



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
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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
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Advocacy

Monday to Friday
S31 Reviews
Veteran Review Board,
Admin Appeals Tribunal
Email: advocate@rslwahq.org.au
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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
Tel: 9287 3703 / 9287 3718

Pensions

Monday to Friday
Pension Entitlements
Claims Preparation
Email: pensions1@rslwahq.org.au
pensions2@rslwahq.org.au
Tel: 9287 3710 or 9287 3711

ANZAC Club

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

Monday to Friday
Editorial Staff
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From the Presidents Pen...

Local Government and ANZAC Day charges for street closures

Numerous Sub-branches have raised with me the charges that some Local Governments are applying to road closures to allow for ANZAC Day services and marches. For instance the City of Perth is levying a charge at ANZAC House of around \$7,150. Many smaller branches tell me they are being hit with amounts upward of \$1,500.

I think this is very unfair and unjust. RSL arranges these Commemoration services and marches as a community service and in memory of our fallen. How un-Australian is it to then levy a charge for these services. I will be taking the matter up with the new State Minister for Veterans, Joe Francis, and the Local Government Association. It might be too late for this year but with the Centenary of ANZAC just a couple of years away it might be worth local government taking stock of their attitude. Local Government is generally very supportive of our Sub-Branched but these charges may mean the difference between having or not having ANZAC Day Services in some local communities.

State Government/RSLWA Joint Approach to the Centenary of ANZAC

RSLWA have been asked to join forces with the State Government to form a joint approach to the Commemoration and other events associated with the Centenary of ANZAC.

The scope of the work will be to:

- gather details of potential initiatives that are being considered by a wide range of organisations;
- propose additional initiatives;
- identify organisations to take responsibility for the coordination of these initiatives;
- consider and approach possible funding sources
- take recommendations to the peak steering Committee chaired by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet; and
- provide an oversight and coordination of the implementation of these initiatives.

Each Sub-Branch will retain sole carriage of the Dawn and ANZAC Day services across the State.

Regional co-ordination groups will probably be based on tourist regions already in place to reflect State Government areas of responsibility.

The first Regional Events Committee will be established in the Great Southern to reflect the various Commemorative events associated with the departure of the Convoy taking place from Friday 31 October to Sunday 2 November 2014. This important event, associated with the departure of the Convoy from Princess Royal Harbour, is being organised and funded by the Australian Government through DVA and is expected to be televised nationally. We are currently awaiting details of the convoy makeup to be released.

The focus of the committees will be to align Centenary objectives of contemplation, commemoration and education and will be aimed at locals and residents alike. The committees will operate for the duration of the ANZAC Centenary period from 2014 to post 2018.

We will keep you informed as these arrangements develop and in the interim we are seeking meetings with Lotteries WA to seek early advice on possible funding initiatives in support of Sub-branches as they plan and prepare for the Centenary.

Membership 2013

New memberships for 2013 is up around the 180 mark and this is very encouraging. Renewals continue to arrive but the sooner you renew the sooner we can get on with other tasks.

Kindest regards
Graham Edwards State President.



[Pension Increase for veteran community](#)

Veterans, their partners, war widows and widowers across Australia will have seen an increase to their pensions and income support payments from 20 March 2013.

This increase is part of the bi-annual indexation process and will provide the veteran community with extra support to help with increased living costs.

Veterans, partners, war widows and widowers will also notice a further boost to their payments thanks to the Clean Energy Supplement, a regular payment under the Household Assistance Package to help meet household costs associated with the carbon price.

The pay day on 21 March reflects the fortnight ending 18 March and will not include payments based on the new rates. The pay day on 4 April will include payments at the new rate.

New rates can be seen at www.dva.gov.au

[Changes to the Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour](#)

The Council of the Australian War Memorial has today agreed to recognise all members of the Australian Defence Force who have died on operational service, including non-warlike operations, on the Roll of Honour.

All the names of Defence personnel currently recorded in the Remembrance Book will be added to new bronze panels to be installed on the Roll of Honour wall in the Memorial's commemorative area.

[The RSL Rose](#)

The RSL Rose is a wonderful gift to Australia from the great French rose breeding house of Meilland International, creator of the famous Peace rose.

The RSL Rose features striking tones of regal burgundy and soft amber to stand out in any garden. Mirroring the colours of dawn and dusk, each classic shaped bud opens to produce an informal, petal filled flower borne on long stems, ideal for cutting. The bush is continuously in bloom, well rounded and clothed in glossy deep green foliage. Carrying a light spicy rose perfume, this rose looks brilliant planted singly, in large groups or in pots.

The concept of the RSL Rose was originally proposed by the family of the late Robert 'Bob' Brown, a long term member of the Morwell RSL. This initiative was enthusiastically taken up by the Morwell RSL community through the late President, Mal Bugg and supported by the RSL Victorian State Branch and subsequently the National Executive of the League, who has guided this project. Morwell is also home to Victoria's Centenary Rose Garden.

Sales of the RSL Rose will assist the RSL to promote and sustain their service to veterans and their families across the nation.

The RSL rose is available for sale at www.rslrose.com.au

ANZAC Day Information will be available on www.rslwahq.org.au from 2 April and will be in *The Listening Post* arriving in mid-April

Expressions of Interest!

The RSL has obtained quotes for Sub-Branches to have Centenary of ANZAC Flags made to display in the lead up to and during the Centenary Commemorations. The size and shape will be similar to the picture below (banners previously issued to Sub-Branch for the 50th Anniversary of the end of hostilities in WWII). Banners are approximately 120 cm by 80 cm.

Cost per Sub-Branch will be \$25.00 each.

If your Sub-Branch is interested in purchasing a banner or would like to be notified when more information is available please contact RSL WA HQ on 9287 3799 or rslwahq@inet.net.au by Friday, 31 May 2013. Once there is an indication of support a proof of the banner will be forwarded to your Sub-Branch to confirm your order.



ANZAC HOUSE WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY, 26 APRIL 2013



Included in this Sub-Branch Signal

Invitation to meet with the National President
Insurance Renewal Questionnaire
Flyer from the Mt Hawthorn Sub-Branch
Information regarding the Poppy Day Collections
WA TIP Training Calendar 2013

Membership Statistics

Service members: 6,926
Affiliate members: 878
Total Members: 7,804



Australian Government
Department of Veterans' Affairs

Len Hall Commemorative Football Game Friday 26 April 2013 Fremantle V Richmond

The 2013 Len Hall Game will commemorate the service and sacrifice of our Vietnam Veterans in a pre game commemorative ceremony.

The Fremantle Football Club would like to invite Vietnam Veterans to express their interest in participating in the pre-game ceremony at the Len Hall Commemorative game on Friday 26 April 2013. Although we appreciate that family members would like to participate and represent Veterans who are unable to participate themselves, on this occasion our invitation is limited to Vietnam Veterans only.

If you are interested in participating in the pre-game ceremony by marching onto Subiaco Oval in support of Vietnam Veterans and veterans from all conflicts please contact **Kathryn Lloyd on 9366 8462 or Kathryn.Lloyd2@dva.gov.au**.

Bouncedown is at 6.40 pm and you will need to be at Subiaco Oval at 5.30 pm in preparation for the pre-game ceremony.

Tickets are limited but the Fremantle Football Club is hoping to accommodate all of those who wish to participate.

Volunteers Wanted!

Volunteers are required to be marshals for a trail race on 21 April 2013 in the Serpentine-Jarrahdale area. The role of marshals in the bush is to give directions, provide basic first aid if needed, to assist with refilling hydration packs and similar things. The event will go all day until about 5 pm.

For details please contact Bernadette on 0450 630 486.

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

Diary Change

Due to the change of location for the National Congress to be held in the ACT vice WA, the RSL WA State Congress date has been moved from 21 September to 26 October 2013. The National Congress will now take place in WA in 2014 and will be coordinated with the ANZAC Centenary commemorations in Albany. More details regarding this year's State Congress will be forward when known.

PAWS

In recent weeks enquiries have been received about the currency of Pension and Welfare Officers. Over the years we have had some very good and dedicated people performing the duties of Pension and Welfare Officers. Originally all these volunteers undertook TIP training and also renewed their training periodically. TIP and the RSL place a 3 year period for training to remain current and after that period Officers should renew or refresh their training to retain currency and gain the advantage of being covered under the VITA insurance scheme. We need to serve our veterans and members past and present in the best possible means by ensuring the information given is correct. The TIP training program for the remainder of this year is enclosed and you are encouraged to update you knowledge.

The Listening Post ANZAC Day Submissions

Please forward all photographs and ANZAC Day Articles to Amy by Friday, 24 May 2013 at reception1@rslwahq.org.au for inclusion in the June edition of *The Listening Post*.





From War to Remembrance
a living history of the RSL

On exhibition at the State Library of Western Australia
from 20 April to 30 June 2013

25 Francis Street, Perth WA 6000 T (08) 9427 3111
For more information: www.rslcentenary.org.au www.slwa.wa.gov.au

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In less than three weeks, on 16 April 2013, analog TV signals will be switched off across Perth and free-to-air TV will be broadcast in digital-only.

Western Australia comprises of two switchover regions. Perth switches on 16 April 2013 and the remaining of the state will switch on 25 June 2013.

To keep watching TV you need to have a set-top box or a digital TV recorder connected to an analog TV, or a TV with a built-in digital tuner.

For more information please go to: www.digitalready.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

BOOK EARLY
as space is limited...

Special access to ANZAC House Gallipoli Room - bypass the queue at the door
PASS PROVIDED WITH BOOKING ONLY