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From the Presidents Pen...

*The State President & The State Executive
wish all members of The League a*

Merry Christmas

and a

Happy & Safe New Year



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[Adverse decisions by Department of Health and Aging contested](#)

The League has written to the Minister for Health and Ageing, The Hon. Tanya Plibersek MP urging reconsideration of two recent adverse decisions of the Department of Health and Ageing.

The first was the decision to remove the Medicate Provider number 10315 for Hyperbaric Oxygen Treatment (HBOT). The point was made that notwithstanding informal advice from the Department of Veterans' Affairs that holders of Gold or White Cards for specific conditions will still be able to access HBOT based on clinical need, the decision will still leave those ex-service personnel without a DVA Medical Treatment Card liable for the full cost of treatment.

It was explained to the Minister that whilst the League understands that patients suffering from cancer or diabetes will still have access to HBOT, those ex-service personnel who do not have these diseases will be required to pay the full cost of HBOT treatment.

The second decision about which we have concern is that to close the Medicare Chronic Disease Dental Scheme. Whilst we acknowledge that dental arrangements funded by DVA are not affected by this closure; and that members of the ex-service community with a Gold or White Card for specific conditions will continue to receive dental treatment under DVA arrangements, the League considers this decision disadvantages those ex-service personnel with a DVA Medical Treatment Card.

We await the Minister's response.

[Membership Renewals 2013](#)

Membership Renewal Notices are in the process of being sent to members. We invite a prompt return of the required documentation and Renewal fee.

Upon receipt of your payment we will issue you with your personalised Membership Card for 2013 and the usual Discount Book of goods and services available to members. Again, your prompt attention to the renewal process would be appreciated.

Membership numbers as at 27 November 2012:

Service : 8,058
Affiliate: 1,480
Total: 9,538

[Centenary of ANZAC Update](#)

The development of the Mt Adelaide site as a focal point for the activities associated with the departure of the fleet carrying Australian and New Zealand troops to the First World War has met a few unexpected hurdles which will need to be resolved before further progress can be made at the site.

While funding for that particular project is assured there is a need to confirm ongoing operational costs. We do not anticipate any problems in this regard as sponsorship arrangements for the construction and ongoing operation are nearing finalisation. We are also awaiting clearance from the group who assess Aboriginal Heritage Sites. This, we hope, will be finalised in late February.

In all we anticipate that if all administrative procedures are cleared early in the new year building should commence sometime in March 2013. This is within our activity schedule that will see the project completed by mid-2014. This is an exciting project and will become a world class facility that will truly honour the original ANZACs.

[Great Southern Railway](#)

Thanks to the Great Southern Rail Charity Partnership (GSR) The Returned & Services League of Australia are again the beneficiary of the Ghan's ANZAC Tribute.

The GSR will donate one Gold Service trip (one way) for two people, twin share aboard The Ghan or Indian Pacific to each state RSL (6) to be used to generate fundraising or increase and strengthen membership.

More details will follow later but at this time it is expected that a draw will be made in September 2013 of fully financial service members. Watch this space!

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Reminder - Return Dates



Monday, 28 January 2013 - ADF Support Request, Two-Up Permit Request,
Friday, 1 March 2013 - Cadet Support Request Forms, Street Appeal Order Form, Media Form

Included in this Sub Branch Signal:

- ANZAC Day Package
- Welfare By-Law
- Minutes of the 96th Annual State Congress
- Sub Branch Update Forms

National & State Congress 2013

Planning has commenced for the conduct of the 2013 National and State Congress to be held in Perth in September 2013. The National Executive has reverted to the former cyclic allocation of the National Congress which, by rotation, has the National Congress being held in Perth next year. Naturally we are delighted at hosting such an important meeting of the League and intend 'showcasing' the RSL to the community.

Saturday 21 September 2013

WA State Congress – Mercure Hotel, Irwin Street, Perth.

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| 8.30 am | Official Opening RSL Awards Presidents Address Guest Speakers |
| 1.00 pm | Specialty Presentations |
| 2.00 pm | Annual General Meeting |
| 4.30 pm | Close of WA State Congress |
| 6.30 pm | Congress Dinner |



The draft program is being prepared and will follow the following schedule:

Monday 23 September 2013

Travel Day

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| 5.30 pm | Wreath Laying - State War Memorial | Kings Park |
| 6.00 pm | Hospitality | TBC |

RSL National Congress – Mercure Hotel, Irwin Street, Perth.

Tuesday 24 September 2013

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| 8.30 am | National Congress |
| 1.00 pm | National AGM |
| 4.00 pm | Closure of Congress |
| 5.00 pm | Hospitality TBC - Reception or Congress Dinner |

Tuesday 24 September 2013

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| 8.30 am | Ladies Day To be advised |
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Wednesday 25 September 2013

Our visitors will be encouraged to enjoy springtime in WA and explore the many tourist attractions available in Perth and nearby country locations such as:

Rottneest – Margaret River - Swan Valley – Perth Zoo – Perth Beaches – Tulips at Araluen



Ministerial Forum on Veterans' Affairs

Ministers from Veterans' Affairs portfolios from across the globe joined together in Canberra on 19-20 November to discuss issues affecting servicemen and women, particularly current serving men and women. Represented at the table was: Australia, the United States, Canada and New Zealand.

The Ministers acknowledged their country's fundamentally shared values and commitment to honour the men and women who serve in our defence forces.

Achieving a seamless transition from military to civilian life is a challenge facing all countries. However, Ministers agreed that cooperation between the Defence and Veterans' Affairs portfolios was key to achieving successful transition. They also acknowledged the impact of service on serving members, veterans and their families.

They also recognised the demand on veterans' administrations that will continue to grow from recent and current operational experiences. This will cover healthcare, compensation and support to families.

Foreseeing physical and mental health issues caused by multiple deployments, and providing a strategic approach to addressing them, is a challenge but one that needs to be informed and enriched by research. Working together to anticipate the impacts of deployment on the individual serving members and their families will be vital to meeting their needs in the future.

The Ministers tasked their senior officials to explore and share research in the following areas:

- developing a common vocabulary and terminology in mental health research and common approaches to research in this field;
- female health issues and the impact of combat on their health;
- the effects of environmental exposures informed by ongoing, longitudinal research; and
- the gaps in the understanding of neuroscience, in particular in traumatic brain injury and post-traumatic stress disorder.

In closing, the Ministers committed to continuing to engage and to explore dynamic solutions to contemporary and newly emerging problems caused by modern combat environments to best serve the current and next generation of veterans and their families.

Returned & Services League



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