

Croydon Despatches

NEWSLETTER OF THE CROYDON SUB-BRANCH RSL INC

JUNE 2022

Kitchen!



EDITORS NOTE

WELCOME

Welcome to the June 2022 Croydon Despatches.

My apologies for the lateness of the issue whilst we have had some exciting news re the kitchen it has been a busy time all round.

Please remember to follow, like & share our social media pages @croydonvicrsl on Instagram and @croydonrsl on Facebook.

Regards
John B

KEY DATES

JUNE

No meal nights for the month of June due to the kitchen renovation. Bar will trade as normal.

Sat 25th - Anzac appeal volunteers thank you luncheon.

JULY

Fri 1st - 1st Meal Night in the New Kitchen.

Wed 6th - Veterans Lunch.

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CONFIRMATION OF EMAIL ADDRESSES & MOBILE PHONE NUMBERS

We are asking all members that have an email address and a mobile phone number to provide this to us or update it if it has changed. Please send an email to admin@croydonrsl.org.au with your current details.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

It has been busy 3 Months preparing for our annual Anzac services. I would like to thank all involved In the running of these events which all went extremely well. Still having sound problems at Dawn Service these will be worked on and hopefully next year will go complaint free. Finally, a big thankyou to Ladies Auxiliary for the lovely afternoon Tea and the Lions club for a great job serving over 400 Gun Fire Breakfasts after Dawn service.

Arthur J Ford
President

LADIES AUXILIARY

Lovely to talk to you again so soon. As you may not have realised last meeting in April was cancelled as most of our ladies we involved with the selling of ANZAC badges. So what a grand start to autumn we've had. Then there were School holidays, Easter, and ANZAC Day that followed each other closely with some birthday's thrown in.

Our Easter Raffle was a wonderful success and we'd like to thank the Croydon RSL Sub Branch for allowing us to run it to support the filling of our coffers. The Ministry of Chocolate donated a generous amount of Chocolate towards our raffle prizes for which we are very grateful. They were made on the premises in Lacey Street Croydon, and were extremely delicious. As Covid has stretched into the catering problems, no longer can we have cake stalls like we used to, to bolster our finances.

We picked up our lovely wreath from Danny's in, what was once Arndale, what is now Civic Square. Denise Agnew and I laid the wreath. The day was beautiful and sunny. There was a very good attendance and the choir was delightful as always.

I hope you ladies had a wonderful Mothers Day.

We must get in touch so we could have the Ladies from Moving Gifts in June/ August.

It will be lovely to celebrate Mavis Good's 100th birthday. This takes place in July around the time of our Veteran's Luncheon. I'm sure there'll be surprises.

Our next meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary will be held Tuesday 14th June, the day after Queen's Birthday holiday. Ladies you're very welcome. Keep warm and stay safe.

Edith Carroll
President.

NEW KITCHEN

If you have not heard, we are currently undergoing a small update to the kitchen at the RSL.

We would like to thank and acknowledge the past committee members who organized and got this project underway.

The new upgrades include new flooring for the kitchen, stainless steel bench tops, new cook top, range hood, additional power points, additional dishwasher, and LED lighting (safer and longer lasting). While it isn't the complete vision of a new kitchen it is progress and some much needed attention.

The project started at the start of June and is why meal nights have been on hold. A temporary tea and coffee station has been set up for everyone to use.

We look forward to celebrating the completed project with the first meal night back.

COMING SOON

In May we initiated a trial of a new Point of Sale/register this has been a success. The plan will be to change over to the new system once we get back to normal with meal nights.

The other items coming soon is some branded merchandise for the RSL. Stubbie holders/drink coolers will be available in the next couple of weeks. The club polos will soon be available again in the same colours but in a lighter material for ease of care and softer feel when wearing.

SOCIAL SCENE

The only "socialising" lately has been on the ANZAC badge selling front, our own ANZAC service on the Sunday afternoon was followed by Geoff Arnott's book launch, "WW2 Veteran's from Croydon and District". The great afternoon tea provided by Jody Baade and the Ladies Auxiliary. Geoff has also donated books that we may use in our fortnightly raffle.

Jody Baade made us all a lovely pasta meal for the Friday night before. Thank you, Jody, we loved it and it was very much appreciated. We enjoyed having the Lions Club ladies and gentlemen over to share our dinner. The evening greeting being, "see you all at 4am."

As we skated into a beautiful autumn it is certainly wonderful to see you all again.

What a tumultuous few week we have encountered. Again, we wish to thank the Lions Club for cooking our Gunfire Breakfast. It's a grand task and we are ever so grateful. Several Lions will also be joining us at the last meal night of the month, this will be most enjoyable.

* The Silo /Street Art trip is still in the pipeline, so it is hoped we'll be touring in a few months' time, which we must do as the weather stays fine. I'm still hoping to find a 1-day trip, even though most of the trips offered by Tour companies have been of the 5- day variety.

* Another in-house activity is to have a TRIVIA NIGHT. Which we'll need to arrange soon.

* The Victorian Goldfields Railway Steam Train runs between Castlemaine and Maldon. The fare is \$45 concession, and if we have 20 attendees, then there will be a 25% discount. We already would have a coach to take us to Castlemaine. Should we not be able to come up with the numbers we will invite Legacy along.

* Our Veteran's Luncheon will be held on Wednesday 6th July.

Please keep informed about our updated kitchen which will happen very soon, as there will be no meal nights till 17th June. Keep warm, keep safe and well.

Edith Carroll
Social Co-ordinator.

Welfare Report

Welfare has been neglected in the past 3 months still maintaining my calls to existing clients but no new ones on books. will pursue the amalgamation of care group into welfare this quarter.

Arthur J Ford

Welfare Officer

Memberships

Just a reminder about membership renewals. If you haven't had a chance to renew your membership please do so. Fee's can be paid at the bar during trading hours. Fee's can be paid by cash, cheque, credit card, eftpos or direct deposit.

Memorabilia and library

In the last month we have had two history nights promoting the reach of the R.S.L. and capabilities of our members. In total we had forty scouts engage in each of these nights, and it was a fantastic outcome. I spoke through our timeline at the beginning, then breaking them up into smaller groups to be intimate with our speakers, who had been arranged for the nights.

I was so impressed, when I asked these people for their help, and with what I was trying to achieve, no one said no, they were amazing, and inspirational.

My intension was to create a moment where young people can envisage, or at least try to understand the past and how important the service of our serving men and woman were to the security of our nation. The main focus of my talk during the timeline talk was around 1942, and the difference between the battles of that year (Milne Bay, Kokoda track and the beach head battles) all being in Papua (an Australian territory) and the battles from 1943 in New Guinea. New Guinea was a Dutch controlled mandated state.

New Guinea was only mandated to Australia in late 1942 early 1943, so our military forces could operate with legality. Australia controlled Papua and New Guinea until 1975.

Our speakers did us proud, answering the tough questions and creating moments of silence among their young audience.



An incredibly special thanks from me personally To,

George Ward, State secretary of the Historical military society- Army reservist.

George Skell, State secretary Vietnam Veteran association. Veteran 3RAR Vietnam. Battle of Balmoral.

Geoff Arnott, Croydon Historical society, Author.

John Hexter, President Croydon Subbranch 2017-2021, Vietnam veteran, Battle of Balmoral.

John Baade, Corporal, 1st commando regiment, Vice President Croydon R.S.L, Afghanistan veteran.

Tamara and Jodie, for your help, thank you.

Both nights finished with a movie by Damien Parer from the Kokoda track (Papua) in 1942. A special thanks to my own family, for allowing me the time from them, to create these nights. Many hours, and as many emails and conversation took place. Thank you, Cathy for your support and work in the kitchen, Joshua for kitchen and computer work, Claire, and Sarah also for their help.

Though I am not as visible this year (as for conflicting commitments), I am still working diligently and constructively for the R.S.L.

These nights where a success, and created a larger footprint for the R.S.L. Educating, and creating a mechanism to involve younger people within the R.S.L, which will only benefit the R.S.L in the future.

Jonathan Duck

FINAL NOTE

We encourage everyone to bring in friends and family who may become new members where possible, drop in for a regular drink and actively support events that are held. We are expanding our social media presence as well so please make sure you are following us on Facebook @croydonrsl and Instagram @croydonvicrsl and like and share the posts. When you are at the branch next, please check in, snap a picture then share it to the socials. Let's get the word out there about the Croydon RSL!

"A drink is shorter than a tale" - Scottish Proverb

Notice Boards - Find out what's happening

We have been updating the notice boards in the foyer. The update of the boards will include one board for upcoming events for the month and the other board for future events, articles of interest and community announcements. Next time you come in, please check out the notices and if you want more information on a particular notice feel free to email admin@croydonrsl.org.au