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Records broken as West Australians commemorate 100 years of ANZAC

Our troops were honoured like never before at events commemorating the 100th anniversary of the ANZACs landing at Gallipoli.

Poppies and crosses were everywhere; magnificent war memorials were dedicated and rededicated; thousands of Veterans and record crowds turned out for RSL services at more than 100 WA locations, as well as in other States and overseas in places like Laos, Istanbul, Villers-Bretonneux, Bullecourt and of course Gallipoli.

Kingsley resident Mrs Vivian Jones arrived at Kings Park at 11.30am on Friday, determined to get a good possie for the next day’s Dawn Service. Others arrived within hours and the crowd built toward 80,000.

There were many highlights around WA: Albany’s special combined schools march and service featured 2015 participants from 32 Great Southern schools; Broome’s ANZAC Day drama and dance service didn’t leave a dry eye; Fremantle RSL continued its Lazarus-like rebound increasing membership by two-thirds; Port Kennedy’s Gunfire Breakfast for more than 400 people.

In Perth, we saw two spontaneous standing ovations: for centurion and Red Cross icon Anne Leach who was announced an RSL ANZAC of the Year during a special Sunset Service at Kings Park and for the considerably younger David Singer, who spoke of his tour to Afghanistan at the Commemorative Service in the Supreme Court Gardens.

“It is strange to say that even though we were in one of the most dangerous countries on earth, I often felt safer there than I have ever felt at any other point in my life,” David told the crowd of up to 15,000.

“Because I knew that no matter what we did, or where we went, my mates were watching my back. And I knew that if something were to happen to me, and I had found myself on the ground, that nothing in that country would have been able to stop them from getting to my side.”

Later, he spoke of his physically and mentally wounded comrades and added, “We will always remember the mates we served with, and we will always remember that 100 years ago, on the shores of Gallipoli, blood was shed, and lives were lost by heroes in freedom’s name, and that a legend was forged. A legend which makes every single one of us who we are today.”

Dave Singer (24) was praised by Governor Kerry Sanderson AO who later noted it was a rare feat to receive standing applause. Dave’s speech is on www.rslwaqg.org.au. Many of the ANZAC Day highlights are also on the RSLWA Facebook site.
VP Day – bitter sweet memories

VP Day – or Victory in the Pacific – has its 70th anniversary on 15 August and the men and women who went through it will remember that day through different prisms.

Delight for those liberated and for many Australian soldiers, relief and even disbelief that it was all over.

For Domingos de Oliveira (78), then a child in East Timor, “I remember we were so happy that day, in 1945. That is all I remember.”

Keith Hayes (94) has no clear memory of VP Day, but a cast-iron memory of Donabella Martins, the Timorese woman who nursed him to health after he was all but mortally wounded near Comoro River, outside Dili. The former 2/2 Commando recalls, “She did the lot. She outfoxed the Japs.”

For Guildford-born Jack Connelly (91), whose Australian flagpole sets him apart from others at the Solomon Rise residential home at Ferndale, there are bitter sweet memories.

“We were in standing patrol in Borneo and we’d heard days before of bombs being dropped in Japan,” recalls Jack, who was with the 2/28th Australian Infantry Battalion. “We thought it was just an ordinary bomb – we just didn’t know.”

For Jack, who earlier served with the 2/17th in New Guinea, war left him memories that plagued and depressed him. One of them is a deep regret he harbours over the death of his best mate, Private Charlie ‘Chum’ Herbert Stancer, at the hands of the Japanese on 10 June 1945.

“My best mate was a Fairbridge farm boy; he joined up at Gingin and they told him he was an orphan (he wasn’t) and he stuck with me because I was like a brother to him,” recalls Jack. “We were split up and he was a cook with 2/32nd Battalion and getting an extra bob for it.

“But he wanted to be with me and I told him not to bother. Anyway, he got transferred to the 2/28th and was a forward scout on Labuan when he and four others ran into a woodpecker (Japanese machine gun).”

In 2011, Jack took his two sons John and Paul back to Labuan Island, now part of Malaysia, to lay a stainless steel plaque at his old mate’s grave.

Another powerful memory is of Maurice Lease Coleman, a local 14 year-old boy Jack met on patrol in Borneo. Maurice was searching for his parents. Jack helped him find his Dad and Maurice, who died in the 1980s, and his family never forgot and has continued to stay in touch.

The war entangled and troubled Jack Connelly. The former butcher took it in his stride and now looks and acts younger than his years.

He marched on ANZAC Day through Perth with John ‘JJ’ Wade (97) one of the few other survivors of their battalion.

Of VP Day, Jack says, “I can’t describe the feeling at the time. It was lovely. I couldn’t get home quickly enough.”

FOOTNOTE: Almost one million Australians served in World War II: about 40,000 of them died and many thousands more were wounded or injured in the course of their military service.
FROM THE **PRESIDENT’S PEN**

**Project ANZAC House – Building for the future**

By State President

**Graham Edwards, AM**

The ANZAC Centenary has brought out the best in the RSL in WA and I am keen to keep that momentum going by setting the ambitious goal of replacing our headquarters by 2018.

Project ANZAC House will examine options for replacing our existing headquarters and will work on concepts for a new HQ which will provide commercial returns and benefits to members.

A reference group has been formed to advise on the project and comprises myself, as chair, George Jones, who has more than 35 years’ experience in mining, banking and finance industries, Don Blair, chair of Trustees, Phillip Draber, chair of RSLWA’s Finance Committee, Warren Snell, a member of the Finance Committee, Phil Orchard, CEO of RSLWA, Matthew Holyday, Manager, ANZAC House, and Jan Stewart, former CEO of Lotterywest. The group is working on a pro bono basis to assist RSLWA reach its goal.

In the meantime, RSLWA is liaising with the State Government and City of Perth in developing options for the development. I will keep you all informed as we progress.

There is no doubt that the incredible effort by all members this year has given us a great deal of encouragement to proceed with this major project.

The ANZAC Day commemorations around the State were a triumph of Commemoration, respect and remembrance.

Many members worked and planned over long periods to ensure that special services were held in their own local communities, in their own towns and at their own memorials.

A heartfelt thanks to all who contributed, volunteered and worked to ensure these services were held. We have had many overwhelming positive and wonderful expressions of thanks from the public and great feedback.

Not every bit of feedback however was positive and I encourage sub-branches to do their debrief and identify what can be done better next year.

We must acknowledge Lotterywest our principle partner and other agencies and governments at all levels for their support and assistance where appropriate. I appreciate that the RSL cannot and does not work alone and our partners and volunteers all deserve warm thanks and appreciation.

You all did RSLWA proud. Thanks and I salute you.

**Lest We Forget**

**ANZACs of the Year**

Two outstanding West Australians have received ANZAC of the Year awards from the National RSL.

They are Mrs Anne Leach OAM FNM and Mr Wayne Gardiner RFD.

Mrs Leach was named at an inspirational Sunset Service for nurses on 23 April, when the Kings Park crowd rose spontaneously to their feet to applaud her.

Her award was announced by the National President of the RSL Rear Admiral Ken Doolan (ret’d) “In recognition of her exceptional courage and devotion to victims of armed conflicts or natural disasters and her pioneering spirit in the areas of public health and nursing education”.

Mr Gardiner, of the Highgate Sub-Branch, received the award for “his years of sustained and enthusiastic commitment to the community through his involvement with many community organisations, and in particular through his fostering and understanding and remembrance of Australia’s military history”.

His voice may be better known than his name because Mr Gardiner provides the expert commentary for ABC TV’s coverage of the ANZAC Day march through Perth. He has for many years been contributing to the RSL, ABC, Perth Legacy, the Army Museum of WA and the Military History Society of Australia (WA Branch).
Bunbury family links with France are alive

Dear Editor,

My father was a stubborn, strong-minded man with a disability who did not win any great accolades but was proud to serve his King and Country.

Allen Forrest (service number 6817) was born at Thornhill, the family farm on what is now called Caves Road, Yallingup. He worked as contractor in the heavy Jarrah and Karri Forest in the lower South West using crosscut saws and his favourite Plumb Broad and Standard axes. He became a foreman of the Drainage section in the Public Works Department.

WWI came and his attempts at enlistment were unsuccessful on at least one occasion due to his club foot.

He was 35 years and one month old when he was finally successful on 1 March 1917. He must have been desperate to ‘join up’ as he stated that at his successful medical examination cash had ‘exchanged hands’. He was in the 20th re enforcement of the 28th Battalion, trained at Blackboy Camp (Greenmount, Perth) and sailed for Plymouth in June the same year on the Borda (A30 HMAT).

After training in Wiltshire he transferred to 16th Battalion and went to France and Flanders in January 1918. On 24 March the battalion, as part of the 4th Brigade, began to move south on ‘loan’ to the British Army.

The journey ended at the frontline at Hebuterne, a small village in the Somme and part of the Western front.

Eventually, he returned to Australia and was discharged 29 June 1919 as being ‘medically unfit not due to misconduct’ on a pension. He declined the pension.

Post-war he recommenced at his pre-war position with the PWD and worked beyond his 65 years on many projects in the South West (bridges, floodgates and the Harvey Diversion).

These years were often very difficult as the ulcer on his leg redeveloped in 1921, was often infected and never healed for the rest of his life. He had been gassed in France and this left him with deceased respiratory stamina.

He died on 6 December 1970 aged almost 89. He is buried at Bunbury and has a War Service plaque on his grave. He also has a plaque in the Australian War Garden of Remembrance in Perth.

My father spoke of his great fondness for the French people and that encouraged me in recent years to trace his war history and make a connection with the village of Hebuterne that I know he helped protect.

He was never able to revisit France. However, Franco - Australian Relations are alive and well. A friendship has developed between the Marie (mayor) of Hebuterne (Jean-Luc Tabary) and ourselves.

In 2012 we visited, spent the day together and gifts were exchanged. They keep my father’s photo in their museum.

He didn’t get married until late in life but his grit and determination has been and will always be an inspiration to me.

Thelma Kemp (nee Forrest)
Bunbury

Commemorative Service

Dear Editor,

Thank you for giving our son David the opportunity to speak at the RSL Commemorative Service in the Supreme Court Gardens on ANZAC Day.

It was a great honour for him and a moment of immense pride for us.

The Commemorative Service was beautiful as was the Dawn Service we attended at North Beach.

We very much appreciate the efforts of the RSL in organising these wonderful events for our community.

Julie Singer
Wembley Downs

Honoured to play RSL Bugle

I was honoured to be able to play The Last Post at the ANZAC centenary held at Brunswick Junction using a bugle which was donated by the RSL to Australind Senior High School.

In addition I played the bugle at Kingston and Treendale primary schools for their ANZAC services.

With your donation of the bugle it allowed me to be part of the ANZAC tradition and I sincerely appreciate the opportunity given.

Lest We Forget

Adrian Davies
My congratulations to all sub-branches on what has been to date an extremely successful ANZAC Commemorative period.

Through the ANZAC week the RSL Statewide was superbly represented by the membership in school visits, commemorative services, presentations and, of course, at the ANZAC Day events.

From a State Branch perspective our nightly Sunset Services between 19-24 April pulled even bigger crowds than last year as did all of our ANZAC Day events.

It was a privilege to be involved and the post event feedback has been very encouraging. Compliments outnumbered complaints significantly.

During the ANZAC week we also hosted the veterans from Timor Leste and His Excellency Xanana Gusmao. The former received briefings from DVA and ANZAC House staff regarding governance, welfare and advocacy and the general make up of the RSL around the country.

I also offer my congratulations to WA’s two ANZACs of Year for 2015 in Mrs Anne Leach OAM, FNM and Mr Wayne Gardiner RFD. How richly deserved. As MC for the Sunset Service honouring the Nursing Corp it was an honour to read how Anne has served Australia and the health services in remarkable fashion. To see this honoured by a standing ovation was truly a remarkable experience.

For Wayne this highlights nearly two decades of ongoing contributions to The Returned & Services League WA Branch, ABC Perth Broadcasting, Perth Legacy, the Army Museum of Western Australia and The Military History Society of Australia (WA Branch). Through all these organisations he has provided an extended service to the community of Western Australia.

Awards - if you are nominating a member for Life Membership or a Meritorious Award you must adhere to the instructions on RSLWA’s website under Membership: Applications for Awards. A lot of effort can be wasted if the criteria instructions are not met. Remember the deadline is 31 July 2015 and that the unsuccessful nominations of 2014 are not carried over.

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The Horrors of the Somme

He was only 18 and he was transported from sleepy Perth to the horrors and violence of the Somme and the front line.

Private Robert Lloyd, son of WA’s Inspector of the Postmaster General, kept a diary – which he wrote into the back of a captured German soldier’s diary – of his service in France which began with 2nd Pioneer Battalion 12-13 Replacements in the years 1917 and 1918.

Pte Lloyd is the great uncle of Army Reservist Chris Phillips, of Jurien Bay, who read extracts from it at the Jurien Bay RSL ANZAC Day service.

The Listening Post can only publish the following edited extracts from just two days on the front. Often the Australians were lost, gassed and shelled:

- 8 August 1918: We reach the German frontline. Not a soul there, only the mangled remains of his dead. We followed up for about two kilometres keeping in touch with our huge tanks which seem to lumber on unceasingly.
  5.30am: We strike his first line of resistance which we carried without any trouble. A few big Fritz’s stood but they died at the point of the bayonet. On we went and Fritz going in front of us until we reached Death Valley near Warfuse-Abancour (north of Paris, near Amiens and south of the Somme River). Here he (the Germans) got into our tanks with some of his guns and killed many of the crews.
  7am: We had rushed the gun positions and killed all the crew who asked for mercy after killing many of our cobbers.

- 27 September 1918. (The diary describes the Allied push to capture the Hindenburg line and the town of Bellicourt; the scenes of slaughter of Germans and Americans; and ‘some poor beggars were crushed into a pancake by a tank’). Our little section of five men sought cover under the stonework of a house, the last one in (Bellicourt). It had been burning for about three minutes when there started a series of cracks and loud reports coming from the house above. We looked at each other, because we knew it was a house stored with ammunition and probably heavily mined.

Robert Lloyd pictured with his wife Ellen in 1964, two years before he died of a massive heart attack at 65.

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Fun run hides burning ambition

Air hostess Jessica Evans (third from left) still has a burning ambition to prove the final resting location of her great uncle Lieutenant Hercules Crawford for her beloved Nana’s sake.

Lt Crawford served in the Australian Army during the Second World War. He fought for the 39th Infantry Battalion on the Kokoda track in Papua New Guinea and is listed as having been killed in action on 8 August 1942.

On 19 April, Jessica and her family joined more than 2,000 others in the 2015 Bankwest Gallipoli Run through Kings Park, wearing special t-shirts honouring Hercules and Lucy, their beloved Nan, who lived her last 60 years in WA. At the end of the event, the family joined hundreds of others to place tiny wooden crosses in an RSL cross marked by poppies.

“Hercules was wounded and sent for treatment to Deniki with an escort of two men, but before going far he ordered them to go back to the company and said he would carry on by himself. That was the last time he was ever seen,” Jessica, of Mindarie, said.

“As you could imagine this was an extremely hard time for Lt Crawford’s family and my Nan to come to terms with. Years and decades passed and there was still no known location of Lt Crawford.

“In mid-2013, after countless conversations with Nan about her brother, I did some research and was shocked to find just how heroic he was.

“There is very strong evidence to prove Lt Crawford was buried as another member from the 39th Battalion. The evidence was so strong that my Nana was asked to send her DNA to the Australian War Graves Commission. However, The Australian government has refused to exhume the body to prove for once and all who is buried there.

“Before Nan passed away she said to me that for 70 years she had prayed every night she would find out the truth about her brother.

“I am blessed she was still with us when we discovered evidence of where he was buried in PNG. We believe through all documents we’ve received that Lt Crawford is buried there – although I feel I am now at a dead-end I will do all I can to grant this wish for her.”

Jessica’s Nan is Lucy Alicia Rymer (née Williams) who in 1942 enlisted in the Australian Army as a signaler (ciphering messages in PNG) after her three brothers enlisted. One was a Navy commander, another a pilot and Hercules, who lived in Adelaide, joined the Australian Army. Lucy recently passed away at the age of 97.
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The other side of Timor’s war

Domingos de Oliviera was only six when Australian soldiers entered his remote and mountainous East Timor village of Fatu-Makerek in March 1942.

Japan had invaded the neutral Portuguese colony in February. Ultimately between 40,000 and 60,000 Timorese were killed.

The Australians were members of the No. 2 Australian Independent Company, later known as 2/2 Commando Squadron, who with others achieved legendary status as they fought a guerrilla war from the mountains before being withdrawn at the end of 1942 and beginning of 1943.

The 2/2 men were Australia’s first commandos. They were among the first Australian soldiers to be trained in guerilla warfare, and the first to successfully practice it.

Domingos de Oliveira is now a well-established Mt Claremont resident. He came to Australia in 1980, under a special humanitarian program, after his wife and two daughters fled Timor in 1975.

“I was a little boy of six when the first Australian soldiers arrived at my village,” recalls Domingos. “They stayed at our village for six months, about 10 to 20 of them. They were very kind to the people. We moved on to another village, but my father and I used to visit them once or twice a week to help them get buffaloes, pigs or goats to eat.

“When the Japanese arrived at Fatu-Makerek they burnt our houses and I understand that one of the Australian soldiers was killed there. “My father Antonio, who was chief of the saku (village) of Fatu-Makerek, was summoned by the Japanese and tortured. They nearly killed him because he had helped the Australians.”

In these terrible times, the Japanese used increasing numbers of Dutch Timorese to wreak havoc among the Portuguese Timorese who then found it impossible to keep helping the Australians. The Dutch Timorese (colunas negras) were used to shield Japanese troops.

In 1965, Domingos was reunited with one of the soldiers who walked into his village in 1942.

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Images of WWII veterans live on

Fremantle-born Evan Pryce is one of about 140 veterans in WA who have already registered to have their photograph taken by professional photographers.

The photographs are being taken at no charge by the Australian Institute of Professional Photography (AIPP) for the Australian War Memorial’s archives. It is part of a project called Reflections: Honouring Our World War II Veterans.

RSL sub-branches interested in participating in the project can contact the WA coordinator for AIPP, Rebekah Wilson on 0419 957 060. Her email address is: info@rebekahwilson.com.au

Veterans are encouraged to register their interest online at www.aippveterans.com/veterans

Evan Pryce (87), a resident at Macnamara Lodge at Meadow Springs, was a member of the occupational forces in Japan and enlisted in 1946. He served with 13 Army Troops as a carpenter and spent a year in Japan from September 1947.

During that time, he visited Hiroshima for just a couple of hours – long enough to see the dramatic impact of the atomic bomb on the city. “It was pretty horrendous – the place was shattered,” Mr Pryce recalls.

Though not strictly a veteran who served during the war, the AIPP is taking a sensitive approach to its photography and has included Mr Pryce in the project.

Ms Wilson said the AIPP had a limited number of photographers and resources but would do its best to accommodate RSL sub-branches and individuals. While 140 have registered so far with AIPP in WA, there are more than 2,300 WWII veterans living here. Nationally, AIPP believes there are 14,000 WWII veterans.
Sun sets provide memorable RSL services at Kings Park

Little Ellie Muller unwittingly became a star at a Sunset Service held this year at Kings Park.

Her Dad, David, brought her along with his wife and toddler son to absorb some of the ethos that is the ANZAC experience.

It was the eve of ANZAC Day when Ellie (19 months) wandered to the edge of the Pool of Reflection, where dozens of wreaths and floral tributes were placed on six consecutive days when the Sunset Service was held. “The Dawn Service is too early for the kids so I brought them along for the first time to the Sunset Service,” Mr Muller told The Listening Post. “I thought it was fantastic and a chance for children to try to get an understanding of what’s behind it all.”

The Sunset Services ran from 19 until 24 April at the Court of Contemplation, part of the State War Memorial precinct in Kings Park.

Each daily service began at 5pm and lasted 30 minutes. Each had a theme and people flocked to them with the final service attracting well over 1,000.

Her Excellency, Governor Kerry Sanderson, AO who is also Patron of the RSLWA, attended the first service to honour seven soldiers, all under 18, who enlisted in WA and gave their lives in WWI.

The service was run entirely by young people. The MC to bugler, piper and anthem singers were all under 18.

Subsequent services paid tribute to Roy and Joseph Facey, who both died at Gallipoli; clerical giants Father John Fahey DSO and Chaplain Walter Ernest Dexter DSO MC DCM; WA’s Indigenous diggers; Nurses; and the Turks, Australians and Kiwis who fought and died at Gallipoli.

The Westralian Great War Living History Association attended all six of the Sunset Services at the State War Memorial.

There were many highlights: the visit and speech by His Excellency Xanana Gusmao, Timor-Leste Minister for Planning and Strategic Investment, former resistance fighter and Prime Minister; the magical moment for Jacquie Lakner when the RSL paid tribute at its second Sunset Service to Roy and Joseph Facey. “To have our great uncles honoured like that was amazing. Just wonderful,” Jacquie said – and her sister Jean Facey and brother Joseph Facey agreed.

The crowd doubled to more than 600 for the tribute to WA’s Indigenous diggers. Special guests included Jean Farmer and Meryl Hansen – daughters of Ken Farmer, who enlisted at the age of 14 and fought in WWI and survived.

Ken Farmer was one of four brothers who served in WWI. Two died. Larry Farmer was killed at the battle of Pozieres in August 1916 and Gus Farmer died aged 32 in August 1918 in the battle of Merricourt.

On 23 April, a remarkable thing happened when 100 year-old Red Cross icon Mrs Anne Leach was announced as RSL ANZAC of the Year: the crowd of about 1,000 spontaneously stood to applaud her. Mrs Leach, who despite her wheelchair, stood for The Last Post, National Anthem and the laying of a wreath, was accompanied to the State War Memorial by her children Margaret Burridge and Humphrey Leach.

And finally on Friday 24 April, well over 1,000 people commemorated Turks, Australians and New Zealanders who died at Gallipoli.

Brigadier David Thompson, commander of 13 Battalion spoke about a brave and clever Turkish leader, Mustafa Kemal, who many years after fighting in Gallipoli declared that grieving Australian mothers should wipe away their tears.
State honours ANZAC Centenary

West Australians turned out in unprecedented numbers for the ANZAC Day centenary – as the following pages will demonstrate.

The biggest crowd outside of Kings Park was at the City of Rockingham RSL’s Dawn Service, when 20,000 people gathered to honour the ANZACs landing at Gallipoli exactly 100 years earlier.

But there were record attendances all over the State and many services reported very emotional responses from a grateful community.

In Bunbury, more than 80 beautiful wreaths were laid before the Bricknell Music Shell stage; and in Albany a capacity crowd of more than 4,000 attended the Dawn Service at the iconic Desert Mounted Corps Memorial in Albany Heritage Park.

In addition, more than 3000 people experienced the Albany Dawn Service via live simulcast at ANZAC Peace Park, Albany Entertainment Centre and Stirling Terrace. The National ANZAC Centre recorded its 50,000th visitor during the course of ANZAC Day.

Later on ANZAC Day morning, between 10,000-12,000 people attended the traditional Troop March down York Street and Memorial Service at ANZAC Peace Park. The previous day was marked by a special combined schools march and service featuring 2015 participants from 32 Great Southern schools, with guest speaker Sir Angus Houston.

Thousands of well-wishers visited the Stirling Terrace Markets and Albany Town Square across the ANZAC Day long weekend. The Stirling Terrace Markets featured markets, entertainment, a local wine bar, a big screen and more. The Town Square featured an ANZAC Albany photo booth and a Field of Gratitude in which visitors were encouraged to write a message of thanks on a paper poppy and plant it in the grass. Some 2,500 people took the opportunity to plant a poppy over the weekend.

After dark each evening, the Town Square was transformed into a theatre with the poignant and uplifting Projections and Storytelling on the side of Albany Town Hall.

The series of short projected vignettes recounted several moving ANZAC stories and had audiences captivated.

A 1915-themed bar served cocktails reflective of the era. A variety of other community events also took place over the ANZAC Day 2015 weekend, including a map of Australia and New Zealand on Middleton Beach made of thousands of poppies planted by the community, the start of the Albany to Fremantle yacht race, and many more.

The ANZAC Day 2015 events were a result of close collaboration between the RSL Albany Sub-Branch and the City of Albany. The events were supported by Lotterywest, Tourism WA and RAC.
Arthur Scanlon heads Donnybrook march

Our Dawn Service in Donnybrook started with a cool crisp morning but by 6am the crowd had gathered with well over 800 attending.

The number was the biggest Donnybrook has seen. At the end of the service, Amazing Grace was played hauntingly by our two local bagpipers.

More than 200 went back to our headquarters for a Gunfire Breakfast kindly run by our local Lions Club.

The march down the main street to our newly refurbish memorial was led by 94 year-old digger and life member, Arthur Scanlon.

As he can no longer walk, he rode his gopher with his family by his side.

This year was the first time we were able to have two flags, so we raised the New Zealand flag as well as the Australian flag, and played both anthems.

We could not have asked for a better day; the weather was magnificent, the crowds were amazing and the service was very moving with a dedication to a local family member, Frederick William Kirsch, who was killed in action in WWI. A call had gone out for knitted poppies for a display at the memorial and we received 723. They came from a young girl knitting them on the school bus right through to a 94 year-old lady.

We even had two men knitting some.

A big thank you to you all.

Other services held within our shire were at Kirup, Mullalyup and Balingup. All had record crowds.

Geoff Box
Secretary/Treasurer

Newspaper boosts Esperance Service

On Friday 17 April we had a four-page wraparound in The Esperance Express as a lead-up to ANZAC Day to inform the public of this very important event to commemorate the 100th anniversary.

The 6am Dawn Service was attended by between 4,500 to 5,000 people.

We believe that the build up from the paper’s wrap a week earlier was responsible for this turnout with people from Hopetoun, Perth, Eastern States and Balladonia.

The visitors included Lee M. Stapely, a young man who was born, educated and joined the Army from Esperance and who works on a drilling rig in the North of the state. He flew down to pay his respects to veterans of Afghanistan, where he also served.

The 11am service was well attended by 2,500 to 3,000 persons. The address at both services was by Sub-Branch President George Starcevich, who joined the Royal Australian Navy as a junior recruit, and was a senior in the Navy for 20 years.

Both of these services were the largest seen on any ANZAC Day and it was pleasing to see the number of young people in attendance.

Brian Pearce
Secretary
Cottesloe thrills Kiwis

Cottesloe had the best attendance for years with an estimated 700 people and a good spread of ages.

New Zealand RSA Picton carries the Australian flag at every ANZAC Day Service and this year gave our sub-branch a New Zealand flag for our Centenary service. A young Kiwi bagpiper, Tom Whelan, led the parade and the New Zealand flag was also raised by a Kiwi.

Harry Josland from the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts sounded The Last Post.

The New Zealand Anthem concluded the service and a small group at the back made their presence known; among them was an ex-RNZAF who was overjoyed because Australians tend to overlook New Zealand.

Neville Green
President

Water cannons display amazes Hedland crowd

ANZAC Day in Port Hedland began with an unprecedented non-stop flow of traffic from South Hedland to the port where the Dawn Service was held. The service was followed by a march to Marrapikurinya Park where a community breakfast was provided for the 3,000 people who attended.

Invited guests and dignitaries were ferried by launches to the harbour where wreaths were laid during an emotional service in memory of those who left our shores to go to war.

During this service there was a spectacular fly-over of 2 PC9 aircraft from the south-east across the park and jetty and off to the north.

Sprigs of rosemary were handed to members of the public on the shore who were encouraged to cast the sprigs into the water as well.

Two tugs also made a wonderful display with their water cannons which entertained and amazed the crowd.

A day of quiet enjoyment was held at ANZAC House Port Hedland for RSL members and their guests at the conclusion of the Service.

Local sporting clubs commemorated the day with flag raising ceremonies prior to their games.

Robyn Middleton
Secretary

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Seton Choir in Cockburn tribute

The City of Cockburn RSL conducted a Dawn Service at the Memorial Hall Monument and, despite the crisp chilly morning, it was pleasing to see people arriving as early as 4am.

At 5am the roads around the monument were closed and by 5.45am we had an estimated crowd of 8,000 people, filling not only the park area but also the entire four lanes of Rockingham Road and Carrington Street.

The Catafalque Party was accompanied by the daunting sound of the didgeridoo played by Phil Walley-Stack. The ANZAC address was presented by COMD Sean Noble RAN.

Wreaths were placed on the monument by the RSL President, Defence Officers, local politicians, mayor and councillors, Police and community members.

After the Dawn Service there was a Community Gunfire Breakfast in the Memorial Hall and this was extremely crowded. A Gunfire Breakfast was also held at the sub-branch where five chefs were kept very busy keeping the food flowing for in excess of 200 people. All in all, a very special and successful Dawn Service - our best.

The parade assembled in the RSL car park and in Frederick Road under the guidance of Chief Marshal Tiny Small. The parade stepped off at 10am under the command of Major Neil Foster.

When the parade was finally assembled in the monument area, there was a crowd of around 2,000 people to witness the Catafalque Party from Joint Logistics Unit (West) march on.

This year we had the services of the Seton Catholic College Choir, with an excellent performance of Lest We Forget, Australia Remembers, as well as the New Zealand and Australian National Anthems. They are to be congratulated. The ANZAC address was again presented by COMD Sean Noble RAN.

We wish to thank the handful of members that assisted in making our ANZAC Day the huge success that it was. Congratulations on a job well done.

I would also like to add a special thanks to the staff at Bunnings Cockburn Central for the work that they did in the gardens of the sub-branch. This is a task that they do each year leading up to ANZAC Day.

Arthur J Stanton
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Four horses at Bridgetown

Our ANZAC Day Parade and Service was a success. We had about 450 people attend the service at our Memorial Park.

The parade through Bridgetown was led by four horses and troopers representing the 10th Light Horse.

We also had a fly past by the RAAF during the service. After the service the people attending were invited to have a light lunch, served by the Red Cross and the local Fire Brigade.

Don Roberts
Secretary

Dwellingup draws praise

An estimated 300 people were in attendance at the Dwellingup ANZAC Service. We flew three flags for the first time this ANZAC Day - the Aboriginal flag as the third.

We also had an elder, Mr Paul Morrison, welcome the people on behalf of the Noongar people.

The Dwellingup Primary School choir sang an original composition by their Choir Mistress, Ms Nicole De Hoog.

The Sub-Branch President and I have received many compliments on the service from people saying how much they enjoyed it.

Leigh Whitley
Secretary

Kookaburra welcome at Kalamunda service

The Kalamunda ANZAC Day Dawn Service was a moving and wonderful event.

We had the largest crowd ever with about 4,000 to 5,000 community members attending with parents and young children and older veterans.

The kookaburras welcomed the Dawn Service with traditional Kalamunda morning calls.

For the first time we invited St Brigid’s and Mazenod College Choirs to open the service with a song based on the words of Mustafa Kemal Atatürk (“After having lost their lives on this land they have become our sons as well”), as well as singing the National Anthem.

The addition of the RAN Catafalque Party brought an extra element of respect to the service. We were delighted by the number of school children who on behalf of the local schools laid wreaths, as well as members of the public who placed floral tributes at the memorial in respect of their relatives and to honour the fallen from all theatres of conflict.

Our guest speaker, local GP Dr Carragher, (Major, RAMC Ret) spoke eloquently and from the heart. I personally found the service very moving.

Following the service many attended the Gunfire Breakfast. Kalamunda RSL Sub-Branch would like to thank the local Scout groups who held an all-night vigil at the memorial.

Warren Irvine
Secretary

A big crowd enjoyed the Serpentine-Jarrahdale RSL’s ANZAC Day service at the new purpose-built Memorial Park at Byford.
88 crosses for Narrogin dead

In all, there were eight services conducted through the week and every service was well attended and solemnly conducted by all. The Dawn Service was attended by far the largest number for many years, well in excess of 300.

The main service commenced at 10am after the march from the Town Hall. Although those who marched were down in numbers, it was great to see many older diggers and sailors made the effort. Mr Nottle’s Mini Moke again came into service in the parade and it is estimated that close to 600 attended.

This year far more private wreaths were laid and the Memorial was a sea of colour.

The servicemen who did not return to Narrogin were honoured with 88 white crosses placed on the lawn of the park and students from the five local schools read out the names of the soldiers during the wreath laying.

The sub-branch greatly appreciates the service and commitment of Emily Ballantyne who has, over the past five years sounded The Last Post and Reveille at all services, a total of five every year.

Emily was chosen with two others from the Narrogin Senior High School to travel to Gallipoli in June where she will sound the bugle at all venues they visit. A bugle held by the sub-branch was loaned to Emily for this purpose.

Combined schools impress Ellenbrook

On Wednesday 22 April the 10 Combined Ellenbrook Schools held their ANZAC service at the Ellenbrook Memorial Amphitheatre.

State President Graham Edwards was our key speaker and the 1,000 students in the audience listened respectfully while he equated the Australian responses in the First World War to the threat of international bullying.

Members of the Ellenbrook Sub-Branch who attended were impressed by the service, the solemnity, the singing and the oration.

Dr Neil MacNeill
Head Master
Ellenbrook Independent Primary School

• ANZAC Day 2015 - Perenjori RSL unveils its Rising Sun emblem: Perenjori RSL President Geoffrey Pridham (left) and Chris King, Perenjori Shire President.

• Emily Ballantyne from the Narrogin Senior High School and Hendrikus Chattillon, Narrogin RSL President
Roulettes flypast for Walpole

A very big crowd of locals from the district and visitors to the area gathered at the Walpole Memorial for our ANZAC Centenary commemoration.

We were very pleased to receive a spectacular flypast from the RAAF Roulettes shortly after our program commenced. Following the March to the memorial, our service included the formal components and beautiful singing by the Walpole Primary School Choir as well as from a couple of local musicians and some readings.

The recently enhanced paved area around the memorial included bricks engraved with names of those who served in WWI and came to settle in the district, made possible with funding received from the ANZAC Centenary Local Grants Program, gave us a lot more space for those officiating, flag bearers, the choir and those who laid wreaths.

The Walpole Normalup and District Historical Society had a series of very comprehensive and interesting displays of war memorabilia and information in the Community Hall where we had refreshments following the Service.

It was a very fitting commemoration to which many people contributed.

Margot Pierce
Secretary/Treasurer

Waroona-Hamel laid rosemary to music

The ANZAC Day Service in Waroona was a very special and moving event, attended by numbers greater than expected. Some estimates were as high as 450.

More than 50 people marched from the Memorial Hall to the War Memorial. This included Returned Servicemen and Women, relatives wearing medals, the Volunteer Fire Brigade, St John Ambulance, State Emergency Service, Girl Guides and representatives of Waroona District High School and St Joseph’s School.

More than a dozen wreaths were laid and the general public were invited to lay Rosemary for Remembrance accompanied by music from ‘Spirit of the ANZACs’ by Lee Kernaghan. Following the Service the Waroona-Hamel RSL planted a lone pine near the Memorial to acknowledge the Centenary of ANZAC and to commemorate 100 years of service and sacrifice to the nation.

Tracey Fickling
President

Rottnest remembers

Colin Benporath from North Beach RSL represented RSLWA at the Rottnest Island ANZAC Day Commemorative Service.
8,000 at Armadale Dawn Service

The week commenced with the siting of a 105mm Howitzer in the Memorial Park on Tuesday 21 April. The gun was donated to the people of Armadale by the Armadale RSL and the City of Armadale and is detailed in a plaque on the gun.

The sub-branch provided support at Armadale’s Combined Schools ANZAC Concert. President Ken Hepburn gave an address and the sub-branch provided the Colour Party for the event.

ANZAC Day was a huge Commemoration in Armadale with more than 8,000 at the Dawn Service following the march from the club rooms to the Memorial. President Ken Hepburn gave the ANZAC address and the MC for the service was Mike Quinn.

The parade was led by a riderless horse and Bert Parker dressed in a Light Horseman uniform. Armadale 52 Army Cadet Unit provided the Catafalque Party and the Police Rangers and Scouts provided the all-night vigil from 2pm the previous day.

Ken Hepburn
President

 Picturesque memorial for Scarborough service

Our ANZAC program commenced at 6pm on 24 April with a dusk to dawn vigil conducted by 1 Wembley Downs Scout Group, which later distributed programs and acted as ushers and flag attendants during the main ceremony which commenced at 3pm on ANZAC Day. Members of the public, dignitaries and HMAS Stirling platoon assembled at our picturesque Memorial Garden where the Scout Catafalque Party formed around our Memorial.

This was followed by the singing of a patriotic hymn. Floral wreaths were laid by service and civic dignitaries followed by Scouts and Guides and the general public.

At this stage a patriotic Gallipoli poem (composed by Miss Michelle Hedge) was then followed by an inspiring address by our President Des Cummings.

Music for the whole program was provided by the 12-piece Challenge Brass Band, ably assisted by talented Bugler David Scott.

The Ode of Remembrance was recited by MC Bill Hedge and religious matters were ably attended to by Rev Dougall Ethell, Chaplain of Hale School.

The New Zealand National Anthem was played as was the Australian National Anthem and the closing prayer said after which an invitation to afternoon tea was offered at the adjacent bowling club.

Malcolm Till
Secretary
The 100th anniversary of the ANZAC landing in Gallipoli was commemorated in Boyup Brook and well attended.

A combined schools’ service was held on Friday 24 April where students conducted the ceremony which featured the traditions of ANZAC Day as well as musical items and poetry.

On ANZAC Day morning, a crowd of around 200 people gathered in the darkness for the Dawn Service which was followed by a Gunfire Breakfast.

In excess of 300 came together for the parade and morning service. The parade was led by 100 year-old Eric Biddle who served in the CMF in New Guinea during 1941-42. World War II veterans, Max Humphries and Peggy Greenacre, were also at the head of the parade. Also participating in the parade this year was local returned serviceman, John Chapman and several of his comrades from A Company 8RAR who served in Malaysia between 1967 and 1969.

The President of the Boyup Brook RSL, Colin Hales, addressed the crowd and said, “We also remember on this day those who fell in both world wars, in conflicts in Korea, Malaya, Borneo and Vietnam, peacekeeping missions and more recently in Afghanistan.”

Local poet, Bill Gordon, recited the poem ‘In Flanders Fields’ before 2015 Boyup Brook Citizen of the Year Lisa Martin spoke of her role as a community volunteer and reflected upon the men and women who had volunteered to fight for freedom over the years.

RSL, Colin Hales, also laid a wreath at the base of the memorial before The Last Post sounded, a minute of silent remembrance and the Reveille as the flags returned to full mast.

The Australian and New Zealand National Anthems were sung at the conclusion of the Service.

A brief wreath laying ceremony followed at the Boyup Brook Soldiers’ Memorial Hospital.

Jodi Nield
Boyup Brook Community Resource Centre

Crowd triples for Gosnells

A memorable parade and service to mark the Centenary of the ANZAC tradition was held at Gosnells. Normally we get a good local crowd of 1,500 to 2,000, but this year we had an estimated 7,000!

Many of those marching were honouring their father or grandfather who fought in WWI. Some WWII veterans took part in the parade, including 96 year-old Mr Arthur Olsen who served in Tobruk, Europe, the Middle East and Bougainville.

At the service we had the dedication of a revised plaque on the war memorial which added the names of Allen Head who was killed in Korea and James Webster who was killed in Vietnam. We couldn’t get an RAAF flypast but were blessed with the release of white pigeons at the sounding of The Last Post.

Our thanks to Jill Armstrong and family accompanied with Mrs Gaye Fox from Melbourne and the Gosnells Salvation Army choir for their singing. Special thanks to Mr Brendan Mullens with his rendition of ‘I was Only 19’.

At the conclusion of the service we had the singing of the New Zealand National Anthem followed by the Australian National Anthem.

Harry Rosielle
Assistant Secretary
Full day for Karridale-Augusta

Karridale-Augusta Sub-Branch enjoyed a full day of activities starting with a Dawn Service attended by about 750 people.

The service was addressed by sub-branch President Brian Neal.

Our bugler was Kim Hornibrook, the piper was Garry Enders and drummer was Les Challis.

The day included a Gunfire Breakfast prepared by Augusta Yacht Club under the direction of chef Peter Compton, an 11am service attended by 350 and a lunch for about 150.

The 11am service was addressed by Lt Commander John Willson (Ret’d) and was led in prayer by Cannon David Hawkins.

Augusta’s 2 Oceans 97.1 FM radio broadcast the services at dawn and 11am. Our thanks go to Russell Simpson and Georgina Thiele. Augusta Singers again provided musical support and their commitment was much appreciated.

The Augusta Men’s Shed provided support before and after the events to help set up and remove infrastructure.

Without these local community groups and public support we would be unable to hold this service.

Brian Neal
President

10,000 honour ANZACs at Joondalup

Ten thousand people honoured our ANZACs at the Dawn Service held at Joondalup’s Central Park.

The service was provided by Wanneroo-Joondalup RSL and City of Joondalup. Many young people attended.

In an address, RAAF Warrant Officer Michal Mikeska said he was heartened to see the increasing number of people, especially younger generations, attending the Dawn Services and the ANZAC Day march.

“Today I serve at RAAF base Pearce, co-ordinating and facilitating base operations.

My role allows me the opportunity to support the military movements of our three Services, and the various armed forces from around the world,” he told the crowd.

“On each deployment what stands out is Australia’s professionalism, expertise, and strong desire to show the world that we are good at what we do and we are a nation that wants the best for all people. “I have been involved in these efforts and I am proud to announce that I am Australian when working with foreign forces and I wear the Australian flag on my uniform with pride.”

• Karridale-Augusta Sun-Branch President Brian Neal addressed the Dawn Service and was assisted by bugler Kim Hornibrook.

• A record 10,000 people attended the dawn service at Central Park, Joondalup.

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It is often the small things that are memorable at such a grand event as commemorating the Centenary of the landing of ANZACs at Gallipoli.

In Perth, one of them was undoubtedly seeing six year-old Blaire Cowie, marching not once, but twice, through Perth streets as part of the parade involving more than 7,000 current and former service personnel, their descendants and bands.

Blaire Cowie wore the medals of Laurence Yeing, her great grandfather and drew strong applause as she led the 20-member Perth Metro Pipe Band through crowded streets.

Her father, Pipe Major James Cowie, marched just behind her.

“It’s obviously quite momentous being involved in the 100th anniversary,” James told The Listening Post.

“I think it’s very important that all our children keep up that ANZAC spirit and understand the importance of it.”

The march was witnessed by tens of thousands of people who packed Perth streets after the traditional Dawn Service at Kings Park, where an estimated crowd of 70,000 to 80,000 people soaked in the spectacular and sombre proceedings.

The march culminated at Supreme Court Gardens, where a crowd of up to 15,000 enjoyed excellent speeches and music before 1,023 red balloons were released as bells pealed to honour those West Australians who died at Gallipoli 100 years ago. We owe a big thank-you to Lotterywest, Department of Premier and Cabinet, City of Perth, Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority, WA Police Service, Main Roads, St John Ambulance, Department of Health, DFES, Constable Care, The Salvation Army, Bell Tower, MRA, Supreme Court, Central Law Courts, SES, Transperth, Volunteering WA, Scouts WA, TS Canning Cadet, Veteran Vehicles Association, WA Rover Council, ADF, Commemorative Service Choir and Musical Director Celia Christmass, Royal Aero Club, The Salvation Army.

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Perth Fortress Band, Rotary WA, Lions WA, Frasers, Kelly Newton Wordsworth, Australia Post, ABC TV, Channel 9, WA media and all of our contractors and suppliers. Duncan Warren again chaired the RSLWA’s organising committee for ANZAC Day activities and believes the Centenary commemorations were a credit to all involved.

“Lotterywest and the State Government were wonderful supporters of the Perth services and indeed at more than 100 locations throughout the State,” Mr Warren said. “In Perth, we enjoyed free public transport and an all-agency co-operative effort to deliver a safe and memorable Dawn Service for up to 80,000 people at Kings Park.”

Behind-the-scenes activity included the establishment in Maylands of a major incident control centre, which sprang into action when a small fire was deliberately lit in Kings Park.

The control centre included key representatives of all agencies and the RSL.

“I think the co-operation between all agencies was a real feature of this year’s activities,” Mr Warren said. “All our banners, advertising and materials were redesigned for the Centenary and innovations at the Dawn Service included the introduction of food and coffee vans and a musician to ease the pressure of people leaving the park, and strategically-placed screens so people knew what was happening.”

Mr Warren said more seating and cover was provided for the Commemorative Service which also
featured the release of red balloons and peeling of bells.

“I must also thank event manager Shani Wood, Caroline Marshall and the team at SW Events for their fully professional and effective effort in supporting all of the activities. They have built on the good work by Marija Jelavic to help build these services to what they are now.”
Northam packs them in for tributes

Northam saw a record attendance at both the Centenary Dawn Service and main ANZAC Services for 2015.

At the Dawn Service, sub-branch Secretary Reg Stevens unveiled four new plaques to the World War One Roll of Honour, adding 84 names to the existing 86. President Donna Prytulak spoke and Reg Stevens read the Ode. St Joseph’s school choir sang the Australian National Anthem. The Dawn Service was broadcast by RadioWest throughout a large part of the Wheatbelt and Great Southern areas.

A Gunfire Breakfast attracted almost double the number of people than in previous few years. The Northam Apex Club assisted the RSL and Women’s Auxiliary to prepare the breakfast.

The Shire of Northam unveiled the new statue of Hugo Throssell VC in the Avon Mall just prior to the ANZAC Parade. The parade was led by Phil Sullivan riding in full Light Horse uniform followed by several restored jeeps carrying older veterans. 519 Army Cadet Unit provided the five person flag party and Catafalque Party. Two serving members of 10th Light Horse Regiment marched.

Local service groups including Police, Fire Brigade and St Johns Ambulance also marched. The Combined Districts Concert Band provided music for the parade and during the service. Captain Terry Dyer of 519ACU reviewed the parade.

Reg Stevens and Donna Prytulak spoke at the main ANZAC service with the address being delivered by Life Member Geoff Scarterfield. Geoff spoke about the youngest ANZAC to die in service, James Martin.

South Perth continues traditional service

The ANZAC Day Service conducted by the City of South Perth RSL attracted more than 1,000 people to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli.

The Scouts and Guides mounted an overnight vigil at the Memorial Gardens. They appreciated carrying on the tradition established many years ago. By 6.30am members of the public began filing into the gardens.

Members of 3 Squadron, The Pilbara Regiment, mounted a Catafalque Party at the memorial at 7am and the Scout vigil stood down to join the dignitaries and ex-servicemen marching to the service under the capable command of Greg Negus (5RAR First Tour Vietnam).

The Master of Ceremonies and President of the sub-branch, Kevin Trent, called on Monsignor Brian O’Loughlin of St Colombas Parish to lead the Service. After his address there was a wreath laying ceremony. During the wreath laying Ashleigh Civiello played a lament. Mr Trent then recited The Ode, which was followed by The Last Post and after the silence, Rouse was played by musicians from Wesley College. During the two bugle calls four flags were broken; the Australian, New Zealand, the Turkish and the Aboriginal flag. The parade was addressed by students from Penrhos College and our guests from

The Damla College. The ANZAC Day address was given by Major Tarek Elgayar of the Pilbara Regiment during which he stressed the importance of support by the public for our servicemen, especially when deployed, either in the Navy, Army or Air Force.

Kevin Trent
President
No dry eyes in Broome drama

Bedford Memorial Park in Broome was in pristine condition and readiness for one of the most engaging and emotive ANZAC Day Dawn Services the RSL members, townsfolk and visitors to Broome have experienced.

The park was bursting at the seams with an estimated 4,000 people observing or participating in the service dedicated to the Centenary of the landing at Gallipoli in 1915.

Ten Broome soldiers gave their lives at Gallipoli and another 46 died in later battles in WWI.

In recognition of their sacrifice Broome Shire erected a new memorial which was unveiled prior to the Cenotaph taking up their position.

In June 2014, John McCourt, then president of the Sub-Branch, had the notion to make the Centenary Dawn Service something special and engaged (almost challenged) Vicki Thompson, Rani Middleton and Mike Lake from St Mary’s College Secondary Campus to come up with the ‘emotive and reflective re-enactment of the landing at Gallipoli’, by using drama and dance to portray the courage, angst and sorrow of the campaign. The students and staff searched through archives and any pertinent material to come up with the final tribute.

With the help of local organisations such as The Men’s Shed and donations from other organisations, the notion became a reality and not a dry eye was left from the beginning to the end of the service.

Izzy Love
Secretary

• The company of students from St Mary’s College that evoked such emotion and tears with their ‘Re-enactment of the Landing at Gallipoli’.

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Lancelin’s gentle tribute

The gentle lapping of the waves on the beach 50 metres away from the Lancelin Memorial added to the respectful atmosphere for our Dawn Service.

Thirty-plus wreaths were laid after passing through the guard of honour of students from the Lancelin Primary School. The crowd of more than 1,000 people was most gratifying to the members who had worked for months with the upgrading of the memorial. Grateful thanks was voiced many times for the meaningful service held. Many hundreds followed the Returned Service personnel in the march to the tavern where the Gunfire Breakfast was supplied. A wonderful service appreciated by all.

Norm Pearce
Secretary

Nannup’s trees honour dead

Just before 6am silent shadows appeared out of the Nannup darkness. The mournful call of the bagpipes summoned the marchers to fall in for the Dawn Service. As the sun rose higher people enjoyed a Gunfire Breakfast, especially the rum!

At 9.30am the crowd relocated to witness the Dedication of the Avenue of Honour where there are ornamental pear trees, each one accompanied by a plaque naming a local hero who did not come home.

As the procession of participants in the ‘Cooee March’ wound their way north the RAAF Roulettes flew south as part of their flypast circuit of the South West.

The large congregation which attended the 11am service had emotions stirred by the haunting notes of The Last Post, the address delivered by two high school students, an 11 year-old boy’s letter, the flying of both the Australian and New Zealand flags and the rendition of the NZ Anthem sung in Maori. The community get together saw many reunions between local and former residents of our small town. The film ‘Gallipoli’ was shown in the evening.

Val Russell
Secretary

Bakers Hill success

More than 350 people attended Bakers Hill on ANZAC Day with many returning to the fellowship function afterwards.

Local primary school students sang the National Anthem and The Brown Slouch Hat, and also delivered several pieces reflecting on the importance of ANZAC Day. Jordan Egan (10) played the trumpet.

The RAAF supplied a speaker for the address and the four-plane flyover made the ceremony a memorable occasion. Every comment heard after the ceremony was very positive, and we feel this bodes well for the public support of the day in the future.

Bakers Hill RSL is very happy with the record public turn-out and feel the public understanding of the day is growing immensely. It was an excellent ceremony.

Lin Booth
Secretary/Treasurer
Belmont involves 12 schools and FM radio station

As an RSL we were very fortunate and proud to be able to share a week of meaningful and spectacular remembrance services.

We displayed our respect and remembrance for our fallen, our injured/maimed, our serving Defence Force personnel, and the families of our fallen and injured service personal over the last 100 years.

Distinguished guests on ANZAC Day included Mr Steve Irons MP, Federal Member for Swan; Linda Reynolds CSC, Senator for Western Australia; Hon Samantha Rowe MLC, Member for East Metropolitan Region; Glenys Godfrey MLA, State Member for Belmont; Cr Phil Marks, City of Belmont Mayor; Rev Roger Bull, All Saints Anglican Church Cloverdale and Cr Bernie Ryan and Cr Janet Powell, both from the City of Belmont.

Family and friends, staff and 850 students from the 12 schools within the Belmont district and Curtin FM listeners along with thousands of members of the general public attended over the three services (City Of Belmont War Memorial Re-Dedication Service on Sunday 19 April, Belmont District Schools Inaugural ANZAC Memorial Service on Thursday 23 April and City Of Belmont RSL Sub-Branch ANZAC Day Dawn Service and Gunfire Breakfast on Saturday 25 April).

During the week we received valuable support from All Saints Anglican Church Cloverdale, 712 and 715 City of Belmont Squadron Australian Air Force Cadets, Southern Coastal Pipe Band, Belmont City Brass Band, Captain Jason Dannock and Salvation Army Rivervale.

Steve Toon
Membership Officer

Jubilee Singers greet Greenbushes 500

The Centenary of ANZAC drew a record crowd of more than 500 people to the Greenbushes Dawn Service.

The march along Blackwood Road from the RSL Hall to the War Memorial was led by pipers Ross Campbell and his grandson Angus, local drummer Rob Hesketh and members of the South West Light Horse Brigade.

The Jubilee Singers from Bridgetown were there to greet them with a song as people clustered around the War Memorial for the service. South West MLC Robyn McSweeney gave the address and spoke of the experiences of a doctor on the front line with a local connection. Sophie Wheeler from Bridgetown, a past attendee of a sponsored student trip to Borneo to see the Sandakan Memorial, read a poem.

Many local community groups and businesses laid wreaths at the memorial including members of the local craft group who created a wreath from individually sewn cloth poppies.

After the service, attendees from Bridgetown, Greenbushes and surrounding areas lined up outside the District Hall for a traditional Gunfire Breakfast. The hall was decorated with sandbag trenches, flags and war memorabilia.

A pictorial display on boards in the hall featured profiles on four local people who served in WWI: Nurse Charlotte Letitia Despard, brothers Alfred and Edmund Rawnsley and Trooper John Bede Fogarty.

The Greenbushes War Memorial was refurbished in time for the Centenary ANZAC Service thanks to grants from Lotterywest, the Department of Veteran’s Affairs ANZAC Centenary Funding Program and the South West Development Commission.

Debbie Walsh
Cockburn youth parade and service

On Wednesday 22 April, under a beautiful autumn sun, 1,432 students and teachers representing 27 schools from the Cockburn and Fremantle area paraded with an escort of RSL Service members.

The parade was led by four mounted troopers from the Armadale/Kelmscott 10th Light Horse Memorial Troop. Scotch College Pipe Band took part once again. The parade also included Cadets from South Metropolitan Police as well as the Hamilton Senior High Emergency Cadet Unit. The parade was under the protection of the Cockburn Police.

The Catafalque Party was provided by Joint Logistics Unit (West) and the ANZAC address was presented by Commander Sean Noble RAN. Her Excellency The Honourable Kerry Sanderson AO, Governor of WA addressed the assembly and led the wreath laying ceremony. The Seton Catholic College Choir of 52 students sang ‘Lest We Forget’, ‘Australia Remembers’ and the New Zealand and Australian National Anthems. You would have needed to be there to appreciate the soloist who sang the first verse of the New Zealand Anthem in Maori, she is of Italian descent!

Students from seven schools did the readings. The Senior Student ANZAC Address was presented by Danielle Raffaele from Seton College, her speech and story was of a very high and professional standard.

Authors Note: The RSL ANZAC Youth Parade and Service was first held in 2002, it has now more than doubled in size. I must also acknowledge the three members of the City of Cockburn Events staff who now assist the RSL in the preparation of this very special event. As the founder of this Youth event I am extremely proud of the way that it has grown and with Cockburn City assistance, I am sure that it will continue for many years. I also acknowledge the support of all those RSL Service members that came out to escort the schools.

Arthur J Stanton
Ceremonial Advisor

Crowd doubles at Bullsbrook service

ANZAC Day 2015 at the Bullsbrook & District’s RSL Sub-Branch will certainly be remembered as an incredible event for the community.

A crowd of about 1,500, double that of recent years, attended to fill grandstands as well as two large marquees.

There was a short street march along the road towards the hall, made up of RAAF personnel, the Royal Singapore Air Force Squadron, past serving members and descendants of war veterans. The marching music was provided by piper Mr Norm de Grussa OAM.

The MC for the Dawn Service was Mr Mel Regeling. Ms Debbie Jacks, Sub-Branch President, read a eulogy and a poignant letter written by soldier Alex Song to his father-in-law on 4 August 1917.

After prayers, wreaths were laid followed by The Last Post and flag ceremony, with Mr Thomas Woodford playing the bugle.

The Bullsbrook College Choir sang the National Anthem which was followed by the New Zealand anthem.

The service concluded with the Bullsbrook College Choir singing ‘Waltzing Matilda’. Around 500 stayed for the Gunfire Breakfast cooked by ‘West Chef’ and served by volunteers.

Members of the local history group put up a large display of the district’s involvement in WWI and local artists and children from Bullsbrook College displayed the mural depicting iconic images of WWI.

We gratefully acknowledge the generous grants from Lotterywest and the City of Swan towards the costs involved in staging our 2015 ANZAC Day.

Penny de Grussa
Secretary
Two services for Kambalda RSL

Representatives from the Kambalda Sub-Branch attended two school services on 24 April: Kambalda West School and Kambalda East School.

Kambalda West School commenced its service at 9am with a welcome by Mikayla Turner and Lily Anderson. This was followed by an address by Principal Mr Murray and then an RSL address. Various classes then laid wreaths. Mrs Lewis, school Chaplain, gave a prayer. The Flag Ceremony was conducted by the RSL and students. The New Zealand and Australian National Anthems were then played and a poem was read by Mikayla Turner and Lily Anderson.

Kambalda East School had their ANZAC ceremony at 11am, commencing with a welcome by Mr Garry Walker. The Principal, Mrs Denyse Delfs, gave an address. This was followed by a poem and acknowledgements by Mr Garry Walker of students’ distant relatives. Some very inventive wreaths made by the students were included in the wreath laying which was followed by the flag ceremony, with Tanya Fyfe on the bugle. Students sang ‘Spirit of the ANZACS’ and then to conclude the ceremony the New Zealand and Australian National Anthems were played.

Allan Lindup
President

Victoria Park basks in huge success

The Victoria Park Sub-Branch was kept very busy in the lead up to ANZAC Day as it was involved in services from 18 April through to 25 April for nursing homes, the Harold Hawthorne Community Centre, schools, the Queen Mary Cruise Ship and the Perth Football Club.

We held an ANZAC eve Memorial Service at 5.30pm on 24 April and then a Dawn Service at 6am on 25 April. All the services were a huge success.

The women from the Boronia Pre-release Centre for Women made poppies for the Adopt A Digger project for our ANZAC eve service. The sub-branch was invited to attend an ANZAC service for them on Wednesday 29 April and a follow up on the poppy project. In excess of 1,000 poppies were made for the project by Boronia, Probus, Rowethorpe, Bentley Park, CWA and many others, such a fantastic response to our request for poppies for descendants in the Adopt A Digger project.

Jacquie Liddiard
Secretary / Treasurer

Big Ellenbrook crowd prevents march on

The 100th anniversary of the Gallipoli landings were remembered with a memorable service in front of 4,500 people and the Ellenbrook Sub-Branch was pleased to be able to honour this special occasion.

In an enlarged program the choirs and band commenced at 5:30am with songs from the 1914 era setting the scene.

Our ‘march on’ to commence the formal service had to be cancelled because the boarded walkways were packed by 5:45am with young families who were battling for a place to sit. The massive crowd stretched around the Memorial Amphitheatre foreshore and a large number of people watched from a hundred metres away.

Prayers, songs, student orations, and an excellent speech by Sub-Branch President Steve O’Neil about the significance of the occasion made up the well-received program. The young bugler’s lips froze doing Reveille, but he carried on and was given a massive applause at the end of the program.

The morning finished with a Gunfire Breakfast run by volunteer helpers and large numbers of people stopped behind to chat with the assembled veterans.

Dr Neil MacNeill
Secretary

• Ellenbrook Sub-Branch President Steve O’Neil gave an excellent speech. PHOTOGRAPHER: KEVIN HUNTER
Barbaric war gave birth to ANZAC

The dawn light crept across the sky to a cold and breezy morning for more than 120 people gathered at the Wyalkatchem War Memorial for the Dawn Service.

Wyalkatchem Sub-Branch President Eddie Garner told how the First World War traumatised a generation, changed the world political order and killed millions of people and of how the remarkable bravery and courage of thousands of young Australian volunteer troops who fought in this barbaric war gave birth to the ANZAC spirit.

The service finished with a gun salute by local Kokoda Trail walkers. The gathering enjoyed a Gunfire Breakfast at the RSL Hall followed by a game of two-up.

The general service attended by more than 200 people, starting with the parade from the Town Hall to the War Memorial. The poem ‘The Slouch Hat’ by Murray Hartin was read by Owen Garner, followed by the hymn ‘O God Our Help in Ages Past’.

Rev. John Martin said prayers for Australia and Her Majesty the Queen and then Eddie Garner gave an address. Nineteen wreaths were laid before the flypast of four RAAF PC 9 planes. The service continued with The Ode, The Last Post, Silence and Reveille, with student Jack Hourigan raising the flag.

‘I am Australian’ was sung, followed by Flt Sgt Brent Marshall saying the Prayer of Remembrance. The National Anthem concluded the service. Refreshments were provided at the RSL Hall followed by a game of two-up.

Eddie Garner
President

Toodyay service

About 750 attended Toodyay’s War Memorial for a solemn and moving ANZAC Day service which included addresses and wreath laying.

A traditional Gunfire Breakfast was held at the Museum / Youth Park with considerable support from our Shire and Lions Club of Toodyay. Four hundred breakfasts were served in a spacious and comfortable marquee setting.

The ANZAC Day parade was supported by 150 Veterans, emergency services personnel, scouts and many community members. Led by Piper Ron, we stepped off from Stirling Terrace and marched to the War Memorial for the Service at 11am. There was strong support here with about 350 locals and many visitors, including decedents, present.

Bruce Guthrie
Gnowangerup display of local veterans

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Many thanks go to Ian Beaton and Ian McDonald for organising the Dawn Service. Reveille and Taps were played again this year by Ken Pillenger. ANZAC cookies and a souvenir bookmark were handed out and all attendees signed a record book. This was followed by a wonderful breakfast at the Gnowangerup Memorial Hall which was provided by the Gnowangerup unit of the SES. The RSL Room was opened for those who were interested in local memorabilia.

A display chronicling the names of all of the known soldiers who left from the district and died in WWI was in the main hall. Attached to each name was a photo and/or a short biography. The initial gathering of names for the Honour Roll was undertaken in 1919 by Thomas D Stewart, first secretary of the Gnowangerup RSL. His granddaughter, Merilyn Stewart, is the current secretary and undertook the research for the display.

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Merilyn Stewart
Secretary

Outside broadcast for Nedlands

ANZAC Day 2015 was marked by special ceremonies in Nedlands and jointly planned and delivered by the Nedlands RSL Sub-Branch and the City of Nedlands.

The day commenced at 6am with the broadcast of the Kings Park Dawn Service repeated on a large outdoor screen at the Nedlands War Memorial in Waratah Avenue, Dalkeith.

Attendance was well over 600, with families and particularly small children well-represented. Following the screening a breakfast was enjoyed by all. The Nedlands ANZAC Service began at 8:15am with an attendance of over 400, well above previous years. Nedlands RSL President Doug Arrowsmith DFC OAM, gave the address and focused his remarks on the relevance of the spirit of ANZAC to our community today.

Wreaths were laid on behalf of State and Federal parliamentary members, the City of Nedlands, the RSL and many local residents.

The ceremony was supported by a well turned out honour guard from 502 Army Cadet Unit and the Nedlands Methodist Church Choir.

Barry Nunn
Secretary

Cuballing

The 7.30am service at Cuballing was attended by over 60 people. The parade was joined by several riders from the Equestrian club. Following the service, all retired to the Cuballing Hotel for jam, cream and scones supplied by the CWA members.

Hendrikus Chattaillon
President - Narrogin RSL

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• Bailey Vanderzanden (15), a student at Scotch College, was chosen to go with the Premier’s ANZAC Student Tour to Turkey. Bailey is the great-grandson of two local servicemen - Charles Denny who joined the Light Horse and who later served in the Camel Corps; and Walter Smith who served with the 27th Battalion on the Somme. Both returned and went on to farm locally.
Magnificent memorial draws Ocean Reef crowd

April was extremely busy for the Ocean Reef RSL Sub-Branch. During the month we saw the erection and completion of the commemorative memorial including beautification of the surrounding area.

The memorial was consecrated on 18 April in front of some 450 guests including members of Federal and State Parliament, Local Government, the RSLWA State President Graham Edwards, representatives from Lotterywest, Department of Veterans Affairs, North Beach and Wanneroo-Joondalup Sub-Branches, North Metropolitan Police District, Cadets from TS Marmion ANCU and 507 AACU, Smith Sculptors, Sub-Branch members and members of the general public.

In the week leading up to ANZAC Day, members of the sub-branch carried out fundraising activities at seven locations within the local area as well as participating in ANZAC Services at four primary and four secondary schools and two aged care facilities. A record crowd turned out for the ANZAC Dawn Service and while official numbers were difficult to ascertain it was estimated at between 4,000 and 5,000.

Not only were the grounds of the Ocean Reef Sea Sports Club packed but all vantage points immediately outside the perimeter fence, including people in the sand dunes silhouetted against the morning sky, and even the beach were occupied. Boats from the Ocean Reef Sea Sports Club and Whitfords Sae Rescue were moored just off the beach representing the ships at anchor in Gallipoli.

On completion of the service all were invited to a Gunfire Breakfast and to view the new memorial. There was a steady stream of people returning to pay their respects and reflect at the memorial during throughout the long weekend.

Ken Beven
Hon. Secretary

Donnybrook fallen would have glowed

What a day! If only all of those amazing heroes could have seen the turn-out of people to remember the friendship and honour now embodied by the community.

To start on Friday, the local school gathered down at the Dongara War Memorial. The children laid wreaths and took time to remember what ANZAC Day was all about.

The following day at dawn the community came together as one to watch the sunrise over our wall of poppies. The Memorial Wall with our new plaque honouring our fallen, the sound of the bugle floating across the air and the incredible live performances of the Australian and New Zealand National Anthems left barely a dry eye.

The march through the town streets to the sound of the Batavia Coast Pipe Band sent ripples of applause through the crowds. The march was then followed by the 11am service. After the service, the community was led down the main street to the town park where military displays, kids activities, food stalls and entertainment awaited them. Across at the RSL the two-up started and was followed by lunch and further entertainment. The day was a huge success, bringing young and old together to remember our heroes both past and present.

Sandy Gumley
Secretary

• The magnificent Ocean Reef War Memorial.

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Young and old gather for Coolgardie service

The silence of the fresh Coolgardie morning was broken with the sound of footsteps gathering for the 100th anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli.

About 450 people gathered for the Dawn Service in the RSL Memorial Garden.

It was a mixture of young and old, locals and visitors to our town all paying their respects.

At 6am The Last Post sounded as the dawn began to appear, the threads of sunlight shone on the crowd which watched the flags lowered to half mast.

The sound of the bag pipes bought a silent tear to many eyes as the wreaths were laid around the memorial and then the peaceful town was fully awoken by the eerie sound of Ron Higgins doing a perfectly timed 6:05am flyover in his plane.

Willy Corcoran addressed the service with a speech commemoating the first landing of the soldiers at Gallipoli followed by a reading of the poem ‘In Flanders Fields’ written by Major John McRae.

The many poppies donated by the Coolgardie CRC Poppy Project were impressive and a credit to Coolgardie.

After the service the crowd all gathered inside the RSL for a beautifully cooked breakfast, lovingly prepared by the RSL Committee.

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Great speech at York

Like all other cities we had record crowds and all were welcome visitors to York.

Our parade was lead by Doctor Susan Stevenson who is a member of the 10th Light Horse Memorial Troop. Dr Stevenson was kitted out in full uniform.

The event of the day that stuck in my mind was a speech by the York District High School Head Girl Casseda Reynolds. This 15 year-old young lady had everyone’s attention.

Casseda’s full speech is worth a read and can be found on the York District High School website: www.yorkdhs.wa.edu.au/history

Val Menezes
Secretary

Mandurah draws 10,000

About 10,000 attended the Dawn Service at the Mandurah War Memorial.

A good proportion of the record crowd returned to the RSL for the hearty Gunfire Breakfast.

The main service was well attended by an estimated 3,000.

Local resident Kayleen O’Donnell made a beautiful cake which was cut at the service by the youngest cadet – Joseph Knuckey, Kayleen and one of our oldest veterans Mr Hilton Doust.

The two-up again was very popular with those that returned to the RSL and everyone had a great day.

Teresa Williams
Secretary

500 attend at Osborne Park

An estimated crowd of more than 500 attended the Osborne Park Sub-Branch Service.

Service personnel gathered at 6:40am to march to the front of the hall before the Commemoration Service.

The Parade Commander was former Sapper Mr Ken Usher with Flag Bearers Mr Dick Walsh, Mr Randal Fosbender and Mr Ted Guthrie.

Sub-Branch President Norm Wells delivered a welcome address which was followed by a flyover of three vintage tiger moths. ANZAC Day hymns and personal ANZAC Day reflections were delivered by the visiting dignitaries and representatives from the Scout groups.

The wreath laying ceremony this year was of particular significance as it was at our new memorial which incorporates a bronze slouch hat and was favourably commented on by many attendees.

A bugler played The Last Post and a reverent one-minute silence was observed. The President then recited the Ode of Remembrance. Following the national anthem MC Stephen Ibbotson concluded the service and extended an invitation to all present to attend the Gunfire Breakfast.

Stephen Ibbotson
Osborne Park RSL

Val Menezes
Secretary
Display for Three Springs

Vintage military vehicles, including a Jeep, Bren gun carrier, Ferret, radio truck, two vintage WWII motorbikes and a US Army truck were displayed in the main street of Three Springs during ANZAC week.

Richard Davies from Coorow provided the restored vintage military vehicles.

Just after sunrise on ANZAC Day, 120 Carnamah residents met at the town cenotaph for a Commemorative Ceremony, organised by the Lions Club of Carnamah. Andrew Bowman paid tribute to the local community members who died in both World Wars.

A centenary quilt, made by the Carnamah Craft Group, was presented to the Three Springs Arrino RSL and will be permanently displayed in the Carnamah Museum.

Three Springs’ 10.30am service began with a parade led by Julia Ennor, riding Jazzy, wearing a 10th Light Horseman uniform and including the TS Morrow Cadets from Geraldton and WWII vehicles. Sub-Branch President Mr Ray Morgan was MC and 140 people attended.

Kalgoorlie remembers

It was a clear morning as about 5,000 people gathered at the Kalgoorlie War Memorial for the 100th anniversary of ANZAC. People from all walks of life gathered at 5.50am.

Ex-service men and women, Army Reserves, Cadets, New Zealand representatives, Maoris in traditional dress, school children, emergency services, police, local footy clubs, and everyday men and women came together to remember those who have served to protect our way of life. The service was followed by a traditional Gun Fire breakfast, then at 11am, a march and service at the Kalgoorlie Boulder Race Course attended by over 3,000. The day continued and when the flags were raised to full mast, people mingled and shared stories over an ale.

Joy Ridley
Three Springs Arrino RSL

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Quinns Rock special event

A new War Memorial made this year’s Quinns Rocks Sports Club service very special to not only our members but also to the many service men and women who live in the surrounding suburbs.

Most conservative estimates put the crowd at between 4,000 and 4,500 plus children from local primary and secondary schools forming a large choir of 250, supported by the student orchestra. Colonel Peter Wynn Stanley OAM delivered a poignant address which gave an insight to the reasons why our soldiers were involved in the Gallipoli campaign.

Our Committee was overwhelmed by the compliments from the members of the community. We were also very fortunate to have the help from a number of volunteers, whose contribution cannot be overstated. We now look forward to our next service which will be the dedication of our new memorial.

Peter Lofdahl
President

Alliance benefits Mt Lawley

Mt Lawley-Inglewood Sub-Branch was well and truly rewarded for a tremendous amount of groundwork dating back to July last year and an alliance between the Mt Lawley-Inglewood Sub-Branch, Perth College and a combined committee involving schools, the local Shire, local businesses and the community.

Some 14 schools in the surrounding districts were visited on several occasions and were made aware of this year’s ANZAC Day arrangements. We distributed wreath bases and poppies to all schools who wished to run an ANZAC project, which included the students making their own wreaths for school services.

At the Mt Lawley Cenotaph our sub-branch was rewarded for its efforts, with Scout troops guarding the monument on the eve and then attending as a guard at the service which was then handed over to the Morley Army Cadets. The address was given by the Reverend Dougal Ethell.

The ceremony was privileged with lovely renditions from a Perth College Choir and a group from the Salvation Army Fortress Band while two students reported on their visits to famous WWI Battle Grounds.

The ANZAC Service was attended by between 1,500 and 2,000 community members, some of whom used free special buses running between the Cenotaph and Menora Aged Homes. Arriving at the Cenotaph they enjoyed a free sausage sizzle provided by the Stirling Lions International Club. The Mt Lawley Bowling Club also provided a Gunfire Breakfast for 200.

The whole exercise was judged a resounding success for the Sub-Branch Committee by many of the attendees.

Oliver Lovelle JP
President
A record number of people turned out to Jurien Bay’s Federation Memorial Park, the location of Jurien Bay’s War Memorial on the beachfront overlooking the off shore islands.

On ANZAC Day it was a haze of people waving miniature Australian flags, kindly provided by Ms Melissa Price MP, the Federal Member for Durack who, along with Mr Shane Love MLA, attended this very special service as our guests of honour.

This year’s march-on was led by Mr Darren Slyns, Jurien Bay Sub-Branch President, followed by Flag Bearers, Private Chris Phillips and Mr Dave Churchill, veterans, and members of the public. The Jurien Bay Police Rangers, under the command of Ms Erin Guiffre, did an excellent job with the march-on and flag raising ceremonies.

As always, the CWA ladies did a wonderful job in arranging the wreaths and this year, the Jurien Bay Playgroup was also involved in making wreaths which were laid on the day by some of the younger members of the Playgroup. Bugler Mr Greg Johnson is to be commended on his performances of The Last Post and Reveille.

The Ode to the Fallen was recited by Mr Jim Clarke, who also delivered an inspiring and moving ANZAC Day address. Private Chris Phillips (WA University Regiment) read first-hand some extracts from his great uncle’s WWI diary.

A student from Jurien Bay District High School, Chantelle Bourke, read two poems.

We did enjoy the traditional flyover of jets provided by the RAAF Base, Pearce.

At the conclusion of the ANZAC Day Service, diggers and members of the public enjoyed a Gunfire Breakfast at the Jurien Bay Golf Club.

Barry Wilson
Secretary/Treasurer

Sand collected from ANZAC Cove was sprinkled over the lawns of the Leonora Cenotaph at the Dawn Service by Colby Norrie, whose great great grandfather won the Military Cross in WWI.

Our Dawn Service was attended by about 180 people and the Leonora RSL was very impressed by the community support.

Readings were given by Erin Taylor, a young local girl.

The Dawn Service was followed by a Gunfire Breakfast at the White House Hotel in Leonora on a rather chilly morning.

The Leonora ANZAC Day parade was held at 11am, comprising of service members, Fire Brigade and Police and marched from the end of Tower Street to the Leonora Memorial Park.

Local children were the flag bearers. The Master of Ceremony for the ANZAC Day Service was the Hon. Dave Grills MLC who was once a resident of Leonora. Dave gave a stirring speech and Sister Annette from the Leonora Catholic Church did the prayer readings. About 100 local people attended.

Most then retired to the White House Hotel to catch up with old friends and share a quiet drink.

In all, the best attendances we have ever seen at the Leonora ANZAC Day Services.

Dave Hadson
Secretary

Proud and true: Leonora enjoyed a big turn-out this year and sand collected in 2009 from ANZAC Cove was sprinkled over the lawns of the Leonora Cenotaph on ANZAC Day.

Gallipoli sand sprinkled at Leonora

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Secretary

Jurien Bay a haze of flags and people
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4am start for Port Kennedy

With the gates opening at 4am the weary crew made their way into the Post Kennedy Club to pour their first cup of heart starter… one of many for the day.

The ovens were fired up for the Gunfire Breakfast but who would have expected the line to snake its way through the club, out the front doors, through the car park and 40m down the street. Some 418 meals later, it was time to get ready for the Rockingham parade.

The parade was led by Brian ‘Blue’ Quirk, Bob Mills carrying the Australian flag and Les Kelow flying the New Zealand flag.

Back at the club 60-plus volunteers were waiting for the crowd. It was a slower start this year but with about 2,500 attendees on board the day set sail for a suitable commemoration of the 100 years of ANZAC.

Two-up ran hot with punters eight deep at the ring. The BBQ, run by the 1st Warnbro Sound Scout Group, embraced community involvement.

Music was provided by ‘Stuart’ with ‘Rockafellas’ taking over until 11pm.

Club Manager Tammy and her team worked tirelessly and with the valued commitment of the committee (Colin, Lisa, Nat, Blue, Vicky and Pat) ensured that the day ran smoothly. Come on ANZAC Day 2016!

Lyndon Jackson
President

Steve Elliot
President
Membership mini-rush at Carnarvon

About half a dozen people requested application forms for service or affiliate membership and signed them on the spot on ANZAC Day in Carnarvon.

We believe that this ANZAC Day has raised the profile of the RSL at all levels and it is now incumbent upon all members to continue to promote and support our great organisation. The Dawn Service was attended by 300 people in Carnarvon and more than 150 enjoyed the Gunfire Breakfast afterwards at the Gascoyne RSL. The mid-morning service was started off by a march of ex-service men and women, Army Reserves, emergency services, Scouts and Guides. The wreath laying ceremony saw 30 wreaths laid at the Cenotaph.

The Gascoyne RSL flew retired Padre Peter McArthur and his wife Coleen back to Carnarvon for the service and to dedicate the new statue of the WWI Digger installed atop the Cenotaph after two years of fund raising and engineering issues. Padre McArthur was the Gascoyne RSL Padre for some 30 years and in that time missed only one ANZAC Day service and one HMAS Sydney service.

Retired Councillor Wally Dale sang ‘And the Band played Waltzing Matilda’ without back up of a band and his rendition was beautifully done with many a tear shed by the enthralled gathering of 500 people. Padre McArthur then dedicated the statue and this was followed by lunch and drinks at the Gascoyne RSL. Patrick Lowry who turns 90 this year and a staunchly supportive member of the Gascoyne RSL took the salute along with Carnarvon Shire President Karl Brandenburg.

Jewish Service

A massive crowd turned out in Kings Park at the Jewish War Memorial for the Centenary ANZAC Service. As ANZAC Day 2015 fell on the Jewish Sabbath the service was held the day before.

Rabbi Freilich conducted the service with contributions from Rabbi Solomon, Rabbi Cohen and Rabbi Coleman. David Denver, president of the Jewish Community Council acted as MC. The first wreath was laid by the Governor of Western Australia, Her Excellency the Honourable Kerry Sanderson AO. Carmel School’s band and choir was a great addition to this years’ service. General Sir John Monash RSL Vice-President, Dr Keith Shilkin, gave the ANZAC address and spoke about the history of the Jewish War Memorial in Kings Park and how it is the only Jewish War Memorial in a public park in the world outside of Israel. Dr Shilkin also mentioned every Jewish soldier from Western Australia who was killed at Gallipoli.

Warren Austin
President

Kambalda hears of ANZAC values

The Dawn Service commenced at 5:50am with a parade of Returned Servicemen, Volunteer Fire and Rescue, St John Ambulance (who were the flag orderlies) and Police all in their uniforms.

The RSL President Allan Lindup gave an address which embraced the reasons and values of ANZAC Day. This was followed by wreath laying and the flag ceremony.

Bugler Tanya Fyfe provided an excellent The Last Post and Reveille. Afterwards, a Gunfire Breakfast and a very welcome cup of ‘spiced’ coffee or tea was offered at the club.

The service was extremely well supported by 300 to 400 people. At 11am parade participants assembled down at the old fire station. The parade to the Cenotaph was led by a police car, followed by Stef Karafilis’s old army jeep, Godfrey Patten bearing the flag, Willie Corcoran playing the pipes (he came over from Coolgardie), Returned Servicemen, volunteer Fire and Rescue members, St John members, Police, a couple of locals, and finally a contingent of people on horseback from the Kambalda Riding Association. The ladies from the local Assembly of God church sang hymns during the Commemoration Service and Pastor Peter Young gave prayers.

At 11:30 four PC9’s gave us a fantastic flypast with a wide sweep and a return formation flypast. The RSL was invited by the Kambalda Football Club to conduct ANZAC Day ceremonies at all three games. A Returned Serviceman presented ‘best player’ medals at the end of each game.

Allan Lindup
President

Ravensthorpe success

The largest crowd ever attended our ANZAC Day services in Ravensthorpe with our trusty piper Duncan leading 30 ex-servicemen, volunteer fire brigade, ambulance volunteers and young people in the march to the Memorial at the bottom of Morgans Street. Lots of beautiful wreaths were laid and after The Last Post we all convened to the High School Assembly Hall for a beautiful service conducted by our Rev. Harold Lee and Larry Cox.

Our local choir entertained us and one of our council members, Mr Ian Goldfinch, gave a very informative address. Following the service, morning tea was provided by our local Hospital Women’s Auxiliary and High School P&C. A BBQ followed at the Golf & Bowling Club which continued well into the night.

The Sub-Branch Committee was extremely happy with the reports from the public of a very successful ANZAC Day.

Peggy Cox
Secretary
Hundreds attend Kojonup Service

A record crowd of more than 400 attended the ANZAC Commemorative Service at the Kojonup RSL Hall. Parade Commander Robert Sexton spoke of the importance of this year’s ANZAC Day. The Southern Singers gave a poignant rendition of ‘Keep the Home Fires Burning’ and ‘There’s a Long Long Trail a Winding’ and Boer War historian John Sweetman, from Fremantle, delivered the official ANZAC address followed by prayers from Reverend Lindy Rookyard.

Sub-Branch President Graham Pember led the wreath laying ceremony with Judy Mathwin, Brigadier Potts’s daughter, laying the first wreath followed by Peter Mason (WWII), Graham Pember (RSL), Mary Maihi (New Zealand citizen), Vietnam Veterans, Rosie Hewson (Red Cross), Sophie Clarke and William Collins (Kojonup District High School), Krystal Howell and Callum Bolwell (St Bernards) and Eric Wright (Kojonup Rotary).

Peter Mason delivered The Ode. The commemorations did not end there with services following at the Muradup Memorial (which will be 100 years old in 2016) and Springhaven Lodge. The Muradup service, with 150-plus people attending, was led by Ian Robertson and also included John Sweetman and The Southern Singers. Prayers were led by Annalise Chitty and The Ode was delivered by Courtney Piesse.

The final service of the day was held at Springhaven and was led by the Kojonup RSL and included The Southern Singers.

Hannah Robinson
Community Services Officer (Promotions & Events) – Shire of Kojonup

Can We Help?

RSL WA provides welfare services to the Veteran community including Allied, currently serving members and their dependents.

Contact us for emergency relief; advocacy; overseas pension applications; crisis counselling to point of referral; financial assistance; referral to other services; home and hospital visits; general crisis assistance; and prison visits/ Legal Support Group – Mr. Terry O’Neill 9440 6233.

All applications are treated in the strictest confidence. Appointments are available Monday to Friday 9am to 3.30pm. Contact the Welfare Officer on 9287 3707 for further information.

The other side of Timor’s war

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“It was in 1965 or 1966, I was in Dili having a beer and a foreigner in shorts was looking at me and he called out ‘Oliveira, come here!’ He called to me in Tetum. He asked about my Dad, who died in 1959, and my Mom.”

The soldier was Ray Aitken, who had recognised Domingos because he looked so much like his father. Ray Aitken was a fluent Tetum speaker and he later drove then rode a horse to Fatu-Makerek to be reunited with Domingo’s mother and family.

“We owe a lot to the members of 2/2 Commando during the 24 years of the Indonesian occupation,” says Domingos. “In 1987, as the General Secretary of the East Timor Political party Timorese Democratic Union I held a meeting at my place which two senior members of 2/2 Commando attended. My party needed to send a delegation to the Decolonisation Committee of the United Nations in New York. We did not have money for airfares and other expenses. Our friends from 2/2 Commando helped us then with a cheque of $8,000!

“Whenever we held any demonstrations in Perth on human rights issues they were always present. They have also supported some agricultural and education programs in East Timor.”

WA’s Jenny Beahan, now President of the 2/2 Commando Association of Australia Inc and the daughter of Ray Aitken, says almost every family on the island was affected by the war, very often losing the critical breadwinner and protector. The effects of these losses still impact on Timorese families to this day.
Navy veteran eager to help

Former Petty Officer Andrew Fazel reckons he may have delayed too long but is glad to have joined Pinjarra RSL.

“I took my time to determine the best sub-branch for me to join because I’m now at the stage in my life where I want to contribute to an important organisation like the RSL,” Mr Fazel told *The Listening Post*. There were several sub-branches that attracted him but after speaking with Pinjarra Sub-Branch President Mick O’Donnell he settled on Pinjarra to be with friends and because of the club’s activities and work.

Andrew (41), who lives in Lake Clifton, is now program manager for Naval Ship Management, a company which services Australia’s eight ANZAC-class frigates, after a Navy career of more than 11 years which took him to Kuwait, Iraq and Afghanistan as an electronics technician. He says he didn’t join the RSL to be a passenger. “I’ve told Mick that when they need help with any task to shoot it my way and I’ll contribute.

“My ultimate aim is to be on the committee and my wife Misti is also keen to come along.”

Andrew believes the RSL is already performing an important task of supporting veterans and their families while at the same time offering comradeship across all services.

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Women to enjoy Christmas in July

Women are being urged to register for a special Christmas in July luncheon which will feature archivist and researcher Shannon Lovelady as a sparkling guest speaker.

Two courses and a glass of champagne will be served at a cost of just $36 a head.

The networking lunch, starting at noon on Friday 24 July, will be held at ANZAC House and women can register by calling Amy or Wendy at ANZAC House on 9287 3799.

Shannon Lovelady broke new ground when she led a team of 30 volunteers to compile an authoritative study of 1,023 West Australians who served and died at Gallipoli a century ago.

Her research has been published in a number of publications and was used by RSLWA on ANZAC Day.

“Shannon is an excellent speaker and this is a wonderful opportunity for women to network and build on our inaugural women’s forum last year,” said the chair of the RSLWA Women’s Forum and Poppy Club, Donna Prytulak.

In April, RSL women took part in the Bankwest Gallipoli Run through Kings Park, held two High Teas in Joondalup and Cockburn, and on 12 September will hold their second Women’s Forum at ANZAC House.

Last year, the inaugural women’s forum attracted nearly 100 participants who discussed ways of giving women a greater role in the RSL.

The forum was seen as a highly-successful trailblazer by participants like Sam Jackman, the CEO of the RSL in South Australia, who has since been appointed as the national secretary of the RSL.

That forum also learnt that by April last year, 14.9 per cent (8,440) of the ADF permanent workforce was female and 210 women were serving on overseas ADF operations, representing 16.2 per cent of the total deployed force.

Donna Prytulak wants more women to step forward to join the campaign for greater involvement in RSL activities.

“This is an open invite. We want all women – affiliates, social members, serving and ex-serving – to be aware and to be involved. I know of at least seven ex-servicewomen who are keen to join the RSL and I’m sure there are more.

“If we get more involved, we can develop strategies and support for women. We know women do not want to be stereotyped and want opportunities in non-traditional roles.”

• Donna Prytulak is urging women to attend Christmas in July at RSL headquarters.
Impressive Memorial dedicated at Harvey

Harvey’s magnificent war memorial was officially blessed and launched in March, witnessed by about 500 local residents.

Many veterans turned out, including State RSL President Graham Edwards and Harvey President Eric Hall. Shire president Tania Jackson said the idea of building the memorial was put to the Shire by the Harvey RSL in 2011. The memorial lists the names of 22 local men who died in the First World War as well as another 22 who died in the Second World War.

“This is an incredibly impressive memorial,” Mr Edwards said afterwards. “It was a great privilege to be part of this very moving service and it is a wonderful memorial for future generations.”

Reprint of rare book on WA Diggers

**The W.A. Digger Book**

In 1929, The W.A. Digger Book was published by the West Australian branch of the RSL and it expressed with picture and story the thoughts and experiences of the AIF.

Over 160 A4 pages of reminiscence, story, verse, drawings and photographs, with a few contemporary supporting adverts from leading companies, make this a very interesting book.

It contains forewords and articles by Monash, Chauvel, Hobbs, and Collett with contributions by Dryblower Murphy, Cyril Longmore, James Pollard, ‘Jean Dell’, and others writing under pen names familiar to readers of the Diggers Diary of the old *Western Mail*, which are a delight to read.

The RSL is proud to be able to present a limited run facsimile of a now rare book to its members.

It is available by contacting ANZAC House on 9287 3799 and from Hesperian Press, the current publisher. The price is $40 with metro area postage of $7. Country post is $10.

Should this be supported by members it may be followed by a reprint of the later ‘Carry On’ that appeared in 1940.

**Vietnam … Viet-Bloody-Nam**

Vietnam … Viet-Bloody-Nam is a ripping yarn by historical fiction author Davide A. Cottone, who seeks to alert the public at large to the real sacrifices of diggers in Vietnam.

“I missed out on conscription and this book is my contribution to honour my mates who were conscripted,” Cottone says. “In the words of the motto of the Australian Association of Vietnam Veterans and the Australian Federation of Vietnam Veterans, I wanted to ‘honour the dead and fight like hell for the living’.”

[www.piebooks.net](http://www.piebooks.net)

**Blackboy Hill is Calling**

Blackboy Hill is Calling is a major Lotterywest-funded project by the Katherine Suzannah Pritchard Writers’ Centre. At $15, it is a value-for-money history of Blackboy Hill, in Greenmount, where 32,000 men trained for WW1.

Each chapter has been researched, written and edited by KSP members and is packed with historical photos. Blackboy Hill is Calling is the first ever comprehensive history of WA’s most significant training camp. Available from the KSP Writers’ Centre.
Mr Golden Gloves rules at the port

A lot goes on under the surface at the Port Kennedy RSL - as I am sure is the same with many other clubs. One of the little known secrets of the staff at the Port Kennedy RSL emanates from the kitchen. Let’s put it this way - if you complained about the food at the Port Kennedy RSL I wouldn’t do it to our kitchen hand, Harry Suter.

Under the kitchen hat and the chef garb is the current State Champion and Golden Gloves Boxing Champion.

Having started boxing when he was six in the UK (York), Harry split his time between boxing and rugby.

Boxing won out with Harry ditching one gentleman’s sport for another. In 2013 Harry won the final in the Yorkshire Championship, securing a position in the British Schoolboy Championship.

All these fights were in the 46-48kg class. Since emigrating to Australia Harry has twice successfully competed in and won the State Golden Gloves title and this year won the State Championship 50kg class.

In addition to boxing, school and work at the RSL, Harry enjoys motor bike riding with Nic and Neil, his Mum and Dad.

The club enjoys being a part of Harry’s personal and professional development - next step Commonwealth Games. Come on Harry!

Steve Elliott
President

Albany getaway by Mandurah Murray

The 108 members of the Mandurah Murray Vietnam Veterans Group (MMVVG) recently returned from a seven-day caravan excursion in Albany.

Sporting events such as lawn bowls, cycling, kayaking, darts, and bocce were enjoyed by all in attendance. Members enjoyed the hospitality of the Albany community.

Highlights of the trip away included a sit-down dinner dance at the Emu Point Bowling Club and a luncheon at the White Star Hotel Function Centre. Most of the group also took the opportunity to spend many hours at the National ANZAC Centre.

Our group conducts a caravan excursion each year and as Albany was so successful in 2015 it is planned to return in 2016. At the conclusion of the 2015 Albany getaway members tallied up their individual cost for the trip and it was estimated that in excess of $70,000 was channelled into the Albany Region during our seven-day break!

Ron Golding
Publicity/Media Officer
Staff at the Port Kennedy RSL gave up their valuable time to hone their skills and complete their Senior First Aid course. The committee believes that as our members age - so too does the likelihood of them having a medical emergency in the club.

“We can only do what we can do - but with the knowledge from this course it might just make a difference,” says Tammy Robeson, Club Manager.

All our paid staff attended the course, showing their support of the club in giving up their weekend.

This is the first of a number of personal development courses that the club is looking at offering its people - Tammy believes that “any investment in our staff has got to be a good investment. It promotes loyalty, strength and confidence within our team whilst enabling the club to benefit from skilled, trained and efficient individuals that come together to work as a team.”

“Let’s hope that we never have to use our First Aid - I’d like that...” says Cassie Thomas, our youngest employee. Good on you Cassie - we all agree.

Steve Elliott
President

Visiting crew help out at Kalamunda RSL

Ten crew members of USS Carl Vinson visited Kalamunda RSL and helped with a clean-up including removing very worn carpet in the hall.

Navitas is a school which teaches English to migrants.

A number of the students, having noted the Centenary on TV and other media, wanted ANZAC explained to them.

The City of Subiaco RSL was contacted and President Dennis Williams gave a presentation first to an elementary class and then an intermediate/advanced class, where he explained the ANZAC legend and spoke about the RSL, Remembrance Day and the significance of the poppy.

Dennis Williams
President

Migrants learn ANZAC

Come and join us at Araluen Golf Resort on 31st July 2015 for the RSL Community Golf Day

• Cost of $65.00 per player includes 18 Holes, Cart and Food
• Have all RSL Members competing for the Presidents Cup
• Commence at 10.00am and everyone Tees off at 11.30am.
• Prizes, Raffles and Sausage Sizzler by the Salvation Army

All members must provide Golf link Cards to work out handicaps for the day. If cards are not presented, then default handicaps will be given for the event.

To receive more information or registry to play, please contact Philip Platcher on 0423 467 262 or email at events@hrmgroup.com.au

• City of Subiaco RSL President, Dennis Williams, pictured with some of the students.
Reunions

1ALSG Vietnam Veterans’ 2016 Reunion
HQ Coy 1ALSG Vietnam Veterans reunion will be held in Albany, Western Australia over the ANZAC Day weekend, 2016 (Saturday 23 – Tuesday 26 April, inclusive). As it is 50 years since deployment of HQ Coy 1ALSG personnel to Vietnam, we invite as many HQ Coy 1ALSG veterans, wives/partners and family and friends as possible to attend and celebrate this occasion. For any interested veteran who has not received information on the reunion, please contact Mac Gregor McAlister on 0419 121 947 or email richr@bigpond.net.au

Nashos WA
Nashos WA are having their reunion at the Gosnells Hotel in the dining area starting midday on 6 June and 5 December 2015. Former Nashos are welcome to come along and join in with the events. Partners and friends are welcome and it’s casual dress code. Meals and drinks are at hotel prices with seniors’ meal discounts.

Come along and form a mateship and enjoy our great group.
Contact: nashoswa71@gmail.com or phone 0402 576 086

Bits & Pieces...

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Membership – as over the last two years RLSLA and Great Southern Railway have offered RSLWA’s fully financial service members the opportunity to enter the draw for a gold pass for two on the Indian Pacific – one way. They will be doing the same for 2015. All fully financial service members on 31 July 2015 will be eligible for the draw.

(Details below)
And finally: at State Branch we often receive anonymous letters. To those of you who take the time to complain in writing, be it about irregularities in your sub-branch or issues regarding official office bearers or matters of governance, please be advised that if your letter is unsigned and the name of the person/sub-branch you are complaining about is not included in the letter then no action can/will be taken.

RSLWA has a small staff dealing with our core business. We do not have a police/forensics department to waste time on matters where the author includes scathing comments that may be true or false on an unnamed person/sub-branch. If you make the effort to complain in writing then at least give RSLWA the opportunity to respond.
**Crossword**

Across
1. Future Farmers of America (abr)
4. Container top
7. Pinch
10. Carry
11. ___ and dined
13. Time period
14. East northeast
15. Sleep disorder
16. Compass point
17. Sop up
19. Coloured
21. Dice game
23. Tulle
26. Lizard
29. Like orange juice
30. Snacked
31. City
33. Leg ending
34. Anger
36. Vagary
38. Robe cloth
40. Mormon State
42. Parts
46. Chewy stuff
48. Stream
50. Swish
51. Ripen
52. Neon fish
53. East southeast
54. Doctoral degree
55. Been
56. Hardly any

Down
1. Animal insect
2. Finance
3. Gets older
4. Mouth moisturiser (2 wds.)
5. Hotel
6. Doings
7. Capital of India (2 wds)
8. Internal Revenue Service
9. Animal foot
11. Experienced battler
12. 24 hours
18. Halloween mo.
20. Flightless bird
22. Not war
24. ___ and span (very clean)
25. Publicity
26. Log boat
27. Decorative needle case
28. Fragnaced
29. Dried & powdered red pepper
32. Harp players
35. Often poetically
37. Grain
39. Hove
41. Feign
43. Musical treble
44. Allegiate
45. Gush out
46. Breach
47. Expression
49. Estimated time of arrival

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**Sudoku**

Sudoku is a logic-based, combinatorial number-placement puzzle. The objective is to fill a 9×9 grid so that each column, each row, and each of the nine 3×3 boxes (also called blocks or regions) contains the digits from 1 to 9 only one time each. The puzzle setter provides a partially completed grid.

**Sudoku Solution from last edition - April 2015**

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 1 2 4 | 6 3 5 | 7 8 9
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 3 9 5 | 4 8 7 | 6 1 2
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 6 7 8 | 9 1 2 | 4 3 5
      9 1 7 2 4 8 5 6 3
      5 8 6 3 7 1 9 2 4
      2 4 3 5 6 9 1 7 8
      4 3 2 1 5 6 8 9 7
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 8 6 9 7 2 4 3 5 1
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 7 5 1 8 9 3 2 4 6
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They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning.
We will remember them. Lest We Forget.

Crossword Solution from last edition - April 2015

Navy
PM6809; Bell, David
Albany RSL Sub-Branch
PLX25247; Martin, Frederic
Bindoon RSL Sub-Branch
95485; McKenzie, David
North Beach RSL Sub-Branch
F3401; Skeels, Frederic
Bedford-Morley RSL Sub-Branch
F4632; Veron, Edward
Bicton-Palmyra RSL Sub-Branch

Air Force
WX107300; Fynmore, Leslie
City of South Perth RSL Sub-Branch
427926; Montgomery, W.M.
Kalgoorlie RSL Sub-Branch
46119; Romaro, William
City of Cockburn RSL Sub-Branch
408316; Saville, F Alan
Highgate RSL Sub-Branch
776591; Shilling, Leonard
Dawesville RSL Sub-Branch
85808; White, Robert
Scarborough RSL Sub-Branch

Army
WX38313; Armstrong, Frederic
Harvey RSL Sub-Branch
53663; Carlson, Frederick
Canning Districts RSL Sub-Branch

RSL Women’s Auxiliaries to close

After 89 years of dedicated service and loyalty to the League, the RSL Women’s Auxiliaries of WA State Executive is sadly having to disband at the end of June 2015. This decision is primarily due to the decline in membership and the gradual closure of the Auxiliaries. Unfortunately there is an unwillingness of present day ladies to be part of our organisation. The RSL Women’s Auxiliaries have worked tirelessly to support and raise funds and have made countless donations to the League and various connected organisations over the years.

We have volunteered time and good cheer to the veterans in Hospitals and Nursing Homes each month taking small gifts of sweets and toiletries and sent out condolence cards to next of kin of deceased veterans. In the past we volunteered daily at the Mount Lawley War Vets Home in the canteen selling sweets, toiletries and cigarettes for many years until its closure.

We have attended wreath laying and other dedication ceremonies. We also had fun times attending Auxiliary lunches on their anniversaries enjoying lots of laughs and the wonderful hospitality of the country and metropolitan ladies.

Our yearly conferences were a great time to gather all the Auxiliaries and discuss the business of the past year then have a fun day raffles and trading tables. Lunch in the ANZAC Club was always a big success. Also our cup competitions where the Auxiliaries tried to outdo each other with their fund raising and participation in the League events were always well supported.

On behalf of Mrs Christine Blackman, State President; Mrs Lorna O’Toole, Senior Vice President; Mrs Barbara Giles, Junior Vice President; Mrs Kathryn Clark, State Treasurer; Committee ladies Mrs Barbara Hartney and Mrs Julie Cole and Elsie Daxon, Hon State Secretary, we wish all members of The Returned & Services League the very best of health and happiness for the future.

A special thank you to the staff of ANZAC House and Matthew Holyday and his wonderful staff in the ANZAC Club. We will miss you all!

Elsie Daxon Hon State Secretary
They fought for our freedom.
They taught us respect.

Serving our Veterans for more than 70 years.

Respect. Integrity. Loyalty.
It’s what we share.