



THE SUB-BRANCH SIGNAL

DOING BUSINESS WITH RSL
8.30 AM - 4.30 PM
MONDAY - FRIDAY

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Welfare Applications
Emergency Housing
Food & Lodging Grants
ASS&AR Trust Fund Applications.
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From the Presidents Pen...

Centenary of ANZAC a time of Commemoration

I hear many people talk about the forthcoming Centenary of ANZAC as a celebration. I tend to think of the Centenary as more a time of commemoration and one of deep reflection and remembrance for our Nation.

I think the Centenary is a great opportunity to retell the stories and recreate the lives of those young Australians who forged the legend of the ANZACs.

It is a time to reflect on their bravery, courage, mateship, love of a fair go and their great love of country. It will be a time to involve our communities in our activities in a comprehensive way and above all to ensure that our focus is on education of our youth and to ensure that they carry these stories into the future.

The RSL does some great work in our communities. We don't always get everything right but one of the things we do exceptionally well is the commemoration of ANZAC and that is why we enjoy immense community support on ANZAC Day. You only have to look at the growth in your own ANZAC services in recent years. The continued growth of attendance and interest in our community based suburban and country communities on ANZAC Day at our services, and the expectation by the public that these services will be carried out in a professional, dignified and respectful way, puts added pressure on our sub-branches to ensure we get it right.

I think the interest in ANZAC Day right across Australia in 2015 will be enormous. I want to encourage all members to start planning for their services now. Not just your services but other activities as well. Above all, I hope there will be a major effort and focus on involving our broader communities in our activities and plans with a strong emphasis on young people.

We need to remember too that the Centenary is not just a one year event but one that extends from November 2014 right through to the homecoming of our troops post 1918. The commemoration will also have a moving focus on all wars and conflicts from that original landing, right to and including present day deployments.

The Federal Government has now released its funding guidelines (see release on back page) and I encourage you to plan and make arrangements to access this funding.

I will be approaching State and Local governments and their funding bodies, including Lotterywest who provide us with strong support, to establish and publish their guidelines for funding and community involvement to ensure early advice on what support will be available during the Centenary. This early advice will assist you in your planning.

The Centenary of ANZAC will be many things to many people. But it is not, and should not be allowed to become a mere celebration.

It is our challenge to ensure that the Centenary of ANZAC has a focus on all of those qualities which we in the RSL and veteran community hold close.

Love of and pride in country; commemoration of sacrifice; remembrance; youth involvement; community involvement; courage in adversity; humour; self-sufficiency and above all ensuring that the heritage of ANZAC lives on into the next one hundred years.



Membership Renewals

Thanks to all members who have paid their 2013 membership dues promptly. The steady flow of renewals is pleasing, and we encourage all members who have not paid as yet to do so as soon as possible. Reminder notices will be sent in May to those who are still un-financial. We also take this opportunity to thank the volunteers that assist Kathy in the posting of membership cards.

ANZAC Day 2013

Information regarding the ANZAC Day Perth City Commemorations will be available on our website www.rslwahq.org.au from early April, in the April edition of *The Listening Post* and in *The West Australian* in the week leading up to ANZAC Day. The Parade route and form up locations will all be the same as 2013.

Announcement of new RSL National Secretary

The National President of The Returned & Services League of Australia, Rear Admiral Ken Doolan AO RAN (Ret'd), on behalf of the National Executive, has announced that Mr John King, currently the ACT State Branch President, has been appointed as the National Secretary from Saturday, 16 February 2013 for an interim period on an honorary basis.

Mr King will stand down from his job as ACT State President at the end of his term mid-year.

DVA Grants Workshop

Representatives of your organisation are invited to a free workshop on developing projects to apply for grant funding.

This workshop is particularly suitable for people interested in developing projects that benefit the health and wellbeing of the veteran community.

The workshops will cover:

- An overview of **DVA** grants with a focus on:
 - Veteran & Community Grants
 - Saluting Their Service Commemorative Grants
- Presentation by **Lotterywest** Grants Team
- Guidance in developing your idea into a project
- Some other funding options available
- Top tips in completing the DVA grant forms
- Important tasks in acquitting (finalising) your grant properly

Thursday 11 April 2013

10.00 am to 2.00 pm

At the Army Museum of Western Australia
Burt Street, Fremantle

**** FREE PARKING ON SITE ****

Please RSVP by 25 March 2013 to Fergus Beer
fergus.beer@dva.gov.au or 9366 8348 (metro) or
1800 555254 ext 68348 (country)

Australian Nurses at War and Men of the Kokoda

11 March - 28 April

A FREE EXHIBITION

Western Australian Museum Albany

Residency Road, Albany | 9841 4844

Open daily from 10am - 4:30pm

(ANZAC Day 1pm - 4:30pm)



museum.wa.gov.au





Reminder - Return Dates

NOW OVERDUE- Cadet Support Request Forms, Street Appeal Order Form, Media Form
Friday, 8 March 2013 - Sub-Branch Executives Seminar Attendance
Friday, 8 March 2013 - Sub-Branch Pension, Advocacy & Welfare Seminar Attendance



War to Remembrance – A Living History of the RSL

In 1916, a group of returned servicemen from the 11th Battalion met to form an association that would look after the interests of returned servicemen in Western Australia. The association became known as the Returned Soldiers Association and was the pre-cursor to the RSL in Western Australia. War to Remembrance – A Living History of the RSL is an exhibition on the history of the RSL in Western Australia and its role in the community. An interactive online exhibition will be on display mapping the many sub-branches of the League across the State and providing detail as to RSL activities on a community level. The exhibition will focus on themes of commemoration, defence, and repatriation and runs from 20 of April to 30 of June at the State Library of Western Australia.



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Dates for upcoming Sub-Branch Seminars

**Sub-Branch Charities Commission Seminar - Thursday, 14 March 2013
at 9.00 am - 4.00 pm**

Pension & Welfare Officers Seminar - Friday, 15 March 2013 at 9.00 am - 1.30 pm

Presidents Round Table Discussion - Friday, 15 March 2013 at 9.00 am - 12 noon



DVA Media Release - ANZAC Centenary Grants Announced

Prime Minister Julia Gillard and Minister Assisting the Prime Minister on the Centenary of ANZAC Warren Snowdon announced on 19 February grants to encourage communities across Australia to become involved in the Centenary.

The ANZAC Centenary Local Grants Program, providing \$100,000 per electorate, will enable and empower communities across Australia to commemorate the Centenary of ANZAC in their own way.

Communities are encouraged to start identifying local initiatives that recognise Australian service during the First World War.

The Centenary of ANZAC 2014-2018 stands to be one of the most important commemorative periods in Australia's history. Around 330,000 Australians served overseas during the First World War including more than 50,000 at Gallipoli. There are a large number of Australian families with links to our first ANZACs and diggers and the impact of the war was felt by every community across the country.

A committee will be created in each electorate to work alongside local Federal MPs on grant proposals. The grants will provide communities throughout the country with an opportunity to pay tribute to those involved in the First World War and to reflect on the lives of those who served and sacrificed in Australia's name.

Projects which could be considered for grant funding include:

- Public commemorative events
- New First World War memorials or honour board
- The restoration of existing First World War memorials or honour boards
- The preservation, interpretation and display of First World War wartime and
- Military memorabilia and artefacts
- School projects related to the First World War

Grant funding will be available in 2013-14.

Information on the grants including the Program's guidelines will be available on the ANZAC Centenary website shortly: www.anzaccentenary.gov.au

Lunch In the Gallipoli Room

ANZAC Day

ANZAC Club will be running
a traditional Roast Luncheon,
including Dessert and Tea or Coffee
in the Gallipoli Room on ANZAC DAY

This is a special event in the ANZAC Club and is reserved for ESO's and Ex Service or Unit Associations. A limited Bar service will also be available with Beer, Wines and Soft drinks available for additional purchase.

for only
\$20.00
per person

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as space is limited...



Special access to ANZAC House Gallipoli Room - bypass the queue at the door
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