A State Funeral was held at Fremantle, on the 1st of July, for Peter Casserly, who was the last of our 1st AIF Western Front Veterans.

The service was attended by over 500 hundred people, including dignitaries from around Australia and many ordinary people, most of whom had never known Peter Casserly, but turned up to pay their respects for what he represented to our country.

Mr Peter Casserly passed away peacefully at Craigville Gardens Nursing Home, in the Perth metropolitan suburb of Melville, at 2:00 am, on the 24th June 2005. At the age of 107 years, he was believed to have been Australia’s oldest man.

With Peter’s passing we sadly witnessed the end of an era, a time in which the Australian identity was being forged on overseas battlefields and the name ANZACS was being established, to later be immortalised within our history. Peter Casserly was born in Perth, Western Australia, of an Irish born father, who, as did many people during this era, immigrated to Western Australia in search of gold, however, he ended up working for The West Australian Government Railways and also at Fremantle Wharves.

Peter Casserly was one of eleven children and according to transcripts taken from former interviews with Peter, his father found it a real struggle to feed and clothe his large family.

Peter’s formal education was undertaken as a student at the Christian Brothers’ College in Perth. As was often the case in those days Peter left school at the young age of thirteen Peter left school to commence an apprenticeship to a blacksmith.

With the passing of Sapper Peter Casserly, the last of our 1st AIF Western Front Veterans, another chapter in the history of our ANZACS has been played out.

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The recently held State Congress has been acclaimed as the best held in recent years. The venue, speakers, presentations and debate on a diverse range Congress Motions left delegates in no doubt that the RSL in WA is progressive and willing to deal with matters that affect the veteran community.

Our guest speakers were outstanding, and all those from government confirmed support for the League and the various projects we have in hand to cater for the veteran community. With only a small number of congress motions there was adequate time to address topical issues such as ANZAC Field and developments within the Aged Care industry at RSL’s War Veterans Homes.

A feature of congress was the traditional wreath laying ceremony in the new City of Stirling Memorial. This was followed by a civic reception at the Council Chambers hosted by the Mayor, Cr Terry Tzjak. The reception acknowledged the RSL for the first time holding its Congress in the City of Stirling.

The congress dinner was well attended with over 130 delegates and guests enjoying the formal dinner and entertainment provided by the Ballaraara Community College Band. Planning is now in hand for 2006 congress at which we will celebrate the 90th Anniversary of the foundation of the RSL. Full details of dates and venue will be announced in the next edition of the Listening Post.

ANZAC Field

From the interest shown at the presentation by WAFC members on proposals for the ANZAC Field concept it is evident that many sub-branches are willing to review their decision to oppose the concept. Grant Dornigton of the WAFC is visiting sub-branches to give his presentation and explain the concept. Members and Allied members all of the all the facts on this concept before they make any decisions. Why not visit the site and browse through the information.

A Grateful State

The WA Government have established a website to provide more information and to allow the public to provide review to the WA Government’s approach to Anzac fields associated with Tjinggungan Memorial. The site, www.anzac.dpc.wa.gov.au contains a wealth of information on war field programmes such as ‘Adopt-a-Memorial’, Schools ANZAC Day Services, Small Grants Scheme, Applications for Commemorative Medallions, War Memorial Register, recording of your oral history – as well as, a host of other interesting material. Why not visit the site and browse through the information.

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Some people (even whilst still reaching the age of 60), haven't experienced a few creaks and aches in these important joints. For those who have had quite severe war or service-related knee injuries in the past and/or fairly arduous experiences at war, or as members of the Defence Services – painful stiff knees may well have come on when they were much, much younger.

As always – before going ahead with any new claim, the wise course is to address whichever Statement of Principles (known as an 'SoP' for short) is involved.

Basically, for any claim for 'knee injuries in the past and/or as members of the Defence Services – painful stiff knees may well have come on when they were much, much younger.

People may sometimes hear clicking sounds in the knee. This condition is called chondromalacia patellar – and has its own SoP. It is very hard to meet this SoP. It acknowledges that a substantial direct injury may trigger its emergency (within six months) – but if it is not diagnosed within that limited timeframe – the claim will fail. Nor does this SoP acknowledge a 'heavy wear and tear argument'.

• The most common condition is osteoarthritis. This is a more general term, and refers to degenerative changes to the bones comprising the knee joint (e.g. such terms as osteophytic lipping indicating calcific deposits, often on the edges or faces of bones). It also has to be said, alas, that this condition is a normal part of the ageing process, as well. If we are lucky enough to keep breathing – this is part of the 'down-side!'

The only one of the above three SoPs that recognises prolonged activity as a causal argument, is the last one: that is: osteoarthritis.

So – if you are experiencing painful, swollen, stiff knees – I suggest you take the following action:

1. Visit your GP/LMO and report swollen, stiff knees – I suggest you take the following action:
2. If you haven't had x-rays for some time, ask the GP to organise this (or, possibly, CT scans). Once the doctor has examined the radiological evidence, ask him to advise you of the appropriate diagnosis.
3. The diagnosis will almost certainly be one of the three outlined above.
4. Access the applicable SoP (either from the Internet (www.dva.gov.au) or in a book). One of our volunteers: 9525 7979 or 9221 7950 - and we will post them out to you.

Remember that if you served in a theatre of war, you only need to address the reasonable hypothesis version. If you have no war service, then you are limited to your AIF service between 7 December 1972 and after (up to April 1994). Note people who enlisted prior to May 1998 are allowed to go beyond that (April 1994 date) – and need to examine the 'balance of probabilities' version.

We can guide you on which one of these you will need.

5. If the diagnosis is osteoarthritis, several factors are fairly straightforward. They include: 'kneeling and squating for at least one hour a day on more days than not (ie: four days a week) for at least one year', is one reasonable hypothesis. Factor. Heavy lifting of items exceeding 25kg – to a cumulative total of 12,000kg is another reasonable hypothesis. Factor. (And as I pointed out in my last issue regarding the 'Katterberg' Federal Court case, not all of that lifting had to be undertaken during your period of service under the Act: just a proportion of it).

So, in short if you consider that you have experienced premature onset of 'arthritic knees', or you know that your Navy/Army/Air Force service was particularly arduous, repetitive squatting and kneeling, or intense physical activity, then you might load a day-in-day-out for a sustained period – see your GP and let him know.

Once confirmed on x-rays or scans and you've been given a medical diagnosis, give us a ring so we can provide you with a relevant SoP, and assist you in putting together a claim.

Keep on keeping on fellas – until next time. Try to keep happy and healthy!

Margot HARRNESS

The Bush Wireless

Annual Report 2005

The last five years has proved to be an exciting time of change and constant improvement for The Listening Post.

The presentation of the publication has undergone three major changes since the last Annual Report was produced. The Listening Post has undergone a transition from an old web press set up, to a A4 glossy magazine and then to the current tabloid format, which is both more effective and environmentally friendly.

We recently reached the halfway point in the ten year vision that we set for The Listening Post and I’m very pleased to report that a major goal has been achieved, with the State RSL receiving membership of the journal.

In January, this year, the RSL engaged an advertising sales person, and have just organised for an expert in Strategic Studies, related to world and local defence issues, to write a guest column.

A “Healthy Food” recipe section is soon to be included and I am currently in the process of trying to obtain a wife to produce, as a guest political writer, a column (non political, non sectarian) on International Law and how it affects Australia and its Foreign Policy.

The Listening Post is your journal. If you have skills that you can offer to assist its production or contacts who would benefit from advertising in our publication, which is now produced bi-monthly, please contact State Head Quarters, who will advise us accordingly.

In closing, feedback from our readership and the reduced costs being incurred by the State RSL, assures me that we are heading in the right direction with The Listening Post.

Len Copley
Sub-Branch News

Armada

On the 1st June our club put on our 2nd Diggers Day WW2. We had a good turn out and had a 12 member theatrical group to put on a great Avalon Display.

We have pledged that our Diggers day will be the first week of June every year thereafter.

Last year I had noticed that our sub-branch never gave our W22 Veterans a honour in having their day, after all if it wasn't for these veterans our sub-branch would not exist and none of us would be around today.

As being the founder and promoter of this project, it's a effort of joy to see our Diggers joining in as mates, singing John the Digger and Ireland and the good feeling of being thanked by the vets for a great day.

All the vets enjoyed a great meal by our own (Spitfire Grill) Brad and Lisa's Kitchen. The whole day is sponsored by the sub-branch. Meals, drinks, 'entertainment', raffles are organised from yearly raffle funds dedicated only for Diggers Day WW2.

The sub-branch would like to thank our DVA Volunteer driver, Spiffie Grill for the great meal and volunteers Mike Power, even Cuts, Ray Thomas, Alack Hepple, Keith Northcoot, Tony Mulvaney and Bob Maguire.

Entertainers were the Oldest Women's Theatre Group.

Our sub-branch continues to grow since our younger committee have boosted our club and recognised the vets as they should be. We now have over 1270 ex-serving service members, 115 Affiliates and Social Members.

So come to Armada for great meals Fridays and Saturday afternoons.

Buses and trains come by.

Bob Maguire

Diggers Day Organiser / Membership Officer.

Belmont

On Sunday 10th June at the general meeting of the Belmont RSL Sub-Branch, Jaycey Manohar from the Department of Veterans Affairs presented DVA Volunteer Certificates to two members of the sub-branch. Both of them very worthy recipients.

KEVIN BUSWELL has been the Hospital and Home Visitor representative for the sub-branch for some years now and keeps in contact with many members who are not well enough to attend the sub-branch. He also keeps in contact with our social functions and always a willing helper doing odd jobs around the sub-branch.

BRIAN WAKE – What can I say about Brian? Part of Dad's Army and Works Supervisor for many years, social organiser with a flair for different ideas, a great picnickie, bottle of which he passed on to many members and always there to help a friend in need. Brian had a stroke eighteen months ago and now resides in a nursing home. His many friends from the sub-branch visit him regularly and he spends a lot of his time planning social functions for us.

Olga Greig

President

Belmont RSL Sub-Branch

Stirling

City of Stirling War Memorial.

Set in the beautiful Stirling Civic Gardens the City of Stirling's new War Memorial has been dedicated to enable ex-servicemen to pay tribute in the years ahead. It replaces the war memorial that was at the entrance to the old Stirling Council Chambers, demolished in 2003. The stones from the old memorial have been used to construct this new memorial.

The war memorial has a backdrop of a stand of mature date palms and is set in seven granite plinths which show all the military campaigns Australia and the City of Stirling were involved in. The memorial has been in beginning with the World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. Also included are the Peace Monitoring and peace keeping roles by the City of Stirling's women since the word war. A sandstone wall had been constructed at the rear of the memorial to enable ex-servicemen to lay appropriate plaques to honour their particular service.

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 RSL, Tony Snelling delivered the address outlining the City's commitment to ensuring the memorial – part of the City's Landscape and Cultural strategy is maintained for future generations. The event included a service to remember those who served for the City of Stirling. The service was open to the general public.

The Mayor then officially unveiled the memorial to honour the City's war dead.

Representatives of the head of the armed services and the state presidents of the RSL, National President and RAAF Association laid wreaths.

The President of the FESR Navy Association said the service was an opportunity to have been appointed custodians of the memorial and 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, Brian Reid and the team leader, cultural services, Cynthia Faulds.

Scarborough

Oh! For the end of this cold weather and for the return of that lovely seasonal shower of rain. But the rain has been most welcome.

I recently been a guest of Hollywood Hospital and take this opportunity to thank all staff for their kindness and efficiency. Thanks also to volunteer service visitors for their selfless work.

Reports of a successful State Congress are encouraging and congratulations to standing and newly elected members of Executive. Appreciation also to departing members for work well done.

Evidently there was strong expression to the ANZAC Fields proposition. At our recent general meeting it was decided to have some guest speakers to expand their views. This would help members to reach their own decisions. Our President, Tony Snelling, myself and our respective Secretaries attended Annual Inspection of T S Marnham in May. We enjoyed the music and marching followed by a sumptuous morning tea. It was heart warming to witness the developing growth of the young sea cadets involved and the leadership of their officers.

On the 14th July we enjoyed a coach and boat trip to magical Mandurah. Following morning tea on the foreshore, we sailed the canals, wandered at the waterside homes and viewed the new marina with boats, new homes and luxury apartments. After cruising back, accompanied by a pod of dolphins, we enjoyed a delicious lunch at Halls Head Tavern. On homeward bound we stopped at the Spad Shed, in Scarborough, for a drink of fresh fruit juices. And the tour was completed with a visit to the Manchester Central, a retail outlet for vegetables, fruit, honey, jams, eggs etc. Our next outing is to Moore River and the Gingin Gravity Centre (14th July) followed by a visit to the SATS museum at Campbell Barracks W.A. (14th August). Final coach trip for 2005 will be on the 15th September to the heritage listed Alverstone Farm, Brunswick.

Scarborough members welcome the new sub-Branches, Marmion and Ballara.

Vale is it with great regret that we send our condolences to family and friends of the following departed members Bill Neylon, Jack Bockbied, Fred Jones, Ray Paul, Ron Kolon, Bruce Hill and a special mention for All Brown. Last year All received a special award from Bill Gaynor, our State President, for 50 years service to the League. He joined our club back in 1936 and a life member having served as Treasurer, Secretary and President. A fine gentleman and a great friend.

It was our pleasure to welcome new members Noel Phillips, Eric Armstrong, Edward Hills and Phillip Winelle (Aff.)

PHOENIX FOR TODAY

Do not walk abroad of me, I may fall into evil
Do not walk behind me, I may not lead
Be my friend

National Service

I am trying to contact members of 13 platoon, Australia, in the 17th National Service Battalion, (Campbell Barracks W.A.).

A 50th reunion is being planned. If you have not been already contacted, please ring Jim 08 9454 2373 or email james5@hn.ozemail.com.au

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60th Anniversary Victory in the Pacific (VP Day) Celebrations

Most Australians were not born when the Second World War ended, however interest in the events of 1939-1945 has never been greater.

World War II brought one of the greatest conflicts in history to Australia’s doorstep. While the Victory in Europe (VE Day) was proclaimed when the Japanese surrendered and put an end to a war that had lasted six years, this was overshadowed by the continuing war in the Pacific. Only when the war in the Pacific ended could Australians really celebrate.

Victory in the Pacific (VP) was proclaimed when the Japanese formally surrendered, ending the war in the Pacific. However, a new design, as the only available

Defence Open Day in honour of Maritime Museum will host a Saturday 13 August: Fremantle participation of the general public. Our WW II veterans and there are celebrations have a sole focus on commemoration. Some of the Western Australia, the Department Returned & Services League of

In commemoration of VP Day the Department of Veterans’ Affairs, Returned & Services League of Western Australia, the Department of Defence and the Cities of Perth and Fremantle have planned a programme of celebrations and commemoration. Some of the celebrations have a focus on our WW II veterans and there are other main events that invite the participation of all.

Saturday 13 August: Fremantle Maritime Museum will host a Defence Open Day in honour of our WW II veterans. Visitors to the museum will enjoy free entry and for veterans this includes free tours of the Ovens Submarine. Visitors to the Museum can also take free ‘Fremantle at War’ photographic exhibition will be on display in the temporary gallery. Complimentary afternoon tea will be served for veterans in the Maritime Museum temporary exhibition gallery from 2.30pm until 4.00pm. Complimentary Ceremonial Sunsets are perhaps the oldest and most significant of naval ceremonies. Steeped in Naval history, they now usually conclude days of special importance. Ceremonial Sunset is traditionally maintained by Navies throughout the world to salute the lowering of the Ensign at the close of the day.

Sunday 14 August: The City of Fremantle will host a special VP Day March through the streets of Fremantle and is receiving all WW II veterans to participate. It is estimated that thousands of members of the veteran community will participate in this tribute to VP Day.

Stepping off at 10.15am from Fremantle Oval the parade will march through the City streets and finish back at Fremantle Oval for a conclusion of the service.

Veterans requiring information regarding the parade should contact Charlene Bougourd at the City of Fremantle on 9432 9500 or contact Fremantle Council ASAP with their details to arrange transport.

Fremantle Town Hall will have a free WWII exhibition open from 12 noon to 4pm.

Fremantle Army Museum the Army Museum of Western Australia will host a special WWII exhibition featuring displays, photographic exhibitions and medallion presentations with free entry to the museum from 11am to 4pm.

Free shuttle buses will run from the Town Hall between 12.30 and 3.30pm to the Fremantle Maritime Museum and the Fremantle Army Museum at the Artillery Barracks, Bart Street.

Sunday activities will conclude with a special Evesorning Festival at St Georges Cathedral celebrating the 60th anniversary of the end of WWII with the Very Reverend Dr John Shepherd. The Evesorning will commence at 5pm and tea and coffee will be served at the conclusion of the service.

ANZAC House in St Georges Terrace is about to undergo major alterations: the first since ANZAC House was built and completed in 1981, opened by Sir Charles Court AK, KCMG, CBE, in November 1981.

The alterations are designed to improve the facility in a friendly and functional environment for customers, veterans, salaried staff and volunteers that use and work at ANZAC House.

The architects Ian Wilkes of Forrest will have given the brief to provide a friendly and functional environment for veterans and RSL staff from the Board of Management. The brief also included carpet selection, soft furnishings, wall treatments and functional furniture for all areas.

A new air conditioning plant was completed in 1981, opened by Sir Charles Court AK, KCMG, CBE, in November 1981.

ALTERATIONS TO ANZAC HOUSE

Ground Floor

This area has been re-designed so that small groups can be catered for within the meals: Bar area for use by members and guests. This has been achieved with the introduction of screen walls and Folding Glazed Doors in the Corporation Games Area, Recreation area, meeting areas and bar.

The Bar area will have a ‘Club Atmosphere’ with a new look bar and a redesign of the seating area. The Garden location, all designed to allow both large and small groups to be served promptly and quickly with meals.

Also with the redesigned floor plan a, Disabled Toilet has been included in the new design, as the only available

Double Toilet was on Level 1 of the existing building layout.

Level 1

As this level is the Administration Centre for the RSL this is a paramount concern for Staff and RSL Assets. Again, as with the ground floor areas Screen Walls have been employed to provide smaller areas for meeting and discussion groups.

Security has been paramount with the installation of additional doors for Office and Senior Administration Offices with the improved access area and lobby area for veterans to access the visitor entrance.

Security cameras have been installed with focus of office, bar and foyer areas.

With a greater emphasis on User Friendly and more comfortable environment, I believe that the Veteran Community will take advantage of modern facilities and services that will become a standard for our Veterans. The State Secretary Mr Shane Seers said last week with contracts being signed. ‘The future for ANZAC House looked very exciting with the Old Girl’ looking on a new ‘persona’, but still retaining the dignity of the RSL.

ANZAC House is upgrading the telephone system, which is to take place on the 17th of August, this means a redirection in the telephone number and fax number. So from the 17th August 2005 the residence at ANZAC house will be 9287 5790, and the fax number will be 9287 5792.

Denis Connolly

Monday 15 August: Members of the public are all invited to the City of Perth’s Forest Place to celebrate VP Day. This community celebration will commence at 11.30am and include a Big Band concert and dancing reminiscent of the 1940’s era.

The City of Perth will host a SPECIAL INVITATION reception for WW II veterans in the Perth Convention Exhibition Centre to mark the 60th anniversary of VP Day.

Commencing at 2.30pm it is focused on acknowledging the enormous sacrifice our veterans made to our community and our country.

As numbers are very limited to 1,800 veterans from WWII who would like to attend this event must apply in writing to VP Day Reception, Returned & Services League of Australia WA Branch, 5 St Georges Terrace, Perth WA 6000.

These three days of celebrations offer a rare opportunity for Western Australians to stand side by side with those who served in World War II and to honour their enormous contribution to Australia and to remember those who didn’t return. It is unlikely that a celebration of this scope will be repeated.

60TH ANNIVERSARY VP DAY

For media enquiries please contact Gina Church on 0418 818 288 or Marja Jelavic 0419 993 789.
Handzon Theatre Company is proud to presents its 9th season of Lunchtime Theatre at Burt Memorial Hall.

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“Pack Up Your Troubles” uses multi media with recordings of real life stories collected from ex-servicemen and women having being interviewed for this special commemoration in its 60th anniversary year marking the end of World War II. Handzon Theatre would like to thank the Amy Museum of Western Australia for their co-operation in assisting us with this project.

Handzon Theatre Company (Fascinating Gershwin, Australia) is an ensemble of professional theatre practitioners committed to producing accessible, affordable community theatre in Perth. Lunchtime Theatre is supported by the City of Perth and Healthway to promote Enjoy Healthy Eating.

Baked Tomatoes Mozzarella

Ingredients

- 6-8 medium-sized tomatoes
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh tomatoes
- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- 1/2 tsp dried basil
- 1 Tbsp freshly chopped parsley
- 1/8 tsp dried thyme
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1 Tbsp freshly chopped parsley
- 1/2 tsp dried basil
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- 1 Tbsp freshly chopped parsley
- Pinch of herbs de Provence
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1 handful fresh basil
- 1 large clove garlic
- 1/2 Tbsp olive oil
- Leave the baked tomatoes cool a little before serving.

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 200˚C (400°F).
2. Place the basil and garlic into a food processor, adding a little olive oil, a little water, and stir in garlic, salt and pepper. 
3. Pour over the vegetables and mix well.
4. Take a shallow ovenproof casserole dish (or single-portion casserole dishes) and place the tomatoes in quarters, remove the seeds, then slice. Lightly butter the ovenproof casserole dish.
5. Bake in preheated oven for 45 minutes, or until eggplant is tender, stirring occasionally.
6. Remove from the oven.
7. Stir into the oregano, salt and pepper, and add a little of the pine nuts if you wish. There will be a little liquid from the tomatoes and mozzarella cheese.
8. Garnish the mozzarella and cheese with chopped oregano and parsley. Top with a little of the pine nuts if you wish. There will be a little liquid from the mozzarella and tomatoes, but this normal. Serve with chicken, beef or fish.

Champagne Truffels

Ingredients

- 6 ounces semisweet chocolate, coarsely chopped
- 1 beaten egg yolk
- 3 tablespoons whipping cream
- 3 tablespoons champagne
- 6-8 ounces semisweet chocolate, coarsely chopped
- 1/2 cup butter, cut into small pieces
- 3 tablespoons whipping cream
- 1 beaten egg yolk
- 2 tablespoons champagne

Directions

1. In a heavy, medium saucepan combine semi-sweet chocolate, butter, and whipping cream.
2. Stirring constantly, cook over low heat until chocolate is melted.
3. Add 1/2 cup water to chocolate mixture and stir well.
4. Cook and stir over medium-low heat for about 2 minutes. Remove from heat.
5. Stir into chocolate mixture until smooth.
6. Cover and refrigerate for about 1 hour or until cool and smooth, stirring occasionally.
7. Beat cool chocolate mixture with electric mixer (medium, 1 minute) until color lightens and mixture is slightly fluffy.
8. Stir until mixture holds its shape.
9. Line a baking sheet with waxed paper.
10. Place a small scoop or spoon to form 1 inch balls.
11. Place each piece on the prepared baking sheet.
12. Cover and chill in the refrigerator until firm.

For Further Information:

Irene Jazbek, 9340 8134

Serving Information

Preparation Time: 30 minutes. Total Time: 50 minutes.

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Engineer’s Waterloo Dinner

Each year, on the 18th of June, the Royal Australian Engineers celebrate the completion of Watson’s Pier, which was constructed at Gallipoli in 1915. Lieutenant Stan Watson, with the assistance of sappers from 2nd Field Company, constructed a pier whilst under constant shelling and sniper fire by the Turks, who were positioned on the high ridges surrounding ANZAC Cove.

In order to celebrate the completion of the building of the pier, which by co-incidence, was completed on the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo, the Australian Engineers requested extra rations. It is reported, that when the Engineers asked for the additional rations they were told by the British Command that they could not have them for the purpose that they had requested.

In typical Australian fashion, the men used their ingenuity, or perhaps it was guilt, to obtain their objective and decided to change the name for the proposed function and call it a Waterloo Dinner, in celebration of the anniversary of England’s success against Napoleon, at the Battle of Waterloo, 100 years previously.

The history of the Engineer Corps relates that the English had no objection to the suggestion that the Australian Engineers hold a dinner to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo.

The Australian Engineers received the extra rations and used them for a ‘Waterloo’ Dinner, to celebrate Lieutenant Watson’s and the Corps feat, in building the pier.

The tradition of a Waterloo Dinner is carried on to this day, as every year Australian Engineers hold a Waterloo Dinner on the 18th of June.

While Western Australian Engineers were celebrating in Perth, Dennis Anspatch and a group of ex-sappers were celebrating Waterloo Dinner at Gallipoli.

In recent years Western Australian Waterloo Dinners have been fairly formal affairs, held in relatively prestigious venues. This year, however, the function was held at 13th Field Squadron Lines, Karrakatta, and it was back to basics, with meals being served in army dixies.

It was reported that WO2 Donna Broadbridge is the person who was responsible for the dinner being served in army dixies. The idea was based on the concept of re-enacting, as closely as possible, the original Waterloo Dinner, held at Gallipoli ninety years earlier.

The Mess entrance was sandbagged to simulate a bunker. Inside the Mess, camouflage nets were draped, accompanied by the appropriate lighting to set the atmosphere.

As each guest entered the Mess, they were handed a tin helmet and instructed that they were to wear it whenever they saw smoke or heard artillery or small arms fire.

A smoke machine was used to simulate smoke and at various intervals, throughout the dinner, ‘smoke’ could be detected and the recorded sounds of artillery fire resonated through the Mess, which necessitated the donning of helmets by the guests.

The evening was a source of high entertainment, particularly for those who remained sober, as they observed the behaviour of helmet donning engineers and ex-sappers who had consumed port at a rate that you would use in pouring water onto a raging fire.

The evening was, as always, a memorable one, catching up with mates and enjoying the company of people with similar life experiences.

I look forward to seeing what the creative crew dream up for next year. This year’s Waterloo Dinner will be hard to top and is sure to be a memory that will not quickly fade, a little like some of those headaches on the morning following such a great evening.

Leu Copley

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HMAS RANKIN Wins the Cup

HMAS RANKIN Crew is presented with the Duke of Gloucester Cup for 2004.

"Congratulations HMAS RANKIN, this is an achievement of the highest order," the Governor-General Major General Jeffery, said to Lieutenant Commander Stephen Hussey, the then commanding officer of HMAS RANKIN, as he presented the Duke of Gloucester Cup to him on behalf of the HMAS RANKIN Ships Company.

The Duke of Gloucester Cup is awarded annually to the Royal Australian Naval (RAN) Ship or Submarine judged as the most proficient in all aspects of operations, safety, seamanship, reliability and unit level training. RAN Ships and Submarines have vied for the cup since it was first presented in 1947 by the Duke of Gloucester, when he was Governor-General of Australia.

HMAS RANKIN is the first Collins Class Submarine to win the Gloucester Cup. The last submarine to win the Gloucester Cup was an Oberon Class submarine, HMAS ORION, commanded by Lieutenant Commander Kim PITT, in 1985.

Not only did HMAS RANKIN win the Duke of Gloucester Cup for 2004, she also won:

a. The Voyager Trophy that is awarded annually to the ship or submarine that displays the best overall fleet efficiency in Anti-Submarine Warfare operations, and,
b. The Submarine Fighting Efficiency Shield, awarded to the Submarine that displays the greatest proficiency in all aspects of warfare, training, safety, weapon handling and achieves the highest torpedo firing percentages of successful firings.

HMAS RANKIN was also runner up for the Australia Cup and Submarine Silver Platter Awards. The Australia Cup is a Fleet Engineering Proficiency Award for technical excellence and is awarded to the Fleet or shore-based Engineering Unit that achieves the best marine engineering efficiency and serviceability. This is the first time a Collins Class submarine has been selected as a contender for this award. The Submarine Silver Platter is awarded to the submarine that achieves the highest standards of excellence in Food Services.

"HMAS RANKIN’s contribution to Fleet operations during 2004 was significant and the performance of the crew exemplary," said Lieutenant Commander Hussey. HMAS RANKIN was commissioned on 20 March 2003. In early 2004, the bulk of RANKIN’s new crew joined the submarine and she quickly commenced working up to a high level of competency. HMAS RANKIN was chosen to support a Public Affairs request from Electric Pictures Pty Ltd to shoot a TV documentary and accommodated a two-man film crew for the next six months. When HMAS RANKIN completed her mission readiness evaluation, she sailed from Fleet Base West, HMAS STIRLING on Easter Saturday in April 2004 for South Korea where she participated in the international Submarine Rescue Exercise PACIFIC REACH.

On completion, HMAS RANKIN sailed for Japan and later for Hawaii to participate in Exercise Rim of the Pacific, before returning to Sydney, where HMAS RANKIN was bestowed with the Freedom of Entry to Cobar, NSW. "It was a special honour to have the Freedom of Entry to Cobar bestowed upon the men and women of HMAS RANKIN," said Lieutenant Commander Hussey.

HMAS RANKIN’s 59-member crew departed Sydney for Fleet Base West, HMAS STIRLING, arriving back on 8 Oct 2004 after being away for over six months.

"HMAS RANKIN’s commitment to every task in last year’s lengthy and demanding deployment was first class, in particular, successful participation in Exercises PACIFIC REACH 04 and Rim of the Pacific 04. The professionalism and enthusiasm of the men and women of the Ships Company was remarkable, as was their dedication and tireless efforts which resulted in the achievement of such outstanding results," said Lieutenant Commander Hussey. "I am especially proud to accept the Duke of Gloucester Cup on behalf of HMAS RANKIN’s Ships Company."

By Lieutenant Commander Spencer and Ms Ruth Carter
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Avon Region 2004 – 2005

Activities in and around the Avon Region.

ANZAC Day is starting to get larger as the years go by. Attendance of younger people to the Services in Toodyay and Northam are very encouraging to say the least.

The Gazebo in Toodyay’s Newcastle Park started being constructed by the younger members of the sub-branch in April 2004 and was officially opened on the 11th December by our State President. The Gazebo in Toodyay’s Newcastle Park started being constructed by the younger members of the sub-branch in April 2004 and was officially opened on the 11th December by our State President.

In between constructing the Gazebo, we once again helped the Lions Club of Toodyay by taking on the task of supplying members to carry out security on the power boats and paddle craft at the half way camp at Gobleers Pool which is about 22 kilometres from Toodyay. So another successful Anzac Day was carried out with the valuable assistance of Jad’s Army!

On Vietnam Veterans Day we had a very good turn out considering there is not many Vietnam Veterans in the Toodyay area. Those that did come celebrated with a service at the memorial and retired to the Toodyay Bowling Club for reminiscing and lots of fellowship.

Poppy Day was well supported by the people of Toodyay as was the Remembrance Day Service. More people are turning out as the years go by to which me is fantastic to see.

The Toodyay RSL Annual Street Stall was a huge success with items for sale being many and varied. The financial result at the end of the day was the best we’ve had for many a year.

I also had the pleasure of attending Northam’s AGM and from what I saw and heard, they are doing quite well and heavily recruiting within their area. Toodyay had the honour of hosting the Avon Valley Legacy Ladies but it was held at the Community Centre Hall. Legacy Ladies combined their cooking skills to produce a lovely lunch and a very potent pudding that had several ladies going for seconds! Warren Hall was Santa for the ladies, I never knew Santa wore shorts but some of the ladies wanted to take Santa home. I don’t know why? Toodyay also combined with this function to have their Christmas Windup. Those ladies attending came from Beverley, York, Northam and Toodyay. From what I could see and hear from the ladies a good time was had by all.

I attended the Re-Dedication of the National Service Memorial at York and presented a short address to the crowd on my involvement with National Servicemen in the 60’s to 70’s. I must apologise for such a small report this year as my wife and I have been overseas on holiday and up north challenging the outback!

Bruce Prior Regional Staff Executive Member - Avon

Black Swan Theatre Company, Pork Chop Productions, Sydney Opera House and Australia Post present Ruby’s Last Dollar 2-20 August 2005

IT’S A JACKPOT OF SERIOUSLY WICKED BLACK COMEDY!

Written by Reg Cribb

Directed by Jeremy Sims

With Jacki Weaver as Ruby

and David James, Alan Dukes, Kirstie Hutton, George Shevtsov,

Kate Mulvany, and Michael Tuahine

Ruby Constance is a regular fixture at her local RSL Club. There, like yesterday’s rose, she seems a faded, forlorn figure, sitting day-in, day-out with her best friend, the Dancing Girl (her favourite poker machine), reminiscing about an Australia now only found in history books: the iconic dancing man in Sydney’s George Street at the end of the Second World War, the radio shows of the Forties and her career as a dancer on the Tivoli circuit in the Fifties and Sixties. As for the present – it’s a time Ruby is doing everything she can to forget. In her gilded, gutter life amidst the bright lights and dark shadows of inner Sydney, Ruby Constance has seen it all. And does she have some stories to tell? So as the curtain gets set to fall on the colourful, larger-than-life drama that has been her life, Ruby Constance – dancer, gambler and eternal optimist – prepares to sacrifice her final dance to the Dancing Girl.

What does that cruel mistress Fate have in store for her now?

From the creative team which brought you the hugely successful and multi-award winning play Last Cab To Darwin, Ruby’s Last Dollar is a heart-warming tale from the eccentric heartland of Aussie suburbia. Starring the vivacious Jacki Weaver and featuring David James, Alan Dukes, Kirstie Hutton, George Shevtsov, Kate Mulvany and Michael Tuahine, don’t miss this postcode to Australia at once exotic and yet strangely familiar.

Season Details: Ruby’s Last Dollar Venue: Octagon Theatre, The University of Western Australia Dates: Performances 5 July & 1 August. Season 2-20 August 8pm, Saturday matinee 2pm.

Bookings: BOOKS 9484 1135 OR TICKETS 1300 551 918 RUBY’S LAST DOLLAR by Reg Cribb

Director: Jeremy Sims, Associate Director: Tom Gutteridge.

Starring Jacki Weaver Ruby is faced with a choice: spend her last dollar on a poker machine or hold on to it and start over? As her life flashes before her eyes, we follow her through with some of Australia’s most charming characters. From the team that brought you the hugely successful Last Cab To Darwin, Black Swan Theatre Company proudly presents the Pork Chop Production in association with Sydney Opera House.

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Can You Help

Fred ARCHER

During World War I My Mother, corresponded with a soldier I have some of his letters which he wrote to her. One card which was written in May 1914 appears to describe the landing at Gallipoli. If the late Mr. Fred Archer has any relatives they may appreciate having the letters.

I wrote to the National Archives in Canberra for his record and have obtained a copy.

His name, number and regiment are as follows:

Fred ARCHER, No. 1058 – B. Coy, 7th Platoon, 11th Battalion, 3rd Brigade, 1st Australian division. Egypt (letter 1917).


Some Addresses on his record are -

1914 – Enlisted Helevenanea, W.A.

1920 – Park Street, Pingelly, W.A.

1957 – 88 Halveson Road, Morley W.A.

He married an English girl and returned to Australia in April 1919 on the ‘Marathon’.

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AN ODE TO OUR SOLDIERS

I AM STANDING ON GALLIPOLI
IN THEIR LONGBOATS THEY CAME
THERE WERE THOUSANDS OF SOLDIERS
SO MANY WERE SLAIN
OUR HEARTS WILL REMEMBER
THROUGH THE PASSAGE OF TIME
THOSE BRAVE MEN, OUR SOLDIERS
WE ARE THEIR LIVING SHRINE

I WALKING SO SLOWLY
THROUGH THE GREEN FIELDS OF FRANCE
WHERE MEN Fought SO BRAVELY
NOW THE RED POPPIES DANCE
THEY CAME IN THEIR THOUSANDS TO FIGHT AND TO DIE
THOSE BRAVE MEN, OUR SOLDIERS
WE REMEMBER THEM WITH PRIEND

I WALKING ALONG A TRAIL
KAKODA IS IT'S NAME
WHERE OUR MEN Fought SO BRAVELY
TO STOP THE ENEMY, THAT’S THEIR FAME
THEY PROTECTED OUR COUNTRY
FROM BEING INVADED BY JAPAN
THOSE BRAVE MEN, OUR SOLDIERS
WE THANK THEM, EVERY MAN

I AM WALKING THROUGH THE JUNGLE
TO VIETNAM THEY CAME
TO FIGHT A HOPELESS BATTLE
THEY ALL DIED IN VAIN
A WAR THAT HAD NO OUTCOME
THAN TO TAKE MANY LIVES
THOSE BRAVE MEN OUR SOLDIERS
WE REMEMBER THEM WITH PRIEND

I AM WALKING WITH OUR SOLDIERS
IN BAGHDAD I ROAM
THOSE BRAVE MEN AND WOMEN
WHO SHOULD BE AT HOME
NOT MANY HAVE DIED
WE GIVE THANKS FOR THAT FACT
MAY THIS WAR SOON BE OVER
WE CAN BRING OUR TROOPS BACK

MARGARET BROOKS

A BROTHER

He’s the bloke who’s always there for you
Whenever things go wrong.
He’ll give a hand to help you through
And lend your heart a song.
He’s the bloke who’s always there for you
Whenever things go right.
He’ll give a hand to help you through
When the going’s not so bright.
He’s the bloke who’s always there for you
When things go wrong and right.
He’ll give a hand to help you through
And lend your heart a song.

Blukey McNab, The Blue Manna Crab.

Blukey McNab, the blue manna crab, larks under the Mandurah Bridge.
It’s a lot, avoiding the pot, and chaff of a fisherman’s forge.
Never the stove – he’s grown to be huge, by dodging the drop-net and scoop.
Blukey’s smarter – grow even bigger –determined to not become soup.
Fishermen try – frustrated some cry – use every trick in the book.
He thinks it’s great, whilst nicking their bait, he laugs as he hears them go.
Blukey’s not a fool – he’s laid back and cool – as others are going to pot.
For knowing the lark, when it gets dark, he’ll nick that the crab-catchers got.
Blukey loves to dance – to fling, jig and prance, and wont miss a fisherman’s ball.
At the Crab fest, Blukey bagged a nest, if shooney old cosys by the wall.
The more he’d chew – the more Blukey grew – the bigger his appetite got.
The bigger his claws – size of his jaws – less frequently fishermen squat.
Blukey knows a prize – a good gauge of size, and slick with a button and zip.
Blukey McNab sniff two in a grab – with a flash, and gush, and a rap.
He’s got a snap to seal out with zeal, and often he wont spare the rod.
As king of them all, Blukey has a ball. He’s gelled a thousand, the soon.
Meridian Bay Choir sings them now higher.
The bass marrin nosh, a shinlen.
It’s choral range, has undergone a change. A baritone aloof last week.
Blukey’s trip to Loch Ness, was where I guess, he tested the facts of the lid.
No time to roam a room – a True Blue’ at home, and watching us now from the silt.
Experts don’t know what makes Blukey grow – his tendlerons fetish perhaps?
At six feet acting like Blukey’s the boss. The octuary jumps when he hangs.
The dolphins salute, pelicans hoot the ‘Blue Vigilante’s a mate.
He’ll patrol, from inlet to mole, to keep us all honest and straight.
Blukey loves kids (supporter of SIDS) – Red nose for fisherly fairness.
Fishermen and fair, lost Blukey, they be there, gauging limit awareness.
You needn’t fear that Blukey is near. Just don’t take undersize fish.
For if you do and Blukey spots you, he could be your tendlerous dish.
Big eyes he wipes, when Blukey hears the pipes, or poems of old ‘Rabbie’ Burns.
He’s sold his eel to heil’d, tol every had fishermens learm.
He fights the good fight, right after night. Bluee’s the wee fishes’ Ralph Nader.
Come hell or high tide, no one can fade, from our ‘Crusadean Crusader’.
No one’s exempt to fish with contempt, and no one escapes Blukey’s eyes.
Constable Care, leapt high in the air. Blukey checked his oysters for size.
Should you fish at night, catching the site – A kilt in the shadows, you see.
Pour him a scotch, (still girdle your croutch), shout ‘Bluey! A wee nip fer ye!’
Wailing Japanese.
Blue went to Tokyo and nabbed a few sums (for Aussie school lunchbox and science).
Japan has a bun there, but Blukey says I don’t care, and bollocks to Nippon defiance.
Meridian Bay Choir sings them now higher.
The bass marrin nosh, a shinlen.
A cultural incision, done with precision could not find compassion or reason.
Japans moral ranking, was made clear at Nikking ‘All far, and demens in season.’

Who Made a Blue?

I’ve fished these waters for many a year.
I’ve heard fishing stories to shed me a tear.
Yet you think a nut cracking crab will appear
Some half cooked Blukey McNab?
No ginger crustacean mutation like Blue;
Is gonna tell THIS fishing gun what to do.
Some half cooked Blukey McNab?
I’ve heard fishing stories to shed me a tear.
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VVCs Remembering the Battle of Long Tan

While you’re out and about on the Long Tan Day commemorations you may bump into someone from the Vietnam Veterans Counselling Service (VVCs).

VVCs staff will attend Long Tan Day commemorations in various locations including: Mandurah, Collie, Geraldton, Rockingham (for the opening of the new Vietnam Memorial on the 13 August), and Kings Park (on the 14 August).

Long Tan day has special significance for Vietnam veterans commemorating the three-hour battle 18 August 1966 between Australian and Viet Cong troops at Nui Dat, the base for the 1st Australian Task Force’s Phuoc Tuy operations. Eighteen Australians were killed, 24 wounded and 245 Viet Cong were killed during the battle.

Memories and experiences from past war and peacekeeping operations, often surface during military anniversaries. Memories may be fond but equally uncomfortable. For example, it is common for veterans to experience distress, grief, and trauma. The partners, friends, family, and children of the veteran may also feel these effects.

Self-supportive strategies during these times include talking with others and taking time out, and doing things that are relaxing or meaningful. You can also talk to one of our counsellors at VVCs.

VVCs offers a specialised, free and confidential counselling service for Australian veterans and their families. VVCs can be contacted on (08) 9481 1955 in business hours and help is also available through the 24 hour “hot line” on 1800 760 046.

Contact: Christian Holyoak, Community Development Coordinator, Vietnam Veterans Counselling Service WA, Ground Floor 51 Ventnor Avenue, West Perth WA 6005, (08) 9481 1955

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In memory of Robert (Bob) Blake

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Peter was sent to a training camp in France. He enlisted in the 1st Australian Railway Operating Company. Following this he joined the 2nd Australian Light Railway Operating Company. Peter served as a Sapper in both Belgium and France, supporting Australian and British forces, fighting in Ypres, Armentieres and Arment. Following his discharge from military service Peter returned to Fremantle and managed to get a job as a labourer at Fremantle Wharf, followed by a period in which he was employed as a hatch man on a ship. He later opened a wood yard and has keen interest as an amateur cray-fisherman, also led to him opening a cray-fishing business at one stage of his life. Eventually Peter settled down and married Monica Delgado, who was born in the Philippines in 1923. Monica and Peter had two sons Edward and Peter Junior, who both enlisted and fought in World War Two. The family lived for many years, in a house that Peter built, in the suburb of White Gum Valley, near Perth.

In 2001 Peter received the Centenary Medal, which was awarded to Australian's who were alive at the time of Federation, in 1901. With the passing of Sapper Peter Casserly, the last of our 1st AIF Western Front Veterans, another chapter in the history of our ANZACS has been played out.

Lest We Forget – Vale, Sapper Peter Casserly
Continued from page 1

At the outbreak of the First World War Peter was still employed as a blacksmith, however, he later left this field of work to take up a position as a fireman with The West Australian Railways.

In 1917, during the period of his employment with the West Australian Railways, Peter had noticed an advertisement, displayed by the Australian Army, requesting the enlistment of experienced railwaymen, to serve in France.

Peter enlisted in the 1st Australian Imperial Force on Saint Patrick's Day, in March 1917. He was eighteen at the time and had lied about his age, in order to avoid having to seek his parent's permission to enlist.

Peter was sent to a training camp in Victoria, prior to leaving for service in France. It transpired that just before he embarked for overseas duty, Peter's military superiors refused him permission to see his mother and say farewell to her, so when his troop ship, the Ascanus, was just of the coast of Fremantle, he tossed a bottle, containing a note that he was just of the coast of Fremantle, to his mother, over the side of the vessel, into the ocean.

The bottle washed up on a beach in Esperance and was posted back to his mother in Fremantle.

On arrival in France, Peter was sent to the Somme where he joined the 6th Railway Section, which later became the 16th Australian Railway Operating Company. Following this he joined the 2nd Australian Light Railway Operating Company. Peter has been the recipient of some very special awards, one being a bravery award, presented by the Royal Humane Society, for saving the lives of sailors, on two separate occasions.

Peter was awarded the 80th Anniversary Armistice Medal and was part of the Australian Government Commemorative Mission Party to the Western Front, which saw a group of World War One Veterans return to places where they served.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear editor,

I refer to the proposal to rename Subiaco Oval and call it ANZAC Field. I believe this is to be an appalling decision and can only conclude that those within the RSL who have made or endorsed this proposal are completely misguided and out of touch with members of the RSL and the veteran community in general.

There is no comparison, whatever football players and followers may think, between what happens on the field of combat and a sporting field. I would have thought that senior persons in the RSL would understand that.

I also query why, after publicly supporting this proposal, you now have made a commitment to seeking the support of the RSL membership through the Listening Post. Presumably, if a sufficient number of members do not support it, I suggest that less than 50% support may still be significant, the RSL will withdraw from its present position.

I would also note that, in view of the public support you (and another Senior Officer) have given the proposal, for the membership to reject it will be seen as a vote of confidence in decision making at that level of the RSL.

If this proposal continues to be supported by the RSL I will be pleased to return to you my RSL badge.

Yours Faithfully

M J Ball

Dear editor,

DONNYBROOK RSL SUB-BRANCH

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1 June 2005

Miss Gabrielle Maynard

Donnybrook District High School

Donnybrook

Dear Gabrielle,

RE: YOUR POEM – ANZAC

It was with great delight that I received a copy of your lovely poem – ANZAC. You have a wonderful writing style and your chosen words clearly reflect the emotion that you obviously felt after the ANZAC Day Commemorative Service, held at your school.

I was proud to be a part of that service and witness the professional manner in which the service was conducted. There is no doubt in my mind that the memory of our fallen comrades is alive and well in the hearts of our youth. Words like the ones you wrote will ensure that it remains ever so.

I have taken the opportunity to forward a copy of your poem to the Commonwealth Department of Veterans’ Affairs, the RSL National Office and Mr. Bill Gaynor from the RSL WA State Office. I hope that it is reproduced in their newsletters so that the whole of the Veteran Community can read it.

Keep up the good work.

Yours sincerely,

Brian Couthouy

Donnybrook RSL Sub Branch
A VERY MAN: Donald Drummond Clarkson (1880-1918) His LAST JOURNEY

Compiled and Edited by Gresley Clarkson

A Very Man is a collection of letters and poems written by Donald Drummond Clarkson, during his journey to war, a period of less than seven months, as he was killed in the first infantry attack, in which he participated. The letters and poems were found amongst his wife’s papers, following her death, and have been compiled into chronological order and have undergone limited editing, by his son Gresley, in order to render them suitable for publication.

The text is interesting, the content well organised and the print is a relatively larger font, which makes it easy to read. The letters provide information about the times and conditions of life in the Boer War and the First World War. They also reveal much about the writer’s relationship with his wife and his way of life, and in the trials of life impacted upon their relationship. The book reflect the writer’s emotions, provide insight into experiences prevalent during the period and promote reflective thought.

The ‘Foreword’ and ‘Background’ chapters, at the commencement of the book, provide information into the life of the author, who assists the reader to understand the setting and people, so that they can relate the information to the content of the letters.

Donald Drummond Clarkson was the descendant of a Yorkshire farmer, Michael, who settled in the Swan River Colony in 1829, the year of its foundation. Donald, the youngest son of Barnard, Michael’s son, was born in 1880, in the town of Toodyay, which is now known as Toodyay. Donald was educated, lived and worked on the family property, ‘Mount Anderson’, which was situated just across the river from the town site. Whilst being an extremely good sportsman Donald displayed a love of literature, particularly poetry, which he also composed.

Following the subdivision of Mount Anderson into smaller farms, to enable all three sons to farm their own property, Barnard, Donald’s father, then moved to Guildford, in the Perth metropolitan area.

The acquisition of a motor vehicle enabled Donald to visit, and maintain, social functions in Perth, where he met his future wife Helen, who also had an interest in poetry and sport.

Eventually, after a romance mainly conducted through writing, Helen and Donald decided to marry and they announced they were to be with her mother who had just become widowed. Helen returned to Toodyay to be with her sister. As they settled down in Toodyay, to farm, sell a family and entertain, frequently hosting tennis and riding parties at their property, ‘Yandee’.

Parties at their property, ‘Yandee’. Helen returned to her family home and continued her interest in poetry and sport. Following the sub-division of Mount Swan, the youngest son of Barnard, Michael’s son, who worked on the family property, Toodyay. Donald, the eldest son of Barnard, was educated, worked as a police officer, and became a keen cricket player, before he accepted and was called up on May 1917, as a private in the 22nd Battalion, the 6th Contingent, of the 28th Bn. A.L.F. Donald corresponded with his family from his base at Big Hill, in Perth, and in May 1918 embarked at Fremantle, on the troop boat, docked at Torpedo Bay, before proceeding to France, to the front line, for the First World War. The transcribers of the letters that Donald sent out, describe the voyage and his perceptions on Egypt, which were realistic of the conditions encountered in Egypt and was later transferred to England where he was eventually hospitalised. After being released from hospital Donald’s letters reflect the time, the conditions and attitudes prevalent among the Australian soldiers in the British society, during this period in history.

Prior to his return to battle, Donald began to perceive the impact the war was having on his comrades, his family and his poetry. He was beginning to change the focus of his poetry, his personal thoughts and reflections. He wrote: “Off The Bookshelf”

The compilation of this book is a labour of love by Gresley Clarkson, who has endeavoured to graphically bring all the letters and poems the reader develops a sense of the man and his character. A man torn between his sense of duty to his comrades, his family and his love for his wife, his affinity with the land and an isolated love of words and the imaginative, ideas, emotions and opinions that can be expressed through his writing.

The term, ‘A Very Man’, which the book is titled, is in an old-fashioned term meaning strong and reliable, which in the case of Donald Drummond Clarkson, proved to be apt.

I Was a Rat – Tobruk 1941
By Rupert Goodman A.M.

The story of the personal experiences of 2/4th A.G.H. during the Siege of Tobruk in 1941.

It is still unusual, despite all the books written about the second world war, and I know of none that is readily available, that I know of none that is readily available, that nor have I come across, that I have never seen a copy of.

Rupert Goodman was a teacher at Hill School in Victoria when he joined the Australian Military Hospital, at the beginning of the war, in the name of war. He was called up, by the war. He was called up, by the war. He was called up, by the war. He was called up, by the war. He was called up, by the war. He was called up, by the war.

The Germans had air superiority and made more than a thousand air raids over Tobruk during the siege. Despite this, the ordnance had largely only half the means had to take over full responsibility and see that work of 70-40 patients ran as efficiently as if the means were still there. There was a crash course in giving injections, doing dressings, and giving the medical staff were rushed in, during surgery and carrying out doctors’ instructions to the letter.

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The war was declared between Britain and the Boer War and captures the intense experience of fighting a patriotic war in an unfamiliar terrain, far from their homeland, in the name of the British Empire.

All Australian units saw far more action witnessed within the war. The book is well organised and comprehensive. It would be of interest to historical, genealogical enthusiasts, and historians. Max Chamberlain and Robin Daintree have endeavoured to ensure that the book is well researched and referenced which would assist those undertaking research on the participants experience the dangers of fighting a patriotic war in an unfamiliar territory, far from their homeland, in the name of the British Empire.

The book is an enthralling book that adds significantly to the knowledge about Donald Clarkson and his amazing ‘Rats’. Well worth the read.

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The Remembrance Day Lunch Committee has organised a special lunch this year to commemorate the various anniversaries of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps.

This year the lunch has been organised for 12.15 pm on the eleventh of the eleventh at the Novotel Langley Peth, Adelaide Terrace, Peth to help commemorate this important year. It is our intention to encourage widespread community involvement in the function, for we believe this is an important and an entry form. This will be an opportunity for ex-service men and women to remember those days, it will also be a time to catch up with old mates and to recall fond memories of those comrades who will not be in attendance.

Our Guest speaker on this occasion will be Captain Wayne Gardiner by profession a Valhuri and Consulting Auctioneer. As a keen researcher of Military history his topic will be the - Significance of 2005 in commemorating ex-service men and women.

Wayne has created a wide base of historical knowledge during his time as Television broadcaster for the RSL ANZAC Day Parade: He is also a staunch supporter of Legacy where he acts as a Valhuri for Legacy military auctions.

I wish to apply for __ tickets at $40.00 each to the 2005 Remembrance Poppy Day Lunch to be held at the Novotel Langley Peth Hotel on Friday, 11 November 2005 at 12.25 pm.

Name: ____________________________________________
Telephone: ____________________________

Address: ____________________________________________

Service (if any): ____________________________

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Names of Guests: ____________________________________________

Email: ____________________________________________

The competition will run for the whole of the third term and judging will be completed by the end of October. Presentations will be made in the first week of November for each category the winning school will receive $250 and a framed Remembrance Day poster. There will also be individual prizes for the students including gift vouchers and artists pencils.

Please contact June Cuneo at the Department for Prizes which include the teachers notes, information for students the ARC ANZAC Day Parade. Jamie could have put in a great effort to

functions committee report

We are still hoping to achieve our target for this year of 14,000 members. As at the end of June we had reached 10,362 service members and 1503 affiliates.

Congratulations to the Membership Officers of the sub-branches who have put in a great effort to achieve this target date. Nominations for the ‘Gedet of the Year’ competition, both State and National, close on the 26 August 2005 and the selection process will take place at ANZAC House on the 10 September. The Presentation evening and announcement of the ‘Gedet of the Year’ will be held on 16 September 2005.

Donations would be much appreciated to help towards the purchase of books as prizes for the competition and would be acknowledged at the presentation and in the Listening Post.

The committee believe they have organised 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 Before to ensure your place on this special occasion.

application for tickets RSVP by Tuesday, 1 November 2005.

Cheques to be made payable to RSL Remembrance Day Lunch and forwarded to Mrs Barbara Clinton

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Wembley Downs WA 6109

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2. Modernist dwellers
3. Old, ugly woman
4. ... matter
5. Tree—(O M Hammer song)
6. Infant
7. Door
8. Screamer's threat dangler
9. Bean per minute
21. WERE THE ANZACS FOUGHT
18. Beats per minute
17. Screamer's throat dangler
13. __ matter
10. Old, ugly woman
5. M1-Eastern dwellers
1. Sun
4. Sheep
3. Flavours of Thursday
2. French
1. A chip off the old block
3. Whisky
4. Sporty car brand
5. Bacchus
6. Central Army Records
7. Edge
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16. 22nd to 23rd August
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58. Ancient Indian
59. Triad
60. Casing
61. Whisky
62. Wood chopper
63. Whisky
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67. Fast food meal
68. Alack's partner
69. Movers quickly
70. Anxiety
71. Take in

Down

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39. Title of respect
40. Long time

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ANSWERS have been sought to the "enigma" of why so many older Australians have difficulty in getting a financial product that enables them to continue to live in their home, to the point of creative solutions like outside help to mow lawns or cut trees.

A new survey has revealed 48% of people aged 65 and over have an income of $15,000 a year or less! Worse, 27% had an income of $10,000 or less. This survey was commissioned by Australian Seniors Finance who have found most children do not want to do so again, mainly because they would have paid off the mortgage. They would never think of borrowing against their home once, they do not want to do so again, mainly because they would and had to make the repayments.

The product is called a Home Equity Release (HER) and they are a perfect way for retirees to raise permanent long term care, or choose to sell their home for another reason. The loan may however, be transferred to another house.

To many people their most important financial asset is to pay for their mortgage. At the same time rising property values means that for many retirees their combined wealth makes them asset rich. However, this is where the difficulties start as they are in fact cash poor.

No matter what it is worth, a home needs maintenance and for many retirees in Australia this is a fact. The average home in Tasmania is worth about $500,000, yet many RSL members would not believe it was an option to realise some of its value without selling it.

The ASF loan's strongest feature is that the guarantees that borrowers can continue to live in their home for as long as they wish and will not have to make any regular repayments for the life of the loan. Repayment is normally due only if the borrower (and surviving nominated partner) dies, move into permanent long term care, or choose to sell their home for another reason.

In effect, it is a guaranteed loan for life! The interest charged is a variable rate and is roughly comparable with non-taxed mortgage rates.

The product has a number of safety features. No matter how long a person lives and for how long the period of the loan, the principal and interest can never exceed the value of the home.

Mortgages.

As a result of this, many RSL members would not believe it was a perfect way for retirees to raise permanent long term care, or choose to sell their home for another reason. The loan may however, be transferred to another house.

Veterans deserve a better retirement

The recent research has also revealed that most children are not prepared financially to look after their older parents if they want to do so again. Mainly because they would and had to make the repayments.

FINANCIAL products, better known as reverse mortgages, are now available to older Australians.

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