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

Another year has almost flown by and flown quickly from my point of view.

It has been a year of change and a year of challenge with next year offering much of the same.

I would like to convey my best wishes and season's greetings to all members and their families.

I also extend my thanks for all of the work that has been completed and the planning which has been considered for next year.

As I move around the sub-branches I am continually enthused by the commitment, energy and volunteer spirit that so freely abounds within RSLWA membership.

This spirit is well recognised within the broader community and also well reflected in the tremendous support provided by Lotterywest.

Grants for next year across the State to sub-branches and community groups involved in running ANZAC Day commemorations total \$1.5 million.

This is indeed a significant amount of money. So too is the tremendous volunteer effort of our sub-branch members and our supporters who work with us to commemorate ANZAC Day.

But above all so too was the service, sacrifice and commitment of thousands of young men and women who for one hundred years have served our nation in uniform. Many paid the supreme sacrifice and many never recovered from the impact of war. It is appropriate that we indeed remember them.

I also thank Phil Orchard and the staff of ANZAC House for their enduring efforts over 2014.

I hope all members, staff and families have a peaceful, happy and joyous Christmas and that the New Year brings you good health and wellbeing. I very much look forward to working with you in 2015 and the challenges, opportunities and team work which will make the Commemoration of the Centenary of ANZAC a memorable and successful year.

### 2015 Lotterywest Grants Approval

I was notified on 25 November that the Sub-Branch Grant Applications relating to ANZAC Day in 2015 have been approved.

We greatly appreciate the early notification of the grants and the significant support Lotterywest will provide to us on this significant Commemoration Day.

Graham Edwards AM  
State President

*The State President,  
Graham Edwards AM, the  
Board of Directors, and  
Staff at ANZAC House  
wish all Sub-Branches a  
Merry Christmas and a  
Safe and Happy New Year!*





## ANZAC DAY TOKEN APPEAL

The 2015 ANZAC Day Token Street Appeal is to be conducted on 25 April – ANZAC Day.

In the past, only a few sub-branches conducted the ANZAC Day Token Appeal as it is a busy time for everyone. We encourage sub-branches to place collection containers around at the Gunfire Breakfast and, if possible, organise volunteers to assist. RSLWAHQ raised a substantial amount last ANZAC Day in the CBD with the assistance of volunteers.

The RSLWA Board of Directors has passed a motion that **ALL funds raised, in respect to the ANZAC Day Token Appeal, are to be retained by sub-branches to assist with promoting, conducting and administration of major commemorative events in their area.**

If your sub-branch is collecting on private property eg shopping centres, Bunnings or any other business, as long as you have their approval, you can collect on any day (refer 3).

### 1. STREET COLLECTIONS

Street collections conducted outside of the Perth metropolitan area are the responsibility of the local authority and you should contact the relevant council to check what regulations govern local street appeals.

### 2. WHERE CAN WE COLLECT

In the Perth metropolitan area, a street collection permit gives the holder the right to collect money from the public in any street, roadway, mall or lane.

3. The permit does not cover collecting on private property, such as shopping centres. In these cases, approval must be obtained from the owner or shopping centre manager to collect on their premises.

Please note that you also need to obtain permission from the local council for the area that you intend to collect in.

### 4. COLLECTORS

People who collect on behalf of organisations must wear identification badges which show the name of the organisation. This helps prevent fraudulent operators from collecting money and also protects the reputations of legitimate non-profit organisations.

Collectors participating in a collection are not allowed to obstruct a public street or annoy any person using a public street.

Under no circumstances are collectors allowed to be paid during a street appeal.

### 5. LOCAL AUTHORITIES

If your organisation wants to set up a stall during its street collection, approval must be sought from the local authority in that locality.

Philip Orchard - CEO



## The RSL Living History Exhibition is on the road again!

### Upcoming Tour Locations

The Exhibition has just finished its first tour and is now booked out until 2017. Local Sub-Branched are encouraged to become involved with the host organisation, and if you are visiting the area, don't forget to drop by and have a look! All tour dates can be seen at [www.rslwahq.org.au](http://www.rslwahq.org.au) under the Event tab.

23 November 2014 – 20 December 2014

Ballajura Public Library

27 December 2014 – 7 February 2015

Lake Grace Regional Art Space

15 February 2015 – 21 March 2015

Southern Cross Seniors Centre



## AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE ASSISTANCE TRUST

### CARING FOR THOSE WHO SERVE

I write to introduce the ADF Assistance Trust to you in your role caring for Defence members, veterans and their families in need.

The ADF Assistance Trust is a charity which may be able to assist your clients by providing emergency and non-emergency funding when financial hardship is exacerbating an already difficult time of life.

We provide financial assistance to current and former members of the ADF and their dependants following service-related death or severe wounding (mental or physical) particularly in recent conflicts.

We can provide assistance for:

- Essential living costs
- Tuition and school fees, retraining expenses, educational resources
- Health and medical expenses, mental health injury services, specialist equipment not covered by Defence or DVA
- Vehicle expenses (not covered by DVA), car payments, car insurance, registration
- Funds to facilitate a family member travelling to assist a Defence member in an emergency
- Childcare during illness or surgery

- Emergency dental expenses
- Carer's relief and assistance not covered by DVA

We cannot provide assistance for:

- Holidays, adventure tours, other forms of recreational travel
- Needs which can be met by Government agencies or other similar military trusts

We hope you will assist us by putting potential beneficiaries in contact with us. On your request we can work directly with your clients to ascertain eligibility and complete applications. We aim to work with you and/or your clients to ensure that the application process does not place additional stress on applicants.

For those eligible the ADF Assistance Trust has the flexibility to provide individualised support. The current turnaround time for applications is one month, though can be shorter in emergency situations.

For further information please visit our website - [www.adfassistancetrust.org.au](http://www.adfassistancetrust.org.au)

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Allison Stephens - Executive Officer





## UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars  
This Month

### 2014

**3 December:** McDonald's Community Cinemas in partnership with Universal Pictures presents the WA Premiere of *The Water Diviner* on behalf of the RSLWA. Russell Crowe directs and stars in this historical drama about an Australian farmer who in 1919 travels to Turkey to find his missing three sons.

**4 December - 18 April:** A series of WWI commemorative films will be shown by the McDonald Community Cinemas at Burswood, Curtin University and possibly Mandurah.

### 2015

**10 January:** Re-enactment of the famous Cheops Pyramid photo taken of the WA-based 11 Battalion – the first battalion raised in WA.

**13-15 February:** The Giant puppets – featuring an 11-metre tall Deep Sea Diver and a six metre tall Little Girl - will walk the streets of Perth over three days to commemorate the ANZAC Centenary.

**19-24 April:** Sunset Services will be held at Kings Park each evening. Families will be given the opportunity to lay wreaths and individual service persons are recognised at each ceremony.

**19 April:** Bankwest Gallipoli run through Kings Park and similar runs will also happen in Albany, Bunbury and Geraldton on other dates.

**23 April:** The WA Symphony Orchestra performs a special concert to commemorate the First World War. A display of appropriate memorabilia will be housed in the Concert Hall.

**24-25 April:** Camp Gallipoli sees families coming together on one special night camping in authentic swags at Ascot and watching the Dawn Service.

**ANZAC Day weekend:** The RSL and partners create an ANZAC weekend at the Perth Cultural Centre, featuring a feast of visual displays and activities commemorating the war. This will include the Collegiate Symphonic Chorus performing a special ANZAC Day concert to commemorate the First World War.

**7 August:** Commemoration of the Battle of the Nek.

**11 November:** Remembrance Day sees thousands of poppies created across Australia displayed at St Georges Cathedral.

There are also numerous other commemorative activities being planned across the State. In local community libraries, historical associations, universities and local councils teams are working together to ensure that the memory of those who gave their lives are not forgotten.

### McDonalds Community Cinemas

We are excited to announce that RSLWA are in partnership with McDonalds Community Cinemas this year who will be showing a series of films which will raise funds for the RSL.

Please put these dates in your diary and support our veteran community:

CAPTAIN AMERICA 29th November @ Burswood 7.45pm

THE WATER DIVINER 3rd December @ Warwick 6.30pm

FURY 18th December @ Burswood 7.45pm

THE WATER DIVINER 26th January @ Burswood 7.45pm

To purchase tickets please follow this link:

<http://www.communitycinemas.com.au/Page/Home>

or call Peta Ward on 0403 560 684

Sharon Harford  
Centenary Program Manager



### Perth Undergraduate Choral Society

Thanks to support by the City of Perth, the Perth Undergraduate Choral Society (PUCS) presents its Christmas Concert for 2014. 'A Christmas Miracle' celebrates the memory of the 100th anniversary of the Christmas Truce during the First World War. The truce saw soldiers from both sides lay down their arms on Christmas Day 1914 and venture into the no man's land between the trenches to exchange gifts, play games and sing Christmas Carols.

To commemorate this historic event the Perth Undergraduate Choral Society will be performing a range of carols contemporary to the war including French, German and Latin, carols that were sung during the truce. These carols will be structured around a story written by Agelink Theatres, chronicling the soldiers during the truce.

We believe that this event will be of interest to the members of The Returned & Services League of Australia because of its focus on the commemoration of soldiers' efforts during the First World War and we would like to offer you two complimentary tickets for you to attend the concert.

The concert will be held in Perth's Trinity Church on 7 December at 3pm.

Maya Kraj-Krajewski

PUCS President

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