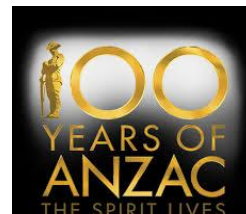


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2018 Meeting Dates

Fri Nov 16th
Fri Dec 21st

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

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START OF SEVILLE WAR MEMORIAL



On October 5th, the centenary of the day that Seville's George Ingram was awarded the Victoria Cross, ground was broken to mark the start of the Seville War Memorial. Unfortunately due to the apathy of the Seville community the project missed out on recent funding from Pick My Project. They will however go ahead with building the foundations and the first panel, on George Ingram VC, MM, the other panels will hopefully follow. **Photos: Cr Tony Stevenson, Wayne Dekljin, Tony Smith and Derry Aulich turn the first sods (courtesy Iain Townsley).**



Important Dates

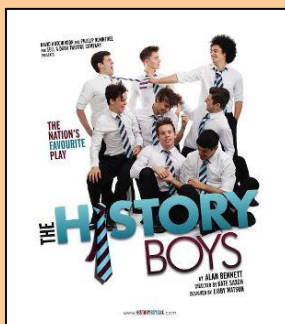
Coming Up:

Athenaeum Theatre, Lilydale

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

We will be doing the same
in 2018 so come along and
see:

HISTORY BOYS November 2018



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Dec 12th, 2018
**Mt Evelyn War
Memorial**

**Michael
Hannaford
KIA – Vietnam**

June 20th, 2019
**Mt Evelyn War
Memorial**
**Frank Larkins
KIA – WW1**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

In the lead up to Remembrance Day on Sunday 11th November, community members will be able to purchase Red Remembrance Poppies from RSL volunteers at Mount Evelyn IGA, Mooroolbark Coles and local schools. The public money raised from the poppy sales is spent on the welfare of veterans and their dependants in need.

Already we have had great support and I would like to sincerely thank the local community for purchasing a our Remembrance Poppy, enabling the RSL to complete their welfare programs.

This year is the Centenary of the Armistice, the cessation of hostilities which ended the Great War. Remembrance Day is the day when those veterans who were killed in all wars are commemorated.

This year we will have a special centenary of armistice service at the war memorial for our local schools – on Friday November 9th @ 10.45am – and for the community on Sunday November 11th @ 10.45am.

Mount Evelyn RSL will be celebrating the club's 50th anniversary in January 2019 and the RSL committee is planning a members special event to mark the occasion, details will be available shortly.

Lest We Forget

Roger Boness – President, Mt Evelyn RSL

APPEAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Hi there my fellow collectors, as you are aware we are now well on our way to finishing another Remembrance Day collection, and from what I am told it will be another good one.

As was to be expected the bulk of the sales seem to be the \$1-2 & \$5s, whilst less interest is shown in the more expensive ones, small quantities of each item are being purchased.

The new knitted poppies, while attracting quite a lot of interest are unfortunately not leading to many sales. Anyway just a few days to go so thank you so much for what you have already done, please keep up the good work.

John Allwood –

Appeals Officer

Membership Subs for 2018

Full Members – open to ex-service personnel who were in the uniformed services for a period of six months or more. **\$25 a year**

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BETTY'S JOKE PAGE



A man walks into a bar and orders a drink. Then he notices there are pieces of meat nailed to the ceiling of the bar so he asks the barman what they are for. The barman replies, "If you can jump up and pull one of them down you get free beer all night. If you fail, you have to pay the bar \$100. Do you want to have a go?"

The man thinks about it for a minute before saying, "Nah, the steaks are too high!"

I hate Russian dolls - they're so full of themselves.

A man walks into a bar and says, "Give me a beer before the problems start!"

He drinks the beer and then orders another saying, "Give me a beer before the problems start!"

The bartender looks confused. This goes on for a while, and after the fifth beer the bartender is totally confused and asks the man "When are you going to pay for these beers?"

The man answers, "Now the problems start!"

A dog walked in to the telegram office one day. He took out a blank form and wrote on it:

"Woof. Woof. Woof. Woof. Woof. Woof. Woof. Woof. Woof."

Then he handed it to the clerk. The clerk examined the paper and said to the dog, "You know there are only nine words here? You could send another 'Woof' for the same price."

The dog replied, "But that would make no sense at all!"

My girlfriend has her own taser.

She's a real stunner...

What do you call a sad strawberry?

A blueberry.

My friend is a structural engineer.

He's always complaining about stress at work.

I used to be a narcissist.

But now look at me.

I built an electric fence around my property yesterday.

My neighbor is dead against it.

Bob left work one Friday evening. But it was payday, so instead of going home, he stayed out the entire weekend partying with his mates and spending his entire wages. When he finally appeared at home on Sunday night, he was confronted by his angry wife and was barraged for nearly two hours with a tirade befitting his actions.

Finally his wife stopped the nagging and said to him, "How would you like it if you didn't see me for two or three days".

He replied, "That would be fine with me." Monday went by and he didn't see his wife. Tuesday and Wednesday came and went with the same results.

But on Thursday, the swelling went down just enough where he could see her a little out of the corner of his left eye.

The teacher said to his class one day, "Please stand up, anyone who thinks they're stupid."

Nobody stood up so the teacher said, "I'm sure there are some stupid students in this class!"

At this point Little Johnny stood up.

The teacher said, "Oh Johnny! So you think you're stupid then?"

Little Johnny replied, "No, I just felt bad that you were standing up on your own."

I was on a flight the other day when the air hostess came up to me and said, "Excuse me sir, would you like to have dinner?"

I said, "What are the options?"

She said, "Yes and No."

My girlfriend says I'm hopeless at fixing appliances.

Well, she's in for a shock.

Thanks for explaining the word "many" to me.

It means a lot.

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CENTENARY FOR GORDON EWART



On October 1st, members of the Mt Evelyn RSL held a ceremony at the Montrose War Memorial to mark the centenary of the death in World War One of local soldier Gordon Ewart. Gordon was sadly killed in the final months of the war and as he was of strong Scottish heritage, he would have been pleased to see out piper their paying tribute to him.

Photos: Iain Townsley

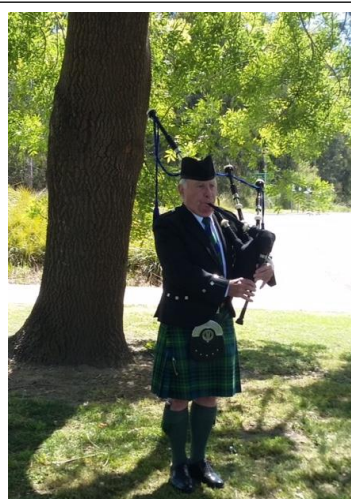


CENTENARY OF GEORGE INGRAM'S VC



On Friday October 5th members of the Mt Evelyn RSL were at Seville for a service to commemorate the centenary of the day that George Ingram was awarded the Victoria Cross. The service was well attended and those present learned about the actions that George Ingram undertook 100 years before at the French village of Montbrehain. There was also a mock up of what the Ingram panel will look like and wreaths were laid their in his memory.

Photos: Iain Townsley



NEW MT EVELYN RSL STUBBY HOLDERS

50 1968 - 2018
years

Since the club's
foundation meeting



MT EVELYN RSL

The Mt Evelyn RSL has had some new stubby holders made promoting the club.

Above: Is a brand new one commemorating the 50th anniversary of the foundation meeting in 1968 that created the club.

Below: Is an image of Mt Evelyn's War Memorial at the Dawn Service on Anzac Day.

You can collect your stubby holders next time you are at the club for only five dollars each.

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\$5



MT EVELYN RSL

MONTBREHAIN - CENTENARY

While we were commemorating the centenary of the Battle of Montbrehain, and George Ingram's Victoria Cross, a number of people were actually present at Montbrehain in France for the special ceremony. One was Daryl Mills, a friend of the Mt Evelyn RSL and a military historian who lives in Indonesia and who travelled to France for the event. He was kind enough to lay a wreath on behalf of the Yarra Valley at the ceremony. Following is Darryl's report of what happened....

Cloudless skies and warm autumn breezes preceded 5th October for the Battle of Montbrehain Centenary Commemoration ceremonies. Luckily for the enthusiastic townsfolk the brilliant sunny days continued on this Friday with some Australians even seen applying sun protection.

Montbrehain is a sleepy village in the Aisne department in northern France in the Hauts-de-France region, a new region created by the merger of Nord-Pas-de-Calais and Picardy regions in 2016. Montbrehain covers just 10 km² and has a population of only 850 people however they did a fantastic job organising the Centenary Commemoration. Visitors were enthusiastically welcomed.

One hundred years ago all the Australian Divisions were supposed to be out of the trenches for a well deserved rest. The 2nd Division was the last in the line and when the Americans were unable to take over until the following evening, Commander of Fourth Army, General Rawlinson, asked Australian Corps Commander, General John Monash, to capture Montbrehain, situated on a strategic plateau. The 6th Brigade was the 2nd Division's fresh troops and the 21st and 24th Battalions were selected for the attack however with only 500 fighting men between them, the 2nd Pioneer Battalion was included as infantry. Leaving adjacent Ramicourt at 6.05am, without promised tanks, the Battalions initially took the Germans on the edge of the village before being



held up by machine gun fire. The 6th Machine Gun Company decimated the enemy guns on the right while on the left Lieutenant George Ingram of the 24th led a charge to counter a strongpoint before single-handedly clearing Germans from a large quarry and an adjoining house cellar. He was awarded the Victoria Cross, the 64th and last VC to Australians. The 21st battalion attacked the highest part of the village and captured 400 prisoners.

Joyful villagers were handing out coffee and milk to their Australian liberators unaware there were 430 of their mates made casualties of which 94 were killed in action. Unknown at the time, this was the final battle for Australians in the First World War; the saddest part of 5th October 1918 was the death of some original Gallipoli veterans including Captain Harry Fletcher, Captain John Mahony MC and Lieutenant Bill Hardwick, who was actually killed after the battle when showing the new position to his American counterpart.

The inhabitants in 2018 also showed their appreciation to Australia. Each access street to the village square had a large board fixed to a building showing a kangaroo wearing an army uniform with an Australian flag fluttering and a welcome message. The mayor's office, *le maire*, was adorned with flags, pictures of Diggers and a large sign above the entrance proclaiming '*Centenaire de la Libération le 5 Octobre 2018*'. Lunch was provided in the Community Hall at the back with *baguettes*, *croissants* and *vin rouge* of course. Many Australians were packed in here, most talking about their distant family member who had fought in the Battle of Montbrehain.

Left: Town Hall, Montbrehain

Above: The new plaque in Montbrehain

Photos: Daryl Mills.



The crowd marched behind the *Combined RSL Centenary of ANZAC Pipes and Drums* to the village *Memorial to the Fallen* where the Official Party lay wreaths in memory of French soldiers and civilians. The pipe band returned to the Town Hall where Official Speeches were made by *le maire* of Montbrehain, Mr Gabriel Dirson, President of RSL Victoria Australia, Dr Robert Webster OAM, and Inspector Michael Glinski, manager of the Shrine Guards from the Melbourne Shrine of Remembrance. For 80 years the Victoria Police Shrine Guard has worn the uniform of the Light Horse Mounted Infantry and is extremely skilled in ceremonial drill, performing over 160 ceremonies each year. The Shrine Guard was a very special and unique addition to the Centenary Commemoration in Montbrehain.

The Montbrehain Organising Committee had funding issues and sent a letter to Inspector Michael Glinski who accepted the request, arranging for a plaque to be provided honouring the 135 Australians who died as a result of the action. The plaque was sponsored by the Victoria Police Blue Ribbon Foundation due to the connection with Lieutenant George Ingram VC MM and Private George Blyth MM, decorated 24th Battalion men, who became members of the Shrine Guard in 1935. The plaque has the flags of France and Australia, the colour patches of the 21st, 24th Infantry and 2nd Pioneer Battalions and lists the Names of the Fallen. Official wreaths were laid after the unveiling and the public also had an opportunity to follow. A wreath was placed in memory of George Ingram VC MM from Seville on behalf of the communities of the Yarra Valley in Victoria.

We all once again marched behind the pipe band up the hill to the Calvaire Cemetery, the final resting place of the Australian soldiers. A French priest gave a Prayer of Remembrance, the Australian Ambassador Mr Brendan Berne and French Sub Prefect Ms Magali Daverton addressed the crowd, followed by more wreaths laying at the Cross of Sacrifice. A basket of small wooden crosses with a message from Australian schoolchildren in the Australian Capital Territory came from Canberra and local schoolchildren placed one at each grave. The Ode was delivered in French and English followed by the Last Post and a minutes silence. The Rouse was played and both National Anthems were sung. People stood among the rows of graves amid silent thoughts, some placing flowers or a small wooden cross.

Right: Scenes from the cemetery at Montbrehain

To conclude an exceptional day we wandered down the hill to the Montbrehain Public Hall to the *vin d'honneur*, the wine reception, where champagne and wine was flowing. A message from Mr Alex Ingram son of Lieutenant George VC was read to the crowd and as the sun set we made some new French friendships and toasted the brave liberators of Montbrehain, 100 years ago. Lest We Forget.

- Daryl Mills



MONTBREHAIN - CENTENARY

A Mt Evelyn resident, Robyn Johnston, was also in France for the Centenary of the Battle of Montbrehain, and she was kind enough to also provide a report of events:

Montbrehain, a small town in the Picardy region of northern France, is the site of the last battle that the AIF fought during World War 1. It was a glorious day, 100 years after Australian troops liberated the town of Montbrehain from German occupation and the day that George Ingram was awarded the last VC won by an Australian during World War I. We were there to honour what George Ingram and the other men of the 21st and 24th Battalions and the 2nd Pioneers achieved on that day.

The day dawns with clear blue skies, the morning crisp, unlike the day 100 years ago when it was misty and then rained. The town was dressed in French and Australian flags. All the entries to the town have a drawing of a kangaroo with a sign underneath saying 'Welcome Australia'.

The Australians converge on the small town hall of Montbrehain around midday, sharing a lunch put on by the town for us. We are all talking about which battalion and who their family member was that had served there. It almost felt like a huge family reunion, where you didn't know anyone but there was a commonality and that is that shared history, that bound us together.

Present are representatives of families of the men that fell, as well as some that returned home. Inspector Michael Glinski of the Victorian Police Shrine Guards, Dr Robert Webster OAM, State President of the Victorian RSL, Mr Brendan Berne, Australian Ambassador to France, the Mayor of Montbrehain and other French dignitaries, as well as the combined RSL pipe band and the residents of Montbrehain.

This celebration came about due to a chance meeting of French man, Olivier Richard, and an Australian, Michael Ganey, in Tommy's Bar, Pozieres. Michael is the great nephew of Austin Mahony, one the three Captains of the 24th battalion who fell that day. Olivier is a war tour guide and instrumental in getting the Mayor of Montbrehain to contact the Victorian Police, about providing a plaque to place on the outside of their town hall commemorating George Ingram's VC and the lives of the men who fell that day, all 135 of them.

The celebration starts at the town's memorial to its fallen, both those who answered the call to take up arms and those who were deported by the enemy on a forced march to Belgium and did not return.

Then the dignitaries, visitors and villagers walked down to the other end of the town, following the pipe band. It had the air of a festival. Our destination the town hall, to unveil the plaque that was cast in Australia for this commemoration.

Speeches by the Mayor, Inspector Michael Glinski and Dr Robert Webster OAM were given and the plaque revealed. The dignitaries lay wreaths then members of the public, including Darryl Mills on behalf of the Mt Evelyn RSL.

Everyone then walked up to the Calvaire cemetery positioned on the highest point in the town. This is the resting place of 71 men, 48 of them Australian, 37 who fell in the capture of the village. One of these was my great uncle, Captain J H Fletcher.

At the cemetery the Shrine Guards form a Catafalque party, the Australian Ambassador spoke. The school children of Montbrehain placed crosses with messages from Australian school children on the graves, as a singer performs 'Amazing Grace', and we all watch on. Feeling emotional and proud of these young men who paid the ultimate sacrifice and of those who survived but also paid so much. After all the formalities, we all walked down to a community hall to share in refreshments

with the villagers and continue some tributes. It was here that a message from Alex Ronald Ingram (George's son) was read out by Alex's cousin.

But for me, it was the Mayor's words that struck the strongest cord. They are as follows.

'Today, it is with emotion that we remember these young men, their long journey across the sea. From thousands of miles away they came to join us and defend a country unknown to most of them'.

Our thoughts are:

For their commitment; all of them voluntary soldiers who came to defend a far off country for the values of freedom and independence.

For their sacrifice; their lives in the trenches, their wounds, their comrades who fell in the mud in the Somme and Flanders.

For their families; who lived far away and whose husbands, fathers, sons, and uncles...made the ultimate sacrifice of their lives and now rest forever in Picardy.

The land is now common ground, it is yours, it is ours. It is the symbol of a link that now connects us forever. This land of France is Australian, far away and close."

One felt gratitude and humbled for and by these young men that chose to serve their country, in a war that took them to the other side of the world. While many died, those that didn't also paid a huge price and that shouldn't be forgotten either. Alex in his letter, spoke about the fact that his father George wouldn't talk about the war to him. George lost good mates that day in Montbrehain and ones before in other battles. He also lost two brothers, Alex and Ronald, after whom he named his son.

**Below: The Plaque dedicated to those that fell in the Battle of Montbrehain.
(Courtesy: Robyn Johnston).**



ANTHONY RECIEVES OAM



Recently the secretary of the Mt Evelyn RSL, Anthony McAleer, was awarded an Order of Australia Medal for services to the community and military history in the Queen's Birthday Honours List.

In September he attended a special ceremony at Victoria's Government House, accompanied by his wife, daughter and parents, where he was officially presented with his award by the Governor of Victoria, the Hon Linda Dessau AC.

On another occasion at St Kilda he was also presented with a special token of appreciation by Christine Unsworth, President of the Order of Australia Association.

Left:

Christine Unsworth, President of the Order of Australia Association, presenting a token of appreciation to Anthony.

(photo: Order of Australia Association)

MT EVELYN RSL's 50th ANNIVERSARY

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Surviving all of this they then returned home to a nation where many people ignored or even condemned them. For most, those decades after the war were an ongoing battle to deal with the physical and mental scars.

With a Foreword by Neville Clark MC, OAM

An Introduction by The Hon Tony Smith MP

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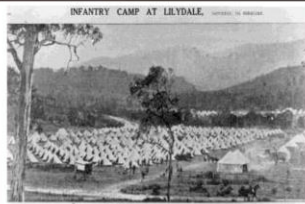
100 years ago John Monash and 3000 citizen soldiers descended on Lilydale and camped for week where the Lilydale Lake is today.

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Why were they there, what did they do, why was the event the most important in Monash's pre-war military career?

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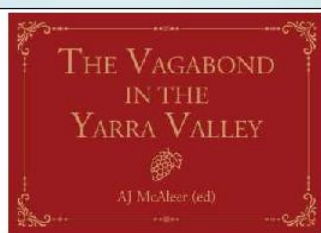
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Introduction by:
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Right: Deschamps Hill, Lilydale from 'The Towers'



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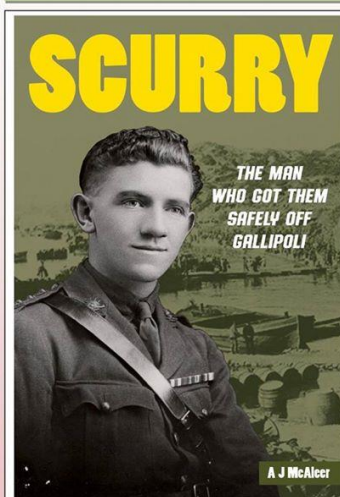


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But this was only a small part of the Bill Scurry story. From Egypt to Gallipoli and on to the Western Front, where he lost an eye and gained the Military Cross. Then to his post-war days as a soldier settler in Silvan before he was to serve once more in the Second World War.

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Contact: Vicki Walburg

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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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The Mt Evelyn Chamber of Commerce

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is the RSL's representative on the
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– any ideas or issues for the Chamber
ring Les on: 0418 149 558

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

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THOMAS TELSON

In commemoration of the centenary of World War One, the Mt Evelyn & Lilydale RSLs have divided the local war memorials between them and will be holding a service on the centenary date of those listed on these memorials who died while on active service. In connection with this will be publishing their biographies in each of our newsletters.....

Thomas Telson was born in 1875 at Stawell, the son of Andrew and Mary Telson. Thomas spent his early years growing up in Stawell and attended the Catholic school at Stawell for his education.

After he finished his schooling he took up position as a groom and spent many years working with horses, mainly in Ararat. He had an elder sister, Dora Chamberlain, who lived at Turriff near Mildura and a younger sister, Mary Rothque, who lived in Lilydale. In 1916 Thomas went to live with his sister Mary and her husband William Rothque when they took over as licensees of the Black Springs Hotel in Main Street Lilydale and he worked for them as a groom.

While in Lilydale he decided to enlist in the AIF. He returned to Ararat to settle up his personal details and signed up from there.

He undertook his initial training at the army training camp at Seymour where he was allotted to the 6th reinforcements for the 37th Battalion and given the regimental number 2906. His medical records show he was five feet, three and a half inches tall, his hair was brown and his eyes blue and he was forty-one years old. He embarked with his unit from Port Melbourne on the HMAT Medic.

The following month he was in camp in England, where he and his unit spent the next three months under going further training. In July they were moved to France.

In October, while on duty in the front line trenches, he was severely wounded by machine fire. He received wounds to his face, his legs, his hand and lost a finger. He was carried by stretcher bearers to the 3rd Australian Casualty Clearing Station and he died there of his wounds the following day.

He is buried at the Nine Elms British Cemetery in Belgium.

LEST WE FORGET



MT EVELYN FURPHYS

- Welcome to new members
– **Tony Stevenson, Neil Chisholm**
- Best wishes to those members who have recently been in hospital: **Barry McCormack, Bruce Watkinson, Kim Parry, Brett Curnow.**
- The Mt Evelyn RSL has been donated an electrical Queen sized bed.
Details – LGA Numberg – Motor – Duomat 1B – Brand - Dewert x 2.
If you are interested – contact **Roger** on 97370830 for further details and make an offer.
- Stand by for news of special publication to be published by the Mt Evelyn RSL to commemorate the centenary events we've held over the past 4 years.
- Should you require any assistance or advice - **Deanne Webb** (the Sub-branch's Welfare Officer).
Ph: **0402 783 849**

REMEMBRANCE DAY

*Special Centenary of
Armistice event*

NOV 11TH @ 10.45am

Mt Evelyn War Memorial
Gardens

Cnr Birmingham Rd &
Wray Cres, Mt Evelyn

Followed by morning tea at
the Mt Evelyn RSL Hall.

ALL WELCOME

If undeliverable return to:

The Mt Evelyn RSL Sub-Branch
PO Box 182
Mt Evelyn Vic 3796

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:
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