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Pictured is Brooke Carmichael, a veteran of two tours to Afghanistan. Brooke is a member of the Women Veterans Network Australia (WVNA) and a strong advocate of By the Left campaign in the lead-up to ANZAC Day. You can get more information about the By the Left campaign inside this edition.

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.

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Out of the ranks women continue to show leadership

As the Australian Defence Force (ADF) recruits more women into its ranks, it is showing that among them are leaders of the highest calibre.

by Gavin Briggs
Equally important is that the wider community gains from this, especially when they transition to life as a civilian.

One such leader is Kellie Dadds, a former Army officer who served 22 years in the ADF, who is now building networks across the country that brings together and supports all who have served.

"Being a veteran isn’t about returned service, but service to our country," Kellie said.

"I feel extremely privileged to have served overseas. Many, through no fault of their own, did not receive the call to deploy despite making that commitment through their service."

This is a view being increasingly echoed by many who recognise the invaluable service provided to the nation when someone swears the oath of allegiance and wears the uniform.

Initially joining up as a soldier from regional Victoria, two years later she was at the Royal Military College - Duntroon. After graduation, Kellie became an Intelligence Officer and rose to the rank of Major, serving on multiple deployments across the globe.

In total, Kellie deployed eight times overseas with the ADF including multiple tours to Iraq and Afghanistan.

"It has been a wonderful privilege to work alongside Australia’s finest and brightest, both here and overseas," she said.

"In March this year, I transitioned out of the Army. Leaving was a mix of both happy and sad emotions, and I am sad that my Army career has ended."

"I gave myself enough time to transition over a period of nine months, going through all the processes to ready myself into life after Army."

As a mother of three young children, Kellie could rightly claim to have never been busier. She is heavily involved in several pro-veteran causes, including the ‘By the Left’ initiative and member on the ACT Veterans Advisory Council.

Kellie describes how the ‘By the Left’ initiative is a nationwide approach that includes many women here in Western Australia. This initiative seeks to broaden the perception of what a veteran looks like with a focus on including women and younger veterans.

"Women are often mistakenly challenged about wearing their medals on ANZAC Day or another special commemorative service," Kellie said.

"Some women have even been treated in an aggressive manner for wearing their medal(s) on the left-hand side."

"This is a veteran issue that predominantly affects women. However, many young male veterans and other service personnel have been questioned about wearing their medals."

The ‘By the Left’ initiative is sponsored by the Women Veterans Network Australia. Its conduct however is neutral to all Ex-Service Organisations and seeks to create a safe and welcoming environment for veterans who may have been challenged for wearing their medals on the left.

According to the Department of Veterans Affairs, women represent about 15 per cent of the total permanent serving ADF.

"Such a misperception about what a veteran should ‘look like’ actually isolates women from being part of their rightful place in commemorative services," RSLWA State President Peter Aspinall said.

"RSLWA is actively encouraging a better awareness among the community of the important role women continue to have in the ADF and when they also transition back into the civilian community. An important part of this is being recognised as rightfully and proudly being able wear their medals on the left," Peter said.

"On ANZAC Day, we encourage women and male veterans to march with a group behind a banner that best represents their service."

This year, a new banner will be unfurled at the ANZAC Day Parade. It is designed to represent all former and current ADF service personnel since 1990/91. It also allows those members to march behind a banner should they not have their Unit or Task Force represented by a separate banner.

"Anyone who served in the ADF, whether it be in conflict and / or war zones, on peacekeeping missions or here in Australia, are encouraged to march behind the new ‘ADF Service Since 1990’ banner," Peter said.

"We hope to see many women and men march behind that banner and wearing their medals on the left."
The Bergin Report

In mid February the NSW Government released the report of former NSW Supreme Court Judge Patricia Bergin regarding RSLNSW, RSL Welfare and Benevolent Institution and RSL LifeCare. The report, all 705 pages, makes for devastating and depressing reading.

The NSW Government has accepted Justice Bergin’s recommendations and has referred to the NSW Police the activities of a former State President. Thirteen current and former NSW RSL State Councillors are being referred to ASIC and the ACNC in relation to the cover up of the State President’s misconduct as well as eight former RSL LifeCare office-holders to be referred to ASIC and ACNC in relation to their conduct as directors.

I am not suggesting you all read the report however I do strongly encourage those of you holding significant appointments in Sub Branches to read Bergin’s observations and recommendations. It would be easy to dismiss or downplay the significance of the report on the grounds that it relates to a State Branch over east however the sins and misconduct of those directors reveal behaviours borne of outrageous senses of self entitlement and a complete trashing of any semblance of good governance and compliance that can occur in any organisation, no matter how large or small, if complacency or ignorance permits.

ANZAC Day 2018

For most Sub Branches, the next month and a bit is the most significant period in the year’s commemoration calendar. This year’s ANZAC Day will be the last in the Federal Government’s ‘Centenary of ANZAC’. Here in WA our Centenary commenced not with ANZAC Day 2015 but on 30 October 2014 when Albany commemorated the centenary of the departure of the convoys.

Including the Albany convoys commemoration it has been apparent the Centenary has had a significant impact on Western Australians as they attended commemoration events in noticeably greater numbers. The heightened interest, by young people in particular, in their family histories has been remarkable. It is to be hoped that the interest in and appreciation of the contribution of veterans past and present and for the young men and women in today’s defence force will continue.

LotteryWest grants peaked for ANZAC Day 2015 and, as expected, have been reduced for subsequent ANZAC Days. Notwithstanding the reduced funding, I know that you will all strive to maintain the standards that have marked your outstanding efforts and that your ANZAC Day is again the success that our veterans of today and yesteryear, and current defence force members, deserve.
I would like to take this opportunity in my regular column in The Listening Post to talk about the importance of growing RSLWA - quite literally, in particular, bricks and mortar.

RSLWA State Branch has the job ahead of working closely with all our Sub-Branches to help ensure long-term sustainability and assist with making sure we have the facilities and means to support our veterans and their families.

Of our 129 Sub Branches, 91 operate out of leased or shared premises or community-based and commercial facilities including town halls, licensed premises and bowling clubs. Some smaller Sub-Branches (and many individual officers of Sub-Branches) of course do a lot of RSL work from home.

The above said, 38 properties are actually owned by RSLWA State Branch with various agreements in place for individual Sub-Branches to occupy those properties for enduring periods.

One of the key issues, now and into the future, is addressing the growing age of these properties and RSLWA’s duty to ensure they are, in collaboration with Sub-Branches, maintained and in good order. Of prime priority of course is that our RSLWA facilities are there for the betterment and support of our members.

Over coming months, RSLWA State Branch will be looking at how best to manage its property portfolio to serve the needs of members and the organisation as a whole.

Here’s an example. A very aging property, where the building is in poor shape and in need of a substantial amount of money to bring up to a reasonable standard, could possibly be subject to a complete site redevelopment – thereby providing new modern premises for the Sub-Branch and also new income to ensure the Sub-Branch and RSLWA itself can afford to maintain a good standard of facilities for decades to come.

For RSLWA to continue to be financially strong we need to do things in better and smarter ways to be secure - for the betterment of members, new members and veterans as a whole.

So I see this as a great opportunity. A new Investment Advisory Group (IAG) has been established at State Branch to advise the Board on how we move forward with our property portfolio. You can be absolutely assured that any potential planning to redevelop a number of RSLWA sites will be done ONLY after extensive and close liaison with the relevant Sub-Branch.

The IAG has a role to:

• identify properties with redevelopment potential;
• clarify municipal zoning and permitted uses;
• identify opportunities for co-location if necessary;
• identify properties that would better be managed by local government;
• identify veterans’ hubs locations for development; and
• identify return on investment opportunities.

We live in interesting and exciting times and I will continue to, on behalf of the Board, work comprehensively with Sub-Branches along with Operations Manager Martin Holzberger, to meet the challenges and opportunities ahead.
Most members of the ADF, past and current, will have some personal connection with the ANZAC story and what it means to walk in the footsteps of those who created the ANZAC legacy.

Coming into ANZAC Day on the year that we commemorate the end of the Great War, I wanted to take the liberty to tell a personal story that very much provided me with that personal connection to the ANZAC story.

On ANZAC Day, 28 years ago, I had the very great privilege of standing on the deck of HMAS Tobruk as a member of the Royal Military College Duntroon. I was there as a cadet as part of the Australian Defence Force contingent to escort every living and able-bodied veterans of the Gallipoli campaign back to Gallipoli for the seventy-fifth anniversary of that landing, which marked the beginning of that horrible and atrocious campaign.

On the ship’s deck with me was Pat Johnson, the veteran that my mate and I were assigned to look after. As dawn arrived, HMAS Tobruk rounded Lemnos and headed to the bay now known as ANZAC Cove.

Of all those veterans on board, nearly none had clapped eyes on that beach for 75 years. The emotion was palpable. Not a word was spoken.

There was just a quiet tear here and there from them, and us, as we honoured them in the best way we could by trying to give them in the final days of their lives - many of them 90-plus – closure on something that had stained their memory and their psyche for all their adult lives.

Later that day we took them ashore and escorted them around the various places that they wanted to see. My mate and I stood at the cove and Pat Johnson turned to us and asked, “Where are we?”

It was a bit hard to see. He asked where the sphinx was and we orientated his position to the sphinx, the Nek and all the other things that could be seen only from the shoreline.

Pat paused and looked back at the beach and said, “Yes, we came ashore there.” We said: “Pat, it’s been 75 years; the beach has changed; are you sure?”

He said: “Yes, I know it’s changed, but we came ashore there. We ran up there. I lost five mates there. We got that far and we all ran straight back to the beach to survive.

“That’s what we did for eight months; was simply survive.”

To hear those words from someone who was there told me all I ever needed to know about that day and is something I will never forget.

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By donating to RSLWA, funds go directly to assist our veterans and their families in need.

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The ANZAC Appeal raises funds to provide advocacy and welfare support for former and serving members of the Australian Defence Force, their allies and dependents when in need. It begins in early April and runs up until ANZAC Day on 25th April.

Thank you for the ongoing support of our corporate and community partners. This year RSLWA will be working with a few corporate partners to raise fund and awareness of ANZAC Appeal and to encourage community involvement. For further details, please check our website www.rslwa.org.au and our Facebook page in early April.

**ANZAC Token Appeal**

This year the day of our ANZAC Token Appeal is 20th April - the Friday before ANZAC Day.

Please keep an eye out for our friendly Sub Branches, community groups 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 23552. Do not forget to grab an ANZAC sticker once you have donated.

The ANZAC Token Appeal assists our service and ex-service men, women and their dependants in need.
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RSLWA’s core business continues to be providing its members with the best level of advocacy.

“RSLWA is Western Australia’s primary provider of advocacy and welfare support for veterans, current and ex-service members of the Australian Defence Force and their families,” RSLWA Chief Executive Officer John McCourt said.

“We are recognised as a leading provider of support, welfare and advocacy services to all serving, ex-service personnel and their families,” John said.

“One particular aspect of that is what RSLWA Advocacy offers. They provide assistance with claims with the Department of Veterans’ Affairs (DVA), assistance in the appeal process up to the level of Veterans Review Board and referral services,” he said.

Such support and guidance is instrumental in ensuring that our members know that we act in their best interests to try and achieve the best possible outcome for them.

The RSLWA Advocates provide assistance, guidance and support for all veterans and veterans families as they navigate their way through the DVA.

Being RSLWA’s core business means providing its members with the best level of advocacy possible.

Being Perth-based, we do offer a central location however, we also have volunteer advocates across the State. This is where our RSLWA Sub-Branches continue to play such an important part in the local community.

The RSLWA Perth office’s Advocates provide assistance with a host of valuable services. They include lodging claims for Disability Pensions, which cover all three legislations, which are VEA, SRCA, MRCA.

RSLWA Advocates also provide assistance with Service Pension Claims, guidance throughout the DVA process regarding Investigations of claims, and support for any appeals at the Veterans Review Board.

Support is also offered for veterans regarding mental health through Veterans and Veterans Counselling Services and Non-Liability Health Care with DVA.

Should veterans need financial assistance, they are connected with our RSLWA Welfare Officer.

“Where possible it is best to arrange a face-to-face appointment with one of our team members,” RSLWA Advocate Manager Sharon Briggs said.

“For regional members assistance may be sought through the local Sub-Branches,” Sharon said.
Australia Day 2018 was a red letter day for RSLWA in more ways than one, with special recognition for a number of our valued members.

Former Chief Executive Officer and current State Branch Trustee, Philip Orchard was named in the Australia Day Honours List along with State War Memorial warden and Highgate Sub-Branch member, Allan Downs.

Allan Downs received the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for his significant community services including his roles in RSLWA. His services to the community include services to the Association of Financial Advisers Ltd (1971-2009) and the Rotary Club of Melville (1973-1988) where he held every office except as Treasurer.

Allan remains a warden of the State War Memorial and a valued member of the Highgate RSL Sub-Branch.

Ms Sonja Andrews

Sonja has worked tirelessly within the Esperance Sub-Branch and the local community to raise awareness of the needs for veterans and collecting funds to support them. She has been an influential contributor within the Sub-Branch, holding the position of Secretary for a number of years. Sonya upholds the values and finest traditions of the RSL and is a worthy recipient of the Australia Day Silver Medallion.

Phil Orchard AM

Phil Orchard was made a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for his service to veterans and their families in Western Australia, through administrative roles.

“I was totally surprised. It was a pinch me moment and humbling,” Mr. Orchard said. “I was very grateful for the recognition.”
Mr Ken Beven
Joondalup RSL Sub-Branch

Ken is a stalwart within the RSL. He has conducted working bees for members and their families, organised provision of mobility scooters and wheelchairs for the Sub-Branch and, most recently, planning and establishment a veteran’s centre at the Heathridge Leisure Centre for advocacy and welfare support to veterans. All this on the back of his leading role in the new memorial at Ocean Reef. Ken truly upholds the best and finest traditions of the RSL through his actions and dedication.

Dawesville RSL Sub-Branch

This vibrant Sub-Branch was recognised for its drive and enthusiasm in getting on with the business of looking after veterans and their families without hesitation, without fuss and without fanfare. Their excellent leadership and work within the community sets the bar for others to aspire to. The members of the Dawesville Sub-Branch can be proud of their efforts and in receiving this award. The Dawesville Sub-Branch upholds the highest values and finest traditions of the RSL.

Mr Barry Meakins
City of Mandurah RSL Sub-Branch

Since the sale of the facility where the old City of Mandurah RSL Sub-Branch was located, Barry has worked tirelessly providing his years of expertise in the building industry to ensure that the Sub-Branch had a new home. His work with local government and contractors has helped to ensure that City of Mandurah RSL Sub-Branch will have a new home that will meet the needs of members and the veteran community in the Peel Region for many years to come. Barry upholds the highest values and finest traditions of the RSL.

Mr Gary Sutherland OAM
Bellevue RSL Sub-Branch

Garry served the Bellevue RSL Sub-Branch as Secretary from 1996 till 2012, spending countless hours meticulously documenting the history of the Sub-Branch. His passion flowed on to the ANZAC Day services in Perth as an influential member of the State Branch Commemorative Committee.

Garry’s commitment to the RSL was clearly shown when he took over the role of CEO. Not only did Gary do an outstanding job in the role he did it on a total voluntary basis. Gary indeed upholds the highest values and finest traditions of the RSL. The award was received by Gary’s daughter Natasha Sutherland.
The Cadet organisation in WA has been the face of the three services across our communities for countless years. Their support for remembrance services within their own communities has been exemplary. Indeed, the ADF Cadet organisations have been – and will continue to be – instructive in shaping our adults and leaders of tomorrow through strong values, discipline, friendship and a sense of belonging.

Tony joined the Riverton Sub-Branch in 1983. A long and trusted member of the State Tribunal, Tony was often able to turn mountains into molehills through his exceptional mediation skills. His leadership within the RSL Legal Support Group at Nollamara saw countless veterans and their families receiving support for a variety of legal matters. Not one to judge others, Tony has gone out of his way to conduct Prison visits, on ANZAC Day and throughout the year, to veterans incarcerated.

In what was regarded the best kept secret among RSLWA State Branch staff and the Board of Directors, long-time staffer Nola Keen was also the recipient of a silver Australia Day medallion. Since joining RSLWA in November 2007, Nola has served four Chief Executive Officers, three State Presidents and in excess of 40 Board Members.

She has been a lynchpin, gatekeeper and the continuity expert number throughout the past 10 years and her service to the organisation and the Veteran Community in general has been nothing less than first class.

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Kevin (Doc) Casey
The best in the West
by Busselton RSL Sub-Branch Secretary
Glenn Woodward

As another year moves on, the Busselton RSL Sub Branch continues to see more members attending our Friday Night Fellowship get togethers. To date this year the “Grey Nomads” numbers seem to be rising and along with our ex-service people on the “Round the Block trip” in their caravans, many visiting the Club on our Friday Night Fellowships.

This year Australia Day fell on the Friday, so the committee decided that instead of our normal Friday night meal we would provide a “Free Family BBQ”. We started the BBQ at about 3.00pm with the food ready about 4.00pm. The burgers, snags and onions were cooked by Chef/Secretary (yours truly), whilst the salads had been prepared by Treasurer Rick. It turned out to be a great day with approx. 80 plus attending.

The normal raffles followed conducted by Rick. Jackpot Joker was at $2600 and membership draw at $90, however neither went off. The meat raffles comprising of approx. $220 worth of meats is always very popular with our members.

We had a visit from RSLWA State Branch CEO, Mr John McCourt and Operations Manager, Mr Martin Holzenberger to review the current premises.

The Committee is currently exploring new ways to bring our newest veterans into the RSL fold so that we can give them the support they need. Providing an informal drop-in centre is being looked at so the visit by the State Executive was to show them around the premises and present several options. As the premises are owned by the State Branch they would be the major funding organisation.

A follow up meeting with possible options is planned within the next couple of months.

Last year the City of Busselton made a presentation to the RSL detailing the proposed “Traffic Management Plan” for the City. The Sub-Branch were concerned that access to plan would have a considerable impact on Victoria Park where the Cenotaph and Memorial Wall are located.

During the presentation we were advised that should the RSL wish to relocate the Cenotaph and Memorial Wall the City would cover the cost for the removal. With the change of Government came some variations to the State budget so no decisions have been made so any progress is currently on hold.

Members of the RSL will be kept informed of any proposals/suggestions at all times.

On a very sad note we lost our immediate past President, Kevin “Doc” Casey.

Doc had stood down as President at our last AGM in September due to health issues. He had been a member of our executive committee for seven years and was a great stalwart of the club. He had spent time in Busselton Hospital before being flown to Fremantle Hospital where he passed away on Remembrance Day. He will be sadly missed by all.

RIP Doc.

Treasurer Rick also doubles up as Social Coordinator and has put together our social activities for the coming year. We have already had a Brewery trip and a Wine trip is scheduled in a couple of weeks. Trips to the local races and visit to the Pinjarra race meetings are also planned. Sunday BBQ’s are also on the menu.

We have a new general email for the Club that should be used for all enquiries regarding the Busselton RSL Sub-Branch and Busselton RSL Social Club (Inc.):

email@busseltonrsl.org.au

We also have a Facebook page, which is managed by our Treasurer, “Busselton RSL Sub-Branch”.

Should you be travelling down our way, gives us a ring or drop in. The City of Busselton has done tremendous work on the foreshore and surrounding area including a new Jetty train with great bike tracks from Woonerup to Dunsborough.

Don’t forget Busselton enjoys the name of “Events Capital in the West” with always plenty to do and see.
RSLWA President Peter Aspinall may be no spring chicken but he’s still going places – quite literally. The President, resplendent in his jogging gear, took the honour as being the first to carry the baton for the commencement of WA’s leg of the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games (GC2018) Queen’s Baton Relay.

Flanked by security staff, Peter took the baton to the top of Albany’s Mt Clarence and down again, starting off a relay that will wend its way through the Great Southern and South West before reaching Perth and then on to the North West.

“It was a privilege to take part in such a historic event,” Peter Aspinall said. “Albany of course is my home and to kick off the relay was something very special.”

It’s also a feather in the cap for RSLWA as one of Western Australia’s leading not-for-profit organisations, dedicated to looking after the needs and well-being of veterans and their families.
ANZAC Day 2018
The Final Battles of the Western Front

by Gavin Briggs

On ANZAC Day 1918, the guns of the Western Front were still several months away from falling silent.

The First World War continued to rage, with many challenging and difficult battles to be fought in the mud and horror. And yet a determined enemy still pushed forward along parts of the Western Front.

There was no clear certainty of an Allied victory but battles such as that fought at Villers-Bretonneux helped hold the line.

In this 100th year of the anniversary of the end of the First World War, the major theme of this year’s ANZAC Day is about that important battle all those years ago.

As part of the German Spring Offensive on the Western Front, German forces used infantry and tanks to capture Villers-Bretonneux on 24 April 1918.

Ten-miles to the west was the strategic French town of Amiens. Villers-Bretonneux had been captured by the Germans from exhausted British soldiers but it would be the job of the Australian 13th and 15th Brigades to re-take this vital location, seated on the crest of a ridge.

The 13th Brigade moved in a southward pincer movement, and the 15th Brigade advanced around the northern side of Villers-Bretonneux.

It proved to be a model of a well-planned and co-ordinated night attack that ultimately proved successful. But it was extremely risky. It was fought at night and without any artillery support.

It involved multiple changes in direction, done in complete darkness, but on the morning of 25 April 1918, it began to lighten.

It was at this phase of the attack that General Pompey Elliott, commander of 15th Brigade wrote “it was too dim for accurate shooting with rifles and machine guns but light enough for bayonet work.”

Author Ross McMullin noted that “at least this time they (casualties) were relatively light considering the importance of the victory, which ended the perturbing German threat to Amiens.”

A captured German officer said that his divisional general had told him before the attack that the Australian troops were the best on the Western Front.

Despite the passage of time, this year marks the 100th anniversary of another sustained and remarkable feat by the First Australian Imperial Force where it turned a possible defeat into victory.

Our troops had once more done their bit to bring the eventual close to this most horrific of wars.

— Australian National Memorial at Villers-Bretonneux
Image Courtesy: www.battlefields.com.au
APPRECIATION

The Returned & Services League of WA greatly appreciates the support of Wesfarmers for publication of these ANZAC Day Services.
Three special Sunset Services will be held on the evenings preceding this year’s ANZAC Day.

“This will allow people an early opportunity to visit the State War Memorial in Kings Park, where they can reflect on the sacrifice of soldiers, sailors and airmen and airwomen during key battles and campaigns of the last century,” RSLWA State President Peter Aspinall said.

Each of the services will pay special tribute to Australia’s armed Services. The first will held on Sunday 22 April and focuses on the Second World War’s Battle of the Atlantic.

“That campaign was of incredible strategic significance to the eventual outcome of the Second World War,” Peter Aspinall said.

“Many Australians served in that long, dangerous campaign and were pitted against a deadly, often hidden, enemy,” he said.

“The German U-boats hunted Allied merchant vessels over a long period of time and at some stages of the war, the losses were unsustainable and close to catastrophic.”

Many Royal Australian Navy and Royal Australian Naval Volunteer Reserve personnel served with the British Royal Navy in often atrocious weather conditions during a long and arduous campaign.

The Battle of the Atlantic also involved merchant seamen, a mix of defence force personnel and civilian shipmen who assisted with the transport of troops, equipment, food and fuel supplies across the ocean.

In addition to naval support in the Atlantic, Australian airmen from the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) served in large numbers (approximately 5,000), supporting Royal Air Force Coastal Command squadrons.

Long-range aircraft later bridged the ‘air-gap’ and provided overhead protection to Allied shipping and its convoys.

“Along with intelligence that operated under ‘Ultra’, the combined Allied effort eventually reduced the German U-boat threat. This allowed the Allies to mass troops and supplies for the D-Day invasion,” Peter said.

The second Sunset Service will be held on Monday 23 April 2018, and will commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the battle for Villers-Bretonneux.

On the eve of ANZAC Day, the 50th Anniversary of the RAAF air campaign during the Vietnam War will be the third and final Sunset Service for 2018.

“These brief yet sombre services are designed to offer another way for Western Australians to pay tribute to those who paid the ultimate sacrifice in the service of our nation,” Peter said.
ANZAC DAY SERVICES 2018

ANZAC Day Dawn Service

ANZAC DAY EVENT ACCESS MAP
25 APRIL 2018
KINGS PARK

LEGEND
- Event Site
- State War Memorial
- Jewish War Memorial
- Vietnam War Memorial
- Kings Park Shuttle Bus
- Road Closure
- Buses Only
- Local Traffic Only
- Managed Parking
- Carpark and Verge Parking

Kings Park Setdown & Pickup
Perth Bus Port to Kings Park Setdown
Kings Park Pickup to Perth Bus Port
*Road Closures from Midnight to 9:00am

Subject to Change
Gunfire Breakfast and Parade Vehicle Information

With the redevelopment 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 at Government House Gardens from 7.00am to 9.00am.

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

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.

To register phone: Cassandra Brennan 0402 845 459 or email: 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
- 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:
To register phone Bob Wise 0422 064 453 or bob.wise@hotmail.com or robert.wise@justice.wa.gov.au
ANZAC DAY
PROVISIONAL ORDER OF MARCH
WEDNESDAY, 25 APRIL 2018

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

DEFENCE FORCES CONTINGENT
Royal Australian Navy Band
Western Australia
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 Perth Fortress Salvation Army Band
State Presidents' of RSL, Naval Assoc, RAAF Assoc, & Perth Legacy of WA
10 x Australian National Flags
10 x New Zealand National Flags
WWI Banners & Victoria Cross
Recruited Veterans

B Town of Victoria Park
Veteran Carrying Cars

NAVAL SECTION

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 WA Brass
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)
Royal Australian Survey Corps Assoc

E Churchlands Senior High School (Band 2)
Royal Australian Signals Assoc
2/11th AIF Battallon Assoc
2/16th AIF Battallon Assoc
51 ACU Swan Regiment Drums & Pipes
2/28th Battalion & 24th Anti-Tank Coy Assoc
2/32nd Battalion Assoc
2/43rd 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 Battalon Assoc, 11th AIF Battalion, 28th, 44th Battalion Assoc’s)

F Presbyterian Ladies College
Pipes and Drums
Royal Australia Regiment Association
1 RAR
2 RAR
2/4 RAR
3 RAR
4 RAR
5 RAR
5/7 RAR
6 RAR

Australian Army Band Perth
7 RAR
8 RAR
8/9 RAR
9 RAR

G Royal Australian Navy Band
Western Australia
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
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 2/123th)

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

Sydney II)

Airborne Forces Assoc of WA
Royal Green Jackets Assoc
British Ex-Services Assoc
Ex-Royal New Zealand Navy
Royal Australian Army Pay Corps Assoc

Sikh Ex-Servicemen’s Assoc
Indian Defence Forces Assoc
7 Wing Air Force Cadets

Drum Corps (Band 1)

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

L Churchlands Senior High School (Band 1)
New Zealand Ex-Service Men and Women
Ex-Royal New Zealand Navy
British Ex-Services Assoc
Royal Green Jackets Assoc
Airborne Forces Assoc of WA

Churchlands Senior High School (Band 2)
North American Veterans’ Unit
Veterans of Foreign Wars
Descendants of WWII Chinese Defence Force

Greek Australian Ex-Servicemen’s Assoc

Indian Defence Forces Assoc

7 Wing Air Force Cadets
Drum Corps (Band 2)

Australian Ex-Services Atomic Survivors Assoc
National Malaya & Borneo Veterans Assoc (including KSEA/VA)

Western Australian Wind Symphony

Veteran Veterans Assoc

K Perth Metro Pipe Band

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COMMONWEALTH & ALLIED FORCES SECTION

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M WA Sikh Band
Sikh Ex-Servicemen
Turkish Ex-Servicemen
Vietnamese Ex-Servicemen
Relatives of Deceased Veterans
Scouts
Girl Guides

7 Wing Air Force Cadets
Drum Corps (Band 2)
A stunning location for our commemorative service

The landmark Perth Concert Hall is this year’s location for the 2018 ANZAC Day Commemorative Service.

“This venue is the perfect venue for hosting the Commemorative Service,” RSLWA State President Peter Aspinall said.

“No matter the weather or the temperature, people can come and enjoy in comfort the ANZAC Day Commemorative Service which will feature a fine selection of band and choral music, as well as hymns,” Peter said.

“We are also very fortunate to again have the services of the ABC’s Geoff Hutchinson as our MC,” he added.

This year’s ANZAC Day Commemorative Service program will feature the Salvation Army Perth Fortress Band as well as a choir brought together from the Perth Modern School, Chamber Choir and Perth Modern School Alumni Singers.

The Commemorative Service will commence at 11:00am, however doors into the Concert Hall proper will close ten-minutes prior.

The reason for this timing is to have people seated before the arrival of the State Governor and the commencement of the ABC’s live state-wide broadcast.

Tea and coffee are going to be provided at the end of the Parade, and before the commencement of the Commemorative Service. The Perth Concert Hall will also have bar facilities made available at the completion of the service.

This is a ticketed event so it is important to make sure that you secure tickets for you and your family through RSLWA well before this event. Tickets can be requested by contacting Rowena Bush, Staff Support Officer on 9287 3799 or via email support.officer@rslwa.org.au.

When booking your tickets please ensure to provide the following details:

- Name and contact details (including phone number, email address and postal address)
- Number of tickets required
- Name of Sub-Branch or Group
- If wheelchair access is required

Please note that the venue will not have assigned seating, therefore guests will be seated in the order of their arrival. Wheelchair access will be available for patrons.

Further information regarding parking and building access will be included on the tickets, as well as the RSLWA and Perth Concert Hall websites.

“We are very much looking forward to hosting this commemorative service in such a wonderful venue. I do hope people take up this opportunity to come and enjoy what will undoubtedly prove to be a moving service,” Peter said.
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IRWIN ST
GOVERNORS AVE
ST GEORGES TCE
SUPREME COURT OF WA
GOVERNMENT HOUSE

GUNFIRE BREAKFAST (7.00am)
COUNCIL HOUSE
SHERWOOD CT
WILLIAM ST
THE ESPLANADE
K L M C B F E D I H G 3 3 2 1
SALUTING DAI S
3
J RIVER N TERRACE ROAD CARPARK IRWIN ST
VICTORIA AVE
HILL ST
TERRACE RD
TERRACE ROAD CARPARK
LANGLEY PARK
(Parade Dispersal)

ANZAC DAY EVENT MAP
25 APRIL 2018
FORM UP & MARCH
Start time: 9.15am
PERTH CBD

LEGEND

First Aid & Lost Persons
Cadet & Volunteer Registration (RSLWA)
Forming Up Area
Saluting Dais
Vehicle Dispersal
Parade Dispersal
Commemorative Service (Perth Concert Hall)

Parade Route
Road Closures
6:00am -12:30pm

RSLWA

RIVERSIDE DRIVE
RIVER
## ANZAC Day Events
### Metropolitan Areas

### Applecross
**April 22**

### Ballajura
**April 25**
- Contact: Michael Clarke. cherylmick8@bigpond.com 9206 5402 / 0421 056 533

### Bedford – Morley
**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

### Beddington
**April 23**
- 10.00am Combined school ANZAC service, Forster Park, Abernethy Road, Cloverdale.

### Ballajura
**April 25**
- 6.00am Dawn Service & Wreath Laying, Blackboy Hill Commemorative Site. 12.00pm Parade assemble at Helen St Hall. 12.10pm Parade march off. 12.30pm ANZAC Day Service, Bellevue RSL. At completion light lunch provided and liquid refreshments available. Two-up is played outdoors. Parking: Available adjacent to and opposite the RSL Sub-Branch.
- Contact: Roy Jewell. bellevuersl@gmail.com 0409 294 213

### Bellevue
**April 23**
- 5.15pm Sunset Service & Wreath Laying, Blackboy Hill Commemorative Site. 5.45pm Dawn Service, Ballajura Community Peace Park, Illawarra Crescent South, Ballajura. Gunfire Breakfast to follow. Parking: Ballajura Community College car park.
- Contact: Colin Robb. colinrobb@hotmail.com 9276 2683
- Light refreshments available after the Dawn Service.

### Belmont
**April 25**
- 6.00am Dawn Service & Wreath Laying, Blackboy Hill Commemorative Site. 12.00pm Parade assemble at Helen St Hall. 12.10pm Parade march off. 12.30pm ANZAC Day Service, Bellevue RSL. At completion light lunch provided and liquid refreshments available. Two-up is played outdoors. Parking: Available adjacent to and opposite the RSL Sub-Branch.
- Contact: Roy Jewell. bellevuersl@gmail.com 0409 294 213

### Belconnen
**April 23**
- 10.00am Combined school ANZAC service, Forster Park, Abernethy Road, Cloverdale.

### Belvedere
**April 22**
- 2.00pm City of Belmont ANZAC Service, 22 Leake Street, Ascot.

### Blackboy Hill
**April 25**
- 5.45am Dawn Service, Forster Park, Abernethy Road, Cloverdale. 7.00am Gunfire Breakfast. City of Belmont RSL, 22 Leake Street, Ascot. Club open 6.00am to 6.00pm, Two-up snacks and entertainment available.
- Contact: Secretary. belmontrsl@highway1.com.au 9361 0566 / 0417 174 637
ANZAC Day Events
Metropolitan Areas

BICTON – PALMYRA
APRIL 25
6.00am Dawn Service outside RSL, 30B Foss Street, Bicton. 7.00am Gunfire Breakfast.
Parking: Opposite RSL Sub-Branch behind McDonald’s. Site wheelchair friendly.
Contact: Kevin Hastie. 9339 6401
Other Information: Finger food provided at Sub-Branch from 12.30pm with a live band (Twice Shy) from 2.00pm-6.00pm.

BULLSBROOK & DISTRICTS
APRIL 25
5.45am Street March. 6.00am Dawn Service. 6.30am Gunfire Breakfast, 6 Hurd Road, Bullsbrook.
Parking: Bullsbrook College, limited street parking.
Contact: Penny de Grussa. bullsbrookrsl@bigpond.com 0411 043 887

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
6.30am Gunfire Breakfast. 7.30am ANZAC Day March. 10.30am Gather and form up behind Bassendean Hotel for Parade. 10.45am Parade step off. 11.00am Memorial Service, Bassendean War Memorial, Guildford Rd, Bassendean.
Parking: All street parking.
Contact: Ashley Vince. easternregional.rsl@gmail.com 0428 788 703

COTTESLOE
APRIL 25
6.45am Parade and attendees muster at the top (Southern) gate (opposite Loma Street). 7.00am Parade marches off from top gate towards main lawn. 7.10am ANZAC Day service commences. 8.00am Service concludes.
Parking: Street parking nearby (ACROD parking marked in key areas).
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.
Parking: Dawn Service parking at Dawesville boat ramp and along Estuary Road. Wheelchair accessible Memorial and toilets. Gunfire Breakfast parking at Port Bouvard Recreation & Sporting Club, also Estuary Road car park, adjacent PBR & SC.
Contact: Fred Abbott. dawesville.rsl@bigpond.com 0447 720 076

ELLENBROOK
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. 7.00am Gunfire Breakfast, the Esplanade, Fremantle. 9.00am service at the Fallen Soldier Memorial Park, North Fremantle. 10.30am ANZAC Parade through Fremantle. 12.30pm Sausage Sizzle, Bar and Two-up, the Esplanade, Fremantle.
Contact: Nathan Winter. nath_winter@yahoo.com.au 0417 038 176

GOSNELLS
APRIL 25
6.00am Assemble at Coles car park, Gosnells City Centre. 6.30am March off to Gosnells Civic Centre Memorial. 7.00am Service commences. 8.00am Gunfire Breakfast.
Parking: Coles car park.
Contact: Fred Batt. gosnellsrsl@gmail.com 0419 040 820 / 9398 1661
ANZAC Day Events

Metropolitan Areas

JOONDALUP CITY

APRIL 25
5.45am Dawn Service, Joondalup Memorial, Central Park Joondalup. 6.30am Morning tea, Central Park Joondalup
5.45am Dawn Service. 6.30am Gunfire Breakfast, continues through until bar closing, Ocean Reef Sea Sports Club, Harbour Quays, Ocean Reef. 8.00am Two-up. 9.00am Pop up bar facilities.
Parking: Joondalup Central Park, street parking, wheelchair access. Ocean Reef, parking Ocean Reef Marina, reserved seating for the incapacitated.
Contact: Ken Beven. kpbeven@bigpond.com 0415443138

KALAMUNDA

APRIL 21
10.30am Street march to War Memorial to Kostera Oval Memorial. 11.00am Step off on Railway Road into Haynes Street then Canning Road. 11.30am Service held at Memorial in Kostera Oval. 12.00pm Refreshments at RSL Hall, Canning Road, Kalamunda.
APRIL 25
5.45am Assemble at Kostera Oval Memorial. 6.00am Dawn Service. 6.30am Gunfire Breakfast, Agricultural Hall in Kostera Oval. Parking: Parking at Kalamunda High School, Kalamunda shopping precinct and street parking allowed except around Kostera Oval. All areas have wheelchair access. Kalamunda SES will be assisting at the Dawn Service.
Contact: Chris Hannah. c_hannah@bigpond.com 0401 146 807

KELMSCOTT – ROLEYSTONE

APRIL 25
5.30am Dawn Service, Rushton Park Cenotaph, River Road, Kelmscott. 3.00pm Afternoon Service, Kelmscott Hall to Cenotaph, Kelmscott.
Parking: Kelmscott Hall car park, River Rd, Kelmscott.
Contact: Henry Zelones. hzelones@bigpond.com.au 0428 954 073

KWINANA

APRIL 25
5.50am Dawn Service. 6.15am Gunfire Breakfast, Medina Hall, gold coin donation. 10.15am March from Hoyle Road, Medina. 11.40am ANZAC Day Service, War Memorial, Pace Road, Medina. 11.45am Light refreshments, RSL Club.
Parking: Parking available at Medina shop precinct and Senior Citizens car park Harlow Road. Disabled parking at rear of monument on Pace Road.
Contact: Dave Spillman kwinanarsl@bigpond.com 0414 968 139

MANDURAH

APRIL 25
6.00am Dawn Service, Mandurah War Memorial. 7.00am Gunfire Breakfast, Mandurah Bowling and Community Centre. 9.30am Parade form up, cnr Pinjarra Road and Leslie Street. 10.30am Parade step off. 11.00am Main service at Mandurah War Memorial. On completion of Service public are invited to the Mandurah Bowling and Community Centre for Fellowship and Two-up.
Parking: Available on Hall Park adjacent to the Memorial off Leighton Street. Access parking is available for those with an ACROD sticker. Members of the Mandurah 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

MT HAWTHORN

APRIL 25
10.30am March east from cnr Scarborough Beach Road and Flinders Street to Axford Park, Mt Hawthorn. 11.00am Commemorative Service, Axford Park.
Parking: Venue is wheelchair friendly with only local street parking available.
Contact: Lloyd Blake lloydblake@iinet.net.au 0439 943 230

MT LAWLEY – INGLEWOOD

APRIL 25
6.15am Assemble. 6.30am Commencement of Service, followed by light refreshments, Lawley Masonic Village, 55 Alexander Drive, Menora.
7.45am Assemble, Mt Lawley Cenotaph, Cnr Clifton Street and Queens Crescent, Mt Lawley. 7.45am Assemble. 8.00am Commencement of Service. 8.45am Sit down Gunfire Breakfast, Mt Lawley Bowling Club. 8.45am Free Sausage Sizzle. Parking: Road closed from 7.30am.
Contact: Oliver Lovelle JP. e-lano_o@bigpond.com 0409 898 806

MUNDARING

APRIL 25
2.45pm March from Bendigo Bank. 3.00pm Service, Mundaring Memorial Gardens, Great Eastern Highway.
Contact: Kellie Ruxton. kellieruxton@bigpond.com 0410 326 401 or Eric Smith. eric.anne8@bigpond.com 0419 925 637

NEDLANDS

APRIL 25
8.30am Commemorative Service, Dalkeith Memorial.
Contact: Barry Nunn. barrynunn@optusnet.com.au 0408 540 082

NOLLAMARA

APRIL 22
10.00am March from RSL Sub-Branch, 68 Sylvia Street Nollamara around the block. 10.30am Arrive back at Sub-Branch. 10.45am Memorial Service, RSL Sub-Branch. 11.30am Light lunch and entertainment provided. All welcome to attend and dress standards apply.
APRIL 25
6.00am Dawn Service at Cenotaph outside RSL, 68 Sylvia Street Nollamara. 6.30am Gunfire Breakfast inside RSL Hall. 12.30pm Light lunch. 2.00pm Two-up inside RSL Hall. 4.00pm Live music.
Parking: Along Sylvia Street and rear of RSL Hall also at Autumn Centre carpark next to RSL.
Contact: Bindi. manager@nollamaraarsl.asn.au 9344 1966 or Nathan. secretary@nollamaraarsl.asn.au 0438628863
ANZAC Day Events

Metropolitan Areas

NORTH BEACH
APRIL 25
6.00am Assemble at the Memorial, Charles Riley Reserve, North Beach. 6.15am Dawn Service commences. Gunfire Breakfast afterwards, North Beach Bowling Club. 1.00pm Two-up.
Parking: Parking will be directed by parking attendants. The Memorial precinct is wheelchair friendly.
Contact: Rob Sweet. northbeachrslwa@gmail.com 0417 654 533

NORTHBRIDGE
APRIL 25
12.00pm Vietnamese Service with Gunfire Breakfast, U&I Café, Shop 4-5/45 Francis Street.
Contact: Thanh Nguyen. hkd2511@outlook.com 0413 354 031

OSBORNE PARK
APRIL 25
6.30am Step off from Main and Hamilton Streets. 6.35am March to Slouch Hat Sub-Branch Memorial for a Service, Cnr of Cape and Main Street, Osborne Park. A 35 minute Service will follow, including a Tiger Moth flypast by the Royal Aero Club and supported by choirs and bugle. Gunfire Breakfast by donation with refreshments available to follow.
Parking: Ample nearby commercial service road and side street parking.
Contact: Mike Nel. thenels@westnet.com.au 0408 902 948

PERTH
APRIL 22 - 24
Sunset Service 5.00pm - 5.30pm – See main article.
Held over three 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 Government House Gardens, St Georges Terrace, Perth.
The community is invited to attend a Gunfire Breakfast to share the spirit of ANZAC Day.
The event will cater for up to 2,000 people.
Other information: www.rslwa.org.au
March 9.15am – See route maps.
Perth City Streets
The Australian Defence Force will step off from the corner of Barrack Street and St Georges Terrace at 9.15am, 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 disperse.
Other information: www.rslwa.org.au
Commemorative Service 11.00am
Perth Concert Hall, St Georges Terrace, Perth.
The Commemorative Service program will feature the Salvation Army Perth Fortress Band and choir brought together from the Perth Modern School Chamber Choir and Perth Modern School Alumni Singers.
Other information: www.rslwa.org.au
ANZAC Day Events
Metropolitan Areas

PORT KENNEDY
APRIL 25
5.45am Dawn Service, Rockingham Village Green, Patterson Road. 6.30am Gunfire Breakfast. 10.30am March in Rockingham. 11.30am Fellowship, Two-up, food.
Contact: Steven Elliot. admin@rslpk.com.au 0447 447 493

QUINNS ROCKS
APRIL 25
5.45am Arrival. 6.00am Dawn Service. 7.00am Gunfire Breakfast, Quinns Rocks Sports & Social Club, Tapping Way. 2.00pm Two-up.
Contact: Peter Meldrum. peter@petermeldrum.com 0421 116 599

RIVERTON
APRIL 25
6.00am Dawn Service at Memorial in front of Sub-Branch at 153 High Road, Willetton. 6.30am Gunfire Breakfast.
Parking: Ample Parking Front and Rear of Club. Wheelchair access for the service downstairs, but not for the breakfast upstairs.
Have a chair lift.
Contact: Phil Hodgson. rivertonrslwa@gmail.com 9354 2197

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. rsrock@westnet.com.au 9592 4222 / 0437 109 632

ROTTNEST ISLAND
APRIL 25
6.00am Commencing with the playing of the Lament as the sun rises over the Indian Ocean, the service also acknowledges the Island’s long military history. Following the Dawn Service, visitors are treated to ANZAC day themed activities and have the opportunity to attend tours of the Oliver Hill guns and tunnels. 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 1st Wembley Downs Scout Group commences, Scarborough Memorial Garden, Cnr Shearn Street and Millcrest Street, Doubleview.

APRIL 25
6.00am All-night Vigil by Scout Group concludes. 3.00pm Slow March of Scout Catafalque Party to Memorial then ANZAC Day Service. 3.45pm Afternoon tea at adjacent Bowling Club Hall.
Parking: Substantial parking in grounds of Bowling Club and Bennett Park next door. More street parking around Bennett Park on all four sides.
Contact: Malcolm F Till FCPA. scarbsbrsl@gmail.com 9341 5416

SERPENTINE – JARRAHDALE
APRIL 25
5.45am Dawn Service, ANZAC Memorial Park, Cnr Doley Road and ANZAC Crescent. 7.00am Gunfire Breakfast, Byford Country Club.
Parking: Parking is opposite the Memorial Park. Road closures in place, and it is wheelchair friendly.
Contact: Shana McKay. sjrsl@westnet.com.au 9526 2846

SHENTON PARK
APRIL 25
6.50am Short march by Service members.
7.00am Service, Citizens Centre, Cnr Onslow Road and Herbert Road, Shenton Park.
7.30am Tea and scones in Hall.
Parking: Ample street parking and venue is wheelchair friendly.
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 24
7.00pm ANZAC Eve Service, St Martin in the Fields Church, Cnr Dyson & Vista St, Kensington.

APRIL 25
7.00am Members from the 3rd Squadron, Pilbara Regiment, RSL Members and Scouts and Guides march from South Terrace to the Memorial, South Perth Council offices, cnr South Terrace and Sandgate Street, South Perth. A Service is then conducted, wreaths are laid by various groups, government representatives and individuals. Morning tea will be available after the service in the Council Hall.
Parking: Parking is available on the oval in Sandgate St next to the Council offices. Wheelchair access available. Contact: Bonnie Atkinson. southperthrsl@gmail.com 9450 2362

SUBIACO
APRIL 25
7.50am March commences outside Subiaco Town Hall Post Office, Cnr Hamersley and Rokey Roads, Subiaco.
Parking: Plenty of Street Parking available in Rokey Road and adjacent streets.
Contact: Richard Diggins. rvdiggins@gmail.com 9381 1529 / 0415 433 752

VICTORIA PARK
APRIL 24
5.45pm ANZAC Eve Service, 1 Fred Bell Parade, East Victoria Park.

APRIL 25
9.00am ANZAC Day collections, local businesses.
Parking: Ample parking in Playfield Park Reserve, access via Devenish Street.
Contact: E.L. McDorman info@victoriaparkrsi.org.au 0432 201 440
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WANNEROO

APRIL 25
5.45am Dawn Service, City of Wanneroo Memorial Park, Civic Drive, Wanneroo.
7.00am March followed by Gunfire Breakfast.
Parking: Parking only for Veterans wearing medals and ACROD passes at Memorial Car Park. Other parking available at Wanneroo Central Shopping Centre and Wanneroo Civic Chambers.
Contact: Jack Le Cras. jack.lecras@ozemail.com.au 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. gowms@aol.com.au 9561 2217

YOKINE – JOONDANNA

APRIL 25
12.30pm Service and laying of wreaths, Joondanna Sub-Branch, Yokine Districts Bowling Club, 10 Wordsworth Avenue.
Parking: Parking is available in at the Yokine Bowling Club and the event is wheelchair friendly.
Contact: Mike Tuttle. miketuttle2@bigpond.com 0417 936 007

ALBANY

APRIL 24
2.00pm St John’s Church service followed by wreath laying, Ode, Last Post, silence and Rouse, Kapyong Day Service WWI Memorial, York Street, Albany.

APRIL 25
Dawn Service, Mt Clarence, Video link to Albany Entertainment Centre and ANZAC Peace Park. 3.15am Free shuttle bus service to Mt Clarence. Note: No private vehicles or pedestrians. 5.30am Dawn service commences. Shuttle buses return to AEC and Middleton Beach. 6.30am Gunfire Breakfast, AEC, gold coin donation. 9.30am Parade assemble, Cnr York Street and Gray Street West. 10.00am Parade commences, South down York Street to ANZAC Peace Park.

BOULDER

APRIL 25
6.00am Dawn Service, Loopline Park, Boulder. 6.30am Gunfire Breakfast, RSL Club, Piesse Street. 9.00am March from RSL Club down Burt Street to Loopline Park. 10.00am Refreshments, RSL Club.
Parking: Boulder RSL Club, Piesse Street.
Contact: Jan Le Brun. janice.lebrun@hotmail.com 0487 998 932

BOYUP BROOK

APRIL 25
5.30am Dawn Service at the War Memorial, Abel Street, Boyup Brook. Gunfire Breakfast following the Memorial at Town Hall. 10.15am March assembles outside the Commonwealth Bank, Abel Street. 10.40am March to War Memorial. 10.45am 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
Other Information: After the Memorial Service a late morning tea will be held at the Town Hall.

BROOKTON

APRIL 25
5.45am Dawn Service. 7.00am Gunfire Breakfast, RSL Rooms, Robinson Road, Brookton. 10.15am Form up at Brookton Fire Station. 10.30am Commemorative Service, Memorial Park, Brookton Hwy. 12.30pm Diggers Cup, Brookton Golf Club. All events wheelchair accessible.
Contact: Kim Stedman. brooktonrsl@gmail.com 0408 471 430

BOOMERANG

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: Tony Mullen. tonyvicki14@bigpond.com 08 9685 1274 / 0428 851 274

BODDINGTON

APRIL 25
5.45am Assemble at gate entrance, Memorial Park, Bannister Road, Boddington. 6.00am March to Memorial. 6.01am Service commences. 6.20am March to RSL Hall, Hotham Road, Boddington. 6.30am Gunfire Breakfast, RSL Hall.
Parking: Street parking is available.
Contact: Kevin Standen. kevstanden@gmail.com 0428 848 802
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BUNBURY
APRIL 25
4.30am Tea, coffee and ANZAC biscuits provided, Bunbury RSL Sub-Branch, 19 Spencer Street. 5.45am Assembly. 5.50am March to ANZAC Park Memorial, Stirling Street. 6.00am Wreath laying and Service. 6.30am March back to RSL Hall for refreshments and sausage sizzle. 8.30am Wreath laying and Service, RSL Hall, 7 Forrest Road Capel. 10.40am Step off. 11.00am Service, RSL Hall, 7 Forrest Road Capel. 12.00pm Refreshments at RSL Hall.
Contact: Lyn McMahon. lynmcmahon53@bigpond.com

BUSSELTON
APRIL 25
5.45am Dawn Service, Busselton War Memorial. 6.30am Gunfire Breakfast, Busselton RSL Hall. 8.45am Form up, top end of Queen Street. 8.45am Step off and march from Queen Street, Jetty end, to Memorial. 9.30am Service commences. 10.45am Morning tea at Busselton RSL complex. 11.30am Fellowship activities, grassed area behind RSL Hall. Parking: Limited Parking adjacent to Victoria Square, (Memorial) plus additional parking in Senior Citizens car park on Peel Terrace. Memorial is wheelchair accessible. Limited seating will be provided around the Memorial. Toilet facilities available on Village Green and close to War Memorial.
Contact: John Gelm. president@bunrsl.org.au

CAPEL
APRIL 25
6.00am Dawn Service, Peppermint Grove, 19 Spencer Street. 5.45am Assembly. 5.50am March to ANZAC Park Memorial, 7 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: Lyn McMahon. lynmcmahon53@bigpond.com

CHIDLOW
APRIL 25
8.00am Gunfire Breakfast, Village Green, Thomas Street, Chidlow. 9.15am ANZAC Day March, Memorial. 9.30am ANZAC Day Service. 10.30am Morning tea and military memorabilia exhibition, Chidlow Hall. Parking: Street parking available in Thomas Street and Memorial Avenue. Wheelchair access to Village Green and War Memorial. Toilet facilities available on Village Green and close to War Memorial.
Contact: Mrs Corrina Caswell. corrinacaswell@hotmail.com 0427 966 443

COLLIE
APRIL 25
6.00am Dawn Service, Soldiers Park, Collie. Gunfire Breakfast at the Sub-Branch to follow. 11.00am Commemorative service, Soldiers Park, followed by fellowship at Collie RSL premises.
Contact: Gary Benton. collie.rsl@bigpond.com 0438 820 703

CUnderdin
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
8.00am Gunfire Breakfast. 9.00am Service, Darkan Memorial.
Contact: Gerry Harnett. 0427 272 635

DENMARK
APRIL 25
5.50am Dawn Service, Denmark Memorial, Cnr South Coast Highway and Horsley Road. 6.30am Gunfire Breakfast. 10.30am Parade form up. 10.40am March. 11.00am ANZAC Service. Contact: Craig Hughes. denmarksl@westnet.com.au 0407 223 297

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. derbyrls@outlook.com.au

DONGARA
APRIL 25
6.00am Dawn Service and Gunfire Breakfast, Cnr of Moreton Terrace and Point Leander Drive. 10.45am Veteran and community march to Memorial Park. 11.00am Service at Memorial Park. 12.00pm Lunch at clubrooms, Waldeck Street. Parking: Moreton Terrace and Point Leander Drive.
Contact: Peter Pendlebury. dongararsl@gmail.com 9927 1370

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. carolriceevans@bigpond.com 0427 319 788

Dwellingup
APRIL 25
10.30am ANZAC Day Service, RSL Hall, 39 McLarty Street, Dwellingup. Contact: Lee Shelley. 0419 951 703

Esperance
APRIL 25
5.50am Marchers step off from Esperance Post Office corner. 6.00am Dawn Service, Memorial Park, 84 Dempster Street. 6.30am Gunfire Breakfast by Rotary Club of Esperance. 10.30am March from Andrews Street car park, opposite Esperance Pier Hotel. 11.00am Memorial Service at Memorial Park. 12.00pm Public can purchase an ANZAC Day lunch and drinks catered by Esperance Lions Club after the Main Service.
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outside RSL Hall at Esperance Memorial Park.
Parking: RSL Carpark.
Contact: Sonja Andrews. sonjalandrews@gmail.com 0427 140 116
Other Information: Esperance 10th Light Horse Troop will be attending both services, please refrain from bringing your dogs.

GASCOYNE
APRIL 25
5.30am Dawn Service, Carnarvon Cenotaph followed by Gunfire Breakfast at Gascoyne RSL. 10.30am March, Stuart Street, Johnston Street, and Francis Street followed by a Service at Cenotaph then lunch and fellowship at RSL.
Contact: Edward Garrett. gascoyne.rsl@iinet.net.au 0428 411 271

GERALDTON CITY
APRIL 25
5.40am Veterans muster at McDonald’s car park. 5.55am Step off and march to Birdwood House. 6.00am Dawn Service commences, Gunfire Breakfast to follow. 10.10am Veterans muster at Maitland Street. 10.40am Step off and march to Birdwood House. 11.00am Service commences at Birdwood House.
Contact: Ken Morris. kennethmorris@bigpond.com 0427 010 548

GREENBUSHES
APRIL 25
5.45am Parade forms up in front of the RSL Hall. 5.55am Parade marches up in formation to Memorial along Blackwood Road. 6.00am Arrival at the Memorial and commence Dawn Service, Greenbushes Memorial. 7.00am Gunfire Breakfast, Greenbushes District Hall. Parking: Parking behind RSL buildings off Stanifer Street, along Blackwood Road and for people with limited mobility off Telluride Street next to the Uniting Church.
Contact: Pat Scallan. gnbushesrsl@westnet.com.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 Assemble for March outside Parton’s IGA, Uduc Road. Proceed to War Memorial for Service followed by refreshments in the Town Hall.
Contact: Trish Rumball. 9729 2943/0448 792 943

HYDEN
APRIL 25
6.15am Dawn Service, Memorial Gardens, Lynch Street, Hyden. 7.45am Breakfast at Wave Rock Bistro, Hyden.
Parking: Lynch Street.
Contact: Tory Young. mpd@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 Bowling 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. jurienrsl@bigpond.com 9652 1027
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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 Commemorative March along Hannan and Wilson Streets to War Memorial. 11.30am Commemorative Service at War Memorial followed by refreshments at Ex-Servicemen’s/RSL Club.
Parking: Limited parking at War Memorial. Parking in streets nearby.
Contact: Robyn Steenbach. jrsteenbach@bigpond.com 0410 549 946

KAMBAALDA
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 to follow.
12.00pm RSL Club opens with BBQ fundraiser by Scouts. Live music and Two-up.
Contact: Julie Pope. karratharsl@hotmail.com 0438 685 775

KARRIDALE – AUGUSTA
APRIL 25
6.20am Dawn Service, RSL Memorial Park, corner York Street and Osnaburg Street, Augusta. 6.45am Gunfire breakfast. 10.45am Form up and march to Memorial Park.
11.00am Main ANZAC Day Service. 12.00pm Lunch in the Park, all welcome to join us for lunch and a few refreshments.
Parking: Parking is along Osnaberg Street. Please leave room adjacent to park for the parade. Wheelchair friendly event.
Contact: Bob Stiles. steph.bob@bigpond.com 9758 4172 / 0417 936 211

KATANNING
APRIL 25
5.30am Dawn Service, Town Memorial, Carew Street.
Parking: Yeerakine Rock car park. Lifts available in Shire vehicles to top.
Contact: Tory Young. mpd@kondinin.wa.gov.au 9889 1006

KOJONUP
APRIL 25
8.00am Service, RSL Hall, followed by Gunfire Breakfast. 10.00am Service, Muradup War Memorial, followed by morning tea at Muradup Hall.
Parking: Ample parking available.
Contact: Peter Mason. pappy@westnet.com.au 0429 042 238

KONDININ
APRIL 25
5.30am Dawn Service, Yeerakine Rock, Sloan Road, Kondinin. 7.30am March from Kondinin Shire Office to Memorial Gardens. 7.45am Gunfire Breakfast, Kondinin Town Hall.
Parking: Yeerakine Rock car park. Lifts available in Shire vehicles to top.
Contact: Tory Young. mpd@kondinin.wa.gov.au 9889 1006

KUNUNURRA
APRIL 25
4.30am Dawn Service, ANZAC Hill, Dunham jump-up, Victoria Highway, Kununurra. Gunfire Breakfast provided. 7.45am Assemble, Whitegum Street, Kununurra.
8.00am Step off and march followed by Service at Cenotaph, Coolibah Drive, Kununurra.
Parking: Kununurra Dawn Service parking
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at ANZAC Hill will be under the direction of Traffic Wardens. Kununurra Town Service parking is easily available at the Kununurra Town Cenotaph, Coolibah Drive and the Post Office car park adjacent.

Contact: Alan Byrnes. rsllknx@gmail.com
0427 556 113

LAKE GRACE
APRIL 25
11.00am Service followed by light morning tea. Includes opportunity for wreath laying, RSL Hall, Stubbs Street, Lake Grace.

Parking: Parking in street or behind the shopping centre. Wheelchair friendly for service however there are no ramps for entry to the building.

Contact: Suzanne Reeves. lakegracecrc@westnet.com.au
9865 1470

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
5.30am Dawn Service, Memorial Park, then Gunfire Breakfast, White House Hotel, Leonora. 11.00am Main Street March to Memorial Park then ANZAC Day Service, Tower Street, Leonora.

Parking: Ample street parking and wheelchair friendly.

Contact: Dave Hadson. dhadson@hotmail.com
0427 191 047

MANJIMUP
APRIL 25
6.00am Dawn Service, War Memorial, Giblett Street, Manjimup. 6.30am Gunfire Breakfast.

11.00am Memorial Service. 12.00pm Gather at RSL Hall for drinks, snacks and Two-up.

Parking: Parking in Giblett and Brockman Streets. Site is wheelchair friendly.

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 Reuthar 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 Main Service at the Cummins Theatre followed by Morning Tea.

Contact: Adim Hajat. clo@merredin.wa.gov.au
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). 12.00pm sausage sizzle and ice-cream for children, hosted by Moora Shire, Town Hall.

Contact: Arthur Tonkin. 9651 8010

MORAWA – GUTHA
APRIL 25
10.45am March from Anglican Church, Cnr of Winfield Street and Prater Street to the War Memorial. 11.00am Service at War Memorial by RSL Sub-Branch, with music provided by the School Brass Band. A light luncheon will be served in the Town Hall after the service, opposite the Memorial.

Parking: Prater Street and Town Hall car park.

Contact: Sue Offszanka. paul.offszanka@bigpond.com

MT BARKER
APRIL 25
10.15am Form up at Library carpark, Lowood Road. 10.45am Marchers step off. 11.00am Service and wreath laying, War Memorial. 12.00pm Community morning tea at Mt Barker Bowling Club, Lowood Road. 1.00pm Luncheon for RSL members and friends 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, Cross Street, Nannup.

APRIL 25
5.45am Assemble at War Memorial, Warren Road. 6.00am Dawn Service, Nannup War Memorial. 6.30am Gunfire Breakfast, RSL Hall. 10.45am Assemble for main march adjacent to Anglican Church. 11.00am Main service, War Memorial. 12.00pm Refreshments, RSL Hall.

Parking: Parking opposite the RSL Hall, Cross Street, in Adam Road and behind the Pharmacy. Both the RSL Hall and the Memorial are wheelchair friendly.

Contact: Charlie Ferguson. charles.ferguson7@bigpond.com
0498 007 828

NAREMBEEN

April 25
10.30am Assemble Eastern End of Churchill Street, near Post Office. 10.45am Fall in and commence march to War Memorial, 1 Longhurst Street. 11.00am Commemoration service, Narembeen Town Hall. 12.00pm Lunch & Refreshments, Shire of Narembeen Chambers.

Parking: Parking can be found out the front of the Shire or Town Hall. Most areas wheelchair friendly although Town Hall has a couple of stairs.

Contact: Sheree Thomas ced@narembeen.wa.gov.au
9064 7308
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NARROGIN
APRIL 25
5.30am Assembly for Dawn Service, Memorial Park, Williams Road, Narrogin.
9.30am Assembly at Town Hall for march to Memorial Park. 10.00am ANZAC Service commences.
Parking: Parking available in all street bays. The park is wheelchair friendly.
Contact: Hendrikus Chattillon. chattillon7@bigpond.com 9887 5365

NEWMAN
APRIL 25
5.45am March from BHP Town Office, Newman Drive. 6.00am ANZAC Day Dawn Service at Cenotaph, Shire Offices, Cnr Kalgan & Newman Drives. 8.00am Community Gunfire Breakfast, William Lynos Club, A-Troop, 20 Laver Street, Newman.
Community social day including Two-up.
Parking: Best parking at Boomerang Oval (opposite Shire offices) and Iron Ore Parade. The vacant area on the corner of Iron Ore Parade and Newman Drive can also be used.
Contact: Ian Thompson. newmanrsl@gmail.com 0409 876 942

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. Parking: Heaps. Wheelchair friendly.
Contact: Donna Prytulak. donnarsl1957@gmail.com 0409 290 972

NORTHAMPTON
APRIL 24
5.00pm Camp out (sleeping bags only) on lawn at RSL Hall, 239 Hampton Road, Northampton. Music entertainment by ‘Moresby Rangers’ and we will be starting up the Centurion Tank, which is on display. 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. 6.30am Gunfire Breakfast at RSL Shed.
Contact: Joe Urquhart. joeurquhart427@gmail.com 9840 8228

PEMBERTON
APRIL 25
6.00am Dawn Service, Pemberton RSL Memorial Park. 6.20am Light refreshments, Pemberton RSL and Library. 10.15am March assembly, Pemberton Post Office. 10.30am March off to Memorial. 11.00am Service commences, hosted by local schools, RSL Memorial Park. 12.00pm Gunfire Breakfast behind Pemberton RSL and Library. 12.30pm Two-up.
Parking: Main Street.
Contact: Noeleen Collings. noeleen.collings@bankwest.com.au 0428 922 184

PINJARRA
APRIL 25
5.30am Dawn Service, Pinjarra War Memorial, Pinjarra Road. 6.05am Gunfire Breakfast, Pinjarra RSL. 10.45am ANZAC Day march, George Street. 11.00am ANZAC Day Service, Pinjarra War Memorial.
Parking: Parking available at Pinjarra RSL.
Contact: Mike Humphrey. pinjarrarsl@westnet.com.au 0417 185 362

PORT HEDLAND
APRIL 25
5.30am Dawn Service. 6.30am March off. 7.00am Gunfire Breakfast, Esplanade Hotel. 9.00am ANZAC House, Hedditch Street, South Hedland opens.
Parking: Plenty of street parking. Wheelchair friendly.
Contact: Robyn Middleton. rslporthedland@gmail.com 9140 2680

QUAIRADING
APRIL 25
11.00am Service at Shire Memorial, Main Street, 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.

SHARK BAY
APRIL 25
6.00am Dawn Service, Pioneer Park, Denham. 6.30am Gunfire Breakfast, Denham Town Hall, Hughes Street. 10.30am March from Discovery Centre to Pioneer Park, Denham. 11.00am ANZAC Day Memorial Service, Pioneer Park. 12.00pm Public can purchase drinks and lunch, Shark Bay Bowls Club, 1 Hoult Street, Denham. 2.00pm Two-up game, Shark Bay Bowls Club.
Parking: Parking available Hughes Street Denham and Shark Bay Bowls Club.
Contact: Bradley McVinish. brmcvinish@internode.on.net 0468 366 923

THREE SPRINGS – ARRINO
APRIL 25
7.30am Assemble at old R&I Bank for march to Carnamah War Memorial, McPherson Street. Followed by Gunfire Breakfast. 10.30am Assemble at Shire Chambers for march to Jack Thorpe Gardens, Three Springs.
Parking: Roadside parking and wheelchair friendly at both venues.
Contact: Ray Morgan. rtmorgan5@bigpond.com 9954 1014
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TOODYAY
APRIL 20
7.00am to 4.00pm ANZAC Day street stall in Toodyay.
APRIL 21
8.00am to 12.00pm ANZAC Day street stall in Toodyay.
APRIL 25
6.00am Dawn Service, War Memorial, ANZAC Avenue, Toodyay. 6.30am Gunfire Breakfast, Clinton Street. 10.30am Parade form up, Stirling Terrace outside Memorial Hall. 11.00am Main service, War Memorial. 12.00pm Refreshments, Toodyay Club. Parking: War Memorial has wheelchair friendly entrance off Clinton Street. Parking available outside IGA with three minute walk over railway line to Memorial.
Contact: Max Howard. avon.hill@bigpond.com 9574 2102

WAGIN
APRIL 25
6.15am Dawn Service, Wagin War Memorial. 10.40am Assemble, car park opposite Wagin RSL. 10.50am March to Memorial. 11.00am Service commences. 12.00pm Light lunch and refreshments, Wagin RSL. Parking: Plenty.
Contact: Ros Brooks. rosb30@bigpond.com 0411 168 793

WALPOLE
APRIL 25
10.50am March form-up, Walpole Recreation Centre car park. 11.00am Service commences at the War Memorial, next to Community Hall. Light refreshments available afterwards at the Community Hall.
Contact: Kevin Pierce. kpierce@comswest.net.au 9840 8227

WAROONA – HAMEL
APRIL 25
6.00am Dawn Service, Waroona War Memorial. 6.30am Gunfire Breakfast, Memorial Hall. 10.45am March from Memorial Hall to Waroona War Memorial. 11.00am ANZAC Day Service. 12.00pm Light lunch and fellowship, location to be advised. Parking: Town Oval.
Contact: Tracey Fickling. waroonahamelrsl@gmail.com 0408 967 577

WONGAN HILLS
APRIL 25
5.30am Assemble, War Memorial. 5.45am Dawn Service, followed by Gunfire Breakfast. Parking: Available in Memorial precinct.
Contact: Brian Donnellan. briandon@wn.com.au 9671 1206

YARLOOP
APRIL 25
5.30am Marchers assemble, 300m South of 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, RSL Hall. 10.45am March off. 10.58am Arrive at War Memorial. 11.00am Ceremony commences. 12.00pm Ceremony concludes. 12.30pm Lunch and refreshments, RSL Hall.
Contact: Kevin Trent. ktrent@bigpond.net.au 0417 175 004
Hands of friendship

Efforts by the current Perth-based Consul General of Japan to reach out the hand of friendship in Western Australia has been applauded by RSLWA Chief Executive Officer, John McCourt

Consulate-General of Japan in Perth, Tatsuo Hirayama, was surprised by an approach from World War II veteran and Port Hedland RSL Platinum member, Merv Stanton, when he visited Port Hedland for the 75th anniversary of the port town’s bombings.

The spirit of reconciliation was front and centre with the (now) late Merv Stanton approached the Consul-General and, speaking in Japanese, asked to shake his hand.

Merv Stanton’s command of the Japanese language was honed during his time with the occupational forces in Japan following the end to World War II.

For those observing the meet-up, the significance of the occasion was not lost. It was an occasion that followed last year’s attendance in Broome by Tatsuo Hirayama to attend the 75th Anniversary of the Japanese air raids on the pearling town.

Well received, that event itself had followed by the Japanese Prime Minister’s laying of a wreath in Pearl Harbour earlier in 2017 and the Japanese Ambassador to Australia doing the same thing in Darwin soon after.

Mr McCourt said the efforts of the Consul General should be applauded.

“It seemed to have been a sort of closure for him. The fact that my father passed away about two months later seemed to have been quite extraordinary timing,” Gary said.

“He was lucky to have lived to the age he did where he could meet the Japanese Consul-General. He served in Japan in 1946 and then resided in Port Hedland from 1948 onwards.”

Merv Stanton

from what was a very dark part of history,” Mr McCourt said.

Merv Stanton, who sadly passed away just months after the Port Hedland commemoration, was considered a local hero and a highly-valued member of the Port Hedland RSL Sub-Branch.

His son, Gary Stanton, said he understood why his father had made the approach.

“War by any interpretation is awful and it was fantastic to witness the honest and heartfelt effort by former foes to seek friendship..."
"Dad was always fond of telling a story and was known to wax lyrical on occasion, there being many an occasion to choose from, having led a very active and adventurous life," Gary said.

“He was an amateur boxer, bare-knuckle fighter and a rugby player which leads to a story of how he got radiation poisoning in his knees playing rugby on the Hiroshima nuclear blast site.”

Port Hedland Mayor, Camilo Blanco, was impressed by the meet up with a decision by the Town Council soon after Merv Stanton’s death, to honour the iconic local with the title of Honorary Freeman.

Mayor Camilo Blanco said the title recognised Mr Stanton’s contribution to both local and national services as well as the local Hedland community.

“Merv Stanton had a significant presence in our community for as long and will be greatly missed,” he said.

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A cruel sea that took young lives

A special gathering once again recently descended on Augusta in WA's south-west corner to remember the tragic circumstances that saw an Australian destroyer that survived dangerous and challenging wartime missions only to become the victim of the cruellest of seas off Cape Leeuwin.

Six months before the end of the Second World War, HMAS Nizam was rounding Western Australia's Cape Leeuwin on a dark and squally night when she was hit by a king wave.

As a result, ten Royal Australian Navy (RAN) sailors lost their lives in the treacherous waters where the Southern and Indian Oceans meet.

On the weekend of 10-11 February, a special memorial dinner and service in Augusta was held for the 73rd Anniversary of the HMAS Nizam tragedy.

The memorial service, held at a typically blustery and wind-swept site at the Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse, was attended by RSLWA State President, Peter Aspinall; the Commanding Officer HMAS Stirling, Captain Brian Delamont, RAN and a host of special guests.

With the Royal Australian Navy Band Western Australia also in attendance State President, Peter Aspinall addressed the 'N' Class Destroyers Association.

The king wave hit the Nizam from the starboard quarter on the night of 11 February 1945, causing the ship to keel over an estimated 60 to 70 degrees, burying the whole of her port side in the water.

It was at ten o'clock at night with the wind at nearly gale force. The ship was travelling at 21 knots and water swept down the ship sweeping boats, davits and sailors overboard. The ship circled for a long period but no sign of any survivor was seen.

Nizam was commissioned on 19 December 1940 under the command of Lieutenant Commander Max J. Clark RAN.

This vessel was involved in many dangerous naval roles which included convoy escort duties in the North Atlantic. Later, in the Mediterranean Sea, the ship's company was involved in a range of tasks, such as the landing of commandos near Suda Bay, running supplies into besieged Tobruk, fire support against the Vichy French forces during the Syrian campaign, and ferried wounded Australians from Crete.

In September 1942, Nizam participated in the Madagascan campaign, again against Vichy Forces and during 1943, was on convoy escort duty and during most of 1944, was on shipping protection duties in the Indian Ocean.

Mr. Aspinall said it was always important never to forget such a tragedy and the dangers that were – and still are – a part of military life.

President of the N Class Destroyers Association WA, Ken Adams, once again presided over the commemoration that was preceded by a customary dinner the previous evening and the telling of stories and remembrance.
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Monash link with Jewish Memorial

by Gavin Briggs

Every ANZAC Day, straight after the Dawn Service, a crowd gathers in Kings Park to pay their respects to Western Australians at the Jewish War Memorial.

And it is this memorial that holds special significance to the war effort of Western Australians and an indelible link to arguably Australia’s best military leader, Sir John Monash.

Located near the State War Memorial, the monument pays deep respect to members of the State’s Jewish community who lost a significant number of its members in the service of our nation.

Vice President of the Jewish Community Council of WA, David Denver, says that when Australia entered World War One, Perth’s Jewish community numbered somewhere between 1800-2000 people.

“From that small number, approximately 180 men readily signed up to serve their country,” David Denver said.

They were led by Rabbi David Freedman, who became a chaplain in the Australian Imperial Forces (AIF) – serving at Gallipoli and in numerous battles along the Western Front.

“While in Egypt, Rabbi Freedman was presented with a portable scroll of the Torah by Cattaui Pasha, leader of the Jewish congregation in Cairo, and this was carried with them to the battlefields of the Western Front.”

“This scroll is still with us today at the Perth Hebrew Congregation Synagogue in Menora and comes out as part of our religious ceremony every ANZAC Day. It holds much deep significance for our community and is greatly treasured.”

Monash the Leader

Australia’s Jewish ANZACs served with distinction as part of the AIF - among them General Sir John Monash.

One of Monash’s greatest contribution to the Allied efforts was during the Allied ‘breakout’ on 8 August 1918 that contributed to the eventual defeat of Germany. Rightly recognised for his commendable and capable role as a master tactician, strategist and commander of men in battle, there exists a pre-war link between Monash and Perth.

John Monash spent a year in Perth just before the turn of the 20th century and again at war’s end when he sailed into Fremantle on his way home to Melbourne. The Fremantle locals held a public reception in his honour, followed by a similar event in Perth where it is believed that his friendship with Rabbi Freedman secured Monash’s time and services.

Despite his briefest of stays in Perth it had a lasting legacy for the local Jewish community. Indeed, Monash laid the foundation stone of the Jewish War Memorial in Kings Park.

The Memorial consists of an Ionic column made from Donnybrook stone and is crowned by a globe of copper bearing the Star of David. A plaque was added in 1953 to commemorate those who died during the Second World War.

General Sir John Monash is honoured here in Western Australia through his namesake’s RSL Sub-Branch. The Sub-Branch meets at the Maurice Zeffert Home in Yokine and welcomes new members. If interested, please contact: wbaustin@wn.com.au
Veterans OF THE Future

Australian Defence Force recruits in the West are getting a good understanding of what RSLWA stands for – even before they take their oath to serve Australia.

Defence Force Recruiting (DFR) offices are upstairs from RSLWA’s offices at 66 St Georges Terrace, Perth but has limited space. As such, State Branch stepped in and offered our Function Room for Swearing-In ceremonies that now happen each and every Monday morning year-round.

RSLWA Operations Manager, Martin Holzberger, brokered the arrangement with WA’s Senior Military Recruiting Officer, Commander Catherine Hayes. The initiative puts RSLWA front and centre at an important time for our newest members of the ADF.

RSLWA Chief Executive Officer, John McCourt said it was a win-win initiative.

“We were more than willing to provide a suitable venue for the Swearing-In ceremonies and, in doing so, we have been able to market the RSL, what it stands for and the services it provides in front of brand new recruits,” Mr McCourt said.

“I suppose – in a career sense – it is a sort of cradle to grave initiative. We get them even before they start training and then will make sure we follow them up when they eventually leave Defence.”

“Each year almost 1000 Western Australians join the ADF from Perth. It is a day that each and every new recruit, along with their family and friends attending the ceremony, will remember for the rest of their lives. We are proud to be able to make a small contribution to the start of their new careers,” Martin Holzberger said.
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Long Tan Veteran passes away

by Gavin Briggs

Australian music from Slim Dusty, John Williamson and Redgum’s ‘I Was Only 19’ provided the musical backdrop to the funeral of Long Tan veteran Neil Bextrum.

Considered a true fun-loving larrikin, Neil passed away on 27 August last year and less than two weeks after the 51st anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan.

The 18 August 1966 battle is noted for the significantly outnumbered Australian and New Zealand Army soldiers from Delta Company, 6RAR, engaged against a force of approximately 2,500 Vietnamese troops in the Long Tan rubber plantation, Phuoc Tuy Province. It was there that the troops withstood the enemy for three hours, in torrential rain and mud.

As Neil’s sister, Bev Mitchell wrote in a tribute, read by Diana Stevenson: “to write a story of your life Neil, it would have to be a very, very thick book.”

Born in Melbourne in 1945, his family moved west where his dad worked as a miner around the Goldfields region where Neil grew up with two younger sisters, Patricia and Beverley. The family later moved to Geraldton, where he enjoyed the outdoors.

While “he wasn’t really a school teacher’s dream”, Neil did form a lifelong friendship with Keith James - communicating with each other every day, whenever possible.

His Dad’s deteriorating health saw the family move to Perth but Neil, at the age of fourteen, had the spirit of adventure and went bush, working on stations.

At the age of nineteen, Neil joined the Army and the following year he was in Vietnam, where he had his twenty-first birthday. Originally sent to 1RAR as a replacement, it was with D/6RAR that he fought at the Battle of Long Tan.

It was Australia’s bloodiest battle of the war where 18 Aussies were killed in action with 24 wounded.

Neil was recommended for an individual award for bravery but had to wait half-a-century before he received the Commendation for Gallantry from the Governor-General, His Excellency General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove in Canberra (on the 8th November 2016).

Dad to son Leigh, and proud grandfather to Riley and Sienna, he was much loved by family and friends. Known for his wicked sense of humour and as a sweet-talker with the ladies, his working life saw him work in locations such as Texas. Throughout his working life, his love of horses, whether it be training or racing them, were a constant.

His final years were happily spent caravanning around the State’s regions.

Neil Bextrum (second from right) with other Long Tan veterans at Government House
The next time you see a woman wearing her medals on the left, please thank her for her service.

That’s the message members of the Women Veterans Network Australia (WVNA) seek to promote through their By the Left campaign in the lead-up to ANZAC Day.

The campaign encourages women veterans to march together in major centres all over the country on ANZAC Day to raise awareness of their contribution to the Australian Defence Force.

Our own Brooke Carmichael knows only too well the well-meaning but hurtful inquiries on ANZAC Day and other days of remembrance about which side she wore her medals.

RSLWA Chief Executive Officer, John McCourt, said it seems some of our own veterans and the general community don’t realise that our new vets can be still only in their early 20s.

“It’s pretty insulting and I applaud this campaign to try to get the message loud and clear,” Mr. McCourt said.

Having completed two tours of Afghanistan in 2007 and 2008, Brooke Carmichael says women veterans regularly find themselves wrongly challenged in person or via social media about wearing their husband’s/father’s/grandfather’s medals on the wrong side.

She said it is an offensive slur that has upset some women veterans so much they’ve stopped attending commemorative events altogether.

Given some 15 per cent of the total permanent serving ADF are women, there is potential for thousands of women to be hurt by such comments.

“Female veterans do not want to be different, we want to be viewed the same – as veterans,” Brooke said.

The By the Left campaigners reckon the best possible response is to smile and say, “Thank you, but these are mine, and I earned them.”
French Honour for D-Day Duty

by Gavin Briggs

It was a case of never too late to commemorate and give special thanks to a veteran for selflessly gave so much in the darkest days of war.

So it was that a very proud member of the Nollamara RSL Sub-Branch, Kenneth Burt, was also a very proud recipient of the French Government’s highest military/civilian decoration, finally presented more than 70 years since his life-changing actions on D-Day.

The decorated veteran finally received the French National Order of the Legion of Honour (Chevalier Class) in recognition of his actions on the beach of Normandy in 1944.

As part of the world’s largest ever amphibious invasion, Kenneth Burt’s landing craft literally hit the beach when a land mine exploded under its ramp.

Ferrying British Royal Marine Commandos from transport ships and onto Sword Beach as part of D-Day, Kenneth and his mate could no longer reverse the landing craft as a chain had wound itself around the propeller. Dead bodies floated in the water around them, and mortar shells landed across the full length of the beach.

German machine-guns swept the sand with deadly fire. However, for Kenneth and his coxswain, there was only one option available for them and that was to get themselves onto the beach.

Once on shore, a beach master roared at them to find out what their role was. Their answer must have convinced him that they could best be put to use as stretcher-bearers to help collect the dead, dying and wounded. Kenneth described the task “as horrible but necessary.”

And so began Kenneth’s war in Europe during the Second World War; day-one of the invasion and he went from ferryman to infantryman.

Field Marshal Montgomery had claimed this military objective would be taken on the first day of the invasion. Instead, it took another fifty-plus gruelling days to accomplish.

“This was hard work as we had to go into buildings and clear them of the enemy,” Kenneth said solemnly.

The recounting of events long ago was calmly and clearly recalled by Kenneth, at a 2017 Remembrance Day Service at Bethanie Joondanna which turned out to be a doubly special day.

As France’s highest award, the staff at Bethanie Joondanna thought it would therefore be fitting to have it presented to him during their Remembrance Day Service.

The well-attended service saw Kenneth formally awarded the esteemed French medal.

Aged 92 years of age and an independent-living resident, Kenneth is known for his excellent memory and love of building model warships - and is a much-loved and popular resident.
Directors visit eastern region

An RSLWA Board of Directors’ meeting in Kalgoorlie in early March was the first of a series of planned visits to the regional RSL centres during 2018 and beyond.

State President Peter Aspinall said that, with over 40% of RSLWA members located outside the Perth metro area, it was important that the Board took the opportunity to get out and about and among regionally-based members.

The City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder is currently celebrating its 125th year anniversary and, at the invitation of Mayor John Bowler, the Board broke a long-standing convention of meeting in Perth and headed to Kalgoorlie.

The visit started with the Mayor welcoming the State President Peter Aspinall and the Board with the laying of a wreath at the local War Memorial.

The Board then reconvened in the historic Council Chambers for its first Board meeting outside the Perth area.

The Board’s Eastern Region representative, Robyn Steenback, wrote to every RSL Sub-Branch in the region inviting them to participate in this historic event. While the response was somewhat disappointing, those who did attend said they found it informative, constructive and a great opportunity to meet Board Members and put their issues to them “face-to-face”.

A full program included visits to the Boulder and Kalgoorlie RSL Sub-

- RSLWA President Peter Aspinall and Board Members with Kalgoorlie Mayor, John Bowler at the Kalgoorlie War Memorial

Branches and discussing a range of local issues including the need for urgent restoration works.

The visit also featured an enjoyable dinner at the Kalgoorlie Ex-Servicemens Club, hosted by Robyn and her team with a certain highlight being a “Sunset Ceremony” performed by the TS Kalgoorlie Navy Cadets.

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After 66 years, the time has finally come for our Korean War Veterans to wear a medal that really matters.

Veterans of the Korean War have been approved to wear the Republic of Korea War Service Medal by the Governor-General, His Excellency General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retd).

It’s great news for Korean War veterans in Western Australia who were recently presented an Ambassador for Peace Medal by the Republic of Korea with presentations held in Perth and regional areas of WA.

The Republic of Korea War Service Medal was introduced by South Korea in 1951 to recognise the assistance provided by members of the United Nations forces in combatting communist aggression in Korea.

During the Korean War, Australia used the Imperial Honours and Awards System and was therefore subject to the award policies set by the United Kingdom at the time. The regulations of the day did not permit the acceptance or wearing of this medal by British Commonwealth military personnel.

Following a campaign by the Australian Council of Korea Veterans Associations, a new offer of the medal was made by the South Korean government which was accepted, and approved for wear, by the Governor-General in 2017.

Minister for Veterans’ Affairs and Defence Personnel Michael McCormack says the approval to wear the Republic of Korea War Service Medal demonstrates the Australian Defence Force’s willingness to consider and accept change.

“During the Korean War, Australia used the Imperial Honours and Awards System which was subject to the award policies set by the United Kingdom at the time. The regulations of the day did not permit the acceptance or wearing of this medal by British Commonwealth military personnel.”

As a foreign award, the medal is no longer issued by the Republic of South Korea, and is neither administered nor issued by the Australian Government. As such, eligible veterans can purchase the medal from reputable medals dealers.
Boer war medal’s long journey

In an incredible twist of fate the missing Boer War medal of an Australian hero has finally found its way back home and into the hands of his direct descendants.

The Boer War medal with clasps – Cape Colony, Orange Free State and Transvaal – had been missing for well over 100 years with Trooper William McDonald’s family having given up all hope of it ever being found – let alone returned.

In an almost unbelievable coincidence, the old medal fell into the hands of RSLWA Chief Executive Officer, John McCourt.

Mr. McCourt said it was a case of fact being far stranger than fiction. For years, the Perth-based CEO had no idea the medal was so valuable and that it had such a history until, one day, he made a closer inspection.

“Some 14 years ago I was handed a range of war memorabilia from the mother of a friend of mine in Darwin whose father had served at Gallipoli,” Mr McCourt explained. “She knew I was a current serving ADF member and was aware of my love of history.”

“I put the memorabilia in a box together with my own father’s World War II medals and keepsakes and had not reopened the small box till a short time ago this year.

“When I delved back into the box I came up with a distinctive medal that was part of the handful of things I was originally given in Darwin. Among the collection was a medal that looked like a genuine original Boer War decoration with three clasps – Cape Colony, Orange Free State and Transvaal. Inscribed along the rim of the medal was Trooper W. McDonald.”

A few days of searching and Mr McCourt found himself on The Australian Boer War Memorial website and there was one TPR William McDonald, Boer War Veteran.
RSLWA salutes Frank Mallard

RSLWA congratulates Frank Mallard who recently was awarded the Swan City Council Citizen of the Year and Senior Citizen of the Year.

The Ellenbrook RSL Sub-Branch member is a local legend in north-eastern Perth with his work with the RSL contributing to his being honoured on Australia Day.

Winning both awards is a genuine rarity and it tells of the high esteem in which Frank is held in the community. The ever-humble Frank thought that there had been a mistake when he was told that he had been nominated for the awards.

Frank was brought up in Kalbarri and, after attending a Catholic College in Geraldton, he joined the Australian Army. He served in Malaya, Borneo and then as an engineer with 1RAR from May 1965 to May 1966, when the unit was attached to the 173rd Airborne Brigade in Bien Hoa. What is interesting is that, at this time, Aboriginal people were not considered full citizens in Australia.

The list of achievements that contributed to Frank winning the two awards include brilliant work for the Ellenbrook RSL, where he is Vice-President and his involvement in the Veterans’ Health Day event held last year which was a major success.

Among the other organisations and events that Frank has assisted include St Helena’s Catholic Primary School, the Department of Veterans’ Affairs, City of Swan, Indigenous War Graves, the amphitheatre at Wave Rock and the Voice of the Voiceless ministry.

Frank is also treasurer of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Association of WA.

Well Done Frank!
The Boer War Memorial Society of Western Australia is keen to let as many locals and visitors to WA know about its forthcoming commemoration at Kings Park with an open invitation to attend.

The Boer War Memorial Society of Western Australia (BWMS of WA) was established as a community-driven organisation to promote public interest and knowledge of the Anglo-Boer War 1899 to 1902. Other key objects are to:

- encourage the pursuit of study and research in military history, customs and traditions, dress, arms and equipment and matters relating to the period;
- promote the preservation of historical military objects with particular reference to the armed forces from Australia of the period;
- forge links with other National or State based like-minded societies and associations;
- emphasise the importance and significance of the role played by fellow West Australians in and during the Anglo Boer War; and
- achieve a level of access to the WA Education Department for the purpose of reaching local youth in relation to these stated objectives.

During this year BWMS of WA is undertaking public activities within the Perth area and at some regional centres, using local community free-to-air media outlets or by direct invitation to individuals and/or organisations.

The first event of community significance will be the 2018 Boer War Commemoration and Reconciliation Service-2018 to be held at the South African War Memorial in Kings Park on Sunday 27th May at 11am. This will mark the 116th anniversary of the signing of the Vereeniging Peace Accords that brought that sad conflict to its close.

All members of the Western Australian public and visitors to our State are cordially invited to this event. For more info, you can visit the Society’s website at www.bwm.org.au or email kbovill@iinet.net.au
One of the most important services to emerge in the veteran space is the growing number of service personnel transitioning from military to civilian life.

It can be challenging to say the least, and RSLWA is pleased to have been able to support a terrific new organisation that’s helping with transition.

Former-RAAF personnel officer, Karyn Hinder, is the founder of Working Spirit, a registered not-for-profit military charity based in Western Australia and assisting transitioning ex-service members looking for civilian work.

With the support of RSLWA, Working Spirit hosted a very successful summit at Crown Perth that was attended by over 60 veterans and transitioning ADF members.

“More than ever, veterans are shifting back into civilian life and want fulltime employment but are sometimes finding it difficult to get a job,” Karyn said.

“The summit we had last November was so successful we have another one planned for this month.

“All companies that attended the November summit were impressed with the level of professionalism and skills of our veterans. Most had never met veterans before this event,” she said.

From the event, Macmahon Recruitment was the first company that have employed veterans with three transitioning ADF members have recently started their new careers with Macmahon. Also keen to look at the benefits of employing ex-ADF members is mining giant Rio Tinto.

Working Spirit hosted their second Military to Civilian Career Summit at Crown Perth on Monday March 19 with many companies on board including Macmahon and Rio Tinto.

“Companies can recognise the potential of these military veterans who have worn the uniform,” said Karyn. “Military personnel have acquired many skills and numerous courses throughout their careers but they are not sure how all this would fit into civilian employment.”

Karyn Hinder with Mr Mal Dunwoody, HR Services and Recruitment
For the Bunbury RSL Sub-Branch, going digital was a no-brainer and it’s providing dividends for its core business of providing support for veterans and their families.

The Sub-Branch recently put out its electronic welcome mat in the form of developing a new website. Sub-Branch president, John Gelmi told The Listening Post that it was one thing to have a website yet entirely another to have members with the expertise and time to keep it updated and relevant.

“We’ve had a couple of websites in the past but, with the best intentions initially, volunteers with the expertise moved on and the site was not maintained,” John said.

Not deterred, John and Sub-Branch members have started all over again - collaborating on the design for the new website with the professional help of Marketing Director David Byatt from Moshi Moshi Marketing.

David impressed the Sub-Branch with the work he did on the Bunbury Turf Club website. Designed attractively with easy to use menus the Turf Club site delivered a great user experience.

“We needed to look at what our main cattle gates will be for the Bunbury RSL page,” David said.

“We asked ourselves why would people come knocking and then where would we direct them?”

Giving detail on the support and services provided to Veterans was top priority.

Then there’s the large hall adjoining the Sub-Branch, a popular meeting place for groups, and a main source of income for the RSL. Advertising the hall prominently would bring benefits.

Also it was vital for the website of any Sub-Branch to provide timely and up-to-date information on events and commemorations such as ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day.

“We have been getting tremendous support from so many businesses in Bunbury,” John Gilmi said.

“They don’t mind if they don’t get the credit for it, that’s the way they operate. But I would like to promote them through the website which is simply the right thing to do.”
Joining forces to recognise excellence on ANZAC Day

An innovation between RSLWA and local government will once again reward both Sub-Branches and their local council for the successful staging of ANZAC Day commemorations.

RSLWA and the Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA) teamed up last year to launch the inaugural RSL/WALGA ANZAC Day Award.

The Award was created last year to recognise Local Government contribution to the promotion and facilitation of community involvement in ANZAC Day commemorative events and initiatives.

RSLWA Chief Executive Officer, John McCourt, said the Award drew a wide range of nominations from Perth-based local governments and Councils throughout regional areas of the State.

Co-winners for 2017 were the City of Wanneroo and the Shire of Three Springs.

Mr McCourt said it was important to grow and nurture relationships between Sub-Branches and their local Council in a community-based approach to commemorating ANZAC Day and other important commemorative events.

“ANZAC Day is a truly community event and while RSL does not own it, it has traditionally been the prime organiser of commemoration and the necessary protocols” Mr McCourt said.

“However, without the assistance of local Councils, ANZAC Day would not be the success it is for a wide range of communities.”

The Award Panel, which consists of senior WALGA and RSLWA representatives, consider:

• the assistance provided by a Local Government in assisting with facilitating, organising, promoting, and staging ANZAC Day commemorations;

• collaboration between the RSL and Local Government in ensuring a successful commemoration;

• innovation in ensuring continued relevance of ANZAC Day commemorations in community life; and

• involvement of the broader community, including young people, in ANZAC Day commemorations.

The winner of the 2018 Award for excellence will be presented at the annual WA Local Government Conference later this year.

WALGA President, Cr Lynne Craigie, said the Association was delighted to once again join with RSLWA in recognising excellence collaboration between the RSL and local government.

“Local Governments and local RSL Sub-Branches have strong, ongoing ties through their joint contribution to ANZAC Day celebrations,” she said.
A new RSLWA initiative to develop a Companion Dog Program in the West is - quite literally - on track masterminded by member of the RSLWA Board of Directors, Chris Mayfield OAM.
Chris is a third generation professional soldier who was discharged from the Australian Regular Army in January 2014, completing 26 years of distinguished service.

He has organised for four defence colleagues to undertake the gruelling Kokoda Trail in Papua New Guinea to kick start the fundraising initiative to help drive the Companion Dog Program.

The joint RSLWA/Legacy fundraising effort is being undertaken by former classmates of Chris and his Capel RSL Sub-Branch colleague Duncan Anderson.

“It is a great opportunity to raise the funds needed for the Perth-based program,” Chris Mayfield said.

The local initiative will learn from the existing Defence Community Dogs program - training dogs in what is seen as a win-win for all involved.

“The program selects abandoned dogs that otherwise may have had to be put down and then trains the canines to become Companion Therapy Dogs to assist Veterans coping with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorders (PTSD),” says Chris.

The program also will see specially selected inmates of WA’s corrections facilities help train the dogs under the guidance of some of Australia’s leading dog trainers. Each Defence Community Dog is carefully assessed before being accepted into the program and is then trained to the level of ‘Advanced Companion Therapy Dog’. Once a dog has reached this advanced level, they are partnered with a suitable veteran. The cost to train and maintain each dog is significant and runs into the thousands of dollars. The dog is supplied to the veteran at no personal cost.

The proposal is to have RSLWA partner with Legacy, Defence Bank and the Department of Corrective Services WA. The Defence Bank Foundation, a registered charity, already raises funds to support serving and ex-serving Australian Defence Force members suffering from injuries or illnesses such as PTSD.

“The program usually takes around six months. The dogs will also complete at least 100 hours of specialised training specifically to recognise the symptoms of PTSD and techniques to support the veteran,” Chris Mayfield said the program essentially gives rescued dogs a second chance, an inmate a second chance and a veteran a second chance.

“Quite plainly and importantly, this program is saving lives in so many ways and here in the West we want to continue to save lives among our veteran community,” he said.
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In February, RSLWA conducted a board meeting in Kalgoorlie, with staff and Executives travelling by train to conduct the meeting and to also liaise with representatives of other Sub Branches.

In light of the above, this article features some historical highlights of the Kalgoorlie RSL Sub Branch, featuring a photograph of the first ANZAC Day commemoration in the Kalgoorlie Town Hall in 1919 and also provides excerpts from an article penned by Mr W. A Ross for the January 1922 edition of The Listening Post, whereby he outlined conditions in the Goldfields in the early 1920’s.

The Listening Post commenced as a publication in WA in December 1921. Mr Ross penned a letter to the Editor offering congratulations to RSL for efforts in “producing a clean and loyal paper in support of the League.” He further urged:

• Sub Branch Secretaries to submit reports and “keep their activities prominent before their comrades”
• business owners to “advertise in the publication”
• readers to “patronise advertisers.”

In 1921, the Goldfields region was experiencing unemployment and as a consequence, a reduction in RSL membership. Mr Ross cited the closure of many mines in the region, “due to high cost of machinery, explosives, cyanide, etc”, but he also went on to say,

...“with a fair wind showing and amicable settlement between employers and employees, 1922 should see another 2,000 men in regular employment throughout the goldfields.” In a time when many returned soldiers were also ambivalent about joining the RSL, he strenuously encouraged membership and sought to outline the benefits of such to veterans and their families. In colourful terms he wrote, ... “the man who doesn’t reckon that the League is worth 2 ½d a week is nothing more than a charity chasing imposter.... who is the first to hop in when there’s a buckshee issue of anything secured by the RSL.”

Positive achievements that demonstrate the efforts and good will of the members of the Kalgoorlie Sub Branch at that time, are worth noting. Mr Ross stated that through the RSL distress fund, £4,000 was collected in the goldfields alone. The funds distributed for the benefit of “helpless dependants.” He described the Sub Branch as “constantly fighting the battles of women and children dependants; staying in touch with all government departments - pensions, repatriation, land, railway, employment etc.” He also records that in December 1921, the Kalgoorlie Sub Branch found jobs for 30 unemployed soldiers.

In concluding, Mr Ross wished the new publication - The Listening Post, success and reminded readers that the Kalgoorlie Sub Branch “strives to carry out the solemn task of protecting the men and the dependants of the men, who fought for the Empire.”

Today in 2018, RSLWA core mission, of providing comradeship and support to Australia’s veterans and their families has never changed, but has continued to evolve to meet the needs of each generation of servicemen and women.

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At war with France
by Gavin Briggs

War creates strange bedfellows among warring nations. A little-known chapter of the Second World War is the Allied fight against the pro-Nazi French Vichy Government’s defence of its Empire in Syria and Lebanon.

In Australia’s War with France: The Campaign in Syria and Lebanon, 1941, author Richard James has written a fascinating and detailed account of how war was taken up against the Vichy Force’s Army of the Levant, despite the Allies never being technically at war against them.

Churchill’s original fear was that the Germans would use these French possessions as a foothold in the Middle East, so he ordered General Wavell to commit his only readily available force: the 7th Division of the Second Australian Imperial Forces.

Led by General John Lavarack, described as “a man of singular charm...but with quick flashes of anger at unpredictable times”, his troops fought against Vichy French soldiers who offered unexpected, fierce resistance.

The Australian battalions also fought at the company and platoon level in hot, dry conditions in tough mountainous terrain, against an enemy that included the French Foreign Legion. Several key battles were fought during the drive northwards, and included Merdjayoun, Jezezine, Sidon, Damour and Damascus and resulted in the loss of over 400 Australians.

Many courageous acts were undertaken in removing enemy often situated within fortified positions. Corporal Jim Gordon of the 2/31 Battalion received a Victoria Cross for his gallantry at Niha on 10 July 1941, north of Jezezine. War artist William Dargie described Gordon, whose portrait he painted while in Syria, described him as: “Not the smiling, happy-go-lucky ‘Digger’ of legend but the slightly older-than-young man with a definite sense of responsibility.”

The narrative of this book covers the experience of those along the rank structure and across the warring nations. Whether it is the 2/16 Battalion’s Keith Norris, a Cranbrook lad from Western Australia’s Great Southern region, or 2/14 Battalion’s Dudley Warhurst, a Victorian farm labourer, their words and those of many other combatants tell not just the individual experience but the broader Australian campaign.

Further up the chain of command, the political and strategic aspects of the campaign are told. This includes the various French commanders, including the Vichy General Maxime Weygand and Charles de Gaulle’s Free French forces.

James wryly noted that the previous paltry coverage of this ‘forgotten war’ has been committed even by the giants of military history on the Second World War, such as Basil Liddell Hart and Antony Beevor. James claims that respectively, they delivered either total omission or partial reference.

James has done much to reverse that situation and in doing so, has produced a book that is utterly readable. Complete with honour roll, maps, full order of battle and an extensive bibliography, this book is highly recommended. This fine book adds to the growing stable of quality books published by Big Sky Publishing.

This book was shortlisted for the 2017 The Australian/Vogel Award.
RSL members and other Veterans recently gathered at St George’s Cathedral in Perth to honour the life and times of Bill Price who passed away in January aged a ripe 103 years.

Bill Price, who shared his love for Perth and his love for England, was a very special veteran whose service included being part in the biggest amphibious assault ever launched, being Normandy in June 1944.

The D-Day veteran was actually reported missing from his care home in England but was later located amid the 70th anniversary commemorations on the sands of Normandy.

Sussex police had received a call from a nursing home in Hove to say that the pensioner had gone out but had not been seen since.

But Bill Price, having been told by nursing staff he could not go to Normandy to attend the anniversary, decided he would go anyway. He slipped out of the home wearing a grey rain coat with a jacket bearing his war medals underneath.

Following a fruitless search, the nursing home received a call from another veteran to say that he had met Mr. Price on a coach on his way to France and that he was fine and enjoying the commemorations.

RSLWA Chief Executive Officer, John McCourt, said Bill Price will be remembered as a hero, a man of humility and passion and a man who was much loved and much respected.

“We salute Bill Price and our thoughts are with his loving wife, Helen Playford, and family and friends,” Mr. McCourt said. “A life well lived, a military history well regarded.”
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