



# CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Greensborough  
RSL



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## 2009 Office Bearers

<b>President</b> Lee Webb	<b>Memorabilia</b> Kevin Mundy
<b>Vice President</b> Dal Crocker	<b>Welfare</b> Jill Passeri
<b>Secretary</b> William Telfer	Duncan Phillips
<b>Treasurer</b> Allan Guy	<b>Appeals</b> Michael Fowler
<b>Committee</b> Kevin Mundy Terry Evans Alan Hicks	

## Pension Office Hours

10.00am - 2.00pm  
Monday - **Allan Hicks**  
Tuesday - **Lee Webb**  
Wednesday - **Steve Karsai**  
Thursday - **Barry Ripper**  
Friday - **Roger Greene**  
Appointments made via  
Club Reception on  
9435 1884

## Vale

Our thoughts are with the families  
of the following members who  
have sadly passed away

Patrick Shoemith, John Quilty,  
Fredrick Anderson Alan Kermode,  
Umberto Pacione, Carmel Barklem

**LEST WE FORGET**

## Message from CEO Greensborough RSL

### CAR PARK UPDATE

We are getting closer!!!! Please, don't listen to those people saying that the car park will never be finished. I actually have heard myself saying it a few times over the last couple of months. Just, today I have spoken to the builders of the car park and they have confirmed that the top floor level will be poured on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September and the rest should be totally completed by the middle of October, yes, 2009. There will be a few little bits and pieces to be finalised during late October but we should be all ready to go by then.

### OUR NEW WEB-SITE

Our new web-site has now gone live if you would like to visit us we can be found at [www.rsl-greensborough.com](http://www.rsl-greensborough.com).

If you do make a visit please leave any feedback you wish regarding the site or any other comments you would like at the feedback page. Hope you like it. It is still a work in progress but we hope it will assist you down the track to be able to visit our site for Club contacts, Welfare and Pension information, promotions, bottle-shop specials, bistro menu's, function and entertainment information and much, much more. Kind regards, Barry Thompson, CEO Greensborough RSL

Back by Popular Demand  
One week ONLY...

## Loyalty Showcase Bonanza

12th October - 18th October 2009  
9am - 8pm



# Upcoming Entertainment

## Melbourne Cup Day

Tuesday 3rd November

\$48 per head

3 course

meal and

entertainment



Bookings Essential

## Morning Melodies

# 18<sup>th</sup> November

Brendan Scott

**\$9.90** *Bookings Essential*

includes morning tea

Doors open at 10.15am / Showtime 10.45am

### Why not stay for lunch?

## Seniors Days

7th October Frank Amarossi

4th November Joey D'Rozario

2nd December Lez Salisbury

6th January Alan Moore

1st Wednesday of every month

**FREE Lunchtime Entertainment**

12 noon onwards - Seniors Meals Available



## CHRISTMAS DAY

### 3 Course Lunch

\$70 Adults

\$32 or \$15 Children

*Bookings from 1st October*

# FUNCTION

# R O O M

# AVAILABLE

Christmas Functions  
Booking Available Now

**Ph: 9435 1884**

## New Years EVE

Celebrate the coming of the new year with us

Join in the fun with a

3 course meal,

live music and

dancing



**Christmas Day and New Years Eve Bookings Open 1st Oct**

# LIVE MUSIC

*in the Members' Bar from 8pm...*

**"THE  
INCIDENT"**



**FRI OCT 9**

**"TWO'S  
COMPANY"**



**FRI NOV 6**

**"5 COUGARS"**



**FRI DEC 4**

*"The Incident"*  
**PRIZE HAMPER ENTRY**  
Valued over \$100

NAME: .....  
Contact No. ....

Fill out your details and place into the entry barrel after 8pm. Valid for Friday Oct 9<sup>th</sup> 2009.  
Winner will be drawn at 11pm.

*"Two's Company"*  
**PRIZE HAMPER ENTRY**  
Valued over \$100

NAME: .....  
Contact No. ....

Fill out your details and place into the entry barrel after 8pm. Valid for Friday Nov 6<sup>th</sup> 2009.  
Winner will be drawn at 11pm.

*"5 Cougars"*  
**PRIZE HAMPER ENTRY**  
Valued over \$100

NAME: .....  
Contact No. ....

Fill out your details and place into the entry barrel after 8pm. Valid for Friday Dec 4<sup>th</sup> 2009.  
Winner will be drawn at 11pm.

## TIPSTERS' COMPETITION EVERY SATURDAY

As we head into the Spring Carnival, join in our weekly Tipsters competition.

**\$5 entry,  
WINNER TAKES ALL!\***

Pick the winners of the last 5 races in Melbourne. Dividends are converted to points to determine the winning Tipster.

*Competition is open to all members and guests.*

Full terms and conditions available in Members Bar.

\*\$1 from every entry is donated to Very Special Kids.



## Jumpin Joeys Kids Club



**Join up your child now!**

Child's Benefits include:

- \* Membership card
- \* Welcome letter & Certificate of Membership
- \* Entry to all competitions throughout the year for the chance to win cool prizes
- \* Birthday letter with free kids meal, drink & ice-cream
- \* Full use of the Jumpin Joeys Kids room
- \* Let us know when booking your birthday with us in the bistro and your child will receive a complimentary gift

Conditions apply:

- \* Free Membership for kids
- \* A parent or grandparent must be a financial member of this Club
- \* Kids must be between the ages of 2 - 12years old

Application Forms located at Reception & Bardia Bistro

# Spring Racing Carnival

## TAB Facilities

### Available

# H E R E



## Live Racing Trots Greyhounds

## Tradies R.D.O Deal

Show your trade card to cash in on these terrific deals

*Between 12-5pm*

### DRINKS:

Schooner Heavy \$3.50

Schooner Light \$3.00

### MEALS:

Parma & Schooner \$15.50

Fish & Chips & Schooner \$10.00

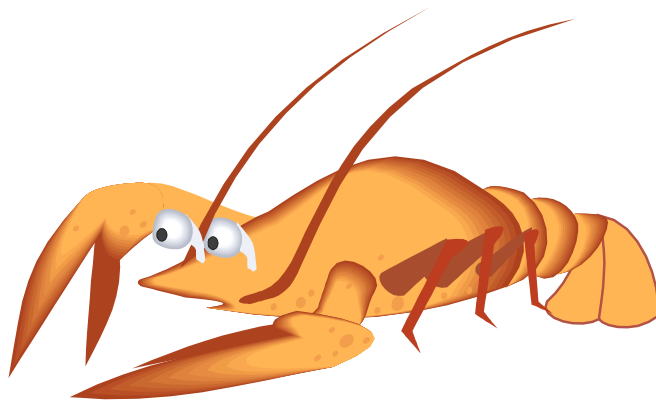


Limit ed Time  
H U R R Y . . .

**Valid:** 28th September - 12th October  
26th October  
2nd November - 23rd November

# FLORIDA CRAYFISH IN OCTOBER

THURSDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER  
TO SATURDAY 31<sup>ST</sup>  
OCTOBER ONLY



Choose from  
any one of our  
2 different  
types of  
CRAYFISH.

Not in conjunction with any  
other offer.

# \$33.00

# Members Competition Entries

OCT

## 8 x Spring Racing Hampers

Simply record your name and Member number below and place into the entry box located in the Gaming Room. Terms and Conditions will be on display. 8 Prizes to be Won Drawn at 10.00am November 1st.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Member No: \_\_\_\_\_

Valid 1st October 09 to 31st October 09

NOV

## 12 x mas Hampers

Simply record your name and Member number below and place into the entry box located in the Gaming Room. Terms and Conditions will be on display. 12 packs to be Won Drawn at 10.00am December 1st.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Member No: \_\_\_\_\_

Valid 1st November to 30th November 09

DEC

## 6 x Aust Open Family Ground Passes

Simply record your name and Member number below and place into the entry box located in the Gaming Room. Terms and Conditions will be on display. 6 Prizes to be Won Drawn at 10.00am January 1st.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Member No: \_\_\_\_\_

Valid 1st December 09 to 31st December 09

# BURRA GOLD Exciting New Loyalty Program Commencing 2010

Full Details In December Edition of Newsletter

## Operation Christmas Child

Thank you to those patrons who have donated so far, it is not too late to drop your donations to reception to be included in this years Christmas delivery. Goods received until 20th October 2009



### Great Gift Ideas



#### May Include:

##### SOMETHING TO LOVE

Teddy bear, doll, soft toy, etc.

##### SOMETHING FOR SCHOOL

Exercise book ,pencil case, pens, pencils, colouring pencils, sharpener, eraser, chalk, etc.

##### SOMETHING TO WEAR

T-shirt, shorts, underwear, cap beanie, sandals, thongs, etc.

##### SOMETHING TO PLAY WITH

Tennis ball, cars, skipping rope, marbles, musical instrument, yo-yo, slinky, finger puppets, wind up torch, etc. (No battery operated items)

##### SOMETHING FOR PERSONAL HYGIENE

Soap and face washer, toothbrush, hairbrush, comb, hair-clips, scrunchies, etc. (No toothpaste)

##### SOMETHING SPECIAL

Carry bag, sunglasses, bangles, necklaces, craft kits, stickers.

#### May Not Include

##### ITEMS THAT LEAK OR MELT (these can spoil boxes)

Including toothpaste\*, shampoo, bubbles, plasticine/playdough, batteries

##### ANY FOOD OR LOLLIES

Of any kind (due to shipping regulations) including medicines and vitamins.

##### ANY USED OR DAMAGED ITEMS

(Due to custom regulations) including clothing and toys.

##### ANY BREAKABLE ITEMS

Including glass, porcelain, mirrors.

##### ANY ITEM THAT CAN SCARE or HARM A CHILD

Including knives, war-related toys, guns.

##### ANY GAMBLING RELATED ITEMS

Including play money, playing cards, dominoes.

##### ANYTHING OF A RELIGIOUS, RACIAL OR POLITICAL NATURE

## Competition Winners

#### July Birthday Winner

Robert Coomber

#### July Newsletter Winners

Warm your winter

Carol Huguenin  
Wayne Duckworth  
Irene Marks  
Marg Little  
Bob Oataway  
L. Soutter  
Dorothy May  
N Showers  
Wayne O'Connor  
J Chivers

#### July Tatts Magazine winner

Ronald Hoobin  
June Tuttleby  
Lillian Wakefield  
Lindsay Hender  
Wayne Stephens  
Ronald Lever

#### August Birthday Winner

Carolyn Nicholson

#### August Newsletter Winners

Fathers day Packs

D Woodhouse  
M Roe  
Fay Russell  
C Dunk  
Ray Mann  
Peter Gray

#### August Tatts Magazine winner

Bill Wakefield  
Robert Johnston  
Linda Sprengers  
Judith McKenzie  
Agnes Carande  
Bridget Hammond

# Congratulations

# Bottle Shop Super Special

Available to RSL Members Only  
While Stocks Last  
Available to Take-Away Only

## Heavy Beer

\$24.00 per Doz  
or  
\$13.00 per 6 pack



Victoria Bitter  
Carlton Cold  
Carlton Black Ale  
Carlton Draught,  
Melbourne Bitter  
Boags Draught  
& Fosters



## Light Beer

\$21.00 per Doz  
or  
\$11.00 per 6 pack



Cascade Premium  
Light Ice  
Sterling Light



# Golf Club

Anyone interested in joining the golf club please contact a committee member for information.

### Winner:

19/07/09 **CRAIGIEBURN** (Playing Stableford)  
A Grade: Brad Rodgers  
B Grade: Neil Lester  
Ladies: Joyce Thomsett

9/08/09 **GOONAWARRA**  
A Grade: Tom Buckler  
B Grade: Igor Makowski  
Ladies: Deidre Lobb

30/08/09 **TIRHATUAN LAKES** (Ambrose - Pairs)  
Gary Armstrong and Jamie Weston

Upcoming Games: 11/10/09 **CRAIGIEBURN** - (Presidents Day)  
15/11/09 **MELTON** 28/11/09 **BUNDOORA**



Keep a lookout for list on notice board for Presidents Limited Numbers

# Donations

Royal Guide Dogs Association

Lions Club of Melbourne Market

Delta Rd Pre-School

St Helena Pre-School

Watsonia Heights Primary School

Diamond Valley Special Developmental School

Kildonan Child and Family Services



# Thank you

# Social Club All Greensborough RSL Members automatically belong to our Social Club

## See board in Members area for all Social Club events

**Thursday Raffle**  
Great prizes to be won.  
Drawn approx. 7.00pm  
every Thursday evening.  
Tickets \$2.00 each.  
Draw held in the Members  
and Long Tan Bars



**Saturday Brekky Raffle**  
5 Trays per week. 50c per ticket  
Drawn 2.30pm each Saturday  
with tickets available for  
purchase all week.

**Mug of the Week**  
Drawn Wednesday at 6pm  
\$2 entry, 100 numbers,  
win 12  
schooners for a week.

## KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Envelopes out 1/9/09  
Applications close 12/10/09  
\$10 per child Aged  
up and including 10 years  
old. See notice board  
for details...



## Members and Partners CHRISTMAS PARTY

Friday 11th of December

See notice board in  
members bar for details...

# Advertising

MITRE 10

## Danaher's Timber & Hardware

Use your discount card to receive  
a 5% discount off your purchase and a  
further 5% is donated back to the Club

Application forms for your discount card available by  
ringing the Club direct on 9435 1884 or  
contacting Danaher's Mitre 10 directly

464 Lower Heidelberg Rd Heidelberg Vic 3084  
Only available for use at the above store

## Rebel Sport MVP Program



Use your discount card to receive a 5% discount  
off your purchase and a further percentage of  
our members combined sales are  
donated to the Club

Simply ask staff at Rebel Sports  
Greensborough for a discount card  
attached to the Greensborough RSL

Only available for use at the Greensborough store

## Mens Shed NOW OPEN

10am - 2pm

Monday & Wednesday  
Glenauburn Rd Lower Plenty

MULTISCREEN  
OUR IN-  
HOUSE  
ADVERTISING  
SYSTEM

Available to members only.  
Limited conditions apply.



GREENSBOROUGH RSL

## COURTESY BUS SERVICE

HOURS OF OPERATION:

Monday to Wednesday:  
11.00am - 10.00pm  
Thursday & Friday:  
11.00am - Midnight

Saturday: 5.00pm - Midnight

Bus departs RSL on the hour.

For all Bus collections phone  
the Club on 94351884

RSL Annual Remembrance Service  
Springvale War Cemetery

Please be advised that the 25<sup>th</sup> State RSL Annual Remembrance Service will be conducted at Springvale War Cemetery, situated in the grounds of the Springvale Botanical Cemetery on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2009 commencing at 2.30 pm. The service is expected to conclude at 4.00 pm.

The service commemorates those relatives and friends who paid the supreme sacrifice.

The speaker for the 2009 service will be Major General Paul Stevens, AO (ret.).

Medals and decorations should be worn.

Please reserve Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2009 in your diary.

Double Paver



Business Paver



Individual Paver



Corporate Paver



**Last Chance to Secure a tribute paver on Greensborough RSL Commemorative Wall Please see reception to express your interest.**



Enjoy Responsibly

**SPECIAL MEMBERS OFFER**

Receive 2 bottles of Lindemans Bin Series for \$15.00\*



\*only while stocks last

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On many occasions, the reporting of a war is less than factual, often exaggerated and designed to play politics for one side or the other. The following article is presented in an endeavour to show you the other side of the story - the **truth** - of how it actually was. – not the diatribe of those with an agenda. There will be 3 episodes in our Newsletter – don't miss any of them. The author is Owen Ether.

#### EPISODE 1:

With release of the film "We Soldiers", based on the *Battle of Ia Drang*, the reality of the Vietnam War is finally given a reasonable and unbiased depiction. This is far removed from the patent, defeated fantasies of films such as "Platoon" and "Apocalypse Now". It also leads to examination of the persistent myth that American and her Allies, particularly Australia, were "defeated" in the Vietnam War, a myth peddled continuously by journalists, academics and other commentators with a vested interest in convincing all that **it is reality**. The "Big Lie" of military defeat is that, if said often and long enough becomes the "reality".

News organisations such as the BBC, the ABC (U.S.), the *New York Times* and the *Washington Post* are among those most strident in the relentless peddling of this falsehood. It is bias and inaccuracy of the highest order, at odds with the supposed impartiality and high standards of these renowned news institutions but it powerfully imbeds the myth in the mainstream of accepted truths. To argue against the American "defeat" now automatically brings a conditioned response of disbelief and condescension, so pervasive has this campaign been.

One of the most persistent and recognisable motifs of this longstanding perspective is the continuous and excessive use of footage of the helicopter evacuations of US citizens from the US Saigon Embassy, a completely non-military activity. It gives the impression US Forces were driven out of the country in 1975 – all presumably exiting from the roof of the Embassy. This is invariably accompanied by dialogue using the words "defeat" and "tragedy" and other emotive and fact less commentary to complete the quite shameless distortion. Most recently, the Sydney Morning Herald reported on the opening of an Australian memorial in Phuoc Tuy Province for the Battle of Long Tan. The reporter exhibited all the results of thirty years of misinformation. Firstly calling the Australian campaign "ill fated", he went on to describe the battle as an "ambush" of the Australian force, finishing by only mentioning Viet Cong and North Vietnamese casualties, not the Australian twenty dead. By some convoluted logic he managed to imply that Australians were military inept by being ambushed but were also callous and brutal in daring to proceed to slaughter the enemy once engaged, while suffering no casualties themselves.

The facts of the *Battle of Long Tan* are well known; particularly that it was an encounter battle, **not** an ambush. It was far from a blundering disaster; in fact, it unbalanced a determined and numerically superior force's attempt to destroy the newly established Australian Task Force at Nui Dat - precisely what large, Armed fighting patrols are intended to do. It also irrevocably, wrestled the initiative from the *Viet Cong* and the *People's Army of Vietnam* in Phouc Tuy Province. So much so that, eighteen months later during one of the most dangerous periods of the entire war (the 68 TET Offensive), 1 ATF was able to commit two thirds of its strength outside the province to assist the Americans. However, such factual analysis escaped the 'Herald's' reporter completely.

The **Tet Offensive** is often offered as an example of how American and Allied forces were completely outclassed by the Viet Cong and PAVN (People's Army of Vietnam), the siege of Khe Sanh being one of the key "strategies" of the Tet Offensive. The FACTS are that .....

Tune in next time for Episode 2