

Mt Evelyn RSL News

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2014 **Meeting Dates**

Apr 17th 2014
(Thursday)
May 16th, 2014
June 20th, 2014
July 18th, 2014
Aug 15th, 2014
Sept 19th, 2014
Oct 17th, 2014

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

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MT EVELYN RSL FINDS LOST UPPER YARRA MILITARY ICON

Many years ago the Mt Evelyn RSL was donated a plaque with the name Reuben Saxton on it, which was assumed was from the Mt Evelyn Avenue of Honour. This plaque has sat on display for decades in the Mt Evelyn RSL clubrooms. Recently further research was undertaken on the plaque.

Firstly we couldn't understand why it looked different to the only other plaque from the Mt Evelyn Avenue of Honour - J Ellis - which is in the archives of the Yarra Ranges Regional Museum. Secondly there is no mention or record of Reuben Saxton being on the Mt Evelyn WWI lists. Thirdly the military records of Reuben Saxton show he came from Gilderoy near Launching Place.

The Mt Evelyn RSL then contacted the Upper Yarra Museum and local military historian Bob Sutherland and found that Reuben Saxton is on the list of Launching Place WWI veterans. More than that, they recognised the plaque as being from the Upper Yarra Avenue of Honour - in fact the only one known to be in existence.

This was then discussed with the members of the Mt Evelyn RSL who voted to donate the plaque to the Upper Yarra Museum - what we felt was its rightful home - where it could be on display for generations to come and for the community to appreciate. Members of the Mt Evelyn RSL then met with the executive of the Upper Yarra Museum to donate the plaque into their care for safekeeping.

Reuben Saxton by the way was killed in action at Cape Helles on Gallipoli in 1915. His body was never recovered and he is remembered on the memorial at Cape Helles and the War Memorial at Yarra Junction.



Above: (Centre) President of the Mt Evelyn RSL, Roger Boness, presenting the plaque to members of the Upper Yarra Historical Society; Colin Kobiolke, Rhonda O'Meara, Bob Sutherland (mil historian) & Tom O'Meara (president)

Important Dates

Coming Up:

ANZAC DAY

**April 25th,
2014**

**DAWN
SERVICE
6.00am**

**Mt Evelyn
War
Memorial
Park**

**cnr Wray Cres
& Birmingham
Rd**

This year we will
be combining our
two services.

6.00am –

Commemorative
Service at Park. Will
include Catafalque
Party from 22nd
Engineer Regiment
and guest Speaker
Flight Lieutenant
Shaun Toussaint, a Mt
Evelyn serviceman

6.45am –

March down
Birmingham Rd, this
year it will be headed
by recipients of the
National Emergency
Medal.

7.00am –

Free community
breakfast at RSL Hall.

7.30am –

Unveiling of further
names on the Vietnam
Roll on the Honour
Board + members
names in the tribute
garden

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Mt Evelyn RSL is acutely aware of our fellow voluntary community groups that provide a range of activities and services for the benefit of our entire community. The friendly Sydney Olympic Games was a prime example of the impact of volunteers, when 22,000 volunteers played a major role in ensuring the games ran smoothly, a fact that caught world attention.

To highlight this, at the conclusion of our Dawn Service this year we have invited all of our community volunteers who have recently been awarded the 'National Emergency Medal', for the work they performed during the Black Saturday Bushfires, to lead the Mt Evelyn Anzac March. This is an honour the membership want to make this year as these volunteers put their lives on the line for the benefit of all Victorians. We want to acknowledge the respect we hold for our army of volunteers and we want the community to have the opportunity of showing their support for them as well.

The primary role of RSL volunteers is the welfare and support of service men, women and their families in our community, whether they are RSL members or not. Community members are invited to purchase an Anzac Token on sale from Monday April 7th with all proceeds retained for welfare purposes.

I also want to give my sincere thanks to all those who have assisted the Sub-branch in the planning and promotion of our 2014 Anzac Day activities.

LEST WE FORGET - Roger Boness

APPEALS OFFICER'S REPORT

Last year we managed record sales for our Anzac Tokens and this year I'm hoping we can do even better.

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 only by the number of volunteers to help sell Anzac Tokens. This year we will be selling out the front of IGA from **April 7th to April 24th (no selling over Easter)** and would like someone to sell at the Mooroolbark Station (6.30am-8.30am). If you are able to assist at all in this important work, especially to sell at the station, please contact me on: **9736 3638**

Dot Ervine – Mt Evelyn RSL Appeals Officer

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BETTY'S JOKE PAGE



The following letter was written by a kid from Eromanga (a small town, west of Quilpie in the far south west of Queensland) to Mum & Dad.

Dear Mum & Dad,

I am well. Hope youse are too. Tell me big brothers Doug and Phil that the Army is better than workin' on the station - tell them to get in bloody quick smart before the jobs are all gone! I wuz a bit slow in settling down at first, because ya don't hafta get outta bed until 6am. But I like sleeping in now, cuz all ya gotta do before brekky is make ya bed and shine ya boots and clean ya uniform. No bloody horses to get in, no calves to feed, no troughs to clean - nothin'!! Ya haz gotta shower though, but it's not so bad, coz there's lotsa hot water and even a light to see what ya doing!

At brekky ya get cereal, fruit and eggs but there's no kangaroo steaks or goanna stew like wot Mum makes. You don't get fed again until noon and by that time all the city boys are buggered because we've been on a 'route march' - geez it's only just like walking to the windmill in the bullock paddock!!

This one will kill me brothers Doug and Phil with laughter. I keep getting medals for shootin' - dunno why. The bullseye is as big as a bloody dingo's arse and it don't move and it's not firing back at ya like the Johnsons did when our big scrubber bull got into their prize cows before the Ekka last year! All ya gotta do is make yourself comfortable and hit the target - it's a piece of piss!! You don't even load your own cartridges they comes in little boxes and ya don't have to steady yourself against the rollbar of the roo shooting truck when you reload!

Sometimes ya gotta wrestle with the city boys and I gotta be real careful coz they break easy - it's not like fighting with Doug and Phil and Jack and Boori and Steve and Muzza all at once like we do at home after the muster.

Turns out I'm not a bad boxer either and it looks like I'm the best the platoon's got, and I've only been beaten by this one bloke from the Engineers - he's 6 foot 5 and 15 stone and like three pick

handles across the shoulders and as ya know I'm only 5 foot 7 and eight stone wringin' wet, but I fought him till the other blokes carried me off to the boozier.

I can't complain about the Army - tell the boys to get in quick before word gets around how bloody good it is.

Your loving daughter,

Sheila

- England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.
- I tried to catch some fog, but I mist.
- They told me I had type-A blood, but it was a Type-O.
- I changed my iPod's name to Titanic.
It's syncing now.
- Jokes about German sausages are the wurst.
- I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid, but he says he can stop any time.
- I stayed up all night to see where the sun went, and then it dawned on me.
- I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I just can't put it down.
- I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a play on words.
- Why were the Indians here first?
They had reservations.
- We're going on a class trip to the Coca-Cola factory. I hope there's no pop quiz.
- Did you hear about the cross-eyed teacher who lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils?
- When you get a bladder infection urine trouble.



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LATEST NEWS



CLAUDE PITT

The Mt Evelyn RSL recently had an email sent to us by David Williams, a long time supporter of our Anzac services. David's grandfather was Robert 'Pop' Adams who once owned the 'Do Drop Inn', which was situated where the 'York On Lilydale Hotel' is today. Here he developed a corner store, picnic grounds, dance hall and the Lilydale Bus Lines.

One hundred years ago his grandfather's best friend was another Mt Evelyn lad, Claude Pitt. Claude enlisted in the First AIF in November 1916 and was allotted to serve with the 37th Battalion on the Western Front. He was only with the unit a month when he was killed in action on October 12th, 1917 during the Battle at Passchendaele.

Robert Adams missed his best mate Claude terribly and what made it worst was that he wasn't allowed to enlist because, as a brass foundry worker, he was in a reserved occupation and was therefore needed for the war effort.

Claude Pitt is listed on the Mt Evelyn War Memorial and the Mt Evelyn Honour Board.

Left: Robert 'Pop' Adams & Claude Pitt
(photo: David Williams)

OUR BETTY HELPS SOLVE A MYSTERY

Recently military researcher, Lt Col Glyn Llanwarne OAM, who runs a website called 'Lost Medals Australia', was given a WWI medal of Pte Samuel James Steele (see right) to return to his family.

As it works out, further research shows that Pte Steele was actually notable in Australian military history. During the Boer War he had been involved in a battle known as the 'Wilmansrust Disaster', where an English officer had led a group of Australians into a devastating ambush where most of the men were killed or taken prisoner. Later this same officer was to lead the men into battle again and Pte Steele was overheard saying 'We'd be a lot of fools to go out with him again'. As a result he was court marshalled for mutiny and sentenced to death. This caused an outcry in this country and our Prime Minister Edmund Barton petitioned the King for his release, an event that is known as the first act of independence by the newly federated Australia.

Well it seems Pte Steele was a relative of former Mt Evelyn RSL secretary John Urand and so his widow, Betty Crittenden, worked with Glyn to find John's nearest relative still alive, his 90 year old cousin, so that the medal can be returned to him. *Well done Betty!*



HAPPY 50th BIRTHDAY SANDRA!!

Members of the Mt Evelyn RSL recently enjoyed Sandra FitzGerald's 50th Birthday party. It was a dress up party with the theme being – the sensational 1970's.

Below (from left): Caroline Geyer, Major Tony Geyer, Roger Boness, Julie Boness, Anthony McAleer, Sandra FitzGerald, Major Russell Kirby, Deanne Webb, Rob Webb, Jenny McAleer



~ **COMMEMORATIVE STUBBY HOLDERS FOR SALE** ~

The Mt Evelyn RSL has commissioned a special stubby holder (see below) that commemorates the centenary of the First World War (1914-1918).

As well as having the RSL pride of place, it also pays tribute to two Mt Evelyn residents who died while on active service in the World War One and who are remembered on our local war memorial: William Aicher (killed in action at Gallipoli) and Claude Pitt (killed in action on the

Western Front). They cost **\$5** each and are on sale at the Mt Evelyn RSL clubrooms – or look out for them at our Anzac token table out front of the IGA. **Hurry – there is only 100!!!**

HONOURING THE CENTENARY OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR (1914–1918)



CLAUDE PITT

killed in action 4/10/1917 in France
Remembered on the Mt Evelyn War Memorial



MT EVELYN RSL



WILLIAM AICHER

killed in action 8/5/1915 at Gallipoli
Remembered on the Mt Evelyn War Memorial

Australians at War



**Aussie
Digger**

SASR

**Aussie Digger after
a piss up**

**Officer with a
compass**

SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY ISSUES

The Mt Evelyn RSL has been concerned with a number of local issues that have arisen recently. The closure of Lilydale University and of Morrisons has created a huge gap in post-secondary education in this area. This is currently effecting the young people in this district will continue to do until the problem is solved. **Above: Lilydale Leader 18/3/14**

LILYDALE

Campus closure a blow to learning

Kimberley Seedy

FAMILIES and community leaders have expressed grave concerns over the future of the young people of Yarra Ranges, after the closure of Mt Evelyn's Morrison House, and the impending sale of the former Swinburne Lilydale site.

Anthony McAleer, secretary of the Mt Evelyn RSL, said the region was in "dire straits" with regards the availability of post-secondary education.

"There is nothing at all between Bundoora and Berwick," Mr McAleer said.

"Don't let anyone tell you that those in the western or northern suburbs are the worst-off for post-secondary educational opportunities."

Yarra Glen's Dr Gavan Oakley said three of his grandchildren and a lot of their mates had suffered due to the decision to close the Swinburne's Melba Ave campus.



Residents, including Dr Gavan Oakley (centre), are unhappy the Swinburne Lilydale site is up for sale.

Picture: LAWRENCE PINDER

"I knock around with all these kids that age and they're all frustrated by the lack of proximity (to higher education)," Dr Oakley said.

The Swinburne Lilydale site has been advertised for sale by Glen Waverley real estate agent Knight Frank, with the listing saying it could be rezoned to allow a variety of uses.

Bernard Dobson, con-

vener of the Yarra Valley Educational Precinct Committee, said he wanted to see action from all political parties to see the Swinburne site retained for education, and offer university and TAFE courses, VET in schools, and a whole range of community programs, including programs for the disadvantaged.

Meanwhile a statement

from the board of Morrisons last week, has indicated its programs may continue with other providers. It said: "It is stressed that whilst Morrison House Incorporated, the legal entity, will cease, plans are now under way to transfer all programs to other providers. "There is reason for optimism for continuity of employment of all program delivery staff and

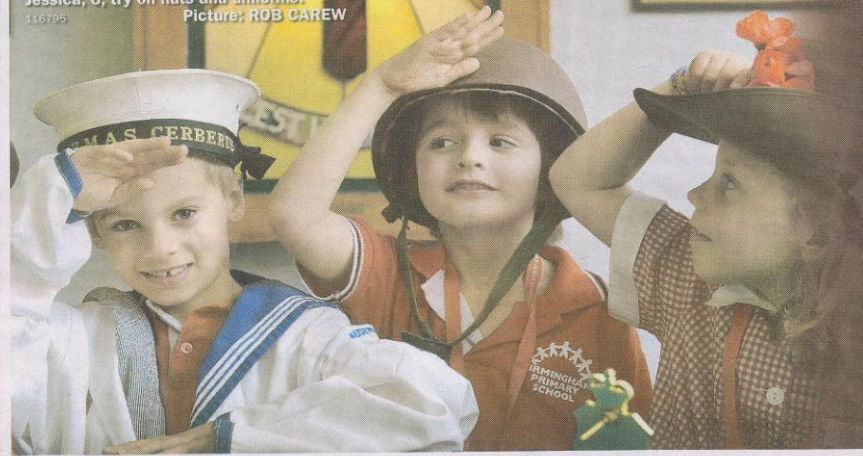
therefore for children's and students' services.

"Additional services such as a Men's Shed, library, and cafe are also being considered as vital to the community."

Are you concerned about the lack of educational options in the outer east? Email lilydale@leadernews.com.au

VISIT BY BIRMINGHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

Students Isaac, 6, William, 7, and Jessica, 6, try on hats and uniforms.
Picture: ROB CAREW
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Anzac living on in boys and girls

SOME 100 eager Birmingham Primary School Grade 1 students visited the Mount Evelyn RSL to learn the importance of Anzac Day.

Last Thursday the students gathered in the Mount Evelyn Memorial Garden to listen to a talk by Mount Evelyn RSL secretary Anthony McAleer and then made their way to the RSL hall to continue their learning.

Mr McAleer said the students are currently learning about their community and this is an event the RSL hosts each year for the students

and it is a day both the RSL and school look forward to.

"They come up to the club for a talk by a veteran, a performance by our piper, an Anzac biscuit, an Australian flag each and for a chance to look around and try on some uniforms," he said.

Mount Evelyn RSL Facebook user Sharon Tudball Smith thanked the RSL for letting the school visit.

"We all had a fantastic time and the children have been busy writing about their favourite parts of the day," she said.

Above: Mt Evelyn Mail 18/3/14

Once again the Mt Evelyn RSL was pleased to host students from Birmingham Primary School on their annual visit to the club rooms. This year we had 101 grade one students. They enjoyed a talk from the secretary & president, our Vice-President playing of the bagpipes and a drink & Anzac biscuit as well as a chance to try on some uniforms. We look forward to seeing them next year!



Above: The students out front of the hall with the Australian flags that Tony Smith MP donated to them.

Below: The students enjoying a talk

Right: Our Piper Iain had a nice surprise to find his granddaughter in the crowd. (Photos: D Webb)





DONATIONS

The club recently had a nice surprise when they were donated a beautiful painting of a field of poppies. The painting was created and donated by Annette McAleer, a Healesville artist who recently won First, Second & Third prize at the Lilydale Show Art competition. The members were so impressed they have now commissioned her to paint a portrait of Ralph Proctor and Joe Clark for our collection. We have also had some interesting historical needlework donated to us by Christine Renfrey that depicts military scenes.

Left: Roger Boness, Betty Crittenden and John Allwood with the painting.

SPECIAL OFFER IN APRIL TO ALL RSL MEMBERS!!!

In appreciation for the important role of the RSL does in our community, Accor Hotels is offering members of the Returned Servicemen's League (RSL) and their families special discounts for stays at over 150 hotels throughout April. Rates start from \$60 per room per night at selected Ibis hotels to \$80 for Mercure and Novotel, \$100 at Pullman, \$110 for selected Sofitel and \$145 for Quay West hotels. Residents with a valid RSL membership card can enjoy these discounts for stays at a range of hotels.

The RSL member offer is available for stays from **1st–30th April 2014** and only for bookings made online at www.accorasiapacificpartners.com/RSLAnzac. A maximum of two rooms can be booked per booking and a valid Australian RSL membership card must be presented at check-in. Subject to availability and terms and conditions apply."



BUNNINGS BAYSWATER GIVES OUR MEMORIAL A MAKEOVER

Recently Loretta Miller, Community Activities Organiser for Bayswater Bunnings, sent out a team to the Mt Evelyn RSL who volunteered to give our Memorial out the front of the clubrooms a complete makeover. Not only did they get rid of all the dying plants around the garden but they also replanted new plants and laid out a new garden covering. Many thanks to the Bunnings team: Loretta Miller, Mel Myszka, John Mitting



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BUS TRIP TO HMAS CERBERUS

On April 1st members and guests once again enjoyed a great day out, this time to visit HMAS Cerberus down near Hastings. Jeff from Yarra Valley Coaches looked after us and we travelled in comfort. Kim Parry, a former sailor with the Royal Australian Navy, did a great job organising the details of the trip for members to enjoy. We visited the museum at HMAS Cerberus, where we enjoyed morning tea and a guided tour, and from there we visited Crib Point RSL where we had a very pleasant BBQ lunch cooked by Roger Boness.



Above Top: Morning tea in the Vietnam Room

Above: Jim & Ted inspect the German flag captured at Rabaul in World War One.

Below: Roger cooks the BBQ lunch with help from Julie, Jim & Kim.

Above Top: A 'lecture' from Marty Grogan

Above: Three old Salts – Don Parsons & Kim Parry (enlisted RAN 1963) Bill Smart (enlisted 1964)

Below: Everyone enjoyed the 33 degree day with a BBQ lunch at the Crib Point RSL





Mount Evelyn History Group

The Mt Evelyn History Group
Annual membership - \$10

General Meetings:

every third Monday of even months
7.30pm
'Hardy House' –
Mt Evelyn RSL Hall

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

GUEST SPEAKERS 2014

15/3/14 – Barry Watts –
'Notable artists & writers in the Yarra Valley'.
17/5/14 – Mick Woiwood –
'Paradise Lost'
26/7/14 – Anthony McAleer –
tour of Lilydale
Athenaeum

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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.



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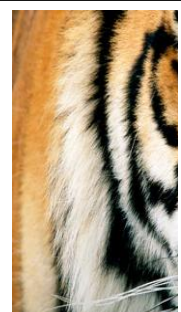
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- Raffles & prizes to be won
- York sausage sizzle
- Remembrance service to be held

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Mt Evelyn RSL President (Roger Boness) on 9737 0830



BILL HARRISON'S STORY – pt 5

This is the story of one of our past members, Bill Harrison. Bill served with the 1st 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: Bill's guerrilla war behind the lines in New Guinea

What area did you move around in?

Lae and Salamaua were only forty miles apart but to go between them, it was a seven day walk from Lae to the Wau Valley and then another six days down to Salamaua, that's a lot of walking and climbing. In the end we ranged from Edi Creek, about fifteen miles away from Wau, to Madang in the north and Morobe in the south. An area of quite a few thousand square miles, almost as big as Tasmania.

Did the Japanese know there were only a few of you?

After the war we got hold of the reports from their headquarters in Lae and they claimed that they had twelve to fourteen thousand at Lae and Salamaua and that we had six thousand opposing them. Well in actual fact there were only two hundred of us. One of the things we did outside of Lae, we knew that twice a day the Japanese sent out a Betty Bomber to do a couple of passes up the Markham Valley. Well we'd make sure that one bloke and a couple of natives would go out and light fires in thick patches of scrub, small fires so they'd look like cooking fires. Well they'd make a trip up the valley and they would see what would appear to be half a dozen camp fires spread out over an area of ten miles. They'd think there'd be two or three hundred men at each fire and think there was over a thousand all up.

Was fooling the enemy apart of your tactics?

We set up two main attack posts on the Markham River for whenever they tried to cross the river. Whenever their planes would fly over the area we'd fire at them or at least move about so that they saw we were there. Well they thought there were so many of us that they were never confident enough to have a go at us and try and cross. We had the moral superiority over them and ended up dominating the area up as far as Madang.

Did you ever get up as far as Madang?

We did patrol up there; it was about a nine days walk to get there. The first time I'd gone up there was to bring back some missionaries, three of us went up. We went up to Madang looking for these German Lutheran missionaries and we found them alright. However another two days walk away was another German mission and these fellows said that the ones there had left but we decided to go up and check anyway.

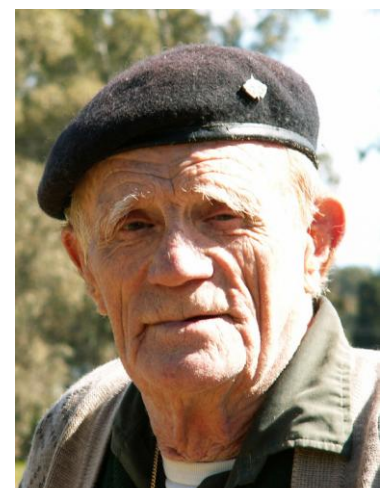
On our way back we got to within one hundred or two hundred yards of the mission house when we saw a native boy huddling under a bush. I spoke to the boy who told me 'Japanese here' so we kept on going at a hell of a great rate of knots. We hung around out of the way for four days and sure enough the Nips left.

We then found the missionaries all dead, their bodies hanging upside down. Talking to the natives it turned out that these German missionaries had sold us out to the Nips. When we left to go to the other mission they sent someone down to inform the Nips, who gave them half a bag of rice each – fifty pounds of rice for the three of us. When we discovered the Japs were there and escaped, the Nips got sick of waiting and thought they had been lied to so they hung them upside down and killed them. By the time we found them the pigs had almost finished them. It served them right, so called men of God!

Next issue: Bill's in the Battle of Wau

MT EVELYN FURPHYS

- Well done to the principal of Monbulk Primary School, Ray Yates, who has just retired after 53 years of teaching, 38 as principal at Monbulk – a huge achievement!!!
- Thanks to the Montrose Men's Shed who have built a storage cabinet for the club.
- It seems a new broom has swept through the Lilydale RSL with them now having a new executive under the helm of new President Don Parsons. We congratulate the new team and very much look forward to forming closer ties with the club and working with them on forthcoming community projects.
- Also congrats to Bill Ford, the new president at the Monbulk RSL, and well done to Ted Beard who has served in that role for quite a number of years. We look forward to working with Bill as well as we did with Ted.
- Should you require any assistance or advice - Deanne Webb (the Sub-branch's Welfare Officer).
Ph: **0402 783 849**
Or the Rev Richard Schoenmaker
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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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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.

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