

# FLEM-KEN RSL MEMBERS' NEWSLETTER



October 2020

## OUR REGULAR AND UPCOMING EVENTS ARE CURRENTLY ON HOLD IN LIGHT OF COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

Ordinary General Meeting  
(OGM): November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2:30pm  
(online meeting, invitation to  
follow).

Please support the 2020 Poppy  
Appeal (online only):  
<https://bit.ly/2SV93nU>

## VIABILITY OF FLEM-KEN SUB-BRANCH & UPCOMING ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING (OGM)

As we rocket toward the culmination of an unpredicted, unprecedented, hopefully never-to-be-repeated year of widespread ill-health and economic hardship we hope that you are all finding opportunities for hope and recovery in the nicer weather, longer days, and imminent promise that restrictions will soon ease and close personal interactions, mutual meetings, and drinks at the bar will become a reality.

Protracted closure has been difficult to weather for our struggling little community club. Positively, however, the committee unanimously reaffirmed at our September meeting their commitment to the continued existence of our sub-branch, and at the October meeting decided that the most preferred option is to re-open the bar as soon as permissible, welcome you with open arms (in small numbers at a time, and from a social distance, if need be!), and really pour our hearts into re-building our member base and bar patronage to levels which secure us into the future. That said, in the interests of being realistic we have also agreed on some longer term contingency plans if it transpires that we need them. Broadly, these involve either leasing a part of our existing premises or selling the existing premises and leasing a new space.

You will soon receive an invitation to our upcoming Ordinary General Meeting scheduled for November 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:30pm, to be held via video-conference. We encourage as many of you to attend as possible, as we will be outlining in more detail our recent deliberations, our immediate plan, the milestones we need meet for this plan to be viable, and contingencies should we require them.

The 2020 Poppy Appeal Australia is approaching, and we encourage all members to continue the tradition of wearing a poppy in memory of all those who have served. In the interests of being COVID-safe we will not selling badges on the street this year, but RSL Victoria has proudly launched its online commemorative badge store <<https://bit.ly/2SV93nU>>. Every cent of the proceeds of this appeal contributes to supporting veterans and their families in times of need, so please purchase your poppy today.

We hope that you share our collective relief and enthusiasm about our commitment to the future of our club. We look forward to you joining us in realising its potential, and we cannot wait see you soon.

- Jamie Twidale, Hon President, on behalf of the committee