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This Month in Australian Military History

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<td>27 July</td>
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<td>Formation of the Australian Women's Land Army</td>
<td>With many male agricultural workers leaving their farms to enlist Australia required rural labour to produce food and other raw materials for the war effort. Women's organisations responded by setting up &quot;land armies&quot; in each state and many of these women were later absorbed into the Australian Women's Land Army. It was open to all women who were British subjects or &quot;friendly aliens&quot; between the ages of 18 and 50 not already engaged in rural work.</td>
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With RSL's divestment of its Aged Care facilities to a separate group we are pleased to announce changes to the staffing profiles at the RSL Headquarters and also the RSL Retirement and Aged Care Association.

At the Aged Care facility Mr Kevin Davidson MVO OAM will assume full time duties with that organisation as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer and withdraw his connection with RSL Headquarters.

Mr Patrick Scammell, Chief Operating Officer at RSL Headquarters has been made redundant as that positions job description, together with other administrative and operational duties, will be allocated to The Returned and Services League of Australia WA Branch Incorporated CEO / State Secretary.

As an interim measure we have invited Mr Gary Sutherland OAM to assume the position of CEO / State Secretary while we advertise the vacancy. This will occur over the next few weeks and an appointment is expected to be made in early August. Mr Sutherland has previously acted as CEO / State Secretary and is committed to ensuring the membership is well served over this transition period.

Army Museum Visit

Earlier this year veterans of the 2/16th Battalion and their families and friends held a lunch time function at the Army Museum of Western Australia, located in the Artillery Barracks, Burt St Fremantle.

Thirty five members of the association met in the Officers Mess at 11.00 am and were welcomed by their president Mr. Bill Grayden AM. Following the welcome associate member Ken walker who is director and Marketing Manager at the museum gave a brief overview of the historic buildings and the exhibits displayed in the various galleries of the museum. This was followed by a tour of the galleries with special interest being shown in the 16th Battalion colours displaying the battle honours won by the 2/16th during WW2. Particular interest was also shown in the 2/16th display of medals and memorabilia in the WW2 Gallery.

At the conclusion of the tour the assistant manager of the museum Captain Wayne Gardiner thanked the association for visiting the museum and then a picnic lunch was enjoyed by all.

Any ex service organization interested in using the Museum facilities should contact the Museum on 9430 2535. Opening hours are Wednesday to Sunday 11.00-4.00pm.

Ken Walker – Marketing Manager – Army Museum Fremantle

The Funeral of Claude Choules

1. Portrait of World War One Navy Veteran Mr Claude Choules with the Commanding Officer HMAS Stirling, Captain Brett Doussing, in Gracewood Retirement Village loungeoom in Salter Point, Western Australia.

2. The last post was sounded during the funeral of Claude Choules whilst everyone paid the final marks of respect at St John’s Anglican Church, Fremantle, WA.

From Defence.gov.au
Finally, ANZAC Day Commemorative activities. Informed of arrangements necessary to keep members, and the public fully informed we are keeping an open mind as to how the March and Service in Perth will proceed. Until all alternatives are fully explored we are providing an opportunity to farewell our fallen servicemen and service women. The tree lined route provided a beautiful setting for the March and many vantage points for spectators. The Service was warmly received in the precinct and paid their respects to our 45,000 packed into the War Memorial on St George’s Terrace. Road works to the Way for our unique Australian way of life. Thank you, one and all.

Commemoration Issue
Wide adverse media attention has been given to the RSL over the issue of names of our fallen on the State War Memorial. The RSL are custodians of the Memorial and as such are charged with the responsibility of administering it in accordance with established protocols. These protocols have been in place since inception in 1929 and state that for a name to be placed on the Memorial the serviceman/service woman must be Killed in Action or died of wounds and be a West Australian by birth or enlisted in Western Australia. Furthermore, as custodians, any change to the protocol would require amendment to be made by the members of the RSL in accordance with the RSL Constitution. In accordance with those requirements the matter has been listed for resolution at the next State Congress. Background information will be prepared for circulation to members for their consideration. It is important RSL branch delegates are aware of this issue, as with others on the notice paper, to enable fully informed debate to take place.

HMAS SYDNEY II Virtual Memorial
The Finding Sydney Foundation (FSF) and the Naval Association of Australia (NAA) have launched a Virtual Memorial on the internet to commemorate the 645 men lost with HMAS Sydney II on 19 November 1941. This will provide a unique experience, accessible globally, for those wanting to learn more about the human loss of HMAS Sydney II and honour the memory of the individual sailors through shared stories and images. The FSF is very grateful to the NAA for accepting the task of carrying the ‘Sydney’ banner into the future. The website located at http://www.sydneymemorial.com and features an Honour Roll with individual pages of information on each of the 645 sailors lost. Families are invited to submit stories, images and other related content to feature on each sailor’s pages. The website also houses HMAS Sydney II historical information and an extensive set of archival photographs courtesy of the Royal Australian Navy and the Australian War Memorial. Video footage can also be viewed. This footage includes previous commemorations; the search for the wreck; scenes of the ship and crew in Egypt (Jul 1940) after successful engagement with the Italian cruiser Bartolomeo Colleoni; the triumphant ceremonial welcome home march in Sydney (Feb 1941) and scenes aboard the ship taken during the months before her loss.

Wearing of Non-Official Medals
The RSL actively discourages the wearing of non-official medals at RSL and other ceremonial or commemorative functions. If Commemorative Medals are worn, they should be positioned on the right breast and not mixed with Service Medals or Decorations. The Awards and National Symbols Branch of the Department of Prime Minister & Cabinet further states: “Over a number of years some ex-service organisations have created and distributed ‘commemorative’ medals to mark particular periods of military service. These medals have no official status. You should be aware that the government has created a number of official medals that commemorate certain events, for example, the 80th Anniversary Armistice Remembrance Medal, the Australian Sports Medal and the “Anniversary of National Service 1951-1972 Medal”. Only those medals, decorations and honours, which have been created under the prerogative of the Crown, have official status. Such medals should be worn in accordance with The Order of Wearing Australian Honours and Awards on the left breast either on an official uniform or civilian dress. Official medals worn by relatives of a deceased veteran should be worn on the right breast. Ideally, unofficial medals should not be worn. However if they are worn as the occasion demands, they may be worn on the right breast. This advice is based on official protocol and practice”.

FRAUDULENT WEARING OF MEDALS
No person, with the exception of a direct descendant of a deceased service man or woman, may wear medals which have not been awarded to him or her personally. This also applies to the wearing of miniature medals and medal ribbons. Fraudulent wearing of medals attracts penalties under Federal regulations and also attracts subsequent penalties under the RSL Constitution. The ‘RSL Support Pack’ was recently launched by the RSL National President, Rear Admiral Ken Doolan AO RAN (Rtd) with the Chief of Army, Lieutenant General Ken Gillespie AO DSC CSM, at RSL National Headquarters.
The Korean War still waiting to come home

The Korean War commenced on 25 June 1950 when communist North Korea launched an armed assault on the democratic south Korea.

Australia’s commitment to the Korean conflict was in the form of:

**RAN**
- HMAS Sydney (aircraft carrier): 805, 808 and 817 squadrons
- HMAS ANZAC
- HMAS Bataan
- HMAS Tobruk
- HMAS Warramunga
- HMAS Culgoa
- HMAS Condamine
- HMAS Murchison
- HMAS Shoalhaven

**Army – Infantry Battalions**
- 1 RAR Btn
- 2 RAR Btn
- 3 RAR Btn

**RAAF**
- 30 Communications Unit
- 77 Squadron
- 91 Composite Wing
- 391 Base Squadron
- 491 Squadron (maintenance)

Australian forces became involved in the conflict as part of the United Nations (UN), a multinational force. After 3 gruelling long years the cessation of hostilities came into being with the signing of an armistice on 27 July 1953.

This document technically bought the fighting to an end, but a state of hostility continues to exist between the two Korea’s even today. This situation remains unresolved with spasmodic conflicts taking place on the peninsular and adjacent oceans.

With the flow of opposing forces (see map 1&2) on the Korean peninsular, a considerable number of places where MIAs were last seen have been lost with the passing of these combatants.

Another problem for those seeking closure is the closed and secretive North Korea. The UN has made, and continues to make, requests to the North Korean authorities to give access to sites and records so there maybe a sense of closure for grieving families.

In the three years of conflict 1,263 servicemen from the Commonwealth Countries were killed and another 4,817 were wounded. Australian casualties were 1500 of which 339 were killed.

Of the 339 that were killed 44 were classified as missing in action (MIA) from all 3 Australian services. The army had the most unaccounted MIAs from the 3 Infantry Battalions; 1st, 2nd and 3rd Royal Australian Regiment (RAR) with 22 MIAs. The RAAF also suffered badly with 18 MIAs whilst the RAN had 2 pilots missing.

Most of the engagements that involved MIAs took place in either North Korea or what is now the Demilitarised Zone (DMZ) between North and South Korea. Since the end of the war, North Korea has pursued an isolationist policy that has all but precluded MIA investigation teams locating, let alone recovering, any remains from its soil or from the DMZ.

A list of MIAs can be found at [www.awm.gov.au](http://www.awm.gov.au)

![The Chinese Offensive; November 1950 - January 1951](image1)

**A list of MIAs can be found at www.awm.gov.au**

![The United Nations Command Counter-Offensive, September - November 1950](image2)
Update on ANZAC Centenary

Between 2014 and 2018 Australia will commemorate the ANZAC Centenary, marking 100 years since our involvement in the First World War.

During this time we will remember not only the ANZACs who served at Gallipoli and the Western Front, but all Australian servicemen and women, including those who fought along the Kokoda Track and at Tobruk; those who were held as prisoners of war; those who fought on the seas and in the skies; and those who served from Korea and Vietnam to Iraq and Afghanistan.

The ANZAC Centenary provides us with an opportunity to remember those who have fought and served in all wars, conflicts and peace operations in the past hundred years and especially remember the more than 100,000 who have given their lives in service.

Public submissions

The National Commission on the Commemoration of the ANZAC Centenary has received over 600 public submissions containing more than 1500 ideas about the sorts of activities and events that might form part of the commemoration of the ANZAC Centenary. These ideas and the underlying themes, as well as findings from social research and other consultation has influenced the Commission’s report to Government with recommendations for the broad scope and shape of a commemorative program to mark the centenary.

In July 2010, the Commission called for public submissions to “gather views about how Australia should commemorate and recognise the ANZAC Centenary”. The National Commission extends its thanks to all those who have contributed to the submission process with ideas big and small. While some of the submissions were framed as funding bids or requests for approval, it was not part of the Commission’s role to consider the level of centenary program funding or determine which submissions should or could be supported. Rather, the National Commission’s report is a blueprint created from the ideas put forward by the community for the Government to consider as it determines the next steps in centenary planning.

It is anticipated that the Government’s response to the report later in 2011 will include consideration of a process for managing funding requests and planning for the range of commemorative activities in the period 2014-2018. But it will not itself respond to specific funding requests within individual submissions.

Criteria for Inclusion of Names of Deceased Veterans on the Western Australian War Memorial, Kings Park

There has been a request to review the procedure for recognition of deceased veterans on the State War Memorial. Currently placement of names of veterans deceased in battle must meet the following criteria.

“Deceased service men and / or women must be either born in WA, or have enlisted in WA to be eligible to be placed on the State War Memorial at the end of the conflict.”

The matter is one that will be dealt with by the membership of the RSL at the Annual State Congress. The matter will be placed on the Agenda for discussion at Congress Scheduled for 26 November 2011. Note: It should be noted that SA and WA are the only States that have names inscribed on their State War Memorials.
Welfare & Pension News
With Rosalind Howat
Welfare Officer

Welfare & Pension News
As the cost of living continues to rise many people in our community are finding it difficult to make ends meet. With the recent State Budget announcing substantial increases in utility charges veterans and others on a fixed income are finding it difficult to pay utility accounts and feed themselves.

This situation was recently highlighted by an article in the Sunday Times “No Money for Meat or Heat” The article featured a local RSL member who could no longer afford to buy meat. A number of calls have been received from members of the public wanting to assist with generous offers to pay power bills or provide meat vouchers for veterans.

There have also been a number of calls criticising RSL for not looking after veterans. This criticism is unfair as no veteran who approaches RSL Welfare for assistance is turned away. The problem lies with many veterans who are too proud to seek assistance or not wanting their situation known at their local RSL Sub-Branch. If you find yourself in this position and experiencing difficulties in this area please contact the Welfare Officer at ANZAC House. All applications for assistance are strictly confidential and not discussed with others. Financial assistance is available to eligible veterans and their dependants experiencing hardship.

If you would like to make a donation to assist struggling veterans please make cheques payable to RSL WA Branch or drop off your donation at ANZAC House. All monies received will be used to assist veterans in the community.

The WA Sailors Soldiers & Airmen’s Relief Fund Trust
Another area of assistance available to veterans is The WA Sailors Soldiers & Airmen’s Relief Fund Trust. Application forms are available from www.rslwag.org.au. Follow the link in PWS. This will take you to information about the Trust Fund and an online application for assistance form. When completed, this form can be lodged directly to the Fund Administrator. For veterans without access to the internet an application form is still available from the Fund Administrator, Ms Rosalind Howat at ANZAC House.

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The Premier’s ANZAC Student Tour 2012
The Premier’s ANZAC Student Tour is a state-wide competition open to students currently enrolled in Years 8 to 11. The tour will travel to Sarawak and Sabah, Malaysia to participate in a commemorative study tour in late April 2012, with the focus on the Australian prisoner of war experience and the tragic story of Sandakan.

Interested students wishing to be involved in this once-in-a-life-time opportunity are invited to prepare a written essay in the first instance. Each school may nominate the entries of up to three students in each of the categories of Years 8/9, 10 and 11 to forward through to the preliminary final stage of the competition. Selected students will proceed through to the State final which will involve the presentation of a five minute speech and an interview. Ten students will gain selection to join the tour to Malaysia in 2012 as youth ambassadors for Western Australia. Student entries close Friday, 12 August 2011 with the winners announced in the lead up to Remembrance Day (11 November).

The Premier’s ANZAC Student Tour 2012 will head to Malaysia with a focus on the prisoner of war experience and the tragic story of Sandakan. I suspect that this will be the most emotional tour that I have organised.

The competition guidelines and application forms are available at www.det.wa.edu.au.

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Claude Choules WA Veteran "Last of the Last"

The Western Australian ex-service community has lost the last known World War One veteran. Mr Claude Choules passed away in his Salter Point nursing home on 5 May 2011.

A former Royal Navy World War I and Royal Australian Navy War II veteran, Claude’s life has spanned the existence of the Australian Navy, which came into being on 1 March 1901 as the Commonwealth Naval Forces, only two days before his birth. Born in Pershore, England on 3 March 1901, Mr Choules joined the Royal Navy as a Boy in 1916, and served in the Naval Training Ship HMS Impregnable situated at Devonport dockyard. The Impregnable had been a 140 gun square-rigged wooden battleship prior to becoming a training ship. In 1917, Claude joined the battleship HMS Revenge, Flagship of the First Battle Squadron. While serving in Revenge, Claude witnessed the surrender of the German Fleet at Firth of Forth in 1918, ten days after the Armistice and later the scuttling of the German Fleet, by the Germans, at Scapa Flow. A ‘big ships man’, Claude served in ships that had been unable to sail from Fremantle harbour rendering them useless in the advent of a Japanese invasion. For a number of weeks during the dark days of 1942, explosive charges were in place to carry out this task. Claude had depth charges placed in ships that had been unable to sail from Fremantle for safe harbour in Albany during this period, with the intent of sinking them should the Japanese invade. Claude remained in the RAN after WWII and transferred to the Naval Dockyard Police (NDP) to allow him to remain in the service until 1956, as retirement from the RAN for ratings in those days was at 50 years, while personnel could serve until 55 years. Then, after serving 50 years with the Naval Dockyard Police, Claude purchased a Cray fishing boat and spent ten years fishing off the Western Australia coast.

The Department of Defence

Claude Choules WA Veteran "Last of the Last"
Update on Care with RSL Care WA

ARTICLE BY SALLY HAMILTON

RSL Care WA’s Jurien Bay Village

The green light has been given for RSL Care WA to begin construction of a 98 unit retirement village in the lovely coastal town of Jurien Bay. The Dandaragan Shire has approved a building license for construction to begin and following on from the Jurien Bay Festival held over Easter in which RSL Care WA had a stall, interest from the public is as strong as ever in this development.

RSL Care WA’s Special Projects Manager, Ken Hamilton explained, “RSL Care WA is committed to being the State’s leader in high-quality retirement village living. “We seek to achieve this in a range of residential and community settings, of which Jurien Bay Village is one.” The planning stage is all in order and building will be underway onsite from the 2nd May this year for 98 low maintenance units, incorporating nine different floor layouts. Jurien Bay is located in the area known as “Australia’s Coral Coast” and is situated 200km north of Perth in the fast developing Shire of Dandaragan.

It is home to an incredible array of marine life, the beautiful warm water of the Indian Ocean and serene white sandy beaches.

Local and nearby attractions also include the spectacular “Pinnacles”, Lesueur and Nambung National Parks, walk trails, over 900 species of wildlife flora, lookouts and heritage buildings. The newly constructed “Indian Ocean Drive” has now made this area more accessible from Perth making the drive about 2 hours from Perth’s Northern suburbs.

“This coastal community caters for a broad spectrum of retirement village living, from all walks of life and in our Villages we seek to achieve a genuine sense of community – retirement will never be boring here,” Mr Hamilton said.

The site that has been allocated for this development is situated 1 kilometre from the medical centre. The tennis courts, bowling green and is also in close proximity to the medical centre. A resident need never leave the Village as it will have attractions built in, with on site resources including, a Community Centre, gymnasium, swimming pool, library, hair dressing salon, restaurant quality dining area in which one can enjoy a glass of wine or a coffee and a well appointed work shop. There will be ample on and near site parking for visiting family and friends and caravan and boat bays for those grey haired nomads to lock up and leave without a worry in the world whenever the fancy strikes. Of the 98 units being constructed, 70% of the units will include 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms and a double garage, with the remaining 30% of units, being 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom and a single garage.

Each Jurien Bay Village home will be of modern design with the added ease of all the convenience in Retirement Village living you could want. Features include, security doors to both the front and rear doorways and a front and rear verandah or porch, including a rear courtyard.

All units have an insulated roof space and air-conditioning is installed in the Living Area and Bedroom 1, with built-in robes in Beds 1 and 2. The kitchen is fitted with a stove, exhaust and bench and over bench cupboards, while the bathroom includes a vanity basin, mirror and cabinet.

There is plenty of storage space both internally and externally. Despite wide spread belief, RSL Care WA provides care to both veterans and the wider community - caring for aged and disabled ex-service personnel, war widows and the aged and disabled in the general community.

Security is provided not only in the Village Living arrangement but also with an emergency alarm system fitted into each unit.

The units will be sold on a “Lease for Life” arrangement and the price range falls between $400,000 and $484,000.

Construction by BGC will take approximately three years to complete. An on site Sales facility will be up and running in approximately 3 weeks. For any queries regarding Jurien Bay Village, please forward your request to Ken Hamilton the Special Projects Manager at RSL Care WA on 0409 207 815 or email kenh@rslwvh.com.

Riverton RSL Golf Club

During April this year the Riverton RSL golf club had its 10th Patron’s Day anniversary at Whaleback golf course. The standard of their golf remains the same, however the enthusiasm witnessed 40 members arrive to raise funds, and have a bonza time.

Tony Thatcher - 94575905

The Battle of Kapyong

Battle of Kapyong commemorated at the Canning-Victoria Park Sub Branch. It has become tradition for those who survived the Battle of Kapyong to gather at the Canning-Victoria Park RSL, 9th St Cannington, to commemorate and remember those who fell.

The annual gathering also draws other Korean War veterans who were not present during the battle, but who also come to pay their respects and remember those who fell.

Garry Bargyone

Scarborough Sub Branch Dedication - Lone Pine Memorial

Scarborough Sub Branch donated this Lone Pine propagated from seeds taken from Original Lone Pine in Gallipoli. The commemoration service was conducted by Archdeacon David Ingleson. The Limestone surround was constructed by Doubleview Primary School.

Bill Hedge – Sub Branch President
North American Veterans' Unit

Approximately 30 members of the North American Veterans’ Unit (NAVu) marched in Perth on ANZAC Day 2011 led by Senior Officer CAPT Michael Donnelly USN (ret) and LT Michael Munjak USN (ex-military) the Unit’s president.

Also up-front was senior member Victor Lane (age 101½), followed closely behind by USA flag bearer CDR Rich Tilghman USN (ret) and Canadian Flag Bearer David Weigand. The banner bearers were CPO Dennis Giesige USN (ex-military) and CDR Chris Butler USN (ret).

The Unit’s newest member, active duty Sergeant Bert Bartlett US Army, flew all the way from Boston, Massachusetts USA to march with us. He and five other members also marched on to Paterson (Subiaco) Oval at the pre-game ANZAC Day ceremony.

Michael Munjak - President

Greek National Day

A silent wreath laying ceremony was held at the State War Memorial on 27 March 1821 began the Revolution that laid the foundation of the Modern Greek State a few years after. H.E. The Governor of WA, Dr Ken Michael, Ms Andrea Mitchell MLA, Member for Kingsley, representing the Premier, Mr Richard Carter-Vice President RSL representing Mr Bill Gaynor OAM and Representatives of the Australian Armed Forces and numerous Greek-Australian Associations attended the event.

Sofia Choli – WA Consul of Greece

Queensland Korean Tri-Service War Memorial

Queensland Korean War Memorial Cascade Gardens - Gold Coast Unveiling Ceremonies 20 August 2011

It is with very great pleasure that we can announce, on behalf of the Australian Korean War Memorial Queensland Ltd and the Association of Queensland Korean Veterans Inc that the construction of the Queensland Korean War Memorial is now completely approved and funded, the production of the murals and centrepiece began in May.

The State of Queensland and the Republic of Korea have jointly honoured us by agreeing to unveil the Memorial on 20 August 2011 within the Cascade Gardens Gold Coast Queensland. The ceremony will commence with a meet and greet from 8am. The unveiling ceremony will commence at 9:55am. This will be followed by a luncheon and celebration of Peace at the nearby Albert Community Hall at 12:00. Details will be promulgated as the event draws closer. It was a happy day when the Australian Veterans were asked by the Korean Communities to assist in the building of a Memorial for our veterans. We must thank in particular the Minister for Veteran Affairs of the Republic of Korea General Park Sung Choon, Consul General Jin Soo Kim, Joseph Ahn AKWMQ Ltd and the Korean communities of the Gold Coast for their inspired initiative in this regard and for their dedicated financial and spiritual support of the Queensland Memorial to our Veterans. It was their initiative that started the ball rolling.

It was a difficult task at times for our Australian Committee and without the proactive support of so many Australian Federal and State authorities, the DVA, the Gold Coast City Council, the RSL, the AOKV Association and other Military and Korean Veteran associations and individuals, the Memorial plans would have fallen by the wayside.

Many thanks must go to both the Korean and Australian Veteran Volunteer Committees for their tireless efforts to ensure the success of this lasting memorial to our Veterans. The Queensland Korean War Memorial is a significant stand alone Tri Service Memorial which will be one of the largest Korean War Memorials yet completed in Australia. It stands in the central business and tourist community of Broadbeach on the Gold Coast and will have extensive exposure to local and international visitors. It will be the Last Hurrah for our aged veterans. We salute them. Our veteran participation on Sea, Land and Air during the Korean War is at last remembered, in a permanent way, in Queensland for all to see, remember and honour. The unveiling ceremony, as such will be an extended ceremony attended by our hosts for the event The Republic of Korea, the Australian Federal, State and Regional authorities, Korean War Veterans and RSL Sub Branches. A military band and guard will be provided by the Australian Defence Forces. A Troop of the Light Horse, donated by Vince Gilligan, will also represent our earlier veterans.

Joseph Ahn - President AKWMQ Ltd - Chairman of Committee
Maurie Pears - Lt Colonel MB Pears MC (Retd) - Project Coordinator

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Tony Thatcher

The Listening Post June 2011

Pictured above are four past instructors who could tell a thousand stories of triumphs, failures and the good luck that every digger needs to save the day (left to right) Colonel Mike Page, Brigadier Duncan Warren, Lt Colonel Bill Collidge and Captain Dr Tony Thatcher.
New Forest U.K. Remembers the ANZACs

News from ANZAC Ceremony in Brockenhurst, New Forest Hampshire, by Helen Playford

We commemorated ANZAC Day at St Nicholas Church in Brockenhurst in England on 24 April 2011. Here is the story of the day.

Christians have worshipped on the site since AD737. The Domesday Book records the church as being in “Broceste”, as the Normans called Brockenhurst, and it is regarded as the oldest church in the Forest, standing on top of a hill overlooking the village. In the churchyard, to the left of the south entrance porch is an ancient Yew Tree, estimated to be well over 1,000 years old.

It was a summery spring afternoon on the hillside setting with the twittering of birdsong, a brass band played while local schoolchildren lay flowers on the graves of the 94 Great War soldiers. Those buried are the sick and wounded from the Western Front who were treated in NZ General Hospital located nearby, but who sadly did not survive. The graves are in the care of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission and maintained by the Parish Council.

Over 200 local people attended the ancient cemetery, which at this time of year was bursting with bluebells, daffodils and primroses, under the huge yew trees. Set in the ancient woodlands of the New Forest in Hampshire, the ANZACs are remembered every year.

Attending was Air-Vice Marshal Andrew Roberts CB CBE AFC FRAes, NZ Deputy High Commissioner Belinda Brown, NZ Defence Force personnel, 2nd Lt Mac Diarmond, Cpl Kreegher and David Symons Director of Communications CWGC. The program was organised by the Brockenhurst branch of the British Legion. The NZ Bell donated to the Church in 1924 by relatives of the ANZAC soldiers tolled 94 times during the inspection.

Also attending was Veteran Bill Price (96) who lives in New Milton and Helen Playford from Gosnells, Australia.

Two Airforce Cadets St Robert Bailey Cd Jack Racklard (New Forest 1308 Squadron) in front of the memorial.

Fairbridge
ANZAC
Day Service

We had many special guests attending our ANZAC Day service on Sunday 24 April 2011 including Deputy Shire President of the Murray Shire Mr Wally Barrett, John Alexander representing the Fairbridge Board, Captain Brian O’Tool Rtd who took the salute, Les Giles Vice President of the Pinjarra RSL, Rod Quirk President of the Mandurah Murray National Servicemens Assoc, Bob McGuire representing Nasho’s WA.

After the service we all adjourned to the OFA clubhouse for refreshments and some entertainment. A proud moment was had when The Hon. Mike Barnett AM JP presented Maurice Ashworth with his Australian Defence Medal. Both of these men grew up in Fairbridge.

So a good day was had by all, and being Mothers Day also the Mothers were given a small spray of flowers as they arrived.

George Braithwaite - ANZAC Committee OFA

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2/16th Battalion ANZAC Day 2011

Members and Associates of the 2/16th Battalion turned out in force for ANZAC Day this year.

2/16th veterans Keith Norrish (WX5859), ‘Snow’ Lee (WX8239) and Ron Wiseman (WX2859), gratefully accepted transport in WW2 Jeeps kindly provided by Jack McRoberts.

2/16th Association president Bill Grayden (WX8868) led the contingent while battalion stalwart Jim MacKenzie (WX5791) - who will turn 102 years of age later this year and who is likely the oldest veteran marching throughout Australia - took up station alongside fellow 2/16th veteran Jim Moir (WX10664).

The battalion was joined by Dave Lyle from the 2/5th Artillery – the unit that hauled 25 pounder guns to Imita Ridge in PNG during the Kokoda Track campaign.

Also marching with the 2/16th was Cyril Allender (WX13895) from the 2/14th Battalion and Laurie Gugiatti (WX37555) who served with the RAEME supporting the 2/16th in Borneo.

Approximately 50 associate members and family followed behind the veterans proudly wearing the medals of former members of the 16th and 2/16th battalions.

After the march, members joined 16RWAR at Irwin Barracks.

Jim Grayden, Hon Secretary 2/16th Bn Assoc.

Big Attendance at Jewish ANZAC Service

More than 400 people attended the ANZAC Service at the Jewish War Memorial in Kings Park on Sunday 24 April. Because of the clash of ANZAC Day and Jewish Passover the service was held at 11am on the eve of ANZAC Day instead of the usual Dawn Service.

Members of the General Sir John Monash RSL Sub Branch formed a guard of honour leading to the Memorial. Rabbis Freilich, Brown, Nosan-Blank and Solomon led the service.

Forty wreaths were laid. Among those who laid wreaths were the RSL State President, Mr Bill Gaynor, the Lord Mayor, Mrs Lisa Scaffidi and representatives of Federal, State and Local Governments.

Mr Warren Austin, President of the Sub Branch and the Western Australian Association of Jewish Ex-Service Men and Women read the Ode.

After the service members of the Sub Branch had their annual ANZAC Lunch at the Jewish Aged Home in Dianella.

Warren Austin
Walpole ANZAC Day ceremony, good turnout despite rain

About 250 people, locals and visitors, turned up for Walpole’s ANZAC Day parade and ceremony on Monday — despite the constant rain.

In his welcome speech, Walpole Sub Branch President, Kevin Pierce, said that rain would have been nothing to the brave service men and women the ceremony commemorated, so it should not deter those gathered. The flypast took place at the exact time forecast, 10.27am, despite the cloud cover. The planes had taken off from Pearce Air Force Base and were heading to Albany, where they landed. The ceremony began at 11am following the parade led by Geordie Whitwell. Harold Luxton was Master of Ceremonies. There were songs by the ladies from the Circle of Song and children from Walpole Primary School. Wreaths were laid at the Memorial by Helen Pierce, from Walpole RSL; Dave Tapley, representing the Shire of Manjimup and the primary school students. Pamela Youngman, the Shire of Manjimup and the primary school students. Pamela Youngman, the Shire of Manjimup and the primary school students. Pamela Van der Meulen, a visitor from Perth, the primary school students. Pamela Youngman, the Shire of Manjimup and the primary school students. Pamela Van der Meulen, a visitor from Perth, helped make the ceremony a success, including Harold, Geordie, Larry Youngman, the Shire of Manjimup and the primary school. Pat Burton and Melva Lumb laid personal wreaths.

Kevin Pierce thanked all those who helped make the ceremony a success, including Harold, Geordie, Larry Youngman, the Shire of Manjimup and the primary school. Pat Burton and Melva Lumb laid personal wreaths.

Quinns Rocks Sub Branch

Members of the Quinns Rocks RSL Sub Branch attended at 3:00am to commence preparations for the breakfast with many hands on deck to provide support to the Chief Caterer (Mrs Barbara Avery). As usual Councilor Ian Goodenough (City of Wanneroo) was on hand to cook the eggs and staff from the Office of John Quigley MLA also provided assistance.

The crowd at this year’s Dawn Service and Gunfire Breakfast exceeded previous years with over 600 breakfasts being served. Prior, during and after the Dawn Service hot coffee (ANZAC style), tea, toast and cold water was made available to the 2, 200 + who attended the activity.

The City of Wanneroo, along with Lotterywest, contributed towards the day’s activities with the balance being provided by the Sub Branch.

Comments from the public were extremely positive and if the numbers attending this function keeps on increasing as they have over the past few years we will seriously need to consider an alternative venue to accommodate the vast numbers.

Arthur Ventham – Secretary / Treasurer

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Local resident Mabel wishes she had found the 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”.

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Over the past few weeks I have been working on the State War Memorial Collection. The collection contains correspondence, programmes, maps, drawings, agreements and reports to do with the memorial and its origins. The memorial is modelled on the Australian Imperial Force Memorials erected in France and Belgium and its form as a monument over a utilitarian memorial was widely debated at the time.

The Listening Post has been the official publication of the RSL in WA since December 1921. Within ANZAC House we have a complete set of the Listening Post back to 1921 and it has been identified as significant in terms of documenting the history of the League in Western Australia. Our collection at ANZAC House was bound and has been in various formats from small newspaper to more of a magazine style publication and to what it is today. The Listening Post was identified for preservation due to its importance in terms of documenting the history of the League in WA and due to the fragile nature of newspaper itself.

Newspaper is made up of wood pulp which contains lignin which leads to the breakdown in cellulose which strengthens the paper. It also causes acids which degrade the paper over time. Most paper contains acid and it does have the ability to transfer to other paper so it is important to keep this in mind when making albums storing papers or framing artworks or photographs. There are things you can do to slow down the process of deterioration, keeping the newspaper out of direct light, making sure that the paper is in a cool dry environment and minimising handling.

With the help of the State Library of WA, we have just completed the microfilming of the Listening Post. We will be digitising the microfilm over the next six months which will minimise handling of the collection and will also improve access to back issues of the collection.

We will keep you updated as to our progress via our blog at www.rslcentenary.blogspot.com.

The RSL Living History Project has been focussing on the south east metropolitan Sub Branches recently. We do still have a few more visits but would just like to thank all the sub branches we have met to date, your assistance will make the exhibition a comprehensive history of the League in Western Australia.

If anyone has a story to tell or photographs to share about your Sub Branch please contact me at ANZAC House.

ANZAC Day at Gosnells

The ANZAC Day Dawn service is held every ANZAC Day at the Gosnells War Memorial at 7am. Veterans, Police, SES as well as the invaluable Guides, Scouts, Venturers etc marched off from Coles in Gosnells at 6.30am.

This year marked a truly ANZAC spirit with the flying of the New Zealand flag together with the Australian flag and the singing of the New Zealand National Anthem thanks to a great team of singers led by Jill Armstrong.

The service and breakfast at Gosnells is largely financed by the City of Gosnells so a sincere thanks to them.

Ric Giblett - Secretary

Lancelin & Coastal Districts ANZAC Day Commemoration 2011

Lancelin & Coastal Districts Sub Branch once again held an ANZAC Day Dawn Service. A huge crowd attended the ceremony where a contingent from HMAS Stirling formed a Guard of Honour during the ceremony. This added to the always meaningful service. After the service the marchers were conducted along Gingin Road by a Bagpiper to the Tavern where all were invited to the traditional Gunfire Breakfast. Later in the morning there was a Flypast from RAAF Pearce. Needless to say there were many yarns shared over a few ales after breakfast - a great day of camaraderie was shared by all.

Pru Pearce
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ANZAC Day 2011 with Mundaring Sub Branch

The muster was in Main Street Mundaring at 2.30pm on a fantastic sunny day, just right for an ANZAC Day. The Marshall called for all attendees to fall in behind the Kalamunda Pipe Band. Quick march and off we went keeping in time with the big drum. We then took a left turn into the main street where we were greeted with much cheering from the crowd, and a great crowd it was in our little town, lining the route. It made one feel rather proud to be greeted in such fashion.

I think the horses of the 10th Light Horse who followed us had a jolly good reception from the townsfolk, and why not?

Ninety six years since Gallipoli, when the boys from the West and elsewhere in Australia left Blackboy Hill for the front. Our dawn service at Blackboy Hill, like the morning the boys left in 1915, was conducted in silence. God bless you boys. Your spirits are still with us, or is it just the Koobaburra that we can hear?

The Mundaring march, by veterans of many conflicts both men and women, through the town ended at the Memorial Gardens and the Memorial to the Fallen.

We were halted and dismissed to attend the service of remembrance. The service was carried out by our Padre, Rod Williams RANR, in a most dignified manner. The Padre had the Hills Choir to supplement his leading with their singing of hymns and songs as they would have been heard in the trenches. This, with the Last Post sounded by our adopted trumpeter Miss Isabella Bourgault from the Eastern Hills Senior High School, brought tears to many an eye. This shows how much we care for the spirits around us and those still doing their bit for our country. Lest We Forget.

We encourage the youth in our area, such as Army Cadets, Scouts, Guides, Girls and Boys Brigade to march with us. After all, during WWII the youth did their bit for the Empire. Also with us were various service members such as St Johns Ambulance Brigade and the much loved Hills Choir. And one must not forget the Ministers from the other churches.

There were 300 people seated and a further 300 standing, and many spirits one could feel at our service. Our numbers grow each year, as do the tears.

Old and young vets marched proudly with flags flying and no cars requested by our seniors of the old brigade.

The Army Cadets from the Eastern Hills High School were our catafalque party and did a good job with much solemnity. These are our future military men and women. We must all get to know these troops better and involve them in some of our activities.

Rod Williams

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East Victoria Park Remembers the ANZACs

The 2011 ANZAC Day Eve Service was held on Sunday 24 April and we had a service on behalf of Millen Primary School held for their ANZAC School Service.

East Victoria Park RSL Sub Branch hold their annual ANZAC Day Service on the eve before ANZAC Day so that their members can attend both the Dawn Service in Kings Park and also their Unit March on ANZAC Day. It is well attended by both Sub Branch members, local politicians and members of the local community who enjoy a well planned service and a light supper after.

Our Sub Branch also conducted several community ANZAC Day services at primary schools and nursing homes in the district.

Jacquie Liddiard – Assistant Secretary

2011 Anzac Day Service at Scarborough Sub Branch Memorial Gardens

Special Guests included Members of ADF, Archdeacon David Ingleson, MP Liza Harvey, Councillors Stephanie Proud and Bill Stewart, His Highness Aga Khan Ismaili, Consul General for Turkey in Australia and New Zealand.

The Service was well attended by 400 people, who all enjoyed afternoon tea at the adjacent Doubleview Bowling Club.

Bill Hedge - Sub Branch President

ANZAC Day Services
North Eastern Wheatbelt

ANZAC Day commenced in the North Eastern Wheatbelt with the Dawn Service at the Mukinbudin War Memorial. 70 people were in attendance. The address was given by the Honourable Barry Haase MHR, Member for Durack. Mr Haase also read out the names of the fallen from Mukinbudin. A gunfire breakfast was held after the service. The food kindly donated by the Shire of Mukinbudin.

The next service was held at Bencubbin at 9.00 am. Seven people turned out to honour the fallen from Bencubbin. The address was given by Len Cargeeg who spoke on the various awards issued to people who have lived in the Mt Marshal District. There were three Distinguished Conduct Medals, twelve Military Crosses or Military Medals, three Meritorious Service Medals, three Mentioned in Despatches. Foreign Awards were two Belgian Croix de Guerres and one US Silver Star. The list of fallen from Bencubbin was also read by Len Cargeeg. Mrs Donna Cooper gave the prayers. Morning Tea was served by the good ladies who attended.

The next ANZAC Day Service was held at 11.00 am at the new Beacon War Memorial. This is believed to be the first public ANZAC Day Service in Beacon since 1938 (73 years). 82 people attended this service. The address was given by Mr John Cashmore, formerly Fleet Air Arm. Prayers were read by Carine Miguel and Roxanne Cashmore. The Ode was read by the Deputy Shire President, Cr Noel Miguel. The names of the fallen: two sailors, four soldiers and one airman was read by Len Cargeeg, formerly 3RAR and Aust Int Corps. A short history of the fallen was included. A morning tea followed in the Beacon Men's Shed. Following the service, quite a few went to the Beacon Country Club to watch the Collingwood-Essendon ANZAC Day football match.

Len Cargeeg JP – President - Bencubbin Sub Branch

ANZAC Day Pinjarra

I took my young fellow down to Pinjarra so that we could attend the ANZAC Day Services.

First stop was the Pinjarra Retirement Village – good service, supported by a local bugler and piper and backed up by the 13 Fd Sqn RAE Catafalque Party. Most of the crowd watching were veterans and/or families of veterans and all were very appreciative with having the guys there.

Second stop was the Pinjarra Memorial Service – it felt like most of Pinjarra had rocked up quite a good crowd with hundreds of people in attendance.

Both the services were very good and the guys from 13 Fd Sqn RAE did an excellent job.

Adam Moss
News from the Australian War Memorial

By Debra Holland

Often overlooked as the 'forgotten' conflict of the Cold War era, the Korean War will be the focus of the Australian War Memorial's 2011 annual international conference. Co-hosted by the Department of Veterans' Affairs and co-incident with the 60th anniversary of the year of landmark Australian battles in Korea, at Kapyong and Maryang San in 1951, Korea. In from the Cold will be held on 6-7 October at the Memorial in the BAE Systems Theatre.

Professor Robert O’Neill, the Australian Official Historian of the Korean War and a former Chichele Professor of the History of War at Oxford University, will deliver the keynote address, entitled Setting a new paradigm in world order: the United Nations action in Korea.

When communist North Korea invaded South Korea in June 1950, an American-led United Nations coalition drove the North Koreans back, which, in turn, brought China into the war. When an armistice was signed three years later, the border between the two Koreas was practically unchanged. Though the fighting was on a vast scale, particularly in 1950-51, the war was often called a ‘police action’. In fact, it was one of the most significant conflicts, politically and militarily, of the 20th century.

The misreading of Chinese intentions, the controversial sacking of General MacArthur, the Supreme Commander, and the devising of a strategy that would prevent the conflict escalating at a time of acute Cold War tensions on the one hand while bringing it to a successful conclusion on the other, remain intriguing subjects. Korea also provided a new context for such diverse issues as the application of air and sea power, the problems of working with allies and the tactical difficulties caused by terrain and climate.

The conference will assemble leading military historians from Australia, the United States, Britain, China and South Korea to bring a multi-national perspective to these themes. Distinguished Australian veterans of the Korean War will also present their perceptions of the conflict.

Details of how to register can be found on the Australian War Memorial website. www.awm.gov.au

City of Subiaco Sub Branch School ANZAC Services

The City of Subiaco Sub-Branch was represented at the ANZAC Services of the Jolimont (4 April) and Subiaco (19 April) Primary Schools, with the Sub Branch President Dennis Williams, delivering the address and laying a wreath at each school. The students who took part in the services were exemplary and the musical items a great credit.

Dennis Williams - President, City of Subiaco Sub Branch.

Gunfire Breakfast City of Rockingham

The Gunfire Breakfast was held at the PCYC in Smythe St Rockingham about 150m from the Cenotaph. This made access very convenient.

Over a two hour period over 600 guests were served a hearty breakfast of bacon, scrambled eggs, beans, sausages and bread with tea and coffee. There were volunteers from the Palm Drive, Salter Point gathered at 7.30am for a Dawn Service on Monday 25 April to commemorate ANZAC Day. 211. Residents wore personal medals and those of close relatives. The Service was conducted in accordance with the RSL protocols and was held around the Flag Pole adjacent to the Riverside Community Centre.

Jack Billing APM welcomed attendees and officiated as Master of Ceremonies. Alan Graham organised the playing of the Hymns, Last Post, Reveille and also recited the Ode.

Riverside Apartments ANZAC Dawn Service 2011

A total of 62 residents of Riverside and Samuel Miller Retirement Apartments in Roebuck Drive, Salter Point gathered at 7.30am for a Dawn Service on Monday 25 April to commemorate ANZAC Day. 211. Residents wore personal medals and those of close relatives. The Service was conducted in accordance with the RSL protocols and was held around the Flag Pole adjacent to the Riverside Community Centre.

Jack Billing APM welcomed attendees and officiated as Master of Ceremonies. Alan Graham organised the playing of the Hymns, Last Post, Reveille and also recited the Ode.

Rev. Bob Clark led the prayers which were dedicated to the solemnity of this particular occasion.

The wreath, donated by the Social Committee, was laid at the base of the Flag Pole by Alan Graham and Alan Brooks.

At the conclusion of the Service all attendees retired to the Community Centre to partake in a Gunfire Breakfast which was cooked and served by Social Committee members.

This was a first for Riverside Apartments, however it was declared to be a total success. Photos courtesy of Alby Chapelhow

Jack Billing
Esperance RSL ANZAC Day Commemoration 2011

After nearly 3 years, the arrival of our “Leopard” tank came to fruition on Tuesday 19 April 2011. Our thanks go to the members involved in its procurement. Seen exiting the tank hatch is our current president, George Starcevich (in the white shirt and sunglasses), and senior vice president, Merve Andre. The tank is positioned adjacent to our meeting room and was ready for viewing on ANZAC Day.

ANZAC DAY – MONDAY 25 APRIL 2011

Dawn Service: The dawn service was attended by approximately 600 young and old people. The ‘Gun Fire’ breakfast for everyone who attended was provided by the Esperance Rotary Club, under the guidance of Community Director Bob Boord. Well done and a big thank-you to the Rotary Club for your support. Main Service: It turned out to be a fine and balmy day which attracted a crowd of around 1000 people, including families with young children.

In a first for Esperance, this year we had an extra flag pole erected to carry the New Zealand national flag, our two nations side by side once more – reflecting the spirit of the ANZAC tradition. Both the Australian and New Zealand anthems were sung with the NZ anthem sung firstly in Maori and then in English, which was extremely well received by all who attended the service.

Ray Gray – Publicity - Esperance Sub Branch

ANZAC Day 2011 in Ellenbrook

Ellenbrook Sub Branch and Ellenbrook EELS ANZAC Memorial Football Match 30 Apr 2011.

After the reserves game, both the Ellenbrook EELS and the Noranda Hawks lined up their players from league, reserves and Ellenbrook colts in front of the RSL and the Australian Flag. RSL Ellenbrook Sub Branch President, Stephen O’Neil with members of the Sub Branch conducted a memorial service and all present were deeply moved. To have all the players and a hill full of spectators stand as one was truly something to behold.

The EELS soaked in Steve’s stirring words and attacked the contest from the start. The EELS again have their name etched on the ANZAC Day Shield with a truly ANZAC inspired victory.

Eric Burgess was selected as Ellenbrook’s best on ground by the RSL and was presented with his trophy and said, “To win this means a lot personally because I consider the ANZAC Day clash to be the biggest game of the home and away season. To honour those who gave so much to us is the least we can do.”

Stephen O’Neil - President - Ellenbrook Sub Branch
Applecross Sub Branch ANZAC Service

A crowd of 400 people attended the Commemoration held at the Memorial, Melville Civic Square.

Guests included State President, Bill Gaynor, who also took the salute and gave the address, The Deputy Commissioner of Veterans’ Affairs, Russell McLaughlan and His Worship the Mayor, City of Melville, Russell Aubrey.

The Service followed a short march which was lead by the Town of Victoria Park Brass Band.

Representatives from other Sub Branches, Ex Service Organizations, the Red Cross, local guides, scouts and schools and 703 Squadron Australian Air Force Cadets Fremantle marched and laid wreaths.

Following the Service all participants were invited to a morning tea provided by the Melville Council.

Helen Pickering – Sub Branch

ANZAC Day with the City of Subiaco Sub Branch

Despite the clash of Easter with ANZAC Day the City of Subiaco Sub Branch attracted a crowd of about 300.

The Service, which started with a short March from the Subiaco Post Office at 8.15 am, went well.

The NZ part of ANZAC was again represented by serving members of the Royal New Zealand Navy, who laid a wreath on behalf of the New Zealand High Commissioner. The Sub Branch also welcomed attendance by His Excellency Mairtin O’Finian, Republic of Ireland Ambassador to Australia, who also laid a wreath.

Dennis Williams

North Beach ANZAC Day Dawn Service

Roebuck Primary School

This is a photo of work done by students at Roebuck Primary School in Broome. I gather from many emails I receive that there is a misconception amongst a lot of people that ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day are not allowed to be taught in schools. This is certainly not true in Broome, (nor in other schools I have had connection with).

Anne Reynolds

These children chose a word connected with ANZAC and then expressed ideas, beginning with each letter of their chosen word. Some of that work was put on display at the entrance of the RSL building in Broome. I am a volunteer in the school, and I worked with some of the year 4 children in this activity and was surprised at the knowledge they had.

Anne Reynolds
The breakfast this year, as previously advised, was held under a marquee at the “Glades” – a park established by the LWP Property Group.

The Dawn Service preceded the breakfast. This service was attended by approximately 400 people, over 300 stayed on to enjoy the breakfast.

The support for the whole event was provided by the Oakford Volunteer Fire Brigade who cooked and served the breakfast. The PCYC Police Rangers once again provided support in shifting and setting up tables and chairs under the marquee.

The LWP group provided toilets, lighting and signage to help with the parking and the people gaining safe entry to the park.

There was an increase in attendance once again despite the Long Easter Weekend which was very satisfying for the Sub Branch.

This Gunfire Breakfast was again well received by all that attended our service. The service was advertised in the local papers and signage was displayed around the Shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale in the various retail sites.

We feel this initiative is a worthy one and, as a Sub Branch, we provided extra funds to host the event to ensure its success.

Ric Giblett - President

ANZAC Day 2011 - Bremer Bay

There was a huge turnout for the Dawn Service held at 6am at the Rock Cairn. The weather was cloudy, so we were not treated to the magnificent sunrise we watched in 2010, but this did not detract from the moving service. Bill Gorman led the proceeding, and after a prayer read by Ken Broadbent and a short reading by Bill the wreaths were laid and the Last Post and Reveille sounded.

The crowd was estimated at about 150 people (many holiday makers attended). This year a bus made 2 trips from the Resource Centre ferry 46 people to the Rock Cairn, thank you Louise Gadsby for volunteering to drive the bus.

The Dawn Service was followed by a gunfire breakfast in the Hall this was funded by the RSL, 70 people enjoyed themselves in traditional style.

At 10 am Bill Gorman again presided at the service at the Resource Centre. Despite the large numbers at the Dawn Service this was attended by around 60 people. Local and visiting returned servicemen proudly wore their medals, and helped to lay the wreaths.

For Bill Taylor (94) it was a special day. It is 70 years since he landed in Greece and moved on to Crete (after fighting in North Africa). This month he will return to Crete with a small group of veterans to remember their time there.

Cr. Corinne Hobbs presented Bill with a certificate and read a letter from local Federal MP, Tony Crook, in recognition of his service. The letter is printed on page 21.

Special thanks to the RSL, Cr. Hobbs, Bill Gorman, and others who organised the day’s events.

Reproduced from the Bremer Bulletin – May 2011

ANZAC Day with Kwinana

Laugh loud, hard and often

They say an apple a day keeps the doctor away, but it seems laughter is also proving to be one of the best forms of medicine.

The study, published in Geriatrics and Gerontology International, found that laughter therapy reduced depression in the elderly patients who were tested.

The same study also proved that laughter improved sleep quality, reducing insomnia.

A study published in the Spanish journal, Revista de Enfermeria, found that laughter can also reduce aches and pains for up to 45 minutes. Researchers found that laughter caused reductions in chronic musculoskeletal pain.

Laughing also has emotional benefits as experts believe that it creates deeper bonds with people, and is also a proven stress-reliever as it helps to reduce the ‘cortisol-induced stress’ response.

Laughter also gives the immune system a boost, helping to ward off infections.

And if you are the type of person who laughs regularly, you will enjoy the added benefits of improvements to the function of your blood vessels while increasing blood flow, giving a boost to your cardiovascular health.

Reproduced from Aged Care DPS Guide
Fellow Veterans
I have purchased two vehicles from Rockingham Mitsubishi & Kia and can only praise the level of service, including helpfulness, professionalism and, most importantly, the deal that I have received on both the vehicles I bought.

I highly recommend this company to fellow veterans and/or their families if they are considering buying a new or used vehicle.

Regards,

JIM WARD
RSL #552957
Port Kennedy sub-branch
86 Transport Platoon Reunion – 2012
This unit being one of the biggest to have served in Vietnam outside of the battalions is holding a reunion in April 2012 at Port Stephens (NSW). The Reunion is to commemorate 40 years of deployment. Contact: Raymond Davis (Chairman) 02 94761038 or email academy077@yahoo.com.au Visit our website: www.86transportreunion2012.com

104 Sig Sqn National Reunion 2011
4-6 Nov 2011 at Twin Towns Services Club on the Gold Coast. Full details and committee contact info on the special reunion web site at http://2011.au104.org All Signals and Friends Welcome. Phone 0419-354555 or email reunion2011@au104.org for details.

2012 Scholarships, Bursaries & Grants
The 2012 Applications open on 18 August, 2011.

The Australian Veterans’ Children Assistance Trust (AVCAT) gives financial assistance to help selected children and grandchildren of the Australian Ex-Service Community with the costs of tertiary education. Selection is of the most deserving candidates of merit, who, without our help, would be unable to start or complete studies without financial difficulty. Applicants are considered for all schemes for which they are eligible. To receive an application form, register your interest on 1800 620 361, or by email: avcat@dva.gov.au or download from our website: www.avcat.org.au Applications close on 31 October, 2011

PO Box K978, Haymarket, NSW 1240 - P: 02 9213 7999 - F: 02 9213 7307 - E: avcat@dva.gov.au - W: www.avcat.org.au

All Ranks Naval Reunion
The first All Ranks National Reunion will be held in 2011 and bi-annually thereafter in different cities across Australia.

I have volunteered to be the custodian of all future records so anytime a state wishes to have a reunion I have the data. As your personal details change for example leaving the Navy changing emails, moving home etc I ask you to keep me informed. So please send the following information to me. Full name, nickname, full address, phone number, Email, how long you were in the Navy, a brief story and your rank. My name is Gordon Hastie 10/6-12 Hindmarsh Ave North Wollongong, NSW 2500 - Phone: 02 42280115 - johnshogg@msn.com

Australian Army Apprentices Association
There will be a Reunion of all Apprentices and Staff in Canberra, 27 to 31 Oct 2011. The title is Apprentices Together 2011. Full details of this event are at www.austarmyapprentice.org or, call Frank Maloney 0418 728 181, or Frank Poole 0416 193 387.

Your Association needs your continuing support

Calling all Service and Ex-Servicewomen: 32nd Annual Luncheon
The 32nd Annual Luncheon is being held at Langley Hall, RAFFA, Bull Creek at 12 noon for 12.30pm on Thursday 25 August. Cost is $30 a head. For booklets and details please ring May on 9276 8616, Judy on 9311 4041 or Cecile on 9387 2237. Come along and meet your mates and have a good time with the fellowship of old friends.

Cecile Hinton - Secretary - Returned Ex-Servicewomen Sub Branch

Calling F-111 Fuel Tank Maintenance Workers
If you are a former F-111 fuel tank maintenance worker and haven’t contacted DVA in the last few months, please call to check if you are eligible for compensation and health care. For more information visit the F-111 website. If you were involved in F-111 fuel tank maintenance and associated tasks, between 1973 and 2000 we want to hear from you on 1800 555 323.

Cecile Hinton – Secretary – Returned Ex-Servicewomen Sub Branch

Flags for the Funerals of Australian War Veterans
Carroll & Richardson Flagworld wish to remind you of the flag entitlement offered to your local federal Member of Parliament that is available to the Returned and Services League (RSL) and its members.

Australian War Veterans are entitled to have an Australian National Flag (2400x1200mm or 1800x900mm) for use at their funeral. Upon completion of the service, the flag is then presented to the surviving spouse or a family member on behalf of a grateful nation. For any enquiries please contact Ben on 1800 135 247 or ben@flagworld.com.au

Wayne Gregory - Managing Director - Flagworld

Flight Sergeant Frank Lawrence Boyd
I am trying to locate a descendant of Flight Sergeant Frank Lawrence Boyd (RAAF – 412101) who was a veteran of the Second World War.

I have been handed three medals belonging to this gentleman, and I would love to return them to a family member. At the time of his death, Flight Sergeant Boyd was posted to 103 Squadron. His place of birth is shown as Fremantle WA and place of enlistment is Randwick, Sydney NSW. Julita Boyd is registered as his next of kin. It is very significant from our perspective in the RSL to find the rightful owners so as to keep the medals in the family. It is hoped that the descendants of Frank Lawrence Boyd might come forward to be reunited with the medals.

Please contact Merv Brown at Gayhorne RSL Sub-Branch on 3355 4655 should you be able to assist.

Found Medals
The following lost medals can be obtained with suitable identification by contacting the president of the Kwinana RSL 27, Pace Road Medina. The medals are the Australian Service medal 1939-45 and Defence medal with the inscription NX8792 – WT ANDREWS inscribed around the edge.

Don Burns – President - Kwinana RSL

Golden Re-Union: 3rd Intake Rand Junior Recruits (50 Anniversary)
We are calling all of the young men of the 3rd Intake of the HMAS LEEUWIN Junior Recruit Scheme to assemble with their wives and partners and join together again to relive those momentous times back in 1961. We are asking that you bring with you the memories and mementos of your time in that first year of the remainder of your life. We wish for you to share these with your fellow JRs and renew old friendships at the 2011 Golden Reunion planned for the 8th – 10th July 2011 at the RSL Club Maroochydore, Sunshine Coast in Queensland. See http://3rdleeuwinreunion2011.org for contacts.

Ross Wiseman

Gordon Hastie
I was trying to find a friend of mine who was a Vietnam Veteran. His name is Gordon Hastie and I worked with him at the Bureau of Meteorology in 1970.

I have just returned from a trip to Vietnam and would like to catch up with him again.

Gordon Hastie, DOB 4/5/1944 born in Dalby Qld was RASIGS with 506 Sig Tp & 709 Sig Tp in-country from 26/5/66 to 12/5/67

Contact Terry Bowes direct if you have information to assist him find Gordon Hastie - terry.bowes@bigpond.com - phone: 03 6225 1075

Happy 95th Birthday
Northam RSL Sub Branch celebrated its 95th Birthday on 10 May 2011.

Donna Pyytulak – State Executive Regional Representative for Avon

Hellfire Pass Podcast
For the first time, the Hellfire Pass Memorial Museum audio guide is now available on the DVA website. The guide was previously only available at the museum itself in Thailand.

The museum site incorporates part of the Burma-Thailand Railway and is dedicated to the Allied Prisoners of War (POW) and Asian labourers who suffered and died in the Asia-Pacific region during the Second World War.

Help a Student
Do you know of any RAAF families - your own or others – who might be eligible for student financial assistance from RAAFWA Educational Patriotic Fund?

Eligibility as a ‘RAAF family’ requires only that the student has a parent, grandparent, or other close family member (living or dead) who is serving, or has served, in the RAAF.

There is no specific income limit but, of course, grants are decided on actual circumstances and are limited to those families most in need.

If you think that such a student might be eligible for financial assistance contact:

The Secretary - RAAFWA Educational Patriotic Fund Inc - PO Box 117 JAMISON ACT 2614 (02) 6251 1994

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the pre-determined standards of the AWM. The plaque will be placed alongside those of other Navy, Army and RAAF Service Units in the Western Courtyard of the AWM. This new plaque will join the Scrap Iron Flotilla plaque featuring the same named ship HMAS Vendetta (1933-45).

The Plaque will commemorate the Service of the Destroyer and her crews in Malaya, Singapore, Borneo, FESR and Vietnam between 1958 and 1979. The Chief of Navy has been invited to unveil the HMAS VENDETTA Plaque in the presence of the Destroyer’s surviving crew members along with their families and the family and friends of those no longer with us. This event has been made possible with a grant through the generous support of the Department of Veterans Affairs “Saluting Their Service” Commemorations Grants programme. The Ceremony will be followed by a Re-Union.

Bill and Margaret Krause

Jimmy Statue

The Corps is looking at getting “Jimmy” (pewter / metal) figurines made to give as farewell gifts however the initial outlay is significant.

I am looking to see what interest there would be from both past and present members who may be interested in purchasing one. 9 inch RASIGS Sculpture $130 each or 12 inch RASIGS Sculpture $160 each. Payment would need to be up front and there would be a 12 month delay on delivery. Mark Gaskell - P (03) 8481 8502 - M 0419 442 938 - E mark.gaskell@defence.gov.au

Korean War Veterans Memorial Reunion Australia

Reunion will be held on 21, 22 and 23 October 2011 in Canberra. This is an annual event for Veterans, friends and family – including MIA and NOK. All enquiries to Heather Wilson on (02) 4297 0921

LCDR Rankin

I’m seeking shipmates (or their descendents) who served with LCDR Rankin at any time up to and including his death in combat aboard HMAS Yarra. Dr Tom Lewis - Military Historian - talewis@bigpond.com.au

Len Dobson - RAN

I’m trying to locate my brother-in-law ex Warrant Officer Stores LEN DOBSON. If you can be of assistance please contact me.

Tom Wallace - t.wallace.1@bigpond.com

Memorials Built in Caravan Parks

I am a Vietnam Veteran and I have been involved in the building of a Memorial inside the Caravan Park at 80 Mile Beach which is located 360km south of Broomo and 280km north of Port Hedland.

I am interested in any information anyone can give me of any other Memorials which have been built in any caravan parks around Australia.

Any feedback can be directed to Denis Connelly at RSL House Perth or by contacting me on 0467571503 or E-mail raycornmiles@gmail.com

Ray Miles

Men’s Shed Conference Coming To Brisbane

The Queensland Men’s Shed Association Inc (QMSA) is hosting the Australian Men’s Shed Association (AMSA) National Conference on 21 to 23 August 2011 at the Brisbane Convention Centre.

The theme of the conference is “Men in Sheds – Building Communities”. There will be three main themes of the conference:

• Innovations for running a successful Shed in your community
• Men’s Health Issues – Are you managing your own health risks
• Exploring the potential for Men’s sheds in Indigenous communities


The conference is aimed at community organisations who are interested in starting a men’s shed in their area. The health and social benefits are well documented and complements the DVA men’s health initiative.

Bruce Turnbull – Secretary - QMSA

Missing Medals

A young man from Wingham had the following stolen: 1975 ASM with East Timor Clasp, Interfet Campaign Medal, ADM and UNTAET Medal.

All are inscribed on the edge D Robinson. If you have any information delnfred@optusnet.com.au

Natural Disaster Assistance

If your circumstances have recently changed, please don’t hesitate to contact DVA to discuss your personal situation or seek help.

Property insurance – Veterans who have their property insured with Defence Service Homes Insurance and have property affected by natural disasters are encouraged to contact their local customer service officer on 1300 552 662.

Natural disaster assistance payments – call Centrelink on 1800 2266 seven days a week, 8am to 8pm local time.

DVA payments (including lump sum advance and crisis payments) – call DVA to discuss your circumstances. Regional callers can ring 1800 555 254.

Veterans’ Affairs Network (VAN) offices – please contact your local office about any queries or concerns you may have regarding DVA services and support, or if you need help connecting with local support networks in your area call 1300 55 1918.

The VVCS - Veterans and Veterans Families Counselling Service – provides supportive, confidential counselling to veterans and their families. The VVCS can be contacted on 1800 011 046, 24 hours a day.

NAVY NASHOS

A plaque is to be unveiled commemorating the service of Navy National Servicemen.

For information and to keep informed contact BOB FLETT ph 9401 1427

Old Surfboards

Wanted to buy OLD surfboard Contact Mal 92471125 or 0405003808

RAN Battle Class Social Club Annual National Reunion – ‘Hobart 2011’

Open Invitation to all ex naval personnel & family

Reunion will be from September 29th until October 2nd 2011 at the Hobart Macquarie Hotel, Macquarie Street, Hobart. $155.00 per couple including full buffet breakfast plus $ 55.00 per head for Registration & Saturday Dinner Dance which includes pre dinner drinks

For Further Information on Membership or Reunion please contact Geoff (Wigg) Bennett on (03) 9532 3672 or Fax: (03) 9532 3672 Email: benhun@bigpond.net.au or chjoemon@southcom.com.au

Sponsored by RAN Battle Class Social Club

Thank you

The editor and staff of The Listening Post would like to thank all those that participated in the quizzes for The Last Knight book and the John Williamson Concert tickets. The winners will be notified by the relevant promoters.

Denis Connelly

** Notices Continued **

** HMAS Batan Veterans’ Association of Australia National Reunion 2011 **

The Reunion will be held at Frankston Victoria on Thursday 8th until Sunday 11th September 2011. Our National President Joe Flaherty invites all our Bataan Members.

Further details on the itinerary & accommodation are available. Tribal Class Veterans from UK, Canadian & New Zealand are invited to join us. Contact: the National Secretary – John F. Laughton JP, 36 Tamarisk Rd Narre Warren Vic 3805. Ph. 03 9704 7799 or Mob. 0417 336 423 Email: johnfl@aapt.net.au

** HMAS Canberra 2011 Reunion **

The HMAS Canberra 2011 Reunion will be held at the Maroochey RSL on Sunshine Coast QLD from 21 to 23 October 2011.

The reunion is being held for all personnel, partners and guests of the ships company who served on HMAS Canberra 1980-2005. It will be a great opportunity to join in celebrating the Ship’s 30th birthday with the fine people who served her. Please indicate your interest of attending at http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DXHHXSK

For further information please visit http://www.hmsacanberra.com/news/reunion.html

Bill Krause

** HMAS Deloraine **

I’m trying to contact any members of HMAS Deloraine, the WW2 corvette, who were on board when she fought the Japanese submarine I-124.

Dr Tom Lewis - Military Historian

If you can be of any assistance please contact Dr Tom Lewis direct at talewis@bigpond.com.au

** HMAS Shoalhaven Re-Union and AGM **

Former crew members of HMAS Shoalhaven are cordially invited to join their shipmates at Frankston, Victoria from 1 to 5 November 2011. This is a gathering of members of the ‘four frigates’: Shoalhaven, Murchison, Condamine and Culgoa.

For further information please contact George Franki – gfranki@yahoo.com

** HMAS VENDETTA (1958-79) **

A Dedication Ceremony for the HMAS VENDETTA (1958-79) Commemorative Plaque will be conducted at the Australian War Memorial (AWM) on the afternoon of Friday 14th October 2011. The plaque will be cast in bronze to
Sudoku

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

Look upon 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 once each. The puzzle setter provides a partially completed grid.

Provided by Sudoku.com.au

Easy Sudoku

Hard Sudoku

It’s time to put insomnia to sleep, naturally - Circadin

As you may be aware:

- The prevalence of insomnia increases with age, with approximately 50 percent of older people experiencing insomnia and an overall dissatisfaction with quality of sleep
- Approximately 30 percent of adults have symptoms of insomnia, with approximately five percent requiring treatment for the condition
- Insomnia is 1.5 times higher in women than in men
- Insomnia leads to adverse effects on health, functioning capabilities and quality of life such as decreased problem solving skills and feelings of depression.

Australia’s only melatonin treatment for primary insomnia, Circadin, is now available for treatment on prescription for up to 3 months’ use – the only prescription treatment for insomnia available for this length of time.

Circadin belongs to a recent class of insomnia treatment containing melatonin, a naturally occurring hormone which helps regulate the sleep-wake cycle (known as the circadian rhythm). The treatment extension is great news for Australians suffering primary insomnia and the healthcare professionals treating them because insomnia is a debilitating condition that often requires management for longer than just 3 weeks.

Megan McCarthy

Crossword

Across
1 Oh my _! (slang)
5 Compass point
8 Toddler
11 Droop
14 Spongy
18 Inebriate
19 Boxer Muhammad
20 Serving of corn
21 Wing
22 National capital
24 Indian tribe
25 Clay
26 Slide on snow
27 Movie star Taylor
28 Bowled
29 East southeast
30 Richest opposite
33 Writ
36 Owned
37 South American nation
39 Sword
40 One-celled water animal
41 Peanuts, for example
42 German city
44 Ross _ , philanthropist
48 Margarine
50 Monetary unit
53 Women writer
57 National capital
61 _ if I could
62 Hertz
63 Valentine no.
64 Beverage
66 Give taste to
67 Throw out
70 Dreamer
71 African country
72 Harp
74 Skin
76 Pace
77 Filb
79 Donkey
82 Old, ugly woman
84 _ cotta (clay)
86 Smite
87 Sold at a discount
91 Maturity
92 Miner’s goal
93 Ocean

1 Oh my _! (slang)
4 American Cancer Society (abbr.)
5 Fits lock
9 Fonds
96 Food
98 Nada
99 Breadth
101 Her
102 Sensible
103 Bode
105 Type of Buddhism
106 Adjust
108 Vow
110 Entrice
113 Voluble
115 Yap away
117 Ar
121 Coral reef
122 Perch
123 Concord e.g.
126 Anger
127 Softness
128 Madman
130 Coolly
133 Gaskin
134 Entrap
136 Nothing inside
137 Retired persons association (abbr.)
138 Districts of ancient Attica
139 Dam
144 Dwarf
147 Young Women’s Christian Association
151 Bullfight cheer
152 Even now
154 Fix it box
156 Electric spark
157 Gross
159 Tax agency
160 Sky
162 Eastern state
163 Imbecile
165 Fleck
166 Poem of praise
167 W.C.
168 Vane direction
169 Tiny amounts
170 Spot
171 Does
172 Fins
173 Lysergic acid diethylamide
174 Institution (abbr.)

Down
1 Silly person
2 Outside layer
3 South southeast
4 Natural fiber
5 Island inhabitant
6 Promotion
7 Broader
8 Screen
9 Tree
10 Fall
11 Witch hunting city
12 Girl in Wonderland
13 Summerhouse
14 Beat it!
15 Canoe propeller
16 Sheer, triangular scarf
17 Handle
18 Tier
19 Chances of winning
21 Capital of Norway
22 September (abbr.)
23 Assess
24 Type tropical tree
32 Capital of Iceland
38 Lauda guitar
41 Minorities
43 Strangely
44 Extremely high frequency (abbr.)
45 Seafood
47 Globe
49 Painting prop
50 Ram’s mate
51 Boston Red _
53 Monkey
54 U.S. Air Force
55 Prow
56 Eury
58 Wall plant
59 Sever
60 Music
61 Areas of open land
62 Has green heart
63 Precedes an alias
64 Sever
65 Hotel
66 Tree product
67 Hotel
68 Areas of open land
69 Set
70 __ you! (attention getter)
71 Does
72 Eury
73 Hotel
74 Trees
75 Tree product
76 Unruly children
78 Allover (2 wds.)
79 IBM Competitor
80 Good grief!

81 Sign of the zodiac
82 Spritzen
83 Scarlet
84 Owns
85 Precedes an alias
86 Lower limb
87 Ogle
88 Fabric softener
90 Cobweb
100 _ you! (attention getter)
101 Purdy
102 Penny
103 Snug balloon material
104 Baked pasta dish
105 Persue
109 Sharp point
110 Metric linear unit
111 Terminal abbr.
112 Learn
113 Container top
114 Wail
115 Chichat
116 Less than two
117 West
118 Nether's partner
119 Short-term memory
120 Tire
123 Breather
124 Tire
125 Explosive
126 Softness
127 Softness
128 Madman
130 Coolly
131 Gaskin
132 Typing error
133 Condiment
134 Gaskin
135 Punishment mark
136 Nothing inside
137 Retired persons association (abbr.)
138 Districts of ancient Attica
139 Dam
140 Dwarf
141 Bullfight cheer
142 Even now
143 Fix it box
144 Electric spark
145 Gross
146 Electric spark
147 Young Women’s Christian Association
148 Tax agency
149 Skyscraper
150 Sky
151 Bullfight cheer
152 Even now
153 Fix it box
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156 Tax agency
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158 Tax agency
159 Tax agency
160 Sky
161 Eastern state
162 Eastern state
163 Imbecile
164 Dam
165 Fleck
166 Poem of praise
167 W.C.
168 Vane direction
169 Tiny amounts
170 Spot
171 Does
172 Fins
173 Lysergic acid diethylamide
174 Institution (abbr.)
Request for Photo of Jim Stallard

I have a request to find a photograph of Jim Stallard, RAN 1959-1971 - Rating CPO/V.

Jim was a Voyager survivor and he passed away on 24/03/08. Nambour RSL is looking for this photograph to place in their continuous list of late members. This request came to me on 24/03/08. ZAC Day in Brisbane and I promised to endeavour to follow this up through you, as you both have so many contacts within the Navy. My name is Alex Garlin, the Nominal Roll Compiler for the National Servicemen Assn.

If you are able to help please contact Alex Garlin at monepene@netspace.net.au or phone (07)5446 5210.

Naval Re-Union

The USS Frank E Evans/HMAS Melbourne reunion is in Waterloo, Iowa in Mid-September this year.

Anyone wishing to attend, please forward your full mailing address to me ASAP, so that invitations can be mailed to you from the States. Please only respond if you are seriously considering going, as the mail-out cost is not cheap. I will be sending out further details at a later date as a general message, but we need the addresses for those who intend going.

Ron Baker (a.k.a Nullabor)

All replies direct to Ron Baker at email address: bakscsche@optusnet.com.au

RSL Living History Project

The RSL Living History Project will be focussing on the role of the RSL within the community from the beginning in 1916 up until the present day and will be producing an online exhibition to showcase the collection.

We are looking for stories, photographs of members, events, meeting places and memorials. We are also looking for records of sub branches and will be conducting oral histories. If anyone has any information that please contact Naomi Jones at the RSL WA Branch archivist@rswahq.org.au or 044 705 3650.

Follow our journey via our blog at http://rslcentenary.blogspot.com/

Naomi Jones - Archivist

Victorian RSL

Save the Date - Back to the Bush Veterans’ Reunion


You are invited back to Bruce Rock for a great week of relaxation, remembrance, fun and laughter. There will be many of the same activities as previous years with Golf, Bowls, Rifle shooting, A Garden Party, Town Tours, the usual informative evening on a health subject. There will be the usual school concert at the Federation Amphitheatre. Saturday will see the street markets back, a town hall full of information booths. Entertainment will be provided with a free barbeque at the Recreation Centre after the march through town on Saturday. So, come prepared to enjoy real Country Hospitality, have a great time and catch up with old mates and maybe make some new ones! For more information please contact Colin Turner on 08 9061 1773 / 0429 150 847 / bkvents@bigpond.com or Brooke Perez on 08 9061 1377 / exoo@brucerock.tc

The Wounded Digger website has now been launched on the Internet

The website aims to provide serious casualties and their families with a wide range of information on support organisations and the rehabilitation process. The site is a directory of information that seeks to provide education, interaction and networking for injured or ill members, their families and other key stakeholders. The Wounded Digger Website was a request made by wounded Army personnel. It became clear at the Wounded Diggers Forum in Canberra on 29 March 2010, that a website was required to assist members and their families to better access support services.

For further information please go to: http://www.army.gov.au/woundeddigger/

Ted Hawkins

Tin Can Sailors

I am the Executive Director of Tin Can Sailors, Inc which is an American association of destroyer veterans numbering about 19,000 members. As a Vietnam Veteran myself I am interested in the Australian ships that operated with us there. We publish a quarterly newspaper of which I am editor and I would like to be able to include occasional stories from the Australians who crewed those ships.

I have run the story of the tragic accidental bombing of HMAS Hobart but I know that there are other stories that our readers would like to hear.

I would very much appreciate it if you could put me in contact with the RAN side of your organisation or someone who might further my search for stories of Australian destroyers for an American audience.

Terry Miller - Executive Director & Editor - Tin Can Sailors, Inc - The National Association of Destroyer Veterans (U.S.)

www.destroyers.org - dd836@ymail.com

Veterans’ Children Education Scheme Eligibility - Did you know?

A Vietnam Veteran’s dependent may be eligible for the Veterans Children Education Scheme (VCES), even if the Veteran is not receiving a disability pension at the Special Rate (TPP). A dependent is a student aged under 25 who is in the Veterans care - this includes grandparents, step-children and foster children.

If you would like more information, phone the DVA National Line on 133 254 and ask for the VCS State Secretary or contact your local DVA VAN Office or email vces@dva.gov.au

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F352351; Finn, Reginald – Riverton
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R3697; Italcat, Harold – City of Perth
F4243; Melan, Bruce – City of Mandurah
F2742; Pety, Louis – Scarborough
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F3807; Stroud, Ken – Cambridge
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W34999; Darley, Frank – Nallawala
W30987; Down, Ralph – Mirakwiny-Byron
W30168; Eldridge, John – Albany
W31097; Graham, Keith – Yokoono Jandakota
W32089; Georgia, Hugh – City of South Perth
W31303; Hall, Paul – Returned Un-Service Women
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W31273; Harvey, LJR – Central
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Light Horseman - DVD Prize

RSL WA has two copies of The Light Horseman DVD to give away. For your chance to win, please answer the following questions and return the slip to The Listening Post Editor at PO Box 3023 Adelaide Tce Perth 6832 by 10 July 2011.

**Plot Summary for The Lighthorsemen (First produced in 1987)**

Palestine, 1917: The British advance has been stopped by the Turkish line running from Gaza to Beersheba. The latest attack on Gaza has failed. The attacking forces included a regiment of Australian mounted infantry, the Light Horse... Lighthorseman Frank is wounded in a skirmish with Bedouin. He is replaced by a young soldier, Dave, who proves to be a crack shot, but reluctant to fire at the enemy. Dave proves himself during a German bi plane attack. Recovering in hospital, he meets a sympathetic nurse, Anne... The regiment is called upon for a bold flanking attack on Beersheba. But how do you convince the Turks the main attack will come at Gaza? And how do you attack across a desert without water?

Written by David Stanko - From IMDb Website

1. Name two actors in the Lighthorsemen?
   Name: ____________________________  ____________________________

2. What year is the film set?
   ________________________________

3. Who are the Australian’s fighting in the film?
   ________________________________

4. How many AFI Awards did The Lighthorseman win?
   ________________________________

Crossing the Wire - Book Competition

Crossing the Wire: The untold stories of Australian POWs in battle and captivity during WWI by Tasmanian author and historian David Coombes.

Crossing the Wire: "These were men who suffered not only the horror of trench warfare, but endured also the particular anguish of being deprived of their liberty with no idea when they might expect to be freed. These were men who carried more than just the scars of battle and yet whose voices have seldom been heard. This then, is their story—the voices of those who crossed the wire now have the chance to speak."—David Coombes

Author David Coombes was driven by the need to provide Australian WWII POWs with a voice. Coombes believes that the experiences of Australian POWs in Germany has been largely forgotten or overshadowed by those imprisoned by the Japanese during WWII. He recognises that their numbers were seemingly small compared to those of their WWII counterparts however he makes the point that these POWs also suffered a trauma unique to war and one that almost always left a lasting impact long after the end of the conflicts. In his new book Crossing the Wire he shows that the experiences of the earlier POWs are as harrowing than those of their WWII counterparts.

Melding together previously inaccessible military personal papers and unpublished records, Coombes presents without doubt that their stories are as compelling as those of their World War II brothers and in fact they offer a valuable insight into the last 18 months of the war in Germany.

Crossing the Wire focuses on the experiences of the Australian 4th Infantry Brigade and the voices of these soldiers. Their words, their history, their voices can be heard.

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1. How many Australians where captured on 11 April 1917 at Bullecourt?
   ________________________________

2. How many soldiers were interviewed by David Chalk?
   ________________________________

3. When was the 4th Infantry Brigade formed?
   ________________________________

4. Why did author David Coombes choose to focus on WWI POWs?
   ________________________________

Dikko Cartoons
The Valley View Military and Vintage Weekend

The Valley View Military and Vintage weekend, held at Stu and Di Adamson’s Valley View property, showcased the region’s rich military and motoring heritage over two days and one entertaining night.

A crowd of 280 enjoyed live music from the Andrew Sisters and the Blue Bone Gropers on the Saturday evening while over 1200 people attended on Sunday.

“We had a wonderful night last night for the concert with the Andrew Sisters, they flew in just on sunset with an air raid siren going and smoke effects, they jumped off the plane, got up on the stage and it was show time,” event organiser Stu said.

“The event] has grown from my love of old radial engine aircraft...and out of that has grown a love for the 40s and that sort of automobile, and 40s swing time music, it was a great time.”

Another highlight was Stu’s aerobatic display in his 1948 Beech 14 aircraft, “Dinky Di”, which has a history of its own.

“It was doing the milk, egg, bread, and newspapers runs for the Melbourne Herald out to Flinders Island for quite some years,” Stu explained.

The Davies family from Carnamah were also among the vintage vehicle owners who exhibited their restored beloveds over the weekend.

“This was my 40th birthday present,” Veronica Davies said as the family posed for a photo in front of her WWII Chevrolet radio van. Along with the Chev, the family shared the history of their ferret scout (a bullet proof renaissance car from the mid 50s) and their WWII vintage motorcycles to passersby. Ian Harrison from the Batavia Coast Veteran and Classic Car Club says heritage events like this are vital to the community and noted the weekend’s overwhelming amount of support and public interest.

“What I am noticing after running these [types of] days for 20 odd years is that the crowds are interested in looking back at some of their past history,” he said.

The event raised $22,040 that will be donated to the St John Ambulance, the Moonyoonooka Volunteer Fire Brigade and the Cadets, a sum that reflects the keen interest people hold in our region's heritage.

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Bunbury Sub Branch

ANZAC Day 2011 is over and we had good attendance for the Dawn Service and for the Parade.

Our guest speaker was Major General John Caligari, it was great for him and his wife to come all the way from Canberra to be with us on the day.

It turned out to be a really successful day,

Glenn Stoddart
ANZAC Day in the Red Centre

More like the green centre this year. 3 Troop A Squadron 3rd Cavalry Regiment held a Troop Reunion in Alice Springs over the ANZAC period this year and members came from all over Australia. 3 Troop served in Vietnam during 1967 and 1968.

Members and their wives and partners joined the local townpeople in the ANZAC Day services and members of the 3 Cavalry Regiment lead the parade through town. Lt Colonel Bob Hill MC (Rtd) (president of the Canning District – Victoria Park RSL Sub-Branch WA) took the salute and later gave the address on ANZAC Hill during the Service. There were at least 200 people present and soldiers of NORFORCE provided the catafalque party at the Cenotaph. It was a magnificent view over Alice Springs and the surrounding ranges.

The Alice Springs RSL made everyone very welcome after the service and refreshments were certainly needed after the trek down the hill.

Many thanks to the Centralian Advocate Newspaper in Alice Springs NT for allowing their photos to be used in this article.

Olga Greig

Rear Admiral
Philip Kennedy
AO AM AM RAN
(RTD)

The President, Members and Staff of the Returned and Services League WA regret to advise the passing of a member and ex State War Memorial Warden. Rear Admiral Philip Kennedy AO AM RAN (RTD) passed away on 24 May 2011.

Rear Admiral Kennedy was the Warden of the State War Memorial, Kings Park, in 1994.

Our sincere condolences and thoughts are with his wife Judith and family at their loss.

Denis Connelly

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