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## **Press Release**

### **Yarra Glen RSL Thanks Residents for Remembrance Day Support**

The Yarra Glen RSL would like to thank local residents and the Yarra Glen IGA and Yarra Valley Racing for their support at the Remembrance Day service and this year's poppy offerings. At the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month, citizens gathered at the Memorial Hall to pause to remember those citizen soldiers who gave their lives to maintain our freedoms. At the conclusion of the service, poppies were laid at the base of the newly restored Memorial. This year, the Yarra Glen RSL received donations of over \$1500 from Remembrance Poppy donations prior to the day. These donations are placed in a Welfare account that may only be used to assist veterans in need. Locally, these monies have been used to help Yarra Glen veterans defray expenses when they enter hospital for care. The RSL also uses these donations to assist in veteran's funerals or financial difficulties with accommodations, food, or direct loans or grants. Yarra Glen and District veterans with circumstances where we may be able to help, especially with the recent freeze and drought, should contact the Yarra Glen RSL Secretary, Ted Bowling, at 9730 1913.

Formed in 1919, the Yarra Glen Sub Branch of the RSL holds its regular meetings on the third Sunday of each month at 10 AM in the RSL rooms in the Memorial Hall. Members also normally meet on Friday afternoons for a social gathering. Our mission is to support the well-being and betterment of our members, former and serving members of the ADF, and their dependants, with the provision of welfare and commemorative services and, where appropriate, contribute to the worthy needs within the community. The Returned and Services League has some 1500 Sub-Branches through out Australia and with a membership of 240,000, is one of the largest service and ex-service associations in Australia. For membership information, stop by on a Friday or visit <http://www.rslvic.com.au/> on the web and see the membership pages.

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