Lotterywest has been supporting the RSL in providing services to returned veterans and their families ever since the Lotteries Commission, as it was previously known, was established back in 1933. Over the years many grants have been made towards the RSL’s welfare services and towards residential facilities for aged veterans. This support from Lotterywest continues to this day for a whole range of services and projects operated by the RSL and its branches.

ANZAC day support has been a relatively new element of Lotterywest’s funding to the RSL.

In 2001, Lotterywest realised that the RSL needed some additional help to manage the increasingly complex logistics of organising all the commemorative events for ANZAC Day. Since then an annual grant has been made for that purpose. This has meant amongst other improvements in the management of the various events which make up the ceremonies of ANZAC Day that the thousands attending the Dawn Service in Kings Park can watch the event on big screens.

As well as the support to the main city based events, Lotterywest makes grants to suburban and regional branches of the RSL to help them with their ANZAC day commemorations.

Lotterywest has offered special support to ANZAC Day because of its understanding and respect for the importance of this national day of recognition of all those who have served our country.

As one particular way of demonstrating that respect, each year Lotterywest commissions a special and unique ANZAC day advertisement which is published in The West Australian newspaper.

A gift of a framed series of these advertisements was presented to the President of the RSL, the Hon Graham Edwards by the Chairman of Lotterywest, Mr John Atkins and the CEO, Mrs Jan Stewart as record of these tributes. This photo was taken on that occasion.

Jody Nunn
Senior Manager, Corporate Communications. Lotterywest
Future of ANZAC House to be considered by a joint State Government / RSL Working Party

I recently met with the State Premier Colin Barnett, Veterans Minister Joe Francis and our State Secretary Phil Orchard.

One of the main items on the agenda was the future of ANZAC House.

We are currently faced with refurbishment costs in the vicinity of two million dollars. This comes about because of unavoidable costs relating to a necessity to replace air conditioning, kitchen equipment and other matters associated, with occupational health and building compliance laws.

Many members would be aware that the RSL is responsible for the full maintenance of ANZAC House while the government is responsible for the shell of the building.

The site which ANZAC House sits on was originally gifted to the RSL and was owned by us freehold.

In 1976 this freehold was gifted back to government and we received an amount of $130,000 on transfer of the title.

RSL was handed the shell of the new building but had to spend an additional $400,000 fitting it out.

As part of the lease we had to accept responsibility for all fittings, partitions, floor coverings and maintenance.

ANZAC House as we know it today was opened in 1981 and we enjoy a peppercorn rental with 3 x 21 year leases. The second of these lease periods is due to expire in 2018.

The Premier said clearly that the next lease period would be honoured by the government. However, as I see it, there are no guarantees beyond that next 21 year lease period.

Given that circumstance coupled with the $2 million cost of refurbishment it is appropriate that RSL WA takes the opportunity to examine all options as to its future and to do otherwise would in my view be negligent.

We will of course examine all possible options which will be to the advantage of the RSL and its membership. This includes seeking to extend in our current location. However, no decision will be made without full consultation with our membership and neither should it.

The State Government/RSL WA working party will be conducted through the office of the Minister for Veterans and in due course will report back to the Premier.

Graham Edwards AM
State President

From the Presidents Pen!

7RAR Presentation
Attending the presentation along with 7RAR WA President Don Cruden were other members of the 7RAR WA Association. Members of the Association patronise ANZAC House on a regular basis and believe the value of the drinks and food at ANZAC House are the best in Perth. The emblem will take pride of place in the State President's office.

ANZAC Club
The ANZAC Club is pleased to introduce a new discount service to members dining in the VC dining room at the Club.

The service kicked off on 1 August this year. The discount will be available to members wearing RSL badge or by producing a membership card. Pensioner cards will also be accepted. The member, and up to 4 guests, will be entitled to a 10% reduction off the total of the FOOD bill when dining in the VC Room.

If using the $2 beverage promotion available to members when purchasing a meal you will be able to dine for as little as $12 including a beer.

The complimentary self-serve tea and coffee service which is available all day will remain.

Please note that the 10% service members discount is only for use in the VC Dining Room for lunch or breakfast. Organised group events, special group catered events and function room events are not included in the discount promotion.

This initiative has been taken after suggestions from a number of members.

State Congress 2013
A constant source of complaint to me has been the cost to Sub-Branches of delegates for our State Congress and the 50 cent welfare levy and the fact that all branches are levied a minimum charge whether they send a delegate along or not.

All of the above charges have now been dropped. In addition the cost per delegate has been reduced to $35.00 per person.

However, in working to achieve this reduction the Congress Dinner has been dropped and a President's Reception substituted on the Friday night before Congress.

The cost of the reception has been absorbed and will be covered by the $35.00.

This will only cover delegates to attend the reception and those wishing to bring partners or guests will be charged a further $20.00 per person.

Please be aware that space for partners will be limited and our overall numbers are restricted to 200. It will be “first in best dressed” in this situation so if you are planning to bring you partner you will need to book early. The reception will follow a wreath laying ceremony at the State War Memorial led by the National President which will take place at 1600hrs.

I have taken the liberty of inviting the Honourable Dr Brendan Nelson MBBS MRACGP FRACP (Hon.) FAMA to open our State Congress this year. Dr Nelson, as you are aware, is the Director of the Australian War Memorial.

He will also host a breakfast on the Friday before Congress and proceeds from this breakfast will be used to subsidise the cost of Congress. Spunky Fieldhouse, John Burnson, Ian McNee, Charlie Matherson, Barry Hutchins, Don Cruden, Gavin Rodie and Graham Edwards
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Sub-Branch News

Growing ANZAC: Ellenbrook

The Ellenbrook Sub-Branch of the RSL services the growing suburbs on Perth’s north-eastern boundary. The region caters for a mixed community, but the young families dominate the landscape.

During fundraising in the community we have come to realise that we, as a group, need to work on growing the ANZAC story and culture, particularly to new citizens. With this in mind the Sub-Branch asked local schools if they would like one of our members to attend a school assembly and read to the children and then present an appropriate book to the school library.

We chose the Australian story “My Grandad Marches on ANZAC Day”.

Five Ellenbrook schools requested the book reading and members were rostered to each school to tie in with ANZAC Day 2013. Reports from each school indicated that the readings were very well received by the staff and students. However, what was equally interesting was the psychological impact that the story telling had on our readers. Two readers reported being affected by the story during the readings and they only just scraped through. So, while we thought that we were delivering a powerful message in our schools, each reader walked away from the experience with a new strength of commitment.

Stephen O’Neil (President) was deeply moved by his reading experience at Ellen Stirling Primary School, and he said, “Our Sub-Branch needs to get out and make positive connections with the younger generations of our community. The future of ANZAC Day in Australia will depend on how well we all carry out this important mission.”

Based on our success, we are now working on purchasing appropriate books for Remembrance Day.

Dr Neil MacNeill
Secretary/Membership

Community Joins on ANZAC Day

The significance of ANZAC Day is well understood and respected in the small rural South West town of Boyup Brook with large attendance at services held by the schools and the Boyup Brook RSL Sub-Branch.

This year’s remembrance started at the Boyup Brook District High School on 18 April (prior to the school holidays) with a service conducted by the school’s Student Council leadership group. The school choir performed two items before the wreath laying and Last Post traditions.

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St Mary’s Catholic School also held a service on 19 April.

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Amongst the numerous country towns I have recently visited are Brookton and Kondinin.

Brookton Sub-Branch President, Ray White, has decided after several years of great service, to stand down. The Sub-Branch looked like folding which would have been a loss to the Brookton community and the RSL. However, a hastily called meeting of locals was convened with the assistance of the local Shire, at which 22 potential new members attended.

An interim Chair has been appointed with the promise from another lady to act as Secretary/Treasurer. The majority of those attending were affiliates and this just goes to show how important affiliate members have become to the RSL. I am now hopeful that the Brookton Sub-Branch will continue to operate and fill an important local need.

The visit to Kondinin was to meet with students from the local Primary School and thank them for a number of beautiful poems and thoughts which a number of students wrote and sent to ANZAC House just prior to ANZAC Day this year. The students, although still in Primary School, showed a maturity and understanding beyond their years and I am very pleased I visited to thank them personally for their thoughts and words.

When I see young Australians so interested and respectful about ANZAC Day and our veterans I can’t help but feel we in the RSL have a strong responsibility to keep the heritage, stories and spirit of the ANZAC’s alive. These stories are the means of keeping our heritage alive and growing it into the future. A future which is in good hands with these young Kondinin students.

I also met with the Sub-branch and Shire President Mr Allen Smoker. We took the opportunity to discuss various issues relating to the Commemoration of ANZAC and the future of the RSL. The Shire and Sub-Branch are keen to have a local meeting to find new members and promote the RSL. Once again the importance of affiliate members and the roles they play is crucial to the ongoing strength of the RSL in our Sub-Branches right across the State.

Graham Edwards AM
State President

The Wyalkatchem Sub-Branch building was in need of substantial repairs including replacement of stumps at the base of the building due to termite and subsidence damage, cladding on the gable, repainting of internal and external walls, repair and painting of window frames and doors, and general work around the outside of the Sub-branch building and yard in which events were held throughout the year. The Sub-Branch lodged an application with Lotterywest in 2012 and was successful with an approved Grant of $20,000.

The Grant funds were used to meet the costs of materials and supervision of the project with the required labour being provided by the Dowerin Work Camp Crew under a Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Corrective Services and RSLWA.

To celebrate the completion of the renovations, the Sub-Branch held a barbeque on 18 April, 2013 to acknowledge and thank those who had assisted in the project.

At the invitation of the Sub-Branch President, Mr Eddie Garner, a Certificate of Appreciation for the work done by the Dowerin Work Camp Crew was presented by Mr Peter McGlade, RSLWA State Accountant, to the Department of Corrective Services Officer, Mr Alan Limbrik.

Mr Garner advised that the project had been a great success and on behalf of the Wyalkatchem Sub-Branch, expressed thanks to all involved including Lotterywest, Mr Ken Thomas for sourcing materials and supervision of all work, the Wyalkatchem Shire for the use of their equipment and an operator to clean up the yard, Mr AJ Horne for the creation of the Certificate of Appreciation and the Wyalkatchem Mens Shed for the frame.

Peter McGlade

Wesfarmers contributes $1.5m to key infrastructure for ANZAC Centenary celebrations

Premier Colin Barnett congratulated Wesfarmers on its decision to provide the Returned & Services League WA (RSLWA) with $1.5 million for key infrastructure for the ANZAC Centenary Commemorations in Albany. The funds will be used to build an Interpretive Walk on Mount Adelaide which commemorates the convoy that left Albany in 1914 carrying Australian and New Zealand troops and service personnel to the war in Europe. They will also fund a new lookout at the top of Mount Adelaide, providing an extensive panorama of King George Sound and views similar to those captured in the historic photographs of the convoy departing in 1914. The lookout will include a shelter and interpretive material relating to the vessels in the convoy. “I am very pleased to see Wesfarmers support for this project,” the Premier said. “Wesfarmers itself began in June 1914 and has historic and well-established connections into the Western Australian community, especially in the country. “Over the years they would have had a close association with the families of many of the young men who sailed from Albany to WWI and felt the terrible impact of the thousands of casualties from that war. “This infrastructure is an important addition to the ANZAC Interpretive Centre which is being built at the Princess Royal Fortress precinct on Mount Adelaide.” The national launch event of the ANZAC Centenary will take place in Albany on November 1 next year. Mr Barnett said the Albany Convoy Commemorative Walk and Lookout, the ANZAC Interpretive Centre and the upgrade of infrastructure at Mount Clarence, along with other important sites in Albany such as the ANZAC Peace Park, would further enrich the story of the city’s important role in the creation of the ANZAC spirit.

The Premier commended the RSLWA on its vision for the Albany Convoy Commemorative Walk and Lookout. “I expect many Australians, New Zealanders and international visitors will travel to Albany as part of their ANZAC pilgrimage, or just to learn more about Australia’s extraordinary military past and how it has shaped our nation,” he said.

Fact File
The ANZAC Interpretive Centre is being built using $2.2 million from the State Government and $6.55 million of Commonwealth Government funds. In addition, the State is contributing a further $5.83 million to upgrade infrastructure, including the Padre White Lookout and Desert Mounted Corps Memorial, at the adjacent Mt Clarence.

More Media Releases in Centrefold
The Perth Modern School’s ANZAC Service was held on 13 May, 2013. All 900 plus students attended the service which was conducted by the head students and supported by the school’s orchestra and choir. Mr Doug Arrowsmith DFC OAM gave the address.

The Memorial, which is the only one in the State at a school, was built at about the same time as the one in Kings Park. It was recently cleaned and the lettering redone by volunteers from the War Graves Commission.

Doug Arrowsmith
Nedlands RSL Sub-Branch

Hasluck Community Heroes Award

In April this year Ken Wyatt MP, Federal Member for Hasluck, opened nominations for the 2013 Hasluck Heroes Awards, which recognise outstanding local achievers and exceptional service to the local community in a variety of categories. Kalamunda Sub-Branch decided to nominate our President, Fred Smith, for his volunteer work. Not only was Fred a finalist but he was judged the Hasluck Volunteer Hero of the Year. Fred was presented with his certificate and token of appreciation by Ken Wyatt MP at a recent ceremony. It was a richly deserved award and one that our members heartily endorsed.

Fred’s citation touched on his contribution as a committee member and President of Kalamunda Sub-Branch for many years in a voluntary capacity, and as an office holder of Kalamunda SES. Much could be said of the various roles and contributions he has made to both organisations and other local community groups, but we don’t want to give him a swollen head! Well done Fred and congratulations from all of your fellow Sub-Branch members.

Doug Carpenter
Secretary

ANZAC Day Event Overview – 2013 - Kalgoorlie

A parade comprising of Veterans, 11 Platoon Delta Company 11/28 Battalion Royal Western Australian Regiment, Eastern Goldfields 55th Army Cadet Unit, 709 Squadron City of Kalgoorlie Boulder RAAF, WA Police, Maori Group led by the Eastern Goldfields Highland Pipe Band, paraded to the Kalgoorlie War Memorial.

The Dawn Service commenced at 0600 hours and was attended by an estimated 5,000 people, which is the largest attendance in recent years. Lieutenant Zoe Schatz from the Salvation Army provided the prayers for the Ceremony. Our Bugler was from the Eastern Goldfields Brass Band. The Ode was recited in English and Maori. Wreath bearers included President of the Kalgoorlie RSL Sub-Branch, Dave Elson and Mayor of City of Kalgoorlie Boulder, Mr Ron Yuryevich along with various present and past service personnel and parliamentary representatives. A large majority of the wreath layers representing a wide range of allied Services were children or young adults. Their participation in the Dawn Service is increasing year by year. During the wreath laying, the lament was played by members of the Eastern Goldfields Highland Pipe Band and members of the Kalgoorlie Boulder Aero Club conducted a fly past.

At the conclusion of the Dawn Service, approximately 1200 – 1400 people attended a very successful free Gunfire Breakfast at the Kalgoorlie Ex-Servicemen’s Memorial Club. After Breakfast, a short service was conducted at the Rose Garden, Kalgoorlie Regional Hospital.

ANZAC on the Wall

Ms Kayla Haddy-Rook sang a beautiful rendition of “The Last ANZAC”.

At the conclusion of the Service, the marchers reformed on Hannan Street and Mr Ron Yuryevich took the salute. The march continued to the Kalgoorlie Ex-Servicemen’s Memorial Club where all enjoyed fellowship and camaraderie.
Martin O’Meara VC

Born at Terryglass, Lorrha, Co. Tipperary, Ireland, Martin O’Meara came to Western Australia as a young man and worked as a labourer and sleeper-cutter before enlisting at Pinjarra in August 1915 and joining the 16th Battalion AIF. He embarked for France in December 1915 and it was there, at Mouquet Farm, Pozieres, in August 1916 that his actions in saving his wounded comrades resulted in him being awarded The Victoria Cross. O’Meare was wounded three times, he was returned to Australia in September 1918, with the rank of Sergeant.

Martin O’Meara died in December 1935 and is buried at Karrakatta Cemetery. At his gravesite, on Sunday 23 June 2013 a commemoration was held to coincide with the unveiling of a Memorial Plaque in his honour at a Heritage Festival in his hometown of Lorrha on Saturday, 22 June 2013.

The commemoration was organised by members of the Irish Community here in Perth and was attended by Lt Colonel Rhogan Aitken, Commanding Officer of the 16th Battalion, Major John Liston of Brigade HQ, representatives of the Australian-Irish Heritage Association and the Irish Club of Perth, A distant relative, Mrs Annette Healy-Pickwell and her husband Lloyd, Ms Leith Landauer whose family came from Lorrha in the 19th Century and members of the Irish Community. The City of Subiaco RSL Sub-Branch was represented by Dennis Williams (President), Allen Long and Tony Costa.

Although informal, the Commemoration was (despite the rain) meaningful.

It is interesting to note that Martin O’Meara is recognised by a Plaque at the Flame of Remembrance at Kings Park, that the Soldiers Club at Irwin Barracks bears his name and that at his funeral a number of VC recipients acted as pallbearers, including Cliff Sadlier, first President of the Subiaco Sub-Branch.

Dennis Williams
City of Subiaco RSL Sub-Branch

Albany Forts

On 24 February, the Albany, Denmark and Walpole Sub-Branches had a BBQ at the Albany. The day was presented and hosted by the Albany Sub-Branch, with Peter Aspinall, President of Albany Sub-Branch in the chair. They put on a great feast and all who attended had a great time. The three Sub-Branches have had two previous events; the first to establish the gatherings was Walpole. The other was put on by Denmark, our host at that function was John Shapland and his family who have a small military museum that John and his family have prepared.

Mark Davies
President Denmark RSL Sub-Branch

Bendigo Bank “You Like” Campaign

During May the Bendigo Bank held a “You Like” campaign. The idea was that three local community groups in each designated area would select and promote a community project – the winner to be decided on the number of votes received from the public.

Capel RSL Sub-Branch entered the competition with a project to upgrade the Capel War Memorial by enhancing the grounds around it and improving public access. We were up against projects in Donnybrook and Dallyellup. Note that Dallyellup has over three times the population of the township of Capel, the Donnybrook township is on par.

It was a runaway victory for the Capel RSL. The directors of the Bendigo Bank were so impressed by the sustained display of community support for the project that they doubled the prize money to $10,000. An amazing act of generosity.

Michael MacMahon Secretary
Capel Sub-Branch
In this edition we look at another war time Prime Minister, William Hughes. In a previous edition I covered John Curtin who was the Australian Prime Minister during WWII (1939–1945).

William Morris Hughes was born in London on 23 September 1862 and was an only child. William was bought up with strong Welsh principals and spoke Welsh at home. His life changed dramatically when his mother passed away when he was six years old and William was sent to Llandudno to live with his family. It was here that he finished his formal schooling.

In 1874, Hughes returned to London to start a position as a student teacher at St Stephens School, Westminster. He graduated to assistant teacher in 1879, at the age of 17. During this period Hughes volunteered as a member of the Royal Fusiliers.

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In 1894 Hughes became a member of The Australian Socialist League and was a regular speaker at their Sunday evening lectures. As his profile rose he saw the need to open a small shop in his house where like-minded young reformers could gather. This led to the formation of the Labour Electoral League in 1891.

Hughes’ ever broadening circle of followers included two future Prime Ministers, Joseph Cook and Chris Watson. Hughes had the ‘gift of the gab’, this joined with his persuasive attitude, lively mind and rollicking stories guaranteed him an ever widening circle of friends.

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In his role as Attorney General Hughes was responsible for drafting and implementing regulations for the War Precautions Act. One function of this Act was to regulate the production of all commodities including metal, sugar and clothing – before the war these were controlled by German identities.

In October 1915 Fisher resigned as Federal Leader and on 27 October 1915 he was named Prime Minister of Australia.

Hughes travelled to Paris with the British Delegation in June 1916. On the eve of the disastrous battle at Fromelles and Pozieres they visited the Australian Troops at the Front. The Australian servicemen saw Hughes as one of them and gave him the respected nickname of “The Little Digger”; this followed him for the rest of his life.

Hughes returned to Australia with an increased desire to support the Australian efforts in Europe. In view of the high rate of casualties he sought to introduce compulsory conscription. The subsequent referendum was defeated and resulted in him being expelled from the Labour Party. With his expulsion called and once again Hughes’ attempt to introduce compulsory conscription was defeated, this time more profoundly.

Following this failure Hughes resigned as Prime Minister; however, nobody else could command a majority so the Governor General recommissioned Hughes. In 1918 Hughes made a second trip to England and Europe, this time to attend the Imperial War Cabinet and the Imperial War Conference. He was still in England when the truce was signed on 11 November 1918.

As the horrors of WWI began to wane so did his popularity and this resulted in his defeat in the 1922 Federal Election. Holding the working class seat of Bendigo and in December 1922 he switched to the North Sydney seat.

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Throughout his political career Hughes held many portfolios including Minister for Repatriation, Health and External Affairs, Minister for Territories, Minister for Navy and Industrial and Attorney General.

On 29 October 1952 Prime Minister Robert Menzies told the House of Representatives that he finds it most difficult to realise that this is the first day in the history of the Federal Parliament in which William Morris Hughes had not sat as a member. Hughes had passed away at his home the day before. William had served 51 years in the Australian Federal Parliament.

Denis Connelly

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A simple and free bowel cancer test in the mail could save your life

Each year, the National Bowel Cancer Screening Program invites people aged 50, 55 and 65 years of age to screen for bowel cancer using a Faecal Occult Blood Test (FOBT).

From 1 July, 60 year olds are also invited to screen. It is important to keep checking when you or your loved ones might be eligible as the Program will continue to expand over the coming years until everyone aged 50 to 74 years is screened every two years.

Bowel Cancer remains WA’s most commonly reported cancer affecting both men and women. Last year, 1330 Western Australians were diagnosed with bowel cancer and sadly, more than 400 people died from it.

Thankfully, bowel cancer is, for the most part, preventable and when detected early, chances of survival are very good. While it’s important to know the signs and symptoms of bowel cancer including bleeding from your back passage or any sign of blood after a bowel motion, changes in usual bowel pattern (constipation or diarrhoea), abdominal pain and bloating, it’s equally important to know that bowel cancer often develops without symptoms. This is why screening for bowel cancer is essential yet less than 45% of eligible Western Australians participate in a free screening program that could save their life.

Eligible people will receive an invitation in the mail from the Australian Government and shortly after will receive the FOBT kit. The FOBT tests for blood you can’t see in the bowel motion and is completed in the comfort of your own home. Once completed, you send off to a pathology lab for analysis. If the FOBT finds blood, which only occurs in about 7% of cases, further tests are needed (usually a colonoscopy).

Those who screen for bowel cancer using FOBT are more likely to have their cancer found at an earlier, less advanced stage. This means the treatment is less invasive and the chances of survival are better.

So if you or your loved ones turn 50, 55, 60 or 65 this year Cancer Council WA urges you to participate in the National Bowel Cancer Screening Program. It’s a simple test that could save your life.

If you’d like to know more about bowel cancer or the National Bowel Cancer Screening Program, visit www.cancerwa.asn.au/bowel-cancer or call the Cancer Council Helpline on 13 11 20.

Have you got a story to share?

Cancer Council WA is always looking for people to share their story with us and others in the community to help promote the program through social media, publications or interviews with the media. If you have been affected by the National Bowel Cancer Screening Program (those invited, people screened for bowel cancer, friends, family and carers) we would love you to contact us on 13 11 20 and share your story.

Dayna Ward
The 521 fallen Australians
Vietnam Research by Barry Hampson

Australia's military involvement in the Vietnam Conflict was the longest in duration of any in Australia's history. From July 1962 when Australian troops arrived in South Vietnam until 11 January 1973, when the Governor-General formally declared Australia's participation in the war to be at an end, over 60,000 servicemen and women had been deployed to the conflict; resulting in over 3,000 being wounded and 521 being recorded on the Roll of Honour as having lost their lives. Arguably, Australia's most contentious conflict.

Each of these 521 individuals has a story that needs to be recorded before it becomes too late. Coupled with their story, is the story of how each death impacted and continues to impact their families, friends and the mates they served with.

Whilst there have been numerous books written on Australia's participation in the Vietnam Conflict, they are written about units, battles or from an individual's perspective of the conflict; not on the sacrifice and lives of those recorded on the Roll of Honour.

My background
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My reason for writing this book is because I want to ensure that current and future generations remember “the 521”, to keep their memory alive, to put a face to each name on the Roll of Honour, record their sacrifice, how their loss/death effected and continues to affect their families, friends and the mates they served with.

Additionally, as part of my research for my book I am endeavoring to visit the final resting places of those who paid the ultimate sacrifice in the Vietnam Conflict and to place a flag and poppy at their final resting place as mark of respect to them.

To assist me in this endeavor I would like to interview family, friends and anyone who served with any of these 521 fallen Australians. Please contact me directly via my email: baz662@bigpond.com or via the contact page on my webpage www.barryhampson.com or ring me on my mobile 0424 750 943.

Please note that anyone interviewed will be asked to elect whether they are happy to be quoted as a source of information in the book or remain totally anonymous.

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The Sub-Branch Challenge will be held at Glen Iris Golf Club on Thursday 24 October.

Meet and greet at 11am and sausage sizzle. Tee off at 12 noon, two tee off, 1 and 10.

Buffet evening meal and presentation on completion.

4 man Ambrose with carts.
Expected cost is 100.00 per player approx (yet to be confirmed)

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USA Memorial Day 2013

The North American Veterans’ Unit (NAVU) held its 14th Annual Observance of USA Memorial Day on Monday, 27 May 2013 at the Flame of Remembrance.

There were two four-plane fly pasts, 90 wreath layers and over 200 people in attendance. This included the Governor, the US Consul General, over 25 veterans groups, representatives from the State and Federal Governments and Oppositions, 29 Mayors, four serving military, four clergy, and many community groups.

The Memorial Day Speech of President Barack Obama was delivered by US Consul General Ms Aleisha Woodward while the message of the Prime Minister was delivered by the Warden of the State War Memorial, CDRE Steve Davies RAN Rtd.

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Kings Park Services

AATTVA WA Branch Team Annual Commemorative Service

The Western Australian Branch of the Australian Army Training Team Vietnam (AATTVA) commemorated their 51st anniversary of the AATTVA on 31 July 2013 with a service held at the State War Memorial, Kings Park where the Role of Honour was read.

The WA State President of AATTVA, Mr Ed Harkins, gave a short address on the history of “The Team” in Vietnam. Mrs Stephanie Lloyd, widow of Brigadier RDF Lloyd OBE MC (a former Commanding Officer of “the Team”), and Mr Ed Harkins laid wreaths in commemoration of the Fallen. The Warden of the State War Memorial, CDRE Steve Davies RAN (Retd), also gave a short address.

After the ceremony there was a luncheon at Campbell Barracks, Swanbourne.

‘D’ Day Landing Remembered

Bill Price L’dHon, a regular visitor to ANZAC House, was part of the ‘D’ Day Landing. Bill and his partner, Helen Playford, recently visited France and took part in a march to commemorate the landing.

Denis Connelly

ANZAC Cottage: Open to the Community

Many people know the story of ANZAC Cottage - the historic memorial and home for a wounded soldier that was built in a day.

This unique Cottage, situated in a quiet suburban street in Mount Hawthorn, has brought community and military together in a heart-warming story that continues to resonate some 97 years after its construction on 12 February 1916.

Whilst the community came together on that fateful day to build this delightful Cottage, the story has been repeated time and time again, with the Vietnam Veterans’ Association of WA during the 1990’s enlisting the assistance of a community based committee to guide its restoration and renovation and into the present day with the annual Sunset Service conducted at sundown on ANZAC Day and the Special Open Days conducted throughout the year to honour the Cottage’s construction, Vietnam Veterans’ Day and Remembrance Day.

The Cottage is also open to the public on the first Sunday of each month from 1.00pm to 4.00pm.

For more information on the Cottage please call 0411 44 55 82 or visit https://www.facebook.com/AnzacCottage

Anne Chapple, Friends of ANZAC Cottage

Of all the episodes in Australia’s relations with Greece, Australia’s part in the 1941 campaign is the most important. It lasted less than two months and ended in military defeat but it profoundly changed the way in which the two nations, viewed each other.

According to Hugh Gilchrist of the 17,125 Australians that participated in the campaign of mainland Greece and Crete, approximately 500 lost their lives, 1,000 were wounded and more than 5,000 were taken Prisoners of War. One might wonder, why did Australia, a country located so far away from Greece, sacrifice so many of her children in a campaign that was eventually lost? Was it worth it?

From a strategic point of view, it was. Hitler’s campaign against Russia got delayed, and the Russian winter caught up with him, leading to the beginning of the end of WWII. But, more importantly, it was worth it from a moral point of view.

In the 219 days of Greek resistance to the Axis, 13,676 Greek soldiers perished in the battlefields. In the subsequent occupation more than 84,000 Greek citizens were executed and thousands more died out of famine and hardship because all our resources were taken by the occupying forces to the battlefront, thus condemning the population of the country to starvation.

Many historians estimate the accumulated losses during our unprovoked involvement in WWII at 750,000 casualties or approximately 10% of our population at the time.

I believe that Winston Churchill and the Australian and New Zealand governments were right in trying to maintain at least a minimum of principles in that insanity, by offering assistance to an ally that did not allow her soil to be used against them and by trying to stop the atrocious crimes that would take place during the Occupation.

The lesson that the Battle of Crete and the second ANZACs who fought there teach us is that of solidarity. A timeless lesson that we ought to remember in the strange times we live in.

Address to Greek Veterans at the State War Memorial for the Anniversary of the Battle of Crete
On 23 July the State President, Mr Graham Edwards AM, and CEO/State Secretary, Mr Philip Orchard, hosted a function at ANZAC House for the Commanding Officers of Western Australia’s Defence Force as well as 15 representatives from each service.

Captain Angela Bond represented the Royal Australian Navy, Brigadier Steve Coggin CSC and the Commanding Officer from SASR represented the Australian Army, Wing Commander David Turner represented the Royal Australian Air Force. Members of the RSL WA State Executive, RSL staff and the Department of Veterans Affairs WA were also in attendance.

An enjoyable evening was had by all, with most saying it was great to meet colleagues from other ADF groups.

Denis Connolly

The Governor of NSW, Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO, addressed the 300 attendees about the dedication of the Australians who volunteered to serve in South Africa. The keynote speaker was General Peter Cosgrove AC MC (Rtd). General Cosgrove spoke about how the Australians paid their own way to serve in South Africa for the British Empire and how approximately 1,000 service personnel paid the ultimate price. Denis Connolly

Beds and Chairs

Many older Australians are seeing increased health benefits in using equipment such as adjustable beds and lift and recline chairs to provide relief from day to day aches and pains and to provide greater independence.

As the Government strives to keep people in their homes and out of aged care facilities for as long as possible domestically orientated healthcare equipment is becoming common place in homes around the country and finding the right equipment for the job is critical.

Quality domestic adjustable beds are engineered to provide comfort and relief from a variety of ailments whilst at the same time have the look of an everyday ensemble bed. Designing the bed with the right features for the individual is paramount and there are a number of options to be considered. Firstly correct sizing is critical; single, three quarter, double, queen or king. Secondly, the right choice of mattress will truly determine the beds comfort so carefully consider the pros and cons of innerspring against latex and foam mattress. Thirdly and most importantly choose your features wisely. Head elevation of the bed will ease breathing restrictions and relieve the symptoms of asthma, hay fever, emphysema, hiatus hernia and reflux. Leg elevation of the bed will improve circulation and relieve the symptoms of sciatica, lower back pain, varicose veins and fluid retention. Height adjustment will assist the ease of getting in and out of bed for those with restricted mobility from the likes of MS, Parkinson’s, MND and strokes. A sonic massage system can increase blood flow, relax aching muscles and relieve the pain associated with arthritis, rheumatism and osteoporosis. So consider your condition and match wisely.

The best lift and recline chairs are custom built and, where possible, individually hand crafted to ensure the highest level of workmanship. Quality, comfort and true value for money are a must and when choosing a lift and recline chair think of it as more than a purchase….it’s an investment. Consider having your chair tailored to size where there will be careful consideration to seat depth, seat width, leg length, back width and back rest height. Have your ergonomics assessed and ensure the sacral, lumbar, thoracic and cervical support required is provided and request a full leg chaise that leaves no gap between the seat and the foot rest.

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The Royal Australian Army Nursing Corps Association celebrated their 111th Corps Birthday on Sunday, 7 July 2013 with members and guests from other associations. The luncheon was held at The Air Force Memorial Estate, Bull Creek and we all enjoyed a delicious lunch followed by the cutting of our Anniversary cake by Olga Hedemann OAM ARRC RFD.

The Australian Army Nursing Service was formed in 1902 and became a Corps in 1951. Army Nurses served in the First and Second World wars and in all conflicts that Australia has been involved in since then. They have also served in Peace Keeping Forces in many countries.

RAANC Associations are still viable in most States and we meet every two years for a conference with the elected National Body. It is a great opportunity for us to meet the members from the other States and swap our stories from our early days in the Corps.

Olga Greig

The toilet seat that changed our lives!

Trevor & Aileen Brown wished that they had found the Bidet toilet seat years ago. “It’s Marvellous” they say!

Trevor a Returned Serviceman says he knew his luck had changed when he saw the Bidet in an advertisement in the local newspaper.

It read ‘This Bidet toilet seat simply replaces your existing toilet seat and will automatically clean you without toilet paper’, it also said the Bidet can be installed in just a few minutes. After reading that, Mr Brown who has suffered with a medical condition for years said that he was so excited he decided to investigate further. Trevor contacted The BIDET SHOP® and spoke with a helpful gentleman by the name of Stephen who explained how easily a Bidet toilet seat could be fitted to their existing toilet and then he proceeded to explain the benefits that it could bring to them.

He pointed out that once you had finished going to the LOO, you simply pressed the ‘auto wash button’ and the Bidet provides a stream of warm water to clean you thoroughly. Then an in-built fan dries you off with warm air and that you no longer needed toilet paper.

Trevor and Aileen decided on the spot to purchase a Bidet and have it shipped to their home, taking advantage of The BIDET SHOP®’s offer of free delivery. The Bidet was delivered to their home in just a few days. Trevor was delighted to find that the installation process was easy as Stephen explained and the seat fitted perfectly on their original toilet Bowl. Trevor said that he and Aileen have found that apart from the comfort and health factors, the Bidet toilet seat had many benefits, including a heated seat for those cold mornings and other great idea’s incorporated into it like instant warm water, and power and water saving settings.

Mr Brown said the Bidet is the best investment they had made in their personal health and hygiene and after years of toileting problems Mr Brown no longer finds going to the loo an issue.

“Give it a go” they say. “We did and we couldn’t be happier.”

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With the outbreak of war in 1914 the most powerful fighting ship ever to have come before a battle-cruiser was commissioned under the command of Rear Admiral George Patey, RN, who was knighted on his quarterdeck by King George V on 30 June before sailing for Australia in company with the new light cruiser HMAS Sydney (I) via the Cape of Good Hope.

HMAS Australia was an 18,800 tonne (Royal Navy design Indefatigable-class battle-cruiser armed with eight 8-inch (305mm) guns in twin turrets, 16 4-inch (102mm) and four 3-pounder guns, plus two 18-inch (457mm) submerged torpedo tubes. Able to develop 44,000 horse-power with four propellers, she was capable of 24 knots.

Navy Mutiny in Fremantle

The launch of the exhibition, *From War to Remembrance – A Living History of the RSL* was held on 19 April 2013 at the State Library of Western Australia. The exhibition featured an online exhibition mapping the many Sub-Branches of the RSL in WA and a poppy field designed by artists at Smash Creations. In addition to this was a model of the State War Memorial constructed out of LEGO and a 1960’s living room setting with a documentary of the building of the War Veteran Homes.

The MC for the evening was Mr Geoff Hutchinson from 720ABC and special guests included Mr Ben Elton, the Hon Joe Francis, the Right Hon the Lord Mayor Lisa Scaffidi and State Librarian Margaret Allen. Guests were treated to a short play with actors Steve Turner playing the role of Colonel Colett, President of the RSL from 1926 - 1933 and Gemma Cavoli playing the role of Mrs Mary McKinlay, President of the Womens’ Auxiliary during WWI.

Parts of the exhibition are travelling around Western Australia over the next few months. The dates and locations are available on our website at www.rslcentenary.org.au.

When word got around that additional shore leave had been denied and the ship was to be ready to sail on the Sunday, around 100 enlisted men gathered on the quarterdeck around gun turret ‘P’ and refused to disperse until they could speak to Captain Cumberlege who dutifully listened to their grievances to remain in port for a few more days and stating this sounded more like a demand.

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lack of leave, rivalry between the Australian and British crew members, duty aboard had been tedious resulting in low morale and discontentment.

The very word ‘mutiny’ creates visions of murderous and riotous behaviour by angry crew members as portrayed in history and movies, but on this occasion the crew had broken ranks ‘seemingly’ dispersing without further incident and went about their duties.

Many prominent citizens and dignitaries were present to see HMAS Australia’s farewell, and Commodore John SAumarez Dumaresq, Commander of the Australian Fleet, was piped aboard for his flagship’s departure from Fremantle.

Steam was being raised in the boilers, sailors lined the forecastle, Captain Cumberledge gave the order to ‘cast off’ and everything seemed in order for an on time departure when the engineer commander broke the news – the stokers had abandoned their posts and were refusing to return!

Captain Cumberledge immediately assembled officers, petty officers and sailors from other sections of the ship and ordered them to the engine room to commence re-stoking the boilers resulting Australia getting away an hour later after steam was once again raised.

An immediate onboard investigation of the incident saw 12 junior sailors arrested and eventually 27 were sentenced to 90 days in cells for refusal of duty.

The remaining five, considered the main instigators, appeared before a court martial at Fremantle. Prematurely paid-off in 21 December 1921 after only 10 years service, she was stripped of all useful gear and equipment under the terms of the Washington Treaty of 1922 which dramatically saw the navies of the world reduce their naval tonnage.

Finally on Saturday, 12 April 1924 the former HMAS Australia, which was the most formidable in naval gun armament in the RAN’s history, was towed out through the heads of Port Jackson to a position 24 nautical miles due east of Sydney where her sea cocks were opened, scuttling charges detonated and she slowly capsized and plunged to her final resting place in 150 fathoms of water.

Vic Jeffery

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Wesfarmers will partner with the State and Federal Governments, the City of Albany and the RSL to support the construction of an ANZAC Centre at Albany to mark the centenary of the ANZAC convoy’s departure from Western Australia.

Managing Director Richard Goyder said Wesfarmers was proud to contribute to the interpretative centre which would create a lasting legacy for Australia and establish Albany as a military and heritage destination.

“This is an especially appropriate contribution as we approach our own Wesfarmers centenary in 2014,” Mr Goyder said.

“We have given a lot of thought to how we should celebrate our centenary and one of the best ways is to support important projects which connect us with our past but deliver enduring benefits to current and future generations.

“The ANZAC Centre at Albany is one of those, as is the new Professorial Chair in Australian History at the University of Western Australia which we announced in March.

“In the very same year Wesfarmers was formed as a co-operative by Western Australian farmers trying to strengthen their struggling communities, thousands of their sons and farm workers started heading off to the battlefields of World War One, many of them to die there or to return forever changed. You still, today, can see the monuments to those young men in almost every regional town, small and large.

“The scale of the loss is astonishing and we can only imagine how devastating it must have been for so many of those families and communities.”

Mr Goyder said the ANZAC story and tradition resonated as strongly today as ever with Australians and New Zealanders.

“The boldness, enthusiasm, courage, mateship, and sacrifice shown by the young people who left Albany in late 2014 for Gallipoli provide much for us to reflect on and aspire to nearly a century later,” he said.

The ANZAC Centre will be located on Mount Adelaide and recreate the view of the ANZAC convoy at anchor in 1914. It will include electronic displays, interpretative systems, educational facilities, online access and outdoor observation areas.

Wesfarmers’ $1.5 million contribution will fund a 500 metre public walkway from the interpretive centre to the summit of Mt Adelaide overlooking King George Sound.

The walkway will incorporate markers highlighting historical information about the military units involved in the 1914 departure and lead to a diorama at the lookout position.

Cathy Bolt
Media and external affairs manager
The ANZAC Centre Implementation Committee (ACIC) has now finalised the design of the ANZAC Interpretive Centre and announced that site works will commence shortly on the Mount Adelaide site in preparation for the construction of the Centre.

The Chairman of the ACIC Mr Richard Muirhead said, “In the coming weeks, quotations will be sought for these forward works and clearing of the site at the Princess Royal Forts precinct will then commence in mid-September. The extent of clearing has been determined by an independent bushfire hazard assessment and an Aboriginal Heritage Survey of the site has been completed.”

Mr Muirhead said, “An expression of interest for the main construction tender for the Centre will also be issued shortly, allowing builders to register their interest to bid for the project. The construction tender will subsequently be issued in September, with the successful builder appointed at the end of October and construction commencing in November.”

Construction is due for completion in August 2014, in readiness for the finalisation of the interpretive fit out. The AIC will be completed well in time for November 2014.

Commenting on the finalisation of the design of the ANZAC Centre, CEO of the WA Museum and ACIC Member - Mr Alec Coles said, “The external design of the Centre has evolved further from the last images released, in response to input and advice from the State Heritage Office and Government Architect and also based on discussions with the exhibition designers. The latest design integrates very well into the existing Forts precinct and better reflects the content and stories of the interpretive element it will host.”

Mr Coles said, “The development of the interpretive content and design is progressing well, through collaboration between the WA Museum, appointed designers ‘Thylacine’, and a number of other contributors including the Australian War Memorial.”

Market research has been undertaken in Perth and Albany using qualitative focus group discussions, which will better inform a number of decisions relating to the future business operating model of the Centre.

On Wednesday (7 August), members of the ACIC will meet in Albany to discuss and agree on a preferred governance and business model for the Centre.

City of Albany CEO, Mr Graham Foster said, “One of the preferred options is a model which sees the management of the Forts Precinct and the new ANZAC Interpretive Centre being integrated.

Once the final model is identified by ACIC and agreed to by all relevant parties, the details will be released publicly.

Richard Muirhead
Passengers onboard a cruise ship commemorated one of Australia’s most tragic wartime encounters, the sinking of the HMAS Sydney, on a recent cruise from Fremantle.

Sailing to Indonesia, the ship took almost 2,000 Australian passengers on a course to the resting place of HMAS Sydney, which was lost with all 645 crew following an encounter with the German raider Kormoran off the Western Australian coast on 19 November 1941. The cruise ship team, led by Captain Ivan Jerman, conducted a special memorial service directly above the remains of HMAS Sydney. The ship was found at a depth of 2,468 metres in 2008 after years of mystery surrounding her fate.

The memorial service was well attended by passengers and crew alike and featured a special order of service that included a brief account of the loss of HMAS Sydney – the worst loss ever sustained by the Royal Australian Navy. The commemoration ended with a wreath being cast on the water above HMAS Sydney before the cruise ship resumed her northerly course.

Media release by Princess Cruises.
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ANZAC War Memorial Inaugurated In Malta

On Saturday, 25 May 2013, the ANZAC Memorial was inaugurated at the Argotti Botanical Gardens, which is situated in Floriana, Malta. It was a bright spring morning which saw over 200 guests attending.

The Msida Sea Scouts band opened the ceremony with a march starting at the garden gates and ending beyond the Memorial, after which MC Mr Charles Coleiro called on The Hon Dr George W Vella, Malta's Minister for Foreign Affairs, and on Mr Nicholas Bonello OAM, Chairman ANZAC Memorial Committee-Malta to deliver their inauguration speeches.

Before delivering his speech, Dr Vella read a message from the Hon Dr Joseph Muscat, Prime Minister of Malta, who due to pressing commitments was unable to attend.

Dr Vella and Bonello then read their inauguration speeches.

These were followed by the blessing of the memorial received for the occasion.

The Msida Sea Scouts closed the Inauguration Ceremony by marching back to the Argotti Garden gates.

The RSL, Maltese Sub-Branch and the Maltese Community of South Australia helped us to succeed in our venture of creating a permanent single Memorial to WWI ANZAC’s buried in different cemeteries in Malta.

The Hon Jennifer Rankine, Minister for Education and Child Development and Minister for Multiculturalism visited the ANZAC monument during her visit to Malta in September 2012.

Fast Work Will Save Lives

Judi Seybold-Castle was only 21 when she lost her grandmother to stroke and she is now passionately working to help save others from this silent killer.

Stroke is a blood clot or bleed in the brain that starves brain cells of oxygen and causes parts of the brain to die. The common condition is a leading cause of death and serious disability, with one in six people suffering from a stroke in their lifetime – a third of whom die from it. Despite these facts, strokes are largely preventable.

“Many people don’t recognise the signs of stroke and don’t understand that knowing this saves lives”, Judi said.

“Losing my dearly-loved grandmother at a relatively young age was heartbreaking – especially now that I know how easily it could have been prevented. This has inspired me to volunteer as a StrokeSafe Ambassador for the National Stroke Foundation. I will be visiting local community groups and organisations to share the gift of the lifesaving FAST message.

FAST is an easy way to remember and recognise the signs of stroke: Face – Has the person’s mouth drooped? Arms – Can they lift both arms? Speech – Is their speech slurred? Do they understand you? Time – Time is critical. If you see any of these signs, call triple zero (000) now.

National Stroke Foundation chief executive Erin Lalor said the StrokeSafe Ambassador program saves lives.

“Recently the War Widows Guild told us that one of their members was able to recognise that she was having a stroke because she had attended one of our StrokeSafe talks and remembered the FAST signs,” Dr Lalor said.

“As a result, she acted quickly and was able to get treatment and minimise the impact of her stroke, giving her a better chance of a full recovery.”

If you would like to arrange for a StrokeSafe Ambassador to visit your community group and talk about stroke prevention and how to recognise the signs of stroke contact volunteer@strokefoundation.com.au / 1300 194 196 or visit www.strokefoundation.com.au

About FAST

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About The National Stroke Foundation

The National Stroke Foundation is a national not-for-profit organisation that works with stroke survivors, carers, health professionals, government and the public to reduce the impact of stroke on the Australian community.

We are the voice of stroke in Australia. Our mission is to stop stroke, save lives and end suffering.

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Website: www.strokefoundation.com.au

About the StrokeSafe Ambassador program:
The StrokeSafe Ambassador program is a National Stroke Foundation initiative where committed volunteers undertake community-based stroke awareness and education talks.

Community groups and organisations are also encouraged to contact the National Stroke Foundation if they would like to arrange an ambassador talk.

This project is supported by funding from the Australian Government under the Chronic Disease Prevention and Service Improvement Fund.

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**Are you having trouble paying your utility and other household bills?**

RSL welfare provides financial assistance to help ex-service members and their dependants who are experiencing financial difficulties pay their utility and other household bills.

To apply for assistance you need to contact the Welfare Officer, Ms Rosalind Howat on 9287 3707 or 0417 905 742.

To receive assistance the following documentation is required, proof of service, a recent Bank statement showing your financial situation and a copy of any accounts requiring payment.

RSL welfare can also provide ex-service members in financial hardship Coles or Woolworth’s Essentials Cards to purchase food, fuel or necessary household items.

**The WA Sailors, Soldiers & Airmen’s Relief Fund Trust**

Another area of assistance available to ex-service members and their dependants is the WA Aged Sailors, Soldiers & Airmen’s Relief Fund Trust. The Trustees meet on the second Tuesday of each month to consider applications for assistance. Application forms are available from www.rslwahq.org.au follow the link in PAWS. This will take you to information about the Trust Fund and an online application for assistance form. When completed, this form can be lodged directly to the Fund Administrator. For veterans without access to the internet an application form is still available from the Fund Administrator, Ms Rosalind Howat at ANZAC House.

The Trustees 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 the quality of life. For further information please contact the Fund Administrator.

**Hospital & Nursing Home Visits**

RSL Hospital Visitors Group has a new recruit, Mr Bob Gilmour, Welfare Officer at Bakers Hill Sub-Branch has volunteered to visit ex-service members in Central Wheat belt Hospitals. To request a visit Bob can be contacted directly on 9574 0775

RSL volunteers regularly visit Veterans in Hospitals, Nursing Homes and Prisons 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 or for Prison visits please contact Mr Terry O’Neill of RSL Legal Support Group on 9440 6233. To arrange a Nursing Home visit please contact the Welfare Officer at ANZAC House.

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**Purple Bra Day at ANZAC House**

On Friday 21 June 2013 the State Accountant, Mr Peter McGlade and Receptionist Miss Wendy Quinn, donned Purple Bras and raised much needed funds for Breast Cancer Care WA. A total of $333.45 was raised thanks to the generosity of staff at State Headquarters and the wonderful patrons of the ANZAC Club.

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**HMAS STIRLING**

**Breast Cancer Care**

**WA**

**High Tea**

**Sunday 20 October**

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**Bookings & Questions CPOML-S Toni Ralph**

**Email: toni.ralph@defence.gov.au**

With 1 in 8 women being diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime, it is important to be breast aware.

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**Take care till next time**

**ROSALIND HOWAT**

**State Welfare Officer**

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**Welfare & Pension News**

With **Rosalind Howat** Welfare Officer

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**August 2013**
The Naval College Class of 1953-55 took a journey down memory lane at its 60th Anniversary Reunion at HMAS Stirling on 15 May.

Travelling from all around Australia, the 40 visitors relished the opportunity to spend a day back on board a Navy base.

Escorted through the Submarine Training Systems Centre, they met and spoke with Training Authority Submarines CMDR Matthew Hoffman about today’s Navy and submarine capabilities.

Navy Domestic Engagement Regional Coordinator and escort for the day, CPOML-S Toni Ralph, said it was a delight to accompany the visitors around the base.

“It’s not every day you get an opportunity to meet CDRE Peter Dechaineux (retd), the son of CAPT Emile Dechaineux,” CPO Ralph said.

“I enjoyed the opportunity to listen to their stories of times gone by and the contributions they made to the Navy and Stirling while they were serving.”

Highlights of the reunion included a short visit to the Fleet Base West Naval Museum, where the old became the familiar, and to the Submarine Escape Training Facility where they were able to conduct a walk through the escape tower.

A visit to the Torpedo Maintenance Facility and the RAN School of Survivability and Ship Safety ensured the visitors were brought up to date on a variety of Navy aspects.

Serving officers and senior sailors joined the visitors in the Sir James Stirling Mess for lunch, where stories of camaraderie were shared.

CMDR Les Renfrey (Retd) said it was the sense of nostalgia and the memories of mateship that he enjoyed most from the visit.

CDRE Dechaineux recalled his time in the Navy and as CO HMAS Creswell.

“Re-establishing the connection with the Collins-class submarines and meeting current serving members of the RAN have been the highlight of the day,” he said.

LEUT Samantha Dudley
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“Beat the Retreat” at the City of Rockingham RSL Sub-Branch

At sea, 200 years ago, a sail is sighted on the horizon. The drummer on board sounds “Beat The Retreat” and every man, musket and cannon are swiftly prepared to engage the enemy.

On a beautiful balmy evening towards the end of last Summer the TS ANZAC Cadet Unit came to the City of Rockingham RSL Sub-Branch to demonstrate the “Beat The Retreat” manoeuvre. Members of the RSL gathered outside on the grassed area to watch.

The Cadets showed their commitment and stamina by standing perfectly still, with equipment, for around 15 minutes prior to the commencement of this exercise.

This was quite an endurance test as the evening was extremely warm. Then, with a twirl of the drumsticks, “Beat The Retreat” commenced. It was an inspiring sight. The Cadets performed with precision and accuracy, and the action become all the more moving when the words came into play.

The Members were quite entranced as the Cadets performed one movement after another, without missing a beat. A surprise piece that the Cadets had been practicing was also performed. This was greeted with enthusiastic applause from the onlookers.

When we see these youngsters, so dedicated to their craft, we know that our Country will be in safe hands in the future.

Wendy Gray
Honorary Secretary

City of Mandurah RSL Sub-Branch Open Day

The City of Mandurah RSL Sub-Branch, in conjunction with The Department of Veterans’ Affairs, held an Open Day at the RSL premises in Mandurah on 25 June.

Even though the weather was a bit unkind to us there was a good turn out and there was a lot of valuable information passed out.

We look forward to future events where we can pass on valuable information to the Veteran Community.

Teresa Williams
Secretary

900 Wheels Roll into the City of Rockingham RSL Sub-Branch

On the last Sunday in May, the day was just picture perfect as the first of the bikes arrived at the Sub-Branch at the end of the 15th Annual Charity Ride for Legacy.

The ride is organised by the Patriots WA South of the River Chapter each year. The City of Rockingham Sub-Branch was the end destination for the members to enjoy a BBQ lunch, entertainment and a well earned break. The bikes came in staggered numbers, which was just as well, as I think we would have been doing a bit of a “stagger”, if they had all arrived at the same time!

The Charity Ride started at the Cockburn Gateway Shopping Centre with around 450 bikes registering. This was a huge increase from last year when 100 bikes took part. The ride headed south towards Rockingham, onto Garden Island and ending at the Sub-Branch.

The majority of Patriot Members are ex-military servicemen and women, and in their charity work, are contributing to the welfare of our ex-servicemen and women and their families.

The Patriots raised $16,000 on this day, which was a marvellous effort.

Wendy Gray
Honorary Secretary

Yanchep - Two Rocks RSL Sub-Branch

On Monday 8 April we had the privilege of a visit from the State President, Mr Graham Edwards AM.

He was unfortunately unable to stay long as he also had another engagement but during his short visit he was very happy to present a Certificate of Appreciation to our ex-Treasurer, Mrs Helen Morris. She had conducted the duties of treasurer with precision and a thoroughness that will be hard to emulate.

Mr Edwards gave a short talk and answered a few questions before leaving to attend his other appointment.

Joyce Harris
President

Returned Ex-Servicewomen’s Sub-Branch: Celebrating 65 Years

The Returned Ex-Servicewomen's Sub-Branch celebrated 65 years since its formation by Miss Mary Meares in January 1948. There was 43 members present to enjoy the delicious lunch provided by ANZAC Club with trimmings of chocolates and decorated cupcakes on little miniature tables.

We were pleased to welcome RSL WA President, Mr Graham Edwards AM, who enjoyed chatting and went around having a few words with the ladies at every table. It was good to see one member who had travelled from Geographe Bay to be with her friends. The usual Toasts were made and Mr Edwards replied to the Toast to the RSL.

Sadly, none of the original members were able to attend but they were remembered at the Toast to Absent Friends and tribute was paid to their hard work in the early days of the Sub-Branch and the money they raised for RSL causes. A booklet of the history of the Sub-Branch was at every place-setting with a $1 scratchie and a chocolate.

It was a very enjoyable function and we thank President Judy Bland and her Committee as well as the staff of ANZAC House and ANZAC Club for a day to remember.

Cecile Hinton. Secretary
Hosting of National President During Visit to WA 2013

East Victoria Park Sub Branch and Bellevue Sub Branch were invited to act as hosts for the visit of the National President, Rear Admiral Ken Doolan AO RAN (Rtd) for a meeting along with our State President Mr Graham Edwards AM and State Secretary/CEO CMDR Phil Orchard RAN (Rtd).

Monday morning 13 May 2013 saw a visit to our Sub Branch together with representatives from 19 Sub-Branches totalling 40 people for an information session on what is happening within the realms of the RSL nationwide.

The meeting covered many topics and a question and answer session followed the presentation with many pertinent questions coming from the floor.

Jacquie Liddiard
Secretary

City of Cockburn Sub-Branch on Saturday, 11 May conducted their inaugural Battle of Fire Support Base Coral Memorial Service.

The service was conducted in the RSL Memorial Rose Garden and Wall of Remembrance which commenced at 10.30am, with an introduction by Sub-Branch President, Digger Cleak OAM. This was followed by the Battle of Coral Address, which was prepared and presented by Sub-Branch Vice President Arthur Stanton. At the end of the service the President made the announcement that due to the huge interest shown this would now be part of our annual commemorative services.

It was very pleasing to see the number of veterans and their partners that attended, in particular the number of veterans that were involved in the Battle of Fire Support Base Coral.

Jacquie Liddiard
Secretary

Korean Memorial Day

The City of Cockburn RSL conducted a service for Korean Day on Saturday 27 July 2013. Due to the inclement weather the service was held indoors at the Historical Hamilton Hill Memorial Hall.

It was attended by 78 members and guests. Cockburn RSL President Digger Cleak OAM was the Master of Ceremonies and the Catafalque Party was provided by HMAS Stirling who performed admirably considering the short notice of change of venue.

Defence Force representatives were Commander Peter Foster, Brigadier Stephen Cain and Squadron Leader Mark Levitt. Each officer delivered an address on the involvement of each Service during the Korean War. Wreaths were laid at the base of the flags and the stage, they were led by three Korean War Veterans; Mr Les Pratt, Mr John McKay and Mr Jim Lee, they were followed by VIP’s and members of the Community. After the service, RSL members moved the wreaths to the Memorial outside the Hall.

On conclusion of the ceremony members and guests returned to City Of Cockburn RSL for lunch and refreshments, it was a day that showed that this is no “Forgotten War” in the eyes of the RSL.

Lawrie Scott
RSL Secretary
Reunions & Services

1RAR Group 1965-66 Reunion
Melbourne
22-26 October 2014

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
As with many reunions good planning is paramount and numbers are very important and the key requirement, so we are asking for your assistance. If you think you would like to attend please express your interest, you are not raising a firm obligation at this stage.

I will keep those who provide their details informed as I am the communication officer. Please send your details (name, address, unit and number) to Ray Payne OAM, 2 Flemington St, BANORA POINT, NSW, 2486 or raypayne@veteranweb.asn.au

It would be greatly appreciated if you could respond by 1 September 2013

10th Australian Light Horse Regiment
9th Commemoration Ceremony
An anniversary of the charge of the “NEK”. Walers’ Ridge, Gallipoli – 7 August 1915. It will be at the Parkerville Children’s and Youth Care Centre on Beacon Road, Parkerville on Sunday 4 August, 2013 – commencing at 1.30 pm with a service in the Chapel. There will be afternoon tea at the conclusion of the service in the adjacent hall.

Come along and view the largest 10th Light Horse display in WA as well as the display of medals and photos by Reg Stevens.

For more information contact
Phil Sullivan (0417 182 998 / philmaur@bigpond.com) or Reg Stevens (0427 303 762)

156 Battalions’ Foundation
Enjoy an evening with real Australian war heroes:

- Men of the 2/16th Battalion, formed in Western Australia in 1940 and veterans of the WWII Middle East Campaign and the Kokoda Track.
- The 16th Battalions’ Foundation Dinner at The Bill Walker Room, Patersons Stadium, Subiaco on Friday 23 August 2013 at 6.30pm, $125.00.
- Brigadier Duncan Warren (Retd) AM, RDF Patron of the 2/26th Battalion, 24th Anti Tank Company Association and the WA Branch of the Royal Australian Regiment

Association will present the Brigadier Arnold Potts Oration For information and bookings contact:

Margaret Smith on 9384 4144 or 0419 914 534, margaretstsmith14@hotmail.com

Mary Goldthorpe on 9384 9105 or 0409 085 987, mary.goldthorpe@yahoo.com.au

The 2013 Seafarers Commemorative Service
Due to a number of reasons it has been decided to combine this year’s Annual Seafarers Church Service (St Paul’s Cathedral) and Navy Wreath Laying Service [Shrine of Remembrance] into one Seafarers Commemorative Service. This significant service will be conducted at the Cenotaph, Shrine of Remembrance, Melbourne.

This combined service will take place on Sunday, 20 October 2013 and will commence at 1030hrs.

The RAN Band will take part in the service. We also expect a Colour Guard and Navy Cadets to parade the Australian White Ensign, National Flags and House Flags.

The Mission to Seafarers, Royal Australian Navy, Company of Master Mariners and ex-service organisations will be represented, along with several Consul Generals.

Capt Nigel J. Porteous Coordinator Seafarers’ Service CMDR T. Makings AM RAN (Rtd) President Naval Commemoration Committee

V Company Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment Auckland: 28 February – 2 March 2014

The surviving members of the Company are holding a Reunion in Auckland from 28 Feb – 2 March 2014 and extend an invitation to their Australian comrades in arms to join them at this time.

More information: contact Brian Wilson – b.wilbra@xtra.co.nz

Victuallers Reunion
The 2013 Get Together will be held at the River gum Holiday Retreat in Corowa NSW from 16 to 23 October 2013. For bookings contact, Lisa or Dallas at the River gum Holiday Retreat, (02) 6033 1990 quote Ex RAN Victuallers to receive the discount. This will be a completely informal get together with one or two functions which will be outlined over the next few months; however I need to start the process now so I seek your early feedback to:

a) If you are attending or might attend plus numbers in your party.

b) If you will be bringing a caravan / tent or if you will be staying in a hotel?

c) Any dietary requirements.

Do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions.

Remember to let me know if you are coming and when you have booked your accommodation.

Alan Antony Ex POSV Phone: (03) 9776 0908 or 0418 314 726 E-mail: aantonye@optusnet.com.au

Battle for Australia Day Ceremony
The Applecross RSL Sub Branch will conduct a short commemorative ceremony to mark Battle for Australia Day on Wednesday, 4 September at 11am, at The Clock Tower Memorial, Melville Civic Square, adjacent to the library.

Members of Ex-Service, Unit & Kindred Associations and also members of the public are invited to attend and lay a floral tribute if they wish.

Enquiries may be made to Helen Pickering, Secretary, on 9364 8564.

Four Frigates Reunion
The proposed reunion of frigates HMAS Condamine, Culgoa, Murchison and Shoalhaven to be held in Sydney 2-5 November 2013 has been cancelled due to lack of support.

Notices

4PI A Coy 1RTB May - Aug 1952
I would like to contact members of 4PI A Coy 1RTB, especially those who joined from WA.

Terry Barrett terrbyr@iinet.net.au

Wanted: Veterans from the Battle of Crete
Students from St Andrews Grammar School in Danella would like to talk to Australian or Greek veterans who participated in the Battle of Crete in 1941. The school is involved in a project in conjunction with a school in South Australia and the University of Crete in Greece to make a film about the battle.

Interested veterans please call Mrs Maria Coate, Head of Secondary School, on (08) 9376 5850.

Department of Veterans’ Affairs Access Centre
Located at the Army Museum of Western Australia, Burt Street, Fremantle.

Centre Opening Hours: 11.00am – 4.00pm Wednesday to Friday.

The Centre is a “one stop shop” to access written information and resources from the Office of the Public Advocate and Public Trustee, Family and Children Health Promotion, Child Support, Department of Veterans’ Affairs - benefit information and claim forms, Veterans and Veterans Family Counselling Service (VVCS), Centrelink and Medicare.

Veterans and current serving ADF members, partners and families are welcome to visit the centre during opening hours to source information and discuss matters with DVA staff.

DVA staff will be available at the Army Museum to assist with any specific enquiries in a secure and confidential environment.

Confidential appointments can be arranged by phone on 0411 269 908 or email dca.dva.gov.au

Kalamunda RSL Sub-Branch
Darling Range RSL Sub-Branch no longer exists. But don’t panic - it has been renamed, with the blessing of the State Executive, as Kalamunda. It was as Kalamunda that the Sub-Branch originally received its charter in 1919, and most locals have always referred to our Sub-Branch as Kalamunda, which is fitting as we are in the State electorate of Kalamunda and in Kalamunda Shire Council. An overwhelming majority of our members voted for the name change and the necessary paperwork reflecting the name change is underway. Pay us a visit sometime - we haven’t moved, just re-adjusted.

Doug Carpenter Secretary

The next reunion will be held in Coffs Harbour, NSW on 29-31 October 2013.

For information about the Coffs Harbour reunion contact George Franki on (02) 9955 9444.

Headquarter company 1st Australian Logistic support group (1 ALSG)
Meet and greet, Mildura RSL Thursday the 24th April 2014 at 4.30pm.

This reunion is for all members who served with 1 ALSG Vung Tau, and wives and children of members who since passed on.

For accommodation and reunion details contact
Tony Brown; (03) 5021 2066 Mobile: 0428 852 736 Email: tonyraye11@bigpond.com

Riverton Sub-Branch Website
Riverton Sub-Branch now has a website! Please visit http://rivertonsrl.com.au/ for information about the Sub-Branch.

Z Special Unit Association of WA Inc.
The Listening Post team apologise to the Z Special Unit Association of WA Inc. for missing their contact details out. Their details are as below.

Z Special Unit Association of WA Inc. – Secretary – 28A Houston Ave DIANELLA WA 6059

We Want You!
Did you serve on Rottne Island during World War II? The Rottne Island Authority would love to hear your stories.

Please contact Dianne Bortoleto at Pronto PR on 0439 997 075 or email dianne@prontoopr.com.au.

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**City of Mandurah RSL Sub-Branch**

The histories of the City of Mandurah Sub-Branch Women’s Auxiliary are currently being written and whilst they mainly concentrate on Sub-Branch matters and members, details of any male or female who was a resident of Mandurah at the time and details of their enlistment into the Defence Force will be included along with any honours and awards received either before or after Defence service.

The ultimate purpose will not only be in producing the written history of the Sub-Branch and Auxiliary, including honours and awards given to members, but Honour Boards will be raised showing all those who enlisted from Mandurah as well as Life Members, Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers of the Sub-Branch and Auxiliary.

To enable completion of these histories, and for them to be as accurate as possible, the Sub-Branch is seeking your help in the following ways and would be very grateful for any information that can be provided:

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To assist in verification of details copies of documents, such as Enlistment or Discharge Papers, photographs, certificates showing honours or awards, units and battles served in and the dates served there, would be very much appreciated. Please advise first names in full, and any common name used; ie Dorothy (Dot).

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**Shipmates for Cancer Foundation**

My aim is to give care and support to all of our shipmates who have lost their fight against cancer.

I wish to create a focal point to be able to pass on information to each other and support those who need our help. After being a hospital visitor for veterans and being a legatee in the past it is amazing how just a visit can mean so much those in this situation.

If I am able to get enough support for this foundation from the Naval community the second aim is to establish the Alan Yates Memorial Trust, a not for profit trust to further the advancement of cancer research into the cancers most common in our shipmates and their families. This would encourage members and the business community associated with the RAN to provide funds for the further development of research in Australia into brain cancer, lung cancer, breast cancer, skin cancer, asbestosis and prostate cancer that takes so many of our shipmates and their families.

Paul (Fuzz) Fernyhough ex-POPR shipmatesforcancer@gmail.com

Facebook Shipmates for Cancer

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**Students to Honour WA War Heroes in Malaysia**

Premier’s ANZAC Student Tour to return to Malaysia in 2014

Tour to highlight Western Australian stories

Secondary school students are being given the chance to travel to Malaysia and commemorate Australia’s involvement in the region during World War II.

Premier Colin Barnett and Education Minister Peter Collier have encouraged students to apply for the 2014 Premier’s ANZAC Student Tour which will focus on the involvement of Western Australians during WWII.

“The emphasis for next year’s tour will be the liberation of Borneo in 1945, in which 76 Western Australians were known to have lost their lives,” Mr Barnett said.

“Students will visit the region where Australian forces waged a land, air and sea invasion of Japanese-occupied Labuan and North Borneo, earning Western Australian Leslie (Tom) Starcevich the Victoria Cross for outstanding gallantry.”

Students will also learn about another Western Australian Jack Wong Sue, who was awarded a Distinguished Conduct Medal for his role behind enemy lines in the lead up to the liberation.

“These stories are a poignant reminder of the sacrifices our service men and women have made for our country and this tour represents an opportunity for students to honour that sacrifice and help keep the ANZAC spirit alive,” Mr Barnett said.

Minister Collier said ten students would be given the opportunity to take part in the tour which is returning to Malaysia after successful tours there in 2012 and 2013.

“While many may now be familiar with the atrocities against British and Australian prisoners of war at Sandakan and the infamous Sandakan Death March, students will also learn about some of lesser known stories involving Western Australians,” Mr Collier said.

Students who want to be selected for the tour need to write an essay on a conflict or military action involving Australians since 1915, which deserves greater public awareness.

“While every Australian student knows the story of Gallipoli and the legend of the first ANZACs, there are many campaigns involving Australian servicemen and women that are not so familiar but also deserve recognition.” Mr Collier said.

Applications close on October 18, 2013 and successful students will be announced on December 16.

Further details and application forms are available at www.det.wa.edu.au/anzac or from schools.

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**Veterans’ Health Week 2013**

**What is Veterans’ Health Week?**

Veterans’ Health Week (VHW) will be held between 14 and 20 October 2013 and provides an opportunity for veterans, war widows, widowers, current and Ex-Australian Defence Force members and their families to initiate, connect and influence the health and wellbeing of themselves and their friends.

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

This year’s theme is Physical Activity – Strength, Flexibility, Balance and Fitness. VHW will help to raise awareness of the benefits of Physical Activity and promote DVA programs and other types of activities that veterans can participate in to stay active and healthy, while helping others to be active, stay active and participate in veteran life.

**Can anyone participate?**

All members of the veteran and service communities including current serving members, their friends, carers and families are welcome to participate. This year DVA is hoping that members of the veteran community will make a special effort to come along with friends, family and acquaintances who don’t normally get involved in veteran activities.

**How can I get involved?**

Invite friends, family and acquaintances and come along to events planned in your local area and take part in the fun. Contact your local Veterans’ Access Network (VAN) office for event details.

**Can my organisation host its own event?**

DVA encourages ESOs, Day Clubs, Men’s Health Peer Education volunteers and community groups to organise activities throughout VHW.

**Is there funding available?**

DVA offers limited grants to assist veteran groups with activities during VHW. Applications for VHW grants must be received by 31 August 2013.

For further information contact DVA,

P: 133 254 W:www.dva.gov.au

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**John Gordon Davidson**

A short time ago Kerry Broomham (1RAR) passed away and some years ago he was horrified to find a Vietnam veteran’s medals in a Pawn shop so he bought them with the thought of returning them some day.

He never got around to it. Graham Ross (5RAR) is now tasked with finding the veteran. He made an enquiry at DVA and was told he was alive but moved around a bit, they can’t give any further information.

The veteran’s details are 1201500, his DOB is 15-11-48; he served with 17 Const Sqn 1969-70.

If you know John’s whereabouts please email Graham Ross at janross@bigpond.net.au

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**Paul (Fuzz) Fernyhough ex-POPR**

This ID Card for Terrance J EMERSON was found near the Nollamarra RSL Sub-Branch, 68 Sylvia Street Nollamara. If you know who this may belong to please contact ANZAC House so it can be returned to its rightful owner.
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 Alzheimers Disease!

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

Easy Sudoku

Hard Sudoku

Crossword

Green tea: A top all-rounder

Antioxidants have protective qualities

Green tea is lauded for its many health benefits – it guards against heart disease, diabetes, cancer, weight gain, even tooth decay. New research continues to stack up its merits. Its secret? This brew is naturally rich in a group of antioxidants called catechins. Recently, US researchers found evidence of this compound’s osteoprotective effect.

“What green tea has a higher concentration of catechins and appears to benefit bone health more than other kinds of tea, such as black and oolong,” says Dr Leslie Shen of Texas Tech University. Early research from Hong Kong also suggests green tea’s catechins can benefit the eye, with signs that it is absorbed by the lens, retina and other eye tissues.

The Medicinal Brew

What makes green tea so special? Unlike black tea, its production involves little processing and fermentation, keeping catechin concentration especially high.

Flu Fighter

A University of Florida study looked at the effect of green tea during flu season. Those participants who took a capsule with decaffeinated green tea extract twice a day for three months experienced 32% fewer cold and flu symptoms compared with the placebo group. Of those who did become ill, only 6% needed a doctor.
Dear Colin,

Your father Arthur is a Navy legend and his story will forever be part of HMAS PERTH’s and Australia’s history. His incredible optimism, strength, courage, mateship and survival will live on.

I feel very honoured to have been friends with Arthur and Mirla and to have had the privilege to be with us at sea.

My thoughts, and those of the men and women who serve in HMAS PERTH III are with you and all your family this week. We will remember Arthur, not with sadness, but with admiration and pride.

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Good Bye and Fair Winds to you Able Seaman Arthur Bancroft (Blood) - rest now, we have the watch.

Yours sincerely,

Lee Goddard Captain, CSC RAN
Commanding Officer HMAS PERTH
ANZAC Day 2013

Dear Editor,

The other day I received a photo of my son and I taken during the ANZAC Day parade in Perth earlier this year. Whilst we did not make the magazine it was a delight to receive a copy of the photo. It came as a complete surprise and the consideration and thoughtfulness of the RSL is very much appreciated.

It was our first venture into the city for the event and may I say what a wonderful and thought provoking morning it was.

Thank you both for the photo and for all you do.

Regards, Kirk Mohley

Boer War Ceremony 2013

Dear Editor,

Further to our chat at the Boer War Ceremony at Kings Park Boer War Memorial, which again was a very successful service, I am providing you with the requested details.

My first ANZAC Parade was in Northam in 2000. As a result I was invited to make a small display for the Avon Valley Arts Society which happens to be situated in the old Post Office which was the headquarters of the 10th Light Horse Regiment in the 40’s. Thus began my collection of light horse memorabilia and at that time it consisted of all regiments.

To this day it consists entirely of 10th Light Horse with over 1,200 photos, two full size model horses and two mannequins all dressed in the period attire. Since starting my collection, I have acquired five cases of memorabilia, including medals from this era.

I have been involved in the commemoration ANZAC Parade in Northam, Boer War Commemorative at Kings Park and at various Agricultural shows around the state.

One of the most pleasing aspects is going into schools to spread the Light Horse story and history to children. This has been helped by the support from Mr Paul Papalia MLA who has invited me to schools in his electorate for several years.

I started a ceremony eight years ago for the charge of the Nek and this is growing in stature each year. It is held at Parkerville’s Children & Youth Care Centre, always on the closest Sunday to 7th August. As two of the boys from Parkerville Home were in the 10th Light Horse. One being injured at the Nek and the other was killed at Hill 60 a couple of weeks after.

A mate and I spent 16 days at Gallipoli, trekking up and down most tracks. Also, last year I was involved in the 95th Re-enactment charge of Beersheba.

After retiring in February last year I put my name on the guest speaker list of Probus, Seniors and Rotary Clubs and have been in constant demand to give presentations ever since.

My main focus is about the 10th Light Horse Regiment history and customs, with accompanying photographs.

Phil Sullivan
e: philmaur@bigpond.com

Bedford – Morley Sub-Branch Renovations

Dear Editor,

I am pleased to advise you that the grant of $32,340 from the Veteran and Community Grant Program for the upgrade of the kitchen facility of the Bedford-Morley RSL Memorial hall has now been completed.

The work was carried out by Delta Cabinets and was completed on time and budget and ready for our ANZAC Service.

Yours sincerely, Colin Robb Secretary, Bedford-Morley RSL Sub-Branch

ANZAC Edition 2013

To the Editor,

Thank you for putting a photo of my father, Eric Herman Rosenberg Roediger aged 103, on the front of the June edition of The Listening Post. I was alerted to the photo by a gentleman from my local town, who rang me at work, telling me that there was a wonderful photo of my dad on The Listening Post cover.

He was so impressed he then proceeded to drive through two towns to deliver me a copy.

Thanks Keith.

So thank you from an elderly POW who, once surviving the trauma of being on the Burma Railway, was ‘deemed fit’ and transported to the coal mines under the sea in Japan. God blessed him richly during the war years as he was with his brother Claude throughout the war and they had the services of the wonderful Dr Weary Dunlop as POW’s. We, his family are blessed to have such a “great family” with our Dad.

Wendy Roediger

5th Victorian Mounted Riflemen

Dear Editor,

I have prepared a list of men from the SVMR who have associations with Western Australia and wonder whether you would be so kind as to publish it in The Listening Post if it is not too much of an imposition? I see the RSL membership as being among the most likely where there might be descendants of Boar War soldiers.

People can contact me via email on jervilp@optusnet.com.au or directly to PO Box 42, Bulleen, Victoria, 3105 or they can phone me on (03) 9891 6032.

5th Victorian Mounted Riflemen of the Boar War with a Western Australian Association:


DATSON, George [1223] Lived Northam, WA, before moving to Victoria. Parents remained at Northam.

EVANS, Graham Berry [843] Parents lived Boulder City, WA. Father: John Evans.


JACK, Thomas William [808]. Only note says lived WA before the Boar War.


STEELE, George [1258] Parents lived Perth. Father George Snr.


Rob Droogleever
On Monday 20 May 2013 RSL WA was given two models of ships that played a significant role in Western Australia’s WWII Maritime History. Model maker, Eric Scott, and his wife donated models of these adversaries from 19 November 1941.

Materials for construction included parts from TVs, videos, mobile phones, greeting cards and jewellery. Eric said that the work was inspired by attending the RSL service at Geraldton for the dedication of HMAS Sydney Memorial.

“It was a pure joy to construct these models, it was a labour of love and I thoroughly enjoyed it” said Eric Scott.

Denis Connelly

Following the Bankwest Gallipoli Run which took place in beautiful Kings Park on Sunday, 21 April, Bankwest was happy to present RSL WA with an $8,000 cheque. These funds were part of Bankwest’s commitment to matching registration fees from this year’s race. The cheque was presented by Paul Vivian, General Manager Customer Communications & Brand.

The cheque was happily received by Philip Orchard, CEO/State Secretary, and Denis Connelly, State Vice President of RSL WA.

Bankwest is proud to be part of such a great community event and is happy to be able to provide support to this deserving organisation.

We have also presented the Former Governor of WA Dr Ken Michael AC with the medal of the Order of the Phoenix during the recent visit of the Greek Deputy Foreign Minister to Western Australia.

The RSL was represented on the occasion by Mr Peter Fardon, member of the State Executive and his wife Jan. The Australian Armed Forces were represented as well with Squadron Leader James Eltus representing Wing Commander David Turner RAAF Base Pearce, LTCOL Chris Adams and his wife representing Brig Coggin and Commander Peter Foster and his wife Mrs Lynne Foster from HMAS Stirling.

Sofia Choli

Bankwest supports RSL WA

Christmas Luncheon at the ANZAC Club

Serving Traditional Christmas luncheon - tables decorated with all the trimmings (must be reserved)

Two Course Menu - $20.50 per person
- Roast turkey & pork stuffing with haricot, roast potato and seasonal vegetables. Served with a crusty bread roll and butter
- Followed by
- Traditional fruit pudding and brandy custard
- Tea & coffee with after dinner mints

Three Course Menu - $31.50 per person
- Shrimp salad with a Marie Rose cocktail sauce
- (Can be substituted with Farmhouse soup of the day with a crusty bread roll and butter)
- Followed by
- Roast turkey & pork stuffing with haricot, roast potato and seasonal vegetables. Served with a crusty bread roll and butter
- Followed by
- Traditional fruit pudding and brandy custard
- Tea & coffee with after dinner mints

***Optional Fruit Mince Pie only $1.50 per person additional, available with either menu***

BOOK NOW ON 9287 3714

Rottnest Island 75th Anniversary of the Fremantle Fortress

Diary Date – 19 October

Put Saturday, 19 October 2013 in your diary and start making plans to travel to Rottnest Island. The Island will be hosting a free public event to commemorate 75 years of artillery history in Western Australia and the proofing of the 9.2-inch Guns at Oliver Hill, Rottnest Island. Held at Kingstown Barracks, the event will pay homage to those that served on Rottnest Island and include military displays, marching, music, and entertainment for people of all ages. In the evening, a ticketed sunset cocktail function is planned on Oliver Hill. More information will be available on www.rottnestisland.com/events in the coming weeks.

Dianne Bortoleto Director
PRONTO PR MPRIA

Kingstown Barracks, Rottnest Island
Between July and November 1942 the future of the Middle East lay in the balance as German and Italian soldiers fought against soldiers from Britain, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, India, Poland, the Free French and smaller entities.

As the German thrust to the Suez Canal was thwarted outside the small Libyan town of Tobruk in 1941, now Field Marshal Rommel’s new move towards the most coveted piece of real estate in the world was blocked near a small Egyptian location named El Alamein.

There was, however, something much bigger at stake here than a mere military battle – the very survival of over half a million Jewish people, most of whom lived in British Mandated Palestine.

In January 1942 the Nazi leadership declared its intentions to annihilate all Jewish people in Europe. Nearly a million had already been murdered, mostly by murder squads known as Einsatzgruppen.

Then in July 1942 the Nazi leadership ordered the dispatch to the Middle East of a specialised SS murder squad – the Einsatzkommando Egypt – which was to enlist local collaborators to help fulfil their allotted task.

This book looks at the Middle East campaign of 1940-1942 and how the Allied victory which culminated at El Alamein in November 1942 thwarted both the military objectives of the German-led army to capture the Suez Canal, and the Holocaust from entering into the Middle East.

It also looks at the relationship between the Arab nationalist movement and its main spokesman, Haj Amin el-Husseini (the Mufti of Jerusalem), with Hitler and Nazi Germany.

The author, Kelvin Crombie, lived in Israel for almost 25 years, 20 of those as a local guide and researcher based at Christ Church inside the Old City of Jerusalem, and was instrumental in locating the ‘Montgomery Bible’.

Field Marshall Montgomery Bible

Staff at ANZAC House were honoured to view a Bible that was given to Field Marshall Montgomery as a memento of his service during the Battle for El Alamein in WWII. The Bible is owned by Kelvin Crombie from Heritage Resources, Mundaring.

Denis Connolly

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Deadline for next edition: 20 September 2013

For contributions to next edition.

If possible, submissions should be typed and double-spaced. Preferred method of receiving submissions is via email. Photographs can be black and white or colour. This is your journal and contributions are welcome.

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AMAZING HEROES

Hollywood has been serving our Veterans for over 70 years.