



Monbulk RSL Newsletter

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The Gunn News

Presidents Report

This year Anzac Day was our most successful so far and the day was well attended even though the weather was not what we would have liked.

A sad part of the day was saying farewell to Lauren McAlister as our Bugler. Lauren was with us for eleven years and we will all miss her very much, however Lauren has found another young musician to take her place and start another generation in the history of Monbulk RSL.

On behalf of the Monbulk RSL I would like to thank Lauren for her support over those 11 years and wish her all the best for her future.

Since Anzac Day we have made major security upgrades to the hall with improved exterior lighting and the installation of security cameras. We now meet the requirements of the liquor license laws and will also assist our local law enforcement in the event of any further break-ins or unacceptable behavior by any unruly patrons. With our security upgraded we can now

move to the next stage and have the correct display cases made and installed to display our antique weapons from WW1 and WW2 as well as other conflicts.

We were saddened at the passing of Dot Sykes in early June.

As you would all remember, Jack Sykes was a long-time member of Monbulk RSL and in the very early days Dot was an active member of the ladies auxiliary of the Monbulk RSL.

On behalf of the RSL I would like to offer our condolences to the Sykes family.

Monbulk RSL and the Monbulk Bendigo Bank has had a close working relationship over the past few years since changing our banking arrangements and this year I attended the Bendigo Bank community awards night and was presented with a cheque for \$1525.00 for the RSL. The Bendigo Bank runs this programme each year and it is based on the amount of banking

we do with them as well as private individuals nominating us as their preferred charity when opening any accounts at the Bendigo bank.

Anzac House is finally starting to move on our request to incorporate. Our request was put to the State Executive in March and they formed a list of requirements from us. The property and Legal Department has finally sent these requirements and we are now in the process of formulating the information and another formal request to be put before the State Executive for consideration.

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