



Mt Barker RSL Sub-Branch—

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

There are only a few short weeks now to **ANZAC Day 2019**. It's a big day out, but we all look forward to this day – it means so much, and not just to our veterans, but to the whole nation. I well remember my first real ANZAC Day dawn service with my father back in 1963 – cold, but I don't think I will ever forget hearing that clink of medals and the warm 'g'day to old friends – or the warmth of the mateship which just seemed to pour from them all.

Next year, I will spend ANZAC Day in New Zealand – it will be the 50th anniversary of my apprentice year (1970), and of the 105 of us who graduated in December of that same year, at this stage it looks like 87 of the old team will be able to make it. We have, of course, lost a few along the way, and I know that the spirit of ANZAC that bound us altogether nearly 50 years ago will cause us to reflect on the empty chairs we will have for each one when we sit down for dinner together. It will no doubt be a 'happy emotional' time for all of us as we take time to reflect on our service to country and the enduring mateship of that service.

It was certainly a year that changed the course of my life – as service in the Armed Forces has done for the countless thousands who went before us.

Looking back 100 years ago, Australia was right in the midst of bringing all our Diggers back from France following the end of the First World War. Ironically, and sadly, the great 'Spanish Flu' epidemic that followed the end of that war, cruelly carried away many of our finest who survived the horrors of the Belgium and France low-lands only to succumb to that awful epidemic in the safety of England.

Locally this year, it was a great disappointment to hear the announcement by the State RSL cancelling the traditional BBQ activities normally held at the Torrens Parade Ground following the annual ANZAC Day city march. I am sure, however, that the hue and cry which has followed will see appropriate sense prevail on the day and somehow the smell of barbecuing snags, eggs and onions will be everywhere!

On the topic of BBQs, we had a great turn out for the **Mount Barker Show** day on the 23 March. Just as well, because we were flat out and had very successful day. Thanks to all who took part, I certainly enjoyed myself and found the whole day a very rewarding experience. What a great team!

Preparations for our **ANZAC Day** service in **Mount Barker** are now well in hand and I pass my sincere thanks to all those members toiling quietly away behind the scenes to make it all happen. Let's hope we have a calm morning and a great turnout once again. I look forward to seeing you all at the Mann Street Cenotaph at 6AM sharp for the Dawn Service – and then it's back at the **RSL for our traditional Gunfire Breakfast** – can't wait! See you all there on the 25th! We would also like to thank **Rotary Mt Barker** for their grant of **\$500** towards the animal plaques in the **Avenue of Honour**.

We have been holding discussions with **Eldercare** regarding the carpark who wish to finalise a Deed of Agreement about this land. I urge all of you to attend the **General Meeting on Wednesday, 3 April at 7.30 pm** when the matter will be on the agenda.

Lindsay Campbell CSM, President

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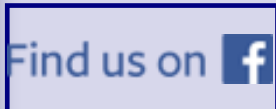
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The Mt Barker RSL would like to thank the following people/organisations for their continued support—

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Hills Community Radio
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Lions Club of Mt Barker

Mt Barker District Concert Band



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The Hills Football League

Rotary Club of Mt Barker

Forthcoming events

Coffee n Chat Session	Each Wednesday.	10-12 noon	Dining Room
Friday night dinners Bookings 8391.0010	Every Friday . Reopen for dinner on	5.30 for 6.00 pm	Dining Room \$20 for two courses
Next General meeting	Wednesday, 3 April	7.30 pm	Dining Room
Next Committee Meeting	Wednesday, 17 April	7.30 pm	Dining Room
ANZAC Day	Thursday, 25 April	6.00 am Dawn Service 7.00 am Gunfire B'fast	Soldiers' Memorial Sub-branch
BBQs	Every Saturday fortnight	8.000-2.00 pm	Verandah, RSL

Jokes

A bookie was counting out money for an old lady who'd won big at the races.

"Lady," he said. "I just don't understand. How did you manage to pick the winner?"

The old lady patted her hair in place and responded: "Really, I don't know myself. I just stick a pin in the paper and, well, there it is."

The bookie took a deep breath. "That's all very well, lady," he answered. "But how on earth did you manage to pick four winners yesterday afternoon?"

"Oh," replied the old lady. "That was easy. I used a fork."



How much did the Pirate pay for his ear piercings?

A buccaneer!





REMEMBRANCE FOR THE FALLEN
RESPECT FOR OUR EX-SERVICE MEN & WOMEN
PRIDE FOR THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

ANZAC DAY 2019

at the
Mt Barker RSL Sub-branch
23 Hutchinson Street, Mt Barker

ANZAC DAY Order of Events

6.00 am—Dawn Service at the Soldiers' Memorial on Mann Street

7.00 am—Gunfire Breakfast at the Mt Barker RSL
Thanks to Rotary Mt Barker

9.00 am—Two-up In the Sub-branch

4.10 pm—ANZAC Service prior to the Football match between
Hahndorf & Mt Barker at the Hahndorf Football Oval,
Pine Avenue, Hahndorf
Presentation of the Tommy de Vries Medal

Lest We Forget ***Mt Barker RSL*** ***ANZAC Day Trading Hours***

The Mt Barker RSL is a community club—friendly, supportive and
welcoming to all

Wednesday: Coffee & Chat, 10-12 noon—all welcome

Friday: Open from 3.30 pm Happy Hour 5-6 pm. Dinner is served
from 6.30 pm

Saturday fortnightly: BBQ on the front verandah



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The Club's opening hours are as follows:

Monday—Administration.

Tuesday—from 7.00 pm. Darts evenings. New players welcome

Wednesday—10-12 noon—Coffee and Chat/Men's Health Sessions.

Friday Club—Newcomers welcome. From 9.45 am each Friday. Cards and games played, outings arranged

Friday nights—Dinner from 6.30 pm. **Bookings essential for dinner on 8391.0010.** \$20 for two courses.

Saturday BBQs—These run fortnightly. Please keep an eye on the notice board out the front. These are great fun days, with a huge amount of laughter and camaraderie.

Please see our website on <https://mountbarkerrsl.com.au> to keep up to date with all our happenings

Useful numbers

Open Arms - Veterans and Veterans Families Counselling Service: 1800 011 046

Vietnam Veterans Association—SA

Phone: 08 8232 9422

Fax: 08 8232 9899

Office hours: Mon to Friday: 09.30am-12.30pm

Email: vietvetsa@chariot.net.au

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Officers at RSL SA Headquarters Assistance from any one of these practitioners may be obtained by calling RSL SA for an appointment on (08) 8100 7300 or email admin@rslsa.org.au.

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