



The Noticeboard

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Newsletter

RSA Queenstown AGM – Sunday 12th March 2017 at 2pm

Reminder - The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held in the Memorial Centre, Gallipoli Room, on Sunday March 12th 2017 at 2pm. Followed by afternoon tea.

Outstanding subscriptions should be paid prior to the meeting. Subscriptions are as follows:

Couples – Returned, Service or Associates	\$50 per couple
Singles – Returned, Service or Associates	\$35 per person
Widows/Widowers of Returned members	\$20 per person
Returned members over 90 years	\$20 per person

Payment can be made to our bank account, BNZ 02 0948 0051742 00, with your name as the reference, or by cheque to Queenstown RSA.

Poppy Day & ANZAC Day

This year Poppy day is Friday 21st April 2017 and we will need hands in the air to manage donations at supermarkets, street corners, etc. on Poppy Day. Please let us know if you would like to help out.

Tuesday 25th April 2017 – ANZAC Day - Dawn service and 10am Queenstown service followed by morning tea at the Memorial Centre

RSA Queenstown Website

Our website is now live and can be found by visiting:

www.rsaqueenstown.co.nz

Please check it out and if you have any comments feel free to let any committee members know or give feedback directly to Deb Lupton as she will be keeping it up to date with our latest events and newsletters.

You can now e-mail RSA Queenstown via info@rsaqueenstown.co.nz

President's Report

Well everybody as we approach the end of our financial year, I think that most objectives and services of RSA Queenstown have been managed and achieved.

On our social side, our weekly Friday social nights have been well attended considering the traffic and parking problems associated at around 5pm on a Friday. Getting out to the head of the Lake and the Cricket Barbeque plus the "bring a plate" social were all great events. Thanks go to Queenstown Taxis who transported our senior Frankton members to the RSA gratis, and their promise to repeat this in the future is a great form of community support. Simon, our Bar organiser is doing a great job keeping the bar supplied and working the bar roster. At the AGM we may ask for an extra volunteer or two to spread the load. Sally's raffles have been going well and once again the AGM will discuss how to spread the workload there.

We have been approached by a group of younger returned veterans who are living in Queenstown. They are from the UK, Australia and NZ and have formed a group to keep in touch with others on a Facebook page. They have visited us in the Gallipoli Room and are impressed with what we offer and will be joining soon. They like the military attachment, but I must state once again that you do not have to have had military involvement to join RSA, in fact your very act of joining means "you will remember them".

Sadly, we lost Dave Weir, a 2nd WW Veteran who was a valued and precious member. Our thoughts are with his widow Rita who continues to be an active member.

I have sat down with the QLDC and nailed out an agreement for our room use for at least the next 5 years on a renewable basis. Let's face it, Queenstown is growing at such a rate changes may have to be made. Also with the QLDC I have finally got an answer on the strengthening of the Memorial Gates. The 1st administration had said it was all in place but the new administrators will now have to leave it until after Anzac Day to get costings, engineer's report, etc. The commitment has been made.

Unfortunately, the nationwide Anzac Speech Competition has been abandoned but Queenstown and Arrowtown will continue with selecting the top two entries to speak at the Queenstown and Arrowtown Anzac services. Once again, we are dedicated to keeping a strong attachment to the up and coming citizens of our local community.

Next month I will be meeting with Clayton Cosgrove, Minister of Veteran's Affairs in the Shadow Labour Cabinet to discuss "Veterans Affairs vs. Poppy Funds.

Hope to see a good turnout at the AGM.

Stay safe and look out for the 4-wheel drive rental cars at roundabouts!!

Cheers, Lyall McGregor

RSA Queenstown – President