



## DAREBIN DESPATCHES

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### **ANZAC Day**

The Club will be commemorating ANZAC Day commencing with our usual march to the Preston Cenotaph on 22nd April. Please come along and support the march either by joining the march or showing your support by attending the service.

On ANZAC Day we will have our usual Dawn Service at All Nations Park at 6am followed by a "Gunfire" breakfast supplied by the volunteers from Preston Rotary. Alternatively you can join us for a smorgasbord breakfast at the Club starting at 7am. At 2pm we will be holding our traditional Two Up School. *More p3*

### **Cannon Restored**

Have you noticed that our cannon has been restored and wondered about its history? J Perez and the team at JG3CUSTOMS in Epping are the people who restored our cannon to the show piece it is today. It is a 1942 cannon that saw service in the second world war. We know that for most of its service it was the colour it is today but at one stage it was the sandy colour used in desert warfare. You may



remember that it was looking quite sad with some rust appearing and the tires flat.

On the 5th August 2017 that was all set to change as a tow truck turned up to take the cannon away. The cannon was dismantled, sand blasted, rust cut out, repairs made and re welded. While this was going on J contacted an historian at ANZAC House who provided him with some of the cannon's history and the colour code.

Next the cannon was painted with primer to protect it from rust. This was hardened, given a highfield coating and hardened again. All the badges and original screws were restored to close to original. The seat had to be rebuilt. It took 3 shots to get the right colour as the original is no longer in production. The team has named it Cannon Green. The cannon was then masked and spray painted. The wheels were treated, filled and blacked. After 7 weeks of work the cannon was returned to its prominent position at the Club on 25th September 2017. Soon the cannon will be supported by stands and the screws will be cleaned again and given a protective coating. Thanks to all the volunteer involved. *See p 6 for pics.*

### **Changes on the Committee**

As a result of this year's elections we now have two new Committee members. They are Matthew Thorpe and Roger Donnelley.

Thanks to Ivan Neil who served on the Committee for 6 years and Brian O'Keefe who joined our Committee when we amalgamated with Fairfield/Alphington RSL. Brian was the mainstay for the raffles, or-

### The Committee

President	Bob Cross	Vice President	Bill Mountford
Secretary	Barry Warden	Assistant Secretary	Ken Coughlan
Treasurer	Luigi Dal Cin	Committee	Justin Aitken

### Club Trading Hours

Monday	10:00am - 11:00pm
Tuesday	9:00am - 12:00am
Wednesday	10:00am - 12:00am
Thursday	10:00am - 1:00am
Friday	10:00am - 2:00am
Saturday	10:00am - 2:00am

### God's Plan for Aging...

Most seniors never get enough exercise. In His wisdom God decreed that seniors become forgetful so they would have to search for their glasses, keys and other things thus doing more walking. And God looked down and saw that it was good.

Then God saw there was another need. In His wisdom He made seniors lose coordination so they would drop things requiring them to bend, reach & stretch. And God looked down and saw that it was good.

Then God considered the function of bladders and decided seniors would have additional calls of nature requiring more trips to the bathroom, thus providing more exercise. God looked down and saw that it was good.

So if you find as you age, you are getting up and down more, remember it's God's will. It is all in your best interest even though you mutter under your breath.

I want to die peacefully in my sleep, like my grandfather.. Not screaming and yelling like the passengers in his car.

As I hurtled through space, one thought kept crossing my mind - every part of this rocket was supplied by the lowest bidder. ~ *John Glenn...*

### Nine Important Facts To Remember As We Grow Older

**#9** Death is the number 1 killer in the world.

**#8** Life is sexually transmitted.

**#7** Good health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die.

**#6** Men have 2 motivations: hunger and sex, and they can't tell them apart. If you see an old man with a gleam in his eyes, make him a sandwich.

**#5** Give a person a fish and you feed them for a day. Teach a person to use the Internet and they won't bother you for weeks, months, maybe years unless you give them your email address.

**#4** Health nuts are going to feel stupid someday, lying in the hospital, dying of nothing.

**#3** All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.

**#2** In the 60's, people took LSD to make the world weird. Now the world is weird, and people take Prozac to make it normal.

**#1** Life is like a jar of jalapeno peppers. What you do here, today, may be a burn-

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## Monday Senior's Lunch - 2 courses \$13

### Bar meals

Look out for Laura's Specials

## ANZAC DAY

### Gunfire Smorgasbord

All you can eat!!

After the Dawn Service

7am-10:30am, fully licenced.

**\$20 Adults, \$15 Pensioners**

### 2pm TWO UP

### Snow ploughing in Dublin

On the radio during breakfast. They heard the announcer say, "We are going to have 8 to 10 inches of snow today. You must park your car on the even-numbered side of the street, so the snow ploughs can get through." So the good wife went out and moved her car.

A week later the radio announcer said, "We are expecting 10 to 12 inches of snow today. You must park your car on the odd-numbered side of the street, so the snow ploughs can get through." The good wife went out and moved her car again.

The next week they hear the radio announcer say, "We are expecting 12 to 14 inches of snow today. You must park...." Then the power went out. The wife was very upset, and with a worried look on her face she said, "I don't know what to do. Which side of the street do I need to park on so the snow ploughs can get through?"

With the love and understanding in his voice that all men who are married to blondes exhibit, the husband replied, "Why don't you just leave the car in the garage this time."

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## Bistro Hours

### *Lunch*

Monday - Friday  
Sunday

Noon - 2pm  
Noon - 2:30pm

### *Dinner*

Monday - Thursday  
Friday & Saturday  
Sunday

6pm - 8:30pm  
5:30pm - 9pm  
5:30pm - 8:30pm

## Saturday Night Entertainment

FREE entertainment is provided most Saturday nights with some special events being ticketed.

Keep an eye out for notices in reception or visit our website. <https://darebinrsl.com.au/index.php/event-category/saturday-night-entertainment/>

It is always good to book ahead for meals and entertainment to avoid disappointment. and this is especially so on Saturday

## Mothers Day

### Book now to avoid disappointment

3 courses for \$36.50  
(seniors menu & kids menu available)

### From the Editor's desk

There has been a lot happening around the Club including behind the scenes. This is no excuse for my slackness in getting this newsletter issued. Thanks to Robert, Noel, Norma, Fay, Roger, Chris and J for their contributions. Hope you enjoy our news. To find the electronic version of this newsletter follow this link. [www.darebinrsl.com.au](http://www.darebinrsl.com.au) . While you at our web site explore the new design.

## Frank George Memorial Handicap Snooker

Congratulations to Sumit Abrol for winning the 2017 final.

### Snooker

You may have noticed that the Billiard tables have been re covered and new cushions installed. This maintains our tables as some of the best in Melbourne.

The Monday and Tuesday DVSA competition in 2017 provided success in both grades.

Darebin Thunder were runners up in the Monday competition led by Captain Gary Rodgers. Hiesteam of Peter Farell, Peter Hawkes, Theo Nicopoulos, Shane Rodgers and Grant Schirmer played good snooker all season.

Darebin Diggers were Premiers in the Tuesday competition led by John Spencer.

Congratulations to him and the team of Robert Marshall, Wayne Paton, Alois Schawtz, Robin Semhi, Ryan Smidt and Carl Steinfort who will be chasing back to back premierships in 2018.

The 2018 season is underway with Darebin Storm and Darebin Thunder competing on Monday and on Tuesday Darebin Diggers and Darebin Demons will do battle.

### VBSA - A Grade Competition

A new Wednesday competition has commenced and Darebin has entered at team consisting of Peter Hawkes, Dale Mackay, George Spiteri, Grant Schirmer and Sumit Abrol who we hope will bring another trophy to

### Darts 2017

Both our teams had a good year.

A Grade Warriors Were runners up in Summer competition.

They were beaten by Monty /Eltham Rebels 6/3.

Warriors got their own back in the Winter Competition and won the Grand Final 6/4 to Monty/Eltham Rebels C Grade Jagers, although they played well during the year, did not make the finals in both competitions.

The 2018 season has started and all doing well to date. *Chris Street*

### Vale

Members who have died in the last year are :- Bruce Smith (life member PC)  
Ken Slattery (Treasurer Over 50s)  
Frank Batty  
Mick Comerford  
Frank Downes  
Adrian Robinson  
Brian Fitzsimmons  
Lorna Power  
Jean Haines (life member Ladies Auxiliary)

Brian William Aitkinson  
John O'Rourke  
Kathy O'Rourke  
Kenelm Creighton (Life member)  
James Te Paa  
Bill Arnold  
Steve Darnley  
Madge Blood  
Ray Best (Former Treasurer)  
Brian Cawley (life member PC)  
John Tasker (Ex Committee)  
Peter Twigg

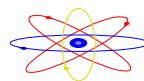
Our condolences to friends and family of

### Angling 2017

We had a quiet year. Going to Nagambie was probably the highlight.

It is always a great weekend. Our events Officer, Paul Browne, applied for and received a grant. We purchased camping and fishing gear for the use of club members. New fishing shirts were purchased for members also. *Chris Street*

You can feed a man a fish and he will be satisfied for a day. You can send a man on a club fishing trip to learn to fish and he will be



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## DAREBIN RSL WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

Our small group of ladies have had an enjoyable 2017 attending the following functions as well as being grateful for the use of the Club courtesy bus to enjoy monthly outings for lunches at various venues.

- Anzac Day in April;
- Centaur Day at the Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital in May;
- Mother's Day lunch in May at our Club;
- Remembrance Day in November.

We are grateful to the Members of the RSL who support our raffles which enable us to raise funds to donate to the Club. These are arranged on Anzac Day, Easter, Mothers' Day, Xmas and the various functions organized by the Club during the year.

At our Annual General Meeting in December the committee was returned to office, namely Val Scott, President, Fay Kellock, Secretary and Norma Colley, Treasurer.

Our ladies are at present busy knitting poppies for a display at the 100 year Remembrance Day celebrations, at this stage we have managed to knit approximately 800.

## **AVOCADOS**

A wife asks her husband, "Could you please go shopping for me and buy one carton of milk and if they have avocados, get 6.

A short time later the husband comes back with 6 cartons of milk. The wife asks him, "Why did you buy 6 cartons of milk?"

He replied, "They had avocados."

If you're a woman, I'm sure you're going back to read it again! Men will get it the first time.

My work here is done.

## **INCOMING GUNFIRE ALWAYS HAS THE RIGHT-OF-WAY!**

## Nashos Corner

Last August saw us celebrating our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary here in the RSL Function room. Our entertainer for the function was the brilliant Greg Champion of the 'Could-a-beens'. The food and kitchen staff service was excellent. Each member received a '20<sup>th</sup> birthday Northern Districts Nashos' scarf. Bob Cross, Andy Scott, Ron Mullinger and Noel Schultz all Inaugural members received special recognition certificates and those who attended assisted

## DAREBIN RSL OVER 50'S CLUB

To date in 2018 all of our activities have been well supported and enjoyed by all.

Our goal is to ensure that the remaining activities will be well received by our Members.

The activities for 2018 are:

Aladdin Sand Sculptures and lunch at Frankston RSL;

Home Luncheon in June;

Paddock to Plate;

Canberra Floreat 5 day trip;

Eagle Arthur's Seat;

AGM and Home Luncheon.

Dates for all of these activities are available on the Members' Bar Notice Board and are also advertised in our Over 50's Newsletter which is distributed through the Club.

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### Musings

- When wearing a bikini, women reveal 90 % of their body... men are so polite they only look at the covered parts.
- Just read that 4,153,237 people got married last year, not to cause any trouble but shouldn't that be an even number?
- I want to die peacefully in my sleep, like my grandfather.. Not screaming and yelling like the passengers in his car.
- Today a man knocked on my door and asked for a small donation towards the new local swimming pool. I gave him a glass of water.

in cutting the birthday cake.

Our December/Christmas meeting is held as a luncheon meeting where the Christmas raffle is drawn. The raffle was again well supported. Laura and the staff again, provided great food and service.

In the future, we are looking forward to supporting the RSL in its Anzac March and Service to be held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April. Our members

# Darebin R.S.L..Golf Club News.

The Golf Club is going pretty strong at the moment with around 40 in the crew, We have lost some but gained others so we are still travelling okay.

Unfortunately we have played the region game and lost but coming in third is pretty good. The boys who participate in this game all did a great job and enjoyed their day

Our golf presentation in December was a great day and enjoyed by all.

## OUR NEW COMMITTEE IS .

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|----------------|--------------|
| NORMA L COLLEY | SECRETARY    |
| MARCUS REID    | TREASURER    |
| DAMIAN HEALES  | CAPTAIN      |
| SHANE BULLAS   | VICE CAPTAIN |
| RAMON McLAINE  | HANDICAPPER  |
| DARCY WALSH    | COMMITTEE    |

# BERNIE COOPER COMMITTEE

Speak to any of these people if you wish to join.

Our golf weekend to Cobram/Barooga was a huge success and all who attended voted to return this year.

A great weekend was had by all.

We recently played at Broadford and had a slight mishap with one of our new players hitting himself in the mouth with his golf ball. GOOD SHOT [DON'T THINK SO] After attending hospital he is okay but pretty sore. The game went off alright and everyone else enjoyed the day.

Join Us for some fun and excitement and a long walk around a course hitting a little white ball. It can be fun. Speak to one of our committee, it is easy.

See you at the club while you enjoy a nice cold ale or two. Until then Good Golfing

## Cannon Restoration



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And watch the second video.



J working on the seat



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