

Leongatha RSL

Newsletter



Happy New Year to all members and guests. As we enter 2026, we have much to look forward to this year. Our children's play area should be up and running in the first quarter of the year. This will be in use as soon as our new access ramp at the front of the building has been completed. Unfortunately, we cannot do one without the other being completed in this instance. The Access ramp has been held up in red tape with RSL Victoria but following a visit from the RSL CEO recently we are hoping that we can get some movement on its completion.

July sees the first of our Kokoda Scholarship winners setting off on their trek which is very exciting for all of us. The continuation of a wide variety of entertainment for members is also being scheduled for the next 12 months. We recently had a get together to present staff with long service awards. A big congratulations to all those long serving staff on a job well done. The Club will be hosting a BlazeAid fundraiser in the wake of the recent fires to support the wonderful assistance given by this group to help the victims of fire. The event will be held as part of our Fab Friday Nights on February 13th. We will be offering a large variety of extra raffle items generously donated by local businesses and people, along with our regular members draw and joker poker, so book a table and support this very worthy cause. All profits from the raffles will go directly to BlazeAid. Follow our socials to keep updated with the prize list as it gets put together. Greg Nugent - General Manager

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MEMBER X'MAS PARTIES









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LEONGATHA RSL EST 1919

Trivia Night

FREE ENTRY

TriviaOz

Starts FEB 4TH

EVERY WEDNESDAY FOR 10 WEEKS
DOORS OPEN AT 6:00PM
TRIVIA FROM 6:30PM - 8:00PM

HOSTED BY 366'S DEAKSY

1ST, 2ND & 3RD PRIZES

If you wish to eat dinner whilst playing trivia please call us to book a table stating you are attending trivia - 56622747 - (if you are not eating, no need to book)

www.leongtha-rsl.com.au | www.triviaoz.com.au



THINK YOU'RE THE TRIVIA TITAN OF YOUR FRIEND GROUP?

Time to strut your stuff and prove it!

Rally your squad and march into a night packed with brain-busting battles and **QUIZZICAL FUN!**

STARTS FEB 4TH

Thursday MEMBERS NIGHT

Raffle Prizes From Local Businesses

HAPPY HOUR 6-7PM

DINNER BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Members Draw *between* **\$800-\$1000**



FAB FRIDAY

COMMUNITY RAFFLES

MEMBERS DRAW JACKPOT *between* **\$1000-\$5000** *increasing by \$100 every week it's not won*

MEAT TRAY RAFFLES **\$500**

JOKER POKER JACKPOT *between* **\$50-\$2550** *increasing by \$50 every week it's not won*

Support your local Community!

\$5 Schooners 5-8pm | Dinner Bookings Essential 56622747
Courtesy Bus available

MEMBERS NIGHTS

are back in full swing with **\$\$** and prizes to be won! Be sure to book a table on 56622747 or on our website on the **"BOOK A TABLE"** button!



S E R V I C E A W A R D S

Samantha Parker - 30 Years
Ricky McNaughton - 25 Years
Michelle Andrews - 25 Years
Margie Thomas - 15 Years
Wendy Wyhoon - 15 Years
Travis Strybosch - 15 Years
Lauren Wightman - 10 Years
Chloe Wylie - 10 Years
Andrea Koolen - 10 Years
Adam Lindsay - 5 Years
Kelsie Schelling - 5 Years
Nicole Macqueen - 5 Years
Stacey Williamson - 5 Years

In December our crew threw a Christmas bash, complete with a much-needed celebration for some service milestones that were long overdue! For those who missed the shenanigans, we made sure their service certificates and gift cards landed safely at the office. We even snapped some of our star team members proudly flaunting their awards!

Poppy Appeal \$13,280



We are thrilled to share that our Poppy Appeal in November generated an impressive total of \$13,280!!

We extend our gratitude to our amazing volunteers who generously dedicated their time once again to sell poppies at IGA and ALDI in Leongatha. A special shout-out goes to the fantastic students from Leongatha Secondary College, who respectfully walked the streets, seeking donations and encouraging locals to purchase Poppy memorabilia. The funds raised will directly support our Veteran Community and their families through our Welfare Program.

BlazeAid

BOOK NOW!

Leongatha RSL presents

FAB FRIDAY

supporting



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February 13th

UP FOR GRABS

- ✓ Joker poker cash
- ✓ Members draw

+ EXTRA RAFFLES

with prizes donated by generous local businesses & people

Prizes will be advertised in the lead up. We guarantee there will be lots up for grabs that you don't want to miss!

Join us for a spectacular event to raise essential funds for rural Australians affected by the bushfires!

All profits raised will go directly to **BlazeAid**

To find out more about the fabulous work BlazeAid do head to blazeaid.com.au

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

56622747 or leongatha-rsl.com.au





TREE OF HOPE

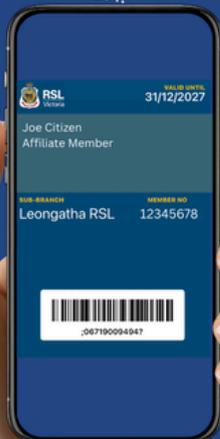
Together with the Leongatha Salvation Army we extend our gratitude to our community for your donations to our Tree of Hope. Your contributions have truly made a difference, and will bring joy to those in need during this festive season. Each gift symbolizes kindness and ensures that every family can celebrate with warmth and happiness. We are immensely proud of what we've achieved together and look forward to continuing this tradition of giving and compassion. Thank you for being the most vital part of this community initiative.

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FRIDAY & SATURDAY

\$5
SCHOONERS

*Beer only - members price

5-8PM



Leongatha RSL KOKODA

TREK SCHOLARSHIP

On ANZAC DAY 2025 we announced that the Committee had endorsed the creation of a Kokoda Scholarship aimed at sending two students on the experience of a lifetime following the steps of those brave veterans who fought on the track.

The objectives of the Trek are:

- To foster leadership, teamwork and personal growth amongst the students.
- To connect today's youth with Australian history and the values of courage, endurance, mate-ship and sacrifice.
- To provide opportunities for students that may be financially or socially disadvantaged.
- To strengthen community ties between business, education and community.

After an extensive recruiting process that included information nights, a 600 word essay on what Kokoda means to Australia and an interview with an independent interview panel, the following students were selected to participate in the scholarship:

Rose Bowler - Mary Mackillop Catholic Regional College
Bede Challis - Leongatha Secondary College

Congratulations to Rose and Bede.

We will update everyone with further information soon.



SPREAD THE WORD!

We are currently working on a Kids playroom. This has been a much needed addition to our venue for many years and we are excited to be bringing it to you in 2026! Stay tuned for opening details...

FAB FRIDAY

COMMUNITY RAFFLES

Want your club to **HOST?**

Email Kate - kate.gourlay@leongatha-rsl.com.au

FAB FRIDAY
supporting Korumburra Croquet Club

Gather family and friends, reserve a table for a meal and drinks, and purchase raffle tickets for a chance to win prizes, all while supporting a great local club in fundraising for essential equipment!

Jan 30th ♀ **Leongatha RSL**

- \$500 worth of meat
- Joker poker cash
- Members Draw cash
- \$5 schooners - members price

BOOK NOW
CALL US 56622747

FAB FRIDAY
supporting **BERRY'S CREEK HALL**

FEB 6th

- \$500 worth of meat
- Joker poker cash
- Members Draw cash
- \$5 schooners - members price

Gather family and friends, reserve a table for a meal and drinks, and purchase raffle tickets for a chance to win prizes, all while supporting the Berry's Creek Hall in fundraising for essentials.

Bookings essential on 56622747 or at www.leongatha-rsl.com.au

HAVE YOU BOOKED YOUR CLUBS SPOT FOR 2026?

GET IN TOUCH NOW

WHAT'S THE BEST

way to keep up to date?

FOLLOW US ON OUR SOCIALS



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www.instagram.com/leongatha.rsl

BINGO NIGHT

TUESDAY NIGHTS

TICKET SALES 6:30PM | **EYES DOWN 7:30PM**

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New Book a table drink menu

FUN FACT

Once you follow us on Instagram you can book a table directly by clicking the button!



Staff Profile

Margie Thomas

Margie has been an integral part of the team at the Leongatha RSL for over 15 years. She moved to Australia in 1997.



Craving a bite from our menu? 🍷

Wedges with sweet chilli and sour cream.

Thirst quenching favourite? 🍷

A nice cold glass of Moscato

Best part of working at the RSL?

The friendships that she has made with staff and customers over the years.

Margie's down time ? 😴

Eating nice food, having Nana naps, planning holidays, playing cookie jam on her phone.

How do the RSL crew see Margie?

Funny, kind, short (in height), well presented, gullible, a good cook, entertaining 😊

The not so great parts of working at the RSL?

Putting up with Ricky and Travis picking on her all the time! (they call it banter.....)

A fun nugget about Margie...

Margie has a second job in the catering department at the Leongatha Hospital and is also famous for her crispy fried chicken wings that Travis and Ricky devour (and that she doesn't make often enough....hint hint).

TRIVIA PRACTISE QUESTIONS

1. What is the name for the plastic or metal tube found on the ends of shoelaces?
2. What is the only planet in our solar system to rotate clockwise on its axis?
3. What is James Bond's code name?
4. What do you call a group of flamingos?
5. Which country is the largest in the world?
6. What is the only food that can never go bad?
7. What is an eight-sided shape called?
8. Which three zodiac signs are water signs?
9. The first iPhone was released in what year?
10. What name is singer-actor Stefani Germanotta better known by?

Answers:

1. An aglet 2. Venus 3. 007 4. A flamboyance
5. Russia 6. Honey 7. Octagon 8. Cancer, pisces
and scorio 9. 2007 10. Lady Gaga

VALE

It is with deep sadness that we report the passing* of the following members:

Affiliate - Jeanette King
Affiliate - Helen Pryor
Affiliate - Beverley Thompson
Affiliate - Bruce McLaren
Affiliate - Kathleen Brickle
Affiliate - Margaret Smith
Affiliate - Susan Nolan

Social - Colin McKenzie - McHarg
Social - Allan Edney
Social - Rosemary Heide
Social - Bodo Fiek
Social - Beverley Bowker

*passed since November 26th, 2025 and the printing of this newsletter.