



WARRAGUL RSL  
Sub Branch

# PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER

JULY 2025

From the President and the Warragul RSL Committee of Management – Email: [admin@warragulrsl.com.au](mailto:admin@warragulrsl.com.au)

Hi everyone,

As a new initiative to keep you up to date on a more regular basis, we are introducing a new monthly newsletter from the President and Committee of Management. The aim is to keep you updated on a more regular basis. I will share outcomes from our Committee of Management meetings, key activities, announcements and upcoming events.

We will still produce two full newsletters each year (most likely April and December issues) that will provide more information and photos.

Our monthly Committee of Management meeting was held on the 14<sup>th</sup> July. Key outcomes from the meeting included:

- Approval of the revised Organisation Structure and of the following members who nominated for vacant positions:
  - **Geoff Coote** – Firearms Officer
  - **Brent Wilson** – OH&S Officer
  - **Ross Gaff** – Memorial Custodian
  - **Karen Wilson** – Veteran Centre Administrator
- Attendance at the South Gippsland Bass Coast Veteran Networking Session on the 30<sup>th</sup> July
- Membership reporting to be based on financial member numbers and the 4 new membership applications
- Review of our mid-year financials
- Completion and submission of the Firearms and Controlled Weapons audit to RSL VIC

I thank the four members, who were appointed, for nominating for their roles. There remains several vacant positions for which we are seeking interest from members. These include **Assistant Secretary, Assistant Treasurer, Membership Support, Facilities Maintenance and Activities Coordinator**. If you are interested in any of these positions and would like to know more, please speak with either Mark Buttner or myself.

I do hope that you will find this monthly newsletter informative and useful in keeping you updated. Any feedback that you have to improve the newsletter is most welcome!

*Best Regards, Lynn*



## RSL VIC Grant Approval

I am pleased to announce that we have received a RSL VIC grant of \$3,750 for Welfare and Commemoration Activities. This will fund:

- Monthly morning teas for Jul – Dec 2025
- Vietnam Veterans Day Catering
- Remembrance Day Wreaths and Catering
- Our Xmas Member Lunch



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## STATE VICE PRESIDENT

I am delighted to advise that I was appointed State Vice President at the State Executive Meeting on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> July.

I feel very honoured to have been nominated for the role by the incoming State President, Dr Mark Schröfel, and will be focused on assisting Mark with implementing the RSL Victoria transformation program over the next two years, specifically in leading Governance and Reform.



The monthly dinner celebrated 'Christmas in July' on Friday 18<sup>th</sup>.

A great night was had by all who attended, with a traditional Christmas dinner which included ham and turkey with vegetables and Christmas pudding, lovingly prepared by lead caterers Keith and Gerardine Crew and the team

The Warragul RSL singers entertained the audience with some Christmas Carols, and there was a special rendition of 'If I could walk 500 miles' by Blue with Josh Rainbow.

A competition for the 'most ugly Christmas outfit' was won by Pete Parish from some tough competition.



The 'Village People' having fun with Cheryl Marvin (right front)



Vice President Governance Lou Gale with Rob (Bomber) Brown behind the bar and dressed up for the occasion



The Warragul RSL Singers entertaining the audience with Jackie Green, Sally and Ivan Standen, Blue and Gerry on guitar.



Blue with Josh Rainbow singing a unique version of 'If I could walk 500 miles'



## Warragul 500 Poppies Project

Since the First World War, the red poppy has been a traditional symbol of remembrance, being the first flower that bloomed in the devastated battlefields of France, Belgium and Gallipoli.

This year, the Warragul RSL is initiating the 500 Poppies Project. We are inviting local community members to make 500 poppies to create a 'field of remembrance' for the Warragul RSL Remembrance Day service on November 11th, 2025, at the Warragul Cenotaph.

Community members are invited to knit, crochet or felt a red poppy as a 'meaningful and heartfelt' way to remember, honour and thank our local service men and women who lost their lives or suffered in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations.

## HOW TO CONTRIBUTE

All you have to do is knit, crochet or felt a red poppy to remember and honour someone who has served. A poppy pattern sheet with several poppy designs is available to download from our website at [www.warragulrsl.com.au](http://www.warragulrsl.com.au). You can be creative as to how you embellish the centre of your poppy. Once you have finished your poppy or poppies, you can drop them into one of our 3 drop-off points which are:

- **Warragul RSL** – Friday mornings only
- **Advantage Pharmacy Warragul**  
27 Victoria Street Warragul  
**MON – FRI** from 9.00 am to 6.00 pm  
**SAT** – from 9.00 am to 1.00 pm
- **Willow Branch Drouin**  
1 Commercial Place, Drouin  
**MON – FRI** from 9.00 am to 6.00 pm  
**SAT** – from 9.00 am to 5.00 pm  
**SUN** – from 9.00 am to 3.00 pm

Post Remembrance Day, the poppies will be used in craft projects to raise funds for our Veterans and Families Support Centre.



## Tea and Coffee Station

We are asking for your assistance in keeping the RSL clean and tidy. We provide tea and coffee for members to use when at the RSL for activities and programs. However, the tea and coffee station requires constant cleaning up and mugs and cups are being left dirty in the kitchen for the 'magic fairy' to clean.

Unfortunately, though, we do not have a 'magic fairy' and so we ask everyone, apart from when it is a planned catered event, if you have a cup of tea or coffee, you make sure the area is left clean, and that you wash and dry your cup and mug and put it away.

The kitchen is 'out of bounds' when the catering crew are using it for meal preparation or when catering for an event. At all other times, when it is just social gathering or program activity, and the kitchen is not being used then you can go into the kitchen to wash up your cup or mug.

***Your assistance with this is greatly appreciated.***

*thank you!*




# EVENTS AUG/SEP 2025

Month	Date	Day	Event
AUGUST	9th	Saturday	George Eyre Presentation/Afternoon Tea 3.00 – 5.00 pm
	18th	Monday	Vietnam Veterans Day
	29th	Friday	Monthly Dinner
SEPTEMBER	14th	Sunday	Australian Peacekeepers Event
	26th	Friday	Monthly Dinner
	27th	Saturday	AFL Grand Final
	28th	Sunday	National Police Remembrance Day (TBC)

## PROGRAMMED ACTIVITIES

Day	Activity	Time	Frequency	Location
MONDAY	Veterans and First Responders Catch up	10.00 am	Weekly	Warragul RSL
	Guitars 4 Vets (G4V)	7.00 pm	Weekly	Warragul RSL
	“Can Do” Art Group	1 pm & 7 pm	2nd and 4th Monday of the month	Warragul RSL
	Morning Tea	10.30 am	1st Monday of the month	Warragul RSL
TUESDAY	Hydrotherapy	9.00 am	Weekly	Warragul Leisure Centre
	Pipes and Drums	6.30 pm	Weekly	Warragul RSL
THURSDAY	Scale Model Group	10.00 am	1st and 3rd Thursday of the month	Warragul RSL
	Wellbeing Group	7.00 pm	3rd Thursday of the month	Warragul RSL
FRIDAY	Carpet Bowls	10.00 am	Weekly	Warragul RSL
	Social Group	10.00 am	Weekly	Warragul RSL
SATURDAY	Singing Group	11.30 am	Weekly	Warragul RSL
	Blue Grass Jam Session	1.00 – 5.00 pm	1st and 3rd Saturday of the month	Warragul RSL

## SOCIAL ACTIVITIES



**FRIDAYS**  
*Ales on Albert*  
 5pm – 8.00pm  
 @ Warragul RSL



**SATURDAYS**  
*Fitness & Mateship Group*  
 10.00 am  
 @ Voyage Fitness Warragul



We look forward to keeping you up-to-date each month with news and activities.

Thank you everyone for your continued support of the Warragul RSL.

Lynn Mizen, President, and the Warragul RSL Committee of Management - July 2025