



WARRAGUL RSL
Sub Branch

PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2026

From the President and the Warragul RSL Committee of Management – Email: admin@warragulrsl.com.au

Hi everyone!

Hope that you are all travelling well and had a good summer. A number are still enjoying some breaks away. We have now just moved into the Autumn period and won't be long until we see the end of daylight savings. Quite a few of our members once the cooler weather is upon us travel north for warmer weather especially those that are part of the caravan brigade. One is our Treasurer Gerardine Crew, and you can learn a little bit more about Gerardine in this issue.



We have had two committee meetings since the last newsletter issue – one on the 9th February and just recently on the 9th March. Key outcomes from these meetings include:

- Funding request from RSL Active for the Fitness and Mateship Group on Saturdays approved for 2026.
- Accountant appointed to prepare the 2025 financial reports for auditing by our auditor.
- Annual Survey reviewed and will be issued at the AGM for members to complete.
- Ongoing capacity of our volunteers for catering and review of monthly dinners especially with the cancellation of the February dinner. This will be further reviewed.
- RSL Victoria State Executive endorsement of our revised Executive Committee structure.
- Formal request to close all our bank accounts at the Commonwealth Bank now that all accounts have moved to the Bendigo Bank.
- As at the end of February our membership now stands at 434 members which includes 196 service members, 4 life members, 232 affiliate members and 6 social members. However, only 319 are financial with 115 members still to pay their dues. Reminder within this newsletter.

Reminder that our AGM and General Meetings are being held on Sunday 29th March commencing at 4.30 pm. I have been busy working with Bob Green and Shane Keppel on a new Annual Report format which will be presented at the AGM. I am very excited about what has been produced and what we achieved in 2025. I encourage all our members to try and attend our AGM meeting if you can.

There is one Committee position that will be formally appointed at the AGM this year. It is the Operations Officer role, which will become a formal voting position on the Committee of Management. The nomination form was in the AGM notice pack that was issued.

Our own Baw Baw Veterans and Families Centre is now open on a Monday morning. Congratulations to Rob Brown and Rob Cunningham for achieving their level 1 advocacy certification. The centre is really starting to ramp up, and it is such a great asset for our sub-branch.

We had a couple of great events in February being the Car Challenge and Family Ten Pin Bowling funded by DVA. The Car Challenge proved to be very successful and again a big thank you to Gerry Marvin and his team for organising it – one I think that might become a feature each year.

Happy Reading!!!!

Best Regards, Lynn

UPCOMING EVENTS

St Patrick's Day Dinner – Fri 27th March



Our monthly Ales on Albert dinner in March will be for St Patrick's Day

Bookings are limited to 80, so first in first served.

The catering capacity of our RSL is limited, however where possible a vegetarian and gluten free option will be offered.

Meal service is between 6.30 pm and 7.00 pm.

The menu for Friday 27th March is:

- Main: Shepherd's Pie
- Dessert: Lemon Posset
- Cost: \$20

Vegetarian and GF options are available.

Children's meals are available for \$10 (half serve).

The meal service is restricted to members and their guests.

Bookings will close on Wednesday night, 25th March unless the seating limit is reached prior to then.

To book dinner go to our website
<http://warragulrsl.com.au>

Details on the dinner and how to book is listed under Events.

Don't Forget:

If for any reason, you need to cancel your booking, please call Mark on 0434 280 231 and advise ASAP.



The Baw Baw Veterans & Families Centre is now open every Monday morning from 9.00 am to 11.00 am.

Veterans and family members are warmly invited to drop in during these hours to meet the team and arrange future appointments with the Veterans Centre staff.

The Veterans Centre also has its own dedicated contact details making it easier than ever to get in touch directly for any welfare, wellbeing or military advocacy enquiries.

Email: bbvfc@warragulrsl.com.au

Duty Mobile: 0451 340 220.

Also, Dr Matthew Dziegielewski (pictured right) from Fortitude Health Group, Victoria's only dedicated veterans medical service is now attending our centre on a monthly basis on a Friday with the next Friday being March 27 for consultations.

For all bookings with Dr Matt, please contact the Fortitude Health Group on 8907 0112.



Above: Dr Matthew Dziegielewski

RECENT EVENTS

INAUGURAL CAR DISCOVERY CHALLENGE



Above: Gerry at the registration desk with Karen and Mandy (part of the winning 4 amigos team)

Well, what a great day was had by those who participated in the Car Discovery Challenge on Saturday 14th February which was funded as part of Veterans Health Week by DVA.

It was a great success thanks to organiser Gerry Marvie and his merry band of helpers which included Rob and Lou, Jason and Katherine, John and Joan.

It was a perfect weather day and a whole lot of fun by the 36 or so who made their way round the course, stopping at various points to answer questions or collect treasures.

Afterwards, everyone enjoyed a BBQ back at the RSL.

The winners of the Optimum Time Award were Team Bullfrog – Geoff and Mary and the Overall Winners were the 4 Amigos – Mark, Mandy, Brent and Karen.



Above: Gerry doing the briefing session before teams headed off on the challenge.

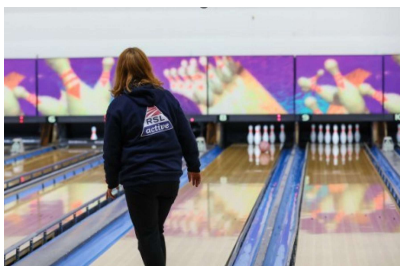


Left: Rob and Lou at overseeing the skittles challenge at the Noojee Heritage Centre.



Left: Back at the RSL for a lovely BBQ lunch.

Right: The Noojee Trestle Bridge – one of the stops on the challenge where teams had to answer some questions about the bridge.



TEN PIN BOWLING – FAMILY DAY

About 25 participants attended the Ten Pin Bowling on Saturday 21st February.

This was also part of the Veteran Health Week funding program.

Again, a BBQ afterwards was held back at the RSL, and a fun day was had by all.

ALES ON ALBERT



Above: Marty with Tony and the SAMVOA lad in Springbok Corner.

Right: Paul, Ben and Hayden at the bar.

Our Friday Ales on Albert continues to attract a regular good crowd. Here are some recent photos from the last couple of weeks.

If you haven't been to Ales, please come along – we welcome our members and their guests from 5.00 pm every Friday.



Above: Lynton with Rod – President Drouin RSL who is a regular at Ales. Senior VP Mark chatting with Amanda in the background

Right: The ladies having a quiet catch up in the hall.



RAEME Table Runners!!

We seem to have misplaced the beautiful handmade RAEME blue/yellow/red table runners (see picture on right) that were made specifically for the RAEME dinner in Nov 2024. We cannot find them at the sub-branch and so we are seeking your help to see if anyone can remember where they might be. Please let Mark or Kylie know if you have an idea of where they might be. We certainly don't want to have to remake them!.



GETTING TO KNOW THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

In getting to know the Executive Committee, this month, we posed our 10 questions to our Treasurer Gerardine Crew.

10 Questions to the Treasurer Gerardine Crew

1. What's your idea of a great weekend?

Being in the caravan somewhere with a beach.

2. Are you a morning person or a night owl?

Morning person.

3. Do you have any pets?

Not anymore but we always had dogs and cats.

4. What's your favourite type of cuisine?

Chinese.

5. What kind of music do you enjoy?

My favourite music is country, but I like most music apart from heavy metal.

6. Do you enjoy travelling? If so, what's been your favourite place so far?

Love travelling in our caravan. Love Dundee beach just out of Darwin.

7. Do you have a favourite TV show or movie?

Have recently watched the Gilded Age which I loved.

8. What do you wish you had more time to do?

Travel in the caravan. Bit of theme here!!!

9. What activities do you enjoy during your free time?

Enjoy walking and reading.

10. What's a piece of advice you've received that has stuck with you?

Never deny your age, embrace and be proud of it. Something my mother told me when I was young and I have never forgotten it!



MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS DUE



Reminder that the membership subscriptions for 2026 are due to be paid if you haven't already done so. We are reliant on our membership subscription fees to help us continue to operate.

DON'T FORGET We have now changed to the Bendigo Bank SP our payment details have changed as follows:
Bendigo Bank Drouin Branch
BSB:633 000
Account Number: 238 166 573
Account Name: Warragul RSL Sub-Branch General Account.

Payment details are also on our website www.warragulrsl.com.au or see our membership officer Pete Parish on Friday mornings from 10 – 12 or at Ales on Albert on Friday night.

YOUR PAYMENT IS MUCH APPRECIATED!!!

EVENTS MAR/APR 2026

Month	Date	Day	Event
MARCH	27th	Friday	Monthly Dinner – St Patrick’s Day
	29th	Sunday	AGM and General Meeting @ 4.30 pm
APRIL	15th	Wednesday	Ladies Fashion Parade @ 1.00 pm(TBC)
	18th	Saturday	Working Bee @ 10.00 am
	25th	Saturday	ANZAC Day – Dawn and Main Commemorative Services

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	1.00 pm	1 st and 3 rd Monday of the month	Warragul RSL
	Morning Tea	10.30 am	1 st 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	1 st and 3 rd Thursday of the month	Warragul RSL
	Singing Group	5.30 pm	Weekly	Warragul RSL
	Meditation	7.00 pm	2 nd Thursday of the month	Warragul RSL
	Wellbeing Group	7.00 pm	3 rd Thursday of the month	Warragul RSL
FRIDAY	Carpet Bowls	10.00 am	Weekly	Warragul RSL
	Social Group	10.00 am	Weekly	Warragul RSL
SATURDAY	Blue Grass Jam Session	1.00 – 5.00 pm	1 st and 3 rd 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



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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 – March 2026