



# Monbulk RSL Newsletter

## The Gunn News

Spring 2016

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## Presidents Report

Spring is now upon us and Remembrance Day is fast approaching and we require members to take up the opportunity to sell some poppies. As everyone knows I have not been able to do as much as I would like lately due to Sue being so ill. Sue is now at The Angliss Rehab and I will be able to start doing more around the RSL. Since our last newsletter we have had a very busy time with Anzac Day which was a great success and a record financially. Following after Anzac Day we opened the RSL to support the police and SES in the search for Fiona Hawker which sadly ended in tragedy. In the following weeks the RSL along with all the community groups were able to give much needed support to the Hawker family.

Our social events directors Mat and Tina have arranged band nights and have a number of events in the calendar for the rest of this year and will start our new year with a well-planned family day for

Australia Day. I would like to congratulate Mat and Tina and thank them for the quality entertainment they bring to the RSL and the community of Monbulk as well as to those who travel from afar to attend these functions.

I attended my first Long Tan day with the Vietnam Vets from our sub-branch and was every moved with the march and the service which followed. But I was most impressed by the mate ship among the Veterans which was the most moving thing that I have ever felt. Ted, I feel sure, will give a full account of the day with photos and the events that took place after I left them at the St Kilda RSL to go to the hospital.

Sue and I would like to thank each and every one for the support and best wishes during Sue's serious and near death illness over the last several weeks. Sue unfortunately still has a very long road ahead but we will know that the support we have will help

us very much.

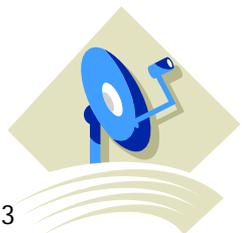
A special thanks to Craig, Paul, Bazz and Kevin Rogers for the assistance they have given both Sue and myself but words are not enough to express our gratitude.

Heading into the last quarter of the year we will be busy with the plant stall in October, the Remembrance Day trip to Puckapunyal, the Christmas Veterans lunch and end of year Christmas party as well as another band night being arranged by Mat and Tina, so keep your calendar open.

Best regards to all.  
Bill Ford.

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## Membership

Monbulk RSL needs your membership and continued support.

There are 3 categories of membership:

- ✚ SERVICE: open to ex-service personnel who were in the uniformed Services for a period of six months or more.
- ✚ AFFILIATE: open to those who have served with the Emergency Services or who's Relatives were Service Personnel.
- ✚ SOCIAL: open to all community members, without qualification, apart from the willingness to join us in supporting our sub-branch and all it provides.

2017 MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS WILL BE DUE SOON AT JUST \$30 ANNUALLY

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Or visit the Club Thursday or Friday evening.



## A Word from Ted

### Long Tan Day 2016.

A few years ago, (maybe 6) Monbulk RSL Viet Nam Diggers decided to forgo local observance of Long Tan day in favour of attending the "big" Ceremony at the Shrine. Numbers attending locally were not encouraging and attendance at the Shrine of Remembrance would enable our veterans to catch up with old comrades for a bit of socialising after the formalities were finalised. To facilitate the process the RSL generously provided transport to and from the Big Smoke and a contribution toward other costs.

Although numbers were still not big, the idea has been judged successful by those participating and their support crew. Stefan Marnock again provided his distinctive Oka to transport us to and from. Our thanks go to Stefan and the RSL for their assistance in making the day a success and ensuring we all make it home.

So this year we gathered out front of the RSL at 09.00 hrs. The group consisted of Veterans John Surrige, Colin Dennison, Pete Frazer and Ted Beard, RSL President Bill Ford, Driver Stefan Marnock and Support Crew Graham Hawes. We threw in an Esky of refreshments for the long journey to St Kilda Road and took off shortly after. Stefan also acted as Official Photographer and took numerous snaps to record the occasion. At the Shrine nearby parking was in short supply, but miraculously we located a parking spot mere yards (sorry metres) from the Shrine Concourse.





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John Surridge's Disabled Parking sticker ensured no parking Inspector would harass us.



It was the 50th Anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan so the Service was preceded by a proper March formed in Units and the speeches went a bit longer than usual. Colin Dennison claimed the white cross representing his close comrade who was killed in Viet Nam which I believe was greatly significant for him.



After the Service and a bit of catching up we took the Oka to the St Kilda RSL where Noble Park RSL staged a 50th Long Tan Anniversary event. Again a parking spot was found 15 metres from the door of the RSL most conveniently.

Noble Park RSL did a mighty job with the help of St Kilda RSL hosting the event.

For a mere \$10 we were provided with finger food and drinks- excellent. We were also most successful in the raffle/Door Prize, with Pete Frazer and John Surridge both winning (twice). The prizes were 6 packs of VB. We also took the opportunity to catch up with old mates and make new friends. During the afternoon our President had to leave us to go to his wife who is seriously ill. Nevertheless he encouraged us to continue "as we were". We left in time to beat the traffic and made a pleasant stopover at Bayswater RSL where the hospitality was fantastic.

We recommend to all RSL members to visit this very traditional RSL (no pokies) where they can be assured of a warm welcome. After we left Bayswater I was dropped off at my home in Kilsyth and the rest of the party arrived

back at Monbulk RSL still eager (in spite of their age) to wind up the day on a high .

Thanks to all involved and we hope to do it all again next year.

Ford Family.

Most members would know that Sue Ford, wife of our President Bill, is at present extremely ill. We extend our best wishes and offer all the support we can to Bill and Sue and the family through this difficult time.

Ted Beard



Search for Monbulk RSL on Facebook for up to date information

## Footy Tipping

The 2016 season is winding down with the week by week and pick the whole season results in.

The champ this season is Case Broekhof, finishing the season in a rush with a score of 148 to win by a solitary pick from Colin Hopper and Craig Broekhof in equal second.



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A very close battle all season and worthy prize winners, stalwarts of our competition. Well done all.

The pick the whole season, where the whole fixture is picked prior to the season starting, was a drawn result with Steve Weiring and Mat Skipper finishing equal first on 136. Steve led the comp for 11 weeks overall while Mat led for 2 weeks, the last 2, nice finish.

Steve is a keen football follower, with his Geelong still in it, and was very generous with his winnings towards the club. Thanks Steve, very much appreciated.

Our Knockout comps were also a tight affair with KO comp 1 still going into the finals and our second KO comp finishing in the first week of the finals with Mat Mullinder taking the prize money from, guess who, Case.

## **Big Thank You's to:**

Artie Skipper who scored the pick the whole season cards and kept them under lock and key until the finish and ran the comp for a few weeks while Dave and Jill were on holiday.

Jill and Dave Aitken who scored all the cards in the week by week and KO

comps and ruled them with an iron fist. ☺ Mick and Gilbert, winners of My BBQ Rules for about 5 years in a row! Great barbies cooked by these men on our halfway and end of year nosh ups.

The Monbulk RSL donated towards the prize money, ensuring it the best comp in town, much appreciated.

But the biggest thankyou goes to you, the participants for making our footy tipping such a success.

## **Winners:**

Week by week:

Case 1<sup>st</sup> \$850

Col and Craig equal 2<sup>nd</sup> \$280 each

Pick the Whole Season:  
Steve and Mat S equal 1<sup>st</sup> \$230 each

KO Comp 2: Mat M \$150

KO Comp 1: Still going

Finals Tipping: Still going



Case with his winning cheque giving the thumbs up!

## **Oaks Day**

### **Monbulk CWA**

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 12 Noon at the Monbulk RSL

Tickets just \$25 each for a 2 course lunch, sweeps, competition for fashions on the hill and raffles.

Last year a very successful and fun day, tickets are limited and available from Wendy Dennison on 9756 7012 or 0419 107 827.

All funds raised go to the Monbulk RSL

Wendy Dennison  
President, Monbulk CWA





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## Gallery

### Long Tan Day 2016



Many Thanks again to:  
The office of James Merlino MP  
Deputy Premier  
Education Minister  
Emergency Services Minister and  
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for kindly printing our newsletter



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## **Forthcoming Events.**

### **The Grand Final at the RSL.**

Enjoy Grand Final Day at Monbulk RSL with the usual sweeps, Bar Snacks and fun.  
3 screens in action.

### **Melbourne Cup Day at the RSL.**

Ditto the Granny above.

### **Plant Sale**

31st October

### **Oaks Day at the RSL.**

Monbulk CWA again host their famous Oaks Day Event with Sweeps, Fashion bubbly and prizes.

### **Remembrance Day Ceremony.**

Remembrance Day Ceremony at the RSL commencing 10.45 am followed by morning tea.

### **Members and Veterans Christmas Lunch.**

Monbulk RSL hosts veterans and members Christmas lunch Sunday 4th December (TBC)  
at 12 noon.

### **RSL Breakup Band Night.**

Join Monbulk RSL and Inzanity for our riotous 2016 breakup Saturday 11 December  
8pm(TBC) doors open 7pm.

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