# Mt Evelyn RSL News



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



#### 2017 Meeting Dates

AGM -Sun - Feb 26<sup>th</sup>
Fri March 17<sup>th</sup>
Fri April 21<sup>st</sup>
Fri May 19<sup>th</sup>
Fri June 16<sup>th</sup>
Fri July 21<sup>st</sup>

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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# ERNEST PEARSON MM CENTENARY SERVICE



Above: Rosemary & Jen Craig (granddaughters of Ernest Pearson MM) with their cousin Lyn (centre) holding a photo of Ernest Pearson and his famous bugle. (Photo: courtesy of Greg Carrick)

On January 5<sup>th</sup>, 1917, sixteen year old Ernest Pearson (he had put his age up to 18 to get into the AIF) of the 37<sup>th</sup> Battalion, was awarded the Military Medal for actions he'd undertaken a few days earlier at Armentieres in France. On that fateful day he had delivered a vital message to another battalion, running under artillery and machine gun fire to deliver it, dropping his beloved bugle with his unit and initials scratched on it along the way.

As readers of this newsletter would be aware, a few months after this event, an English soldier picked up the bugle and took it home where it remained in his family for generations until recently when that family tracked down that Ernest had come to live in Mt Evelyn later in life and donated the bugle to the RSL.

On January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017, exactly one hundred years after Ernest was awarded the Military Medal, members of his family travelled down from NSW and joined with members of the Mt Evelyn RSL and those from the Mt Evelyn community to pay tribute to the actions of Ernest Pearson by holding a special commemorative service at the Mt Evelyn war memorial. On the day piper Iain Townsley and bugler Tom Steele performed, while president Roger Boness read out the 'Ode to the Fallen'. Flowers were laid at the memorial by the Mt Evelyn RSL, Ernest's family and Rosemary Cox, who started off the Ernest Pearson story recently by donating his bandolier to the Mt Evelyn RSL. Ernest's daughter, Valerie Craig, who lives in NSW, unfortunately was not well enough to travel down for the event.

The family have also donated copies of photos of Ernest in uniform. (see inside)

# 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 2016 so come along and see:

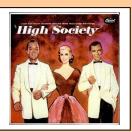
Absent Friends Sunday March 6<sup>th</sup> @ 2.00pm



One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest Sunday May 29<sup>th</sup> @ 2.00pm



High Society Sunday August 21<sup>st</sup> @ 2.00pm



Six Dance Lesson in Six Weeks Sunday November 13<sup>th</sup> @ 2.00pm

for members
Contact Roger on
9737 0830

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I often marvel at the energy generated by the RSL committee and members in serving our local community. Most of our members could be deemed to be senior citizens but that does not restrict them in sharing the burden.

Committee and members were once again voted community group of the year at the Mount Evelyn chamber of commerce awards night for our community commitment, well done. Also congratulations to Betty Crittenden and John Allwood who received community awards from our local federal member the Hon Tony Smith MP, he also presented the Mt Evelyn RSL with a special award as well. Also well done to our bugler Tom Steele, who received community awards from both Tony Smith MP and the Shire of Yarra Ranges.

We have had the benefit of an extended Christmas, New Year break and I encourage members to attend the RSL annual general meeting on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 2-00 pm when all committee positions become vacant. Now is the time to consider how you may be able to assist the RSL in continuing their welfare work and all other RSL activities.

In commemoration of the centenary of World War One the Mount Evelyn RSL and Lilydale RSLs will be holding a service on the centenary date of those listed on local memorials who died whilst on active service. Mount Evelyn is responsible for those listed on the Mount Evelyn, Montrose, Wandin and where necessary Silvan memorials. That is; there will be 7 services held during 2017. The next service will be for Gilbert Hogg at Wandin on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May at 11.00 am.

Anzac Day will be on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2017 and our RSL will be responsible for four services at Mount Evelyn, Wandin, Evelyn Ridge retirement home and Silvan as well as the traditional Two-Up at the York on Lilydale. Please check your diaries today to ensure you are available to assist, thank you.

Lest We Forget

Roger Boness

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# BETTY'S JOKE PAGE



Now, at long last, here are some NEW Barbie dolls to coincide with her and OUR aging that are a bit more realistic....

- 1. **BIFOCALS BARBIE**: Comes with her own set of blended-lens fashion frames in six wild colors (half-frames too), neck chain and large print editions of Vogue and New Idea.
- 2. **HOT FLASH BARBIE**: Press Barbie's belly button and watch her face turn beet red while tiny drops of perspiration appear on her forehead. Comes with hand-held fan and tiny tissues.
- 3. **FACIAL HAIR BARBIE**: As Barbie's hormone levels shift, see her whiskers grow. Available with teensy tweezers and magnifying mirror.
- 4. **FLABBY ARMS BARBIE**: Hide Barbie's droopy triceps with these new, roomier sleeved gowns. Good news on the tummy front too- muumuus with tummy support panels are included.
- 5. **BUNION BARBIE**: Years of disco dancing in stiletto heels have definitely taken their toll on Barbie's dainty arched feet. Soothe her sores with the pumice stone and plasters, then slip on soft slippers.
- 6. **NO-MORE-WRINKLES BARBIE**: Erase those pesky crow's feet and lip lines with a tube of Skin Sparkle Spackle, from Barbie's own line of exclusive age-blasting cosmetics.
- 7. **AUSKICK MUM BARBIE**: All that experience as a cheerleader is really paying off as barbie dusts off her old high school megaphone to barrack for Babs and Ken Jr. Comes with a SUV in robin-egg blue or white, and esky filled with doughnut holes and fruit punch.
- 8. **DIVORCED BARBIE**: Sells for \$399.99. Comes with Ken's house, Ken's car and Ken's boat.
- 9. **POST-MENOPAUSAL BARBIE**: This Barbie wets her pants when she sneezes, forgets where she puts things and cries a lot. She is sick of Ken sitting on the couch watching the TV, clicking through the channels. Comes with Depends and Kleenex.

An RSL Welfare Officer goes to a nursing home for the first time to visit an elderly member.

As he is sitting there, he notices a bowl of peanuts beside her bed and takes one. As they continue their conversation, he can't help himself and eats one after another.

By the time they are through visiting, the bowl is empty. He says, "Mrs. Jones, I'm so sorry, but I seem to have eaten all of your peanuts."

"That's O.K.," she says. "They would have just sat there anyway.

Without my teeth, all I can do is suck the chocolate off and put them back in the bowl".

A new and inexperienced waitress tells another waitress she is concerned about being able to carry the heavy trays and serve from them.

The other waitress explains that tray stands are placed throughout the restaurant. The nervous beginner serves all her lunches successfully, and afterwards asks an elderly couple if everything has been all right.

"It was fine, dear," replies the man, "but my wife and I have to leave now. Could she please have her walker back?"

An elderly man went to his doctor and said, "Doc, I think I'm getting senile. Several times lately, I have forgotten to zip up."

"That's not senility," replied the doctor.
"Senility is when you forget to zip down."

How did I escape Iraq? Iran.

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#### RSL AWARDS FOR OUR COMMUNITY



At the recent community morning, hosted by Tony Smith MP- the federal member for Casey, both the Mt Evelyn & Lilydale RSL Subbranches surprised Tony with an RSL award.

The award was for Tony's support of both RSL Clubs and for his commitment and efforts towards all the Anzac heritage events both clubs have organised in recent times.

Right: Don Parsons (president Lilydale RSL), Roger Boness and Tony Smith MP

(Photo: Tony Smith's office)

#### STEVE DEAKINS

At our ceremony on Remembrance Day 2016 President Roger Boness presented Steve Deakin with a Victorian RSL Certificate of Appreciation.

Steve runs local business, Art With Distinction, at the top of York Rd, Mt Evelyn. He has supported the RSL greatly with our hall hiring and with the framing of quite a number of pictures and paintings hanging in the club. He is also an active member of the Mt Evelyn CFA.

Photo left: Steve being presented with award (D Webb)





#### YARRA RANGES CENTRAL PARKS TEAM

Presented to co-Craig ordinator Stewart (in blue shirt) and his team for the support they have given centenary WWI projects and the superb upkeep and maintenance of local war memorial parks.

(photo: Mark Varmalis)



#### REV RICHARD SCHOENMAKER

Sadly our long time padre of the Mt Evelyn RSL sub-branch, the Rev Richard Schoenmaker, has transferred to the wilds of Pakenham to start off a new church. Both he and his wife Lesley were familiar faces at our ceremonies and both were long-time the club and its supporters of members. They will be sorely missed. As a result the Mt Evelyn RSL were pleased to present Richard with a Victorian **RSL** Certificate Recognition Award for all his support of the club and for all his wonderful work in the Mt Evelyn community.

Left: Roger Boness presents Richard with his award at a recent public event.

#### JIM BROWN AND VINCE BROPHY

Recently at the special Normie Rowe concert, to raise funds for the Seville War Memorial, the Mt Evelyn RSL were pleased to present a certificate of appreciation to Jim Brown and Vince Brophy for their efforts in promoting our Anzac Heritage and for their support of local RSL sub-branches.

Both men have been travelling the country performing their show, the Anzac on the Wall, singing and performing original songs and poetry, most notably the poem that has gone viral on youtube – The Anzac on the Wall.

They have also done much to support local RSLs with their projects; Jim has performed poetry at a number of our functions and both have volunteered to perform at a number of memorial fund raisers, including on the night of the Normie Rowe concert.

Below: Jim Brown, Secretary Anthony McAleer, Vince Brophy (photo: courtesy Vince Brophy)



#### AWARDS FOR RSL MEMBERS



At the recent community morning, hosted by Tony Smith MP, federal member for Casey, Roger Boness, president of the Mt Evelyn RSL, was proud to accept, on behalf of the club, an award presented to the Mt Evelyn RSL sub-branch by Tony Smith MP.

In presenting the award Tony highlighted the good work the club has undertaken in the Mt Evelyn community, our dedication to the welfare of exservice people and our commitment to our Anzac Heritage.

Left: Roger & Tony Smith

On the same morning Tony Smith MP also presented awards to members of the Mt Evelyn RSL including:

John Allwood (treasurer), Betty Crittenden (stalwart), Roger Boness (president) Tom Steele (bugler).

The special recognition award this year went to WW2 veteran Colonel Hal Oxley, who recently turned 100.

Right: John Allwood, Tony Smith MP and Betty Crittenden (both photos courtesy of Tony Smith's Office).



#### TOM STEELE – CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION FROM THE SHIRE OF YARRA RANGES

Our long time bugler, Tom Steele, was presented on Australia Day with a certificate of recognition from the Shire of Yarra Ranges. The award was presented to Tom for his volunteer bugle playing for both the Lilydale & Mt Evelyn RSLs for over 25 years and for his other communi8ty work such as the time he puts in as a member of the Dixon Creek CFA.

Left: Tom Steele with Mayor of Yarra Ranges, Cr Noel Cliff.



#### XMAS GIFTS FOR LOCAL CHARITIES





#### WILLIAM THOMPSON

On January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 members of the Mt Evelyn RSL gathered together at the Wandin War Memorial to commemorate the centenary of the death in action of Wandin soldier William Thompson.

He had been killed on that day 100 years ago by machine gun fire while on duty in the trenches at Armentieres in France.

Sadly his brother died while a POW in WW2 – both names are listed on the Wandin War Memorial.

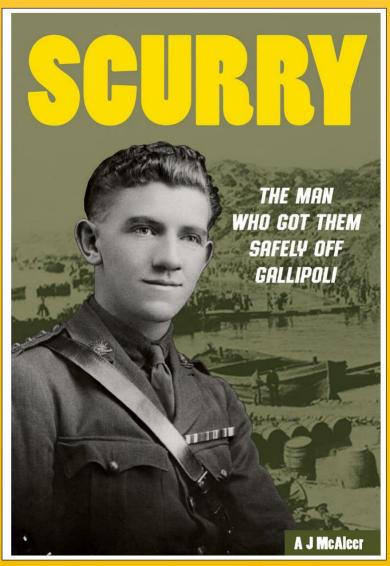
Left: President, Roger Boness, lays a wreath beneath William Thompson's name at the Wandin War Memorial



#### THE MT EVELYN RSL SUB-BRANCH

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#### TO THE LAUNCH OF OUR NEW BOOK:



On December 8<sup>th</sup>, 1915 there were 38,500 Australian troops occupying trenches on Gallipoli, facing a larger Turkish force of some 80,000. Twelve days later they had all been evacuated from the Peninsula without the loss of a man and without the enemy knowing.

How they did this was helped in no small way by an ingenious invention created by twenty year old Lance-Corporal Bill Scurry, a self-firing rifle with a primitive timer that would convince the Turkish soldiers that the Anzacs were still in their trenches shooting at them when in fact they had long gone. It would earn for him the Distinguished Conduct Medal and the gratitude of those who had got off Gallipoli safely.

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.

**When:** Sunday February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Time: 2.00 pm

Place: Silvan Public Hall

271 Lilydale-Monbulk Rd, Silvan

For further details:

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#### To be Launched by:

Dr Ross McMullin, author of 'Pompey Elliott'

#### **Guest Speakers:**

Glenn McFarlane author of 'The Fair Dinkums'

The Hon Tony Smith MP, Federal Member for Casey, Speaker of the House

#### **CAN YOU HELP?**



One of our members has recently come across an image of their great, great grandfather in a uniform with medals, presumably from the Colonial period.

The person's name was William Keane and they had a connection to the Hamilton, Vic district, a part from that they don't know much more.

Can anyone recognise the uniform or the type of medals they are?

If so email us at: <a href="mailto:mtevrsl@gmail.com">mtevrsl@gmail.com</a>

#### **ERNEST PEARSON**

During our recent ceremony to commemorate the centenary of Ernest Pearson being awarded the Military Medal during World War One, his family kindly donated copies of some images of Ernest and his awards.

We previously didn't have any images of Ernest and we will now display these along with his items.

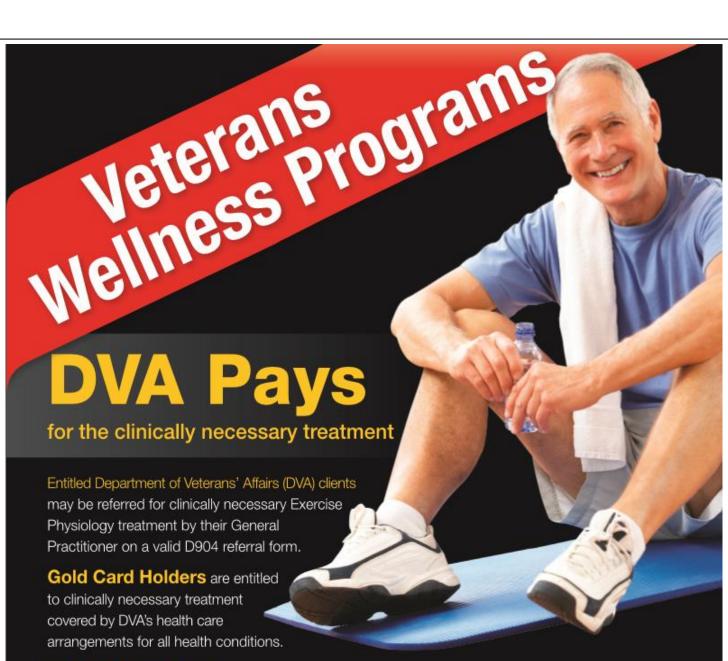
Below: Ernest in his AIF uniform, his military medal, his war medals and as an AFC pilot.











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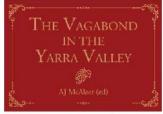
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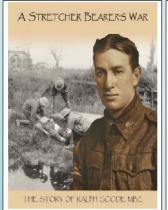


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Over the next four years he painstakingly recorded what he went through in Egypt, on Gallipoli and throughout the Western Front. What he created on the pages of those little diaries is an extraordinary day to day account of the horrors and heroism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

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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 24th 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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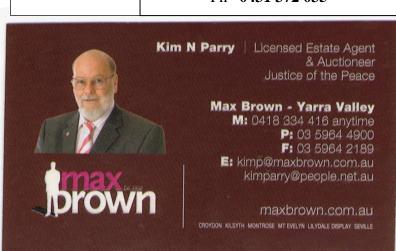
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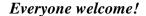
The Mt Evelyn History Group *Annual membership - \$15* 

#### **General Meetings:**

every third Monday of even months
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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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#### STANLEY ROBINSON

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.....

Stanley Robinson was born in 1897 at Richmond, one of four children of Joseph and Jessie Robinson. His father was a constable in the police force and was for many years on duty at Wycheproof, Victoria where Stanley spent much of his childhood.

Once he finished his primary schooling, Stanley attended Melbourne High School for two years, where he served with their senior cadets (64<sup>th</sup> Battalion), before deciding to become a school teacher. He took up training positions at Collingwood (Cambridge Street) State School and at his old state school at Wycheproof before moving to Lilydale to teach at the school there. At the same time his father had taken up a position as senior constable at Lilydale so his whole family had moved to live there as well.

In July 1915 Stanley walked into the recruiting centre at the Melbourne Town Hall and enlisted in the AIF. As he was only eighteen years old at the time he had to obtain a letter of permission signed by his parents which they gave him. His medical records show he was five feet, ten inches tall, had brown hair and blue eyes.

From here he was sent to the AIF training camp at Broadmeadows where he was given his regimental number of 919 and was allotted to 'D' Company of the 31<sup>st</sup> Battalion. In October 1915 he was given a farewell send off by the people of Lilydale in the Athenaeum Hall along with thirty one other soldiers.

On November 9<sup>th</sup>, 1915 he embarked with the 31<sup>st</sup> Battalion from Port Melbourne on the HMAT Wandilla, arriving in Egypt the following month just as the Australian troops were being evacuated from Gallipoli. He was stationed in Egypt for a number of months during which time he attended the Signalling School and qualified as a signaller in his unit.

In June 1916 the 31st Battalion were sent to France arriving in the Fleurbaix area in early July. They weren't here very long when they were sent to Fromelles. On July 19<sup>th</sup>, 1916 they were moved up to the forward trenches in front of the enemy.

The Australian attack started at 5.30pm and at 6.00pm the 31<sup>st</sup> Battalion were awaiting their orders to go over the top when a German shell burst in the trench. Four men were killed outright and Stanley Robinson was severely wounded. Attempts were made to get him to a Casualty Clearing Station but his wounds were too severe and he died later that night. He was just nineteen years old.

His body was later buried at the Rue-Petillon Military Cemetery in France. In Lilydale the Robinson family received the tragic news and sadly it wouldn't be the only tragedy they would experience that year. In December 1916 another son, Joseph, died of pneumonia aged just ten years old.

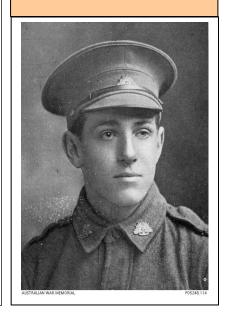
Just after the war ended the students and staff at the Lilydale State School placed a framed photo of Stanley Robinson, their former teacher, on the wall at the school in his memory.

LEST WE FORGET

**Right: Stanley Robinson** 

#### MT EVELYN FURPHYS

- Very sad to hear of the passing of two Mt Evelyn community stalwarts:
   Andrew Meades and Andrew Roberts our condolences to the families.
- Farewell to our sub-branch padre Rev Richard
  Schoenmaker who is leaving the Mt Evelyn
  Christian Reformed Church to start a new church and parish at Pakenham. We wish him and Lesley all the very best for the future.
- Welcome to new member **Barry McCormack.**
- Best wishes to Bruce
   Watkinson and Geoff
   Dawson who have both
   been in hospital recently.
- Many thanks to Kylie who recently donated a slouch hat and military rule book to our collection via Rob & Deanne Webb.
- The Shire of Yarra Ranges Council have just approved the naming of the unnamed war memorial reserve in Lilydale as the 'Ralph Goode Reserve'.
  - Should you require any assistance or advice Deanne Webb (the Subbranch's Welfare Officer).
     Ph: 0402 783 849



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:** 

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