

ANNUAL REPORT

2025
EDITION

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OUR MISSION

The Springvale RSL aims to provide a safe and supporting environment for our serving and ex-serving members and their families/dependants.

We strive to provide welfare support, education, social interaction, commemorative services and appropriately contribute to the support of the broader community.

OUR VISION

To dedicate customer service, offering outstanding facilities and a friendly environment whilst upholding the RSL's values, of respect, integrity, mateship, compassion and the responsibilities to all members.

Our goal is to ensure all members, guests, and employees of the RSL are respectively valued at all times.

VALES

Service Members

William Watson Service #22873457

Affiliate Members

Margaret Maynard 1298672

Teresa Sheehan 1437793

Reginald Humphries 1249928

Kevin Hall 1132495



GENERAL MANAGER

This year has been one of strong momentum, meaningful growth, and deepened community connection for our RSL.

I am proud to report significant progress across our key priorities, particularly in revenue growth, membership growth, community and veteran engagement. These achievements reflect not only sound strategic direction, but the dedication and passion of all our staff members who serve our members and community every day.

Our continued revenue growth has strengthened the club's financial position and ensured we remain sustainable for the long term. Increased membership numbers demonstrate that our RSL remains relevant, welcoming, and valued within the community. More importantly, our expanding engagement with veterans and community groups reinforces our core purpose — to support, connect, and honour those who have served, while creating a strong and inclusive environment for all.

Throughout the year, we have focused on delivering high-quality service, enhancing the member experience, and building a culture of teamwork and accountability. The commitment shown by our staff and management has been instrumental in achieving these outcomes. Their professionalism and resilience ensure that our club remains a trusted community hub.

Looking ahead, we are preparing for an exciting new chapter. Planned gaming and foyer works, alongside the development of a comprehensive Master Plan, will position our RSL for future growth and sustainability. These initiatives are not simply upgrades — they represent our commitment to reinvesting in our facilities, improving member experience, and securing the long-term future of the Club for generations to come.

As we move forward, our focus will remain clear:
Strengthening our service to veterans and their families
Enhancing member engagement and satisfaction
Delivering responsible financial management
Investing strategically in our facilities and people

I would like to sincerely thank our staff, committee, volunteers, members, and the wider community for their continued support. I look forward to the year ahead with confidence and optimism.

A special thank you to Natalie for laying such a strong foundation for our veteran engagement programs. Your work has created something really meaningful, and it will continue to make a difference as it transitions to our Welfare Coordinator; Janet. We truly appreciate the dedication and impact you've brought to this space.

Sasa Mucibabic
General Manager

PRESIDENT

Another year has passed too quickly, and a lot has happened in 2025. We have enjoyed outings for both our Veterans and their partners. The Christmas luncheon was well attended, and our Veterans went away with a nice hamper.

Our ANZAC service, unfortunately, had to be held in house for 2025, let's hope this year that we are back at the Springvale Town Hall gardens and utilising the cenotaph.

Natalie and Micheal are once again preparing our ANZAC service, which we traditionally have on the Sunday prior to ANZAC day.

After the sudden resignation of our Vice President and George Lewandowski was nominated and filled the position as Acting Vice President and has done an excellent job getting involved and has filled the roll confidently.

The building committee have engaged BSPN and is currently looking at renovating and upgrading some of our key facilities at Springvale RSL, starting with the front foyer and the gaming areas. We ask for your patience with this process and ensure there is more to come.

In August, we had our Monash Children's Hospital Gala Night, where we raised a significant \$60k towards a wonderful cause. Again, it was a lot of work and a special thanks to our Gala Committee and volunteers, who managed to acquire a fantastic number of quality items for the raffle and auction.

A special thanks to Michael Vaughan, who normally manages the November Poppy appeal, but last year had decided to hand over the reins to a new team. Bob Evans, Tish Wiseman, George Lewandowski and Brian Davey all did an excellent job, and we extend a big thank you for an excellent effort for your first appeal.

I have been busy attending some RSL Vic meetings in Collins Street, attending Region 2 meetings each month with Valerie O'Callaghan. I was asked and have now also taken on the role of chairman of Region 2.

Brian Davey and I attended the State Conference in the RACV building in the city, where a consultant revealed a lot of recommended changes were necessary for the RSL going forward, which were endorsed by the new State President, Dr Mark Schoeffel in his address. We will need to wait and see what's involved, as there are going to be some significant changes ahead affecting all sub-branches.

Together with Acting Vice President, George Lewandowski, I attended the Phillip Island 10A forum where some pending changes were revealed. The committee held an off-site Strategy meeting where we thrashed out what needs to be reviewed for change, and some have already commenced. We can't do everything at once, but we will gradually attend to each in turn.

I would like to thank Natalie for her excellent Job arranging outings for our veterans, which they have personally told me are greatly appreciated. Thank you, Natalie.

Janet Arnold, our welfare officer, will now be arranging our Veterans outing for 2026. Janet has already started looking into some exciting outing options.

Throughout 2025, we have had our challenges; there's always plenty more to do, but if we all work together, we can achieve many great things. We need our members' input on what they would like to see or change, and while not everything can be accommodated, we can consider what's been put forward and look at alternatives.

Joe and Teresa Rechichi were invited for lunch, where we discussed the great work that The Benevolent Society does. With no help from Local, State and Federal governments It's an absolute disgrace that they have to rely on charities like the RSL. Springvale RSL donated \$20,000 to their cause last year, after hearing their heartfelt stories, our committee has decided to devote some of our Friday night raffle funds, and this year's Gala Fundraiser will be dedicated to The Springvale Benevolent Society.

A couple of quotes attributed to Buddha:

'When you focus on a problem, you will have more problems, when you focus on possibles, you have more opportunities.'

'Real growth is when you start correcting yourself instead of blaming others.'

'Don't take things personally. People care more about themselves than about you.'

I thought these quotes were probably relatable to all of us, and I hope you enjoyed contemplating them as much as I did.

John Wilson
President

TREASURER

I have the pleasure to present this report as Treasurer. The Club continues to operate at a surplus as it has done for several years now. As such, the surplus for the 2025 calendar year after depreciation and amortisation totalled \$736,706 (2024: \$181,338).

CLUB ACCOUNTS

The accompanying Financial Report shows the financial results and position of the Club for the 2025 year along with comparison figures for 2024.

The following financial highlights in comparison to prior year are detailed below:

- Total revenue for the year increased by 8% to \$9,563,958 (2024: \$8,834,078).
- Poker machine net income increased by 7% to \$7,017,625 (2024: \$6,569,787).
- Combined bar and food sales increased by 3% to \$1,792,059 (2024: \$1,735,915).
- Current assets increased 15% to \$6,156,774 (2024: \$5,345,787) whilst current liabilities remained almost the same at \$1,043,853 (2024: \$1,053,170) further increasing the Club's already strong liquidity position.
- The total net assets of the Club grew by \$736,706 to \$6,844,250 which is the surplus of the Club for the 2025 calendar year.
- The Club's cash position increased during the year by 42% resulting in a closing balance of \$2.4m (2024: \$1.7m).

The Club contributed \$171k to welfare and charitable causes. These contributions went to charities, subsidised meals, local hospitals, schools, sporting organisations and other community entities.

Whilst the Club is financially strong and sound, it is important to note that it is impacted by the market as well as social and local trends. As such, the Committee will continue to meet regularly to monitor and discuss these conditions.

PATRIOTIC FUND WELFARE, BUILDING AND GENERAL APPEALS ACCOUNT

The accompanying Financial Report shows the financial results and position of the Patriotic Fund for the 2025 year along with a 2024 comparison. The Patriotic Fund made a net profit of \$160,381 for the 2025 year, whilst 2024 showed a net profit of \$231,762.

The cash position of the Fund has increased by \$242,172 to a closing balance of \$1,650,178 (2024: \$1,408,006).

In closing, I would like to acknowledge the efforts of Natalie, Sasa and their staff in the efforts to produce the reports for the AGM and the support rendered to me as Treasurer of the Club by the management and committee members.

Mike Schilling
Treasurer

WELFARE OFFICE

The welfare office continues to assist veterans and members through face-to-face, online and telephone requests. Enquiries from veterans and their families led to a number of referrals to other veteran groups, services and aged care providers as required by these members.

Members have continued to seek advice regarding Aged Care, DVA entitlements, and Home Help services. Whilst we cannot provide advice on pensions, we can normally point you in the right direction for the services of an Advocate or Legacy.

We have made many home, hospital, aged care visits, interacting with care staff when required.

The veterans' Christmas lunch was well attended, veterans and their partners enjoyed a lovely lunch and received a Christmas gift.

In 2026, there will be a stronger focus on veterans and widows for bus trips. We have been fortunate to attract an experienced volunteer coordinator to assist with these trips.

Our wellbeing groups continue to grow with the Strength and Mobility Class every Thursday morning, followed by a morning tea. We also offer our Service members and their partners bus outings and Magic Melodies. We have also strengthened our partnership with Clayton RSL, with each respective Sub-Branch's members being able to attend events held at both.

If you are interested in participating in any of these groups, please let us know. Community Support Office operates Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 10 am to 4 pm.

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Springvale RSL: 9548 4155

Janet Arnold
Welfare Co-ordinator

APPEALS

To anyone who doesn't know me, my name is Bob Evans. I volunteered to take on the position of Appeals Officer from Michael Vaughan, who after many successful years and with further commitments, has decided to lessen his workload. I undertook the 2025 Poppy Appeal, with George Lewandowski and Tish Wiseman assisting me, and invaluable advice from Michael Vaughan, we made progress.

Also, thank you to Natalie Vitale, who showed us the ropes and helped prepare the boxes to be delivered to various organisations and schools, after placing the orders.

Last but not least, a big thank you to all the volunteers who gave up their time selling badges and manning the sausage sizzle, which resulted in raising a total of \$25, 585 .61 for the Poppy Appeal & \$25,030.60 for the ANZAC Appeal.

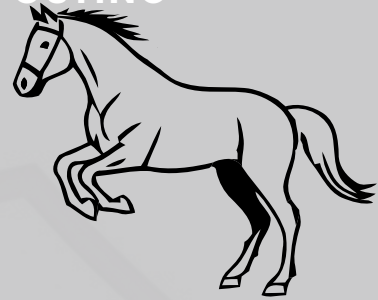
Please keep in mind we are going to need volunteers for the upcoming Anzac Appeal, typically starting around the 2nd week of April, and covering 11 days, at Parkmore and Bunnings Keysborough. Keep your eyes open for the notices which will be posted in the Members Bar. Day shifts are from 9 am to 1 pm, and afternoon shifts are from 1 pm to 5 pm.

Two people are required for each shift, and as long as you are a financial member of Springvale RSL, anyone can volunteer. If you have any questions, please come and talk to me after the AGM or alternatively you can email me at bobse@tpg.com.au

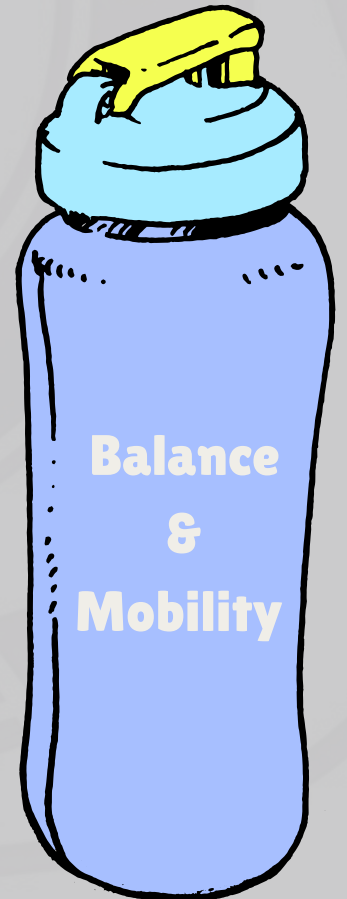
Bob Evans
Appeals Officer



LIVING LEGENDS
VETERAN OUTING



**SPOOKY
SPECTACULAR**



COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE

The Springvale RSL Sub-Branch held their 2025 Anzac Commemoration Service on Sunday, 13th April, a week earlier than usual due to the following weekend being Easter. As a result of this, we were unable to use the Town Hall gardens due to the area already being booked for another event. The service was held in the Fleming Lounge [Bistro] at the RSL club rooms. It's amazing how things turn out, as it was an extremely hot day with a very strong northerly wind, so having the service inside was a blessing in disguise as it was much more comfortable indoors. Understandably invites to the service were limited due to space limitations, but overall the service was very well attended and a successful event.

A big thank you to all those who attended and participated, and a special mention to all those who helped to set up the room and created a wonderful atmosphere for this special occasion.

Hope to see you all at the 2026 service on Sunday, 19th April, 10 am at the Springvale Community Hub Gardens adjacent to the War Memorial.

Michael Vaughan
Committee



LEST WE
FORGET
— ANZAC DAY —



GALA NIGHT

On 30th August 2025, Springvale RSL proudly hosted its second annual Gala Night in support of Monash Children's Hospital, following the tremendous success of our 2024 event.

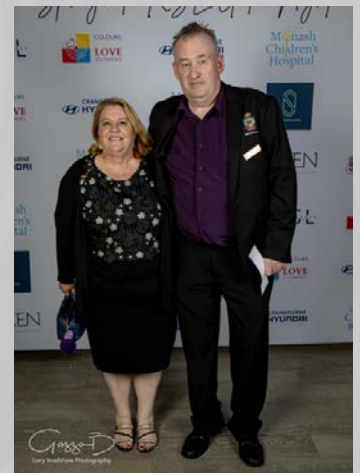
Thanks to the incredible dedication of our Gala Night sub-committee, hardworking volunteers, generous donors, and everyone who attended, we are thrilled to announce that we raised an astounding \$60,000 for this wonderful cause.

The evening featured generous donations and an exciting raffle, including:

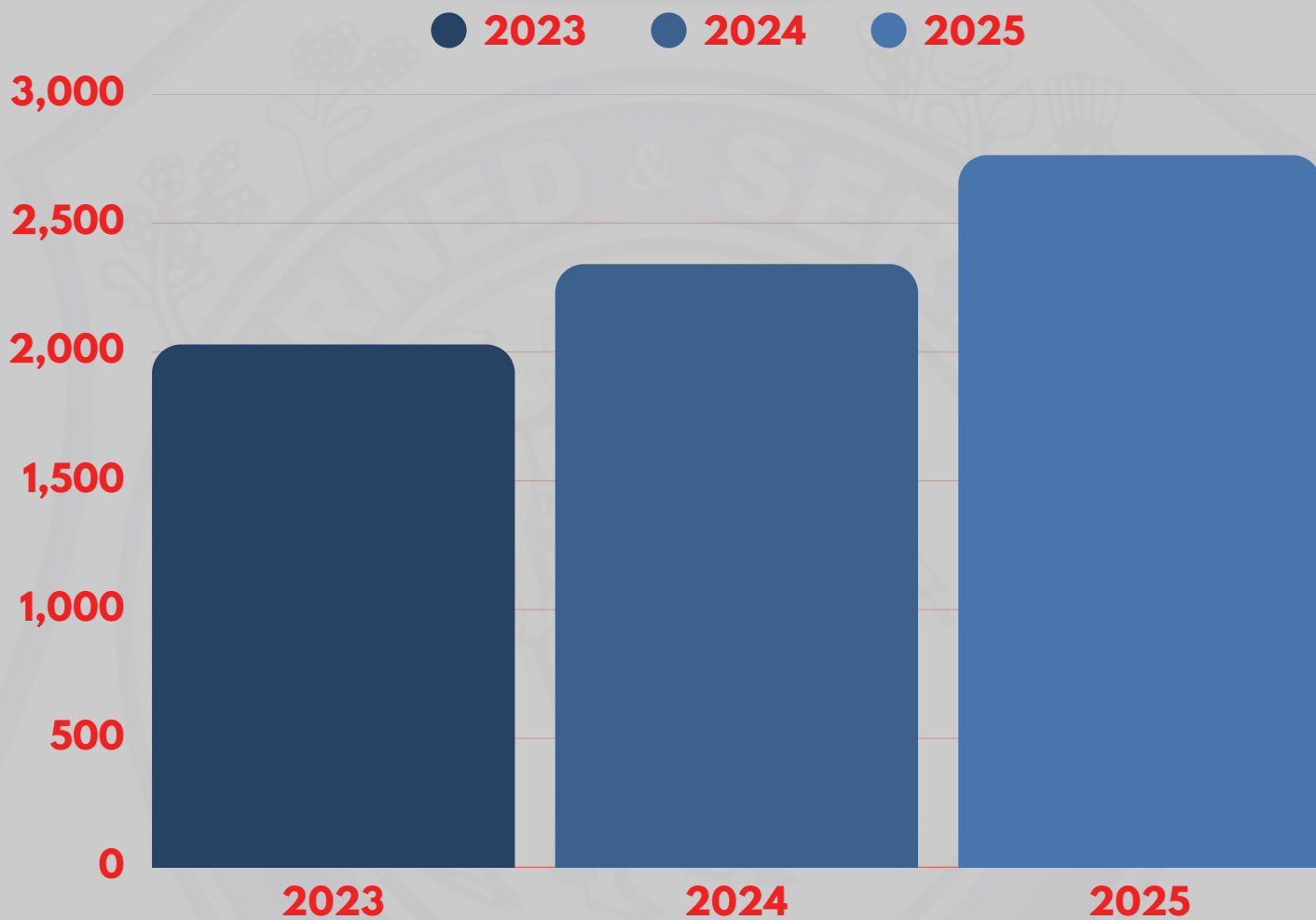
- A travel package valued at over \$2,500
- A pizza oven valued at \$600

Congratulations to all our lucky winners – we hope you're enjoying your prizes!

Most importantly, thank you to everyone who contributed to making the night such a meaningful and successful event. Your support will make a real difference to the children and families supported by Monash Children's Hospital.



MEMBERSHIP



SPONSORSHIP



- Benevolent Society
- Breast Cancer Network Association
- Burden Park Bowls Club
- Burden Park Tennis Club
- Cora Lynn Football & Netball Club
- Dandenong Cricket Association
- Headspace Dandenong
- Keysborough Cricket Club
- Killester Secondary College
- Launch Housing Bob's Place
- Monash Children's Hospital
- South Springvale Soccer Club
- Southside Racing
- Springvale District Football & Netball Club
- Springvale South Cricket Club
- Very Special Kids
- Westall Primary School
- Youth of Tomorrow



HEADSPACE

Each year, Springvale RSL proudly hosts our much-anticipated Mega Christmas Raffle, with all funds raised going towards a chosen charity. In 2025, we were honoured to support headspace Dandenong.

Headspace provides vital mental health support services to young people aged 12–25 and plays an important role in our local community. While the holiday season is a joyful time for many, it can also be incredibly challenging for others, particularly young people experiencing mental health difficulties. Supporting such a worthy cause during this time of year makes the holiday season even more meaningful.

While raising our funds through the raffle, the Springvale RSL decided to match the amount, doubling our funds, ensuring we can offer our best to the cause.

Thanks to everyone who purchased raffle tickets and contributed, we are proud to announce that we raised around \$4,500 in total for Headspace Dandenong.

Thank you again to our members and guests for continuing to make a difference in our community.



STAFF OF THE MONTH 2025



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KHAM



David
BLACK



Daryl
GORDON



Vinh
VI TRIEU



2025 FUN FACTS



630 kegs were emptied; that's 31,250 litres



Springvale RSL sold 12,218 steaks, which averages to 873 cows



Our seniors members consumed 9499 senior meals



THANKYOU

Springvale RSL thanks you once again for an amazing year and we look forward to a successful 2026.



