



THE SUB BRANCH SIGNAL

DOING BUSINESS WITH RSL
8.30 AM — 4.30 PM

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Membership

Monday to Thursday
Membership Enquiries
Sub - Branch Enquiries
Email: membership@rslwahq.org.au
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Welfare

Monday to Friday
Welfare Applications
Emergency Housing
Food & Lodging Grants
ASS&AR Trust Fund Applications.
Overseas Pensions
Email: welfare@rslwahq.org.au
Tel: 9287 3707

Advocacy

Monday to Friday
S31 Reviews
Veteran Review Board,
Admin Appeals Tribunal
Email: advocate@rslwahq.org.au
Tel: 9287 3708

Finance

Monday to Friday
All Account Enquiries
Sub - Branch Credits
Sub - Branch Insurance
Information, Claims
Grant Application Assistance
DVA & Lotterywest (ABN, tax)
Email: helenb@rslwahq.org.au
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Pensions

Monday to Friday
Pension Entitlements
Claims Preparation
Email: pensions1@rslwahq.org.au
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Tel: 9287 3710 or 9287 3711

ANZAC Club

Monday to Friday
Facilities Bookings
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Email: anzacclub@rslwahq.org.au
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Listening Post

Monday to Friday
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From the Presidents Pen...

RSL Priorities for Government to address Veterans' Affairs Issues

At the recently held National Congress, delegates resolved to issue a list of priorities to government for consideration in the forthcoming budget allocations. While 7 items have been listed in priority order there are other issues that need to be addressed, and these will appear in full in the coming edition of *The Listening Post*. In the past we have found that there has been due consideration of our listed items and this approach appears to have some input on how issues are addressed.

Nonetheless all listed items are continually placed before government for funding considerations, however limited funding results in only our priority listed items receiving attention.

Item 1: Indexation

That the indexation of all components of Military Superannuation under DFRDB and MSBS schemes be calculated by an indexation regime matching cost of living increases.

Item 2: BEST Funding

That the Government immediately reinstate funding for BEST Round 15 to the Round 12 appropriation.

Item 3: Mental Health Disorders and Rehabilitation

That the Government continues to enhance a national mental health rehabilitation scheme for veterans suffering with chronic mental health problems based on individual case assessment and management programs.

Item 4: Residential Care—Younger Veterans

That the Government develop a system to ensure access to appropriate accommodation for disabled Veterans (physically and psychologically disabled) requiring 24 hours supported living.

Item 5: Veterans' Aged Care

That the Department of Veterans' Affairs ensures and monitors that the Special Needs status of Veterans is recognised consistently by the relevant States' Care Planning Advisory Committees during the annual advertising and allocation of new aged care places and packages.

Item 6: Home Respite Home Care

That the Department of Veterans' Affairs increases the allocated hours of in-home respite care and provide a more flexible approach to granting of overnight respite as the present arrangements do not permit the Carer to have sufficient time away from the Veteran to be beneficial to the Carer's wellbeing.

Item 7: Veterans' Disability Pension Rates

That all rates for Veterans' Disability Pensions be adjusted by the same increment that was granted at the time for the Single Rate of Service Pension in the 2009 Budget which was by 2.7% increase of MTAW (Male Total Average Weekly Earnings).

For further information, please go to the RSL National Website www.rsl.org.au.



Remembrance Day Luncheon

Friday, 9 November 2012
12.30 pm

Menu

Traditional Roast Beef & Yorkshire Pudding
served with seasonal vegetables

Sticky Date Pudding with Butterscotch Sauce

Tea / Coffee & After Dinner Mints



Dress: Smart Casual, Miniature Medals

Gallipoli Room, ANZAC House
28 St Georges Terrace, Perth

RSVP to Caitlin by Friday, 19 October 2012
9287 3701 or rslvahq@iinet.net.au

Cost - \$45.00

Only 120 places available – tickets issued on a first come basis



AVCAT Scholarships and Bursaries

The Australian Veterans' Children Assistance Trust (AVCAT) is a national independent charity helping the children and grandchildren of ex-service men and women to a better future through higher education. Through the help of generous donors, AVCAT administers scholarships for the children of those who have served our country in peace and war in the Australian Army, Navy and Air Force. Scholarship selection is on a need and merit basis.

Recipients come from all over Australia and study an enormous variety of courses. Over the years AVCAT has had doctors, psychiatrists and engineers, teachers, scientists, meteorologists, ballet dancers, circus performers, creative writers, film makers – the list goes on. Students attend universities, TAFE colleges and other approved tertiary institutions around Australia. The Australian Veterans' Children Assistance Trust is an independent organization sponsored by the principal Australian ex-service associations. It was established in 2003 by the former Vietnam Veterans Trust, as a lasting legacy from Australia's use of the Agent Orange Funds.

Applications are now open and close on 31 October 2012. All applications should be received by this date. For more information you can visit the website: www.avcat.org.au

Phone: 02 9213 7999. **Fax:** 02 9213 7307; **Email:** avcat@dva.gov.au

Postal Mail: AVCAT, PO Box K 978, Haymarket, NSW 1240



Reminder - Return Dates

Congress Delegate Nomination Form and Payment: **Now Overdue**

Congress Dinner Payment: **Friday, 5 October 2012**



96th Annual State Congress Dinner

will be held at ANZAC House, 28 St Georges Terrace, Perth at 6.30 pm on Saturday, 27 October 2012

Menu

Hors d'oeuvres & Pre-Dinner Drinks on arrival in the Club Lounge:

Gallipoli Room

Entree: Julienne of Smoked Salmon, Capsicum & Coriander on a bed of Salad Greens & drizzled with Horseradish Sauce

Main Course: Grilled Fillet of Beef with Red Wine reduction served with Marquis Potato & Seasonal Vegetables

Dessert: Individual Mango & Orange Cheesecake with Cointreau Sauce

Served in the Club Lounge

Platters of Cheese & Freshly sliced fruit with Water Crackers & Port with Tea, Coffee & After Dinner Mints

Decorations should be worn – Miniatures

Dress: Lounge Suit / Day Dress

Tickets are limited to 120 on a first come basis. No ticket - No entry. Tickets \$70.00 per head

Please advise us if you have any special dietary requirements when you RSVP

RSVP: Friday, 5 October 2012



Included in this Sub-Branch Signal

Remembrance Day Wreath Laying Notice, election letters, Delegate Package, letter from WA Electoral Commission.

If you are missing any of these documents please email reception1@rslwahq.org.au for your copy.

WA AGED SAILORS, SOLDIERS & AIRMEN'S RELIEF TRUST FUND

**Ready to Assist Veterans
and Dependents in need
or necessitous
circumstances.**

**Apply: Welfare Officer -
(08) 9287 3707**

Veterans' Health Week VETERANS' BREAKFAST

Come and enjoy a hearty breakfast, catch up with friends and meet new people at ANZAC Club on Friday, 26 October 2012 from 7:00am to 9:30am.

A full buffet breakfast will be provided for veterans, partners of veterans, families and friends for the small cost of \$5. All are welcome.





Australian Car Washes provide a Free Car Wash for Veterans and Service Personnel on Remembrance Day



The Australian Car Wash Industry has joined the international *Grace for Vets* program which honours veterans and current military service personnel by providing FREE car washes on November 11 2012.

Simply go to one of the locations listed below on Sunday 11 or Monday 12 November mention you are a Veteran and you will receive a free car wash.

Participating stores are:

KwiknKleen Carwash	1145 Albany Highway Bentley
KwiknKleen Carwash	1770 Albany Highway Kenwick
Albany Clean and Green Carwash	88 Chester Pass Road Albany
Balcatta Car Wash	355 Wanneroo Road Balcatta
Cars We Wash	395 Wanneroo Road Balcatta
Prowash Busselton	18 Peel Terrace Busselton
Silver Sponge Hand Car Wash	Garden City Shopping Centre Booragoon

For more information go to www.acwa.net.au or www.graceforvets.org

Veteran Pensioner Rate Rise on 20 September

It has been announced that from 20 September 2012 there will be an increase in pensions and income support payments for around 305,000 veterans, partners, war widows and widowers around the nation. Pensions are indexed twice a year in March and September by reference to the highest of three measures: the Consumer Price Index (CPI), the Pensioner and Beneficiary Living Cost Index (PBLCI) and Male Total Average Weekly Earnings (MTAWE).

The first full pension payment at the new rates will be on pension payday 18 October 2012.

Further information and a full list of the pension indexation rates are available from www.dva.gov.au or by calling 133 254 or 1800 555 254 from regional Australia.

Christmas Card Competition

RSL State Branch is looking for old photographs to use on our Christmas Cards that show the activities Sub Branches have participated in over the past 96 years.

Previous examples of photographs used on Christmas Cards can be seen on the RSL Website: www.rslwahq.org

Entries are required by 14 November 2012 and will be attributed to your Sub Branch.

Annual ANZAC Club Springtime Tea Dance 2012

Wednesday, 7 November 2012 from 10am to 2pm

Entertainment to be provided by Bill Louwen & The Sapphires!

*Morning Tea, Dancing, Lunch and Bar Services at the usual fantastic value of
the ANZAC Club.*

Reserve your table or group for this fantastic morning of memories

Ph: ANZAC Club on 9287 2714

