



THE SUB-BRANCH SIGNAL

DOING BUSINESS WITH RSL
8.30 AM — 4.30 PM

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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.
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S31 Reviews
Veteran Review Board,
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Monday to Friday
All Account Enquiries
Sub - Branch Credits
Sub - Branch Insurance
Information, Claims
Grant Application Assistance
DVA & Lotterywest (ABN, tax)
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Pensions

Monday to Friday
Pension Entitlements
Claims Preparation
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ANZAC Club

Monday to Friday
Facilities Bookings
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From the Presidents Pen...

To every one of you who put in the hard yards to ensure the success of ANZAC Day across the State this year, I say a loud "Congratulations!". To the staff at ANZAC House and our hundreds of volunteers and members who worked with great commitment towards our Remembrance services, I say "Well Done!".

And a special thank you to our major sponsor, Lotterywest, who's outstanding support continues to make so much possible every ANZAC Day. I also salute the tremendous work this year by WA Police, local government authorities and hundreds of community groups who worked so well with our Sub-branches on the Day.

But above all, we say thanks to the people of Western Australia for making ANZAC Day 2013 so memorable.

The rise in crowd numbers and the high standard of services right across WA reflects the work, time and effort so many put in and you have a right to be pleased with the support you received.

The Dawn Service and March in Perth drew the biggest numbers of all capital cities. The silence and respect of the public during the conduct of our services was matched only by the enthusiastic and welcoming applause from all as our veterans took to the streets.

That the RSL WA is well regarded here in the West is clearly evident and any move to change our brand would in my view be folly.

I have been asked by some about the change in the Ode which was recited at both the Dawn and later service but this was simply going back to tradition. The two verses were once used in earlier services but were dropped years ago. They have now been reinstated and I am aware that many sub-branches and other bigger services do the same.

The change in the order of speeches at the Perth service to allow our Patron, Governor MacLom McCusker AO CVO QC, to speak first was to show respect for his position.

As my first ANZAC Day in the chair it was a learning experience and for the first time I saw from the inside the immense amount of organisation, coordination, resourcing and time that goes into both Perth Services and I know this input and effort is replicated across the State.

While ANZAC Day is over for this year, planning for 2014 will begin immediately with a review of what worked well and what needs improvement.

The time to do that is now while it is still fresh in our minds.

Cheers,
Graham Edwards
State President.

**PLEASE NOTE: NEW DATE FOR THE LISTENING POST
ANZAC DAY SUBMISSIONS IS TUESDAY, 14 MAY 2013**



[DVA Mental Health Support goes On-Line](#)

Veterans and Australian Defence Force seeking mental health support will benefit from a new web portal developed by the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

The new *At Ease* portal offers pathways to achieving mental fitness and resilience, self-help tools, access to professional support, treatment options, healthy drinking and clinical information for GPs and mental health professionals. It provides a gateway to a series of mental health-related videos, smart-phone apps and a raft of hard copy resources that promote self-help and awareness of behaviours that may be damaging to individuals, families, friends and work prospects.

The key message is: don't suffer in silence.

Eligible serving or ex-serving Defence personnel, or their families, who are concerned about their mental health should visit www.at-ease.dva.gov.au or call the Veterans and Veterans' Families Counselling Service (VVCS) on **1800 011 046** for free, confidential counselling and support 24 hours a day.

[Changes to Defence Act regarding Stolen Valour](#)

The Government has today announced that it will seek an amendment to the Defence Act to make it an offence for people to wear a service medal in a manner that falsely indicates that it has been conferred on them, when it has not.

The proposed amendment will address concerns expressed by the veterans' community over the incorrect wearing of unofficial decorations.

An unofficial service decoration is one that has not been officially conferred on an individual.

The proposed offence will be in addition to the protections for service decorations that are already contained in the Defence Act, and is in line with suggested changes to the Defence Act that have been raised by veterans and the Prime Ministerial Advisory Council on Ex-Service Matters.

The amendment will also be in line with Commonwealth guidance regarding the wearing of unofficial service decorations that appears on the Government's 'It's an Honour' website.

[Included in this Sub-Branch Signal](#)

New Nomination for Life Membership Form
Kokoda Youth Leadership Challenge Flyer

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

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

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(08) 9287 3707**

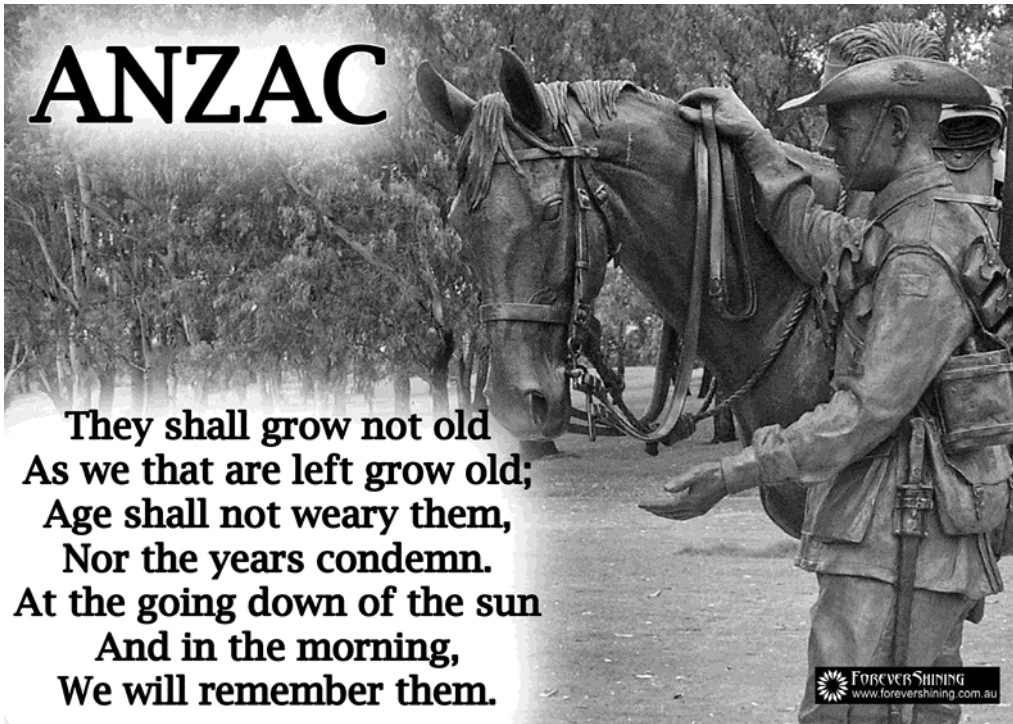
Expressions of Interest!

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@iinet.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.





**They shall grow not old
As we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them,
Nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun
And in the morning,
We will remember them.**

Plaques

Forever Shining is a company that is selling 276 x 196 mm plaques to Sub-Branches and RSL members for \$120.

These plaques are made of black granite and are etched with the image on the left. Plaques of this size and material would usually retail for \$350, so this is a genuine special price.

If your Sub-Branch or an individual would like to purchase a plaque please contact Albert De Boer on 0419 945 950.

RSL Wyalkatchem Sub-Branch Renovations

To celebrate the completion of recent renovations, the Sub-Branch held a barbeque on 18 April 2013 to acknowledge and thank those who had assisted in the project.

The Sub-Branch President, Mr Eddie Garner, addressed those present:-

“On behalf of Wyalkatchem Sub branch of the RSL thank you all for attending the celebrations this morning for the completion of the upgrade of our RSL building.

Thanks also to Peter McGlade, State Accountant from for RSL Head Office for travelling to be with us today, we really appreciate it. Peter has worked with Tom Cleverly our secretary looking after the finances making sure everything is correct.

The combination of the finance from The Lotteries Commission and the work from the Corrective Services Work Crew has made this project a successful one.

Thanks must also go to Ken Thomas for his ordering of materials and supervision of the work. The Wyalkatchem Shire must also be thanked for the use of their plant and operator in tidying up the yard as soon as it was requested.

Finally I ask Peter McGlade to present the Certificate of Appreciation to the Corrective Services Supervisor of the Work Crew.

We must also thank A.J. Knight - known as AJ for the creation of the certificate and the Wyalkatchem Men Shed for the making of the frame for it.”





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