

Mt Evelyn RSL News



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



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2015 Meeting Dates

Nov 20th, 2015

Dec 18th, 2015

2016 Meeting Dates

January, 2015

- No meeting

Sunday Feb 21st,
2016 - AGM

*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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If you can't beat 'em – join 'em.

Seeing that our local newspapers have decided that more people will read their papers if our illustrious president, Roger Boness, is on the front page, we've decided to do the same thing.

In fact he may have set some sort of record with the amount of front pages he has been on this year, so here are some of the latest ones.

Right: Mt Evelyn Mail 3/11/15

Grant for new book

Below: Lilydale Leader 3/11/15

Concerns over Wandin War Memorial

Below Right: Mt Evelyn Mail 10/11/15

RSL Awards to local music teachers



Important Dates

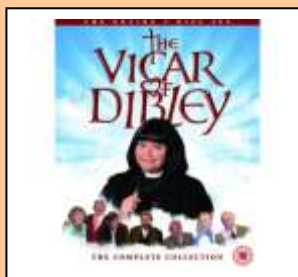
Coming Up:

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:

The Vicar of Dibley
Sunday March 6th
@ 2.00pm



Breaker Morant
Sunday May 29th
@ 2.00pm



Caught in the Net
Sunday August 21st
@ 2.00pm

Yes, Prime Minister?
Sunday November 13th
@ 2.00pm



Tickets only \$10
for members
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9737 0830

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As 2015 comes to a close and I reflect on all of the projects that the Mt Evelyn Community RSL Sub-Branch has been involved in during the year, the achievements of our members are quite remarkable.

2015 began with the book launch and display of our local VC recipient George Ingram at Mont De Lancey. We then moved on to preparing the concrete slab in the memorial garden in readiness for the arrival of our howitzer, a gun that was widely used in the Vietnam War, that arrived on February 4th. The redecoration of the front meeting room and toilets at Hardy House was undertaken. The surprise arrival from UK and presentation of the Albert Pearson bugle in January. We then participated in the inaugural meeting for "Bells of Peace" production. Our next project in conjunction with the Mt Evelyn History Group and Yarra Ranges Council gardeners was the manufacture and placement of plaques in the memorial garden replacing the names of those who served in WW1 whose names were on the former Mt Evelyn Avenue of Honour. RSL members also attended the Ralph Goode mural at Lilydale High School, "Bells of Peace" production, the "Behind the Wire" book launch at Belgrave library, the CWA WW1 exhibition at the Memo Gallery in Healesville and Vietnam talk at Lilydale Historical Society. RSL members were also involved in the Mt Evelyn Street Party, Bush Dance, Ralph Goode Regional Museum exhibition & "Australia will be There" exhibition, and monthly community markets. The RSL also conducted Anzac and Remembrance Day services at Mt Evelyn and Wandin and services at Evelyn Ridge retirement homes, Mt Evelyn Football Netball Club, attended the Birmingham Primary Anzac Day service and the traditional Two-Up at the York on Lilydale Resort. Sadly we remember the passing of our esteemed members Lily Berry, Bill Phillips, Luke Hollier and Peter Henskens.

I would also like to thank our elected representatives Cr/Mayor Maria McCarthy, Christine Fyffe MLA and Tony Smith MP for their invaluable support. Friends of Mt Evelyn RSL Loretta Miller and Emily Hobley from Bunnings Bayswater, Richard Nash-Wildcat Excavations, Garner and Wheeler crane hire, combined Mt Evelyn primary schools choir, music teachers Angela Glennie, Trista Fry and Jenny Barker along with the staff and pupils at Yarra Ranges secondary school and Bill Smart for his ingenious chair trolley.

I wish all Sub-Branch members & their families, and friends of the RSL Sub-Branch a very Merry Christmas, Safe and Happy New Year.

Roger Boness

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BETTY'S JOKE PAGE



Teacher asks Johnny what he would like to do when he leaves school. He replies: *'Be a Lollipop man'*.

Astounded, the teacher has to ask why.

Johnny replies: *'Because you don't have to start work until you are 65'*.

Standing in front of a boutique I noticed an impatient looking young man approach an attractive woman "would you mind talking to me for a few minutes?" he asked her. "why?" she countered suspiciously. "my wife has been in this shop for a long time" the man explained "But I know she'll come out if she see me talking to you"

Two brooms were hanging in the closet.....After a while they got to know each other so well, they decided to get married.

One broom was, of course, the bride broom, the other, the groom broom.

The bride broom looked very beautiful in her white dress. The groom broom was handsome and suave in his tuxedo.

The wedding was lovely. After the wedding, at the wedding dinner, the bride-broom leaned over and said to the groom-broom: *'I think I am going to have a little broom!'*

'IMPOSSIBLE !' said the groom broom. *'WE HAVEN'T EVEN SWEPT TOGETHER!'*

Teacher: "Kids, what does the chicken give you?"

Student: "Meat!"

Teacher: "Very good! Now what does the pig give you?"

Student: "Bacon!"

Teacher: "Great! And what does the cow give you?"

Student: "Homework!"

A child asked his father, "How were people born?"

So his father said, "Adam and Eve made babies, then their babies became adults and made babies, and so on."

The child then went to his mother, asked her the same question and she told him, "We were monkeys then we evolved to become like we are now."

The child ran back to his father and said, "You lied to me!" His father replied, "No, your mom was talking about her side of the family."

Reaching the end of a job interview, the Human Resources Officer asks a young engineer fresh out of the Melbourne Institute of Technology, "And what starting salary are you looking for?"

The engineer replies, *"In the region of \$125,000 a year, depending on the benefits package."* The interviewer inquires, *"Well, what would you say to a package of five weeks vacation, 14 paid holidays, full medical and dental, company matching retirement fund to 50% of salary, and a company car leased every two years, say, a red Corvette?"*

The engineer sits up straight and says, *"Wow! Are you kidding?"* The interviewer replies, *"Yeah, but you started it."*

Teacher: "If I gave you 2 cats and another 2 cats and another 2, how many would you have?"

Johnny: "Seven."

Teacher: "No, listen carefully... If I gave you two cats, and another two cats and another two, how many would you have?"

Johnny: "Seven."

Teacher: "Let me put it to you differently. If I gave you two apples, and another two apples and another two, how many would you have?"

Johnny: "Six."

Teacher: "Good. Now if I gave you two cats, and another two cats and another two, how many would you have?"

Johnny: "Seven!"

Teacher: "Johnny, where in the heck do you get seven from?!"

Johnny: "Because I've already got a freaking cat!"

Instead of "the John," I call my toilet "the Jim." That way it sounds better when I say I go to the Jim first thing every morning.

What happens to a frog's car when it breaks down? - It gets toad away.



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VALE PETER HENSKENS



Left:

Peter Henskens on the night he was awarded Life Membership of the RSL.

Thank you Peter for all you did for the club.

We are saddened to report the passing of one of our esteemed colleagues and stalwart of the Mt Evelyn RSL club, Peter Henskens.

Peter grew up in Holland during the war years. As a boy he worked for the Dutch Resistance although he didn't know it at the time. His father often had him delivering packages and notes for him but it wasn't until after the war that he told Peter, much to his surprise, it was for the resistance.

In the 1950's Peter served with the Netherlands Army and spent time serving in the Netherlands Antilles, a group of small islands near the Caribbean off the coast of South America.

In the 1960's he and his wife migrated to Australia. A long time resident in Mt Evelyn he has been a member of the Mt Evelyn RSL since the late 1980's. Mind you the club had to fight RSL headquarters to have Peter as a service member as the RSL weren't recognising service personnel from allied European nations except the UK at that time.

Peter has been a stalwart of the club for decades and was always willing to help out and be involved where he could. In 2011 he was awarded Life Membership of the RSL for his efforts.

A few years ago however Peter was involved in a terrible car crash in Birmingham Rd and lay in a coma for weeks. He slowly recovered but he was not able to walk again. He has spent the last few years at Tullamore Mercy in Montrose.

Below: Here's an interesting item one of our members recently acquired that they have kindly shared. This is a World War One 'Camp Pocket Candlestick', patent 1915. On the left is the cover – almost looks like the militia camp held at Lilydale in 1914. On the right is what you found inside.



MEMBERSHIP 2016

Just a reminder that your 2016 subs are due now.

However you may be interested to know that there are some interesting changes happening to RSL memberships in 2016.

- If you get your subs in by December 31st, 2015 you will go in the running to win a trip on the Ghan (see below). Also see our notice on page 2 on how to pay your subs.
- 2016 marks the centenary of the RSL and as a result all 2016 RSL members will be given a special centenary RSL membership card.
- You can now buy a three year membership at the discounted rate of **\$60.00**



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Coming Soon

SPIRIT OF ANZAC CENTENARY EXHIBITION

This acclaimed Exhibition is the major national touring event for the Anzac Centenary. The Exhibition will run until 2017 and the content is drawn from the collections of the Australian War Memorial.

The Exhibition is free, but bookings are essential.



Venue

Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre
Monday 8 - Tuesday 23 February 2016

Please note bookings need to be made online

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REPORT FROM COCOS ISLANDS

One of our members, Matt Crymble, works for the Custom's Department on active service to the north of Australia. He recently returned from the Cocos Island with an interesting historical find.

'Please find attached a photo that was recently taken on North Keeling Island. Unfortunately because of my duties manning the ship's boat I did not get to go ashore. Only a small number of blokes were allowed ashore with the local Parks manager (she's located on Cocos Island).

Anyway the photo attached is of a boiler from Emden (German ship beached and sunk by HMAS Sydney during WWI). I trawled the internet and found a picture of what could possibly be the same boiler taken in 1922 (although Emden had many).

I believe it was a Japanese company that was contracted to salvage scrap metal from the site? Anything they could salvage was taken from the wreck site to the safest navigable extraction point by the use of small tram bogeys.

I still am yet to get ashore at North Keeling Island although 2-3 years ago I body surfed the island. We did not break the rules and did not step ashore'.



Above:

Japanese salvage workers in the 1920's with one of the boilers off the Emden.

Right:

One of the boilers off the Emden, as it looks today on North Keeling Island.





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What he created was simple yet effective and was set up all over the Gallipoli Peninsula. As a result the troops were secretly evacuated without the enemy knowing and without one loss of life, saving thousands.

A ceremony and the unveiling of a memorial will take place at the graveside of Major William Scurry MC, DCM, the inventor of the gun that got them all off Gallipoli safely.

DATE: Sunday December 20th, 2015

TIME: 2.00pm

PLACE: Lilydale Lawn Cemetery

Cnr Victoria Rd and Nelson Rd, Lilydale

For further details: Don Parsons 0418588360

REMEMBRANCE DAY - 2015



A great crowd turned out for our Remembrance Day service this year. Once again our schools were involved and did a brilliant job – especially the choir and those that did readings. Our guest speaker was Ben Gorfine, a young local veteran who saw service in Afghanistan. Thanks also to Iain Townsley & Tom Steele.

Photos courtesy of John Allwood





TRIBUTE PLAQUES

On Remembrance Day we unveiled four more plaques to members who have passed on the wall in our tribute garden. This year there were plaques for Bill Sibley, Bill Phillips, Luke Hollier & Peter Henskens.

Left: Trevor Phillips and his wife, Laurie & Judy Hollier, Agnes Henskens, Trevor & Christine (Bill Sibley's family).

Photo courtesy Greg Carrick

WANDIN WAR MEMORIAL

Some of you may be aware of the recent issue around the Wandin War Memorial. The Mt Evelyn RSL is custodian for this memorial so we are supporting the community with their concerns.

It is a tricky situation; the land around the memorial is being sold privately so there is a worry it will be developed on and there will be no where to cater for the crowds at ceremonies.

The only hope at the moment is that someone will buy it and sub divide it, gifting a portion to the community to develop gardens. The shire have been approached but they don't buy land.



NEWS



DR BILL HARDY BIOGRAPHY LAUNCHED

Recently Paula Herlihy, president of the Mt Evelyn History Group and Mt Evelyn RSL member, launched a biography on the late Dr Bill Hardy, WW2 veteran, stalwart of the club and Mt Evelyn legend.

Many Mt Evelyn people recall Dr Hardy and many were delivered by Dr Hardy. The book is really a must have for anyone interested in the history of the town because the Hardys were so instrumental in the community. The RSL Hall is named 'Hardy House' in his memory.

Copies of the book can be purchased by emailing Paula on: pherlihy3@gmail.com

POPPY APPEAL

This year's poppy appeal was another huge success.

Although total amounts have not come in as yet our appeals officer, Dot Ervine, believes it should be another record.

Many thanks to all of those who volunteered their time to sell poppies – it is much appreciated.

Thanks to our Appeals Officer Dot Ervine who is retiring as she's done a mighty job over the years,



JAMES FRASER TRIBUTE

As has been previously mentioned in the newsletter, Mt Evelyn & Lilydale RSLs have been paying tribute to soldiers listed on local war memorials on the centenary of their death while on active service.

On November 6th, 2015 there were three services held on the same day for James Fraser, a Coldstream volunteer who served on Gallipoli but returned home ill. He was then accidentally killed by a tram in St Kilda Rd on the way to hospital.

Serves were held at Coldstream War Memorial, Lilydale War Memorial (where he is listed) and the Lilydale cemetery where he is buried.

Left: Tom Steele, Don Parsons, Maria McCarthy & David Clayton (nephew) at grave

MONASH'S MILITIA CAMP

LILYDALE - FEBRUARY 1914

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

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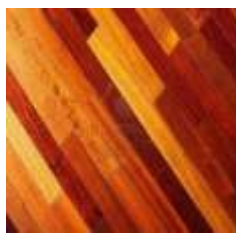
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Third Saturdays on odd months
1.30pm

'Hardy House' –
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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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Fresh produce and an RSL sausage sizzle and devonshire tea.

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JOHN ATKINSON METCALF

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.....

John Atkinson Metcalf was born at Windsor on March 2nd, 1895, the eldest son of George Rupert Atkinson Metcalf and Lilian Maud Metcalf. He grew up in the family home 'Indi' at 53 Horace St, Malvern and attended the Malvern State School. While here he volunteered to enlist with the Senior Cadets, serving with them for two years.

When he finished state school he studied for a time at the agricultural college at Longerenong near Horsham. While here he continued to serve with the Senior Cadets, firstly at Horsham and then at Shepparton. When he moved back to Malvern he joined the militia, serving firstly with the 59th Battalion and then with the 46th Battalion. He would have more than likely attended the Monash militia camp at Lilydale in February 1914.

This may have influenced him getting a job because for most of 1914 he worked as a farm labourer in Mooroolbark.

On August 26th, 1914 he walked into the drill hall at Rippon Lea and enlisted to serve in the First World War, he was nineteen of age. His medical record shows he was 5 feet, 7½ inches high, had black hair and brown eyes. He was also a Presbyterian.

He was sent to Broadmeadows, the AIF's training camp, where he underwent his initial training and was allotted to the 5th Battalion, regimental number 899. He left Australia on the first convoy, sailing on the ship HMAT Oriveto.

John spent a number of months garrisoned in Egypt, undergoing further training, and then the 5th Battalion were shipped to Lemnos Island in preparation for the landing at Gallipoli.

On the morning of April 25th, 1915 Private John Metcalf was with the 5th Battalion as they landed at Anzac Cove. He followed them as they charged into action up the cliffs and gullies before them. The following is a statement received at the court of enquiry held six months later.

L/Cpl S V Kirwood (5th Battalion) –

'Metcalf was killed on the day of the landing. I was near him at the time and word was passed along that Metcalf had gone. This occurred at the top of Monash Gully in the advance. At the Roll Call a few days later various men made statements to the effect that they had seen Metcalf killed. Amongst those was Pte Arthur Hughes and Pte Harold Booker. Metcalf was of dark complexion, a lively, popular fellow'.

Because of the confusion of that morning the authorities informed his parents he was 'missing in action' rather than 'killed in action'. They didn't find out until after the enquiry that he had been killed. At Gallipoli that night his mates carried his body down to the beach where he was buried with other war death.

In 1921 the war graves commission finally found his remains buried on the beach and informed his family, also sending back his identity disc. His name was later listed on the memorial at the Lone Pine Cemetery at Gallipoli. A few months after his death his brother, George Metcalf, enlisted and survived throughout the rest of the war as a stretcher bearer on the Western Front with the 14th Field Ambulance. →

MT EVELYN FURPHYS

- Welcome to new member **Stuart Fraser, Geoff Dawson, Gladys Allwood, Ben Gorfine and Graeme Northey.**
- Our condolences to **Tom Steele** who's mother recently passed away.
- Recently Mt Lilydale Mercy College held a writing competition – the subject WW1 & WW2. We are proud to say that the daughters of two of our members, **Matt Crymble** and **Anthony McAleer**, were winners.
- Well done to **John Allwood**'s mother who recently turned 101 years young.
- Great news about Box Hill Institute taking over the old Swinburne campus in Lilydale. It seems they will be having a community centre there that will be taking over the Lilydale library and doing great things for our community.
 - Should you require any assistance or advice - Deanne Webb (the Sub-branch's Welfare Officer).
Ph: **0402 783 849**
Or the Rev Richard Schoenmaker
Ph: **9736 1087**

He is remembered on the Mooroolbark War Memorial and the Shire of Lilydale Honour Board

His friends later wrote the following tribute in The Age:

*He fought the fight,
he stood the test,
All his life long,
he was one of the best.*

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.

Editor: Anthony McAleer

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

RSL Hall Hire

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

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

Contact the Secretary at:
mtevrsl@gmail.com

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