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Community Welfare

GYM

(free for DVA card holders)

Friday, 11am at the Showgrounds.

Minimum of 6 participants.

Yoga (Ralph Freestun)

Mondays: Cost \$10.

Session 1: 8am –

9.15am

Session 2: 9.45am –

11.15am

Regular Events:

Friday, 4pm

onwards:

Diggers Bar &

Kitchen

1st Thursday of

month:

Club Acoustic

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Feedback from our Victory Day Re-enactment Parade has been excellent. Even though the organisation of the Parade was led by RSL Maleny, it was a wonderful example of the Maleny community working together to ensure the event was an unqualified success. Involving so many descendants of the participants in the 1918 Parade ensured the event was meaningful to the Maleny Community.

In excess of 500 people attended the Remembrance Day Service that followed the Parade. Andrew Wallace MP delivered a meaningful address and the heartfelt Prayers for the Fallen offered by Reverend Jeanette Jameson centered our thoughts, not only on those “who will not grow old” but also on Australia’s current defence personnel serving here and abroad.

Our annual Christmas Party, held last Friday evening, was a wonderful success more than 100 people in attendance. Thank you to *Ray and the Sunshines* for entertaining us and to Ray and Lucy for organising the rest of the entertainment. Steph and her team of kitchen/wait staff provided plenty of tasty food. Thanks also to our many volunteers, including Santa, for making the party a night to remember.

RSL Maleny is now registered for “Containers for Change”, so please place your 10c cans and bottles in the recycle bins at the Hall where they will be sorted and taken to a recycling centre where the proceeds will be credited to our account. (Wine bottles are not included in this scheme.)

The Diggers Bar and Kitchen will be closed from 15 December and will reopen on 18 January. Our 2019 meeting schedule will begin 17 January and our AGM will be held on 21 February at 1000.

Secretary, Jen, will check emails and phone messages occasionally during the break, so if you need to contact RSL Maleny urgently, please phone me on 0402 028 539 or Chris Brooker on 0428 712 504.

The next newsletter will be published in early February.

Wishing you a safe and happy Festive Season. Live well and travel safely.

Clarke Alexander
President

WANTED:
Volunteer gardener to maintain our gardens.
Please call 54352672 or email
info@rslmaleny.org.au

Remembrance Day . . Re-Enactment Parade

11 November, 2018

Chris Brooker

The long-awaited day started with slight rain in the morning while we were bringing the "Sydney" into town from the Men's Shed where it had been constructed on the back of a ute.

The morning was taken up with placing witches hats, signage, etc around town. The SES organised the road closures, and horses and carriages started to arrive at the back of IGA. Then the cars assembled at front of Maleny Lodge Guesthouse and people in costume appeared in town. The coffee shops and vantage points began to fill.

RSL, Rotary and Lions members were involved with organising participants into cars and buggies, shuttling cars and trucks, informing people of the parade, handing out info sheets, selling badges etc.

SES closed the streets at 10am and the Parade commenced, led by Nick the Piper down Maple Street, across the bridge and up Bunya Street. Dispersal began with school children into the School car park, all equestrian units went to the back of State School and the remainder to RSL for the Remembrance Day Service.

The Parade consisted of 225 participants, 22 Community groups, two sons in the same role as their fathers in the original Parade, 17 families including descendants of those in original Parade, 80 + school children, 5 buggies and horses, 7 vintage vehicles, 5th Light Horse in WW1 troopers uniforms, clothing, flags and a vehicle from a number of museums, TS Centaur cadets in the "Sydney" replica and more than I can list here. Everyone who said they would turn up, did, and dressed accordingly. In some, the attention to detail was brilliant. We have over 450 photos and videos freely available for anyone who wants view them. (Please talk to Jen or Chris B.)

Even though this was facilitated by Maleny RSL, it was a whole of Maleny Community event and without the input and support of a vast number of individuals, organizations and businesses it would not have happened.

Did the Parade act as a conduit to draw attention to the Centenary of end of WW1 and the beginning of an era of Peace?... you betcha!!

The People behind the Scenes

Director: Glen Bergman

Glen was born and raised at Home Hill on the south side of the Burdekin River, the local playground for him and his friends. He completed his apprenticeship as a fitter and turner with Home Hill Engineering Works. He was called up for National Service 1969 and qualified as a armament fitter, and served with 4th Field Regt Lad, posted to 107 Field Battery.

Glen worked with Burdekin Rice Producers, Inkerman Sugar Mill, Boyne Smelters, Queensland Cement and Lime Gladstone and Southcott Hydraulics prior to retiring. During this time, he gained steam engineering certificate, gas certificate, fluid power certificate and plant commissioning-service programs.

After settling at Maleny almost three years ago, Glen joined Sunshine Coast Legacy and is an energetic RSL volunteer. He is married to Betty and has two daughters.

Director: Ross Clarke

Born in South Australia, Ross moved with his parents to Theodore, Central Queensland in 1959.

While studying for a Dip. Ag. at Gatton Agricultural College (now UQ Gatton campus), Ross joined the Air Force Training Corp and later the Army Reserve (mostly for the tax-free pay.)

After graduating, Ross worked on the family farm before being appointed as an advisor in extensive livestock production with QDPI. For some of his work, he was awarded a PhD through UQ Dept of Farm Animal Medicine & Production.

After retiring from full time work, Ross ran a general agricultural consulting service in Toowoomba. He also qualified as a teacher and taught part time in many Toowoomba primary and secondary schools.

After working in various locations across Queensland, Ross and Jen moved to Witta where they run a small beef cattle farm.

Coming Events:

06 Dec: Club Acoustic. Monthly music and entertainment evening featuring local talent. Meals available, bar open. A top night for minimal cost.

07 Dec: Live music. 2 bands – album releases.