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**Correction**

In the last edition (August 2009) of the 'Listening Post', on Page 22, under the heading "ANZACS remember throughout the Wheatbelt", in the photograph of the students from Nungarin, the 'Listening Post' has shown Mr Keith Boxshall as President of the RSL, this is incorrect. Mr Boxshall is the President of the Nollamara RSL.

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<td>HMAS Sydney in Korean waters</td>
<td>The commencement of the aircraft carrier, HMAS Sydney’s, first patrol off Korea's west coast made Australia the third country (after the USA and Britain) to operate a carrier in the Korean War. The carrier operated Firefly and Sea Fury aircraft (both types can be seen in the Memorial's Aircraft Hall).</td>
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**2009 Poppy Day Luncheon**

**Wednesday 11th November 2009**

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Remembrance Day 2009

Final arrangements are now in hand for the conduct of the Remembrance Day Commemorative Service at the Shrine of Remembrance and the Street Collection (Poppy Day) in the Perth Metropolitan Area and throughout the State. Full details of the Ceremonial and City observance are available on the RSL Website.

Thanks are extended to DVA, Warden and Sub-Wardens, and the Churchlands Senior High School for their support in the conduct of the Service. We also acknowledge the RAFAF for the Fly Past, the three Services for Musicians to play Huguet at Kings Park and in Perth City, Service Cadets for Ceremonial Duties and Poppy Day Collections and the Salvation Army.

At the completion of the Service, Current Warden, Mr Ken Barrington will hand over the Keys to the Crypt and Custodial Duties to Mr Kevin Cass-Rayl of Hollywood Private Hospital.

New National President

The recently held RSL National Congress in Adelaide marked the beginning of a new era for the League with the election of RADM Ken Doolan AO as National President. RADM Doolan replaces MAJ-GEN Bill Crews AO who concluded a period of six years in the position. The election of RADM Doolan also is of significance as it will be the first time in the 93 year history of the League that we have had a Naval Officer as our National President. The Army has finally relinquished the position to the Services.

The change over was a moving time and centred upon MAJ-GEN Crews, in his closing address to Congress paying tribute to the Sub Branches and the millions of members from the membership in his endeavours to project the image of the RSL into the community as a caring group focused on the welfare and care of veterans. A full text of his address is on the WA Website in a Special Edition of the Sub Branch Signal. I commend it to you so you may appreciate the work he did and the achievements he made during his term of office.

On your behalf I took the opportunity to wish him well in his retirement.

RSL Priorities 2010 Budget

As has been custom for a number of years RSL National Congress approves a number of issues that are placed before government for inclusion in the Veteran Affairs Budget. In the past we have been successful in achieving most of our claims. At the recently held National Congress of the League held in Adelaide the following seven items were approved for inclusion in the budget submission which will now be placed before government as part of the budget process. This submission is made at this time so that our items are placed before government for the May 2010 budget. All seven items that are listed below are in priority order but do not necessarily expect that all will be agreed to but we do expect equal standing for implementation.

This is not to suggest that all will be given consideration by government but at least they are made aware of our issues. Although not a part of this article, there are many other items that are passed at the State Congresses and are passed at National Congress. These are included as a supplementary list for consideration by government through the budget process or other avenues that government has available to address these.

The approach of listing a small number of items was developed a few years ago so that by submitting a lesser number of items as our priority issues the RSL would have the ability of being successful in some of these than trying to have every item considered as part of the process.

Priority Items

INDEXATION

That the indexation of all components of Military Superannuation under the DFRDB and the MSBS schemes be calculated with reference to both the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and Male Total Average Weekly Earnings (MTAWE).

This item will now be an important issue on the agenda of the 27 September 2009 constituted on 27 September 2009.

The intention of the Mathews Report into indexation released by government in which it maintains that CPI (wholly lacks credibility) be the only form of indexation for these pensions. There will be other measures taken to address this issue but in the meantime it will remain as one of our most important budget items.

CARBON POLLUTION REDUCTION SCHEME

That the Government ensures that the proposed 2.8% increase in the Disability, Service and War Widows Pensions, due to the expected increases in the living cost indexation produced by the reduction of the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme does reflect the real cost of living increase.

The proposed scheme, if implemented, will have serious impact on the provision of the basic necessities of life. We must demand that there is no impairment to the quality of life of pensioners, especially veterans, widows and other disadvantaged groups.

PHARMACEUTICALS

Those entitled Veterans are provided with free pharmaceuticals for accepted disabilities. This is currently being further examined in the Government through other forums but it is still an important point as far as the RSL membership is concerned and so it is placed on our list of priorities for that reason.

MENTAL HEALTH DISORDERS AND REHABILITATION

That the Government develops a national mental health rehabilitation scheme for veterans suffering from chronic mental health problems based on individual casework and management programs.

It is our aim to see the implementation of a previously conducted DVA Report that recommended “That DVA provides support, including financial support, for appropriate community accommodation models to meet the needs of veterans with mental health issues and for the development of short term rehabilitation, care reviews/renewal and relapse support.”

RESIDENTIAL CARE - YOUNGER VETERANS

That the government develops a system to ensure access to appropriate accommodation for disabled veterans who require 24 hour support living but are too young to qualify for aged care services.

We seek affordable and age appropriate accommodation options for veterans who are unable to live in the community and are too young to access the Commonwealth funded residential aged care system.

VETERANS’ AGED CARE

That the government remove the barriers to Veterans’ and War Widows accessing higher levels of community aged care and thereby enabling them to make informed and appropriate choices regarding their ability to continue to live in the community. For Nursing Home accommodation ensure that government develops a National Needs status of Veterans is recognized consistently across all states in the annual advertising and allocation of new aged care places and packages.

Many Veterans and War Widows are reluctant to leave DVA Veterans’ Home Care (VHC) and access DoHa funded Community Aged Care Packages (CACP) when their care needs increase. As a result their safety and well being can be compromised as their care needs become more complex and exceed the intent and capacity of the Veterans’ Home Care Program. As resource are being stretched to support this group access to VHC for Veterans and War Widows with less complex care needs can also be affected.

HOME RESpite CARE

That the DVA adequately resource the provision of the yearly allocation of 8 days of in home respite under the Veterans’ Home Care Program.

Under the VHC program there is a capped limit of 196 hours (28 Days) for in home respite care or residential respite care in a financial year. By using the in home respite for 24 hour care, the yearly allocation is just over 2 full days. Some house bound veterans have a desire and or a need not to be accommodated in a nursing home but rather remain in their own home during their Carers respite. These are the Veterans we seek 24 hour in home care.

Raise a – Glass Fundraising Project

You will be aware of the fundraising project conducted by Fosters over the ANZAC Day period. The beneficiaries of the campaign were RSL and Legacy. Last week we received the sum of $30,000 as our share of the proceeds. We are pleased to advise that this amount will be applied to our RSL welfare programs. We have been advised that Fosters intend to conduct the same fundraising project for the next two years.

RSLWA Website

Our website is now fully functional and contains much information on RSL and general welfare matters. You will find it of interest and will regularly use it to seek information on League activities. The site is: www.rslwahq.org.au

RSL Raffle

Thanks to members who have sold raffle books in our current Raffle. If you did not receive a book and would like to assist RSL Welfare please contact ANZAC House and we will send you a book. If you would like more books, please ask.

If you have sold your book, please return the ticket stubs with the money to Kathy as soon as possible.

New Sub Branch

We are pleased to announce the formation of the City of Belmont Sub Branch. This has been formed from the amalgamation of the Rivervale-Carlisle and Belmont Sub Branches and was constituted on 27 September 2009. At the ceremony, President Alan Richardson was presented with the new Charter and a National Certificate to mark the 90th Anniversary of the formation of the former Belmont Sub Branch. We welcome our new Sub Branch to the Register and wish them well for the future.

Change of Name of Sub Branch

The Eastern Hills Sub Branch was formed by the amalgamation of several District Sub Branches some time in the 1970. The amalgamation was due to the smaller Sub Branches not being viable due to falling numbers. The host Sub Branch, Mundaring which was founded on 28 June 1929 surrendered its title in favour of the new name – Eastern Hills.

With the view to a clearer identification of the Sub Branch members have requested a return to the title - Mundaring Sub Branch – and this has been approved by State Executive. With a clearer geographic identification it is hoped the Sub Branch will experience a period of prosperity.
Portraits of Australian Heroes

Colonel Francis Phillip ‘Ted’ Serong

Australia has Lost Another Hero
Warrant Officer Roy Leslie Weir


Continuing our series on ‘Australian Heroes’, in this article we look at a soldier who was so determined to join the Australian Army that nothing was going to deter him and he eventually rose to be an authority on Jungle Warfare. Francis Phillip (Ted) Serong was the firstborn of William and Mabel Serong, born 11 November 1915.

The young Ted Serong grew up in a strong Catholic family, with ties to the Military through his father’s work as a Supervisor of Weapons with the Australian Defence Department.

Ted Serong attended Christian Brothers College (CBC) with a strong emphasis on respect, admiration of Empire, and Military exploits. It was during this time that Serong absorbed intellectual and religious ideas that built the cornerstone of who he was to become.

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His later years Serong devoted most of his energies to nationalist causes both in Australia and Overseas; his main cause was Australia’s Defence writing extensively on defence issues, promoting forward defence strategies, development of Australian interior as part of the Australian Defence Plan.

In his later years Ted Serong suffered heart disease and passed away 1 October 2002 in Melbourne. Ted Serong was survived by his wife Kathleen, three daughters (Julie, Elise and Rosemary), and three sons (Michael, Richard and Anthony).

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Bunker

Australia has Lost Another Hero

Warrant Officer Roy Leslie Weir


Roy Weir was one of the rare breed of Soldier that have served that Australian Nation well. Born in 1925 at Footscray, Victoria he joined the Australian Army on 18 September 1942, serving until 12 August 1946. He reenlisted into the ARA in the early 1950’s and served in Korea with them at 17 NS Try Bn as an instructor. He then joined the SAS as one of the original NCOs in 1957. He stayed with the SAS up until his first trip to Vietnam in 1962 and was awarded the BEM for service during that time.

He returned to the SAS after that original Vietnam trip and then served again in Vietnam with the Training Team in 1966. Roy returned again to the SAS and then went to Borneo with 1 SAS Sqn. He travelled to Vietnam for his third tour in 1968 and then returned to SAS and retired from full time duty in 1970.
From the Bunker and the Wagin District High School, are being jointly funded by the Wagin Shire State and Aboriginal flags. These flagpoles will offer protection from the weather and vandals. The single flagpole will be removed and replaced by three flagpoles located behind the Memorial Wall. They will fly the National, Memorial Wall is where the Great War brass tablets will be displayed behind a 10mm thick sheet of heavy duty laminated glass that will prevent theft. The three in-ground security lights will illuminate the whole wall and will be connected to a light sensor that will switch them on at dusk and off at sunrise. The light coloured area in the centre of the Memorial Wall is where the names of those who fell in the Great War will be displayed on a large tablets that will be protected by a 10mm thick sheet of heavy duty laminated glass. The plaque will be installed in the Officers Mess, recognised employers who have supported their Reservist employees with workplace policies that allow them to render Defence service.

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The Parliamentary Secretary for Defence Support, the Hon. Dr Mike Kelly AM, MP, has congratulated the seven Western Australia employers who were recognised on 15 July 2009 for their support of the Australian Defence Force (ADF) Reserves.

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Dear Peter,

I read your letter in the Listening Post and was not really surprised that the Korean War was not recognised at the ceremony you mentioned. It seems that it is the forgotten war, even while it was still going on it was hardly heard of.

I served with the RAAF at Kimpo in fifty one and fifty two, and was posted back to Wagga Wagga for more training. Before we left the padre at Iwakuni told us to join the RSL for our own protection. A group of us went along to the local branch and asked about joining. We were very politely told to piss off until we had been a war.

This slap in the face was not the only thing that made me and others bitter, we soon learned not to wear combat ribbons because even the blokes we were training with seemed to avoid us. This made life a bit bitter, we soon learned not to wear combat ribbons because even the blokes we were training with seemed to avoid us. This made life a bit hard as you can be charged for not wearing decorations.

The RSL did eventually recognise us, but there are still a lot of Australians who do not know or remember Korea. When I attended my first ANZAC Day here in Kojoenup I was asked by a lot of people what war I was involved in and several asked me “When are where was that?”

I think feelings were hurt a lot more when some fifty years after it was all over the Australian Government decided to issue a medal, if we applied for it. The only reason I applied was that my three sons ganged up on me and told me to get the medals for their sakes if not mine.

I have joined the RSL and have been helped by them. But the hurt still remains.

Yours sincerely,

JW (Bill) Baker 18/08/2009

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Half of over 50’s in Western Australia have hearing concerns

The recent Hearing Lifestyle Study conducted by HEARINGLife showed that hearing loss is clearly a concern amongst the over 50s in the state, with 50% of respondents saying that they suspect their hearing is not as good as it once was. Interestingly, men are more concerned than women about the effect of their hearing loss on conversations and their ability to communicate with friends and family, with 70% of men saying they would miss this aspect of their lives the most if their hearing deteriorated. Women were more concerned about the effect hearing loss would have on their ability to go to the cinema.

Given that around 6 in 10 people indicated that they would first see their GP if they suspected a hearing loss, doctors play a key role when it comes to hearing loss. Unfortunately, General Practitioners are not always adept at identifying hearing loss in their patients, with 45% of people having a hearing concern being referred by their doctor for further assessment with an Ear, Nose and Throat specialist (ENT) or an Audiologist.

Only a third of respondents correctly recognised that they could see an Audiologist directly without a referral, and this is as easy as calling an Audiologist to make an appointment.

According to HEARINGLife’s Chief Audiologist, Jan Pollard, “many people would find their lives improving dramatically if their hearing loss was treated. We find that people experience problems such as not being able to follow conversations, gradually turning the TV up louder and louder and in more extreme cases, declining social invitations. Jan Pollard adds, “The improvements in technology have meant that hearing aids are more effective and smaller than ever.”

And the good news is that everyone can now have a FREE hearing test at HEARINGLife, with pensioners, veterans and their dependents also eligible for FREE digital hearing aids under the Australian Government Hearing Services Program. This ensures that improved hearing is within everyone’s reach and is great news for the 50% of local residents over the age of 50 who are concerned about their hearing.

For your FREE hearing test or trial of the latest digital hearing aids, contact your nearest HEARINGLife on 1300 134 097. They have clinics throughout Western Australia.

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Celebrating Malta’s National Day

September 8, is proudly observed in Malta and by Maltese Communities all around the globe as Malta’s National Day.

Since the year 1565, this has assumed a special significance for Malta and its people, as it marks the events of the Great Siege and Malta’s historic victory over the Turks.

In WA the Maltese community have celebrated this significant day since 1978 with the assistance of the Wardens of the RSL.

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Completion of the Menora Gardens location is now gathering momentum as construction began on a further 28 Independent Living Units earlier this month.

The five level apartment complex, will be a quality development and offer residents the highest level of comfort and security imaginable to appeal to buyers coming from their own high quality homes. In keeping with the other two Independent Living Complexes, “Highview” and “Parkview”, the last complex has been named “Grandview”.

The units will be very similar to those recently completed on the Menora Gardens site and will feature six apartments on floors one to three, underground and visitor parking, 2 and 3 bedroom units, spacious alfresco balconies and lockable storage rooms.

The units on Level four will contain four “penthouse” style apartments.

RSL Care WA’s Special Projects Manager Ken Hamilton said the board had listened to their clients throughout the development of the Menora Gardens community as a new era in retirement living is emerging.

“We are now seeing many self funded retirees entering the market and they are looking for a level of comfort and living that is changing the world of contemporary retirement as we know it”.

The attention to detail is impressive and the complex will boast resort style comfort and quality. Special features include climate controlled reverse cycle air conditioning, high class kitchen and bathroom fittings and appliances, lift transport to all levels and effortless wheelchair access in communal areas.

The latest in technology need not lead to confusion but has been included to make life more relaxed and easier and includes, emergency call system, video intercom, fire alarm and warning facilities and numerous telephone points throughout each apartment.

The added extra that is possibly the most impressive, is the C Bus system which will adjust the apartment’s lighting and window treatments from the touch of a button.

The striking and secure community of Menora Gardens is situated in the cosmopolitan, inner city suburb of Menora. The precinct is a lively mix of residential, commercial, retail and recreational areas and offers café strips and all sorts of shopping in the nearby Beaufort and Fitzgerald Streets.

Menora Gardens offers several different living styles for over 55s and a new and modern, state of the art Residential Aged Care Facility which was completed and opened only last year.

All residents of the secure community have access to the on site Community Centre which includes a chapel, gym, swimming pool, restaurant, hairdresser, library and beautifully maintained park and garden areas.

Throughout the year special events are held for residents, including celebrations of Chinese New Year and Valentine’s Day and day trips and outings are a regular feature on the social calendar. Residents also enjoy access to computerised organised exercise classes such as Water Aerobics and Parlour Games such as cards and Mahjong.

The new community centre will provide facilities for indoor activities such as bowls, darts and a pool table.

The new Independent Living Apartments are scheduled to be completed by September 2011. Plans will be available for public perusal shortly.

For further information regarding Grandview Apartments at Menora Gardens, please contact Village Manager, Kaye Ireland on 9370 0296.
The Bush Wireless

It has been a challenging few months settling into the position as Welfare Officer at ANZAC House. It has been interesting getting to know the Veteran community and developing an understanding of their issues and support requirements.

Veterans and their dependants experiencing financial hardship have THREE avenues of assistance available to them.

1. Through the Sub-Branch: Limited funds are available to any Member (or Member’s spouse/widow). The Welfare funds held in the Sub-Branch can be used to assist any Member suffering demonstrated financial hardship. Any approach to the Sub-Branch Welfare Officer is treated with utmost confidentiality. On assessing that financial help is appropriate, the Welfare Officer may need to confer with the Sub-Branch President before making the grant. Information is always restricted to a “need-to-know” basis.

2. ANZAC House Emergency Welfare: This second avenue of help is at the sole discretion of the RSL Welfare Officer. Sometimes a Member might be embarrassed to disclose a personal problem to someone he/she knows, and prefer to approach ANZAC House instead.

3. The WA Aged Sailor’s, Soldiers’ and Airmen Relief Trust Fund: Trustees of this Trust Fund can be more flexible than the ANZAC House Emergency Welfare, and allow for applications for larger amounts. The Trustees will consider and evaluate all reasonable requests. Nonetheless, financial grants are restricted to those that are genuinely in need and unable to pay for some item or purpose which they simply cannot afford by themselves.

Any veteran, widow, dependent, or ex-ADF member can make application to the Fund for financial assistance. Application forms are available from me at ANZAC House (9287 3707). I can assist with the documentation for each applicant. The outcome is decided by the Trustees of the WA Aged Sailor’s, Soldiers’ and Airmen Relief Trust Fund. I have no role whatsoever in the decision-making. The Trust asks each applicant to enclose a copy of a recent Bank Statement – or at least a Centrelink or DVA letter, as these confirm precise income details. For those residing with a partner/spouse, the incomes of both must be stated. Such evidence supports the genuineness of the restricted income of each applicant. If a purchase of something new is being requested (eg: a new refrigerator), the Trust asks for at least two quotes. If rent and/or bond money is requested – a quote from the Estate Agent (or Landlord) helps to confirm those costs. Any debts cited (eg: Share Rates) requires presentation of the account, and payment is made direct to the creditor(s). If a health-related appliance is being requested – the Trust likes to see a letter from the GP or Occupational Therapist, supporting that the proposed acquisition is necessary or desirable. It is important to have the correct paperwork to save time gaining an outcome.

With the cost of living, rents and utilities raising it is becoming more difficult for people on a fixed limited income to manage. Often, it is a case of a person barely managing to exist in today’s world where it isn’t surprising that expenses exceed income from time to time.

Whether assistance comes from the Sub-Branch, ANZAC House emergency welfare or from the WA Aged Sailor’s, Soldiers’ and Airmen Relief Trust Fund, monetary grants are never given in the form of cash. Credit Card and mobile phone debt is treated with great caution. Funds are never provided for alcohol, cigarettes or gambling. Until next issue, take care.

Quiz

To win a copy of the Australian War Memorial book ‘With Healing Hands’ by Gary McKay and Elizabeth Stewart all you have to do is be the first correct answer drawn form the barrel.

Q: From October 1964 until the end of 1972, approximately how many surgeons, nurses and medical specialists from Australian hospitals volunteered to work in South Vietnam?

For a clue visit www.awm.gov.au

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It should also be noted that the Australian War Memorial (AWM) has donated a copy of ‘With Healing Hands’ to the Victoria Cross Library at ANZAC House.

The Victoria Cross Library is a non-lending library; however members can view this, and other books and papers held by the RSL at the Victoria Cross Library.

You can contact the library on 9287 3713.
KALGOORLIE-BOULDER VIETNAM VETERANS' MEMORIAL DEDICATION

The concept of a Kalgoorlie-Boulder Vietnam Veterans “Goldfields” Memorial, took root in 1996, a Committee formed, and eventually with everything to bear fruit during an absolutely wonderful and memorable weekend and ‘dedication day’ at Centennial Park in Kalgoorlie on Sunday the 16th August 2009.

Six of us with goldfields backgrounds from ASASA attended – Brian Tierney, Kevin Bovill, Gordon Herbert, Rick Gibbets, Mal Waters and Paddy yours truly. In fact, Mal and his good lady had driven all the way over from NSW, arriving in the nick of time at the ‘meet ’n’ greet’ at the Boulder Es Services Club and on the eve of the occasion.

On the dedication day itself, we were further joined by Kalgoorlie-tie Cliff, an ex 22 SAS member, and also a member of ‘the House’. All up however, there were well over two hundred visiting veterans and spouses in town for the occasion. Many had arrived in organised RSL groups.

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greater force of the National Liberation Front, or Viet Cong; how 11 Platoon, separated from the main body of the Company, located behind a ridge line and ri- fletire; how the platoon, under increasing fire and in torrential rain, fought magnificently in spite of inadequate weapons; how the Australian Air Force helicopters, contrary to their general instructions, resupplied ammunition to the Company in appalling conditions; how ANZAC artillery batteries fired over 3,000 rounds against the attackers and U.S. fighter planes struck Viet Cong rear echelons; and how the Viet Cong assaulted again and again, only to be thrown back by the discipline and valour of the Australians. 18 Australians were killed. The Viet Cong lost at least 245 soldiers, perhaps many more -- and, just as important, lost the initiative to the Australians in Phuoc Tuy Province.

Long Tan was the major bat- tle of Australian forces in Viet- nam, was emblematic of the bravery and effectiveness the Australians displayed throughout the conflict. After the Tet of- fensive, Australian infantrymen who were deployed along en- trenched lines and posts fought off large-scale attacks at the Fire Support Bases Coral and Bal- moral in May 1968. And there were other engagements in which the Australians proved their mettle.

As an American diplomat on assignment in Australia, I have had the privilege of meeting many of the Australians who served there. Two days from now, August 18, will be the forty-third anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan, perhaps the best known Austral- ian engagement of the Vietnam War, and the battle that gave the operation its name -- Long Tan Day -- to this Memorial Day. We are also at another significant an- niversary: 2009 is the fortieth anniversary of U.S. involvement in the number of Australian forces in Vietnam, which peaked at almost 80,000 combat troops in 1969. Almost half a century has passed since Australians joined American forces in Vietnam, but it's worth remembering that Australia's engagement in the Vietnam War was the longest in duration of any war in Australi- a's history. During the decade 1962-72, almost 60,000 Australi- an soldiers, sailors, and airmen -- ground troops, air force and navy personnel -- served in Vietnam. 521 Australians died in the war, and over 3,000 were wounded. And it's equally im- portant to remember that they served with great discipline, en- durance, and courage.

A couple of years ago, His Ex- cellency Major General Michael Jeffery talked about Long Tan, which he termed an "epic bat- tle." He explained how 180 men of D Company, 6th Battal- ion, Royal Australian Regiment, came under attack by a vastly
From the Archives with Naomi Jones

I have been travelling out to some of the metropolitan sub-branches over the past few weeks. Thank you to everyone for showing me around their sub-branches, it was fantastic to see your collection of memorabilia and archives.

If you have not had a visit, I will be endeavouring to contact you in the coming months to arrange a suitable time. The country visits have also commenced, beginning in the Avon region. Although I will not be able to mention every sub-branch (my word limit unfortunately prohibits this) I would like to mention a few in providing a diary of the project.

The Avon region contains Bakers Hill, Bencubbin, Beverley, Bindoon, Bruce Rock, Cunderdin, Dowerin, Kellerberrin, Lancelin and Coastal Districts, Merredin, Northam, Quairading, Tammin, Toodyay, Wongan Hills, Wyalkatchem and York Sub-Branches. A few more sub-branches were in operation in the area but have since closed down or amalgamated with another sub-branch. Sub-Branches in the community of Bindi Bindi, Korrelock, Benajharring, Goomalling, Bolgart, Chidlow, Dalwallinu, Trayning/ Yelphin, Shackleton are all part of this category.

The first leg of the visits took in Bakers Hill, Northam, Quairading, Toodyay, Wongan Hills, Wyalkatchem and York. Northam is the oldest known sub-branch that is still operating, the date on their charter is the 10th of May 1916. Their hall was built in 1954 and in 1975 was sold to the council with an agreement that the RSL would still retain rooms in the building. The Women’s Auxiliary in Northam are still very active, having celebrated their 70th birthday last year. The Northam Sub-Branch have a good collection of memorabilia and also have a lot of archival material including their minute books and other records. Reg Stevens, the secretary of the sub-branch has been doing a lot of work in gathering the archive collection and in digitising a lot of the old minutes for access.

Our trip to Quairading provided a unique opportunity to document the closure of the Women’s Auxiliary and the transfer of members to affiliate membership of the sub-branch. The event was held in Daryl’s Diner in Quairading with new badges being issued to the ladies. The Women’s Auxiliary in Quairading was formed in 1927, two years after the sub-branch was chartered and it was a good opportunity to document the event for inclusion in the archives. The RSL hall in Quairading was an ex-army hut that was transported from Cunderdin. In 2001, the hall was vested in the shire and has since been leased out to the local youth centre.

A small Ceremony was held to commemorate the Battle for Australia at the State War Memorial in Kings Park on Wednesday 2 September. Apart from a few sprinkles of rain, the weather held off for the service.

Wreaths were laid by the RSL State President, Mr Bill Gaynor, Service Representatives, Consuls, Unit & Kindred Representatives, and other invited guests and members of the public.

The keynote speaker was Mr Graeme Bland, past President of RAFA. He spoke of the Battles’ of Coral Sea and Midway, the Kokoda Track, and the attack on Milne Bay, as well as the massive effort of those on the home front. These, he said, were the battles that kept Australia safe during World War II, and would not be forgotten.

Battle for Australia is the day of commemoration for when, during World War II, Australia was faced with the enemy on our doorstep, including air raids over Darwin, Townsville, Katherine, Wyndham, Derby, Broome, and Port Hedland, as well as submarines raiding Sydney Harbour.

The service is an annual event, held on the first Wednesday in September every year.

Cottesloe Sub-Branch News

Cottesloe Sub-Branch (chartered in 1931) invited State President Bill Gaynor and Chief Executive Officer Kevin Davidson to their July meeting, to meet their members and enjoy Fellowship in their exclusive jarrah-lined Meeting Room within the recently renovated Cottesloe Civic Centre. The visitors were taken on a tour of the opulent Cottesloe War Memorial Town Hall, and the gardens in which the Cottesloe ANZAC Day Morning Service is held annually, within the Civic Centre. During the meeting, Sub-Branch member and retired Cottesloe Town Clerk Doug Hill gave an entertaining and informative talk on the history of the Sub-Branch’s acquisition of their Meeting Room within the Council building in 1950. At Fellowship, the Town of Cottesloe’s new Chief Executive Officer Carl Askew was introduced to the members and met our State HQ visitors. Cottesloe members were very proud to host Bill, Kevin and Carl on this significant and happy occasion.

A superfluous miniature memorial in a glass case, which the Sub-Branch had been storing, was handed to the State President to allocate to any interested party, and member Peter Burridge generously donated to RSL State HQ, some WW2 “Orders of the Day” documents he had carefully stored since returning from the War.

Cottesloe Sub-Branch is hoping to enrol new members as their aged members slowly retire from active service. Please phone 9384 7709 for further information.
Although the day was not one in which the veterans would have necessarily been prepared to accept weather wise, the turnout for the 2009 Vietnam Veterans day service at the Vietnam Memorial in Kings Park still provided a wonderful opportunity for those who attended to honour the fallen.

This year was particularly significant with His Excellency the Governor Dr Ken Michael AC being the principal guest. The guest speaker Dr Ken Chern the United States Consul General, spoke of the long standing friendship and commitment by both Australia and the United States in a number of conflicts in which both countries had served along side each other. This was no less in Vietnam and the loss of life that both had suffered for the people of South Vietnam was reinforced by the number of South Vietnamese veterans and their families who attended and took part in the service. The host for the day was Mr Richard Williams, the President of the Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia (WA Branch).

Following the address by Dr Chern, wreaths were laid by a number of community leaders, politicians and ex-service organisations from Australia, United States and the former South Vietnam. This was followed by the long standing tradition adopted on this day of placing a poppy in an old army trunk used by soldiers for the storage of their personal equipment when serving in Vietnam. All those who attend the service are invited to be a part of this ceremony. During the placing of the poppies, the names of those that lost their lives in Vietnam who were from Western Australia were read out.

The anniversary of this event was also significant for the fact that it had been 20 years since the pavilion that serves as the primary Vietnam Memorial in this state was dedicated and this had been spruced up by the Kings Park authority for the event.

On the Tuesday following the ceremony at Kings Park a small group of people visited the Karrakatta Cemetery to place either on the grave or memorial plaque in the Garden of Remembrance a poppy to those whose remains have been buried in the cemetery having lost their life in the Vietnam War. This pilgrimage first took place in 2006 on the 40th Anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan, the most significant battle fought by Australians during the Vietnam War. This has been continued every year since then and has now become part of the commemorations that take place here in WA for the day we now know as Vietnam Veterans Day.

Ray Ward

On the 16th August, the City of Rockingham RSL in conjunction with Port Kennedy RSL Sub-Branch, TPD and the Naval Association Rockingham Sub-Section held the annual Vietnam Veterans Day march and service.

The march was well attended and included members of the Patriots Motorcycle Club. The club is made up of ex-service members and veterans. It was good to see the community along the march route and a great turn-out at the service supporting our veterans. Taking the salute was CAPT Brett Dowsing (Commanding Officer, HMAS Stirling), CMDR Marc Stern (Commanding Officer of the USS TOPEKA, a visiting US submarine and Deputy Mayor of the City of Rockingham, Mr Richard Smith. The RAN band, TS ANZAC cadet unit, 59 Army Cadet Unit, Defence members of HMAS STIRLING provided the cenotaph party, bugler and St. John Ambulance provided great assistance throughout the service.

The service went well and the weather was very kind to us. Following the service, all were invited to return to the RSL hall to share a few ales and light snacks. Overall the day was well represented and well enjoyed. Raffles and lucky door prizes were also run throughout the afternoon with great success.

Mr Barry Cole
President
City of Rockingham RSL Sub Branch
The parade was held to honour the three Vietnam Veterans still serving in WAUR: Warrant Officer Class Two Allan Gaynor, Warrant Officer Class One Terry WAUR: Warrant Officer Class Two Allan Gaynor, RFD, and Private Duncan Warren AM, RFD. Presentations were also made to three other Vietnam Veterans on parade: Corporal Ian (Blue) Barclay and Corporal Colin Towe who were two of the section commanders who supported Brigadier Warren in Vietnam and who stayed in the Army after Vietnam and earned the rank of Brigadier. This Long Tan Day 2009 marks 41 years for Duncan Warren in the ADF.

Private John McPherson was inducted into National Service on 20 April 1970 on completion of his four-year journalistic casdeaship at the Melbourne Age. He under went basic training at Puckapunyal before being posted to the Royal Australian Service Corps at Randwick for embarkation to Vietnam in January 1971. Private John McPherson was posted to the 1st Psychological Operations Unit at Nui Dat, Vietnam where he remained until 14 October 1971 when the National Service commitment ended. His main tasks were the production of a Phi Tau Province Survey and flying by chopper to Vung Tau three times a week to broadcast a one-hour sporting radio program on Australian Forces Radio to the troops scattered throughout the province. On returning to Australia he left the ADF but re-enlisted 32 years later in 2002 to be the Public Affairs Officer for 1 Brigade. Major John McPherson transferred from the ARA in April 2009 to become the Army Reserve Public Affairs Officer at 13 Brigade.

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Today we honor the memory of General Draza Mihailovic, the faithful allied Commander and the first anti-Nazi leader in Europe. His heroic and often lonely struggle against the twin tyrannies that afflicted Europe and his people; Nazism and Communism. Both these represented death of freedom for the Serbian people. General Mihailovic became a symbol of resistance to all those across the world that have had to fight a similar battle.

Today we honor General Mihailovic, a patriot, a brave soldier and a gallant ally of every nation that went to war in the early forties to destroy the tyrannies that sought to enslave our world.

On May 1941 Draza Mihailovic organised the first guerrilla force not only in Yugoslavia, but the first in Europe; and for the first time on record in the countries of enslaved Europe a new way of opposing the conqueror was brought into effect. Germany became alarmed. General Dankelmann, the German Military Governor of Serbia, asked for reinforcements. The German General attempted to arrange an armistice with Mihailovic, but the latter laid down certain conditions. He agreed to receive the German envoys, nevertheless his terms proved unacceptable to the Germans.

“I demand that the German troops evacuate my country and then peace will be restored. As long as a single enemy soldier remains on our soil we shall continue to fight.”

The Germans succeeded in recruiting legionaries and volunteers for service, with the Wehrmacht amongst almost every conquered and satellite people in the world. Yet the Serbs never contributed a single military unit in support of the enemy. German reprisals were savage and horrific against the Serbian Civilian population. A letter was sent to the German General Badet by General Mihailovic:

“A year and half has elapsed since I undertook this life-and-death struggle to exterminate the invaders on our soil… Our fighting spirit is based on our traditional love of liberty and on our unflinching faith in the victory of our Allies… For every German soldier killed or missing, you ordered the shooting of 50 to 100 innocent and defenceless Serbs.

I wish to draw attention to the fact that the day of judgment is not far off. I warn you that if you continue to use savage reprisals I will use the same measures against German soldiers…”

General Mihailovic received congratulations and thanks from the Allied Commanders. General Eisenhower, General Aunchinleck, Air-Marshal Tedder, Admiral Harwood and General de Gaulle emphasised the importance of his help.

General Mihailovic is no more. He has departed this world convinced that he was abandoned by the Allies. The voices that were raised abroad in his defence were not allowed to reach him and he died without the satisfaction of knowing that in the opinion of many he died an innocent man and a great soldier. General Mihailovic is no more, but the legends of his heroic deeds are becoming more and more popular and they live in the hearts of the people.

General Mihailovic is no more. He has departed this world. Those who murdered him have not only perpetrated a crime, they have also committed a grave mistake, for democratic public opinion is well aware of General Mihailovic’s merits.

General Mihailovic is no more. The last words of this great patriot were concise and poignant. He said:

“I strove for much, l undertook much, but the gales of the world have carried away both me and my work.”

On March 29 1948, American President Harry S Truman awarded the Legion of Merit to General Draza Mihailovic, in his speech he said:

“Through the unaided efforts of General Mihailovic and his troops, hundreds of United States airmen were rescued and returned safely to friendly control. General Mihailovic and his forces, although lacking adequate supplies, and fighting under extreme hardships, contributed materially to the Allied cause, and were instrumental in obtaining a final Allied victory.”

“As long as there are patriots in any nation, the name of General Mihailovic will be remembered and revered.”

Glory to the Fallen – Lest we Forget their Sacrifices!

Milan Jelecic, The Movement of Serbian Chetniks
From the Australian War Memorial

By Leigh Harris

Planes, Tanks and Even a Dingo

This Father's Day, the Australian War Memorial has opened its conservation and storage annex for Big Things in Store.

Father's Day was an excellent opportunity to visit Big Things in Store and view the Memorial's large technology items. There were relics to represent Australia's involvement in conflict, from a de Havilland Tiger Moth through to East Timor's Bushmaster Infantry Mobility Vehicle, making it a popular day for over 3,500 visitors of all ages.

For the first time, visitors were able to see the different parts of the Memorial's Dingo disassembled. A total of 245 Dingo Scout Cars were built in Australia. They served mainly with the Australian armoured divisions as training vehicles during the Second World War.

Last time the Memorial Big Things in Store, visitors were excited to see inside the only Mk IV Female Tank in Australia after the sponson was removed for conservation and research. This unique view was very popular, and the interior of the Mk IV tank was again popular display.

Also on display was "Jeffery the Robot". Invented by Corporal Jeffery in 1941, this small remote-controlled tracked robot was designed to deliver charges that would destroy barbed wire, bunkers and other enemy fortifications. The prototype was never produced, but Jeffery was also very popular amongst visitors.

To find out next year's date for Big Things in Store before anyone else, sign up for the eMemorial newsletter at http://www.awm.gov.au/newsletter/ or join the Friends by calling (02) 6243 4523

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COMBINED SERVICE & EX-SERVICEWOMEN’S 30TH Annual Luncheon

This was held on the 27th August at Langley Hall at the AFA Bulleen, when Chairman Mrs Tom Mackie welcomed our special guests Mrs Julie Michael and Mr G Mackie State President of the RSL, and Mrs Gaynor, at the Inaugural Luncheon and her ticket was reproduced on the Front of the Lunch Menu. The room looked festive with pastel coloured balloons on each table, the top one of which had 30 on it and there were pastel serviettes to match.

Ex-servicewomen from many services enjoyed the camaraderie which is always evident on these occasions and the excellent meal which went with it. There were several Raffle Prizes donated by the Associations and the Sub-Branch Raffle prize of a Tea Service of Teapot, sugar and cream jug won by LILY BANKS, EX-WRANS, who was delighted with her win. Mrs Val Tomerini was MC, Miss Sue Thomas said Grace, Mrs Hazel Donald, the loyal Toast. Mrs Judy Bland gave the Toast to absent friends and Mrs Eliza Newcombe thanked the staff of the AFA and the Committee for their work. Other members played their part in making the day so happy and successful.

CECILE HINTON SECRETARY

DEFENCE FORCE WELFARE ASSOCIATION : 50TH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE:

On Tuesday the 25th August 2005, the Defence Force Welfare Association celebrated its 50th Anniversary in the presence of His Excellency the Governor, with a Service at St George’s Cathedral. The President Richard Usher gave the first reading and Vice President Ann Spino, the second. Captain Brett Dowling RAN made an address explaining the objects of the Association and how it worked for the benefit of ex-service personnel especially in regard to Superannuation Pensions and Welfare.

Prayers for the three Services were said and Bugler Graham Worth played the Last Post and Hymn. The Warden of the State War Memorial Ken Barrington said the Ode in memory of our former members. My husband was the Treasurer for many years. A member from the Eastern States who composes Bagpipe music wrote a special piece to celebrate the occasion and as a bagpipe’s way of reflecting and thanking the DFWM committee members past and present for their diligent service. We had the honour of hearing the piece played in public for the first time by Piper John McMurtrie and I must say it was beautiful with lots of notes running up and down and with quite a lift to it.

Refreshments closed the morning and several members of the Widows Support Group, some of whom are members of the Returned Ex-Service Women’s Sub-Branch enjoyed the occasion. We thank the Precentor Canon Tony Murray-Feist for enabling us to celebrate in such a beautiful venue.

CECILE HINTON

3 August 2009

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RE: NEW FIND THIRTY® EVERY DAY RESOURCES!

The Find Thirty® every day campaign has recently produced these new resources: a brochure targeting older adults, a physical activity planner, and a poster promoting low-cost activities.

These resources have been developed in consultation with various organisations and the wider community and are a result of an extensive ‘needs assessment’ process.

We are therefore pleased to supply you with examples of these new Find Thirty® every day resources to help you and your organisation further promote the Find Thirty® every day message.

If you would like further copies, please complete the attached order form, or contact the Heart Foundation’s Health Information Service on 1300 36 27 67. Other Find Thirty® every day resources such as brochures, posters and other advertisements are available to view and print on our website www.findthirtyeveryday.com.au.

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Yours sincerely,

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Repatriation Of Remains Of Australia's Last Two Missing Australian Defence Members Found In Vietnam

Greg Combet, Minister for Defence Personnel, Materiel and Science, today announced that Australia's last missing Australian Defence Members from the Vietnam War will be repatriated to Australia.

The remains of Flying Officer Michael Herbert and Pilot Officer Robert Carver will be escorted home by his family and former members of 2 Squadron.

"Parliamentary Secretary for Defence Support, the Hon. Dr Mike Kelly MP will join members of Flying Officer Herbert and Pilot Officer Carver’s family for their journey to Hanoi."

They will be accompanied by Chief of Air Force, Air Marshal Mark Binskin and some of Flying Officer Herbert and Pilot Officer Carver’s former 2 Squadron comrades.

"The official party will depart Canberra later this week, travelling to Hanoi where Flying Officer Herbert and Pilot Officer Carver’s remains will be formally handed over and a departure ceremony will be conducted on 30 August."

"Flying Officer Herbert and Pilot Officer Carver will finally return to their families after 39 years with members of their families making the journey to Vietnam to bring them home," Mr Combet said.

"Family members and representatives will lay wreaths and Flying Officer Herbert and Pilot Officer Carver’s former 2SQN comrades will provide a guard of honour and then escort them home."

"Flying Officer Herbert and Pilot Officer Carver of 2SQN were lost when their aircraft went missing on 3 November 1970 following a bombing mission. The wreckage was located in thick jungle in an extremely rugged, remote and sparsely populated area of Quang Narn Province, Vietnam, near the Laotian border."

A repatriation ceremony will be held at RAAF Base Richmond, NSW on Monday 31 August commencing at 10.30 am. Members of the public and the veteran community are welcome to attend. Those attending are advised that access to the base will be permitted from 8.30 am from the external Base car park.

Media Note:

The repatriation ceremony at RAAF Base Richmond will be open to external media. Details regarding the release of imagery and vision from this ceremony will be provided closer to the event. Still images of Flying Officer Herbert and Pilot Officer Carver, a Canberra bomber and of the archaeological dig in Quang Narn Province are available at www.defence.gov.au/media/download/

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The Mayo Memorial and Peace Park

Castlebar, Republic of Ireland

The Mayo Memorial and Peace Park was opened by the President of Ireland, Mary Mc Aleece, on October the 7th 2008. It is a Me morial to all those from the County, who served and died in the wars in the cause of world peace. More than Eleven hundred young men from County Mayo were killed in action in France on July 22 1915. He is buried at the Royal Irish Rifles Graveyard Laventie, France, with two other soldiers from County Mayo.

Michael Feeney learned of his grandfather’s death in France, Two Brothers who were killed on the same day July 1st 1916 are also on the wall, John, 32, and William Philbin, 20, from Swinford, County Mayo. John served with the 1st Battalion Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers in their attack at Beaumont Hamel and William with 24th Battalion (Tyne-side Irish) Northumberland Fusiliers at La Boisselle. His grave is at V Beach Cemetery.

The First Priest to be killed in WW1 the Rev. William Joseph Finn hailed from Ballyhaunis, County Mayo while himself being wounded was killed by Shrapnel on 25th April 1915 while administering sacraments to wounded and dying soldiers at V Beach, Gallipoli, Turkey. His grave is at V Beach Cemetery.

Ten crew members lost in the sinking of the Lusitania are on the Memorial Wall. There grave is the Sea.

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Memories of Valour in a Valley

IT HAS been 56 years since 2RAR, on the ground overlooking the Samichon Valley in Korea, engaged in one of the least celebrated but most fiercely contested battles involving Australian troops during the Korean War.

On the battle’s anniversary on July 24, soldiers of 2RAR deployed to East Timor held a small, moving ceremony at Camp Phoenix to commemorate the battle.

CO T/LG 4 Lt-Col Dave Smith addressed the gathering, saying the diggers at Samichon displayed the same attributes he sees in his own soldiers.

“The skill, dedication, courage and determination exhibited by 2RAR at Samichon has characterised the battalion’s performance ever since,” he said.

“The members of 2RAR have repeatedly demonstrated their readiness, accountability, adaptability and teamwork. In doing so, they have kept faith with the reputation established on that hook-shaped feature in Korea in July 1953.”

The battle in the Samichon Valley was waged over four consecutive nights and was the last major action of the war. The armistice was declared after the last night of fighting.

About 3000 Chinese troops were killed during the battle, while 2RAR’s casualties were five dead and 24 wounded. It was to take four days for Australian troops to be recognised with the battle honour The Samichon.

Similar memorial services were conducted at each of the T/LG 4 forward operating bases, where junior officers and sergeants educated the crowd with historical presentations on the battle.

By Maj Sandra Turner

KOREAN VETERANS’ DAY

Minister for Veterans’ Affairs Alan Griffin welcomed Korean Minister of Patriots and Veterans Affairs Mr Yang Kim to Canberra today to discuss plans to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Korean War next year, before attending a service to mark Korean Veterans’ Day.

Minister Griffin and Minister Kim attended the service at the Australian National Korean War Memorial on ANZAC Day in April to parade to mark Korean Veterans’ Day and to lay a wreath to commemorate those lost.

“As we gather here today, we pay tribute to all those who lost their lives in the Korean War including 340 Australian servicemen and women. We are proud of their efforts in helping to ensure the freedom of the South Korean people and we will continue to honour their memory,” Mr Griffin said.

Minister Griffin said Australia and South Korea enjoyed a close bond forged during the Korean War when Australian servicemen and women came to the aid of the South Korean people.

“More than 17,000 Australians served during the Korean War, helping to save Australia and protect the South Korean people,” Mr Griffin said.

When the Chinese launched their spring offensive on 22 April 1951, some 700,000 Chinese troops began advancing across the breadth of South Korea from the Yellow Sea to the Sea of Japan in Kapyong, around 2000 Commonwealth and US forces – including men from the 3rd Battalion Royal Australian Regiment – successfully held off the advance; demonstrating again the bravery and ingenuity of Australians in battle.

The Ministers also discussed cooperation on upcoming plans to mark the 60th anniversary of the beginning of the Korean War in 2010.

“I am pleased to have the opportunity to talk with Minister Kim about commemorating this important anniversary for both the Korean and Australian people,” Mr Griffin said.

“Korea is often referred to as the ‘forgotten war’ – overshadowed in history by the scale of the Second World War which preceded it. But the contribution of the Australian men and women who served in Korea was important, and this anniversary will be a chance for us to appropriately honour their service and sacrifice and commemorate all those lost.”

For more information on Australia’s involvement in the Korean War visit www.awm.gov.au/atwar/korea.asp

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Ex RAFF MTD Re-Union
Looking for ex RAFF motor transport drivers (MTD's) that served at RAFF base Pearce from 1980 through until the disbandment in December 1995.
A reunion is being held on the 5th November 2009 starting at 6 p.m. at the Runway cafe, Royal Aero club, Jandakot.
Please contact Val Holt on 0412 980307 or email tackleandadventure@hotmail.com if you would like to attend.

Vendetta Intake Reunion
It is proposed to hold a reunion of the ‘Vendetta Intake’ of November 1962 along with the Junior Recruit Fourth intake at Canberra on the ANZAC Day weekend of 2012. This will coincide with the 50-year anniversary of both groups joining the RAN. Would any member of that intake who would be interested in attending please provide their details to,
Gary Little at littlega@bigpond.net.au Phone (07) 38510867 or mobile 0408749599.

Journey of a Story
The RSL of Australia has been made aware of a film being produced by Earthwire Productions featuring a New Zealand Serviceman returning from imprisonment as a POW in World War II and an Australian friend whom he met whilst imprisoned in Europe and with whom he escaped.
While people in the story are fictitious, there is some element of actual war time events and correspondence used in its development.
While we have not yet seen the finished film, we believe it has the makings of an excellent film, as appropriate in New Zealand as it would be in Australia, an excellent film, as appropriate in New Zealand as it would be in Australia, an excellent film, as appropriate in New Zealand as it would be in Australia, an excellent film, as appropriate in New Zealand as it would be in Australia, an excellent film, as appropriate in New Zealand as it would be in Australia, an excellent film, as appropriate in New Zealand as it would be in Australia.

Peacekeeping Compared Project
My name is Kate Macfarlane (Lilac War) and I am working with Professor John Braithwaite at the Australian National University on a project called ‘Peacekeeping Compared’. The twenty-year project is a comparative study of building peace across many countries, focusing on the important contribution and limitations of peacekeeping operations in building sustainable peace.
We are interviewing peacekeepers about their roles in peacekeeping operations to understand their ‘on the ground’ perspective of the peacebuilding process - these operations include Cambodia, West Sahara, Mozambique, East Timor, Solomon Islands, and Rwanda to name a few.
We are currently interviewing Cambodian veterans, which will be the focus of the project for the next year, but we are very interested in hearing from peacekeepers who have been involved in other operations.
Our website, http://peacebuilding.anu.edu.au, provides further information about the project.

Sydney Stonehouse
the family, Syd and the youngest daughter became good friends, and long term penfriends which resulted in a romance that outlasted the War and the long periods of separation as Sydney went on secret missions behind enemy lines in the Solomon Islands, Bougainville, and Guadal Canal, to report on enemy movements and strength.
They married in the bluff Point Cathedral after the War, and Sophia Louise “Lou” (ex W.A.A.A.F) did not have to change her name from Stonehouse.
One of the first Jungle Warfare Instructor at Camp Canungra, Queensland, Australia, Sydney passed away on the morning of 4/8/09 at Hocart Lodge Knowles Street Harvey, West Australia. Sydney served in the Australian 2/11th Battalion in Syria and the Middle East before being selected for the Coastwatchers which was later called M Special Forces.
Sydney a man with a deep and personal faith in God told me how he was determined to not fail to teach the recruits everything he could, to give them a better chance of survival even if it meant they hated him for his hardness.
Syd wore his Green Beret and double green diamonds on a grey background, with pride, every ANZAC Day in memory of his fallen mates. On 27th of April this year he attended the Old Fairbriglanders ANZAC Day March and reunion at Fairbridge Farm School in Pinjarra West Australia with members of his family, to meet with other former Kingsley Fairbridge children and to celebrate his 90th birthday. Syd arrived in Australia as a 9 year old orphaned boy from Durham in England, sent to Australia for a better life in the Kingsley Fairbridge Farm school scheme.
Sydney leaves behind 3 children Kathehyn, Sylvia and Maurice. 13 Grandchildren, (2 Grandsons living in Qld with 1 in army service) 14 Great Grandchildren and another one yet to be born in January next year.
An amazing man, gentleman, husband, father, soldier, citizen, self taught musician, he upload all the values that make Australia great! He hated conflict and War. He said even the enemies were someone's son, brother, father, husband, and had families that loved and needed them.
Syd loved fishing, swimming and snorkelling in the ocean, horses, and peaceful times in the bush, flowers, country life, making music, and his family. Always a Peacemaker who loved his neighbour as himself. A man who gave of himself to the community, quietly and unassumingly, when ever he could help. Australia has lost a true gentleman.
Syd was a man with a deep and personal faith in God.

Elderly Couple
An elderly couple is attending Mass. About halfway through, the wife leans over and says to her husband, “I just let out a silent fart; what do you thing I should do?”
He replies: “Put a new battery in your hearing aid!”
Sudoku

New Puzzle for the ‘Listening Post’

The editors have included a new puzzle to test both our younger and young at heart readers. Sudoku will be included in this and future editions of ‘The Listening Post’.

Look up on this quiz as stopping the onward march of Alzheimer’s Disease!

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

Across

1. Droops
5. American Football Conference (abbr.)
8. Movie 2001’s talking computer
11. She
14. Cover a present
18. Shock
19. Legume
20. Stage of life
21. Cutting tool
22. Assistants
24. Cola company
25. In Small World...
26. Winter mo.
27. Swish
28. Say
29. Infirm
30. Braided
33. Place alone
36. Hearing aid
37. Beers
39. Arrange
40. Active
41. Ancient German character
42. Curved
44. Daily
48. Stand up
50. Done over
53. Central America country
57. Fight
61. Purple vegetable
62. Note of debt
63. Bloom
64. Possessive pronoun
66. Hot sandwich
67. Speed
68. Write down quickly
70. Pay attention
71. Hook by Homer
72. Potato sprouts
74. Lanka
75. Fasting trend
77. Omelette ingredient
79. Among
82. Snip
84. Used the cars in a boat
86. Km/h
87. Orient
91. ___ Jones Industrial average
92. Genetic code
93. Great!
94. Terminal abbr.
95. Pudder
96. Haas
98. Fall mo.
99. Not as nuts
101. Cocktail drink
102. Farm building
103. “Gordie” ___ most hockey games
105. Dashed
106. Bone
108. Point
110. Baby bird sound
113. Mob activity
115. Pa

Down

1. Recite the letters of
2. Pippin
3. Oxygen
4. Slide
5. Beehive
6. Putrid
7. Social class
9. Ski extension
9. Past
10. Israel’s son
11. Auras
12. Worship
13. Doctor
14. Flap
15. River (Spanish)
16. Adios
17. Pie nut
18. Capital of Western Samoa
21. Wined out
23. Feel deep affection for
26. Epico
27. Flock
35. Pounced
41. Sicken
43. Grant
45. Type of partnership
46. Thai
47. Sea eel
49. Small bunch of flowers
50. Decay
51. East northeast
52. Not very light
53. Murmur
54. Not ins
55. African nation
56. Atmosphere
58. Kimono sash
59. Body of water
60. The ___ (final word)
62. Smarmy
65. Unbelieving
69. Make a mistake
70. Held
73. Furnish with an income
75. Midwestern state denizen
76. Loss
78. African nation
79. Advertisements
80. Mother
81. The other half of Jima
83. Touch affectionately
85. Linked
86. Container
88. Wing
89. .
90. Decade
91. Stood opposite
92. Fidget (2 wds.)
94. Remaining one
95. After-bath wear
96. Plant fiber
97. Mickey’s dog
98. I want my ___
111. Crooked
112. Aurora
114. Large computer co.
115. Poet Edgar Allen
118. Compass point
119. Offence
120. Unsailed
123. Electroencephalograph (abbr.)
124. Volume (abbr.)
125. Before, poetically
126. Half
127. Has toed
128. Shellfish
130. Asteroid
131. Has toed
132. Whim
133. Opera solo
134. Outcast
135. Passport
136. Unpaired
137. Provide
139. BB Player Abdul Jabar
140. Country
142. Impressionist painter
143. Dwarf
145. Immature insect
146. “… Dame”
148. Changes
149. Calm down
150. Behave
152. Skillful
153. Male children
154. Thaw
155. Allows
158. Possessive pronoun
161. Pluto
164. Travel term

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A SOUTHERN AFRICAN’S VIEW OF ANZAC DAY

Friday, 31 July 2009, marked a significant milestone in the history of the Australia Defence Force (ADF) with the conclusion of Operation CATALYST in Iraq, Defence Minister, Senator John Faulkner said.

"Our service men and women again proved the Australian Defence Force's high reputation in complex and difficult operational environments and I thank them on behalf of the Australian Government.

"As the operation has now successfully concluded Defencel will consider suitable opportunities for public recognition, which may include parades in appropriate locations," Senator Faulkner said.

"The success of Operation CATALYST today has been a tribute to the professionalism and dedication of all Australian Defence Organisation personnel over the last six years," the Chief of Defence Force, Air Chief Marshal Angus Houston said.

"Australians from each of the three services have conducted security, stabilisation and training operations during their deployment in Iraq."

"I congratulate each and every one of our people who have been involved with our mission in Iraq and thank them for their hard work and dedication," Air Chief Marshal Angus Houston said.

The completion of Operation CATALYST today accords with the date agreed with the Government of Iraq in December 2008 and reflects Iraq's improved levels of security and stability and the steady normalisation of our bilateral relationship.

The ADF maintains a small presence in Iraq comprising a detachment providing security to the Australian Embassy in Baghdad (Operation KRUGER) and two members directly supporting the UN. They are providing aviation support to the 51st Joint Task Force - Iraq.

In accordance with the CDF's Directive, troops returning from operation CATALYST at the end of their deployment have been welcomed home by a senior member of the ADF. Major units have generally conducted Welcome Home activities including parades in local communities as part of their recognition of service at the close of their tour of duty.

Operation CATALYST force elements included; Battle Groups in Al Muthanna province and Dhi Qar province; the Royal Naval Army led Iraqi Coastal Defence Force Training Team; Royal Australian Navy Major Fleet Units and embarked flights; the Australian Army Training Team - Iraq; personnel embedded in various coalition headquarters; combined logistics and communication elements; medical elements; Task Force 158 Fleet Battle Staff throughout the North Arabian Gulf; and personnel to the Joint Task Force - Arafat 3-4 Orion detachment; a RAF A C-130 Hercules detachment; a combat support element providing air traffic control; Defence civilian advisers in the Iraqi Ministry of Defence; and a Joint Force headquarters.

Under Operation CATALYST, Australian personnel were responsible for training approximately 36,000 members of the Iraqi Army, Navy and Marines, including the conduct of specialist training in logistics support, counter-insurgency operations and maritime interception and interdiction operations in protecting Iraq’s vital offshore resources so critical to its economic future. Australian forces also had the honour of being involved in the first transfer of an Iraqi province, Al-Muthanna, to the provincial security control of Iraqi forces.

The AFDC in IRAQ

They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old. Age shall not weary them as you or I. At the going down of the sun, and in the morning, We shall not cease from singing, till we are known to our Father. We love forget them. We will remember. The deaths of the following RSL Members (WA Branch) were recorded at ANZAC House.


A new elitism has arisen in the place of the monarchy. There were other leaders – for better or worse. Very different to mine of the Voortrekker era, for which the Monument rose like a stone monolith to a damp mist; a mound called Vooortrekker Hoogte, from which the Monument rose like a massive art deco grandmosite. Sitting on our haunches, we would slide down the clay footpaths on the smooth soles of our veldskoene, sometimes falling, always up getting and going back for more. With each step forward, it was a good metaphor for the policy of apartheid in later years.

This was the main point brought home to me by ANZAC Day in Perth; it was a day of profound unity, when Australians celebrated and cried as one. In years to come, when my 12 year old daughter Jayta thinks back on ANZAC Day, her memories will be very different to mine of the Voortekker Monument some 60 years ago. She might remember this day as a great celebration of people heading for Kings Park well before day break; freeways and roads thick with near peak hour congestion and a massive crowd gathering through the Park towards the War Memorial, where the Eternal Flame keeps watch high over the city of Perth. She might remember a silence deeper than death falling over 40,000 souls when the lone bugler played the Last Post as, on the call, the rose over the Swan River and the splinters of red and gold onto the sides of the glass clad skyscrapers way below.

She might remember that we remarked on the extraordinary number of young Australians who had felt the urge to shed their own uniform, to throw off their duvets and take to the road. This was not a celebration for old soldiers to remember fallen comrades; it was a day in which every Australian citizen, whether relatives who had actually seen action, could show their respects to those who had. She might remember children, some as young as eight or nine, who had received medals won by fallen fathers, uncles and grandfathers.

Young and old, tears rolled down cheeks without shame.

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Remembering Our Sacrifice in Asia

THE National Malaya and Borneo Veterans Association of Australia held its first remembrance service at the Kamunting Road Christian Cemetery, Taiping, to honour those who fell during the Malayan Emergency and Indonesian Confrontation.

Chaplain Wg-Cmdr Ben Usher conducted the service on June 11. The ceremony paid tribute to and recognised the Australian, UK and Commonwealth forces, as well as the Royal Malay police and Malaysian civilians who fought and died during the Malayan Emergency and Indonesian Confrontation.

Twenty-three soldiers from Rifle Company Butterworth (RCB 86) participated in the ceremony in the state of Perak, Malaysia. Twenty soldiers were posted throughout the cemetery around the graves of the fallen.

Gnr Chris Haire, 4 Fd Regt, felt privileged to be selected for the catafalque party and to represent the Australian Army.

“I was proud to stand by the soldiers who had fallen,” Gnr Haire said. “To meet returned veterans and family members of those who gave their lives for the freedom of this country was an eye-opener.”

Between 950-66, 65 Australians died in the confrontation and were buried in different parts of Malaysia, Borneo and Singapore.

Twenty-eight men who served as part of the 28th Commonwealth brigade, along with four wives and eight children are laid to rest at Kamunting Road.

Representing the Australian Commissioner, Arthur Spyrou at the ceremony and said he “particularly proud to reflect on the important contribution Australians have made to the freedom and peace we enjoy in Malaysia”.

The Malayan Emergency is the last major Commonwealth action and the longest continuous military commitment in Australia’s history.

Vietnam Veterans Family Study

Registration for the Vietnam Veterans’ Family Study, an intergenerational study, is still open.

This family study is comparing the health and wellbeing of the children of Vietnam veterans with the health and wellbeing of children of Army personnel who served during 1962-1975 but did not deploy to Vietnam. The participation of family members is essential for the success of the study.

You can register by calling 1800 502 302 or online at http://www.dva.gov.au/vvfs. Registrations are encouraged from:

- Randomly selected Vietnam veterans plus their:
  - Children/step children;
  - Wives/partners;
  - Ex-wives/partners;
  - Siblings, especially brothers; and
  - Nieces and nephews.

- Randomly selected Army personnel who served during the period 1962 – 1975 plus their:
  - Children/step children;
  - Wives/partners; and
  - Ex-wives and partners.

The study’s Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) has been established and held its inaugural meeting on 6 July 2009. The SAC is chaired by the study’s Independent Scientific Advisor, Professor Bryan Rodgers. The SAC provides advice on scientific matters related to the conduct of the study including methodology and monitoring progress from a scientific point of view. The SAC will also review study including methodology and monitoring progress to approve the final draft report before it is presented to the Minister for Veterans’ Affairs via the Repatriation Commission.

Forum Chairman:

Another issue raised at the meeting was, “What are the veteran community and the study’s participant groups expecting from the VFVS?” The Director, Family Study Program, is seeking your feedback on the views of your constituent groups on this matter. I encourage you to provide feedback so that we can consider and plan how the study will best meet stakeholder expectations. These issues will also be discussed at the joint meeting of the Consultative Forum and the Scientific Advisory Committee proposed for later in November 2009.

Regards

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For more information on the study call toll free 1800 502 302.

Sydney II Inquiry Releases Report

AFTER almost 70 years of speculation surrounding the fate of HMAS Sydney II, the issue was finally put to rest when Defence Minister John Faulkner released the CDF Commission of Inquiry report on August 12.

Sydney II and her entire ship’s company were lost after an engagement with the German raider HSK Kormoran off Western Australia on November 19, 1941.

President of the Commission Terence Cole said that one of the Inquiry’s key conclusions was that accounts provided by HSK Kormoran survivors of the engagement and Sydney II’s last movements were generally correct.

“The CO of Sydney II was not expecting to encounter any merchant ship in the location where he encountered Kormoran,” Mr Cole said.

“That knowledge, together with his knowledge of the possible presence of a German raider, should have caused the sighted vessel to be treated as suspicious.”

Mr Cole emphasised that when Sydney II was lost, her CO, CAPT Joseph Burnett, was performing his military duty in seeking to identify an unknown ship.

During the Commission of Inquiry, Mr Cole considered more than 25 theories and speculations concerning the fate of Sydney II and her crew, but none had any substance.

Another key outcome from the report is that there is additional compelling evidence to support the conclusion that the body recovered from Christmas Island in 1941 is that of a member of Sydney II’s ship’s company.

CN VADM Russ Crane, AM, CMS, RAN said that, in 1941 and today, command at sea of one of HMA Ships was an extremely complex and challenging job in a very harsh and unforgiving environment.

“This is even more so during times of conflict. The crew of Sydney II were highly trained professionals doing a tough job in a period of war,” he said.

“They took great pride in the fact that they were defending Australia, our values and our way of life.”

A copy of the report is available at http://www.defence.gov.au/sydneyfinalreport

By LEUT Alistair Tomlinson
The Committee of the Royal Australian Artillery Association (WA) Inc would like to invite all Gunners past and present, their families and other interested parties to attend our annual Gunners’ Day march and service at St Matthew’s Anglican Church, Stirling Square, Guildford on Sunday 1 November 2009.

Those marching should gather in Stirling Street at 2pm for a 2.30 march off to the War Memorial where there will be a short service, laying of wreaths and the playing of the Last Post. The Colour Party will then lead the parade, the official party and the congregation to St Matthew’s Church for a service. After the service, refreshments will be provided at the Rose & Crown Hotel, 105 Swan Street, Guildford. For enquires or further information please email info@artillerywa.org.au or contact the Secretary, John Blyleven on 0436 869 5711 or the Vice-President, Peter Mahoney on 0400 040 8285.

Gunfire Breakfasts

They shall grow not old, ……

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Over to the ready. Claire had been warned to remain even if some who made the breakfasts had left it. All in all

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ARMY IN CONCERT

The Band of the Royal Military College, Duntroon and the Australian Army Band Kapooka joined forces at the Canberra Theatre on the 19th August 2009 at 7.30pm for “Army in Concert”.

The Canberra Theatre stage came alive to the sound of 60 musicians, along with the Army’s newest recruit, one of Australia’s most versatile and talented entertainers, Michael Cormick. Money raised will aid Canberra Legacy and assist them to continue their work caring for the families of deceased veterans. Michael Cormick has for many years established himself as one of the leading men of Australian Musicals. He has appeared in The Rocky Horror Show, Cats, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat, Grease, Eureka, Sunset Boulevard and the title role in Beauty and the Beast. His international credits include roles in Phantom of the Opera, Calamity Jane, Romeo & Juliet, Chess and Evita. He has performed in concerts throughout Europe - including many fine vocalists.

Major Grey said “the opportunity for these proud and traditional Army Bands to work alongside one of Australia’s leading men of the stage will be a special moment for each musician and audience member. His breathtaking vocal ability was worth the price of the ticket”.

Canberra Legacy is very proud in their association with the Australian Army Band Corps and knows that all patrons who attended this event had a memorable evening.

Corporal Matthew O’Keeffe, Media Liaison Officer, 02 6265 9392 or matthew.o.keeffe@defence.gov.au

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Planning is well underway for the upcoming 150th anniversary celebrations of the 4th Otago Southland Battalion Group, which will be held over the weekend of 26 to the 28 February, 2010, at the Kensington Army Hall in South Dunedin.

The planning committee is currently reviewing a number of activities including an Army open day on the Friday with displays from a wide variety of organisations, a Battalion Charter Parade through the streets of Dunedin on the Saturday followed by a military ball later that night and then on the Sunday morning a hostee barque lunch for attendees, past and present soldiers. Already the call has gone out nationwide to service clubs, working men’s clubs, RSA’s and RSL’s to get in touch with the many past and present members of units who have been involved with the 4th Otago Southland Battalion Group RNZIR over the years.

One unique part of the celebrations will be the commissioning of a painting by the New Zealand Army’s official Artist, Honorary Captain Matt Gauldie. Capt Gauldie recently spent the weekend with soldiers of the unit finding out what they found unique and interesting about the 4th Otago Southland Battalion Group, then he caught up with members of the unit’s unique History Room to discuss the colourful history of the various units associated with the battalion Group.

To help with the celebrations Cpl Fiona Stewart, the Battalions History Room administrator, is seeking to contact past members of the units now living in Australia. “What we would like to do is invite any past or present members from the various units to contribute any photographs they may have stored away in photo albums and boxes so that we are able to construct a comprehensive multimedia display for the anniversary,” said Cpl Fiona Stewart, “We will carefully scan them into our historical catalogue and then return the images to their owners. We are looking for all types of photographs documenting life in the various units from 5 0 South, especially images from the 1950’s onwards, which was when most soldiers started to shoot their own personal photos whilst away on annual camps and exercises. We have lots of formal group images but few of the fun and excitement experienced by these soldiers whilst on courses and camps.”

Already Cpl Stewart is steadily working her way through more than 15,000 images, negatives and large prints that have been accumulated over the past 10 years by the History Room volunteers. Anyone seeking more details about the upcoming 150th birthday celebrations of 4th Otago Southland Battalion can contact Cpl Stewart on Fiona.stewart@nzdf.mil.nz.

5000 down and 10,000 to go. Cpl Fiona Stewart starts to sort through another box of photographs donated to the 4th Otago Southland Battalion Groups History Room.

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**RETURNE D—EX-SERVICEWOMEN’S SUB-BRANCH RSL**

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Dear Mr Connelly

Please could the following report be published in Listening Post. Thank you.

The Returned Ex-Service Women’s Sub-Branch held its 61st Annual General Meeting in the Gallipoli Room, ANZAC House on the 20th August 2009 in the presence of the RSL State President Mrs W Gawnor OAM RFD.

The President Mrs Barbara Clinton delivered the 61st Annual Report thanking all office bearers, members, ANZAC House staff and all who helped the Sub-Branch in any way. The Sub-Branch had held a re-dedication Service at our Tree in Kings Park to celebrate our 60th Anniversary with refreshments served by our Senior Vice-President Mrs Judith Bland and her husband Graeme. Mrs Cecile Hinton told of the original planting of the tree for “The Year of the Tree” in 1962, and Mrs Eleanore Tafe was the photographer. Miss Judith Dowson spoke of the values of the women who served.

We are a very active group and support the RSL in all its projects particularly the selling of Poppies and ANZAC. Gifts and the welfare of our members is our prime concern. Our newsletter “Light Diet” keeps members in touch with activities, there are day tours about 3 times a year, members who are not well are contacted and the Combined Service and Ex-Service Women’s Annual Lunch, our Christmas Lunch, the Rememberance Day Lunch and various other Service functions enable members to enjoy the camaraderie of meeting with others. Since its founding in 1948 the Sub-Branch has attended every State Congress and has won the Newedgote Cup 33 times as the Most Efficient Metropolitan Sub-Branch. Our Treasurer Miss Deryn Teasdale is continuing the good work of our former Treasurers who have always been very efficient and kept a close eye on our finances. Some other Associations have disbanded and we have welcomed their members into our Sub-Branch.

Any Ex-Service woman who has served in the Allied Forces is welcome to join our Sub-Branch. The Sub Branch meetings are held in the Gallipoli Room at ANZAC House at 3pm on the Third Thursday of each month except December and you are very welcome to attend. Please ring me on 9387 2237 if you are interested or contact ANZAC House.

Cecile Hinton, BEM
Secretary

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**150th story for RSA**

From left Cpl Fiona Stewart History Room administrator. Captains Matt Gauldie the official NZ Army Artist, Brian Connor curator of the History room and Dr Don MacKay Otago Mounted Rifles historian
### Gold coins acknowledge students’ ANZAC Day contributions

The efforts of local students who laid wreaths at this year’s ANZAC Day Service have been acknowledged by the Riverton RSL Sub Branch presenting them with a special commemorative gift.

RSL member Len Winton presented students with a commemorative $1 gold coin specially produced by the Perth Mint, in honour of all men and women who have served Australia since the Gallipoli campaign of 1915.

Mr Winton said his group wanted to show its appreciation for the students’ contributions in laying wreaths at the Sub Branch’s ANZAC Day Service.

“The students did a great job and I thank them for their efforts,” he said.

“Young people have an important part to play in continuing the ANZAC tradition.”

The first release of the ANZAC Day coins symbolises the importance of succeeding generations remembering the sacrifices made by servicemen and women.

“It features a former serviceman with a young child sitting on his lap and a bugler in the background.”

— Article from Canning Times Community News.

### FIRST RAAF SUPER HORNET FLIGHT

Greg Combet, the Minister for Defence Personnel, Materiel and Science, has congratulated the Defence Materiel Organisation (DMO) and Boeing following the first flight of Australia’s F/A-18F Super Hornet in the United States.

Mr Combet said the Super Hornet took off from Lambert International Airport in St. Louis and follows the recent unveiling of the aircraft on July 8 at the company’s Integrated Defence Systems facility.

“The first of 24 F/A-18Fs will arrive at RAAF base Amberley in March next year.”

“The remaining Super Hornets, each equipped with the Raytheon-built APG-79 Active Electronically Scanned Array (AESA) radar, will be progressively delivered to the RAAF throughout the remainder 2010 and 2011,” he said.

Mr Combet said the flight lasted more than an hour and represented an excellent result for the DMO, the Royal Australian Air Force, United States Navy, Boeing Company and its industry partners General Electric, Northrop Grumman and Raytheon.

“The Government is pleased to see that the Super Hornet project is progressing well and remains on schedule and on budget,” Mr Combet said.

“The F/A-18F Super Hornets will be based at RAAF Amberley and will aid the transition to a mature Joint Strike Fighter capability while allowing the Air Force to retire the F-111 fleet.”

“The total program investment is approximately $6 billion over 10 years, which includes acquisition and all support costs including facilities, training and personnel.”

Images of the first flight are available at:


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