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RSLWA staff are located at:
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Come and have a cuppa on us!

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To book, contact Matthew Holyday on 9287 3714 or ahmanager@rslwa.org.au

There is no booking charge for RSL events.

Although staff have relocated, our phone numbers have not changed.

You can find our updated email addresses on Page 3.

We’re closer to the bus and train services.

ANZAC Club has closed permanently clearing the way for the development of a ‘Veterans’ Centre’.

In the meantime, while there is no bar facilities in our temporary premises, Members are always welcome to visit us until the new ANZAC House is opened.

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ANZAC Services

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cover

Pictured on our cover is life member of the RSL Theophiles Bushe-Jones. Theo is a participant in Comet Bay College’s community art project Portrait of a Veteran. The College invited local artists to paint the portraits of 20 veterans and the finished artworks will be displayed at their ANZAC Service on Friday 28 April. Artist Shirley Winstanley is the maestro behind the brush.

The Listening Post was invited to see the creation of these works of art and what the project is all about is one of many feature articles in this edition.

As we approach ANZAC Day our comprehensive list of ANZAC Services from all around WA are listed in this edition. This year over 110 events are listed for both metropolitan and regional areas.

We hope you enjoy this magazine.

RSL Statement of Purpose

The RSL was founded in 1916 to provide comradeship and support to Australia’s Veterans and their families.

That core mission has never changed but has continued to evolve to meet the needs of each generation of servicemen and women.

We have a branch network that covers Australia and any Veteran who needs help will get it – every serving ADF member and Veteran will be warmly welcomed at their local RSL Sub-Branch or club.

We advocate for the best possible conditions for our serving men and women and for those who have served the nation in the past.

We foster respect and thanks from the nation for our serving men and women and for those who have made sacrifices in Australia’s name and we will provide a strong voice on issues of national unity and security.

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Publishing

Publishing of The Listening Post: Published three times a year with a readership of over 25,000.

To all sub-branch Presidents and Secretaries: Send photographs (1Mb plus) and a short article on special activities at your sub-branch to The Listening Post.
Upon walking into Kym MacCormac’s office in West Perth you immediately feel a little displaced. You no longer sit in the architect’s boardroom but are now floating around Perth City as if you’ve been given the sudden ability to fly. On each of the walls squeezed side by side to best utilise the space, a collection of aerial photographs display a lengthy résumé of work. Like a doctor who displays his degrees in the waiting room you can’t help but be instantly impressed. Some of his creations in the photos are instantly recognisable – the David Jones department store, the Equus building and the St Martins buildings at 40-50 St Georges Terrace.

It’s just a small sample of the impressive work of Mr MacCormac who became a registered architect in 1976. His qualifications are equally impressive. He’s a registered builder, a member of both the Australian Institute of Architects and the Association of Consulting Architects. His expertise has seen him take on roles at both the University of Western Australia and Curtin University in a lecturing capacity on architectural practise.

One could only imagine the type of schooling Mr MacCormac experienced.

“I had a pretty standard Australian education including Scouts at Primary School, cadets at Secondary School and Citizens Airforce at University graduating at Pilot Officer Rank,” Mr MacCormac said.

Before branching out on his own Kym worked for 20 years with two main mentors in Ross Chisholm and Gil Nicol who were jointly awarded the RAIA Gold medal at which time the office was doing projects such as Allendale Square, R & I Bank, three St Martins buildings and all major regional Shopping Centres.

In recent times MacCormac Architects designed the Equus building, which combines 8,000m² of office space plus 2,000m² of retail and 138 apartments as well as 250 bays.

When RSLWA first approached Mr MacCormac, the brief for a new ANZAC House contained a Hotel option. Two years and 12 separate design options later – all having been done by Kym – a single office design was realised as the option most workable.

As of today, the new ANZAC House brief is as follows.

• Ground Floor. On the corner of Irwin Street, a coffee shop for informal meetings and the remainder of the space can be let to other groups or other commercial tenants.

• Level One. A function space capable of seating and accommodating up to 200 people. Access by bespoke staircases located near twin lifts providing access to the upper floors.

• Levels Two and Three. Commercial office space to produce future income for RSLWA.

• Level Four. Space for ex-service organisations.

• Levels Five and Six. Offices for RSLWA used for administration and the executive.

• Basement. 13 car bays which will be accessed via a ramp connecting to Irwin Street through a proposed right of way shared with the adjoining Central Law Courts building.
The trick for every architect is to shape the brief around a design philosophy.

“The intention with the design of the proposed new building for RSLWA was to create something that projected the image of the organisation into the future in a bespoke building which was able to adequately represent RSLWA in built form,” Mr MacCormac said.

“This could be best achieved in a minimalist building devoid of flamboyance which respected the earlier Art Deco building of 1934 in an abstract way while establishing a dialogue with the viewer by reflecting upon the structure of military organisations and their history in Australia.

“Above all the building had to capitalise on the magnificent views across Government House gardens to Perth water and beyond, because that is the substantial asset which resides in the site which is largely ignored by the existing building, mainly because of its low height,” he said.

What is most impressive about the design philosophy is the symbolism of the building to Australia’s military organisations. The stepped façade is reflective of their hierarchical nature.

“The design contains reference to the 1934 RSLWA building which featured the façade of three narrow vertical elements, with stepped facades of receding wall panels giving emphasis to the vertical components of the street elevation,” Mr MacCormac said.

“These elements have been abstracted and repeated on the narrow eastern elevation facing Irwin Street and the western elevation of the new building and given emphasis with the addition of vertical sunscreens.

“The lower element is painted in a white colour which represents the waves of the Indian Ocean and the arm of the military services which operated below the ground.

“The middle height element is painted in a red colour which represents the red soil of Western Australia and the arm of the military services which operate on the ground.

“And the tallest element is painted in a blue colour which represents the Western Australian sky and the arm of the military services which operate above the ground.

“The 1934 building has provided the inspiration for a further design element which has been repeated on the top of the new building on the face of the lift motor room where the badge of RSLWA is set centrally and flanked by the flags of Australia and Western Australia.

“The badge will be proudly illuminated at night time, as will the flags on the occasions that they are flown,” he said.

Having a building higher than old ANZAC House at 33.6m above St Georges Terrace has benefits that are not lost on Kym and his design team.

“Full width balconies are located on levels four, five and six,” he said. “These spaces will be invaluable for viewing of ANZAC Day parades and will permit the occupants of the building at those levels to enjoy the outdoor spaces at all times of the year.”

Aspects of the building from the inside sound equally impressive.

“The bas-relief panel facing Irwin Street will be re-used at ground floor level externally,” Mr MacCormac said.

“The stained glass windows from the existing building will be retained and fixed to the eastern side.

“The three plaques commemorating the establishment of the first UWA buildings on the site will be relocated onto the new building.

“Decorative plaques and panels within the building interiors will trace the history of the RSL in WA with recognition of the two previous buildings, particularly the first building which was constructed with public donations following the First World War.”

The foundation stone from the 1934 building will be reused in the new building.

The overall site area, which was given back to RSLWA by the State Government on December 9 2016, is much wider than the existing site at 872m². RSLWA surrendered the freehold title to the existing property when the Law Courts complex was built in the 1970's.

The projection completion is expected in 2019.
from the
President’s Pen

Focussing on the future

by State President
Peter Aspinall

Advocacy and Welfare

In this column in the September 2016 edition of The Listening Post I indicated that the ANZAC House welfare and advocacy function was now being conducted by RSL DefenceCare. However, with a new focus on how we deliver these services and the importance of our planned charitable status, RSLWA has moved to bring the welfare and advocacy personnel back under the direct management of RSLWA while continuing to access the DefenceCare systems and data bases. I also welcome the great voluntary support of senior advocate, Bob Sheppard at our Head Office and the return of our part-time advocate, Andrew Endrey.

Our new focus on advocacy and welfare services includes the need to work closer with other Ex-Service Organisations, the health and corporate sectors and other related agencies to provide veteran support as well as looking after the needs of current serving personnel. To this end, RSLWA is developing the concept of a central hub (Veteran Centre) in the Perth CBD by redeveloping ANZAC House and establishing greater metropolitan and regional Veteran Centre hubs to better support Sub-Branches.

Regarding our volunteer advocates, the consequences of a disastrous Advocacy Training and Development Program, (ATDP) in Canberra last November has resulted in the closure of our Northern Suburbs Veterans’ Support Centre. This Centre has been an essential service to veterans far and wide and its closure was devastating. Discussions have taken place to seek a location and staffing to allow the Centre to reopen.

DGR Status

A formal application is soon to be submitted to the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) to seek Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status. Already established is a Public Ancillary Fund into which tax deductible donations can be deposited. The accumulated donations can then be utilised for veteran welfare and advocacy related activities and initiatives. To be established in the very near future will be a foundation, provisionally titled the 2020 Foundation, through which these funds will be dispersed to Sub-Branch and RSLWA veterans’ welfare and advocacy initiatives.

RSLWA has in place a small team of experienced and successful fund raisers who will advise and mentor us in this ongoing endeavour. To launch this initiative there will be a State wide publicity campaign in which we will be seeking the support of all Sub-Branches. Details of this campaign will be forwarded in the next few weeks.

ANZAC Day 2017

ANZAC Day 2017 is almost upon us. I understand that there will be over 110 listed events conducted this year. While most attention and publicity is directed to the larger commemorations it is those very small suburban and regional services and, where possible, parades that can be the most poignant. With little fanfare and only the support of their immediate community, handfuls of people gather to commemorate, and are determined to remember those of their community who served and many of whom never came home.

I am aware that there has been some discontent that there has been a reduction in the Lotterywest grant for this year. It was always going to be unrealistic to expect continued funding to the level of 2015. Some Sub-Branches did appropriately moderate their grant request for this year but also suffered the necessary 10% arbitrary cut which, with a 15% cut to RSLWA’s request, allowed us to submit a realistic request to Lotterywest.

We do believe that Lotterywest will look favourably on grants to support community celebrations commemorating the centenary of the armistice of November 1918. As such, Sub-Branches are encouraged to start preparing their submissions, if you haven’t already commenced planning for Remembrance Day 2018.

RSLNSW

As a footnote, the State Council of RSLNSW finally stood aside on Friday 24 February. This allows for an independent Board of Enquiry (BOE), headed by a retired NSW Federal, Supreme or High Court Judge, to be established. This BOE, in concert with some 5 other enquiries, will hopefully provide for the re-establishment of a credible State governing body. The trashing of the RSL reputation and its brand name Australia wide has been enormous.
Western Australia's newest Veterans Issues Minister is a former Special Air Service regiment soldier.

Peter Tinley AM MLA was elected to the seat of Willagee in a by-election in November 2009. He was re-elected again in 2013 and more recently in 2017 under a Mark McGowan led State Government.

Since June 2016 Mr Tinley has been the Shadow Minister for Science; Trade; Asian Engagement; Lands; Gascoyne and Goldfields-Esperance. Now in a new Labor Ministry, Mr Tinley takes on Veterans Issues; Youth and Mines and Petroleum portfolios.

According to his biography, Mr Tinley spent 24 years in the Army, joining in 1981. He earned the Queen’s Medal as a cadet at the Royal Military College in Duntroon. The Medal is presented to the student who graduates at the top of their class academically.

For most of his years with the Army he served with the Special Air Service Regiment, and has the honour of being the first member in the history of the SAS to advance from Trooper to Squadron Commander.

In 2003, Mr Tinley was recognised with his appointment as a Member of the Order of Australia specifically for “…exceptional performance of duty, particularly in the development of outstanding mission concepts and operational plans, in warlike operations…”

Mr Tinley takes over the Veterans Issues portfolio from former Minister Joe Francis.
CEO Report

by CEO of RSLWA
John McCourt

With just over six months in the role I am pleased to see the changes that have already started to take effect across the RSLWA and the reinvigorated focus on our core role of looking after Veterans.

Our temporary home at Level 3 / 66 St Georges Terrace has quickly become a hive of activity with many of the organisations and groups who frequently used ANZAC House now finding themselves at home in our new premises. It is, however, our strong relationship with Defence Force Recruiting (DFR) within the same building that has been a benefit to both organisations. Each week the new recruits enlisting into the services conduct their enlistment ceremonies in RSLWA’s Board Room, effectively meaning that the start of their career with the ADF is within the RSL. We have been pleased to welcome these new members of the ADF and their families into the services and they are always welcome in the RSL.

Improving communication with the Sub-Branches has also been one of my priorities. The Sub-Branch Signal is giving each Sub-Branch the information needed to keep our members up to date on the issues that concern them within the RSL. To ensure that you receive the Signal in a timely manner, and to save on postage and handling costs, I have asked that each Sub-Branch is emailed the Signal on the first of every month (except January). Those Sub-Branches who have indicated that they do not have email access will continue to receive it via mail.

I am also keen to improve the content of The Listening Post. This magazine is a vital way to provide our members with information that is relevant and timely to you. To do this I have asked for articles that are not only interesting but are focused on the needs of Veterans, our members and their families. Over the coming year you will start to see these changes, and I welcome your feedback.

Advocacy and Welfare are at the core of what we do. While DefenceCare continues to support us with IT services, RSLWA is once again providing these services direct to those who need them. However, we have challenges ahead as requests for support continue to grow. We must continue to focus on these areas, both within State Branch and in providing better support to our valued Volunteer Advocates and Welfare Officers. These volunteers make such a difference within their communities and to the lives of Veterans and their families.

Finally, work is progressing on the new RSLWA website. This will allow us to move into this century with regard to our online services. It will allow each Sub-Branch to have their own page and to be able to keep all members or potential members up to date with the services and events that they hold. In time, it will also allow you to be able to pay your membership online, make donations or allow the Membership Officer of a Sub-Branch to look at their members without the need to keep a separate database. I am looking forward to seeing how this progresses over the next couple of months.

Of course, the above efforts and initiatives would not be possible without the commitment and passion of our hard-working staff at RSLWA, supported by a very proactive Board of Directors. The excellent staff have come up with great ideas and initiatives and it’s an honour to lead them.

I would again like to thank you for all that you are doing to support RSLWA and each other. You can be very proud of what is being achieved across the State for Veterans, thanks in so many ways to your continued efforts.
RSLWA Eastern Regional Forum

On Friday 17 March, Eastern Regional Board Member Donna Prytulak held a Regional Forum at the Northam RSL Sub-Branch. This is the third forum Donna has run, with members from Sub-Branches coming from as far as Narrogin and Tammin to be able to get updates from key speakers such as the RSLWA State President, Mr Peter Aspinall and RSLWA Operations Manager, Martin Holzberger.

Attendees were also pleased to hear from Mr Peter King, Department of Veterans’ Affairs (DVA) Deputy Commissioner who spoke about the services DVA offered the Veteran community and many of the new initiatives that the Department is undertaking to provide better support to veterans.

In his address, Mr Peter Aspinall talked through many of the issues concerning our members including an RSLNSW update, overview of the RACA legal determination and many of the initiatives that are underway within RSLWA to improve services and communication with our Sub-Branches. He was clear in his message on the importance of supporting the needs of the Advocates and Welfare Officers in the Sub-Branches and assured attendees that he would continue to look at ways to better support those who are vital in supporting veterans and their families.

Mr Holzberger spoke about getting out and meeting members in all of the Sub-Branches in both City and Regional areas. He said that holding this forum was a great idea and that further gatherings in regional WA should be encouraged. He is openly inviting other areas to look at this forum model and is very keen to support such an effort.

As it was timely, Mr Holzberger spoke about the changes being made to The Sub-Branch Signal which is moving to an electronic form of delivery rather than being posted. Sending this publication out via email to all Sub-Branches would save RSLWA up to $26,000 a year.

After a very good morning tea, State Membership Officer, Andrea Hunt, RSLWA Advocacy Coordinator, Morgana Ramsey and Welfare Officer, Rosalind Howat gave an overview of their work. Each presenter went to great length to assure everyone that they were available to support the Sub-Branches and our members and are there to help when needed.

The audience agreed that it was great to meet some of the faces behind the telephone.

The final question and answer session was a good opportunity for open discussion and allowed everyone to talk through anything that they wanted to know about or clarify.

Later that evening Peter Aspinall stayed to meet with a number of the members from the area and was again able to enjoy the company and stories of those in attendance.
Portrait of a Veteran

by Royceton Hardey

The school is empty but I can see a shadow waiting on the other side of the door.

As I approach the entrance it swings open and I’m greeted with a welcoming smile. A student dressed in all blue, the colour of the Comet Bay College uniform, starts to guide me through the corridors.

She leads me to another student who takes over the guidance and then another, all friendly, and all making sure I’m finding my way. I haven’t even got to the school’s auditorium but already I’m impressed by the level of organisation.

Claire Hunt, the school’s Defence Transition Mentor at the Secret Harbour based College, is easy to spot. Holding two large industrial lights clipped to a pedestal she effortlessly asks even more assisting students for their help.

“Harry! Can you show these people where the coffee and tea is?” she asks a student, who willingly moves to assist.

The foyer is busy.

Intermittently Veterans and artists arriving at the auditorium are escorted to their areas. I doubt these students are fazed by the sight of the uniformed men and women arriving. This College is quite unique in its relationship with the Armed Forces.

It has a Defence Transition Mentor Program which provides support to secondary students of Australian Defence Force (ADF) members.

Comet Bay College has created its own Australian Military History Museum, which is utilised by teachers and students to enrich their history curriculum and is also open to the general public by appointment.

One highlight is a permanent Honour Wall in its Australian Military History Museum showing a collection of photos of ex-students’, parents, staff and community members who are present or past members of the ADF.

And finally, the entire school participates in an ANZAC Day Service with commemorative activities and morning tea. This is one of the areas where Portrait of a Veteran fits in.

“I’ll be inviting all of the Veterans and artists to come back to our ANZAC Day Service where all the work will be displayed,” says Claire, as she takes a breather.

“Her Excellency the Honourable Kerry Sanderson will be there and I’m working on a way to get the artists and veterans to be present as she’s looking at the portraits.”

The Portrait of a Veteran idea has its origins from a single conversation Claire had with her friend.

“One of my friends didn’t believe she was a veteran even though she served overseas,” Claire said.

“My reaction I was thinking was, of course you are!”

“So it got me thinking, we really should do something to highlight the diversity of our local Veterans and show appreciation of their service.

“Participating in this project we have young, old, male, female; and Army, Navy and Air Force veterans represented.

“We have 30 artists and Veterans participating, some portraits are being painted from group sittings and some taken directly from photographs. My oldest Veteran is JJ Wade, who is 99… turning 100 later this year, and our youngest is in her mid-twenties, with all ages in-between represented.”

As I move around I strike up a conversation with artist Shirley Winstanley. She is painting an elderly
man wearing his suit with a variety of medals.

“I saw they needed artists through Facebook,” Shirley said.

“I offer a local beginner art course to various Councils, and I love playing with paint.”

As I chat away Shirley has her tubes of squeezed acrylic paint laid out within an opened painting briefcase. As my eyes fall upon the subject matter and then the painting, I’m in awe, the likeness is perfect.

“I learned that a great-uncle in my family, James Northfield, was an Australia-wide recognised artist, he did the Rosella for the Rosella Tomato Sauce, the Kiwi shoe polish andSkipping Girl Vinegar” she says.

I asked what she knew about her subject matter.

“I know Theo has been in the Navy, he was in Korea, he was on HMAS Sydney, and he’s got a heap of medals there that are dazzling but I don’t know what they represent,” Shirley giggles.

As the single spotlight shining on Theophiles Bushe-Jones sends a strong shadow dancing up the makeshift partition behind him. As subject matter he is unfaltering. He is a life member of the RSL having first joined in 1952 and life member of the Naval Association. As I approach Theo he is careful not to move too much as Shirley continues her painting.

“I joined the service in 1950 and went to Nowra in New South Wales, on HMAS Albatross and did my ordnance course,” Theo said.

“That was the most horrifying time to be at sea, we had a lot of damage to the ship, lost aircraft and ammunition and all sorts of things.

“I was in Hong Kong the night the King died, then we came around to Australia.


“I have been an advocate since 1988 for the Naval Associations, and for both Mandurah and Rockingham RSL Sub-Branches.”

I ask Theo if he’s been allowed to have a look at his painting. A smile appears, “It makes me look human,” he says.

Defence Bank very generously sponsored the purchase of all the canvases and frames for Portrait of a Veteran and Gillian Pearse, from Divine Framing, donated her time to make all the wooden frames.

The Comet Bay College ANZAC Day Service is on Friday 28 April starting at 9.00am. Visit the college’s website to RSVP. www.cometbaycollege.wa.edu.au
The “road to ready”

by Brigadier David Thompson AM, Commander of 13th Brigade.

Just over one hundred years since our formation in Egypt and our first battles on the Western Front the Brigade will again be on the “frontline”.

From July we will be reinforcing Townsville’s 3rd Brigade when they become the Australian Army’s ‘ready’ Brigade.

The basis of this is a combined arms Combat Team of 250 soldiers (drawn from infantry, artillery engineers and light cavalry) and a further 50 personnel with specialist (niche) capabilities. This contribution will provide 3rd Brigade with additional warfighting capabilities particularly suited to stability operations as well as domestic security, humanitarian assistance and disaster relief.

We have been preparing for this milestone for several years. We have transitioned through the Army’s Plan Beersheba force generation cycle from “reset”, “readying” and are soon to become “ready”.

This build-up of capability is a challenge for any Army Brigade but much harder for a part-time force of 1,100 to achieve. Our robust training programme will get us there: it involves building-up the ranks of our people, qualifying them in their rank and trade, learning how to operate new equipment and working together in teams.

Our soldiers are Reservists who come from all walks of life, and have a wide range of jobs; from salesperson to student, farmer to fire-fighter. They serve in the Army Reserve with a sense of duty and a commitment to country and community. They are the reason why 13th Brigade is recognised as a responsive, capable and credible component of the Army with a proven track-record of delivering important operational capability when called upon. Our soldiers also make a contribution in their civilian workplace as valuable employees who bring extra skills and experience back to their employer.

We are now in the home stretch in the force generation cycle. But before we are to be designated “ready” we will complete a three-week certification where the Combat Team will be tested during Exercise Hamel in Queensland in July. This is our largest troop commitment to date in what is the Army’s largest biennial exercise.

The “road to ready” is the focus of the first half of 2017. For the remainder of the year we will do what we have always done; be ready to meet any challenge and to serve on military operations when called upon in Australia and overseas. We will deploy contingents to the Northern Territory on border protection duties under Operation Resolute and contribute a rifle company for three months to Butterworth in Malaysia. We will also continue to support WA in Defence Aid to the Civil Community, like the Manjimup bushfire in 2015 when more than 80 soldiers deployed to help the community.

Throughout all this we never forget the legacy we have inherited. Our Units carry battle honours from some of the most significant actions involving Australian Forces during the First and Second World Wars. All of us in 13th Brigade are proud to have earned the right to wear the “Rising Sun” badge and will continue our support to the Centenary of ANZAC Commemoration.

A final note for two unique groups of people who make what we do possible.

For the men and women of 13th Brigade 2017 will be a pivotal year…

When we need time to train we have the support of our families and our workplace. Our families help us balance work, life and Army. Our employers value the contribution we make and they recognise the leadership, commitment and self-discipline which is an integral part of our service.
Cowardly Attack

The Chief Executive Officer of RSLWA, John McCourt, has expressed outrage over the bashing of war veteran Liam Haven. The 28-year-old was punched from behind and kicked while on the ground outside his South Perth home while taking the rubbish out.

Mr Haven only has two percent vision, the result of being hit by a roadside bomb while serving with the Army in Iraq in 2008. In a Police news conference Mr Haven reflected on the event.

“It could have been a lot worse,” he said.

“Someone like me doesn’t serve their country to come back and get treated like this.”

Upon hearing the news the CEO of RSLWA, John McCourt, released a statement.

“The thugs who attacked Iraq veteran Liam Haven were cowards and deserve the wrath of any decent West Australian,” Mr McCourt said.

“Any attack like this on any citizen is cowardly but to a blind veteran who paid a huge price while serving his country is simply disgraceful.”

Mr Haven, a popular guest speaker, has spoken openly about his experiences in the Army. He enlisted in 2006 just before his 18th birthday. While on deployment in Iraq, the improvised explosive device sent shrapnel flying into his face robbing him of his left eye and most of the sight in his right.

Mr Haven was not able to provide a physical description of his attackers. Police have appealed to the public to ring Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 if they have any information about the attack.

Think Albany and the National Anzac Centre for your next reunion event.

Our picturesque city marks the location where the first European settlers set foot in Western Australia, and over 41,000 Anzacs left Australia for the First World War. Albany is home to vibrant landscapes, award-winning beaches and fresh locally grown produce.

Albany boasts the convenience of a major city while being surrounded by amazing natural environment, including four spectacular National Parks just minutes drive in any direction.

Set within the heritage listed Princess Royal Fortress - one of Australia’s most significant pre-federation coastal defence fortifications - the award winning National Anzac Centre honours the Anzacs of the First World War. Visitors follow the real life experiences of one of the 32 Anzac characters through the Great War using interactive multimedia unique artefacts, rare images and film and audio commentary.

Contact Matt Hammond on 0472 815 242 to discuss your needs and the package options available.

VISIT WWW.AMAZINGALBANY.COM.AU FOR MORE INFORMATION.
There was only one thing left to do once ANZAC Club closed its doors for good and that’s to take the time to celebrate itself.

So on the day after its closure on Wednesday, 21 December 2016 around 30 members of ANZAC Club and RSLWA staff came together to enjoy the final bit of hospitality the premises would be delivering for a while. RSLWA has provided hospitality to the ex-service community going back to the first ANZAC House of the 1930s. ANZAC Club Manager, Matthew Holyday, who is part of the furniture at the Club officiated the relaxed occasion.

“It is a special place this ANZAC Club – it is unique,” Matthew said.

“It is to my knowledge the only RSL Club which is operated directly by a State Branch in the country so that makes us very unique in that regard. “It is unlike any other hospitality I’ve worked in and I’ve been around them for 35-odd years.”

Matthew rounded off his thoughts and feelings for the Club by relating to a historical element.

“It was very difficult to find something about hospitality and the military and ex-military, trolling through various books and things”, Matthew explains. But he did find one and it came from an observation by Edward Rickenbaker an American fighter ace in World War One and Medal of Honor recipient. Rickenbaker said, “If a thing is old, it is a sign that it was fit to live. Old families, old customs, old styles survive because they are fit to survive. The guarantee of continuity is quality. Submerge the good in a flood of the new, and good will come back to join the good which the new brings with it. Old-fashioned hospitality, old-fashioned politeness, old-fashioned honour in business had qualities of survival. These will come back.”

After reading Rickenbaker’s words Matthew interpreted it to ANZAC Club.

“ANZAC Club is old, it’s 100 years. It survived in one form or other. It’s fit to live. We now submerge it in the new. I’m sure the qualities that are here will emerge with the new into something that’s quite amazing in the future,” he said.

RSLWA President, Peter Aspinall, summed up his thoughts about the staff.

“It doesn’t matter how flash or how basic a Club is, the Club is successful because of the quality of the staff and what they have done over the years. “On behalf of the Board and more importantly on behalf of all the Membership who had the greatest of service and greatest companionship from you as the staff, I say thank you very much indeed.

“Regrettably we are not able to carry the ANZAC Club over to the temporary premises, but I can assure you there will be a rebirth of the ANZAC Club in about two or three years time in the new ANZAC House,” Mr Aspinall said.

Immediate past RSLWA Chief Executive Officer, Philip Orchard, presented each leaving staff member with a gift at the conclusion of speeches.
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BRITAIN’S LONGEST REIGNING MONARCH: In 2015 Queen Elizabeth II reached the incredible milestone of becoming Britain’s longest reigning monarch - eclipsing even her great-great grandmother Queen Victoria! This is a cause for major national celebration and in honour of this special event, a golden crown coin has been released. Struck to a very high specification it is fully layered with pure 24-carat gold and part of the design is accentuated in one of the world’s most valuable precious metals, rhodium-platinum. The coin is the first-ever to feature four profiles and celebrates those used on Her Majesty’s British coinage dating back to the very beginning of her history-making reign.

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**EVENT:** In September 2015 Her Majesty became Britain’s longest reigning monarch!

**LIMITED RELEASE ALLOCATION:** The worldwide edition limit of this coin is 29,999. Fewer than 1 in every 273 Australian households will be able to own one.

**HIGH SPECIFICATION:** Intended as a collectors’ item, the coin is fully layered with pure 24-carat gold and the ‘ERII’ cypher is accented in one of the world’s most valuable precious metals. Part of the design is featured in full colour.

**AUTHENTICATION:** Each coin comes with a Certificate of Authenticity.

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The Lament

The ANZAC Club came to a halt the moment The Right Reverend David Murray’s lips touched his bagpipe mouthpiece. Bishop Murray, Director of Saint George’s Cathedral Centre for Spirituality, wanted to mark the closing of ANZAC Club in his own special way.

Standing tall in the corner of the Club in front of a busy lunch crowd there was no escaping the shrill sound of the Bishop’s instrument.

Using the term “Lament” as a type of bagpipe music in relation to the Club Bishop Murray said “there is sadness, the passing of something, but there is a triumph in it as well.”

He chose to perform three tunes, ‘Iona Boat Song’, ‘My Home’ and ‘When the Battle Is Over’. There was good reason behind the song choices: “It’s kind of an end of an era in one sense isn’t it, and this is my home, my other home, and much hard work has been put into the success of the Club (by Matthew and the staff)” the Bishop said.

Like many who enjoy the Club’s facilities the Bishop has been visiting for a while.

“I came (to the Club) once years ago with a friend, this was when it was for members only.

“One day we came and I discovered it was ‘open house’ so I joined as an Affiliate Member, my Dad was an RSL ex-serviceman from the Second World War.”

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Notices

**Dominion Yachtsmen Scheme 1940-45 (Yachties)**

A plaque recognising RANVR members of the Dominion Yachtsmen Scheme and RAN and RANR members who served with the Royal Navy during the Second World War will be established at the Australian War Memorial in mid-2017.

Enquiries to be directed to Geoff Geraghty (CDRE RANR) at the following email address geoff.geraghty@defence.gov.au

**Totally & Partially Disabled Veterans of WA Baldivis**

Our club is at 1677 Old Mandurah Road, Baldivis. We have a clubhouse featuring a full kitchen, dining room to seat about 80 people and a games room featuring pool tables, darts and a bar.

Outside we have a barbeque area overlooking an acre of pristine bushland. We accommodate veterans from interstate with their caravans for short term stays. All serving and ex-serving people are welcome to drop in and have a look; our main focus is to establish units for veterans needing respite. Phone Doug Stevenson – Member – Totally & Partially Disabled Veterans of WA Baldivis – 9593 1591.

**1st Australian Field Hospital Association Inc., 2018 Reunion**

The 1AFH Association is to hold the 2018 reunion in Melbourne on Friday, 11 May, to Tuesday, 15 May. On behalf of the President & committee, all members and past members of the Association or Unit are welcome to attend. This reunion will be the 50th anniversary of the Unit’s establishment, in Vung Tau, SVN on 1 April, 1968.

Contact Secretary, Jeff Gilbert, on (03) 5772 1828, 0409 240 238 or je.gilbert@internode.on.net for details and information.

www.callsignvampire.org.au

**22 Construction Squad Ex-Members**

22 Construction Squadron ex-members will be gathering for their Annual Reunion on Saturday 22 April, 2017 at Osborne Park RSL Sub-Branch, 129 Main Street, Osborne Park. Commencing at 12pm. Cost is $30.

For more information contact President Norm Wells on 0417 945 157 or Secretary Kev Poynton on 0421 380 451.
Australia Day Awards

Outstanding community and service efforts were recognised at RSLWA’s annual Australia Day Awards presented on 24 January at the City of Belmont RSL Sub-Branch. Other presentations made were the RSLWA Cadet Efficiency Shield and RSLWA Cadet of the Year.

Over the years RSLWA has selected Community Groups, schools, individuals, RSL Sub-Branches and many other representatives for award of an Australian Day medallion.

This award acknowledges their work in either an area of expertise or for something out of the ordinary.

The recipients were;

Lorraine Packham
With the help of the Northam RSL Sub-Branch, her love, dedication, prescience and hard work has seen the Tammin RSL Sub-Branch continue to grow.

Robert Bruce Sheppard
A Vietnam Veteran and RSLWA Volunteer Advocate has served the Veteran Community in WA for the last seven years.

Port Kennedy RSL Sub-Branch
The Sub-Branch not only continued to excel in supporting its members and growing its services, it also performed a crucial role in facilitating the closure of the Point Peron RSL Caravan Park to make way for the State Government’s planned Mangles Bay Marina Tourism Precinct.

The RSLWA Cadet Efficiency Shield
The RSL Cadet Efficiency Shield was instituted by RSLWA in conjunction with Hollywood Private Hospital in 2004 to ensure there was appropriate recognition of the efforts of Service Cadet Units. This prestigious annual award is made to the most efficient Cadet Unit in each of the three services.

The award is made to the Unit that best demonstrates the core elements of a successful, competent and efficient Unit within their respective Cadet organisation.

The presentation was made by Mr David Simmelmann from Hollywood Private Hospital, Mr Clayton Scott, Regional Manager, Australian Military Bank and the Senior Cadet Service representatives.

The winning units were;

- Australian Navy Cadets – TS Perth
- Australian Army Cadets – Christ Church Grammar School Cadet Unit
- Australia Air Force Cadets – 708 Squadron

The RSLWA Cadet of the Year Program
The RSLWA Cadet of the Year Program is run through the Youth Development and Cadet Support Committee and the major sponsor Hollywood Private Hospital.

Cadets that nominated to participate in The Spirit of ANZAC Program attended a testing day which included a written test on Australian general knowledge, a five minute speech, dress and bearing and first aid. The four overall winners for 2016 receive a trip to Canberra for the 2017 ANZAC Day Commemoration.

The presentation was made by RSLWA State President, Mr Peter Aspinall.

The following Cadets were presented with a Certificate of Participation:

- CDT LCPL Amy Jones – 51 ACU and CDT PO Damon Jackson.

The winners were –

- CDT Shane Morgan
- CDT CUO Brianna Quaresimin

Cadets WA Surf Lifesaving Cadet Unit.

- CDT WO2 Samara Lance
- CDT AB Kelvin Hepburn

Cadets TS Marmion.

Army cadet winners

Navy cadet winners

[L-R] Robert Sheppard & Lorraine Packham
A unique project is underway that will forever link Australia with the Western Front’s Flanders Fields. From sites around the country, the Australian War Memorial has been collecting soil from key locations where First World War soldiers trained and departed these shores before joining the fighting in locations such as the mud and horror of the Western Front.

Soil was collected from key sites from around Western Australia that have a direct link to soldiers who trained in Australia before leaving for war. The three sites in the State chosen for this project were Albany, Fremantle and Greenmount’s Blackboy Hill.

Each and every collection of soil during January was stored in a commemorative sandbag which was then sent to the Flanders Fields Memorial Garden, and will then be set within a formal grass court in the Australian War Memorial’s Western Precinct.

“Much of the soil in this garden will come from the Flanders Fields battlefields in Belgium, including the Tyne Cot Cemetery and many of the battlefields in which Australian soldiers lost their lives in the service of our nation,” Peter Aspinall, RSLWA State President said.

“In regards to Blackboy Hill, the significance of the site is that it is one of the major, significant sites where some 32,000 Western Australian troops trained before departing to serve in the First World War,” Mr Aspinall said.

“This all volunteer force trained here before their departure for service overseas which included not just the battlefields along the Western Front, but campaigns in the Middle East,” he said.

At the time of the First World War, WA’s population was just 300,000 and the number of troops which passed through Blackboy Hill represented a large proportion of the State’s population. Of particular note, ten Victoria Cross recipients passed through this training facility.

Also present to shovel soil from Blackboy Hill was Scott Rogers, President of the Bellevue RSL Sub-Branch, as well as his children, Hudson (aged 7), who attends the adjacent Greenmount Primary School, and Grace (aged 4), who is at the School’s kindergarten.

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“The Shire is really pleased to be part of this project and to have stewardship of such a significant site from Australia’s military past,” Pat Bertola, Deputy-Shire President said.

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Also in attendance were soldiers from the 13th Brigade representing the Australian Defence Force, as well as Fremantle RSL Sub-Branch and Fremantle Port Authority representatives.

Albany RSL Sub-Branch Soil Collection Picture Credit: John Lamerand.

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The soil which has been shipped to Australia from Belgium will be treated before being mixed with soil from various sites of importance across Australia, and then added to the Australian War Memorial Flanders Fields Memorial Garden. Within this soil, poppies will continue to grow in the memory of those who served and fell in service of their nation.
This year RSLWA commemorates the war coming closer to home, when Northern Territory and Western Australian towns were attacked by the Japanese Imperial Forces.

It was a time when a young nation found its very survival at risk.

And all of this happened just 75 years ago.

The bombing of Darwin on 19 February, 1942 was the first and largest of more than 100 air raids against Australia during 1942 – 43. The town was in flames and 252 Allied service personnel and civilians were dead.

Then, Broome is strafed by nine Japanese Zero fighters, killing an estimated 88 people and destroying 22 aircraft on 3 March, 1942. There was much panic in Broome after the air raid.

Over the succeeding months air attacks were made on many towns in northern Australia including Wyndham, Port Hedland and Derby in Western Australia.

In the Wyndham attack, on the same day as Broome the merchant vessel Koolama was in port. An article in The West Australian from 11 September, 1945 describes the events.

“The skeleton crew had been ordered to abandon ship on the day of the raid because they had inadequate defences against the Zeroes.”

Even Katherine located some 270 kilometres inland from Darwin was not safe from Japanese raids. On 22 March, 1942 that town was bombed barely a month after Darwin. In the book Great Battles in Australian History by Jonathan King, he identifies why the Japanese targeted these towns. “The main effort of the Japanese appears to have been to disrupt and destroy civil shipping routes and infrastructure in addition to the military aircraft. An interesting fact is that the Japanese force that attacked Darwin was the same group that attacked Pearl Harbor.”

As has been noted in previous editions of The Listening Post since 2008 there has been a concerted attempt to acknowledge and recognise the Battle for Australia on the first Wednesday in September every year. A service took place at the State War Memorial last year.

As we reflect on these events in history we take the time to commemorate, as part of ANZAC Day, the Second World War’s violent arrival to Western Australia.
Sunset Services conducted around the Flame of Remembrance start at 5.00pm and finish at approximately 5.30pm. The Services are held over five evenings and will focus on a different theme each evening with the program including a wreath laying ceremony.

This year’s themes focus on the following anniversaries.

**Thursday, 20 April**
75th Anniversary - Bomber Command Operations
First 1,000 bomber raid launched by the Royal Australian Air Force (RAF). The target was Cologne, Germany. To make up the numbers crews were taken from operational training units to participate in the raid.

The RAF’s bombing offensive against Nazi Germany was one of the longest, most expensive and controversial of the Allied campaigns during the Second World War. Its aim was to severely weaken Germany’s ability to fight, which was central to the Allies’ strategy for winning the war. Bomber Command was predominantly made up of British, Australian and Canadian airmen who were later assisted by the US Air Force following the United States entry into the war after the bombing of Pearl Harbor by the Japanese.

The men of Bomber Command were younger on average than other men who served in the Second World War. Most were between 19 and 25 years of age. Invariably, they were some of the fittest and brightest of their generation, attracted to the prestige of the air force following development of air travel after World War I and the misguided belief that they were somehow safer in the air than they would have been on the ground; a belief they quickly came to realise as false.

**Friday, 21 April**
75th Anniversary - Battles of El Alamein & Kokoda
The battle of El Alamein, in Egypt, was one of the turning point battles of the Second World War. It began with a massive artillery bombardment that preceded large-scale attacks by British and Commonwealth forces. Also, Kokoda was another significant campaign, but much closer to home and against a different enemy.

The Kokoda Trail (Kokoda Track) campaign consisted of a series of battles fought between July and November 1942 between Japanese and Allied forces, in what was then the Australian territory of Papua. Physically, some of the most desperate and vicious fighting was encountered on the Kokoda Trail/Track as the Japanese sought to capture Port Moresby.

**Saturday, 22 April**
75th Anniversary - HMAS Perth & USS Houston Sinking
Having survived the battle of the Java Sea, HMAS Perth and the United States Cruiser Houston were sunk in a battle against overwhelming Japanese forces in the 1942 Battle of the Sunda Strait. About half of Perth’s crew went down with the ship, including the Captain – Captain Hec Waller. Those who survived the sinking became prisoners of war. Approximately one-third of them died during captivity, many on the Burma – Thailand railway.

**Sunday, 23 April**
75th Anniversary - Massacre of Vyner Brooke
The 75th Anniversary of the massacre of Australian nurses and other survivors of the Vyner Brooke, Banka Island and Strait of Sumatra.

Vyner Brooke was one the last ships carrying evacuees (including 65 Australian nurses) to leave Singapore in February 1942. It was sunk by Japanese aircraft in the Banka Strait. At Radji Beach, survivors of Vyner Brooke, along with other civilians, Commonwealth servicemen and merchant seaman were separated out by Japanese troops. The men were shot and bayoneted. One British soldier Private Cecil Kinsley, survived, but succumbed to his injuries a few days later. The remaining women (22 Australian nurses plus one British civilian woman) were ordered to wade into the sea. They were then all shot from behind by the Japanese. Australian nursing Sister Vivian Bullwinkel survived the shooting and spent the rest of the war as an internee.

Of the 65 Australian nurses embarked upon the Vyner Brooke, 12 were killed during the air attack or drowned following the sinking, 21 were murdered on Radji Beach, and 32 became internees, eight of whom subsequently died before the end of the war.

**Monday, 24 April**
100th Anniversary - Battles of Bullecourt and Passchendaele
The 100th Anniversary of the Battles of Bullecourt and Lagincourt and 100th Anniversary of the Third Battle of Passchendaele - Ypres.
ANZAC DAY SERVICES 2017

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LEGEND
1. First Aid & Lost Persons
2. Forming Up Area
3. Saluting Dais
4. Commemorative Service
5. March Vehicle Entry
6. March Pedestrian Entry

Subject to Change

ANZAC DAY EVENT MAP
25 April 2017
PERTH CBD

ELIZABETH QUAY
Elizabeth Quay Station
ST GEORGES TCE
IRWIN ST
TERRACE RD
GOVERNORS AVE
HILL STREET

HAY ST MAIL
HOWARD ST
HAY ST
ST GEORGES TCE
ST GEORGES TCE
IRWIN ST
TERRACE RD
GOVERNORS AVE
HILL STREET

ELIZABETH QUAY
SWAN RIVER

Legend:
- Parade Route
- Road Closures
- Event Areas

Subject to Change
ANZAC Day

Gunfire Breakfast

With the closure of ANZAC House we would like to remind members that ANZAC Club is unable to provide refreshments or food at 28 St Georges Terrace.

We encourage members to attend the ANZAC Day Gunfire Breakfast for a gold coin donation at Stirling Gardens (adjacent to Council House) from 7.00am to 9.00am.

The event will cater for up to 2,000 people. The event is proudly supported by Rotary Club of Heirisson.

Vehicles

RSLWA offers a unique service to those men and women who served in the armed services. If you are unable to physically march for any reason, we will arrange for a driver to collect you (or the passenger, if you are assisting) from your home, take you into Perth to take part in the parade and service in a car, then home again.

The service is not able to simply take you to Perth so you can March. Any passenger we collect must stay with the vehicle. Our drivers always provide morning tea for passengers.

We can deal with minor medical issues and have had passengers with a range of conditions, including mild dementia. There is no cost for this service.

Phone: Cassandra Brennan 0402 845 459 cassandra@monarchevents.com.au

Jeeps

This information is required.

A. Each Veteran is to have a name tag with the following on it.
   - Veteran’s Name. - Veteran’s Age. - Veteran’s Unit. - Veterans Contact Details of Family/Carer.

B. Drop off point prior to Parade:
   - Assembly area, Barrack ST. (close to St Georges Tce.) or Langley Park (pump station).

C. Drop off point after parade/service.

Phone: Bob Wise 0422 064 453. bob.wise@hotmail.com robert.wise@justice.wa.gov.au
CITY OF PERTH — PARADE AND SERVICES

SUNSET SERVICES
STATE WAR MEMORIAL, KINGS PARK AND BOTANIC GARDEN
EACH EVENING FROM 20 APRIL TO 24 APRIL AT 5.00PM – 5.30PM.

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Evening 1 April 20
75th Anniversary – Bomber Command Operations.

Evening 2 April 21
75th Anniversary – Battles of El Alamein & Kokoda.

Evening 3 April 22
75th Anniversary – HMAS Perth & USS Houston Sinking.

Evening 4 April 23
75th Anniversary – Massacre of Vyner Brooke.

Evening 5 April 24
100th Anniversary – Battles of Bullecourt and Passchendaele.

DAWN SERVICE
STATE WAR MEMORIAL, KINGS PARK AND BOTANIC GARDEN
5.50AM – 7.00AM

The Dawn Service will be conducted at the State War Memorial on Fraser Avenue commencing at 6.00am. We recommend arriving from 4.00am onwards. Some travel delays may be experienced, so please plan your journey and allow extra time to get to the Commemoration. Please note at 5.50am lights will go out and at 6.00am all will be quiet as the Service commences.

DAWN SERVICE – Special Access: Parking and Seating
Parking passes and reserved seating accreditation are available for aged, infirm and disabled veterans. Accreditation and parking passes can be obtained by contacting RSLWA on (08) 9287 3799. events@rslwa.org.au

GUNFIRE BREAKFAST
STIRLING GARDENS FROM 7.00AM – 9.00AM

The community is invited to attend a Gunfire Breakfast for a gold coin donation, to share the spirit of ANZAC Day. The breakfast will be held in Stirling Gardens on St Georges Terrace (adjacent to Council House). The event will cater for up to 2,000 people.

MARCH
BARRACK STREET, ST GEORGES TERRACE, VICTORIA AVENUE 9.00AM - 11.00AM

The Australian Defence Force will step off from the corner of Barrack Street and St Georges Terrace at 9.00am, followed by veteran-carrying vehicles and military jeeps, and the Ex-Services Unit, Corps, Regimental Associations

The March will head east along St Georges Terrace, turn right onto Victoria Avenue and into Langley Park. To secure a good viewing area at the March, we suggest you arrive around 8.30am. The Parade route extends along St Georges Terrace from Barrack Street to Victoria Avenue.

COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE
LANGLEY PARK 11.00AM

The Commemorative Service program will feature the Salvation Army Perth Fortress Band and choir brought together from the Perth Modern School Choirs, Chorus Angelicus, Phoenix and Schola Cantori. The Service concludes at 11.45am.

Seating will be provided for 1,000 people at the Commemorative Service, standing areas are also available. Proceedings can be easily seen on large screens.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

It is recommended that you take public transport to ANZAC Day events.

Transperth will be running special event train and shuttle bus services to get you to Kings Park in time for the Dawn Service. Trains will arrive into Perth Station and free shuttle busses to Kings Park will depart from Perth Busport.

There will also be a Kings Park internal shuttle service (Route 621) operating between the Vietnam War Memorial at Synergy Parkland and the coach terminus near Wadjuk.

Please plan your journey and allow extra time to get to your event, especially the Dawn Service.

In recognition of the great sacrifice made by the men and women of our armed forces, all veterans, serving and returned services personnel wearing service uniforms, campaign ribbons or medals can travel free on ANZAC Day. There is plenty of parking at train stations and parking on ANZAC Day is free.

For more information on Transperth services and to plan your journey, please visit www.transperth.wa.gov.au or call 13 62 13. Hearing or speech impaired? Call via NRS 133 677 and ask for 13 62 13.
~ ANZAC DAY PROVISIONAL ORDER OF MARCH ~

TUESDAY, 25 APRIL 2017

1 Defence Reps (RAN, Army, RAAF)
   Mounted Police

   DEFENCE FORCES CONTINGENT
   RAN Band – WA Detachment
   Royal Australian Navy
   Australian Army Band Perth
   Australian Army
   Trinity College Pipes and Drums and Coastal
   Scottish Pipe Band
   Royal Australian Air Force
   7 Wing Air Force Cadet Drum Corps
   (Band 1)
   Australian Navy Cadets
   Australian Army Cadets
   7 Wing Air Force Cadet Drum Corps
   (Band 2)
   7 Wing Australian Air Force Cadets
   WA Police Pipe Band
   WA Police
   Police Rangers
   WA Fire & Emergency Services Concert Band
   Department of Fire & Emergency Services
   Fire & Emergency Services Cadet Corps

   EX-SERVICE CONTINGENT
   A Town of Victoria Park Brass Band
   State Presidents’ of RSL, Naval Assoc, RAAF
   Assoc, & Perth Legacy of WA

   10 x Australian National Flags
   10 x New Zealand National Flags
   WW1 Banners & Victoria Cross Recipient
   Banners – Escorted by Westralian Great War
   Living History Assoc
   Legacy Wards
   War Widows Guild
   2 Jeeps
   3 Veteran Carrying Cars

   NAVAL SECTION
   B Perth Fortress Salvation Army Band
   Naval Assoc of Aust (WA) Section State
   Executive
   Naval Assoc (City of Perth Sub-Section)
   WRANS-RAN Women’s Association WA
   Fleet Air Arm Assoc of Aust WA Division
   HMAS Perth National Assoc
   HMAS Brisbane Assoc
   HMAS Hobart Assoc
   Scotch College Pipe Band (Band 1)
   HMAS Sydney Assoc
   RAN WWII Heavy Cruisers (HMAS Canberra
   Assoc, HMAS Australia Assoc, HMAS Shropshire
   Assoc)
   RAN Communications Branch Assoc
   ‘N’ Class Destroyers Assoc
   Tribal Class Destroyers Assoc
   (HMAS Arunta, HMAS Warramunga, HMAS Bataan)

   C Perth Metro Pipe Band
   RAN Clearance Divers Assoc
   Far East Strategic Reserve (Navy) Assoc
   Vietnam Logistics Support Veterans Assoc (incl
   HMAS Sydney II)
   Defensively Equipped Merchant Ships Assoc
   Tingira Association

   ARMY SECTION
   D The Royal Agricultural Society of WA Brass
   Band
   6th Aust Division Cavalry Regiment Assoc
   (WA)
   Royal Australian Armoured Corps Assoc (WA
   Branch)
   1st Armoured Regiment Assoc
   3rd Cavalry Regiment Assoc
   Royal Australian Armoured Corps Vietnam
   Veterans Assoc
   Royal Australian Artillery Assoc of WA
   Churchlands Senior High School (Band 1)
   101 Field Battery Assoc
   102 Field Battery Assoc
   104 Field Battery Assoc
   2/7th Field Regiment Artillery Assoc
   2/3rd Aust Composite AA Regiment Assoc
   RAE Ex-Servicemen’s Assoc (Engineer Units)
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   PARADE VEHICLES

   PARADE PEDESTRIANS

   COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE

   LANGLEY PARK

   ANZAC DAY
   EVENT MAP

   25 APRIL 2017
   MARCH FORM-UP MAP
   Start time: 9:00am
   PERTH CBD

   ANZAC Day
   March Forming Area

   LEGEND

   Parade Route

   Road Closures
   6:00am to 12:30pm

   Subject to Change

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   City of Perth

   Kings Park & Botanic Garden

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   The West Australian
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E Churchlands Senior High School (Band 2)
Royal Australian Signals Assoc
2/11th AIF Battalion Assoc
2/16th AIF Battalion Assoc
2/20th AIF Battalion Assoc
51 ACU Swan Regiment Drums & Pipes
2/28th Battalion & 24th Anti Tank Coy Assoc
2/32nd Battalion Assoc
2/3rd Battalion Assoc
48th & 2/48th Battalion Assoc
2/3rd Machine Gunners Battalion Assoc
2/4th Machine Gun Battalion Assoc
13th Brigade AIF Group (16th AIF Battalion Assoc, 11th AIF Battalion, 28th, 44th Battalion Assoc(s))

F Presbyterian Ladies College
Royal Australia Regiment Association
1 RAR
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Australian Army Band Perth
7 RAR
8 RAR
8/9 RAR
9 RAR

G RAN Band
Combined Commandos Squadron Assoc (incl 2/2 Commando Squadron)
Royal Western Australian Regiment Assoc (incl 16th Bn Cameron Highlanders)
Australian SAS Assoc

City Of Cockburn Pipe Band
Australian Army Training Team Vietnam Assoc (AATTV)
HQ 1 Australian Task Force Assoc
161 (Indep) Recce Flight Assoc
Australian Intelligence Corps Assoc (WA)
Royal Australian Corps of Transport & Royal
Australian Army Service Corps Assoc
1 Australian Field Hospital Assoc
Field Ambulance Assoc (incl 2/13th)

H City of Perth Brass Band
Royal Australian Army Ordnance Corps Assoc
Royal Australian Electrical & Mechanical Engineers Assoc
Royal Australian Army Pay Corps Assoc
Scotch College Pipe Band (Band 2)
Military Police Assoc
Royal Australian Army Nursing Corps Assoc
Women’s Royal Australian Army Corps Assoc
Officer Training Unit Scheyville
Australian Red Cross Assoc

AIR FORCE SECTION

I WA Police Pipe Band
Royal Australian Air Force Assoc
Pathfinders Assoc
Bomber Command Veterans
No. 25 City of Perth Squadron Branch Assoc
RAAF Police Assoc
WA Fire & Emergency Services Concert Band
No. 3 Telecommunications Assoc
RAAF Libon Assoc
RAAF Vietnam Veterans Assoc
No 9 Squadron Assoc
WRAAF Branch Assoc

TRI-SERVICE CONTINGENTS

J Town of Victoria Park Brass Band
Australian Ex-Services Atomic Survivors Assoc
National Malay & Borneo Veterans Assoc
(including KSEAVA)

The Royal Agricultural Society of WA Brass Band
Vietnam Veterans Assoc

K Perth Metro Pipe Band
Honouring Indigenous War Graves Assoc
Australian Peacekeeper & Peacemaker Veterans’ Assoc
Gulf War/Peacekeepers Assoc
Defence Reserves Assoc
National Servicemens’ Assoc

COMMONWEALTH & ALLIED FORCES SECTION

L Churchlands Senior High School (Band 1)
New Zealand Ex-Service Men and Women
Ex-Royal New Zealand Navy
British Ex-Services Assoc
Royal Marines Assoc
Royal Green Jackets Assoc
Airborne Forces Assoc of WA
Churchlands Senior High School (Band 2)
North American Veterans’ Unit
Rhodesian Assoc
South African Military Veterans Organisation of Aust

M WA Sikh Band
Sikh Ex-Servicemen
Greek Australian Ex-Servicemen’s Assoc
British Ex-Servicemen
Korean Ex-Servicemen
Turkish Ex-Servicemen
7 Wing Air Force Cadets Drum Corps
(VBand 1)
Vietnamese Ex-Servicemen
Relatives of Deceased Veterans
Scouts
Girl Guides
7 Wing Air Force Cadets Drum Corps
(Band 2)

ANZAC Day Commemorative MARCH PROTOCOLS

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

In respect of participating in the ANZAC Day Commemorative March, participants should be aware that the consensus of the returned servicemen and women, who form the body of this March, is that they be allowed to retain the integrity of their individual units for as long as possible.

While they recognise the importance of and respect the participation of next-of-kin (NOK), they request the following guidelines be observed by all participants:

- All marchers should conform to forming up and marching four abreast.
- Veterans should march directly behind their unit banner, accompanied by one carer if needed. That carer should be of an age where they can directly assist the veteran.
- Veterans having difficulty completing the March are encouraged to use the transport provided, but must remain in the vehicle until the March is complete.
- If a veteran must fall out of the March, he/she should be directed to a Marshall for assistance. Unit Associations should continue so as not to disrupt the movement of the March.
- NOK should march behind the veterans and be old enough to march the full distance without assistance. Please note baby prams are not permitted.
- NOK representation should be restricted to one per veteran. Attire should be neat and tidy out of respect to the fallen (torn denim, sporting attire, dirty joggers etc are not acceptable standards).
- Carrying pictures of relatives is not supported.

- NOK are to wear medals on the right breast (left breast is reserved for the original owners).
- Media services have been advised not to conduct interviews ‘on the move’ during the March.
- Veterans are requested not to join or leave the March other than at the Assembly or Dispersal points.
- Only recognised National Flags are to be carried in the Parade.
- Please note that this is not a cultural parade but a March for ADF, and Ex-Service personnel, and National Dress and NOK not wearing medals is not supported.

We would be grateful if you adopted these guidelines and by doing so you will not only honour your fallen comrades and forebears, but you will also help maintain the ANZAC tradition we are all so proud of.

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METRO EVENTS

APPLECROSS
APRIL 23
10.15am Commemorative March and Service, Wireless Hill, Booragoon.
Parking: Available at Wireless Hill public carparks. Access off Almondbury Road, Ardross. Wheelchair friendly.
Contact: Barry O’Neill. barry.oneill1954@bigpond.com 9259 5151/0401 804 624

ARMADALE
APRIL 25
5.15am Parade assembles at Armadale RSL. 5.20am Parade form up, 1 Commerce Avenue. 5.30am Parade marches off. 5.40am Dawn Service commences. 7.00am Gunfire Breakfast.
Contact: Anthony Wilton. secretary@armadalersl.com.au 0415 440 150

BALLAJURA
APRIL 25
5.50am Dawn Service, Ballajura War Memorial Peace Park, Illawarra Crescent South, Ballajura. Gunfire Breakfast (gold coin donation) will be served afterwards.
Parking: Ballajura Community College carpark.
Contact: Michael Clarke. cherylmick8@bigpond.com 9206 5402/0421 056 533

BEDFORD – MORLEY
APRIL 23
2.00pm Memorial Service, cnr of Beaufort and Salisbury Streets, Bedford. After the service meet at the RSL Hall, cnr of Grand Promenade and Craven Street for light refreshments.
Contact: Colin Robb. colinrobb@hotmail.com 9276 2683

BELLEVUE
APRIL 24
5.15pm Sunset Service, Blackboy Hill Commemorative Site.

BELMONT
APRIL 4
10.00am Combined school ANZAC service, War Memorial, Faulkner Park, Wright Street, Cloverdale.
APRIL 23
2.00pm City of Belmont ANZAC Service, War Memorial, Faulkner Park, Wright Street, Cloverdale.
APRIL 25
5.45am Dawn Service, War Memorial, Faulkner Park, Wright Street, Cloverdale. 7.30am Gunfire Breakfast. City of Belmont RSL, 22 Leake Street, Ascot. All day entertainment and light lunch.
Contact: Steve Toon. belmontrsl@highway1.com.au 9478 2329/0412 422 760

BICTON – PALMYRA
APRIL 25
6.00am Dawn Service outside RSL, 28 Foss Street, Bicton. 7.00am Gunfire Breakfast.
Parking: Opposite RSL Sub-Branch behind McDonald’s.
Contact: Kevin Hastie. 9339 6401
Other Information: Finger food provided at Sub-Branch from 12:30pm with a live band (Twice Shy) from 1.00pm.

BULLSBROOK & DISTRICTS
APRIL 25
5.45am Street March. 6.00am Dawn Service. 7.00am Gunfire Breakfast.
Parking: Local school, surrounding streets, rear carpark, RSL Hall.
Contact: Penny de Grussa. bullsbrookrsl@bigpond.com 0411 043 887
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CAMBRIDGE
APRIL 25
7.45am March/form up in front of West Leederville Town Hall. 8.00am Morning service at Cenotaph. 9.00am Breakfast at Bowling Club.
Parking: Parking on site at the Cenotaph including disabled bays and good wheelchair access.
Contact: Alan Wilson. awilson@amnet.net.au 0417 908 262

CANNING DISTRICTS
APRIL 25
6.00am Dawn Service followed by a Gunfire Breakfast. 7.45am ANZAC Day March. 8.00am Service at War Memorial.
Parking: Parking at Sub-Branch, 162 Wharf Street and in George Way, Cannington.
Contact: Terry Reynolds. 9398 4928

CLAREMONT
APRIL 25
7.30am Service, Claremont War Memorial, cnr Stirling Highway and Bay View Terrace. Lions Club Breakfast to follow in Claremont Park.
Contact: Town of Claremont. toc@claremont.wa.gov.au 9285 4300

COCKBURN
APRIL 25
5.30am Dawn Service. 6.15am Gunfire Breakfast. 7.45am Form up, Cockburn RSL, 73 Frederick Road, Hamilton Hill. March to Cockburn Memorial Hall, Rockingham Road and Carrington Street cnr, Hamilton Hill. 10.15am Main Parade and Service, sausage sizzle at Sub-Branch to follow.

COTTESLOE
APRIL 25
6.45am Personnel form up at top gate. 7.00am Dawn Service at main lawn. 7.45am Gunfire Breakfast in War Memorial, Town Hall.
Parking: ACROD parking outside Civic Centre, Main Entrance. All other parking on and off street around the Civic Centre.
Contact: Jon Sciortino. sciortino@iinet.net.au 0410 446 655

DAWESVILLE
APRIL 25
6.00am Dawn Service, Dawesville War Memorial, Estuary Drive. 7.00am Gunfire Breakfast. Port Bouvard Recreation and Sporting Club, 1 Thibe Drive.
Contact: Stan Davies. dawesville.rsl@bigpond.com 0418 903 722/0439 429 447

EASTERN REGIONAL
APRIL 25
6.00am Dawn Service, Halliday Park, Bayswater. 9.00am Morning Service, Stirling Square, Guildford. 10.45am March/form up near Parker Street and Old Perth Road, Bassendean Memorial. 12.30pm Light lunch at RSL Hall for members. 10 Kenny Street, Bassendean.
Parking: All street parking.
Contact: Ashley Vince. easternregional.rsl@gmail.com 0428 788 703

ELLENBOURNE
APRIL 25
5.45am Assemble, Ellenbrook District Open Space, corner Bordeaux Lane and Maffina Parade, Ellenbrook. 6.00am March on. 6.10am Dawn service. 7.15am Gunfire Breakfast.
Parking: Ample parking spaces.
Contact: Cass McQueen. secretary@ellenbrookrsl@gmail.com 0424 190 604

FREMANTLE CITY
APRIL 25
5.30am Dawn Service, Monument Hill, Fremantle. 10.30am ANZAC Parade through Fremantle. 12.30pm Family and Two-up, Kings Square, Fremantle.
Contact: Rob Cashman. robcashman@hotmail.com 0466 650 312

GOSNELLS
APRIL 25
6.00am Assemble at Coles carpark, Gosnells City Centre. 6.30am March off to Memorial. 7.00am Service starts at Memorial. 8.00am Gunfire Breakfast.
Parking: Coles carpark.
Contact: Fred Batt. gosnellsrsl@gmail.com 0419 040 820

JOONDALUP CITY
APRIL 25
5.45am Dawn Service, Ocean Reef Memorial, Boat Harbor Quays, Ocean Reef. 6.30am Gunfire Breakfast, Ocean Reef Sea Sports Club, no bookings required.
Parking: Parking at Ocean Reef Marina, no charge.
Contact: Ken Beven. kpbeven@bigpond.com

KALAMUNDA
APRIL 22
10.30am Assemble for local March down Haynes Street (if possible – roadworks), left into Canning Road to Kostera Oval Memorial. Service followed by light refreshments at RSL Hall, Canning Road, Kalamunda.

KELMSCOTT – ROLEYSTONE
APRIL 25
6.00am Dawn Service, Rushton Park Cenotaph, River Road. 3.00pm Afternoon Service, Kelmscott Hall, Kelmscott.
Contact: Henry Zeleons. hzelones@bigpond.net.au

KWINANA
APRIL 25
5.15am Entertainment – Singer/Guitarist – John Logan. 6.00am Dawn Service. 6.30am Gunfire Breakfast – Medina Hall. 10.20am ANZAC Day March, Form up Hoyle Road, Medina. 11.00am ANZAC Day Service, War Memorial, Pace Road, Medina. 11.45am Light lunch and refreshments.
Parking: Allocated for official guests and disabled adjacent to Memorial. General public are to utilise Medina Shopping Precinct carpark.
Contact: Terry Rusden. kwinarsl@bigpond.com 0431 927 259

MANDURAH
APRIL 25
5.30am Dawn Service. 7.00am Gunfire Breakfast, City of Mandurah RSL Sub-Branch, 22 Third Avenue. 9.30am Main service, parade form up on Pinjarra Road. 10.30am Parade step off. Service at Mandurah War Memorial. On completion of March public are invited back to the RSL for fellowship.
Parking: Available on Hall Park adjacent to the Memorial off Leighton Street.
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Access parking is available for those with an ACROD sticker. Members of the SES will be directing parking.

Contact: Teresa Williams. secmanrsl@westnet.com.au 9581 4781

MOSMAN PARK

APRIL 25
7.30am Gunfire Breakfast, Alf Adams Pavilion, Solomon Street. 10.00am Service at Memorial Park, Bayview Terrace with fellowship afterwards.

Contact: Kevin Poynton. 0421 380 451

NORTH BEACH

APRIL 25
5.45am Dawn Service, Memorial, cnr of North Beach Road and Kitchener Street.

Parking: Attendants will be in position on both North Beach Road and Kitchener Street.

Contact: Rob Sweet. robsweet@arach.net.au 0417 654 533

Other Information: The area is wheelchair friendly but with limited seating.

NORTHBRIDGE

APRIL 25
12.00pm Vietnamese Service with Gunfire Breakfast, U&I Café, Shop 4-5/45 Francis Street.

Contact: Than Nguyen. tvn52@hotmail.com 0413 354 031

OSBORNE PARK

APRIL 25
6.30am – 7.30am Short March stepping off 6.35am from Hamilton Street to Sub-Branch Memorial for a Service and Tiger Moth aircraft flyover at the Slouch Hat Memorial on the cnr of Cape and Main Street, Osborne Park. Service supported by Bugler and Choir and followed by a donation Gunfire Breakfast (sausage sizzle) with refreshments available.


Contact: Michael Nel. thenels@westnet.com.au

Other Information: Public wreaths may be laid.

PERTH

APRIL 20 - 24
Sunset Service 5.00pm - 5.30pm – See main article.

Held over five evenings. Different theme every night.

Other information: www.rslwa.org.au

APRIL 25
Dawn Service 5.50am - 7.00am – See main article.

State War Memorial, Fraser Avenue, Kings Park & Botanic Garden.

Other information: www.rslwa.org.au

Gunfire Breakfast 7.00am - 9.00am

Stirling Gardens, cnr St Georges Terrace and Barrack Street, Perth City.

The community is invited to attend a Gunfire Breakfast for a gold coin donation, to share the spirit of ANZAC Day. The event will cater for up to 2,000 people.

Other information: www.rslwa.org.au

March 9.00am – See route maps.

Perth City Streets

The Australian Defence Force will step off from the corner of Barrack Street and St Georges Terrace at 9.00am, followed by veteran-carrying vehicles and military jeeps, and the Ex-Services Unit, Corps, Regimental Associations. The March will head east along St Georges Terrace, turn right onto Victoria Avenue and into Langley Park.

Other information: www.rslwa.org.au

Commemorative Service 11.00am - 11.45am

Langley Park

The March will enter Langley Park off Victoria Street. The Commemorative Service program will feature the Salvation Army Perth Fortress Band and choir brought together from the Perth Modern School Choirs, Chorus Angelicus, Phoenix and Schola Cantori.

Other Information: www.rslwa.org.au

PORT KENNEDY

APRIL 25
6.00am Dawn Service, Rockingham Village Green, hosted by City of Rockingham Sub-Branch. 7.00am Gunfire Breakfast, Port Kennedy Sub-Branch. 10.00am March through Rockingham followed by a service at the memorial. 12.30pm Fellowship, band, two-up and refreshments.

Contact: Steve Elliot. admin@rslpk.com.au 9524 5855/0447 447 493
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QUINNS ROCKS
APRIL 25
5.45am Arrival. 6.00am Dawn Service. 7.00am Gunfire Breakfast, Quinns Rocks Sports Club, Tapping Way. 2.00pm Two-up.
Contact: Peter Meldrum. peter@petermeldrum.com 0421 116 599

RIVERTON
APRIL 25
5.45am Fall in. 6.00am Dawn Service at Memorial in front of Sub-Branch at 153 High Road, Willetton. Followed by Gunfire Breakfast.
Parking: Ample parking available at both front and rear of Sub-Branch.
Contact: Bill Collidge. bcollidge@optusnet.com.au 0404 426 855

ROCKINGHAM
APRIL 25
5.30am Dawn Service at Cenotaph, Flinders Lane. 7.00am Gunfire Breakfast at PCYC, Emma Street. 10.00am March/Form up in front of Churchill Park, Rockingham Beach Road. 10.30am March step off. 11.00am Main service at Cenotaph, Flinders Lane.
Parking: Access to Flinders Lane, Rockingham Beach Road, Kent Street and Rail Terrace will close from 9.00am until 12.00pm therefore limited parking available on the foreshore. Catch 555 Bus from Railway Station or Shopping Centre to Foreshore area.
Contact: Mark Weldon. rswrock@westnet.com.au 9592 4222/0437 109 632

ROTTNEST ISLAND
APRIL 25
6.00am Dawn Service on the grassed area outside Dôme Café presided over by Australian Navy Officers. Children’s activities at Kingston Barracks include biscuit baking, Marches and writing postcards to soldiers. Early morning ferries will be available from Hillarys and Fremantle.
Contact: Rottnest Island Authority. www.ria.wa.gov.au 9432 9300

SCARBOROUGH
APRIL 24
6.00pm All-night Vigil by 1 Wembley Downs Scout Group Commences.
APRIL 25
6.00am All-night Vigil by 1 Wembley Downs Scout Group Concludes.
3.00pm ANZAC Day Ceremony commences with slow March by Wembley Downs Scout Group. Ceremony follows concluding with NZ and Australian National Anthems and adjourn to adjacent Hall for Afternoon Tea.
Contact: Malcolm F Till FCPA. 9341 5416/0439 415 414

SERPENTINE – JARRAHDALE
APRIL 25
There are two services: Dawn Service and Commemorative Service both at ANZAC Crescent Memorial Park, cnr Doley Road, Byford.
Dawn Service: Seated by 5.45am for 6.00am start. 7.00am Gunfire Breakfast.
Commemorative Service: 8.15am Parade form up. 9.00am Service commences. 10.00am Morning tea.
Parking: Vacant block on Mead Street, opposite ANZAC Crescent Memorial Park, Byford.
Contact: Shana McKay. 0417 499 516

SHENTON PARK
APRIL 25
6.50am Parade assembles at the cnr of King Street and Onslow Road.
7.00am Service, outside Shenton Park Community Centre, 240 Onslow Road. 7.30am Morning tea. Public invited.
Parking: Available in Onslow Road and Herbert Road.
Contact: Peter Hopper. dhop9386@bigpond.net.au 9381 9558

SIR JOHN MONASH
APRIL 25
Dawn Service to begin immediately following the State service, Jewish War Memorial, Kings Park. All are welcome.
Parking: Limited.
Contact: Warren Austin. wbaustin@wn.com.au 9375 3181

SOUTH PERTH
APRIL 25
7.00am Members from the 3rd Squadron, Pilbara Regiment, RSL Members and Scouts March from South Terrace to the Memorial, South Perth Council offices, cnr South Terrace and Sandgate Street, South Perth. The service will include wreath laying by community groups, government and individuals. Morning tea to follow in Council Hall.
Parking: Sandgate Street oval.
Contact: Bonnie Atkinson. southperthsrl@gmail.com 9450 2362

SUBIACO
APRIL 25
8.00am Assembly at the Subiaco Post Office, Roekey Road. 8.10am March off lead by City of Perth band. 8.25am Service, Subiaco Memorial, cnr Roekey and Hammersley Roads.
Parking: Ample parking in Playfield Park Reserve, access via Devenish Street.
Contact: Jacque Liddiard. info@victoriaparkrsl.org.au 9361 8802/0432 201 440

WANNEROO
APRIL 25
5.45pm ANZAC Eve Service, 1 Fred Bell Parade, East Victoria Park. Please arrive early, we will commence strictly at 5.55pm. Tea/coffee and light supper following this Service.
Parking: Ample parking in Playfield Park Reserve, access via Devenish Street.
Contact: Malcolm Gow. gowms@aol.com.au 9561 2217

VICTORIA PARK
APRIL 24
5.45pm ANZAC Eve Service, 1 Fred Bell Parade, East Victoria Park. Please arrive early, we will commence strictly at 5.55pm. Tea/coffee and light supper following this Service.
Parking: Ample parking in Playfield Park Reserve, access via Devenish Street.
Contact: Malcolm Gow. gowms@aol.com.au 9561 2217

WANNEROO
APRIL 25
5.45pm Assembly followed by inaugural Dawn Service at The Wanneroo War Memorial, Wanneroo. 7.00am Parade of Veterans and community followed by a Gunfire Breakfast.
Contact: Jack Le Cras OAM. 9409 1014

YANCHEP – TWO ROCKS
APRIL 25
5.45am Dawn Service, followed by Gunfire Breakfast, Yanchep Sports & Social Club. 11.30am Main Service, Yanchep National Park. Two up to follow.
Contact: Malcolm Gow. gwans@arol.com.au 9561 2217

YOKINE – JOONDANNA
APRIL 25
12.30pm Guests arrive, met by President of the Yokine – Joondanna Sub-Branch, Yokine Districts Bowling Club, 10 Wordsworth Avenue. 12.45pm Service, with welcome by Secretary Mick Tuttle. 1.15pm Service concludes with national anthem.
Contact: Graham Stevens. gstevens@iinet.net.au 9370 2814/0419 934 219
REGIONAL EVENTS

ALBANY
APRIL 25
5.30am Dawn Service: MT Clarence. 6.00am Gunfire Breakfast, Albany Entertainment Centre. 10.00am ANZAC Day Parade, York Street. 10.30am ANZAC Memorial Service, ANZAC Peace Park.
Parking: General parking available at Albany Entertainment Centre car park. ACROD parking available adjacent to ANZAC Peace Park.
Contact: Laurie Fraser. clanfraser09@bigpond.com 0400 446 954

BAKERS HILL
APRIL 25
10.45am Service held at the Memorial in Hooper Park.
Parking: Next to Hooper Park.
Contact: Lin Booth. lin.booth@bigpond.com 0428 612 480

BENCUBBIN
APRIL 25
6.00am Dawn Service, Mukinbudin War Memorial, Maddock Street. Gunfire Breakfast to follow. 9.30am Service, Bencubbin War Memorial, Bencubbin Recreation Centre. Morning tea to follow. 11.00am Service, Beacon War Memorial, Lucas Street. Morning tea to follow.
Contact: Len Cargeeg. len.cargeeg@bigpond.com 9685 1274/0428 851 274

BEVERLEY
APRIL 25
5.40am Form up, Post Office. 5.45am Dawn Service, Cenotaph, Vincent Street. 6.30am Gunfire Breakfast, RSL Hall, Forrest Street. 10.30am Form up, RSL Hall. 10.45am Service, Cenotaph. 12.00pm Light lunch, RSL Hall.
Contact: Irene Oram. ireneoram@wn.com.au 9646 0470/0439 923 501

BODDINGTON
APRIL 25
6.00am ANZAC Service, Memorial Park, Bannister Road, Boddington. Gunfire Breakfast at completion of ANZAC Service, RSL Hall, Hotham Road, Boddington.
Parking: Street parking is available.
Contact: Kevin Staden. kevstanden@gmail.com 0428 848 802

BOULDER
APRIL 25
6.00am Dawn Service, Boulder, Loopline Park. 6.30am Gunfire Breakfast, RSL Club, Piesse Street. 9.00am March from RSL Cub down Burt Street. 9.30am Ceremony at Loopline Park. 10.00am Drinks, RSL Club. 12.00pm Lunch, RSL Club.
Parking: Available at Council Carpark and at the back of the Town Hall on Cowley Street.
Contact: Jan Le Brun. 9021 9635

BOYUP BROOK
APRIL 25
5.30am Dawn Service at the Memorial, Abel Street, Boyup Brook. Gunfire Breakfast, Town Hall following the Memorial. 10.15am March assemblies outside the Commonwealth Bank, Abel Street. 10.40am March to War Memorial. 10.45am Memorial Service commences.
Parking: Available at Council Carpark and at the back of the Town Hall on Cowley Street.
Contact: Davina Dearden. boyupbrookrsl@gmail.com 0439 031 909
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Other Information: After the Memorial Service a late morning tea will be held at the Town Hall.

BROOKTON
APRIL 25
5.45am Assembly at Memorial Park, Brookton Highway. 6.00am Dawn Service. 7.00am Gunfire Breakfast, RSL Rooms, Robinson Road. 10.15am Marchers assemble at Fire Station. 10.27am March off. 10.30am Commemoration Service. Morning tea follows Commemoration Service.
Contact: Kim Stedman brooktonrsr@gmail.com

BROOME
APRIL 25
5.15am Dawn Service at Bedford Memorial Park. 6.00am Gunfire Breakfast at RSL, 18 Barker Street. 12.00pm Normal menu for lunch and dinner.
Parking: Weld Street and surrounding area plus the RSL carpark.
Contact: Sandy Long. secretary@broomersl.com.au 9196 0083/0417 119 890

BUNBURY
APRIL 25
4.30am Dawn Service, RSL Hall, 19 Spencer Street, Bunbury. Tea/coffee/biscuits provided at fall in. 5.45am March to ANZAC Park Memorial, Stirling Street. Live screens and extra seating for the elderly provided. 10.45am March, down Spencer Street via Stirling Street to Blair Street to Sound Shell for ANZAC Service. 11.00am Main Service, Bricknell Sound Shell.
Contact: John Gelmi president@bunrsl.org.au 9721 3277

BUSSELTON
APRIL 25
5.45am Dawn Service, Busselton War Memorial. 6.15am Gunfire Breakfast, Busselton RSL Hall. 9.45am Parade/March form up and step off from Queens Street, Jetty end. 10.00am Service, Busselton War Memorial. 11.00am Refreshments and activities at Busselton RSL complex.
Parking: Dawn Service – Adjacent parks close to Memorial plus street parking. Main service – Adjacent parks close to Memorial plus street parking. Both services have wheelchair access.
Contact: Glenn Woodward. secretarybnsrsl@bigpond.com 0409 081 452

CAPEL
APRIL 25
6.00am Dawn Service, Peppermint Grove Bach foreshore. 7.00am Gunfire Breakfast, Peppermint Grove Community Centre. 10.30am Parade form up, Forrest Road Capel, at Post Office. 10.40am Step off. 11.00am Service, RSL Hall, 7 Forrest Road Capel. 12.00pm Refreshments at RSL Hall.
Contact: Daryl Stevens. pieisshot@gmail.com 0457 832 321

CHIDLOW
APRIL 25
8.00am Gunfire Breakfast, The Chidlow Village Green. 9.15am ANZAC March, Memorial Avenue to ANZAC Day Memorial. 9.30am ANZAC Day Service. 10.30am - 12.00pm Morning Tea and Exhibition, Village Hall. 12.30pm Lunch and Live Entertainment.
Contact: Corrina Caswell. corrinacaswell@hotmail.com 0427 966 443

COLLIE
APRIL 25
6.00am Dawn Service, hosted by Collie – Cardiff RSL, Soldiers Park, Steere Street. Gunfire Breakfast at the Sub-Branch to follow. 10.40am Commemorative service, Soldiers Park. 2.00pm – 5.30pm Two-up and refreshments, RSL Hall.
Contact: Gary Benton. 0438 820 703

CUNDERLIN
APRIL 25
11.00am ANZAC Parade and Service, Cunderdin War Memorial, Main Street.
Contact: Christine Fulwood/Graham Cooper. codac@bigpond.com.au 9635 1240/0417 175 266

DARKAN
APRIL 25
10.45am March from Shire Hall. 11.00am Service, Darkan Memorial, followed by lunch at the Men’s Shed.
Contact: Gerry Harnett. 0427 272 635

DENMARK
APRIL 25
5.40am Dawn Service, Denmark Memorial, cnr South Coast Highway and Horsley Road. Followed by Gunfire Breakfast, Norm Thornton Park. 10.30am Form up at Denmark RSL Hall, Strickland Street. 10.40am March to Denmark Memorial. 11.00am Fly-past and traditional service followed by a light lunch at RSL Hall.
Parking: Within CBD and carparks.
Contact: Mark Davies. denmarkrs@westnet.com.au 0448 481 066

DERBY
APRIL 25
4.45am Muster, Old Fire Station, Clarendon Street. 5.00am Parade, arriving at Lions Park War Memorial, Loch Street, in front of Derby Civic Centre for ANZAC Service. Breakfast to follow, Derby Civic Centre.
Contact: Daniel Millar. derbyrsr@outlook.com.au

DONGARA
APRIL 25
6.00am Dawn Service. 6.45am Gunfire Breakfast. 10.45am Form up for March from Moreton Terrace to Memorial Park. 11.00am Service at Memorial Park. 12.00pm BBQ luncheon and two-up at clubrooms.
Parking: Moreton Terrace and Point Leander Drive.
Contact: Jim Gumley. james_gumley@hotmail.com 0427 441 379

DONNYBROOK
APRIL 25
6.00am Dawn Service, War Memorial, APEX Park, South West Highway, followed by Gunfire Breakfast at the Soldiers Memorial Hall, Bentley Street. 9.00am Main Service, form up, at Ayers Gardens, South West Highway. 9.30am Parade to RSL Memorial Park. 10.00am Service followed by sausage sizzle.
Contact: Ric Evans. careoliceevans@bigpond.com 0427 319 788

DOWLINGUP
APRIL 25
11.30am – 12.00pm Service, RSL Hall, McLarty Street, followed by refreshments and two-up.
Contact: Alf Allen. alf.ireen@bigpond.com 0427 313 178

ESPERANCE
APRIL 25
5.50am Parade form up at Esperance Post Office. 5.55am Step off. 6.00am Dawn Service, Town Memorial, Dempster Street, followed by Rotary Gunfire Breakfast. 10.30am Parade assemblies at beach end of Andrew Street. 10.40am Vehicles move off. 10.45am Marchers form up, parade step off, main Service followed by Lions Club BBQ lunch.
Parking: RSL Carpark.
Contact: Sonja Andrews. sonjalandrews@gmail.com 0427 140 116
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GASCOYNE
APRIL 25
5.30am Dawn Service, Carnarvon Centaph followed by Gunfire Breakfast at Gascoyne RSL. 10.30am March, Stuart Street, Johnston Street, and Francis Street followed by a Service at Centaph then lunch and fellowship at RSL.
Contact: Edward Garrett. gascoyne.rsl@iinet.net.au 0428 411 271

GERALDTON CITY
APRIL 25
5.30am Assemble at McDonald’s carpark, Chapman Road. 5.55am Step off to March to Birdwood House for Dawn Service. 6.00am Dawn Service commences, Gunfire Breakfast will follow at completion of the service.
10.00am Assemble in Maitland Street. 10.45am Step off for March to Birdwood House for service. 11.00am Service conducted at Birdwood House.
Contact: Ian Herberle. bones@westnet.com.au 0419 214 379
Other information: Bar will be open after the Service. Two-up will again be on during the afternoon.

GREENBUSHES
APRIL 25
5.45am Parade (led by the Light Horse Troop), RSL Hall. 6.00am Dawn Service, Greenbushes Memorial. 7.00am Gunfire Breakfast, Town Hall (adjacent to Memorial).
Contact: Pat Scallan. gwallia1@iinet.net.au 0427 643 508

HARVEY
APRIL 25
6.00am Dawn Service, War Memorial, cnr Uduc Road and Young Street, followed by sausage sizzle at Town Hall. 10.00am Assembly for March outside Parton’s IGA, Uduc Road. Proceed to War Memorial for Service followed by refreshments in the Town Hall.
Contact: Trish Rumble. 9729 2943/0448 792 943

HYDEN
APRIL 25
Contact: John Read. ceo@kondinin.wa.gov.au 9889 1006

JURIEN BAY
APRIL 25
5.30am Dawn Service, Cervantes Memorial Park, Aragon Street. 10.45am Form up for main Service at Jurien Bay War Memorial, Federation Memorial Park. 11.00am March on and main service at War Memorial. 12.00pm Food and refreshments at Jurien Bay Country Golf Club, Nineteenth Avenue.
Parking: Cervantes – Plenty of street parking adjacent to Memorial Park on Aragon and Talavera Streets. Jurien Bay – Limited parking at War Memorial, with plenty of street parking on Hastings Street.
Contact: Barry Wilson. juriensl@bigpond.com 9652 1027

KALGOORLIE
APRIL 25
6.00am Dawn Service, War Memorial next to Railway station, followed by Gunfire Breakfast, Kalgoorlie Ex-Servicemen’s Club, Dugan Street. 10.45am Fall in opposite St Barbara’s Square for March along Hannan and Wilson Streets to War Memorial. 11.30am Commemorative Service at War Memorial followed by refreshments at Ex-Servicemen’s Club.
Parking: Limited parking at War Memorial. Parking in streets nearby.
Contact: Robyn Steenbach. robyn@peoplehire.com.au 0410 549 946

KAMBALDA
APRIL 25
5.45am Dawn Service followed by Gunfire Breakfast. 10.45am March from the old Fire Station, followed by Service at the Memorial, then refreshments in Kambalda Club.
Parking: At rear of Club and on the street opposite the Bowling Green.
Contact: Allan Lindup. allanlindup1@bigpond.com 0402 812 222

KARRATHA & DISTRICTS
APRIL 25
6.00am Dawn Service, Karratha Golf Club. March and Gunfire Breakfast (held by Karratha Scouts) to follow.
Contact: Crystal Shanahan. crystal.shanahan@karratha.wa.gov.au 9185 8666

KARRIDALE – AUGUSTA
APRIL 25
6.20am Dawn Service, RSL Memorial Park, corner York Street and Osnaburg Street, Augusta. 7.00am Gunfire breakfast. 10.45am Main Service. 11.30am Lunch in the Park, all welcome.
Parking: Street parking available.
Contact: Bob Stiles. steph.bob@bigpond.com 9758 4172/0417 936 211

KATANNING
APRIL 25
5.30am Dawn Service, Town Memorial, Carew Street.
Parking: Cliff Street and Carew Street.
Contact: Tamara Ford. lionskatgz3@yahoo.com.au 0407 932 288

KOJONUP
APRIL 25
8.00am Service, RSL Hall, followed by Gunfire Breakfast. 10.00am Muradup service, war memorial, followed by morning tea at Muradup Hall.
Contact: G Pember. ghpember@westnet.com.au 9831 1136

KONDININ
APRIL 25
6.15am Dawn Service, Yeerakine Rock, followed by March and ceremony, ANZAC Memorial Garden next to Town Hall, Kondinin. Gunfire Breakfast afterwards; all welcome.
Parking: Bottom of Yeerakine Rock located 8kms on left along Sloan Road (2kms east of town) from its interaction with Brookton Highway.
Contact: John Read. ceo@kondinin.wa.gov.au 9889 1006.
Other information: Service will include the iconic laser cut 3.2m high steel silhouette statue of a horse mounted against the sunrise, representing the WWI Light Horseman from the Kondinin area.

KUNUNURRA
APRIL 25
4.30am Dawn Service, ANZAC Hill, Victoria Highway. A Gunfire Breakfast follows. 9.15am Muster for March past, Town Service at Cenotaph, Coolibah Drive.
Contact: Alan Byrnes. rslknx@gmail.com

LANCELIN & COASTAL DISTRICTS
APRIL 25
5.45am Dawn Service, Harold Park, Gingin Road. 7.00am Gunfire Breakfast, Endeavour Tavern.
Parking: Plenty on Gingin Road.
Contact: Norm Pearce. navypearce1@bigpond.com 9655 1161

LEONORA
APRIL 25
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MANJIMUP
APRIL 25
6.00am Dawn Service. 11.00am Memorial Service.
Contact: Ted Middleton. ted.middleton@westnet.com.au 0429 401 016

MARGARET RIVER
APRIL 25
5.30am Dawn Service, Memorial Park, cnr of Willmott Avenue and Town View Terrace, followed by a Gunfire Breakfast at Margaret River Districts Social Club, Tunbridge Street. 11.15am Parade/March from Reuther Park, cnr of Bussell Highway and Walcliffe Road, to Memorial Park. Main Service followed by fellowship at Social Club, including two-up.
Contact: Keith Simmonds. keithandvicki@bigpond.com.au

MERREDIN
APRIL 25
5.30am Dawn Service and Gun Breakfast. Form up at cnr of Bates and Barrack Streets to a service at War Memorial, Barrack Street. 10.45am Parade to Cummins Theatre for Main Service. Morning tea to follow.
Contact: Lee Holben. 9041 1611

MOORA
APRIL 25
5.55am Dawn Service, War Memorial. 6.30am Gunfire Breakfast, Town Hall. 8.30am Memorial service to commemorate soldiers who were killed when a mortar shell they were examining exploded. (3km East of Moora Miling Road). 9.30am Morning tea. Moora Town Hall (gold coin donation). 10.15am Memorial Service, Town Hall. 11.00am March-past and wreath laying service (RAAF fly-past).
Contact: Arthur Tonkin. 9651 8010

MORAWA – GUTHA
APRIL 25
10.45am Parade. March from cnr of Winfield Street and Prater Street to the War Memorial. 11.00am Service at War Memorial with guest speaker and wreath laying ceremony. Open to locals, groups and RSL. A light lunch will be served in the Town Hall after the service.
Parking: Prater Street and Town Hall carpark.
Contact: Sue Offszanka. paul.offszanka@bigpond.com
Other information: School brass band plays during service, including Last Post and Reveille.

MT BARKER
APRIL 25
10.30am Marchers assemble at Library carpark, Lowood Road. 10.45am Service and wreath laying, War Memorial, followed by main service in the District Hall. Afterwards a community morning tea at MT Barker Bowling Club. Late lunch for veterans and families at RSL rooms, Booth Street.
Parking: Ample parking available.
Contact: Judy Lill. judelli@bigpond.com 9851 4401/0409 086 603

NANNUP
APRIL 24
6.00pm ANZAC Eve Dinner, RSL Hall.
APRIL 25
5.45am Dawn Service, Nannup War Memorial. 7.00am Gunfire Breakfast, RSL Hall. 11.00am Main March, War Memorial. 12.00pm Refreshments, RSL Hall.
Parking: Grange Road – Dawn Service. Cross Street (opposite RSL Hall) – Main Service.
Contact: Charlie Ferguson. charles.ferguson7@bigpond.com 0498 007 828

NARROGIN
APRIL 25
5.50am Dawn Service. 9.45am March off to Memorial Park to Williams Road. 10.00am ANZAC Service commences.
(7.30am Cuballing ANZAC Service)
Contact: Hendrikus Chattillon. narroginrsl@gmail.com 9887 5069

NEWMAN
APRIL 25
5.35am Form up. 5.45am March to Cenotaph commences at BHP Housing Office. 6.00am ANZAC Commemorative Dawn Service at Cenotaph, Shire Offices, Kaligan & Newman Drives. 7.30am Community Gunfire Breakfast, Newman Club, Mindarra Drive. 11.00am Gold Coin BBQ and two-up, William Lyncus Club, (A-Troop Depot) Laver Street.
Parking: Best parking at Boomerang Oval (opposite Shire offices) and Iron Ore Parade.
Contact: Ian Thompson. newmansrl@gmail.com 0409 876 942

NORSEMAN
APRIL 25
5.30am Assemble at Cenotaph. 5.45am Dawn Service, followed by Fair Dinkum Diggers Breakfast at Town Hall.
Contact: events@dundas.wa.gov.au 9039 1205

NORTHAM
APRIL 24
6.00pm Bugle sounds Last Post at Northam Memorial Hall.
APRIL 25
5.55am March off outside Northam Post Office. 6.00am Dawn Service, Northam Memorial Hall. 6.45am Gunfire Breakfast, Northam Memorial Hall. 10.20am Parade form up between Home Timber & Hardware and Minson Avenue. 10.40am Step off. 11.00am Service at Northam Memorial Hall.
Contact: Donna Prytulak. donnarsl1957@gmail.com 0409 290 972
Other information: Broadcast on Triple M Avon Valley 864AM

NORTHAMPTON
APRIL 24
5.00pm Camp out (sleeping bags only) on lawn at RSL Hall, 239 Hampton Road, Northampton. Music entertainment by ‘Moresby Rangers’ followed by a movie. Local Lions Club providing BBQ dinner. Bar open in Hall.
APRIL 25
5.55am March off. 6.00am Dawn Service. 7.00am Breakfast available, no charge. 10.55am ANZAC Day March. 11.00am Main Commemorative Service. 12.00pm Light lunch, RSL Hall. Soft drinks & ice cream for children. Bar open.
Parking: Both in the main street and IGA carpark.
Contact: Kevin Gill. gill.kc@bigpond.com 0428 108 296

PEACEFUL BAY
APRIL 25
6.00am Dawn Service at War Memorial. Followed by Gunfire Breakfast at RSL Shed.
Contact: Joe Urquhart. joeurquhart427@gmail.com

PEMBERTON
APRIL 25
6.00am Dawn Service, RSL Memorial Park. 6.15am Light refreshments, RSL
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Liberty. 10.15am March form up, Pemberton Post Office. 10.45am Main Service, RSL Memorial Park. 12.00pm Gunfire Breakfast, RSL Library. Parking: Main Street.
Contact: Noeleen Collings. noeleen.collings@bankwest.com.au 0428 922 184

PINJARRA
APRIL 24
5.00pm ANZAC Eve Service, Coolup War Memorial, followed by light refreshments.
Contact: Bev Alexander 0407 381 281
APRIL 25
6.00am Gunfire Breakfast, Pinjarra RSL. 9.00am Service at Bedingfeld Nursing Home. 10.30am ANZAC Parade form up, Henry Street, Pinjarra. 10.45am Parade step off. 11.00am Service, Pinjarra War Memorial. 12.00pm Refreshments.
Contact: Mike Humphrey. pinjarrarsl@westnet.com.au 0417 185 362

PORT HEDLAND
APRIL 25
5.30am Muster at War Memorial. 5.40am Service. 6.15am Muster from March past. 6.30am Gunfire Breakfast at Esplanade Hotel. 8.00am Breakfast ends. 9.00am ANZAC House, Hedditch Street, South Hedland opens.
Parking: Plenty of street parking. Wheelchair friendly.
Contact: Robyn Middleton. rslporthedland@gmail.com 9140 2680

QUIRADING
APRIL 25
11.00am Service at Shire Memorial, Main and Quairading.
Parking: Ample Parking at Memorial and Main Street.
Contact: Eugene Stone. estone3@bigpond.com 9645 1214
Other information: At completion of service a bring and share lunch will be held at the Quairading Club.

RAVENSTHORPE
APRIL 25
9.45am Assembly for March, Country Kitchen, Ravensthorpe. 10.00am Service at the Memorial in Ravensthorpe. 11.00am Morning tea at Ravensthorpe District High School assembly area, followed by a BBQ at Ravensthorpe Golf and Bowling Club.
Contact: Peggy Cox. larryandpeggy@westnet.com.au 9838 1300/0488 527 749

ROEBOURNE
APRIL 25
5.45am Marchers Muster, Roe Street. 5.55am March. 6.00am Dawn Service. 7.00am Gunfire Breakfast, Roebourne Fire Station.
Contact: Fiona. 0409 324 630

SHARK BAY
APRIL 25
5.45am Dawn Service, Pioneer Park, Denham. 6.20am Gunfire Breakfast, Denham Town Hall. 10.30am ANZAC Day Parade, Knight Terrace to Pioneer Park, Denham. 11.00am ANZAC Day Memorial Service, Pioneer Park. 12.00pm Shark Bay Bowls Club, lunch and refreshments with Two-up.
Parking: Parking along streets at Pioneer Park, some parts are wheelchair friendly. Bowls club has level parking area.
Contact: Bradley McVinish. brmcvinish@internode.on.net 0468 366 923

THREE SPRINGS – ARRINO
APRIL 25
6.00am Dawn Service by Mingenew Shire, Mingenew Sports Ground, followed by a Gunfire Breakfast. 7.15am Assembly for March past at Shire Hall. 7.30am Service by Carnamah Lions Club at War Memorial, next to Carnamah Community Roadhouse followed by Gunfire Breakfast. 10.15am Assembly at Shire Offices. 10.30am Main march, Three Springs, refreshments to follow in Shire Hall.
Parking: Street parking available.
Contact: Con Kikeros. 0411 168 793

TOODYAY
APRIL 25
6.00am Dawn Service, War Memorial, ANZAC Avenue. 6.30am Gunfire Breakfast, Clinton Street. 10.45am Parade and Service. 12.00pm Refreshments, Toodyay Club.
Contact: Max Howard avon.hill@bigpond.com 9574 2102

WAGIN
APRIL 25
6.30am Dawn Service, Wagon War Memorial. 11.00am Parade and Service.
Parking: Plenty.
Contact: Ros Brooks. rosb30@bigpond.com 0411 168 793

WALPOLE
APRIL 25
10.50am March form-up, Walpole Recreation Centre. 11.00am Service (includes wreath laying, music and reading) at the War Memorial, cnr of Pier Street and Latham Avenue, then refreshments at the Community Hall.
Contact: Kevin Pierce. kpierce@comswest.net.au 9840 8227

WAROONA – HAMEL
APRIL 25
6.00am Dawn Service. 7.00am Gunfire Breakfast at Memorial Hall. 10.45am Parade from Memorial Hall to Waroona War Memorial. 11.00am ANZAC Day Service at Waroona War Memorial.
Parking: Parnell Street Oval.
Contact: Tracey Fickling. waroonahamelrsl@gmail.com 0408 937 577

WONGAN HILLS
APRIL 25
5.30am Assembly, War Memorial. 5.45am Service, followed by Gunfire Breakfast.
Contact: Brian Donnellan. briandon@wvn.com.au 9671 1206

YARLOP
APRIL 25
5.45am Marchers assemble, 300m South of War Memorial. Assemble, War Memorial. 5.55am Dawn Service followed by Gunfire Breakfast.
Contact: Stephen Cook. 0427 988 790

YORK
APRIL 25
5.45am Gather at MT. Brown Lookout. 6.00am Service. 7.00am Breakfast at RSL Hall, Avon Terrace. 10.30am Form up point at RSL Hall. 10.45am March off. 10.58am Arrive at War Memorial. 11.00am Ceremony commencement. 12.00pm Ceremony concludes. 12.30pm Lunch and refreshments, RSL Hall.
Contact: Kevin Trent. ktrent@bigpond.net.au 0417 175 004
Being there from the start

by Royceton Hardey

As the mostly fresh faced recruits shuffle into the room you have to wonder what they must be thinking. Nervousness, excitement, fear of the unknown and a hundred other thoughts must be running through their heads as they realise they will say goodbye to their family and head off on a big new journey.

By the end of the day most of them will be on the other side of the country to begin their military training as an official member of the Australian Defence Force (ADF).

As mentioned by Chief Executive Officer, Mr John McCourt, in his column, RSLWA provides office space and other services for each of the Defence Force Recruiting Ceremonies. Defence Force Recruiting is located above RSLWA’s temporary offices on Level 7.

It’s a synergy RSLWA has taken on with relish. Right at the start of their career as their Certificate of Enlistment is presented, the RSL has a role in the start of that journey. Not only are we providing the facility but we supply refreshments and a photographic service for families who attend with photos uploaded to our social media assets for free.

Putting the photos for free access drives a lot of new traffic to RSLWA’s social media sites including Facebook, Twitter and Flickr albums.

RSLWA Operations Manager, Martin Holzberger AM CSC, said it was a perfect win-win.

“We offered our assistance in whatever way we could and hosting the ceremonies on our floor helps them achieve a steady flow through of applicants.”

Commander Cath Hayes is the Senior Military Recruiting Officer at Defence Force Recruiting, she sees the relationship as a unique opportunity.

“Defence Force Recruiting Perth are proud to partner with RSLWA for the enlistment of our newest ADF members,” Commander Hayes told The Listening Post.

“This is a unique opportunity to set the foundations for the future servicemen and women of the ADF and strengthening the membership of the RSL.”

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ANZAC Day on the Island

ANZAC Day holds a special place on the Rottnest Island calendar of events. The Island has a long tradition of military service and on ANZAC Day it plays host to a moving Dawn Service. Presided over by Royal Australian Navy Officers, the ceremony starts at 6.00am on the grassed area outside Dôme Café. The backdrop of this service comes from the sun rising over the beautiful waters of Thomson Bay to the lament of the bagpipe.

On other parts of the Island, children’s activities will be held at Kingston Barracks. Activities include biscuit baking, marches and writing postcards to soldiers.

Early morning ferries will be available from Hillarys and Fremantle. Both ferry companies will be selling return tickets including the Oliver Hill guns and tunnels tour.

Visit: www.rottnestisland.com

ANZAC Day in Hollywood Hospital

Hollywood has a proud history which dates back to WWII when the then-named ‘110 Military Hospital’ was built to care for wounded service men and women. In 1947, the hospital became ‘Repatriation General Hospital, Hollywood’ and provided care for veterans, war widows and widowers.

Hollywood is the State’s largest private hospital based on bed numbers.

Hollywood continues to embrace its veterans heritage and will once again hold an ANZAC Day service on Tuesday, 25 April in the hospital’s main foyer. The service will be conducted by the Hollywood Pastoral Care team and is open to the entire community to attend.

The service will commence at 2:30pm in the main foyer of the hospital with the wreath laying at 3:15pm. Those attending are invited to enjoy an afternoon tea from 3:30pm.

There are a small number of short term parking bays (two hour maximum) available at Hollywood’s main reception and entrance via Entrance 2, and in the area via Entrance 3, off Monash Avenue. The majority of parking bays are housed in the multi-storey car park which is accessible via Entrance 5 off Monash Avenue.
The world premiere of a play based on The Lighthouse Girl will take place in Albany - the birthplace of the ANZAC story - before a season in Perth.

Directed by Black Swan’s Associate Director Stuart Halusz, the play is based on Dianne Wolfer’s story which featured in The Listening Post in September 2014.

The Lighthouse Girl is about Fay Howe, who as the daughter of the lighthouse keeper in King George Sound, transcribed Morse code messages from soldiers on board the first convoys heading for the Middle East in 1914. She was their last hope of getting messages to their loved ones before heading to the front line.

The play blends Ms Wolfer’s Lighthouse Boy into the play to introduce Charlie, a young jackeroo from rural Victoria, who enlists in the Light Horse Brigade along with his best mate with the hope of seeing the world.

The threads of their friendship reach all the way across the world from Breaksea Island to Egypt, and the ill-fated sands of Gallipoli Cove. This is not so much a love story, as a story of universal love and mateship in a perilous time.

When playwright Hellie Turner was first commissioned to write the play, she pondered deeply on how to meld the two novels into a cohesive work for stage. As it turned out, various elements of each story dovetailed elegantly.

Fay’s story reminds us that even while madness and badness transpire at the macro level of the world … empathy, compassion and camaraderie continue to flourish at the micro level.

The Lighthouse Girl will be staged in Albany from 21 to 22 April, before its season in Perth (28 April to 14 May) in The Studio Underground at the State Theatre Centre of WA. The play will feature Daisy Coyle, Benj D’Addario, Murray Dowsett, Nick Maclaine, Alex Malone, Will McNeill and Giuseppe Rotondella.

The Saluting Monash Council is an Australia-wide organisation that recognises the special place of General Sir John Monash in the annals of Australia and the nation’s military story and it seeks to have him posthumously elevated to Field Marshal.

The project for this is the “Jerilderie Proposition” named for the town in southern New South Wales which first officially adopted the Proposition and where Monash was a boy, said to have met Ned Kelly and to have held the bushranger’s horse for him.

The Chairman of the Saluting Monash Council is the Honourable Tim Fischer AC, a former Deputy Prime Minister. Mr Fischer has been a strong advocate for Monash’s promotion, having written the book “Maestro John Monash - Australia’s Greatest Citizen General” which describes Monash’s leadership and outstanding military successes, mainly on the Western Front, and puts the case for his rank to be that of Field Marshal.

The Western Australian launch of the Saluting Monash-Jerilderie Proposition was held on 31 January 2017, hosted by the local General Sir John Monash RSL Sub-Branch.

The launch was attended by senior RSL, Military and Unit Association personnel including WA State RSL President, Peter Aspinall; CEO, John McCourt; Steve Chamarette, Oliver Lovelle and Keith Boxshall, Presidents of Highgate, Mt Lawley and Nollamara Sub-Branches respectively, LTCOL Robert Colligan CO 11/28th Battalion of the 13th Brigade, Brig (Retd) Duncan Warren and LTCOL (Retd) Richard Cook of the Defence Reserves Association and many other supporters of the project.

Warren Austin, President of the General Sir John Monash RSL Sub-Branch, welcomed the many guests who packed the Sub-branch’s meeting venue at the Maurice Zeffert Home.

Keith Shilkin, Convenor of the WA Saluting Monash Launch spoke of the connections between Monash and Western Australia. Apart from commanding WA troops of the 16th Battalion in his 4th Brigade and being in charge of all WA and Australian troops from 1918 as commander of the entire AIF, he visited WA on no less than eight occasions.

He spent almost a year here as an engineer and Supreme Court expert witness in 1898 and 1899, later, of course, with the Second Fleet in Albany in 1914, then again on his return from the War in 1919, and on several other occasions.

The main talk, written by Tim Fischer who, at the very last moment was unable to travel to Perth, was read by his personal long-time friend Ted
Graham of Finding HMAS Sydney Foundation fame.

Mr Graham outlined Monash’s career and gave the reasons, justification and precedents for Monash’s promotion to Field Marshal and contained a quote from 1924 by WA Senator Edmund Drake-Brockman: “The wonderful work of this wonderful man has not been fully appreciated in Australia…I think we can say that it was through Sir John Monash and his men, the war finished much sooner than we thought possible. The operation that commenced on the 8 August 1918 was the sole conception of Sir John Monash.

Sir John’s ideas were carried forward and consent to the scheme was given this way: Very little harm can be done, let them have a go at it! The Australians had a go at it and before they finished the Germans had completely cracked back through the Hindenberg Line”.

The “Jerilderie Proposition” was read by Professor Kim Kirsner, a Monash family descendant; it states: Following on the outstanding contribution of Sir John Monash to State and Nation before during and after World War One and reflecting the fact that Sir John Monash received no Australian Awards or Honours post 11 November 1918, the Prime Minister approve by Government Gazette publication, the posthumous promotion of one step in rank of General Sir John Monash to the rank of Australian Field Marshal, with effect 11 November 1930, one year after Sir John Monash was eventually promoted to the rank of General.

Tim Fischer’s talk concluded with the statement that nothing would do more to promote a better balance with the history of World War One and give the Western Front - given the AIF success after success in battle there - due recognition than to posthumously promote Monash one step in rank to Field Marshal.

Specially minted Saluting Monash Medallions were presented by Professor Kirsner to descendants of two soldiers who served under General Monash on the Western Front, to Robert Little for his grandfather Lance Corporal Richard Alexander Little of the 16th Battalion and to Thelma Gunzburg for her father Private Arthur Colley of the 44th Battalion.

It is hoped that the entire community will support this project to right a wrong and to have Australia’s most outstanding soldier posthumously promoted the one rank to Field Marshal.

Further information about the project is available at www.salutingmonash.org.au

[L-R] Thelma Gunzburg and Robert Little with their Saluting Monash Medallions.
The car I'm driving slides a bit as I hit another deep puddle of water. Both front and rear windscreen wipers are going like the clappers as the rain splatters unabated.

The weather was not playing nice for my trip to picturesque Jurien Bay located some 220kms North of Perth facing the stunningly blue Indian Ocean. In 1801, French naval explorer Nicholas Baudin journeyed along the coast of WA and named Jurien Bay in honour of Charles Jurien, an Administrator in the French Navy.

As I pulled into town, seeing the digs for the Jurien Bay RSL Sub-Branch was a welcome site. Members don’t have their own clubrooms but there are plans in the works, more on that in a moment.

For now the Jurien Bowling Club is the RSL’s home. The Sub-Branch formed in 2008. Its spacious main room with a pool table, long bar, kitchen facilities and seating is inviting. Food has been laid out for my arrival and a cup of hot tea is pushed into my hand.

Friendly members say hello from all angles and amongst them is Barry Wilson, the Sub-Branches secretary and treasurer. “Nice day for a visit,” he grins. He motions me to a chair and I sit down within a large circle.

Just as I’m about to introduce myself the power goes out, and we are plunged into darkness. Only a grey tinge streaming across the bowling club green pushes through the windows. Looking a little bewildered I was told it wouldn’t be off long.

I start by asking the members how they encourage younger people to join, a challenge facing most RSL Sub-Branches. “The Emergency Services Cadets at the Jurien Bay District High School have been made Wardens of the War Memorial,” Barry said. “They have a list of duties which include performing a couple of memorial services each year, we as the RSL run the ANZAC Day Memorial Service and the cadets organise and run, under our guidance, the Vietnam Veterans Day Service and Remembrance Day.

“The Remembrance Day Service is run at the school. All the young Primary school and Pre-Primary school children come out, so it’s instilling in them from a young age what the Memorial Service is all about.”

As lights flicker back on, discussion turns to the new clubhouse.

“The War Memorial overlooks the ocean, so the council [Shire of Dandaragan] has given us a block of land right next to the memorial so there will be a nice patio overlooking the water,” Barry says. “The new clubhouse will be 30-odd metres long by 12 wide, all glass frontage and ocean views.”

Jim Clarke who is at the meeting is the longest serving ex-military person present. Jim was instrumental in establishing the War Memorial in 2001, located on the beachfront overlooking the off shore islands.

The Memorial has sands from Gallipoli entombed inside of it. “Thereby hangs a tale”, Jim says with a smile, but the story is not forthcoming. Having a Sub-Branch situated next to the Memorial is an exciting prospect for the members and fundraising has already started.

“We all have to take turns sitting outside the local IGA”, a member says to a responsive group laugh and the nodding of heads. In addition to the fundraising, work has begun on achieving both a Lotterywest grant and Royalties for Regions funding.

On the membership side of things, a real challenge is present when faced with a transient population. Normally it sits at around 1,500 people but can grow largely over holiday periods. Holidaymakers visiting, particularly Eastern Staters, get a surprise when they ask about the facilities. Barry relays how a typical phone conversation goes.

“It’s so embarrassing”, Barry says. “I’ve had people ring me up and they say they are coming through and they ask, where’s the RSL Club?” “Sorry?!”

“The Listening Post hits the road to bring the stories of regional Sub-Branches to the fore. Our first visit for this series is the Jurien Bay RSL Sub-Branch.

by Royceton Hardey
“They expect these huge places, because they compare it to what they’ve got, pokies, entertainment, and cheap meals and you say well we don’t have that,” Barry says.

“And they are shocked, genuinely shocked. It triples on a long-weekend.

“Membership is running at 48 people at the moment, we did hit 50 before”.

Despite these challenges in 2015 the Sub-Branch received the Ken Bladen Recruiting Shield for the most outstanding Sub-Branch for the recruitment of new members in proportion to membership.

There is also an issue with so many other clubs being present in town. Jurien Bay has a golf club, bowling club, Men’s Shed, Lions, Apex and others making it hard for the RSL to get a look in.

“I have an idea that I will bring up at our next meeting to have an open day,” says Jim.

“We reckon it will be good to open up the place to get the word out a bit more in the community.”

In eight years the Jurien Bay RSL Sub-Branch has only had one welfare claim. The person in question was not a member and was just passing through town.

“I had a chat to this bloke”, Jim said.

“I sussed him out very thoroughly, and my old Regimental Sergeant Major hat went on for a while, we had a good chat, and he got the necessary welfare assistance.”

With time ticking away and a journey back to Perth ahead of me, Barry and I jumped into a car to visit the Memorial. Its location is on Dalton Street and it stands strong against the full force of the wind coming straight off the ocean. The Memorial is a three minute drive from the Bowling Club.

On a plaque on one side of the cenotaph it reads, ‘Within these walls are blessed sands from the Battles of Gallipoli which soaked the blood of the ANZACs. Lest we forget.’

As I run around the Memorial taking photos I look out towards the soupy sea. I have no doubt that the Jurien Bay RSL Sub-Branch will have one of the best views in Western Australia from their new premises.

With my now wet shirt clinging to my body I make for my car with a friendly wave to Barry. By now Jim Clarke’s car has arrived at the Memorial and as I start to drive I hear a yell and I stop. I open the window and something comes through it.

“Here you go, something for yah”, Jim waves.

As I look down a blue towel sits neatly in my lap for use on my journey home.
Poppies may adorn Cockburn street signs

The universally recognised red poppy symbol could soon adorn selected signs in the City of Cockburn where streets have been named in honour of individuals and families involved in war or peacekeeping efforts.

The Council will also seek the support of the WA Local Government Association for the initiative to be adopted by councils and shires across Western Australia, or even nationally through the Australian Local Government Association.

Councillors voted to put $50,000 on the draft 2017-18 Budget for consideration to cover costs of badging existing street signs and installing three interpretive signs around the City to explain the importance of the red poppy symbol.

Suggested locations for interpretive signage could include strategic sites, particularly in areas where street names have been badged to recognise local links to wartime and peacekeeping efforts, like North Coogee, Cockburn Central and Hammond Park.

Cockburn Mayor Logan Howlett, who successfully introduced the initiative to Council for consideration last October, said he got the ball rolling after he was approached by local veteran Kevin Bovill.

“I was pleased to see the unanimous support of Council for this initiative within Cockburn and for it to be considered by the WA Local Government Association for state-wide application,” Mayor Howlett said.

He said the system had been successfully adopted in parts of New Zealand.

“Photographs of New Zealand signs provided by Mr Bovill really paint a poignant picture of how they can capture the imagination of the community and inform who has served their country in war or peace keeping activities,” Mayor Howlett said.

The City would refer to a comprehensive list, provided by its Land Administration Unit, to identify local roads named in recognition of global conflicts involving Australia, with the highest priority given to specific families honoured for their efforts.
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Following on from last year’s presentations of the Ambassador’s Peace Medals at ANZAC House we have been contacted by Belinda Freebody, the daughter of one of the medal recipients, Jim White.

Sadly Mr White passed away on 10 January 2017, just twenty-two days after receiving his medal.

The Ambassador for Peace Medal is presented by the Korean Government for all UN Korean War Veterans to acknowledge and commemorate their service. The

A digital memorial which contains photos, videos and a comprehensive history of the 2/4th Machine Gun Battalion and also of the work and activities of the Ex-Members Association since it was established by the men who came home after the war has been launched by the 2/4th Machine Gun Battalion Ex Members Association.

The Hon. Graham Edwards AM, former President of RSLWA, launched the Association’s digital space on the internet at the Army Museum of Western Australia. Starting the website from scratch has been a big task for the three-member Website Committee team with planning taking many years.

The site was developed so family and interested persons can access the stories of the men of the Battalion as well as the capacity for people to add photos and stories of their own. Other features include a comprehensive Nominal Roll, Battalion photos and a historical timeline of the Association.

Established in late 1940 as part of the 8th division the 2/4th Machine Gun Battalion was formed with men from across the state. It was the fourth, and last, such unit raised within the 2nd AIF. Those who survived the battle for Singapore were taken prisoner by the Japanese following its surrender on 15th February 1942.

Visit the website at: www.2nd4thmgb.com.au

Ambassador of the Republic of Korea, His Excellency Mr Kyoung-ha Woo, presented WA-based Korean War Veterans, or their descendants, with the medal.

James couldn’t make the trip to ANZAC House but a presentation at his home was held while surrounded by close friends and family. Belinda helped her Dad with a little speech he made.

‘I joined the regular Army at seventeen in 1952 so as to avoid becoming a Chocolate Soldier (National Service).

‘As you can tell by my regimental number, 1/410017 I just missed out on being a K Force requiem (two years) and had to join for three years which ended up being thirty years all told. I must admit that I enjoyed all of it. I saw service in Korea, Japan, Vietnam and Papua New Guinea.

‘Unfortunately I had to finish my life with this, the big C. Not the best way to go, but I guess it could have been worse. I must thank everyone involved in getting me this medal. I find it to be a great honour to receive it here in my own home with my family around me.’
Every museum has a focal point.
The Louvre has its Mona Lisa, the National Gallery of Australia has Blue Poles and for the Aviation Heritage Museum it’s a Lancaster bomber.
And with the Royal Australian Air Force Association’s iconic Supermarine Spitfire perpetually keeping guard out the front of the entrance, the anticipation to get through the door of the place just grows and grows.
The Aviation Heritage Museum is located at the Air Force Memorial Estate in Bull Creek on Bull Creek Drive and while it has been around since 1979 it has kept well and truly ahead of modern times. The days of a bunch of rusty aeroplanes sitting on a dirty concrete floor are gone.
For Museum Manager John Park some of the tricks are easy.
“We are always looking out for better looking and cleaner displays,” he said.
“The installation of new flooring, carpet tiles and artificial grass under WWI aircraft are part of the refurbishments undertaken to create a world class experience.
“The Lancaster Bomber tours have earned over $100,000 since they started with over 1000 people enjoying the experience. Taking the tour gives a unique insight into what it would have been like to be a crew member in WWII, flying over Germany, in the dark with 22,000lbs of bombs between you and the flak.”
The key to the popularity of the museum lies with the quality of the displays and the many dedicated volunteers.
“The volunteer list keeps getting longer with over 250 happy volunteers now helping out at the museum by both improving the presentation of the existing displays and the general appearance of the Museum,” John said.
With over 7,000 square metres of floor display space, research storage and workshop facilities a display team constantly works on each aspect of the museum. Renovation of displays ranges from adding such things as LED lighting to including video footage of the aircrafts in flight.
The museum is open 10.00am to 4.00pm every day but check if open on a public holiday. Guided tours are conducted by volunteers and need to be booked at least one week in advance. Telephone: (08) 9311 4470.
Adults (16 & Over) $15.00. Children (4 to 16) $7.50. Family (2 Adults & up to 4 children) $35.00. Under 4 years are free. Students & Concession Card Holders $10.00.
What can we do for veterans and how best can we do it.
This was the mantra of RSLWA Chief Executive Officer, John McCourt as he spoke to around 30 local ex-service organisation representatives in February at a forum held at 66 St Georges Terrace.

The gathering of minds took a look at the new building as a Veterans Centre and how best to pool the resources of ESO’s who may wish to move their offices to the multimillion dollar facility.

Suggestions ranged from appropriate Pick-Up and Drop-Off areas to public transport, crèche and gym facilities. On the technical front the idea of sharing a case management system within the building was widely discussed.

“There will be a huge influx of veterans from recent wars expected within the next ten years”, Mr McCourt said.

Ex-Service Organisations Forum

“The idea of sharing a case management system within the building where a veteran can come in, sit down, and scroll through an iPad highlighting what each of the organisations offer and what they do best is something we should look at.

“This building is one tiny example of what we need to do, we need to completely change the paradigm of what we offer Veterans.”

RSLWA State President, Peter Aspinall, told the group that for RSLWA, the building had created a complete rethink of how it can better offer services to veterans.

“If you read early editions of The Listening Post you will see the writing is all about a new building for RSLWA” Mr Aspinall said.

“It was only later that we understood the need to change the focus to a new Veterans Centre, it was an ideal opportunity for RSLWA to act as the enabler to bring together other ESOs to add value to the significant and valuable services they already provide.”

At the time of publishing the City of Perth council had voted to demolish the existing building at 28 St Georges Terrace.

Bits & Pieces...

It’s running again...

Find those running shoes now!
The Perth Mint has announced its sponsorship of this year’s Gallipoli Run, hosted by Athletics Western Australia. The event’s future was thrown into doubt after Bankwest withdrew its funding last year.

The run, first held in 2003, invited the Western Australian community to walk or run the four or eight kilometre course in honour of the ANZACs, and celebrate the spirit of mateship and camaraderie which remains their legacy.

With a history of supporting RSLWA through its release of military-themed commemorative coin programs, the Mint is proud to sponsor this event. RSLWA State President, Peter Aspinall, said, “Participating in these community events is one of the best ways in which to honour our ANZACs and the freedoms for which they fought and continue to defend.”

The Kalgoorlie run will be held on Sunday 26 March from 8.00am at Centennial Park, while the Perth event will be held on Sunday 23 April from 8.00am in Kings Park.

Upon registration, all race-goers will automatically enter a competition draw for the chance to win one of 10 ANZAC Spirit 100th Anniversary 1/2oz Silver Proof Three-Coin Sets issued by The Perth Mint.

To register, for The Perth Mint Gallipoli Run 2017, visit www.waathletics.org.au
On the 24 February 2017, William Richard Mitchell (WX10233), a Rat of Tobruk from the Second World War, will turned 100 years old.

Bill, as he’s known, was born in Boulder, Western Australia, the oldest boy in a family of nine children. As a young man, he worked in the mines before signing up at the age of 23 with the General Reinforcements of the AIF on 18 December 1940.

As a youngster, Bill survived a near drowning and an emergency appendix operation but at that time, he had no idea that just a few years later, he would spend more than 600 days on active service in Australia, and more than 1,000 days overseas fighting for his country.

Bill was to have served in the 2/16 Battalion but after arriving in the Middle East on 29 August 1941, he was sent straight to the 2/43rd Battalion as a reinforcement due the heavy losses suffered during the unsuccessful assault on the Salient at Tobruk in Libya a few weeks earlier.

As a Rat of Tobruk in North Africa, Bill and his Battalion mates fought the Germans led by German Field Marshal Erwin Rommel and the Italians, enduring tank, machine gun and mortar fire, dive bomber raids, flies, fleas and rats, a shortage of supplies and the ever-blowing fine desert sand until they were evacuated out of Tobruk Harbour on the night of 17 October 1941 to Alexandria in Egypt.

The Battalion then moved to Palestine and arrived in Syria, via Lebanon. When it snowed during some Battalion downtime there, Bill and his mates enjoyed snow skiing for the first time in their lives.

The Battalion moved back to Egypt on 28 June 1942 and, as part of the Western Desert Campaign, they arrived at El Alamein, an Egyptian railway siding, during the first week of July.

During the First Battle of El Alamein, elements of the Battalion assaulted Trig 22 Makh Khad Ridge on 22 July 1942, where Bill was wounded in action when he was shot in the arm.

While a medic was assisting him with that wound, a shell went off nearby, showering them in shrapnel. The medic received a serious eye injury and Bill suffered a large shrapnel wound to his back.

Bill was transferred to the British General Hospital and later evacuated back to Australia to recuperate. In June 1943, he was sent to Cairns in Queensland to undertake jungle training around Kairi near the Atherton Tablelands. Training involved preparation for jungle warfare, including amphibious assaults with the American amphibious boats of the 5/32nd Boat and Shore Regiment. During this time, he was promoted to Lance Corporal.

Two months later, the 2/43rd arrived in Milne Bay, New Guinea on their way to fight the Japanese. On 15 August 1943, the Battalion moved to Buna on the north-east coast of New Guinea in preparation for the assault on Lae.

On 5 September, the Battalion went in 20 landing craft infantry boats and landed on Red Beach, Lae, attacking the Japanese entrenched there.

At the end of that month, the Battalion landed at Scarlett Beach, Finschhafen in New Guinea, where they undertook operations to drive the enemy out of that area. By Christmas 1943, all operations there had ceased.

The 2/43rd returned to Australia and was based at Ravenshoe, Queensland, undertaking continuous training from January 1944 to April 1945. During this time, Bill was promoted to Corporal.

On 7 April 1945, the Battalion boarded an American troop ship and landed at Morotai Island in north east Indonesia.
Two months later, they assaulted Brown Two Beach on Labuan Island in Sabah, Borneo, clearing the island of Japanese.

In June, the Battalion landed near Menumbok on mainland Sabah and moved along the Klias River towards Beaufort. By 1 July, the action was virtually over and finally, on 17 September 1945, the Japanese formally surrendered in the Beaufort area.

With the war ending, Bill was part of the Battalion holding strength at Brunei Bay and Labuan Island. He finally boarded a Catalina to fly home to Western Australia, landing in Crawley Bay, Nedlands on 11 January 1946 and was discharged from the Army.

Bill set about making a new life for himself and later married Wanda Sullivan. They settled on an 11-hectare orchard at Roleystone in the Perth hills and Bill worked the orchard part-time and worked with the CSIRO full-time until his retirement.

Bill and his wife Wanda, who still live in Roleystone, raised six children and have 12 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren, with another great-grandchild due any day. The couple are stalwarts of the Roleystone community and Bill will celebrate his 100th Birthday with a large afternoon tea party at the Roleystone Country Club, where he is a founding member.

Bill still enjoys a cold drink on a hot day and his green thumb still produces some of the best fruit and veggies around.

He regularly attends the quarterly 2/43rd luncheons at the RSLWA where he entertains family and the children of his war mates with his great jokes, war stories and poetry recitations.

If you ask him, he’ll say there is nothing special about his life but the truth is Bill is respected and revered by his loving, extended family, and his mates and friends throughout the years as a truly likeable bloke.

Bill and Wandie Mitchell with their third son Ron Mitchell and family.
Commemorations

Formation of the Women’s Royal Australian Army Corps

State War Memorial – Kings Park. Sunday, 12 February.

by Judy Welch

This year marks the 66th Anniversary of the formation of the Women’s Royal Australian Army Corps and the 40th Anniversary of the formation of the WRAAC Association (WA).

Although it was an incredibly windy day, about 60 members and friends gathered at the Flame of Remembrance in Kings Park for the traditional Service and Wreath Laying ceremony.

The Service was conducted by the Honorary Chaplain Major Laurel Pearce (Salvation Army).

VIPs included the State Warden of the State War Memorial, WGCDR Christine Pittman and Mrs Gabby Ryan representing the State President of RSLWA, Mr Peter Aspinall.

The Ode was recited by Mrs Dianne Donovan and wreaths were laid by Mrs Judy Welch, President of WRAAC Association (WA) and Mrs Ryan. As always, the Sub-Warden and Wardens were on hand and the Bugler Cpl Matthew Creek of the Australian Army Band, Perth did a credible job. Our sincere thanks to all involved.

The service was followed by the traditional luncheon and guests were able to meet in the foyer and enjoy some fellowship before the lunch. Once everyone was ready, the 45 troops were assembled and “marched” into the main restaurant to the rousing sounds of the Grenadier Guards playing “Soldiers of the Queen”. There was a lot of beaming faces and laughter as it really was not expected – and the marching really needs to improve!

In 2018 the WRAAC Association (WA) will be hosting a reunion of any WRAAC who served in any capacity in WA – full-time or CMF. All interested former serving WRAAC members will be included.

Any information regarding the Association can be requested at wraac.wa@gmail.com or phone the President 0412 984 739.

HMAS Voyager Memorial Day

Kings Park, Voyager Memorial Seat, off May Drive. Friday, 10 February.

Strong winds and storm damage throughout Kings Park did not deter a large group of attendees from paying their respects at the location of the Voyager Memorial Seat.

Captain Brian Delamont RAN, Commanding Officer HMAS Stirling, spoke of the collision between the Daring Class Destroyer, HMAS Voyager (D04) and the Light Fleet Carrier HMAS Melbourne (R21). 82 lives were lost.

The accident marked the greatest peace time disaster the RAN has suffered in its 100 year history.
The Fall of Singapore in 1942 is considered significant for several reasons, not just for being considered the signal event that heralded the end of the British Empire that led to 15,000 Australians driven into captivity as prisoners of the Japanese.

The 75th Anniversary Commemoration Day was held to remember those who were killed in action, or were incarcerated as prisoners of war and internees. Wreaths were laid, and dedications read to honour the memory of all who suffered during the invasion and subsequent occupation.

Hosted by Malayan Volunteers Group, WA Branch, in association with the Malaya Borneo Veterans WA Inc a memorial service was held on 11 February 2017 at the Stirling Civic Garden Memorial. The Memorial Address was delivered by Mrs Elizabeth Adamson, Secretary of the Malayan Volunteers Group Australia.

The local diplomatic Corps were represented by several people, and included the Consulate General of Malaysia, Enick Hadi Mustapha. A flight from 130 Squadron, Republic of Singapore Air Force, were turned out on parade for the commemorative event.

The official address was read by Mr Bill Adamson, President of the Malaya Borneo Veterans WA Inc. He spoke of how as a young boy living during wartime Malaya, life was to change for him and his family on 8 December 1942 when the Japanese Imperial Army invaded the British Colony from the north.

The invading force quickly descended southwards to the supposedly impregnable bastion of Singapore. Mr Adamson described how his days as a student at the Tanglin Boarding School Cameron Highlands (now western Malaysia) came to an end as the chaos of war descended around everyone.

Many people, including his parents were called upon to “meet their respective responsibilities within the community…fire brigade, MAS and St Johns Ambulance”. Yet, people fleeing skirmishes travelled southwards “towards temporary safety” while “Japanese planes, which seemed to roam the skies untouched, were a problem for all convoys.”

On one particular day as he headed with family members to Singapore, the convoy he was part of “required to get off the road to avoid being strafed at least three occasions.”

Bill Adamson’s family were evacuated on New Year’s Day 1942, aboard a crowded Marnix Van Sint Aldegonde for Durban, South Africa. Another vessel, RMV Oronsay, completed their voyage to relative safety, arriving in Liverpool at the end of March that same year.

130,000 Allied troops were taken prisoner, including 15,000 Australian troops. Thousands of civilians were also interned. The conditions for all of them were horrific and included brutal, violent treatment as well as malnutrition, starvation and disease.

Britain’s wartime Prime Minister, Winston Churchill, described the fall of Singapore as “the worst disaster and the greatest capitulation in British history”. This event also marked Australia’s wartime Prime Minister, John Curtin’s, decision to seek out the United States for support and assistance in our nation’s darkest hour, and began a significant strategic relationship and security alliance that endures to this day.
Seventy-five years ago, 65 Australian Army Nurses were aboard the SS Vyner Brooke, one of the last evacuation ships to leave before the Fall of Singapore. What was to await them was horror and tragedy.

In commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of the Vyner Brooke Tragedy, the Applecross RSL Sub-Branch held a Commemorative Service at the Nurses Memorials, Point Walter in Bicton on Sunday, 12 February 2017.

Forty-one Australian flags were carried by family members and the Presbyterian Ladies College (PLC) Pipes and Drums, to symbolise the loss of life of the drowned and massacred nurses. The Born to Sing Choir hummed ‘Largo’ as sung by the captives in the women’s prison camp and the choir later closed the ceremony with Amazing Grace.

Santa Maria College students Courtney Withers and Lucy de Graaf read passages that gave the audience an insight into the Australian Army Nurses’ service, courage, resilience, tenacity that helps explain the Vyner Brooke story and its legacy.

Captain Peta Dixon, a nursing officer with 7th Health Company, 13th Combat Service Support Battalion, is the great niece of one of those nurses - Minnie Hodgson. Minnie was also a former PLC boarder (1923-24).

Minnie was one of 65 nurses who were evacuated with 265 civilians from Singapore on the Vyner Brooke, a British-registered cargo vessel.

“I am immensely proud of my Great Aunt Minnie Hodgson and her nursing colleagues, who, though faced with catastrophe and adversity, continued to display the Army values of Courage, Initiative, Respect and Teamwork,” Captain Dixon said.

“It is these values that guide myself and other serving personnel in their service today, both here and abroad,” she said.

The Governor of Western Australia, Her Excellency the Honourable Kerry Sanderson AC, spoke of the Australian Army Nurses, which gave detail of what the nurses endured.

“Twelve of the Army nurses were killed by enemy planes or lost at sea, while the remaining 53 nurses struggled against the strong currents to reach shore at different points on Banka Island in Indonesia,” Governor Kerry Sanderson said.

“Some survivors spent up to 65 hours in the water, clinging to rafts, or swimming in the shark infested waters,” she said.

“Regrettably, further tragedy was to unfold. 21 Australian Army nurses struggled ashore at Radji Beach on Banka (Bangka) Island and surrendered to Japanese forces, only to be ordered to walk into the sea where they were machine-gunned from behind.”

Separately, the Japanese rounded up to 60 surviving Allied servicemen and merchant seamen, marched them off and bayoneted them to death. All but one, British Private Cecil Kinsley, survived that massacre.

Sister Vivian Bullwinkel was the only Australian Army nurse to survive the massacre at Radji Beach. She was wounded by a bullet and lay in the water, feigning death.

Once the Japanese left, she hid in the jungle for several days with Private Kinsley before the pair eventually gave themselves up. Kinsley died a few days later from his wounds, and Sister Bullwinkel spent the next three-and-a-half years as a prisoner of the Japanese.

The well attended event was welcomed by Mr Craig Chapman, President of the Applecross RSL Sub-Branch, with a number of wreaths laid by family members, nursing associations, ex-service organisations, and the Australian Defence Force.
Commemorations

National Servicemen’s Day Wreath Laying Ceremony

State War Memorial - Kings Park. Tuesday, 14 February.

Her Excellency the Honourable Kerry Sanderson AC, Governor of Western Australia attended this wreath laying ceremony at the State War Memorial.

Dignitaries and Valentine’s Day couples paused respectfully as Nashos State Patron, Lt. Col. George Howell (Rtd) RFD ED RL gave his address.

The year 1967 continued to see increasing numbers of National Servicemen casualties on active service in Vietnam.

50 years later respects were paid to the five Western Australians who made the ultimate sacrifice during their active service in Vietnam.

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Broome Air Attack - 75th Anniversary Commemoration Service

Bedford Park in Broome was a fitting place to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Broome air attacks. Its views overlooking Roebuck Bay gave participants a locational bearing to the horrors that occurred at that site which killed 88 people and destroyed 22 aircraft.

To this day the wreckage of Catalina flying boats remain on the seabed in Roebuck Bay.

The Shire of Broome worked with the Broome RSL Sub-Branch, Norforce, St Mary’s College, Broome Historical Society and other community representatives to prepare for the commemoration. RSLWA Chief Executive Officer John McCourt was in attendance.

More than a dozen descendants were present at the anniversary.
A Memorial View

With RSLWA Branch moving from our iconic home, ANZAC House for the duration of the rebuilding programme, our CEO John McCourt, and Operations Manager Martin Holzberger AM CSC, were concerned that our RSL Image was somehow missing in the temporary offices.

They jointly suggested that a way of infusing our presence and identity into the temporary space be devised and asked ANZAC House Manager Matthew Holyday to somehow work towards this.

Having used large screen digital print images from past experience in hotels to create an atmosphere, Matthew found the essence of RSLWA. The stunning photo, showing the Kings Park War Memorial at dusk, was taken by Dalibor Acimic from Acimic Photography.

The backdrop has been a huge success and anyone exiting the lift on Level Three now recognises clearly where they are. In our time here at the temporary offices, we now have the ability to change this image to capture appropriate messages at different times to underscore commemorative events or special occasions so watch this space!

You can see more work from Dalibor at: www.acimicphotography.com

Perth Hills and Wheatbelt Band

The Perth Hills and Wheatbelt Band has been invited to send a small band to Israel for the Centenary of the Australian Light Horse charge of Beersheba in October 2017.

This will involve a re-enactment of the charge with 80 horses exactly 100 years to the minute after the original; at 4.30pm on Tuesday 31 October. The band will lead commemorative services, street parades, and give public concerts at many locations in Israel including Jerusalem, Shellal, (where the three-day ride commenced) and Semakh.

The band has an established practice of engaging young people in Australia’s military history. Previous tours have included performances at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii and the battlefields of Europe to honour the Australians who died in both World Wars.
They were the forgotten diggers. A generation of young men who fought for Australia like their fathers before them. But they returned as outcasts, casualties of a war nobody understood. Yet time heals the injustices of the past. Now they are heroes, as revered as the warriors of Gallipoli, Tobruk, Kokoda and Korea. Veterans of Southeast Asia, your time has come. The Bradford Exchange is proud to honour these brave diggers with a quality timepiece imbued with the spirit of the Anzacs that flows in their veins.

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As a bold salute to our heroes, this handsome chronograph is hand-crafted from rugged stainless steel and intricately engraved with a wealth of icons associated with the war. Against the dramatic black face, the famous Iroquois ‘Huey’ chopper looms large and proud in a gleaming silver tone. The side is engraved with the words Sacrifice • Mateship • Pride and serve as a reminder that the courage of these men will always be appreciated. The reverse of the case is etched with a touching quote recalling the mateship and courage which defined a generation of veterans.

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Members of Chidlow RSL Sub-Branch are running the gauntlet of getting a new War Memorial built in time for ANZAC Day.

The Sub-Branch only received its Charter in November last year but has moved in leaps and bounds to both design and build a Memorial which is estimated to cost $32,000.

Chidlow RSL Sub-Branch Member and Perth Hills resident David Gallagher took on the role of Project Manager. “I have been running mining projects most of my working life, most of these have been in underground mines. I have a passion for writing and in the last couple of years I’ve written a lot of war poetry,” David said.

“I put my hand up, grabbed everything they [Chidlow RSL Sub-Branch] had from the last three or so years, and in the last three months we have got it to a point where we have everything happening.”

So far detailed plans have been drawn, a stonemason appointed and materials sourced. The Memorial will sit on a 10 metre by five metre slab of exposed aggregate, with three flag poles. Local coffee rock will be used to create a curved wall which stretches in a 5.5 metre arc that will stand one metre high and will be capped with polished black granite.

“35 tonnes of rock will need to be brought to the construction site and we have sourced a local digger who will, free of charge, dig the foundation’s footings,” David says.

“The words ‘In honour of all who have fallen – Lest We Forget’ will be inscribed in large lettering. On the front face there will be plaques of the three military services.

“It is a significant structure that will look magnificent. “If we don’t have the construction finished by ANZAC Day that will be OK, this Memorial will not be for this year, it will be for the next 1,000 years.”

The Chidlow Progress Association started the ball rolling in getting a $15,000 grant from Lotterywest.

Other contributors have been the Shire of Mundaring and local people and businesses donating time, materials or money. The Mundaring RSL Sub-Branch also donated $500 towards the project.

Any shortfall will be funded by local fundraising organised by the Chidlow RSL Sub-Branch.

The location of the Memorial will be in The Chidlow Village Green, located on the corner of Thomas Road and Old Northam Road. The surrounding area was the location of the Second World War Chidlow Army Camps where some 60,000 troops were prepared for war-time service. The town hall, still standing to this day housed the recruitment centre.

A prelude to the main Chidlow War Memorial is the silhouette of a soldier that can be seen to the left of the Chidlow Tavern, located just across from the Village Green on the Corner of Memorial Ave.

Memorial Ave was gazetted in 1949 after the Second World War and trees were planted there by the local School Children on Arbour Day of that year but a structure of remembrance was never built.

‘The Soldier’ is a stainless steel, life-sized statue of an Australian soldier in an attitude of mourning; head bowed; rifle reversed and resting on the left boot.

The statue was only commissioned a month ago.

“Community reaction has been great,” says Corrina.

“We decorate the statue with little poppies so that he always looks nice, it’s only taken 100 years to get something but it’s a start.”

David said “These two memorials are a respectful reminder of all who served and particularly recognises the importance of Chidlow as a staging area prior to soldiers being dispatched overseas and honours those who served from Chidlow and the Eastern Hills Region of Perth.”

Last year 600 people turned up to the ANZAC service in Chidlow and this year Corrina is expecting a bigger crowd to see how the new War Memorial is progressing.

“We have 40 members at the moment, about half Service and half Affiliate, its pleasing” she said.

On ANZAC Day at The Chidlow Village Green there will be a Gunfire Breakfast at 8.00am, prepared by the Chidlow Fire Brigade. At 9.15am there is a March through town from Memorial Avenue to the Memorial location culminating in a Service at 9.30am.

In the Village Hall from 10.30am to 12.00pm there is a Morning Tea and Exhibition prepared by the Chidlow Progress Association and the RSL. From 12.30pm lunch can be purchased at either The Chidlow Tavern or The Bay Tree Bakery & Café.

Live entertainment will be performed by The Chidlow All-Stars.
Esperance is on the cards

The spectacular work of artist Graeme Miles Richards who painted six murals on the ceiling of the Esperance RSL Sub-Branch building can now be seen on a selection of gift cards.

“We asked for photos to be put forward for selection, originally we only planned on five cards per pack however we had so many quality photos,” Sonja said. “We couldn’t exclude any so each one was reproduced and mixed into the packs.”

Graeme’s murals depict Australian soldiers and nurses during the First and Second World Wars, Vietnam and other theatres of war. The work was hand painted on aluminium sheets and then fixed to the ceiling of Esperance RSL’s historic clubhouse.

The photos show a variety of places in the local area including the Esperance War Memorial, Esperance 10th Light Horse Troop and war portraits.

The cards are part of the Returned and Services League Entrenchment Project and all funds raised go towards charities dealing with Post Traumatic Disorder. They cost $10 for a pack of five cards plus any postage.

Contact Sonja Andrews on sonjalandrews@gmail.com

Students donate cheque

by Steve Grady, Bicton Palmyra RSL Vice President

Each year the Department of Veterans’ Affairs runs their ANZAC Day Schools’ Award.

With the competition currently open for entry we wanted to share our story on what happened when our local school decided to enter the award last year.

The theme was the importance of ANZAC Day and the Australian armed forces.

The whole school got involved with the theme with junior classes creating amazing artwork and designing medals.

Senior classes interviewed President Kevin Hastie, and I, Vice President Steve Grady about our early lives and then our progression through life to joining the armed forces.

The information supplied by our stories and memories were encapsulated in a banner ‘timeline’ displaying the history of the RSL. We were so proud when we received the news that the school was announced as state winners.

But the real surprise was yet to come. At the request of the students, the cheque for $2,000 was donated to the Bicton-Palmyra Sub-Branch.

As you can imagine, Kevin and I were both surprised and delighted with the gesture and received the cheque with great appreciation. The Sub-Branch continues to have a special relationship with the staff and students at this Primary School.

Everyone is very aware and respectful of the work the RSL does and the students are a delight to be with.
Sub-Branch News

A Dapper Jacket

North Beach RSL Sub-Branch has designed a jacket.

The front of the jacket proudly displays the RSLWA logo complimented by gold buttons. A black tie is included with either an Army, Navy or RAAF motif.

Modelling the jacket is North Beach RSL Sub-Branch Member John Whitford-Smith who is ex-RAAF. John is happy to visit other RSL Sub-Branches to show members what it looks like.

The cost of the jacket and tie, gold buttons and RSL insignia with branch name written underneath is $100 complete.

To have a measure and design form sent to you, please email John Whitford-Smith at luckeejohn82@gmail.com

Walking and Kayaking Group

And when they’re not busy designing jackets...

The North Beach RSL Sub-Branch has let us know about their very active walking and kayaking group.

This enthusiastic group meet Wednesday and Friday at Hillarys Boat Harbour. Following the mornings activities, the groups gather at a favourite coffee shop for refreshments and a chat.
The Riverton RSL Sub-Branch was extremely pleased to see that Club member and former Royal Australian Navy veteran, Richard Wassell of Rossmoyne, has been selected as part of the training squad for the 2017 Australian Invictus Games team to be held from 23 - 30 September 2017 in Toronto, Canada.

The Invictus Games, an initiative of His Royal Highness Prince Harry of Wales, brings together more than 550 athletes from 17 nations, who have been wounded, injured or become ill during their military service.

Mr Wassell was a submariner in the 1990s serving in HMAS Ovens. At the age of 28, while at sea, he had a series of major strokes and was hospitalised, and later, was medically discharged from the service.

Richard said he was overwhelmed to be chosen for the games training squad and was still coming to grips with it all. He said that the week of competition at the Invictus Games Trials at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra was a week that he will never forget with a great bunch of amazingly inspiring athletes.

The training squad will be reduced to a team of about 40 athletes later this year who will then form the final team to represent Australia at the Invictus Games in Toronto.

Richard competed in indoor rowing and athletics at the trials and while he is relatively new to athletics competition, currently holds three world records in indoor rowing.

Bill Collidge, President of the Riverton RSL Sub-Branch, said he was extremely proud of Mr Wassell’s achievements as an Australian ex-serviceman and he called on all Sub-Branch members and the local community to support his remarkable endeavours.

He said the Invictus Games are the stuff of legends and for Richard to be chosen as part of a 55-person Australian squad from more than 180 applicants speaks volumes for his abilities and his determination to overcome adversity.

Mr Collidge said Richard is an inspiration to us all and on behalf of the RSL, he congratulated him on his achievements and wished him every success.

Richard, who is married with four children, is training every day in preparation for his competitions in indoor rowing and athletics. He is hoping that his experiences will encourage other veterans to apply for the 2018 Invictus Games, which will be held in Sydney, Australia.

Like the Team Invictus – Australia Facebook page to support our athletes.
The Listening Post
MARCH 2017

The Port Kennedy RSL hosted a breakfast with two well-grounded speakers Martin Holzberger and Troy Simmonds addressing members of the RSL over an elaborate buffet breakfast.

Martin Holzberger served 29 years in the Royal Australian Navy, finishing his career as the seventh Warrant Officer of the Navy. Martin is now the Operations Manager at RSLWA.

Martin engaged the audience and was able to provide current detail on service issues as well as paint a clear picture of the direction of the RSL in WA, and the challenges in his new role.

Troy Simmonds was an SAS Patrol Commander with service in East Timor, Somalia, Iraq and six tours of Afghanistan. Troy described firsthand the endeavours of the Australian troops in Afghanistan and in particular the 2008 Battle of Khas Uruzgan, which at the time was the bloodiest and fiercest battle for Australian Troops since Vietnam.

It was in this conflict that Trooper Mark Donaldson earned his Victoria Cross – the first awarded to an Australian since Vietnam. Troy had nine of the eleven Australian Troops engaged in the battle wounded, including himself. To further set the scene, Troy was able to show ‘helmet cam’ of the battle which had the audience riveted to their seats.

Sunday 19 February held special significance to one of the attendees; Peter (Bazil) Hackett was an anti-aircraft gunner in Darwin in 1942 – 75 years ago.

243 lives were lost in Darwin that day with hundreds wounded. This attack still marks the largest single attack ever mounted by a foreign power on Australia. Peter, suffered irreparable damage to his eyes from the sun – after many hours of scanning the skies and watching out for Japanese bombers attacking, using the sun for cover.

In respect to Peter’s service and his undying support of the RSL, Peter was presented with the number one membership number from the Port Kennedy RSL Sub-Branch, by the President Steve Elliott.

This is the first time that this has been done in the Club, all members of the Port Kennedy RSL Sub-Branch cannot think of a more worthy recipient. This comes after having already been recognised by the RSL Nationally by being appointed a Platinum Member of the League, having been a member for more than 70 years.

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Breakfast at the Club

by Steve Elliott, Port Kennedy RSL Sub-Branch President

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Sub-Branch News

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[L-R] – Peter (Bazil) Hackett and Berrie Hackett

[L-R] – Troy Simmonds and Martin Holzberger
In November 2016, the Honourable Joe Francis MLA, Member for Jandakot, launched RSL Service Member, Wes Olson’s, latest book at the City of Cockburn RSL Sub-Branch. Sub-Branch President, Digger Cleak OAM, welcomed close to one hundred guests and RSL members to this event. HMAS Sydney (II) – In Peace and War is Wes’ fourth book, and was released to coincide with the 75th Anniversary of the loss of the ship on 19 November 1941. Guests included sons, daughters and nephews of former crew members, and Mrs Shirley Fisher - wife of the late Tom Fisher (the last Western Australian to have served in HMAS Sydney).

HMAS Sydney (II) – In Peace and War is the first complete history of the Australian light cruiser, and covers her construction, six-year commission, and tragic loss with all hands. The narrative is woven with quotes from diaries, letters and memoirs of the officers and ratings who served in Sydney between September 1935 and November 1941. Several chapters are devoted to Sydney’s pre-war years when the cruiser was the ‘pin-up girl’ for the Royal Australian Navy. The bulk of the book, however, covers Sydney’s deployment to the Mediterranean in 1940. The lows and highs of wartime service are vividly recreated, as are the numerous encounters with enemy naval and air forces.

A unique set of photographs, obtained from Australian, British and Italian sources, complements the chapter on the Cape Spada action, which provides a riveting account of Sydney’s clash with the Italian cruisers Giovanni delle Bande Nere and Bartolomeo Colleoni on 19 July 1940. Sydney’s celebrated homecoming in February 1941 is also well covered with photographs and first-hand accounts, and shows why the ship’s loss later that year so devastated the nation. The chapters covering the months leading up to 19 November 1941 describe Sydney’s wartime role in Australian waters, and reveal how Captain Burnett and the ship’s complement viewed the German raider threat.

The account of Sydney’s final battle with HSK Kormoran is well covered, and provides the most logical explanation of what happened on that fateful day.

HMAS Sydney (II) – In Peace and War is the definitive work on the life and times of Australia’s most famous warship. The 620-page hard-back book is lavishly illustrated with over 250 photographs, and includes full crew lists for 19 July 1940 and 19 November 1941. The book can be purchased direct from the author for $60 pick-up, or $75 posted within Australia. Contact Wes or Dale Olson on (08) 9337 4631 or email: wes.dale@westnet.com.au
RSLWA archivist Helen Starkie continues her review of old copies of *The Listening Post* which date back to 1921.

**Newdegate Cup**

The Newdegate Cup, awarded annually for best Metropolitan Sub-Branch all round performance, is keenly competed for and brings joyous smiles to faces of members whose Sub-Branch has achieved the status of winner for the past year.

Did you know that the origins of the Newdegate Cup date back to 1922?

Executive Meeting Minutes of the Returned Sailors and Soldiers League, dated 20 December 1922, under the heading of *Governor’s Cup*, record the following:

The President announced that the Governor, Sir Francis Newdegate had presented to the League a very handsome cup for competition, and it was moved by Mr Morris, seconded by Mr Harvey “That it be called the Newdegate Cup and be a perpetual challenge cup awarded each year to the branch which has best advanced the interests of the League during the preceding 12 months. The decision to be arrived at by Congress, and further, that the details in connection with the competition should be decided by the President and Vice-Presidents.” – Carried.

On the motion of Mr Bader, seconded by Mr Harvey, a vote of thanks was tendered to His Excellency for his kindness, and the great interest he had taken in the League. – Carried.

Sir Francis Newdegate was Governor of WA from 1920 – 1924.

This year the day of our ANZAC Token Appeal has changed. It reverts back to the Friday before ANZAC Day. On Friday, 21 of April keep an eye out for our friendly Sub-Branches and Australian Defence Force volunteers who will be placed in various locations around Perth’s Central Business District.

Collectors will be identified by their authorised voluntary collector card showing permit number 23469. Don’t forget to grab an ANZAC sticker once you’ve donated.

The ANZAC Token Appeal assists our service and ex-service men, women and their dependants in need.
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1. Dorm dweller
5. Few
9. Own
10. Razor sharpener
11. Detail
12. Adult insect
13. Chromium
15. Men's evening dress
16. Edgily
18. Red ant (2 wds.)
21. Hoopla
22. City
26. Mooch
28. Military officer
29. Not our
30. Goad
31. Anon
32. “You can’t eat just one” brand

Down
1. Fashionable
2. Swearword
3. Always
4. Lower in rank
5. Short-term memory
6. Talk
7. Important person
8. Synthetic resin
10. “Raw” color
14. Less nice
17. City in Minnesota (2 wds.)
18. What a scientist searches for
19. Western state
20. Cowboy show
23. Italian currency
24. Fidgety
25. Meets
27. Cocktail drink

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