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Members' Newsletter

February - April 2023

Dear Member,

Happy New Year!!!! It is with much enthusiasm and excitement that we are heading into a new year with a new veteran's program, new promotions, new menu, new entertainment and much much more....

Don't lose your points!

Just a friendly reminder that Membership payments for 2023 are now due. Points can be used for payment. Please check the year on your member's card. If you are unsure, please see our friendly staff for assistance.



Points expire on their anniversary, so keep using your points regularly. Eg: if you earn 100 points today, then in 12 months today, they will expire.

New RSL Active Program

The Ararat RSL in conjunction with Ararat Legacy will be piloting this program in February. Open to Veterans, locally & in the surrounding area, along with family, the program gives participants the opportunity to meet and join in, in a variety of tailored activities & events.

If you like more information regarding the RSL Active Program, please contact Lyn Russell 0408 248 852.

Veterans Christmas Lunch

Friday December 9th, we hosted a Christmas Lunch for Veterans, ex serving personnel, reservists & Legacy to celebrate all things Christmas, but more importantly, the opportunity for Veterans to meet & friendships to be formed. Adam Kent from Melbourne Legacy was our MC for the Lunch & entertainment was provided by committee member & ex-serving personnel Scott Rigby.



Joining us for the luncheon, was Martha Haylett Local Labour Leader, James Mephram from Open Arms, Stuart Kerr President from Ararat Legacy, Marie Claire, Salina & Steve Gilmour from RSL Active Victoria.

Annual General Meeting 2023

The Ararat RSL AGM will take place **Sunday March 26 2023 at 10am.**
No positions open for nomination this year.

ANZAC Day 2023

Tuesday April 25 – Joins us for Anzac Day as we commemorate those who made the ultimate sacrifice, served our country and those who continue to fight for our freedom.

6am – Dawn Service followed by breakfast by gold coin donation.

10am – Main Service. Followed by Morning Tea at the RSL. Those wishing to March need to be assembled at the Edith Cavell Reserve in Barkly Street, by 9.45am.

Wreath laying – those wishing to register for wreath laying, please contact Alison or Leanne during office hours Monday to Friday. Ph 5352 2794.

Keep your eye out for amazing volunteer badge sellers, located at Woolworths, IGA & Bendigo Bank from April 11.

Footy Tipping 2023

AFL Round 1 commences **Thursday March 16, 2023**

For the bargain price of **\$10**, you have the opportunity to win amazing prize money in our 2023 Footy Tipping Competition.

Weekly pick 9 jackpot* & 4 double point rounds*. Not a footy fan? It's a great way to enjoy the AFL season.

Registration opens February 16th.

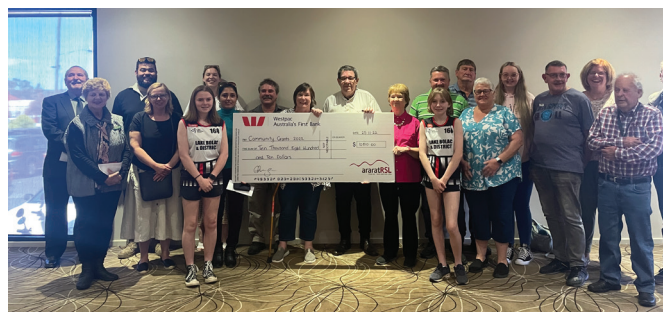
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Community Grants Program 2022

We were excited to see our Community Grants Program return after a 2-year hiatus due to COVID 19. We donated over \$10,000 to our local community organisations. Those attending the presentation enjoyed a lovely afternoon tea prepared by our wonderful chefs.

Lucky recipients this year were:

Lake Bolac Music Club, Ararat Emergency Relief, Moyston Willaura Football Netball Club, Ararat Alexander Croquet Club, Ararat Eagles Football Netball Club, Lake Bolac & District Little Athletics, Lions Club of Ararat, Ararat Genealogical Society, Ararat Men's Shed, Ararat Neighbourhood House, Ararat City Band & Ararat Musical Comedy Society.



Visit to Primary School 800

President Frank Neulist attended Ararat Primary School 800 in early December to present a cheque for \$3,000. Greeted by the little Preps & teacher Oliver Reeve, Frank was delighted to see the excitement in their eyes as they spoke of their trip to the aquarium that the donation contributed to. The donation also contributed to the continued development of the Kitchen Garden & Science Program. We love supporting our community & investing in our future generations.



Entertainment

Thursday 16/2 – Morning Melodies

Friday 24/2 – “The Party Doctors”

Thursday 16/3 – Morning Melodies

Friday 17/3 – Jailhouse Rock Festival
“The Blue Flame Six”

Thursday 20/4 – Morning Melodies

Friday 28/4 – Cameron Mason

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Welcome to another amazing year it will be at the Ararat RSL. The team is new, exciting, and ready to service you, from an entertainment or a veteran perspective. We have much installed for you all so hang onto your seats and enjoy the ride that will be 2023!

We have some small changes coming to the venue over 2023, which will better serve the club providing you with a comfortable environment, so keep your eye peeled for some changes.

Our loyal members thank you for your support over the past year, with all the nation facing staff shortages we were not spared the same issues. However, we have come through the other side of Covid and staff shortages, we are ready for anything that comes our way and staff have managed the challenges with grace, so thank you to you all.

I love seeing you all around the venue, catching up with all of you is the highlight of my job. Thanks again and I really look forward to another successful year with members, guests and staff at this amazing little club in Rural Victoria.