

# BOARD OF **DRECTORS** *Jomination*

#### HELP US SHAPE THE FUTURE OF MERRYLANDS RSL CLUB

#### **NOMINATIONS:**

**OPEN** 9.30AM THU 31 MARCH 2022 **CLOSED** 9.30AM THU 07 APRIL 2022

Please see the Club Notice Board for further details.

MRSL SEEKING PROFESSIONAL PEOPLE WHO CAN INCREASE THEIR IMPACT WITHIN THE CLUB. A seminar will be taking place to help those considering becoming a Director of the Club.

Participants will learn about the roles and responsibilities associated with Directorship, the qualities of a successful Board, and most importantly the qualifications needed to be eligible holding a position on the Board.

If you are considering nominating for a BOD position in 2022 and would like to attend the BOD Training Seminar, please contact Caesar Harb by Wednesday March 23 2022 on 02 8868 7710 or **CaesarH@mrsl.com.au**.



MONDAY TO THURSDAY // FRIDAY // SATURDAY // SUNDAY // 9.30AM - 4.00AM 9.30AM - 6.00AM 9.00AM - 6.00AM 9.00AM - 4.00AM Merrylands RSL Club 8 - 12 Miller Street, Merrylands NSW 2160 www.mrsl.com.au | enquiries@mrsl.com.au (02) 8868 7777

All prices stated refer to member's prices unless otherwise stated. All information is correct at the time of printing. We apologise for any changes after this time.





BRYN MILLER CEO

Members will be pleased to hear that, the month of March will see the opening of the Eight Gaming Lounge. This new area will host a full suite of new features for our members to enjoy. The main focus in this design was to have a **comfort focused** gaming experience. Built in wireless phone charging and spacious storage areas incorporated into the gaming bases are just some of the state of the art characteristics this new area will showcase. With safety of our members in mind, the whole area will have ample space to be comfortably social distanced from one another. I strongly believe that this addition to our Club will be extremely comfortable and enjoyable for our members.

The much anticipated "Sinh Phu" Vietnamese eatery won't be far behind and will be having its Grand Opening on April 10th. This well-established operator has a large following of food loving fans for their famous Pho Soup. With great flavour, fresh ingredients, and authentic Vietnamese recipes, this new eatery will be sure to provide delicious meals for our Club.

I am also excited to have the Signatures Buffet returning in June of this year. The highly requested buffet will make its grand return after 2 years of being closed. The newly designed outlet has had many months of work behind the scenes to make it the best buffet in Western Sydney. The choice and quality of food will be even better than before and we all can't wait until our members can visit their favourite buffet once again.

Finally, I would like to bring your attention to important details relating to the upcoming 2022 Board of Directors elections. For those interested in becoming a Director and would like to learn about the roles and responsibilities required to sit on the Board, an information seminar will be held on Wednesday March 30 2022. Nominations will open on Thursday March 31 2022 and close on Thursday April 7 at 9.30am. Please refer to the first page of this lournal for more details relating to the Seminar and Elections.





#### \$5,000 IN EFTPOS CARDS TO BE WON WEEKLY!

#### 10 WEEKLY WINNERS TO WIN UP TO \$1,000 IN EFTPOS CARDS

BONUS ENTRIES FOR LUCKY 8 TO 888+ MEMBERS

PURCHASE TICKETS FOR 100PTS AT THE REWARDS KIOSK ANYTIME OUTSIDE THURSDAYS 5PM – 8.30PM FOR MORE CHANCES TO WIN.

Full T&Cs available at Reception. Approved under Authority number: TP/00567. Swipe & Barrel closes 8.30pm every Thursday. Promo ends Thurs 31st Mar 2022.

## **MERRYLANDS RSL CLUB**

As part of our duty of care to our members, guests and staff, please be assured that your safety and wellbeing is remains our top priority at Merrylands RSL Club.

We continue to work hard in maintaining a safe environment, which is why a comprehensive COVID-19 safety plan will continue to remain in place at MRSL to help minimise the risk of transmission within the Club.

Our current preventive measures include daily

disinfectant fogging before the Club opens, as well as temperature monitoring as you enter the Club and pass through Reception.

Throughout the day, staff frequently cleans and disinfects high touch points and key areas in the Club. There are also a number of hand sanitiser stands accessible to all members and guests.

In addition to abovementioned practices, all Merrylands RSL Club staff and contractors are fully vaccinated. At this stage, MRSL Club still only allows entry into the venue if a patron has been fully vaccinated and is able to present proof of vaccination.

We appreciate your support as we remain committed to safeguarding everyone's health and welfare.

We will keep you updated on this situation and implement changes as required.

Club updates will be available via our website and social media pages.

#### YOUR SAFETY AND WELLBEING IS **ALWAYS OUR TOP PRIORITY AT MERRYLANDS RSL CLUB.** COVISAFE PROMOTING OF SAFE EREQUENT ROUTINE CLUB ENTRY ONLY FOR PRACTICES **HYGIENE PRACTICES CLEANING & SANITATION** FULLY VACCINATED FREE DISPOSABLE TEMPERATURE CHECK SANITISER STATIONS DAILY DISINFECTANT FACE MASKS AT RECEPTION AT KEY LOCATIONS UPON CLUB ENTRY FOGGING









Sinh Phu

#### **OPENING 10TH APRIL 2022**

Indulge in authentic Vietnamese cuisine right in the heart of Merrylands. Serving their famous spring rolls as well as crowd favourites such as Pho, Banh Hoi, Bun Cha and traditional desserts. Merrylands RSL Club members will also enjoy exclusive pricing and 50% pay by points discount.

Eight Lounge

#### **OPENING MARCH 2022**

Your state of the art gaming area will offer a feel of luxury with designer finishes throughout and some of the latest gaming products to enjoy. Gaming machines will have 1.5 metre spacing and will be fitted with privacy screens for safety and comfort. Each machine will also have a raised bench for patrons to better enjoy food and drinks while seated, as well as a wireless phone charger and hook for bags and coats.





## PRESIDENT'S

There is a great deal of excitement and anticipation among our staff as the date gets closer to the opening of the first section of our latest development. We will have an extended gaming room, plus a Vietnamese eatery for us to explore from the 10th of April. Our staff will be delighted to show off our brand new surroundings. One of the main features to look for is the ability to provide maximum spacing between the gaming machines as a measure to assist with the prevention against the spread of Covid. Club patrons have been given previews of what the completed room will look like through visual images screened on the hoarding walls, and if history repeats itself, it will be exactly as described, as did the previous Foyer development.

Not only are the staff excited about the expanded gaming room, but our contract caterer, Michael from Signatures, is also full of anticipation for the re-opening of the new Signatures on the first floor in late June. It has been over two years since our club has had a major sized catering outlet to enjoy. Your Board were given a walk through the construction site in late January, and the works appeared to be shaping up to meet the deadlines.

At this time of year, our Auditors from BDO have completed rattling through the annual accounts to help us determine the financial performance for the year 2021. It will come as no surprise that the surplus will be considerably lower than in previous years for the obvious reasons of Covid restriction interruptions. and the aftermath of public confidence in safety issues in public venues. Our club is not alone in this matter, with several others about to report negative results for the same period.

The process of recruiting a CEO to replace Bryn Miller is on in earnest. The position was advertised during January, and we were pleased that it generated sufficient interest for us to choose candidates from various backgrounds to carry on the good work instituted by Bryn during



RON HAND PRESIDENT

his thirty-year tenure at Merrylands RSL. The time line should have the special committee appointed by the Board, make a recommendation at the Board meeting late in March.

In more recent news, visitors to Merrylands RSL will have noticed our campaign to demonstrate to the public that our club supports all of the measures to prevent Covid spreading on our premises. We have taken the view to go over and above what is expected as the norm to prove to our patrons that we have a safe venue to visit.

Our congratulations go to Lisa Lake, the recently elected mayor of Cumberland Council. We look forward to working with you, and the newly elected Councillors in the future with our commemorative events and development of the club.

The Two Blues Rugby season kicked off on Saturday 5th February with a number of trial matches on the day at the brand new Eric Tweedale Stadium. We wish them well for the 2022 season.





STARTS 1ST MARCH

MONDAY (BOOKS/PETS) 10.30am & 1.30pm

**TUESDAY** (BOOKS/PETS) 10.45am First Book Free\*

**THURSDAY** (BOOKS/PETS) 10.30am First Book Free\*

FRIDAY (BOOKS ONLY) 10.30am & 1.30pm

Held in the Swan Room



Emerald

Ruby

\$50

\$100



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PETS AVAILABLE. \*Valid for one FREE Book or PET game only. Terms & Conditions apply. See reception for more info. Match the required number of symbols on your winning full house bingo game to also win the matching bonus prize.



From the 1st of March, members and guests can enjoy a new Bingo Promotion at Merrylands RSL Club.

Bingo Deluxe is a trade promotion run by BSG Australia on top of our in-house bingo games. It's bingo as you know it with 20 games played, but with added symbols giving you a chance to automatically win bonus and jackpot prizes.

Bingo Deluxe in a national link with a \$102,050 prize pool on offer every quarter. When playing Bingo Deluxe you will need to match the required number of symbols on your winning full house bingo game to also win the matching bonus prize. The Bingo Deluxe Grand Jackpot starts at \$1000 and increments after every game up to \$50,000. The Mega Jackpot starts at \$500 and increments up to \$10,000. There are also plenty of smaller prizes from \$30 up to \$100 on offer.

Players also have the chance to win more through the FREE Bonus Sheet for Bingo Rewards, which is a statewide link with the \$94,000 quarterly prize pool available exclusively in NSW. Rewards is played on a bingo jackpot sheet. Match 5 symbols on your full house bingo game to win the associated bonus prize. The major prize is an incrementing progressive jackpot. It rolls by \$1,000 each week up to \$50,000. There is also a \$500 maxi prize and \$100 mini prize on offer every time you play. Plus, the feature symbol launches the second feature game, with the chance to win an additional \$250.

To enter either promotion simply attend an advertised bingo session at Merrylands RSL and purchase bingo books on offer. Promotions are available on both paper and PET books.



# MEMBERS DRAW \$6,000

## EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 6:00PM | 7:00PM | 8:00PM | 9:00PM

## SECOND CHANCE

AT 9:15PM 4X\$500 GUARANTEED IF \$6,000 IS NOT WON

GUARANTEED EVERY WEEK

#### \$6,000 GUARANTEED LAST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH

6X \$1,000 CASH PRIZES MUST BE WON WHEN NO MEMBERS DRAW WINNERS FOUND DURING THE MONTH

FULL TERMS AND CONDITIONS AVAILABLE AT RECEPTION. APPROVED UNDER AUTHORITY NUMBER TP/00567



# **March SPECIALS** AVAILABLE LUNCH & DINNER

Twesday \$12 MIXED STEAMED

DUMPLING BASKET

Thursday \$12 CRISPY CHICKEN WITH EGG NOODLE SOUP Wednesday \$19.90 STIR FRIED BEEF WITH FLAT RICE NOODLES





T&Cs apply. Price is for member or visitor. Member entitled to 50% discount if paying points in full and also entitled to normal tiering discount. These special offers are valid for dine in only, no take-aways.

#### **NEW MENU COMING IN APRIL 2022!**

#### SUNDAY 10 APR TICKETS 1PM | DRAWN 2.30PM

NIDSWELCOME



WIN A GIANT 15KG CHOCOLATE EGG RECEIVE A BONUS ENTRY INTO THE DRAW FOR EVERY \$10 SPENT

## THREE SESSIONS EVERY WEEK

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MONSTER HOUSIE THURSDAY 10TH MAR \$200 GAMES

MAXI HOUSIE SUNDAY 20TH MAR WEDNESDAY 30TH MAR \$150 GAMES

WEDNESDAY 11AM THURSDAY 7PM SUNDAY 11AM

#### WIN BIG CASH PRIZES WHILE SUPPORTING LEARNING LINKS CHARITY

HELD IN THE SWAN ROOM

\*Minimum spend may apply to PET purchases. All prizes subject to ticket sales. All proceeds of Cash Housie go towards the children of Learning Links. Help is close at hand GambleAware gambleaware.nsw.gov.au 1800 858 858. Approved under Authority number: TP/00567

## \$3,000 MEGA RAFFLE

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## **EVERYTHING FOR THE HOME**

TICKETS 6.30PM | DRAWN 7.30PM | HELD IN THE BELMONT LOUNGE

## WIN 1 OF 3 \$50 CASH VOUCHERS

With every \$20 spent, receive an entry into the bonus draw.



### Monday//

Bingo // 10.30am Bingo // 1.30pm Mega Raffle\* // 6.30pm

#### Tuesday//

Free Bingo // 10.45am Indoor Bowls // 6.30pm

### Wednesday//

Cash Housie // 11am Winners Raffle // 6pm

## Thursday//

Bingo // 10.30am Cash Housie // 7pm

## Sunday//

Dominoes // 10.30am Cash Housie // 11am Supersized Sunday Raffle // 1.30pm

## Friday//

Bingo // 10.30am Bingo // 1.30pm Mystery Cubes Raffle // 6pm Social Darts // 7.30pm

Saturday//

Monster Meat Raffle // 2pm

\*"Home Sweet Home" Mega Raffle held last Monday of the month.



## **EVENTS & PROMOTIONS**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY		
		1 12.30pm Roll 4 Riches 7.15pm VIP Giveaway 2nd Chance		
6 1.30pm Supersized Sunday Raffle Belmont Lounge	7 12.30pm Roll 4 Riches	8 12.30pm Roll 4 Riches 7.15pm VIP Giveaway 2nd Chance		
130 1.30pm Supersized Sunday Raffle Belmont Lounge	14 12.30pm Roll 4 Riches	15 12.30pm Roll 4 Riches 7.15pm VIP Giveaway 2nd Chance		
20 1.30pm Supersized Sunday Raffle Belmont Lounge	21 12.30pm Roll 4 Riches	22 12.30pm Roll 4 Riches 7.15pm VIP Giveaway 2nd Chance		
27 1.30pm Supersized Sunday Raffle Belmont Lounge	28 12.30pm Roll 4 Riches 6.30pm Mega Raffle Belmont Lounge	29 12.30pm Roll 4 Riches 7.15pm VIP Giveaway 2nd Chance		

WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
2 12.30pm 6.00pm	Roll 4 Riches Super Members Draw Belmont Lounge	3 12.30pm 9.15pm	Roll 4 Riches Pick-A-Box Belmont Lounge	4 12.30pm 8.00pm	Roll 4 Riches Exclusive Tiered Members Draw	5 9.30pm	VIP Giveaway
9 12.30pm 6.00pm	Roll 4 Riches Super Members Draw Belmont Lounge	10 12.30pm 9.15pm	Roll 4 Riches Pick-A-Box Belmont Lounge	11 12.30pm 8.00pm	Roll 4 Riches Exclusive Tiered Members Draw	12 9.30pm	VIP Giveaway
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23 12.30pm 6.00pm		24 12.30pm 9.15pm	Roll 4 Riches Pick-A-Box Belmont Lounge	25 12.30pm 8.00pm	Roll 4 Riches Exclusive Tiered Members Draw	26 9.30pm	VIP Giveaway
<b>30</b> <b>12.30pm</b> <b>6.00pm</b> \$6,000 Guaranteed	Members	31 12.30pm 9.15pm	Roll 4 Riches Pick-A-Box Belmont Lounge Last Draw	To and			永大











TICKETS 2.00PM | DRAWN 3.00PM

Held every Saturday!





\$2,500 IN PRIZES TO WIN

# SUB-BRANCH

#### Welcome to the March issue of Merrylander "What's On".

In March we remember and commemorate the following:

- 1st Mar 1942 Sinking of HMAS PERTH
- 2nd Mar 1972 Last RAAF light out of Vietnam
- 5th Mar 1942 HMAS YARRA sunk by Japanese
- 13th Mar 1956 1RAR's last ceremonial parade in Korea
- 16th Mar 1942 Darwin bomb by Japanese
- 20th Mar 2003 Aust. Forces commence ops in Iraq War

#### Frank Vella

Honorary Secretary

#### HANDY CONTACTS

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#### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

13th Apr 2022 – MRSL sub-Branch
24th Apr 2022 – ANZAC Sunday
25th Apr 2022 – ANZAC Day

PRESIDENT Robin Grimley Mob: 0427 256 096

VICE PRESIDENT(S) Charles Zarb & Margaret Gong

HONORARY SECRETARY Frank Vella Mob: 0438 095 256

HONORARY TREASURER Ken Moyle



AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN — MARCH

JOHN ALLAN - ARMY

LEST WE FORGET

## IMPORTANT HISTORICAL EVENT

The BCOF totalled 45.000 personnel from Britain, India, New Zealand, and Australia. Close to 16,000 Australians served in BCOF, including Infantry, Air Force, and 130 Australian General Hospital Personnel. The Royal Navy had a presence in the region as part of the British Pacific Fleet.

The primary objective was to enforce the terms of the unconditional surrender that had ended the second World War. BCOF was required to maintain military control and supervise the demilitarisation and disposal of the remnants of Japan's war making capacity. By the end of 1946, the task of demilitarising Japan required less effort and the role of the occupying forces changed. Guard Duties and training become the main focus. The RAN component of the BCOF, with the assistance from the RAAF, was responsible for patrolling the inland sea, to prevent smuggling and illegal immigration.

At the peak of its involvement the Australian component of BCOF was responsible for every twenty million Japanese citizens and 57,000 square kilometres of country. By the end of 1948, BCOF was composed entirely of Australians. The force was dismantled on 28 April 1952 when the Japanese Peace Treaty came into effect.



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Stamp of the Day



Memorial to BCOF



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If you are interested in being involved in any Merrylands RSL Sub Club sporting teams, please contact:

Indoor Bowls **Beverly Ford** 

Dominoes Dave Carney

Darts lo Steinwede

Lawn Bowls **Dave Minnett** 

Ron Hand 0449 032 205

Mustang David Livian

Golf

Youth Club Margaret Gong

**Camera Club Cecil Cheung** 

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Ron Hand President



Peter Harding Director

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**Steve Cunningham** Vice President



Allan Ezzy AM.AMP.JP Director

A Lewis\*, Father Robley\*, A Elliott\*, LO'Neil\*, H Brittain\*, D Sorrenson\*, A Prince\*, R Hampson\*, J Harding\*, FStevenson OAM\*, R Jones\* G Melvin PSM\*, C Mance\*, P Harding, R Bland, K Mitchell\*, R Shorrock\*, E Hynds, D Wall\*, R Hand, L Todd, I Murphy, E Michelmore, F. Scorse\*, G Salisbury\*, G Morgan, K Pollock, E Tweedale, B Ford, S Cunningham, D Carney, P Hickey\* and J Bond.

#### CLEAN, NEAT & TIDY

To ensure an enjoyable experience when visiting Merrylands RSL Group, we request you follow our dress guidelines. We promote "Clean, neat, tidy and respectable attire at all times".

#### CLUB POLICIES

Merrylands RSL Club is subject to the provisions of the Privacy Act 1988.



Eric Michelmore Vice President



Tanya Murphy Director

A full version of the Club's Privacy Policy and other Policies is available on the website www.mrsl.com.au Think! About your choices Call GambleAware 1800 858 858 www.gambleaware.nsw.gov.au



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