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Mt Barker RSL Sub-Branch—

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

We are experiencing unprecedented times with the outbreak of **COVID-19**. It is critical that decisions are made that protect the vulnerable in our society which with this virus is most dangerous to the elderly and frail. We are entering a traditionally very busy but also profitable time of year for our club, however, as the Prime Minister has advised we need to review events of mass gatherings.

The upcoming **Mount Barker show has been cancelled** as have a number of local community events. More importantly, our traditional **ANZAC Day Dawn Service will be cancelled** as a community event and a small service will be held **for RSL members only** with breakfast for those attending at the RSL afterwards.

As mentioned, these events are critical to the financial viability of the club during the quiet winter months. We will need to look to alternate fund raising ideas and I would ask that any ideas or suggestions you have, could you please contact **Rebecca**.

For anyone that needs any help or support during this time, please contact the Sub-branch for any assistance you require. Telephone number for Rebecca is on the side of the newsletter and please use any numbers for either Dave or John if you think we can help. Whether it be help to go to the shops or if you run out of a household item and can't find a replacement for it, let us know so as a RSL community we can support each other. At this stage our **Coffee n Chat sessions** will continue on **Wednesday** mornings as will the **Friday night dinners**. **We do ask that if you are not well**, please do not attend the Club for the health and safety of all our members. Please stay safe and healthy and practise good hygiene.

On another matter, Mike Williams formerly of Hills Hire has sold his business and has moved on. The Mt Barker RSL Sub-branch would like to thank Mike who has been extremely supportive of the Sub-branch over many years. We wish he and his family well with all future endeavours.

Jenny Checkley is holding a Movie Fundraiser for Operation K9. Come and see “Military Wives (M)” at Mount Barker Wallis Cinemas. Sunday Apr 5th at 2.30pm. Tickets \$15 message me for payment details. Tickets will be available for collection at the cinema, or you can arrange to pick the tickets up from Jenny. Come along and have an enjoyable afternoon, maybe have a spot of lunch before the movie, there's loads of choice around the area. Please contact **Rebecca** if you would like to go.

*Tim Richardson
President*

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



Bunnings Mt Barker

Hills Community Radio
88.9 FM

Holland/Fielke Accountants

Lions Club of Mt Barker

Mt Barker District Concert Band

The Hills Football League



Rotary Club of Mt Barker

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Forthcoming events

Coffee n Chat Session	Each Wednesday.	10-12 noon	Dining Room
Friday night dinners Bookings 8391.0010	Every Friday	6.00 for 6.30 pm	Dining Room \$20 for two courses
Next Committee meeting	Wednesday, 18 March 2020	7.30 pm	Dining Room
Next General Meeting	Wednesday, 1 April	7.30 pm	Dining Room
BBQs	Every second Saturday, commencing 18/01/2020	8.00-2.00 pm	Verandah, RSL

Jokes

The Irish 911 Call
An Irish woman is cleaning her husband's rifle and accidentally shot him.
Irish woman: "It's my fooken husband, I've accidentally shot him, I've fooken killed him."
Operator: "Please, calm down ma'am. Can you first make sure he is actually dead?"
Click...Bang
Irish woman: "OK, I've done that. What now?"



Did you come here to die?

Nah Mate, came 'ere yesterdie

**Rededication of the Avenue of Honour
Keith Stephenson Park
Mt Barker
Sunday, 28 June 2020
2.00 pm**

The new Avenue of Honour will be rededicated at the above address and time. The Sub-branch has invested, together with the Council, a great deal of time and research into finding each of the soldiers' names who were killed in WWI, WWII, Korea and Vietnam. Plaques have been bought for each soldier and will be placed on a plinth at the front of each Magnolia tree. There will also be one for the medical and nursing staff and also for the animals who were used during service. There will also be plaques reflecting Australia's involvement in conflicts since Vietnam.

The Sub-branch is seeking to contact descendants of any of these men. Would you please contact the Secretary **Rebecca Douglass on 0413 485 624** if you believe that you are a descendant and would like to attend the Commemoration. Invitations will be issued to the descendants, our current financial members, local RSL Sub-branches of the Mt Barker Council district and some local dignitaries. A formal afternoon tea at Auchendarroch will follow to invited guests. **Entry to the event will be by presentation of the formal invitation and RSVP will be required.** If descendants of the following men who were killed in service would please contact Rebecca ASAP.

World War I

John Gower	John O'Leary	Robert Slocombe	William Fry	Carl Huff
David O'Leary	Keith Harrington	Frank Caddy	John Gollan	Basham Griffin
James Jordan	James Choat	Frank Lloyd	Roy Goldsworthy	Ernest Mooney
James Burrett	Mark Gray	John Thomson	Richard Westley	Alfred Carlson
Thomas Miles	Harold Clark	John Daniel	Frederick Gray	Charles Jenkinson
Charles Bulbeck	Norman Watts	Mark Colley	Kelvin Roach	Harold Mitchell
Oliver Pollard	John Ashhurst	Hubert Paterson	Harold Cameron	Cyril Edwards
Hartley Oborn	Reginald Woodlands	Elder Oborn	Richard Heinrich	Perry Davis
Thomas Skipper	George Rouse	Reuben Pope	William Parker	Carl Jensen
Bertram Fidler	Arthur Lawson	Edward Fahey	Harold Wiedemann	Herbert Davies
Arthur Walters	Clement Bradford	David Hollamby		

World War II

Benjamin Nicker	Roland Withers	Jack Monks	Theodor Reimann	Colin Cowan
Henry Lohmann	Norman Duffield	Gavin Whibley	Archibald Anderson	John Hunt
Bill Schwab	Robert Fischer	James Downing	Edward Hender	John Mossop
Neville Carroll	Louis Burzacott	Bruce Paech		

Korea

Lawrence Steer

Vietnam

Thomas de vries van Leeuwen



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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.

Thursday Sewing Circle—Newcomers welcome. From 10.00 am each Thursday.

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

Website: www.vvaa-sa.asn.au

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.

Chris Wilde, Advocate: 8100 7305; chris.wilde@rslsa.org.au