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Remember our troops this ANZAC Day

New State Accountant – Peter McGlade

After finishing High School at Christian Brothers College, Kalgoorlie Peter McGlade commenced his working career with a multi national group of companies in the petroleum/chemical industry holding various positions in administration over an 11 year period.

In a change of direction, Peter then joined a Chartered Accounting firm specialising in Insolvency thinking such was likely to be a short term change but enjoyed the work and the people so much, he was with the firm for some 27 years.

Peter is married and with his wife Marylin, has two adult children who have finally left the nest. Peter’s son is a veterinarian and his daughter was recently awarded the Elliot Parish Fellowship for Child Cancer Research.

Peter and Marylin had lived in Bateman for 33 years but last year moved to Halls Head. Peter commutes to Perth by train each day and enjoys the time to catch up on reading.

Peter’s interests include Genealogy (which over the past 20 or so years in researching the family tree, resulted in identifying eight family members who served in the Armed Forces in WWI including one member in the Gallipoli landing and of which three members died in service and three members who had served in WWII), languages (learning French), reading and family occasions.

Peter McGlade B. Bus, CPA, CD joined the staff at ‘ANZAC House’ on 9 April as ‘The State Accountant’.

Correction Notice

In The Listening Post of December 2011 an article appeared on the Remembrance Day Service. The article should have acknowledged that the event was previously organised by Mr John Dunsmore on behalf of the Pines Retirement Village in Ellenbrook.

PAWS Notice

Our pensions, advocacy and welfare section is preparing a programme of regional visits to assist members with disability claims and welfare issues.

To register your Sub-Branch for a visit contact Jim Boland, Senior Advocate on 9287 3708.

City of Cockburn ANZAC Youth Parade and Service

This parade and service is to commemorate the 97th anniversary of the Gallipoli landing on 25 April 1915 and for those who gave their lives in defence of their country.

Proudly presented by the students of the City of Cockburn, and supported by the Cockburn City Council and the City of Cockburn RSL Sub-Branch.

The service is at the RSL Memorial Park.

9.50am: Royal Australian Navy, HMAS Stirling catafalque party march on and take up position.

10.00am: Parade of schools assemble at the monument.
This Month in Australian Military History

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<td>1952</td>
<td>1st Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, arrives in Korea</td>
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<td>23 April</td>
<td>1951</td>
<td>Battle of Kapyong, Korea</td>
<td>The most well-known Australian action of the Korean War, Kapyong involved the 3rd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment (3RAR). The fighting at Kapyong bluntly the Chinese advance on Seoul during the 1951 Spring Offensive and prevented a Communist breakthrough on the United Nations central front. 3RAR was awarded a United States Presidential citation for their part in the battle.</td>
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<td>24-25 April</td>
<td>1918</td>
<td>Second battle of Villers-Bretonneux, Western Front</td>
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<td>25 April</td>
<td>1916</td>
<td>First commemoration of ANZAC Day</td>
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<td>Zand River</td>
<td>New South Wales Mounted Rifles in action at Zand River, South Africa.</td>
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<td>13 May</td>
<td>1968</td>
<td>Fire Support Base Coral attacked</td>
<td>The partly-constructed base, north of Saigon, was defended by Australian infantry, artillery, and air support when it was attacked by North Vietnamese troops. Eleven Australians were killed and 28 wounded before the attackers were driven back. Fifty-two enemy soldiers were killed and one was taken prisoner.</td>
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<td>31 May</td>
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<td>Monash Commands the Australian Corps</td>
<td>Lieutenant General Sir John Monash succeeds Birdwood as General Officer Commanding the Australian Corps.</td>
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These events are only a selected number of significant dates when Australians were involved in activities of importance. For the complete list go to: www.awm.gov.au

The Men of ANZAC

What motive sustained them?

At the end of the second or third day of the Landing … when half of each battalion had been annihilated, when the dead lay three deep in the rifle pits under the blue sky … what was it then that carried each man on?

It was not love of a fight. The Australians loved fighting better than most, but it is an occupation from which the glamour quickly wears. It was not hatred of the Turks … nor was it purely patriotism, as it would have been had they fought on Australian soil.

Nor was it the desire for fame that remained the glamour quickly wears. It was not hatred of the Turks … nor was it purely patriotism, as it would have been had they fought on Australian soil. Nor was it the desire for fame that made them steer their course so straight in the hour of crucial trial. They knew too well the chance that their families, possibly even the men beside them, would never know how they died. What was the dominant motive that impelled them? It lay in the mettle of the men themselves. To be the sort of man who would give way when his mates were trusting to his firmness, to be the sort of man who would not fail when the line, the whole force and the allied cause required his endurance, to have made it necessary for another unit to do his own unit’s work, to live the rest of his life haunted by the knowledge that he had set his hand to a soldier’s task and lacked the grit to carry it through; that was the prospect which these men could not face.

Life was very dear, but life was not worth living unless they could be true to their idea of Australian manhood. Standing upon that alone, when help failed and hope faded, when the end seemed clear in front of them, when the whole world seemed to crumble and the heavens to fall in they faced its ruins undismayed.

The typical Australian was sel-dom religious in the sense in which the word is generally used. So far as he held a prevailing creed, it was a romantic creed inherited from the gold miner and the bushman, of which the chief article was that a man should at all times and at any cost stand by his mate.

This was and is the one law which the good Australian must never break. It is bred in the child and stays with him through life. In the last few moments before the bloody attack upon Lone pine in Gallipoli, when the 3rd Australian Infantry Battalion was crowded on the fire-steps of each bay of its old front-line trench waiting for the final signal to scramble over the sand-bags above, a man with a rifle in his hand, bayonet fixed, came peering along the trench below. “Jim here?” he asked. A voice on the fire-step answered, “right, Bill, here”. “Do you chaps mind shifting up a piece?” said the man in the trench. “Him and me are mates, and we’re going over together.”

The same thing must have happened many thousands of times in the Australian divisions. The strongest bond in the Australian Imperial Force was that between a man and his mate. No matter how hardened a sinner against camp rules, how often in trouble at the examinet, an Australian seemed never to fail on the purely self-imposed duty of standing by his wounded friend whenever his task in the battle permitted him to do so.

In the foulest French winter, or at Cape Helles, when bullets seemed to be raining in sheets on every occasion when an Australian force went into action there were to be found men who, come what might, regardless of death or wounds, stayed by their fallen friends until they had seen them into safety.

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From the President’s Pen

ANZAC Day 2012

From reports received it would appear as though Sub-Branches and local communities are well on the way to presenting Commemorative Services to mark the 97th Anniversary of ANZAC Day.

Through community support and the generosity of Lotterywest we are able to present dignified services throughout Western Australia to mark this very special anniversary. It is that one day in the year when all Australians remember those who have served their country as well as those who still serve.

In Perth, the Dawn Service will be conducted under the same arrangements as previous years with Rover Scouts maintaining the night vigil. The Sub-Branches will conduct the Dawn Service. We anticipate a public attendance of around 45,000 and logistical arrangements are well in hand to accommodate that number. Full details of public transport and ceremonial arrangements will be published in The West Australian newspaper on Thursday 21 April.

Following the Dawn Service there will be a Gunfire Breakfast in Stirling Gardens to which the general public are invited.

ANZAC Day 2012 will see Units form-up on St Georges Terrace WEST of William Street and march to the EAST along St Georges Terrace then turned RIGHT into Barrack Street. It will then turn LEFT into Riverside Drive and enter Supreme Court Gardens and form up facing WEST for the Service. Veteran carrying vehicles will access the Parade Ground by an entry point on Governor’s Avenue. The length of the March will be almost the same as the current route. The logistics of form-up points and location of Units is available on the website. The Saluting Dais will be located opposite Trinity Church, with an EYEs RIGHT.

Keeping RSL Members informed

The 2010 initiative of compiling and forwarding regular National Presidents’ Newsletters to State and Territorial Branch Presidents to assist in the flow of information from the National Office to Branches, Districts, Sub Branches and Members - but has generally worked well in keeping us all informed on current issues. We are of the view that it is now time to extend the coverage of the newsletter so that our broader membership is similarly kept informed.

As a consequence 2012 National President’s Newsletters will be posted on the RSL National Website. The reaction of RSL members to this further attempt to improve the flow of information will determine whether other changes will be made.

Please note that the RSL annual budget submission remains posted on the League’s national website. This document is revised and updated every year to take account of issues brought forward through debate at the State Branch Conferences and at the National Congress. We continue to urge action on all matters included in this budget submission at every opportunity.

From the National President

A meeting was held with the Minister Snowdon on 23 January 2012. The matters discussed included:

• The quest for recognition by ex-service personnel who served in the British Commonwealth Occupation Forces (BCOF) after the Second World War. Minister Snowdon was unequivocal in his commitment to bring this matter to a final decision in the near term. I am advised the Minister has since given similar advice to members of the BCOF Association.
• The Minister was left in no doubt that the RSL considers this matter must be dealt with as soon as possible – and that we will continue to support him in this task by members of the BCOF Association.
• The advice from all RSL Branches that the League does not support a proposal to award the Victoria Cross to the Unknown Soldier interred at the Australian War Memorial. I have written to the Chairman of the Defence Honours & Awards Appeals Tribunal advising him of this decision. This letter referred to the request that the Minister would ask when I appeared before the Tribunal on 2 December 2011.

Relocation of defence assets to the north. Minister Snowdon advised that no new information was available but that his Chief of Staff would seek information from the staff of the Minister for Defence. I hope to include more information in a future newsletter.

State War Memorial Update

The Memorandum of Understanding between RSL WA HQ & Kings Park Botanical Gardens Park Authority has been signed off. BGPA are the owners & RSL WA HQ the custodians. Resolution of Inscription Criteria – the criteria amendment from that previously formed in 1921 by our forefathers, has been completed and will be displayed on our website. The details are as follows.

The Australian Defence Force personnel who are eligible to have their names inscribed on the Memorial must meet the following criteria:

1. The Eligible person must be an Australian citizen and have died as a result of active service in war/conflicts and must have:
   A. Been born in Western Australia;
   B. Enlisted in Western Australia;
   C. Been domiciled in Western Australia at the date of his or her death; or
   D. Had next of kin domiciled in Western Australia at the date of his or her death.

2. For the purposes of this Inscription Criteria the term “Domiciled” means the Eligible Person or the Eligible Person’s next of kin had his/her or their permanent and primary residence in Western Australia. The RSL may use its discretion to determine domicile taking into account the length of time of continuous residence in Western Australia and or registration on the Western Australian electoral role of the proposed Eligible Person or the proposed Eligible Person’s next of kin.

“Next of kin” means the proposed Eligible Person’s surviving parent(s), surviving spouse or surviving de facto spouse or surviving children.

An Eligible Person’s name will be inscribed on the Memorial as soon as reasonably possible after the date the RSL agrees that the person is an Eligible Person.

The New Inscription Criteria is not retrospective and will only apply to any current wars/conflicts at the date of the Resolution on 26 November 2011 and to any future wars/conflicts from that date. The inclusion of such wars/conflicts on the Memorial will be in the sole discretion of the RSL including the form of inscription which may if the RSL chooses only include a plaque recording the war/conflict without inscribing the names of any Eligible Persons.

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Why Gallipoli was fought

To understand why the heroic tragedy of Gallipoli, for tragedy it was, we must first understand why British, Australian, New Zealand and French forces landed in Turkey at all. In the briefest words, theirs was a military expedition following a naval one which had recently failed. The causes of the Dardanelles campaign lay far away and were shaped within a few weeks of the outbreak of the First World War, the Great War, in August 1914. Soon the huge opposing armies on the western front in Europe had become embroiled in trench warfare which both sides tried to advance, but made only worthless gains at heavy cost in lives.

In Britain various people believed the Allies should strike at Germany in a way other than the stalemate trenches. Chief among these was Winston Churchill, then First Lord of the Admiralty and 39 years old, restless of mind, adventurous of spirit. Churchill controlled the mighty British Fleet. He chafed because the German Fleet would not come out to fight. Yet, despite his desire to attack rather than defend, he was wrong in one most catastrophic thing. Against his own weight of naval history, he believed that heavy naval guns could demolish land fortresses. In January 1915 a momentous request came from the Russian Government. The Russians, fighting on the Allied side, were hard-pressed in the Caucasus and asked for a demonstration against the Turks to ease this pressure. To make such a demonstration Britain agreed to send the Royal Navy to the Dardanelles. This was Churchill’s chance. He believed the warships would do more. He urgently urged that British and French ships try to force the Straits of the Dardanelles by bombardment and destroying the Turkish coastal forts. Thus, what was intended as a demonstration became a major operation.

Only way

These exceedingly narrow straits are the only way into the Black Sea. The Allies could not send her men and munitions. Were the Dardanelles forced, the Black Sea would be open. The fight lasted eight months.
The Battle of Kapyong

The 3rd Battalion of the Royal Australian Regiment (3RAR) featured in the action at Maryang San near Kapyong on 24 and 25 April 1951 and had its beginnings at the end of World War II.

The infantry battalions 65th, 66th and 67th had been at Morotai, New Guinea and Borneo during World War II and then sent to Japan with the British Commonwealth Occupation Forces (BCOF). Late in November 1948 these battalions were renamed 1st, 2nd and 3rd battalion of the Royal Australian Regiment (RAR), the “Royal” prefix was granted by King George VI on 31 March 1949.

As Australia was a signatory to the United Nations (UN) declaration to the defence of South Korea from Communist North Korea, 3RAR was in Japan training when it was committed to the US led UN Command Forces on 26 July 1950. Volunteers brought the battalion strength up to 960 troops. On 28 September 1950, 3RAR landed at Pusan South Korea as part of the 27th British Commonwealth Infantry Brigade. 3RAR was first deployed on 5 October in a counter attack causing the UN forces to withdraw through Pusan.

The Chinese launched an attack on 1 November 1950, when bestowing the presidential citation in recognition of the unit’s action at Kapyong, Korea. During a night of fierce fighting and small battles almost on a daily basis.

On 22 April 3RAR was stationed at a village north of Kapyong (Hill 504). The Australian position was attacked on 24 April, with the Chinese attacking in waves.

On 25 April the exhausted Chinese abandoned their actions and withdrew. It was for this action that 3RAR was awarded a US Presidential Citation.

On 26 April 3RAR came under command of the 28th British Commonwealth Brigade, in June and July this brigade joined with the 25th Canadian and 29th British Brigades to form the 1st Commonwealth Division.

3RAR was later to participate in ‘Operation Command’ which began on 3 October 1951 which was later known as The Battle for Maryang San. Some historians believe that the Maryang San was of greater significance for 3RAR than the battle of Kapyong.

Denis Connelly.

Reference:
1. Australia War Memorial (AWM) Canberra ACT
2. National Archives of Australia (NAA) Canberra ACT

The Veterans’ Affairs Committee

The Veterans’ Affairs Committee (VAC) had its first meeting for 2012 on Thursday 29 March at ANZAC House.

The VAC is an advisory committee to the State Executive and is responsible to the Board of Directors (BOD). The VAC Chairman is Denis Connelly (ex RAAF, RSL WA Vice President and Editor of The Listening Post). The Committee comprises of Jacqui Liddiard (Secretary East Victoria Park RSL Sub-Branch), WO1 Gary Browne (RSM of the 13 Brigade), Gary Scott (ex RAAF, member of the RSL WA State Executive representing Esperance and Goldfields), Donna Prytulak (RSL WA State Executive representative for the Avon region) is a Proxy for Gary Scott and Robert Gilmore (ex RAN, President of the City of Rockingham RSL Sub-Branch).

Various people will be called upon from specialist areas when necessary to assist the VAC. As Mr Gaynor said at the meeting: “with the spread of members it is anticipated that a wide range of experience and knowledge will be available to assist the committee in its deliberations”.

The committee has a very wide ranging area of responsibility effecting serving members and veterans as well as their families. High priority will be given to the areas of provision of benefits, quality of benefits, recognition of war like and non-war like service, compensation for veterans and their families, veterans with special needs, detecting faults in the current compensation schemes and correcting these faults, disabled veterans who are still living at home, promotion and preservation of days commemoration, employment of disabled veterans and assimilation of Defence personnel into the community after a service career.

The committee is programmed to meet at least one a month, or as the need arises. It is hoped that the committee will be able to have a question and answer session in Sub-Branches in the near future. This will be in consultation with the designated Sub-Branches being available and being able to provide suitable facilities available.

If you wish to contact the VAC please email ideas@rslwahq.org.au or phone 9287 3799.
Looking for next-of-kin

The men listed below have been posthumously approved for the award of the Commendation for Gallantry for their service during World War II and to date their award has not been Stated. If you are related to any of these men, or know of someone who may be related, please contact the Directorate of Honours & Awards’ telephone enquiry line on 1800 311 321.

PTE Alexander John BELL  SGT Clifford Edmund DANAHER  SGT Joseph Kenneth BELL  SIG Howard Frederick HARVEY  PTE Joseph BELL  MAJ Alan MULL

For more information about ANZAC Day commemorations in France or Gallipoli visit www.dva.gov.au/ANZAC

Still Time to Register For ANZAC Day in Gallipoli & France

Ahead of ANZAC Day 2012, Secretary for the Department of Veterans’ Affairs Mr Ian Campbell encouraged Australians travelling to Gallipoli or France commemorations to register at www.gallipoliregistration.com or www.franceregistration.com to ensure they come prepared.

Mr Campbell said on average up to 10,000 people travel to Gallipoli, Turkey each year and more than 4,000 travel to Villers-Bretonneux, France to attend ANZAC Day commemorations.

“For many Australians, following in the footsteps of relatives who have served and died on the battlefields of the Gallipoli Peninsula or the Western Front during the First World War is the trip of a lifetime but it is important they come prepared,” he said.

“Information services are available for Australians travelling to Gallipoli and France. Each service provides travellers with helpful tips on what to bring and what to expect over the 2012 commemorative period.

“At Gallipoli, visitors are exposed to the elements for up to 24-hours so hints on what to bring and what to wear are essential to ensure they are comfortable for the duration of the commemorations.

“In Villers-Bretonneux, road closures are in place 5 pm 24 April – 9 am 25 April and visitors will receive tips on traffic arrangements for the Dawn Service and later community services.”

Mr Campbell said the registration service was not mandatory nor was it a ticketing system for the commemorations – but a way for travellers to stay informed of important updates.

“I encourage Australians planning to travel to Gallipoli or Villers-Bretonneux for ANZAC Day in 2012 to register their interest to ensure they make the most of their experience,” he said.

Registration is optional and people can still attend the commemorations in Gallipoli and France if they have not registered. Registration does not provide reserved seating. Updates are provided via text message and/or email.

Visitors are also encouraged to register at www.smartraveller.gov.au, read the travel advisories for the countries they are visiting and have comprehensive travel insurance.

From the CEO

After nearly four months in the role, with a few frustrations, I’m pleased to say there have been many more positives than negatives and I hope this good average continues. Here are some brief updates:

Legal Matters

- State Election – the documents required are close to completion and subject to a few amendments to the Memorandum of Consent, recently highlighted by your Executive, will reach the Supreme Court by late April/early May. There are a number of rumours floating around and whilst I have not heard them all, those that I have heard are vastly exaggerated or simply untrue. For those of you who believe that the State President has concealed 20 votes in a safe in his office I can assure you that all voting forms have remained in a safe, within a strong room requiring two person entry since the evening of 26 November. As they say “never let the truth get in the way of a good story”. The cost to date: $8662.40 (covers the pre congress travel insurance).

- State War Memorial – the Memorandum of Understanding between State HQs & Kings Park & Botanical Gardens has been signed off. KP&BG are the owners & State HQs the custodians.

- Resolution of Inscription Criteria – the criteria amendment from that previously formed in 1921 by our forefathers, has been completed and is displayed on our website.

- Those meeting this criteria will have their names engraved on the SWM by ANZAC Day. Total cost of legal fees to this stage is: $8662.40 (covers the pre congress research period & the document highlighted above).

Receipt of Defamatory Letter - following the receipt of an email regarding a number of allegations regarding the RSL & individuals within the organisation the Board of Directors considered such imputations to be defamatory and untrue. Accordingly, the author through our legal representatives, was asked to publish a written apology and retraction of their defamatory statements. Through good legal advice the author of this email has done so and has consequently given me approval to highlight this issue and that he has apologised to those concerned. Lessons have been learnt. In this ‘socially networking world’ it is important to understand how quickly emails can go ‘Global’ and do not always arrive at their destination in the same format as dispatched.

Other items:

Corporate Plan – continues to be drafted and will be completed by June. The Management Structure including the various committees is enclosed. Do you have ideas for the various portfolios? Can you steer the RSL into the future? Here is an opportunity to help. If you want to be involved in one of these committees, email us at: ideas@rs lwahq.org.au

Amelioration Fund – a By Law is being written to further define how this fund should be used. This will be dispatched by May.

ANZAC House: Our IT system is out of date, in particular that used by Kathy, our membership officer, Rosiland in Welfare and our Archive team. These areas and ANZAC House in general is going through a major IT update that will hopefully provide a speedier more comprehensive service.

What do you want of ANZAC House in the future? We have recently modernised the fire detection system and are in the process of obtaining quotes for modification of our abutions, air conditioning system, that becomes obsolete in 2015, and the outer reception area that has been susceptible to flooding and the return of the PAWS team into HQ.

Many of you will be aware that our Chef, Michael and his team, prepare up to 200 meals a day in a cramped out of date kitchen, that our panelled ceiling is showing serious signs of fatigue and that the place in general needs freshening up. We intend to apply for grants to achieve this but you may have ideas as to what else you’d like your HQ to look like in the future. If you have ideas please forward to: ideas@rs lwahq.org.au

This email address can be used for ideas outside of what I have mentioned for example: membership – would you like two/three year memberships. Have a go, don’t leave it up to HQ staff. All reasonable, positive ideas considered. Feedback will be provided through this medium.

Comings & goings – Carnamah sub branch building has now been sold to a local businessman and Serpentine & Jarradale have purchased their previously leased building. Change of State Treasurer & Accountant – we wish Geoff parsie good luck for his future employment with the Variety Club and welcome Phillip Draber as State Treasurer & Peter McGlade as State Accountant.

As you can read, there is a lot happening and this on top of day to day business. Don’t be shy with your ideas! What do you as members want? Help us plan for the future!!!!

Philip Orchard - CEO/State Secretary

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More than 312,000 veterans, partners and war widows/widowers will receive increased pensions and income support payments from 20 March 2012. The first full payment at the new rates will be on the pension payday 5 April 2012.

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Emergency Relief
As the cost of living continues to rise many people are finding it difficult to make ends meet. If you are experiencing difficulties in this area please contact the Welfare Officer at ANZAC House. Some assistance with the necessities of life may be available to eligible veterans and their dependants experiencing financial hardship.

Hospital Visits
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 and contact the visitor directly. A few of the volunteers, as required are happy to visit lonely veterans in Age Care Facilities in their area.

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British Armed Forces Pension Group
Did you leave the Armed Forces before April 1975 with no pension benefits, having served fewer than 22 years? Then things may be about to change and you could be eligible for a future pension from the Government. For more details contact England - 01623-402290 – A.F.P.G PO Box 8151, Mansfield, NG21 0ZA or Google AFPG.

Hollywood Private Hospital (HPH) Consumer Council
This Council, comprised of relevant senior hospital executives and representatives of interested general community organisations (including the WA State Branch of the RSL), meets quarterly to review the hospital’s activities and performance. For veterans this includes medical treatment and other services afforded them.

Mr Mike Harness (RAAF officer 1965-1985) is the RSL representative on the Council. Should any RSL members wish to comment on his/her HPH experience, complimentary or otherwise, you are welcome to contact Mike in writing at 32 Lenori Rd, Gooseberry Hill, 6076 or by email at mharness@westnet. com.au Mike Harness

RSL Standing Policy
As a result of a recent discussion on RSL policies, I suggest to those who are interested to visit www.rsl.org.au and click on ‘About the RSL’ and view the ‘RSL Standing Policy’.

Denis Connelly – Vice President

The WA Sailors & Airmen’s Relief Fund Trust
The Trustees meet on the first 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 please contact the Fund Administrator on 9287 3707 or mobile 0412 009 191

Take Care till next time
ROSA Lind HOWAT State Welfare Officer

Media Release – Use of Dental Hygienists
The Department of Veterans’ Affairs (DVA) is aware of the concerns being raised in relation to access for eligible DVA clients to preventive dental care services provided by dental hygienists on behalf of their dentist. Under DVA’s long-standing arrangements, funding of preventive dental services is limited to those services provided by dentists and dental specialists.

To address this issue, DVA has advised both the Australian Dental Association (ADA) and the Dental Hygienists Association of Australia (DHAA) that services provided by dental hygienists under the direction of a dentist can continue for veteran patients and be claimed for under the current DVA schedule. Members of the ADA and DHAA are encouraged to resume such services to members of the veteran community.

This is an interim arrangement only while DVA considers the issue of access to services provided by dental hygienists. DVA will consult with the ADA and DHAA in considering ongoing arrangements.

Robin Lovegrove – RSL Pension Officer

Vale - Sister Taylor
Sister Agnes Muriel (Bid) Taylor was very appropriately born, one of 5 children, to August Johnson and his wife in 1915, the year of Gallipoli. One of the highlights of her life was serving in the Australian Army Nursing Service in WWII. She was posted to the Middle East and Borneo; one of her grateful patients corresponded with her all their lives.

The ship in which she sailed was RMS Aquitania, dwarfed by her scarlet and grey uniform, with an immaculate white veil, on so many of our local ANZAC Days. She lost a brother who was in the RA_AF, shot down over Europe.

Doug Carpenter - Darling Range RSL Sub-Branch
Applecross RSL Sub-Branch

ANZAC Commemoration Service is on Sunday 22 April at 11.00 am at the Clock Tower Memorial, Melville Civic Centre. Members of local Sub-Branches, other Ex-Service units and some junior organisations will assemble at 10.30 am for a short march to the memorial. The Melville City Council will once again provide refreshments at the conclusion of the service.

Bakers Hill RSL Sub-Branch

The Bakers Hill Sub-Branch will be holding their ANZAC Day Service at 11.00 am at Hooper Park in Bakers Hill. After the service, a sausage sizzle, raffles and Two-Up etc will be held at the Golf/Tennis club on St George Road to City of Mandurah War Memorial on the corner of Beaufort and Bedford Morley Ranges.

Ballajura RSL Sub-Branch

The Ballajura Sub-Branch will be holding a Dawn Service commencing at 5.45 am Wednesday 25 April 2012. Location: Memorial Peace Park, Illawarra Crescent South, Ballajura, adjacent to the Community College. The service is to be followed with a Gunfire Breakfast.

Bedford Morley RSL Sub-Branch

The Bedford Morley Sub-Branch will be holding their service at the Memorial on the corner of Beaufort Street and Salisbury Street Bedford on Sunday 22 April at 2 pm.

Order of Service

Hymn
Remembrance
Last Post
The Ode
Rouse
Wreath Laying
The National Anthem
March Past

Boddington RSL Sub-Branch

The Boddington Sub-Branch will be holding their Dawn Service at the RSL Memorial Gardens and Centoph in Bedford Morley Ranges on Sunday 22 April at 5.45 am. Follow the Dawn Service there will be a march back to the RSL Hall for a Gunfire Breakfast. The Gunfire Breakfast is free and all residents and visitors are welcome. Contact the Secretary, John Allert 0427 103 478, for further information.

Bridgeport RSL Sub-Branch

The Bridgeport Sub-Branch ANZAC Day Service is on 25 April 2012. Dawn Service at Greenbushes: Form up at Greenbushes RSL Hall 5.45 am for a march to the Memorial. March back to RSL Hall for Gunfire Breakfast following the Memorial Service.

March in Boddington:
The Boddington Sub-Branch march commences at 9.45 am. Form up at the Post Office car park at 9.30 am. The march ends at the Centoph for the ANZAC Day Service which will run for approximately 45 minutes. After the Service there will be a march back to the Post Office. Morning tea will be served at the Shire Lesser Hall by the Red Cross Society.

Broome RSL Sub-Branch

We hold our ANZAC Day Dawn Service at Bedford Memorial Park, Broome beginning at 6.00 am. Following the Dawn Service, which finishes at approximately 6.45 am, everyone returns to the RSL for the trench breakfast, which starts at 7.00 am.

Later on in the morning we commence the Two-Up which keeps the many hundreds of those gathered interested for quite a few hours. Also for those not interested in the Two-Up the many TV screens we have around the bar will be showing the AFL match of the day.

The day usually comes to a close at about 9.00 pm, which is long enough for all the bar staff and others. Always a good time is had by everyone.

City of Mandurah RSL Sub-Branch

ANZAC Day Dawn Service is at 6.00 am at the City of Mandurah Memorial, Western Foreshore followed by a Gunfire Breakfast at the RSL Hall, 22 Third Ave Mandurah. Main ANZAC Day Service starts at 10.30 am with a march from Pinjarra Road to City of Mandurah War Memorial, Western Foreshore. Ceremonies commence on completion of the march. Fellowship at the RSL Hall concludes the day.

City of Rockingham RSL Sub-Branch

600 Dawn Service – War Memorial, Village Green, Rockingham.
620 Gunfire Breakfast at PCYC Smythe St, Rockingham.
1030 March – War Memorial, Village Green, Rockingham.
1100 Main Service – War Memorial, Village Green, Rockingham.
1200 Come back to the Club at the RSL Sub-Branch – Memorial Drive, Point Peron.

City of South Perth Sub-Branch

The ANZAC Day Service in the City of South Perth will take place at the Memorial Gardens on the corner of South Tce and Sandgate St, outside the City of South Perth Council Offices. The Service will commence at 7.15 am. The Scouts from the Salter Point Sea Scouts will mount a Vigil on the Memorial and members of the Pilbara Regiment will mount a Cadet party on ANZAC Day from 7.00am for the duration of the Service.

The service will be attended by the Mayor Mrs Sue Doherty and the Councillors of the City, Parliamentarians and Ex-Service Men and Women from the City and surrounding areas.

Cottesloe RSL Sub-Branch

The annual Cottesloe ANZAC Day Service is held at the Cottesloe War Memorial Hall and Civic Centre, 109 Broome Street, Cottesloe. Assembly in Broome Street at 6.45 am with serving and ex-service members to the fore. Parade moves off at 6.55 am.

Darling Range RSL Sub-Branch

The local ANZAC Day march is on Saturday, 21 April. Assembly behind “Thai on the Hill”, corner Haynes/ Railway Road by 10.45am for step off at 11 am. March past RSL Hall to War Memorial at Kosteria Oval for a service, followed by light refreshments at our Hall, 35 Canning Road, Kalanunda. All welcome to attend.

ANZAC Day - 25 April

Dawn Service at the War Memorial, Kosteria Oval (next to the Agricultural Hall) at 5.45am. Main Service at 6.00am. Gunfire Breakfast afterwards in the Agricultural Hall, costs apply. All welcome to attend.

All enquiries to: Doug Carpenter (Secretary) on 9257 3713 or email dcarpenter@iinet.net.au

East Victoria Park RSL Sub-Branch

Commemoration Service (ANZAC Day Eve)
East Victoria Park has an active RSL Sub-Branch in Fred Bell Parade (between Hillview Terrace and Playfair Streets) where they carry on the traditional activities of helping those returned from modern wars as well as providing commemoration services for those who died in two World Wars, Korea, Burma and Vietnam along with recent conflicts.

A commemoration service will be held on Tuesday 24 April 2012 at East Victoria Park Sub-Branch Memorial at 5.45 pm. A light supper/refreshments will be provided in the hall following the service.

For any further information please contact Jacqui on 9361 8802 or mobile 0432 201 440.

General Sir John Monash RSL Sub-Branch

The General Sir John Monash Sub-Branch will be holding its Dawn Service at 4.30 am at the Pilbara Regiment in Kings Park immediately after the service at the State War Memorial finishes on ANZAC Day. Everyone is invited to attend this wonderful laying service. The Jewish War Memorial is only a few metres to the left of the Court of Contemplation and the Flame of Remembrance. The traditional ANZAC Day breakfast will be held after the service.

Warren Austin - President

Greenbushes RSL Sub-Branch

Greenbushes is holding the usual Dawn Service at 6 am. Arriving at 5.45 am, forming up at 5.55 am and marching up to the Memorial to the beat of pipes and drums. The address this year will be conducted by Hon Robyn McSweeney; Minister of Child Protection, Community Services, Seniors and Volunteerism, Women’s Interest and Youth. The parade and other attenders will then retire to the RSL Hall for a Gunfire Breakfast. All Regional RSL Sub-Branches and other interested parties are welcome.

Karratha RSL Sub-Branch

Dawn service at 6am at the Cenotaph outside the Shire of Roebourne Council Offices. The RSL opens at 10am with Two-Up from midday.

Kununurra RSL Sub-Branch

1. Dawn Service – 4.30 am, ANZAC Hill, Kununurra followed by a Gunfire Breakfast on the hill.
2. ANZAC Parade and Service – 9.30 am, Town Centre. This is to be followed by drinks and camaraderie at Kununurra Sports Club.

Manjimup RSL Sub-Branch

Our timetable for ANZAC Day in Manjimup will be:
600 Dawn Service at Memorial in Giblett Street, Manjimup.
630 Gunfire Breakfast at RSL Hall at 10 Brockman Street, Manjimup.
1045 Parade to form up at Memorial Gates in Brockman Street, Manjimup and march to Memorial.
1100 Service commences at Memorial Hall.

Following this, food and refreshments will be available at the RSL Hall. There is also an ANZAC Day 18 hole golf competition at the Manjimup Country Club commencing 12.30 pm – 1.00 pm plus Two Up at the Manjimup Hotel from about 2.00 pm onwards.

Mosman Park Sub-Branch

The Mosman Park Sub-Branch will be holding its ANZAC Day ceremony in conjunction with and sponsored by the Town of Mosman Park at 10 am, at the Memorial Park, Mosman Park. Location is between Bay View Terrace and Palmerston Streets.

There is a free Gunfire Breakfast at 8am located at “Camelot” Lochee Street, Mosman Park, sponsored by Town of Mosman Park and managed by The Rotary Club of Mosman Park.

Mount Hawthorn RSL Sub-Branch

The Mt Hawthorn Sub-Branch, together with the City of Vincent as well as assistance from Lotterywest, will hold their Annual ANZAC Day Service at ‘Axford Park’, corner of Scarborough Beach Road and Oxford St, Mt Hawthorn on 25 April at 11 am. All welcome.

Mundaring RSL Sub-Branch

Forming up at 2.30 pm at Bendigo Bank, corner Mann Street & Great Eastern Highway Mundaring. The march commences at 2.45 pm down Great Eastern Highway to Memorial Gar-
ANZAC DAY 2012 Program

**ANZAC Day Service at Memorial Park**

**Dawn Service – Civic Hall Pinjarra Road**

- Commence at 7.00 am from the RSL Hall.
- Cost: $5.00 pp
- Refreshments will be followed by the Annual General Meeting of the Sub-Branch.

**ANZAC Day service will be held at the RSL Osborne Park Sub-Branch 129 Main St Osborne Park on Wednesday 25th April 2012.**

**Pre-ANZAC Day Street Parade Brass Band & Pipers**

Sunday 22 April 2012 at 68 Sylvia St cnr Hillisborough St.

1030 Parade step off. March past the RSL Hall & salute the dignitaries.

1100 commemorative service

1200 service concludes

Service members, families and visitors are all welcome to attend even if it’s not their branch. Attendees are also invited to the RSL Hall for nibbles, food compliments of the Sub-Branch and drinks at RSL bar prices – mildly $3.50, Schoner $4.50, jugs $12.00, wine by the glass $3.00, water is free. Our kitchen is open for meals.

Dawn Service ANZAC Day 6.00am at 68 Sylvia St cnr Hillisborough St.

Service members, families and visitors are all welcome to attend.

Come into the RSL Hall for a traditional Gunfire Breakfast and puseys run prior to the city parade and then again after to the Nollamara RSL Sub-Branch for lunch and nibbles compliments of the Sub-Branch and the traditional ANZAC Day game of Two-Up!

Drinks at RSL Bar prices and the kitchen is open for meals throughout the day.

This is one opportunity where the RSL Hall is open to the public so come and visit us.

**Contact the Nollamara RSL – Manager Chez 9344 1966 or email manager@nollamara.rsl.asn.au or Secretary/CEO “Mac” 0419 121 947 or email secretary@nollamara.rsl.asn.au**

**North Beach RSL Sub-Branch**

The North Beach Sub-Branch will be conducting their ANZAC Day Dawn Service at the Monument, Charles Riley Reserve, Corner North Beach Road and Kitchener Road North Beach commencing at 6.00 am on 25 April 2012.

Following the Service everyone will be invited to a Gunfire Breakfast at North Beach Bowling Club.

Wreaths will be laid by the Federal, State and Council members as well as local school children and members of the public.

704 Squadron Air Force Cadets and Navy Cadets from TS Marimon have agreed to provide a Guard of Honour.

For details contact Rob Sweet 0417 654 533.

**Northampton RSL Sub-Branch**

The Northampton Sub-Branch will be holding a Dawn Service commencing at 6.00 am followed by a Gunfire Breakfast.

An 11 am service is also to be held followed by a social branch. Everyone welcome.

**Osborne Park RSL Sub-Branch**

ANZAC Day service will be held at the RSL Osborne Park Sub-Branch 129 Main St Osborne Park on Wednesday 25th April 2012. The service will commence at 7.00am and all service personnel who wish to participate in the service will need to “fall in” at 6.55am. Following the service there will be a “Gunfire Breakfast” in the Hall for a nominal fee of $10 Adults and $5 Children

**Pinjarra RSL Sub-Branch**

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600 Dawn Service – Civic Hall Pinjarra Road
Gunfire Breakfast at RSL Hall Cost $5.00 pp
1030 Parade form up in Henry Street
1045 Parade march off and proceed to Memorial
1100 ANZAC Day Service at Memorial Fellowship at the RSL Hall on completion of ANZAC Day Service as well as Sausage Sizzle, Raffles, Two-Up and Entertainment by the Perth Highland Pipe Band

This year is the 50th Anniversary of the Perth Highland Pipe Band leading the Pinjarra RSL ANZAC Day parade.

For Further Information contact: Secretary - Sue O’Donnell - 9537 8559 - E: pinjarrarsl@westnet.com.au

**Ravensthorpe RSL Sub-Branch**

The Ravensthorpe RSL Sub-Branch will be conducting an ANZAC Day Service in Ravensthorpe this year commencing at 10 am. Anyone interested in marching should meet at McCallum Park at 9.45 am.

After the Service everyone is invited to join our few members for morning tea and then we invite everyone to the Hopetoun Bowling Club where a BBQ lunch and refreshments will be served and hopefully lots of laughs and a few dancs.

**Scarborough RSL Sub-Branch**

The Scarborough Sub-Branch will be holding their usual ANZAC Day Service in the Memorial Garden located at the corner of Millcrest Street and Shearm Crescent Doubleview at 3.00 pm. Representatives from the three Armed Services are laying a wreath as well as our Federal and State Parliament Members and City of Stirling Council Representatives.

Should any of the Public wish to lay wreaths or flowers in memory of loved ones they are invited to do so. We are also fortunate to have the Wanneroo Challenge Brass Band provide the appropriate music which is appreciated by all. At the conclusion of the service an invitation is extended to those attending the service to join us for afternoon tea at the adjacent Doubleview Bowling and Recreation Club.

**Serpentine-Jarrahdale RSL Sub-Branch**

Dawn Service Commencing at 6 am 25 April 2012

Glades Park Corner Abernethy Road and Warrington Road Byford
Gunfire Breakfast to follow prepared by Oakford Fire Brigade.

**Shenton Park RSL Sub-Branch**

ANZAC Day Service and Wreath Laying Ceremony Wednesday 25 April 2012. The service will commence at 7.00 am outside the Shenton Park Community Centre in Onslow Road, Shenton Park. A short march will take place prior to the service. Marchers are requested to form up outside the POST Newspaper office in King Street at 6.45am.

The 10th Light Horse Regiment will be mounting a catafalque party for the duration of the service.

Morning tea will be provided in the Hall at the conclusion of the service. Seating is provided for the service and morning tea.

Members of the public will be invited to lay wreaths.

**Walykatchem Sub-Branch**

The Walykatchem Sub-Branch will be conducting a Dawn Service at 5.55 am at Memorial Park (Honour Avenue). This will be followed by a Gunfire Breakfast at the RSL Hall (Wilson Street) at 7.00 am. The Rotary Club of Walykatchem will be cooking the breakfast, as they have done over the past years, of sausages, buns tomato sauce, hot sauce, tea, coffee and fruit juice for the kids.

An ANZAC Service will be conducted at Memorial Park at 11.00 am. Refreshments will be provided at the RSL Hall at 12.00 pm. Fall-in will take place in Honour Avenue (outside the old infant health clinic) at 10.45 am.

Refreshments will be followed by the Annual General Meeting of the Sub-Branch.

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Heads or tails? Join us in keeping the traditions alive this ANZAC Day at Burswood Entertainment Complex.

Every year, we pause to reflect on the courage and sacrifices made by all past and present servicemen and women, and as a mark of respect the Casino will be closed from 3am reopening at 12 noon on Wednesday, 25 April.

Come together following the annual ANZAC Day March for a special lunch at Snooze, where you can enjoy fish and chips with a soft drink for just $5 upon presentation of your RSL membership card. This offer is valid for two people and only available on Wednesday, 25 April 2012. Snooze is a snack bar located in the Casino at Burswood, and is an adult venue only.

Get into the spirit with a traditional game of Two-up where part proceeds will be donated to the RSL WA branch, and take in all the other great entertainment options while you’re here.

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WRAAC Association (WA) members, friends and sister services assembled at the Flame of Remembrance, State War Memorial, King’s Park on Sunday, 12 February 2012 for the Service of Remembrance of the Women’s Royal Australian Army Corps.

The Parade was under the direction of Dr Ruth Shean JP, State Warden, Sub-Warden Mr Ray Mawson and the Sub-Wardens from the Highgate Sub-Branch. Honorary Chaplain Major Laurel Pearce conducted the service. Mrs May Tomich, President WRAAC Assn (WA) and Mr Bill Gaynor, State President RSL as well as Major Cheryl Goulding, 13 Brigade, laid wreaths. L Cpl David Scott sounded the Last Post and Reveille, people in the outdoor cafes stood in silence. Mrs Hazel Donald, Vice President WRAAC Assn (WA) recited The Ode.

A delicious meal was served by Sarah and the Air Force Memorial Estate (AFME) Bullcreek staff Sue and Barbara looked after the 59 members, friends and guests. Mrs Abby McNamara was our very able MC. Major Laurel Pearce said Grace. Toasts were given by Mrs Hazel Donald, Mrs Ellen Wachmer and Mrs Joan Galin. Major Cheryl Goulding gave a speech of thanks.

Mr and Mrs Gaynor joined us along with Mr and Mrs Graeme Bland, members from Ex-WRANS, RAANC, WAAAF, WRAAF, Ex-WRNS, ATS / WRAC and ex WRAAC.

All enjoyed the happy, friendly day.

May Tomich – Secretary - WRAAC

WWII Memorial Plaque

This memorial to the RAE units in, and from, WA during World War Two was unveiled at the RAE Memorial in the 13 Fd Sqn lines at Irwin Training Centre, Karrakatta, WA by WX28041 Sgt Norman Quartermaine (13 Fd Coy – 1941 to 1945) on 1 April 2012 and dedicated by Padre Howard Eaton (Rtd).

The sculpture by R.M. (Ron) Gomboc Cit WA (ex RAE) represents Spirit of Brothers in Arms while the memorial was designed by Duncan Jordon (ex RE) and erected by the Sappers of 13 Fd Sqn.
The Minister for the Arts, the Hon Simon Crean MP, has advised that the National Capital Authority has approved the Boer War Memorial design proposed by the National Boer War Memorial Association.

The memorial will be an inspired design of Australian troopers mounted on War Horses breaking through the trees of ANZAC Parade in Canberra. The sculptures of a section of four horsemen are dynamic, bold and realistic; not impressionistic. The positioning and postures of the troopers create dynamism and tension in the memorial. Each horse and soldier is portrayed with individual character and movement in the act of patrolling; searching and watching.

The history-capturing design will bring a new note to Australia’s national military memorial precinct which leads to the Australian War Memorial. It will commemorate Australia’s first war as a federated nation.

The design embraces the horseman as the bushman folk hero of Australian culture; an independent and resourceful Australian acclimatised to a tough existence on the land.

The significance of the four troopers is that they represent the four-man section, a formation for fighting and patrolling established during the Boer War. When they went into combat, three men would dismount to fight while the fourth would lead the horses to cover. This display of interaction and observation is reflected in the placement of the horses in the setting.

When hearing the call to arms young adventurous Australians volunteered in their thousands. Some 16,000 were sent from Australia, first from the colonies and then from the Commonwealth after Federation in 1901, with a further 7,000 enlisting in South Africa, bringing the total to nearly 23,000 men, 60 nurses and 43,000 horses.

Colonel John Haynes, National President of the Boer War Memorial Association, describes the Design as “A magnificent and fitting memorial to the predecessors of today’s troopers serving in the Australian Defence Force”.

For further information please contact:
Keith Smith - 0411 898 302 (Press Officer, Boer War Memorial Association)

On Tuesday 6 March the 10 students who will be taking part in the 2012 Premier’s ANZAC Student Tour visited ANZAC House for lunch, a tour and to talk with some veterans. This year the students will be visiting Malaysia.

Amy Hunt

Premier's ANZAC Student Tour Competition 2012

Amy Hunt

Philip Orchard (RSL WA CEO / State Secretary), Peter Fardon (RSL WA State Executive Representative), Cody Cox, Caitlin Phoebe, Sophie Wheeler, Courtney Spencer, Kendall Neil, David Mathond Frewe (L-R); William Gaynor (RSL WA State President), Josephine Day, Hannah Place, Angela Gazey, Rebecca Simon
From the Archives with
Naomi Lam

Thank you to all the Sub-Branches I have visited that assisted me in providing content for the exhibition. It has been a busy few months with trips in the Upper South West and Lower South West organised. I am still on the lookout for visual material such as photographs and any film that tells the story of the Sub-Branches in your community. If anyone does have any photographs of ANZAC Day Services, events/functions organised by the Sub-Branch, memorials under the care of the Sub-Branch or any fundraising initiatives driven by the Sub-Branch please contact me at ANZAC House.

We have now completed the scanning of The Listening Post with issues going back to December 1921. The whole process took 7 months and involved scanning from microfilm into a PDF document. The Listening Post was the official publication of the League from December 1921, but was not the first publication. Prior to the introduction of The Listening Post was another publication, The Australian which ran from 1917.

We were fortunate to be able to purchase a copy of the microfilm of the Australian from the State Library of WA and have managed to include this in our digitisation programme. Unfortunately the issues are not complete with a number of missing issues and pages from the collection.

We are currently working towards making The Listening Post and The Australian more widely available so members will be able to search from their own computers at home across the collection. Both publications contain a wealth of information about the early years of the League in Western Australia and about the Sub-Branches and the various activities they were involved in over the years. As you can imagine, the collection is large, with the publication shifting from monthly to every second month to quarterly. This means that we have to explore a few different options for making The Listening Post and The Australian available keeping in mind long term access to the collection.

At the end of March, the RSL Living History Project will be in the Midwest Region with visits scheduled for Geraldton, Dongara, Jurien Bay and Northampton. Following this, we will be focusing on the North East Metropolitan Region. If you have a story to tell about your Sub-Branch, please contact me, your contribution could mean a starring role for your Sub-Branch in the online exhibition.

2012 marks the 50th Anniversary of the announcement of Australia’s involvement in the Vietnam War. The Vietnam War was fought from July 1962 to April 1975 and cost the lives of 521 brave Australian heroes in conflict and many thousands after as a result of wounds, injury and health problems with many more veterans and their families still suffering today.

The Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia QLD Branch (VVAA QLD) in conjunction with the AATTV, VVFAQ, QLD RSL and the Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces Association, QLD Branch, intends conducting two activities to commemorate this very important event. These two events are:

A. 50th Anniversary Commemorative Luncheon
This activity is to be conducted on Thursday 16 August 2012 at the North’s Leagues Club, 1347 ANZAC Avenue, Kallangur, commencing at 11.30 am and concluding at approximately 3.00 pm. Please contact at the below email for a registration form.

B. 50th Anniversary Commemorative March and Memorial Service
This activity is to be conducted again as usual on Saturday 18 August (Vietnam Veterans Day). The Treasury Casino has allowed us to congregate in the Premier’s Bar over the last few years and they have provided us with reduced price drinks and finger food. The veterans normally meet at the Casino from 9.30 am onward. We believe that this will happen again. All Associations, units and personnel including the Sons and Daughters are cordially invited to attend both of these activities.

John P Smith OAM - JP (Qual) - President/Secretary - VVAA QLD Branch Inc. - (07) 5498 5202 - 0407 460 358 - president@vvaaqueensland.asn.au - http://www.vvaaqueensland.asn.au/index.html

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Serving and returned service personnel wearing service uniforms, campaign ribbons or medals can travel FREE on ANZAC Day.

Dawn Service Bus Shuttle
A free shuttle will operate from the Vietnam Memorial Pavilion at Western Power Parkland on May Drive from 4.45 am to 5.45 am, returning at the conclusion of the Service. Special train services will operate in the metro areas into the CBD commencing at 4.15 am, and shuttle buses from Perth City to the State War Memorial will run from 5.05 am

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The Dawn Service (6.00 am)
Kings Park & Botanic Gardens
Conducted at the State War Memorial in Fraser Avenue. Large screens have been erected to show historic footage and the Dawn Service and commences at 4.15 am. Please note no vehicle entry via Frasers Avenue and there is limited parking available. Please allow for delayed entry to and exit from Kings Park.

Special Access
Parking passes are available for aged and disabled veterans. Passes can be obtained by contacting the RSL on 9287 3799 or rslwah@inet.net.au

Seating
Seats will be placed on the upper level of the Court of Contemplation for aged & disabled veterans. Entry is through the main entrance to the Flame of Remembrance.

ANZAC Day Gunfire Breakfast
(7.00 am – 9.00 am)
Following the Dawn Service and preceding the ANZAC Day March, a FREE Gunfire Breakfast will be held in Stirling Gardens in St Georges Terrace (next door to Council House). Veterans and the community are invited to attend and share the spirit of ANZAC Day.

ANZAC Day March (9.30 am)
PLEASE NOTE: Change of Parade Route for 2012
Australian Defence Forces will step off from the corner of William Street and St Georges Terrace at 9.30 am, followed by veteran carrying vehicles, and the Ex-Service Unit, Corps, Regimental Associations. Parade will march east along St Georges Terrace, turn right onto Barrack Street, left onto Riverside Drive, and left onto the Supreme Court Gardens.

City Road Closures - Please note change of parade route

Kings Park Road Closures

CBD Parking
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The salute (to the right) will be taken at the saluting dais opposite Trinity Church. The Reviewing Officer is the Governor of Western Australia, His Excellency Mr Malcolm McCusker AC CVO QC.

ANZAC Day Service (11.00 am)
PLEASE NOTE: Service will be on Supreme Court Gardens in 2012
The Parade will enter Supreme Court Gardens off Riverside Drive and form up facing west. The service will commence at 11.00 am.

Public Facilities
Seating for aged and disabled is available at the front of the stage and in the large covered areas on the reserve. Toilet facilities will be available on both sides of the reserve.

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ANZAC DAY Provisional Order of March - Wednesday, 25 April 2012

1. Mounted Police
2. Defence Reqs (RAN, Army, RAAF)
3. DEFENCE FORCES CONTINGENT
   3.1 RAN Band – WA Detachment
   3.4 Royal Australian Navy
   3.5 Australian Army Band Perth
   3.10 Royal Australian Air Force
   3.22 WA Police Pipe Band
   3.24 Royal Naval Air Station
   3.25 Australian Army Pipes & Drums Perth
   3.26 Australian Army

4. Royal Australian Navy
5. Australian Army Band Perth
6. Australian Army Pipes & Drums Perth
7. Scottish College Pipes & Drums
8. Royal Australian Air Force
9. WA Police Pipe Band
10. WA Police
11. Fire & Emergency Services Authority
12. 7 Wing Air Force Cadet Drum Corps
13. Australian Army Cadets
14. 7 Wing Australia Air Force Cadet

15. EX-SERVICE CONTINGENT
   15.1 Town of Victoria Park Brass Band
   15.17 State Presidents’ of RSL, Naval Assoc & RAAF Assoc of WA
   15.18 WVV1 Barracks & Victoria Cross Recipient Barners
   15.19 Escorted by Westralian Great War Living History Assoc
   15.20 Legacy Wards

16. NAVAL SECTION
   16.1 Perth Foremost Salvation Army Band
   16.2 Naval Assoc of Aust (WA) Section State Executive
   16.3 Naval Assoc (City of Perth Sub-Section)
   16.4 Fleet Air Arm Assoc of Aust WA Division
   16.5 HMAS Perth National Assoc
   16.11 HMAS Brisbane
   16.17 HMAS Hobart Assoc
   16.18 HMAS Sydney Assoc
   16.19 RAN WW1 Heavy Cruisers (HMAS Canberra, HMAS Australia, HMAS Shropshire)
   16.21 HMAS Westralia Assoc
   16.22 RAN Communications Branch Assoc
   16.23 “M” Class Destroyers
   16.24 Coastal Scottish Pipes & Drums
   16.25 Tribal Class Destroyers Assoc
   16.26 HMAS Anzac, HMAS Warramunga, HMAS Bataan
   16.27 RAN Clearance Divers Assoc
   16.28 For East Strategic Reserve (Navy) Assoc
   16.29 Vietnam Logistics Support Veterans Assoc
   16.30 RAN HMAS Sydney II
   16.31 Royal Australian Navy Physical Trainers Branch
   16.32 Defensively Equipped Merchant Ships
   16.33 En-WRANS Assoc

17. ARMY SECTION
   17.1 The Royal Agricultural Society of WA Brass Band
   17.2 6th Aust Division Cavalry Regiment Assoc (WA)
   17.3 Royal Australian Armoured Corps Assoc (WA Branch)
   17.4 Royal Australian Armoured Corps Vietnam Veterans
   17.5 Royal Australian Artillery Assoc of WA
   17.6 101 Field Battery
   17.7 102 Field Battery
   17.8 104 Field Battery
   17.9 2/7th Field Regiment Artillery Assoc
   17.10 Floreat Park Salvation Army Band
   17.11 Heavy Anti-Aircraft Assoc
   17.12 2/3rd Aust Composite AA Regiment Assoc

18. ANZAC DAY Gunfire Breakfast
19. Seats will be placed on the upper level of the Flame of Remembrance.
20. Anzac Club will be open from 7.00 am – 9.00 am
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22. Please note change of parade route
23. Please note no vehicle entry via Frasers
24. McCusker AC CVO QC.
25. Australia, His Excellency Mr Malcolm
26. Trinity College Pipes & Drums
27. Perth Concert Band
28. WA Police Pipe Band
29. Royal Australian Air Force
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The Order of March is organised in accordance with the protocols of the Australian Defence Force, and has been completed in conjunction with the Naval Association of Australia and the Royal Australian Air Force Association.

FORMING UP AREAS - PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF PARADE ROUTE DUE TO SITE WORKS.
ANZAC Day Commemorative March Protocols

The Dawn Service, Gunfire Breakfast, ANZAC Day Parade, and ANZAC Day Commemorative Service are the prime opportunities to remember those who gave so much for our country – especially those who are no longer with us.

In respect of participating in the ANZAC Day Commemorative March, participants should be aware that the consensus of the returned servicemen and women, who form the body of this March, is that they be allowed to retain the integrity of their individual units for as long as possible. While they recognise the importance of, and respect the participation of next of kin (NOK), they request the following guidelines be observed by all participants:

• All marchers should conform to forming up and marching 4 abreast.
• Veterans must march directly behind their unit banner, accompanied by one carer if needed. That carer should be of an age where they directly assist the veteran.
• Veterans having difficulty completing the March are encouraged to use the transport provided, but must remain in the vehicle until the March is complete.
• If a veteran must fall out of the March, he/she should be directed to a Marshall for assistance. Unit Associations should continue so as not to disrupt the movement of the March.
• NOK should march behind the veterans and be old enough to march the full distance without assistance. Please note baby prams are not permitted.
• NOK representation should be restricted to 1 per veteran. Attire should be neat and tidy out of respect to the fallen (torn denim, sporting attire, dirty joggers etc are not appreciated).
• Media services have been advised not to conduct interviews ‘on the move’ for assistance. Unit Associations should continue so as not to disrupt the movement of the March.
• Only recognised National Flags are to be carried in the Parade.
• Please note that is not a cultural parade but a March for ADF, and Ex-Service personnel, and National Dress and NOK not wearing medals is not supported.

NOK are to wear medals on the right breast (left breast is reserved for the original owners).

We would be grateful if you adopted these guidelines and by doing so you will not serve in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations.

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From 2014 to 2018 Australia will commemorate the ANZAC Centenary – 100 years since our nation’s involvement in the First World War. During this time we will remember not only the ANZACs who served at Gallipoli and the Western Front, but all Australian servicemen and women who have served in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations.

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The development of a motif was also proposed by the National Commission on the Commemoration of the ANZAC Centenary, which included former Prime Ministers the Right Honourable Malcolm Fraser, PC, AC, CH and the Honourable Bob Hawke, AC. In its report to Government the Commission recommended “…an instantly recognisable motif…that conveys an overall theme should be attached to the centenary program.”

Highly-regarded motifs have been developed for similar programs such as the 1995 commemorations of the 50th anniversary of the end of the Second World War Australia Remembers.

Any motif representing the commemorative period needs to have wide resonance, be readily understood by a broad cross section of the community and appropriately reflect the significance of the Centenary.

Consultation was held in both regional parts of the country along with capital cities, and consisted of the public, current serving personnel and veterans.

The Hon Warren Snowdon MP

ANZAC Centenary Goes Far Beyond ANZAC Day

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ANZAC Day 2012
Gunfire Breakfast

Wednesday, April 25th

GUNFIRE BREAKFAST
After the Dawn Service - the traditional ANZAC Club
Gunfire breakfast will be as usual.
Starting at 0700 and served in the Club, members can enjoy a
full "Cook Up" of Scrambled Eggs • Bacon • Sausages
• Tomato • Hash Browns • Toast and Preserves
• Tea or Coffee - for just $13.00.

ANZAC Club is now open for
Morning Tea from 9.00am
Or
Lunch from 11.30am 2.00pm
Come in and taste our
new Chef Michael’s delicacies
Make sure you leave your Business Card at
the bar to win a lunch for Four!
Drawn monthly by your favourite ANZAC
Club Staff

To cope with the increased demand on the club, we will
have a very large capacity Marquee, licensed to sell
Alcoholic beverages for the occasion.
This year the club will only sell and supply packaged
products at the Marquee - this will speed up service at the
dispense points. We will have three service points in the
Marquee that will be adequately staffed for the day. This
will mean that the delays and queue that were apparent at
last years event will be avoided, as we will not be using
Draught Beer equipment to dispense drinks - cutting down
dramatically any delays experienced in obtaining service
in the marquee.

Snacks like Fish and chips, and sausage rolls will also be
available throughout the day in the Club - and these can be
obtained from the kitchen Servery.

Any enquiries to be directed to
Matthew Holyday, ANZAC
House Manager on 9287 3714
or anzacclub@rswahq.org.au

IMPORTANT NOTICE:
The club will welcome all members and guests - Please remember that the Club does have a responsibility to comply with various licences and codes - and this means that at times, the capacity of persons in the club will reach the maximum number allowed. Please be aware that if the staff at the door do not permit you to enter the club at the time you would like, it is not a personal denial of entry - but represents the Club complying with its operating licences and safety regulations - and the cooperation and understanding of members and guests is appreciated.

Post March

They shall grow not old,
as we who 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"
June Mary Bassett - 1939-45 Australian Service Medal

This story started out as a search for the family of a pretty ordinary 1939-45 ASM but it turned out to be anything but.

I knew the medal was in the mail but when it arrived last Friday I soon found the medal itself was a little bit different. First of all this is the first ASM I’ve handled that was awarded to a female member of the RAAF. Secondly, the naming is a little different to most examples of the ASM. After WWII each service was responsible for the issue of medals and there was differences in the naming conventions. For example the majority of Army medals were impressed but RAAF medals were burr engraved as is the case with this one.

The medal was awarded to 91396 SGT June Mary Bassett who was part of the movements and transport organisation of the RAAF. I was able to follow June through the electoral rolls and work out that she never married and that she died in 2002. I then started to look at the broader family. June’s father, Arthur Brookes Bassett served in WWI as 853 Gunner Bassett in the Artillery. During WWII he first served as V80317 Private Bassett in a Garrison Battalion and then as 250904 Squadron Leader Bassett in the RAAF. Arthur divorced June’s mother and remarried. He had another daughter from his second marriage but she has also died. The direct line of this family led me to dead ends. By using Ancestry, the WA Birth, Deaths and Marriages data base and the Karrakatta Cemetery search page, I was able to put together a family tree for Gilbert’s daughter Edna. I knew that her husband Arnold Keith Fleming had served with the RAAF during WWII. I was also able to establish that their son Alexander Keith Fleming served during the Vietnam War as a rifleman with 3 RAR during their 2nd tour. Alexander returned to Australia from South Vietnam in mid May 1971 but was unfortunately killed in a motor vehicle accident on 29 August 1971. He is buried at Karrakatta as well. However, all these clues lead to nothing. Even though I knew what Gilbert’s daughter’s name was I could not find any clue to her current address or even if she was still alive. I also had no lead on their daughter after 1980.

This medal was sent to me by the WA RSL. The medal returned tally is now 1092.

Walter receiving his knighthood from Viscount Slim
Walter in England during WWII

William Cleaver - WWI British War Medal & Victory Medal

4524 Private William Cleaver served with the Bedfordshire Regiment during WWI. Unfortunately, there is no information about his war time activities.

During the 1920s he immigrated to Australia and sometime before 1931 he married Daphne Doreen Cleaver. William worked for the WA railways and I was able to follow them through the electoral rolls as they moved from town to town in Western Australia. William also served during WWII as W30410 SGT Cleaver with the 5th Garrison Battalion. William died in 1978 and Daphne in 1980. Together they had one son, Ronald William Cleaver who married Dawn Cottell in 1972. Ronald died in 1990. It was Dawn’s second marriage and they were both 40 at the time of the marriage; unfortunately they had no children. I came across a family tree which gave me the details of Ronald and Dawn. The tree has been put together by Dawn’s nephew, Peter. I’ve been in touch with Peter and he is going to receive the medals. This pair was originally sent to me by the WA RSL. The returned medal tally is now 1092.

Gilbert Young - Australian Service Medal 1939-45

W28634 Gilbert Young was 48 when he enlisted for service in WWII. At that age it is not surprising that he remained a member of the militia and did not serve with the 2nd AIF. This is indicated by the W prefix of his service number rather than the WX for the AIF.

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Arthur Pegus

This WWII pair consisting of the War medal and the Australian Service Medal 1939-45 was awarded to NX92801 Arthur Hood Pegus. While I can’t be totally sure without accessing his service record, it is likely that this is his full entitlement.

Arthur was from a large extended family. His father was one of 13 children; however, Arthur only had one brother. Neither Arthur nor his brother married so my search went to the uncles and aunts. What I found is that several died young or without having children of their own. The line I ended up following was that of Arthur’s cousin. Florence Muriel Pegus who married Russell Bunnah Neil. It is Florence and Russell’s son Don who I have located and will receive the medals shortly. Thanks to Andrew C who sent me the medals originally. The returned medal tally is now 1094.
James Waddington - British War Medal

This particular search has several factors which make it a bit more interesting than the usual search we deal with.

1195 Sapper James Daniel Waddington. James was already 42 years old when he enlisted for WWI. He was a miner and working in the Kalgoorlie goldfields in 1915. Like many miners James was employed in a tunnelling company. In his case the 3rd Tunnelling Company. The story of the tunnellers has recently been depicted in the film Beneath Hill 60. There weren’t many of these units on the order of battle so a medal to one of the members is not very common and it is the first I have returned. I am currently researching another member of a Tunnelling Company but the medal does not have has a unit number and just says ‘Tunn Coy’

The search for James was a bit difficult as he listed a friend as his next of kin. James married very late in life and died three months after his marriage. His wife, Selina, had four children from a previous marriage and it is through this family that I’ve located James’ step granddaughter.

Another aspect of this medal that interests me is the naming. Firstly, having the Tunnelling Company unit name on the medal is very interesting. Also the impressing is a bit messy with the second ‘D’ in Waddington lower than the first and the overall alignment looks wrong.

This medal was sent to me by the WA RSL. The returned medal tally is now 1095.

Associated Netherlands Societies in WA (ANSWA)

“70th Anniversary Bombing of Broome”

On Wednesday 29 February 2012 ANSWA held a Memorial Service in Commemoration of the 70th Anniversary of the Bombing of Broome which occurred on 3 March 1942. Particularly in honour of those unfortunate Dutch evacuees & Military personal who lost their lives at Roebuck Bay in Broome on that fateful day. As young as 3 months and as ‘not yet old’ as 52 years – 25 civilians & 4 Military men; and they are only those who have been named – many were not identified.

In the early part of 1942, during WWII, Broome in the far north of Western Austral-ia was used as a stop over for an air shuttle service from Java. Hundreds of evacuees were flown to Broome to escape to freedom and to safety before the Japanese occupied the territory where they once lived, worked and where some of them were even born. On 3 March 1942 flying boats packed with Dutch women and children were waiting to either be unloaded and ferried ashore or waiting to leave on the next leg of their jour-ney – their craft being refuelled etcetera. Without warning Japanese fighter planes attacked – 25 Allied aircraft were destroyed and many people killed or wounded. Many people lost their lives during that dreadful attack. Dutch women and children were trapped in the flying boats in the harbour. Of course there were many heroes on that day who risked their own lives to save others. One who should be remembered for his great and brave deeds is a Mr Charles D’Antoine, a local man of the Broome area who had taken on work whilst waiting to enlist in the Army was refuelling one of the flying boats. As the Japanese began their attack Mr D’Antoine dived into the water, a woman in the flying boat, and on seeing this, took her child and also dived into the water. Al-though she was a strong swimmer, the burden of supporting her child was becoming too much, Mr D’Antoine saw this and went to their rescue. After having saved these two he then returned time and again sav-ing as many as he could even knowing that each time he did this he risked his own life by either drowning, being incinerated in the burning fuel or even being taken by the sharks that he knew were there.

An attack that had lasted less than 20 minutes took the lives of many young people, both civilian and military - and most be-lieved that they were so close to freedom and safety. Precisely how many people died on that day and who they all were, will never be known.

The Dutch bodies recovered were first buried in the Broome War Cemetery but were later removed and reburied in an area es-pecially set aside for them and called the Dutch Annex in the Perth War Cemetery. Many were not identified and they lie in un-marked graves.

Debunking

Staff who work in Income Support say there are a few questions that are frequently asked by the veteran community. Some of these are based on a misunderstanding of how income support works in DVA. The following information is provided in the hope of debunking some of the widespread myths associated with income support payments.

How many people receive income support from DVA?

As at 30 September 2011, there were:

- Approximately 164,000 service pensioners (including veterans and their partners). A service pension can be paid to veterans with qualifying service on the grounds of age or invalidity and also to eligible partners, widows and widowers.
- Approximately 73,000 Income Support Supplement (ISS) recipients. ISS is paid to eligible war widows/widowers under the Veterans’ Entitlements Act 1986 and to wholly dependent partners under the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004. It enables war widows/widowers to receive all of their payments through DVA.
- Approximately 4,700 people receiving their social security age pension through DVA. The majority of age pensioners are paid by Centrelink. However, eligible veterans who have an accepted disability (or receive a disability pension from DVA but do not have qualifying service) may be paid their age pension by DVA. Their partner may also receive their age or wife pension from DVA, if eligible.

Defence Force Income Support Allowance (DFISA) is another type of income support payment paid by DVA to some of those 4,700 people referred to above. Centrelink assesses DVA disability pension as income in determining how much age pension or other income support payment is payable. If Centrelink pays the pensioner’s income support payment, Centrelink calculates the amount of DFISA payable. If DVA pays the pensioner’s age pension on or wife pension, DVA calculates the amount of DFISA payable. However, in all cases, DFISA payments are actually made by DVA. There is no need to claim DFISA – it is automatically assessed and paid.

Income support recipients may also be eligible for supplementary allowances like rent assistance and other benefits provided by the Australian Government.

Who is eligible for the service pension?

A service pension is payable to eligible veterans, their partners and widows and widowers.

Veterans are eligible for the service pension if they:

- Served in the Australian forces, in Commonwealth or allied forces;
- Have qualifying service — generally, this means that the veteran has served in operations where they incurred danger from hostile forces of the enemy. A veteran incurs danger from hostile forces when he or she is at risk or in peril of actual bodily harm from those forces. Danger is not incurred by merely perceiving or fearing danger; and
- Meet the residency requirements — that is, is a resident of Australia and is present in Australia at the time of lodging the claim for service pension. (Commonwealth Veterans and allied Veterans and Mariners must have been Australian residents for at least 10 years, although there can be some exemptions);
- They are either:
  - Of service pension age; or
  - Permanently incapacitated for work.

What are the income and assets tests?

Income Support pensions are based on financial need so they are subject to income and assets tests. The amount of income support pension someone receives is calculated under two separate tests, the income test and the assets test. The test which pays the lower rate of pension is the one that is applied.

You can have a certain amount of income and assets and still receive the maximum rate of pension. These limits are known as the ordinary income free area and the assets value limit. These limits vary depending on whether you are single or a member of...
the myths - income support payments

A couple, and whether you own your own home. Income or assets above the ordinary income free area or assets value limit reduce the amount of pension payable. The pension ceases to be paid when income or assets exceed certain cut-off limits. This can mean that pension may not be payable because of your income or assets even if you are otherwise eligible.

Note that people who are permanently blind in both eyes are exempt from the income and assets tests.

If I am a veteran with qualifying service or an eligible war widow or war widower, why am I not automatically entitled to some income support?

All eligible veterans and their dependants have an entitlement to income support under the Veterans’ Entitlements Act 1986 (VEA). However, the Australian welfare system is based on the principle that taxpayers’ dollars go where they are most needed – to provide regular income for people with limited means.

In 2010-2011, approximately $3 billion was paid in income support pensions and allowances and approximately 9,000 new claims were processed. However, not every person received the same amount and not everyone received the maximum amount payable. The person or couple’s individual circumstances are always taken into account in assessing how much income support can be paid.

How do I know if I can receive income support from DVA?

There are five types of income support pensions that may be available to eligible veterans and/or their dependants. These include service pension paid on age or invalidity grounds; partner service pension; Income Support Supplement (ISS); social security age pension; and Defence Force Income Support Allowance (DFISA).

If you don’t receive any of these payments and you think you might be eligible, please contact DVA on 133 254 or 1800 555 254 (for regional callers).

What can I do to make sure I continue to receive my payment at the correct rate?

We all need to work together to ensure that, as your personal and financial circumstances change, your rate of income support is adjusted accordingly. Any person receiving a service pension, social security age pension (paid by DVA) or ISS has a legal obligation to keep DVA informed of changes that may affect the amount of pension received. These obligations apply equally to partners, trustees and agents.

You should advise the Department of changes to your personal circumstances or finances as soon as possible (generally this should be within 14 days of the change occurring). This assists the Department in making sure the right amount of pension is paid. It also helps us help you limit the risk of receiving an overpayment of pension.

Notification of changes can be made in writing or by phone. When a pensioner is granted income support, or when the rate of income support is varied following a review, the pensioner receives either a complete list of the income and assets that have been included in their assessment or a list of the changes the pensioner has notified.

It is important that these details are checked. If any details are incorrect or if any relevant income or asset is not listed, the Department should be advised within the timeframes stated in the letter.

Changes to personal, residential and financial circumstances can all impact on whether income support is payable – as well as how much. So it is important that pensioners (or agents or trustees) familiarise themselves with the booklet ‘You and Your Pension’ which is sent to each pensioner when their pension is granted and periodically thereafter. It is also available (and regularly updated) on the Department’s website at www.dva.gov.au.

This publication outlines when DVA must be advised of a change and when it is generally not necessary. For the Department’s part, we process your changes as soon as possible after they are received and we aim to do this within 14 days. DVA processed approximately 99,000 such changes last financial year.

What does the Department do to make sure I’m paid the right amount of income support pension?

In addition to the changes you tell us about, the Department does a number of reviews every year to help ensure people are paid their correct entitlements. The aim of these reviews is to ensure that people receive their correct entitlement according to the legislation – it is not a plan to ‘catch people out’.

These reviews include:
- Specific pension reviews which are based on anticipated or known changes to an individual’s personal or financial circumstances;
- The Enhanced Compliance Program which involves 12,000 reviews a year of pensioner households to ensure that they are being paid the correct rate of pension;
- An ongoing quality assurance program that reviews the quality and accuracy of decisions made by the Department;
- Data matching activities with other Government agencies like Centrelink and the Australian Taxation Office; and
- Automatic updates of the value of particular items such as shares, managed investment values and foreign pension exchange rates.

Why do I have to tell DVA about changes in my financial circumstances – can’t DVA find out from organisations that contribute to my income or financial assets, such as superannuation funds?

The short answer is no. Data matching with some organisations such as the Australian Taxation Office can be used to check that pensioners are on the right rate. DVA can also seek specific financial information from banks and other institutions in certain circumstances. However, DVA cannot receive regular information about pensioners’ various forms or amounts of income or assets.

Refer to “You and Your Pension” for more details on the information we routinely receive from external providers and the information we must rely on you to provide.

How big is the problem of overpayment for income support?

During 2010-2011, almost 140,000 income support reviews were finalised. Not all income support reviews result in changes to pension rates. Last financial year approximately 27% resulted in an increase in pension, 37% in a reduction and 36% in a continuation at the same rate. Some increases in income support pensions result in a back payment (“arrears”) being made. On the other hand, some decreases may result in an overpayment that DVA has to recover.

Last financial year, the various income support reviews undertaken by the Department resulted approximately $19.3 million worth of pension

Rod Bain

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Murruguldrie Veterans Retreat

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The retreat is located in the Murruguldrie State Forest area. The entry is sign posted and is 7 km east of the Hume Highway on the Wagga - Tumbarumba Road and is only 100meters off the main road.

There is a tree grove adjacent to the shelter shed which provides shade for campers as well as groups of scattered pine where caravans can park around. We have also just cleared and levelled a large area that would suit the larger rigs.

The shelter shed contains a kitchen area with tables, chairs and a bench and sink area.

The shelter shed and the toilet block both have lights, but to operate those you will need to plug a generator into the power socket which is located on the west side of the storage container (1KVA generator for lights)

The toilets and showers have a hot water ‘Donkey’ system operating on twigs and small pieces of wood which is readily available on site as it only takes about 15 minutes with a small fire to heat it up enough for showers.

Our water supply is from rain water tank so please use it sparingly.

We have provided Fire rings for cooking and a wood heater in the shelter shed for the cooler months; some wood is available again please consider the vets that have to cut and transport the wood.

The retreat is available to veterans and their families and offers good bush camping with basic facilities for both caravans and tents. You can get TV reception and mobile service in most of the area.

We operate on “bring it in - take it out” policy so please clean up the kitchen area and take any rubbish with you as we do not have any garbage facilities.

We also ask for a donation; all of which goes to help to run the retreat; there is a donation box and envelopes on site for your convenience.

Please enjoy the peace and tranquillity offered by our retreat and only leave you foot prints behind.

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2011 Christmas Lunch at the Murruguldrie Veterans’ Retreat
6RAR Association National Reunion
14 - 16 September 2012

We are hoping to go being great!!!
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Friday 14 September; Meet and Greet at Rigby’s Tavern
Saturday 15 September; Gala Dinner at RAFAA Centre, Bellucke
Sunday 16 September; Memorial Service and BBQ at Temporary Permanent & Deployment Village of WA, Old Mandurah Road, Baldivis
Come along and rekindle old friendships.

For information and registration contact email me on drwet51@bigpond.com.au
or Reunion:

Joan Ainsworth
(08) 9411 0012 or adriandee@bigpond.com

22 Construction Squadron RAQ Reunion - 2012
The Ex Members Association of 22 Construction Squadron RAQ is conducting its 2012 Reunion on Friday, 20 April 2012 at the Army Museum, Burt Street, Freemantle, from 6.00 pm. Cost is $30, and more details are available from Norm Wells (0417 945 157) or Kevin Poynton (0421 380 451).

Inquiries to Kevin Bovill 0422 896 813

Dementia Training Videos
I am pleased to provide you with the link to our dementia training videos that are now available on YouTube. The MESSAGE Communication Strategies in Dementia and the RECAPS Memory Strategies in Dementia training videos can be accessed in full and free of charge at https://www.youtube.com/services/4MemoryStrategies-in-Dementia.

Please feel free to send this link to any of your colleagues, or other organisations that you work with. The MESSAGE videos present a set of real life strategies that are designed help carers support the communication abilities of people with dementia. There are two versions of MESSAGE: one that exemplifies the strategies for care staff working with people with dementia, and one that demonstrates the strategies for carers at home.

Ex WRANS Association (WA) Branch
Meet: 2nd Monday each month at 12.30 pm
Venue: ANZAC House, St Georges Tce, Perth
Past and present serving personnel welcomed to join for social activities, renew friendships and make new friends.

President: Mrs Suzanne James - 9332 1294
Secretary: Mrs Natalie Cullity - 9880 4414

IpAC Unit
The Interprofessional Ambulatory Care is at Edith Cowan University. It is a chronic disease self-management program run by the unit.

Appointments can be made at the IpAC Unit Monday to Friday 9.00 am to 3.00 pm. Phone 6364 3581 – ipac.unit@ecu.edu.au – www.ecu.edu.au/ipac

HMMS Voyager
The Daring Class Destroyer HMMS Voyager was commissioned into the RAN in February 1957. She was lost following a collision with HMMS Honolulu in February 1964 with the loss of 82 lives - there were 232 survivors. During her 7 years in service, between 1200 & 1400 men served on her. A data base is being compiled of former crew for the purpose of reunion.

Please send your name and details to the webmaster, Les Sheehan, 9 Bunya Park Drive, Eatons Hill, Qld 4037 (07) 32462059 or lnis@lnis.net.au

RASiGS
Request for Assistance - 17 Sig Regt disestablishment in 2012 - History and Report
Below is a request from MAJ Phil Rutherford, 2IC 17 Sig Regt, for the history, photos, stories, mementos etc of the following Units prior to the disestablishment of 17 Sig Regt in 2012.

3rd Army Signal Regiment (1954), 3rd Line of Communications (3LoC), 2 Sig Regt (ARA and CMF), 709 Sig Tp, 527 Sig Tp, 145 Sig Sqn, 110 Sig Sqn, 111 Sig Sqn, UNAMICO/UNATC, Operation - 17 Sig Regt. If there were any other Units or Sub-Units (Signs, Tps etc) not mentioned above. Please reply as indicated below to ensure the history is included.

Come on people, we always wanted a place to put our memories and NOW is the time to do it. If you can’t email the information, please photocopy and mail it.

All replies direct to Maj Phil Rutherford - 2IC - 17 Sig Regt - Victoria Barracks - Holsworthy NSW 2173 - T: (02) 8782 2059 - M: 0467 734 393 - F: (02) 8782 2082 - E: philip.rutherford@defence.gov.au

Korea War Veterans Memorial Reunion Australia, Canberra
ACT
19 - 21 October 2012 sees the gathering of Veterans’, family and friends for the annual commemorative service and functions.

For information packs and bookings please contact Ms Wendy Karam on 0418 124 677 or email wendykaram@ yahoo.com.au

RAN Battle Class Social Club - Annual National Reunion
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October 18 - 21, 2012 in Albury, NSW
For Further Information on Membership or Reunion:
Geoff (Wigg) Bennett - 0417 592 123 (Geoff) or 03 6267 931 (Joe) - Email: benhun@bigpond.net.au or chjoemon@bigpond.net.au

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RSAiGS – 121 Signal Squadron (Singapore)
60th Anniversary Reunion will be 4 - 7 October 2012 in Singapore.
All former RSAiGS and Intelligence Corps personnel who served with 121 Signal Squadron in Singapore between 1952 and 1974 and their family members are welcome. A timetable of activities with supporting comments and an explanation of how to register to join the reunion will be sent by email to all who express an interest in attending.
RSVP as soon as possible, but no later than 30 June 2012 to Reunion Committee Convenor Adrian Bishop on 0409 095 001 or adriande@bigpond.com

Royal Australian Corps of Signals Association (SA)
RSAiGS National Reunion – Barossa Valley SA – 25-28 October 2013

Royal Australian Corps of Signals Association (SA)
The President and Members of the RASigs Association (SA) request the pleasure of your company for the 2013 RASigs National Reunion.


South Vietnam 17/12/69 – 20/11/70

I am looking for at least two (2) men that served with Robert Edmund Dodd (South Vietnam 17/12/69 – 20/11/70) during this period. This is in relation to a DVA claim. If anyone can recall working with Robert please contact Bob Redman on the following: rredman@bigpond.com – (02) 4947 0768 / 0418 570 768

Stolen Medals

A couple of weeks ago we were bargled and amongst the stolen items were my father’s war medals. The medals were the Pacific Star, WWII War Medal 1939-45, and the WWII Australian Service Medal 1939-45. My father was Sergeant Stanley George Moore WX2277. Any assistance in locating the medals would be greatly appreciated. Dixie Moore - 9255 1380 / greganddixiemoo@iinet.net.au

Nollamara RSL Sub-Branch February Tour of the HMAS Warramunga

We had some forty members turn out for the day tour, at the Nollamara Sub-Branch, at approximately 9.00 am to Garden Island for a tour of HMAS Warramunga.

We were met by the day crew of the ship and split into different parties and taken on a tour of this ship. The sailor who had the most sea time experience on the ship was only 20 years of age and the average age was 28 of all on board. The ship crew laid on morning tea for us and presented us with their ship plaque which will go one our wall in the RSL Hall.

After morning tea we moved onto the Rockingham Navy Club who opened up especially for us and provided lunch and a few coldies. After lunch we returned to our RSL at around 4.30 pm.

All in all it was a great day arranged by our Social Committee member Mr Barry “Bazza” Fotheringham.

Gregor McAlister - Secretary

Notices

72 Hours, by Frank Pope

“As exciting as it is suspenseful. A gripping real-life thriller” Clive Cassler

Published in hardback by Orion Books on 3 April at $29.99. 5 August 2005. On a secret mission to an underwater military installation thirty miles off the coast of Kamchatka, Russian Navy submarine AS-28 ran into a web of cables and stuck fast. With 600 feet of freezing water above them, there was no escape for the seven members of the crew. Trapped in a titanium tomb, all they could do was wait as their air supply slowly dwindled.

For more than twenty-four hours the Russian Navy tried to reach them. Finally - still haunted by the loss of the Kursk - they requested international assistance. One of the side effects of the world, Commander Ian Riches, leader of the Royal Navy's Submarine Rescue Service got the call: there was a sub down.

With the expertise and specialist equipment available to him, Riches knew he had a chance to save the men, but Kamchatka was at the very limit of their range, and time was running out. They had only 72 hours in which to rescue the crew before the air in the submarine ran out.

As the Royal Navy prepared to deploy to Russia’s Pacific coast aboard a giant Royal Air Force C-17 airlifter, rescue teams from the United States and Japan also scrambled to the area.

On board AS-28, the crew shut down all non-essential systems, climbed into thick thermal suits to keep the bone-chilling damp at bay and waited, desperate to eke out the stale, thin air inside the pressure hull of their submarine. But as the first of them began to drift in and out of consciousness, they knew their time was almost up.

72 HOURS tells the extraordinary, edge-of-the-seat, real-life story of one of the most dramatic rescue missions of recent years.

Frank Pope is currently Ocean Correspondent for The Times, covering the conflicts, science and dramas on the world’s final frontier. Previously he helped evacuate shipwrecks around the world under the auspices of Oxford University’s Maritime Archaeological Research and Excavation unit, including Lord Nelson’s flagship HMS Agamemnon. He divides his time between London and Nairobi with his wife, wildlife conservationist and television presenter Saba Douglas-Hamilton. Frank Pope is a presenter on the BBC Two TV series British Secret Seas.

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GENERAL ORDER

number 453

23rd June 1951

Section 1

AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED UNIT CITATION

BATTLE HONOURS – By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order 9396 (Sec I, WD Bul. 22, 1943) Superseding Executive Order 9075 (Sec III, WD Bul. 16, 1942) and pursuant to authority in AR 260-15, the following units are cited as public evidence of deserved honour and distinction.

3RD BATTALION, ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT

2ND BATTALION, PRINCESS PATRICIA'S CANADIAN LIGHT INFANTRY COMPANY A

72ND HEAVY TANK BATTALION (UNITED STATES)

are cited for extraordinary heroism and outstanding performance of combat duties in action against the armed enemy near Kapyong, Korea, on the 24 and 25 April 1951. The enemy had broken through the main line of resistance and penetrated to the area north of Kapyong. The units listed above were deployed to stem the assault. The 3rd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, moved to the right flank of the sector and took up defensive positions north of the Pokhun River. The 2nd Battalion, Princess Patricia’s Canadian Light Infantry, defended in the vicinity of Hill 677 on the left flank. Company A, 72nd Heavy Tank Battalion, supported all units to the full extent of its capacity and, in addition, kept the main roads open and assisted in evacuating the wounded. Troops from a retreating division passed through the sector which supplied enemy troops to infiltrate with the withdrawing forces. The enemy attacked savagely under the clangor of bugles and trumpets. The forward elements were completely surrounded going through the first day and into the second. Again and again the enemy threw waves of troops at the gallant defenders, and many times succeeded in penetrating the outer defences, but each time the courageous, indomitable, and determined soldiers repulsed the fanatical attacks. Ammunition ran low and there was no time for food. Critical supplies were dropped by air to the encircled troops, and they stood their ground in resolute defiance of the enemy. With serene and indefatigable persistence, the gallant soldiers held their defensive positions and took heavy tolls of the enemy. In some instances when the enemy penetrated the defences, the commanders directed friendly artillery fire on their own positions in repelling the thrusts. Toward the close of 25 April, the enemy break-through had been stopped. The seriousness of the break-through on the central front had been changed from defeat to victory by the gallant stand of these heroic and courageous soldiers. The 3rd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment; 2nd Battalion, Princess Patricia’s Canadian Light Infantry; and Company A, 72nd Heavy Tank Battalion, displayed such gallantry, determination, and espirit de corps in accomplishing their missions under extremely difficult and hazardous conditions as to set them apart and above other units participating in the campaign, and by their achievements they brought distinguished credit on themselves, their homeland, and all freedom-loving nations.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL VAN FLEET:

Leven C. Allen

Major General US Army

Chief of Staff

Above. United States citation, 3rd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment (Transcript). The US Presidential Unit Citation is a US army award for bravery that can be bestowed on an entire unit. It is awarded to units of the US army and co-belligerent nations for extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy. MHR was serving as part of the US-led UN forces in the Korean War (1950-53) when it was decorated for the outstanding bravery demonstrated by the men of the battalion at the battle of Kapyong in April 1951. At the time the award was known as the Distinguished Unit Citation. It was redesignated the Presidential Unit Citation in November 1966.
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 9x9 grid so that each column, each row, and each of the nine 3x3 boxes (also called blocks or regions) contain the digits from 1 to 9 only one time each. The puzzle setter provides a partially completed grid.

Provided by Sudoku.com.au

Easy Sudoku

Hard Sudoku

National Boer War Memorial (NBWM) and 110th Boer War Commemoration

The Chief of the Defence Force (CDF) is our National Patron. Hence the CDF has made an announcement pertaining to NBWM at 2.00 pm on 1 March at Russell, Defence Central.

Note that 110th Perib War Commemoration will be a Vice-Regal event. The 110th memorial service will be held at the South African War Memorial on Sunday, 27 May 2012 commencing at 11.00 am. This outdoor service is coordinated with those being conducted in the eastern states under the patronage of the Governor-General, Her Excellency is Patron-Chief.

There will be an ecumenical service that evening in St Georges Cathedral at 5.00 pm for families and descendants of Boer War Veterans should they wish to attend. This ecumenical service is open to the general public.

Please visit http://www.bwm.org.au/site/Boer_War-Day.asp#Perth to view the 109th Perib War Commemoration and http://www.bwm.org.au/site/In_the_News.asp#31May10PER which shows the 108th Perib War Memorial service which was reactivated.

Maurice Kissane - WA Committee Chairman - National Boer War Memorial Association - PO BOX 572 CLOVERDALE WA 6895 – www.bwm.org.au

Crossword

RSL Vehicle Number Plates

The Department of Transport has advised that from August 2012, car number plates with the prefix RSL (and League Badge) will no longer be available to RSL members. This decision was discussed with the League and since there was no demand from members for the specially allocated number plates the series would be discontinued. Should any member wish to obtain a set of these plates they need to contact ANZAC House without delay to secure an allocation.

Philip Orchard – CEO / State Secretary

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Friends of Israel WA is a local organisation dedicated to:-

Supporting Israel as the State of the Jewish people defending Israel’s right to live in peace and security, ensuring accurate and fair reporting on the Middle East

You are invited to hear one of our speakers address your Sub-Branch to tell you a little of the wonderful achievements of this tiny country and some of the highlights of the history of this ancient land. We will also tell you about the long and very interesting history of military association between Australia and the land which is now known as Israel.

Taking no more than 30 minutes, we expect you will be fascinated to learn about our shared history as well as the contributions which Israel is making, not just to its own land, but to the world at large.

For further information, or to arrange a speaker, please contact Friends of Israel WA, secretary, Phil Samuel on 9275 2244.

ANZAC Club Laten Opening

Please note that ANZAC Club will be opening at midnight on Thursday 26 April 2012.

ANZAC Club Manager

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.

Lest we forget.
Order Your ANZAC Day Commemorative DVD

Each year, the ABC broadcasts ANZAC Day marches from Australia’s capital cities, as well as commemorative services from overseas. These are available to purchase through ABC non-theatric sales.

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Cyrus Irani
A 70th Anniversary of the Bombing of Darwin ceremony was held by the RAAF Association at their new Memorial Wall precinct on the AFME in Bull Creek on Sunday, 19 February 2012. The ceremony was to commemorate the bombing attacks on Darwin and other northern Australian towns during WWII.

This year’s address was provided by Leah Stonor, the grand-daughter of a former RAAF serviceman in Darwin, recounting some of his experiences.

“During 1942-43 many thousands of servicemen were being sent overland to Darwin, also arriving in Darwin were Defence Officers and NCO's to train all ranks in self defence. It was a common sight to see truck loads of personnel leaving their camp site to work on aircraft all carrying .303 rifles and Sergeants and Officers with revolvers. My grandfather, Sergeant Charles Cugley was sent to an army training camp called Winnelli, a suburb of Darwin. Whilst at this camp, Charles experienced his first baptism of Japanese bombing and was lucky not have been killed, as a bomb exploded just 3 huts away, killing army personnel.”

“The bombing of Darwin has been well documented in the past, but I feel I must repeat how panic existed during the first 2 raids, with pilots trying to take off to intercept the Zero and bomber aircraft, but were shot down before gaining height or in many cases, destroyed on the ground. It is a well known fact, more weight of bombs fell on Darwin than on Pearl Harbour.”

“Very strict censorship was in place and all mail had to be censored by a Commissioned Officer with no mention of Darwin or air raids by the Japanese planes put on paper to loved ones back home. Newspapers had the same strict rules, and rarely was the name Darwin mentioned. This was of course to avoid anxiety and panic among the Australian population.”

“In November 1942 several Japanese planes bombed Darwin at 4.00am and one was shot down by a RAAF fighter aircraft south of the port of Darwin. My grandfather was ordered the next morning to proceed with 15 airmen from 12 Squadron and locate the Japanese bomber 10 miles along the main Darwin Road and a half mile to the north in thick bush country. He and his armed party returned five hours later, having successfully located the enemy plane completely burnt out with no survivors.”

“During the first raid on 19 February 1942 the Post Office fell on Darwin than on Pearl Harbour, with a steel mesh held firm by 2 small ships to prevent enemy submarines from entering. Two weeks before the bombing of Darwin, the Royal Australian Navy sank a very large Japanese submarine off the Darwin coast. This submarine still lies on the sea bed with 80 Japanese sailors entombed.”

“My grandfather was promoted to a Flight Sergeant and after fifteen months in Darwin returned to Perth and married his fiancé who was to become my grandmother many years later.”

Julie Stearne

Photo: Charles Cugley at the memorial wall

Greek National Day
25 March 2012
Sofia Choli – Consul of Greece, Perth

Partners of Veterans Association
Western Australia Inc.

We recently completed a successful trip to Waroona, Bridgetown, Kentdale, Denmark and Albany. Our trips to rural and country regions are made possible with grants from Office of Womens Policy and ANZAC Day Trust.

We are currently planning further trips to regional area and we will inform you of these when the plans are made.

The Association will be marching in Fremantle in the 2012 ANZAC Day march and any partner of a war veteran, peacekeeper, peace-maker (including servicing personnel) are welcome to join us on the march.

Our 9th birthday is being celebrated in May. All partners of veterans welcome. For partners of serving members your children are always welcome to attend with you.

Our Association is a member of Unit & Kindred and we have found the RSL membership ‘Smartcard’ very helpful in our travels.

For any further information regarding these events you can contact Kerryn on 9228 3350 or 0408 341 045 or by email at partnersofveter-anwaine@bigpond.com
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