

BIG PLANS AHEAD FOR THE YASS SOLDIERS CLUB

Renovations are on the way, with the entire Club experiencing a makeover.

There are a few stages before work begins, and then the renovations will be split up in different stages.

Stage one involves extending the dining room, adding a bar into the auditorium, and changing the lounge area.

General manager of the Club, Robert Packwood, says the problem areas have been identified and will be fixed in the refit.

"We're looking at a new air-condition and heating system, a new bar, new furniture, new ceiling, and making the Club look fresh and new," he said.

"The bistro will be bigger but with intimate, personal areas."

"It will open it up to having a little place where you can have dinner and not feel like you're crowded."

A café will be added into the lounge area, with a baby changing room close by for parents.

The auditorium will get a removable wall in the middle, and a bar spread across the two halves.

"This will mean we can have two functions going at the same time with a bar each," Robert said.

The foyer and reception area is just the beginning of the work to come.

Major changes have been the new reception desk, the new roof, and brand new glass doors.

Gone is the low hanging blue roof, bulky doors, and brick and wood walls.

The sleek new finish has opened up the foyer and is a small insight to how the upcoming renovations will bring a more sophisticated and modern feel to the rest of the Club.

"It's an exciting time for the Club."



ABOUT THE BOARD

The Board of Directors help to steer the Yass Soldiers Club. They set policies to assist the General Manager and the staff. The current Board is comprised of nine Members, all with different experiences prior to coming onto the Board.

Bill Nesbitt – President



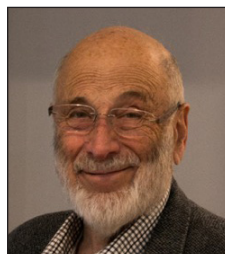
Bill Nesbitt is your Club President; Bill brings decades of business and corporate governance experience to the board here at the Yass Soldiers

Club. Prior to coming to Yass in 1975; for more than 14yrs, Bill was the manager of AGC Finance in Canberra, during this time he established the company as one of the major finance players in the ACT. Bill has an in-depth knowledge and understanding of company finance, he has highly proficient human resource skills, gained managing large teams of people. He also has an excellent understanding of all that goes into delivering exceptional customer service. From 1975 to 2006, he

was the General Motors Holden dealer in Yass.

Bill works tirelessly to ensure that the Club remains the valuable community facility it has always been. Bill has also served on numerous other Boards which include 32 years in Rotary, serving 3 times as President and 16 years on the Board of The Burrinjuck Trust.

Ronald Badger – Vice President



Ronald Badger is one of two Club Vice Presidents. He is a retired engineer with over 50 years experience. Over the course of his career, he has worked on many

major infrastructure projects located across Australia and for all three tiers of government. In the latter years of his career he opened his own, very successful engineering practice which he ran for many years. In more recent times Ron was a member of the Council of Engineers Australia and a former Chairman of the Australian College of Civil Engineers. In addition to his professional career, Ron

has served on many other Boards and committees which include Burrinjuck State Park Trust for 15yrs, Former Chairman of Yass Valley Aged Care, numerous positions with the Anglican Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn, a member of the NSW Ambulance Clinical Governance Committee, and a member of the Yass Hospital Community Consultation Committee. Ron has also been an active member of Yass Rotary, taking on the roles of President twice, treasurer twice and secretary twice, he also received the Paul Harris Fellow for his contributions.

Karreen Watt – Director



Karreen holds one of six Director positions on the Board. Karreen brings a wealth of management, corporate governance, human resource and WHS experience to the Board. Karreen managed large retirement villages with up to one hundred and twenty residents and fifty staff at a time for more than twenty years. Her most

recent role has been in the field of Aged Care Funding Policy in the Act where she has been for the last ten years. Karreen has also been a member of the Yass Aged Care Committee and she is a qualified Aged Care Quality Assessor. Karreen is also a keen squash player and currently the NSW master's squash champion in the sixty-five to sixty-nine age class.

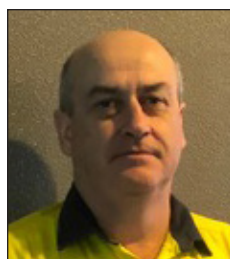
Andrew Douglas – Director



Andrew is a local entrepreneur, having owned and operated a pharmacy in Yass for many years. Andrew brings important business skills and experience to the Board from a

younger, family orientated perspective. Andrew has interesting ideas on how to incorporate a kid's room into the Club, to make the facility family friendly. He is enthusiastic about the growth and direction of the Club. Andrew says the amount of money the Club puts back into the community is amazing, and he feels Yass is lucky to have a community facility like the Club.

Michael McManus – Vice President



Michael holds the second Vice presidents position on the Board. Michael has been a Project Manager with Transgrid for more than

twenty years. Michael's knowledge covers most aspects of management, corporate governance and human resource policy and procedure. Michael has also been a councillor on the Yass Valley Council for more than twenty-four years, he is also a state councillor and Life Member of the Electrical Trade Union, he has

been a Justice of the Peace for over thirty years and has also been a member of various clubs and sporting associations and served on many of their committees over the years. Michael joined the Board many years ago when a call was put out for community minded people to work along side those with business experience to keep the Club viable. He thinks the Club is a significant asset for Yass, as it provides a place for entertainment. Community is important to Michael and being on the board has enabled him to be involved in the success of the Club, which benefits the Yass community.

Colin Medway - Director



Colin has owned his own business since he was 24, and brings his entrepreneurship and business skills to the board. His expert advice on property management is an

asset that adds to the talents of the board. He believes the Club is a great community asset, and is glad to play his part in the stewardship for the community and the Club members. Colin enjoys being involved and working with other people with the goal of sustaining a member owned place.

Greg Pryor – Director



Greg has had 40 years in banking, and brings his knowledge of finance and his passion for the town. He is very keen to see the Club continue to prosper. He

likes to see the town grow, and feels the Club is a big part of Yass. Greg likes how

coordinated the board is, and how open the group is. It's important to him to be involved with something that benefits the community, and he feels the Club does great things for the town. Greg looks forward to the exciting times coming up for the Club.

Ross Webster – Director



Ross worked for 41 years with TransGrid, had eight years as a shire councillor, and had numerous presidencies of local committees and organisations before joining

he board. He feels he brings an ordinary person's point of view toward the Club, such as what it should incorporate, and what people need. He likes serving with community representatives, improving the Club and the facilities. Ross is looking forward to the revamp, and says it is an exciting future for the Club.


Mark Valencic – Director



Mark has been an accountant for over 20 years and brings his finance experience to the board. Because of his financial

background, he has been able to keep a note on trends happening within the Club, which impacts on the Club's financial decisions. He believes that having people of different skills on the board working together ensures the Club is the best it can be for the members. Mark is pleased to see how the Club has progressed over the last five years. He believes it's heading in a good direction, and looks forward to the future developments.


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WELCOME TO OUR NEW ADMINISTRATION MANAGER

Emily Dyson is the newest member of staff, and is the new administration manager.

Before working at the Club, Emily lived in Newcastle, working at a hardware store doing administration for about three years.

Emily says the move from Newcastle to Yass was different, but she's really enjoyed it.

"It's been challenging, and it's the Club atmosphere is different, but I really like it," she said.

"The move has been good, and I like the small country town lifestyle."

FURTHER EDUCATION ALMOST COMPLETE FOR STAFF MEMBER

Staff member Alex Rose has almost completed his diploma of leadership and management with Barrington.

The six-month course gave Alex a better understanding of the back of house procedures and why the Club is run as it is.

Alex said he has enjoyed learning more and getting a bigger perspective on how other Clubs are running.

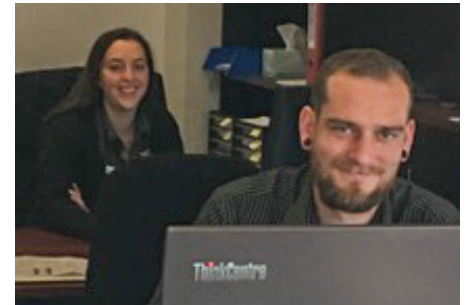
"It's motivating to hear how others are doing it," he said.

"I've been working behind the bar for so long, but doing this brings another

understanding of what goes where and why we are doing things."

By funding the course, the Club has helped further Alex's career.

"I'm getting a lot more energised, and I'm looking forward to the future."



Emily Dyson & Alex Rose

A promotional poster for the Yass Soldiers Club. The background is a wooden texture. At the top, it says 'YASS SOLDIERS CLUB MONDAYS' in white and yellow. Below that, 'STEAK AND SCHNITZEL NIGHT' in large, bold, black letters. A red circle with '\$14' is on the right. Text on the left lists 'All Desserts \$5 from 5.30pm -9pm' and 'Toppings: Parmigiana & Hawaiian \$3.00, Gravy, Mushroom, Dianne & pepper \$2.00, Garlic Prawn \$7.00'. A starburst on the right says 'HAPPY HOUR 5PM-6PM'. At the bottom, it says '\$4 Schooners 5-6pm'. The YSC logo is in the bottom left corner. Small text at the bottom reads: 'Meal deal drink vouchers are not to be used in conjunction with any other offer and must be used by the date shown on the voucher.'

TRIBUTE TO PHYLLIS KNOX

Phyllis Doreen Davis was born in Yass on April 22, 1929. Growing up in Wee Jasper and later in Goulburn, she was the youngest of 14 children. She married Yass taxi-driver Lloyd Knox in 1952 and they built their home in Brown St Yass, where their four children were raised, and Phyllis became the home-base operator for Yass Taxis.



After qualifying as a nurses aide Phyllis worked for many years at Yass Hospital. After Lloyd died in 1982 she had to undertake many new challenges, learning to drive and becoming a great local tennis player and social dancer. She was also an intrepid tourist, both throughout Australia and overseas.

But it's for her wide range of community support interests that Phyllis became best known in her later life. In addition to being an active member of the War Widows Guild and its President for many years, she also strongly

supported Legacy and the Yass Laurel Club members and their activities.

Her many friends in local community organisations remember Phyllis as a warm personality who was always friendly caring and supportive of everyone she came in contact with.

Phyllis Knox, who died on 3 May 2018, is greatly missed throughout the Yass district. As the Yass Tribune said on 18 May: "Her beautiful warmth and smile is held in many hearts."

CLUB SUPPORTS WEE JASPER SCHOOL THROUGH RECYCLING DONATIONS

Recently, the staff at the Club have been putting aside bottles and cans for the Wee Jasper School to recycle.

So far, just under \$800 worth of cans and bottles from the Club have been recycled by the students.

Parents and Citizens President, Bridget Cathles, said the money will go towards excursions for the kids, as being remote makes getting to places more difficult.

"We aim to give them more opportunities they might not otherwise get," she said.

"The school really appreciates the Club and the community donating their cans and bottles for us to recycle."



Wee Jasper students recycling bottles and cans.

YASS NETBALL PURCHASES NEW FRIDGE WITH SOLDIERS CLUB ASSISTANCE



(Left to right) Netballers Chelsea Shannon, Ella Widdows, and Charli Harrison in front of the new fridge

Recently, the Yass Soldiers Club donated money to the Yass Netball Association to buy a new fridge.

The fridge has two glass doors and a sign on top, with the Yass Netball Association (YNA) and Yass Soldiers Club logos.

Sue Jephcott, president of the YNA, said the sign on the fridge shows the community that the Club helped to fund the purchase.

"It shows the community that together we've been able to do this," she said.

"We really appreciate the assistance."

The fridge will be used to keep the canteen running.

The Yass Netball Association have their summer slam coming up as well.

It will run for eight weeks from the 18th of October to the 29th of November on Thursday

nights.

"It includes an adult/senior competition, and is great for people who want to play," Sue Jephcott said.

"There are mixed teams as well, so lots of people can get involved."

The summer slam is not about keeping track of scores and competing, it's about having fun and a great time with other netballers.

"If someone wanted to have a try, the summer slam is a great time for it."

To sign up for the summer slam, sign up as an individual or sign up a team, or to get involved with the Yass Netball association, their website, yassna.nsw.netball.com.au, or their Facebook would be the place to go.

YASS SOLDIERS CLUB

WEDNESDAY

CHICKEN SCHNITZEL

Parmigiana topping \$3
Hawaiian topping \$3
Garlic Prawn topping \$7



Includes \$5 Raffle Voucher

\$14

Served with your choice of garden salad or vegetables, chips, mash or steamed chats. (Not available during the day, night only)

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YASS RSL ANZAC DAY BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

While Two-Up is a staple of ANZAC Day, did you know that the money from Two-Up at the Yass Soldiers Club gets shared between the Yass RSL sub-branch and Yass-Boorowa Legacy?

The Soldiers Club had a few events on during ANZAC Day this year to help make it a great day.

After Dawn Service, the Club put on the free Gunfire Breakfast; with the gold coin donation going straight back to the RSL.

Lunch after the main service was subsidised for RSL members, cadets, the band, and a few other people involved in the service.

Once lunch was over, Two-Up started, and all the money was then divided between the Yass RSL sub-branch and Yass-Boorowa Legacy, both of which return the money into the community, helping with widows of service people and assisting the welfare of RSL people who are in need.

President of the RSL, Neil Turner, said the assistance of the Club is a substantial contribution.

"The Club gives us a store room upstairs, a free meeting place, and also provides subsidised food before our meetings," he said.

"They provide a tremendous amount of help, and we would be floundering without the Club."

Members of the RSL are people who have served in the military, and Affiliate members are people the RSL selects to join who have had no service, but gives assistance to the RSL.

To become a member, contact the Honorary Secretary of the Yass RSL sub-Branch, John Heggart on 0411 096 562.

SUPPORTING YASS AREA WIDOWS THROUGH LEGACY

Yass-Boorowa Legacy assists widows in the Yass area with some assistance from the Yass Soldiers Club.

This year, The Club donated \$490 to Legacy, continues to provide a free venue for their Christmas party and meetings, and provides subsidised lunches.

Chairman of the Yass-Boorowa Legacy, Robert Richardson, said the assistance the Soldiers Club provides goes directly towards the widows in Yass district, such as Murrumbateman, Boorowa, and Binalong.

"Everything we raise goes towards our widows," he said.

"We're a branch of the Canberra Legacy, and we don't need an office, we don't have any overheads, and we have virtually no expenses."

This year, Legacy gave widows living independently \$200 cheques for their winter electricity.

"We provide checks for those who don't refuse it – for those who need the assistance. That's where the Yass Soldiers Club donation has gone."

NEW MATTRESSES FOR YASS VALLEY AGED CARE

Yass Valley Aged Care was able to buy four new anti-pressure electric pump mattresses with the donation from the Yass Soldiers Club.

The Club agreed to help buy four of the mattresses, costing \$1,000 each.

CEO of Yass Valley Aged Care, Lyn Morgan, said the mattresses will help four people who would be at risk of pressure injuries.

"When someone has limited mobility and require assistance to move, they're at risk of pressure injuries, as they're stuck in one place," she said.

"The new mattresses will inflate and deflate in different areas so the user will have continuous movement, and they won't have to rely on assistance to avoid pressure injuries."

Without the Club's assistance, Lyn said it would have been difficult to buy the mattresses, as they didn't have government funding to cover the cost.

"We really appreciate the cost and how prompt the Club was to get onto it."



(Left to right) Legatee Jan Wilson OAM, Mrs Joyce Grieves, Mrs Olive Dowling, Mrs Barbara Burr and Legatee Rosalie Bush.

Legacy means something different for each widow, and for many, it's the companionship legatees provide.

"We have about 19 legatees in the Yass region for 80 widows."

"It's about five to six widows per legatee, so the widows in Boorowa will have legatees from Boorowa as well."

"The role of the Legatee is to keep in touch with their widows, whether it be visits, or telephone calls, depending on what suits the widow and what they want."

"Anyone can be a legatee," Robert said.

"While many of our legatees are ex-military, not all of them are."

"Ordinary members of the community with an interest in helping people who fought in wars are appreciated."

Legacy week is in the first week of September, and Robert said they are very happy for anyone to lend a hand.

"If someone wanted to get involved as either a Legatee or to assist in Legacy week, they can talk to a legatee, to myself, or get in contact with Legacy House Canberra, and they can put them in touch with us," he said.

YASS SOLDIERS CLUB
WEDNESDAY NIGHT
TICKETS ARE ON SALE FROM 6PM

MEAT

RAFFLE

DRAWN AT 7PM
25 Meat Trays

BEYOND BITUMEN RAISES FUNDS FOR BEYOND BLUE

The Yass Soldiers Club sponsored Wayne Dawe to participate in the 2017 Beyond Bitumen Rally for Beyond Blue.

The Beyond Bitumen Rally attracted 80 cars, and about 200 people raised just over \$300,000 for Beyond Blue.

Wayne Dawe is the co-owner of a 1970s HG Holden station wagon that was used for this years Beyond Bitumen.

A lot of work as been put into it getting the car ready for events like the Beyond Bitumen rally.

He said the event is a lot of fun to participate in.

"It's a lot of dirt roads over a set course," he said.

"It's not a race, more of a tag along event, with all the funds raised going to Beyond Blue."

"The sponsorship by the Club is greatly appreciated, and will help people who use the Beyond Blue services," he said.

Next year's rally will start in Yass on the 29th of March next year.

"The event is getting bigger and bigger, which is great," Wayne said.



ROTARY MEN'S HEALTH BBQ A SUCCESS



In February, Rotary held the men's health barbeque to raise funds and awareness about prostate cancer.

The event was extremely successful, with over 90 people attending.

Rotary President, Peter Gibbs, said people were very impressed with the information they received.

"Our guest speaker, Doctor Hodo Haximolla, was very informative, and attendees felt comfortable to get information," he said.

"It would not have been a success without the generous donation of the Club – holding the event and providing food for free."

Rotary is the worlds biggest not for profit organisation, and the Yass branch does many things locally.

Peter encourages those interested in joining to come along to their meetings at the Club on Tuesday nights at 6pm for a 6:30pm start.


Top: Dr Hodo Haximolla speaking at the night.

Right: Sam Bucknel cooks for the event.



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YASS FISHING CLUB PROSPERS WITH CLUB SUPPORT

As the Yass Fishing Club is a sub-body of the Yass Soldiers Club, the Club provides help with the presentation night, is a major sponsor, and supports the Fishing Club as needed.

The Fishing Club has been running since 1963, and continues to be a family oriented club.

Di Scarlett, secretary of the Yass Fishing Club, says they like to encourage family to participate.

"Our barbeque weekends and

open weekends are family friendly, so kids can come along," she said.

"It means there's room for growth, and the whole family can have a great time."

At the presentation night, the money raised at the art auction was donated to local organisations, or to those in need.

To join, the Fishing Club hold their monthly meetings at the Yass Soldiers Club on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm.



(Left to right) Robert Pollack, President Jamie Bush, the late Ted Mc Reynolds and John Bruce. Presenting Ted with a thank you gift for using his property for the Carp Comp 2015

YASS ANTIQUE MOTOR CLUB BEGIN PREPARATIONS FOR CLASSIC YASS

One of the biggest events on the Yass calendar is the Classic Yass weekend, which is run by the Yass Antique Motor Club.

The Yass Soldiers Club has provided assistance of \$1,000 and the use of the auditorium for the night at no cost.

The President of the Yass Antique Motor Club, Keiran Laurent, says the assistance in the weekend is greatly appreciated.

"It costs a lot to stage the event, about \$15-17,000 a year," he said.

"We also have about 60-100 volunteers for Classic Yass, and we're always looking for more people to help out, whether on the ground or with the billy kart derby."

Last year, over 10,000 people came to the event on Saturday.

Over 250 classic cars were on

display at Banjo Pattison park, and the riverside park.

"We're looking forward to this year, it should be another great weekend."

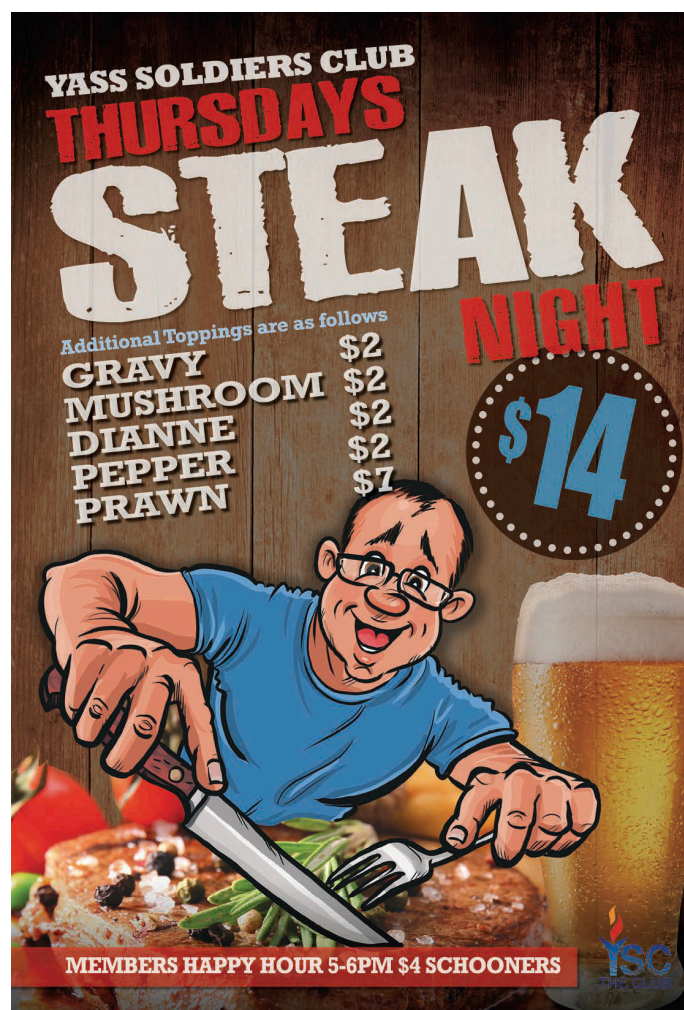
"All the profits made go towards local charities like CanAssist."

The Yass Antique Motor Club meets monthly, and also holds monthly outings.

About 70% of the members are retirees, but there are also many younger members as well.

"Anyone with a passion for old or classic cars can join," Keiran said.

Give Keiran a call on 0400 179 685 to get more information on joining the Yass Antique Motor Club, or to put your hand up to assist with the next Classic Yass weekend in November.



SQUASH CLUB

The squash club is back up and running! There are two squash courts located in the club. Courts can be booked by ringing the club or at reception.

Free group squash coaching sessions have commenced on a Sunday afternoon. The coaching will be available on Sundays during school terms (will break over the school holidays). 2-3pm for Juniors (5 – 15 years) and 3-4pm for Seniors (16 years plus). All standards including beginners welcome. If you wish to

attend just show up! No need to book in. Equipment (racquets, balls and eyewear) provided if needed. Please wear non-marking sports shoes. Coaching provided by qualified squash coach Lisa Matthews.

Squash competitions for both junior and senior players will kick off in September on a Wednesday afternoon (for Juniors) and Wednesday evening (for Seniors). Junior comp will start at 5pm and Senior comp at 7pm. If you are interested in playing comp

please email yasssquash@gmail.com to register your interest. Comp will be run during school terms and will break for the school holidays.

High School Squash - We also have a selection of students

from Yass High School playing squash at the club on a Wednesday afternoon as part of their school sports program.

Please contact yasssquash@gmail.com if you would like any further info on the squash club.



Yass Squash Club, junior Coaching. Left to right: Lewis Matthews, Trae Douven, Kaylee Douven, Ella Matthews



SOLDIERS CLUB KEEPS YASS MAGPIES RUNNING

The Club has continued the sponsorship of the Yass Magpies, to assist with keeping the football club up and running.

The sponsorship goes towards covering the price of jerseys, medical, insurance, and registration for the players.

Yass Magpies secretary, Ian Gorman, said the Yass Magpies don't charge the players to play.

"Many clubs charge their players, but we're fortunate enough with the sponsorship that we can get them out playing without any charges," he said.

"We've been doing this for as long as I know. Even as insurance, registration, and equipment go up, we don't charge our players."

"We do this because it's difficult to get the players to commit

when there is a charge."

The under 19's team is compiled of 16 to 19 year olds, and many of them are studying or have apprenticeships.

Having a free sport for them to play is beneficial, as it's not a financial problem for them.

"There are a lot of sports in Yass, and having a free club means we can attract more players, and we that's why we're one of the strongest regional rugby league clubs."

"We're always looking for people to join and get involved, whether as a player, or on the committee. Come along to training on Tuesday or Thursday night at Walker Park at 6:15pm and speak to someone, and we can get the ball rolling."

YASS SOLDIERS CLUB

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Thursday	5.00pm	6.00pm	7.00pm	8.30pm	9.30pm	10.30pm	Closed	
Friday	5.00pm	6.00pm	7.00pm	8.30pm	9.30pm	10.30pm	11.30pm	12.00am
Saturday	5.00pm	6.00pm	7.00pm	8.30pm	9.30pm	10.30pm	11.30pm	12.00am

PICKUPS OUTSIDE YASS AREA ARE SUBJECT TO MINIMUM NUMBERS