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From the President's Pen...

My heartfelt thanks go to every member of the Returned & Services League who contributed toward the successful ANZAC Day commemorations throughout Western Australia.

Initial feedback indicates that, despite the three-day holiday and wet weather, attendances at services were generally up on last year, as was the calibre of the services themselves.

Numbers doubled to 3,500-4,000 at the Desert Mounted Corps Memorial in Albany and people were also four-deep along York Street. Some 7,000 attended the main service at Peace Park. It was a tribute to Laurie Fraser for leading the team running these events.

In Geraldton, the services were a "roaring success" according to President Ross Davies, with the uniformed 11th Battalion AIF Living History Unit helping to cap off the main service. In Kalgoorlie, the services "couldn't have gone better" according to President Dave Elson, despite rain and the attraction for people to travel to holiday destinations because of the Easter and ANZAC Day long weekends.

In Perth, Police estimated more than 40,000 attended the Dawn Service at Kings Park, more than 60,000 saw the parade and more than 7,000 watched the 11am service. All of the Perth services were broadcast live on television.

Apart from the extraordinary efforts of RSL members to stage these events, we have to thank the hundreds and perhaps thousands of volunteers who made ANZAC Day what it was.

These people are the glue that holds together events in the most remote places in our huge state.

In Perth alone, the RSL counted on hundreds of volunteers to do everything from marshalling the 7,000 marchers through the city to providing transport for our veterans. The RSL directly enlisted 150 volunteers for its Dawn Service, Parade and main service at the Supreme Court Gardens.

But that doesn't include the dozens of volunteers who worked for St John Ambulance, or the Posties who volunteered to hand out flags during the parade, or the Veteran Car Club that provided jeeps, or veteran vehicle drivers, Rotarians, Lions, Rovers, Scouts, Guides, ADF and St John Ambulance Cadets. There were choirs and bands. The list goes on and on.

I am very conscious of the fact that every year, small and remote sub-branches struggle to successfully stage Dawn Services in their areas. To them my message is: Help is available.

This year, 63 of our 130 sub-branches received support from Lotterywest for their ANZAC Day commemorations. This money is available for commemoration infrastructure such as transport, security, road closures, equipment hire, advertising and marques.

If you have any inquiries call the Assistant State Secretary at RSL's headquarters on 9287 3799.

Graham Edwards





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, and lucky door prizes.

We would love to know "What Women Want" from the RSL! Email: rslwahq@iinet.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 and how you have helped the RSL?

Please send submissions and photographs (in the services and now) to caitlinh@rslwahq.org.au by Friday 30 May 2014.

Reminder: 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.

Facebook:

Share your ANZAC Day photos on our Facebook Page!

The Listening Post Submissions

Please forward all photos and articles to Amy by Monday, 5 May 2014 at amyh@rslwahq.org.au for inclusion in the Post ANZAC edition of The Listening Post. Articles received after this date will not be included in this edition but may be published in the following edition, due out in August. **Get in quick!**

Important Reminder for Grants

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



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

RSL WA is seeking expressions of interest from Sub-Branches that would like assistance in setting up their own website. Please let us know by 30 May so we can advise you of your options.

amyh@rslwahq.org.au or 9287 3799

REMINDER – GENERAL INSURANCE QUESTIONNAIRE

Sub-Branches were requested to complete the General Insurance Questionnaire for the 2014-15 Financial Year and return such to RSLWA HQ by 30 April, 2014.

Thank you to the Sub-Branches which have sent in the completed Questionnaire.

As previously advised, information provided in the completed Questionnaire is used to update asset values for inclusion in the insurance renewal policies, workers compensation insurance where applicable and for calculation of total premiums for the 2014-15 financial year.

Sub-Branches which have not returned the Questionnaire to date are requested to do so by 16 May, 2014.

Sub-Branches which have not returned the Questionnaire and had buildings/contents/machinery breakdown cover in past years will be included in the Insurance Renewal calculations at the last provided value/s.



Sunset Services

This year RSL WA trialled the concept of pre ANZAC Day Services at the State War Memorial. A Wreath Laying Ceremony was held at 5pm on each of the five nights leading up to ANZAC Day. Each night an address was given by a current service person on an ex-service person whose name is on the State War Memorial. On the final night, Thursday 24 April, this address was on Trooper Joshua Porter and Private Jamie Clark. Both of these names had been added on to the State War Memorial earlier in the week following the change in criteria allowing Peacekeepers to be listed.

These services were well received by the public with attendance peaking at over 500 most nights. Most of these attendees were elderly people and families with young children who are unable to make the Dawn Service because of the crowd.





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