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WA BRANCH INCORPORATED

## THE SUB - BRANCH SIGNAL



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### From the President's Pen...

#### RSL workshop targets membership

A full-day strategic workshop has identified membership as a major target for the future growth of the Returned & Services League in Western Australia.

The workshop, facilitated by Peter Fitzpatrick, a veteran who is also managing director of Crusader Management Group, comprised the State Executive of the RSL and staff. It was held on 24 March.

State RSL President Graham Edwards said the workshop was invigorating and would help set a new course for the League.

"The workshop set an ambitious goal of doubling our membership by 2020 – with an immediate target of increasing it by 10 per cent by the end of this year," Mr Edwards said.

"Such a goal requires immediate action such as reviewing Constitutional hurdles and reviewing membership categories. We will need a much better-resourced recruitment team as well as clear and attractive benefits for members."

The workshop also set important internal and external goals for the RSL as part of its 2020 strategy.

This included improving the level of internal communications and governance between the RSL Board, sub-branches and staff; improving the image and perception of the RSL within the broad community including government and ex-service organisations; identifying and securing a diverse and sustainable fundraising base; and ensuring the delivery and continuation of a quality assistance and advisory service.

#### ANZAC Day

The RSL is well advanced in planning ANZAC Day 2014. With public interest continuing to grow we expect strong turn outs at services throughout the State. Channel 9 will broadcast live the Dawn Service at the State War Memorial.

#### Women We Need You

The program for our Women's Forum being held at ANZAC House on Saturday 23 August 2014 is coming together nicely.

The main focus of the forum will be a workshop where you will get to tell us what you think we can do to increase the membership of women in the RSL and what sorts of activities and programs will appeal to you going forward. After the forum we will be working on a long term plan to grow our services for women.

We plan on having speakers from the Australian Defence Force, including Brigadier Steve Coggan talk to us on the day about their experiences of the roles of women in the ADF and we have Associate Professor Linley Lord from Curtin University facilitating our workshop. We are also in the process of inviting some other speakers that will be of great interest to everyone.

We are appealing to all sub-branches to nominate a woman who can write a story about what military unit they served in and about their time with the RSL. We want to find out what the RSL means to them and what it has done for them so that we can publish their stories in a special booklet for the forum.

There are many outstanding women in our sub-branches and we want them to inspire others.

Donna Prytulak chairs the RSL's Working Party for a special State Women's Forum to be held on Saturday, 23 August. The forum is being held at ANZAC House and all female members are invited. Donna is a member of the State Executive, President of Northam Sub-Branch and Secretary of the Northam Sub-Branch Women's Aux.

#### Diggers' Cup

Perth Racing has offered 50 special guest tickets to RSL members for its race day on 26 April. The meeting at Ascot Racecourse will commemorate ANZAC Day with the feature race being the Diggers' Cup.

Chairman Ted van Heemst and his committee have also invited eight representatives of the RSLWA Executive to an afternoon tea. Invitations are also being extended to representatives of other ex-service organisations.

Graham Edwards



**Included in this Sub-Branch Signal  
General Insurance Questionnaire  
to be returned by 30 April 2014.**

## ANZAC Day

ANZAC Day Information, such as the Order of March and Sub-Branch Services, will be available on [www.rslwahq.org.au](http://www.rslwahq.org.au) from early April and will be in The Listening Post arriving in mid-April.

### Bankwest Gallipoli Run

An invitation is being extended to participate in this year's Bankwest Gallipoli Run. The RSL is co-coordinating a team and we will be registering for the 4km walk/run which commences at 7.00am.

Proceeds of the Run go towards the RSL, Legacy and Athletics WA.

Don't miss out, sign up today by registering online at <https://www.bankwest.com.au>

The Bankwest Gallipoli Run is a family orientated competitive fun run held in Perth's world famous Kings Park that caters to runners and walkers alike. The run is held just before ANZAC Day each year, to join the WA community in recognition of the ANZAC spirit. This year Bankwest will again match registration fees and provide a free event t-shirt for the first 1,000 people to register. All funds will go towards RSL, Athletics WA and Legacy.

#### Race details

*Date:* Sunday 13 April 2014

*Times:* 4km run and walk commences at 7.00am

8km run commences at 8:30am

*Location:* Outdoor Cinema Site, Kings Park

#### Cost

Adult \$25

Adult - Bankwest Customer \$20

Concession (under 18, 65+, concession card holders) \$20

Concession (under 18, 65+, concession card holders) - Bankwest Customer \$15

Family (2 adults & 2 children/concession) \$60

Family (2 adults & 2 children/ concession) - Bankwest Customer \$50

**Note: Children under 8 are free.**

Race bibs, timing chips and free event t-shirt will be available for collection in the week leading up to the event.

**Entries close Wednesday 9 April at 11:59pm.**



### Insurance Reminder

As advised in the Sub-Branch Signal Issue 8/2013, as from 1 July 2014 onwards, Men in Shed operations will NOT be covered by RSLWA Insurance Policies and each Men in Shed will need to arrange its own/ alternative insurance.

### The Listening Post Submissions

Please forward all photos and articles to Amy by Monday, 5 May 2014 at [reception1@rslwahq.org.au](mailto:reception1@rslwahq.org.au) for inclusion in the Post ANZAC edition of The Listening Post.



### ANZAC Day RAAF Fly Past Requests



Please note that all requests have been sent, via RAAF Base Pearce, to Department of Defence in Canberra for approval. The RAAF will contact you directly regarding your fly past.

#### Another ADF Support Request?

The Unit that will be assisting you on ANZAC Day will be contacting you shortly.



## Payments to RSLWA HQ by Cheque

Where a payment is forwarded to RSLWA HQ by cheque, the Payee on the cheque should be the legal entity for the RSLWA being: The Returned & Services League of Australia WA Branch Incorporated.

Our bank has advised that it will also accept cheques made payable to RSLWA but not otherwise.

Sub-Branches are requested to note that cheques not made payable to either The Returned & Services League of Australia WA Branch Incorporated or RSLWA will be returned for correction as we will be unable to bank the cheque in any other name.

## MyPost Concession Account

### *You may be eligible for concession stamps*

Do you have a Federal Government concession card? You may be eligible for a reduced rate on domestic stamps, and other offers. Apply for a free MyPost Concession Account today!

### **Benefits**

- Free booklet of 5 concession stamps
- Ability to purchase up to 50 concession stamps per year
- Discount on Mail Hold and Mail Redirection
- A free MyPost Concession Card and digital mailbox

### **How to apply**

1. Check if you're eligible using the list below
2. Complete and print out the application form from the Australia Post Website.
3. Take the form to your closest post office, along with your valid Federal Government concession card
4. Receive your free booklet of 5 stamps and your MyPost card in the mail within 14 days

### **Am I eligible for a MyPost Concession Account?**

The following Australian Federal Government concession cards are accepted as proof of eligibility for a MyPost Concession Account:

- Pensioner Concession Card
- Health Care Card
- Commonwealth Seniors Health Card
- Department of Veterans' Affairs Card
- Veterans' Repatriation Health Card

### **Need to know more?**

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## An Afghan War Day

Australia is going to have an ANZAC Day style national commemoration for the war in Afghanistan, to ensure the bitter experience of returning Vietnam Veterans is not repeated for those who have served in Australia's longest war.

21 March next year will be the first national day of commemoration for the war in Afghanistan.

The Government intends to stage the commemoration once, leaving open the possibility that it could become an annual event. State governments have agreed on a national day of commemoration but it will not be a public holiday like ANZAC Day.

## Len Hall Commemorative Football Game

*Friday 25 April 2014*

*Fremantle vs North Melbourne*

The 2014 Len Hall Game theme will be Honouring Returning and Fallen Australian Defence Force members and ex-members from recent conflicts and peacekeeping missions in a pre-game commemorative ceremony.

The Fremantle Dockers Football Club would like to invite Australian Defence Force members and ex-members from recent conflicts and peacekeeping missions to express their interest in participating in the pre-game ceremony at the Len Hall Commemorative game on Friday 25 April 2014. Although we appreciate that family members may also wish to participate and represent veterans who are unable to participate themselves, on this occasion the invitation is limited to Australian veterans only.

If you are interested in participating in the pre-game ceremony by marching onto Patersons Stadium please contact Kathryn Lloyd on 9366 8261 or [Kathryn.Lloyd2@dva.gov.au](mailto:Kathryn.Lloyd2@dva.gov.au).

Bounce-down is at 6.40pm and you will need to be at Patersons Stadium at 5.30pm 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.



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### ANZAC Biscuit Tins



ANZAC House has a limited number of ANZAC Biscuit Commemorative tins available for purchase. For more information please contact reception on 9287 3799.

There are two different tins available:  
1. The Great Pyramid of Giza (left) and  
2. Leaving for War (right)

Cost: \$11 each



### The Women's Forum

RSL WA invites expressions of interest to attend The Women's Forum on Saturday, 23 August 2014 from 9.00 am - 4.00 pm at ANZAC House, 28 St Georges Terrace, Perth

The Forum will include speakers, information and interactive stalls, morning tea, lunch, crèche, and lucky door prizes.

We would love to know "What Women Want" from the RSL!

Email: [rslwahq@inet.net.au](mailto:rslwahq@inet.net.au) or phone: 9287 3799 for registration and to receive more information.

The Women's Forum Working Party are seeking short stories (200-300 words) from women in the RSL that address:

- Years of Service?
- Type of Service?
- When you joined the RSL?
- Why you joined the RSL?

How the RSL has helped you?  
How you have helped the RSL?

Please send submissions and a photograph (or two – in the services and now) to [adminassist@rslwahq.org.au](mailto:adminassist@rslwahq.org.au) by Friday 30 May 2014.



### Membership Statistics

Current at 28 March 2014

Service members:	6,801
Affiliate members:	920
Total Members:	7,721

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

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Welfare Officer: (08) 9287 3707

### Avon Region Forum

Friday, 9 May 2014: 9am - 4pm

The National President, Rear Admiral Ken Doolan AO RAN (Retd), will be attending.

Everyone is invited to attend. RSVPs to Donna Prytulak on 0409 290 972 by Friday, 2 May.



### Important Reminder for Grants

The Sub-Branch Funding Grant and Gunfire Breakfast Grant Acquittals must be in by **13 June 2014**.

