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From the President's Pen...

As you are aware an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) has been called on 26 July at ANZAC House to address the issue of restructuring the State Executive of The Returned & Services League in WA.

Morning Tea will be served at 9.30am with the meeting scheduled to start at 10am. Light lunch will be provided after the meeting.

Several members have already called ANZAC House, asking who is entitled to vote and with general questions about the EGM.

Members who are entitled to vote are those delegates elected to represent their sub-branch, as currently applies for voting at State Congress. For example, each sub-branch is entitled to one delegate for every 75 members, up to a maximum of six delegates.

It is therefore important that delegates are elected in time for people to make arrangements to attend the meeting next month.

The meeting will deal with a number of amendments to the RSLWA's Constitution to allow for the restructuring of the way the Board and State Executive operate. At present, the management structure is cumbersome and outdated.

While the State Executive is the senior management body, it meets only every three months, while the Board meets monthly without any regional representatives. This greatly disadvantages the regions.

Under the proposed new structure, the two governing bodies will become one 11-member board which will meet monthly. Regions will be fully represented on the Board.

If the motions are carried, all elected positions will be declared vacant and new elections will be held under the guidance of the State Electoral Commission as occurred in 2012. The election process will run through August-October and the result will be announced at State Congress on Saturday 25 October.

This means there will not be another election required for three years.

Without these changes, elections would need to be held in October this year for all regional representatives and next year for remaining members of the Board.

Listening Post

At last count, we have received 16 emails and numerous verbal compliments for The Listening Post in its new magazine format. One member wrote: "As a 50-year member and Life Member I have assiduously read each 'Post' from cover to cover for more years than I care to remember. This latest edition is a pearler! It looks good, is very readable and does great justice to our beloved League."

We are delighted with the response. Just one request from the Editors – please ensure any photograph that is submitted has a file size of at least 1MB!

Thank you all for your support.

**The complete Congress package will be included with July's Signal.
Please consider your Congress agenda items.**

**COMING SOON:
Application forms for
ANZAC Day 2015 Funding**



Selfless Workers for Charity

Some of the hardest working and most selfless producers of poppies for the ANZAC Centenary are a group of northern suburbs women.

They call themselves The Klickety Klacks Knitting Group of Wanneroo and work closely with the Knit n Natter group of Joondalup.

These volunteers knit and crochet hundreds of various items for charities ranging from the Miracle Babies Foundation – which supports premature babies, sick newborns and their families – to homeless men and people suffering addictions.



Jan Macander, Mary Bingham, Helen Fardig and Menka Tsallis were hard at work knitting and crocheting poppies at ANZAC House at the RSLWA Poppy Workshop held on Friday, 20 June.

They joined 20 others who attended the workshop to make poppies for the ANZAC Centenary commemorations. Already 17,000 have been made across Australia.

Two organised poppy projects are underway:

- **Poppies in the Sand** is a community event coordinated by the Middleton Beach Group in Albany to commemorate the departure of around 30,000 ANZAC troops from Albany on 1 November 1914. Thirty thousand plastic poppies will be made by volunteers and placed in the sand at Ellen Cove from 31 October until 2 November 2014. Other poppies made in WA will also go to Albany.
- The **5000 Poppies project** will be “planting” a field of more than 20,000 poppies in Federation Square, Melbourne, on ANZAC Day 2015. People all over Australia are making knitted, crocheted and felt poppies. These poppies will be a stunning visual tribute to Australian servicemen and women for more than a century of service in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations.

Many of the poppies that are displayed at Federation Square in Melbourne on ANZAC Day will return to Perth for Remembrance Day 2015.

The Women’s Forum

Saturday, 23 August 2014

9.00 am – 4.00 pm

ANZAC House, 28 St Georges Terrace, Perth

The Cost is FREE and includes morning tea, lunch, and afternoon tea.

The Women’s Forum is designed to find out What Women Want from the RSL and how RSLWA and its sub-branches can provide better services and a more inclusive environment. We are interested in your input why you joined the RSL, what you would like to see changed, what you would like to see stay the same etc so we can address matters as appropriate.

Program:

- 9.00 Open
 - State President - Welcome
 - CEO/State Secretary Welcome
 - Chair Overview
- 9.20 Anne Puhl (RSL National)
- 9.50 Questions for keynote speaker
- 10.00 RSL Women’s Panel
- 10.30 Morning tea
- 11.00 Workshop
- 1.00 Lunch
- 2.00 Workshop Part 2 – Results and discussion of results
- 2.45 Steve Coggin and Leanne Iseppi
- 3.00 Afternoon Break
- 3.20 Krista McMeeken
- 3.35 Closing addresses
- 4.00 Close

Plenty of Raffle Prizes and Giveaways!!!

Stalls:

- BreastscreenWA
- Women’s Health and Family Services
- Defence Health
- ADCU

More information available at www.rslwahq.org.au

You would LOVE to attend and want to register your interest? Can’t attend but would like to provide feedback? Want to send in a story?

Email: rslwahq@iinet.net.au

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Your Story

The Organising Committee is also interested in your personal story of your service and/or RSL involvement for inclusion in a booklet to be made available at the Forum and for use in The Listening Post etc. (One A4 page and photograph)



From War to Remembrance – a Living History of the RSL

The Returned & Services League of Australia WA Branch Incorporated (RSLWA) is proud to present From War to Remembrance - A Living History of the RSL, a travelling exhibition created to celebrate the formation, purpose and the many and varied activities of the RSL throughout WA.

Visitors to the travelling exhibition can read about the history of the organisation, the RSL's involvement in supporting veterans and their dependents, and role within the local community. The exhibition features photographs from the archives of the RSL and the State Library of Western Australia and access to an online interactive map detailing the formation and activities of the sub-branches of the RSL throughout WA.

The exhibition is free to attend.

For more information call ANZAC House on 9287 3799 or visit www.rslwahq.org.au.

From War to Remembrance - A Living History of the RSL is presented by The Returned & Services League of Australia WA Branch Incorporated and was originally created in partnership with the State Library of Western Australia with support from Lotterywest and 720 ABC Perth.

Upcoming Locations:

13 July 2014 – 16 Aug 2014	Manjimup Library
24 Aug 2014 – 27 Sept 2014	Donnybrook Community Library
5 Oct 2014 – 15 Nov 2014	Northam Public Library
23 Nov 2014 – 27 Dec 2014	Ballajura Public Library
4 Jan 2015 – 7 Feb 2015	Lake Grace Art Space
15 Feb 2015 – 21 Mar 2015	Southern Cross Seniors Centre
29 Mar 2015 – 2 May 2015	Nedlands Library
10 May 2015 – 13 June 2015	Boddington Library
21 June 2015 – 25 July 2015	Shire of Williams



Reminders from Edition 5/2014

RSL Sub-Branches holding Firearm Licenses

The WA Police are in the process of upgrading their Firearm Licensing System and part of that process is to ensure that they have all the correct information in respect to organisations that hold Firearm Licenses.

It would be appreciated if sub-branches that hold a Firearm Licence, whether it be a Corporate or a Collectors Licence, contact Roger Howell either by phone or email.

Phone Number - (08) 9454 1358

Email - roger.howell@police.wa.gov.au

Life Membership and Meritorious Award Nominations

Criteria is available at www.rslwahq.org.au under Membership - Applications for Awards at and further information in Rule 10 of the Constitution. Nominations must be received by 31 July 2014.

Final Reminder for 2014 Grants

2014 Sub-Branch Funding Grant and Gunfire Breakfast Grant Acquittals are now overdue. If you have not yet sent in your acquittals please do so ASAP.



The Listening Post

This is your publication, we welcome your ideas, comments and submissions. Submissions for the next edition are due on 22 August.

Please email listeningpost@rslwahq.org.au

IF ANY MEMBERS WOULD PREFER TO RECEIVE THEIR LISTENING POST ELECTRONICALLY RATHER THAN POSTED OUT - PLEASE ADVISE. IF WE GET ENOUGH INTEREST WE WILL INVESTIGATE HOW WE CAN FACILITATE THIS.



Invisible wounds

**Postponed until
14th August 2014**

Have you or someone close to you experienced Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)?

Partners of Veterans Association Western Australia Inc invites you to attend a free seminar to learn more about PTSD -

'A Journey Through Post Traumatic Stress Disorder'

Veterans, Military Police, Fire & Emergency Services, Drivers, families, friends and colleagues providers are encouraged to attend. Suitable providers are encouraged to attend.



**Postponed until
14th August 2014**

BOONINGS ESSENTIAL

Date: Tuesday 24th June 2014

Time: Day session: 10:00am - 2:00pm
Coffee/Tea and biscuits provided

Venue: State Library of Western Australia, 255 Stirling Street, Perth
Theatre Room, Ground Floor
Parking is available beneath the building in the Perth City Centre
entrance from Francis Street.

Cost: Free

RDV: Email (or phone/text) your name, phone number to serviceptsd@yahoo.com.au at 0488878292 by 5:00pm Monday
Friday 20th June 2014 - **BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL - FILLING FAST**

**Postponed until
14th August 2014**



Presented by Partners of Veterans Association Western Australia Inc.

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at ANZAC House.
All enquiries to Wendy on 9287 3799.**



Please Note: Membership Pro-Ratas for July-September 2014 have now started!
(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.



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