ANZAC learnings: This beautiful photograph symbolises ANZAC Day – educating our young about the sacrifices of those who placed themselves in harm’s way. The picture is of Peter Dimopolous of Jarrahdale with his great grandson, Jasper Saunders. Mr Dimopolous was awarded “ANZAC of the Year” at the last national RSL Congress in recognition of more than 50 years dedicated service to veterans and to the community of Perth. At 88, he is treasurer of the Serpentine-Jarrahdale RSL Sub-Branch, and is highly regarded by its President Ric Giblett who says, “Peter is a true gentleman with a dogged approach to righting the wrongs for the veterans community. He has an unswerving dedication to the community which harks back to his unswerving dedication to fellow soldiers who were incarcerated by the Japanese in miserable conditions in Thailand.” Transperth chose the picture to urge people to use public transport on ANZAC Day – and to offer free travel on ANZAC Day to men and women of our armed forces, all veterans, serving and returning service personnel wearing service uniforms, campaign ribbons or medals.

Relatives of fallen soldiers will this year be given the opportunity to lay wreaths at the State War Memorial during the week leading up to ANZAC Day.

At 5pm each day, from Sunday 20 April until Thursday 24 April, relatives will lay up to five wreaths within the Pool of Reflection where the Flame of Remembrance burns continuously to symbolise the promise of all Western Australians:

“We will remember them”

Brigadier Duncan Warren, who has coordinated ANZAC Day arrangements for the RSL, says the daily closing ceremony will enable some Western Australians to remember their loved ones in a poignant Last Post ceremony.

“It will also allow people who are in Kings Park, and want to join the ceremony, to learn a little more about the sacrifices made in times of war,” Brig. Warren said.

Relatives wishing to participate in the ceremony should contact the RSL at ANZAC House on 9287 3799.

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Camp Gallipoli

Camp Gallipoli next year will enable families, schools and community groups to gain a deeper understanding of the sacrifices of our ANZACs 100 years ago.

To quote our National President, Rear Admiral Ken Doolan: “The Returned & Services League of Australia is honoured to be involved with Camp Gallipoli. This bold initiative has the potential to do a great deal to educate the young of both Australia and New Zealand about the sacrifices our forebears made during the First World War. Those who paid the supreme sacrifice, those who fought at sea, on land and in the air and the families who supported them have left a wondrous legacy – the freedoms and great strengths of our vibrant and enviable democracies.”

In WA, Camp Gallipoli will happen at Ascot Racecourse, one of nine camp sites selected around Australian and New Zealand.

The venues will allow families, schools and community groups to sleep out on 24 April 2015 under the stars as the original ANZACs did 100 years ago. It will be a respectful and informative camp but also entertaining for all Australians and New Zealanders. Documentaries via large screen technology, a live feed to a specially chartered ship off ANZAC Cove, a fully catered for dinner and breakfast as well as a concert with legendary performers will make the event something special.

Camp Gallipoli will celebrate the birth of the ANZAC spirit and will reinforce in our young that the generation of Australians and New Zealanders who went forth on behalf of their nations to battle the forces of repression “gave their tomorrow so that we could enjoy ours today.”

Bookings are being taken by Ticketek.

Commemorative Grevillea
The National Executive of the Returned & Services League has strongly endorsed plans by the RSL in WA to market a hybrid grevillea in 2015.

“The pilot” plant is being developed by the Botanic Gardens & Parks Authority (BGPA) at Kings Park. It is proposed to market the plant nationally through the WA-based wholesaler Benara Nurseries.

The plant provides lush red flowers, holds a trans-Australia heritage and has a lineage of tough geographical conditions in which it grows and thrives. The red flowers are a reminder of the blood shed by the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps – at Gallipoli and the more than 61,000 who died in the First World War. It reminds us that the ANZACs landed and fought in incredibly hostile conditions. The antecedents of this hybrid are from Mt Finke, surrounded by hundreds of square kilometres of inhospitable sand dunes more than 500 km NNW of Port Lincoln, as well as Western Australia, between Perenjori and Wongan Hills, and Southern Queensland.

At the moment, the RSL is engaged in dialogue with the Federal Government over the naming of the plant.

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Brig. Warren said the Australian War Memorial holds daily closing ceremonies just before 5pm each day and the RSL State President Graham Edwards asked to extend the ceremony to Perth.

“Each day the Australian War Memorial closes with the singing of the Australian National Anthem, The Last Post, followed by the poignant strains of a Lament, played by a piper,” Brig. Warren said. “Visitors are invited to lay wreaths and floral tributes beside the Pool of Reflection.”

The Australian War Memorial lists the names of more than 102,000 Australians who have given their lives in war and other operations over more than a century. Brig. Warren said the RSL will also record the names of people who participate in its ceremonies at the State War Memorial in perpetuity.

“We expect ANZAC Day to again attract massive interest across Western Australia with ceremonies planned in Kings Park and by all of our 130 Sub-Branches.

At Kings Park, Fraser Avenue and Wadjuk Way will be closed from midnight until 9am on this day. Vehicle access to Kings Park will be available via Saw Avenue or Poole Avenue. Authorities encourage patrons to use public transport on this day. Patrons with mobility issues and special requirements should contact RSLWA on 9287 3799.

“The Kings Park service last year attracted between 40,000 and 50,000 people and this year we will provide nine big video screens so that more people can participate,” said Brig. Warren.

Archival footage will be played on the video screens from 4am. Activities will start at 5.30am with live commentary by the ABC’s morning presenter Geoff Hutchison. Lights are turned off at 5.50am. The largely silent Dawn Service will begin at 6am and includes the laying of wreaths and the national anthems of New Zealand and Australia. For the first time, the service will be broadcast live by Channel 9. At its conclusion, there will be a speech by Captain Angela Bond, commander of HMAS Stirling. Gunfire breakfasts will be held throughout the State with the Perth ANZAC Day Parade beginning at 9.30am and culminating with the Memorial Service in Supreme Court Gardens at 11am.

As part of a national initiative, the ANZAC Day Parade will acknowledge and honour so-called “Younger Veterans” - those former and current service men and women who have served overseas since the end of the Vietnam War in 1975.

“We feel that the best way for the public to recognise and acknowledge their service is to give them the honour of being up the front of the ANZAC Day Parade,” State President Graham Edwards said.

“Younger veterans are being offered the privileged position of leading all ex-service groups in the march. “

In the post-Vietnam era, Australian forces have been involved in numerous international peacekeeping and warlike operations including Namibia (early 1989), Cambodia (1992-93), Somalia (1993), Rwanda (1994-95), Bougainville (in 1994 and from 1997 onward), Persian Gulf (from 1991), East Timor (from 1999), the Solomon Islands (from 2003), while more recently they have also fought as part of multi-national forces in Iraq (from 2003) and Afghanistan (from 2001).

One of those in the front contingent of the April 25 ANZAC Parade will be former Sapper Scott Rogers (39) who served with the Australian Regular Army’s 1st Combat Engineer Regiment in East Timor, Solomon Islands, Banda Aceh and Iraq. He is hoping many more will join him.

“Many who served overseas since went on multiple deployments with different people each time,” Mr Rogers said. “They don’t have the same sense of unity as individuals who served in WWII and other single conflicts up to Vietnam.”

Mr Rogers, who now owns his own building business and is President of the Bellevue RSL, said he joined the RSL after returning home in 2006.

“The RSL brought back that sense of unity and camaraderie,” he said. “They understood. I realised that’s what I missed. It’s a family, basically.”

John Arthur
The President of the Harvey RSL Sub Branch, Eric Hall, read the poetry of a Yarloop farmer at a special ceremony for the Last Post Association at the Yarloop War Memorial on Sunday, 23 March.

About 400 people attended to see mounted soldiers, parading cadets, the firing of a cannon and the playing of The Last Post by visiting buglers from Menin Gate, Belgium.

Mr Hall referred to Samuel John Hobbins, of A Company, 28th Battalion, who wrote of the day he left Gallipoli Peninsula nearly 100 years ago.

The son of a dairyman from Yarloop, Hobbs wrote of his experience at the 13th Casualty Clearing Station at ANZAC Beach on December 2, 1915 when a doctor checked his heart and sent him home:

“If I’d been given a tenner, I couldn’t have been more pleased, in fact, I started trembling and damn near snapped off at the knees, I went and rolled my pack up, at Rest Gully, not far away, and never in my life before had I known such a happy day.”

Senator Chris Beck, representing the Prime Minister, said that as a father of a soldier who had served in Afghanistan and Iraq he understood the strain that families went through when their loved ones served overseas.

He said when people visited small towns like Yarloop – which lost 58 soldiers in the Great War – they realised the significant sacrifice of many small towns in Western Australia.

Senator Beck paid tribute to Senator Glenn Sterle and John Davis for organising the special service at Yarloop.

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John Arthur

More than 400 people turned out to see a fine parade at Yarloop War Memorial and the buglers of Menin Gate, Belgium.

Officials had a tough day with heavy rain at the Yarloop War Memorial. But Andrew Leahy, national vice chairman of the Australian Special Air Service Association, and Murray Cooper, state Member for Murray, made light of it.

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ANZAC TOUR TO SABAH NORTH BORNEO

To coincide with the 100th Anniversary of the Gallipoli landing we have designed a tour to visit Sandakan for the 25th April 2015 ANZAC Day memorial services. The tour content will allow for leisure time plus a glance at the history of Australian Army involvement in North Borneo during World War 11 through the service and memorial visits.

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- Attendance at President’s Memorial Dinner 24th April 2015
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The ANZAC Centenary – the year ahead

The ANZAC Centenary will be one of the most significant commemorations in the history of our State, and indeed our entire nation. West Australians will mark this important time with public events as well as private remembrance.

It will be a time to remember those who were lost and those who strove and suffered in Australia’s wars. Many families will have stories of family members and their involvement in conflicts. In my own family, we remember my father's experience as a Rat of Tobruk. Wartime memorabilia had pride of place on the mantelpiece at home. My father’s slouch hat became his gardening hat and his kit bag was his fishing bag.

In just over seven months’ time Albany and Fremantle’s role in the ANZAC war effort will come under the spotlight as we mark the 100th anniversary of the departure of the first convoy of ships carrying the Australian Imperial Force and New Zealand Expeditionary Force to WW1.

The WA Government has been working closely with RSLWA, the Commonwealth Government and the cities of Albany and Fremantle on a program of events to mark the departures.

In Albany the State has committed more than $9 million towards ANZAC Centenary infrastructure including upgrading the Padre White lookout and the Desert Mounted Corps Memorial on Mt Clarence and building the National ANZAC Centre at Mt Adelaide. The National ANZAC Centre will be officially opened on 1 November 2014 as part of the convoy commemorations.

Featuring the Australian Defence Forces, The plans for Albany’s event program also include a Royal Australian Navy Ceremonial Sunset, a commemorative service, a symbolic departure of naval ships, a troop march and a ship open day.

Other community events planned include a free concert featuring the WA Symphony Orchestra with special guests from Australia and New Zealand, a commemorative lighting and pyrotechnics display entitled Princess Royal Harbour Lights and an exhibition and interactive event projected on to Albany’s landmark buildings.

Although most Australian troops left for WW1 from Albany, most WA troops left from Fremantle, including the 11th Battalion, the first raised in WA. These soldiers were among the first ashore on the morning of 25 April 1914 at ANZAC Cove.

Planning is also under way for a series of events at Blackboy Hill (where the troops trained together) and Fremantle to acknowledge the special role these places played in WA’s history.

Lotterywest has a special grants program to support community commemorations across the State over the four-year Centenary of WW1 with more than $2.5 million already allocated to various projects. In addition, 32 school students will be chosen to attend the 2015 Dawn Service at Gallipoli.

I am looking forward to the Centenary commemorations – four years that will see the coming together of the Australian community to reflect on the true meaning of the ANZAC spirit.

Premier Colin Barnett

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Surge in New Members

Service and ex-service personnel signed up for RSL membership in much bigger numbers last month.

Membership officer Kathy Clark said it was pleasing that 72 new members signed up in March – twice the number of the previous month.

“Another 15 people re-joined the league and we saw an extra 100 affiliate members pay up last month,” she said. “In total we have 965 affiliates signed up so far this year so we look very good for exceeding last year’s total of 1551.

“It’s great that people are seeing the high value of our modest membership and affiliate fees – particularly as they get a range of benefits that in total can be worth much more than their annual fee.

“These benefits vary between sub branches but they may include receiving RSL publications, discount coupons for members, access to club facilities and well-priced meals and drinks.”

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ANZAC Legacy Lives On

My Great Uncle was killed at Lone Pine and his body was never found. My family’s experience was repeated in household after household across the country. The level and scale of trauma and pain felt by families and communities is beyond our comprehension now.

While we have now lost that direct memory and experience, it’s appropriate to remember and commemorate what took place and to learn about it.

Australians have always been outstanding servicemen and women. That’s the case today as it was in 1915. We are not militaristic or jingoistic. But we are committed and determined when we have a job to do. That was the Australian experience of The Great War and it remains the Australian way in 2014.

I spent seven years as an officer in the Navy. During that time I learnt something about the nature of Australians who join our armed forces. Fun-loving, hard-working and committed are some of the values that come to mind.

In my experience, these men and women are capable, ready to learn and versatile. They serve away from home for months, work seven days a week and do jobs many would not accept.

I remember watching young families and pregnant women on the wharf waving goodbye to their partners sailing off on warships. While these sailors didn’t think of themselves as special, I always knew there was something noble and understated about them. It’s the same in the Army and Air Force where service personnel leave families for long periods and put themselves in harm’s way.

The same qualities were evident in the men who marched off to war in 1914. They didn’t regard themselves as special or notable. They were simply doing their duty for Australia.

Western Australia made a strong contribution to The Great War. It’s borne out especially by the casualty figures and the VC’s awarded to West Australians. While Albany’s role as the main demarcation point for the bulk of Australian troops is well known, lesser known is the role of Fremantle where WA-raised troops departed for war.

Their memory echoes through our suburbs and country towns – the houses they built, the halls they met in and the values they handed down. Those things remain with us as testaments to a great generation. Their legacy lives on in the Defence Force of today.

Mark McGowan
Leader of the Opposition
A lasting bond

Since its formation following the return of the troops from WW1, the RSL has become a highly respected organisation of great significance in Australia. Not only has the RSL supported the men and women who have served our country in the armed forces, and encouraged the lasting bond between them wherever they may have served, the RSL has taken responsibility for the leadership of the commemorative events which are so important in the telling of our national story.

Lotterywest is privileged to have been able to offer our support to the RSL in Western Australia over many years including for their work in the organisation of the ANZAC Day events across the state.

The Centenary of ANZAC which will begin in November this year with the 100 year anniversary of the departure from Albany of the fleet to Gallipoli, will give all Australians a chance to reflect on the meaning of this seminal event in our national history.

It will give us all a chance to capture and share the many stories of Australians from all walks of life who have served our country in all theatres of war and in peace keeping over the years since that time and to understand how the continuation of the traditions of the original ANZACs has shaped our community.

Lotterywest has created a special grants program to encourage the capturing of these stories and for the support of special events during the course of the four years of the Centenary commemoration. We encourage people interested to call us – 08 9340 5270 or visit our website www.lotterywest.wa.gov.au.
War hero to be remembered at Broome’s Dawn Service

A man regarded by the town of Broome as a hero for his efforts defending the town from Japanese attack in WWII will be honoured at Broome’s ANZAC Day Dawn Service this year.

A large attendance of Broome locals, visitors and dignitaries is expected at Broome’s Bedford Park to farewell Captain Gus Winckel who died recently aged 100.

Captain Winckel’s plane, used to transport refugees from war-town Dutch East Indies, was amongst 22 others caught by a surprise attack by nine Japanese Zeroes.

While the Zeroes started their attack on the flying boats in Broome’s Roebuck Bay, killing scores of refugees including children, Winckel was able to get his passengers to safety on Broome’s airfield.

Knowing his plane was a sitting duck, he removed one of the mounted machine guns, shot down two Zeros and kept others at bay.

Gus Winckel was awarded the Dutch Gold Cross for his wartime efforts and representatives of his family will be at the Dawn Service to lay a wreath and spread some of his ashes over the waters of Roebuck Bay.

Broome RSL President, John McCourt, said Gus will be sadly missed by his loving family and many in the Broome community who remember his bravery.

“It will be a very special Dawn Service for us and for those who will gather to also remember the many others from Broome who paid the ultimate sacrifice defending their country and defending freedom,” Mr McCourt said.

Broome’s Dawn Service will also see some of Australia’s newest veterans march at the head of the traditional parade, as will be the case in Perth.

Local veterans from the Afghanistan, East Timor and Iraq conflicts will be encouraged to lead the parade of veterans who will march onto Bedford Park before the Dawn Service commences.

“It’s a move to embrace our latest veterans on ANZAC Day and to let them know they are as valued as any other veteran who served Australia and New Zealand over the past 100 years,” Mr McCourt said.

John McCourt

Esperance

In Esperance, RSL President George Starcevich says the Sub-Branch is again extending the welcome mat to visitors and travellers on ANZAC Day.

“We get an excellent roll-out for our services, whether it’s the Dawn Service at 6am or our service at 11am,” Mr Starcevich said. “We get 2,000 or more at the main service.”

One of the traditions, after the Dawn Service, is to fire off a Lithgo 303, which is kept in perfect condition.

Albany

Albany is treating ANZAC Day as a dress rehearsal for the 2015 Centenary, says Peter Aspinall, President of the Albany RSL Sub-Branch.

Millions of dollars have already been spent in Albany to prepare it for the 1 November Centenary of the ANZAC convoy’s departure for Egypt and Gallipoli.

“Through Lotterywest and Royalties for Regions funding, the City of Albany has spent about $6.5 million on the precinct from the entrance way off Marine Drive up through the Avenue of Honour and Apex Drive to the Desert Mounted Corp Memorial and the Padre White lookout on Mt Clarence,” Mr Aspinall said.

“This ANZAC Day will be our first opportunity to use the increased paved area around the memorial. We will be able to accommodate up to 3,000 people, instead of 1,800. Up until last year it was always a nightmare for public liability around the memorial. Now it is a much safer location, particularly in pre-dawn darkness.”

The RSL will provide two big screens for the Dawn Service on Mt Clarence.

“So, also, we will have a video link from Mt Clarence to the Albany Entertainment Centre to project the Dawn Service for those who find attending Mt Clarence too difficult.”

Improved covered seating arrangements and a second daylight flatscreen will also provide better amenity for those attending the ANZAC Day commemoration service on the ANZAC Peace Park on the foreshore of Princess Royal Harbour.

Len Hall Commemorative Football Game

Friday 25 April 2014
Fremantle

vs

North Melbourne

The 2014 Len Hall Game theme will be Honouring Returning and Fallen Australian Defence Force members and ex-members from recent conflicts and peacekeeping missions in a pre-game commemorative ceremony.

The Fremantle Dockers Football Club would like to invite Australian Defence Force members and ex-members from recent conflicts and peacekeeping missions to express their interest in participating in the pre-game ceremony at the Len Hall Commemorative game on Friday 25 April 2014. Although we appreciate that family members may also wish to participate and represent veterans who are unable to participate themselves, on this occasion the invitation is limited to Australian veterans only.

If you are interested in participating in the pregame ceremony by marching onto Patersons Stadium please contact Kathryn Lloyd on 9366 8261 or Kathryn. Lloyd2@dva.gov.au.

Bounce-down is at 6.40pm and you will need to be at Patersons Stadium at 5.30pm in preparation for the pre-game ceremony.

Tickets are limited but the Fremantle Football Club is hoping to accommodate all of those who wish to participate.
Help is on Hand For Family Disputes

So far this year the RSL’s Welfare Officer has been contacted numerous times regarding disputes within families about the care and decisions of elderly relatives. This situation can quickly escalate out of hand and can be very distressing for all concerned.

If you have an elderly relative it might be timely to discuss putting plans in place for their future wishes and requirements, should there come a time when they are unable to make their own decisions.

The Office of the Public Advocate works to promote and protect the human rights of Western Australian adults with decision-making disabilities.

Further information can be obtained at www.publicadvocate.wa.gov.au. The website provides information to help families and carers to meet the needs of adults with decision-making disabilities. Members without internet service can contact the telephone advisory service on 1300 858 455 Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm.

RSL Welfare/Emergency Relief

As the seasons change and we move into the cooler weather we will be swapping the air conditioners for heaters. Utility charges remain one of the most worrying charges facing many of our members, but help is available.

If you are experiencing difficulties in this area please contact the Welfare Officer at ANZAC House on 9287 3707 or 0417 905 742. Some assistance with the necessities of life may be available to eligible veterans and their dependants experiencing financial hardship.

The WA Sailors Soldiers & Airmen’s Relief Fund Trust

The Trustees of this fund meet on the second Tuesday of each month to consider applications for assistance. Applications are accepted from any Veteran, Widow, Serving member or Ex-service personnel experiencing financial hardship. You do not need to be a member of RSL to receive assistance. The Trustees of this Fund manage and distribute monies collected on Poppy Day each year. The Trustees will consider and evaluate all reasonable requests for assistance. Financial grants are restricted to those that are genuinely in need and unable to pay for some item or purpose required to preserve quality of life. For further information or application form please contact the Fund Administrator on 9287 3707 or mobile 0417 905 742.

Take care till next time

Cold War Veterans meet up after 51 years

Colin Parker, a member of Armadale RSL Sub-Branch, and Graham Kennedy visiting from the UK (both ex British Army Regulars) recently met up in Sydney after 51 years.

Both Graham and Colin were attached to 13 / 113 Coy RASC based in Germany / Berlin in the early 60s. It was an emotional meeting and parting. As you can imagine the stories got better as the beer flowed. We had 51 years to catch up with in too short a time.

All thanks to the internet and a Forces webpage without which Graham and I would never have made contact in the first place. Before the meet we had eye to eye contact on Skype, another internet wonder.

If there is anyone out there who served same give me a shout I would love to hear from you oldie@iinet.net.au

Colin Parker

Graham is on the left.

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Russ Ewin

Russ Ewin (97) survived three and a half years as prisoner of the Japanese in Singapore, Malaya and Borneo in WWII and has given 10 secondary school students an insight into conditions of those years. Russ, a lieutenant with 8th Division Signals, is pictured meeting with the chairman of the RSL’s youth committee Bill Collidge at ANZAC House. Russ says some of his terrible experiences made him a better person and he spoke openly to the 10 students going on the Premier’s ANZAC student tour to Malaya.

John Arthur

Vale: Ted O’Sullivan

I am rising to pay tribute to one of life’s gentlemen and, on behalf of his family and colleagues, to mourn his passing. Edward, better known as Ted, O’Sullivan was born on 8 March 1926 and passed away on 27 December 2013 at Hollywood Private Hospital following a stroke and a bout of pneumonia.

I first met Ted in 2006 when I was working with my good friend and federal colleague Hon Michael Keenan, the member for Stirling. Ted was the secretary for the Osborne Park RSL sub-branch and Michael’s office used to provide community secretarial and photocopying services to the group. Ted would bring in the various pieces of correspondence, photocopying and newsletters, and while someone was doing that work for him, Ted and I would sit down and talk about all manner of things.

Ted was very active in a number of organisations. He was always trying to come up with better ways to promote the causes and organisations that he was involved with. During one of our meetings Ted told me about a program he had been formulating on behalf of the Osborne Park RSL to encourage more primary school students to become actively engaged in the RSL and to keep alive the ANZAC spirit. Ted firmly believed our children would be the ones who carried on our ANZAC message for generations to come and that if we could make that experience real for them, they would do more to engender that spirit. Ted always made sure that the children were fed first at the gunfire breakfast that was held afterwards. I know that Michael Keenan was delighted to be able to secure partial funding for Ted’s school program through the Department of Veterans’ Affairs grants program once that was introduced.

Ted was the sort of person who was very easy to help and very hard to say no to whenever he asked. He had a strength of purpose and a steely resolve coated in good manners and a very quick wit.

In preparing this I spoke with Steve Ibbotson, current president of the Osborne Park RSL. I thank Steve for filling in some of the pieces of the story that I was not fully aware of. Ted not only ran the ANZAC Day service for 10 years and served seven years as secretary but also organised and coordinated the Poppy Appeal collection teams for 10 years. He was an integral part of the close-knit team at the Sub-Branch. He will be sorely missed for not just his capacity to volunteer wherever and whenever he was needed, but also his sense of humour and outstanding service.

HON LIZ BEHJAT (North Metropolitan)
CPO Jonathan ‘Buck’ Rogers GC DSM

A story of dedication, heroism and self-sacrifice

On the evening of 10 February 1964 the worst peacetime naval tragedy occurred on the South Coast of New South Wales. During a naval exercise the newly refitted HMAS Melbourne, an aircraft carrier, and HMAS Voyager collided whilst conducting night flying exercises off the coast at Jervis Bay. The collision resulted in the HMAS Voyager being cut in half aft of the bridge. 82 sailors were lost and many of the sailors who survived suffered continuous trauma. One of the heroes who paid the ultimate price was Chief Petty Officer Jonathan ‘Buck’ Rogers GC DSM.

Jonathan Rogers was born on 16 September 1920 in Llangollen, Wales and was the fifth of seven children. At the age of 14 Jonathan left Acrefair Central School and sought employment in the local brickyard. In November 1938 he enlisted in the Royal Navy and then spent most of WWII at sea. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for his coolness and leadership under enemy fire on 23/24 May 1944.

On 6 July 1950, after applying earlier that year, Rogers successfully joined the Royal Australian Navy (RAN) and was posted to HMAS Sydney. Whilst in the RAN he served on many ships including the frigate HMAS Burdekin, the destroyer HMAS Tobruk (seeing service in Korea), HMAS Junee, HMAS ANZAC, HMAS Warramunga, HMAS Barcoo and the shore establishments HMAS Cerberus, HMAS Westport, HMAS Victoria, and HMMS Rushcutter. In January 1963 Rogers joined the destroyer HMAS Voyager as her coxswain as he was the most senior non-commissioned sailor. His main responsibility was to ensure good order and discipline of the ships company.

Roger’s actions on 10 February 1964 resulted in him being posthumously awarded the George Cross. The George Cross was cited for his valour and courage in saving fellow crew members whilst making no attempt to save himself when the two ships collided. Rogers endeavoured to get as many sailors as possible to escape through a small hatch and as the ship sunk he was heard leading his trapped colleagues in prayer and hymn as they met their fate. Survivors of the collision spoke of how ‘Buck’ had taken charge of the situation; calming shipmates, attempting to control the flooding and organising others to escape. There are some in the Navy Veteran community who believe that he should have been awarded the Victoria Cross posthumously for his actions.

Rogers was survived by his four children and Wife Lorraine Williams who he had married in 1942.

Two Royal Commission enquiries have been carried out in regards to how the collision happened but the results were inconclusive, so to this day the cause is still unknown.

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(GC) | Distinguished Service Medal DSM
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Italy Star | War Medal 1939–1945
Australian Active Service Medal 1945–1975 | Korea Medal
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Jonathan Rogers (1920-1964), by unknown photographer. AWM 135436

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Applecross Sub–Branch ANZAC Commemoration Service

The Applecross Sub–Branch will conduct an ANZAC Commemoration Service at the City Memorial, Melville Civic Centre (adjacent to the library), at 11am on Sunday 13 April. Those wishing to march should assemble at 10.30am at the Council car park off Almondbury Rd, for a short march to the saluting base.

Members of ex–service, unit and kindred associations and also members of the general public are invited to attend and to lay a floral tribute if they wish.

Enquiries may be made on 9313 5649 or 9364 8564.

ANZAC Day Jeeps

Location: Scarborough RSL Memorial Garden, Cr Shearn Crescent & Millcrest Street, Doubleview.

Features:
• Dusk to Dawn Vigil by 1 Wembley Downs Scout Group – 6pm 24 April – 6am 25 April
• Practised Master of Ceremonies and Guest Clergyman will attend to continuity of the programme.
• Main Programme commences at 3pm on 25 April.
• Catafalque Party comprising members of above Group will head proceedings with their slow march entry.
• Music by 12 member Challenge Brass Band with professional PA System.
• ANZAC Day Address by Sub-Branch President.
• Bugle Calls by accomplished Australian Army Bandsman.
• Recitation of Ode of Remembrance by Sub-Branch President.
• Recitation of Patriotic Poem by young lady.
• Wreath Laying by Service & Civic Representatives, plus Scouts & Guides and general public.
• Following Closing Prayer attendees will be invited to enjoy afternoon tea at adjacent Bowling Club Hall.

Enquiries: please ring 9341 5416 or Email scarbsbrsl@gmail.com

Scarborough Sub–Branch RSL
ANZAC Day Ceremony 2014

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ABC commemorates the ANZAC legend

With the Centenary of Gallipoli approaching in 2015, the ABC is planning a number of projects to mark milestone events in the Great War.

This includes live coverage on 1 November this year of the 100th anniversary of the departure of ANZACs from Albany. The commemorative event in Albany acknowledges the departure of the first convoy of ships carrying the Australian Imperial Force and New Zealand Expeditionary Force to Egypt and later Gallipoli.

ABC highlights over the coming year include:

ANZAC Day (2014)
ABC Local Radio’s coverage in WA will feature:

5:28-6:05 Dawn service from Canberra
6:05-8:30 Cross to Perth dawn service in Kings Park, hosted by 702 ABC Perth Mornings presenter Geoff Hutchinson
8:30-9:30 Geoff will recount stories from the service and will take calls
9:30-11:30 Live coverage of the Gallipoli dawn service
There will be an ANZAC Day pop up digital radio station 9:30-11:30 on ABC Local Radio and 5:28-6:05 on ABC Local Radio’s coverage in WA.

ABC News24 will feature dawn services and marches from across the States and Territories, the Gallipoli dawn service and Lone Pine memorial service from Turkey, the Villers-Bretonneux dawn service from France and complementary documentary programming.

ABC TV will cover the Gallipoli dawn service and Lone Pine memorial service live from Turkey, the Villers-Bretonneux dawn service live from France, offer extensive live coverage of local services and complementary documentary programming including a special report by David de Vos.

ANZAC Girls
Based on letters and diaries of five Australian and New Zealand nurses, and Peter Rees’ ‘The Other ANZACs’, ANZAC Girls on ABC1 delivers a dramatised portrayal of a lesser-known story of Australians at war. In January 1915, five young nurses from Australia and New Zealand were among the war-bound contingent diverted to the Middle East in preparation for a secret campaign. This compelling, six-part drama series follows the nurses through their experiences on the war fields of Gallipoli and the Western Front in Europe.

War and Peace (28 – 29 June 2014)
As the centenary of the start of WWI approaches, ABC Radio National will present a weekend of story-telling and analysis on the war and its far-reaching consequences. War and Peace will provide a critical context for understanding the causes of the war, the nature of the war itself, and its transforming impacts across fields as diverse as literature, technology, the redrawing of the map of the Middle East and popular music.

The War That Changed Us
This is a four-part ABC1 documentary series examining Australia’s role in World War One. It follows the life-changing stories of six distinctly different Australians in a time of war – a soldier, nurse, general, pro-war campaigner, anti-war activist and female politician. Their transformative journeys through conflict on the war and the home front are brought to life through a moving blend of personal testimony, drama, expert analysts, location filming and archive.

ANZAC Club News
Menu Changes
The ANZAC Club at 28 St Georges Terrace is responding to popular demand by introducing the option of smaller main courses.

Manager Matthew Holyday says the large sizes of grilled filleted fish, scotch fillet steak and Chef’s roast of the day will be kept – but new smaller meals have been introduced at lower prices.

The Club café already has numerous fans because of its value-for-money friendly approach to customers. “These smaller sizes have been requested by our loyal members and guests, and of course they leave a little more money in the pocket,” says Mr Holyday. “We also know there are others who love a bigger portion.”

Raffle
ANZAC club is now running a “100 CLUB” raffle - the prize is $100 and we only raffle 100 tickets before we draw. So the lucky winners will have a 1 in 100 chance of winning the $100 prize!

With really good odds, since introducing the 100 CLUB raffle, members have been chipping in their loose change from the bar to win the prize. At just $2 a ticket participation is low cost and adds to the fun of visiting the club, and the atmosphere is one of excitement at every draw. The proceeds of the 100 CLUB raffle go towards subsidising the RSLWA ANZAC Club - which directly reduces the amount the members need to contribute to facilitating the ANZAC Club.

So next time you come into the Club get a raffle ticket and get lucky.

Barbara’s Best Kept Secret!

Barbara Nash simply dreaded going to the toilet, the combination of arthritis and a bad back made what is a simple thing for most people almost impossible for her. Usually she had to have a shower after going to the toilet; it was a secret she kept to herself for years.

Her doctor had said a Bidet would solve her problem but the cost for installation and space required for the traditional stand-alone BIDET to be installed in her home was just too expensive.

Barbara’s luck changed when visiting her friend Norma. While visiting she had to go to the toilet - a thing she dreaded most while she was out.

Barbara was amazed by what was on her friend’s toilet! She asked Norma what it was and Norma explained that she had a Bidet toilet seat installed a few weeks ago by The BIDET SHOP®. “The chap was so nice and helpful; he had the Bidet installed in a jiffy.”

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Barbara hesitantly went in to the toilet and used the COWAY Bidet, she pressed the large button on the remote control and she was clean. She cried tears of joy and relief now that her toileting problems were solved.

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Since then Barbara has introduced 4 of her other friends to this life changing machine. She said “I just didn’t know how many other people out there were having trouble going to the toilet. My advice to everyone is get a COWAY Bidet put on your toilet, I did and it changed my life.

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Old bugle brings friends together

A bugle given to a 16-year-old West Australian boy just before he embarked for Egypt in 1915 was reunited with Belgian bugler Dirk Vandekerckhove at Yarloop recently. This bugle has a very colourful history.

It belonged to Jack Waterhouse, who was given it by his father for his 16th birthday on 18 September 1915 a few days before his attestation into the 11th Battalion. Jack was too young to go to the Front, so he trained at Blackboy Hill, then in Egypt, and served in military hospitals in Bulford, Durrington and Parkhouse until he reached the age of 19 and rejoined the 11th Battalion.

In 2010, Jack’s son Bob, who lives in Bunbury, took the bugle to the Western Front and visited the battlefields of Villeret, Pozieres and Fleurbaix where his father and two uncles fought.

One of the highlights was a visit to the famous Menin Gate in Ypres where Mr Vandekerckhove used the old bugle to play the Reveille.

Mr Vandekerckhove, Mr Waterhouse and the old bugle were again reunited when the Last Post Association visited Yarloop War Memorial for a special ceremony to honour the 58 men from the town who died at the Western Front. Two of them were Victoria Cross winners.

REUNITED: Belgian bugler Dirk Vandekerckhove, who has played at Menin Gate for 50 years, was reunited with the century-old WA bugle and its owner, Bob Waterhouse of Bunbury. Mr Vandekerckhove played the instrument at Menin Gate in 2010.

Women We Need You

The program for our Women’s Forum being held at ANZAC House on Saturday 23 August 2014 is coming together nicely.

The main focus of the forum will be a workshop where you will get to tell us what you think we can do to increase the membership of women in the RSL and what sorts of activities and programs will appeal to you going forward. After the forum we will be working on a long term plan to grow our services for women.

We plan on having speakers from the Australian Defence Force, including Brigadier Steve Coggan talk to us on the day about their experiences of the roles of women in the ADF and we have Associate Professor Linley Lord from Curtin University facilitating our workshop. We are also in the process of inviting some other speakers that will be of great interest to everyone.

We are also appealing to all sub branches to nominate a woman who can write a story about what military unit they served in and about their time with the RSL. We want to find out what the RSL means to them, and what it has done for them so that we can publish their stories in a special booklet for the forum.

There are many outstanding women in our Sub-Branches and we want them to inspire others.

Donna Prytulak chairs the RSL’s Working Party for a special state Women’s Forum to be held on Saturday, 23 August. The forum is being held at ANZAC House and all female members are invited. Donna is a member of the State Executive, President of Northam Sub-Branch and Secretary of the Northam Sub-Branch Women’s Aux.

RSL enters Bankwest Gallipoli walk and run

RSL members have been encouraged to participate in this year’s Bankwest Gallipoli Run through Kings Park on 13 April.

One of the first to put his hand up was Peter Kennedy, of the RSL’s Highgate Sub Branch, who at 94 years of age can still show a clean pair of heels to some of his younger colleagues.

Peter, who represented Australia in hockey, has registered for the 4km walk/run event which starts at 7am. Other RSL members and staff have joined him.

There will also be an 8km run starting at 8.30am. Proceeds from the day go towards the RSL, Legacy and Athletics WA.

The Bankwest Gallipoli Run is a family orientated competitive fun run held in Perth’s world famous Kings Park that caters to runners and walkers alike. The run is held just before ANZAC Day each year, in recognition of the ANZAC spirit. This year Bankwest will again match registration fees and provide a free event t-shirt for the first 1,000 people to register.

John Arthur

Ceremonies being held during Reconciliation Week 2014 27 May – 3 June

Ceremonies commemorating the service and sacrifice of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander servicemen and women have been organised by ex-service organisations with the support of state and local government and the Department of Veterans’ Affairs and will be held during National Reconciliation Week 2014.

10.00am Wednesday, 28 May 2014 at the State War Memorial, Kings Park Botanic Gardens

An Afghan War Day

Australia is going to have an ANZAC Day style national commemoration for the war in Afghanistan, to ensure the bitter experience of returning Vietnam Veterans is not repeated for those who have served in Australia’s longest war.

21 March next year will be the first national day of commemoration for the war in Afghanistan.

The government intends to stage the commemoration once, leaving open the possibility that it could become an annual event. State governments have agreed on a national day of commemoration but it will not be a public holiday like ANZAC Day.

Collegium Symphonic Chorus

This is the third year where Collegium Symphonic Chorus, under the direction of Margaret Pride, has performed ANZAC Day Commemoration concerts at the Redemptorist Monastery in Vincent Street, North Perth.

With the support of Father Edmund Nixon and the Redemptorist community this has now become an annual event. Collegium Symphonic Chorus and the Redemptorist community, led by Father Nixon, have developed a very strong relationship, and the choir now sing various concerts at the Redemptorist Monastery during the year.

The choir’s first ANZAC Day Commemoration Concert was in 2012, where they performed Vaughan Williams’ Dona Nobis Pacem, (which was semi dramatised by the late Edgar Metcalfe) and Faure’s Requiem. To the delight of the choir, this concert was recorded by ABC FM and later broadcast in October 2012.

With the 2012 performance being such a success it was decided that the choir would programme an annual ANZAC Day Commemoration Concert, giving two performances on the day at 2pm and 5pm.

This year’s performance will begin with Pergolesi’s deeply poignant and expressive Stabat Mater, which conveys the agonies of loss that a mother felt when her son, Jesus Christ, was crucified. Also on the programme will be Faure’s Requiem. To enhance this musical commemoration.

Tickets are available through www.trybooking.com/DZOY or 9317 3941.
IMPORTANT NOTICE:

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

Any enquiries to be directed to
Matthew Holyday, ANZAC House Manager on 9287 3714 or anzaccubl@rslwahq.org.au
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Dawn Service Public Transport
A free shuttle will operate from the Vietnam Memorial Pavilion at Western Power Parkland on May Drive every 5 minutes from 4.45 am to 7.30 am (except during the Dawn Service and Vietnam Service). Special train services will operate in the metro areas into the CBD, as well as shuttle buses from Perth City to the State War Memorial. Please check times through Transperth closer to the event.

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

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

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

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

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

City Road Closures

Kings Park Road Closures

CBD Parking
All City of Perth open air carparks will be open on ANZAC Day. Fees will not apply at the following carparks between 6 am-1 pm:
Terrace Road, Point Fraser, Plain Street.
Thereafter standard carpark fees will apply.

ANZAC Club
The ANZAC Club will be open from 7.00 am onward for breakfast, lunch and bar facilities. If your Association would like to book a table please contact the ANZAC Club on 9287 3714 to make your booking and catering arrangements.
Cottesloe Crew for Gallipoli Race

A crew based around the Cottesloe Surf Life Saving Club will compete in the Gallipoli 100 Surfboat Race in 2015.

Group leader Tom Locke says a total of 48 surf boats will compete from Australia, New Zealand and even Turkey itself.

“I’ve been inspired to compete in this race by so many of my defence force clients through my work as a counsellor for the Veterans and Veterans Families Counselling Service,” Mr Locke (68) told The Listening Post.

Mr Locke says his five-member crew and their partners have already committed to spending more than $60,000 to the marathon race which will run from 23 to 24 April 2015.

They are planning to find a surf boat and refurbish it to represent the RSL in WA.

“If there is anyone out there who has a boat or the ability to refurbish a boat, we’d certainly like to hear from them,” said Mr Locke who has been a member of Cottesloe Surf Life Saving Club for 45 years. “We’d also like to produce an RSL commemorative mug to fundraise for the project.”

It is expected that 48 crews will participate – the same number that landed at Gallipoli on 25 April 2015.

Day one will see the marathon start at Canakkale in the Dardanelles for relay crews. Single crews will join the race at Morto Bay and row around the Gallipoli Peninsula to finish at ANZAC Cove the following day.

“Single crews like ours will be racing over 35km and weather at that time of the year can range from three degrees and driving rain to clear skies and a placid Autumn day,” Mr Locke said.

His crew comprises Paul “Kiwi” Neville (55), who served in the New Zealand Defence Force as well as serving 25 years in the SAS Regiment in Australia; Ian Earl (58), who has missed only two ANZAC Day services in his lifetime; Michael McDonnell (61) who is the son of the late Marty McDonnell, footballer and WW2 veteran; and Michael Franz (54) whose father also served during WWII.

If you can provide support for the crew, please call Mr Locke on 0425 313 822 or email tommylocke45@gmail.com

John Arthur

ANZAC Day at Sandakan
North Borneo April 2015

To commemorate the landing at Gallipoli 100 years ago Travel Tree have designed a tour to Sabah North Borneo for those wanting to be in a significant place on ANZAC Day, 25 April 2015. The 7 Day tour will depart Perth on Thursday, 23 April 2015 from Perth escorted by Bob Coventry returning on Wednesday, 29 April and includes 3 nights in Kota Kinabalu at Pacific Sutera Harbour Resort and 3 nights at Four Seasons by Sheraton in Sandakan.

The tour from $2,305.00 per person share twin includes flights, current taxes, 6 nights accommodation (with early check in and late checkout of Hotels), breakfast daily, airport transfers, attendance at ANZAC service at Sandakan POW Camp, attending the Presidents of the Sandakan Municipality and Sabah Tourism Board Dinner, visits to Orang Utan Sanctuary, Proboscis Monkey and Sun Bear centre plus city tour of Kota Kinabalu and Sandakan.

A visit to Kadasang War Memorial from Kota Kinabalu has been arranged along with a visit to Mount Kinabalu Park.

Bob Coventry, the tour escort, is a retired Army Major who was Foundation member and past Board member of WA Army Museum and currently President of Fremantle Rotary Club.

For more information and bookings contact Ms Maxiema Lager on 9382 5044

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2014 ANZAC Centenary Commemorations: ‘Please plant Poppies with a plan’

With 2014 commemorating Australia’s centenary celebrations of the ANZAC story many people and rural communities may want to do something extra special for this year. There have been suggestions of undertaking mass plantings of poppies to make a visual impression in spring of this year.

The Red Field Poppy is synonymous with both ANZAC and Remembrance Days. However, to the WA grain farmer a field poppy out of place may make them see red. It has a cousin, the Rough Poppy which is also quite common and both are likely to have been garden escapes from year’s back. So we know that poppies are quite able to make themselves at home in paddocks of WA’s southwest.

It should be remembered that the poppy is a pest of crops and pastures with the potential to impact on crop yields if growing in high density. More often than not they are found growing in disturbed land and road sides. To livestock the rough poppy’s foliage has an offensive odour and taste and so is rarely eaten by stock.

While more nuisance than noxious it is requested that if people are wanting to do mass plantings of poppies for this year that this is undertaken so as not to bring about an enduring problem of rouge poppies popping up in the following years. Be mindful of your location with respect to farming properties and vacant land. Avoid planting poppy seeds along roads and farm entrances.

If you are a rural resident grow your poppies in places at a safe distance from farmland so that seeds cannot be transported by wind, water or people. Maybe have a plan to remove the poppies as soon after they have finished the main flowering to reduce the chance of seed dispersal.

One poppy alternative is for creative people to incorporate the poppy into art and sculpture to be displayed in prominent places in towns and along roads. This is a safe way to leave a more lasting legacy of remembrance for this year and those to come.

Jeff Russell
Grains Biosecurity Officer - DAFWA & PHA
GrainGuard Media liaison with RSL for ANZAC Centenary celebrations
The graceful destroyer HMAS NIZAM was one of five British N-class destroyers transferred to the Royal Australian Navy during WWII, along with her sisters HMA Ships NAPIER, NEPAL, NORMAN and NESTOR (lost in the Mediterranean in 1942). They were graceful and fast fighting ships, capable of 36 knots.

Heavily armed for destroyers, their main armament consisted of six quick-firing 4.7-inch guns in twin mounts, four single pom pom anti-aircraft mounts and 10 21-inch torpedo in two five tube mounts.

The ship saw active service in the Middle East, was the last British vessel to leave Suda Bay in Crete only four hours before the Germans occupied the port.

HMAS NIZAM bombarded Vichy French positions before serving on the hazardous “Tobruk Ferry Run” in August 1941. January, 1942 saw NIZAM join the British Eastern Fleet before reverting back to the Mediterranean and Malta Convoys and then later that year back to the British Eastern Fleet.

In company with another destroyer, the Royal Navy HMS HOTSPUR, they captured the Vichy French vessel MARECUAL GALLIENI and sank another, ADMIRAL PIERRE.

Between 1943-44 NIZAM was kept busy on convoy escort duties in the Indian Ocean and South Atlantic, her luck held out on 17 October 1943 when a German U-boat fired two torpedoes at her which missed. Combined with near misses by enemy shellfire & bombs, NIZAM had been a lucky ship.

In April 1944 NIZAM participated in a Royal Navy fleet-carrier strike on Sabang, Sumatra before entering much deserved refit at the Williamstown Naval Dockyard.

Post refit, NIZAM’s luck sadly changed, in all places off the West Australian coast in a colossal battle against nature. Under the command of her new CO, Lieutenant Commander Bill Cook, the sleek HMAS NIZAM sailed for Fremantle on 9 February, 1945 coming around the treacherous waters of the Southern Ocean.

On the dark night of 11 February while steaming at 21.5 knots NIZAM rolled a terrifying 70 degrees and veered sharply causing the helmsman to lose his balance with no compensating wheel put on. Before the order could be passed from the bridge, the engineer who was in the engine room at the time stopped both engines to prevent damage to the starboard shaft which was left racing as the screw left the water.

Vic Jeffery OAM
The Warden of the State War Memorial, Ms Jan Stewart, paid tribute to the Last Post Association at a special commemoration service held at the State War Memorial in Kings Park on Saturday 22 March.

Ms Stewart said it was an extraordinary tradition that the Last Post has been played nightly at the imposing Menin Gate War Memorial in Belgium for so many years.

“The World War One memorials in Belgium are truly magnificent and a fitting tribute to our fallen comrades, many of whom have no known grave,” she said. “As we stand here today at our own State War Memorial and reflect on their sacrifices, we can but give thanks to all the brave souls who have enabled us to enjoy this beautiful and peaceful place.”

The Returned & Services League of WA held a special service at the memorial for a delegation from Ypres, Belgium.

The delegation comprised Mr Benoit Mottrie, Chairman of the Last Post Association and Mr Didier Pontzeele, Head of the Belgium War Graves Office, and buglers Dirk Vandekerckhove and Tommy Desodt.

John Arthur

Warden thanks guardians of Great War memories

The Borneo Exhibition Group Inc
Perth WA (BEG) are proud to state that this is the 11th year of establishing the Partnership with Australia and Sabah, Sarawak Schools Scholarship Program (PASS) in WA.

The program was pioneered through the dedication of the former Principal of the Boyup Brook District High School, Mr Eric Biddle, who built the program into the School curriculum, and as such all students that entered the Program would attain end of year marks to their school reports.

Respective Principals have endorsed the PASS Program as a very beneficial tool for students to identify, research and foster harmony with our South East Asia neighbours with a cross cultural exchange culminating with a WWII History and Heritage ANZAC Tour each year. There will be 13 students on the April Tour 2014, from many regional areas of WA.

This year’s winner is Miss Keely Morgan. Keely was a runner up in 2012 but this year was the winning entry of 15 students who put forward their assignments to achieve the ultimate reward of the 14 Day ANZAC Tour to Borneo, East Malaysia with a parent/or guardian fully sponsored by the Boyup Brook Lions Club, a great supporter of the program since inception.

BEG gratefully acknowledges their support with the School Staff and Shire Administration who also play a big part each year hosting the Annual Sandakan Memorial Day in the Memorial Park every 2nd Tuesday in September.

This year will be the 23rd year of the Service commenced by former Thai Burma POW Mr. Ted McLaughlin, Life Member for Legacy, a local farmer in the district for many years, sadly passing away in 2000 before he saw the culmination of his dream being continued by his eldest son Joe McLaughlin and the BEG Group.

John Arthur

Ryan Rowland - Chairman BEG WA Inc.

Warden thanks guardians of Great War memories

Strike & Strike Swiftly – Cockman house open day

70th Anniversary of the disbandment of the 10th Light Horse

Where: Cockman House - Ocean Reef Road, Woodvale Western Australia 6026
When: 4 May 1pm – 4pm (House open till 5)
Who: 10th LH re-enactment group, Historical society, WA Army museum, A Squadron

What: In the centenary year of the beginning of World War I, historic Cockman House hosts an open day in a family home that experienced the pride and anguish of sending sons to the Great War. On May 4 celebrate Wanneroo’s military story in the 70th anniversary year of the disbandment of the 10th Light Horse Regiment, a unit closely associated with Wanneroo in World War II. Featuring the modern A Squadron, 10th Light Horse Regiment and the 10th Light Horse - Bunbury Troop re-enactment group as well as historical displays of this famous mounted regiment, this will be an afternoon enjoyed by the whole family.

Bring a picnic and refreshments will be available. Corner of Wanneroo Road and Ocean Reef Road in Woodvale.

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Ryan Rowland - Chairman BEG WA Inc.
Army Nurses Honoured

A Commemoration Ceremony to honour the Australian Army Nursing Sisters aboard the SS Vyner Brooke who drowned, were massacred at Bangka Island or died as Prisoners of War was held on 14 February, the anniversary of the sinking, at the Memorial at Point Walter Reserve, Bicton.

Those present listened to a tribute made by the President, Kevin Costello, and had the opportunity to listen to “Londonderry Air”, one of the tunes in the repertoire of the POW camp choir. This, along with other tunes, was performed by the “Born to Sing Choir”. Following this, many wreaths were laid by invited VIPs and members of the public.

Helen Pickering
Applecross Sub-Branch

Memorial Services Roll of Honour of Veterans

On 15 February 2014 two RSL members were added to the Memorial Services Roll of Honour of Veterans from the Moora district; Mr Jim Clarke from the Jurien Bay RSL Sub-Branch and Mr John Robertson from the Moora RSL Sub-Branch.

Both John and Jim were local Moora boys. They were educated and worked in and around Moora before leaving in 1950 to join the Australian Army.

Jim is extremely proud of his 30 year military service retiring as an RSM and his Moora heritage. Jim has also done Jurien Bay proud by being the driving force behind the formation of the Jurien Bay RSL Sub-Branch and also the construction of the Jurien Bay War Memorial.

John Robertson was a veteran of K Force, an Australian force raised for volunteers for the Korean War. He was badly wounded in action with 3rd Battalion Royal Australian Regiment (3RAR) and was medically discharged.

Both veterans expressed their humility and pride for the honour they received in their home town by the addition of their names to the Veterans Honour Board.

Barry Wilson
Secretary / Treasurer
Jurien Bay RSL Sub-Branch

Members from Toodyay RSL are the first in WA to experience a new approach from members of Perth’s newest Military Motorcycling Club.

A dozen members from the Military Brotherhood Military Motorcycling Club (MBMMC) visited Toodyay as part of their approach to embrace regional WA ex-Service personnel. The MBMMC Perth sub branch, which was formed six months ago as part of a national organisation, assists Veterans cope with any difficulties they may experience.

“We offer Veterans and their families a support network and a different outlet for social connectivity that can prove so beneficial, particularly if they are struggling to cope,” said MBMMC president Shane Kempton (aka Big Rig).

“We have both serving and ex-Service members from Australian and New Zealand, so we have a real ANZAC spirit.”

The bowls club, was more than happy to host the MBMMC’s monthly meeting and get-together with six of the RSL’s members attending.

“We will be having our monthly ride and meeting at various locations throughout regional WA, as it gives our members the chance to see what’s happening in the country and brings Veterans of all eras into contact,” said Big Rig.

“It’s important to let Service people know that just because they’re in regional areas, they’re not forgotten.”

The Toodyay trip followed a successful meeting at Quinns Rocks RSL between the MBMMC and the State President of the RSL, Graham Edwards AM.

“All of our military members belong to the RSL, so we’re keen to work with them to assist Veterans in any way we can,” said Big Rig.

The club is also working closely with the Department of Veterans Affairs which trains the riders in counselling and welfare support.

Greg Smith

Military Motorcycling Club

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New Flag Poles

Dawesville RSL members erected two additional flag poles on the site of the Dawesville RSL War Memorial on the Dawesville Estuary foreshore on Tuesday, 25 March 2014.

It is proposed that on ANZAC Day the Australian National Flag, the WA State Flag and the New Zealand Flag will be flown. The workers included Fred Abbott, Ron Rogers, Bob Henley and Sub-Branch President, Colin Gibson. The two extra flag poles were purchased and erected at a cost of $2,000.

Ron Golding Publicity Officer

Memorial Rose Garden

On Sunday, 23 March nine representatives from Dawesville RSL attended Pinjarra RSL for the official Re-Consecration of their Memorial Rose Garden and the unveiling of the Korea - Missing in Action Plaque. The plaque is dedicated to remembering Australian Defence Personnel who fought in the Korean War and are listed as Korea-Missing In Action.

Ron Golding Vice President/Publicity/Media officer Dawesville RSL

The Story of the Battles of Coral and Balmoral to Be Retold By Acclaimed Filmmaker David Bradbury

The Battles of Coral and Balmoral were the biggest engagement for Australian troops in Vietnam.

They were emblematic of the Australian soldier and his courage and quality in war but at huge personal cost on returning home to pick up the threads of civilian life. WE WERE ONLY 19 tells this story.

Being made by acclaimed Australian filmmaker David Bradbury, WE WERE ONLY 19! uses a mixture of contemporary interviews with both Australian and Vietnamese war veterans, archival footage and dramatisation, to connect modern viewers with the reality of battle and the historical narrative of the men behind it. It will track the psychological effects the Vietnam War had on several veterans up until the present day.

Characters who played key roles in the Coral/Balmoral battles will be brought on to the stage to recount their most gripping moments from four nights of intense fighting. Each will be used as a microcosm of the traumatic experiences of Australian soldiers in the Vietnam War (and the more recent wars in Iraq and Afghanistan) and reveal their “shell shock” in returning to Australia, branded as anti-heroes. For Vietnam veterans ultimately turned into being Australia’s most unpopular war.

WE WERE ONLY 19 will be an interactive documentary allowing all concerned Australians to participate in discussing the hidden cost of war. Using Facebook and YouTube Vietnam war veterans involved in Coral and Balmoral and veterans of the more recent wars in the Gulf and Afghanistan will be able to share their stories and photos, videos and pain.

For a glimpse of the powerful interviews David Bradbury has already captured visit Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/WWOfilm Visit YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/user/WWO19

The Filmmaker – David Bradbury:

David is one of Australia’s best-known and most successful documentary filmmakers, with a career and international reputation spanning 35 years. His films have shown on TV networks all around the world. He has support from prestigious international film festivals by a highly experienced team in the production of the film that will include realistic drama re-enactments of the nights of battle and the impact on the soldiers who experienced them first hand.

WE WERE ONLY 19! is due for completion by early 2015 for screening events during the Gallipoli Centenary year. It will be available for multiple screenings within theADF, DefenceCare and RSL Life Care. The producers will also organize special screenings in selected RSL Clubs, followed by Q&A sessions with the vets who participated in the film, David Bradbury and mental health professionals. The finished film will then be shown on the ABC.

PRODUCING WE WERE ONLY 19!

Even for celebrated film makers like David, funding productions such as this from concept through to shooting, editing and completion is a serious time consuming challenge that does not get easier in times of budget constraints. If you would like to support the making of this important documentary, tax deductible contributions can be made through the Federal Govt regulated charity Frontline Film Foundation. Please contact info@frontlinefilms.com.au for further information.

Toodyay RSL Sub-Branch

The Toodyay Sub-Branch is looking forward to 2014 and the challenges that will come with it. Our Sub-Branch has 42 service members and eight affiliates. We lost our last surviving Australian service member from the Second World War, last year.

Eric Thomas Patten joined the RSL on 1 January 1946. He was a steward of our Sub-Branch being the Secretary and Treasurer for a period of 23 years. Eric also served as Vice President for a number of years. Our current members are from the Malayian Emergency onward, with Vietnam Veterans making up the bulk of our membership and we have one member who served in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Since 2008 we have sent students from Toodyay District High School to Borneo for the ANZAC Day commemorative services. Toodyay has a distinct link to the infamous Sandakan Death Marches, which occurred at the end of hostilities in Borneo during the Second World War. Toodyay lost four of her sons in these Death Marches, three of them were brothers, Tom, Gordon and Herbert Dorrizi. The other man was Reg Fergason. They were all members of 2/4 Machine Gun Battalion, which surrendered with the other allied units at the fall of Singapore. In 2008 we were able to send two students to Borneo commemorative services. Since then we have only sent one student a year.

The competition between candidates has been very competitive to secure a place on this Scholarship Tour. The judging panel had a difficult task deciding on the two successful candidates. The two winning candidates are Sam Chitty and Olivia Ferguson. Part of the commitment these students undertake is to make presentations to our major Sponsors at the completion of the Tour. This aids these individuals in developing their public speaking skills. In the past these presentations have been very interesting, informative and quite well received by our sponsors, who have seen how this Sandakan Scholarship Tour has helped develop our youth.

Lou Kidd Secretary/Treasurer
Toodyay RSL Sub-Branch

Note: due to an error the above article was not included with its photo in the previous edition. Apologies to the Toodyay Sub-Branch.
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If so, please make contact with Keith Ireland on 9447 7684.

1/1959, 4 Platoon

I would like to contact all members who joined National Service intake 1/1959, 4 Platoon. They were mainly Kalgoorlie boys, but today they will be scattered far wider than all the gold found in Kalgoorlie since then.

We were loaded onto a steam train at Kalgoorlie Railway Station, shackled up at Swanbourne for 3 months, then went home to CMF units etc.

Time we got together boys!

Contact me, Murray Joyce goldtv@bigpond.com

Came Corps

Dear readers,

I am an Honorary Research Associate in History at LaTrobe University. I am writing a history of Australians who served in the Imperial Camel Corps during the First World War, and I would like to base the book on the words of the men themselves. Many of the Camel Corps men came from Western Australia and I was wondering if any readers of The Listening Post held memorabilia of those who had served in the Corps, which they would be willing to allow me to study?

I would be very grateful if you would contact me. My email is: Joustler@latrobe.edu.au, and my phone number is (03) 94795917.

Remembrance Association Inc

Our Association intends to build a Memorial Park in Pozieres to be opened at the Centenary of Pozieres in 2016.

At this stage, we have secured the site and raised enough money to level and grass it. But there is much yet to build and maintain a site that is a worthy tribute to the 7,000 Men who died in and around the village and to those to whom suffered six weeks of hell while the battle raged around them.

So how can you help?

We are asking everyone who reads this to:

1. Go to our web page (www.pozieresremembrance.com.au) and read all the pages.

2. Go to the internet and research both the battle and the facts that we have stated in the web page.

3. Consider buying a brick for $50, or if this is too much, making a donation to assist.

4. And finally, pass this on to everyone you know.

All donations of less than $50 will be accumulated and used to buy bricks in the names of the 41 Australian soldiers who died in Afghanistan.

If you are a relative of a soldier that fought at Pozieres and are also looking for photos of these men to add to the web page.

Finally, if you are one of the 30,000 who entered the Ballot for Gallipoli and are not one of the lucky 8,000 selected, I invite you to visit the Centenary of Pozieres in July 2016, an event anyone can attend, not just the lucky few.

BARRY GRACEY – President - Pozieres Remembrance Association

Ph (02) 6651 5687 (M) 0419 656 480
E: pozieres1916@bigpond.com
W: www.pozieresremembrance.com.au

Search for Pictures

I am looking for photos of my Grandfather and two Great Uncles who served in WWI. I look forward to any information you could supply.

Their names are as follows: James Winning

Service Number: 1671

Rank: Private

Unit: 11 Battalion

Service: Australian Army

Conflict: First World War, 1914-1918

Date of death: 06 August 1915

Place of death: Gallipoli, Ottoman Empire

Cause of death: Killed in action

Age at death: 21

Place of association: Australia: Bedfordford Cemetery or memorial details: Turkey: Shell Green Cemetery

Source: AWM145 Roll of Honour cards, 1914-1918, War, Army

Douglas Winning

Service Number: 1296

Rank: Driver

Roll title: Field Ambulance (December 1914)

Conflict: First World War, 1914-1918

Date of embarkation: 30 December 1914

Place of embarkation: Australia: Fremantle Ship embarked on: HMAT Ajanui A31

Hugh Gibson Winning

Service Number: 1613

Rank: Gunner

Roll title: 12 FAB (Field Artillery Brigade) - 2 to 10 Reinforcements (May 1916 - February 1917)

Conflict: First World War, 1914-1918

Date of embarkation: 27 May 1916

Place of embarkation: Australia: Melbourne Ship embarked on: HMAT Ascanius A11

David Mabbbs, President

City of Mandurah RSL

W: davidmabbbs@ninemct.net.au

CITY OF BUNBURY- CENTENARY OF GALLIPOLI PROJECT

The City of Bunbury has undertaken an ambitious Project to identify, research, document and publish specific Service information for those Men and Women from the Bunbury-Wellingotn District, who enlisted for Service in the Great War 1914 – 1918.

There has been over 1,300 Service personnel identified and published to date, with the Final Number expected to surpass 1,500.

Resources utilised to date are as follows:-

- National Archives of Australia
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission

End of an Era Steamships Reunion

The “End of an Era” steamships reunion will be held from 7 – 9 November 2014 in Mandurah.

For details email mandurah2014reunion@navystokers.org

Naval Association of Australia – 2015 Reunion Plan

The 2011 triennial conference of the Naval Association of Australia (NAA), has decided to hold a national reunion held every three years to embrace the membership in a sense of camaraderie and togetherness.

This reunion will replace the triennial conference as the Constitution has been amended to focus on the annual general meeting (AGM) as the primary decision making vehicle for the NAA to amend or introduce new elements of the Constitution.

The first National reunion will be held in Brisbane in September 2015. It is important that the reunion align with a significant event in the history of the RAN, its operations, vessels and people. 2015 is the Centenary of the formation of the ANZAC forces through military operations at Gallipoli and has wide Australia and New Zealand focus. Brisbane is uniquely placed to connect NAA, a former RAN vessel and significant historic events relating to World War II in one city.

The reunion is proposed to be held on the weekend 25 – 27 September 2015.

The location for the reunion will be – Brisbane City Area and the Maritime Museum Southbank.

The accommodation search site is: www. booking.com as advertised on the NAA website www.navalassoc.org.au.

Russell Pettis

R Pettis

National President

The 9th Intake Junior Recruits HMAS Leeuwin

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July 1964 reunion will be held in Ballina in November 2014.

For further information please contact Allan Watt: (02) 6686 8324 or 0402 749 582 or send an email to jakknico@bigpond.net.au

2015 National WRAAF Reunion

The 64th Anniversary of the formation of the WRAAF (1951-1977) will be held on 9, 10 and 11 October 2015 at Coolangatta, QLD

All Ex-WRAAF who served between 1951 and 1977 are invited to attend.

Ex-RAAF servicewomen or serving RAAF female members are also invited to attend.

For more information about the reunion, please contact:

Rosie – rosie93@optusnet.com.au

WRAAF Branch President

WRAAF Branch Secretary

Karen Z: stacylane3@bigpond.com

WRAAF Branch Treasurer

or go to our website: www.wraaf.org.au

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HMAS Bataan Veterans Reunion

The 23rd annual reunion of the HMAS Bataan Veterans will be held at Adelaide South Australia on Thursday, 11 September to Sunday, 14 September. It will be held at the Grand Chifley Adelaide in South Terrace.

New members are welcome.

John E. Laughton JP

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Reunions

HQ Platoon 1 ARU Nui Dat

Vietnam Reunion

18/19 August 2014

Bowral / Mittagong NSW.

Ex HQ Platoon personal of 1ARU and partners are invited to join with us for a catch up, we will join with the Vietnam Veterans’ Peacekeepers and Peacekeepers Association of Australia (NSW) Branch Southern Highlands Sub-Branch, for their Commemoration Service on Long Tan Day and later at the Mittagong RSL for refreshments.

We are planning a Dinner on the night of the 18th and a Luncheon on Tuesday 19th. (Details & Venue to be advised).

If you are interested in attending contact either:

Bob Cooper 0437 166 910

E: grooper3@bigpond.com

Gary Scott (08) 9435 8155: gary_scott@optusnet.com.au

9th Intake Junior Recruits

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One of Britain’s most popular actresses Patricia Routledge, best known as Hyacinth in the smash hit television series Keeping up Appearances, joins with internationally acclaimed pianist Piers Lane to transport audiences back to wartime London.

Piano virtuoso Dame Myra Hess kept up the morale of Londoners during the darkest days of the Second World War. Admission: One Shilling tells this extraordinary story.

For Western Australia RSL members there is a special offer of a $10 discount for every ticket purchase. Members should quote the password: SHILLING when making a booking.

**Admission:**
- **Adults $12 and Children $8**
- **Special RSL Price of:**
  - **Free** for every ticket purchased
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**Booking details:**
- **Mandurah - Boardwalk Theatre, May 27:** P: (08) 9550 3900 or W: www.manpac.com.au
- **Perth - His Majesty’s Theatre, May 29-31:** P: 1300 795 012 or W: www.ticketek.com.au

For further information about the show: www.admissioneshilling.com

**Notices**

**Easy guide to WWI search**

In 2013, the Returned & Services League transferred records from the Living History Exhibition to the State Library of Western Australia. WWI records from the collection have now been digitised and are available online.

To access the RSL online collection select the following:
1. www.liswa.wa.gov.au
2. Under Quicklinks, select Catalogue
3. Under Search, select Call No. and
4. Type in ACC 8627A (leaving a space between C and 8)

The following categories are available for searching:
- Names by Military Unit
- WW1 Nominal Rolls A-Z
- 1914-1918 War
- WWI killed in action – died of wounds or illness

For any queries regarding accessing the online collection contact:
Steve Howell - Phone 9427 3476 or email steve.howell@slwa.wa.gov.au
WWI records are also available at the Australian War Memorial online site http://www.awm.gov.au/

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**Vendetta ROPs at the AWM**

The Australian War Memorial has digitised the available Reports of Proceedings for all the RAN ships and establishments and are now available for viewing on the Australian War Memorial website at https://www.awm.gov.au/collection/awm78/

Reports of Proceedings (ROPs) are the official record of activities of the Royal Australian Navy’s commands, vessels, shore establishments, administrative authorities and installations. Instructions on reporting were ordinarily laid out in detail in The King's Regulations and Admiralty Instructions. However reports of proceedings do not appear to have been named as such until after the Second World War. For example, The Queen's Regulations and Admiralty Instructions of 1953 mention 'reporting proceedings' under item 2708 (for Commanders-in-Chief and Senior Officers), and item 2904 (for Captains).

Reports of Proceedings were normally submitted by a commanding officer to their superior and then on to Navy Office. Although the 1953 instructions do not specify the frequency of the reports ("The Captain is to report his proceedings from time to time..."), it was common practice to submit them either monthly, in the case of ships, or quarterly, in the case of shore establishments. Reporting was required in both wartime and peacetime. In some cases, especially in the early years of the Second World War, reports were in the form of ‘war diaries’ or in earlier decades they were sometimes referred to as ‘Letters of Proceedings’. (Courtesy of the Australian War Memorial web site)

Between 1979-1981 many of the ROPs were temporarily transferred from Navy custody to the Australian Archives, where they were registered as Series A4621. In 1981 they were returned from Australian Archives to the Department of Defence. Later that year the series began to be transferred to the Australian War Memorial and this continued between late 1981 and 1984. A few extra items were also transferred in the early 1990s.

**ALBANY’S A.N.Z.A.C. CONVOYS**

**BY ROGER CUNNINGTON**

The story of the first two convoys that transported Australian and New Zealand soldiers to the battlefields of World War 1. The ships congregated in King George Sound and replenished bunkers and freshwater at Albany. They departed within two months of each other at the end of 1914. Associated topics and many photographs are included.

For more information contact: albanyconvoys@westnet.com.au
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 9x9 grid so that each column, each row, and each of the nine 3x3 boxes (also called blocks or regions) contains the digits from 1 to 9 only one time each. The puzzle setter provides a partially completed grid.

Provided by Sudoku.com.au

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**Easy Sudoku**

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 9 6 3 7 
 1 8 4 2 
 5 9 7 1 
 8 2 6 9 
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**Hard Sudoku**

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 4 9 1 3 6 
 5 1 2 8 7 
 6 3 8 9 5 
 7 6 9 4 2 
 1 8 7 5 4 
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**Greek National Day**

A wreath laying event was held on 23 March for the Greek National Day in the presence of the Governor of WA.
Dear Sir,

I was pleased to read your article in The Listening Post Feb 2014 entitled "Rottnest's big guns silently celebrate 75 years" by Mr Vic Jeffery OAM.

I have always been interested in this forlorn monster of a gun and its history and on the few rare occasions when I was able to visit it, stood in awe just thinking what it would have been like seeing it in action. I remember as a child some forty years ago my first visit to this beautiful but sad relic and pictured to myself what a unique experience it must have been to operate it so many years ago. Even at that time it showed the signs of vandalism and neglect but I do remember that the breech block was still left open and you could see straight through the barrel.

I hope that in the future this wonderful piece of history will be restored as close as possible to its original condition including the working parts.

Many thanks,

Robert Küpper

ANZAC Club

27 February was a day like any other except that I had to attend a meeting in the Gallipoli Room at ANZAC House in the afternoon. I decided that it would be a great idea to take my wife in with me and give her a chance to see what the meals were like in the ANZAC Club. So off we went to have lunch, Lee had a small roast pork lunch and I had fish and chips, the total cost was about $27. Now the surprise came when Lee’s roast pork was delivered to the table she immediately said “I am pleased I did not order the large roast pork” - the meal was huge. Then along came my fish and chips, there was enough fish there to feed the penguins at Perth Zoo along with a large pile of chips, a bowl of salad and a heap of coleslaw, not to forget the dish of tartar sauce.

Now looking around the room there were about ten or twelve members of the RSL and a few office workers, I thought to myself meals like this really need advertising to the membership in general around the state, you cannot get such a good meal for so little cost without searching diligently around the suburbs.

So in summing up I think that it is in the best interest of all members of the WA Branch who are visiting the CBD at around lunch time drop to in to the ANZAC Club, give it a try you will be pleasantly surprised. We did and we were.

Mike Gilmore – President
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RSL workshop targets membership

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John Arthur

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CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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By Ted George

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The army had developed the character we came to recognise in each other. It was not the same as it had been before, and it never would be again.

Like many others of his generation, Ted George began his National Service as a naive conscript in the Vietnam War. The conflict made little sense while he was training; less while he was there ‘in country’ and when he returned offered him neither respect nor support. What it did offer him; however, were some of the most amazing experiences of mateship he would ever know.

Ted’s story takes the reader from an idyllic bush childhood and knockabout life in the outback to the intensity of Vietnam. When set adrift from the constraints of army life he pursues a nomadic existence that sees him wander through London, Munich, rural Kentucky, Georgia and back to Australia again.

Most Australians are now aware of Australia again. It went through a funny way and ultimately, familiar attitudes toward identity, conformity and war. Australian author, Rosalie Ham, says, ‘These Stories are not usual. They’re accessible in an illuminating way, oblique in a comfortable way, sad in a funny way and ultimately, familiar and warm.’

About the author
Ted George was born in Leonora, WA and as a young boy moved to the Perth foothills. At twenty years of age while working in the North-West as a deckhand he was conscripted into the Australian army and served in Vietnam as a sapper with the 17th Construction Squadron. As a returning veteran, Ted found it difficult to settle down and headed off to travel for eighteen years through Australia, Europe and the USA working as a bus driver, dishwasher, professional fisherman, labourer, ferry boat skipper and refrigeration mechanic. In 1988 he returned to Maida Vale with his wife and two sons to run a business, play golf, join the veteran community and write his story.

Most Australians are now aware of Boy in a Slouch Hat Before, During And After Vietnam

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 royally appointed GARRY CHAD from outback Australia grows up with close Aboriginal connections, learning of their beliefs, laws and bush skills. He was born in Sydney in June 1946 before travelling to the North West to his home, Kangaroo Creek. His father, Tom, served in World War II in the Solomon Islands fighting against the Japanese.

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Crad served with three different infantry formations (7th, 6th and 4th Royal Australian Regiment) serving alongside the US 173rd Airborne Brigade, the ‘Big Red One’ division and Kivon and was wounded in action on both tours.

Wang was in the Viet Cong 5th division. He, like many of the North Vietnamese army, walked the extremely hazardous Ho Chi Minh trail while serving as a ‘tilt’ (reconnaissance). This information has been compiled from Wang’s captured diary.

I wanted to tell my story because of the many interesting characters and people I’ve shared many varied experiences in my civilian and army life. Everything in this book actually happened, even though there are some that have been slightly added for context and connection, but it is to the best of my memories.

This epic chronicle defines romance, humour, bonding, mateship, bar activities, battles and bravery.

This book is more than a soldier’s life; it goes beyond the usual Vietnam veteran’s experiences of mateship, war stories and war history. Sometimes humorous, sometimes brutal, always honest, it tells it as it is—how he felt, what he smelt, what he saw and heard.

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Commanding the Home Front

Commanding the Home Front is a uniquely in-depth book which captures the experiences and thoughts of 18 modern-day Australian military families who were launched at the Dunroon Community Centre in Canberra on 5 April 2014.

Author Maree Sirois, whose husband of 16 years has served in both the Royal Canadian Navy and the Royal Australian Navy, details a remarkable four-year period of her family’s life whilst living in Sydney, Western Australia and Canberra.

Intertwined in her story are her interviews with 13 partners of varying backgrounds, two mothers whose sons have served in Afghanistan and two young adult children of military members. All participants were extremely honest in their interviews, with some sharing experiences they have told few others.

“I interviewed one wife only a few months before her husband was due to deploy to Afghanistan for the second time and she shared with me how she feared for both his physical and mental well-being as he had narrowly escaped death before,” said Sirois.

“Another Army wife told me how the threat of Improvised Explosive Devices was so real in Afghanistan that when her husband returned and drove their family out to Kakadu National Park for a holiday, he slowed down every time they passed a bag of garbage or an abandoned car because that’s what his instincts, even back in Australia, told him to do.

“I also found it very interesting to compare the relationship of a husband and wife with a parent and child. Several military members in the book have kept information from their partners to protect them, whereas one of the mums told me she had to tell her son to stop describing his experiences in Afghanistan as she couldn’t listen to it anymore.”

While some of the interviewees are certainly tired from the strains of military life, others are grateful for their experiences and how these have strengthened their relationships.

“One wife had just returned from a posting in the United States which she said gave them the time they needed to bond as a family again in a new and exciting location after her husband had been on several long deployments in the few years prior. I phoned another wife who was in Tonga for three years as her husband was working with their navy,” said Sirois.

For the two years that Sirois and her family lived in Western Australia, her husband was away for more than half of that time and she writes candidly about the strain this placed on their relationship.

“I felt this honesty was important as it’s normal for relationships to be stressed by the circumstances we went through. The Australian Defence Force has been so active in the last 15 years that writing about how we and other families cope with separation, reintegration, moving and the stress of dangerous deployments will give our communities a greater understanding of what that service involves.

“Sometimes I laughed right alongside the interviewees because I understood their circumstances or emotions. Other times I was in awe of their wisdom and strength. But sometimes I cried because military service can result in tragedy. This is the only book where so many modern-day military family members have shared their experiences and I know readers will identify with or learn from someone in it.”

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