger Boness (with award), Deanne Webb, Gary Freeman, Bill Smart, Ron Jones & Rob Webb.



## **Important Dates**

### **Coming Up:**

## **Athenaeum Theatre, Lilydale**

Members of the club  
enjoy our quarterly  
excursions to the ATC.

We will be doing the same  
in 2015 so come along and  
see:

- **Daddy's Dyin...  
Who's Got the Will?**  
Sunday August 23rd  
2.00pm
- **The Mystery of  
Edwin Drood**  
Sunday Nov 5th  
2.00pm

*Tickets only \$10  
for members  
Contact Roger on  
9737 0830*

## **Unveiling of Mt Evelyn WWI Avenue of Honour**

**July 26<sup>th</sup>  
@ 2.00pm**

**Mt Evelyn War  
Memorial  
Gardens  
Cnr Birmingham Rd  
& Wray Cres**

*Followed by  
unveiling of Ralph  
Proctor portrait*

## **Mt Evelyn Street FESTIVAL**

**Saturday  
October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

*Stay tuned for  
more info.*

# **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

On Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2015, John Allwood & myself attended the 100<sup>th</sup> Annual State Conference of the Victorian RSL at the Caulfield Racecourse.

The Premier of Victoria Daniel Andrews MP spoke & advised 1 million was set aside to: recognise Vietnam Veterans during 2016, to improve on the State wide veterans service, introduce travel concessions for veterans & strengthen ties with schools, communities etc.

RSL State President Major General David McLachlan AO reflected on the RSL's achievements last year: paid pension officers in delegated areas, providing homeless veterans with assistance, introduced volunteer protection, the success of RSL appeals, RSL membership was 150,000 members, gaming machine licences were due for renewal in 2022, RSL of the year was Keilor, \$250,000 was provided to the Shrine, and 2016 was the Centenary of the RSL.

The State President then presented Professor Jeffrey Rosenfeld, who launched our 'Stretcher Bearer's Book' with an award in recognition of his military involvement and his 620 publications.

Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Senator Ronaldson, stated that with the new technologies available, today's focus is the early intervention of mental health issues. Indexation on service & disability payments have been retained in the budget. \$12.1 million has been allocated to the Dept with 1% set aside for commemorations & for new generations to understand the service and sacrifice. \$10 million is available for complex claims & rehabilitation funding ie: 20 hours weekly work arrangements in preference to disability payments. He said he was passionate about rehabilitating returning veterans but was not to be seen as replacing disability payments. Teleport services have been provided & there will be no reductions in TPI disabilities. The centenary of ANZAC travelling display will commence in Wodonga and the planning of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the battle of Long Tan in 2016 has begun. The return & recognition of deceased veterans from Malaya will be undertaken. The Minister spoke of the imminent release of the Vietnam Veterans study & the future challenges for the today's veterans.

The outcome of the ballot was status quo for the executive with all positions returned. The discussion on remits tendered saw all rule modifications adopted with a Bronze Medallion member of a Surf Life Saving Club becoming eligible as an affiliate member. Fees for "Life and 50" year membership certificates be amended so that these awards be made free of charge to the Sub-Branch.

**LEST WE FORGET**

- Roger Boness – President Mt Evelyn RSL

## **Membership Subs for 2015 – *DUE NOW!***

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# BETTY'S JOKE PAGE



A thief broke into the local police station and stole all the toilets and urinals, leaving no clues.

A Police spokesperson was quoted as saying,  
*"We have absolutely nothing to go on."*

**My friend just hired an Eastern European cleaner, took her 15 hours to Hoover the house.**

**Turns out she was a Slovak.**

A famous Viking explorer returned home from a voyage and found his name missing from the town register. His wife insisted on complaining to the local civic official, who apologized profusely saying,  
*"I must have taken Leif off my census."*

**Did you hear about the overweight, alcoholic transvestite?**

**All he wanted to do was eat, drink and be Mary.**

There were three Indian squaws. One slept on a deer skin, one slept on an elk skin, and the third slept on a hippopotamus skin. All three became pregnant. The first two each had a baby boy. The one who slept on the hippopotamus skin had twin boys. This just goes to prove that... the squaw of the hippopotamus is equal to the sons of the squaws of the other two hides.

*(Some of you may need help with this one).*

**Since the snow came all the husband has done is look through the window.**

**If it gets any worse, I'll have to let him in.**

A skeptical anthropologist was cataloging South American folk remedies with the assistance of a tribal Brujo who indicated that the leaves of a particular fern were a sure cure for any case of constipation. When the anthropologist expressed his doubts, the Brujo looked him in the eye and said,  
"Let me tell you, with fronds like these, you don't need enemas."

**I've been charged with murder for killing a man with sandpaper.**

**To be honest I only intended to rough him up a bit.**

Seven wheelchair athletes have been banned from the Paralympics after they tested positive for WD40.

**A mummy covered in chocolate and nuts has been discovered in Egypt.**

**Archaeologists believe it may be Pharaoh Roche.**

A woman standing nude in front of a mirror says to her husband:

'I look horrible, I feel fat and ugly -  
Please pay me a compliment.'

He replies, 'Your eyesight is perfect'

**Q: What does a Queen do when she burps?**

**A: She issues a Royal Pardon**

An elderly couple are attending Mass.

About halfway through, the wife leans over and says to her husband,

'I just let out a silent fart; what do you think I should do?' He replies,

'Put a new battery in your hearing aid.'

**Two policemen (Constable Ken and Bob) call the station on the radio.**

**"Hello. Is this the Sarge?"**

**"Yes?"**

**"We have a case here. A woman has shot her husband dead for stepping on the floor she had mopped."**

**"Have you arrested the woman?"**

**"No sir. The floor is still wet."**

Husband gets naked and asks his wife,

'What turns you on more,

my handsome face or my sexy body?'

His wife looks him up and down and replies,

'Your sense of humour!'

**At a wedding reception someone asked, "All the married men please stand next to the person who has made your life worth living." The bartender was nearly crushed to death!**

Researchers for the WA Transport Authority found over 200 dead crows near Geraldton recently, and there was concern that they may have died from Avian Flu.

A Bird Pathologist examined the remains of all the crows, and, to everyone's relief, confirmed the problem was definitely NOT Avian Flu. The cause of death appeared to be vehicular impacts. However, during the detailed analysis it was noted that varying colours of paints appeared on the bird's beaks and claws.

By analysing these paint residues it was determined that 98% of the crows had been killed by impact with trucks, while only 2% were killed by an impact with a car.

WATA then hired an Ornithological Behaviorist to determine if there was a cause for the disproportionate percentages of truck kills versus car kills.

He very quickly concluded the cause:

When crows eat road kill, they always have a look-out crow in a nearby tree to warn of impending danger.

They discovered that while all the lookout crows could shout "Cah", not a single one could shout "Truck."



# GALLIPOLI 2015



A good friend of the Mt Evelyn RSL, Leisa Logan, has just returned from attending the Centenary of Anzac services at Gallipoli.

She has kindly allowed us to publish her diary from her trip (see below).

A great report of an historic occasion – thanks for sharing Leisa.

**Left:** Leisa on the morning of April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the Anzac Cove memorial

Just as a bit of background information, ANZAC day has always been an important day for me. From a child my parents, especially my father, Nev, instilled a great need to remember who had fallen, who were injured and to all that serve in our military services.

Dad had had a successful military career, but in the last 15 years ago, I heard about his grandfather, George McKillop, who I think Dad mirrored his military career on, whether intentionally or not.

Just a little information on George McKillop- George left Australia on 11th February 1915 with the 13th Battalion. On the 12th of April, he was promoted to a Company Sergeant Major.

On 25th April, he was in the 3rd wave of troops that landed on what was to become known as ANZAC Cove, around 6am.

The 13th Battalion were involved in heavy fighting. George was evacuated on 22nd August to a hospital ship and eventually arrived in Perham Downs in England. There he became part of the 68th Battalion.

He didn't arrive home in Australia until late 1917 and was eventually medically discharged in early 1918. His 2nd daughter, Florence McKillop my grand mother and her family must have gone through some horrible times during this 3 year period, as many did. At least they got to see their father and had him for about another 10 years. He died in Sydney in 1926.

I proudly wear my father's medals today, and am so thankful what he has taught me, and to also share my life with Glenn, who also understands and is as respectful to remember who came before us, who laid down their lives to allow us to have the life we have today.

The following is a brief explanation on how the day panned out on 24th/25th April 2015.....

Arrived at Hagia Sofia at 8.30am. Bus 8 we were told!! Our bus has a mixture of Australians and New Zealanders. Was made up of husbands & wives, brothers, fathers and sons & daughters.

Some were no longer living in Australia or New Zealand but met here to be part of this ceremony.

Many, many security checkpoints.

BBQ! for 700 people around 2 hours south of Istanbul. Just 3 BBQs. Gave us a chance to meet up and talk to some people. Met many people - in particular Bruce Graham and his daughter Nicole.

Arrived at ANZAC Cove and grand stands at approximately 8.30pm.

Watching many documentaries, which ranged from Australia, New Zealand and Turkish. Really enjoyed watching the old "Australians at War" shows and the stories about the AE2.

2am - the Master of Ceremonies advised that the final ballot recipients had arrived and we were in lockdown! Big yay went through the crowd.

At around 3.30am we had 3 choirs from Australia, New Zealand and Turkish - absolutely beautiful.

I need to explain at this point, it is pitch black, 10,000 people, the most beautiful sounding choirs - a bit surreal.

Military band was made up on Australian and New Zealand military bands.

Master of Ceremonies brought on an historian from the Australian War Memorial. They went through the battles that happened at Gallipoli, as he was explaining these, they had spotlights highlighting the hills behind us showing us the height they were trying get to. This was a mad man's battle especially when you see how high the hills are behind us - The Neck and the Sphinx.

At 4am the "Reflection Piece" started.

It started with a didgeridoo then there was a Maori tradition of "calling of the dead" called Karanga. It needs to be completed by the oldest female member of the tribe. It is a call to the ancestors to protect the living. WOW is all I can say - it put an eeriness feeling around the place, but a peaceful one.

They then put on the screen some of the names and photos of the ANZACs that died on this day 100 years ago.

## DAWN SERVICE

It started really slowly. All the lights slowly dimmed. The spotlights were then turned towards the water and all you could hear was the lapping of the waves.

As dawn started all you could hear was this, with the birds chirping.

Amazing sight and feeling.

Then there was the Last Post - minute silence and Reveille.

Speeches were wonderful. No cringe moments. All lovely. Especially loved the speech from Prince Charles - a letter from a soldier to his wife - unfortunately he never came home.

The 3 national anthems were sung. Love the Turkish one - very powerful - along with their marching! A lot of effort required for both.....

## LONE PINE

About 7.30pm started to head towards Lone Pine.

Quite a long steep walk. A bit of grumbling in the crowd with security checks - but it eased up.

We walked along the 2nd Ridge - Artillery Road. Really high up - amazing views.

At this point the Kiwi's turn off to Chanuk Bair. This is another ridge higher - Far Out! so high.... From what we found out their battle was pretty fierce. Body on Body.

Loved the rivalry between the Aussies and Kiwi's - still strong - but believe an amazing link - which I believe will be even stronger

Arrived at Lone Pine at 11am. Massive security build up. Soldiers everywhere. Weapons range is exhaustive.

Weather has now started to close in. Starting to get cold now. Wind up at Lone Pine is freezing - no protection. It must have been horrific for the soldiers in 1915. The mud, the bodies, the rain - cannot imagine

The service begins.... so proud. The Masters of Ceremonies asks for all current and previous serving military to stand. Glenn stands and they all receive a standing ovation. So nicely done. Will never forget this day.

Wonderful ceremony. Prince Harry's speech is lovely - I know why they love him - he is very endearing - even from a distance. Prince Charles and Harry, after the service take the time to talk to many veterans. I know it is their job, but to see the eyes of the old veterans, it is beautiful.

Still cannot believe that I have been a part of this amazing event. I am sure that Dad and George McKillop are watching over me. I hope if they are, they see me leave George's photo at the 13th Battalion memorial, my best friend's (Ann) grandfather's photo alongside him. They may not have met in life, (you never know though??) but they are linked now at Gallipoli.

I also leave at ANZAC Cove a small pebble, from my cousin, Kris. This pebble is from Concord Repatriation hospital - this hospital was a veterans hospital.

We finally get on our bus at 4.30pm to go back to Istanbul. We are one of the lucky ones - probably there is another 380 buses to go. I hope they got the veterans off first, as it was freezing!

We arrive back in Istanbul at 11.30pm, so have been awake for at least 38 hours. Mind you I think we slept an hour or two on the bus home.

Looking back now - I have to single out the Turkish people. They are so welcoming - they also suffered horrific losses. 70000 brothers/sons.

So to all the Australian, New Zealanders and Turkish men that fought and died 100 years ago

*"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;*

*Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.*

*At the going down of the sun and in the morning*

*We will remember them."*



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# MAYORAL THANKSGIVING BREAKFAST



**Left:**  
Paula  
Herlihy

**Right:**  
Lt Col  
Hal  
Oxley &  
Anthony  
McAleer

**Photos:**  
Jim Child



On Saturday May 30<sup>th</sup>, the Mt Evelyn RSL took a table at the Mayoral 'National Day of Thanksgiving' breakfast where members were pleased to see one of our own, Paula Herlihy, receive an award for all the good work she does in our community. We were also pleased to see Alex Ingram receive an award on behalf of his family's wartime contribution. Members were also impressed with the interview Anthony McAleer undertook with 98 year old Lieutenant Colonel Hal Oxley OBE, a veteran of World War Two, who talked about escaping from Greece, the siege of Tobruk and working on Gen Douglas MacArthur's staff.

## OPENING OF 'AUSTRALIA WILL BE THERE'



On Wednesday June 3<sup>rd</sup>, Roger Boness and Anthony McAleer were pleased to attend the launch of the Yarra Ranges Regional Museum's new exhibition 'Australia Will Be There – Victorians in the Great War'. It is a travelling exhibition from the Shrine of Remembrance and was launched by the director of the Shrine Dennis Baguley. It also contains a display on Ralph Goode with many original objects from the family. Afterwards we stayed for a talk on Albert Jacka VC by Dr Michael Lawriwsky. The exhibition runs until August 23<sup>rd</sup> – free admission.

**Photos** – courtesy Yarra Ranges Regional Museum



# VICTORIAN RSL AWARDS



Recently the Mt Evelyn RSL applied for some Victorian RSL Awards for worthy members of the Mt Evelyn community.

Left: President Roger Boness with awardees Rene Belyus (for volunteering to organise the sound system for our services) and Natalie, Gary & Kathie Freeman from the Mt Evelyn Post Office (for all the support they give to the RSL & the community – especially selling our books). Not available on the day were Karin Meyer (bugler) and Iain Townsley (Piper).

**Photo:** Mt Evelyn Mail.

## A TRIBUTE TO THE ANZACS

*by Kaitlyn Crymble, age 12  
Mount Lilydale Mercy College – Year 7  
Daughter of member Matt Crymble*

Guns went kaboom, kaboom!  
As the men marched on, towards their doom.  
Marching left, marching right.  
They got on shore and began to fight.  
The bullets flew down like deadly rain,  
Many faces left contorted with pain.  
Hearts beat fast as they reached the hills base,  
They began the treacherous climb, lacking in grace.  
As they looked down, they saw the red stained sand,  
And thought of the men who'd never reach their home land.  
Many other thoughts went through their heads in that awful bay,  
But there was only one that stuck to this very day  
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,  
We will remember them.



Recently member Jenny McAleer (pictured above with her Aunts Nancy & Helen and daughter Georgia) held a grave site service to commemorate the centenary of her grandfather leaving Australia to serve in WWI. Her grandfather, Charles Dickson, served in the Light Horse. They also placed a memorial poppy tile on his grave.

## DONATION OF POPPY ART WORK

Volunteers at the Mt Evelyn Community House, under the direction of Nicky Condello, worked hard in the lead up to Anzac Day to create a beautiful wall of handmade poppies (right).

They then donated this to the Mt Evelyn RSL and we are currently looking to either have it framed or put into a shadow box and then placed on the stage next to the Honour Board.





# Mt Evelyn Avenue of Honour Project



Mt Evelyn  
Primary  
School  
children at  
Avenue of  
Honour,  
ANZAC  
Day 1924.  
Photo:  
Miss  
Foster,  
teacher.

**Plaques commemorating the men from Mt Evelyn who served in World War One will be unveiled on:**

**Sunday 26 July 2015, 2 pm  
Mt Evelyn RSL Memorial Gardens  
Cnr Wray Cres & Birmingham Rd, Mt Evelyn**

**Dr Bart Ziino, World War One historian who grew up in Mt Evelyn, will unveil the main plaque and special guests will unveil the 18 individual plaques.**

**Afternoon tea to follow at RSL Hall, (Hardy House)  
49 Birmingham Road, Mt Evelyn.**

**A portrait of Ralph Proctor will be unveiled at Hardy House.**

## **ALL WELCOME**



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*Displaying many items  
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**EXHIBITION LAUNCH  
SATURDAY APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup>,  
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2.00PM**

The Exhibition will run  
from April 25<sup>th</sup> 2015  
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## **GREAT COURAGE AND INITIATIVE**

*The Heroic Life of  
George Ingram VC, MM*



This is the biography of Captain George Ingram VC, MM, the Yarra Valley's only recipient of the Victoria Cross, the Commonwealth's highest award for valor on the battlefield.

From a country boyhood growing up in Seville, to serving with the artillery in Victoria and Rabaul and on to the horror and heroism of the Western Front with the 24<sup>th</sup> Battalion AIF where he was awarded both the Military Medal and the Victoria Cross.

After the war he spent time as a soldier settler before serving with the Shrine Guard and the Royal Australian Engineers in WW2.

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## **SOME IMPORTANT CENTENARY OF ANZAC DATES COMING UP...**

- **April 25<sup>th</sup> 2015 to June 2016** – Mont de Lancey Homestead & Museum – 71 Wellington Rd, Wandin  
'George Ingram VC, MM Exhibition – items on loan from Ingram family never seen in public before.  
Also includes an exhibition on local WWI veterans.
- **May 30<sup>th</sup> to August 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Yarra Ranges Regional Museum, 35 Castella St, Lilydale – Free Exhibition –  
'Australia Will Be There – Victorians in the First World War' (includes Ralph Goode display)
- **Tuesday July 14<sup>th</sup> – 10.30am-12pm** – Yarra Ranges Regional Museum – 33 Castella St, Lilydale – Talk -  
Perspectives on War – Prof Robin Gerster & Deb Tout-Smith – *tickets available from Museum*
- **Sunday July 26<sup>th</sup> – 2.00pm** – Mt Evelyn War Memorial Gardens - Cnr Wray Cres & Birmingham Rd  
Unveiling of the Mt Evelyn Avenue of Honour. The Mt Evelyn History Group have recreated the avenue by having 18 plaques, detailing the biographies of each of the Mt Evelyn men who were commemorated at the original Avenue of Honour, placed around the gardens.
- **Friday September 18<sup>th</sup> – 11.00am** – Lilydale War Memorial, Main St, Lilydale  
Memorial service to mark the centenary of the death in action on Gallipoli of James Drummond Burns
- **Friday November 6<sup>th</sup> – 11.00m** – Lilydale War Memorial – Main St, Lilydale  
Memorial service to mark the centenary of the death of Gallipoli veteran James Fraser.

**Also some interesting World War One exhibitions worth seeing.....**

- **Now – August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015** – Melbourne Museum, Carlton Gardens, Melbourne  
**WWI Exhibition** – 350 items from the Imperial War Museum – tickets online
- **Now – 2018** – Melbourne Museum, Carlton Gardens, Melbourne  
**Love and Sorrow** – looks at WW1 through the eyes of a number of individuals
- **Now – September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015** – Arts Centre, St Kilda Rd, Melbourne. Cost of Museum ticket.  
**Theatres of War** – looks at performances with military themes and concert parties. Free.

# A STRETCHER BEARER'S WAR

*The Story of Ralph Goode MBE*



In 1914 Ralph Goode became the first of many men from Lilydale to enlist in World War One when he joined the 2<sup>nd</sup> Field Ambulance as a stretcher-bearer. Before he left for service overseas his fiancée gave him two small diaries in which to write down his experiences.

Over the next four years he painstakingly recorded what he went through in Egypt, on Gallipoli and throughout the Western Front. What he created on the pages of those little diaries is an extraordinary day to day account of the horrors and heroism of serving as a stretcher bearer in what they called 'The Great War'.

But his life back home in those decades after the war was to be just as heroic. What he did to cope with the trauma of his war experience would benefit his community greatly and leave a lasting legacy for generations to come.

With a foreword by Dr Michael Cathcart.

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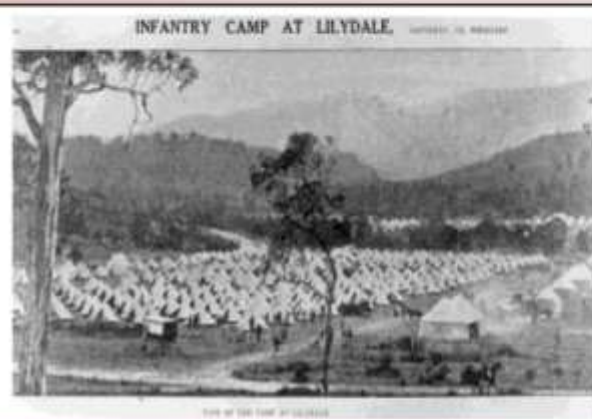


# MONASH'S MILITIA CAMP

LILYDALE – FEBRUARY 1914

100 years ago John Monash and 3000 citizen soldiers descended on Lilydale and camped for week where the Lillydale Lake is today.

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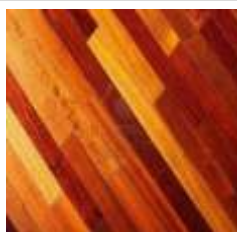
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Contact Lilly on **0425 769 443**



## **Mt Evelyn History Group**

The Mt Evelyn RSL has a community  
partnership with MEHG which means  
RSL members can attend guest speaker  
talks for free.

**Event Days** (guest speakers, tours etc):

Third Saturdays on odd months

1.30pm

'Hardy House' –

Mt Evelyn RSL Hall

The Mt Evelyn History Group  
**Annual membership - \$10**

**General Meetings:**

every third Monday of even months  
7.30pm

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## LILYDALE WEIGHT CLUB

We meet at the Mt Evelyn  
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*Everyone welcome!*



## FITNESS CLASSES

At the RSL Hall  
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## St John Ambulance

St John always needs enthusiastic, willing and capable people - *just like you* - to assist us in helping our community save lives through First Aid.

The Mt Evelyn Branch meets every  
Tuesday night in the RSL Hall.

Call – Diane Dickson on 9736 2490



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## RALPH PROCTOR DISPLAY

Make sure you check out the Ralph Proctor RAAF display at the 'Mont de Lancey Museum' at Wandin. Ralph was a long time member at the Mt Evelyn RSL & served with the RAAF in Europe during World War Two. He donated his wartime memorabilia to the museum and it is a fascinating collection. Includes items to do with his experiences at D-Day & Arnhem.



Mont de Lancey Museum & Homestead

71 Wellington Rd, Wandin

Open: Wed-Sun 10.30-4.30pm

## STEVE'S WHEELCHAIR & SCOOTER REPAIRS & SERVICE



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is the RSL's representative on the  
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– any ideas or issues for the Chamber  
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# Mt Evelyn Community Market

4th Saturday of each month (Feb - Nov)

9am - 1pm

RSL/Hardy House, 49 Birmingham Rd

Everyone is welcome to join us at the monthly  
*Mt Evelyn Community Market.*

Featuring various stall holders and local businesses.

Fresh produce and an RSL sausage sizzle and devonshire tea.

[www.facebook.com/mtevelyncommunitymarket](http://www.facebook.com/mtevelyncommunitymarket)





# BILL HARRISON'S STORY—pt 11

This is the story of one of our past members, Bill Harrison. Bill served with the 1<sup>st</sup> Independent Company during World War Two and was a member of the Mt Evelyn RSL for a short time in the 1990's. In 1999 Anthony McAleer sat down with him and interviewed him about his memories of the war. What follows is Bill's story.....

*Last issue: The war ended*

**Even though the war had ended was it still dangerous on Borneo?**

We were in a forward position and the Nips were only fifty yards in front of us, so we still had to be very, very careful. We had a few blokes wounded a few days after the armistice, because the Nips hadn't been told. They were away from their parent body and temporarily out of contact with their headquarters and didn't know about it. Three of our guys came across one of these, they were reluctant to shoot but the Nips weren't and shot them. Eventually planes went and dropped leaflets over them.

**How long were you on Borneo for?**

All up we were on Borneo for about three months or so. About Christmas time we went to a surrender ceremony where the Japanese handed over their weapons. We marvelled when we saw these Nips, how something so insignificant could cause so much trouble. Many people would say after the war how close it came to the Nips winning the war but none of us even remotely considered the possibility of them winning the war, you really couldn't take the Nips seriously.

**After the war did you have any effects from your service?**

Malaria, low fever, continued for about another six or seven years for me. It killed my brother Norman who served in the tropics as well. He had low fever and when you get malaria your spleen becomes very much enlarged. His spleen ruptured and had to be removed and he died about three years later in 1957.

**What are your feelings about the Japanese today?**

I still feel the same about the Japanese, they're just animals, I can't regard them as being humans. I've got nothing but contempt for them. Their treachery and the claims they make to being civilised are quite laughable.

Bill Harrison passed away in December 2012.

**Right: Bill Harrison in 1999**

*Next issue:*

*We will start a new series –*

*in commemoration of the centenary of World War One - we will chronicle biographies of those World War One men that are listed as killed in action on our local memorials.*

*This will be part of the programme to honour the centenary of their passing.*

*Next issue we will look at Leonard Lawlor of Coldstream, killed at the landing at Gallipoli on that first Anzac Day.*

## MT EVELYN FURPHYS

- Best wishes to **Jenny McAleer** who recently had a stay in hospital.
- Welcome to new member **Graeme Davis**.
- Our apologies to the **Heart & Soul Café** in Mt Evelyn for leaving them off our thank you list in our last edition. They did a great job raising funds for the RSL over April. Many thanks for all your help.
- **Betty Crittenden** is after the Blue Anzac Tin with the RSL logo on it from a few years ago to complete her set. If you have one you no longer need contact her on: **9728 3065**
- The 22<sup>nd</sup> Engineer Regiment recently borrowed our display trolley and Gallipoli items for their 'Waterloo Dinner'. This year marks 200 years since the Battle of Waterloo and 100 years since the Engineers built Watson's Pier at Anzac Cove.
  - Should you require any assistance or advice - Deanne Webb (the Sub-branch's Welfare Officer).  
Ph: **0402 783 849**  
Or the Rev Richard Schoenmaker  
Ph: **9736 1087**



*If undeliverable return to:*

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## **The Digger's Café**

The social club operates the club rooms  
every

***Thursday afternoon  
from 1.00pm to 4.30pm.***

If you're looking for something to do of a  
Thursday afternoon in Mt Evelyn  
why not call in for a chat or  
a game of pool or indoor bowls.

## **Club Opening Hours**

***Every Friday Night  
7.00pm – 10.30pm***

Celebrate the end of the week with a visit to  
the clubrooms.

We always have a well stocked fridge and  
there is always someone on hand to make a  
brew if you so desire.

Friday night football/cricket will be playing  
on our big screen TV and don't forget we  
also have a pool table.

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*Send me an email me if you want to receive the  
newsletter faster via email – it also saves the club  
on postage costs!*

## **RSL Hall Hire**

As you would have seen from recent publicity, the  
membership of the Mt Evelyn RSL have voted to no  
longer hire out our hall to one-off users for functions,  
mainly because of the issues we've had with them  
have made them more trouble than it's worth.

However we will still hire the hall out to members  
for functions and at a discounted rate.

**Contact the Secretary at:**  
[mtevrsl@gmail.com](mailto:mtevrsl@gmail.com)

## **Mt Evelyn RSL Committee**

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