



RINGWOOD SUB-BRANCH RETURNED SERVICES LEAGUE

ANNUAL REPORT
AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 1978



RINGWOOD RETURNED SERVICEMENS CLUB

PRESIDENT _____ V.M. RYAN, Esq.

DATE OF MEETING — 27 FEBRUARY, 1979

TELEPHONE

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10 STATION STREET,

RINGWOOD, 3731

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION TO 31 DEC 1978	
NOW DUE	
8 00	For Sub-Branch
5 00	For Club
13 00	
Name	
Address	
Postcode	
Category	
<input type="checkbox"/>	First (Returned)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Service
4 00	Second Member Fee
2 00	1978 receipt of parent sub-branch required Club
9 00	
If your remittance has been paid please ignore this account.	

OFFICE BEARERS 1978

Meetings Attended Feb-Dec.

		Possible	Attended
Executive			
President	Victor Ryan	21	20
Secretary	Derek Snowball	21	20
Treasurer	G. (Ern) Walkerden	21	20
Officers			
S.V/President	George Richards	21	19
V/President	T. (Andy) Anderson	21	19
V/President	Reg Bradsworth	21	15
V/President	Don Morrow	21	14
Committeemen			
Senior	G. (Joe) Walker	21	16
	Charlie Middlebrook	21	20
	Doug Wilson	21	19
	Joe Burns	21	16
	Ms Terry Brown (SM)	21	20
	Len Matthews (SM)	21	21
	John McPhee	21	15
	Jack Delehunty - Resigned (left area)	8	8
	George Parsissons - Resigned (ill health)	8	4
	Les Porter SM - Co-opted	11	11
	Gene Wells SM - Co-opted	11	7
Trustees			
<u>Sub-Branch</u>		<u>Club</u>	
	J. Cockrem	D. A'Hern	
	C. Roberts	G. Bristol (Res.)	
	W. Harrison	E. Kelly	
	K. Bolger	E. Chalkley	
	Secretary Joint Trustees	J.C. Cockrem	
	Chairman Joint Trustees	E. Kelly	
Auditors			
Ken Mountford		Manager	
Ted Chalkley		John McLeod to April	
		Peter Holz from June	
Office Staff			
Mrs Jenny Kramer		Editor	
Mrs Sheila Vietch		D. Snowball	

GENERAL COMMITTEE PORTFOLIOS 1978

Executive:	V.M. RYAN D.F. SNOWBALL G.E. WALKERDEN
House & Finance:	Executive, G. Richards, T. Anderson, D. Morrow, R. Bradsworth, (Bldg. Officer) Manager (Co-opted)
Assistant to Secretary & Minute Secretary:	G. Richards
Assistant to Treasurer:	T. Anderson
Welfare:	G. Richards (Chairman), J. Walker, J. Burns, C. Middlebrook
Building Officer:	R. Bradsworth, Assistant - T. Anderson
Appeals:	T. Brown (Chairman), L. Porter, D. Wilson, J. McPhee
Membership:	T. Anderson (Chairman), L. Matthews, T. Brown, C. Middlebrook
Social:	V. Ryan (Chairman), C. Middlebrook, D. Wilson
Sports:	C. Middlebrook, L. Matthews, G. Wells (Chairman)
Blood Donors:	V. Ryan (Chairman), D. Wilson
Marching Girls:	J. Walker (Chairman), T. Brown
Auctions, Calcuttas Raffles:	D. Wilson (Chairman), J. McPhee, J. Burns, E. Kelly, (Co-opted)
Building Sub-Committee:	Executive, R. Bradsworth, D. Morrow, T. Anderson
Children's Xmas Party:	D. Wilson (Chairman), J. Burns, G. Wells, L. Porter
Bingo	T. Anderson (Chairman), D. Wilson
Public Relations/Publicity:	D. Morrow, R. Bradsworth, T. Anderson, D. Snowball
State Council Delegates:	D. Morrow, W. Eade, G. Richards (Proxy)
11th District Board:	A. Findlay, G. Richards
Rules:	Executive, G. Richards, T. Anderson, J. Walker
Special Events:	D.F. Snowball, D. Morrow
Anzac Sunday/Day:	Executive, Marshall E. Kelly, Assistant R.K. Dickson
Anzac Day Chefs:	G. Furner, L. Hayes
Highland Games Barbecue:	R. Bradsworth, L. Matthews, G. Wells, L. Porter

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

1945 - 1978

SUB-BRANCH ONLY

YEAR	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	TREASURER
1945	A.V. McArthur	G. Beal) J.C. Cockrem)	J.C. Cockrem
1946	A.V. McArthur	J.C. Cockrem	D. Lindsay
1947	A.V. McArthur	J.C. Cockrem	D. Lindsay
1948	A.V. McArthur	D.H. Mattiske	A. Hutchinson
1949	J.C. Cockrem	D.H. Mattiske	W. Payne
1950	D.H. Mattiske	M. Chivers	W. Payne
1951	D.H. Mattiske	V.J. Geisler	R. McFarlane
1952	D.H. Mattiske	V.J. Geisler	R. McFarlane
1953	D.H. Mattiske	D. Ahern	R. McFarlane

SUB-BRANCH & CLUB

1954	C.A. Roberts	E.C. Cairns	R. McFarlane
1955	D.H. Mattiske	W.H. Eade	G.W. Mitcham
1956	D. Ahern	W.H. Eade	G. Bannerman
1957	D.H. Mattiske	W.H. Eade	G. Bannerman
1958	B.J. Hubbard	W.H. Eade	G. Bannerman
1959	J.W. Taylor	W.H. Eade	G. Bannerman
1960	R.K. Dickson	W.H. Eade	G. Bannerman
1961	R.K. Dickson	W.H. Eade	G. Bannerman
1962	R.K. Dickson	F.S. Robertson	G. Bannerman
1963	E.G. Dowling	F.S. Robertson	G. Bannerman
1964	E.G. Dowling	W.G. Bannerman	G. Stafford
1965	E.G. Dowling	R.J. Jardine	G. Stafford
1966	D. Ahern	F.S. Robertson	G. Thwaites
1967	R.K. Dickson	F.S. Robertson	G. Thwaites
1968	R.K. Dickson	F.S. Robertson	G. Thwaites
1969	E. Kelly	K.J. Bolger	K.W. Mountford
1970	E. Kelly	K.J. Bolger	K.W. Mountford
1971	F.S. Robertson	H. Ridley	G.E. Walkerden
1972	E. Kelly	D.F. Snowball	G.E. Walkerden
1973	E. Kelly	D.F. Snowball	G.E. Walkerden
1974	E. Kelly	H. Ridley	G.E. Walkerden
1975	D.F. Snowball	R.M. Walters	G.E. Walkerden
1976	D.F. Snowball	R.M. Walters	G.E. Walkerden
1977	V.M. Ryan	D.F. Snowball	G.E. Walkerden
1978	V.M. Ryan	D.F. Snowball	G.E. Walkerden

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

LIFE MEMBERS

SUB-BRANCH

A.V. McArthur (Dec.)
H.R. Hills (Dec.)
J.C. Cockrem
D.H. Mattiske
D. Ahern
R. McFarlane (Dec.)
W.H. Eade
E.C. Chalkley
S. Thomas (Dec.)
F.S. Robertson
R.K. Dickson
E. Kelly
A. Findlay
G.E. Walkerden
D.F. Snowball
K.G. Bolger

WOMENS AUXILIARY

Life Members

Mrs Ellen Eade
Mrs Dot Whitehead

CLUB

C. Hodgetts
H.R. Hills (Dec.)
J.C. Cockrem
D.H. Mattiske
D. Ahern
G. Bannerman
W.H. Eade
E.C. Chalkley
R.K. Dickson
F.S. Robertson
E. Kelly
A. Findlay
G.E. Walkerden
D.F. Snowball
K.G. Bolger
H. Blokkeerus
C. Roberts
R. Whitehead
F. Perham
L. Misfud
I. McFarlane

Certificate of Merit
with Gold Badge

Mrs Clare Hills (Dec.)
Mrs Ellen Eade
Mrs Doris Blokkeerus

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Members,

It has long been my contention that a president need not make a report as the year's activities are fully covered by leaders of the various sub-committees and sub-sections. Therefore I will confine my remarks to a sincere "thank you" to all those people who have volunteered their services to help make 1978 a most successful year.

The chairmen, and in one case "chairlady" of all sub-committee portfolios and our various sub-sections have done a wonderful job; they have organised their committee's sections and their helpers to a degree that is close to perfection; there have been quite a few hurdles to overcome but with dedication, tact and hard work they managed to serve you, and the club in a very capable manner - I am very grateful to you, lady and gentlemen.

Committeewise we did miss out a little - I will not mention names, but two or three have just not pulled their weight, thereby making more work for others and I would hope for their replacement at the next poll; nevertheless, to the majority, a tremendous job done.

One of the nicest things to occur during the year was the award of Life Member of the League and Club to Kevin Bolger: Kevin has worked hard for our sub-branch and club over many years and receipt of his life member badge and certificate was a very popular choice by members; congratulations and thank you Kevin.

Congratulations also to six of our workers over the years on their awards of Life Membership of the Club - A big thank you to Chris Roberts, Ross Whitehead, Bert Blokkeerus, Frank Perham, Ian McFarlane and Laurie Misfud.

A most popular award, and one that the sub-branch has worked for, for quite a few years to obtain, was the Certificate of Merit with Gold Badge received by Doris Blokkeerus, President of our Womens Auxiliary.

I know Doris is very proud of this, not only on her own behalf, but for all the ladies of her auxiliary that have worked so hard and consistently with her over the years for our sub-branch and club; congratulations Doris, thank you ladies.

My thanks, once again, to the Anzac Sunday Marshall, his 2 I/C and all his helpers for the outstanding success of this day; thanks also to our guest speaker Brig. K. Blamey, O.B.E. for his address.

This day is always a credit to the sub-branch but I do not believe the majority of members realise just how much preparation and work is involved.

Again, on Anzac Day for the Dawn Service and breakfast at the club we still rely on the same faces - so when we call for help for both these days please step forward - and this should not be so difficult with all our young members.

To Ted, Ron, George, Laurie, and all of you dependables, on behalf of all members of the sub-branch, thank you.

This year, as usual the co-operation between the sub-branch and 7 Field Engineer Regiment, has been first class; the regiment providing the clock tower guard on the three occasions, Anzac Sunday, Anzac Day and Armistice Day and the color party escort on Anzac Sunday.

The annual Ringwood RSL presentations to serving members of this, our local unit, went off very well and there is no doubt they are well received.

As a measure of appreciation to our liaison over many years, the executive (for the time being) of the sub-branch have been made members of the officers mess – an honour we were pleased to receive on your behalf.

To our two managers of this year, John McLeod and Peter Holz and to our staff, many thanks for their assistance and cooperation, during the year.

We all know, as stated earlier, how successful Anzac Sunday, Anzac Day and Armistice Services were; I have thanked the helpers but I think we all realise that these occasions and others during the year would not have been so successful without the background administration of your secretary – the same applies to all matters of administration within the club and sub-branch – for the efficiency and hours of work you have put in to ensure the organisation continues to run so successfully – thank you Derek.

To our treasurer also, during this difficult period, thank you Ernie for your co-operation and advice.

From other reports you will see that we have now obtained three adjacent properties and within the next two months one building will be removed to provide additional parking and give entry to the car park from Kendall Street.

To our secretary for his quickness in securing these properties, and negotiating a deal, the committee for accepting the idea and particularly to our trustees for their approval to purchase – my sincere thanks.

Our annual secondary school bursaries of \$100 each for the four schools were again well received this year and each recipient appears to be worthy of the award.

In conclusion, may I thank all members for their support during the year and I look forward to, with your assistance, an even more successful one during 1979.

VICTOR M. RYAN, President.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Dear Member,

I am pleased, for your information, to present my report for 1978.

Membership in all classes is a record for this sub-branch and club and I trust we can continue the trend for 1979 – welcome to all our new members.

You will note from the included tear-out account form that sub-branch subscription for 1979 has increased from \$6.50 to \$8.00, unfortunately very necessary owing to increased costs of administration at the Victorian Headquarters of the League.

As a matter of interest are you aware that of the \$8.00 received from you we pay Victoria Headquarters the sum of \$4.00 as capitation and 10c towards the fund?

Club fees remain unchanged at \$5.00 and it is interesting to note that we are the only R.S.L. club in Victoria who do not have to charge the \$10.00 minimum as laid down by state legislation – this is per favour of the Liquor Control Commission who accepted our plea that it was not necessary.

Considering the above herewith a comparison with other like R.S.L. clubs.; e.g. Box Hill \$18.00, Hampton \$24.00, Waverley \$18.00, Caulfield Central \$27.00, and Rye \$18.00.

A matter of concern to me is the number of members who change their address without notifying the office; for apart from the fact that they are not receiving their notices, the cost of postage which is already very pricey is not assisted by the large number of returns.

Your change of address will be received by any committeeman, the manager or the office staff.

May I remind members again that no visitor is permitted onto club premises via the back door and no visitor, whether it be wife, sweetheart or mate, can enter the club rooms without firstly being 'signed in' by the person introducing them – **This Liquor Control Commission Rule is IMPORTANT.**

Administratively this has been a somewhat difficult year owing to changes in office personnel and a fairly long period without the services of a club manager.

However I am pleased to report that all facets of administration are up to date and we can face 1979 with confidence.

I welcome to the organisation three new faces: Manager, Peter Holz and our office 'girls' Mrs Jenny Kramer and Shiela Vietch; thanks for their co-operation.

Whilst on the subject of co-operation I wish to thank sincerely our past manager, John McLeod for his assistance, enthusiasm, personality and ability, and wish him every success in his new position.

I reported to the third quarterly meeting that the Board of Works were encouraging local councils to rate RSL properties which, with the advent of service and other classes of membership no longer appeared free of rating under the Act which specified 'Returned'.

Following approaches by sub-branches, including ourselves, and Victorian Branch to state government members a new bill has been passed by legislation exempting all Victorian sub-branches.

Elections 1979

Voting Day – Saturday 24th February to 8 p.m.

Declaration of Poll – Tuesday 27th February

This year, under our new club rules, only one half the committee stand for election and for a period of two years.

Positions due for election are:—

- Secretary
- Vice Presidents (2)
- Committeemen (5)

Please consider this election as important as previously when the entire committee presented themselves for election annually, and come along to cast your vote for the persons of your choice.

Candidates for election are included 'loose leaf' with this report.

In closing may I express my thanks to those of the committee who have been so much assistance to me over the year.

DEREK F. SNOWBALL

TREASURER'S REPORT

The past year has seen many changes and new innovations in our club. The advent of Bingo and proceeds of same have allowed us to expand our thinking on future proposals and expansion to club premises. Car parking facilities are of a major concern and this job is high on the priority list. Everything cannot be accomplished immediately, but will be dealt with as funding becomes available.

Our membership has been well maintained. This is very gratifying seeing that, unfortunately, we lose many members now with the passing of time.

On the financial aspect we have, and are still maintaining, a growth rate which is essential in all business functions. New stock control procedures have been introduced allowing for tighter control of same.

Thanks to all who have assisted me in the past year and trust they will continue to do so in the ensuing year.

E. WALKERDEN, Treasurer.

Point of View

Very often the question arises, and sometimes some 'spirited' discussion, of how much committee is or should be giving back to members.

Perhaps then, we could consider the following:

Bar prices, 2 and more cents (depending on the 'line') cheaper than public bar prices.

Loan of equipment, gas and glasses, for no charge to those members requesting same.

The annual children's Xmas Family Day at no cost to the parents/grandparents.

Provision of welfare assistance, in many forms, to members and their next of kin.

Our monthly 'Happy Hour' at a direct cost of \$600.00 against gross for the year.

The President's card after each general meeting at an annual cost of \$200.

Anzac Morning Breakfast*	\$490
Armistice Day Get-together	\$206
President's Smoke Night	\$1135
Xmas Day	\$210
Working Bees	\$200

The cheapest club membership in Victoria at a cost, if we were charging as demanded by legislation, of \$8,360 – see examples in Secretary's report.

*No charge whatsoever, sub-branch or club, for 1st World War Veterans – nor there should be; however it is still a direct cost against the organisation of \$161.

*No sub-branch charges for 1st or Service member, old age, invalid or service pensioners with no additional income. And I'm sure we would all agree with that; nevertheless a direct charge against the sub-branch of \$3.35 per head capitations plus \$3.35 not posted for 1978 – a total for the year of \$355.00, (1979 will be \$4.10 per head).

*Payment of registration, affiliation fees, etc. for our competitive sporting bodies \$454.00.

*Suppers for our competitive sporting bodies \$168.00.

And there are many other examples that could be quoted; however for the above alone we have a grand total of \$12,539.00 for just one twelve monthly period.

As a matter of interest (and here we can only compare ourselves with other R.S.L. Licensed Clubs) most of the items mentioned are just not available to their members.

STOP PRESS

At the moment of going to press your executive and committee, with the approval of our Trustees, have purchased a third residence No 6 Kendall St. The back section, in conjunction with all of No 4 Kendall St, will, early in the new year, be converted to parking.

The residence itself has been purchased with the immediate aim of converting it into meeting rooms for sub-sections, the club board room, and a storage area.

This will alleviate our current serious problem of meetings and other activities clashing in the club rooms and also permit an improvement in office space.

Most facilities available in the club rooms on meeting nights will be available to members meeting therein.

The residence also has a small unfurnished flat integral to the building and this is offered to an RSL pensioner to act as caretaker with other specific duties.

D.F. SNOWBALL Secretary

MANAGER'S REPORT

During the last six months, since my appointment as Manager of the Club, I have found the work very interesting and rewarding. For this I must thank the Executive and Members, without whose help and co-operation I would not have had such an easy start.

The fact that the Club was without a manager for one month after Mr J. McLeod left and before I was appointed to the position, and the fact that I myself am a member of the Club, were the only two awkward situations, which have been overcome.

For the past five months we have been using a new stock-control system in our bars and bottle department. I am certain the Treasurer and the Auditors will agree that the system has been successful up until now.

In mid-December quite a few changes were made to the kitchen menu. These changes will benefit the members and their guests. We are hopeful that the new menu will not be quite so bland or repetitious as the previous one.

1979 will bring us many changes – good and bad – but mostly good, I hope. I hope the changes for the good this year will be favourable to everyone and I hope to continue the friendship with the Executive and the Members.

PETER HOLZ

APPEALS REPORT 1978

Dear Members,

Being my first year on committee, also your first woman committee member, it has been a privilege to serve you as Chairman of your Appeals Committee. This year's results may or may not be as high as in past years, but with the help I received from the War Widows, Ladies Auxiliary, Marching Girls, Frank Alexander, Bill Grey, all those who worked so hard on the stations, Eastland shopping centre, around the streets, etc., not forgetting those on committee with me. Also all of you who supported the Appeals by buying badges and poppies I thank you.

The results were as follows: –

Anzac Day \$1,763 – 25% went to the Club, 75% to Anzac House
Legacy sale of badges \$1,79-

Poppy Appeal – so far over \$860, more to come in.

Total for year so far is \$4,413.00.

J. BROWN – Chairman

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership	1975	1976	1977	1978
Ordinary (1st)	1067	1014	995	1112
Service	327	320	413	517
Temp F/S & D	54	70	74	133
Temp	133	156	178	187
Plus our 2nd Members				52
			Grand Total	2001

Dear Member,

You will see from the above figures that the membership has increased in all spheres. This I believe is due to a publicity campaign through the local press; in the first instance; but even more so to the friendly welcome and prompt attention given to prospective members by the Secretary, the membership committee and members of the staff.

My deep appreciation of the work done by all people concerned, particularly by our Secretary, George Richards and Charlie Middlebrook in signing up new members is recorded here.

We believe we have the best club, bar none, except for one factor on which we will continue to work, that being accommodation. We realize that our premises is inadequate to provide sufficient sporting facilities for all of our members and will be seeking to initiate moves to overcome this problem during this year.

However our membership fees for this year cost us approximately 22 cents per week whereas this year with the increase in sub-branch fees it will be 25 cents per week, which means that with glasses at 2 cents discount over the bar a twelve and a half glass per week drinker saves his fees each week and participates for free in many benefits as referred to in the editors "point of view".

The strength of any organisation lies in its members – so how about an all out recruiting campaign?

Many members may not be aware that a person who is eligible to be a Sub-branch Member cannot be introduced to the club as a visitor for more than three visits; therefore please use your influence to encourage those persons to join up.

The more 1st and Service members we can enlist the more of our Father/Son and Temporary applicants on the waiting list can be admitted as members.

A Reminder to our First World War Veterans

There is no charge for your Sub-branch and Club membership. Please advise the office if you are eligible.

We also have a special facility for all Age, Invalid and Service pensioners – please enquire from the Secretary or Office Staff.

Incidentally, I wonder how many of our current Temporary or F/S members are entitled to be Service members?

Have you –

Done National Service?

Served or are serving in the permanent forces?

Served in the C.M.F./Army Reserve or equivalent for a period of 12 months?

Served in another army as an ally of the British Commonwealth or America?

IF SO YOU ARE ENTITLED TO SERVICE MEMBERSHIP,
AND IF ON ACTIVE SERVICE – FULL MEMBERSHIP.

FURTHER. Are you aware that a Service Member may be a 2nd member of another sub-branch?

If you are unsure of your position please contact the Secretary.

On behalf of the Membership Sub-Committee
T. (ANDY) ANDERSON
Chairman

As an addition to our annual report we bring to your notice the opportunity for all our young people to support their nation and be prepared in time of emergency.

Our local regiment can fulfil this need and receives the full support of your executive and committee.

- Are you still young and fit enough to serve?
- Have you sons/daughters old enough to take up this challenge?
- Have you grandsons/daughters old enough to take up this challenge?

If so –

HAVE THEM DO SOMETHING IN THEIR SPARE TIME.

The Army Reserve gives you a chance to do something in your spare time that you are missing at present.

And you get paid for it. Up to \$500 in your first year tax-free as a trained soldier. More as you receive promotion.

It will also entitle you after 12 months efficient service, to become a member of RSL in your own right.

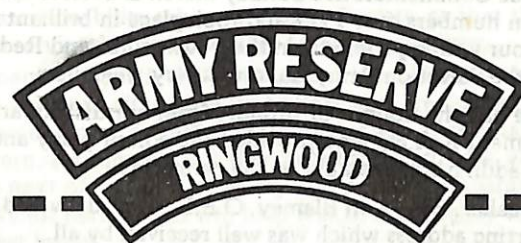
You'll meet all sorts of guys you'd like to meet. They'll make life a lot more interesting because

they're the sort of guys who like doing something constructive.

There are so many new skills to be learned, new activities to follow and new scenes to take in.

So, if you're a bit bored with your way of life, if it's a bit humdrum, here's something really different to do in your spare time.

Contact the Army Reserve Enlistment Staff at the address below. They'll tell you all about it. Or, if you want more information first, just fill in the coupon supplied in this advertisement.



Army Reserve Enlistment Staff,
7th Field Engineers Regiment, Royal Australian Engineers.
Dublin Road, RINGWOOD EAST, Vic. 3134.
Phone: 870 7073. Wed between 7.30 p.m. and 10.30 p.m.
Please send me details of service with the Army Reserve

Name.....Age.....

Address.....

Postcode.....Phone.....

Authorised by the Director-General of Recruiting, Department of Defence.

Let's all be recruiting officers and foster our local Army Reserve Unit.

TRUSTEES REPORT

The year 1978 saw excellent patronage of the clubs new facilities which were carried out by your executive and committee last year and the trustees have no hesitation in congratulating you on their efforts in this regard.

The purchase of adjoining land for future extension of car parking facilities and other improved facilities for the benefit of members was made increasing the assets of the sub-branch considerably.

One change has taken place in trusteeship participation since the last annual report and this was the resignation of Mr Guy Bristol, due to ill health. We thank Guy sincerely for his contribution to the work of the joint trustees over many years.

We have been most interested in the continuing success of Bingo, and with the outstanding results received to date; it must also be added that the effort put in by the Bingo Committee is to be highly commended.

Overall, the work put in by your executive, committee and manager(s) has been outstanding.

JACK COCKREM
Secretary
Joint Trustees

TED KELLY
Chairman
Joint Trustees

December 1978

MARSHALL'S REPORT

The Anzac Commemorative Sunday March & Service was a great improvement in numbers over 1977 and took place in brilliant sunshine. The return of our young people from the youth clubs and Red Cross together with the Salvation Army Band was very welcome.

Again we had the honour of support from our district army unit, 7th Field Regiment R.A.N., who provided the colour party and Clock Tower Guard, adding considerably to the ceremony.

Guest speaker, Brig. Ken Blamey, O.B.E., E.D. delivered a short, simple, but stirring address which was well received by all.

Our Anzac Commemorative Sunday 1979 will be on the 22nd. Let us all make a big effort to attend, 1st Service and Temporary members, and make the day an outstanding success.

Anzac morning was another great success with, I believe, a record turn up at "Stand to" at dawn and to the following "breakfast" in the Club rooms.

As you will realize these events don't 'just happen' and my thanks go to the Secretary for his pre-administration, Assistant Ron Dickson, to the Committee and to the many willing helpers in setting up for the service and dismantling afterwards.

E. KELLY

WELFARE

Members,

Your Welfare Sub-committee are and have been working hard to keep up with the various welfare problems that have arisen during the year.

Thanks to the splendid efforts of the members of the Welfare Sub-committee all cases have been dealt with. However remember that welfare cases are becoming more complex and therefore need more time to resolve, so please be patient with our efforts.

It is pleasing to the Sub-committee to see an increasing number of members offering themselves to take on the difficult task of visiting. Thanks to you all, and a special thanks to our Heidelberg representative Stan Beal for his help. This type of help certainly lightens the burden.

As you have noticed the Vale list this year is a long one. As a result Alan Findlay and myself have been in fairly constant call to provide assistance and RSL funeral rites. We both hope that our services in this area have been a source of comfort to the bereaved.

Our invalid aids and TV sets are in constant use, and Christmas hampers were issued to the needy and our usual donation of groceries from the Presidents Night was passed on to the Frankston War Veterans Homes.

- During the year we have encountered some problems, such as,
- When making enquiries about hospitalised members being given incorrect information. Unfortunately, there does not seem to be anything we can do about this problem.
 - Damage to TV sets not being reported. Please report any damage or unserviceability when returning the sets, so that they can be made serviceable and available to other members.
 - All members, particularly we older ones, should make sure that their personal affairs are up-to-date and are correct. Property settlement and de-facto relationships are particular areas of concern. By carrying out this most important task you can save your next of kin a lot of worry and possible embarrassment during a difficult period, and will help R.S.L. and Legacy to assist at the highest levels.

To thank everyone who is helping, would double this already long report, but I thank all who have helped in one way or another and I thank the following – Alan Findlay for his work and expert advice; Joe Walker; Joe Burns; Charlie Middlebrook – who were always ready to help and Bert Blekkeerus for his assistance with the Xmas hampers. Thelma McLean who, despite her own personal problems never refuses a task. Thanks also to Sister Devlin for her contribution; The Ladies Auxiliary, War Widows and the Golf Section for their efforts and finally all you members who always seem to find an extra 20c for Welfare. Thank you all.

REMEMBER WELFARE IS YOU

GEORGE A. RICHARDS – Welfare Officer

BUILDING OFFICER'S REPORT

During the past twelve months most of the activity in this area has been the maintenance of the clubrooms and facilities, including some items of a fairly expensive nature. However it is worth mentioning that the Committee saw fit to purchase three properties with a view to future expansion.

The Building Sub-committee is aware of this necessity and various proposals have been made to alleviate the situation. It only requires the necessary finance to put these proposals into operation.

All we ask is for your patience and indulgence to get us over this difficult period. We will be rewarded finally with the premises to accommodate all of our various activities and a Club of which we can be justly proud.

My thanks for the assistance given me by the Assistant Building Officer Andy Anderson.

REG BRADSWORTH - Building Officer

BLOOD DONORS' GROUP REPORT

An excellent year for our group, realizing an annual record total of 568 donations. This brings the Grand Total to 3,966.

Badges for our own group have been acquired and distribution has started to donors with 5 or more visits. We of the Donors Group would like to thank the Sub-branch Social Committee for their assistance in providing these badges.

Prior to the November visits, we had articles in the Ringwood/Croydon Mail, but these did not bring any new donors. Next year we will rely on Clubroom publicity and car stickers, which will be available in the New Year.

Congratulations to George Silver, who was re-elected team leader for the 1979 year; and to those who received their Life Member Badges - Jack Cockrem, Billy (Digger) Jones, Syd Chatterdon, Frank Moffatt, George Silver, Frank Perham, T. (Andy) Anderson, Charlie Jacobs, Ian Lacey.

My sincere thanks to all who were instrumental in making 1978 a most successful year.

D.R. WILSON (per V. Ryan, Chairman)



SYMBOLISM OF THE R.S.L. BADGE



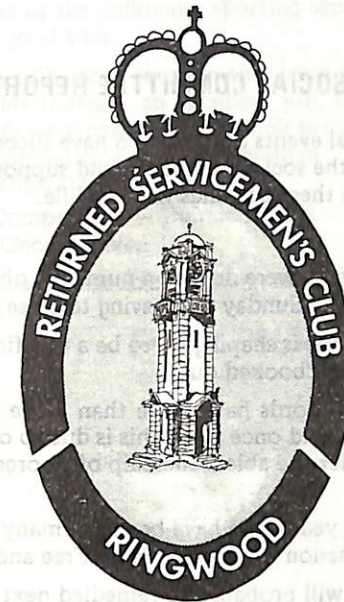
The wattle is symbolic of Australia. The leek, the rose, the thistle and the shamrock are symbolic of, and represent the link with, Wales, England, Scotland and Ireland respectively.

The badge is a symbol of readiness at all times to render service to our sovereign and country and to former comrades. It is a time honoured emblem, one that has been worn with a deep sense of pride by the most revered in our land, and one that glorifies the coat of all privileged to wear it.

PRICELESS No wealth nor influence nor special standing can purchase the badge which may be worn in honour by those who have been in service in an operational area in Her Majesty's Armed Forces.

The three colours of the badge are symbolic of red blood, the tie of war that exists between our comrades; white stands for the purity of the motive in joining the League, to render service without thought of personal gain or ambition; and the blue indicates willingness to render that service to a comrade anywhere under the blue sky wherever he may be.

Depicted in the centre of the badge and encircled by the name of the organisation is a sailor, soldier and airman marching together with their arms linked in friendship. This shows that within the circle of the League all services and all ranks march together in unity and comradeship.



Perhaps now we can turn to our club medallion which also carries a certain amount of symbolism.

Consider – "Made up in League colours and carrying as its motif a facsimile of Ringwood's Clock Tower."

The Memorial Clock Tower, a landmark of Ringwood since it was erected, following public subscription and a donation from the 'Borough of Ringwood', at the junction of Maroondah Highway, Warrandyte & Bedford Roads, and dedicated in August 1928, until 1967 when owing to increasing traffic needs (and a lot of controversy) it was moved to its present site and re-dedicated on the 9th December, 1967.

Inscribed in bronze on its north and south faces with the names of all volunteers from the district to World War I, its western face contains the names of the fallen from that war and World War II. Shortly bronze plaques commemorating the fallen of Korea, Malaya/Singapore, Borneo, Sabah & Sarawak and Vietnam will be affixed to the western buttresses.

Original cost of erection	£1797 (\$3594)
Re-erection	\$30901

Most members, I am sure, carry their medallion with pride.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Saturday social events during 1978 have succeeded only due to the work put in by the social committee and supported by those regular attenders who make these evenings worth while.

New Years Eve

Unfortunately we were down on numbers, obviously because of New Years Day being a Sunday and having to close down at midnight.

However the year is shaping up to be a terrific success and at the time of going to print "booked out".

Sunday smorgasbords have more than made their mark on our members and visitors and once again this is due to our little band of kitchen workers under the able leadership of George Turner plus the social committee.

I feel that this year there have been too many "booked" Saturday social nights in succession leaving too few "Free and Easy" evenings.

This situation will probably be remedied next year. however we have to take into consideration that whereas the booked nights generally more than paid their way, most free and easy nights run at a financial loss.

State Ball

90 members and their friends represented the sub-branch at the State Ball in September, the highest number of any sub-branch.

This year the meal was of an excellent standard, the music tremendous, and all attending had an enjoyable evening.

Our princess was Miss Sylvia Snidjers, and although not successful in the quest was a credit to the sub-branch.

Next year we hope to have more of our members attend what is one of the best service events of the year.

My thanks to all our workers, the members and visitors who made the evenings possible.

CHAS. MIDDLEBROOK

SPORTING ACTIVITIES REPORT

On our sporting scene, this year has been quite successful with some wins and losses as the following sporting section reports will show; overall a very good year

The inter club crib, pool tournaments were played under the supervision of Len Matthews – an excellent job, thanks Len; whilst the snooker and darts were conducted by their respective committees.

Winner Crib Competition – Allan Foreman

Runner-up – Chas Deare

Winner Pool Competition – Dennis Ratten

Runner-up – George Silver

To all our sports sub-section chairmen and the teams of players, Thanks – Well done!

CHAS MIDDLEBROOK – CHAIRMAN

INDOOR BOWLS

The Ringwood RSL had a very enjoyable season although not what one would call successful. Still there was a definite improvement on last year. mainly due to the fact that we were able to field a full team every week.

The closest we came to success was in the club fours where we were equal first, only to lose the play off.

In the basket fours Jimmy Drennon was in the winning rink.

This year we were host club to the league and although this was the present team's first year we managed to get through quite successfully.

We would like to thank the Secretary and Manager for their assistance in making the season as enjoyable as it was.

Looking forward to, we hope, some success in 1979.

GEORGE M. HUME – Secretary

BILLIARDS AND SNOOKER

In my annual report to the committee, firstly I would like to congratulate Pat Avil on winning the 1978-79 club snooker championship for the third time in a row and also to Leo Lawley as runner-up.

We changed the time of our annual meeting to be on the same night as the final, thus ensuring we would get a quorum.

Frank Dann was elected Chairman; Ken Jones – Secretary/Treasurer; Frank Dann – RSL Delegate to the Billiard and Snooker section.

The club had a reasonable season, much the same bad luck story as last year, as Allan Firth took ill when the "B" South Billiard Finals started, so we were fortunate enough to be runners-up to Waverley; anyway we have received a pennant and trophy for same.

The "C" South snooker was cut out this year so we ended up with two "B" grade teams, our No. 1 team made the finals, but were eliminated in the first semi-final.

As you are aware we were asked to stage the "B" South Snooker Finals at rather short notice, as things turned out everything went perfectly with Clayton beating Caulfield Central 2 only on points. Many thanks to the Secretary and general committee.

In closing, I hope I can have a better report for you next year.

K.S. JONES – Secretary/Treasurer

GOLF

Membership of the Golf Section reached 105 for the year 1978. Players at the monthly games ranged from a high of 43 to a low of 22. The average number was 27.

The Club Championships were played at Portsea and Flinders with Ian Nicholl emerging as the Club Champion after a playoff with Jack Verey. Jack Fisher won the 'B' Grade Championship and John McPhee 'C' Grade.

The Des Ryan Memorial Trophy was awarded for the first time for the aggregate of the best six rounds of stableford and was won by Roger Boyce.

The Section was again successful in raising funds for Welfare and handed over a cheque for \$1,100, the result of one day's fund raising effort in April.

The Annual Social Function was transferred from the Kew Town Hall to the Springvale Town Hall and proved to be an outstanding success at its new location.

JACK EMMERSON – Secretary

DISTRICT BOARD REPORT 1978

Members,

No 11 District Board has met each month at a number of sub-branches, including Ringwood, throughout the year, and your delegates Don Morrow and George Richards have attended 90% of those meetings. It is still good to see that the smaller sub-branches are still in there fighting and especially in the Appeals field are stronger than ever.

Many topics were discussed, during these meetings, including Appeals, Hospitals, Pensions, Membership, Welfare and Defence. As a result of these discussions the following summary is given:

Appeals have been on the increase this year, and some of the smaller sub-branches have turned very high totals, making a challenge to the larger sub-branches. It was also pleasing to see an increasing interest in the appeals from schools and younger people.

Hospitals still some dissatisfaction being expressed with Heidelberg particularly in the Administration and Transport areas. These matters are being looked into.

Pensions great concern has continued to be expressed at the gradual but steady erosion of ex-servicemen's benefits. National Council through State Executive has been asked to put continual pressure on the Minister for Veterans Affairs to rectify this matter.

Membership is rising slowly, but there is still a lack of younger members. Remember this type of member will be the life blood of our future R.S.L. what ever that may be.

Welfare many sub-branches reported increasing problems in this area but it is felt that this is to be expected. It is also good to see that the Childrens Christmas Camps have started again, now located at Portsea. It is hoped that they will continue as long as they are needed.

Defence this much overlooked facet of R.S.L. Policy had an airing this year and a wide ranging discussion took place on the various aspects of this important matter.

Ringwood's Leading Camel Driver Alan (the wog) Findlay was again re-elected Chairman of 11th District Board. Congratulations Alan, you have had a long innings and we hope it will be an even longer one. Also to be congratulated on re-election are Bill Eade Secretary/Treasurer and Don Morrow Vice-Chairman. As these three were elected unopposed that says something for Ringwood Sub-branch.

GEORGE A. RICHARDS – Delegate

STATE COUNCIL REPORT

Had the pleasure of meeting the new National President at the last council meeting, Mr Bill Keyes, he was previously the National Secretary. He is a fine man and I think he will be a great asset to the League.

Over 104 items have been presented to Federal parliament over the past 12 months. Some we have won.

Membership of the League is up on last year as at the 20th October, also service membership is up.

Membership of No 11 District is also up with Ringwood the main improver.

Anzac Appeal was a record this year with 5 sub-branches of No 11 District reaching the top 10 – Mitcham \$3076; Ringwood \$2600; Blackburn \$2333; Doncaster \$2001; Boronia \$1365; all other sub-branches of the Board also did very well and were all up on last years results. A letter is being sent to sub-branches from the State President for insertion in local papers giving details of where the monies raised in appeals goes to. I think this is essential as it does put the giving public in the picture, this letter will be sent out before the Poppy Day Appeal.

The Geriatric Centre at Mt Eliza has now been commenced; more money has to be raised for this project but this is being done in the Mornington area. All monies raised have been invested and are earning a good interest.

Blackburn sub-branch has now reached 250 members and they will have a State Councillor in their own right.

Anzac Day Fund raised through sport was down this year but still a good result. Over \$237,000 was raised and distributed to various Ex Service organizations; contributors were VRC \$4,085; VFL \$6000; Rugby \$60; Dogs \$30; Government Tote receipts \$227,000. Distribution was Minor Funds such as Legacy etc. \$41,000; Carry On \$25,000; RSL received approx. 45% of the distribution which included General Welfare \$77,000; War Widows \$17,000; RSL Trust \$15,000.

The State Ball this year made a small profit and the Ball Committee was very pleased with the attendance; Ringwood having the largest group in attendance.

The Victorian Branch will make a loss of approx. \$25,000 this year mainly caused by the rise in salaries, everything possible is being done to contain this, it is anticipated that 1979 will show a small profit owing to the increase in membership fees, but it is also anticipated that 1980 will again show a loss, so fees will have to increase again in 1981.

Sale of land in Queensland to Japanese businessmen free of equity, is being watched very closely by National headquarters.

The next State Conference will be held at the Palais, St Kilda on July 3rd and 4th. Lunch and drinks will be available in the Stardust Room. The 1st day there will be a charge for lunch and drinks, the 2nd day will be the usual Delegates get together. There is plenty of parking at the St Kilda venue and it is thought that the change will do more good than harm. Sub-branches may send items for the agenda for the Annual Conference as from now.

Disability and Service pensions are being watched very closely and representations will be made to the Federal government in the very near future. It has been found that Ex service personnel getting an increase in their Disability Pension have been going over the set down limits and therefore losing their fringe benefits.

W. EADE – State Councillor

WHY "STAND TO" AT 9 P.M. OR R.S.L. EVENING CEREMONY OF REMEMBRANCE

I have been asked by many members the reason for stand to being held at 9 p.m. and where it originated, quoted in detail is a report from Upper Yarra Sub-branch Newsletter which was included in a recent Legacy Bulletin, originally it was printed in the Tasmanian Rats of Tobruk Review.

Every night in the R.S.L. Clubs right around Australia, the lights are switched off at 9 p.m. and members and their guests stand in silence during the recital of the 'Ode', in our instance on Friday evenings and special occasions.

While this type of Remembrance was only adopted by the R.S.L. since World War II, its origin dated back to World War I. This service has been held nightly for many years at the Menin Gate, famous World War I Memorial of Tyres in France.

On the eve of battle near Jerusalem during War I, two British Officers were speaking and one of the men was a quiet deep thinker, something of a loner, he was blessed with what? Premonition? E.S.P.? Call it what you will, but he was a man of unusual character and vision. Feeling intuitively that his days were numbered, he said to his friend

"I shall not come through this struggle. You will survive to see a far greater ordeal. When that time comes, remember us. We shall long to play our part, wherever we may be; we shall not fight with material weapons then, but we will help you spiritually if you will call on us and our powers will be great in your need. We shall be a mighty but unseen army and you will have "TIME" available as your servant. LEND US A MOMENT OF YOUR 'TIME' EACH DAY AND BY YOUR SILENCE GIVE US OUR OPPORTUNITY – THE POWER OF SILENCE IS GREATER THAN YOU KNOW"

As he predicted, the speaker was killed in action the next day, and the friend he addressed was severely wounded, captured prisoner and escaped back to England with a mission and an ideal.

His name was Major Tudor Pole who became Chairman of the 'Big Ben Council' and conceived the idea of the minute of silence signalled by the chiming and striking by Big Ben at 9 p.m. each evening.

During World War II at the particular moment that Big Ben chimed the hour of 9 p.m., all radio transmissions from the BBC were silenced, and thus became a propaganda symbol to free men in the captive nations of the world with thousands of them risking considerable danger in tuning in their radios to the BBC which in many countries was forbidden.

Apart from these enslaved people, countless others all over the world listened and still listen each evening to the ringing of Big Ben, the giant bell over the English House of Parliament. They know the preliminary chimes which are played only once each 24 hours at 9 p.m. but only a fraction of the listeners realise the significance of those nine lingering strokes of the bell.

The signal for the 'Silent Minute' was first broadcast by the BBC on the 10th November 1940, and it has been repeated each evening at 9 p.m. since then.

In our R.S.L. Sub Branches and Clubs we pause for the 'Silent Minute' at 9 p.m. in our time knowing that that hour coincides with the Chimes of Big Ben and the nightly service at the Menin Gate in France, whilst the 'Ode of Remembrance' is recited to remind us of our mates and those millions of men in each war and confrontation who gave their lives that we may enjoy our freedoms and liberties of our democratic way of life.

It is a meeting ground for every man, irrespective of the religion or philosophy he may serve, who believe in the well being of mankind as a whole, and there is a common bond between each and every person observing the ceremony, no matter how wide the gap between them in other aspects.

For some, it is the opportunity for prayer, for those who believe in the efficacy of prayer.

Some prefer to channel their thoughts in goodwill or gratitude, some way visualize the solemn, serene beauty of peace and be thankful.

Some may still all activity, become remote from time and events, and absorb inner comfort as they listen to the voice of God within.

*"THEY SHALL GROW NOT OLD,
AS WE THAT ARE LEFT GROW OLD,
AGE SHALL NOT WEARY THEM,
NOR THE YEARS CONDEMN.
AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN,
AND IN THE MORNING,
WE WILL REMEMBER THEM".*

Golf: is an ineffective attempt to direct an uncontrollable sphere into an inaccessible hole with instruments ill adapted to the purpose.

Therefore: -

Golfers Prayer

*Keep me from the sand traps please,
Lakes & lies behind big trees,
Help me keep calm on all eighteen,
And guide my ball to the green,
And some day, be it near or far
Please let me come close to par.*

With Apologies,DFS, 'Ed'

CRICKET

With the first half of the cricket season almost finished, the cricket club is having a fairly successful season.

With six games almost completed, our 'B' grade side have won three out of five games, and are shaping to be a very good finals contender with outstanding performances by our opening batsman Michael Litovkin, who's top score is forty-five.

On the bowling side which would be 'B' grade's strongest aspect, all the bowlers, M. Litovkin, L. Litovkin, J. Mitchell, I. Stephens, B. Muson and G. Wain, have all given top class performances.

Our 'C' grade side have not as yet had any success this season they have lost five out of five games. This is mostly due to very inexperienced players in the batting line up with only one outstanding effort by Laurie Dell who has top score in 'C' grade with eighty six runs.

In the bowling, our bowlers have been very unlucky and have all bowled exceptionally well, and with a bit of luck, will lift 'C' grade to a few wins in the near future

Our third side, 'H' grade, started the season slowly, mainly because of the new players in the club who have never played cricket before. After a couple of games, the side showed more promise and have now won two out of five games, with outstanding performances by Grant Wain who hit one hundred and fifty two runs in the third game, and also took a hat trick in the same game following another hat trick in the previous game.

As you can see the cricket club is going fairly well with some outstanding performances and big things can be expected in the future from the club with our very inexperienced players learning very quickly and starting to play very well.

PAUL MAHON - Hon. Secretary

DARTS

With our second year as the RSL dart section nearing completion we can look back on a number of achievements with team and individual efforts placing Ringwood RSL at the top in Victoria where darts are concerned.

Our section competed in two leagues this year, one team under the guidance of 'fearless' Fred Robinson who fielded a completely new team to compete in the Wednesday 'Maroondah Social Darts League'. Fred took his team from virtual obscurity to make their mark in this competition by ending the season third on the 1st Div. ladder. The team came so close to competing in nearly all the competition finals throughout the year only to be beaten into third place.

Our other team competes on Friday nights in the 'Mountain Dart League'. This team, captained by Thompson 'Mr Magic' Reid, would have to be recognised as being among the top four teams in Victoria, Thommo's team ended a successful season by being champions of Division One.

On the social side we have held two very successful dances during the year and we look forward to continuing with these dances next year.

The dart section took the members children to Luna Park for a Christmas treat on the 3rd December, returning home via MacDonalds, if the kids weren't sick after the big dipper they made up for it with 'Big Macs'.

Before I list some of the section's achievements I would like to thank the executive and committee for their support throughout the year, also to our Club Manager and catering staff for providing the suppers, all visiting dart teams look forward to the hospitality afforded them when competing at the RSL. Another vote of thanks to Andy Anderson for preparing at the dart boards, stands and lights and setting up for all the dart competitions, the RSL has become a regular venue for both leagues to hold competitions throughout the year.

Dart Section Achievements

1. Fred Robinson & Partner Drawn Doubles Finalist M.S.D.A.
2. Tommy Finch Most Wins in the Season M.S.D.A.
3. Top four players in M.D.L. - Doug Hardy, Andy Robinson, Brian Fox, Dave Watkins (all members of RSL Dart Section).
4. Runners up Div. I M.D.L. Doubles - Bill Rowley, Wally Stopford
5. Victorian Mixed Doubles Winners - Andy & Margaret Robinson First time ever that husband and wife have won it.
6. Div. One Singles Champion - Doug Hardy (second year in a row a RSL member has won this trophy - Andy Robinson last year).
7. Most ton's scored in Div. I M.D.L. - Andy Robinson
8. Lightning Premiership M.D.L. - Ringwood R.S.L.
9. League Champions M.D.L. Div. I. - Ringwood R.S.L.
10. Andy Robinson & Doug Hardy represented Victoria in Australasian Championships.
11. Brian Fox Ringwood RSL Singles Champion - Gerry McQuillan Runner up.

We will try to do better next year.

N.B. Anyone interested in joining the dart section for 1979 season please attend the AGM in January (for date watch notice board).

B.L. FOX - Chairman

ANGLING

This year saw another successful season. So the fishing and most trips were highly gratifying, not only for the catches but for good fellowship developed among all members.

Trip	Trophy	Donor	Catch	Winner
Sept	3 Biggest Fish	Social	Flathead	Ken Jones
Oct	Biggest Fish	Social	Snapper 2½lb	Ken Collins
Nov	Biggest Fish	Social	Rock Cod	Bob Gilbert
Dec	Biggest Fish	Social	Flathead	Jack Capel
Jan	Biggest Fish	Social	Mixture	Eric Williams
Feb	Did not get out.			
Mar	Biggest Variety	Social	5 Varieties	Ken Jones
Apr	Biggest Fish	Social	Three	Ken Jones
May	Did not get out.			

I wish to congratulate Ken Jones on winning the Club Championship for 1978 Season and congratulations to Jack Cockram Life Membership, and to all those good people for their help in our successful social evening.

ERIC WILLIAMS - Club Captain

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT 78

"Preach not because you have to say something, but because you have something to say."

I believe there is something to say about R.S.L. people, our ever changing society and times that either lift or plunge us deep into despair.

Some people think the R.S.L. should fade from the scene or sink into a comfortable rut never to rise again.

What a crass short-sighted attitude beneath contempt! for all the work, devotion, time and hard won legacies and rights done for us by men and women in honorary or little remunerative capacity for many years.

Let us consider the R.S.L. as a union for service members and their dependants with all the power and responsibilities of such to its members and support the state and national executive in saying to the politicians and lackeys, leave our legacies and rights (repatriation benefits etc.) alone.

These rights have been constantly assailed of late, at a time when the ageing serviceman needs all the help he can get, so let's close ranks and show them the strength and unity of our members in the R.S.L.

As I look around at international events today we well may ask:—

"Whom the Victor, who the Victim?"

In times of adversity as in this moment of economic chaos people draw together and so does our Public Relations which has improved with local government and in particular with the press.

It is good to see our Blood Bank receiving press notices, and our associations with the Army Engineers, Highland Games, and Air League together with our School Bursaries have not gone unnoticed by the Council and local community.

Bingo is providing new grounds for contacting the community and discussion with new visitors will extend our ideals deeper into the community for greater things ahead.

If I may predict — 1979 should be the year for having greater contact with youth locally and the nation in general through schools, colleges, services, youth organisations etc. by R.S.L. lecturers and discussion groups.

If we do not make contact then as the man said "sink into a comfortable rut and never rise again".

D. MORROW, P.R.O.

RINGWOOD R.S.L. MARCHING GIRLS CLUB

The 1977/78 season ended on the 31st May, and although they had very little success, our two teams, 1 Senior and 1 Midget, enjoyed competition marching throughout the State.

For the 1978/79 season, we again have these two teams registered, and are looking forward to a more successful season than the last.

Recruiting of new girls still remains a problem, not only with our Club, but with most other Clubs across Australia, possibly because of the hard work and long hours spent in training.

Lack of a hall suitable for night training during the winter months is also a major problem, as it is during that part of the year the girls are trained in new drill movements for the current marching season.

Apart from competitions, the girls have again taken part in various civil, charitable and public displays — Anzac Remembrance Service, Armistice Day Service, Bundoora Repatriation Hospital, Ringwood Day, Highland Carnival, Myer Christmas Parade, etc.

We thank all those who have assisted our girls during the year, as without your support we would not be in a position to cope with the considerable expenses associated with the Club, and also our thanks to Eastland for the use of their car park area for training.

SUE DONALD — Secretary

BINGO REPORT

Dear Member

During the month of September Bingo celebrated its first birthday with a special bonanza night at which we gave out \$1,910 in prizes and jackpots.

The result of our twelve months Bingo operation has been a great success with around \$58,000 being paid into our patriotic building fund account.

The turnover and other relevant data will be found in the financial report and will speak for itself, therefore, I will not deal with it in detail in my report.

I wish it to go on record that the reason for the successful twelve months operation was due in the first place to the foresight of the committee together with the Bingo sub-committee under the capable chairmanship of Mr Ted Kelly, which laid the foundation for a quick entry into the bingo field. Also making a major contribution to bingo's success was the excellent start given to it by the bingo team under Ted Kelly's chairmanship and guidance and the supervision of Russ Walters.

The continued success of bingo is due to the fact that the original team passed on the benefit of its research and experience to your present bingo sub-committee which is carrying on with the same spirit and dignity with which the operation started.

My thanks to all present and past members of the team, the manager and staff and the members of the committee who have assisted me in my job as chairman and supervision. Thanks also for the excellent efforts by the Ladies Auxiliary and wives and friends of committee men and social committee, who have provided the coffee, tea and biscuits on bingo nights.

May I sum up by saying that it is another example of team work and spirit of good will and mateship for which the R.S.L. is renowned and which has made the R.S.L. the magnificent movement, which undoubtedly it is.

T. (ANDY) ANDERSON — Chairman Bingo Sub-Committee

SPECIAL EVENTS

Childrens Xmas Party & Family Day

This annual event was again held at Mullum Reserve which, with its facilities, proves to be a particularly suitable venue.

Frank Perham and Don Batt received bookings for 800 adults and children; rain threatened the event with disaster but the 500 who braved the bleak conditions enjoyed all activities and festivities and were as usual catered for by George Turner and his capable group of workers.

Again the Yarra Valley Legacy children were well catered for and those who attended really enjoyed themselves.

The sub-branch is in receipt of a letter from one of these children expressing thanks for the day and Xmas gift.

By the way, "Daddy" Xmas was a chip off the 'old block'; no prizes for guessing who!!

All overhead costs were paid for by donations from members in the Childrens Xmas Party box on the bar and the proceeds of the raffle 'A trip to Wrest Point casino' donated by Ametco which realised \$1,011.00; their gesture was greatly appreciated.

Calcuttas

Both the Caulfield and Melbourne Cup Calcuttas were extremely well supported by members and friends, who bought 4,000 and 6,000 tickets respectively. On behalf of the Committee, I extend a sincere 'thank-you' to the auctioneers, Ted Kelly and Ron Dixon, and to Mary Kelly for her capable and accurate book keeping; our 'cashiers' and penciller.

As a change of procedure this year the Melbourne Cup Calcutta 'Draw' was conducted on the Saturday evening and the Auction on the Sunday evening, thus giving members and guests the time to arrange their syndicates - we believe the arrangement to be successful and will most probably use the same procedure for 1979.

Auctions

Although Auctions are well patronized and a popular social event in the Club, much dedicated effort on behalf of workers, yielded only a small return.

During each of these activities, Calcuttas and Auctions, there is always a small dedicated band to assist and all receive my sincere thanks.

Ringwood Highland Games

Again this day was very successful with our barbecues and helpers working 'flat out', however we did make a nice little profit for welfare and have already booked our site for 1979.

DOUG WILSON - Chairman

RINGWOOD RSL EASTLAND ORGAN SOCIETY

The past years activities were quite successful. An improvement on the previous year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the RSL, particularly Derek Snowball for their help and co-operation in the success of our evenings. We could do with a bit more support from RSL members to help swell our numbers, also to give encouragement to the various artists who entertain us.

As in the past years we have had the support of a number of companies who have supplied the organs which are used by the artists and members of the society. Namely: Brash's, Stedfast Enterprises, Colin Stelle, Rose Music, Taylor Electronics.

Thankyou for the support you have given during the year and we look forward to meeting you all next year.

A Merry Xmas and Happy New Year to you all.

JOLL COOPER - Chairman

LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT

Mrs D. Blokkeerus - President

Mrs M. Reid - Secretary

Mrs N. Burns - Treasurer

The Ladies Auxiliary have had a very busy year.

We welcomed 5 new ladies to our ranks making 40 financial ladies. Meetings have been well attended throughout the year. Meetings are held first Wednesday in month in the clubrooms. New ladies are always welcome. Our fund raising is mainly from sandwich making for sub-section.

Our thanks to all committee for their assistance throughout the year on our social nights.

Poppies were made again this year, we are to make them all year round this year for ANZAC House.

Once again the ladies presented a wheel chair for welfare also a colored television for welfare.

Our delegates to womens council attended conference which was held in Melbourne.

Bingo is being served supper month about with committeemens ladies. Many thanks for their help.

Thanks to all who have helped through the year.

Mrs. M. Reid, Hon. Secretary

RINGWOOD RETURNED SERVICEMEN'S CLUB

TRADING PROFIT & LOSS ACCOUNT

For 12 Months ended 30th September, 1978

TRADING ACCOUNT

Opening Stock	\$ 8,847	100% Sales	\$403,552
Purchases	239,956		
Closing Stock	\$248,803		
	20,182		
	\$228,621		
Provision for Licence fee	17,150		
	\$245,771		
Gross Profit 39%	157,781		
	<u>\$403,552</u>		<u>\$403,552</u>

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

Salaries	\$ 76,267	Gross Profit C/Fd.	\$157,781
Cleaning	6,816	Vending machine	543
Electricity	10,504	Telephone	824
Bar and Hygiene	4,769	Billiards	1,597
Catering	269	Pool	3,603
Entertainment	1,483		
Wrapping	246		
Security	80		
Repairs and maintenance	4,118		
Printing, stationery, postage	1,281		
Heating	1,619		
Telephone	1,566		
Glasses	1,130		
Suppers	130		
Bank charges	105		
Insurance	5,238		
Beer drawing equipment	131		
Sundries	1,166		
Sub-total	\$116,918		
Provision for L/S leave	300		
Sub-total	\$117,218		
Nett Profit 11.68%	47,130		
	<u>\$164,348</u>	Carry forward	<u>\$164,348</u>

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RINGWOOD RETURNED SERVICEMEN'S CLUB

CLUB ACCOUNT

Statement of Revenue and Expenditure
For 12 Months Ended 30th September, 1978

EXPENDITURE		REVENUE	
Repairs and maintenance	\$ 1,200	Cash balance 30/9/77	\$ 245
Affiliation fees	454	Members' fees:	
Socials	3,311	October, 1977 -	
Club Auctions	1,249	December, 1977 \$ 1,214	
Children's Xmas Treat	699	January, 1978 -	
Entertainment expenses	3,041	September, 1978 <u>11,839</u>	13,053
Bingo refreshments	5,209	Club Auctions	3,289
President's Night	433	Children's Xmas Treat	737
President's Xmas Party	210	Socials	8,555
Smoke Night	840	Appeals	455
Security	3,451	Calcutta Sweeps	13,061
Education - bursaries	200	Highland Games	300
Donations:		Transferred from Trading	15,500
Legacy	\$ 1,000	Sundry	588
Red Cross	60		
Badger Cr.	50		
N'wading City Band	50		
Sundry	196		
Hygiene	1,703		
Sports Equipment:			
Trophies	110		
Darts board	54		
Billiard table (rep.)	1,004		
Table tennis table	70		
Club equipment			
Bingo (including H.P. repayments/Insurance	\$ 2,491		
Crockery	418		
Wooden bowls	401		
Table tops	656		
New tables	553		
Carpet (Comm. Room)	180		
Sundry	691		
Printing, stationery, postage	5,518		
Honorariums	3,500		
Calcutta Sweeps	11,219		
Club Badges (Committee)	110		
Club Keys (Members)	1,042		
Bank Charges	18		
Gratuities	848		
First-aid equipment:			
Folding bed	39		
Medical supplies	153		
Sundry	220		
	\$53,969		
To Balance	1,814		
	<u>\$55,783</u>		<u>\$55,783</u>

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RINGWOOD RETURNED SERVICEMEN'S CLUB
EXPENDITURE TRADING ACCOUNT
Statement of Revenue and Expenditure
For 12 Months Ended 30th September, 1978

**RINGWOOD RETURNED SERVICEMEN'S CLUB
CATERING ACCOUNT
PROFIT AND LOSS
For 12 Months Ended 30th September, 1978.**

Opening Stock	\$ 615	Meals (21,184)	\$43,604
Purchases	30,895	Meals on Wheels (11,939)	13,347
	<u>\$31,510</u>	Suppers	468
Closing Stock	838	Club refreshments	707
Cost of goods sold	<u>30,672</u>	Bingo refreshments	468
Gross Profit	<u>\$27,922</u>		
	<u>\$58,594</u>		<u>\$58,594</u>

PROFIT AND LOSS

Salaries	\$28,810	Gross Profit	\$27,922
Uniforms — cleaning and supplying	858		
Hygiene	624		
Repairs and maintenance	1,993		
Bank charges	38		
Sundry	83		
Crockery and cutlery	296	Trading Loss	4,780
	<u>\$32,702</u>		<u>\$32,702</u>

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TRADING APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT

Transferred		Nett Profit carried forward	\$47,130
Catering Account	\$ 1,000		
R.S.L. Loan Account	\$10,560		
R.S.L. Loan Interest	1,773		
R.S.L. Club Account	15,500		
R.S.L. Building Fund	10,000		
Sub Total	<u>\$38,833</u>		
Capital item — glass washed	\$ 1,425		
Capital item — ice machine	1,500		
	<u>2,925</u>		
To Balance	5,372		
			<u>\$47,130</u>
			<u>\$47,130</u>

**RINGWOOD RETURNED SERVICEMEN'S CLUB
BINGO ACCOUNT
PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT
For 12 Months Ended 30th September, 1978**

EXPENDITURE **		REVENUE	
Surcharge Raffles and Bingo Board	\$ 4,303	Gross Income	\$197,752
Tickets	2,229	Less:	
Cleaning	3,000	Prizes Paid	119,846
Advertising	3,640		
Rule Signs	327		
Insurance	139		
Repairs	130		
Refreshments	639		
Bank Charges	44		
Sub-total	<u>\$14,451</u>		
Transfer to Building Fund	58,394		
Cash Book Balance	5,061		
	<u>\$77,906</u>		<u>\$77,906</u>

** Inadmissible items charged to Club Account include:

Equipment	\$ 3,809
Refreshments	5,209
Security Officer	3,051
	<u>\$12,069</u>

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VALE 1978

2042982	Harold Allwood	Royal Engineers	3/3/78
863340	Mervyn George Beattie	Royal Signals	25/8/78
VX 5-648	Lorrie Beswick	2/23 Btn.	9/6/78
58105	Arthur Bradley	R.A.A.F.	30/7/78
18660	Stuart Edward Cobbledick	R.A.A.F.	22/6/78
752A	Roy Herman Crusell	22nd Btn.	8/11/78
VX 27090	Frank M. Dale	2/8 Fld. Coy. RAE	22/6/78
V 200867	Wilfred E. (Dick) Dixon	A.A.S.C.	15/12/78
654	Jim H. Evans	31st Btn.	3/8/78
VX 22054	L.L. Haines	2/2 Pioneers	26/6/78
14586075	Jack Harris	R.A.S.C.	4/7/78
VX 100858	Ivan James Jackman	39th Btn.	5/7/78
5710	J.C. Jackson	R.A.N.	31/12/78
VX 113895	Ronald Norman Johnson	136 Aust. Gen.Tpt.	28/9/78
VX 56834	J.A. Lawley	2/2 Pioneers	Jan. 78
115821	Ronald Stephen MacDonald	15 Ind. Bde. Group	21/9/78
VX 12586	William Madden	2/5 Btn.	20/6/78
PM 5844	Keith Campbell Mason	R.A.N.	12/8/78
SX 30270	Lindsay Graham Noble	7 Aust.M.Eq. Co.	14/8/78
WR 201843	J.R. Perrott	Royal Engineers	1/3/78
5095	H.J. Phillips	29th Btn.	16/1/78
18093	Stanley Wilfred Pitts	R.A.A.F.	30/12/77
2870	Harold Scott	5 Div. Artillery	1/3/78
VX 26048	Leslie Tunes	Infantry	19/6/78
214633	Lyndon Waring	1 RAR	14/12/77
5780	Francis Edward White	R.A.N.	6/1/79
VX 2209	Cecil H. Wilson	6 Div. AASC	18/2/78
VX 31714	Charlie R. Wright	2/4 M.A. Coy.	9/5/78

Service Members

V 506024	Arthur C. Armstrong	A.A.O.C.	30/12/77
224550	Rudolph Habenschuss	DSV B'meadows	20/12/77
V 295410	Herbert John Tyrell	65 A.A. Searchlight	30/9/78
373283	Frank Hubert Valkenburg	B. Coy. 5 RVR	Jan 78

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