



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Members and Families of Bendigo District RSL Sub-Branch Inc,

I trust this report finds you in good health and high spirits. The recent reporting period has been a busy one, filled with numerous opportunities that we have embraced, planned, and are currently considering.

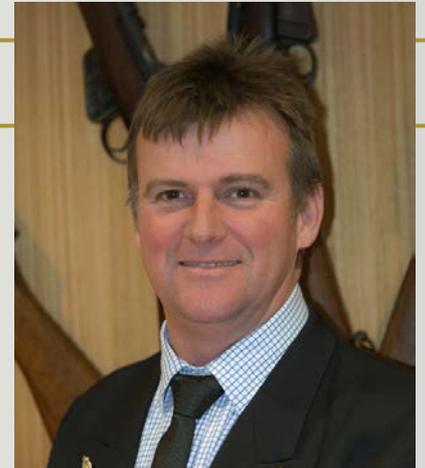
From the outset, I emphasised my primary objective of enhancing the welfare and wellbeing of our veterans. We are making significant progress in this direction, understanding that this is a continuous journey rather than a fixed destination.

Our Sub-Branch has been deeply involved in various areas within our community. We've taken concrete steps to provide support where it's needed the most. We have continued to offer emergency shelter, distributed food packages, and established referral networks to make a real difference in the lives of veterans.



In terms of outreach and engagement, our efforts have been extensive. Our new Welfare Coordinator, Pete French, has seamlessly integrated into our organisation and is actively reaching out to veterans across the community. Pete's dedication has already led to stronger lines of communication and engagement with veterans, supported by our Welfare Committee. Welcome aboard Pete and thank you for the meaningful work you've undertaken so far.

Vicki Fox, our Health and Wellbeing Coordinator, has been instrumental in reviewing and enhancing our welfare and support programs. Through collaborations with various organisations including Thales, Open Arms, RSL Vic, DVA, CVVSC, and community partners, we've been able to expand the range of opportunities available. Our Health and Wellbeing newsletter supplement offers comprehensive assistance options in the realm of health support.



# PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Despite the unfortunate cancellation of an event featuring Minister for Veterans Natalie Sulyman MLA, we continue to push for advocacy and recognition for our veterans. We are eagerly anticipating future opportunities to support dialogue and strengthen our ties within the veteran community.

Our participation in the Annual State Conference allowed us to contribute and bring back message of meaningful impact at both State and National RSL levels.

Community Engagement remains a cornerstone of our efforts. Our organisation's role as a beacon of support and advocacy is particularly evident during recent commemorative events.

Notably, Corporal Arthur Gleeson, who served in WW2, received a dignified graveside service that reflected the respect and loyalty we hold for our veterans.

Our participation in various events like trivia nights, Central Victorian Veterans events, motor racing, and sponsoring the Be. Bendigo Award for Volunteer of the Year further reinforces our presence within the community.

The active involvement and development of our members continue to be vital to our Sub Branch's success. Our engagement by the Bendigo Military Museum has been particularly impactful, engaging individuals of all ages and backgrounds. The museum fosters conversations and connections, bridging the gap between those who have served and the wider community. We welcome Lena Morrison-van Velsen, our new Museum Curator. We look forward to Lena supporting our Museum and bringing more innovative ideas of exhibiting our proud history.

Our Sheds Program stands as another successful example of engaging veterans in meaningful activities. The camaraderie and goodwill that this program generates truly warm my heart.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all staff and volunteers of the Sub-Branch for their great work. I remain dedicated to tirelessly working towards the betterment of our veterans and the broader community. Together, we are making a profound impact, ensuring that our RSL Sub- Branch remains a steadfast source of support and advocacy.



Thank you for your ongoing trust and support. I look forward to continuing our collaboration to create a positive difference in the lives of our veterans and their families.

Yours sincerely,

Glenn Ludeman  
President Bendigo District RSL Inc.

# Welcome

**LENA MORRISON-VAN  
VELSEN**

**Museum Curator**

**03 5442 4513**

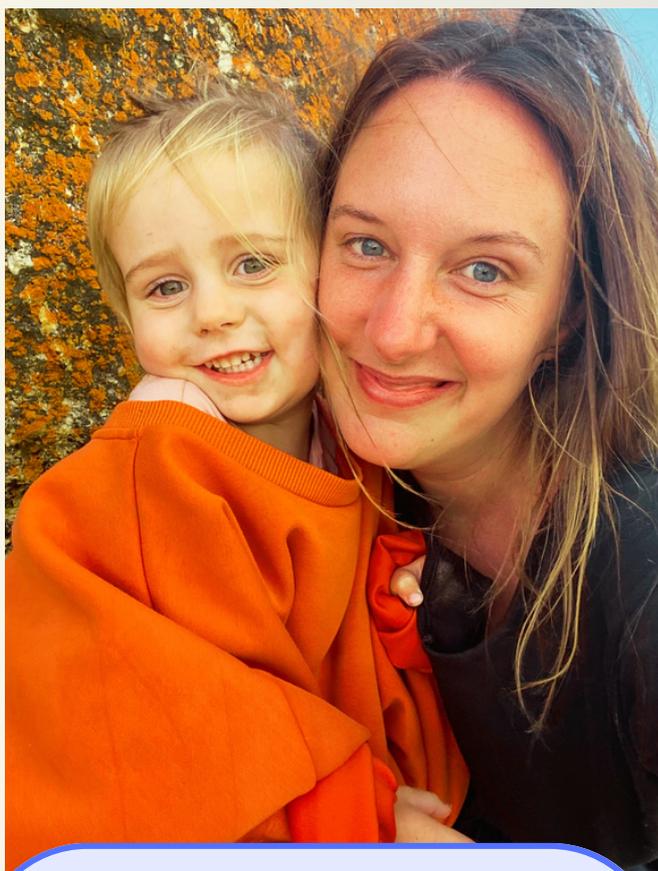
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**[www.bendigorsl.com.au/museum](http://www.bendigorsl.com.au/museum)**

**Open Hours**

**WEDNESDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY**

**11:00am - 3:00pm**



*Lena has recently taken on the role of Curator at the Bendigo Military Museum and has been enjoying putting all the puzzle pieces together and meeting all the wonderfully knowledgeable people who dedicate so much of their time and energy to the place.*

*Her background is in Public History and Project Management with a little bit of everything else mixed in to keep life interesting. She is dedicated to helping people and groups to tell their unique stories and wholeheartedly believes that we all have stories worth telling.*

*She is a self-confessed history nerd and passionate traveller and is excited to help put the Bendigo Military Museum firmly on the national stage as a cultural institution that has many important stories to tell.*



# VETERAN SUPPORT- WELFARE

# Welcome

## PETE FRENCH

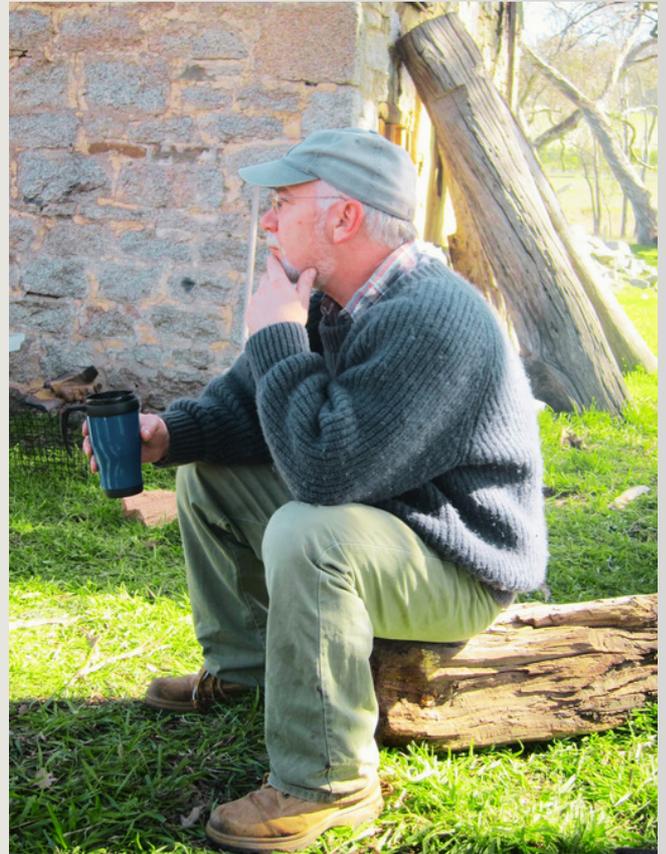
### Military Wellbeing Advocate

*In taking up the Military Welfare Advocate position at BDRSL Pete French draws upon close to four decades of privileged connection with people at the often-challenging point of the human experience.*

*Pete trained Lifeline's volunteer telephone counsellors for many years, and is a 30 year activist in the family violence sector.*

*He has a long history of advocacy in men's health and wellbeing, and has delivered training and reflective workshops for many years in trauma-informed practice, suicide, and mental health wellbeing and support.*

*In his spare time he has an interest in sustainable Agroforestry, reinterprets Pink Floyd as Country & Western on slide guitar, utilises his chainsaw as personal therapy, and has a long-standing ambition to be a bad influence upon his three grandchildren.*



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[www.bendigorsl.com.au/welfare-office](http://www.bendigorsl.com.au/welfare-office)

MONDAY - THURSDAY

9:00am - 4:30pm

# COMMEMORATIVE ACTIVITIES

The past few weeks have been a busy time for Commemorative Wreath laying and services with Korean War Day (31st July), VP Day (15th August), Vietnam Veterans Day (18th August) and Malaya/Borneo Veterans Day (31st August) being observed.

In the coming months we will also hold services for:

**Beersheba Day Commemorative Service**- Tuesday 31st October – 5:00pm.

**Remembrance Day Commemorative Services**- Saturday 11th November.

- Bendigo – 10:30am

- Eaglehawk – 10:45am

Dale Hodges

Chair – BDRSL Commemorative Activities Sub-Committee

## VIETNAM VETERANS DAY

On 18th August we honored the service and sacrifice of our Vietnam Veterans. An emotional service was held in the memorial garden at the Bendigo RSL and was attended by approximately 100 people. The service was led by Paul Penno OAM with Mike Rhode recounting his experience in Vietnam to a respectful and hushed audience.

After the service, some of the veterans attended a luncheon in the Bendigo District RSL.

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# COMMEMORATIVE ACTIVITIES

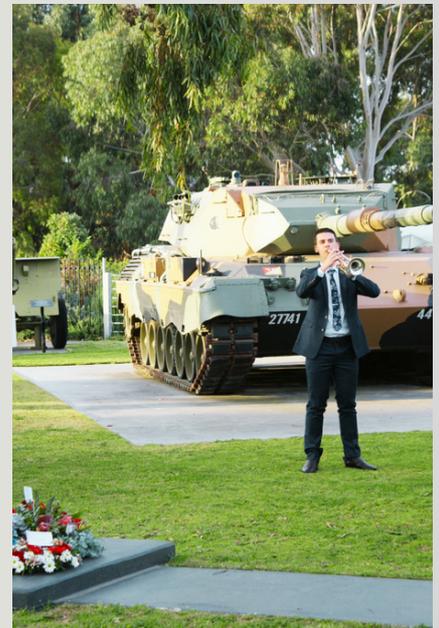
## NATIONAL PEACEKEEPERS DAY



On 14th September each year, we observe National Peacekeepers' Day. It's the anniversary of the day Australia became the world's first peacekeepers to deploy into the field, in the Netherlands East Indies (now Indonesia) in 1947.

A small service was held in the memorial garden led by Dale Hodges, with prayers from the Salvation Army's Captain Cameron Lovering and guest speaker Jonathan Crust recounting some of his time as a peacekeeper.

Since 1947, tens of thousands of Australians have served as members of a peacekeeping force and 16 have lost their lives. This day is a time for us to recognise and remember their service and sacrifice.



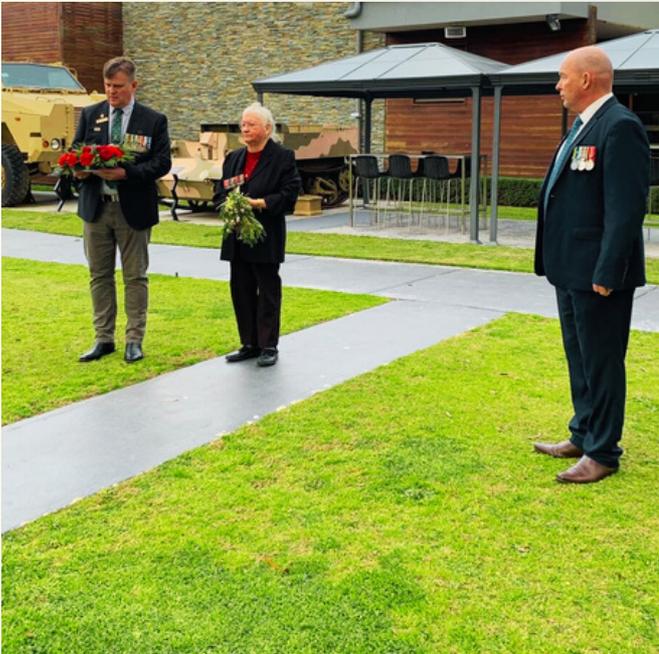
# COMMEMORATIVE ACTIVITIES

## Malaya and Borneo Veterans Day

On 31st August we commemorated Malaya and Borneo Veterans Day.

We honour the service and sacrifice of Australian military personnel who served in the Malayan Emergency and the Indonesian Confrontation.

On this day, we remember the Australians who lost their lives in these campaigns, and reflect on the sacrifices they made for our futures.



## Korea

The 27th of July 2023 was the 70th Anniversary of the end of the Korean war. We remember those who fought and served. On this day we stop and give thanks to the bravery and commitment of our Australian forces.

A wreath laying ceremony was held in the memorial garden to honour their memory.

27th July 1953, 3years.

18,059 Australians.

339 KIA.

1,216 wounded; the Armistice was signed.

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# VETERAN SUPPORT- HEALTH AND WELLBEING

## Executive Summary:

This quarterly report provides an overview of activities, initiatives, and developments pertaining to the Health and Wellbeing Sub-Committee supported by the Bendigo District RSL during the reporting period of July - September, 2023. The report highlights key achievements, challenges, and ongoing efforts to enhance the Health and Wellbeing of veterans in the region. During this quarter, the BDRSL Health and Wellbeing Sub Committee continued its efforts to promote the physical, mental, and emotional wellbeing of our veterans and members.

## Programs and Initiatives

During this quarter, the Health and Wellbeing Sub-Committee facilitated the following regular activities for this reporting period:

- \*The Sheds programs offer woodwork, metalwork, art, gemstones, leatherwork, haircuts, lead lighting and computers.
- \*Group Cross-Fit.
- \*Yoga in conjunction with Kangaroo Flat RSL.
- \*Veterans' Morning Tea.
- \*Veterans Golf Day in conjunction with Bendigo Veterans Exercise Program.
- \*Walk, Talk & Cuppa in conjunction with Bendigo Veterans Exercise Program.

## Initiatives that have been added during this period are:

- \*An ongoing three-month calendar of events for veterans' activities
- \*Monthly Health and Wellbeing Newsletter
- \*A Veteran Support brochure stand is displayed at both entrances of the RSL, providing support and activities offered.
- \*Veteran Services networking Expo offering a range of veteran service/support providers.
- \*Work with other Veteran Groups and veteran service providers to provide a broader range of activities and programs in which Bendigo veterans can participate.
- \*Sheds participants making poppies to raise funds by selling them at the RSL and at the museum and leather belts with either an armed forces or the Vietnam Veterans buckle available at cost price.
- \*Sheds Military Museum stamp to be used on items for sale
- \*Sheds coins and key chains have been provided and a small projects team is currently turning pennies into slouch hats on a key ring.

## Other activities were:

- \*AFL football trips.
- \*Urban Surf Event via RSL Active.
- \*Winton Car Racing.
- \*Photography Display by Roger King – Vietnam.
- \*Sheds Lead Lighting display.
- \*Info Session – “Avoiding and recognising internet scams.
- \*Kerang Men’s Shed dropped in unannounced and had a tour around the shed.
- \*BBQ on RSL Deck was held for The RSL Sheds members.



**VETERAN'S MORNING TEA**

BDRSL Member's Lounge  
3rd Friday of each month  
10:30am until 11:30am

**UPCOMING DATES**

- 20th October
- 17th November
- 15 December

Please RSVP by:  
Phone 5442 2950  
Email [healthwellbeing@bendigorsl.com.au](mailto:healthwellbeing@bendigorsl.com.au)  
One week prior to the Morning Tea

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# VETERAN SUPPORT- HEALTH AND WELLBEING

## Health and Wellbeing Support:

Health and Wellbeing support is now extended by the use of:

- \*Monthly calendars.
- \*Health & Wellbeing Newsletter.
- \*Veteran Support Brochure stand.

## Challenges and Opportunities:

Collaboration opportunities with other Ex Service Organisations (ESO) was achieved by a Veteran Services networking Expo. This event was organised in collaboration with DVA and Open Arms with the goal of introducing local service providers to the largest veteran service providers in the State. Approximately 42 attendees.



## Upcoming Initiatives:

Looking ahead to the next quarter, the Health and Wellbeing Sub-Committee is planning further day trips with opportunities to attend being extended to surrounding Sub-Branches such as: Elmore, Heathcote, Rochester, Huntly, Maldon and Castlemaine

## Veterans' Health Week, events offered are:

- \*Steam train trip Victorian Goldfields Railway & travel by steam locomotive from Castlemaine to Maldon for lunch offering other Sub-Branches in the area to meet for a catchup.
- \*Bendigo Park Run in conjunction with RSL Active
- \*Star cinema movie night

## Conclusion:

The BDRSL Health and Wellbeing Committee remains committed to improving the overall health and wellbeing of our veterans. The initiatives undertaken during this quarter reflect our dedication to promoting physical, mental, and emotional wellness within our community.

Sherri Burke

Health and Wellbeing Programs Sub Committee Chair.

**VETERANS YOGA**  
FORTNIGHTLY ON THURSDAYS  
11am - 12pm  
WHERE: Kangaroo Flat RSL Hall, Station Street  
Kangaroo Flat 3555  
WHO: Veterans and their dependents  
COST: FREE  
BOOKINGS: healthwellbeing@bendigorsl.com.au

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# VETERAN SUPPORT- HEALTH AND WELLBEING

VETERANS AND DEPENDENTS ARE INVITED TO A  
MOVIE NIGHT AT THE

## STAR THEATRE

MOVIE - STRIPES  
TUESDAY 10TH OCTOBER

6pm Finger Food followed by 7pm Movie

To book a ticket:  
scan QR code, or  
go to [www.trybooking.com/CLMZU](http://www.trybooking.com/CLMZU)



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## SANDOWN HISTORIC CAR RACING

11TH NOV 2023

Remembrance Day 2023

Free event for VETERANS

Includes commemorative service inside park  
Veterans requested to wear medals

Proudly offered by:  
BENDIGO CITY COUNCIL  
VRRR

Tickets are limited:  
Scan here or go online to secure your tickets  
<https://www.trybooking.com/CKGNG>



## GRAND FINAL PAR 3 DAY

### 2 Person Ambrose

Friday 29th September  
Registration at 7:30am for the morning field  
and 12:00pm for afternoon field  
BBQ Lunch included  
8:00am Shotgun start for morning field  
12:30pm Shotgun Start for afternoon field  
\$30 Entry  
AFL team colours encouraged!



## Victorian Goldfields train trip

Veterans and dependants are invited to join us for a return trip  
between Castlemaine and Maldon travelling in a first class  
carriage and followed by lunch at The Kangaroo Pub.

SUNDAY 22ND OCTOBER



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# VETERAN SUPPORT- HEALTH & WELLBEING



## Walk, Talk, Cuppa Repeat

Did you know that walking is often referred to as the wonder drug? It helps reduce the risk of Cardiovascular disease, stroke and type 2 diabetes. It also helps with balance and bone health. Best of all it's FREE. Join Ben from Thrive Fit at 28 Abel St, Golden Square, at 9am for a morning walk on Friday 6th October. (walk at your own pace) and then finish off with a cuppa on us.

## Veterans Park Run

Park Run delivers weekly 5km events in parks across the country and is focused on bringing communities together and having fun. Park Run in Bendigo is based at the Bendigo Botanic Gardens every Saturday. Park Run is a fun and growing recreational activity that suits all ages and all fitness levels.

To join, you just need to register for Parkrun and then become part of TEAM VETERAN run club. (you don't need to be a runner, walkers and rollers are all welcome)



Joining Team Veteran is a great way to build connections, share experiences with family and friends, stay active and enjoy the outdoors.

## Vet Connect Families

### Soldier On



Puckapunyal - Sept 2023

Sale - Sept 2023

Wodonga - Nov 2023

A family weekend program that aims to bring veteran families together, provide opportunities for family social connections, developing new and improved relationship skills, and working towards future goals.

Scan the QR code to register your expression of interest

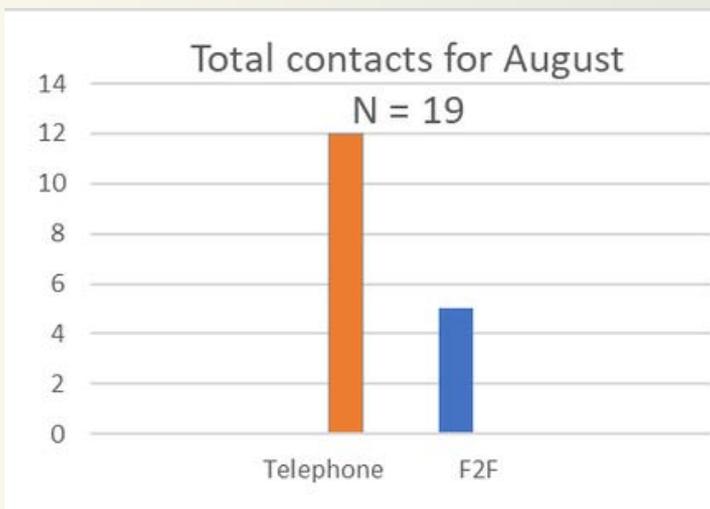
# VETERAN SUPPORT- WELFARE

## Summary:

1. The current incumbent commenced in the position of Military Welfare Advocate on 31st of July 2023. The previous incumbent departed in February, and for all intents and purposes the position was unfilled.
2. Direct contact has been initiated with agencies and individuals identified through previous email correspondence and further interaction has been sought and requested to facilitate veteran's support.
3. Attended and workshopped the 9th of August 2023 Central Victorian Veterans Network held onsite at BDRSL. This provided an excellent introduction to most of the veteran services and affiliates within the Bendigo area.
4. Have directly responded to 17 requests for support and information / referral.
5. Attended at the Heathcote Military Black Tie Ball on Saturday 12th of August.
6. Attended BE Bendigo Community Business Awards.

## Current Pursuits:

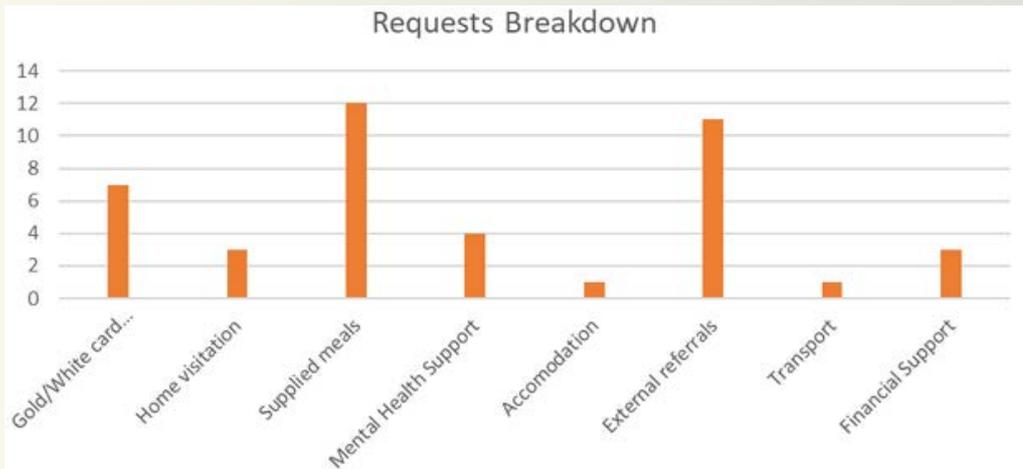
1. Positioning the Military Welfare Advocate within a more visible but discrete presence closer to the shed site.
2. Utilising a major resource such as Legacy to consider a more central and discrete presence within their offices.
3. Proactive outreach to "hidden Vets" in the community.
4. Identifying and contacting key players to consider utilising further the range of skills and desire to be involved in worthwhile endeavours for Veteran welfare and wellbeing.



Direct networking contact with:

- Bendigo Connect;
- Legacy;
- Helping Heroes;
- Thales Veteran's Committee;
- Veteran's Lounge;
- Central Victorian Veteran's Support Centre;
- RSL Vic.
- Open Arms Vic.

# VETERAN SUPPORT- WELFARE



In excess of **\$54,000** was distributed through welfare during the month of August. This was allocated over a large range of services including groceries, repairs, accommodation, fuel etc.

## Conclusion:

A considerable component of the position is direct contact, outreach and referral. As more contact is made through the veteran's and member's community, and greater awareness of the program and its brief is made salient, it is anticipated that requests for support will rise significantly.



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# BENDIGO MILITARY MUSEUM

The Bendigo Military Museum continues its efforts to preserve and showcase the rich military history of our region. The subcommittee and volunteers are focused on enhancing museum exhibits, engaging with the community, and planning for future initiatives.

The 38th Bn 1st AIF Exhibition continues in the new wing and will be there until the end of the year. If you haven't visited yet and seen it, it is strongly recommended you do. Our new curator Lena is actively planning the 2024 exhibition schedule. Our cataloguing team continues to do great work in cataloguing all BDRSL Sub-Branch memorabilia on the Victorian Collections Database. They have catalogued 6641 items as of 6th Sept 2023 which is a great effort. Anyone can view this collection online at [www.victoriancollections.net.au](http://www.victoriancollections.net.au). Simply key in Bendigo Military Museum into the "search" and it will display our entries.

We have hosted several visitor groups since the last newsletter which mainly consisted of school groups keen to learn more about Bendigo's military history. We will be involved in Seniors Week 1st – 8th October and are actively working with the organisers of that event. We are also engaging academia (La Trobe, Melbourne & Deakin Universities) to get interested students to assist us with our museum work including marketing and promotion. It is hoped they will be able to earn credits towards their degree by helping us out.

We are also working with our Historian, Mr Murray Poustie, on the production of a new Honour Board to be displayed in the Havilah Road premises. It will list Office Bearers from 1916 to current day and will include both the Bendigo and Bendigo District RSL Sub-Branched. It is hoped this will be completed by years end.

As always, we can't do anything without our band of dedicated volunteers, and we truly appreciate their efforts and selflessness. That said, it is a small group and we are looking for new volunteers, particularly anyone willing to assist as Museum Guides. If you are interested, and have a couple of spare hours on the weekend, please feel free to contact us via email at [museum@bendigorsl.com.au](mailto:museum@bendigorsl.com.au) or call the museum on 5442 4513 on Wednesdays between 10.00am and 2.00pm.



# APPEALS

## Executive Summary:

This report provides an overview of the fundraising activities, achievements, and outcomes of the Bendigo District RSL Sub-Branch Appeals Sub Committee during the July to September 2023 reporting period.

## Fundraising Summary:

As I had the very great pleasure of reporting at the June meeting, we managed to raise just on \$97,000 during the 2023 ANZAC Appeal. As you would expect, no fundraising has been conducted in the last three months, instead we're gearing-up for the 2023 Poppy Appeal.

## Future Appeals Planning:

The focus of the Appeals team is now fully on making the 2023 Poppy Appeal our best ever. The key dates for the Appeal are:

- Set-Up Working Bee – 10:00am Mon 30 October 2023
- Distribute Honesty Boxes to Schools and Businesses – Afternoon Mon 30 October 2023 and Tue 31 October 2023.
- Selling at Bendigo Cup (permission pending) – Wed 01 November 2023.
- 4. Selling at usual Selling Locations – Thu 02 November – Sat 11 November 2023 (inclusive).
- 5. Collect Honesty Boxes from Schools and Businesses – Mon 13 November 2023.
- 6. Closure Working Bee – 10:00am Mon 13 November 2023.
- 7. 'Appeals Washup Meeting'-5:30pm Mon 20 November 2023 at Kokoda Boardroom.
- 8. Reporting of Appeal outcomes and issue of thankyou letters – NLT Friday 24th November 2023.

As always, we'd be very grateful for any of you who can help with this Poppy Appeal - whether it be to help with the set-up and close working bees at the Vietnam Veterans' Shed; selling badges at our various selling locations around town or distributing/collecting the honesty boxes we place in schools and businesses in the area. If you're a regular Volunteer and haven't heard from myself or one of the team by late October, don't be bashful, please give the front office or me a call and we'll fix what has obviously been a silly oversight.

## Conclusion:

The fundraising efforts of the Bendigo District RSL Sub-Branch Appeals reflect our dedication to supporting meaningful causes that benefit veterans and our community. We remain committed to transparency and responsible stewardship of the funds entrusted to us.

Carl Chirgwin

Appeals Sub Committee Chair

*Donations to the Poppy Appeal may be made by direct deposit. Please retain your bank transaction receipt for taxation purposes.*

*RSL of Australia (VIC) Branch, General Appeals Patriotic Fund – ABN 85 107546293*

*Bendigo RSL Appeals*

*ANZ Bank*

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# WHAT'S ON



**Dinner & Show**  
2 courses (main & dessert)  
Friday 3rd November 2023

MyRSL Members \$65 | Guests \$70

Doors open from 6.30pm | Dinner & Show from 7pm - 8pm

Live Music (Jimmy & Georgia) from 7pm - 8pm

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Join us for "a sensational, side splitting fun night" out FRIDAY 3rd NOVEMBER  
MyRSL members \$65  
Guests \$70  
Includes a two-course meal.  
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**BABY BOOMERS DUO**

**2 COURSES (MAIN & DESSERT)**

MyRSL Members \$39  
Guests \$44

Doors open from 6.30pm  
Dinner & Show from 7pm

**BOOK NOW**

**DINNER & SHOW SAT 2 DECEMBER 2023**

With fabulous vocal harmonies & musicianship penetrating their sets of classic hits & fun filled performances, The Baby Boomers Duo revisit musical history with classic tunes & tales from the 50's, 60's, 70's, & 80's!  
<https://www.trybooking.com/CJJSS>

Our courtesy bus is out and about on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings. please telephone the venue on 5442 2950 to book your ride.

Our courtesy bus operates within a 10 kilometre radius, with the last bus leaving the RSL at around 9pm



**Courtesy Bus Now Running**

4.30pm - 9.00pm

**BENDIGO DISTRICT RSL BUS**

Covering a 10km radius around the Bendigo District RSL Sub-Branch every **Thursday, Friday & Saturday**



**LIVE MUSIC**

*Chris, Alli & Andrew*

Saturday September 30th 2023  
7:30pm - 9:30pm

**Playing the classics you can sing and dance along to!**

Call 5442 2950 now to make your bistro booking

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FREE, LIVE AND LOCAL.  
Supporting local Bendigo and district artists. Presenting Chris, Alli and Andrew free on Saturday 30th September. 7:30pm until 9:30pm.  
Book online here:  
<https://www.bendigorsl.com.au/the-bistro/>



## Monday night means Burger Night!

Select from our range of burgers and enjoy pot of beer, a glass of house wine or soft drink for the princely sum of \$20.00.

Book online from our web site or call the venue on 5442 2950

## Leave more Money in your Pocket!

With our Budget Buster Deal you can select from a range of fabulous meals for only \$15.00 and with a second course for only \$5:00.

Available for Monday Lunch



## One of the most Popular Deals we have on Offer..

With our Parma Night offer you can choose from variety of Parmas and choose from a complimentary pot of beer a glass of house wine or a pot of soft drink.

Available on Tuesday night. All for only \$20.00

## Who doesn't love a great Steak Deal?

On Wednesday evenings you can enjoy 250g rump steak, with your choice of sauces.

Great value at only \$27.00 and it includes a complimentary Beer, Wine or a Soft drink.



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# FUNCTIONS

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Bendigo District RSL offers you the very best facilities for conferences, meetings, Christmas parties, engagement parties, weddings, and rooms for any family occasion.

We can cater for several different styles of corporate events, from smaller board meetings to large presentations and launches.

Our sit-down events cater for up to 200 people and we can be creative with the venue's flexible floor plan. We can design and decorate the space to suit your function. You can utilise the fully licensed bar stocked with wines, beers, spirits, soft drink, tea, and coffee.

Our dedicated staff will provide outstanding service to small and large groups and have a wealth of experience and expertise.

## **Our latest events were:**

- \* Bendigo & District Aboriginal Co-Operative Comedy Night
- \* Poppethead Day Club Christmas in July
- \* Australian Stud Sheep Breeders Association Meeting
- \* Vietnam Veterans State Meet & Greet
- \* Vietnam Veterans State Conference
- \* Bendigo Trust Plant Christmas in July
- \* Lincoln Place Exclusive Launch Event
- \* Bendigo Legacy Christmas in July
- \* Birthday Parties
- \* Bus Group Luncheon
- \* Funeral wake
- \* Meetings
- \* Veterans Morning Tea

## **Upcoming events:**

- \* Bendigo CFA Dinner
- \* Victorian Transport Association Forum
- \* Relay for Life Dinner
- \* Bus Groups Luncheon
- \* First Aid Trainings
- \* Life Members Dinner
- \* BDRSL General Members Meeting
- \* Epsom, Football Club Presentation Night
- \* BDRSL 107th Birthday Celebration
- \* Live music on AFL Grand Final Day



Our friendly and professional Function and Events Team can help you create the perfect setting to suit your occasion and budget and are more than happy to provide advice and recommendations on further services we can arrange.

For further details about our celebration packages please visit our BDRSL website or contact our Functions Manager, Ratna at any time via email on; [functions@bendigorsl.com.au](mailto:functions@bendigorsl.com.au), or alternatively, you can give her a call on 03 5442 2950 during office hours.

# WINNERS



Congratulations to **Ronald Armstrong** aka (Willy Wonker) who was the lucky winner of our 10-kilogram block of chocolate in August. There are a whole lot of fun times and belly aches headed your way. Keep an eye out for more chances like this one.



Congratulations **Gary Warnest** on winning the Ammo Box Audio prize on offer for swiping his MyRSL Service card at one of our three kiosks as part of our monthly Veterans night.



The winners keep coming for our member's jackpots.

**Allan Knight** was lucky enough to take home \$5,000 on 10th of August.

**Rhonda Scholes** took home \$2,000 on 31st of August.

Every Thursday from 6:00pm, members have a chance to win our jackpot. Book early.



# WINNERS



A big Congratulations to **John Jackman** who was the winner of our Father's Day hamper. As you can see, John was really pleased to collect his hamper.

Super July was a fantastic success with lucky members taking home \$10,000 in prizes and give aways.

Particular congratulations go to our \$2000 Member's Jackpot winners:

**Allan Rice**

**Thomas Maher**

**David Williams**

**Steven Burchell**

A promotional poster for the 'Super July \$10,000 Member's Draws'. The background is dark red with a brick pattern. At the top, there's a gold safe and several gold coins. The text is in white and yellow. It says 'SUPER JULY \$10,000 Thursday Night MEMBER'S DRAWS EVERY THURSDAY FROM 6PM - 8PM'. Below that, it says '\$10K TO BE GIVEN AWAY DURING THE MONTH OF JULY'. Another box says 'GUARANTEED \$2,000 FOR ONE OF OUR MEMBERS MUST BE GIVEN AWAY EACH NIGHT PLUS \$500 second chance draw'. At the bottom, it says 'Members MUST be present at time of draw to be eligible' and 'Phone 03 5442 2950 to book'. There are social media icons and logos for Bendigo District RSL and MyRSL at the bottom.



Huge congratulations to two of our staff members.

**Jacob Floyd** and **Maxi Shanahan** are off to represent Australia at the upcoming World Deaf Football Championships in Kuala Lumpa

Picture: Darren Howe. Bendigo Advertiser



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# MyRSL

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# BEHIND THE SCENES

What's happening here then?

Work has begun on the drainage in the Bendigo RSL carpark. This in preparation for more substantial works in the future to seal the carpark.



You may not know, but the Bendigo RSL has a significant solar system installed on the roof of the building. Since its inception we have prevented almost 250,000 kilograms of CO2 emissions which equates to more than 4800 trees planted.

## Environmental Benefits



CO2 Emission Saved  
**249,875.63 kg**



Equivalent Trees Planted  
**4,848.33**



Work has been completed on a new car parking space in front of the tennis courts. Thank you to Ken and his crew for their efforts.

**When using this area please park at 90 degrees.**

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# GIVING BACK

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The Bendigo RSL is excited and proud to sponsor a number of causes including local sporting and support groups as well as statewide and national institutions.

It is very important that we, as a charitable organisation, assist community groups at a grass level which it is hoped will help build a happier, healthier and vibrant community.

Below are a few of the organisations the Bendigo RSL has been happy to contribute to:

15th Force Support Squadron	Loddon Valley Football netball league
309 Army Cadets	North Bendigo Bowls
8th 7th Battalion, Royal Victoria Regiment	East Bendigo bowls
Cancer Council of Victoria	Breeze tennis academy
Legacy Australia	National Breast cancer foundation
Gurkha Welfare Trust	Bendigo Tennis Association
Integra Service Dogs	Bendigo VRI Bowling Club
410 Squadron Aust Airforce Cadets	ANZAC house
Australian Navy Cadets	Bendigo BMX Club
Bendigo Cricket Club Inc.	
Bendigo Easter Fair Society Inc.	
Bendigo Jockey Club	
Bendigo RSL Eaglehawk Edinburgh Shield	
Bendigo Tennis Club Inc.	
Black Dog Ride	
Cancer Council of Victoria	
Castlemaine & Kyneton Rifle Clubs	
Epsom Football Club	
Jacob Floyd (Deaf football Australia)	
Football Victoria	
Golden City Soccer Incorporated	
Long Gully Neighbourhood Centre	
Mandurang South Pony Club	
Neangar Park Golf Club INC	
Newstead Rural Transaction Centre Inc. (Avenue of Honour project)	
North West Lightening Inc (Hockey)	
Radio KLFM	
Royal Victoria Regiment Association Inc.	
Sandhurst Cricket Club Inc.	
Maxi Shanahan (Deaf football Australia)	
Victorian Rifle Association Inc.	
Youth of Tomorrow Ltd	
Bendigo Tennis Association	
Be.Bendigo	
Victorian RSL Lawn Bowls	

# PROMOTIONS

**FREE TRIVIA NIGHT**

Presented by **TRISTAR**  
Trivia & Entertainment

First Wednesday of the month 7pm - 9pm

In the Large Function Room Teams of 4-10 people

Prizes and giveaways throughout the night!

Bistro open from 6pm

Book Early and have dinner before playing Trivia!

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**FREE FRIDAY NIGHT ENTERTAINMENT**

FROM 7:00PM

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**PUNTERS CLUB EVERY SATURDAY**

\$10 entry

Guaranteed \$200 prize pool | Sign up on the day

**WINNER TAKES ALL**

Race 3 to the last Melbourne race

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**\$15 BUDGET BUSTERS**

Available for lunch Monday  
Second course \$5

Not available on public holidays | No further discounts apply

Choose from:

- Roast of the Day
- Lambs fry
- Bangers & Mash
- Pasta of the Day
- Stir Fry of the Day

Free Raffle for Mystery Prize!

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**The Big Breakfast**

SUNDAY 9AM - 11AM

Kids and seniors options also available

only \$22.90

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**GOLD MINES**

Every Tuesday 1pm - 3pm

Collect your FREE raffle ticket each week for a chance to win one of 13 fabulous prizes

Prizes valued at \$1K to go off the first Tuesday of each month!

18+ only

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**— MONDAY —**

**BURGER NIGHT**

ONLY \$20

INCLUDES POT OF BEER OR A GLASS OF HOUSE WINE OR SOFT DRINK

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**WEDNESDAY**

**Steak Night**

250g rump only \$27

Includes pot of beer or a glass of house wine or soft drink

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**— TUESDAY —**

**PARMA NIGHT**

ONLY \$20

INCLUDES POT OF BEER OR A GLASS OF HOUSE WINE OR SOFT DRINK

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**HAPPY HOUR**

4:30pm - 5:30pm  
MONDAY - FRIDAY

Schooner of beer | \$6

Glass of house wine | \$6

Schooner of soft drink | \$5

\*Not available public holidays

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**SUPER SATURDAY** 12pm - 2pm

\$6 BEER SCHOONERS/  
GLASS OF HOUSE WINE  
\$5 SCHOONER SOFT DRINK

≈ \$20

Watch all your favourite sports live on the **BIG** screens

PUNTERS CLUB - \$10 ENTRY | GUARANTEED \$200 PRIZE POOL

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**Mid-Year SPECIAL:**

**MyRSL Membership**

only \$5\*

\*6 months (July - December) ONLY

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# On the BIG SCREEN

COME AND WATCH THE  
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ON OUR



**BIG SCREEN**

LIVE SATURDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER  
PLUS

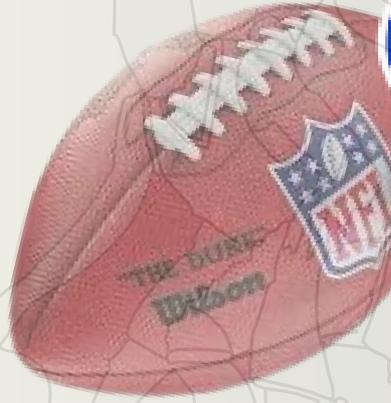
**SUPER SATURDAY** 12pm - 2pm

\$6 BEER SCHOONERS/  
GLASS OF HOUSE WINE  
\$5 SCHOONER SOFT DRINK  
\$20 Parma & Pol beer, glass of  
house wine or pot soft drink

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2023

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**THE MELBOURNE CUP**



ON OUR  
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LIVE TUESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

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**ICC MEN'S  
CRICKET WORLD CUP  
INDIA 2023**



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LIVE WEDNESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER

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# Doin' Time



The 17th July marked 18 years of service here at the Bendigo RSL for Ken Butler. Ken is an absolute rock behind the scenes and looks after everything maintenance here at the Bendigo RSL. Congratulations Ken, and thank you for your hard work over MANY years.

Speaking of rocks. On 11th October Graeme will click over 20 years service for the Bendigo RSL. He started as a casual bar tender and has risen through the ranks to be one of the mainstays here at the club.



This young bloke will tick over 12 years on the 26th September. Notes on his original application read "this young kid turned up looking for work" Well he turned up and he stayed. Thank you Spooky for all the things you do. Congratulations on 12 years.



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# IT'S OUR BIRTHDAY

September marks 107 years since the Bendigo RSL first opened its doors.

So, to mark the occasion we are **CELEBRATING!!**

Over the week beginning the 25th of September we will be giving away \$10,000 in prizes and giveaways.

Thank you to the Bendigo community for your continued support over the many years.

By supporting the Bendigo RSL you enable us to support and help many of our past and present Service members and their dependants.

Thank you sincerely.

CELEBRATE OUR **107<sup>th</sup>** BIRTHDAY WITH US!

GUARANTEED **\$2,500** MEMBER'S DRAW  
Thursday September 28

First prize draw **\$2,000**  
Second prize draw **\$500**

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Thank you



## GENERAL MEMBERS MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the next  
General Members Meeting  
of the Bendigo District RSL Sub-Branch inc.  
will be held on

**MONDAY 18th December 2023**  
**at 10:30am**

For Christmas catering purposes.  
Please scan to RSVP or go to this link:  
<https://www.trybooking.com/CLUPG>  
or call 5442 2950

Please submit apologies to: [rsl@bendigorsl.com.au](mailto:rsl@bendigorsl.com.au)



Please note that only Financial Life/Service/Affiliate Members  
of the Bendigo District RSL are eligible to attend.