

# DECEMBER 2023

# NEWSLETTER



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# *Springvale RSL Office Bearers*

*President:* John Wilson

*Vice President:* Chris Dimitroudis

*Secretary:* Brian Davey

*Treasurer:* Richard Pluchinotta

## *Committee Members:*

Bob Evans

Phillip Boynes

Tony McCourt

Ron Medus

Michael Vaughan

## *Women's Auxiliary*

*President:* Julie Vaughan

*Vice President:* Emily Newson

*Secretary:* Wilma Evans

*Treasurer:* Pauline Kelly

## *Committee Members:*

Pat King

Maria Gortat

Linda Kelc

Vicki Elgaznieks

Emmie Wilson

Nicole Sechler





# Veteran Engagement

Throughout the year we invited all our Veterans to take part in several different events. These events included morning tea, magic melodies and lunch at other RSL's or bus trips. During this time we connect with our Veterans to check in and just get them socializing and out and about. We look forward to building on our Veteran engagement in 2024!



# Welfare Coordinator

**My name is Janet Arnold and I have been appointed Welfare Coordinator at the Springvale RSL, taking over from David Dent.**

**By way of background, I previously worked as the Welfare and Community Support Co-ordinator at the Waverley RSL for 18 years and am familiar with the needs of our older veteran community as well as in recent years assisting our younger veterans.**

**A number of support programs have been introduced in the past and I intend to continue with these whilst maintaining communications with our service members, widows and community groups.**

**Although based out of Springvale, I will be working closely with all of the RSLs and Aged Care facilities in the district to ensure our veterans and their supporters are looked after. To that end I will soon be arranging home and aged care facility visits along with other activities to promote an inclusive agenda for the Springvale RSL's welfare effort as we move forward.**

**My working hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 10.00 a.m. until 4.00 p.m. and I am situated in the house next door to the RSL car park.**

**I look forward to meeting with you soon so that together we can face the challenges of and serve the veterans in our community.**

**Janet Arnold  
Welfare Co-ordinator**





# Manager's Report

Hello to all our members,

As the year approaches it's end I would like to say a big thank you to all the staff, management and committee for their tireless efforts and commitment throughout the year. With that reflection of the year that is coming to an end, we look forward to a successful 2024.

I would like to take this opportunity to announce that we will not be having entertainment on Saturday nights in 2024. I know this will upset some members, but I want to reassure you all that this decision was not taken lightly. Friday night entertainment will incur a \$5 cover charge at the door also. The bistro will be open for lunch and dinner service as normal on Saturdays. Friday night entertainment will be resuming in the new year on Australia Day (26th January). We will look at doing some show nights on Saturdays throughout the year so keep your eyes peeled.

Magic Melodies returns in February.

Recently we had some surveys out for the members and their preferences for our Friday night raffle prizes and it was a very strong indication by the members that our meat trays are replaced by Coles/Woolies gift cards. These changes will be implemented next year.

Thank you for your patronage and support of our club throughout the year and we look forward to seeing everyone in 2024.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Sasa Mucibabic  
General Manager



# Appeals Report

**Hello to all the Springvale RSL Sub-Branch members. The Remembrance Poppy Appeal for 2023 has come to an end. Despite the obvious challenges that we face today, inflation, interest rates, etc. The Poppy Appeal was very successful and although we are still waiting on some figures it would appear that we have once again raised a record high amount of money for Veteran Welfare -as we did with the Anzac Appeal. We will announce the total in the near future.**

**A huge thank you to all the volunteers involved it was a great team effort. I look forward to seeing you all on the 9th December at the RSL for the appreciation night.**

**Michael Vaughan  
Appeals Officer**





# *Voice of the Committee*

To the members, staff and patrons of the Springvale RSL I would like to take this opportunity to say hello and introduce myself.

I have lived in Springvale my entire life with my grandparents and parents living locally since the 1970's and 80's. My wife and I have two young children and are also fortunate enough to live close to the Springvale RSL.

Growing up I was an active member of the Burden Park Tennis Club where I was able meet various members of the local community. To this day, my wife and kids are members of the Tennis Club and enjoy the social atmosphere of the club.

During my time at University, I studied Accounting and Business where I completed my undergraduate and postgraduate studies. I am now a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants.

I was introduced to the Springvale RSL and saw the role of Treasurer as an opportunity to further my involvement in the community and show my support to those who value the importance of the ANZAC's.

The support of the committee and management has been greatly appreciated and I look forward to supporting the growth of the Springvale RSL.

**Richard Pluchinotta**  
**Treasurer**



# Women's Auxiliary Report

Greetings to all members

The Women's Auxiliary had the opportunity to help out with our Veterans & Community Luncheon, which was held on Halloween 31st October. Many guests dressed up and enjoyed the entertainment, meals and had a thoroughly great day.

We have enjoyed selling Poppies at Parkmore and Bunnings Keysborough for Remembrance Day Poppy Appeal, which has been a very good effort raising an excellent total for veteran welfare. We are currently busy selling raffle tickets for our Christmas Hampers Raffle, drawn on 15th December.

I would like to sincerely thank all Auxiliary members for their valuable, dedicated service, fellowship and have enjoyed another year.

We were very saddened for the loss of our late RSL President Mr. Graeme Evans. His service to the RSL and support to the Women's Auxiliary was greatly appreciated. He was a great mate and will be missed.

I would like to wish management, staff, committee, members and guests of Springvale RSL a very merry Christmas and a happy, healthy & safe 2024.

Julie Vaughan  
Women's Auxiliary President





# Pool Club Report

Well folks, here's to another year done and dusted! It was a tough season for most as consistency was not there, but we all caught a hard fight till the end. We didn't come away with any champion flags we have all came together stronger for 2024 season.

On another note, Mia Newman played on Saturday 25th November in the Victorian Junior Snooker State Championships, coming away with another 2 state titles to add to her collection 3rd time winner U18 girls and 1st time winning U18 open. Mia will go on to represent Victoria in the Australian National Championships in Albury 2024 (the week before she heads to ACT for Australian National Pool Championships) we wish her all the luck.

As we are only 4.5wks away from the end of another year, on behalf of the Springvale RSL Pool Club we wish all a happy and merry Christmas and a safe New Year!

See you all in 2024!!

Katherine Newman  
Pool Club Secretary

# Darts Club Report

To all members

The RSL League's Grand Final was last night and we had 3 teams involved. Springvale Red won in Div. 1, Springvale Blue were Runners Up - Div. 2 and Springvale Silver were Runners Up - Div. 3. Commiserations to Springvale Blue and Silver maybe next year will be your year. Springvale Red had a run of being Runners Up but it was great to get this one over the line.

## SPRINGVALE RED TEAM PHOTO



MORWELL 2023

This year we only had 1 team competing which was Springvale Blue.

Was very pleased to finish Runner Up in Div. 2.





# Darts Club Report Cont.

**We also had our Presentation Night on the 16th September, 2023. It was great to meet the President John Wilson and his wife Emmie. We had a wonderful night and enjoyed each others company.**



**Congratulations to all teams participating throughout the year.  
Your club is very proud of you.  
I would also like to Wish everyone a Safe and Happy Christmas  
and look forward to 2024.**

**Sheryll Beasy  
Darts Club Secretary**

# What's On Weekly

## **TUESDAY NIGHTS**

\$15 for a Pot & Parma deal with 6 choices of parmas; there's something for everyone. It also makes it the perfect night to bring your kids along as we are offering a free kid's meal with every main meal purchased.

## **WEDNESDAY NIGHTS**

Mouth watering T-Bone steak with a choice of sides & sauce for only \$20. Comes with a Buy one, Get one Free drink voucher. Add Prawns for an extra \$3

## **THURSDAY NIGHTS**

Tastes of Asia - \$23 per person, a huge variety to choose from! Entertainment & Hopper Station Last Thursday of every month- \$25 per person

## **FRIDAY NIGHTS**

Join us on Fridays from 5pm and swipe your members card at the kiosk to go into the draw to win one of 3 cash prizes.

\$450 worth of cash prizes guaranteed to go off. Cash Draws at 6pm, 7pm & 9pm with the Member's Draw at 8pm



# NYE AT SPRINGVALE RSL

*31st Dec, 2023 from 6pm*

**BOOK NOW  
FILLING UP FAST**

**KINGSLEY GEORGE  
BAND PERFORMING  
✧  
THREE COURSE BUFFET  
✧  
DUST OFF YOUR  
HAWAIIAN SHIRTS**

***\$90 PER PERSON  
\$30 CHILDREN U/12***





❄ MERRY ❄  
CHRISTMAS

# *Entertainment* DECEMBER

## *Fridays*

1st Brendan Scott

8th Paul Hogan

15th Col Perkins

22nd Rob Foenander

29th No Entertainment

## *Saturdays*

2nd Kingsley George Band

9th Rick Charles Duo

16th Jen & Brendan

23rd No Entertainment



# Christmas Trading Hours

24/12 Christmas Eve	9:30am-1am
25/12 Christmas Day	12pm-1am
26/12 Boxing Day	9:30am-1am
27/12 Wednesday	9:30am-1am
28/12 Thursday	9:30am-1am
29/12 Friday	9:30am-2am
30/12 Saturday	9:30am-2am
31/12 New Year's Eve	*9:30am-2am
01/01 New Year's Day	12pm-1am

*Happy Holidays!*

Bistro will close from  
Monday 25th December  
and return on  
Tuesday 2nd January

*\*with the exception of NYE*

Wishing you a happy and safe  
holiday period.



Vale  
Graeme Evans

**Service Number R59779**

**16/09/1945-12/11/2023**



*Springvale RSL*

**2013 Committee**

**2014 Secretary**

**2015-2023 President**