



# RSLWA

SUB-BRANCH SIGNAL  
26/5/2020

## ANZAC HOUSE VETERAN CENTRAL

As we count down to the opening of this game-changing new service facility for Veterans (providing medical treatment, DVA access etc) follow its progress via our new Facebook page. Please, come share the journey!



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With this year's traditional ANZAC Day Services disrupted by COVID-19, significant effort is being undertaken to make Remembrance Day 2020 this year also marks the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of World War II.

In recent years, the RSLWA Poppy Ladies have built themselves a well-deserved reputation for putting on spectacular art installations featuring poppies to draw crowds and attention to Remembrance Day. This year will be no exception. But they need help!

The Poppy Ladies are on the hunt for men's WWII military uniforms (reminiscent of the era photographed above) for Navy, Army and Air Force. well-cared for and feature in an art display at the new ANZAC House Veteran Central over the Remembrance Day period.

If you can help, please email Judy Welch at [poppy\\_dayz@hotmail.com](mailto:poppy_dayz@hotmail.com)

### **Sub-Branches benefit from COVID-19 Fund relief**

Some welcome news from Lotterywest has been received with the approval of applications from Sub-Branches that applied for financial assistance. Lotterywest COVID-19 Fund Relief grants process.

None of the 17 Sub-Branches that submitted applications missed out, with a total of \$169,244 being approved. State branch will be in contact with Branches in coming weeks as to distribution of approved funds.

The grants, formally approved by Premier Mark McGowan last week, are most welcome and follow RSLWA's own allocations of emergency funds to Sub-Branches who found the going particularly tough during the Coronavirus shutdown period.

### **New Veteran Services Manager ramping-up frontline delivery**

RSLWA's Veteran Services Manager is responsible for overseeing our frontline services - including wellbeing, welfare, advocacy, transition and

Milton Brooks started in March, just as the pandemic saw the community go into lockdown. His civilian qualifications include an MBA and Master Accounting (in-progress), with his primary skillset being in stakeholder management. He is a current Cavalry Officer with the 10th Light Horse also posted to 16 RWAR, 11/28 RWAR and Pilbara Regiment - with experience in Operations ANODE, RESOLUTE and COVID-19 ASSIST. Milton is engaging the Sub-Branches as RSLWA starts to roll out the establishment of Veteran Hubs in the Perth metro and regional areas, and the vision of the *Putting Veterans and Families First* mission statement.

Joining Milton's team is **new advocate Mathew Jones** - a Veteran under training to assist other Veterans with their DVA claims processes. Mat has served in the Army for 10 years and, after transitioning, worked in the oil-and-gas industry and started his own munitions and martial arts businesses. Mathe is on a path to helping Veterans through advocacy and has always been an active RSL member. He is a current Member of Cockburn RSL Sub-Branch.

### **URGENT: All your essential Sub-Branch housekeeping dates and deadlines**

**2021 ANZAC Day Lotterywest Sub-Branch grants:** Applications are due by Friday, 31 July 2020. Please return Forms to: [admin@rslwa.org.au](mailto:admin@rslwa.org.au)

**Reminder to all Membership officers:** From 1 July, pro-rata rates will apply for New Service Member applications - at \$20. Rates for Affiliates remain unchanged.

#### **And from our Finance Department:**

##### **Reminders**


- General Insurance Questionnaire, due on or before Tuesday, 30 June 2020
- 2020 ANZAC Day LW Grant Acquittal, due on or before Tuesday, 30 June 2020
- Lotterywest ANZAC Day Grant Applications, due on or before Friday, 31 July 2020



##### **COVID-19 Phase 4**

- Sub-Branches are no longer restricted on gathering limits, provided the 2 square metre per person rule is adhered to;
- Service of alcohol has had meal and seating restrictions lifted;
- Hygiene requirements and distancing rules still apply;
- See <https://www.wa.gov.au/government/covid-19-coronavirus> for further information.

##### **Annual General Meetings**

- With the lifting of gathering limits, Annual General Meetings can now go ahead as normal while observing the 2sq/m rule.
- Per RSLWA Constitution, AGMs are to be held before 30 September, 2020.

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