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This Month In Australian Military History
These Events are only a selected number of significant dates when Australians were involved in activities of importance. For the complete list go to: www.awm.gov.au

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<td>Treaty of Versailles signed</td>
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<td>Australia commits military units to the United Nations Force in Korea</td>
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<td>First day of the battle of the Somme</td>
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Quinns Rock

ANZAC Day morning dawned clear and crisp. When most souls were still snug in bed the volunteers at the Quinns Rocks RSL were hard at work preparing for the ANZAC Day Dawn Service and Gunfire Breakfast.

Inside, under the watchful eyes of Barbara Aves, breakfast was being cooked and hot coffee laced with rum was being dispensed to those who wanted it. Outside in the darkness the Band and Choir from Peter Moyes Anglican Community School were settled and ready to go, our President Frank Baldry was doing last minute checks and our MC, Wally Harmer, was running through his list of dignitaries to make sure that he didn’t miss anyone.

The car park was filling fast and a steady stream of sleepy eyed adults and children made their way in to the Club to pay their respects to our Diggers – most long gone but certainly not forgotten. As the time drew near the eerie sounds of the Pipers broadcast a solemn lament in the chill air but still the people came.

Diggers proudly wearing their medals, standing tall and proud, what a sight to behold! As the Club grounds filled to capacity they stood six deep at the gates and in the car park to honour our fallen and to give thanks to those that still serve.

During the minute silence you could have heard a pin drop such was the reverence of the crowd, even the younger ones seemed to understand the meaning of the Service.

After the speeches had been made, wreaths laid and the anthems of Australia and New Zealand sung all waited with baited breath and eyes towards the heavens for the ANZAC Day Dawn Service and Gunfire Breakfast.

ANZAC Day will take place in 2011 if the required numbers are met. Further information can be obtained by contacting Tour Chaperone and Executive Officer of the War Widows’ Guild in Western Australia, Jenny Knight on (08) 9371 7470 or 0402 051 592. Jenny Knight

ANZAC Day at the City of Mandurah Sub Branch

2010 was a towering success with a glorious crowd of more than estimated 6000 at the Dawn Service.

We had arrived within thirty six hours of the closure of European air space.

The 2010 tour promised visits to many of Istanbul’s cultural and historical sites including Topkapi Palace and the Hagia Sophia. As beautiful and rich in history, architecture and culture that these structures are, nothing could compare with the ultimate experience of being at ANZAC Cove at dawn and Lone Pine for the Australian service on 25 April to commemorate the 95th anniversary of the ANZACs landing in 1915.

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All of a sudden a large flock of parrots, in formation, did a spectacular fly past RAAF Fly Past.

All in all it was a truly wonderful morning and we were blessed by clear sky’s and warm sunshine to make this the best ANZAC Day ever.

Jenny Knight

GALLIPOLI TOUR 2010

Oblivious to the ramifications that the Icelandic volcanic ash could have had on the tour, the War Widows’ Guild of Australia W.A. Inc. Gallipoli Tour landed into Istanbul to a crisp and clear morning on 16 April.

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The twenty five tour members ranged in age from forty nine to eighty nine and by all accounts the trip ‘surpassed expectations’ by those who made the long journey from Australia. A further tour to Turkey to attend the 96th anniversary commemorative services on ANZAC Day will take place in 2011 if required numbers are met. Further information can be obtained by contacting Tour Chaperone and Executive Officer of the War Widows’ Guild in Western Australia, Jenny Knight on (08) 9371 7470 or 0402 051 592.

Lone Pine Memorial

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There were thousands more veterans their guests and members of the public attending the main service at 1100h, at our wonderful Memorial on the western foreshore.

On conclusion of the main service the Sub Branch came under attack from hundreds of veterans and their mates seeking fellowship. We are looking forward to a bigger one next year.

Mandurah RSL
From the President’s Pen

Congratulations! The 2010 WA Citizen of the Year Awards recently recognized the Finding Sydney Foundation with the prestigious Golden Swan Award. This is an award for an organization that provided outstanding service to the WA Community. With the finding of the HMS SYDNEY after its disappearance following battle with the enemy off the WA coast in 1941, this finding brought closure to many friends and relatives who lost family and loved ones in that great maritime tragedy. Well done to Ted Graham and his team.

Memorialised Renewal Reminder

Renewal reminder notices were forwarded to members who have not renewed their membership for 2010. Unfinancial members will no longer receive The Listening Post nor will they have a Membership Card that will give them access to significant discounts from our supporters. If you have not yet completed your renewal we ask you do so as soon as possible. You will then be able to enjoy the benefits of our enhanced membership package.

Anniversary Certificates

National Executive issues Anniversary Certificates to Sub Branches. These are generally in blocks of years but other periods can be negotiated. Locally we are encouraging Sub Branches to apply for 90 and 95 year Anniversary Certificate as they fall due. If your Sub Branch is in the mentioned category and requires a Certificate for presentation, further details on how to order the Certificate are available from ANZAC House.

RSL Awards

Awards for recognition of service by members to the League in general and to sub branches in particular are available by the resolution of the Sub Branch. Nominations for Life Membership and the ANZAC Day 2010 Golf Day - Mrs Sue giving prizes - will be held on 31 August, 2010 and nomination forms are available on the RSL Website. Other awards of recognition include Certificate of Appreciation (State & National) Certificate of Service and 50 year Long Service Certificate. For Office Bearers, a Certificate of Service indicating position held and period of service is available to obtain from Sub Branch Office.

ANZAC Day Committee

As a process for improvement for the conduct of RSL Ceremonial activities members of the League, through their Sub Branch are invited to forward submissions on the conduct of the 2010 ANZAC Day March in Perth. Submissions will be considered by the Organizing Committee as part of the annual review process. Some significant changes will need to be considered on the conduct of the Perth March as there will be major road works on St Georges Tce between Barrack & William Sts and the viability of the Perth Esplanade is uncertain.

The State Executive is the final approving authority for the conduct of Perth ANZAC Day Ceremonial Services and the conduct of members of the ANZAC Day Organising Committee. Committee members are, Duncan Warren AM RFD, Kevin Trent RFD, Gary Sutherland OAM, Marija Jelavic (Event Organiser) and ANZAC House Staff, Nola Keen & Caitlin Harwell as support staff. Your constructive comments for improvement of the Perth ANZAC Day Commemorative Services would be most welcome and need to be lodged by 30 July 2010

RSL Badge

We receive many requests for organizations to use the RSL Badge to promote their product or to show their support for the League. The Badge is protected by Law and as such the Badge, as a Badge or Logo can only be used with the express written permission of the National Executive of the RSL. All requests for its use are to be sent to State Branch for submission to National Headquarters. Badges issued to members remain the property of the RSL and when a member resigns, becomes unfinancial or otherwise leaves the organization the Badge must be returned to the Sub Branch and then returned to State Branch for withdrawal from the Register. Non members are NOT entitled to wear the Badge. It is a Sub Branch responsibility to direct former members to attend to this requirement.

F111 Reseal/ Deseal

The government in its 2010 – 2011 budget has committed to extending the benefits of those RAAF personnel who were involved in the F 111 reseal/ deseal program, which allowed them to access health care and compensation arrangements which previously had been denied to them. It is estimated that this package will cost $36.9 million and will affect something like 2,400 extra people. This is a positive move by the government as it extends cover to a large number of personnel who had missed out previously when compensation was offered to those people who had worked on fuel tanks associated with the F111. Previously ex-gratia payments were based on arbitrary classifications without any reference to actual health needs. This now means that they will have their health needs and any associated costs covered by the F111 settlement program met by government under the revised arrangements. Counselling will also be provided to affected personnel and family members. Ex-gratia payments will be made to those estates where the affected died prior to 8 September 2001. Statutory Declarations will now also be accepted as evidence where no contrary information exists. This is a very positive move as it has addressed anomalies inherent in the previous arrangements.

British Nuclear Tests

Those involved in the British Nuclear Tests (BNT) some $24.2 million will be provided over the next four years and benefit some 2700 surviving personnel. These survivors will now be able to claim for compensation under the provisions of the Veterans’ Entitlements Act. This would allow potential access to disability pensions, health care benefits and for widows to calculate a War Widows’ pension if it can be proven that her husband’s death can be directly attributed to his exposure to the BNT. The RSL is very much in favour of this arrangement as it has been advocated for over many years.

Submarine Special Operations

Other initiatives announced by the Government in its budget include the reclassification of those involved in submarine special operations by declaring the service as hazardous. The period being covered is from 1978 to 1992 which now means this service will be deemed as qualifying service and some 890 former submariners will benefit.

RAAF Ubun

The Government will also reclassify service at RAAF Base Ubun in Thailand between the period 31 May 1962 to 27 July 1962 from operational service to qualifying service which will improve eligibility for benefits to those affected.

Tertiary Scholarships for Children of Veterans

In 2011 the Australian Veterans’ Children Assistance Trust (AVCAT) are expecting to give financial assistance for up to 65 students under many different scholarship schemes. All schemes help the selected children in need of the Australian veteran community with the costs of tertiary education. Applicants are considered for all schemes for which they are eligible. Applications open on 18 August 2010.

To apply you must be:
• Within the means test. That is eligible on assets and income grounds for Youth Allowance benefits for full-time education.
• Enrolled, or planning to enrol in a full-time course of tertiary education in Australia by attendance at a university, TAFE or college. The course must be of one or more academic years length and at undergraduate level.
• The child or grandchild of a person who has operational service with the Australian Army, Air or Army Force, or if not has three or more year’s continuous full-time service as a member of the Australian Defence Force.
• Under the age of 25 when applying, unless exceptional circumstances related to veteran’s service exist.

The largest scheme is the Long Tan Bursary funded by the Australian Government. There are 50 new bursaries available. They are valued at $9,000 each and to be paid at $3,000 per year for three years. There are selection quotas for each State and Territory. To apply you must be the child of an Australian Vietnam Veteran, be resident in Australia, be entering any year of tertiary study, having not previously received a Long Tan Bursary. The other national schemes are the AVCAT Bursary, the two RSL Scholarships, three Vietnam Veterans’ Peacekeepers and Peacemakers Scholarship and the Defence Force Welfare Association Scholarship. George Quinney Scholarships directly pay tuition fees for economics, commerce and accounting studies. Schemes vary between $3,000 and $5,000 per year each. Some are restricted to location of residence or studies. Most require veteran service in Vietnam but others are broader in eligibility criteria. Most schemes continue payments for later years of study. All scholarship schemes but one pays monthly instalments. That scheme helps with tuition costs for courses in commerce, economics and accounting.

In addition to the above there is one grant per year to assist a handicapped eligible veteran’s child or grandchild. To receive an application form register interest on 1800 620 361. Children and grandchildren of Vietnam veterans should do so now, as should any others who believe that they are eligible. Applications close on 31 October each year.

ANZAC Club

At last, repairs to ANZAC House and Club following the water damage due to the March storms have been completed. Restoration work involved the removal of all floor coverings on the ground floor and replacement with ceramic floor tiles and carpet. Almost two months of inconvenience to customers and staff has ended. Despite a loss of trade the staff managed to keep things going and retain the majority of bookings. We will now need to mount an aggressive marketing strategy to restore the business to its former level. We ask that members support the ANZAC Club wherever possible. It’s your Club – why not use it regularly.

The Listening Post

Thanks to a great response from sub branches and readers reporting on local ANZAC Day Commemorative Services.

Golf Day

The Annual Presidents’ Cup Competition will be held on Thursday 22 July 2010 at Meadow Springs Golf Course. Please refer to Entry Form issued with the last edition of Sub Branch Signal.

Further details available from Ken Hamilton at RACA Tele: 9370 0200
The Forgotten War: Korea 1950–1953

"Australia’s Forgotten War", the Korean war, began on 25 June 1950.

The Korean situation had been simmering since the end of World War II whereby the Japanese had occupied Korea for the last 40 years but, with the end of occupation, the Russians occupied the Northern part of Korea to the 28th Parallel and the Americans below the 38th Parallel.

On 25 June 1950 at 0400 hours a far superior NKPA force attacked the South Korean capital of Seoul, which fell to NKPA forces within a week. The ROK appealed to the United Nations Security Council on 26 June for assistance to restore peace. In the meantime US President Truman had ordered the US Seventh Fleet to Korea to prevent the NKPA forces from reaching the 38th Parallel. The American shift to the Korean Peninsular was part of a Commonwealth Division in Europe, fuelling communist expansionist political goals, the North Korean Peoples Army (NKPA) was being trained and equipped by the Soviets. Whilst the South Korean Army Republic of Korea (ROK) was being trained and equipped by the Americans but, in 1950, the Americans shifted their focus away from Europe, fuelling communist expansionist political goals, the North Korean Peoples Army (NKPA) was being trained and equipped by the Soviets. Whilst the South Korean Army Republic of Korea (ROK) was being trained and equipped by the Americans but, in 1950, the Americans shifted their focus away from the Korean Peninsula.

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The Russians promptly started turning the North Koreans into communists. As the 'Cold War' raged in Europe, fuelling communist expansionist political goals, the North Korean Peoples Army (NKPA) was trained and equipped by the Soviet Union. Whilst the South Korean Army Republic of Korea (ROK) was being trained and equipped by the Americans but, in 1950, the Americans shifted their focus away from the Korean Peninsula.

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The war was generally fought with artillery and mines and in set-piece battles; at night patrols ventured into no man’s land to raid enemy positions. Between 1951 and 1953, they faced heavily fortified Chinese positions across a stretch of no man’s land which ranged from 300 metres to 2 kilometres in width. As the war settled into stalemate it became apparent that a negotiated truce was the only solution, but military pressure was maintained on the communist forces, the better to extract concessions at the peace talks. As fighting continued, however, many of the UN combatants grew less willing to contribute more ground forces to the conflict. While some countries were keen to extricate their troops from Korea, Australia increased its commitment, and the government sent a second battalion, 1RAR, which joined the Commonwealth Division on 1 June 1952. The battalion remained in Korea for 12 months, leaving in March 1953 and replaced by 2RAR in April. Australian Infantry Units that Served in Korea were: 1st Battalion RAR 2nd Battalion RAR 3rd Battalion RAR

**RAAF**

Although 77 Squadron was the best known RAAF Squadron to serve in the Korean conflict it was by no means the only one. No 30 Communications Flight, 491 (maintenance) Squadron, and 391 (Base) Squadron, these units were attached to the UN Command and later re-grouped into 91 (Composite) Wing. In late March, 30 Unit was succeeded by 36 Transport Squadron. This Wing 91st (composite) was essentially an administrative unit, evacuating wounded and sick Commonwealth personnel from Korea to Japan; there were 12 762 evacuations, of these 728 to Australia and 1 530 to the United Kingdom.

As 77 Squadron was a combat Unit, the Squadron served with distinction being awarded:

- 3 x DSO
- 4 x MBE
- 53 x DFC
- 2 x AFC
- 18 x DFM
- 3 x AFM
- 2 x BEM
- 96 x MID

**FLYING:**

- North American P51 Mustang
- Gloster Meteor

**CASUALTIES:**

- 41 killed
- 6 prisoners

**RAAF UNITS THAT SERVED IN KOREA 1950 - 1953**
From the Bunker

- 30 Communications Unit
- 39 Base Squadron
- 491 Maintenance Squadron

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY

After the initial attack on South Korea by the Northern Koreans on 25 June 1950, the Australian Prime Minister, Sir Robert Menzies, responded on 29 June to a request by the United Nations Security Council to place HMAS Shoalhaven and Battaan at the disposal of UN authorities in support of the Republic of Korea. Thus began the RAN’s involvement in the Korean conflict that was to last until 27 July 1953.

RAN Destroyers and Frigates were involved in blockade, escort and bombardment duties on both sides of the Korean peninsula. As well as conducting military operations in the Korean theatre of operations members of the RAN provided assistance to the general populace. Throughout 1950 – 51 RAN ships regularly carried out mercy runs to offshore islands carrying rice and other food items. HMAS Condamine, in 1952, discovered about 100 orphaned Korean children living with the locals on an island off the west coast. The ship’s company provided these children with warm clothing, fruit, chocolate and water. A subsequent trip the ship delivered almost 2 500, of whom 339 were killed. Almost half a million South Koreans died as a result of the war and an unknown number of North Koreans and Chinese.

The Korean Conflict was the last of the Limited War Actions. North Korea and South Korea are still technically in a state of War. Heavy fighting continued on the Korean peninsula until 27 July 1953 when an agreement was signed, technically ceasing hostilities of the Korean Conflict. In the three years of fighting 1 263 men of the Commonwealth forces were killed and a further 4 817 were wounded, while the US lost 33 000 men. Australian casualties numbered more than 4 817 were wounded, while the US lost 33 000 men. Almost half a million South Koreans died as a result of the war and an unknown number of North Koreans and Chinese. The Korean Conflict was the last of the Limited War Actions.

RAN Squadrons Deployed (HMAS SYDNEY):

**Operational Sorties Flown** 2,366

- 805 Squadron
  - Aircraft Lost: 11
- 888 Squadron
  - Aircraft Damaged: 77
- 817 Squadron
  - Number of Flying Days: 43

**Daily Sortie Rate** 55

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Daniel Morris who is a senior associate from Havilah Legal examines what is "Reckless" and the consequences of speeding!

The Road Traffic Act is generally not complicated. The facts that make up the various traffic offences are fairly clear-cut, and Magistrates are left with only limited discretion regarding penalties.

One exception is “reckless driving”. This has always been a grey area because it is legally worse than careless driving but not quite as bad as dangerous driving!

This sometimes gives the more canny lawyer some room to argue a defence on the technical difference between careless, reckless and dangerous driving. If successfully argued, the result is “not guilty”. In other words if charged with “reckless” rather than “careless”, then “not guilty” isn't an automatic conviction for the lesser charge of careless driving and the accused person will walk away without anything on his record.

Then the rules of double jeopardy kick in to prevent the police from having another go at getting the charge right.

We recently successfully defended a reckless driving charge on the basis that the driving (doing a “burn out” in a high-performance vehicle on a busy street) created no likelihood of danger to any particular person because, on the prosecution evidence:

(a) The speed could not possibly have exceeded 15 kph;
(b) There was nobody in the vehicle’s path from the start to the end of the burn out; and
(c) At no point in time did the vehicle cross the median strip to be on the wrong side of the road.

The Magistrate found that the accused was clearly guilty of careless driving but since he had not been charged with careless driving, he was not convicted of any offence at all.

Unfortunately there is one exception when this technical argument can’t be raised. This is the so-called “anti-hoon” legislation. From the date of the change, anyone who exceeds the speed limit by more than 45 kph per hour is deemed to have been driving recklessly (unless they are driving an ambulance, police car or fire truck, sounding their sirens and taking reasonable care.

With a speed exceeding the speed limit by 45kmh, there is just no room to defend the matter. Driving at this speed will always constitute reckless driving, regardless of the circumstances. It is not even a defence to say that you didn’t know what the speed limit was because speed limits are matters of law. And ignorance of the law is no excuse!

People who have been convicted of multiple traffic offences often get surprised to hear they will face a penalty of fines or licence disqualification after each new court appearance. The law that prescribes the penalty for reckless driving has been frequently amended so the technical difference between careless and reckless driving is not anymore a grey area because it is legally worse than careless driving.

**Loopholes**

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People who have been convicted of multiple traffic offences often get surprised to hear they will face a permanent, or at least extremely long disqualification from driving. The law that prescribes the penalty for reckless driving has been frequently amended so the penalty a few years ago is not going to apply to you now.

Sometimes road traffic law may not be as simple as it looks! Don't be tempted to plead guilty if you aren't sure, or because a Police officer tells you to. No offence to Police but they hardly want you to defend the matter!

Get advice - book your free 20 minute appointment with the Legal Information Desk at www.havilahlegal.com.au or by calling 08 9221 2339.
A Poem Worth Reading

He was getting old and paunchy
And his hair was falling fast.
And he sat around the RSL,
Telling stories of the past.

Of a war that he once fought in
And the deeds that he had done,
In his exploits with his buddies;
They were heroes, every one.

And 'tho sometimes to his neighbours
His tales became a joke,
All his buddies listened quietly
For they knew where of he spoke.

But we'll hear his tales no longer,
For ol' Bob has passed away,
And the world's a little poorer
For a Soldier died today.

He won't be mourned by many,
Just his children and his wife.
For he lived an ordinary,
Very quiet sort of life.

He held a job and raised a family,
Going quietly on his way;
And the world won't note his passing,
Tho a Soldier died today.

When politicians leave this earth,
Their bodies lie in state,
While thousands note their passing,
And proclaim that they were great.
Papers tell of their life stories
From the time that they were young
But the passing of a Soldier
Goes unnoticed, and unsung.

Is the greatest contribution
To the welfare of our land,
Some jerk who breaks his promise
And cons his fellow man?

Or the ordinary fellow
Who in times of war and strife,
Goes off to serve his country
And offers up his life?

The politician's stipend
And the style in which he lives,
Are often disproportionate,
To the service that he gives.

While the ordinary Soldier,
Who offered up his all,
Is paid off with a medal
And perhaps a pension, small.
It's so easy to forget them,
For it is so many times
That our Bobs and Jims and Johnnys,
Went to battle, but we know,

It is not the politicians
With their compromise and ploys,
Who won for us the freedom
That our country now enjoys.
Should you find yourself in danger,
With your enemies at hand,
Would you really want some cop-out,
With his ever waffling stand?

Or would you want a Soldier--
His home, his country, his kin,
Just a common Soldier,
Who would fight until the end.

He was just a common Soldier,
And his ranks are growing thin,
But his presence should remind us
We may need his like again.
For when countries are in conflict,
We find the Soldier's part
Is to clean up all the troubles
That the politicians start.

If we cannot do him honour
While he's here to hear the praise,
Then at least let's give him homage
At the ending of his days.

Perhaps just a simple headline
In the paper that might say:
"OUR COUNTRY IS IN MOURNING,
A SOLDIER DIED TODAY."

A veteran is someone who, at
one point in his life, wrote a
blank cheque made payable
to 'Australia', 'New Zealand',
'Canada', 'Great Britain', 'The
United States' or any other God
fearing country for an amount "up
to and including my life".
That is Honour, and there are way
too many people in this WORLD
who no longer understand it.

Anonymous.
All residents of Menora Gardens living areas ranging from 116sqm button, monitored access control sprinkler system, emergency call air conditioning, a fire alarm and a central Community Centre, chapel, restaurant, hairdresser, library, bar, gym, heated pool and television room. To complement these features a new community centre will be built, to accommodate the needs of residents, which will include indoor billiards and bowls and a craft space. Additional and easily accessible on site facilities include internal parking, an amphitheatre, playground and bbq area, beautifully maintained landscaped garden areas and a bowling green. Menora Gardens is situated in the well established and central location of Menora, which makes it a convenient place for friends or relatives to visit or makes access to the attractions of the outside world just minutes away. Following on from the hard work and great insight of the Management of RSL Care WA, Menora Gardens has become a very popular and highly sought after living community with all levels of needs covered, including Independent Living Units through to “extra services” beds in the Nursing Home, which was unveiled and opened in 2008. After extensive consultation, Menora Gardens has been planned, designed and resourced for the present needs of our clients and to accommodate any future needs that may arise as the year’s progress,” Mr Hamilton said. Ageing in place is a concept that has been embraced at Menora Gardens. To enable the camp to conduct its Dawn Service the RSL was invited to provide the resources for this service and accordingly a State Branch Director was despatched to the location to undertake this task.

Yandi is some 100 kms north of Newman in the Pilbara as the crow flies but is a journey of two hours by road. This camp at Yandi although nearly completed is still under construction and will be ready to commence mining in September 2010. There are some 600 construction workers on site consisting of workers from all over Australia and New Zealand. Therefore the importance of this Dawn Service was appreciated by all who attended even if the history of this service was not widely known. To enable as many workers to attend the service the day was declared a Rostered Day Off in lieu of a Saturday. This made a huge difference to all who attended and the dawn itself was a beautiful morning with the sun rising over the hills and the colours being reflected off the hills was as wonderful as any to be seen especially when the dawn itself was a beautiful morning with the sun rising over the hills and the colours being reflected off the hills was as wonderful as any to be seen especially when the dawn itself was a beautiful morning with the sun rising over the hills and the colours being reflected off the hills was as wonderful as any to be seen especially when the dawn itself was a beautiful morning with the sun rising over the hills and the colours being reflected off the hills was as wonderful as any to be seen especially when the dawn itself was a beautiful morning with the sun rising over the hills and the colours being reflected off the hills was as wonderful as any to be seen especially when the dawn itself was a beautiful morning with the sun rising over the hills and the colours being reflected off the hills was as wonderful as any to be seen especially when
The Bush Wireless

Wintry weather has arrived in Perth and along with winter we have the “Flu Season”.

Seniors who contract the flu can on occasions be susceptible to complications. This is often due to pre-existing medical conditions worsened by the flu virus. Check with you GP if a flu vaccine would be beneficial to you. There have been mixed opinions on the benefits of an annual flu vaccine for the elderly. Home Heating the home and eating well in winter are also a concern to some elderly Veterans. With the recent State Budget announcing substantial increases in utility charges people on a fixed limited income are finding it more difficult to pay high utility accounts. Financial hardship in this area please contact the Welfare Officer at ANZAC House. Some assistance may be available to eligible Veterans and their dependants experiencing financial hardship.

AnZAC Day Rottnest Island

Commemorating the 95th anniversary of the Gallipoli landings over 500 people attended the AnZAC Day Dawn service on Rottnest Island to pay their respects to the memories of fallen Australian servicemen and women.

The ceremony started as bagpiper, Ashleigh Ellison walked down the main jetty playing the Lament. The ceremony ran smoothly from the solemn call of the Last Post to the touching Laying of the Wreaths. Officers of the Royal Australian Navy Number Two Flying School, dressed smartly in their whites, presided over the ceremony.

Veterans included Returned Services League of Western Australian representative Ross O’Connor and State President of the 116th Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment Mr Gordon Hull, who read The Ode. Local clergy Monsignor O’Shea and Reverend Michael Wood led the assembled VIPs and Rottnest Island residents and visitors in prayer.

The Dawn ceremony also featured the much loved 1942 40mm Bofors Anti Aircraft gun, which was donated by the 116th Light Anti Aircraft Regiments Association and after the ceremony, Mr Gordon Hull presented Laurie O’Meara, Chairman Rottnest Island Authority, with a donation to continue work on restoring the gun.

In ensuring the morning retained a community focus, the Rottnest Island Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service cooked up a traditional Gunfire Breakfast for the community and visitors who attended the ceremony.

Marcia Czerniak
Events Development Officer
Rottnest Island

HOSPITAL VISITORS LIST

Volunteer Contact Number Hospitals Visited
Ms Remah Glencorse & Ms Bernadine De Beaux 0455 007 519 As Above Hollywood Private Hospital
Mr John Duffy 9401 5815 or 0413780278 Joondalup Hospital Glengarry Hospital Osborne Park Hospital
Mr Mike Harness 9293 1076 or 0419 091 708 Kalamunda Hospital Armadale Hospital Bentley Hospital
Mr Jim Ferguson 9341 5303 Hollywood Private Hospital
Mr Bill Adamson 9295 5354 Mercy Hospital Swan Districts Hospital Swan Senior Health Facil
RSL Welfare Officer 9287 3707 or 0412 009 191 Royal Perth Hospital Others as required
Mrs Noreen & Mr John Nagle 9583 3842 Peel Hospital RSL Care, Mandurah
Mr John Rankin 0438 264 371 Fremantle Hospital Alma Street Hospital

Dawn Service at Hell Fire Pass.

The three ex POWs are myself Snowy Fairclough and Bill Haskell. By Advocate Andrew Endrey and Volunteer Pension Officers Angie Pifffer and Bill Adamson attended Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) at Veterans and Families Counselling Service (VVCS), Applecross. This was a wonderful opportunity for the Staff to add to their considerable skills and knowledge base.

The suicide First Aid learned in ASIST will help staff identify Veterans at risk, be able to increase their immediate safety and get further professional help for the Veteran. If you feel you or someone you know may be at risk or just need someone to listen, call VVCS on 1800 011 046 or Lifeline on 13 11 14. Both of these services are staffed by qualified Counsellors twenty four hours a day seven days a week.

Take care till next time
ROSALIND HOWAT
State Welfare Officer

Greek Wreath Laying 21 March 2010

A silent wreath laying ceremony was held at the State War Memorial on March 21 for the commemoration of the Greek National Day (25 March 1821 began the Revolution that laid the foundation of the Modern Greek State a few years after). H.E.
Remembering Lost Relatives

Corpus Christi College student Angus Callaghan contacted the RSL seeking the correct protocol to march on ANZAC Day in Perth representing his Great Uncle, James Nicol. Angus marched in school uniform, wearing his Great Great Uncle's medals on his right hand side adhering to the protocol for the march.

Corpus Christi student Angus Callaghan receiving instruction from Lt Col Dubberline, Z Force, on march protocol.

Raise a Glass Appeal

On Monday 19 April 2010 the Raise A Glass Appeal was once again held at ANZAC House. The money raised was split evenly between the RSL and Legacy. This year the appeal aimed to raise at least $1.3 million, a goal that was achieved. Carlton United Brewery representative, Dean Turner, opened the occasion and welcomed guests.

The event was shaped by several guest speakers telling the stories of those who they raise their glass to. Guest speakers included General Peter Cosgrove (Legatee and former Chief of the Australian Defence Force), Keith Payne (Victoria Cross recipient), William Gaynor (RSL WA President), Charles Lammers, Kevin Trent and Bob Gianati (Perth Legacy President).

For more information visit http://raiseglass.com.au/

Amy Hunt

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Atwood Eagle ANZAC Day 2010

Director of Ceremonies: Jimmy Nugent, (Army), Crowd Control: Matt Spence, Music Director: Ian Thompson RAN

Special Thanks for allowing this ceremony to be conducted: Kevin Mutch (Eagle OIM), Jamie Holloway (Chevron Company man) and The Deck Crew for erecting the Flag Pole.

These are a few words from the Commander of the Turkish 19th Division during the Gallipoli Campaign and the first President of the Turkish Republic from 1924-1938: “Those heroes that shed their blood and lost their lives. You, the mothers, who sent their sons from faraway countries, wipe away your tears; your sons are now lying in our bosom and are in peace. After having lost their lives on this land they have now become our sons as well.”

By Jimmy James Nugent
Safety Officer- Atwood Oceanics

A Flush Find

Local resident Barbara Bingham wishes she had found the Hyundai bidet toilet seat years ago. “It’s marvellous”, She says. “I always wanted a bidet in my bathroom. I had heard that a BIDET would assist me, as my arthritis and bad back had made going to the loo an onerous task. I had been held back by the cost and space required by a stand-alone unit”.

Barbara says her luck changed when she saw an ad in a paper a few months ago placed by THE BIDET SHOP for the HYUNDAI bidet toilet seat. It read, “This Bidet simply replaces your existing toilet seat and will automatically clean you without toilet paper”, and also it said you can install it yourself in minutes.”

After reading that, Barbara said she was so excited that she decided to call The Bidet Shop and find out more about this bidet supplied by HYUNDAI. She spoke to a gentleman called Stephen who explained that apart from the comfort factors of a heated seat and other great ideas incorporated into the bidet, the Hyundai bidet has many health benefits. He then said how the seat worked and pointed out that once you had finished doing your business, “You simply pressed the bottom wash or feminine wash button and the bidet provides a stream of warm water to clean you thoroughly. The in-built fan then dries you off with warm air, without the need for toilet paper”.

Barbara said that although THE BIDET SHOP offered to send out a brochure pack, she decided to order a HYUNDAI bidet seat straight away. Well it arrived 2 days later at no extra charge... She installed the seat herself and as she had been told, it fitted perfectly on her original toilet bowl. Barbara said the HYUNDAI BIDET was one of the best investments she had made in her personal health and hygiene in years and no longer finds going to the loo an issue. “Give it a go”, she says, “I did and I couldn’t be happier”.

For more information or if you would like a brochure, call The Bidet Shop on 1800 243 387.

NORTH AMERICAN VETERANS

Female Leader Captain Michael Donnelly and WWII Sergeant, Victor Lane (Bronze Star) with Michael Munjak (Front).
As part of the archival project, we have been sorting through our membership cards. The cards were originally organised into alphabetical order however over the years the cards have been put back out of order and contain contaminants such as staples and metal pins that need to be removed.

The membership card system was the first system developed to manage the membership of the League in Western Australia until it was changed over in 1988 to its current format. Sorting through our membership cards has provided us with an opportunity to identify some notable individuals who were members of the League in Western Australia at some time. Members of the League include both Sir Thomas Albert Blamey and Colonel Harold Pope to name a few.

Sir Thomas Blamey (1884 – 1951) joined the War Office in London before joining the 1st Australian Division in Egypt as general staff officer, 3rd grade (intelligence). Blamey landed at Gallipoli on the 25th April 1915 and then moved with the AIF to France in 1916. Blamey was awarded the Distinguished Service Order (1917) and the French Croix de Guerre (1919); he was appointed C.M.G. (1918) and C.B. (1919), and was mentioned in dispatches seven times. Blamey returned to Melbourne in 1919 and remained with the Army until 1925 when he became the chief commissioner of Police in Victoria. His membership details show that Blamey became a member of the League in Western Australia on the 2 November 1929, membership expired on the 30 September 1930. His contact address was given as Police Headquarters Melbourne and he was a member of the South Perth Sub-Branch.

Colonel Harold Pope 1873-1938 joined the Western Australia Military Forces in 1900. In 1908 he was promoted lieutenant colonel and at the outbreak of war commanded the 16th Battalion. For his services at Gallipoli, Pope was mentioned in dispatches in June and appointed a Companion of Bath (C.B.) in October. In 1916, Pope returned to Australia and appointed himself to the Sea Transport Service soon after, he was invalided back to Australia February 1918.

Pope then became involved with the League, joining on the 20th May 1918. Colonel Pope rose to the ranks of President of the League, resigning his post to rejoin the troop ships in August 1918. Pope on his return to Australia in 1919 was assigned Commissioner of Railways in Western Australia and was honorary Colonel of the 16th Battalion from 1925 to 1930. His membership card indicates that he was a member of the League up to 1927. The State Executive Minutes indicate he was instrumental in the amalgamation of the Returned Sailors Soldiers Association of Western Australia with the Returned Sailors Soldiers Imperial League of Australia.

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BORNEO VETERAN

WO2 Natalie Lockwood pushed her grandfather Sapper Ian Hay-Hendry RAE 93 years a veteran of Borneo in 1945, through Perth with the RAEA WA.

Ian enjoyed himself and Nat loved helping her grandad. Ian only received his WW2 medals recently after Natalia did some legwork. We loved having them both along and were proud they chose to come with us for the day.

Thanks to Tracy Talma for the photos. Her husband Paul and I joined Ian and Natalie for the photo.

Mick Ryan

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2/16th Battalion Association ANZAC Picnic, Sunday 11 April

As they do each year, The Salvation Army was in attendance and provided a welcome source of refreshments to those gathered. The Australian Army Pipes and Drums, Perth provided their services prior to the function lending a suitably military atmosphere to proceedings. Their performance was greatly appreciated and warmly applauded.

Association President Bill Grayden made a short address to the crowd of around 50 gathered at the 2/16th Battalion memorial in an idyllic setting near the Cenotaph at Kings Park. In his address, Bill reminded those present of the huge sacrifices made by Australian servicemen in the two world wars in particular. He stressed that the loss of so many of our finest young men had an incalculable effect on the developing nation of Australia. We must never forget their sacrifice.

The Last Post was played by bugler Dave Scott from the Australian Army Band, gratifying to see several young people among them.

Following his address, Bill laid a floral tribute to the fallen on the memorial and proceeded to address those in attendance. Bill stressed that the loss of so many of our finest young men had an incalculable effect on the developing nation of Australia. We must never forget their sacrifice.

The 2/16th Battalion veterans took part in a very lively question and answer session relating their experiences in the Middle-East and New Guinea. Topics covered included the difficulties the wounded faced on the Kokoda Track with veterans Ron Wiseman and centenarian Jim MacKenzie. A sobering point was made that only around seventy 2/16th veterans remain around Australia and those incapable of walking were carried.

Other highlights included a detailed discussion on the equipment carried by our troops by veterans Ron Wiseman and centenarian Jim MacKenzie. A sobering point was made that only around seventy 2/16th veterans remain around Australia from the almost four thousand men who served with the battalion from 1940-1945. Despite this, the 2/16th Association has a very strong membership with many descendents of Battalion members joining the Association in recent years and working to keep the memory of this iconic infantry battalion well and truly alive into the future.

The 2/16th Battalion will hold the annual Kokoda Day picnic at the same location in Kings Park on Sunday 19 September and their major event for the year will be the Brigadier Arnold W Potts Oration Dinner at the University Club on 17 September. Jim Grayden Hon Secretary, 2/16th Battalion Association E: secretary@2nd16thassoc.com.au Mobile: 0400 611 020

OVERSEAS NURSES AT ANZAC PARADE

Two overseas nurses studying at Curtin University, participated in this year’s ANZAC Day Parade. Ms Jamaliah Binte Salleh from Malaysia and Ms See Yuen from Singapore, accompanied Mrs Anne Leach FNM OAM a returned nursing sister from WW2 and veteran of Australian Red Cross, in the motorised section. The nurses are the latest recipients of the AIF Malaya Nursing Scholarship.

The AIF Malaya Nursing Scholarship is the official War Memorial of the 8th Australian Division and the Australian Imperial Force (AIF) Malaya. This unique “living” memorial pays on-going and fitting tribute to the men of the AIF who served and perished in Malaya and Singapore and, in a tangible and permanent form, it shows how greatly the men of the AIF Malaya appreciated the help and friendship of the people of Malaya and Singapore who, at great risk to themselves, performed so many acts of kindness for the benefit of the Australian prisoners of war. The fund was set up in 1946 with soldiers from the 8th Division and AIF Malaya subscribing directly to the fund. The Australian Red Cross also provided a significant initial contribution and has provided Trustee and administrative support since its inception.

Since its inception the Scholarship has provided training to 59 nurses from both Singapore and Malaysia.

The nursing training provided by the Scholarship has changed over the years in line with the changes in the profession. Over recent years Curtin University in West Australia has contributed to the Scholarship a two semester course of post-graduate studies. Further information on the Scholarship is available from Ms Vivienne Gorman, at Australian Red Cross, on (03) 9345 1830.

MEDIA CONTACT
Further information and this release available from Mr Kevin Poynton, Board Member – Australian Red Cross (WA Division) mob 0421 380 451

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The Applecross Sub Branch held its annual ANZAC Day Service at the Melville City Council grounds on 18 April 2010.

The service, Applecross in conjunction with Melville City Council, has been conducted in Booragoon since 1988 with numbers continuing to grow. Before the service was conducted at the Council area, Applecross had conducted an ANZAC Day Service at their Sub Branch at Kintail Rd Applecross.

This year’s service had the added protection for the public of additional sun shade provided by the ‘Instant Marquee Systems WA’ with funding from ‘Lotterywest’. Helen Pickering, secretary of the Applecross RSL, said “in previous years we have had problems with participants suffering from the heat as we are fairly well enclosed from any breezes but, this year, we have been fortunate to provide additional cover from the sun.”

Amongst the wreaths that were laid by the dignitaries representing various organisations was Mr Wally Holtham (Applecross RSL), Mr Bill Gaynor (WA State Branch of the RSL), Mr Doug Harrison (Royal Aus Air Force Assoc), Mr Russell Aubrey (His Worship the Mayor, City of Melville), Mr Kevin Hasting (representing President Stan Webb, Bigton-Palmyra RSL), Mr Russell McLaughlan (Deputy Commissioner, Department of Veterans’ Affairs), Mr Fred Johnson (President “N” Class Destroyers Assoc), Mrs Pat Mann (BCOF Assoc), Mr Kevin Meredith (The Australian Legion of Ex Servicemen and Women), Mr Rex Kaye (Australian Ex-Services Atomic Survivors Assoc), Mrs Laurel Della Bosca (Red Cross, Kardinya), Aust Air Force Cadets 3 Flight Fremantle, Melville District Scouts, Bull Creek Leeming Girl Guides and Winthrop Baptist College.

The prayer for the Queen was delivered by Kathleen Quinn (ex WAAAF), Mr Jack Edwards (ex Merchant Seaman WWII, ex RAAF) delivered a very entertaining and informative speech on his early days at White Gum Valley and after at Mosman Park before joining the Merchant Navy during WWII. The prayer of remembrance was read by Councillor Clive Robertson OAM (ex Vietnam Veteran). The musical accompaniment was provided by the Town of Victoria Park Brass Band (Musical Director - Mr Steven Harmer, Bagler - Ms Karen Moorman, Drum Major - Mr Neil Akerstrom) and ‘Sing From The Heart Choir’ conducted by Kris Arnott.

Denis Connelly

**Anzac Day - South Australia**

Port Kennedy members Les Crows and Geoff Trevor-Hunt OAM along with their wives Moira and Philomena attended the ANZAC Day Service at the Cross of Remembrance in Quorn South Australia.

It was a lovely country town service with the cadets from TS Augusta doing the honour guard. These young people do it every year we were told. After the service they had morning tea with the CWA, then lunch with the Lions Club and adjourned to the Transcontinental Pub in the afternoon. They had fine weather for the service.

Philomena Trevor-Hunt

**The Perth Mint’s ANZAC Day $1 coin**

The Perth Mint’s ANZAC Day $1 coin program is a major numismatic tribute inspired by the deep significance of 25 April 1915, the day Australian forces landed on a hostile shore on the Gallipoli peninsula in Turkey. Comprising annual releases each featuring a new design theme, the coins honour all Australian Defence Force personnel who have served their country.

**Remembering Sailors’ Sacrifices**

The 2010 ANZAC Day $1 coin pays tribute to the Royal Australian Navy. With a design portraying HMAS Parramatta, a ‘River’ Class Torpedo Boat Destroyer built prior to World War I and the image of a Leading Seaman from the same era, the coin reflects the RAN’s long history of professionalism, discipline and courage. Including a silhouetted bugler, the words ‘Lest We Forget’ and the date of ANZAC Day – April 25 – the reverse also symbolises the nation’s extreme gratitude to those sailors who have made the supreme sacrifice.

**COIN COMPETITION**

For your chance to win a special edition 2010 ANZAC Day Coin (produced by the Perth Mint) answer the following questions and return to The Editor, Listening Post; PO BOX 3023 Perth Adelaide Tce WA 6832 by the close of mail 14 July 2010.

1. What year was Royal Assent granted to the Royal Australian Navy and The Royal Australian Naval Reserve. (Official formation of the RAN)

2. What was the year of the fatal collision between HMAS Melbourne and HMAS Voyager.

3. What date was HMAS Stirling (Fleet Base West) commissioned into The Royal Australian Navy.

**Service Brookdale**

Over 168 people attended our Dawn Service. Our ANZAC Day involved locals and outsiders from all walks of life, from the Police Force and RSL to the Shire Council Primary School children and St Johns, beside our service men and women.

By Michele Flanders

**Leeman Rate Payers & Progress Assoc with Leeman Memorial Group**

Leeman Rate Payers & Progress Assoc with Leeman Memorial Group conduct a Dawn Service for Gerald Russell, the Korean vet that lost his life. The service was organised by Ian Mangan at Brookdale on 8 May.
New exhibition captures the experiences of Aussie troops in Iraq and Afghanistan

The experiences of Australian troops serving in Iraq and Afghanistan have been captured in a new art exhibition now showing at the Australian War Memorial.

Framing Conflict: Iraq and Afghanistan features the work of Lyndell Brown and Charles Green, who have been creating paintings and photographic works together since 1989. In March 2007, Brown and Green travelled through the Middle East, Afghanistan and the Persian Gulf as the Australian War Memorial’s official war artists, continuing a rich tradition that began during the First World War.

Australian War Memorial Director Steve Gower said the exhibition offered an unique insight into the activities and experiences of Australian troops in the ongoing conflicts of Iraq and Afghanistan.

“This is a great opportunity for visitors to the Memorial to see the art that will help define Australia’s involvement in these conflicts for future generations,” he said. “Just as we now value the paintings of Gallipoli and the Western Front by George Lambert and Arthur Streeton as important contributions to the history of the First World War, the works of art by Brown and Green capture these modern conflicts for the records.”

Embedded with coalition forces, Brown and Green’s works of art show Australian servicemen and women involved in various operational activities or military duties, as well as the environments in which they operated. It also features a painting of Sabi, the explosive detection dog who was lost for more than a year in Afghanistan after she went missing during a battle. Incredibly, Sabi was found by an American soldier in November 2009 and returned to her Australian handler.

Exhibition curator Warwick Heywood said the exhibition, which features a selection of 47 paintings and photographs, was of contemplative works that reveal new and strange configurations of landscape, culture, and technology.

“Brown and Green’s rich pictures have the effect of drawing the viewer into a close reading of the depicted scene while at the same time situating the subject matter within a history of painting,” he said. “The style of these works also involves a merging of a contemporary sense of composition – borrowed from photography, film, and video – with the textures and processes of traditional oil painting.”

Framing Conflict: Iraq and Afghanistan is on display at the Australian War Memorial from 21 May to 18 August 2010. The Australian War Memorial is open every day from 10am to 5pm. Entry is free.

Pinjarra ANZAC Day Dawn Service

The Dawn Service was larger than 2009. More than 300 attended. The Gunfire Breakfast was prepared and served by the Women’s Auxiliary and RSL members. As usual our main organizer, Barbara Giles, did an excellent job. The feedback from guests was great as usual; I’ll be back next year.

Sue O’Donnell

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There is no doubt that the setting for our ANZAC Day observances would be one of the most beautiful in the country, especially given the type of day we were blessed with last Sunday, 25th April.

I have attended Dawn Services in Canberra and it is very moving to see the sun rise over the dome of the Australian War Memorial from behind Mt Ainslie, but the service here in Jurien Bay was a very special one too.

Everything fell into place, the flag party of Police Rangers from the school worked in conjunction with the well drilled cadet unit comprising from Pearce, the fly past came through just as the Prayer of Remembrance was about to be read, the chosen hymns fitted beautifully and the choir gave a very good rendition of them.

Proceedings were started with a March on to the Parade Ground by the Veterans, accompanied by descendants of those no longer with us. Jim Clarke, MC for the occasion, introduced Shane Love, President of the Shire of Dandaragan who welcomed along the crowd of close to 500 people.

During the laying of wreaths, the Memoriam was sung by the CWA choir, followed by the Last Post, played by Greg Johnson.

The ANZAC address was delivered this year by Mr Ken Hodby. He spoke of the history of the day and related those events to the first World War, but also paid tribute to service people who took part in any wars in which Australia was involved. He made the point that service people did not choose to go to these places but were sent.

If anyone took exception to them being there it should be taken up with the politicians who sent them, not the service men and women themselves, who deserved all the thanks and accolades we could give them.

The fly past as mentioned was fantastic, but the most wonderful part was the second sweep, when the three aircraft bore down on us, in line astern, with seemingly only a few metres separating them. Many people spoke of how moved they were as the aircraft flew over for the second time.

We were given a further treat a couple of hours later when the aircraft did a third low level pass over the town.

Many thanks to RAAF Pearce.

The service came to an end with the singing of both National Anthems of the ANZAC countries, first that of New Zealand, finally our Australian Anthem.

The various Prayers during the service were very ably delivered by our school Chaplain, LV Phan, the Ode to the Fallen was read by our Sar’major, Jim Clarke.

The Police Rangers again showed they were the right ones to be caretakers of our War Memorial by their general demeanor and level of participation.

The wreaths looked beautiful and were once again put together by the ladies of the local CWA.

In his closing address, Jim thanked the very many people who had helped put the Parade and Service together.

I would like to express a vote of thanks to Jim Clarke, who keeps organizing this event and making it bigger and better each year. We are fortunate indeed to have here someone of his calibre to carry out this task.

By Denise King

Jack Thompson records the battlefield poems of Banjo Paterson

Australia’s most loved actor, Jack Thompson, has made a CD recording of Banjo Paterson’s battlefield poems written during his time as a war correspondent in South Africa during the Boer War. By the end of the Boer War over 12000 Australians had served with Australian colonial and Commonwealth units.

The Battlefield Poems of Banjo Paterson CD will be available for purchase from mid-April to members of the RSL for $15.00 plus shipping from FinePoets.com. This is a discount of $5.00 on the recommended retail price. Alternatively, you can purchase the CD from bookshops and music stores at the recommended retail price of $19.95.

The poems on the new Battlefield Poems of Banjo Paterson CD speak of comradeship, and the quiet heroism of men standing by their mates through thick and thin and getting in and giving it a go. These are values that Jack Thompson holds in high esteem and he admires Banjo Paterson for capturing this in his war poems.

There are fourteen poems on the CD, most of which were written by Banjo Paterson as he reported on the war in South Africa. There is also a recording of ‘We’re All Australians Now’ written by Banjo in response to the gallant Australian troops effort in Gallipoli. A special addition to the CD is a reading of The Ode of Remembrance by Laurence Binyon’s "For the Fallen."

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CD COMPETITION

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1. Name the title of the Banjo Paterson poem that was made into a movie with Jack Thompson?

2. What Australian dollar note featured a portrait of Banjo Paterson?

3. What section of the Australian Imperial Force did Banjo serve in during WWIII?

From www.finepoets.com
At last the Dedication of our Memorial Wall here at RAFAA, Amity Village, Albany, Western Australia.

Our temperate climate turned on a lovely day for our long awaited Dedication. Our resident designer and draftsman Patrick McGinnity had also organised the event with help from our Resident Committee. The dignified and friendly happening saw V/Lt. Peter Watson JP MLA., Milton Evans JP, Mayor of Albany, Lt Col. Peter Aspinall Senior Vice President of the State RSL, Maj. Laurie Fraser President Albany Branch RSL., Maj. Rev. Dave Hosking Officiating Chaplain., Murray Polkinghorne Representing DVA., Bevan Mitchell President South Coast Branch W.A. RAFAA., P/O Jordana Leavesey O/C 705 City of Albany Squadron AAPC and Cadets., Mrs Enid Home OAM. Freeman of the City of Albany, Senior Representative of the Service Nursing Corps., Sandra Wooning Leader of the Albany City Band and Musicians.

Members of Combined Task Force 635 and special guests from RAMSI, the High Commission, the Participating Police Force and the Royal Solomon Islands Police Force converged to remember the 21 year-old infantryman. “Every year, we carry out a memorial service for him, in remembrance of his duty and service to our country; it should always be remembered by the rest of the community and especially the Australian soldiers,” said CTF635 Commander, Lieutenant Colonel David Thompson said.

Private Clark was posted to 3 RAR where he was selected for service on Operation Citadel in East Timor in 2002, and deployed to the Solomons with Bravo Citadel in January 2005. The service also recognized AFIP Officer Adam Dunning, who was shot and killed six years ago, and three other RAMSI police officers from Pacific Island countries.

As ANZAC Day 2010 dawned the RSL City of Perth Sub Branch hosted 170 members and visitors to their traditional Service overlooking Mangles Bay at Point Peron.

They witnessed a special dedication ceremony to honour the memory of veteran Navy man, Bill Green, a pioneer of the park. Following Reveille, President Gordon Norton officially opened an Arbor, designed and built to mark the Green family’s contribution to the park over some 50 years.

As ANZAC Day 2010 in excess of 400 people attended this year’s ANZAC Day Memorial service in the grounds of Bindoon’s Chinkabec Complex on Great Northern Highway.

Each year, communities throughout Australia gather to pay homage to Australia’s service men and women and to the nation and ideals they helped create.

The Bindoon Community Progress Association hosted the service for the seventh successive year.

Services are held to remember the sacrifice made by the original ANZACS who landed at Gallipoli in 1915. This year’s service was introduced by Progress Association President Rin Rutherford who also delivered the ANZAC Address.

The ANZAC march was led by personnel of RAAF Base Pearce to the music of bagpipes played by pipers Ian Campbell. Four RAAF Pearce pilots also flew over the ceremony in spearhead formation. An ANZAC Day Prayer was delivered by the Reverend Cheryl Absalom.

Gavin Rutherford told the horrific story of the Japanese and Korean armed forces court martial and Allied prisoners of war who were made to carve out the path of the Burma Railway by hand. Mr Brad Turner read the Kokoda Track Poem.

Following the laying of wreaths, Bindoon resident George Ferguson led the Ode. George also led the march of ex-servicemen and women and Ginger and Chittering Scouts.

Trumpeter Laurie Trenneove played the Last Post and following the one minute’s silence he played the Reveille while the Chittering and Ginger Scout groups raised the Australian Flag. Laurie then played Australia’s National Anthem, Advance Australia Fair, as the crowd sang to end the service.

Portion of the crowd of 170 who braved the cold to take part in the Dawn Service on Point Peron, and enjoyed the gunfire breakfast afterwards. "The traditional Gunfire breakfast wouldn’t miss."

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From The Chittering Times
BAKERS HILL - Community gathers to honour the ANZACs

THE Bakers Hill community ANZAC service attracted a crowd of over 100 people to the war memorial at Hoopers Park. Community members attended to pay their respects at the event organised by the Bakers Hill RSL Sub Branch.

Local war veterans, family members and servicemen and women took part in the march and the official ceremony. Students from Bakers Hill Primary School attended to the flag during the official proceedings.

The Bakers Hill RSL Sub-Branch undertook the project to build new Memorial columns to the already existing memorial in Hooper Park Bakers Hill. The work was carried out by volunteer labour from within the club and a grant for materials from the Northam shire, the “Lest We Forget” arch was built and erected by a metalworker member. We have stainless steel plaques of WW1 and WW2 Bakers Hill service personnel to be placed on the memorial once all regimental numbers have been researched.

Secretary of Bakers Hill RSL

James Garrity

Kingsway - ANZAC Memorial

A new ANZAC Memorial, specially created to meet the requirements of Kingsway Court Retirement Village in Madeley.

The memorial is completely portable, constructed of stone-coated fibreglass and will have its inauguration at the village ANZAC commemoration on 23rd April this year. The idea of portability may be of interest to other retirement villages wishing to conduct similar ANZAC observances but experiencing difficulty finding approval for permanent structures. If you are able to publish this item, interested parties can contact me for “how to” information.

John Stewart ANZAC Day Co-ordinator - email johntish@bigpond.com

City of South Perth - ANZAC Day

Over 600 personnel attended the ANZAC Day Service in the Memorial Gardens in South Perth.

The Service, lead by the Reverend Allan Mackenzie, Chaplain at Wesley College, was attended by members of 3 Squadron of the Pilbara Regiment who formed the Catafalque Party, members of the City of South Perth Sub-Branch of the RSL and students from the colleges in South Perth, plus many residents from the City of South Perth. Kevin Trent, President of the Sub Branch said it was the largest crowd he had seen in recent years.

On Friday members of the Sub Branch attended School Services held in honour of the Servicemen and Women who lost their lives in the many wars in which Australians have been involved.

Kevin Trent

ANZAC Day In Tammin 2010

A perfect autumn day saw approximately 100 people, including many young folk and children, gather at Memorial Park for the 2010 ANZAC service.

Much to everyone’s surprise a contingent of eight motor cyclists preceded by a utility carrying two huge Australian flags, rolled up at 10-45am to join the locals.

They were welcomed by the committee and when questioned one Peter Harris divulged that he was a Vietnam Veteran so he was asked to join the official party on the dais, Peter then quickly and proudly donned his much prided beret.

Some of the party came from Merredin and others from Cunderdin and said that they had read about Tammin’s service in “The Advocate” and decided to make Tammin their goal.

Mr Grahame Fowler, President of the Sub Branch welcomed those present and together with Rod Stokes Shire President, conducted the service.

Bernard Stokes gave the address mainly focussing on the bravery and courage of those who served in the Gallipoli campaign, with Albert Fourie giving the prayer for the Queen and Glenice Batchelor the prayer of remembrance, Brian Fowler raised the flag to full mast and Carol Crane once again took charge of the sound system.

Several people placed lovely floral tributes at the gates with Grahame and Peter jointly laying the RSL wreath.

Pat Bell Tammin Tabloid

Pingelly ANZAC Day

“It was lovely to see so many vets marching and wonderful to see the children of vets marching in the parade – this is so important to our future.”

Pingelly Times
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We would also like to thank the people that volunteered their time to assist with the Marshalling of the ANZAC Day March. Without their support the March would have not run so smoothly.

Thank you again and we look forward to working with you all again in 2011.

Peaceful Bay RSL  

A dawn service at the new monument overlooking Foul Bay was followed by the Gunfire Breakfast at the Community Hall.  
Children from the Walpole Primary School attended as well as many visitors from many areas of WA.  
The breakfast is supported by the Peaceful Bay Progress Association, the Sea Rescue, the Fire Brigade as well as the members of the RSL and local shire counselors.  
These organisations donate time and equipment to assist with the running of the event.

Gail Guthrie

The breakfast took place in the community hall at Peaceful Bay. The gentleman with medals in the centre of the photo is Tom Hollow past president of the Peaceful Bay RSL.

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Arunta Association will host a lunch function at HMAS Cerberus on Sunday, 28 November 2010. This special day will include a tour of the base which I’m sure will bring back many memories. For further information and to have your name added to the invitation list please contact Bruce Robertson Secretary Arunta Association or phone 03 9764 0336. Visit: http://www.navvy.gov.au/ HMAS_Arunta

UNAMIR - ANzac Peace Prize
In 1995 the National Branch of the RSL awarded UNAMIR the ANZAC Peace Prize. This prize is awarded for well deserved recognition of Service in unbelievable conditions as it was in Rwanda. In 2008 a suggestion was raised that all persons who served in Rwanda be given the prize, acknowledging their service in Rwanda.

Unfortunately, due to the time lapse since 1995, several members of the RSL who served in Rwanda without any forwarding address. Several female members have married and have changed their command names, this is a very tedious task. If you are a member of the RSL and wish to receive your Certificate please contact: Ray Townsend, Phone: 07 33282828, Mobile: 0402601195, Email ray@optusnet.com.au

To continue the Independent Study into Suicide in the Ex-Service Community. One DVA-specific recommendation was to establish a clear and co-ordination for clients with psychological issues who have complex needs. DVA Case Coordinators co-ordinate with clients in January 2010.

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Notices

he purchased from New South Wales, in a very poor state. I would like to know more of its history, and also if there are any more ambulances about, he needs lots of parts including a rear body.

Can any of your members help? Thank you for your time.

Rupert Condieck
RAN BATTLE CLASS SOCIAL CLUB ANNUAL REUNION ‘CANBERRA 2010’

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Can you help?

I’m after a person who may or may not be a member of your State Branch/Sub-Branches, but one of our members has acquired an item which this person would like back, this person is Trevor Wallace, his rank was Gunner and he was in the Corps of Royal Australian Artillery and his last known unit is 8/12th MDM REGT.

George Fikerle - Cygnet RSL

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Some of the World’s Weirdest Laws

- "Idiots" can’t vote in New Mexico
- In Thailand it’s illegal to step on a banknote, because it has the king’s face on it.
- You are not allowed to die in Britain’s House of Parliament
- In 2005 there was a short-lived ban on using the word “mate” in Australian Parliament.
- In the UK, placing a stamp bearing the monarch’s head upside down on a letter could be regarded as an act of treason.
- It’s illegal to eat mince pies on Christmas Day in England.
- In Alabama you can’t play dominoes on a Sunday.
- In Victoria Australia, only a licensed electrician is allowed to change a lightbulb.

From Reader’s Digest May 2010
ANZAC DAY

The Following four questions were emailed to RSL WA by a university student. We asked one of our young members of staff, Caitlin Harnwell, to answer from her perspective as a nineteen year old.

1) What does ANZAC Day mean to you?

ANZAC Day means commemorating our Veterans, and the War Dead. It is a day where grown men can cry and remember, and there is no shame in doing so. It is a day for those of us who weren’t there for the events to remember the sacrifice these brave men and women made so I can have the life I have today.

2) Is it a time of celebration or remembrance or both?

ANZAC Day is a day of Commemoration and remembrance. Australia’s Day of Celebration is 26 January, but ANZAC Day is a more serious event, one where we honour not only our Veterans, but the ones who never came home.

3) Has there been a decline in turnout at Perth’s ANZAC day service over the last few years?

Over the last 5 – 10 years there has been a massive increase in support of ANZAC Day commemorations. The Dawn Service at the State War Memorial in Kings Park attracted approx 40, 000 people in 2009, and with the recently completed modification works there is now room for some 50,000. However, it’s not just the main service that has grown in popularity, most of our Sub Branches also hold services and with the assistance of grants and community support these services have also been able to expand them. The ANZAC Day Parade through the City attracts approx 30,000 people, both participating and as spectators.

4) Do you feel that younger generations will continue the ANZAC day tradition in the coming decades?

I believe that younger generations will definitely continue with the ANZAC Day tradition. As a 19 year old myself, a lot of my friends and people I know are going to Dawn Services, either at Kings Park or in their local area. It’s something that they feel strongly about. Some have only recently started attending, others have been going with their parents for years. I think if, for some reason, anything was to happen to ANZAC Day there would be a national outcry.

Caitlin Harnwell

LAST POST

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old. Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun, and in the morning. We will remember them. Lest we forget.

Navy

F5024; Cudre, K.T. – Scarborough
R26790; Cook, John – City of Perth
S10423; Cunningham, James - Albany
Ph1011; Davis, William – Bridgetown
27802; Glover, Peter – Highgate
17259; Gartshore, Edward – Highgate
DS82601; Higgins, Victor – Dwellup
F12482; Mitchel, Robert – Denmark
R93447; Munro, John – Osborne Park
R37507; Noonan, Kevin - Bunbury
R190603; Olivera, Kenneth – Eastern Regional
F3917; Raymond, SJ – City of South Perth
F3926; Riley, Harold – Dawesville
F19457; Rowe, Robert – City of Rockingham
F3947; Sealy, Raymond – Bunbury
P5001601; Sharpley, George – Nollamara
FS076; Stephens, Norman – Cambridge
EJ2461; Weston, Roy – Mundaring
21194; Woomers, Andrea – Albany

Army

W65143; Andrews, Nellie – Returned
Ex-Service Women
WX21527; Anthony, J. – North Beach
28725; Austen, Ronald – City of Perth
598053; Bairnes, Stephen – Bedford-Morley
2227254; Barneys, Allan – Albany
VX115610; Bartie, Geoffrey – City of Perth
WX37425; Berry, Peter – City of Belmont

SUDOKU & CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS

**Nostalgia**

My home from 1941 to 1947 was Ipswich near London, England. I was born on 31 October 1940, my sister was 12, my brother 10. My Dad was called up in 1941, my mum was always happy and forever singing.

I remember the noise of the planes, the dreaded sirens and the “all clear”. I remember the first and last time I went down the air raid shelter, in the garden. I remember the small room, the heat, the sweat, me screaming to get out, later finding out I suffer from claustrophobia. I remember scrambling out of bed and dashing under the big kitchen table for safety. I remember the lovely sunny days, Mum growing tomatoes in the tiny plot of earth we dared to call a garden. I remember the large photo of a man, smiling warmly to me, dressed in the Royal Marines Uniform and being told “that’s your Dad!” I remember the bombs, cars splitting, horrific noises, the ground trembling, the red sky, the burning.

I remember the window panes, smashed and smashed again, then we had paper and sticky tape for panes, due to glass not being available. I remember the few letters we had from Dad, who was in India and Ceylon. Mum used to read them to us when the bombs were dropping and we were under the table with the emergency rations, bottles of water, bar of chocolate, but I can tant remember if we ever ate that chocolate. I remember the long, long queues for 2 ounces of sweets or a piece of fruit, one piece per ration book, we stood for hours just to receive one apple or one orange.

I remember for years going to bed dressed, because we never knew what was going to happen that night. I remember the day when the sun was shining but it was dark due to hundreds and hundreds of planes going over the Channel. I remember the noise waw overwhelming. I remember the horrible looking gas masks we had to carry everywhere and thankfully never used.

I remember the party in the street, the war was over, but where was my Dad? I remember the children being hurtful, saying my Dad was dead, because everyone else’s Dad was home.

I remember the day in Spring in 1946, when the man in the photograph came striding around the corner of the street, the heavy boots sounding so loud in the early morning. I remember my dress, white and red spots. I remember running, laughing and crying. I remember being shy, because I hadn’t been close to a man before. I remember the khaki uniform being rough, the voice so soft. Now I was like the other children, my Dad was home. The war was over for me, my Dad was home.

Jo Stanbury
The Sub Branch’s Commemorations started with the Dawn Service at 6.15am. Approximately 350 persons attended. The Dawn Service was followed by the Gunfire Breakfast at which approx 200 people of all ages attended.

Our 11am service was a great success mainly due to the involvement of all the Community Groups. The wreath laying continues to be a major part of this service. Approx 300 persons attended.

We were fortunate to have a trumpeter in addition to our piper this year for both the services.

Secretary – James Goodman

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**Australian Women’s Land Army (AWLA) – Until The Boys Return**

Until The Boys Return tells the story of the Women’s Land Army (WA Division) from 1942 to 1945. It combines the factual with the human endeavour and provides a perspective of life on the home front as told through the eyes of the very people who were there. It provides meaning to the hard ships, camaraderie, frustrations, the successes, the sorrow and the compassion felt by the women when making their contribution to the war effort.

In her research strategies for Until The Boys Return Juliet Ludbrook drew on the recollections of former Land Army girls as well as the families who willingly provided the photographs that compliment the text and, more importantly, letters and diary extracts that have provided the human aspect to the book.

On the local scene, recruitment began in earnest in July 1942 with the appointment of Sally Carlton as Superintendent of AWLA (WA). She was to oversee the formation of eighteen District Agricultural War Committees that were to work hand in hand with local communities to identify areas of need.

Considering the Land Army Scheme was to have women fill jobs that were vacated by men who enlisted in the armed forces, the focus was also to have a workforce that could increase production of primary products suitable for clothing and the manufacture of munitions.

Some of the occupations are vividly described, and many of the girls approached their tasks with a great deal of fear and trepidation. However, as the anecdotes tell, they are not in any frame of mind to admit defeat.

This book is recommended as it records the contributions of the Land Army girls.

The Victoria Cross Library
The LiSTeNiNg POST June 2010

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MISSING PATROLMEN FOUND AFTER 44 YEARS

The remains of two Australian servicemen missing in action in Indonesia since 1966 have been found and positively identified. For more information visit http://www.defence.gov.au/media/download/2010/Mar/20100316/index.htm

NAVY LAUNCHES MENTORING PROGRAM FOR WOMEN

The Navy Women’s Mentoring Program was launched as part of Defense’s recognition of International Women’s Day at the Australian Defence Force Academy in Canberra.

ONE COMMAND REGIMENT ARMY RESERVISTS REACH OUT TO ORUZGAN

Special Force reservists from 1st Commando Regiment have successfully completed their mission in Afghanistan of providing protection for the local Afghan population.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR – ANZAC DAY 2010

ANZAC Day is a time to remember the men and women who have served Australia in wars, conflicts and peace operations around the world, and those who continue to serve us in the Australian Defence Force today.

$238 688 FOR PROJECTS HONOURING AUSTRALIA’S VETERANS

Projects honouring our servicemen and women will benefit from $198 875 in funding announced by the Minister for Veterans’ Affairs, Alan Griffin.

VETERANS’ CHILDREN RECEIVE TERTIARY EDUCATION SUPPORT

Some 800 children of veterans have started receiving new scholarship payments to help them complete their tertiary education.

NEW SEA WALL TO SAVE ANZAC COVE

The Minister for Veterans’ Affairs, Alan Griffin, has welcomed plans by the Turkish government to invest in new works to preserve and protect Anzac Cove.

ANZAC SPIRIT COMMENORATED ACROSS THE WORLD

Australians took the time to pause and reflect on the contribution made by servicemen and women past and present – at ANZAC Day ceremonies across the country and overseas, the Minister for Veterans’ Affairs, Alan Griffin, said.

NEW NAVAL COMBAT HELICOPTER TENDER RELEASE

The Minister for Defence, Senator John Faulkner, announced that the Defence Materiel Organisation has released a request for project solicitation documents to the United States Navy and Australia Aerospace for the supply of a new naval combat helicopter under Defence Capability Plan project AIR 9000 Phase 8. For more information visit www.defence.gov.au

AUSTRALIAN GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL FOR KOREA RECEIVES ROYAL APPROVAL

The Parliamentary Secretary for Defence Support, the Hon. Dr Mike Kelly AM MP, announced that Her Majesty the Queen has approved the official regulations and design for the award of the Australian General Service Medal for Korea.

VICTORIANS URGED TO TAKE A MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN FALLS PREVENTION

With the annual cost of falls estimated to reach $1.375 million by 2051, Victorians were encouraged to embrace a whole-of-community approach to falls prevention.

DEFENCE PERSONNEL COMMENDED FOLLOWING SIEV 36 RESCUE

The Australian Defence Force has begun presenting commendations to 51 Service men and women who helped rescue, treat and evacuate those injured from the explosion onboard Suspected Irregular Entry Vessel (SIEV) 36 on 16 April 2009.

HM A NEWCASTLE RECEIVES TOP NAVY HONOUR

The Royal Australian Navy ship HMAS Newcastle has been awarded the Gloucester Cup by the Governor-General, Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce AC, during a ceremony at Garden Island, Sydney.

NEW INTERPRETIVE EXPERIENCE FOR THE WESTERN FRONT

Minister for Veterans’ Affairs Alan Griffin was in France recently to announce plans for a new interpretive centre on the Western Front as part of the Australian Government’s $10 million Western Front Interpretive Trail. For more information access the Minister’s media release (PDF 42 Kb) or the Office of Australian War Graves website.

INDIGENOUS VETERANS HONOURED DURING RECONCILIATION WEEK

At the beginning of National Reconciliation Week, Minister for Veterans’ Affairs and Minister for Defence Personnel Alan Griffin has paid tribute to Indigenous veterans who have served in Australia’s Defence Forces.

PEACEKEEPERS’ CONTRIBUTION RECOGNISED

Minister for Veterans’ Affairs and Minister for Defence Personnel Alan Griffin encouraged Australians to reflect on the important contribution of peacekeepers in restoring and maintaining peace on the International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers.

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