



## Mt Barker RSL Sub-Branch—

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

#### Officer Bearers

**President:** Mark Tindale

**VP:** Arnold Westley

**Secretary:**

Rebecca Douglass

**Treasurer:** Rod Cooper

**Committee Members:**

Heather Douglass

Jane Perry

Craig Runnalls

Michael Roberts

Phil Harvey

Well here we are nearly half way through winter and while it is some what pleasant to not walk around in rain, it is of some concern that it may be too dry for this time of the year  
Hopefully everyone is managing to keep warm and cheerful

June has seen our fundraising BBQ activities slow down due to the colder weather, however our Sub-Branch did a BBQ at Drake's at Aston Hills and raised a reasonable amount of money for all our wonderful volunteers efforts

On 26th June I was invited to a meet and greet with the new CEO of RSL SA at the HQ on Torrens Parade Ground Adelaide  
A large number of delegates attended from across the state and we all found that our new CEO is both very approachable and interested in, hearing from us all on our individual Sub-Branch issues  
She is also very determined in the further development of making the RSL relevant as much now as in the past, to "All" Veterans and there families  
The meet and greet acknowledged that all RSL Sub branches are facing the tough task of financial viability and membership and volunteer support

A word from the President 1

Our 28th June Fellowship night of "Soup and Bread rolls proved to be a fun and delicious alternative to our other Friday night monthly meals  
These nights allow a great camaraderie of laughter and general discussion on any and every topic relating to us all here in Mount Barker and our RSL

Dates to remember 2

Out & About 3  
What's On

The council contacted our Sub-Branch to gauge interest in providing a BBQ Support for their NAIDOC Event on the 13th July by our volunteers  
Once again we received a large number of volunteers to help set up, cook a serve sausages on bread and cold drinks to all attending  
The council paid for all the food, plus gave our Sub branch a \$500.00 donation for our services and allowed us to sell the drinks for further fundraising to ourselves  
The feed back from the Council was to quote "The community is very happy with the professionalism, the quality of the food and the humour" displayed by all our polite volunteers

Opening Hours 4

Useful Numbers

A new "Hall hire agreement" has been drawn up by our treasurer Rod Cooper  
This was presented to committee members for the approval ratification to implement as soon as possible, for the future hiring of the hall by interested community groups or individuals

I was invited to a "Dinning in Night" on the 31st July at 412 Army Cadet Unit at Woodside  
Which I gladly attended in support of our ACU here in the Adelaide Hills

Our July Friday fellowship night consisted of Hotdogs, Rugby & Secret Santa, with a lot of fun and camaraderie for all .



The Mt Barker RSL would like to thank the following people/organisations for their continued support—



Bunnings Mt Barker

Fielke Accountants

Mt Barker District Concert Band

The Hills Football League

Rotary Club of Mt Barker



### Forthcoming events

Coffee n Chat	Each Wednesday.	10-12 noon	Dining Room
Friday night dinner Bookings, call the secretary directly 0413 485 624	Friday	6.00 for 6.30 pm	Dining Room <b>\$22 Members</b> <b>\$25 Non Members</b>
Next Committee meeting	Wednesday 21st August	12 Noon	Dining Room
Next General Meeting	Wednesday 7th August	7pm	Dining Room
BBQs	Saturday Fortnightly	Please see Notice Board.	Veranda RSL

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**BBQ at RSL**

**Saturday 10th August**

**BBQ at Drakes Aston Hills**

**Saturday 24th**

**REMEMBRANCE DAY**

**Monday 11th November**

**11am at the Memorial on Mann Street**

**SUB-BRANCH CHRISTMAS DINNER**

**Friday 29th November**

**6 for a 6.30pm start**

**This will be a catered event, more details will be available closer to the date.**

## NAIDOC WEEK 2024



***Recently our Secretary went on a holiday, and visited the Australian Ex Prisoner of War Memorial in Ballarat where she found the names of the two Mt Barker WW<sub>2</sub> POWs John Downing & Bill Schwab, who both died on the Thai-Burma Railway while being held prisoner by the Japanese.***



DOWNING J.

SCHWAB B.



### Mt Barker RSL Sub-branch

**The Club's opening hours are as follows:  
WE ARE OPEN ON A LIMITED BASIS**

**Monday—Administration.**

**Wednesday—10-12 noon—Coffee and Chat**

**Friday nights—Dinner from 6.30 pm. Bookings essential for dinner on 0413 485 624,  
Two Courses, \$22 for RSL Members, \$25 for Non Members, \$15 for children under 18yrs.**

**Saturday BBQs—These run fortnightly, Weather Permitting Please keep an eye on the notice board out the front. These are great fun days, with a huge amount of laughter and camaraderie.**

### **Useful numbers**

**Open Arms - Veterans and Veterans Families Counselling Service: 1800 011 046**

**Vietnam Veterans Association—SA**

**Phone: 08 8232 9422**

**Fax: 08 8232 9899**

**Office hours: Mon to Friday: 09.30am-12.30pm**

**Email: [vietvetsa@chariot.net.au](mailto:vietvetsa@chariot.net.au)**

**Website: [www.vvaa-sa.asn.au](http://www.vvaa-sa.asn.au)**

**Officers at RSL SA Headquarters** Assistance from any one of these practitioners may be obtained by calling RSL SA for an appointment on (08) 8100 7300 or email [admin@rslsa.org.au](mailto:admin@rslsa.org.au).