

FLEM-KEN RSL MEMBERS' NEWSLETTER



Quarter 4, 2022

REGULAR AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Upcoming events:

- ~ *Melbourne Cup day*
Club open from 1pm
- ~ *Remembrance day*
Club open from 11:30am
- ~ *Christmas party*
16th December from 5pm

Regular events:

- ~ *Community ukulele*
Thursdays at 6pm
- ~ *Karaoke*
Monthly on the 3rd
Friday at 8pm



CLUB ROOM NEWS

Hello! It's been some time since we issued an update. Please accept our apologies – those of you who frequent the club will know that our resident newsletter-writer has been somewhat pre-occupied with the recent arrival of her son, Rory. Things have been far from quiet at the club though! We are delighted to announce receipt of four recent awards: a \$12,500 grant from the Victorian Veteran's Council under the 'Victoria Remembers' program, to be used to restore and showcase our collection of memorabilia.; a \$10,000 welfare grant from the State Government's Department of Families, Fairness and Housing; \$1,500 from the Office of Bill Shorten to reimburse volunteers for miscellaneous out-of-pocket expenses, and \$720 from the Department of Veterans' Affairs to fund a veterans' lunch.

We were pleased by the recent visit to tour the club of Essendon state member Danny Pearson MP, who has long been supportive of the club. Finally, we've enjoyed the return of private functions by arrangement, including the recent 60th birthday celebration for Vince Tirota. Happy birthday Vince!



Please note that the club will be closed after December 16th, reopening January 6th

COMMITTEE NEWS

Following our Annual General Meeting earlier this year, the club has welcomed a number of new committee members, namely Jason Cameron, president, Gary Marsden, vice president, Scott Balestra, welfare officer, and Rob Parke, events manager. Our committee has long been missing a welfare officer, and we look forward in particular to Scott's assistance to re-engage with our local service members and foster their membership base.



Some of our local veterans enjoying lunch in recognition of mental health awareness week in October. With thanks to the Department of Veterans' Affairs and New Somali restaurant

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Following a memorial service at the cenotaph on Racecourse Road, the club will be open from 11:30am on Remembrance Day. Our annual poppy appeal has commenced with eased COVID-19 restrictions enabling them to be sold in-person around the local precinct, including at the Club. With thanks to our faithful volunteers who are selling them, and to Gary for coordinating.



MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE NOW PAYABLE

Please note that annual membership renewals are now due, with any non-renewed memberships due to expire on January 31st. To renew, please visit www.rslrewards.com.au and login to your account. It is also possible to pay at the club if you prefer.