

Tawonga and District Community Association Inc.

Spring 2019 Newsletter



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Committee meets **6.00pm**
first Friday of February,
May, August and November
at the Tawonga Fire Station

www.tawonga.vic.au

The Tawonga and District Community Association continues to represent the community in promoting a safer, purposeful and representative community infrastructure.

The committee extend their appreciation and thanks to the committee members and the wider community for their time and continued support.

We take this opportunity to thank Barb Talbot for her contributions as our previous Treasurer and welcome Meryn Deans to the role. We also welcome Trish Ryder to the role of Vice President.

Sue Ryder, Secretary and Project Officer continues to be instrumental in identifying opportunities that will benefit Tawonga and the Upper Kiewa Valley.

The completed shelter project formed part of the future vision for Pioneer Park and has been a welcomed and well utilised facility.

The current project which was a recommended installation as a result of community consultation is the construction of a **War Memorial and Reflections seat area** in Pioneer Park honouring the men and women who left Tawonga and district to serve their country.

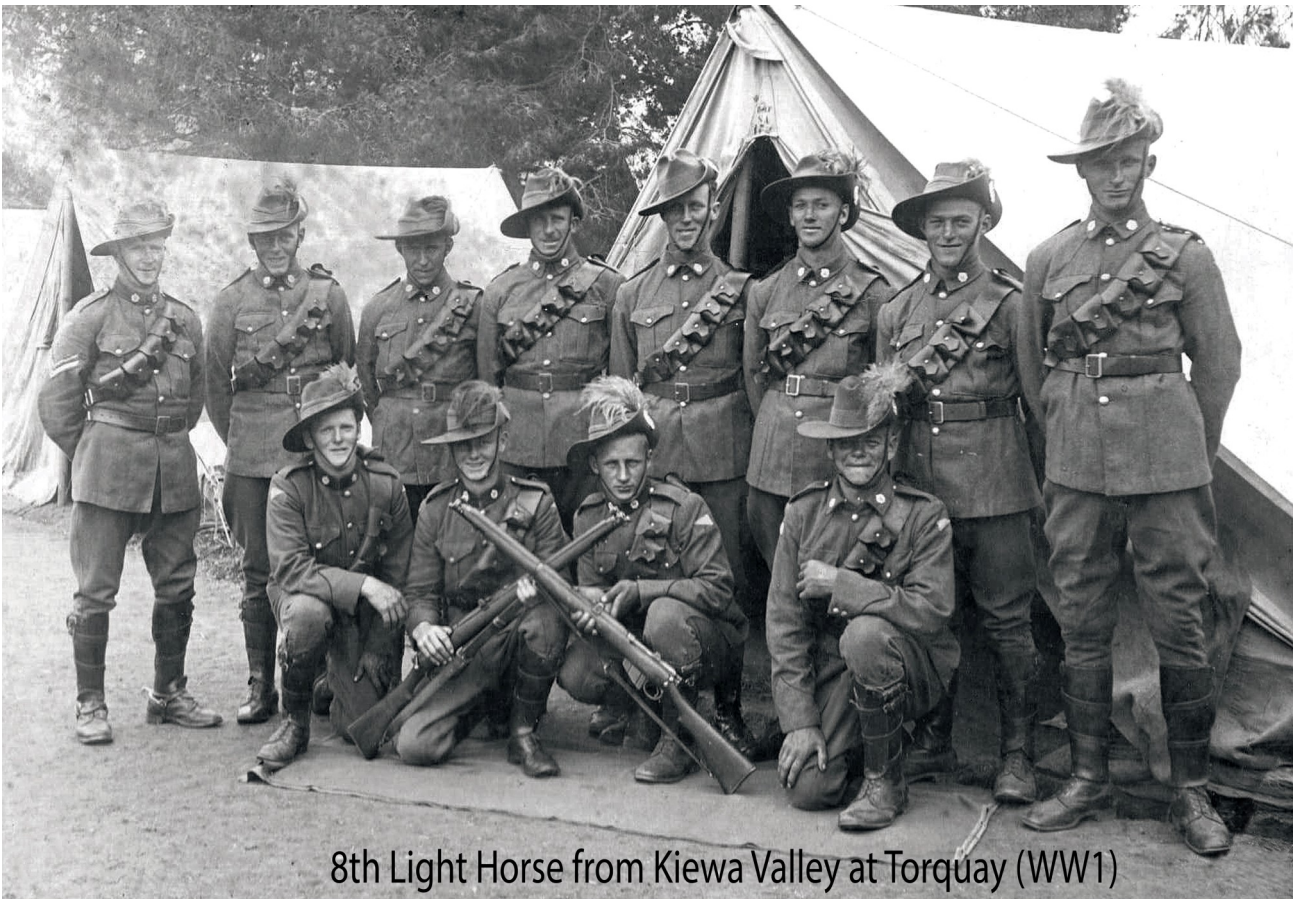
The TDCA are grateful for the support received to fully fund this project from the Department of Premier and Cabinet – Victoria Remembers grant scheme, a Kiewa Mitta Murray Community Enterprises Limited community grant and funds granted by the Upper Kiewa Valley Lions Club.

The committee are also grateful for the services offered by Bruce Howie as Project Manager.

The official opening of the Tawonga Pioneer Park War Memorial will be held on the eve of Remembrance Day, Sunday 10th November at 7.30 pm. A BBQ tea will be available from 6.30pm. All welcome!



Construction as of 10 October 2019 by Brendan Mahoney and at the upper mid RHS the completed refection seat built by John Walton. Ben Svarc from Altitude Electrical has run power to the memorial and Michael Whipps from Whipps Design is finalising the steel memorial ball which will sit on the pedestal. Bruce Howie has been overseeing the Project.



8th Light Horse from Kiewa Valley at Torquay (WW1)

Tawonga Rural Fire Brigade

One thing to be sure is that the team at Tawonga RFB are always working on something new and exciting. For some time now, our brigade has been fundraising to prepare for the required changeover of one of our fire fighting vehicles. These vehicles are not cheap and many years of planning and working towards the final amount is required.

This year we are extremely proud to announce that we have not only secured the one new vehicle but have been able to purchase TWO!!

These vehicles have been in the planning stage for some time and we thank you for supporting us to purchase them either by buying a sausage at Bunnings, or a raffle ticket at either our weekly raffle at the Settlers Tavern or at the community Raffles at the West Peak Hotel.

All of these fundraising events have helped us achieve this goal, along with two very generous donations and a successful application of extra funding from a grant.

The first donation was graciously received from the Bright Op Shop who generously chose us to support in their funding round. These funds are raised through the sales made in their shop so please pop in and have a look around when you are next in Bright and thank them for their donation to our community.

The second very generous donation was granted from the estate of a lifelong resident of Tawonga, Mr. Charles (Des) Baker. We were very honoured when the Baker family chose us to support after the sad passing of Des and we take great pride in knowing that the vehicle purchased with these funds will assist us to maintain and care for the Valley that Des called home.

We would also like to take this opportunity to again thank the Tawonga and District Community Association for working closely with us and purchasing our old tanker 2. If you are not a member of this great local association yet, please pop into the Tawonga Store and learn more about how this purchase and other amazing things are happening in our town due to the driving force of the association!



Adam Ryder Captain with Ed and Nancy Cook, Des Baker's niece.



Tanker 2.

Tawonga Mount Beauty Bowls Club

This years Bowls season got under way on Sept.29th with an opening day attracting 32 members and family, who enjoyed a lovely bar-b-que lunch and bowls in the afternoon.

Tawonga Mt Beauty Bowls Club is going from strength to strength, with the most members we have seen for some time now. We were thrilled to welcome 8 new members this season, being Laurie and Sue Woods, Christian Cameron, Rob Vanderlinden, Annie McCall, Danny Shearer, Ben Charlton and Will Hood. Most of these new members have come to us via our very successful Twilight Social Bowls Evenings which run on a Thursday evening from January to May. Most evenings we had 18-24 players, enjoying the beautiful summer evenings on the Tawonga green, and making new friends and learning a new sport. It is encouraging to see quite a few go ahead and join the club, and this year start playing competitive bowls. If you would like to do likewise, be it socially or competitive, please feel free to turn up to Social Bowls on Thursdays, currently at 2-4, and then Twilight in January, around 6-8pm.

We have just acquired through a grant from Vic Health, 9 very colourful brand new sets of bowls to encourage locals to get out there and have a go at this fun game. We would love you to come and try these and see what fun bowling is.

The club was unlucky to miss out on bringing home the "Pennant Flag" for last season, going down narrowly in the Grand Finals in March to the very strong Corryong 1 side. Our Pennant Season for this year commences on October 12th with our first game against Yackandandah at home. We also play teams from Corryong (2 teams) Dederang, Kiewa, Wodonga, and Tallangatta. The Club also hosts tournaments each month throughout the season, with players coming from the entire Ovens and Murray region, as far as Yarrawonga, Corowa, Benalla, Wangaratta, Howlong, Albury, Rutherglen, Bright, Myrtleford and many more.

These days are generously sponsored by many kind local business's and families. These include, Bendigo Bank, Tawonga Caravan Park, Old Tawonga Store, Mull Family for Muriel Jobling Trophy, and Mary Cooper for the Graham Cooper Day. Without the generosity of these sponsors, our club would find it hard to keep going, so many thanks go out to these locals supporting us, just like they support many others I know. The "Over The Hill" Challenge Day against the Bright Bowling Club is held in late October. Friendly rivalry between our two local clubs, which is always played in excellent spirit with our good Bright friends.

As you can see, we are quite an active club and have one of the best greens in the entire region, thanks to the endless hours put into the green by Dave McDonough. We are most fortunate for this, and would love to show it off to our locals. So if you feel you would like to get out and have a go sometime at bowls, please feel free to chat with any one of our friendly members, I am sure you would know at least one of them?

For further information, phone Jill on 57541744, we would love to have your company.

Remember Bowls is for Everyone!!!! A great sport you can play from 8 - 88 without any problem. !!

Tawonga Red Cross



Our Big Bake Cake Stall will be held on Thursday 24th Oct from 9am outside the Pharmacy. Any contributions can be dropped off from 8.45am and would be very much appreciated. Tawonga Red Cross is now meeting on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 10.30 am at the Neighbourhood Centre. Next meeting November 6th. New members most Welcome.

Our Annual Christmas lunch is at The Rose Cafe at Neighbourhood Centre on Tuesday 3rd Dec meeting at 11.30am for a brief meeting before hand. "Save The Date " Red Cross Annual Luncheon to be held on Monday 16th March 2020. Serving Cold Meats Salads and Sweets

Obituaries

Our deepest condolences go out to the family and friends of Dennis Wykes and Brian Burke.



Congratulations and Welcome

The Svarc family continues its long association in the valley with the arrival of baby Max Martin. Congratulations to James and Laura (nee Svarc) Martin. Congratulations also to Gina and Richie on the birth of a beautiful grandson, Harrison. Everyone is looking forward to having Joel, Vanessa, Evie and Harrison back home at Mongan's Bridge.

Congratulations to Dale and Neave on the purchase of Mt. Beauty Auto Repairs – we wish them every success in their new business.

Congratulations to Emma Handley of Templar Lodge in Tawonga for making an entry into Delicious' top 100 restaurants.

Welcome back to the valley Courtney Sullivan. Wonderful to see you chose terrific Tawonga to setup home (Dot Herbert's house beside the store). All the best with your new venture, Mountain Creek Property Management.

Tawonga Memorial Hall

On 16th July 2019 the Alpine Shire provided the committee with a draft proposal of a Service Agreement which outlines the terms and conditions under which the Association would manage, maintain and operate the Tawonga Memorial Hall on behalf of Council. This is a discussion document only and any decision to proceed will depend upon acceptance of terms of the agreement and necessary consultation and execution process by Council and the Association.

The TDCA welcomes the expressions of interest to form a subcommittee to fulfil this role which currently consists of representatives from: Tawonga Primary School, Tawonga Fire Brigade, Tawonga Kindergarten, Tawonga Anglican Church and The Tawonga Branch of the Australian Red Cross.

Bill Best has kindly offered his services as Bookings Officer and Glen Woods as Caretaker. The TDCA welcome a representative from the Tawonga business community.

TAWONGA and DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

(Incorporated under the Associations Incorporation Act # A 0053005U)

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

I/We..... of

Residential Address.....

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Phone.....

Email.....

hereby apply to become a member of the Tawonga and District Community Association Inc. for the 2019 – 2020 financial year.

Membership Fee: Single \$5.00 Couple \$10 Business/Corporate \$15

Payment: Cash or Cheque – please place your payment in an envelope with your name and membership category clearly indicated and return to The Old Tawonga Store.

EFT Payment to TDCA: BSB: 063-722

Account Number: 1006 0869

Account Name: Tawonga & District Community Association Inc

Please remember to add your name as a reference

I / we agree to be bound by the rules of the Association for the time being in force.

SIGNATURE **DATE**