



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
Email: membership@rslwahq.org.au
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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
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Pensions

Monday to Friday
Pension Entitlements
Claims Preparation
Email: pensions1@rslwahq.org.au
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ANZAC Club

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

Monday to Friday
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From the Presidents Pen...

Future of ANZAC House to be considered by a joint State Government / RSL Working Party

I recently met with the State Premier Colin Barnett, Veterans Minister Joe Francis and our State Secretary Phil Orchard.

One of the main items on the agenda was the future of ANZAC House.

We are currently faced with refurbishment costs in the vicinity of two million dollars. This comes about because of unavoidable costs relating to a necessity to replace air conditioning, kitchen equipment and other matters associated, with occupational health and building compliance laws.

Many members would be aware that the RSL is responsible for the full maintenance of ANZAC House while the government is responsible for the shell of the building.

The site which ANZAC House sits on was originally gifted to the RSL and was owned by us freehold.

In 1976 this freehold was gifted back to government and we received an amount of \$130,000 on transfer of the title.

RSL was handed the shell of the new building but had to spend an additional \$400,000 fitting it out.

As part of the lease we had to accept responsibility for all fittings, partitions, floor coverings and maintenance.

ANZAC House as we know it today was opened in 1981 and we enjoy a peppercorn rental with 3 x 21 year leases. The second of these lease periods is due to expire in 2018.

The Premier said clearly that the next lease period would be honoured by the government. However, as I see it, there are no guarantees beyond that next 21 year lease period.

Given that circumstance coupled with the \$2 million cost of refurbishment it is appropriate that RSL WA takes the opportunity to examine all options as to its future and to do otherwise would in my view be negligent.

We will of course examine all possible options which will be to the advantage of the RSL and its membership. This includes seeking to extend in our current location. However, no decision will be made without full consultation with our membership and neither it should.

The State Government/RSL WA working party will be conducted through the office of the Minister for Veterans and in due course will report back to the Premier.

Cheers,
Graham Edwards AM
State President

Please Note: Membership Pro-Ratas for July-September 2013 have now started for NEW MEMBERS ONLY. Fees are \$20.00. \$12.50 is to be sent to RSL WA HQ and \$7.50 is retained by the Sub-Branch.



Wanted: Veterans from the Battle of Crete

Students from St Andrews Grammar School in Dianella would like to talk to veterans, Australian or Greek, who participated in the Battle of Crete in 1941. The school is involved in a project with a school in South Australia and the University of Crete in Greece to make a film about the battle. Interested veterans please call Mrs Maria Coate, Head of Secondary School on 08 376 5850.

Funding Support

From Northern Tasmania to the Wheatbelt region of Western Australia, local ex-service and community organisations from all corners of the country will benefit from the latest round of *Veteran & Community Grant* funding.

This round of Australian Government funding will support 16 projects, each aiming to maintain and improve the independence and quality of life for members of the local veteran community with over \$360,000 in grant funding allocated.

The funding assists veterans' organisations and groups around the country with funding for everything from purchasing a bus or helping to fund a get-together to reduce social isolation, to upgrading a kitchen or fix a roof at a clubhouse, helping the ex-service community to maintain the ties they forged in service to this nation is important.

Since 2008, more than 1,280 organisations have benefited from more than \$15 million in funding through *Veteran & Community Grants*.

Ex-service and community organisations, veteran representative groups and private organisations and support projects that promote improved independence and quality of life for the veteran community are all eligible for a *Veteran & Community Grant*.

WA Grants:

Brookton Men's Shed Incorporated - \$2,900

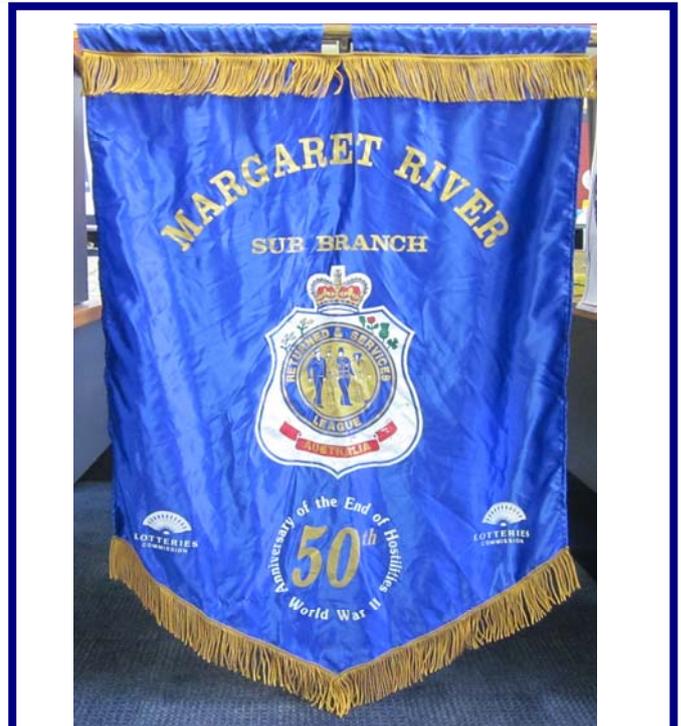
York Men's Shed Incorporated - \$24,306

For further information on how to apply visit www.dva.gov.au/grants or contact your nearest DVA office on 133 254 or 1800 555 254 from regional Australia.

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

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

**Apply: Welfare Officer
(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 rsllwahq@inet.net.au by Friday, 12 July 2013. Once there is an indication of support a proof of the banner will be forwarded to your Sub-Branch to confirm your order.

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!



Bowel Cancer Awareness Month

Bowel Cancer Education Program



What's so important about bowel cancer?

Australia has one of the highest global incidence rates of bowel cancer with one in 12 Australians likely to develop the disease before the age of 85. In Western Australia, bowel cancer is the most commonly reported cancer, with nearly 1,300 new diagnoses each year. Bowel cancer is the second highest cause of cancer-related deaths (after lung cancer) and in 2009 resulted in close to 450 deaths. Projections for bowel cancer indicate that incidence will continue to rise within the Australian population.

Bowel cancer affects both men and women but the risk of developing and dying from bowel cancer is slightly higher for men than it is for women.

Bowel cancer becomes more common as people get older. The risk of a diagnosis before the age of 40 years is low (in 2009, there were just 37 bowel cancer diagnoses in Western Australia). The number of new cases increases dramatically in those aged 50 to 64, and then increases again in those aged 65 years and over.

In order to reduce the number of Australians who die each year from bowel cancer, the Australian Government began the **National Bowel Cancer Screening Program (NBCSP)** in 2006. The aim of the NBCSP is to detect a bowel cancer in its early stages, before it develops symptoms or spreads. Screening programs identify people who need to undergo further tests to determine whether disease is present.

At the moment, Australians aged 50, 55 and 65 are invited to participate in the NBCSP, although this is set to change in 2013 with the invitation being extended to 60 year olds. Worryingly, **just 42.5 per cent of eligible Western Australians participated in NBCSP.**

How can you help?

Cancer Council WA would like your help to change this. Please join us in raising awareness and sharing information about bowel cancer, either by promoting this program or by hosting a bowel cancer education event in your community or organisation. Hosting a bowel cancer education event will provide community members with accurate information about bowel cancer prevention, risk factors, identification of symptoms, screening and treatment, within a relaxed environment and with people from their community. **To hold an event, contact Cancer Council Helpline on 13 11 20.**

Event ideas and suggestions

You might like to try one of the following ideas at your event: we encourage you to make your event to be fun as well as educational.

- Hold a morning tea/luncheon
- Give your event a theme such as "Brunch for Bowel Cancer"
- Promote physical activity
 - o Organise a walk before or after the education session
 - o Invite an instructor along to learn a new activity like Zumba or dragon boating
 - o Run a sporting activity like 'Let's Bowl Bowel Cancer Over'
- Run bowel themed games such as 'Bowel Bingo'
- Organise some arts and crafts

Membership Statistics as at 30 June 2013

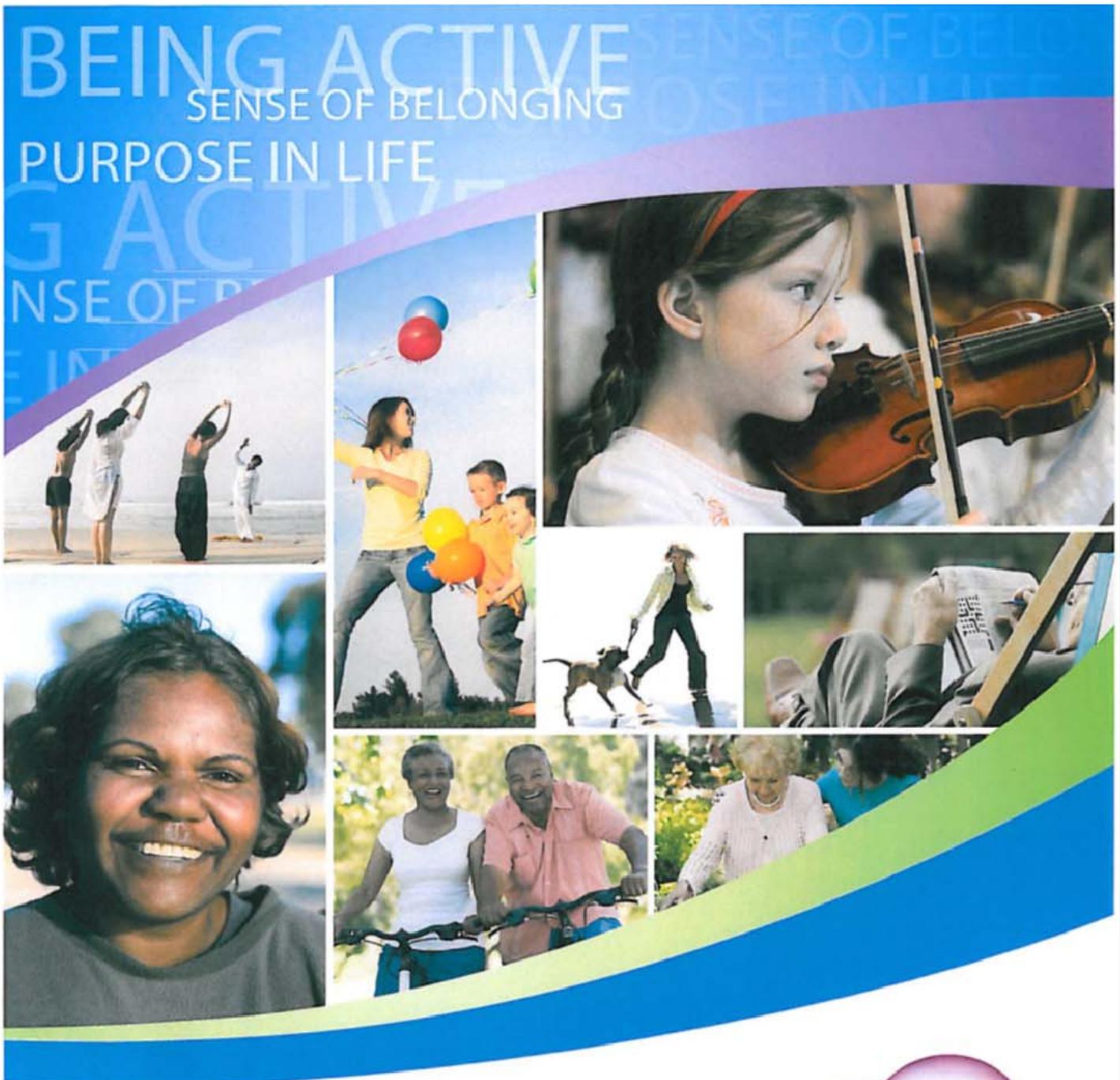
Service: 7,601
Affiliate: 1,296
Total: 8,897

Included in this Sub-Branch Signal:

ANZAC Day 2014 Gunfire Breakfast Funding Application
ANZAC Day 2014 Sub-Branch Funding Application

Not sure how your Sub-Branch will benefit from these grants? Call RSL WA on 9287 3799 for more information.





Being active, having a sense of belonging and having a purpose in life are all good for our mental health and wellbeing. We not only feel happier, we also cope better with problems and stress.

For more info visit actbelongcommit.org.au or call 9266 4648

