

Croydon Despatches

NEWSLETTER OF THE CROYDON SUB-BRANCH RSL INC

MARCH 2022



EDITORS NOTE

WELCOME

Welcome to the March 2022 Croydon Despatches. As this newsletter develops, we hope you feel it is keep you informed with what is happening at the RSL. This edition shares information on the upcoming events for ANZAC Day & services.

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

Regards
John B

KEY DATES

MARCH

Fri 25th - Meal Night.

APRIL

Tue 5th - 1PM Committee meeting, 2:30PM general meeting.

Fri 8th - Meal Night.

Fri 22nd - Meal Night.

Sun 24th - ANZAC March & Service. Book Launch.

Mon 25th - ANZAC Day Dawn Service followed by a gunfire breakfast.

CROYDON RSL CONTACTS

President - Arthur Ford 0477031922

Vice President - John Baade
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Secretary - Jody Baade 0401187637

Treasurer - John Woolhouse.
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Welfare Officer - Arthur Ford

Bereavement Officer - Sam Berrie

Social Coord - Edie Carroll

Bar Manager - Ken Nicolson

Hall Manager - John Baade

Memorabilia - Johnathon Duck

Appeals Officer - Tamara Myers

Chaplain - Troy Harris

Parade Marshall - John Baade



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.

ANZAC Day 2022

The time is approaching once again for our annual ANZAC day appeal, ANZAC March and Service, ANZAC Dawn Service & Gunfire Breakfast.

ANZAC Appeal - Our ANZAC appeal will run from 9th to 25th April. Our president Arthur Ford will be out early selling badges to the larger local area. Tamara Myers our Appeals Officer is heading up the army of badge sellers in multiple locations. If you can spare some time please volunteer and contact Tamara on 0424624355.

ANZAC March & Service - Our march will be on Sunday 24th April with a step off (corner of Main St & Hewish Rd) at 2:30. The march will proceed down Main St, left at Mount Dandenong Rd, right at Civic Square to finish at the James N Stevens Memorial Lawn where we will be conducting our service. This will then be followed with afternoon tea and drinks at the RSL. If you are interested in marching please contact John Baade 0408625390.

ANZAC Dawn Service & Gunfire Breakfast - Monday 25th April at the Croydon Cenotaph (center of the 4 ways roundabout Wicklow Ave, Kent Ave, Croydon Rd & Coolstore Rd) arrival time 5:45AM. Following the service all will be invited to the RSL for a Gunfire Breakfast.

Since this has been our first full schedule of services we hope to see as many people as possible across all our events this ANZAC 2022.



E-SMART GRANTS

We would like to highlight that the printing of this newsletter has been done on our new multifunction printer. The purchase of the printer was enabled through the community E-SMART Grants.

DEAKIN COMMUNITY AWARDS 2022

We're delighted to here that a few of our members have been nominated in the 2022 Deakin Community Awards. Nominees include Tamara Myers, Ken Nicolson & Heather Spalding. This is in recognition of their contribution to the Deakin community

CROYDON RSL COMMITTEE 2022

Our AGM for 2022 was held on Tuesday 1st February and the following people were elected as part of the new committee.

President	Arthur Ford 0477 031 922
Vice President	John Baade 0408 625 390
Secretary	Jody Baade 0401 187 637
Treasurer	John Woolhouse 0437 797 122
Immediate Past President	John Hexter

Committee Members

Ken Nicolson, John Duck, Edie Carroll, Tamara Myors, Sam Berrie and James Wright.

The new committee would like to thank the previous committee for their hard work and dedication to the RSL.

If there is anything members would like to discuss with the new committee, please feel free to reach out in person, on the phone or via admin@croydonrsl.org.au. We look forward to catching up with everyone soon.



EFTPOS Coming Soon

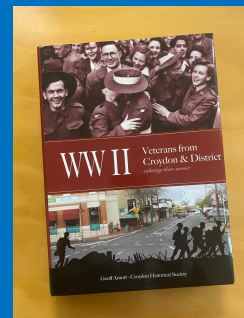
We will soon be conducting a 2-month trial of an EFTPOS system at the bar. This will only be available at certain times and with certain purchases. If successful, the trial will lead to an upgrade of the register and expansion of items to be purchased.

So if you are short on cash and can't get to the ATM, we will have you covered.

Book Launch

Congratulations to Geoff Arnott from the Croydon Historical Society on the completion of 'WWII Veterans from Croydon & District Saluting their Service'. A book which tells the story of the 636 men and women who enlisted in WWII from the Croydon area.

The book launch will be at the Croydon RSL on Sunday 24th April at the post march service. Copies of the books will be available.



Presidents Report

The organising of the march and service on 24th April is well on the way, the organising of the dawn service is almost completed 25th April

The appeal is looking for volunteers to sell badges if you can spare a few Hours it would be greatly appreciated.

We have a general meeting coming up 5th April if can spare a couple of hours we would love to see you there.

Arthur J Ford

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

Getting to know you...



Name: Jody Baade
Position: Secretary
Tell us about your family

I am lucky enough to be step mum to 3 amazing kids, a pawrent to Frankie the spoilt rotten French Bulldog and the wife of a spunk rat.

How did you come to join the RSL?

My husband joined and I followed. I heard there was cheap drinks 😊

What do you like most about being a member of the RSL?

I love that I get to hang out with people who are so selfless that they offered up themselves to serve their country. I love the history of our Defence Force and I am extremely proud to have a husband who is part of the ADF.

What's your favourite food?

Bread. No wait, cheese. Hang on, Pasta. Oh never mind, I love them all.

What would your superhero power be?

I think flying, so I didn't have to sit in traffic.

What is the one place you want to visit?

After 2 years of lockdowns, I'd be happy to go anywhere! Seriously though, I really want to go to Japan.



If you wish to place an article in the next newsletter, please contact the Editor with details (including pictures if available) via admin@croydonrsl.org.au.

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

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