

Elizabeth & Salisbury Sub Section
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Elizabeth Navy Club & RAFA 1200 Club
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Regular Bar Hours: - **Wednesday from 7:00pm - Midnight;** **Friday from 3:30pm – Midnight**
Saturday from 1:00pm – 6:00pm; **Sunday from 4:00pm – 8:00pm**

Closing times may be earlier than normal depending on the Nos at the club

The Bar will not be open Saturdays if the Club is booked for a Club Function, or Private Hall Hire

All Membership Fees are Due as from the 1st January every year. Fees for Membership renewals are: -

Ex- Naval Members \$25.00: Associate Members \$20.00: Club Members \$20.00:

A Joining Fees of \$5-00 applies to all New Members

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Well here we are at last, another year has gone by & we're already into the 2nd month of this year. To wind up from last year we had a major setback in December with the large 3 Door Glass Front Fridge in the Bar tossing in the towel (so to speak) with its compressor seizing up. The Refrigeration people were called in, & got it going but at a considerable cost, & then to crown it all once going it was discovered that another problem existed which needed to be corrected, otherwise it would have caused more problems again, so after that was fixed we finally got everything back up & running. To make matters worse at the end of January this year our New Beer Temprite (2years old) decided it too was going to play up & as a consequence leaving us with no Keg Beer for a full weekend. Thankfully we have now had that fixed. Major plant equipment failures are something no one can predict but we have to strategically plan ahead for financially, & that is why we must always make sure that whatever we do we are not running a function at a loss for it only serves to drain the bank accounts & make it even more difficult to plan ahead financially.

The New Years Eve function run by the RAFA did not receive the same support as in previous years, so it is on for maybe the last time on NYE 2010/2011, & if the support continues to decline then that will be the end. It is a sad state of affairs when functions get cancelled because of a lack of attendance, & it has come very close with some of our own functions run by the Navy Club. Members should bear in mind, that functions will only go ahead if they continue to receive good support, & that means not leaving it to the last minute to decide if you are going to attend. Thankfully I think the message is slowly getting out to some members who are beginning to get there bookings in early, but there is more commitment needed from all members. Included with this Newsletter is a **2010 Calendar of Events** that have been planned for the full year. It has been laminated to keep it clean. Put it up on your fridge with a magnet or pin it up somewhere where you can always see it.

There is one change to make to a date there on. **Delete the Friday Meal scheduled for 2nd April.** As it is Good Friday & the Liquor Licence commission deems that day as being one which we cannot open, please delete that date from your calendar. The Kitchen staff will have themselves a well earned holiday on that day.

So looking at that calendar the very next function will be our **Annual Captain Waller Lunch**, on Saturday 27th Feb. **Tickets are already available at the Bar at a cost of \$15-00** per person. This will commence at Mid-day with Sherries & Nibbles as you arrive, until 12:30pm when Lunch will then commence. Lunch is a 3 course meal. **Bookings will close for this function on Sunday 21st Feb.** That means you need to have paid for your Ticket by that date. This is a requirement for all functions to allow for catering requirements & once that date is gone there will be absolutely no more bookings taken, so don't allow yourself to be disappointed with a refusal of a booking because you have left it too late.

THE SICK LIST

Recently we learnt that another Member Stan Poston has moved from his accommodation at Dunbar Homes in Elizabeth South to Narooma Care facility in Craigmore for Respite Care with a view to becoming a permanent resident there.

LEST WE FORGET

It is with much regret that I report the passing of one of our Ex Naval Members. Les Watson. Les only joined us last year, & since having become a member has undergone heart problems with surgery having been planned for 12th Feb 2010, but sadly was not meant to meet with that date as he passed away on Jan 28th at the Royal Adelaide Hospital, while there for tests leading towards his coming Bypass surgery. Along with one other member who introduced Les to our club (Alec James) I attended his funeral service & provided the Naval Tribute to his Funeral Service on behalf of the Navy Club & the Association in general. I know from speaking with Les's wife Janet that Les was looking forward to coming to the club once passed all his surgery, but sadly was not meant to be. As with all partners of Deceased Members this newsletter will continue to be sent to Les's Wife Janet, if for nothing else just to let you know that because Les has passed, Life does go on, & you are not forgotten about. We hope that as time goes by you will be able to come to the club yourself & enjoy what Les had intended to be a part of.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS: -

THE RAFA WILL HOLD THERE AGM ON SUNDAY 7TH MARCH COMMENCING AT 1400 (2:00PM)
THE NAVY CLUB AGM WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY 14TH MARCH COMMENCING AT MID-DAY.
These meetings are the single most important meeting of the year at any club. The attendance last year was absolutely appalling especially by the Full Members, (those who have full voting rights), & this applies to both Navy Club & RAFA Club.

Nominations for Office Positions are Now Open & forms can be collected from the Club on the Noticeboard

These 2 clubs are required to maintain separate committees & there is a set minimum No of committee members required. If you care about your Club then be sure you mark these dates in your calendar for attending & give serious consideration about becoming a committee member. This much I can tell you, We will not survive if the committee does not get an injection of new members. The Navy Club especially last year was at times unable to conduct proper meetings because of a lack of a quorum of Nos attending. If 1(one) Committee Member is away or sick we do not have enough to make up the minimum No to conduct a meeting. Many say I am too old or I couldn't do that. Well Age is no excuse, except to be used by those who think of themselves as too old for anything. As for not knowing how to do something, you can learn, the same as I have, & those who have served before me. Unless you consider yourself as useless, then consider yourself for a position on your clubs committee.

We desperately require your commitment.

GARAGE SALES: -

We have planned 3 for this year, with the 1st one being set for the 27th of March. Anyone with anything to donate please wait until after the end of February before you bring anything in. Please also keep in mind that it must be in working order, any clothing should be clean & without tears/stains. The basic rule to apply is if you would not buy it because of it's condition or age or whatever, then don't bring it in, but dispose of it yourself. We do still have quite an amount of gear left over from last year, & some of that will have to be disposed of if it does not sell this time around.

ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE: -

This year Anzac Day falls on a Sunday, & the Dawn Service will be held as normal at the regular time of 6-00am. The Cadets from TS Stuart have been invited to attend in their usual capacity of proving the Honour Guard & their Parents Committee in providing the Dawn Service Breakfast.

FRIDAY MEALS ON THE 1st & 3rd FIDAY EACH MONTH

Our Friday Meals have already begun with the first being on 5th Feb & the next on 19th Feb. As a reminder to all attending, Meal Orders are taken from 5-15pm to 6-15pm. By taking orders from 5-15 it is possible to get the first orders out by 5-30pm. If you are attending please be sure you are in the clubrooms & have your order placed by 6-15pm & not arriving & still parking your car at that time. If you arrive inside the clubrooms after 6-15 to place your order, (by the club clocks not yours) you may well find yourself being refused. There is a time limit & continually pushing the boundary of this time will no longer be tolerated. In fairness to those who are slaving in the Kitchen on a purely voluntary basis to provide this worthy service, meal orders will not be taken after 6-15pm by the club clocks. The setting of this time limit is so the kitchen staff can concentrate on getting all orders

processed within a reasonable time frame, & begin the arduous task of cleaning up. Consider those who are providing this service.

In keeping with our past policy we will endeavour to keep the cost of these meals as low as possible & the one thing which really helps with this is the Meat Tray & Meal Voucher Raffle. John Kroon has over the past couple of years done an excellent job of selling these tickets. Thanks John for your continued support in selling the tickets. The Income from this raffle helps to offset the cost of the food & other requisites required. Thank you all for continuing to support this raffle. For a change all the prizes at the last meal were won by kitchen staff members, as for the meal vouchers a lucky member of their family will no doubt benefit from that.

Here are a couple of articles which have some real truth & meaning. Their origins I have no idea as the original author chose to remain unknown, very typical of most things with some truth about them, & of those who don't want to be criticized for speaking the truth.

Are You an Active Member

Are you an active Member!
The kind that would be missed.
Or just content
That your name is on the list?

Do you attend club functions
And Mingle with the crowd
Or would you rather stay at home
And complain long and loud

Do you Give a little time
And make things click
Or leave the work to just a few and
Whinge about the clique!

So think about it members
Are you right or wrong?
Are you an active member
Or do you just belong???

How to Ruin almost any Club

1. Don't attend Meetings; but if you do , arrive late.
2. Be sure to sit at the back, so you can talk to others.
3. Never say anything at the meeting, wait till your outside.
4. When at the meeting, vote to do everything, then go home & do nothing.
5. Be sure to leave before the meeting is over.
6. The next day find fault with the committee & members.
7. Never ask anyone to join the club.
8. Every chance you get, threaten to resign, & try to get others to as well.
9. If asked to help, say you're too busy & haven't time.
10. Never accept the Executive positions; It's easier to criticise than being involved in doing things.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Do you have some spare time, Do you like to participate, Assist in providing a service, If so, contact Jan on 8252 1351. Jan is always on the lookout for people who want to help, & aren't afraid to have a go at almost anything. These ladies organize not only the galley Friday meals but also the garage Sales which provides some very valuable funding that goes to put on the kids xmas party, & each year there is always money left over to help bolster the general funds.

Volunteers make up a small percentage of people who provide some kind of service. Without Volunteers the cost of almost everything in life would very near double. Volunteers are a necessary part of any organization, be it in the Galley or on the Monday Morning work party. Speaking of the latter there is a very small band who meet almost every Monday morning between 9am & mid-day & take care of routine maintenance repairs & general handyman work around the club, ranging from painting to clearing of weeds or removal of graffiti, almost anything that needs a handymans touch. If you would like to assist contact Keith. (8252 1351) There's always something to do. Become an active member. Show the world around us that there is pride in our clubrooms & help keep it clean & free of that most common item in today's society. Graffiti!! We are slowly winning the battle by removing this unsightly so called art of tagging a building, by getting it off as soon as is possible, before it becomes baked on by the sun & weather. While those around us are being tagged almost every day because they have given up, or just can't be bothered.

THE CLUB BAR: - now has a new bar staff member. Peter Routledge has taken over from John Colquhoun on Fridays & Saturdays. The club extends a thank you to John Colquhoun for his time as a member of the bar staff, & at the same time we welcome Peter to the team
 We have just undergone the 1st of 2 Price increases which happen each year & are imposed by the Brewery, & our Prices remain cheaper than going to the Pub for a Beer.
 We are as always asking the question of Members regarding our Bar Hours. Are they in line with the majority of members liking. Do you have any suggestions worthy of some consideration. If so place them in the box on the Bar.

NEW BAR TRADING HOURS. We also have now extended our Bar Trading hours to include Monday Evenings. This has come about with the inclusion of a new 8 Ball Team having joined us who play on Monday evenings. We welcome all the team as New Club Members. At present the extended trading hours are only when the team is playing a Home Game. I will promulgate a list of when those nights are & if you feel like going out for a beer or to have a social drink of what ever you drink you now have another night to consider. We look forward to your support at our Bar.

Monday Night 8 Ball

The following dates are the Monday Evenings the Club Bar will be open, should you wish to partake in an ale or 2, & support the Home Team who call themselves "On Cue"

Monday 15 & 22 March **Monday 12 & 26 April** **Monday 10 May**

The dates above are the only remaining Mondays for home games being played at our venue for the 1st 6 months & so these at this point in time **are the only Monday Evenings the Bar will be open.**

Navy Club Bowls Team: - The lack of members wanting or able to participate in this team sport has brought about the demise of that sport since the middle of last year. For those who were members of that team sport, it does not mean you have to stay away from the club. As Financial members you are always welcome. We would love to see you come back, it's a shame to see the bowls equipment sitting idle, We hope you might find some new players, lets hope so, but in the mean time consider a social night out at the club. Come along on a Friday Meal Night, or any other night of your choosing.

See you all at the Annual Lunch Sat 27th Feb

Don't forget the AGM dates

RAFA is 7th March @ 1400

Naval Club is 14th March @ Mid-day

Keith Fry - Editor