

Mt Evelyn RSL News

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GOODBYE and THANK YOU!

THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY CALL IT A DAY

2012 Meeting Dates

April 15th
May 13th
June 10th
July 8th
Aug 12th
Sept 9th
Oct 14th
Nov 11th
Dec 9th

*The Mt Evelyn RSL
Meetings are held on
the second Sunday
of each month at
2.00pm at the:*

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At the February 21st meeting of the Mt Evelyn RSL Women's Auxiliary, those present decided that the time had come to disband the group. Sadly a number of their membership had passed away in recent times and others were now not well enough to continue their involvement. In the end there were only five members left and as a result the ladies thought it was best to call it a day. The good news is however they have all decided to remain a part of the club and will stay on as members.

A 'Mt Evelyn RSL Ladies Auxiliary' was formed at the same time as the club in 1969 but it wasn't until 1990 that a 'Women's Auxiliary' was officially started. Betty Crittenden, a foundation member, has been president of the auxiliary since then and was awarded a 'Life Membership' in 2009 for all her efforts. Over the years the group has been extremely active in raising funds, organising social occasions and supporting community events. The work they undertook in support to the building committee enabled the RSL to get its current clubrooms. Today very few RSL clubs still have 'Women's Auxiliaries'. In finishing up they presented the RSL with \$1000.

Thank you ladies – for all your hard work over many years!

Below: Dot Ervine, Roger Boness (RSL President), Betty Crittenden (President of the Women's Auxiliary and foundation member), Heather McTaggart (Secretary), Claire Dunstan, Wendy McGowan (Treasurer) in front of the Auxiliary board.



Important Dates Coming Up:

ANZAC DAY SERVICES 2012



SUNDAY
APRIL 22nd
2.00pm

- Service at War Memorial Park, Wray Cres.
- Unveiling of Mt Evelyn War Memorial plaque
- Re-dedication of Avenue of Honour Memorial
- March to RSL clubrooms
- Service inside of hall – guest speaker Major Tony Geyer

WEDNESDAY
APRIL 25th
6.00am

- Dawn Service out the front of the clubrooms
- Unveiling of Memorial Garden plaques
- Special gun fire breakfast in the RSL Hall

TWO UP
YORK ON
LILYDALE
1.00pm

- On going games of two-up, raffles and BBQ

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Anzac Day is imminent as communities notice the returned service men and women along with RSL volunteers selling Anzac tokens in respect of our fallen. The proceeds received in the sale of these tokens provide welfare and services to our local service men and women. Please take a moment and purchase a token in support of this ongoing critical care.

The Anzac traditions were born with the landing on the Gallipoli Peninsula on the 25th April 1915 when the allied forces confronted a formidable, entrenched, well armed adversary. This tenacious, determined and courageous assault surprised the enemy with these Anzacs earning respect on the world stage. This respect was further ingrained with Australian forces involvement on the Western Front, the Middle East, on the sea and in the air. These traditions continue to apply for all Australians in daily life, be it in conflict, at work or in the sporting arenas.

The Mt Evelyn community RSL cordially invites local residents, traders, schools, organisations, friends and visitors to our Anzac Day services (see details opposite). This year our Sunday service and march will be extra special for the community as we will for the first time be unveiling a plaque that will detail all of those from the Mt Evelyn community who have died while on active service, in fact it will be family members of those listed who will be doing the official unveiling. We will also be re-dedicating the Mt Evelyn 'Avenue of Honour' memorial from its neglected spot in Wray Cres to our rejuvenated war memorial gardens, re-dedicating this will be Len Polkinghorne OAM, one of the last surviving World War Two veterans from Mt Evelyn. The march this year will also have six WWII military vehicles for those veterans who can no longer make the walk to ride in. Afterwards in the hall our guest speaker will be Major Tony Geyer, one of our members who has recently returned from service in Afghanistan.

LEST WE FORGET - Roger Boness

APPEALS REPORT

We are in urgent need of volunteer helpers to assist with the ANZAC Appeal from Tuesday 10th April to Sunday 22nd April. Can you give us just an hour of your time? Few will question the merit and value of the RSL's Welfare work and many of you will acknowledge that the need for this work is increasing. Our community is generous in their support of worthy causes, but our fund raising capacity is severely hampered by the lack of volunteers to staff the table. If you are able to assist in this important work, please contact me on:

9736 3638 - to confirm roster times

Regards,

Dot Irvine – Mt Evelyn RSL Appeals Officer

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RSL's JOKE PAGE

- Woke up last night to find the ghost of Gloria Gaynor standing at the foot of my bed.....

At first I was afraid, Then I was petrified.

- The wife has been missing a week now. Police said to prepare for the worst.....

So I've been to the charity shop to get all her clothes back.

- A mate of mine admitted to being addicted to brake fluid.....

When I quizzed him on it he reckoned he could stop any time.

- My daughter asked me for a pet spider for her birthday, so I went to our local pet shop and they were \$70.....

"Bugger this," I thought, "I can get one cheaper off the web."

- Statistically, 6 out of 7 dwarves are not happy.

- I was driving to work this morning when I saw an RACV van parked on the side of the road. The driver was sobbing uncontrollably and looked very miserable.....

I thought to myself, "That guy's heading for a breakdown."

- I was explaining to my wife the other night that when you die you get reincarnated, but must come back as a different creature.

She said "I would like to come back as a cow".

I said "you're obviously not listening...!"

A local bagpiper was in the club the other day and told us this story....

I play many gigs and recently I was asked by a funeral director to play at a graveside service for a homeless man. He had no family or friends, so the service was to be at the back of the cemetery at Kangaroo Ground.

As I was not familiar with the area, I got lost and, being a typical man, I didn't stop for directions. I finally arrived an hour late and saw the funeral guy had evidently gone and the hearse was nowhere in sight. There were only the diggers and crew left and they were eating lunch.

I felt badly and apologized to the men for being late. I went to the side of the grave and looked down and the vault lid was already in place. I didn't know what else to do, so I started to play.

The workers put down their lunches and began to gather around. I played out my heart and soul for this man with no family and friends. I played like I've never played before for this homeless man.

And as I played 'Amazing Grace,' the workers began to weep. They wept, I wept, we all wept together. When I finished I packed up my bagpipes and started for my car. Though my head hung low, my heart was full.

As I opened the door to my car, I heard one of the workers say, "I never seen nothin' like that before and I've been putting in septic tanks for twenty years!"



VISIT BY MINISTER FOR VETERAN'S AFFAIRS



Left: The Victorian Minister for Veteran's Affairs and former Essendon football player Hugh Delahanty addresses members at the clubrooms.

On Tuesday February 21st, 2012 the Mt Evelyn RSL sub-branch was honoured by a visit to the clubrooms by Hugh Delahanty, the Victorian Minister for Veteran's Affairs, Christine Fyfe MP, Member for Evelyn, Cr Graham Warren, Mayor Shire of Yarra Ranges and Cr Tim Heenan.

The minister informed members of some of the activities that will be occurring in the coming years regarding the Centenary of the First World War.

It also gave the membership a chance to talk to the minister regarding available funding to help purchase our howitzer and to get our books published.



Left: President Roger Boness discusses the Howitzer issue with Christine Fyfe MP, Member for Evelyn, and Hugh Delahanty, Victorian Minister for Veteran's Affairs.

Right:
The Mt Evelyn Mail
February 28th, 2012

PLEASE NOTE



Don't Miss

If you find a white dot on the front of your newsletter it is a friendly reminder that your 2012 membership fees are now due.

Military history passes on

MOUNT Evelyn will soon be home to a very rich piece of military history, after a funding offer was made to RSL by Minister for Veterans' Affairs Hugh Delahanty last Tuesday.

Following the recent approval for the Mount Evelyn RSL to have a decommissioned howitzer, Mr Delahanty, who stopped by during a visit to the Yarra Ranges, told members about the grants the club could apply for to fund the Vietnam War tribute.

RSL President Roger Boness said it would cost about \$4000 to decommission the cannon, before it could be delivered to Mount Evelyn to provide a great piece of history for students.

Mr Delahanty suggested that the club applies for grants through the Victorian Veteran's Council, as it was crucial to pass such history onto future generations.

"It is important to always recognise the veterans of our country and to recognise the



Mount Evelyn RSL president Roger Boness, Evelyn MP Christine Fyfe and Minister for Veterans' Affairs Hugh Delahanty talk about the howitzer. 77701

service they have provided," he said.

"My aim is to make sure the baton is passed onto the younger generations."

Mr Boness agreed, and added they have come up with a range of ways to promote the RSL this year.

"We propose to light the flagpole at the memorial gardens so that we can fly the Australian flag 24 hours a day, seven days a week," he said.

"We are also looking into getting funding for a plaque to be put in the gardens,

upgrading the cenotaph and also getting more plants and vegetation put in.

"It is our responsibility to show the community what we are doing and that the RSL is carrying out our responsibilities, and that opens doors for the community."

THE RSL GETS A HOWITZER

Incoming – war gun wants home

By Emma Sun

MOUNT Evelyn will soon be home to a decommissioned cannon used during the Vietnam War and the RSL is asking the public where it should go.

The RSL's application for the M2A2 howitzer was recently approved by the Australian Government after it was submitted five years ago.

President Roger Boness, who served in the Royal Australian Artillery as a forward observer during the Vietnam War, said cannons similar to the howitzer were used extensively during that time.

"It's a very versatile gun – it can shoot at more than 45 degrees and uses 105mm shells."

RSL secretary Anthony McAleer said the cannon will be used to commemorate those who served their country and as a focus for Anzac celebrations.

He said he hoped the public wouldn't see it in a negative light.

"We have lots of local Vietnam veterans around and Mount Evelyn also lost three veterans during the war, so we think it is quite significant and appropriate," he said.

"It'll be used as a tribute to those veterans."

Mr Boness emphasised that the RSL has a strong focus on the community and its needs.

"We want the public to know that what we do is for the community," he said.

"We have a range of projects lined up for the near future and we want to bring the community along with us."

The RSL is considering placing the cannon either in the war memorial gardens or in front of the RSL building and is asking for public input on the choice of location.

"Some think it should be in the front of the RSL to protect it a bit from vandalism and to signify it is from the RSL, but others find it should be next to the war memorial, as many community groups around Australia have cannons displayed next to their war memorials," Mr McAleer said.

"Either way, it would be great to get some feedback from the community."

Those who would like to share their opinions can do so on the Ranges-Trader Mail Facebook page or email the Mount Evelyn RSL at mtevrsl@gmail.com.



Mount Evelyn RSL members Roger Boness and Laurie Hollier are asking the public where their new cannon should go. 77296 Picture: Donna Oates

There has been great excitement at the club since the members found out that we have been successful in being awarded a decommissioned Vietnam era M2A2 105mm howitzer.

However it has also generated much discussion as to where the cannon should be placed – should it go out front of the clubrooms or at the war memorial park?

Before any decision is made the sub-branch has decided to go to the community to see what their opinion is and where Mt Evelyn residents think it should go.

Left:

Mt Evelyn Mail
21st February, 2012

Below:

Lilydale Leader
28th February, 2012

Have a say on gun's new home

Local RSL club hopes war relic can be town icon

Memorial | Elaine Phelan

MT Evelyn RSL is calling on the community to have its say on where a newly acquired war relic should be placed in the town.

The club put its hand up last year when the Department of Defence offered clubs across Australia 39 M2A2 Howitzer Field guns.

This month the club was notified that it was successful.

Mt Evelyn RSL president Roger Boness said the club hoped the gun, which was used to provide artillery support to the Australian Army during the Vietnam War, would arouse community interest and become an icon in the town.

One proposed location is the war memorial park on the corner of Birmingham Rd and Wray Cres, a site that has already been the focus of a great deal of renovation work by the club.

The other site is outside the RSL clubrooms on Birmingham Rd.

Mr Boness said his preference would be the memorial park gardens because the club had already invested hours of volunteer work to improve the area.

"We are looking at further plantings, creating a plaque on the cenotaph, and it is becoming known as a place for quiet reflection," he said.



Mt Evelyn RSL president Roger Boness wants the Howitzer gun placed at the memorial park. Picture: STEVE TANNER N34LE118

He said some members were concerned about vandalism but the club had secured a grant from Yarra Ranges Council for park lighting. He said the gun would not have the same impact at the clubrooms.

"To have the gun set in the gardens would fit in with our broader plan to have the area ready for the centenary of the Anzac landings in 2015," Mr Boness said. The Howitzer has extra significance for Mr Boness, who served as a forward observer with the artillery (106th Field Battery-4th Field Regiment) in the Vietnam War during 1967-68 and often came into contact with the field gun.

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An American Howitzer field gun (above), like the one to be placed in Mt Evelyn. The field gun (below) is being used by members of 108th Field Battery, 4th Field Regiment in the Phuoc Tuy Province, South Vietnam. N34LE121



Should the gun be placed at the clubrooms or memorial garden? Vote on our website lilydaleleader.com.au or our Facebook page.



A reader suggests the restored memorial garden is the ideal site to display the Howitzer field gun.

Memorial gardens perfect place for Howitzer

REGARDING the bid by the Mt Evelyn RSL to choose a site for the permanent display of a Howitzer field gun (*Lilydale & Yarra Valley Leader*, February 28).

As one of the people who has invested

time in restoring the garden to make it a quiet, pleasant place where visitors can sit and reflect, I would love to see the Howitzer field gun placed at the garden memorial.

Rob Sibbing, posted online

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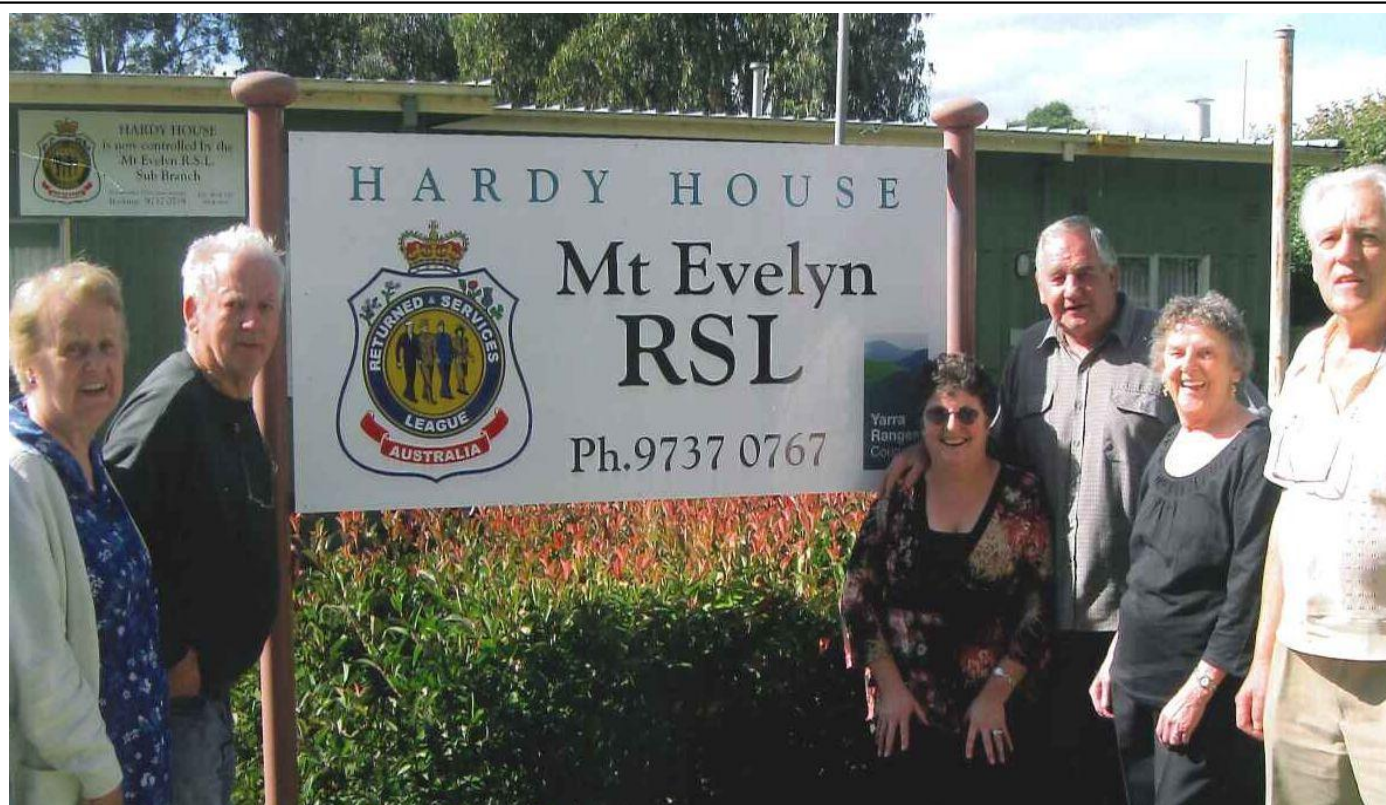
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Above: Lilydale Leader – March 20th, 2012

Below: The Thursday afternoon social group with our new sign out the front of the club.

The sign was organised for the club by Cr Tim Heenan – *many thanks Tim!!*

From left – Lesley Harrington, Lloyd Harrington, Deanne Webb, Geoff Bailey, Dot Ervine, Ernie Johnston.
(Photo courtesy – Deanne Webb)



Honour plaque

By Emma Sun

MEMBERS of Mount Evelyn RSL will be unveiling a plaque to commemorate the locals who died on active service in an Anzac Day event next month.

And they are searching for the relatives of those 15 fallen soldiers to be part of the day, to be held at the war memorial, and to help unveil the plaque.

RSL president Roger Boness said the plaque would help the community connect with the people who helped shape Australia's history.

"It has long been the wish of many in the community to add the names of our former residents who have died while serving their country on to the war memorial," he said.

"We feel it personalises the memorial and gives people a better understanding of the sacrifices Mt Evelyn has made for the security of our nation.

"This is why we wanted to add as much personal details to the plaque as we could – to help people to better relate to Mt Evelyn's legacy."

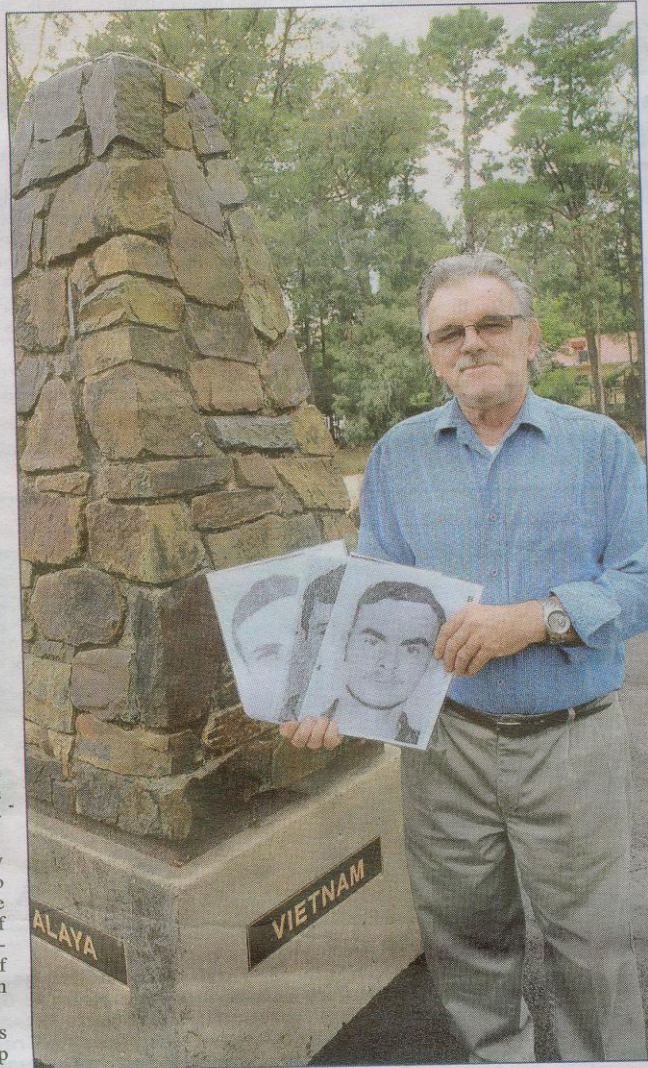
The Mount Evelyn RSL received \$1000 funding from the government for the plaque as part of the Saluting Their Service grant.

And Secretary Anthony McAleer said the RSL was also planning to restore and move the Wray Crescent Avenue of Honour plaque to the war memorial and hoped members of community would benefit from the project.

"Perpetuating these names on the war memorial will help to secure this parkland as a special place for the Mt Evelyn community," he said.

"It will be a place where the community can quietly reflect on our heritage."

Jean Morton, the last surviving sibling of Ivan Cruickshank,



Mount Evelyn RSL member Gary Freeman with photos of a few late members that the RSL is looking for. 78670
Picture: Donna Oates

has already been confirmed to attend the Anzac Day service.

The service will be held on

Sunday 22 April. Family members can contact Anthony McAleer on 9736 4384.

The RSL is searching for the relatives of the following soldiers:

- Cpl William Aicher – 6th Battalion, killed in action, Gallipoli, 1915, aged 21
- Sgt John Ellis – 23rd Battalion, killed in action, France, 1918, aged 24
- Sub Lt Frank Larkin – Submarine J2, died at sea, 1918, aged 20
- Pte Claude Pitt – 37th Battalion, killed in action, Belgium, 1917, aged 23
- Pte Richard Saxon – 8th Battalion, killed in action, Pozieres, 1916, aged 44
- Gnr Lionel Taggart – 10th Field Artillery, killed in action, France, 1917, aged 21
- Gnr Ray Tregear – NZ Field Artillery, killed in action, Belgium, 1918, aged 21
- Pte George William Aitken – 2/6th Battalion, died of wounds, Libya, 1940, aged 26
- Spr Charles Ford – Royal Australian Engineers, died of illness, Darwin, 1942, aged 34
- Pte Alfred Lamport – 24 Employ Co, died of illness, Victoria, 1945, aged 54
- Pte Alfred Noble – 2/2nd Pioneer Battalion, died while prisoner of war, Thailand, 1944, aged 41
- Tpr Michael Hannaford – 1st Armoured Regiment - died of wounds – South Vietnam - 1968
- Pte Ray Moore – 2 RAR - killed in action – South Vietnam – 1969
- Pte Garry Willoughby – 1 RAR - killed in action – South Vietnam - 1970

Left: Mt Evelyn Mail
March 27th 2012

A big welcome to new members:

- Major Russell Kirby
- Sandra Fitzgerald
- Deanne Webb
- Geoff Bailey
- Brian & Linda Cooke



**Congrats to
Ralph Proctor
Who recently
celebrated his
97th Birthday!!!**

Academy of Human Development

On a Monday morning a group of philosophers meet at the 'RSL Hall' to discuss life's big questions:

* **Why am I here?**

* **Who am I?**

* **Is there more to life?**

The group uses book study and meditation to help uncover the truth behind these questions and to journey towards self discovery. In an informal way participants are encouraged to really start examining their lives in an endeavour to rediscover true and lasting happiness.

Anyone interested in joining should contact:
Sue Hamilton on **0428829612**.

Group sessions begin at 10am and finish at 12 midday.

Morning tea is provided.



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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 has been a long time member at the Mt Evelyn RSL & served with the RAAF in Europe during World War Two. He has loaned 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

THE JOE CLARK STORY – pt 2

Joe Clark was the last First World War veteran to be a member of the Mt Evelyn RSL. In 1991 he sat down with Anthony McAleer and recorded his memories. What follows is Joe's life story.....

On April 25th, 1915 the 12th Battalion were given the task of being the covering force for the landing at Gallipoli, as a result Joe's brother, James Clark, was one of the first ashore.

"That was one big mistake, they should never have gone in there, they could have gone in any other place but Gallipoli. That's where they were waiting for them, the Turks were all set up with trenches and guns and they just mowed them down like rabbits as they went up. But they kept going and going, a few got up and established, but there were thousands killed there. My brother was wounded twice on Gallipoli".

In the early days of the landing, the 12th Battalion was heavily involved in establishing and defending the line. In the fighting that ensued James Clark was wounded by shrapnel in the scalp but he just had the field ambulance fellows patch him up and he decided to remain on the frontline. His actions over the next two months led to him being quickly promoted, first to Corporal and then to Sergeant.

In August 1915 he was involved in the charge at Lone Pine where he was severely wounded when he was shot in the right leg and the lower back. As a result he was sent by stretcher bearer to a makeshift hospital on the beach and then evacuated to Mudros Island and eventually on to the '15th General Hospital' at Alexandria. A month later it was decided to send him for further treatment to England where he was admitted to 'King Georges Hospital' in Stamford St, London and then to a convalescent hospital, 'Woodcote Park', in Epsom.

"After he was wounded at Gallipoli they wanted to send him home but he said "no I'll go back with the boys" and he went back. Of course at that stage they were going to give him his Lieutenancy and that's when he went in again, to France this time".

After nearly 10 months in hospital recovering from his wounds, James was ordered to rejoin the 12th Battalion who in the meantime had been evacuated from Gallipoli and had been sent to France. On July 15th, 1916 he arrived back at the 12th Battalion in time for their first major action in Europe, the Battle of Pozieres.

"They were all waiting in a shell crater to go back in and he was sitting there when a shell comes over and it hit the side and blew back. It didn't hit him, but the blast killed him dead, killed him and the whole lot of them in the crater. George Peterwood (12th Battalion), a cousin of mine, he saw everything afterwards".

On July 23rd, 1916, only eight days after rejoining his unit, Sgt James Clark was killed in action at Pozieres. His name was later listed on a monument in Villers-Bretonneux, France and on the war memorial in Launceston, Tasmania. At the time Joe was working in Burnie and living with his sister Rose Talbot and her husband while his father and his other sisters were all living in Launceston.

"They notified the family by telegram and they sent for me straight away".

The only personal effects of James Clark the family ever received was a package containing an identity disc.

Next issue:

His brother James's death in France inspires Joe to enlist



Above: Joe's brother,
Sgt James Clark

MT EVELYN FURPHYS

- Many thanks to Betty Crittenden and Peter Smart who recently donated books to our military library.
- Well done to Luke Hollier who was recently presented with an award for umpiring 100 games for the local Football division.
- Another well done to Georgia McAleer, the 10 year old daughter of our secretary, who made headlines around the country tackling the council over its 'guinea pig' laws.
- Should you require any assistance or advice - Please ring:
Laurie Hollier (the Sub-branch's Welfare Officer). Ph: **9737 0068**
Or the Rev Richard Schoenmaker (the sub-branch's Padre)
Ph: **9736 1087**

If undeliverable return to:

The Mt Evelyn RSL Sub-Branch
PO Box 182
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Club Opening Hours

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

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

Andy & Marie have a well stocked fridge and Peter is always 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.

While you're visiting make sure you check out the fascinating display of military memorabilia that members have donated over the years. This has all been exhibited in our new display cases and arranged by an historian from Museum Victoria.

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.

Hall Hire

The RSL is a great facility for anyone who requires a place for clubs or social groups to gather. Most of the time this facility lies idle and the RSL could be making (albeit a small amount of) money from hiring it to interested parties. We would greatly appreciate your input if you know of anyone who might be interested in hiring the hall on an ongoing basis. However no Bucks/Hens or under 25's parties!

The Mt Evelyn Community Link is in charge of administering hall bookings and she can be contacted directly on 9736 1177.

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