

JUNE 2023



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SPRINGVALE

NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the June
edition of our Springvale
RSL Newsletter

To avoid paper wastage, we are going digital. Our newsletter will be sent to the email and mobile number listed with your membership but also be available on the website-

www.springvalersl.com.au

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SPRINGVALE RSL & ME

By John Wilson, President

Just a short story about me, and why I decided to accept the position of Sub-branch President. I am John Wilson I live in Clarinda, and have been there for 37 years. I served in the RAAF for about 3 years as an engine fitter, near the end of the Vietnam War period.

I originally joined the RSL sub-branch at Clayton, where I attended functions and their Dawn Services, but found after I started visiting the Springvale RSL, especially on Friday and Saturday night, that it was more what I was expecting from a RSL; a friendly atmosphere, entertainment and above all welcoming.

After a short period I transferred my Service membership to Springvale RSL.

My wife and I came on somewhat regular basis on Saturday nights, for dinner, to listen to the music and have the occasional dance (I am not big on the idea of too much dancing but a happy wife means a happy night)

However, better feelings of appreciation for the service members at Springvale RSL started to evolve last Christmas, when I received a hamper, which was a fantastic gesture and much appreciated and gratefully accepted.

I was later approached by Natalie when I had come to pay my annual fee, and I was asked if I would consider joining the committee, as their current President was not keeping good health and would be stepping down, would consider the position as the club was light on for service members, which I responded that I give it some thought and get back to her.

Natalie with her friendly manner with the assistance of Brian Davey, managed to talk me into accepting: the position of President.

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SPRINGVALE RSL & ME

By John Wilson, President

I felt that with the assistance given to me, that I should accept, given that it was time for me to give back in some form, because that is what the RSL is about; providing assistance to others, both ex-service personnel and the wider community of Springvale and its surrounding neighborhoods.

My grandfather served in the First World War in France, where he came home a broken man. Back then these veterans never had or got the support they needed, and this is why we should provide the help when and where it is asked for.

My first ANZAC service is now behind me and I look forward to representing our wonderful community again.

It's been an honor to have been accepted into the committee and RSL Springvale as its President, and the committee can be assured that I will do my best to make a positive contribution.



MANAGER'S REPORT

By Sasa Mucibabic

Dear Members,

Welcome to our June edition of the Club's Newsletter.

April was a huge month with Appeals & our Commemorative Service. Our ANZAC Appeal was a huge success as was the case with our Commemorative Service. It was a pleasure to be part of and would love to thank everyone who gave up their time and put in the effort to make this a huge success! Our ANZAC Fundraiser on Friday 21st April was a success also, we had a full house in the bistro and wasn't far off being full in Member's bar too. We have raised over \$24,000 which is just huge.

Our head chef John Fernando has navigated this busy period with only limited staff for countless functions, show nights and events whilst our other chef Vinh has been taking some well earned holidays. Big thank you to John and the rest of the kitchen staff for making our bistro the success that it is!

There's a lot happening around the club currently, the Building Sub-Committee has been regularly meeting in hopes of appointing an architect for future renovations and we are excited to be making progress in this department. We have some massive events planned with our Elvis & Friends Night on June 24th & International Night on 19th August. As always make sure to book in early as they book out fast.

We've had a new Operations Manager start in late April, I'm sure you've seen her around the club already but as always please make Helene feel welcome. She has vast management experience across many venues and we look forward to her contributing to make our club even better.

Can't finish this report without thanking staff for the effort and care they put into their work.

Staff & Management appreciate your ongoing support and we look forward to seeing you at the club soon.

ANZAC COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE

On Sunday 23rd April we had our Commemorative Service. After several years of not being able to do this, due to the refurbishment and Covid, we were excited to head back to the Springvale Memorial at the Town Hall. We started the service with the City of Greater Dandenong Band leading a March with a combination of Service Members, their Family, Members and Guests. With help from the ADF we were able to secure a Catafalque Party R.A.N / H.M.A.S Cerberus as well as a guest speaker, LEUT. Samuel Pang R.A.N / H.M.A.S. Cerberus to make this service that little more official. Michael Vaughan did a wonderful job as MC.

After the service we headed back to the RSL for a delicious meal prepared by our Chef John and Kitchen staff, which was well received by all, as well as a bit of light entertainment to finished the afternoon off.

A huge thank you to all who helped make our Commemorative Service a success and we look forward to making it bigger and better next year.

Massive thanks to Michael Vaughan & Natalie Vitale for putting in a huge effort in to make the day the success it was.

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ANZAC COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE



MANAGER'S REPORT

By Natalie Vitale

On the 18th of May the RSL took a group of Veterans and their Partner/Guest on an outing to the Vietnam Vets Museum on Phillip Island followed by Lunch at the Phillip Island RSL. At the Museum we had Morning Tea and then a guided tour. Phillip Island RSL showed us nothing but great customer service combined with delicious food. A wonderful day was had by all. Thank you to Nicole for Volunteering her day to help accompany and organise a smooth day, as well as our President John and the Secretary of the Women's Auxiliary Wilma for all your help on the day.

Very much looking forward to catching up with all our Vets in June. Doing all these outings and meet ups not only gives us the opportunity to check in on our Vets, it also gives them something to look forward to as well as the opportunity to get together with others.



JUNE

ENTERTAINMENT

Fridays

2ND RENE DIAZ
9TH BRENDAN SCOTT
16TH RICK CHARLES
23RD ROB FOENANDER
30TH LONESTAR

Saturdays

3RD KINGSLEY GEORGE BAND
10TH PAUL HOGAN
17TH BRENDAN SCOTT
24TH ELVIS & FRIENDS (SHOW NIGHT)



JULY ENTERTAINMENT

FRIDAYS

7th Kingsley George Duo
14th Paul Hogan
21st Rene Diaz
28th Lonestar

SATURDAYS

1st Kingsley George Band
8th Col Perkins Duo
15th Ramon Demillo Duo
22nd Rob Foenander
29th Brendan Scott



SPRINGVALE RSL

POOL CLUB REPORT

WOMEN'S AUX REPORT

No Reports submitted.

DARTS CLUB REPORT

by Sheryll Beasy, Secretary

Hello all Members

We have 5 teams at the moment - Red, Blue, Black, Silver and Flamingos.

Red, Blue and Flamingos are in Div. 1. Red Team is sitting second at the moment with Flamingos in 6th position and Blue in 7th position.

Springvale Silver is in 2nd Div. and are currently sitting in 5th position.

Springvale Black are in 3rd Div. and are sitting in first position. Our finals are not far away now and I wish all teams the very best and to finish off the season strongly. Jamie Brown and Michael Cloutter have both thrown a 180. Congratulations to both players.

ANGLING CLUB REPORT

by Robert Farmer, Secretary

The Angling clubs annual trip staying at Lakes Entrance RSL Friday 3rd to Sunday 5th March 2023 8 members attended fishing Lakes entrance & Lake Tyers, 19 Bream were caught with a total bag weight of 9.2kg. Bob Evans was declared winner with 7 bream, total bag weight of 3.7kg which the heaviest was 693 grams.

The Angling clubs annual trip to Bemm River 31st March to 2nd April 2023. 7 members attended.

31st March: Darren Clay 1 Bream, Bob Evans 2 Bream with the Heaviest fish = 544gms, Total bag weight = 919gms.

1st April: Wesley Moore 1 Bream weighing 460gms, Julie Vaughan 1 Trevally, Bob Evans 4 Bream with a Total bag weight = 1. 53kg. Bob Evans was declared the winner, with the heaviest fish for the 2 days, with a Bream of 544gms.

Rod Williams on a camping trip to the Murray River camping at Ulupna Island: - Small cod & carp, the cod returned to the water & the carp dispatched via Vic fish guide lines.

Bob Evans with the Ormond angling club at Alexandra: - A weigh in held totalling 41kg of fish with 1 trout weighing 2.55kg.

The Angling clubs annual trip to Loch Sport on the Gippsland lakes 19th to 21st May 2023 staying at the Noble Park football netball clubs angling club house (NPFNC have an angling club that has a fully self contained house set up as a fishing base and holiday house that can sleep 12 at Loch Sport).

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by Robert Farmer, Secretary

5 Springvale RSL Angling club members attended with 2 members fishing the 90 mile surf beach catching 8 Australian Salmon and 1 Tailor on Friday 19th May. All 5 members then fished the 90 mile surf beach on Saturday 20th May catching 7 Australian Salmon with the heaviest by Mick Vaughan weighing 1.745 kilograms (3.8lbs) and 60cm long. Mick then caught another 2 Australian Salmon at 59cm & 59.5cm. Total bag weight for the trip is 7.5 kilograms.

The Springvale RSL Angling club promotes family friendly activities year round which include fishing, BBQ's, raffles - new members welcome. The Angling club President would like to wish all members happy fishing.



WHAT'S ON WEEKLY

Tuesdays- Pot & Parma Night

5 different parmas on offer accompanied with a pot of beer for \$15, additionally kids eat free. So a great night to bring the family down!

Wednesdays- Steak Night

\$17 T-Bone, choice of sides and sauce with the option to add prawns for only \$3. All steak specials purchased receive a Buy1Get1Free drink card. Bistro is open earlier at 5:30pm to accommodate everyone on what is an extremely busy night.

Thursdays- Curry Night

Happy Hour from 6pm -8pm. Curry Night starting June 8th, \$20 per person buffet style. During Dinner Service only.

Fridays- Member's Night & Meat Raffle

A fantastic night full of cash draws, meat raffles, entertainment and our big members draw!

Sundays

Happy Hour between 2pm & 5pm. All tap beer is \$3 a pot & \$4 for a glass of house wine.

SPRINGVALE RSL

Elvis & Friends **SHOW NIGHT**

**24 JUNE, 2023
ENTRY FROM 6 PM**

***RICK CHARLES
MICHAEL ZAMMIT
JEN ALLAS***



*3 COURSE BUFFET &
ENTERTAINMENT*

**DEPOSIT MUST BE PAID AT
TIME OF BOOKING. FULL
PAYMENT BY 5TH JUNE.**

**\$60
PER HEAD**

INTERNATIONAL NIGHT

SATURDAY 19TH AUGUST
FROM 6PM

**BUFFET WITH
HOPPER STATION**



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