



RSL
Murgon Sub Branch

FROM THE TRENCHES

Issue 3, July 2020

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear members, now that most of the Covid-19 restrictions are lifted, we can get back to the general business.

I wish to thank the volunteers who assisted in the cleaning of our memorabilia display cases at the Club earlier in the month. A job well done!

Also a great thanks to Gloria Bell and the Wellbeing Team for a sterling job in these trying times. Hope to see you all at our first meeting back on 1st August 2020.

John Drew

UPDATE ON THE DROP IN CENTRE



We are excited to advise that in early June we received the confirmation letter from the Deputy Prime Minister, The Hon Michael McCormack MP advising that he has signed off on the grant funding for the Drop In Centre.

A few days ago, we received a copy of the agreement from the Contract Manager for the Community Grants Team. The Sub-Branch Executive and Building Committee Chair are currently working on the agreement and with the Project Manager and Building Contractor with a view to commencing the building as soon as practical. Ideally, we would hope this may commence in late September or early October.



GRANT WRITING TEAM

We are putting together a team to work on writing grant applications for the new Sub Branch Drop In Centre to cover the cost of furniture and items of that nature. Are you interested in assisting with researching and writing applications for funding? Please give us a shout if you can assist.

NOTICE OF MEETING

Saturday 1 August 2020 – 10am, Diggers Room

- Special General Meeting
- General Meeting

Thankfully things are slowly returning to what we know as 'the new normal'. Social Distancing and regular Hand Hygiene are now part of our daily lives.

The Club has an obligation to follow the set guidelines in relation to social distancing and we ask that you follow any direction from staff and are mindful of our responsibilities in this regard.

Hand Sanitiser will be available on the table as you enter the Diggers Room and we would appreciate you following our lead and sanitising your hands as you enter the meeting. We have many members who are vulnerable and we need to 'look after our mates'.

VIETNAM VETERANS DAY

Tuesday 18 August 2020

Murgon RSL Sub Branch will host a Breakfast for Vietnam Veterans commencing at 8.00am at the Murgon Services Club. Sub Branch and Auxiliary members are welcome to attend. Vietnam Veterans \$0 All others attending \$ TBA. Bookings essential.



Following the Breakfast, a short Memorial Service will be conducted at 10.00am at the Murgon War Memorial. Assemble at the Cenotaph at 9.45am.

We would ask as many members as possible to support our Vietnam Veterans at this service.

CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS

As you may recall, at the AGM members voted on legislative changes to our constitution in relation



to a letter dated 26 April 2019 from the Office of State Revenue (OSR) regarding the Revenue and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2018 (ROLAB) which was passed by the Queensland Parliament on 30 October 2018.

This Bill changed the Office of State Revenue requirements of all charitable institutions under the Taxation Administration Act 2001. The amended constitution was submitted as requested, earlier this year. Unfortunately, the Officers at OSR managed to 'move the line' somewhat from their original letter and returned our constitution as not complying. They requested that additional wording be inserted.

RSL Queensland has now been advised that this legislation effects State Branch, all District Branches and all Sub Branches in Queensland. If we do not have the correct wording in our constitutions by the deadline of 9 November 2020, we will not be eligible for Queensland tax concessions and exemptions. Needless to say, RSL Board executives all over Queensland are working frantically to get it done by the deadline.

All Sub Branch constitutions will now contain the **same** wording in relation to this legislation. Please familiarise yourselves with the attached information.

You will be asked to ratify these changes to both the Murgon Sub Branch constitution and the RSL Queensland constitution at the Special General Meeting on 1 August.

100th ANNIVERSARY GLASSES

We have been approached by several members who missed out on the engraved Whisky Glasses which were a souvenir at the dinner.



We are looking at buying a few more. If you are interested, please contact the Secretary to put your name on the list. Glasses will cost \$10 each.

CORPORATE WEAR (Uniforms)

The Sub Branch is in the process of negotiating a range of corporate wear for Directors to wear when representing the sub branch. This is in line with the RSL Branding which was released in 2019.



These items will be embroidered with the Sub Branch logo and consist of:

- Jacket
- Business Shirt
- Polo or Chambray Shirt
- Ladies Blouse



Members will also be able to purchase these items at their own expense. If you are interested in purchasing a polo shirt or other item with the RSL logo, please contact the secretary for details including pricing.

FACEBOOK




Did you know that the Sub Branch has a Facebook page?



We regularly post a variety of articles and information which may be of interest to members. You can help by clicking 'like' (the button directly under the banner) on our page so that we have a bigger following. Help get the word out to family and friends to do the same. Let us know if you see anything worth sharing with our followers.

Look us up "[Murgon RSL Sub Branch](#)"



	18 August	Vietnam Veterans Day
	7 November	Annual Dinner
	11 November	Remembrance day