A beautiful, crisp dawn heralded in the commencement of ANZAC Day 2005, in Perth. Thousands of people attended the service, which this year was held at the Flame of Remembrance in Kings Park, due to the renovations being carried out on the State War Memorial.

Simultaneously, in suburbs and country towns across our state groups, families and individuals flocked to memorials to pay tribute, not only to those who paid the supreme sacrifice, but to remember with respect all those who have served in areas of conflict, at the request of their country.

Remembered too, were the many young Australian service personnel who have recently, or who are currently serving overseas in areas of conflict. Also in the thoughts of many were those participating in humanitarian efforts in countries, which have recently undergone devastating loss, as a result of natural disasters.

Across Australia, services and ANZAC Day marches were held in major cities and country towns.

Around the world, particularly in areas where our young service personnel are stationed, the dawning of ANZAC Day took on special significance for our troops, especially with some of them grieving the recent loss of colleagues.

In Gallipoli, the Premier, Dr Geoff Gallop was attending an ANZAC Day Service in the company of young Western Australian school children. Children who throughout their lives will remember with pride their ANZAC experience and the role our ANZACS played in shaping the character and values of our nation.

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The ANZAC Field concept - the facts not the fiction

In the past few weeks many WAFL members of the RSL will have heard or read in the media about the proposal to rename Subiaco Oval as ‘ANZAC Field’. The debate has been detailed in an attempt to explain the concept, so this article is your chance to learn the details and form an opinion.

The State Executive is conscious of the need to keep League members informed about these matters, so that they can feedback and act in their best interests. All information that your State and National Executive has about the concept is explained in this article so you can form your opinion.

It is important to be aware that ANZAC Field is a concept not a charter or a law. This was only announced to the public because the WA Football Commission had to respond to media enquiries following a leak.

In other words, the concept was still in its planning stages. The proposal advised by the concept still had to meet these criteria before it could be approved.

• The opportunity to raise funds for charitable or other institutions, or groups. Unfortunately the loss of these potential supporters could be a major setback to our welfare activities.

Will the ANZAC Field concept be renamed Subiaco Oval?

If the concept is not approved by the RSL it will mean that the Subiaco oval will continue to be called Subiaco Oval.

What are the benefits of adopting the name ANZAC Field?

Everyone in the Western Australian community should have the opportunity to be associated with the ANZAC Field concept through:

• The creation of a ‘living monument’ to the ANZAC legend that will include a stadium name but would also involve other associated history and education related projects.

What is the relevance of the name ANZAC Field?

Since the ANZAC Day concept has been embraced throughout the country by the Federal Parliament, they have gained the greatest respect for Australia’s military heritage. Football days, it would become

The ANZAC Field concept was developed in private by the WA Football Commission (WAFC) but the concept still had to meet these criteria before it could be approved.

What is the ANZAC Field concept?

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When will a decision be made on the ANZAC Field concept?

There is no timeline for making a final decision on ANZAC Field. It is important to keep the community, Government and other stakeholders informed on the progress of this concept.

How can RSL members provide feedback on the ANZAC Field concept?

You should speak to or write to your sub-branch with comments about the ANZAC Field concept including your thoughts on the best potential ANZAC Field name for the stadium.

Future editions of Listening Post will contain more news of the progress of the ANZAC Field concept including feedback from members.

Is football comparing the battlefield of war with sport?

There is no intention to associate sport with war. Football underlines that there can be no comparison. The intent is to promote the deeds and spirit of ANZAC, not promote any association between ANZAC and the playing of football.
SoPs and how they have been affected by the ‘Kattenberg’ Decision:

Sometimes a Federal Court judge hands down a decision whereby, with our system of Common Law’, the judgement made in court becomes ‘blended’ and integrated with legislated law. Such is the case with this landmark decision, which has effectively “watered down” several of the Factors stipulated in some of the Statements of Principles (SoPs).

In Kattenberg v Repatriation Commission (2002) FCA 412, Justice Emmett ruled on the issue of ‘Material Contribution’. His judgement has widened the parameters with regard to causal factors involving consumption or exposure over time such as SoP requirements, for example, as:

- Weights carried/lifted (whilst on war service/or whilst on duty during eligible defence service).
- Quantities smoked (due to war service/or whilst on duty during eligible defence service).
- Time-frames (eg. repetitive or persistent factor) such as bending/extension (bending backwards or twisting of the lumbar spine for at least one hour each day on more than days not for at least 10 years before the clinical onset of lumbar spondylosis) (whilst on war service/or whilst on duty during eligible defence service).
- Smoked (due to war service/or whilst on duty during eligible defence service).

ALL of these requirements have now been altered by the application of the legal principle involved and applied in Kattenberg.

Further - the Chairman of the Repatriation Medical Authority (RMA) - Professor Ken DONALD, at an assembly here in Perth several months ago (the audience consisting of DVA personnel as well as representatives from various Ex-Service Organisations), announced that ‘material contribution’ can be as little as 10%.

Let me however make this ‘crystal’ clear: The total, ‘OVERALL amount’ of years stipulated in the SoP still MUST be met for the Factor to be linked to service covered under the VEA, and thus satisfied.

The big change is that previously the consumption or exposure over time required by certain SoP-Factors had to be 100% accumulated during the eligible period under the Act of that veteran’s service.

Now, it is sufficient to show that (despite other jobs or post-service careers that might ALSO have had a role in the total lifting heavy weights etc.). the amount of lifting, consumption or exposure related to service made a ‘material contribution’ (It needs to be borne in mind that the Federal Court interpretation made it clear that a ‘material’ causal contribution is above a ‘trivial’ level).

Several examples might assist veterans to better understand what this means:

Veteran A:

Let’s say he was a two-year National Serviceman 1947 - 1949 who, after training in Puckapunyal was then posted for Infantry training and to JTC to serve seven months in Vietnam as a ‘Reo’ (lonely) and being posted to a battalion. Work was often physically arduous (carrying packs etc/number of days ‘sandbagging’ - his back sometimes ached after these duties). He served as a whereby dripper near Port Pirie in South Australia before being discharged. Only his period of service in South Vietnam constitutes ‘operational service’, so that is his only period of service covered under the Veterans’ Entitlements Act (VEA).

Post service, he gets a job as a roof tiler, before getting into brick-laying and spending some years in the building industry. At the age of 43 (44, before going back problems, and is diagnosed with ‘lumbar spondylosis’, believing that his SVN service was at least partly responsible. He submits a claim. As a war veteran, he has to demonstrate a ‘reasonable hypothesis’. He learns that the SoP that applies to him for this condition has two Factors that he might address:

Factor 5(j) manually lifting or carrying loads of at least 20kg while weight bearing to a cumulative total of 1,20,000kg within any 10 year period after the clinical onset of lumbar spondylosis;

Factor 5(k) repetitive or persistent flexion, extension or twisting of the lumbar spine for at least one hour each day on more days not for at least 10 years before the clinical onset of lumbar spondylosis.

Bear in mind: only his 10 months in Vietnam can be considered. Let us say that he calculates that during SVN service, lifting and putting down his pack repeatedly a painful/helping carry and load stores at times/lifting and lifting sandbags etc. - he estimates the weights to have been at least 95,000kg in total. Post-service, he believes lifting concrete mixers etc. building sites and other loads above 25kg, over the next 4.5 years accounts for a further 90,000kg at least: a total of 185,000kg ‘all up’.

In days gone by, this man’s claim would be calculated as:

His total consumption of cigarettes due to reasons that are war-related

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Broome
The 90th Anniversary of the Gallipoli landing was commemorated in Broome with an ever increasing number of people attending the Dawn Service and the Trench Breakfast later at the RSL. There is always a special poignancy at the service in the park on the shore or Roebuck Bay wharf, at low water, the wreckage of some of the 28 aircraft destroyed in the tragic Japanese air raid of 3rd March 1942, can still be seen.

We will never know the exact number or names of those who lost their lives on that fateful day but those that we do know, of the refugees and the Dutch, American and British servicemen killed are inscribed on a separate Allied Memorial in the park. Sadly, among the many names of the refugees recorded, are many young children.

As is common in many country towns, the paraide participants include the many volunteer service groups such as Fire and Emergency Service, St Johns Ambulance, Lions and Lionettes and of course, strong contributions from police and crews from visiting naval vessels when available. This year the RSL Choir was strengthened by the inclusion of the high school singers and their musicians. It was very pleasing to receive many compliments on the quality and dignity of the service.

Equally pleasing was the opportunity to present RSL official Certificates of Appreciation to both Lion and Lionesses Club for their support in cooking and serving the Trench Breakfast for the hundreds of members and guests of the RSL over so many years, ANZAC Day in Broome owes its success to the broad range of support it receives from so many organisations within our community and we, as members remain eternally grateful for the support we have been given.

Peter J Bekinsopp
President, Broome RSL Sub-Branch

East Victoria Park & Viet-Nam
ANZAC EVE SERVICE

The East Victoria Park and Vietnam Veteran’s RSL Sub-Branch held a Commemorative ANZAC Eve Service, on Sunday the 24th of April.

Kaye Doust MLC, who was representing the Fremantle in her address about the human cost of war and the impact it has on the lives of not just those directly involved, but their extended families and communities.

Val Perkins, a descendant of Stan Gurney VC, for whom our social club is named, read and laid a wreath in his memory.

Community participation in the service is promoted with the Berleby Salvation Army, as in previous years, providing the music to accompany the service and the Galaxy Guides attending to the flag raising aspect of the ceremony. The girls and their leaders also assisted with the serving of light refreshments, following the service.

Families with young children and members of our ageing population formed the larger components of the group attending the service. Four generations of one family attended, ensuring that the ANZAC heritage stays alive.

Each year the numbers attending the service increase, as younger members of our community begin to realise and recognize the sacrifice service personnel have made.

Perhaps the recent television images, of our “diggers” involvement in troubled areas overseas, has increased the understanding of the tasks undertaken and the humanitarian aid provided by personnel on active service or in peace keeping roles.

Stirling
City of Stirling War Memorial.

Set in the beautiful Stirling Civic Gardens the City of Stirling’s new War Memorial has been built to enable people to pay tribute in the years ahead. It replaces the war memorial that was removed when the old Stirling Council Chambers demolished in 2003. The stones from the old memorial have been used in the new memorial.

The war memorial has a backdrop of a stand of mature date palms and is unique in that it has seven granite plinths which show all the military campaigns Australia and the Colonies, before Federation, have been involved in beginning with the Waikato War 1863-1864. Also included are the Peace Monitoring and Peace Keeping roles by Australian servicemen and women since the second world war.

A sandstone wall has been constructed at the rear of the memorial to enable ex-service organisations to affix appropriate plaques to honour their particular service.

The City sought the assistance of the RSL through its state secretary, Shane Seer, OAM JP in various aspects of the construction of the memorial and in the appointment of an initial warden and an ex-service organisation to be custodians and to provide sub-wardens.

Mr Ron Stone, AM, JP, Freeman of the City of Stirling was appointed the initial Warden of the Memorial and the FESR Navy Association custodians and sub-wardens.

After some months of planning the rededication service of the memorial was conducted on ANZAC Eve 2005 on a beautiful autumn evening. The CEO of the City of Stirling, Linda Delakayna welcomed guests, which included federal and state politicians, city councillors, representatives of the head of the three armed services, members of the RSL and other ex-service organisations and members of the public.

The Mayor of Stirling, Councillor Tony Vellelonga JP delivered an address outlining the City’s commitment in the construction of the memorial, to honour the memory of those who had so nobly served Australia.

The Mayor then officially unveiled the memorial in part of the ceremony involving the unveiling of each of the granite plinths by the sub-wardens from the FESR Navy Association and cadets from the 703 Squadron RAAF cadets.

The State President of the RSL, Mr Gary Gannay, OAM RDF in replying to the Mayor’s address noted the debt owed by all Australians to those who had served, many paying the supreme sacrifice, to preserve liberty and our way of life. He acknowledged the City’s commitment in acknowledging that debt by the construction of the memorial.

The Reverend Derek Chamberlain, the Reverend Steven Larkin and Father Robert Anderson conducted the Memorial’s Rededication Service.

Music, including the Last Post and Requiem, was provided by Churchlands Senior High School band.

Representatives of the head of the armed services and the State Presidents of the RSL, Naval Association and RAAF Association laid wreaths.

The President of the FESR Navy Association, Gavin Ryan, said his organisation had honoured to have been appointed custodians of the memorial and of being responsible for the co-ordination and administration of various services that will be held at the memorial throughout the coming years.

Gavin Ryan said he and his members believed the commitment by the City of Stirling and its staff in the construction of the memorial and in the organisation of the Rededication Service was to be commended. He also felt that special mention should be made of the excellent work done by the City’s landscape architect, Bruce Reid and the team leader; cultural services, Cynthia Paulis.

**Find Pat**

**Find Pat Bowlond in the cartoon on page 5. Hint she will be hiding with her glass of Ivy.

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*Editor Len Copley*

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Weary’s and Other POW Ashes Desecrated by OAWG

The opportunity to return to Thailand after two years of captivity and to commemorate ANZAC day on the Burma Railway was sadly soured by disturbing news that two POWs, including 3rd RAR soldiers, were killed in an attack on the River Kwai Bridge. The event sparked a renewed interest in the return of POW ashes to Australia.

Village Hotel, that the section of the railway upon arrival at the River Kwai was dedicated to the memory of the POWs who lost their lives during the construction of the Bridge. This move was seen as a significant step towards reconciliation and healing.

The opportunity to return to Australia for the first time since the war was a historic event, and the return of POW ashes was seen as a significant step towards reconciliation. The ashes were sent to the Prime Minister urging the government to consider the return of all ashes. The Prime Minister confirmed that this act of desecration had not been missed and that steps were being taken to address the issue.

The committee believes they have organized a special day for all those interested in the services. We now rely on you for the total success of the day. Please fill in the return Coupon Below to ensure your place on this special occasion.

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Functions Committee Report

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Membership and Youth Committee

It has been a very busy two months since our last report in The Listening Post.

The committee has been organizing the up coming ‘Cadet of the Year’ competition. We have finalized the programme and the presentation evening is planned to coincide with the selection of a cadet to represent Western Australia in the National Cadet of the Year competition.

During the presentation evening, to take place in September, one cadet from each of the three services, the Navy, Army and Airforce, will be chosen as ‘Cadet of the Year’. The cadets will then form the group of finalists, from which the Western Australian representative in the national competition will be selected.

Donations from sub-branches, Women’s Auxiliaries, Service Social Clubs, kindred associations and individuals, towards the purchase of books, as prizes for the winners, have been gratefully received and acknowledged at the presentation and in The Listening Post.

The ‘National Cadet of the Year’ competition will be conducted in Perth this year and a separate committee will be formed. The State President, Bill Gaynor, State Secretary, Shane Sears and Mr Leon Griffith have been delegated the task of co-ordinating the event.

Membership and Welfare

The Welfare and Membership trailer continues to be very popular amongst the various sub-branches.

If your sub-branch intends using the trailer, for membership drives, it is advisable to book early, to avoid disappointment.

During the recent storms the trailer equipment, assisted with welfare by providing emergency power to three houses in the hills area, where it is currently housed.

I will, due to personal commitments, be unable to continue in my role as Chairman of the Membership and Youth Committee and will therefore be standing down in July, at State Congress.

Gordon Norton
Chairman of the Membership and Youth Committee

Memorial Museum

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This translation is from the Maltese Herald

On Tuesday 25th of April the Malta, in remembrance of the 90th Anniversary of ANZAC day, in a ceremony at Pieta cemetery and on the graves of those soldiers Australian and New Zealand that died at Gallipoli, Malta was commemorated.

These soldiers were cared for in Malta. In that cemetery are buried 1805 soldiers 226 Australians and 79 New Zealanders. In remembrance of this anniversary of when 3030 soldiers were killed at the Peninsula in Gallipoli in Turkey in 1915, during the World War I.

This was the first occasion when these soldiers of two different nations fought against each other.

At the time Malta was a British Colony and many of these soldiers who were injured during this battle were evacuated to Malta, for medical care.

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The committee believe they have organized a special day for all those interested in the services. We now rely on you for the total success of the day. Please fill in the return Coupon Below to ensure your place on this special occasion.

Application for Tickets RSVP by Tuesday, 1 November 2005.

Cheques to be made payable to ‘RLS Remembrance Day Lunch’ and forwarded to: Mrs Barbara Clinton 144 Wanneroo Road Wembley Downs WA 6019

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The Fuzzy Wuzzy Angels

Many a mother in Australia when the buzzy day dawn sends a prayer to the Almighty for the keeping of her son. We know that our Angel guide him and bring him safely back, now we see those prayers answered on the Owen Stanley track.

For they haven’t any halos only holes slashed in the ears and with faces wounded. They are the Fuzzy Wuzzy angels brought back the wounded.

Just as steady as a hearse using their hair bringing back the wounded.

From motor or machine gun fire or a chance surprise attack, to safety and the care of doctors at the bottom of the track.

May the mothers in Australia when they offer up a prayer mention the Fuzzy Wuzzy Angels with Fuzzy Wuzzy hair.

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Communication, teamwork and a responsible staff are the key ingredients to Hollywood Private Hospital’s successful hospital theatre, according to clinical nurse manager Helen Lee.

Helen has charge over the theatre department, the largest area of the hospital, which employs 135 dedicated staff.

Vital to the running of theatre are four key roles, each with their own team to manage.

Helen’s job is to coordinate the teams and ensure the safe and efficient operation of Hollywood’s theatre.

So how is this done? ‘With great difficulty,’ Helen joked.

“It’s a matter of smaller teams fitting into the operational capacity of the larger team.”

The process starts with bookings manager Bronwyn Ashby, in the first role, who books operations, prepares for patient arrivals and collates paperwork received from surgeries to form surgical lists.

The second role is the area manager, Caroline Rushe, responsible for staffing in both clinical and non-clinical areas and managing day-to-day operational requirements.

“Caroline has to align the staffing skill level with the needs of the operating list,” Helen said.

In the third role is anaesthetics team manager, Kara Garratt, who organises the crucial role of anaesthetist’s assistant.

Kara must ensure the right nurse is assigned to the right procedure and must be on hand for theatre emergencies.

The fourth key role is recovery nurse, Shirley Sullivan, who acts as the ‘face of the theatre’.

“Shirley needs to create the right vibe. The post-operative phase is one of the most critical, with patients coming out of a controlled environment and intense monitoring. Recovery nurses care for them until they are stable enough for clinical discharge to the ward,” Helen said.

Each of these four units directly affects the operation of the others so an error from one person in one unit can throw the whole system into disarray - emphasising the importance of Helen’s coordinating role.

She believes her staff’s ability to communicate with each other is its greatest strength and prides herself on leading a dynamic team that is ‘on the cutting edge’ in an environment that is constantly evolving.

“We constantly review systems and operations and actively seek new ways to make improvements,” Helen said.

“Ultimately, it means patients receive a superior standard of care when they come through theatre at Hollywood.”

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Emerald Bay.

Continuing the theme for this quarter, on travel and Malaysia, we will look at the plethora of activities that can be explored and enjoyed in this land of cultural and ecological diversity.

Malaysia offers something for everyone, no matter what your age, activity level, interests, or the dictates of your holiday budget.

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Malaysia offers an abundance of the attractions to experience which include mountain climbing, jungle trekking, bird watching, cave exploring, white water rafting, off-trekking, and an abundance of adventure sports.

Malaysia’s rich cultural heritage means that whilst visiting Malaysia, you will enjoy the appeal and the charm of a bygone ‘Orient’ realm, which co-exists within a thriving, very modern business economy.

Where you stay, whilst visiting Malaysia, will probably depend upon the type of holiday you prefer and activities in which you choose to engage.

Sabah, in North Borneo, is a great place to relax and have an adventure holiday.

Mountain climbing in Sabah is a fantastic experience; you will discover the unique diversity of tropical rain forests.

Gunung Kinabalu, situated in Kinabalu Park, is the highest mountain in Southeast Asia, towering 4093 metres above sea level. Climbing Mount Kinabalu offers the intrepid adventurer a wonderful and fulfilling experience, enabling them to explore the exotic plant and wild life that is in abundance.

Perhaps caving is more your style of excitement, Malaysia, which has some of the best caves in the world, particularly those in Sabah and Sarawak, has in excess of 14 excellent caves to explore. The caves have been categorised into two types, the adventure type and those that can be admired just to experience the sheer beauty of nature at work.

The great thing about Malaysia is that the types of holidays are only limited by your imagination and the amount of money you are prepared to spend while on holiday. If the adventure and nature walks are not for you, then the ‘Shop Until You Drop’ holiday may appeal.

Kuala Lumpur is the place that any self-respecting shopper would like to be seen shopping. Kuala Lumpur has more shops to browse in the ‘Golden Mile’ (Bukit Bintang Area) than Kalgoorlie has gold.

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ANZAC Day Services

Band at ANZAC Day, Sudan.

POWs with the Catafalque Party.

2 CAV Camp Smitty, South Iraq 2005.

ANZAC Day 2005, 2 CAV Camp Smitty.

25 April 2005 ANZAC Cove Gallipoli, HMAS ANZAC lit up.

Australian flag, Iraq.

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CPN Ashley Boxshall 2 CAV Iraq flag orderly 25 April 2005.

HMAS Kanimbla ANZAC Day 1.

25 April 2005 SIEDET ANZAC service Baghdad.

ANZAC Day 2005 Tobruk an Australian l'd Sgt. salutes, Fijian and Libyan buglers play at Australian Cross of Sacrifice.

POWs with the Catafalque Party.

ANZAC Day Services

Australian flag, Iraq.
that those joining the Western Warrant Officer Worboys reported displayed pride in their chosen unit. 

break through the British defences, the first major battle during the First World War. The Australian 13th Light Horse, and the 16th Battalion Australian Units, including the 10th Light Horse, were part of the famous battle of Beersheba.

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Upper South West Region Annual Report

The past year has been one of achievement for several sub-branches in the Upper South West Region. While many of the smaller sub-branches continue to struggle for membership they have managed to maintain the status quo over the past year. The larger sub-branches, such as Mandurah, Bunbury and Collie have continued to perform strongly.

One major event in the region was the opening of the new Mandurah War memorial in time for ANZAC Day. The Memorial is most impressive, sitting out on a point at the entrance to Peel Estuary. The design is simple and symbolises the graves in the many war cemeteries around the globe. It is well worth a visit from any member visiting the Mandurah area.

Another war memorial was re-dedicated at Boddington. The re-dedication ceremony was most memorable and attended by a large cross-section of the Boddington and veterans communities. The local SES cadet group has assumed responsibility for the Boddington memorial and were sworn in as deputy caretakers at the ceremony. This is a wonderful idea to bring the younger generation into taking responsibility for the ongoing maintenance of our fallen comrades and could well be emulated by other towns and sub-branches.

Bunbury Sub-Branch has obtained a restricted licence and is open for business each Friday night. The new licensed club had been well received by members and the Friday night sessions have been well attended. Meals are served for the paltry price of five dollars per meal and RSL members visiting Bunbury are most welcome to attend.

This year I attended the ANZAC Day services at the beautiful war memorial at Nannup. Both the Dawn Service and the 10.00 am services were well attended. Numbers in the march were boosted by the attendance of members of the Diggers Club from Bunbury. According to reports, other ANZAC Day services around the region continued to be well supported by their respective communities.

South Mandurah Sub-Branch appears to have settled the problem of finding a permanent home. Negotiations are well advanced with the Port Edward Sports Club for the building of an extension to their premises which will serve as the sub-branch’s base. This will be funded by the sub-branch so will hopefully, be theirs for as long as the sub-branch continues to exist. Long serving South Mandurah President Bob Howard has now resigned at this years AGM and was replaced by Norm Smith. I wish him every success as the new President during this period.

Collie-Cardiff Sub-Branch Secretary and Wieldam Officer, has received an award from DVA for his considerable efforts for the Collie Veterans’ community. I would like to congratulate him for this achievement.

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Singapore Remembers Australian Changi POW’s in End of WWII Anniversary Commerations

To commemorate the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II in the Asia Pacific, the Singapore Tourism Board presented the WA RSL’s with an artefact from Changi in remembrance of those Australians who were incarcerated there during the Japanese occupation.

It took place on 21 April 2005 at the Kings park Flame of Remembrance Memorial, Finfer Avenue, Perth. The presentation ceremony was part of a nationwide tour in which the Singapore Tourism Board (STB) will be presenting commemorative locks from Changi Prison to RSL’s in remembrance of Australian soldiers who so bravely fought for the protection of Singapore during WWII.

Ms Carol Lian, Business and Tourism Manager of Singapore Tourism Board presented the lock to Mr Bill Gaylor OAM RFD, State President of the Western Australian RSL, which will serve as a reminder of the contribution of these heroic men.

Commenting on this historic occasion, Ms Carol Lian said, "This lock is a symbol to honour and pay tribute to the bravery and courage of the Japanese soldiers who fought for the protection of Singapore during World War II. Many men lost their lives until Changi was liberated by troops of the 5th Indian Division on 5th September, 1945."

"Singapore has an important history linking our two nations" said Ms Lian. "And during the 60th Anniversary commemorations visitors are especially invited to visit discover our WWII sites of significance and honour the British and allied soldiers who gave their lives to help others."

The refurbishment of the Changi Museum, which commemorates the 50,000 civilians and soldiers incarcerated during WWII, will be one of the highlights to mark the 60th anniversary. For the first time, there will be new exhibits featuring original artworks by the prisoners on display. Also on show will be original artefacts from Changi Prison, such as a prison cell door and a piece of the prison boundary wall and chapel pews. The new exhibits will be launched on 10 September 2005 the same day as the Changi Chapel Memorial Service.

The Singapore Tourism Board has also launched WWII Self Guided Trails. Visitors can choose from a selection of memorial trails. Visiting sites including the Changi Chapel and Museum, The Sengkang Camp, where more than 17,000 captives were housed and the authority of Allied senior officers over their troops was revoked. Many men lost their lives until Changi was liberated by troops of the 5th Indian Division on 5th September, 1945."

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The 2005-6 bowling season ended with the Annual General Meeting and elections at the Osborne Park Bowling Club on May 18.

At magest 33 members attended. Even allowing for the lousy weather it was a disappointing turn out. As no nominations were received for the committee a ballot was not needed. Tony Seeling stays as president, Jim McCall, vice Max O’Loughlin, Dudley Docking treasurer and Les Pynnon, secretary.

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We are their living shrine
Those brave men, our soldiers
Through the passage of time
Our hearts will remember
So many were slain
We can bring out troops back.
Not many have died
Who should be at home
In Baghdad I roam
I am walking with our soldiers
We remember them with pride
Those brave men our Soldiers
Than to take many lives
A war that had no outcome
They all died in vain
To Vietnam they came
Those brave men, our Soldiers
Those comrades will be waiting when they reach the other side.

And the heroic battle of Kapyong and that epic victory at Long Tan.
To the icy land of Korea, the steamy jungles of Vietnam
Some paying the supreme sacrifice with courage that did not fail.

They fought their way through jungles, their blood-soaked desert sands
The boys of the Dardenelles are remembered on this day.
Of airmen and the sailors, of Lone Pine and Suvla Bay
On rolling seas and in the skies, those memories will remain.
From Gallipoli's rugged battlefields, to the sands of Alamein
A Tribute to ANZAC Day

Poetry

In The Line Of Fire
Rex Sadler and Tom Haylars (2005)
Pan Macmillan Aust ISBN 1-4050-3592-7
Paperback 358 pages (includes over 60 classic photographs) RRP $30

In the Line of Fire, by historians Rex Sadler and Tom Haylars, is a book of remarkable stories of the courage, heroism, survival and camaraderie experienced by Australians at war, whilst in the line of fire.

It provides compelling insight into the lives of Australian troops in conflicts from Gallipoli through to Viet-Nam and explores the nature of combat from the perspective of the personnel actually engaged in the physical combat. A section of the book relates various roles that women undertook during the wars and records their experiences. The book also incorporates the experiences of combat photographers, without whom much of our recording of the realities of war on the front line would have been lost.

The authors have painstakingly researched the content and provided a fascinating, informative historical and visual overview of each campaign, using many first hand accounts obtained from diaries, documents, letters, and photographs, to provide the reader with insight into what it actually like to be in the line of fire.

The content is interesting and compelling to read and is a tribute to those young Australians who put their lives on the line, in the line of fire, in the name of Australia.

The large font size and style of writing make 'In the Line of Fire' easy to read, especially for those of us who have ageing eyesight.

Sword of Allah
David A Rollins (2004)
Pan Macmillan Aust ISBN 1-4050-3592-7
Paperback, pages 351

'Sword of Allah' is a terrifying but gripping, well-written fictional thriller by David Rollins.

Whilst we mainly review non-fictional texts, we consider that this book will appeal to our readers because the author has put a considerable effort into military and weaponry research, in order to authentically depict the military world.

The book is about gun-running, drug smuggling, money laundering and terrorism.

The story evolves around Australia’s top intelligence and police specialists, who assemble to ensure Australia’s security, as agents from around the world join forces, meeting up in Australia’s neighbouring countries.

Plains by terrorist extremists are afoot, leading to events that could have devastating results, far greater than had ever been imagined.

Seperate Tom Wilkes, of the Australian Special Air Service Regiment, is seconded to the US Central Intelligence Agency where he heads a team who are allocated the task of ensuring that the extremist’s plan does not result in terrifyingly catastrophic events.

Well worth a read. Events described within this book, unfortunately could become reality, a truth too horrible for the mind to contemplate, given many of the events the world has recently experienced.

The book would make a great gift - Father’s Day will be upon us in a few months. If dad enjoys thrillers, this one is for him!

Forbes the storyteller has written a book that will provide an extremely sad aspect of Australia’s history completely captures and maintains the reader's interest.

Forbes the humanitarian, through his writing, shares the experiences and knowledge that he has gathered over many years, but at no time does he try to incite condemnation or recrimination for what they endured. It is apparent that his years working as a war correspondent, was an important component of the United Nations Association Media Peace Award, that he recognises that peace is not achieved by rekindling old hatreds, but through educating our population about mistakes made, and regrets endured by others.

The Spirit of the Digger: Then and Now
Patrick Lindsay (2003)
Pan Macmillan Australia ISBN 0-7329-1181-8
Paperback 324 Pages (including photographs and maps) RRP $30

The Spirit of the Digger is written by Patrick Lindsay, the author of the best-selling book, 'The Spirit of Kokoda'.

The Spirit of the Digger is the culmination of years of research by Lindsay, into what it is that sets Australian soldiers apart and has resulted in them having a far greater impact in world conflicts than their numbers would warrant. Diggers who have been enshrined as a heritage, which bonds us together as a nation, particularly in times of trouble or adversity.

Lindsay has explored the characteristics and essential qualities that remain constant throughout our nation's history. He has drawn content from personal interviews with people involved, on both sides of the conflict, and relates their experiences in graphic detail.

The story evolves around Australia’s security, as terrorists from around the world, establish a network that will ultimately help us defeat cancer.

For confidential information about making a bequest to The Cancer Council WA please call Suzanne Cavanagh on (08) 9212 4333

THE LISTENING POST
June 2005
On Sunday the 24th of April, Lieutenant Noaks and the ship’s company, invited ten people, including executive members of the League and their guests to Fremantle Harbour, to tour the Navy’s survey ship, HMAS Leeuwin.

Lieutenant Noaks explained that the role of the ship is to create current, accurate maps, survey the sea-bed, the flow of the currents, the rise and fall of the tides and collect marine data.

As we toured the vessel Lieutenant Noaks, who is a Western Australian, explained the function of the ship and the use of specialised computer graphing equipment, including computers and software for creating the up to date maps.

Scientific floats are lowered over the side of the ship to collect data, which is sent directly to the ship’s computers, which assist in creating the maps. The maps that are produced from the information are made available for commercial as well as naval use.

The ship has a minimum crew of 35 and a maximum of 54. Currently, 13 of the crew are females, including the Captain.

Staffing varies between the minimum and maximum numbers, depending upon where the vessel is stationed and the tasks being undertaken. The average posting for crew is 18 months.

Each crew member has a specialized job, with some being responsible for more than one job, for example the computer maintenance and repairs are carried out by the ship’s electronic maintenance crew.

Following the interesting and informative tour we were invited to afternoon tea in the Officer’s Mess.

Len Copley (Ed)
The deaths of the following RSL Members (WA Branch) were recorded last month. Please leave contact details.

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The service was attended by a large number of his family and representatives of the veteran community.

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Anybody reading this segment and knows of ex service personnel who have an unmarked grave should report it to their RSL so the problem can be rectified so these injustices never happen again.

The deeds of the following RSL Members (WA Branch) were recorded at ANZAC House between April 2005 and May 2005.

The State President and members of the State Executive extend a welcome to new members, re-enlistments and transferees (March to April 2005) to the League in WA. Their names are listed by sub-branch.

An Aboriginal Serviceman Remembered

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