

PROSPECT RSL Sub-Branch

APRIL 2025 NEWSLETTER

President's Welcome

Welcome to the first Prospect RSL Sub-Branch Newsletter for 2025!

We're excited to launch our first newsletter of the year – a new way to keep our members and the wider City of Prospect community up to date with the latest news, events and activities at your local RSL Sub-Branch.

In December 2024, we held our Annual General Meeting, and I'm honoured to share that I have been re-elected as President of the Prospect RSL Sub-Branch. I look forward to continuing to serve our veteran community in the year ahead.

I am pleased to also announce the following 2025 committee appointments:

• Vice President and Treasurer: Darren Lines

• Secretary: Catherine Nairn

Bar Manager: Shane Morrissey

• Hall Hire Coordinator: Kristina Barnett

Property Managers: Shane Morrissey & Rob Murt

• Committee Member: Allison Lines

I'd also like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank our outgoing committee members: Jackie Matthews (Secretary) and Rene Kuzyk (Treasurer) for their dedication and service to the RSL. Their contributions have been invaluable in supporting our mission. A heartfelt thank you as well to our volunteers, whose ongoing efforts keep the Sub-Branch running smoothly throughout the year. Your time and commitment are deeply appreciated.

Looking Ahead: Supporting Our Veterans and Community in 2025

The core pillars of the RSL are **Advocacy**, **Welfare**, **Mateship**, **Commemoration** and **Sustainability** and in 2025, the Prospect RSL Sub-Branch is committed to strengthening our support for veterans and the broader City of Prospect community through a range of meaningful initiatives.

This year, we will:

- Continue to host our traditional ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day services at the Memorial Gardens and RSL Hall.
- Work towards establishing a local RSL Advocate to assist veterans with their DVA claims.
- Fundraise for the **RSL's Reach Out Program**, which provides essential support for veterans in need.
- Share important updates and information about RSL services and opportunities.
- Maintain a **welcoming and safe space** at the RSL Hall for veterans and members to meet, relax, socialise, and stay connected throughout the year.

In addition, the Prospect RSL Sub-Branch proudly represents our veteran community on the **Prospect Lifestyle Precinct Facilities User Group.** We are dedicated to ensuring the City of Prospect continues to have a strong RSL presence - preserving both our **Memorials** and access to a **suitable venue** that enables commemorative events and community gatherings to continue into the future.

For more information please visit: Prospect Lifestyle Precinct.

I look forward to welcoming you to the Prospect RSL Sub-Branch.

Mark Rinne - President



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Membership

Join the Returned & Services League of Australia & Prospect RSL Sub-Branch as a member for the 2025 calendar year. Membership categories include:

- Service Membership \$50
 Open to anyone who is/was a member of the Australian Defence Force with at least 1 day's service.
 Proof of military service is required with application Service Membership Form
- Australian Defence Force 12 Month Free Membership
 A free 12-month first-time membership to all Australian Defence Force serving Regular and Reserve personnel, who are not current or previous RSL members. <u>ADF 12-month Free Membership Form</u>
- Affiliate Membership \$50
 Membership for people who have not worked for the Australian Defence Force. Affiliates can be as a relative or if you are empathetic with the RSL objectives. Affiliate Membership Form

Membership provides you with a RSL card & badge, voting rights at our AGM, and discounted drink prices. Join up onsite or online. Payment can be made to: BankSA - *Account Name:* Prospect RSL Sub-Branch *BSB:* 105 037 *Account No:* 165 121 410. Please include your full name as a reference. All payments must be accompanied by a completed membership form which can be emailed to: prospect@rslsa.org.au.

Coming Up

Fri 25 Apr	ANZAC DAY	Memorial Gardens and RSL Memorial Hall.
Sun 4 May		Football (SANFL) Nth Adelaide vs West Adelaide.
Sun 11 May		Football (SANFL) Nth Adelaide vs Sturt.
Sat 31 May		Football (SANFL) Nth Adelaide vs WWT Eagles.

Please join the Prospect RSL Sub-Branch

Friday 25th April - ANZAC DAY Dawn Service

1 Menzies Crescent, Prospect SA 5082

From 5.45am for a 6.00am start

Memorial Gardens (opposite the Prospect RSL). Followed by a *free* breakfast in the RSL Memorial Hall. Donations graciously accepted.



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Support the ANZAC Appeal - Purchase a raffle ticket - win a signed Crows guernsey!

The Prospect RSL Sub-Branch is running a raffle to raise funds for the RSL's ANZAC Appeal. Don't miss your chance to win some great prizes.

- ★ 1st prize: a 2024 Adelaide Crows Guernsey autographed by: Reilly O'Brien, Sam Berry, Matt Crouch, Will Hammell, Oscar Ryan and others.
- **★ 2nd prize: a bottle of Glen Moray Scotch Whiskey**
- **★ 3rd prize: a Meguiar's complete car cleaning kit**

Tickets just \$2 each!

You can grab your tickets at: Thursday night social events, the ANZAC Day breakfast & during the first half of the SANFI. North Adelaide vs West Adelaide football match

Drawn on Sunday 4th May - Half Time of the SANFL North Adelaide vs West Adelaide League match. Winners will be contacted in the days following the draw.

Veteran Support: Advocacy Services – DVA Entitlement, Advice and Assistance

We're currently training one of our committee members to become an accredited RSL Advocate. In the meantime, if you're a veteran in need of assistance with your DVA entitlements, please contact the RSL SA Office on (08) 8100 7300. They can connect you with a qualified advocate.

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Veteran's Employment Program – Supporting Your Next Career Move

RSL SA is proud to offer a *Veterans' Employment Program*, a free service funded by an Australian Government grant. This program is designed to support veterans, their partners and immediate family members - as well as current serving ADF personnel – in finding rewarding employment opportunities. You don't need to be an RSL member to access this service.

For more information, contact RSL SA on (08) 8100 7318, email: veteransservices@rslsa.org.au, or visit www.rslsa.org.au/employment.

Hall Hire

The <u>Prospect RSL Memorial Hall</u> is available for bookings and offers competitive hire rates compared to other local venues. To enquire or make a booking, email: prospect@rslsa.org.au.

Sub-Branch Social Thursdays

Join us every Thursday evening from 6pm to 10pm for a relaxed social night.

The **Ode is conducted at 8pm** – All are welcome.

Free nibbles are provided after the service.

Fancy a game?

Join us on Thursday nights for some friendly competition! We've got **two pool tables** and **one snooker table** available for **social play** – perfect for a relaxed night out. Cost to play is currently only \$2 per night (for multiple games) but will increase to \$5 per night from the 1^{st of} July, to cover table maintenance.

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