

LEONGATHA RSL NEWSLETTER

From the General Manager Greg Nugent

With footy finals wrapped up and the blossoms blooming we are all looking forward to the warmer weather when we can get out and about and take advantage of the longer days. At the RSL we are gearing up for what we hope will be a good spring/summer. We have finally taken delivery of the remaining furniture for the dining room and members bar. Feedback from members has been very positive with the changes being made. Next on the list is to finish the replacement of the memorabilia and completion of the Memorabilia Room. This will be completed with the help of Wendy Wyhoon our welfare officer and Lyn Skillern from the Leongatha Historical Society. The memorabilia will be replaced in sections representing the major conflicts over the years.

World War 1 will feature a display respecting our 1st President. Vietnam War will be depicted on the area opposite the cabinet in the main entrance. 2nd World War will have an information wall within the bistro while other conflicts will be grouped together as one display. We will also have on display, a section of photos and information in relation to the Ladies Auxiliary who were a very important part of the RSL during its formative years. The view has been taken that out of respect for the sacrifice made by local residents of Leongatha, only memorabilia that is Leongatha related will go on display within the Clubhouse. The remaining will form part of the new Memorabilia Room that will be up and running by Christmas.

The Club is looking forward to hosting members and their families for gatherings leading up to Christmas. Our kitchen and floor staff are also gearing up for hosting end of year get togethers for local businesses and community clubs.

Our Christmas toy promotion is underway with a selection of toys and sporting goods for all ages. You can enter this promotion in three ways:

1. Swipe your card at the kiosk.
2. Make a purchase at Sports Power Leongatha & present your RSL card
3. Spend \$30 at the Club on Food or Beverages.

Drawn on November 22nd
Greg Nugent

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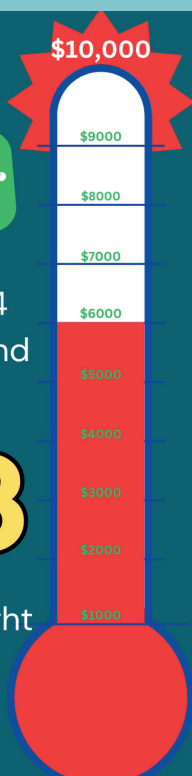
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COMMUNITY RAFFLES *barometer*

Since July 26th 2024
Community Groups and
Clubs have earnt

\$6003

by hosting Friday Night
Raffles here!



Thursday
IS
**MEMBERS
NIGHT**

**HAPPY
HOUR 6-7PM** | **MEMBERS
DRAW
\$800-\$1000** | **RAFFLES &
PRIZES**

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL FOR DINING IN OUR BISTRO
COURTESY BUS AVAILABLE FOR MEMBERS & GUESTS - BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

CLUB MURAL

The Committee recently commissioned local artist and Club member Rob Wood to create a mural as part of stage 1 of the RSL Clubs Mural Project. The idea is to use the Club Murals to educate the community about the history and sacrifice made by our Servicemen and Servicewomen in conflicts. The work completed by Rob has been well received and we even have people posing for photos in front of the Mural. We appreciate the work that Rob put into this mural with many hours over and above committed to delivering a fantastic result.



RSL Active

RSL Active provides you with a way to connect with other Veterans, develop your social network, share ideas and stories, enhance your support circles, and improve your overall physical and mental health.

Recreation, Events and Activities for Veterans and their Families to take part in programs and events created for the veteran community. Connect with other veterans, improve physical and mental well-being, and enhance your support circle.

You do not need to be an RSL member to participate in RSL Active.

For event listings go to RSL Active Victoria Event Listing.

Through the great work of our Welfare Department we are now running a Guitars for Veterans program as part of RSL Active. We have 15 Veterans enlisted in this program who each received a free guitar and 10- free guitar lessons.

We NEED YOU!

THE LEONGATHA RSL IS CALLING
FOR VOLUNTEERS TO SELL POPPIES THIS YEAR FOR

Remembrance Day

SELLING WILL TAKE PLACE AT IGA AND ALDI IN
LEONGATHA IN 2 HOUR STINTS ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS:

Wednesday - October 30th, Thursday - October 31st, Friday - November 1st
Wednesday - November 6th, Thursday - November 7th,
Friday - November 8th, Saturday - November 9th

If you can spare a couple of hours on any of these days please get in touch with the RSL on 56622747 to discuss a time slot that suits you. All volunteers are greatly appreciated and all money raised goes to welfare for our veterans and their families.

Lest We Forget

Leongatha RSL

HALLOWEEN

MEMBERS NIGHT THURS 31 OCT

DRESS UP IN YOUR FINEST
HALLOWEEN ATTIRE

There will be a **SPOOKTACULAR**
prize for the best dressed!

Regular raffles and member draw will be on.
Book now on 56622747 or at leongatha-rsl.com.au

MEAT TRAY RAFFLES

Every Friday Night

RAFFLE TICKETS SOLD BETWEEN 7-8PM
\$1 FOR 10 NUMBERS, PURCHASE MORE TO
RECEIVE TICKETS FOR JOKER POKER
10 x small meat trays + 1 MEGA meat tray to be won!

MICHAELS SUPA IGA

MUSIC BINGO

NOV 20th | WEDNESDAY | 7pm

Join us for a fun filled evening of Music
Bingo in our Members Lounge.
Eyes down at 7pm.

Laughs to be had and prizes to be won.
\$2 per card, 3 cards for \$5
or 6 cards for \$10

Bookings for dinner in our bistro
beforehand essential on 56622747

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DON'T MISS THIS ONE IF YOU ARE GOING TO THE RACES

In recognition of their service, the Victoria Racing Club (VRC) is pleased to offer all past and current service men and women free entry to Flemington Racecourse on TAB Champions Stakes Day, Saturday 9th November, upon presentation of the following approved identification:

- Veteran White Card
- Veteran Gold Card
- Defence Common Access Card (DCAC)
- Medals worn on the left
- The Returned from Active Service Badge (RASB)
- Veterans Card Victoria
- RSL Service Member Badge

TAB Champions Stakes Day is the final day of the Melbourne Cup Carnival and will feature the \$3 million Group 1 TAB Champion Stakes (2,000m), the \$3 million Group 1 Darley Champions Sprint (1,200m) and the \$3 million Group 1 VRC Champions Mile (1,600). The first race is scheduled to begin at 12:40pm.

VALE

**It is with deep sadness that we report
the passing* of the following members:**

Service - Graham Washfold Social - Frank Horobin
Service - George Riches Social - Graeme Runciman
Affiliate - Ian Barrie Social - Graham Young
Affiliate - Graham Spaul
Affiliate - Kaye Seys

*passed since August 1st and printing of this newsletter.

THE FARMER REMEMBERS THE SOMME

Vance Palmer-1920

Will they never fade or pass!
The mud, and the misty figures
endlessly coming
In file through the foul morass,
And the grey flood-water ripping the
reeds and grass,
And the steel wings drumming.
The hills are bright in the sun:
There's nothing changed or marred in
the well-known places;
When work for the day is done
There's talk, and quiet laughter, and
gleams of fun
On the old folks' faces.
I have returned to these:
The farm, and the kindly Bush, and the
young calves lowing;
But all that my mind sees
Is a quaking bog in a mist - stark,
snapped trees,
And the dark Somme flowing.

MEGA TOY BONANZA



Just Like

our Fuel Fairy Promotion.
In collaboration with Sportspower
Leongatha and Imperials Cricket
Club!

Entry

- Swipe your member card daily at the kiosk in venue to receive a ticket
- Every \$30 spent at bar or bistro gets a ticket
- Every \$20 spent at Leongatha Sportspower gets a ticket for the barrel



Plus+

Show your RSL member card at
Sportspower Leongatha and every
\$100 spent receives a ticket for
the barrel during the promotional
period.

Remembrance Day

11.11.2024

Order Of Service

- 10:45am - Congregate at the Cenotaph in Leongatha
- 10:50am - Welcome and Introduction
- 10:50am - Commemorative Address
- 10:55am - Wreath Laying
- 10:59am - The Last Post
- 11:00am - A minutes silence
- 11:01am - The Rouse

All welcome back to the RSL for light refreshments
after the service.



Ricky McNaughton Assistant Manager



Sudoku Solution

3	9	6	7	4	1	5	2	8
1	5	2	3	8	9	7	6	4
8	7	4	2	5	6	1	9	3
7	2	1	8	6	3	9	4	5
9	6	3	4	1	5	8	7	2
5	4	8	9	2	7	6	3	1
6	8	7	1	3	4	2	5	9
2	3	5	6	9	8	4	1	7
4	1	9	5	7	2	3	8	6

Ricky started at the RSL as a strapping young lad way back in 1998 as a casual, just before his favourite time of year, X'mas and was so impressive he was made full time 2 weeks later! It wasn't long before he became Assistant Manager and has been in that role now for 20+ years!

We obviously don't work him hard enough though as he has enough time to don a hat as a Celebrant, marrying many couples in the wedding season, the West Gippsland Football Netball League Netball Operations Manager, a B Grade badged Netball Umpire, and he makes and sells his own candles too! He sure is one busy man!

Time at the Leongatha RSL -

26 long, arduous years (according to his workmates)

Favourite dish on our menu -

Scotch fillet with pepper sauce, chips and salad (no veg!)

Favourite drink -

Coke - none of that pepsi stuff!

Best part of the job -

Every day is different and getting to know new and returning members and guests. Forming friendships and creating relationships with funny banter (especially with the old girls!)

Worst part of the job -

Unfortunately seeing the people that he has formed those friendships and banter with being farewelled.

Favourite sport -

Netball then tennis. A fun fact you wouldn't know about Ricky - he played in the boys state netball team way back in the 90's (some would say he even sported a trendy blonde afro)

How do fellow workmates describe Ricky -

This was a long list - grumpy, interesting, quirky, a jokester and prankster, hilarious (according to himself), community minded, a die hard x'mas fan (make sure you wish him a merry xmas early and start singing x'mas carols to him), funny, horrible but in a funny kind of way, reliable, lacklustre, helpful in an unhelpful kind of way and there were many, many more!

FAB FRIDAY'S **FEATURING** **NOVEMBER 1ST**

Leongatha Rotary Club

PROFITS FROM MEAT RAFFLES & JOKER POKER GOING TO LEONGATHA ROTARY CLUB

DINNER BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL ON 56622747
OR ONLINE AT LEONGATHA-RSL.COM.AU

FAB FRIDAY'S **FEATURING** **NOVEMBER 8TH**

PROFITS FROM MEAT RAFFLES & JOKER POKER GOING TO LEONGATHA COMMUNITY CAROLS

Leongatha Community Carols

Book Now on 56622747 leongatharsl.com.au

FAB FRIDAY'S **FEATURING** **LEONGATHA KNIT & KNATTER GROUP**

PROFITS FROM MEAT RAFFLES & JOKER POKER GOING TO COMMUNITY GROUP LEONGATHA KNIT & KNATTERS

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