



PRESIDENT'S REPORT



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

I trust this report finds you well as we move into the colder months, following our AGM and Anzac Day commemorations. The post-Christmas period has been notably busy, with our focus directed towards many significant events.

Welfare:

Our Welfare Team continues its vital work, reaching out to all Life and Service Members. This is a substantial undertaking, and the subsequent referrals and advocacy efforts represent another layer of essential support. These personalised communications help us assess each Veteran's situation and ensure they are connected to the necessary resources.

Outreach and Engagement:

Our Sub-Branch remains active across our facilities, in the local community, and throughout the broader region. A major highlight was the announcement, just prior to Anzac Day, that the Central Victorian Veterans and Families Hub will receive the full \$5 million in funding we had been seeking—an achievement supported by both major political parties.

This outcome spares us significant time and resources in the application process and will deliver enormous benefit to Veterans and families across the region. The Hub will consult and collaborate with the Bendigo District RSL, RSL Victoria, Bendigo Legacy Club, and the Vietnam Veterans Association Bendigo Branch to support our Veterans and their Families.

Engagement with Veterans remains strong through our Veteran Nights, morning teas, informal gatherings, and the Sheds Program.

The Bendigo Military Museum's '**Ink in the Lines**' exhibition concluded its successful run from 7 December 2024 to 27 April 2025. Replacing it is '**Map Makers**'.

This is a special exhibition marking the 110th Anniversary of the Royal Australian Survey Corps. Curated by the Ex-Fortuna Survey Association and presented by the Bendigo Military Museum, this exhibition honours the legacy of military surveyors from World War 1 through to 1996 and highlights Bendigo's own Fortuna Villa as a vital centre of operations.

Collaboration:

We continue to maintain strong partnerships with the RSL State Executive, Region 7, and other Ex-Service Organisations. At the recent Region 7 AGM, I was honoured to be nominated and elected as Chair of this Region of Sub-Branches. I pledge my continued dedication to serving Sub-Branches across our area—from Koondrook to Wedderburn, Heathcote to Sunbury, and all in around and between.

In a step forward for efficiency and accessibility, the upcoming State Conference on 12 July 2025 will be relayed via ICT to Bendigo, saving time and resources for many Sub-Branches. Further details have been provided at the June General Members Meeting.

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Volunteer Recognition:

On 21 May 2025, during National Volunteer Week, we proudly hosted a special event to recognise the outstanding contributions of our Active Volunteers. It was a privilege to celebrate 13 dedicated volunteers who received RSL Victoria Certificates, presented by State President Dr Robert Webster OAM.

To all of our volunteers—thank you for your ongoing service. Your work is the backbone of our organisation.

Commemorative Activities:

Our Commemorative Sub-Committee has actively supported a range of important events, including Darwin Defenders Day, the National Day for War Animals, the Sandakan Memorial Service, and Anzac Day. The annual Anzac Appeal, a vital fundraiser, has once again been a success—thanks to the tireless efforts of our Appeals volunteers.

Anzac Day 2025:

This year's Anzac Day was especially meaningful, marking the 110th Anniversary of the Gallipoli landing. I extend my sincere thanks to all staff and volunteers across BDRSL who contributed their time and expertise to ensure a meaningful experience for our veterans and their families.

The Dawn Service was attended by a large crowd, and the morning service drew strong numbers despite a downpour in the final moments.

Our traditional complimentary 'Roast of the Day' lunch for Veterans was another great success, providing a warm environment of camaraderie and respect for all who attended.

In conclusion, I hope Anzac Day offered you moments of reflection, connection, and community. Let us continue our mission to be a beacon of support, advocacy, and respect for our veterans and their families.

Warm regards,

Glenn Ludeman

Sub-Branch President

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VETERAN SUPPORT- WELFARE

Bendigo District RSL Welfare and Charitable Sub-committee (WCSC) continues to deliver direct proactive intervention, connection and support to the Bendigo District Veteran and Ex Service Personnel community.

Through face to face and telephone contact, and off-site outreach, service personnel are supported inhouse and followed up directly by the Welfare Advocate. Other personnel as required are connected to appropriate adjunct agencies to facilitate both autonomous support and ease of access to those support interventions.

To this aim the Welfare Program continues to instigate strong networks with all local and Statewide ESOs to establish and cement sound relationships of support, trust, and integrity.

In August 2023 WCSC volunteers commenced contacting all identified Veterans within the district. At the recent completion of this commitment more than 900 individual service personnel have been contacted and offered welcome, connection, support, and assistance (if required) on their terms. With the support of the Sub-committee the Welfare Advocate has followed up every service personnel contacted. It cannot be overstated how important and beneficial this direct contact is.

WCSC receives requests for financial assistance from Veterans across a range of needs. Financial support has been provided to address such issues as.

- The completion of routine domestic tasks.
- Relocation expenses.
- Short term emergency accommodation.
- The hardship brought on Veterans who live with minimal fixed income.
- The provision of food/petrol vouchers or the delivery of bistro meals.
- Garden and yard maintenance that is now beyond the capacity of the residents.

Prompt discrete intervention enables Veterans to attain the support they need when they need it.

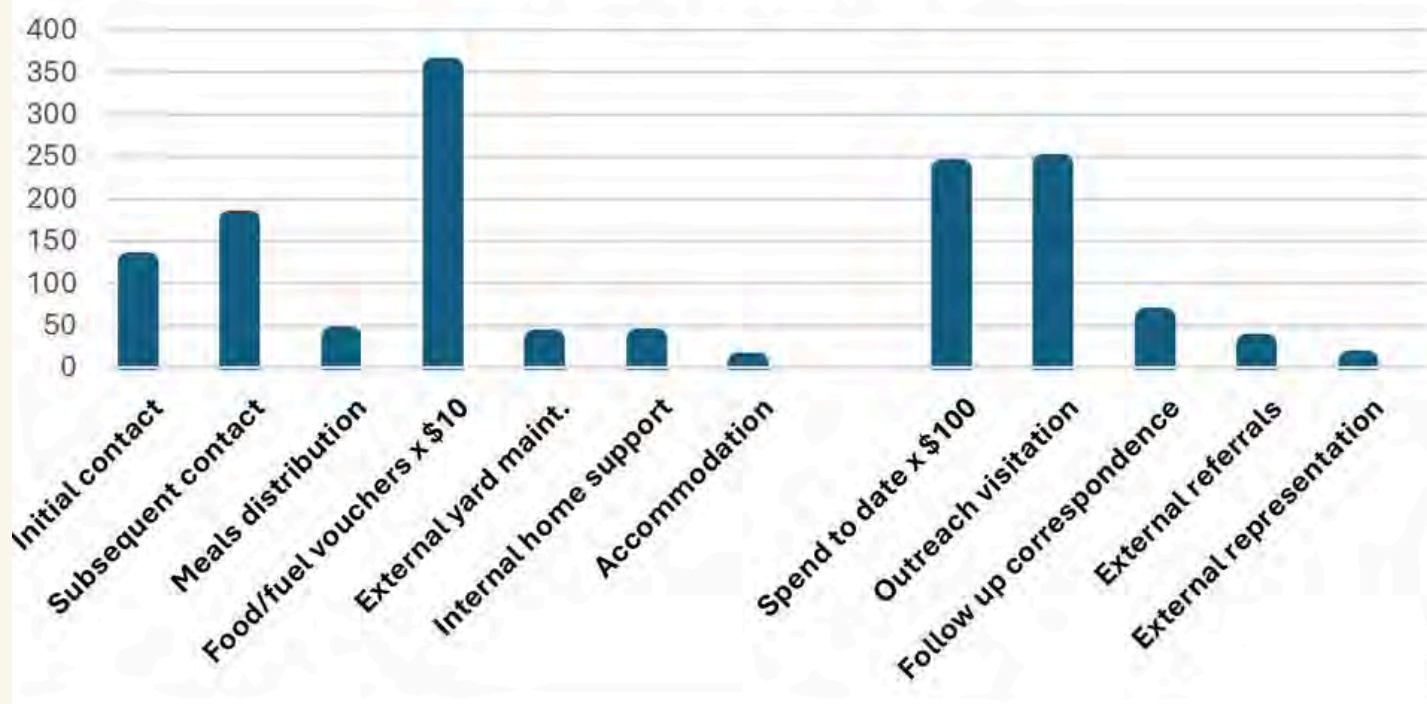
Pro-active outreach to local aged care, supportive accommodation residences, Lifestyle Communities, and nursing homes continues in an endeavour to seek, contact and support our service population.

The WCSC offers sensitive, timely and accountable commitment to supporting the welfare of all returned and current service personnel and their families. The program continues to foster a strong and supportive community for Veterans in the region by supporting a dignified pathway from “welfare to wellbeing”.



VETERAN SUPPORT- WELFARE

Welfare Interventions 1/01/2025 - 31/06/25



- Initial contacts include: any first-up telephone contacts, offsite visits, ad hoc walk ins, and calls out.
- Subsequent contact includes all post-initial contact – Face to face, phone, email or text.
- Follow up written correspondence if no response.
- Meals distributed: individual fresh & frozen take away bistro meals.
- Financial support food/fuel.
- Hours external provider engaged.
- Hours internal home support – cleaning etc. engaged.
- Accommodation
- Total outlaid to date.
- Outreach covers onsite Face to Face home/hospital/supportive care visitation.
- External referrals include: DVA white/gold card issues, legal advice, Mental Health and Welfare support, financial support, Veteran's support services.
- External representation includes: any initiated networking and collegial opportunities with sector colleagues and associated agencies.

John Edelston
Chair Health and Charitable Sub-Committee

VETERAN SUPPORT- HEALTH AND WELLBEING

This report provides an overview of activities, initiatives, and developments pertaining to the Health & Wellbeing Sub-Committee supported by the Bendigo District RSL during the reporting period of December 2024 – June 2025. The report highlights key achievements, challenges, and ongoing efforts to enhance the health and wellbeing of Veterans in the region.

During this reporting period, the Health and Wellbeing Sub-Committee (HWPSC) continued its efforts to promote the physical, mental, and emotional wellbeing of our Veterans and members.

Programs and Initiatives:

During this period, HWPSC 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 followed by lunch at the BDRSL.
- Fortnightly Walk, Talk & Cuppa in conjunction with Bendigo Veterans Exercise Program.
- An ongoing 3-month calendar of events for veterans' activities.



Initiatives that have also occurred during this period are:

Sheds:

- Clearing out of all disused and out of date items. Housekeeping continues.
- A marquee has been erected behind the sheds during the period after Christmas break. This has helped to combat the heat and provide much needed shade in our metalworks area.
- The Gem Club has taken a hiatus as we look into other areas of special interest.
- Veterans Christmas Lunch during mid-December, for our Veterans and their dependent, Hit FM were in attendance handing out Christmas vouchers to random Veteran participants.
- Barefoot Bowls held in February. This was A fun filled afternoon in the sun followed by a BBQ with the assistance of the North Bendigo Bowling Club, with our best turnout of 40 Veterans and their dependents in attendance.
- Fosterville Gold Mine Open Day, Veterans and their families were invited out to the Fosterville Goldmine to tour the facilities, have a turn at panning for gold and hold a giant Gold Nugget.
- Ten pin bowling, during March our Veterans and their families got together and put on a show of competition trying to outdo each other.



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An informative event held on 14th May resulted in a guide for what to do in the event a loved one passes away. In January one of our Shed participants unexpectedly lost his wife and was surprised at how much was required to be done.

Sheds participants worked together to create a document which will help identify the steps required for those going through this difficult time. A local Solicitor was in attendance to help answer questions along the way. This was followed by finger food and conversation. In total 52 people were in attendance for this event

Additional Activity or Event		YTD Attendance per Activity													Total	Program	
		Sheds Program		Yoga K/F	Crossfit	Falls & Balance		Morning Tea		Walk		Hair		Golf			Quantity
		Vets	Affiliate			Vets	Carer	Vets	Carer	Vets	Carer	Vets	Affiliate	Vets	Affiliate		
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	173		1539						104		45		149		72	2063	Participant Visits

Upcoming Potential Events are:

- Veterans Christmas in July Lunch, 25th July
- Veteran's Health Week Events October 2025
- Pétanque is in progress.-Cinema Movie Nights
- Walking off the War Within / Walk Bicycle ride on the O'Keefe Rail Trail to Axedale
- Tessellar Tulip Festival
- Elmore field Day trip

Health and Wellbeing Support:

Is now extended by the use of:

- Monthly Calendars
- Health & Wellbeing Program Newsletter
- Veteran Support Brochure Stand



These are located at the front entrance to the RSL, on the Bendigo District RSL Veteran Support and Central Victorian Veterans Facebook sites.

Conclusion:

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

Phil Baulch

Chair Health and Wellbeing Sub-Committee



COMMEMORATIVE ACTIVITIES

This year the Commemorative Activities Sub-Committee has been busy with the team organising a number of services over the last few months. Once again, it's wonderful to say that the following commemorative activities have been conducted in 2025:

- 19th February– Darwin Defenders
- 24th February– Beersheba Day
- 2nd March- Sandakan
- 25th April – ANZAC Day- Dawn and Morning Services- Bendigo and Eaglehawk

In February the Animals at War service was held in the Memorial Garden at the RSL. Whilst we prepared for a number of different types of Animals to be in attendance, on the day of the service we had a wonderful donkey, support dog, and pigeons that were released to fly back to their home location. There was also a good attendance of humans as well.

Sandakan service was again well supported this year at the Crook Street Park at Strathdale. There was a good gathering of people who enjoyed the service on Sunday morning.

ANZAC day was a wonderfully well supported event and a fantastic community event for the RSL and Commemorative Activities Sub-Committee. The entire day was extremely well supported across the community both at Dawn and Morning services. We were very lucky that the weather held off just long enough to complete the morning service before the heavens opened up and supplied a much-needed drop of rain. This year's theme was the Peacekeepers, Peacemakers and Peacebuilders and this year's guest speaker was Major Robert Powell and his address was well received by the attending crowd.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of the Commemorative Activities Sub-Committee for their time and effort in supporting the Bendigo District RSL Sub-Branch for the first half of the year. The Sub-Committee has had a few new members join our committee this year, and we look forward to fresh new ideas for conducting services in the future.

Dale Hodges
Commemorative Activities Sub-Committee
Chair



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COMMEMORATIVE ACTIVITIES



BENDIGO MILITARY MUSEUM

January – June 2025:

The first half of 2025 has been a dynamic and rewarding period for the Bendigo Military Museum, marked by strong visitor engagement, landmark projects, and national recognition.

Exhibitions:

- Ink in the Lines (Dec 2024 – Apr 2025) from the Australian War Memorial drew 1,815 visitors, exploring how Veterans use tattoos to process their service.
- The Mapmakers (May – Aug 2025), developed with Royal Australian Survey Veterans for their 110th anniversary, features 2 new videos created through a 2024 COGB Grant.
- Coming soon: The Art of Sacrifice (Aug 2025 – Jan 2026).



Collection Highlights:

The Museum's Significance Assessment was completed in early 2025 with the help of Dr Megan Cardamone. The ninety seven-page report confirms that the BMM holds 'one of the largest and most significant military collections in Australia' — a major achievement for our community of volunteers. We've now applied for funding to begin a Preservation Needs Assessment.

Facility improvements include:

- Newly purchased 3D scanner for fragile and/or large collection items
- Newly procured device capable of monitoring light and LUX levels in the exhibition spaces
- Fresh repainting of gallery space
- HVAC and lift repairs
- Ongoing work with COGB on security, exits, and maintenance

Grants & Projects:

- Our Saluting Their Service Grant is supporting development of a state-of-the-art soundscape, which will be accessible via a free app. It will blend veteran voices, ceremonial sounds, and ambient audio across the Museum and Pall Mall precinct.
- Through a Victoria Remembers Grant (in partnership with VVAB), we're producing 10 short films capturing the personal reflections of 10 local Vietnam Veterans.
- In March we were honoured to win the Digital Storytelling Award at the '2024 Victorian Community History Awards' for our Faces of Peace series.
- A new COGB Community Grant will fund a new negatives and slide scanner capable of preserving the Royal Australian Survey Corps important photographic collection.



Community Engagement

- 20+ school and community groups have visited the Museum so far this year.
- Hundreds visited the BMM after the ANZAC Dawn Service for reflection and remembrance.
- 3 successful events delivered as part of the Australian Heritage Festival, including an 'Antiques Roadshow-style' event and 2 behind-the-scenes building tours.
- Please help us reach the Top 5 Bendigo Attractions on Tripadvisor — leave a review if you've visited in the past year!

OH&S and Security

- Progress made on staff safety training and site security.
- Investigations underway for improved security, back gate security, and duress alarms in the collections area.

Thank You

Over 3,000 volunteer hours have been donated between December and June — a heartfelt thank you to our incredible team for making all of this possible. We look forward to an even more impactful second half of the year!

Steve Burke

Chair, Bendigo Military Museum Sub-Committee

APPEALS

I'm glad of this opportunity to give our members a brief update on what we've been up to with Appeals in recent months.

The 2025 ANZAC Appeal has obviously now come and gone and I'm very pleased to report that, through the efforts of our Volunteers and the support of the local communities, we raised just over \$105,000. An outstanding result that is well above our average of around \$80,000.

As for every Appeal, thanks must go to every school and business that took and sold Honesty Boxes, every organisation that allowed us to sell at their location and every volunteer that devoted their time and effort and, through which, allowed us to achieve what we did. However, there are also some special thanks for contributions 'above and beyond':

- Vietnam Veterans of Australia (FSB Bendigo) for the use of their facilities throughout the Appeal.
- Dough si Dough Sourdough Bakery Strathfieldsaye for raising and donating more than \$3,100 to the Appeal.
- The Uniting Church Red Dove Opportunity Shop for donating an entire week's takings.
- The South Bendigo Football Netball Club for raising and donating \$2,000 to our Appeal from their ANZAC Day match initiative.
- Bendigo Stadium for supporting our Appeal through their Braves match on the ANZAC weekend.
- Golden City Soccer Club supporting us at their home match on the ANZAC weekend.
- The Bendigo Jockey Club and Bendigo Rotary for allowing us to sell at the Bendigo Golden Mile race-meeting and the Easter Fair Pall Mall market.
- Strathfieldsaye IGA, Long Gully IGA, Eaglehawk IGA, Maiden Gully IGA, Kennington Strath Village, Coles McIvor, Bendigo Marketplace, Bendigo Pie Shop, Epsom Village, Bunnings Epsom, the Marong General Store, Marong Post Office and the Elmore Bakery at Marong for permitting us to operate our selling locations.
- The Real Estate Agents of Bendigo for yet again completely manning the selling location at the Gillie's Corner and again providing incredible support to our selling efforts.
- Ian Anderson for arranging and selling badges in Mitiamo.
- Lois Newman and her team selling at IGA Long Gully, Paul Penno and his team selling at Eaglehawk IGA, Bob Harrison and his team selling at Maiden Gully IGA and Hugh Elphinstone for single-handedly selling at Coles McIvor and raising more than \$15,700.
- And, without whom none of this would have been possible, the Appeals Committee of Suzi Strong, Nicole Mooney, Michele Morrice, Andy Turner, Bob Harrison and Hugh Elphinstone.

Congratulations to Pam and Ross Macdonald – both of whom received RSL State Branch Certificates of Appreciation recognising their support to our Appeals over many years.

The focus of the Appeals team is now fully on gearing-up for the 2025 Poppy Appeal. The key dates for the Appeal are:

Committee Start-Up meeting:	Mon 13 Oct 2025
Working Bee (Appeals Office) - Set Up:	Tue 28 Oct 2025
Distribute Honesty Boxes:	Tue 28 Oct/Thu 30 Oct 2025
Sell at Selling Locations:	Mon 03 Nov – Tue 11 Nov 2025
Collect Honesty Boxes:	Wed 12 Nov 2025
Working Bee (Appeals Office) -Closure:	Wed 12 Nov 2025
Committee Wash-Up Meeting:	Thu 13 Nov 2025



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Thanks also to all those schools and businesses that took and sold Honesty Boxes for us. In no particular order, thanks to:

- Kennington Primary
- Epsom Primary
- Quarry Hill Primary
- Eaglehawk North Primary
- Maiden Gully Primary
- White Hills Primary
- California Gully Primary
- St Joseph's Primary
- Girton Grammar
- Bendigo Senior Secondary
- Camp Hill Primary
- Strathfieldsaye Primary
- Creek Street Christian College
- Catherine McAuley College
- Lockwood Primary
- Spring Gully Primary
- Lightning Reef Primary
- Victory Christian College
- Marong Primary
- St Peter's Primary
- Weeroona College
- Lockwood South Primary
- St Therese's Primary
- White Hills Pharmacy
- Eaglehawk Newsagents
- Skip's Café Eaglehawk
- Camp Hotel Eaglehawk
- Quarry Hill Café and Larder
- Abbott's Building Supplies
- Domain Village
- Epsom Post Office
- Kennington Dental
- Cross-fit By Design
- Bendigo Military Museum
- St John of God Hospital- Bendigo
- Bendigo Real Estate

As always, we'd be very grateful for any of you who can help with this 2025 Poppy Appeal - whether helping with the Set-Up and Close Working Bees, selling badges at our various selling locations around town or distributing/collecting the Honesty Boxes to schools and businesses. If you're a regular Volunteer and haven't heard from myself or one of the team by late October 2025 – there's obviously been a mistake - so, please give me or the front office a call and we'll fix what has obviously been an oversight.

The biggest challenges facing us for future Appeals continues to be getting enough Volunteers. So please remember:

If not me, who? If not now, when?

Carl Chirgwin - Valé
Chair
Appeals Sub-Committee



Valé: Lieutenant Colonel Carl Chirgwin (Retired)

It is with great sadness that the community has learned of the passing of Lieutenant Colonel Carl Chirgwin (Retired), a passionate Bendigo District RSL Committee Member, RSL Appeals Chair, and 2024 Bendigo Anzac Day Ambassador.

Carl's work in making the world safer through the removal of unexploded ordnance and the demining has undoubtably saved hundreds of lives.

Beyond his military achievements, Carl devoted himself to the welfare, health, and well-being of veterans. He championed fundraising and awareness with genuine compassion and drive, always striving to support those who served and those still serving.

Our thoughts are with Carl's loving family at this sad time.

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CENTRAL VICTORIAN VETERANS

CVV members supported the Sandakan Commemorative Service on the 2nd March 2025 with approximately 12 members helping out for the service, CVV Sub-Committee member Scott Chapman laid a wreath for the service.

CVV Chair laid a wreath at the St John of God pre-Anzac Day service on the 24th April.

Next major event for the year was Anzac Day which saw a large turnout of members from CVV March in the Dawn and Morning Services and undertaking duties at the many services around the Bendigo area.

- At the CVV Catch Up held on 9th May 2025, the following nominations were received, and endorsed by the SBC, for positions on the Central Victorian Veterans Sub-Committee:
- Chair - Tim Hughan
- Deputy Chair - Tim Armstrong
- Social Coordinator - Cam Scott
- Communications Officer - Scott Chapman

Tim Hughan

Chair

Central Victorian Veterans Sub-Committee.



ACHEIVMENTS



At the RSL Hall of Fame presentation in February, past President and Life member, Peter Swandale was inducted into the RSL Victoria Hall of Fame. This significant honour recognises his extensive service and dedication to the Veteran community.

Further to the Peter Swandale's induction into the Hall of Fame on Saturday, three of our amazing staff from the Bendigo RSL were honoured with Achievement and Recognition Awards. The Award is given to individuals who have shown outstanding commitment and dedication in contributing to the ongoing development and success of their RSL Sub-Branch. We are incredibly proud of each of their achievements. Congratulations go to Vanessa Zhu, Kenneth Butler and Chris Murley.

On June 2nd, Treasurer Shane Robinson received his RSL Vic. endorsed Volunteer Award from President Glenn Ludeman. The award recognises Shane's services to the Bendigo Sub-Branch as Treasurer and Chair of the Finance Audit Risk Management Committee. Thank you, Shane, for all that you do to support Veterans and the Bendigo RSL Sub- Branch.

On Monday 24th March, the Bendigo Military Museum was honoured to receive the Digital Storytelling Award at the Victorian Community History Awards for our Faces of Peace Storytelling Project.

The judges' comments:

"This high-quality production is an outstanding example of the use of video-based storytelling, to share recent histories through lived experiences. Veteran Australian peacemakers tell their stories directly to camera, engendering audience empathy not only with the narrators, but also with those whose lives are disrupted in distant conflicts...

WHAT'S ON

We are getting fired up for another exciting Twilight Market. The market will be held on the 21st November, starting at 4.00pm. If you or someone you know would like to have stall at our market, please book online at Trybooking.

<https://www.trybooking.com/DAKAE>



Our courtesy bus is supplied for the use of all members and guests. The bus is available Thursday through to Saturday each week from 4.30pm until 9.00pm.

We will pick up and drop patrons off within a 10km radius from the Bendigo District RSL.

Call reception on 5442 2950 to make a bus booking.

With the Veterans Jackpot increasing by \$500 a month, there is never a better time to get yourself along to our monthly Veterans Night. There are three chances to win the cash, with the first draw at 6.30pm, plus a Veterans Happy Hour. We have a couple of gift cards to give away and a meat raffle open for everyone to enter. Veterans Night is held on the first Friday of each month.

Looking forward to seeing you here.



FUNCTIONS

A Strong Start to 2025: Bendigo RSL hosted a diverse range of community events. The first quarter of the year has been a busy and vibrant period for Bendigo RSL, with a wide variety of functions held between January and March. The venue continues to serve as a valued gathering place for the local community, Veterans' groups, sports clubs, and private celebrations.

Events hosted over the past three months have included birthday parties, defence force information sessions, community meetings, and a significant conference and meet & greet by the Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia. Other notable functions included memorial wakes, the Bendigo Cricket Club's annual presentation night, a formal dinner for the Passchendaele Barracks, and the well-attended Sandakan luncheon.



The venue also welcomed visiting bus groups, hosted multiple conferences, and supported the successful running of the popular Twilight Market.

To accommodate a wide range of events, Bendigo RSL offers several flexible spaces for hire:

- Kokoda Room – Suitable for small meetings, with a capacity of up to 12 people
- Small Function Room – Accommodates 30 to 60 guests
- Large Function Room – Ideal for events with 60 to 90 attendees
- Full Venue Hire – Suitable for large-scale functions, with a capacity of 120 to 200 guests
- Rear Terrace – A spacious outdoor area accommodating 60 to 120 people

In addition, Bendigo RSL offers comprehensive function packages with set menu options to suit all occasions. Whether it's a formal dinner, casual celebration, business meeting, or community gathering, guests can expect professional service and a welcoming atmosphere.

Bookings and enquiries are now open for the coming months.

To learn more or to reserve a space, please contact:

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WINNERS

Congratulations to all of our many winners over the past few months. Members of the MyRSL rewards program have many chances to win, just by being a member of the club. From member's jackpots to monthly promotions and kiosk rewards.

It's the people that make our club so special.



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GIVING BACK

The Bendigo District 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 District RSL has been happy to support:

15th Force Support Squadron
309 Army Cadets
8th 7th Battalion, Royal Victoria Regiment
Cancer Council of Victoria
Legacy Australia
Kangaroo Flat RSL
Gurkha Welfare Trust
Integra Service Dogs
410 Squadron Aust Airforce Cadets
Australian Navy Cadets
Royal Victoria Regiment Association Inc.
Victorian Rifle Association Inc.
Castlemaine & Kyneton Rifle Clubs
Central Victorian Rifle Club
Bendigo Clay Target Club inc.
Calival United FNC (Pink Sports Day)
Bendigo Cricket Club Inc.
Bendigo Easter Fair Society Inc.
Bendigo Jockey Club
Bendigo RSL Eaglehawk Edinburgh Shield
Bendigo Tennis Club Inc.
Cancer Council of Victoria
Central Victoria Veterans Support Centre
Lifeline
Bendigo Eight Ball Association

Neangar Park Golf Club Inc.
Victorian CP Football Team
North West Lightening Inc. (*Hockey*)
Radio KLFM
Mandurang South Pony Club
Sandhurst Cricket Club Inc.
Bendigo Tennis Association
Be.Bendigo
Victorian RSL Lawn Bowls
Loddon Valley Football Netball League
North Bendigo Bowls
East Bendigo Bowls
Breeze Tennis Academy
National Breast Cancer Foundation
Bendigo Tennis Association
Bendigo VRI Bowling Club
RSL Victoria
Bendigo BMX Club
Golden City Soccer Inc.
Bendigo Tourism
Black Dog Ride (*Mental Health Fundraiser*)
Inglewood Football/Netball club
Gold Raiders Bowls Club
Bendigo Health Foundation. (*Charity Golf day*)



PROMOTIONS

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- Our Members only Interactive Game | Menus & Booking facilities
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STALL HOLDERS

Twilight Market

Friday 21st November 2025
from 4.00pm

73-75 Havilah Road Bendigo

Would you like a stall at our market?
Please follow the links below to reserve your spot.

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Follow the link <https://www.trybooking.com/DAKAE>

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\$15 BUDGET BUSTERS

Available for lunch Monday
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Choose from:

Roast of the Day	Pasta of the Day
Lambs fry	Stir Fry of the Day
Bangers & Mash	Battered fish & chips

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WEDNESDAY

Steak Night

250g rump **only \$29**

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

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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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VETERANS Happy Hour

1st FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH 6 - 8PM

VETERANS CONNECTING WITH OTHER VETERANS
DISCOUNTED DRINKS* RAFFLE PRIZES**

\$500 Jackpot

*Veterans to receive a 20% discount on drinks between 6-8pm on the 1st Friday of every month.
**The jackpot is not claimed after it draws, it will jackpot the following month by 200.

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SUPER SATURDAY 12pm - 2pm
EXTENDED HAPPY HOUR EVERY SATURDAY

\$22 POT & PARMA
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WEEKLY MEMBER'S JACKPOT

Thursday MEMBER'S NIGHT 6PM - 8PM

\$1,000 MAX VALUE \$5,000

PLUS meat trays and gift card draws from 6pm
Tickets available at the bar

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