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The Returned & Services League of Australia is greatly concerned at the inordinate delay in the legal process surrounding the decision of the Director of Military Prosecutions to prosecute three members of the Australian Defence Force charged with very serious service offences alleged to have been committed during operational service in Afghanistan.

The alleged offences occurred during an operation against the Taliban in February 2009 but it was not until 19 months later on 27 September 2010 that the Director of Military Prosecutions announced her decision to charge the three soldiers.

The charge sheet against the lieutenant colonel was signed at about the same time in September 2010, but those against the other two members were not signed until 14 January 2011, almost two years after the event. Then it was not until 28 March 2011 that the pre-trial hearing by the Chief Judge Advocate commenced hearing charges against the sergeant and lance corporal - during which the prosecution amended the charge sheet.

On 20 May 2011 the Chief Judge Advocate found that no service offences had been committed by the sergeant and lance corporal.

The RSL publicly welcomed the decision of the Chief Judge Advocate but expresses its concern about the charges for which there is no precedent. The RSL understands there has never been an occasion where soldiers in combat on a battlefield owe a duty of care to civilians, as alleged by the prosecution.

The lieutenant colonel accused still has not had his charges considered by a Judge Advocate or a court martial, and no date has yet been announced for this. Such delays in finalising these important matters is a denial of justice and is unacceptable to the soldiers involved, their families and the defence and veteran communities as a whole.

The pre-trial findings of the Chief Judge Advocate on 20 May 2011 are a matter of public record but they indicate significant shortcomings in the prosecution of these serious service offences which, if proven, could result in the imposition of substantial periods of incarceration and the termination of the men’s careers as professional soldiers.

The League understands that as a consequence of the decisions by the Chief Judge Advocate at the pre-trial hearing, the matter has been referred back to the Director of Military Prosecutions who has the following options:

- appeal the decision of the Chief Judge Advocate to the Federal Court;
- prefer alternative charges against the two men; or
- withdraw the charges altogether and discontinue the court martial proceedings.

Even accounting for the time taken to investigate the incident by the Australian Defence Force Investigative Service and its referral to the Director of Military Prosecutions, there has been far too much time taken to process and prosecute this case.

The director is also reasonable to assume that the Director of Military Prosecutions’ decision about the way ahead could and should have previously been well researched to cover all possibilities arising from this pre-trial hearing. If this is not the case, the League asks why not? If it is the case, we ask why the Director of Military Prosecutions hasn’t by now made her decision known to the accused soldiers and to the public?

The RSL believes in and supports the process of military justice and respects the independence of the Director of Military Prosecutions, we also insist on our democratic responsibility to raise concerns about what we believe is a denial of justice in this instance.

The excessive and unexplained delays in these legal proceedings is deleterious to the morale of the Australian Defence Force, is an affront to all who have previously served the nation and is the antithesis of what members of the League believe should be a robust, fair and efficient system of military justice.

For more information contact: Rear Admiral Ken Doolan AO RAN (Rtd) on 02 6248 7199 or 0410 627 873

### Contacts

**WA Police CHOGM Policing Information Line**
1800 227 792 (available 24/7) or www.police.wa.gov.au

**CHOGM 2011 Taskforce – Information about the event**
1800 922 011 (business hours) or www.chogm2011.org

**National Security**
National Security Hotline 1800 123 400 or www.australia.gov.au/nationalsecurity

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132 134 or www.transperth.wa.gov.au

**Road Closures and Traffic**
138 138 or www.mainroads.wa.gov.au

**City of Perth**
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**What’s on during CHOGM 2011**
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**WA Police Assistance**
131 444 for general police assistance

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New Patrons for RSLWA

We are pleased to announce that His Excellency Mr Malcolm McCusker, AO QC has indicated acceptance of the position of Patron of the WA Branch of RSL. We welcome His Excellency to the position and look forward to meeting him and Mrs McCusker to our ceremonial and other informal occasions during his term of office.

Appointments to State Executive

New appointment of Directors has been made to fill vacancies on State Executive. The appointments will be for the unexpired portion of the Directors position which will be until the rising of the forthcoming State Congress. The appointments are:

Mr William Collidge of Riverton Sub Branch

Mr Neil MacNeill of Ellenbrook Sub Branch, and

Mr Ken Barrington of Scarborough Sub Branch

We welcome the new Directors to the State Executive and offer our thanks to them for offering their services to the League.

AVCAT Scholarships and Bursaries

The Australian Veterans’ Children Assistance Trust is an independent organization sponsored by the principal Australian ex-service associations. It was established in 2003 by the former Vietnam Veterans Trust, as a lasting legacy from Australia’s use of the Agent Orange Funds.

The role of AVCAT is to help the disadvantaged children and grandchildren of those who have served this country in peace and war in the Australian Navy, Army and Air Force. AVCAT administers bursaries and scholarships that help those children of the veteran community with the costs of tertiary education.

The bursaries and scholarships are funded by direct donations to AVCAT and from the Australian Government, ex-service organisations, firms and private individuals sponsoring scholarships.

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Australian Forces Overseas Fund

In 2010, RSL AFOF provided parcels to all serving members of the Australian Defence Force and Australian Federal Police posted overseas. The majority of these personnel serve in peacemaking missions on a six month rotation basis and, to ensure that each receives the benefits of a package during their period of service, the packages are made available for delivery twice yearly. These packages are loosely referred to as the mid-year and Christmas packages.

RSL AFOF parcels were sent to Afghanistan, Timor Leste, Iraq, Middle East, Sinai, Solomon Islands and Sudan.

Australia has large numbers of personnel serving in these overseas missions. The packages contained various items to boost morale and included ANZAC biscuits, chocolate confectionary, salted peanuts, muesli bars, lollies, a letter of appreciation on behalf of all Australians, and Membership contact details.

In 2010 again we saw RSL AFOF continue its support of our serving members by providing HMAS Parramatta on Operation Slipper with physical fitness gear, sports uniforms, and Satellite TV services for 2H deployed to MEAO.

Again in 2010, we saw volunteers from RSL and Civilians from the Defence Department and the Department of Veteran Affairs joining with serving members of the Deployed Forces Support Unit (39th Battalion) at Randwick Barracks in NSW to pack over 3500 parcels for shipment overseas under the direction of Mr Derek Robson, the RSL AFOF Executive Commissioner.

It should be noted that it is essential for the Fund to keep sufficient finances on hand, so that in the event of a sudden requirement, RSL AFOF can act immediately in support of our forces.

To achieve this we receive regular support from the RSL community and thank all sub-Branches, Women’s Auxiliary’s and others for their generous donations.

Indexation of Military Superannuation – A New Approach by the RSL

The RSL National Executive has decided to mount a new campaign aimed at convincing the Federal Government to apply a fair new index when adjusting superannuation payments for former members of the Australian Defence Force.

A comprehensive and detailed submission is being prepared in accordance with policy approved by the National Executive.

Compilation of this document will be overseen by the National President with input and advice being provided by research experts with significant experience in superannuation and related disciplines. The National Executive will monitor progress of the submission on a monthly basis and provide whatever further guidance might be needed.

The plan is to have the paper detailing this new approach completed by early August.

Albany Centenary

Significant progress is being made in planning for the Centenary of ANZAC Commemorative activities to be held in Albany over the period November-December 2014. With significant funding support from Lotterywest and much time and energy from local interest groups including RSL, City of Albany and many local community organisations, the event is being set for a public participation and presentation of re enactments of significant events from that era. A feature presentation in November 2014 will be the re-enactment of the departure of the fleet of troop ships from Albany to the training areas in Egypt prior to their deployment to the Turkish deployment area. Regular updates will be appearing in the State Library’s blog and as The Listening Post to heighten public awareness of the events that will be held over and beyond this period.

New Members of State Executive

William (Bill) Collidge


Bill enlisted in the Australian Army Reserve in 1973 and served in 11 BN, 28 BN and 16 BN, 5 Training Group and 11/28 BN. He discharged in 1993 in the rank of CAPT (RAINF).

He joined Australian Army Cadets prior to discharge from ARES and is still serving as CO Regional Support Unit in the rank of CAPT (RAINF).

Bill joined WA Police in 1975 and is still serving as the TRG Bomb Response Manager in the rank of Senior Sergeant.

He is married with three sons and a daughter. His eldest son currently posted at 16 BN RWAR as an infantry soldier.

Bill first joined the RSL in Sydney NSW at North Sydney ANZAC Club in 1969 / 70. He moved to WA in 1974 and joined the RSL here in the 1980’s.

Dr Neil MacNeill M.Ed, M.Ed Admin, PhD, FACEL

Neil MacNeill was a teacher who called up for National Service in 1967. His profile was fairly typical for Nashos - recruit training, Artillery corps training at North Head, unit training at Holdsworth, language training at 1 Div. Int. under Trung si Lex McAulay, Canungra, Nui Dat (September 1967). During Tet and the “Echoes of Tet” in early 1968 he did operations in Bien Hoa and Song Dong Nai provinces including Coburg (FSC Anderson, Jimmy Menz RIP) and Final Victory (FSC Coral 12/13 May and 16th May). He finished his Army service polishing the jarrah floor of the drill hall at Hobbs Artillery Barracks in Karrakatta.

Neil returned to teaching and he has been a school principal for 36 years. He holds the degrees: BA, B.ED.(Hons), M.Ed Admin., M.Ed, and Ph.D. He is a Fellow of the Australian Council of Educational Leaders, a life member of the Australian College of Educators, and he will complete a Doctor of Education degree later this year.

Bill chairs the Veterans’ Children’s Education Board (DVA), is a member at Ellenbrook Sub Branch, and is the editor of the Vietnam Veterans’ publication “Contact!”

Mr Kenneth V Barrington

Mr Barringtons military service commenced in 1950, joining the 1626th Battalion Cameron Highlanders of Western Australia as a Regimental Cadet. Later that year he enlisted as a Citizens Military Forces (CMF) Soldier in the same unit.

Joining the Australian Regular Army (ARA) in April 1951, he completed his recruit training at 6th Recruit Training Company (6RTC) at Guildford WA, and on completion was posted to 2nd Battalion of The Royal Australian Regiment (2RAR).

The battalion was deployed to Korea on the 5 March 1953 and remained in country for 12 months, returning to Australia on 17 April 1954.

From 1954 until 1961 his postings in WA included 11/44th Infantry Battalion (City of Perth Regiment), 17th National Service Training Battalion (17NS), 17th National Service Training Company, 11/44th Infantry Battalion (City of Perth Regiment), and 1st Battalion The Royal Western Australian Regiment (1RWAR)

In February 1961 Ken was again posted to 2RAR in preparation for their deployment to Malaya in October 1961 and returned to Australia in August 1963.

He was discharged (at own request) from the ARA in 1969, and continued serving in the Australian Regular Army Emergency Reserve (ARAER) and the General Reserve, serving with 28th Battalion The Royal Western Australia (28RWAR) and Headquarters 5th Military District (H5MD).

Ken ended his military service as a Warrant Officer Class One (WO1) in May 1985 after a total of 35 years in both regular and reserve army.

After his discharge he was employed at Bunning Brothers West Perth for 15 months, and the Western Australia Fire Brigade (WAFB) for 19 years, his last post being the Brigade Breathing Apparatus and Rescue Training Officer.

In 1970 The Royal Australian Regiment Assn (WA Branch) was raised and Ken has played quite a active role in management since that time including election to State President some 20 years ago and prior to that Association Vice President for 10 years.

Ken is also actively involved in many other ESO’s as well as being involved in Community Service with the City of Stirling.

From the President’s Pen
Sir John Grey Gorton GCMG AC CH was born on 9 September 1911. His place of birth is in dispute; one reference (the Spitfire Association) states that he was born in Wellington New Zealand another reference (the National Museum of Australia, Canberra) has written that he was born in Melbourne, Victoria. John’s father told his son that his birth place was Wellington, New Zealand; this is proven as it is recorded on his application for a pilot’s licence in the United Kingdom. Even though no birth certificate has been found there is no questioning of his date of birth.

John Gorton was the second child of John Rose Gorton and Alice Sinn. His immigrant parents as his own were travelling around the world; his mother’s parents (his grandmother’s parents) had come from England via South Africa where she acquired her wealth as a business entrepreneur. John’s father passed away when he was seven. John’s early years were spent primarily with his mother’s parents as his own were travelling around Sydney, New Zealand and England on business. John’s parents never married. This fact was not made public until he wrote his biography in 1968 during his term as Prime Minister.

During 1916 the young Gorton enrolled at Edgecliff Preparatory School. After Edgecliff PS he moved on to Sydney Church of England Grammar School. Later he attended Geelong Grammar School. Whilst at Geelong Grammar School Gorton was a Prefect and excelled in Rowing. He also represented the school at Football and Athletics events.

After Geelong Grammar, John applied for entrance to Brasenose College Oxford UK. He was successful in gaining admission. At Oxford he studied history, politics and economics and graduated with an MA (Master of Arts). Whilst at Oxford John met the love of his life, Bettina Brown.

John Gorton married Bettina Brown on 15 February 1935 at St Giles Church, Oxford. In 1937 Bettina gave birth to their first child, Joanna. Their second child, Michael, was born in 1938 followed by Robin in 1941. After graduating from Oxford John and Bettina returned to Kerang Victoria, Australia to manage his father’s orchard.

On 8 November 1940 John Grey Gorton joined the RAAF at Lake Kangaroo, Victoria and was trained as a fighter pilot. He served in Britain before being posted to Singapore flying Hawker Hurricanes. Shortly thereafter he was shot down by a Japanese aircraft which resulted in him having a crash landing. Consequently he was thrown heavily into his instrument panel and suffered significant facial injuries that required reconstructive surgery.

John flew with 77 Squadron. This squadron saw service in Milne Bay, North Borneo and Moratai. 77 Squadron was equipped with P40 Kittyhawks and P51 Mustangs.

Just two days before the surrender of Singapore flying Pilot Officer Gorton was evacuated on the ship ‘Derrymore’, which was torpedoed by a Japanese submarine. They were rescued by the corvette HMAS Ballarat.

Later in 1942 PO Gorton was flying Kittyhawks with 77 Squadron out of Darwin when he was forced to make an emergency landing. After recovering he took part in operations out of Milne Bay. However, bad luck continued to dog Gorton; in March 1943 he was shot down by a Japanese aircraft which resulted in him having a crash landing. Consequently he was thrown heavily into his instrument panel and suffered significant facial injuries that required reconstructive surgery.

He returned to Australia and became a Flying Instructor. He was discharged from the RAAF on 5 December 1944 with the rank of FLT LT (Flight Lieutenant).

In 1949 John Grey Gorton entered politics as a Senator for Victoria where he served in various portfolios including Minister for Navy, CSIRO, Interior and Works under Sir Robert Menzies. Under Mr Harold Holt and Mr John McEwen he was a Minister for Works and Minister for Science and Education. He later transferred to the Lower House which enabled him to become Prime Minister in 1968.


John Gorton had a distinguished career in the RAAF and contributed greatly to Federal Politics.

References:
1. Australian War Memorial (AWM)
2. National Archives of Australia (NAA)
3. National Museum of Australia, Canberra

- Denis Connelly
Editors Note: Due to an overwhelming amount of ANZAC Day articles and photographs from readers and Sub Branches we did not have room to include the list of MIA’s in the last edition of From The Bunker. This list is below.

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Legal Loopholes

A. Objecting against Tax Assessments

A taxpayer dissatisfied with an assessment or other taxation decision of the Commissioner of Taxation may challenge that decision in accordance with the objection, review and appeal procedure in Tax Administration Act 1953 Part IVC (s 14L to s 14ZZS).

Where a taxpayer wants to challenge an assessment or other taxation decision:

1. The taxpayer may lodge an objection against the notice of assessment or decision with the Commissioner within 2 years of service of the notice of assessment or decision for most individuals and small business taxpayers, or within 4 years of service of the notice of assessment or decision for taxpayers with more complex affairs.

2. An application may be made to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT) for review of the objection decision within 60 days of service of the notice of objection decision. The Commissioner must serve a Statement of Facts, Issues & Contentions (“SFIC”) outlining his contentions, and the facts, issues and relevant law applicable to the issues, an application of the relevant law to the facts, and a conclusion to support the Assessment. The AAT T can exercise all the powers and discretions of the Commissioner, and its opinion will be final. The Commissioner has issued guidelines for the AAT to follow when dealing with objections.

In both the Federal Court and AAT, the taxpayer bears the burden of proving (on balance of probabilities) that the assessment is excessive or the tax decision not have been made.

3. An appeal may be made to the Federal Court against an AAT decision on a question of law only, within 28 days.

4. Further, an appeal may be made to the Full Federal Court against a decision of a single judge of the Federal Court within 21 days.

5. Lastly, an appeal against the decision of the Full Federal Court to the High Court may be made with special leave of the High Court. An application for special leave should be lodged within 28 days of the relevant judgement or such further time allowed. Special leave is only granted where the appeal involves a question of fundamental principle, and it has been considered by an appeal court.

B. Claiming legal professional privilege

Communications made for the purpose of giving tax advice do not enjoy any specific protections under the common law. However, a taxpayer in responding to formal (and other) requests by the Commissioner for information made pursuant to his statutory powers to require information to be furnished by a taxpayer or any other third party (s 264 ITAA 1936), may claim the information is protected by legal professional privilege.

The doctrine of legal professional privilege protects communications between a lawyer and a client for the dominant purpose of giving or receiving legal advice (“Advice Privilege”). It does not apply to communications between an accountant and client.

The doctrine of legal professional privilege also applies to communications made between a client, the client’s lawyer and a third party for the dominant purpose of use in existing or anticipated litigation (Eyre v Australia Resources Ltd v FCT 98 ATC 4769) (“Litigation Privilege”).

Further, the Commissioner’s right of full and free access to all buildings, places, books, documents and other papers for the purposes of the Income Tax Assessment Act (s 263 ITAA 1936) is restricted by the doctrine of legal professional privilege (FCT v Citibank Ltd FCT 89 ATC 4268).

Hence, legal professional privilege may protect the confidentiality of tax advice given by lawyers, and prevent its disclosure in a variety of processes, such as investigations by the Commissioner and in preliminary court procedures (e.g. discovery of documents) (Daniels Corporation International Pty Ltd v Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (2002) 213 CLR 543).

However, similar protections do not exist at common law for tax advice given by non-lawyers, such as accountants.

The Commissioner has issued guidelines on the exercise of the access power in relation to documents held on lawyers’ premises in circumstances where a claim of legal privilege is made. The guidelines state the documents in respect of which legal professional privilege is claimed will not be inspected unless the claim is waived by the client or dismissed by a court. Article by Joseph Santovich, Senior Associate (Tax & Commercial Law), Havilah Legal

From the Bunker with Denis Connelly

Objecting against Tax Assessments and Claiming Legal Professional Privilege

How to get rid of Hiccups

More of a nuisance than a medical problem, hiccups are caused by a spasm in the diaphragm. The triggers range from a nervous reaction to swallowing too much air and eating too quickly.

• Swallow 1 tsp sugar. • Bend over forwards, and drink a full glass of water upside-down. • Suck on a lemon wedge. • Blow in and out of a brown paper bag 10 times, very quickly. • Hold your breath and swallow the moment you feel the hiccup coming.

Readers Digest
Are you having trouble paying your utility and other household bills? We may be able to help you.

RSL Welfare provides financial assistance to help veterans and their dependents who are experiencing financial difficulties pay their utility and other household bills.

How do I apply?

To apply for assistance you must contact the Welfare Officer, Ms Rosalind Howat on 9287 3707 or 0412 009 191. It is important you do this before the due date on the account to avoid additional charges.

What do I bring to the appointment?

To receive assistance you must provide proof of service, a recent Bank statement, showing your financial situation and accounts requiring payment. Food & Household

RSL can also provide veterans in financial hardship Coles or Woolworth’s Essentials Cards to purchase food or necessary household items.

Volunteer Wanted

The Pensions, Advocacy, Welfare Office situated at 8 Irwin Street, Perth are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to assist with general office duties including data entry. The office hours are Monday to Friday 8 am to 4.30 pm. If you are interested in helping Veterans, have some spare time between those hours, and possess basic office skills, please give us a call. Contact Mr Jim Boland, Senior Advocate, on 9287 3708 for further information or to register your interest.

The WA Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen’s Relief Fund Trust

Another area of assistance available to Veterans is The WA Sailors’ Soldiers’ and Airmen’s Relief Fund Trust. Application forms are available from www.rslwahq.org.au. Follow the link in PAWS. 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.

The Trustees meet on the second Tuesday of each month to consider applications for assistance. The Trustees will evaluate all reasonable requests for assistance.

Financial grants are restricted to those that are genuinely in need and unable to pay for some item or purpose required to preserve quality of life. For further information contact the Fund Administrator on 9287 3707 or mobile 0412 009 191.

RSL has a number of wonderful Volunteers who regularly visit veterans in Hospitals in the metropolitan area. If you would like to arrange a visitor for yourself or a loved one please refer to the Hospital Visitors List. A few of the Volunteers, as required, are happy to visit lonely veterans in Nursing Homes. To arrange a Nursing Home visit please contact the Welfare Officer at ANZAC House on 9287 3707 or 0412 009 191.

Take Care till next time!

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Another important fact is that the Gallipoli campaign was the Maltese Labourer compartment. It consisted of 1,000 workers under the direction of Maltese officers who unloaded ships and performed other activities at ANZAC Cove. Most of the provisions for the 24,000 men in ANZAC Cove came from Malta, including the water that was used in water barges.

Another little known fact is that a number of Turkish prisoners were kept in Malta prisoner of war camps whose most famous occupants were the crew of the German raider Emden which was sunk by HMAS Sydney at North Keeling Island.

Malta declared a military hospital base in early 1915 and within a short period was within a position to cater to 20,000 convalescents. A large number of public buildings, including schools, were converted for hospital use.

In all 27 hospitals were established. The convalescent camp at Gan Tuffieha, which catered for 4,000 beds, was one of two tent cities that catered for the wounded. It is estimated that the hospitals and convalescent depots dealt with over 135,000 sick and wounded, primarily from the campaigns of Gallipoli and Salonika. This included 20,000 ANZACS.

At the height of the hospitalisation period, the records show that up to 20 Soldiers who served in Gallipoli were being buried each day. The number of Australian deaths would have undoubtedly been higher if not for the work of one Maltese doctor who had served with the ANZACS.

Dr Mattei had migrated to Western Australia in the 1890’s. He landed in Gallipoli with one of the first waves and immediately established a sanitation station at ANZAC Cove and was Mentioned in Despatches. His recommendation notes that the ‘low percentage of sickness amongst the troops of this Division is largely attributable to his work’. Today there are 220 Australians and about 80 New Zealanders buried on the island.

Reproduced from Maltese Association of Western Australian Inc. Bulletin.

The survey audience comprises of serving and former serving ADF members who have in the past, or are currently serving in peace operations. I aim to examine and contextualize the issues surrounding how this cohort, currently or may in the future, commemorate the service of Peace Keepers/Makers/Doers through analysis of responses to the general questions contained in the survey. Each survey response is treated as in-confidence and is anonymous.

As a result of the information received, I hope that my findings and subsequent thesis is placed within a situational context; that is from the points of view of current and retired ADF members. Further, the project aims to provide a fundamental and original basis of ongoing discussions of the more diverse operational roles of members of the ADF, and commemoration of such activities by veterans and the broader community.

The thesis will append the questionnaire, the confidential responses, and survey statistics. The thesis survey has approval from the Australian Defence Human Research Ethics Committee (ADHERE) and approval-protocol number 57109.

The survey is two pages long and should take no longer than 20 minutes to complete.

I am hoping to access as broad a group as possible and a good tri-service cohort is especially important.

If you wish to take part, please email u3301191@gmail.com

Estelle Muspratt

The Future of Commemorations of Peace Operations

My name is Estelle Muspratt and I am an honours student at ADFA UNSW. I am currently writing a thesis exploring the future Commissions of Peace Operations.

My thesis aims to examine, through the analysis of a survey, the attitudes of current and retired Australian Defence Force (ADF) personnel toward the commemoration of peace operations; and how they currently commemorate peace operations; and if and how they currently commemorate peace operations.
ANZAC Day 2011 - Mt Barker

Although the weather caught up with us this year it wasn’t sufficiently bad enough to stop the march and service.

This year a very special thanks goes to the two most important people on the day, for completely opposite reasons. Firstly, Eric Poett our Parade Marshal for the last 40+ years who has elected to retire from that position. He passed away the day before on Chris Lill. And just as importantly, Samantha Crkowsky whose rendition of the Last Post and Revelle on her first ANZAC Day, was very much appreciated by all our veterans. Our very sincere thanks to both of them.

Unfortunately low cloud once again prevented us from hearing the RAAF flypast which was done at altitude and just happened to coincide with some truck movements, better luck next year.

The service inside the District Hall appeared to go off without a hitch, my apologies if my speech was slurred, will improve with new teeth. Our guest presenter, Mr Harley Webb, gave a very poignant speech which was extremely well received by all present. A privilege to hear from a gentleman held in such high esteem by both the veteran and local community.

Once again I had the honour along with Pauline Pearce, representing the Red Cross ladies group, of presenting the commemorative coins to two worthy MBCC year 10 students. Lashaye Armstrong and Jonathan Boxwell were this years successful entrants in our annual ANZAC Day competition. Their DVD presentation relating to Australia’s involvement in the Vietnam War was outstanding. Unfortunately we do not have the devices to show this DVD publicly but will retain our copies for viewing whenever possible.

The majority of the other entries were three dimensional in construction and are able to be displayed in a room which has been set aside at the Police Station Museum. They will remain on display for the duration of the school holidays.

Prior to ANZAC Day I attended MBCC for their annual service with Chris Lill attending Kendenup Primary and Roland (Buzz) Burrell representing us at Cranbrook Primary. In each of these primary schools competitions are held with the winners receiving a commemorative coin, a certificate and in the case of Cranbrook the runners up received a book prize. The winner at MBCC primary was Chenin Dunham.

Unfortunately, due to a distraction within the Sub Branch I do not have the winner’s names to hand for Kendenup and Cranbrook but will ensure they receive a special mention in the next edition of the Plantagenet News. All the available entries from Mt Barker and Cranbrook are on display in the Police Station Museum mentioned above for the duration of the school holidays. At the end of that time those entries and what we can obtain from Kendenup will be moved to the display cabinets in the Museum room of the Museum. See you all next year.

Our next monthly meeting is on Sunday the 15th May commencing at 11 AM followed by a sausage sizzle and light salad. Any of those Australian or Allied forces ex service members, male or female, wishing to join this Sub Branch are welcome to ring me, Wayne Hood, on 9851 2517 or 0417 212 361. Alternatively come along to our May meeting, and meet us before you decide.

Wayne Hood

A letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I’d like to publicly thank those involved in securing the future of my grandfather’s Medal Group and therefore I ask for the following open letter of thanks to be published in the RSL’s Listening Post.

First I wish to offer my sincere thanks to Bill Gayer for his work in alerting Western Australian associates that the VC MM Medal group of George (Snowy) Howell were to be auctioned in Sydney.

As a consequence of the connections he made, the medals are now housed in the Australian War Museum in Canberra. It is a great comfort to know that those precious medals are still on display for all to see and reflect, not only on Snowy’s courage, but also on the courage of every Australian service person.

In addition, my family and I wish to offer our sincere thanks to Kerris Stokes and his team for the very generous and worthy gesture. I feel humbled by his continued support of our Australian service men and women. They are the people that have assisted in protecting our country and building the benefits that we enjoy today.

The sale of the medal group has had an unexpected but very welcome outcome. I have been contacted by several relatives of whom I had no knowledge. I have met several other interested people and even a friend I had lost contact with 30 years ago.

Once again, I offer to all those that contributed, my sincere thanks for the very worthy National contribution.

Yours sincerely,

Ron Baker

Vale Ross O’Connor OAM JP

The President, State Executive, salaried officers and volunteers of the State Branch of RSL send their condolences to the family of Ross O’Connor OAM JP on the sad loss of a highly respected former Vice President, State Executive Member, and volunteer Pension Officer of the State Branch. Ross will be sadly missed by all ex-service members who came in contact with him.

Frank Mallard

Brigadier Magee Amphitheatre
Wave Rock, Hyden

On Tuesday 10 August 2010 I, accompanied by Joe Mack (an American) and Alan Pearce (an ex SAS Signalman), arrived in Hyden to begin work on an amphitheatre being constructed in memory of Brigadier D.O.A. Magee.

Denis Magee came from farming stock in Wickipin, and when he passed away his family donated his mess dress to the military museum at Wave Rock. When I saw this I asked the owners of the tourist facility at Wave Rock if the Amphitheatre they were intending to build could be dedicated to the late Brigadier, and they said yes. So with that in mind Brian Parish, Dave Skinner and I went to the location and surveyed and pegged the site. (Photo Attached). Once surveyed I had an idea that we may be able to get the local Ares Engineers involved in the project. However that did not eventuate. However not to be deterred by this set back I began looking for volunteers to help with the construction. I was interviewed on radio and by the local paper in Ellenbrook about the project and again things were not turning out to my expectations. My next door neighbour Joe Mack came to me and said he would help and another Ellenbrook resident Alan Pearce offered his assistance. The three of us set out for Wave Rock, Hyden, to begin construction.

The first day we spent preparing the ground and setting up the concrete mixer and pallets of blocks. Next morning we began the task, with help from a local man Doug and the owner of the site Denis Collins (ex Carlton Player). By the end of the second day big Joe had downloaded 160 blocks from pallets, and placed them in line then he and Doug began laying the blocks while Alan and I mixed the concrete and barrowed it to the site. At close for the day 90 of the 160 blocks had been placed and grouted.

Next morning we began again, and by afternoon we had completed the first tier of the amphitheatre and grouted all the blocks. Rain started to fall at this time so we laid out another 80 blocks and then it became too heavy to continue. In the morning (Friday) although the ground was very muddy we began the laying of the blocks and by lunch time had set another 50 in place. The muddy conditions made it hard to push the wheel barrows and to walk around. Work finished and we returned to Perth.

We really enjoyed our time in Hyden and vowed to go back again and finish the job. To our surprise when telling people about our trip we began getting offers to come and help. We will be returning to Wave Rock Hyden on the 7 September 2010, and this time with a work force of 11. The trip back will be by bus supplied by Denis. Meals and accommodation will be provided (some evening sustenance will also be provided). Any one else wishing to lend a hand can contact me (Frank Mallard 0408 183 325 or home 9296 7391 to register your name.)

Frank Mallard

A Listening Post

ON AUGUST 9

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, that whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.–

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Young leaders bridge continents in Turkey

West Australians were among 73 young adults who attended the international Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) conference in Bursa, Turkey, last month, to coincide with ANZAC Day.

Titled “Bridging continents with young peaceful leaders”, the conference was held from April 21-25. Participants aged 19-24 represented seven different countries: Australia, New Zealand, Brazil, Germany, Turkey, United States of America and Canada.

Business professionals, historians and sociologists were among the guest speakers. Keynote speakers included Warren Brown (member of the Commission on the Commemoration of the ANZAC Centenary and Sydney Daily Telegraph cartoonist), Mr. Tansu Okandan (former Turkish Ambassador to Australia) and Akin Ongor (former Garanti Bank CEO). Participants also attended commemorations on ANZAC Day at Gallipoli.

Mr Brown said war could not only be a national unifying force but sometimes also brought former enemies closer together. “Neither Atatürk nor the men he faced at Gallipoli can be called young and peaceful leaders,” Mr Brown said. “Theirs was the profession of arms and peace had no place on Gallipoli in 1915.

“But Australia and Turkey demonstrate that a friendship born of war is possible and, if this is so, then bridges can be built.”

“Today’s young and peaceful leaders can take a dark past and build lasting friendships on its foundations.”

Mr Okandan said the joint commemoration between Turkey, Australia and New Zealand at Gallipoli was a unique example of peace and friendship that developed from animosity. “I believe it is unique in world history that such a bloody war would nevertheless create such a deep bond of friendship between people who once fought against each other,” Mr Okandan said. “Our friendship would serve as a message to the international community.”

German student Reyhan Gürkan (Turkish descent, 18) said the conference was great because of the new people and friendships. “I am very glad I am here,” Ms Gürkan said.

MEMORIAL TO FATHER WHITE

On 25th April 1923, at Albany in Western Australia, Father White led a party of friends in what is recognised as the first observance of an ANZAC Day Dawn Service, thus establishing a tradition which has endured Australia wide. Father White died on September 24, 1954.

Father White Memorial to All Who Serve

This project is managed by the Herberton Lions Club Inc and the Herberton RSL Sub Branch. The memorial built on a hexagonal base with a steep, pitched roof echoes the army tents of World War I. It is proposed that the park will be used as a focus for burial ceremonies held at the cemetery; a place where families can appreciate the local flora and fauna; a place where one may find peace and solitude.

Memorial to Father White at Herberton

Our “sod turning” night went off very well with some 38 Lions, Lionesses and community members present to watch the proceedings.

We had the ceremony indoors. Herberton is up in the mountains on the edge of the Atherton Tableland and at this time of the year we have very cold nights and mornings with usually beautiful clear days. So to overcome the inconvenience of cold weather and no lights at the site we brought a barrel of soil into the Bowls Club for the turning.

Frank Sims

Reflection Park and The Father White Memorial to All Who Serve

Reflection Park
This is a Community Project organised by the Herberton Lions Club Inc and supported by the Garden Group, students of the Herberton State School and Mt St Bernard’s College, Lioness Club, Senior Citizens, QCWA, Churches, Tableland Regional Council and Community Members.

The Reflection Park containing the Memorial and Ashes Wall will be a valuable asset to the community. It is proposed that the park will be used as a focus point for burial ceremonies held at the cemetery; a place of reflection, remembrance and learning; a place where families can appreciate the local flora and fauna; a place where one may find peace and solitude.

Athletics WA Makes Donation to RSL WA

On Thursday 30 June 2011 Athletics WA made a substantial donation to the RSL Welfare in assisting Veterans and their families in crisis.

The $3000 was raised as a result of the Athletics WA ANZAC Day Fun Run.

RSL WA State President, William Gaynor OAM RFD, said that he would ensure that the funds would be directed to those most in need in the Veteran Community.

Denis Connelly
The Westralian Great War Living History Association (WGWLHA)

The Westralian Great War Living History Association Inc (WGWLHA Inc, the Association) has been invited to attend ANZAC Day celebrations for 2012 in Ashburton, New Zealand.

This invitation clearly shows that our Association’s well-deserved reputation has extended throughout Australia and New Zealand. This is due primarily to our member’s dedication to the aim of our Association; to maintain awareness and understanding of Australia’s involvement in the Great War 1914-1918, in particular that of Western Australia.

Our Association is a group of like-minded men and women of diverse ages and backgrounds who endeavour to keep alive the history of those service personnel who fought and, in many cases, gave their lives in service to their country while in both Australia and overseas. We represent most organisations / Corps within the Royal Australian Navy (RAN) and the Australian Imperial Force (AIF), taking into account that the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) was a part of the Army until approximately 1921.

Our members must, where possible, represent a Western Australian Unit that served during the conflict, for example 10th LHR, 7th Fd Bty, 11th Bn, 16th Bn, 28th Bn, 32nd Bn, Australian Flying Corps (AFC) and 16 & 17 Coy Australian Army Service Corps (AASC) and we also have a WW1 nurse within our ranks.

The Association has participated in the annual ANZAC Day parades in Perth city and also at the Nollamara RSL Sub Branch for approximately ten years. Our member’s dress and bearing have drawn recognition and positive comment from other Living History Associations as well as Ex-Service Associations.

There will be a section of our Association marching, as normal, in 2012 annual parade. By request, our members have delivered lectures and presentations to various organisations and events, including the RSL WA HQ Branch (opening of Congress), Government House, Army Museum Fremantle, Military Historical Association of Australia (WA Branch), Arms and Armour Association of Western Australia, Dawn service and parades for various RSL Sub Branches, Schools, and Fremantle Football Club’s annual ANZAC Day “Len Hall” game.

What does this mean to you, the readers of the Listening Post? Our members and their kit need financial assistance for the journey to New Zealand to attend the 2012 ANZAC Day parade and service. The Ashburton NZ 2012 event will help our members reinforce as well as better understand the ANZAC spirit as well as ensure the continuation of accurate and meaningful conveyance of our kinship with our Kiwi colleagues to current and future generations as a matter of mutual historical significance.

The 2012 event will not be the Associations’ first overseas trip; some of our members travelled in 2006 accompanying the “Khaki Chums” to the battlefields of France and Belgium on an “Australian & New Zealand” tour. This was a very successful trip as we came home with a better understanding of the conditions that our diggers had to contend with while serving during that conflict, and the attitude of the French and Belgium people towards Australia.

That exercise was made possible through the generous support of sponsors. I would request all interested parties to contact me in regards to our request for support, through either the “Listening Post”, or the information below.

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Bob Wise - Secretary & RSL Liaison officer - WAGWLHA Inc.

The 70th Anniversary of the Battle of Crete

On 15 May 2011 Wreath Laying Ceremony was held for the 70th Anniversary of the Battle of Crete and Mainland Greece. This years Premier’s ANZAC Student Tour Participants were present after having visited Greece where they paid tribute to the second ANZACs.

Sofia Choli
RSL Blue Lake Highland Pipe Band

The RSL Blue Lake Highland Pipe Band from the city of Mount Gambier SA has been invited to play at the Ypres Tattoo, Flanders, Belgium in September 2012. Whilst there the band is going to play at the nightly Menin Gate “Last Post Ceremony”

This ceremony has up to eight Ypres Buglers as well as numerous wreath layers from Military units, Associations and the general public from all over the world. Crowds of several thousand are not uncommon. This Ceremony began in 1928 and has been held at 8pm every night since. We acknowledge that being invited to be the Pipes and Drums for this ceremony is prestigious and a very great honour.

We will also be playing at other Memorials including the New Zealand memorial at Messine.

To assist with the band’s expenses we are offering, for $50, to place wreaths on behalf of the Australian public to honour nominated WW1 soldiers who fought on the Western Front. The wreaths will be laid by the Australian ambassador to Belgium as well as Band members.

Wreaths are to be made of Australian Flora (or imitation) insetting a Roll of Honour including the Soldier’s and contributors name. A photo will be sent to each contributor upon our return.

Nomination forms and payment details can be obtained from rslbluelakehighlandpipeband.yolasite.com/. Cut off date is 31 December 2011. Any surplus funds will be directed via the State Branches to Legacy.

The band is sponsored by the Mount Gambier Community RSL and has in its playing ranks 5 Ex Service and other RSL members. Of the 30 players half are under 20 with 8 of these under 18. It will be a once in a lifetime experience musically, culturally and historically for these young Australians.

For any queries or assistance contact Barry Ward on 0458 255 666, (08) 8725 5661 or jaybee03@bigpond.com

Waterloo Dinner Perth

The Waterloo Dinner for Western Region was conducted at Burswood on Swan on 10 June 2011. It was well attended by local serving and ex service members of the Royal Australian Engineers.

The Waterloo Dinner is celebrated by Sappers in Australia and worldwide wherever they may be each year as close to 18 June. The dinner has been held each year since the first dinner conducted in a bunker on Gallipoli on 18 June 1915 to celebrate the completion of Watson’s Pier, the first facility built at ANZAC Cove.

The Pier was built by the sappers of the 2nd Field Coy, Australian Engineers under the command of Lt Stan Watson of 1 Division Signals, Australian Engineers. The pier was built under fire on many occasions. This year’s event was the ninety sixth Waterloo Dinner. The dinner has absolutely no connection with the Battle of Waterloo, but as the Gallipoli Dinner was held on the Centenary of that famous battle on 18 June 1815, it has forever been referred to as the Waterloo Dinner.

Guests at the dinner included Brigadier John Hutchison DSC (rd) Colonel Commandant Southern Region (Vic) and Warrant Officer Class One David Quirk OAM, Corps Regimental Sergeant Major, Royal Australian Engineers of Puckapunyal.

Navy War Heroes May Be Honoured At Last

The navy will reopen its archives from World War II to examine whether any of its sailors should be awarded a posthumous Victoria Cross for valour.

Of the 97 VCs won by Australians since the Boer War, four have gone to the Royal Australian Air Force and the rest to the army. The navy has never received one.

Senior navy officers say there was no shortage of wartime gallantry at sea, and the injustice rankles with the service today.

Senator Barnett suggested the honour should go to Captain Hector “Hardover Hec” Waller, who went down with his ship, the cruiser HMAS Perth, after a valiant midnight battle against an overwhelming Japanese invasion force off Java in 1942.

Air Chief Marshal Houston promised the navy would examine the situation, although there was a policy of not considering such retrospective awards.

“It creates all sorts of follow-on difficulties,” he said. “But we’ll take a look at it and come back to you as to the way ahead.”

The Chief of Navy, Vice Admiral Russ Crane, said it was "difficult to rationalise" why no Australian sailor had won the VC.

Naval historians say the explanation lies in a quirk from Australia’s colonial past. While VCs for the army and the air force could be awarded by Australian governments, until long after World War II any for the navy had to be approved by the Admiralty in London. Their lordships in Whitehall apparently never saw fit to do so.

Senior navy officers are delighted the issue has been re-opened. “This is a monumental breakthrough and we will now develop a plan to get on with it,” one admiral said.

Another likely candidate would be Ordinary Seaman Edward “Teddy” Sheean, an 18-year-old from Tasmania who strapped himself to an anti-aircraft gun on the corvette HMAS Armidale and shot down an attacking Japanese bomber as his ship took him to the bottom of the Timor Sea in December 1942.

Mike Carlton
From WA Today Website
When returned serviceman Ralph O’Neill recently came across an ad for a ‘paperless’ bidet toilet seat, he honestly felt, from the things he was reading, that this could quite possibly be the answer to his prayers.

From the time he had spent in Japan and Korea on rest and recuperation from active service in Vietnam, and on subsequent visits with his wife Caroline, he knew that there were some great toilet seats available that provided so many more features than those generally found in Australia.

He felt that with some of the medical conditions he’d long experienced, including hemorrhoids and some personal issues for Caroline, the fact the bidet could wash and dry them both without the need for toilet paper, would prove very beneficial and provide some much needed relief and peace of mind.

Making some initial inquiries, Ralph and Caroline were amazed to see the features that were now available. Apart from comfort and health factors, the warm seat, warm water wash, and a warm air dryer could all be operated and adjusted via a simple-to-use remote control unit.

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Ralph feels the bidet is the best investment he and his wife have made for their personal health and hygiene. Now after years of toileting problems, neither of them finds going to the loo an issue. Their only regret was that they hadn’t seen the bidet toilet seat sooner!

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Kalgoorlie RSL Sub Branch President, Mr Gary Scott, announced that he is seeking support for an interactive memorial for WWI Tunnellers.

The tunnel was designed by committee member Pat Hogan and will feature both officers and tunnellers quarters, pump chamber, First Aid Station, explosive storage, a listening post and a control of explosives station. It is hoped that the project will be finished by Remembrance Day, “with the assistance of the Mining Hall of Fame as we have a few hundred sand bags to be filled” Mr Hogan said.

Mr Scott said that donations if material and cash are desperately needed to enable the project to come to a successful completion.

If you wish to assist with this very worthwhile project, contact Mr Gary Scott on 0417 974 994.

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Two long-serving committeemen Tony Snelling (Left) and Les Webb (Right) were rewarded with Life Membership of the WA RSL Bowls Section at the AGM in May.

Both have served in every office of the section, Les also served as President of the National RSL Bowls body, Tony served as State delegate and was Tournament Director for the very successful National Bowls carnival in Perth in 2008.

Another Annual General Meeting has been and gone with the worst attendance in years. 29 with 13 apologies. Pretty poor!!!

However, Merv Hughes is the new President, Les Webb is Deputy President and Tony Snelling is Vice-President. Graham Stevens is still Treasurer and Max Plester Secretary. John Groves is Match Chairman and Ron Prosser Social Committee Chairman.

Max Plester - Hon Secretary (9405 8991)
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The RSL Living History Project has been concentrating in the Avon Region and Wheatbelt over the past few weeks. Thank you to everyone we have met so far, it has been great to meet everyone and hear about how your Sub Branch has operated in the community.

What has become evident in looking at the history of the Sub Branches is that despite operating under the same banner, the Sub Branches differ in their operations largely relating to the community in which they exist.

Merredin Sub Branch was formed on the 6th of May 1919 and was active in fundraising in the community. In 1920 the Merredin Regional Hospital was opened, after a few years it became necessary to work towards expansion and the development of more wards in the hospital. In 1932 the Sub Branch ran an ugly man competition to raise funds for the building of a children’s ward at the local hospital. The Sub Branch eventually contributed 480 pounds which was added to by the shire and government and the ward was opened on ANZAC Day 1932.

Northam Sub Branch was chartered on the 10th of May 1916. In 1977 the Sub Branch hall was renamed and dedicated as a Senior Citizens Centre and Ex-Service Men and Women Memorial. At the time of opening it was described in the Northam Advertiser as “the first time an RSL Hall has been allocated for use as a living memorial in that it can be used by senior citizens as a meeting and recreational venue. Portion of the Hall has been retained for use by the Northam RSL Sub Branch”.

The Sub Branch also contributed to the overall cost of the project through local fundraising activities.

Serpentine Sub Branch was formed on the 15th of December 2005 but the RSL did have a Sub Branch in the Serpentine Jarrahdale Mundijong area prior to this. The formation of the Sub Branch also brought with it the formation of a charity shop in the community which is run by the Sub Branch. The Charity shop serves the needs of the community and provides the Sub Branch with revenue. The Sub Branch is also supported by Bendigo Bank and other organisations in the community to continue to provide this service in the Serpentine Byford area.

If anyone has any stories about how your Sub Branch works within the community then please contact me at ANZAC House.

RAN Veteran Denis Sefton, a regular at ANZAC Club and RSL WA ANZAC Day Commemorations with his ship mates, appeared in the local Chinese newspaper The Epoch Times (see extract). These pictures were taken after the 2011 ANZAC Day march. To view the complete article on Denis go to www.theepochtimes.com

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The Women's Royal Australian Naval Service (WRANS) is taking part in the Navy's vital job of defending the seas. WRANS operate at HMAS, near Canberra. Under the direction of a Leading Seaman, WRANS march smartly in the Navy's style, 27 August 1941.
Canberra Earns Place in History

More than 1350 Canberra aircraft were built and served with the air forces of 18 nations.

Between 1953 and 1982, the RAAF’s 1, 2 and 6SQNs operated four UK and 48 Australian-built Canberras. They served in combat, being used against communist forces in Malaya and in South Vietnam, where two were lost.

They flew with 2SQN as part of the Commonwealth Strategic Reserve in Malaysia from 1958, replacing the Lincoln as a bomber. The squadron was a major component in the air order of battle during the Malayan Emergency and Indonesian Confrontation until the unit deployed to South Vietnam in April 1967. Retired WGCDDR Lance Halvorson said that the Canberra was a superb aircraft. “To those who flew it in its early years, the new bomber was superior to all other aircraft of its type,” Mr Halvorson said. “As one navigator said, after thundering engines and howling propellers, the Canberra was sheer bliss. Its speed was also great: 810km/h.”

He flew as its navigator on 14 sorties from April 1965 to September 1966, and again in Phan Rang from April 19 to October 23, 1967; about 30 sorties. “It also flew the first Forward Air Controller mission in Phu Tuoy province on June 25 that year,” he said. “Most who served in Canberra squadrons and support units have many memories, mostly fond, and are proud to have been associated with the ‘Queen of the Skies’ during its time in the RAAF. “And it is a fitting location for A84-235, here at Wagga, where most of the technical crews who maintained her, were trained.”

On return to Australia from Vietnam on June 4, 1971, the Canberra was retired from frontline combat role and employed in air defence training, aerial survey and photographic roles. In the 1970s, the high cost of maintenance forced a review of the Canberra life of type. The aircraft flew for the last time in 1982 – well after its replacement, the F-111, was in service.

Air Force News, June 9 2011

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The keynote speaker was Mr John Kobelke MLA BSc DipEd JP

Reconciliation week 27 May to 3 June.

at the Kings Park War Memorial as part of National Veterans and Ex-Service organisations held a service RSL WA, State and Federal Departments, Indigenous organisations and community groups to develop a program of Veterans’ Health Week activities at a local level.

A variety of fun and interactive events will be held around Australia. These events will include activities such as laughter workshops, mind games expos, retirement and health expos and music, singing, dancing and lyrics workshops.

What is the theme of this year’s Veterans’ Health Week?

The theme this year is building on the strengths of the veteran community—mental wellness. Veterans’ Health Week 2011 will celebrate the strengths of the veteran community by raising awareness of key attributes such as, friendship, resilience and leadership which pave the road to mental wellbeing.

• Friends support one another.
• Learn new ways to cope with and bounce back from stress.
• Take the lead—show your friends and mates the way to better mental health.

Veterans’ Health Week will help raise awareness of healthy lifestyle options and promote DVA programs which are aimed at improving the mental health of men and the broader veteran community.

How can I get involved?

Everyone is welcome to take part in the fun! DVA encourages ex-service organisations, Day Clubs and Men’s Health Peer Education volunteers to organise activities throughout Veterans’ Health Week. More information will be made available online and in DVA publications over the next few months, leading into October.

For more information about hosting a Veterans’ Health Week event phone your nearest Veterans’ Affairs Network (VAN) office on 1300 55 1918, send an email to vhw@dva.gov.au or visit the website at www.dva.gov.au/vhw.htm

So take the lead and involve your mates as we embark for October and Veterans’ Health Week 2011!”

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Preparation for National Indigenous Reconciliation Day

The Department of Veteran Affairs (DVA) along with RSL WA, State and Federal Departments, Indigenous Veterans and Ex-Service organisations held a service at the Kings Park War Memorial as part of National Reconciliation week 27 May to 3 June.

The keynote speaker was Mr John Kobelke MLA BSc DipEd JP Member for Balcatta
Working Dogs Have Their Day

Australian military working dogs are contributing more than ever before in Afghanistan, but the capability was raised in a different time for a different operation.

The ADF will commemorate military working dogs on June 7, one year on from the death of explosive detection dog (EDD) handler Spr Darren Smith and EDD Herbie, 2CER, who were killed by an IED blast in Afghanistan. Spr Smith was the first handler to be killed in action while operating a military working dog. Herbie was the second EDD to be killed in action – EDD Razz was killed by an IED in Afghanistan in September 2007. The origin of Australian military working dogs can be traced back to Malaya, Borneo and the Vietnam War. EDD teams have deployed to Somalia, East Timor, Solomon Islands, Bougainville and Afghanistan. The Air Force has dog teams in East Timor.

Former RAE officer Capt George Hulse (ret’d) was the first OC of the Explosive Detection Dog Wing at SME. “During the Vietnam War, mines, home-made bombs and booby-traps were being used in almost every area of the Australian controlled Phouc Tuy province of South Vietnam,” he said. “There was also a presence of dozens of large tunnel complexes and thousands of enemy bunkers dotted throughout the province.

“The mines were killing and wounding our troops almost every day and the tunnels remained a lucky find rather than the outcome of a deliberate search. We needed something to help us resolve both of these problems.” In 1969, the US Army began a Mine and Tunnel Detection Dog training program and Australia commenced a Mine Dog Wing,” he said.

“The wing was quickly established at the School of Military Engineering, and in January 1971, we recruited the dogs, the staff and commenced training them for deployment to South Vietnam.” “The dogs were primarily trained to detect explosives, but proved to be very efficient at detecting trip wires, enemy personnel, and indicated any unusual item, such as enemy signs along tracks, roads, built up areas, vehicles and buildings.”

Although the dogs were assessed for combat operations in early 1972 and passed, they were not sent to Vietnam because Australia had withdrawn from the war. Today’s EDDs are deployed to Afghanistan where they are searching for explosives, weapons and ammunition. EDD handler LCpl Shaun Ward, 2CER, said handlers developed a strong bond with the EDDs, especially during deployments spanning six to nine months. “They are someone you can always rely on to be there,” he said. “You look after the dog before you look after yourself and they sleep in our swags with us. “All of our searching is off lead so the danger for EDDs varies depending on what they find and how it’s placed. “We have lost two dogs due to blasts, but the handlers do their best to read the dog and know when they have found something before they’re right on top of it.”

Written by Cpl Zenith King – Army News, 9 June 2011

Increasing your working wage on the pension

Thinking of taking-up some paid work? The Work Bonus Scheme and the Work Bonus Bank can help reduce your assessable income.

Undertaking some casual work is a great way to supplement your income, but it is important to be informed of how it can affect your pension. The Work Bonus Scheme allows eligible income support pensioners to undertake some paid work with a reduced effect to their pension. To be eligible, a veteran or war widow/er must be of qualifying/pension age and over and be receiving employment income, Qualifying age is 60 for males and 59.5 for females. Pension age is 65 for males and 64.5 for females.

From 1 July 2011, the first $250 of income earned per fortnight by eligible service pensioners, income support supplement recipients and age pensioners, paid by the Department of Veterans’ Affairs, will be excluded from the income test.

Any unused amounts of the $250 concession will accrue in a Work Bonus Bank, up to a maximum of $6,500, available to offset any future employment income. For example, if an income support pensioner earns $400 per fortnight, with the Work Bonus income concessions, only $150 of employment income will be counted as assessable income. If that pensioner hasn’t worked for a portion of the year, beginning 1 July onwards, they will accrue credits of $250 per fortnight in the Work Bonus Bank. If the credit in the Bank is worth more than their assessable income, then no income will be assessed. Pensioners must advise DVA of any new employment income within 14 days of commencing employment.

For more information on the Work Bonus Scheme or the Work Bonus Bank, visit www.dva.gov.au or call DVA on 133 254 (metro areas) or 1800 026 185 for regional callers.
VADM Griggs Takes Command

A salvaged telescope used in the 1940s on board HMAS Sydney II signified the transfer of command and responsibility as it was presented to the RAN’s new leader by its retired chief.

After 41 years of RAN service including three years in its top job, VADM Russ Crane officially handed over the helm to VADM Ray Griggs during a Chief of Navy handover of command ceremony at Russell Offices in Canberra on June 7. A parade of about 300 Navy personnel, including the RAN Band and a guard of 40, gathered at Blamey Square to farewell VADM Crane and welcome his successor, VADM Griggs.

“It has been my great privilege and honour to lead the RAN through the last three years; years that have been marked by profound reform, great challenge and the outstanding successes of our people,” VADM Crane said. “It is my honour to hand over the Navy to VADM Griggs. He is an exceptional officer in whom I have always had enormous trust and respect, and I know he will lead our Navy with the same outstanding professionalism, commitment, dedication and passion that I have observed in him over many years.

“VADM Griggs brings not only extensive operational experience to the role, but a commitment to cultural reform under New Generation Navy (NGN), a commitment to efficiency under the Strategic Reform Program and, most of all, a commitment to lead all of you, our Navy people.” In his first formal address to the RAN, VADM Griggs commended VADM Crane for his inspiring and courageous leadership.

“VADM Crane’s legacy is considerable. He has laid the foundation for us to modernise the way Navy thinks and acts. This will enable us to face the challenges of the coming years with pride in who we are and confidence in what we can achieve,” VADM Griggs said.

“It is an enormous privilege and honour to be chosen to lead the Navy, but I am conscious of the burden of responsibility and the very large shoes I have to fill. You can rest assured that I will give my all as I lead the Navy and play my broader part as a member of both the ADF and Defence’s senior leadership team.”

As the new CN, VADM Griggs will initially focus on three key areas: the significant reform programs Navy has embarked on, delivering capability to the government and ensuring Navy is ready for its transition to new capabilities.

A new CN flag was broken on the flagpole as VADM Crane was handed his delicately folded flag to keep as a memento.

“I thank each member of the Navy from the most junior to the most senior, not just as the retired chief but personally for your hard work and outstanding achievements. I know it has come at great cost to yourselves and to your families,” VADM Crane said.

Care Packages

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you on behalf of Australian Soldiers, currently serving in the Solomon Islands, who have been the recipient of care packages kindly sent for ANZAC Day 2011.

As Commander of the Combined Task Force 635, I, along with the Regimental Sergeant Major, Warrant Officer Class One Craig Batty, am heartened by the kind, and well received, consideration that we have been able to provide soldiers with your care packages. The soldiers who have received your care packages serve the mission in the interests of the people of the Solomon Islands on behalf of all Australians and did so this ANZAC Day.

Again, please accept my thanks for your kind, and well received, consideration as these soldiers proudly continue to serve in the traditions forged by the ANZAC legend.

PT Landford, Lieutenant Colonel
Commander – Combined Task Force 635

Dr Hillman’s tips on getting a good night’s rest:

• Keep sleeping habits regular.
• Make sure you have eight or more hours of sleep a night.
• Ensure your bed is comfortable.
• Try to ‘wind down’ at night by doing quiet and relaxing activities before hitting the pillow.
• Try to avoid watching television and going on the computer for a few hours before bed.

DPS Guide
More Opportunities For Female Submariners

Young indigenous men and women from across North Queensland were given a taste of military life at Porton Barracks in Cairns and Lavarack Barracks in Townsville as part of the Defence Indigenous Development Program (DIDP).

All of the training through the DIDP aims to increase self-confidence and provide trainees with the skills to make informed decisions about their future. Part of the curriculum includes military training, with trainees attending the 51FNQR Induction Course. The trainees participate not just in military training but also language, literacy and numeracy, personal development and vocational education provided through Tropical North Queensland TAFE. Most of the course participants go on to full-time employment in the ADF or active ARES service with 51FNQR.

Having been previously unsuccessful when applying for general entry enlistment, trainee Nicholas Nona now feels confident in the skills he has developed during the program. “Every day we do something new where we learn new skills. DIDP is the best thing that has ever happened to me,” he said. “My parents are very proud – they know that this is a stepping stone and I am going to achieve great things.”

Annaleise Deemal is another program participant who was also unsuccessful when she previously applied for Army enlistment. Upon completion of the DIDP, she will apply again and hopes to become a signaller. She described the program as life-changing and strongly encouraged other young indigenous people to join. “I have told all my friends about DIDP, I’ve told them about the training and all the opportunities you can have in the Army,” she said. CO 51FNQR Lt-Col Steven Brain said the initiative provided an important link between the ADF and the communities of far north Queensland.

As the DIDP has gained more exposure it has become very well supported by community elders,” he said. “They understand the opportunities that are offered to these young indigenous people who will not only benefit the individual but also the entire community.”

By Capt Lacey Western – Army News, 23 June 2011

Lower Education, Faster Aging

This latest study will hopefully give children a reason not to ‘moan and groan’ in the morning as they drag themselves out of bed to get ready for the school day ahead. According to researchers in Britain and America, people who leave education with fewer qualifications are prone to age more quickly.

The study, published in the journal Brain, Behaviour and Immunity this month, looked at the length of sections of DNA known as telomeres. About 450 people took part in the long-term health study, which found people who did not achieve good grades at school had shorter telomeres, suggesting they may age faster.

Telomeres are sections of DNA which cap the ends of chromosomes, protecting them from damage and the loss of cell functions associated with ageing. Britain Medical Research Council’s, Stephen Holgate, said the key finding to come from the study was that a person’s experiences earlier in life can have important influences on their health.

According to Mr Holgate, an implication of the study was the difficulty to establish the cause of the findings, but he said the study provided evidence that “being educated to a higher level can benefit you more than in the job market alone”.

The participants in the study were civil servants taking part in the large, ongoing research study looking at various aspects of health in more than 10,000 UK civil servants. A subset of 506 healthy male and female participants, aged 53 to 76 years old, provided information on their educational history and gave blood samples.

The blood samples were used to obtain a particular type of white blood cell that could then be tested for two characteristics relating to the telomeres. The researchers divided the participants into four education groups: those who had no qualifications at all, those who left formal education after exams at 16 years of age, those who left after exams at 18 years, and those who obtained a degree from a university or other higher education institution.

The results revealed people with lower educational achievements had shorter telomeres, indicating that they may age faster, and the study also offered strong evidence that this was not affected by people’s social and economic status later in life, as was previously thought.

“We already know from previous research that people with poor backgrounds are prone to age more quickly,” said University College London’s researcher, Andrew Steptoe. “Education is a marker of social class that people acquire early in life, and our research suggested that it was long term exposure to the conditions of lower status that promotes accelerated cellular ageing,” he said.
Remembrance Day Luncheon
Friday 11 November 2011 12.30 pm
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Dress: Smart Casual, Miniature Medals
Menu
Chicken Breast filled with Avocado & Mushroom, served on Puree Potato
with a Cream Mushroom Sauce & Seasonal Vegetables
and a crusty Bread Roll & Butter
Individual Berry Fruit Trifle served on Raspberry Coulis
Tea & coffee
Includes a bottle each of red and white wine, various beer and soft drink on the table
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The study's researchers argue defining age is important because "age prejudice" - either being treated as too young or too old - is rife in the community and we should know what age labels mean.

About 63% of those surveyed said age prejudice was a "serious" or "very serious" issue and a further 28% said they had been treated with prejudice because of their age in the past year.

However, pinning age labels down is a tricky one.

According to Professor Dominic Abrams of Kent University in Britain, "what counts as young and old is largely down to the age of the beholder".

What age is considered "old" in other countries?

Greeks – who retire in their 50s – regard old age as 68 while the Danes believe those aged 64 and over are old.

In France, 63 is considered old. Only in Turkey, where the average life expectancy is 72, do people have a lower estimate of old age, saying it begins at 55.

With Australian life expectancy now clocking in at 81.3 years it seems crazy that you would kiss youth goodbye in your mid 30s and welcome old age before you blow the candles out at 60.

What age is considered 'old'?

When a person's youth slips away, it can often be a daunting, emotional time. But at what age should we let go of our youthful years and bring out the knitting needles? The age at which British people believe old age begins will most likely surprise you.

British people believe old age starts at 59 – nine years earlier than people in other European countries, according to the latest study.

The European Social Survey report revealed people aged 35 and over are no longer considered young.

Those surveyed between 15 and 24 years old thought that youth ends at 28 and old age begins at 54.

At the other extreme, those in their 80s said youth stopped at 42 and old age kicks in at 67.

The researchers said the survey was a "big slap in the face" for those in their 30s and 40s who still consider themselves "young" because they have an active social-life and current gym memberships.

"It’s also a shock for those in their 50s and 60s who are functioning on all (or mostly all) systems. With many of them still working, volunteering or happily spending their kids’ inheritance on travel, they don’t have time to be old," researchers said.

This is particularly strange given the recent news that sex-life expectancy lasts into your 70s.

The study’s researchers argue defining age is important because “age prejudice” - either being treated as too young or too old - is rife in the community and we should know what age labels mean.

About 63% of those surveyed said age prejudice was a ‘serious’ or ‘very serious’ issue and a further 28% said they had been treated with prejudice because of their age in the past year.

However, pinning age labels down is a tricky one.

According to Professor Dominic Abrams of Kent University in Britain, “what counts as young and old is largely down to the age of the beholder”.

What age is considered “old” in other countries?

Greeks – who retire in their 50s – regard old age as 68 while the Danes believe those aged 64 and over are old.

In France, 63 is considered old. Only in Turkey, where the average life expectancy is 72, do people have a lower estimate of old age, saying it begins at 55.

With Australian life expectancy now clocking in at 81.3 years it seems crazy that you would kiss youth goodbye in your mid 30s and welcome old age before you blow the candles out at 60.

See the Benefits of Eating Well

To see whether these especially susceptible people might reduce their risk, the researchers, based in the Netherlands, surveyed the eating habits of more than 2,000 participants over the age of 55.

All of the participants also had eye exams every three years for the next decade to determine who suffered vision loss.

Among people with the CFH variation, greater amounts of either zinc, beta carotene, omega-3 fatty acids or lutein/zeaxanthin in the diet was linked to a smaller risk of macular degeneration.

For those who had the LOC38771SS variation, reduced risk of vision loss was seen among people who ate greater amounts of zinc or omega-3 fats.

In their case, for example, 25% of people who ate 11.85 mg per day of omega-3 developed macular degeneration, compared to 33% of people who ate just 7.5 mg per day. “To achieve this benefit, it does not appear necessary to consume excessive amounts of these nutrients; the recommended dietary allowance will suffice,” the researchers stated.

Fast food facts:

• Good sources for zinc include oysters, red meat, nuts and beans.
• Oily fish is one of the best food sources for omega-3 fats, while beta carotene is found in carrots, sweet potatoes and other vegetables and fruits.
• Lutein and zeaxanthin are abundant in eggs and green leafy vegetables.

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1 RAR (1980’s – 1990’s) Reunion

Reunion will be 8-9 October 2011 at Mudjimba, Sunshine Coast. For more information please contact Ray Carson, 0400 025 509 / ray@xperiences.com.au

3rd Bn RAR – 2nd Tour Vietnam 1971

40th Anniversary of the 3rd Bn RAR return from Vietnam in 1971 will be celebrated in Canberra. Open invitation is extended to all former members along with their families and friends as well as Allied personnel. A formal gathering will take place at the Vietnam Veterans’ National Memorial on Sunday 16 October 2011 at 10am.

For further information please contact 0412 377 884 / webmaster@3rar.com / http://www.3rar.com

16th Battalions’ Foundation

The 16th Battalions’ Foundation Dinner will be at the Bill Walker Room, Patersons Stadium Subiaco on 19 August at 6.30. For information and bookings contact Margaret Smith on 9384 4144 / 0419 914 534 / margaret.smith14@hotmail.com or Mary Goldthorpe on 9384 9105 / 0409 085 987 / mary.goldthorpe@yahoo.com.au

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 end of deployment

Contact: Raymond Davis (Chairman) 02 9476 1038 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 0419-334535 or email reunion2011@au104.org for details.

2012 Sapper Centenary of Service in WA

2012 will be a big year for Sappers in Western Australia. Members of the Royal Australian Engineers have served for more then a century. The RAE Association on WA is preparing a book to cover the period 1912-2011. We need your help! Any items will be copied and returned.

Contact Mick Ryan OAM on 0407 446 666 or Nev Clark on 9307 2385

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.

Mr John Hogg - 106/12-16 Hindmarsh Ave North Wodonga, NSW 2500 - Phone: 02 42280915 - johnshogg@msn.com

At the Australian War Memorial, Canberra

International Conference – Korea in from the cold. 6-7 October 2011.

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.austrapprentice.org, or call Frank Maloney 0418 728 181, or Frank Poole 0416 193 387.

Your Association needs your continuing support.

Calling all 7th Field Ambulance Members and Ex Members

I am presently doing a record of our history and require your stories. If you wish to take part, please contact Private Ashley Bastian at ashley_bastian@hotmail.com or on 0432 540 395.

Calling all Service and Ex-Servicewomen: 32nd Annual Luncheon

The 32nd Annual Luncheon is being held at Langley Hall, RAFA, Bull Creek at 12 noon for 12.30pm on Thursday 25 August. Cost is $30 a head. For bookings and details please ring May on 9276 8616, Judy on 9311 4401 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

For Sale

World War II Book Series consisting of 21 volumes by Robert Edwin Herstein and the editors of Time-Life Books. Published in 1980. Excellent condition - as new. For sale by original owner. An historic record of World War II. Each volume averages 208 pp of text, authentic pictures, maps, diagrams and illustrations including 16 pages of full colour per volume. These belonged to a digger who is now deceased.

Sandra Wilson – sandraw2512@westnet.com.au - 0407 997 881

Found Medal:

Defence Medal 1939-1945. No ribbon attached. Labeled with WX2112 JH Peach. We wish for this to be returned to the owner or NOK.

Editor

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

Free Road-trip for Vietnam Vets

Wicked Campers is currently offering all Vietnam Vets a FREE road trip.

The special entitles each Vietnam Vet to complimentary campervan rental for five days.

Wicked owner John Webb said the aim of the deal was to say thank you for the huge contribution the Vets have made to our country. “It’s my way of showing our appreciation,” he said. “For any Vets who have a bit of spare time, it’s a great way to see more of Australia for free.”

The approximate value of the giveaway is $300.

To make a booking, phone Wicked Campers on 1800 246 869. For media inquiries contact Helen Leech Ph: (07) 3333 2676 E: h.leech@wickedcampers.com W: wickedcampers.com

Gallipoli Battlefield & Cultural Tour 2012

18 – 30 April 2012. For further information contact Jenny Knight from the War Widows’ Guild of WA on 9371 7470 / 0402 051 592 or John Waller from Boronia Travel Centre on 1800 035 350

HMAS Bataan 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 JR; 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 Maroochy 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/DXHXXK

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

Bill Krause
Wanted – Members of HMAS CANBERRA SHORPISHIRE
I am the Webmaster for www.hmscanberra.com and I’m hoping to contact members of the above Association.

I have been running a web based survey to measure the support for a HMAS CANBERRA Association being formed by former Ships Company of HMAS CANBERRA. 10% of respondents want to investigate the possibility of joining the HMAS CANBERRA SHORPISHIRE Association.

Lee Webster – 0431 547 527

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 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 fromFrankston, 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 the same named ship HMAS VEndetta (1933-45).

The Plaque will commemorate the Service of the Destroyer and her crews – including MIA and NOK. All enquiries to Heather Wilson on (02) 4297 0921

Kulin Bush Races
The Kulin Bush Races will be held on the weekend of 7, 8 and 9 October. All program is available at www.kulin.wa.gov.au

All enquiries to be directed by Barry Todd (0427 471 541 / 9534 8331 / barry_todd@bigpond.com), Garry Williams (0418 945 785 / 9581 2681 / pecky82@bigpond.com) or Terry Gott (0458 064 337 / 9581 7414 / terrylyn@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 Broome 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 0467571503 or E raycornicles@gmail.com

Ray Miles

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 delfred@optusnet.com.au

Old Surfboards
Wanted to buy OLD surfboard
Contact Mal 9247 1125 or 0405003808

Prize Winners
The winners for the book Crossing the Wire and DVD for The Lighthorsemen have been notified by the various promoters of these products.

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. $135.00 per couple including full buffet breakfast plus $ 5.00 per head for Registration & Saturday Dinner Dance which includes pre dinner drinks

For Further Information on Membership or Reunion please contact Geoff (Wiggy) 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

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 (aka Nullabor)
All replies direct to Ron Baker at email address: bakshae@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 please contact Naomi Jones at the RSL WA Archivist rslwahq.org.au or 044 705 3690.

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

Naomi Jones - Archivist

Save the Date – Back to the Bush Veterans’ Reunion

Entertainment will be provided with a free barbeque at the Recreation Centre after the march through town on Saturday.

For more information please contact Colin Turner on 08 9061 1773 / 0429 150 847 / kbvets@bigpond.com or Brooke Perez on 08 9061 1377 / exo@brucerock.wa.gov.au

Seeking Colin Robert Burns
I worked with Colin Robert Burns No. 3793578 cook in Vietnam in 1969, 17 Cons. Squad. I would love to get in touch with him if anyone can help.

Ken Tucker
marg_tucker@hotmail.com

Mandurah Murray Vietnam Veterans Group
The Mandurah Murray Vietnam Veterans Group (MMVVG) are conducting a commemorative ceremony in recognition of Vietnam Veterans Day on 18th August 2011.

The Parade and service is to be held at the Mandurah War Memorial. Form up will be at 10.30 with step off at 10.45. Refreshments will follow the service.

Mr Cole Gibson is co-ordinating the event and is contactable on 9586 8845 or e-mail coldens1953@bigpond.com

WRANS - RAN Reunion 2012
At the May meeting of the EX-WRANS ASSOCIATION of Victoria it was proposed that Victoria should hold the next WRANS-RAN reunion for all women who have at one time served, or are currently serving, within the RAN.

The proposal is that the reunion be held over the weekend of 30-31 March and 1 April 2012 (being HMAS Cerberus’ birthday) and April being the month of the anniversary of the commencement of the WRANS.

For this to go ahead, we would need to have at least 200 Expressions of Interest received prior to 31 July 2011 with a decision being made within the first week of August.

Secretary - Jan Gallagher - wrans.reunion2012@yahoo.com.au

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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 one time each. The puzzle setter provides a partially completed grid.

Provided by Sudoku.com.au

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What we can do to protect ourselves from superbugs when overseas:

- Avoid bean sprouts, tomatoes, cucumbers, lettuce and other salad greens, as the outbreak of E. coli bacteria may have originated on farms growing this produce.
- Travellers should not be over paranoid. Not all superbugs are harmful to healthy adults, and we commonly carry E. coli in our digestive systems.
- Maintain good personal hygiene with frequent hand washing, especially before eating.
- Keep your mouth closed when swimming or showering to avoid swallowing water.
- Don’t drink tap water and consider brushing your teeth with bottled water.
- Avoid ice cream and dairy products that may not be properly refrigerated.
- Make sure meat is thoroughly cooked.
- Avoid lingering around people who are coughing or sneezing.
- Seek medical advice if you return from overseas with diarrhoea or another illness.
Blueberries good for your bones?

The types of berries are endless. Strawberries, cranberries, raspberries, blackberries, gooseberries, sweet, juicy and sour berries. However, no berry will give you strong and healthy bones like blueberries.

Compounds in blueberries might have a powerful effect on the formation of strong and healthy bones, if results from studies with laboratory rats turn out to hold true for humans. Dr Jin-Ran Chen and his colleagues at the Arkansas Children’s Nutrition Centre in Little Rock explored this idea in research funded by the US Department of Agriculture (USDA). Dr Chen, a principal investigator and lead scientist at the centre’s Skeletal Development Laboratory, specialises in research on how what we eat during infancy, childhood and early adulthood affects growth and development of bones and the risk of developing osteoporosis or other degenerative bone diseases in later years. Working with young, rapidly growing laboratory rats suggested polyphenols, the compounds that give blueberries their blue, purple, and red coloration, might aid in building strong bones. The work has paved the way for new research that might reveal whether blueberries could be used for future treatments to boost the development of bone mass and prevent osteoporosis.

Published in the Journal of Bone and Mineral Research last year, the investigation showed animals fed rations that contained 10% frozen and dried blueberry powder had significantly more bone mass than their counterparts whose rations were blueberry-free. When the researchers exposed laboratory cultures of bone-forming cells (osteoblasts) to blood (serum) from the animals, the scientists found that serum from the blueberry-fed rats was associated with an increase in development of osteoblasts into mature, functional bone cells.

Serum in the blueberry-fed rats was high in phenolic acids, derived from the colour-impacting polyphenols. The research suggested the phenolic acids may have had bone-building effects in the rats.

However, studies are needed to determine whether these benefits occur in humans.

Never say 'never' to good health

Improving your quality of life is important regardless of age. When it comes to adopting a healthier lifestyle, it is important to understand it is never too late to jump on the health bandwagon.

A recent study found that by taking a proactive approach to active ageing, a person would be able to improve their quality of life and lessen the impact on loved ones. There are simple preventative ways to slow down the progression of chronic health conditions, which will allow seniors to lead more independent lives and depend less on informal caregivers.

“Never say ‘never’ to good health,” the researchers said. In Canada, 80% of seniors live with a chronic health problem. However, 50% of those are living with two or more chronic health conditions. Diabetes, arthritis and heart conditions are common problems associated with ageing.

The following are just some ways to encourage you, or your loved one, to adopt a healthier lifestyle:

Get active:
Walking, stretching and keeping your muscles in good condition can help you maintain your independence.

Get involved:
Give back to the community by volunteering as it is good for you, those around you, or your loved one, to encourage you, or your loved one, to slow the progression of your condition. “Each step is like a piece of a puzzle. And the attention and time you can give to your medications. For this reason, staying socially connected is important to healthy, active ageing.

Get talking:
Communicating effectively with your health care providers is essential to receiving good medical care.

Get to know your medications:
Knowledge is the best medicine. Taking your medicine as prescribed by your doctor is the single most important way to stay healthy, prevent complications and slow the progression of your condition. “Each step is like a piece of a puzzle. And the attention and time you can give to your medications. For this reason, staying socially connected is important to healthy, active ageing.

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

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

For your chance to win a copy, please answer the following questions and return the slip to The Listening Post Editor at PO Box 3023 Adelaide Tce Perth 6832 by 23 September 2011.

Review:
Very few Australians today have heard of The Battle of Bardia, it is however a story worth telling an epic and intensely human tale.

The story of Bardia overflows with heroism, cowardice, skill, incompetence, bravery and blunder on both sides. Heralded as one of Australia’s greatest military achievements of WW1.

Big Sky Publishing

Info:
Bardia was the site of the first battle fought by Australian troops in the Second World War. On the morning of 3 January 1941, troops of the 16th Brigade of the 6th Australian Division attacked and broke through the western face of the defensive perimeter, while the 2/6th Battalion mounted a diversion in the south. Troops of the 17th Australian Brigade joined the fighting later in the morning to clear the southern portion of the Italian defences, while the 16th Brigade advanced toward Bardia itself. Bardia was captured late in the afternoon of 4 January, but Italian resistance in the southern portion of the perimeter, which had been particularly determined, did not cease until the morning of 5 January; the diversionary force had encountered the toughest fighting of all. The attack had cost the 6th Division 130 men killed and 326 wounded but netted them approximately 40,000 Italian prisoners and large quantities of arms, rations, equipment, and alcohol. All of which was put to good use by the Australians.


1. How many Italian prisoners were captured by the 6th Division?
_____________________________________________

2. Who is the author of Battle for Bardia?
_____________________________________________

3. Who led the assault on 3 January 1941?
_____________________________________________

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A tribute to the many brave men behind the artillery, the dedicated gunners involved in counter bombardment over the 58 year period since its introduction and the story of their outstanding efforts and results across these varied campaigns.

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1. What year did the Australian gunners begin to make their mark?
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2. Who is the author of Do Unto Others?
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3. How many years were the gunners an integral part of the defence force?
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1. Hey look... I made you a gingerbread man!
2. You know... run, run as fast as you can, you can't catch me I'm a gingerbread man.
3. Yeah I remember and it looks great.

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1. Thanks, they're a bit soggy but they're really good!
2. Why did you buy the almonds if you've got no teeth and can't chew them?
3. Oh! I really enjoyed them... they had chocolate on them when I bought them.

Dicko 2011

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Gallipoli

The first book since Charles Bean’s Official History to provide a detailed narrative of the bloody and tragic battle for Hill 60, along with the other engagements that went on until the very last days at ANZAC - viewed from both sides of the trenches.

Gallipoli, The final battles and evacuation of ANZAC examines the battle for this tactically meaningless piece of Gallipoli real estate that would cost the lives of thousands of men from both sides over a two week period.

Cameron's detailed research and use of firsthand accounts enables him to convey the confusion of battle while also telling a good story with powerful emotional impact.

Author: David W Cameron
Big Sky Publishing

Battle Scarred

"Battle Scarred is surely the finest battalion history I have ever read.

Craig Deayton has written a superb evocation and analysis of the life of one of the less celebrated of the AIF’s infantry battalions. This is no flattering hagiography full of derring-do, but an honest, critical, but still sympathetic, portrait of a run-of-the-mill AIF battalion. Highly readable and richly descriptive both of the 47th's men and their actions, it helps to explain not just what the AIF did on the Western Front, but what it was like for those involved, and why the AIF’s part in that terrible war remains such a profound part of Australian memory so long after." - Dr. Peter Stanley

Australia’s leading military historian

Battle Scarred is the story of one of the shortest lived and most battle hardened of 1st Australian Imperial Force’s battalions; in just under 2 years the 47th Battalion would fight in some of the bloodiest battles and suffer one of the highest casualty rates of any Australian Unit in WW1. At the end of the war the soldiers of the 47th gathered for one final photograph - 73 men were left. (a battalion is normally 850-1000 men)

Battle Scarred is unique. Author Craig Deayton doesn't seek to sentimentalise, celebrate or eulogise its subject, but to give the real picture - good and bad - of an Australian battalion at war. There is heroism, endurance and triumph, but also tragedy, disaster, incompetence and failure. Deayton examines the enormous difficulty faced by commanders who had to shape and lead this body of often unruly, sometimes militant, volunteer citizen soldiers into an effective fighting force. The combination of research and personal stories highlights the evolution of the battalion from an untrained, often poorly led and inexperienced force in 1916 to the hardened and highly effective units of 1918.

Battle Scarred is also unusual in giving a voice to the women and families connected to the battalion and in following the course of many stories into the post-war years. There is a focus on social history and the latter chapters examine the terrible impact of the war both on the battalion and the home front. One chapter is devoted to story of those listed as 'missing' and the anguish that uncertainly piled upon the loss of sons, husbands, fathers and brothers.

Author: Craig Deayton
Big Sky Publishing

Australian cavalry in Vietnam 1967-68


The book records how the Troop was formed and trained in-country, deployed under tight restrictions and overcame many obstacles to achieve the success that it did. The soldiers learnt a greater variety of skills and displayed a level of responsibility and initiative not normally required of their peers.

6 Troop demonstrated an ability to adapt which, history shows, occurs time and again with Australian soldiers at war.

Author: Colin Campbell

The Mad Galahs

The Mad Galahs weaves historical fact into a stirring tale of Australian infantrymen at war. They were Citizen Soldiers, K Force, Regulars, Conscripts, and all of them wore the badge of the Royal Australian Regiment.

George Mansford enlisted as a Private in the Australian Army; forty years later he retired as a Brigadier. His military service included Korea, Malaya and Vietnam. One of his proudest achievements is that he served 20 years in Battalions of the Royal Australian Regiment.

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More Bang For No Bucks

Self propelled artillery used by
The Australian Light Horse

The Light Horse, fighting as mounted troops first drew blood in the JIFJAFA raid, although the fighting was simple, the difficulty was to keep supplies up to the horses and men this was the most critical problem for the Commander-In-Chief.

This was where the Australian Waler began to show his superior pace as a walker, a very valuable quality in this campaign. Aircraft reconnaissance reported a little Turkish force returned to the hills in the morning and returned to their camp in the evenings. The attack commenced on 13 April 1916. The engagement was brief with the Australians asserting their superiority, six of the enemy were killed, and five wounded with two escaping the remainder surrendered.

During the encounter the Australians suffered their first casualty; Corporal Monaghan of the 8th Light Horse was killed.

This raid was very encouraging to General Murray, aware that success in the Sinai opened almost upon his mounted troops. The troop leaders had shown dash, resource, keenness, excellent horsemanship, straight shooting and excellent discipline. General Murray expressed appreciation and was readily satisfied that the ANZAC Mounted Divisions had the beginning of a force of exceptional fitness to the task ahead. The Australians continued to fight in the Middle East until Armistice had been concluded at 4:00pm on 31 October 1918. After more than two and a half years in the saddle, marching and fighting almost incessantly in an alien desert land, the Light Horsemen greeted the news but the news was received calmly and with solid indifference. The Australians had taken battle casualties and shown no outward signs of grief.

The Western Australian contribution to the desert campaign in World War I was the 10th Light Horse Regiment. The 10th Light Horse Regiment was raised and recruited from West Australians during October 1914 when it became apparent that WA could provide more than a single squadron of mounted soldiers. The WA Regiment joined the 3rd Light Horse Brigade and saw service at Gallipoli, where a West Australian Lt VH Throssell performed valiant deeds at the NEK and Hill 60 on 29 and 30 August 1915 for which he was awarded the only Victoria Cross to the Light Horse in the Great War. After the withdrawal from Gallipoli in December 1915 the regiment was bought up to strength and reorganised. With the rest of the Australian light horse they defended Egypt from the Ottoman Army advancing on the Suez Canal. Through 1916 they drove the Turks across the deserts of Sinai, participating in the battles of Romani and Magdhaba.

In 1917 they were part of the Desert Column that advanced into Palestine. The regiment participated in the bloody battles to break the Gaza-Beersheba line and helped capture Jerusalem. They participated in the Es Salt Raid in May 1918. In August they were one of the regiments re-equipped with swords and rifle boots, and retrained to take a more orthodox cavalry role. In their new role they took part in the rout of the Ottoman army in the Jordan Valley, a campaign the light horse referred to as "The Great Ride". In September the 10th was the first formed regiment to enter Damascus.

Battle Honours:
- ANZAC
- Defence at ANZAC
- Gaza
- Megiddo
- Nablus
- Jerusalem
- Jordan (Es Salt)

- Scott, John Burns
- Todd, Thomas John
- Olden, Arthur Charles Niquet

Australia paid a very heavy price for the action during World War I. The killed and wounded toll for the Light Horse Cavalry Units were:
- 2,149 killed
- 6,836 wounded.

Dennis Connelly

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