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From the Presidents Pen...

Addition of Name on the Roll of Honour at the Australian War Memorial

The Council of the Australian War Memorial has unanimously approved the filling of a Roll of Honour space which has been kept blank for 40 years. Finally the name of a Vietnam Veteran will be inscribed in that space set aside so many years ago.

Private Dal Abbott was a national serviceman who volunteered for service in Vietnam. He was killed in action on 30 May 1968 while serving with 1RAR during actions around Fire Support Bases Coral and Balmoral. He was the number two on an M60 machine gun which jammed while he and the gunner were under fire. Whilst trying to clear the blockage he was shot and killed.

His remains were never returned to Australia instead being interred at the Australian War Cemetery at Terendak, Malaysia. Private Abbott's name has not been placed on the Roll of Honour until now out of respect for family wishes.

The Chairman of the Council of the Australian War Memorial, Rear Admiral Ken Doolan AO RAN (Ret'd), stated that: "*The sacrifice of Private Abbott for Australia will now be honoured at the Australian War Memorial.*"

Graham Edwards State President of RSL WA and a Board member of the AWM said Pte. Abbott's mates who had fought with him in Vietnam had continued a 40 year campaign to have his name inscribed with all those who had fought and been killed in Vietnam.

However, his parents, bitterly opposed to the war, had insisted that their son's name not be added to the Roll of Honour. After their passing Pte. Abbott's sister also insisted that his name be kept off the Roll.

Pte Abbott's mates however have had a different view and they actively sought to have their mate and fellow Australian Honoured along with all others at the most significant place of remembrance in our Nation, the Australian War Memorial.

Graham said Pte. Abbott's mates had persevered over a long period of time and believed that the AWM's original decision to abide by the family's wishes was simply wrong. This he said was a view he supported and now hoped Dal Abbott's Army "family" could feel justice has at last been done.

Cheers,
Graham Edwards AM
State President

**ANZAC DAY GRANT ACQUITAL FORMS ARE
DUE FRIDAY, 14 JUNE 2013.**

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GRANTS IN 2014**

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[ANZAC Centenary at Gallipoli Ballot Details](#)

The Minister Assisting the Prime Minister on the Centenary of ANZAC Warren Snowdon provided further details in mid-May on the ballot arrangements for Australians planning to attend ANZAC Day Commemorations in Gallipoli on 25 April 2015.

Following the agreement of the Turkish Government, the Government had previously announced that the places will be shared between Australia and New Zealand (8,000 Australians, 2,000 New Zealanders) and up to 500 places have been set aside for official representatives and guests, including representatives of all countries that served in the Gallipoli campaign.

Mr Snowdon said the Government had carefully considered options for the ballot, drawing on feedback received from members of the public, the veteran and Defence communities and tour operators as part of a public consultation undertaken in 2012.

Some of the places available to Australians will be reserved for special representatives including:

- Widows of Australian First World War veterans – they do not need to participate in the ballot and will be included as part of Australia's official representatives, with a companion, if fit to travel.
- Five per cent of places allocated in the ballot will be reserved for Australian direct descendants of veterans of the Gallipoli campaign – with preference being given to the sons and daughters of Gallipoli veterans.
- Five per cent of places in the ballot will be reserved for veterans who have qualifying service or who have deployed on any operations outside Australia, whether they are warlike, non-warlike or peacetime operations.
- Five per cent of places will be set aside outside the ballot process for representative secondary school children and their chaperones, to be allocated and managed through the states and territories.

The remaining places (3,000 double passes) will be available for all Australians. The following criteria will apply to the ballot:

- Applicants must be an Australian citizen or permanent resident of Australia to register, but do not need to be living in Australia at the time of registration.
- Applicants must be a minimum of 18 years of age on, or before, 25 April 2015 to register.
- Applicants can only register once.
- All passes will be issued as double passes – the accompanying pass holder does not need to be an Australian citizen or permanent resident of Australia.
- No additional passes will be provided to an individual that is successful in the ballot.
- Pass holders must make all arrangements for their travel and cover all costs including flights, accommodation, transport and travel insurance etc.

The ballot is expected to be open for registrations on 1 November 2013 and close on 31 January 2014. Details on how to register will be available later in the year following the engagement of a provider to conduct the ballot.

Advice will be provided to individuals on the ballot outcome in March 2014, to ensure those successful have enough time to organise and pay for their trip. This will also allow tour operators to make specific arrangements with those travellers who have secured passes for the ANZAC Day commemorations at Gallipoli.

The Turkish Government has entrusted the Australian and New Zealand Governments to manage the events on 25 April 2015 which include the Dawn Service and subsequent services at Lone Pine and Chunuk Bair. Both governments have expressed their gratitude to the Turkish Government for the level of support that it has provided, and its commitment to the events associated with the Centenary of ANZAC.

For more information on ballot arrangements visit www.gallipoli2015.dva.gov.au.

A host of activities and initiatives at a domestic and international level will occur from 2014 to 2018 to commemorate the Centenary of Australia's involvement in the First World War. For more information visit www.anzacentenary.gov.au.

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Breakfast at ANZAC House

The famous Friday Breakfast is at ANZAC House from 7.00 - 9.00 am for only \$12.00!

Eggs (fried, poached or scrambled), tomato, mushroom, bacon, hash browns, baked beans and chipolatas, as well as toast, fruit platter, juice, coffee, jams and spreads and a selection of cereals are all available.

Come on down and support the Club that supports you!



Serving our Nation

Mr John King
Secretary
Returned & Services League of Australia
National Headquarters
(secnhq@rsl.org.au)

Dear Mr King,

It has been brought to Army's attention that Mr John Scott has produced unauthorised memorabilia prints of Australia's Victoria Cross recipients, with the intent to sell them online or in person. Mr Scott has been advised by the Australian Army that the prints are unauthorised and breach Commonwealth copyright, therefore he must cease production and sales.

Army understands that Mr Scott has approached the Swansea Sub-Branch and Nowra-Greenwell Point Sub-Branch to sell the unauthorised prints, however neither of the sub-branches purchased the prints from Mr Scott.

I write to you to seek your assistance in advising the State Branches of this issue to prevent any purchase of the unauthorised prints.

Should you require further information please contact the Army Brand Manager at army.brandmanager@defence.gov.au.

Sincerely,

Colonel Leigh Wilton
Deputy Chief of Staff
Office of the Chief of Army

24 May 2013

2013 Sub Branch Collections Record Keeping Guidelines

Enclosed is a copy of the guidelines prepared by the RSL Living History Project to assist Sub-Branches in managing their collections.

A digital copy can also be downloaded from the corporate website at <http://www.rslwahq.org.au/>.

This is an active document that will be revised when required and any feedback is welcome. Please email rslcentenary@gmail.com.





ANZAC

**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.

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.



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ANZAC House has one digital camera (Kodak Z740) including printer dock (works but requires new batteries) and one personal scanner (worked upon last usage) for free.

Please call ANZAC House if your Sub-Branch would like these items. They are taken as-is and must be collected or postage arranged and paid for by 7 June 2013.