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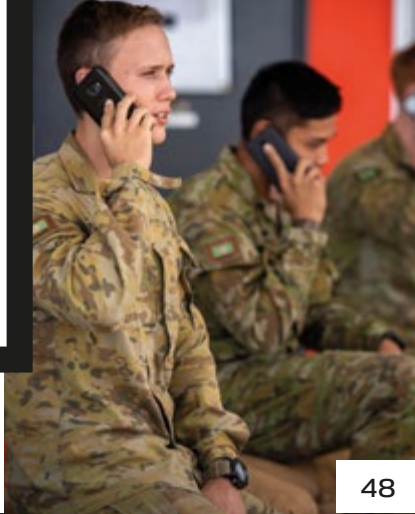
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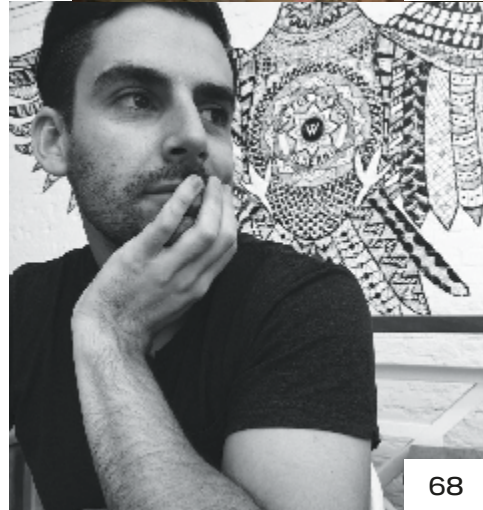
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RSL Queensland's Light up the Dawn campaign allowed the Australian public to show thanks to our Defence personnel in a way that respected social distancing measures.

AN ANZAC DAY WE NEVER EXPECTED

Fellow members and friends,

When we look back on the year 2020, we'll remember it as a strange and challenging period of time. But what we'll also remember is that 2020 was the year that brought us one of the most unique and poignant ANZAC Days in history.

I don't think any of us anticipated the outpouring of emotion that was expressed by the Australian community as they supported Light Up the Dawn. We received hundreds of photos from both our members and ordinary Aussies who were inspired to make their way out onto their driveway or balcony – in uniforms or pyjamas – to hold their own personal dawn service. And you can see many of these photos on page 14 of this edition.

I was extremely privileged to represent Queensland's Defence community at a small and intimate service organised by Queensland Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk at the Shrine of Remembrance on ANZAC Day. After the service, I went home to stand on my own driveway with my family and experience the magnificence of Light Up the Dawn.

THEN AND NOW

In the past few years, the memory of our first ANZACs has felt closer than ever as we commemorated the centenary of WWI – from the landing at Gallipoli to the Armistice and the signing of the Treaty of Versailles.

They called it the War to End All Wars. The hope in that name is almost tangible, isn't it? A prayer that the dreadful carnage

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of WWI would never be repeated.

But it wasn't long before the world faced another deadly enemy – the Spanish Flu, which killed millions. That time it wasn't confined to soldiers – this was an indiscriminate foe.

The parallels with today can't be ignored. Once again, we are battling not an enemy force, but a virus. The difference is that our healthcare system is far better equipped to do so, and we are taking measures that will contain its spread.

All the same, there are casualties. Hundreds have fallen ill, and some have died. And to keep our nation safe, we have again been called to action... or rather inaction.

WE CAME TOGETHER TO HONOUR THEM

So, this year we did not commemorate ANZAC Day

in time-honoured fashion. We were not able to gather in our hundreds at our cenotaphs to lay wreaths. We were not able to march proudly with our mates.

But what we *were* able to do was share a communal moment of remembrance for every single serviceman or woman who has worn the uniform, and especially those who lost their lives in conflict, either with the enemy or with themselves.

We called upon the ANZAC spirit we're famous for and showed our fellow veterans and the rest of Australia that we will always remember.

CONSTITUTION CHANGE

Due to a legislative amendment, some Sub Branches may be required to insert specific wording into their Constitutions to retain tax concessions and

exemptions from the State Government. This change also affects RSL Queensland's current Constitution. All Sub Branches have received information about this required change – if you would like further information, please contact your Sub Branch Committee.

CHECK IN WITH YOUR MATES

I know this has been a difficult time for many who have missed the mateship of Sub Branch gatherings. I hope you've been reaching out to check in on your friends and make sure they're doing OK.

I wish I could say everything will go back to normal immediately as the Sub Branches and District offices start opening, but I know there will be some hiccups along the way and some issues to safely navigate. But, I'm here *for* you and I'm going through this *with* you.

And so are the staff at RSL Queensland. Don't forget that ANZAC House is always (virtually) open and always willing to help, so if you are concerned about one of your mates or their family, please get in touch with our Veteran Services team on 134 RSL.



Tony Ferris
State President
RSL Queensland

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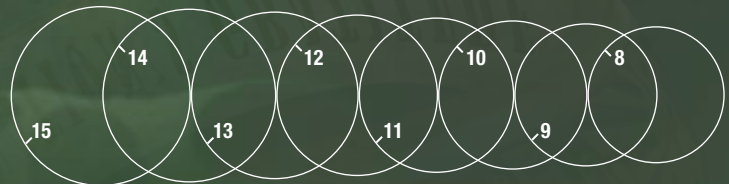
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SUPPORTING OUR SUB BRANCHES

By the time you read my column, Australia will hopefully be over the worst of the COVID-19 pandemic and life will be starting to return to normal – well, a new normal. I'm sure you are as relieved as I am about this.

I wanted to thank all our members for your patience during this time. I know the pandemic caused a lot of disruption to our Sub Branches, not least the need to cancel traditional ANZAC Day commemorations. But we were able to harness our ANZAC spirit and adapt to the prevailing circumstances.

LIGHT UP THE DAWN WAS INCREDIBLY SPECIAL

As I reflected on how Australia stopped to remember on ANZAC Day, I was reminded of the enormous respect and gratitude we all have for those who have served, and do serve, this country.

Like so many Australians of all ages, I stood with a candle on my balcony and listened to the RSL Queensland service, and thought to myself, this is one of the most intimate and personal experiences of ANZAC Day I have ever had. It was an incredibly special moment.

SUB BRANCHES AND DISTRICTS REOPENING

From 12 June, District offices and Sub Branches across Queensland began reopening, with strict social distancing restrictions in place. Our District Secretary team did an excellent job working with their District Presidents to pull together a COVIDSafe plan to ensure the health and safety of staff, volunteers and visitors.

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The reopening of these locations will be closely monitored so we can respond to any issues that may arise. It's important that we balance what's best for people working in our Sub Branches and District offices with the need to continue serving our communities.

As restrictions ease, I also urge you to continue practising caution – especially as most of our members fall in the high-risk category for the virus.

MATES4MATES AND OUR HEAD OFFICE

After several weeks of careful planning, the Mates4Mates office also reopened to all staff in early June.

At the time of going to print, ANZAC House staff continue to work successfully and productively from home. From the start, we have taken a calm and considered approach in response to the COVID-19

pandemic and we have remained resolute in following the advice of the health authorities.

Due to the size of our office, a full return is not feasible under current restrictions. The situation will be reviewed over the coming weeks.

DESKTOP REVIEW FIRST STEP TO IMPROVING SUB BRANCH SUPPORT

One of the goals of RSL Queensland's 2025 Strategy is to grow our membership and ensure our Sub Branch network's financial sustainability. Recently, as part of our COVID-19 support, a desktop review was conducted to examine the current financial health of Sub Branches. Thanks to all members who worked with their District President to participate in this process – it was an important first step in identifying the challenges that exist and understanding how we

can best support Sub Branches to thrive into the future.

Another vital step in improving Sub Branch support has been establishing the Membership and Network team, headed up by General Manager Lisa McIlroy. Over the next six months, this team will continue analysing the situation and developing resources to address the current and emerging challenges facing our Sub Branches. We will continue to keep you updated as this work unfolds.

OUR STAFF CAN OFFER EXPERT ADVICE

I also wanted to echo an important point made by President Tony Ferris in his column in the previous edition of *Queensland RSL News*. We are committed to providing increased support to our Districts and Sub Branches and excited to have a dedicated team offering resources and expert guidance.

If sought, I strongly urge you to take their valuable advice on board – it requires substantial time and effort on their part and is solely intended to support your Sub Branch.

I hope you are making the most of the easing restrictions and staying safe out there.



*Melanie Wilson
Chief Executive Officer
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A PROUD MOMENT FOR OUR EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Firstly, I would like to thank each and every one of the dedicated Sub Branch volunteers who are continuing to support both their members and the veterans within their communities during this difficult time.

I've had the pleasure of seeing some of the innovative ways Sub Branches are providing support – in particular those working with local businesses and other community organisations to offer a helping hand. The ANZAC spirit of mateship is alive and well in our veteran family.

RECOGNITION FOR OUR EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Recently, RSL Queensland was awarded the Excellence in Supporting Spouse Employment at the Prime Ministers Veterans' Employment Awards.

The award gave a significant boost to all the hard-working staff involved in the program. But what it really indicated for our Veteran Services team and the RSL more broadly, is that the transformation we have embarked upon is a success and the wider effects of it can be felt across all our service areas.

QUALITY OF LIFE IS KEY

The question we asked ourselves when establishing the Employment Program was: will this fundamentally improve the

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quality of life of veterans and their families?

In fact, we ask this same important question whenever we think about the creation of new services or how to evolve our existing services. This is because veteran wellbeing is at the core of everything we do.

HELPING DEFENCE PARTNERS THRIVE

When addressing the issues veteran partners can experience when looking for work, it was important to ensure they not only find employment but that the type of employment meets the needs

of their current and future lives.

For those whose partners are currently serving, this may include working towards careers with transportable skills or careers with flexible working arrangements.

Underpinning everything is establishing a career that fulfils both their wants and needs. Partners who are unable to secure this often find themselves going on numerous different career paths.

As RSL Queensland continues to evolve its services, we will remain focussed on this overarching goal of improving the quality of life of veterans and their families.

We must ensure that when either a veteran or family member engages with us, they are connected and supported with all the services necessary for them to achieve this.



Robert Skoda
General Manager Veteran Services
RSL Queensland

Shoulder to shoulder with our Defence family, in January–March 2020.



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ANZAC of the Year Award (Don Davey).



QUEENSLANDERS HONoured IN ANZAC OF THE YEAR AWARDS

RSL Queensland extends its congratulations to two dedicated Queenslanders who are among five national recipients of the 2020 RSL ANZAC of the Year Awards.

Donald Davey of Kingaroy and Michael Goodwin OAM of Mackay were honoured for their efforts and achievements to “give service to their fellow Australians and to the community in a positive, selfless and compassionate manner”.

Donald is a former RSL Wide Bay-Burnett District President and has served as President of the Kingaroy-Memerambi RSL Sub Branch since 2009. He was

recognised for his innovative leadership, compassion and devotion to the support of veterans and the wider Kingaroy community.

Donald is a driving force behind the Kingaroy-Memerambi Sub Branch Veteran’s Drop-In Centre and has devoted himself to keeping the ANZAC spirit alive through commemorative events and community services and programs.

Michael was honoured for his dedicated leadership of Mackay North State High School’s Lest We Forget Project since 1998. A teacher at the school, he founded the initiative to

encourage school students to preserve the memory of those who served and sacrificed their lives for this country, and as a way of educating students about Australia’s war history.

Across the Lest We Forget Project’s 22-year history, more than 850 service personnel have been honoured by students taking part in 10 biennial Commemorative Tours where they have visited 180 cemeteries and battlefields in five countries.

RSL Queensland State President Tony Ferris commended Donald and Michael on receiving a 2020 RSL ANZAC of the Year Award.

“Both are highly deserving of this honour which is testament to the influential and inspirational positions they occupy not just within their own communities but across the nation,” Tony said.

“They exemplify the ANZAC spirit and are committed to applying its qualities of ingenuity, endurance, courage, mateship and good humour to everything they do.”

Tony also paid tribute to the other award recipients: Geoffrey Tattersall of South Australia, Victoria’s Karen Christensen and David Scott from Western Australia.

RSL QUEENSLAND WINS EMPLOYMENT AWARD

RSL Queensland has won the Prime Minister's Veterans' Employment Awards for Excellence in Supporting Spouse Employment at a digital presentation in May. RSL Queensland General Manager Veteran Services Rob Skoda said Defence partners faced challenges that could greatly impact their career prospects, both during and after service.

"As a veteran myself, I understand exactly how much Defence partners contribute to their family unit – making sure everything runs smoothly and keeping it together through relocations, exercises and deployments," Rob said.

"But it is those disruptions

to everyday life that can make it more difficult for Defence partners to maintain a career.

"That's the reason that we've invested heavily in programs and services that support the entire Defence family, such as the Defence Partner Employment Program."

He praised the efforts of the organisation's Employment Team, who worked closely with veterans and Defence partners to help them find employment.

"Our dedicated team of Employment Officers works closely with each client to determine what their aspirations are and how we can best support their search for employment.

"This award is testament

to their hard work and the tremendous results they have achieved since the program launched in April 2018."

Since its launch in April 2018, RSL Queensland's Employment Program has accepted 718 veterans and partners into the program, securing 280 roles. On average, clients spent 74 days in the program.

"Our core purpose is to enable a bright future for all veterans and their families by helping

them improve their quality of life," Rob said.

"Part of this involves helping members of our Defence family find employment that gives them purpose, direction and fulfilment."

RSL Queensland's Employment Program comprises support for veterans, Defence partners and employers. The Veteran Employment Program is currently being rolled out nationally.



CONGRATULATIONS TO SOME BRIGHT SPARKS

We have some bright sparks in the RSL Employment Program! We recently received the great news that 10 veterans from our program had been offered a position in the Ergon Energy Network and EnergeX Apprenticeship Program!

In fact, Ergon was so thrilled with the quality of our applicants that they did not need to advertise elsewhere. Congratulations to these skilled individuals.

At a time when job satisfaction and security is more important than ever, it's great to see the ANZAC spirit quality of mateship alive and well among our employment partners. We can help you or someone you know take the next step at rslqld.org/employment



STATE CONGRESS POSTPONED

Due to ongoing COVID-19 restrictions, the RSL Queensland Board has rescheduled the State Congress to Tuesday 24 November 2020.

Like many organisations, we are navigating the complexities of the lifting of restrictions in a way that takes into account the needs of our members and government health regulations. Many of our State Congress attendees fall into the high-risk category for the disease, so we need to be sure the meeting can be held safely.

The team is also working on rescheduling the dates for the State Council of Auxiliaries AGM. Please contact your District Secretary for further information.

NEW TEAM TO SUPPORT SUB BRANCHES



We're excited to introduce Lisa McIlroy, who was recently appointed to the role of General Manager, Membership and Network.

Lisa began her career as a nurse before spending 20 years in a variety of leadership roles in the not-for-profit sector. She specialises in customer service, business development and stakeholder management. Lisa also has experience in cultural and change management.

We are establishing this brand-new team – headed up by Lisa – to help our Sub Branches grow and thrive into the future. It will provide increased service and support for our vital Sub Branch network.

We are working on resources to enhance Sub Branch's financial health and sustainability, help you understand and meet regulatory requirements, and enable greater operational capability.

WE ARE STILL OPEN FOR BUSINESS

RSL Queensland remains open for business, with employees currently working from home. Although we won't be holding face-to-face meetings with our clients, our dedicated Veteran Services team is still available on phone, Skype and email.

This includes our DVA claims, employment and wellbeing services. If you or anyone you know needs assistance, please contact them on 134 RSL or vs@rslqld.org. And please don't forget that Open Arms has counsellors available 24 hours a day – you can contact them on 1800 011 046.

ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE

The government is also providing two economic support payments of \$750 to those who receive certain DVA benefits. Make sure your bank details are up-to-date by checking on MyService or contacting DVA on 1800 555 254.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

The RSL Queensland Board has resolved to extend a moratorium on membership renewals for 2020, as the COVID-19 crisis has made it difficult for Sub Branches to continue processing renewals.

All 2019 members who have not yet renewed are now eligible to pay their membership dues and renew their membership once things return to normal, allowing them to maintain their continuity of membership. If you wish to renew while Sub Branches are temporarily shut due to COVID-19, please contact the memberships team at ANZAC House via memberships@rslqld.org.

VETERANS HONoured IN QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY AWARDS

Congratulations to the deserving members of our Defence community who were named in the Queen's Birthday 2020 Honours list for their service to veterans or the community.

ORDER OF AUSTRALIA MEDALS (OAM) WERE GIVEN TO:

- Tony Stevenson (Salisbury RSL Sub Branch President)
- Thomas Hampton (Caloundra RSL Sub Branch)
- George Hulse (Toowong RSL Sub Branch President)
- Kevin Hurman (former President of Kawana Waters RSL Sub Branch)
- Ruby Luder (Yeronga Dutton Park RSL Sub Branch)
- Bruce Miller (Caboolture-Morayfield and District RSL Sub Branch)
- Chaplain Gary Stone (Timor Awakening rehabilitation program Pastoral Care Director and member of North Gold Coast RSL Sub Branch)
- Michael John Burge (Oakey RSL Sub Branch)
- Gary Hollindale (Beenleigh RSL Sub Branch)
- Bruce Gibson-Wilde (Magnetic Island RSL Sub Branch)
- Tony Kennedy (Townsville RSL Sub Branch)

A MEMBER OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA (AM) WAS AWARDED TO:

- Lawrence Springborg (Stanthorpe RSL Sub Branch) for his service to Queensland Parliament and the Southern Downs community.

The recipients were announced on 8 June and included 933 Australians.

MAILBOX

Since 2014, Graeme has advocated, along with others, for the unique nature of military service to be recognised by an Act of Parliament. He has also facilitated ESOs working together to proactively engage with senators, Federal MPs and successive Ministers for Veterans' Affairs. He can be contacted at graememickelberg@gmail.com

THE ROLE OF ESOs IN THE AUSTRALIAN MILITARY COVENANT

I want to bring members' attention to the role ex-service organisations (ESOs) played in having the unique nature of military service recognised in a Covenant enshrined in the Australian Veterans' Recognition (Putting Veterans and their Families First) Act 2019. (the Act).

The need for a Covenant was first spoken about in the Australian Parliament by Senator the Honourable James McGrath in his maiden speech in 2014, when he stated, "The ongoing commitment of the men and women who have served or are serving in the Defence Force, along with the sacrifices of their

families, is worthy of formal recognition by way of a Covenant that supports their families".

Subsequently, Senator McGrath held a roundtable meeting in Brisbane with representatives of a range of ESOs, including then RSL Queensland President Stewart Cameron, the Chair of the Queensland Veterans' Advisory Council and representatives of the Queensland branches of the Defence Force Welfare Association (DFWA) and Legacy. That meeting unanimously supported the need for a Covenant.

In the subsequent development of the legislation,

the DFWA made a submission to the Joint Standing Committee of Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee (FADT Committee) that a 'no disadvantage' clause be included, stating, "The Commonwealth acknowledges that veterans, their families and veterans' widows will not be disadvantaged relative to any other section of the community".

When asked by the FADT Committee why a 'no disadvantage' clause was not needed, the Secretary of the DVA stated, "The bill isn't intended to give any benefits; it's actually all about recognition... we didn't want to go that far with this particular bill because it may lose the sense of what the bill is all about".

These assertions were nonsense and a smokescreen that diverted the attention of

the FADT Committee – and consequently the Parliament – from the desire of ESOs to protect the interests of future generations of serving and ex-serving members, widows and their families. This unwillingness to listen to the ESOs – who were the primary proponents of enshrining the Covenant in legislation and who represent the veteran community – is disappointing.

National recognition of the unique nature of military service is a significant milestone in Australia's history and this was an initiative that came from the ESO community. The role played by ESOs in making this happen cannot be understated as it is a positive example of ESOs working together for the common good of current and ex-serving veterans, widows and their families.

Graeme Mickelberg
Kenilworth RSL Sub Branch



LT COL MURRAY WAS AN INCREDIBLE SOLDIER

I was pleased to see the article on Lt Col Henry Murray VC, CMG, DSO and Bar, DCM, MID, CDG in *Queensland RSL News*, Edition 1 2020. Too many Australians are unaware of this incredible soldier.

I first heard of him in the 90s when his son Doug brought his medals into the golf club where I was a member. As a veteran, I knew what they were and stared at them in awe. I researched Lt Col Murray and after reading his citations could not believe he was not awarded two bars to his VC.

He was a humble man and

never considered himself better than others (Doug's words). After leading the victory parade in Perth, he moved to a cattle property in western Queensland. He told his son that when he died, he wanted neither a fuss nor a state funeral.

After word got out about Henry's death, Doug was inundated with calls from soldiers who served with him saying he deserved a state funeral. In the end, Lt Col Murray was given a state funeral. Although this went against his father's wishes, Doug

has no regrets.

The *RSL News* article mentioned the statue at Evandale. On unveiling the statue, Maj Gen Jeffrey said, "I cannot believe the bravery of this man".

To have held his medals in my hands was a privilege and an honour I will never forget.

As a side note, about five years later Doug showed me a German soldier's hat – the one with the point on top.

"Dad was doing a recce on a German position (something he did on a regular basis) and saw

it down the steps into a German bunker. He said to the men with him that it would be a great souvenir. He was dared to get it and he did," Doug explained.

He was a truly remarkable Australian.

Jim Morrison
Townsville RSL Sub Branch

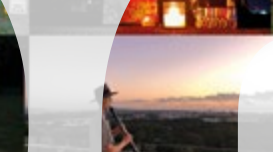
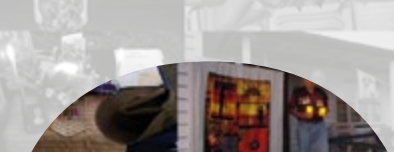
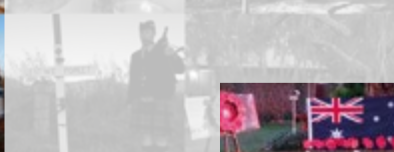


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AUSTRALIA LIT UP THE DAWN WITH GRATITUDE FOR VETERANS

✍ Louise Liddiard-Smith

Not even a global pandemic could contain the ANZAC spirit, as hundreds of thousands of households across the nation rose at dawn to take part in RSL Queensland's Light up the Dawn campaign.

WHEN the Australian Government announced that mass gatherings would be restricted as part of its coronavirus response measures in March 2020, the knock-on effects were felt across Australia. For many people – and our Defence community in particular – the need to cancel traditional ANZAC Day commemorations was especially painful.

“Usually, our Sub Branches organise more than 500 services and marches throughout Queensland,” said RSL Queensland State President Tony Ferris.

“Having to call them off at such a late stage in the planning process was very disappointing for our Sub Branch volunteers, who put their heart and soul into hosting these events for their local communities.”

AN INGENIOUS IDEA

But the Australian public – and their ANZAC spirit – wouldn’t go down without a fight. RSL Queensland was inundated with alternative ideas on how to commemorate ANZAC Day during the pandemic.

One idea that came up again and again – and resonated deeply with the RSL Queensland team – was the concept of households conducting a vigil on their driveway or balcony at 6am.

This ingenious idea – dubbed *Light up the Dawn* by RSL Queensland – would allow the Australian public to show thanks to our Defence personnel in a way that respected social distancing measures, which had grown increasingly stringent throughout April.

“It was a great way for us all to show our respect and gratitude for service people, past and present, while remaining safe. And just like ANZAC Day, this was an idea that belongs to the Australian people,” said Tony.



Brisbane North District President Merv Brown OAM was one of the veterans in the Light Up the Dawn TVC.

“MANY SPOKE ABOUT WHAT A MOVING EXPERIENCE IT WAS – TO LOOK DOWN THEIR STREET AND SEE THEIR NEIGHBOURS LINING THE ROAD IN A DEMONSTRATION OF SOLIDARITY, RESPECT AND GRATITUDE.”

PROMOTING LIGHT UP THE DAWN

To raise awareness about the initiative, the RSL Queensland marketing team created a poignant TV commercial that encouraged all Australians to take part.

The video – which played across TV stations nationally – featured an empty Shrine of Remembrance followed by shots of everyday Australians holding a candlelight vigil in the pre-dawn light. You can read more about how this touching TV commercial was created, using RSL Queensland staff and family members as on-screen talent, on page 46.

Throughout April, the Light up the Dawn campaign gathered a huge amount of momentum and media coverage. Even Prime Minister Scott Morrison got involved, urging all Australians to take part at 6am on ANZAC Day.

In the end, hundreds of thousands of households joined in, many using the audio service provided by RSL Queensland on its website and social media channels.

A SHOW OF MATESHIP AND RESPECT

As the sun peeked above the horizon on 25 April, the country stood united – in uniforms or pyjamas, wearing medals, poppies or sprigs of rosemary – to let our veterans know that their service and sacrifice would never be forgotten.

Many spoke about what a moving experience it was – to look down their street and see their neighbours lining the road in a demonstration of solidarity, respect and gratitude.

The many photos submitted from people all around the country are a heart-warming testament to the beauty and strength of the ANZAC spirit.

We at RSL Queensland are humbled by everyone’s determination not to let this pandemic take away our most poignant commemoration. We are grateful for the ingenuity shown in helping us find another way forward, and touched by the many examples of kindness, generosity and mateship we were privileged to witness.

On behalf of Queensland’s Defence family, we thank everyone who took part in Light up the Dawn on ANZAC Day. 🇺🇲





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COMMUNITY SUPPORTS OUR VETERANS

We were overwhelmed by submissions from all over Australia demonstrating the unique way ANZAC Day was commemorated.

Thanks to the hundreds of people who took the time to submit photos from their personal Light up the Dawn services. Here is a snapshot that highlights the diversity and passion of our ANZAC spirit – men and women, young and old, city and country folk alike. The day gave thousands of people an opportunity to honour our Defence community in their own special way.

Unfortunately, space restrictions prevented us from including all images that were submitted.



HINDENBURG LINE ANZAC COCO



◀ Kuttabul residents Malcolm and Sue Burston donned the replica Light Horsemen uniforms they usually wear to lead the dawn service parade. This year they wore the uniforms to Light Up The Dawn at their front gate instead.



▲ Vietnam veteran and founder of the 4 Aussie Heroes Foundation, Gerry Garard, Lighting up the Dawn at the entrance to where the foundation plans to build 'Camp Courage', a retreat for their live-in rehab programs for military and first responder personnel, past and present, suffering and struggling with PTSD and related mental health issues.



◀ Australian flags were hung on fences around the country in honour of the occasion.



▲ Paul Roset enjoys a cup of tea with his ANZAC biscuit outside his Enoggera home.



▲ Emily Conway reflects on the significance of ANZAC Day.



▲ Monica Giobbi with her son Franco, who dressed up for the occasion.



▲ Family members Meghan Crabb, Theo Sly and Cameron Sly joined their Enoggera neighbourhood to mark the special morning.

▼ Sue and her husband, veteran Craig Whiteman, helped their Enoggera neighbourhood make it an ANZAC Day to remember.



▲ Elliot and Emma Campbell, whose family have served their country for many years. Their father is an ADFA and RMC graduate and served 11 years, an aunt is still serving as a captain in the Navy and their grandfather is a retired Admiral. All have seen active service in theatres from Borneo to East Timor and from Vietnam to Iraq and Afghanistan.

▼ Enoggera residents Atahan, Simon and Daile Lighting up the Dawn.



▲ Damon Lougheed played the Last Post on ANZAC Day for his friend Allan McNaught, who sadly passed away less than two weeks later.

► Sophia, Arielle and Isaac Hook with their great grandfather's memorabilia.



▲ The neighbourhood turned out in force to give late veteran Allan McNaught a very special ANZAC Day service. Formerly of 8RAR, Allan had been in ill health, so neighbours gathered outside his home to bring ANZAC Day to him (with appropriate social distancing, of course!). The Ode was read by Allan's son Murray – also ex-serving – and family friend Damon sounded the Last Post. On display for all to see was the beautiful quilt featuring the 8RAR insignia, handsewn by his daughter Caroline, as well as memorabilia from Allan's time in service. Sadly, Allan passed away less than two weeks after ANZAC Day.



▲ Juleen sits under her lemon tree waiting for the sun to rise.

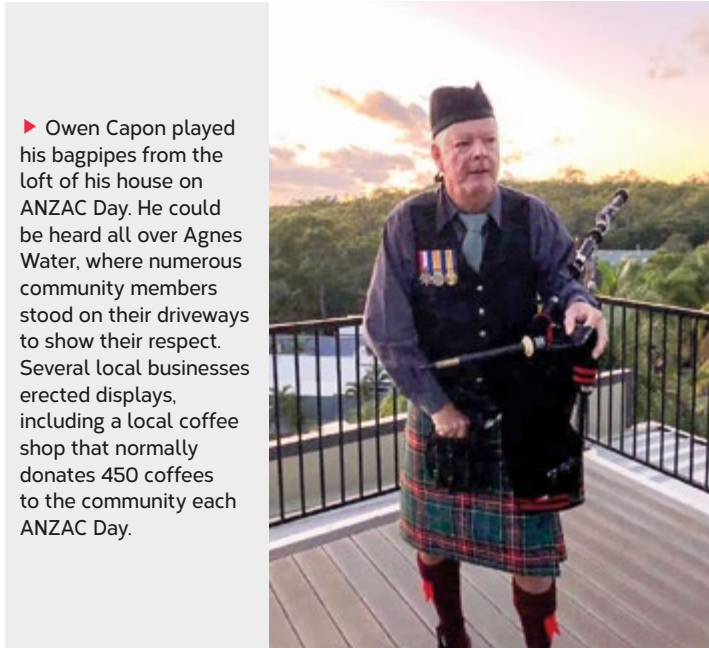


▲ Seven-year-old Sunnybank Hills State School student Addison Lo.



◀ Giordan blessed the street with the Last Post on trombone, with Corrine McMillan MP laying a wreath.

▼ Sherron sits next to a framed image of her relatives while listening to the dawn service.



► Owen Capon played his bagpipes from the loft of his house on ANZAC Day. He could be heard all over Agnes Water, where numerous community members stood on their driveways to show their respect. Several local businesses erected displays, including a local coffee shop that normally donates 450 coffees to the community each ANZAC Day.



◀ Veteran Alan Deeth commemorating ANZAC Day on his driveway at dawn.



◀ Sarah Kennedy (11 years old) playing the Last Post on her violin at dawn. Sarah's great grandfather Reginald Kennedy was a Lieutenant in the 2/17 white over green, who fought in New Guinea (including at Milne Bay and Kokoda, and the Australian landing at Borneo). Another great grandfather Cyril McCosker was Sergeant in 2/4 in North Africa, who was on his way back from injury to join 2/17 at El Alamein when he was captured. He was a POW and escaped to join the Yugoslav Resistance, before traveling to Switzerland and then back to Australia.



▲ The Deighton family honoured their grandfather Jack Johnston, who served in WWII as an Air Force chef and returned to help collect prisoners of war.



▲ They may have been spread out across acres in Hattonvale, but their community spirit was strong and through a thin fog, a bugle could be heard echoing in the distance.

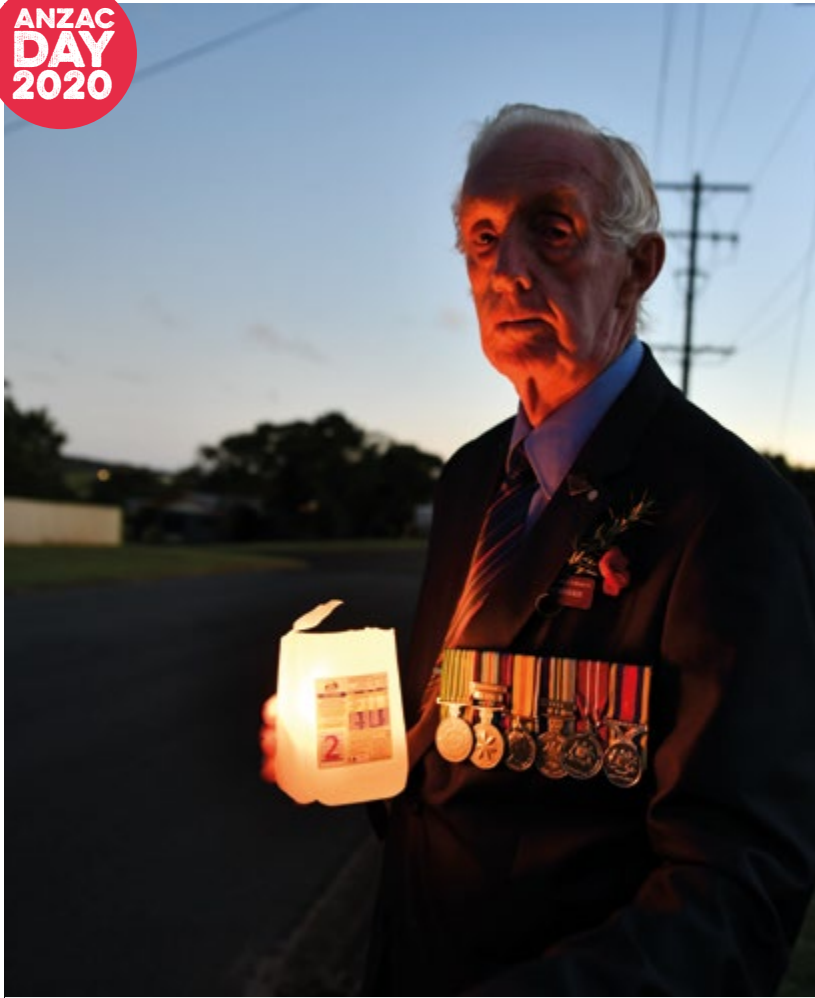
▶ Salisbury RSL Sub Branch President Tony Stevenson with his 12-year-old neighbour Aiden Meara, who played the Last Post and Reveille.



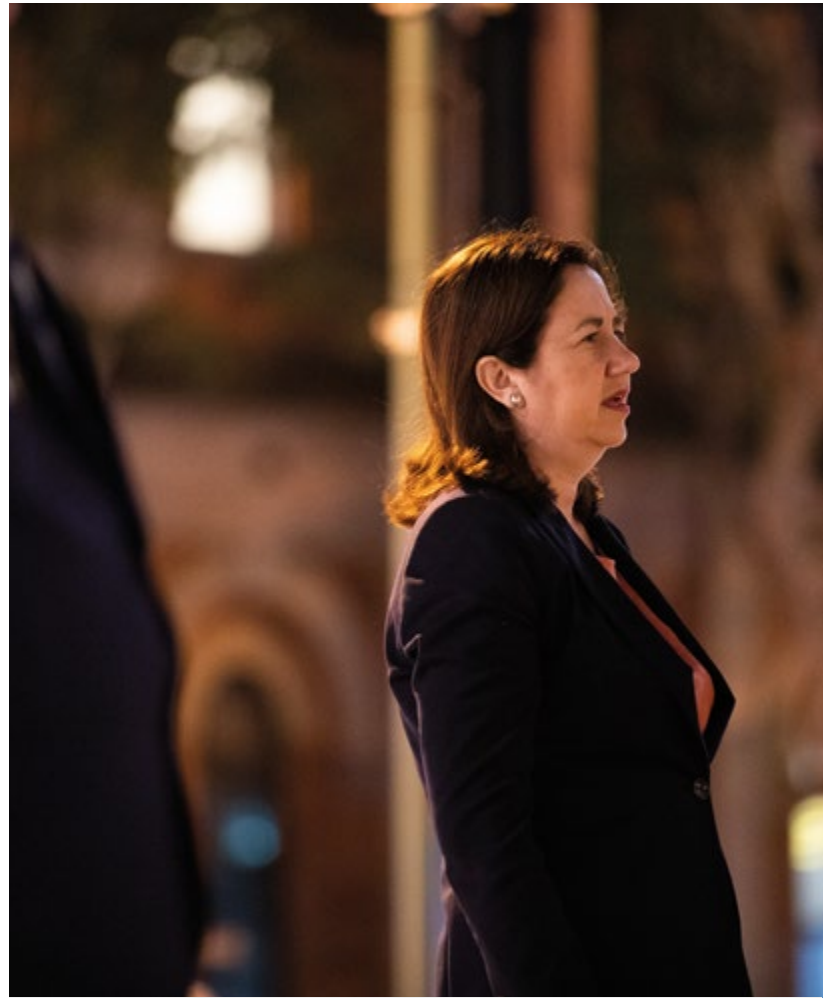
▶ Beaudesert President Carol Castles practising social distancing while laying a wreath.



▲ Anthony Lohrey of Palmwoods RSL Sub Branch with his sword drawn.



▲ Burt Johnson in Atherton on ANZAC Day.



▲ Queensland Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk sings the Australian anthem during the ANZAC Day Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Shrine of Remembrance in Brisbane.



▲ Caloundra RSL member Pat O'Keeffe (centre) leads the ANZAC Day service on Bulcock Beach.

▼ On behalf of Centenary Suburbs RSL Sub Branch, Georges Lefevre and Trevor Lavery donated poppies to neighbourhood homes and care centres.





▲ Guests attended an intimate ANZAC Day Wreath Laying Ceremony of reflection at the Shrine of Remembrance in Brisbane. (AAP Image/Jono Searle)



▲ In Clayfield, young community members including, from left, Gordon, Lachlan, Hugh and Harry took part in commemorations. Lachlan's great grandfather was Stanley William Ivers, a WWII veteran who served in New Guinea and Borneo. Stanley was a lifelong member of Kedron-Wavell RSL and marched every year with the 2/15.



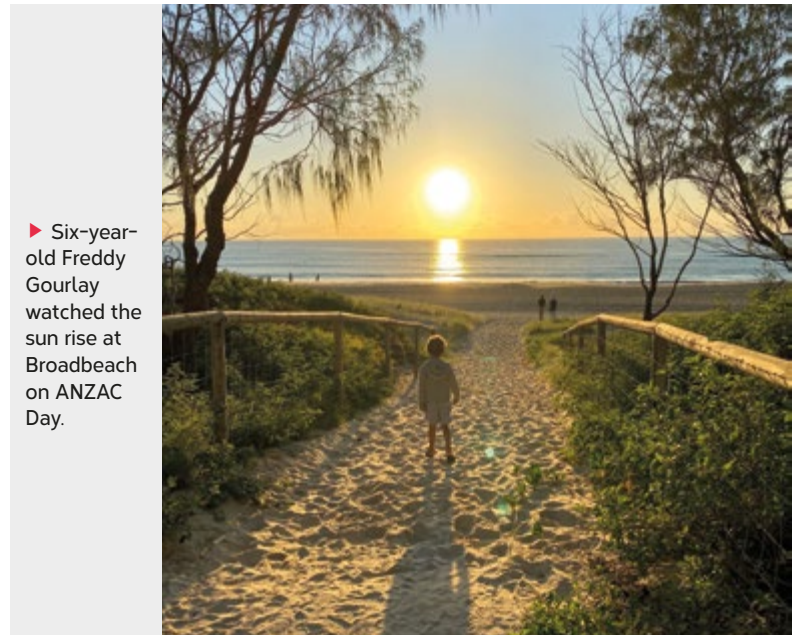
▲ The Last Post is played during the ANZAC Day Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Shrine of Remembrance in Brisbane. (AAP Image/Jono Searle)



◀ In the Sutherland Shire, Sydney, cadet Alex Unicomb marked ANZAC Day with his parents, who pinned rosemary to their lapels and decorated candles with poppies, while kookaburras sang at dawn.



▲ RSL Queensland President Tony Ferris has a moment of reflection during the ANZAC Day Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Shrine of Remembrance in Brisbane. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, marches and commemorative services were banned for the first time in years. (AAP Image/Jono Searle)



► Six-year-old Freddy Gourlay watched the sun rise at Broadbeach on ANZAC Day.



▲ Colin Porteus, of Karana Downs, served 20 years in the RAAF from 1973 to 1993. He began as an apprentice and finished as a Flight Sergeant.



▲ After studying ANZAC Day at school, Connor Tainsh (eight) of Greenbank created a painting to honour veterans.

▼ Craig Dimmock with his children, who held photos of Craig's parents. His father Daryl was in the RAAF, a Vietnam veteran and former president of Pine Rivers RSL. His mother Margaret was in the WAAF and former secretary and auxiliary member of Pine Rivers RSL.



▲ Crows Nest RSL Sub Branch commemorations.

► Lighting up the Dawn in Brookfield.



► David and Jan Collins marking ANZAC Day.



◄ Ngametua Kae honours ANZAC Day proudly every year without fail, no matter where he is.



▲ Duthie Park in Blackall remembers Peter McKenzie, who established Duthie Park in 1915 and served on the Western Front. He leased out Duthie Park while at war and survived being gassed to return to the park. In 1936, Peter opened the Returned Soldiers Memorial Hall in Blackall.



▲ Ex-service member Tanya Easterby remembering the ANZACs alongside her son Jared Butcher.

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▲ An ANZAC memorial set up in Barra Court, Merrimac. The centrepiece of the display was a war jacket worn by a close family friend Sgt Clive Flook, who served in Borneo in 1945.



▲ Eric J Beutel OAM marking ANZAC Day on Balkee Drive in Caboolture. The small service included an acknowledgement to country on behalf of the local custodians of this land, the Last Post, a minute's silence, the Rouse, and a didgeridoo performance.

▼ Chaplain Gary Stone broadcast a socially distanced dawn service to the 24 families in his valley on the slopes of Mt Tamborine.



▶ Gladstone RSL Sub Branch President Harry Tattersall at the local cenotaph.





▲ Gladstone RSL Sub Branch members preparing care packages for elderly veterans and war widows.



▲ Queensland Governor General Paul de Jersey AC participates in Light up the Dawn.



▲ Lighting up the Dawn on a farm in Mulgowie. Members of the Amberley Pipes and Drums Band created this cross and played their instruments during the morning service.



▲ Maroochydore RSL Sub Branch member Greg Ivey planted a green and gold shrub called 'Fairhill Gold' to remember the unique events of 2020.

► RSL Queensland sponsored 2020 Premier's ANZAC Prize recipient Jackson Hay is a proud army cadet and member of 181 ACU. Jackson was joined by his family who participated in Light up the Dawn at the end of their driveway. Jackson usually participates in the ANZAC Day march and said it was wonderful to find a way to show respect to veterans.



▲ Harlaxton RSL Sub Branch member Ian Appleby commemorated ANZAC Day at the end of his driveway in Rangeville. A retired Chief Petty Officer Electronic Systems Submarines, Ian is both a cadet instructor at TS Toowoomba and President of the Naval Association of Australia, Darling Downs Sub-Section.



▲ Staying warm in their PJs, Jade and Matthew Gilson watch the sun rise on ANZAC Day morning.



▲ Chelsea Groth wore a poppy dress with a handmade poppy bow for her first ANZAC Day on her driveway. Her family also made a poppy wreath to remember those who had served, including several family members.

▼ Blake and Finn Cairns created this ANZAC Day tribute.



▲ Owen (eight) and Lewis (six) Ebbels of Noosville usually walk in the local Tewantin Noosa RSL ANZAC Day march with Noosville State School. This year, they made their own wreaths and dressed in their school uniforms for their family's driveway service. They honoured those who made sacrifices for Australia's freedoms, especially their grandfather (who served in Vietnam) and great grandfathers (WWII).

► Watching the sun rise and marking the occasion from a balcony in Coorparoo.



▲ Layken and Willow Tattersall remember the service of their great grandfather and great uncle.

▼ Katie and Rat Pilcher projected an iconic ANZAC Day image onto the side of their house for the dawn service.



▼ Lacey Shaw made an ANZAC Day tribute in her front yard. It honoured all brave servicemen and women, past and present, but especially her father Keith Broadbent, who served in WWII and was a Life Member of the RSL. Normally, the family lays a wreath in his honour at the Holland Park-Mt Gravatt ANZAC Day service, which was her father's local RSL Sub Branch. In 1996, Brisbane City Council honoured Keith by naming part of the adjoining Scott Park the "Keith Broadbent Playground" for his services to the RSL and the local community. Lacey's family is very proud of Keith and the contributions he made over many years.

► Logan Community Cadets member Jack Johnson.



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◀ Seven-year-old Zephaniah takes ANZAC Day extremely seriously. He prepared his own order of service and invited his sister up to read a poem. Zephaniah said his great great great uncle and great great grandfather, plus his uncle currently serving in the Army, would be so proud of him. Afterwards, the family took their homemade wreaths to a veteran who lived a few streets away.



▼ Logan Community Cadets watch dawn break on ANZAC Day.



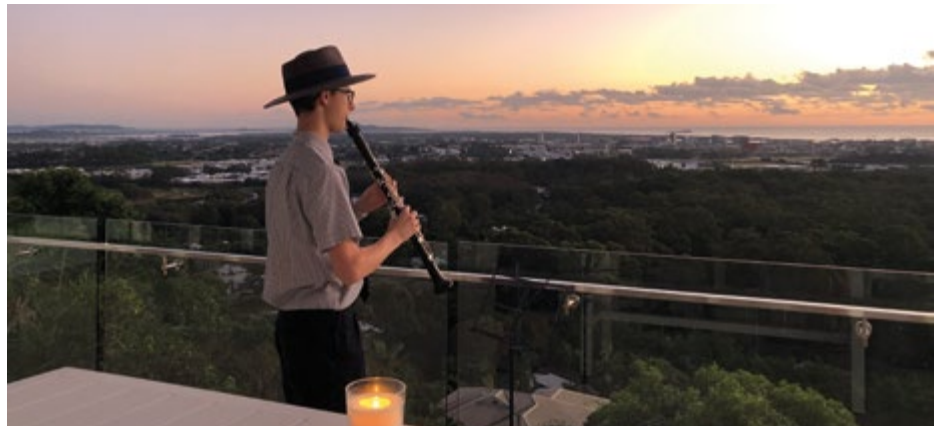
▲ Veteran Jeff Smith and his granddaughter Cheyenne Moss, a member of the Logan Community Cadets.



◀ The Smiths honoured Wayne "Bluey" Maltby (1949-1998) who served with 5RAR from 1969-70.



▲ Metro South Health staff held a dawn service on ANZAC Day. Pictured with their medals are LT Kate Christensen Nursing Officer RAANC 1CHB Australian Regular Army (ED Registered Nurse) and Corporal James Eria, 2/1st Battalion, Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment (works as security at PAH).



▲ RSL Queensland sponsored 2020 Premier's ANZAC Prize recipient Louis Prager said it was an honour to play the Last Post on his clarinet at dawn for his Buderim community. "It allowed me to reflect on the bravery of those who fought, and continue to fight, for this amazing country of ours," Louis said. "Although, we are all very sad that we couldn't be following in the ANZACs' footsteps this year in UK, France and Belgium, we understand that our trip had to be delayed due COVID-19. We look forward to meeting our friends abroad very soon and experiencing the ANZAC legend firsthand."



▲ John Moylan honours his father Joseph Michael Moylan, who fought in the Middle East for Australia in WWII.



▲ Barbara Dawson usually attends the Geebung RSL Dawn Service.

▼ A gunfire breakfast in a driveway in Araluen.



▲ Young Kallaye Carbery wearing her great great grandfather's WWI medals. Her grandfather Chris Carbery wears his own service medal and his mother's (Ruby Carbery) service medal. Mimi Carbery is wearing her father-in-law's WWII medals.



▲ Three-year-old Bryce participated in his first ANZAC Day, honouring his father, who is currently deployed with the Army.



▲ These brothers were dressed in their best outfits ready to Light up the Dawn on ANZAC Day at their home in Narangba.



▲ Bardon RSL Sub Branch member Neil Stanton and his daughter Lily at home in Tristania Drive, Bardon. It was Lily's first dawn service and she was proud to wear her father's miniatures and a crocheted poppy on her jacket.



▼ Ming Roberts and his four-year-old son Jett on ANZAC Day.



▲ Clifton Scout Ned Murry near his home in Greenmount.



▲ RSL Tasmania member and nursing officer in the Army Reserves, Philippa Rice, honours her great great aunt, Sister Adeline BG Priestley, who served as an Australian Army Nurse on the Western Front at Boulogne, France for more than four years.



▲ Oliver Illi enjoyed a gorgeous morning view as he reflected upon the meaning of ANZAC Day.



▲ Kanahooka resident Mary Mouawad created this ANZAC Day tribute.



▲ It was a very quiet ANZAC Day commemoration for Pine Rivers RSL Sub Branch President Margaret Lord and her family. Margaret's grandchildren are Navy cadets and decorated the driveway with candles and handmade wreaths. Handwritten invitations with handmade poppies were delivered to neighbours in the cul-de-sac, resulting in 100 per cent attendance at each driveway.



▲ Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison pays his respects at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra.



▲ The Van Kalken and Homan households in Clontarf, Queensland.

► At 9.30am every morning for 40 days leading up to ANZAC Day, Sam Murthy walked to the same place near North Lakes golf course to play the bugle for local residents for 45 minutes. Sam had travelled from India to Australia in January to visit his son but was unable to return when COVID-19 travel restrictions tightened. Sam is a former scout and wanted to do his part to honour veterans in the community and keep community spirits high during lockdown. Local residents looked forward to his daily performance and often took a morning walk to say hello and watch him play.



▶ Jorja, Casey and Chloe McCrae from Mirriwinni, represented Babinda State School. They stood proudly for their great grandfather Gordon Boydell (2/3rd Pioneer Battalion 9th Division).



▲ The Collier girls commemorating ANZAC Day on their driveway. Ava Collier, left, represented her school, Saint Mary's Catholic College. They were also visited by Kingaroy RSL President Don Davey, who gave the girls commemorative teddy bears.



◀ A front yard in Petrie dedicated to the fallen.



▲ Yeronga children drew chalk murals on the sidewalk for ANZAC Day.



▲ The ANZAC spirit was alive in the Sharma household.



▲ The Buckley family participated in Light up the Dawn in Yeronga.

▼ The Kena family hosted an ANZAC Day service on their driveway. As well as the traditional aspects of the dawn service, it also included the Lord's Prayer in Maori and English, the New Zealand National Anthem in Maori and English, the Australian National Anthem and the Haka.



◀ Randall Dionysius was conscripted into National Service in early 1950. Randall is proud of his Defence service and takes part in ANZAC Day services annually to give thanks and pay his respects to the gallant soldiers who fought and died in battles all over the world.



▲ Toowong RSL Secretary Mike Muirhead and his family on their driveway at dawn.



▲ Children preparing for the ANZAC Day driveway commemoration, decorating trees on the street with handmade poppies painted in watercolour and acrylic.



▲ Vietnam veterans Michael and June Naughten outside their home in Yeronga.

▶ RAAF veteran Terry Shanahan recently began creating an avenue of honour memorial at his home near Killarney. So far, it includes an 'Avenue of Honour' sign at the front gate and two plaques on the avenue of trees leading up to his home. The plaques honour his grandfather Major Michael Shanahan DSO MID, who served in the 2nd Light Horse Regiment during WWI, and his horse Bill (also known as Bill the Bastard, Australia's greatest war horse). By next ANZAC Day, Terry hopes to install plaques for all 17 of his relatives that served from WWI to Vietnam.



▲ This professional musician and her 10-year-old son performed a dawn service in their street. "It was a perfect moment in time that I never thought I would have, and that we will both remember for the rest of our lives," his mother said. "Seeing the pride on my young son's face as he honoured those that served for us lets me know that their legacy will live on. Music connected us and united us in our isolation as a community on ANZAC DAY. As music captain at Junction Park State School, my son could not have been prouder."



◀ State Member for Gympie, Tony Perrett, marked ANZAC Day in his own way.

▶ Toowoomba United RSL Sub Branch member Tony Bester built a garden around his newly installed flagpole to commemorate ANZAC Day. Two dozen of his neighbours joined Tony and Lyn on the footpath for a short service.



▲ Wynnum State High School students embraced the Light up the Dawn concept, spending a great deal of time practicing the Rouse and Last Post in the lead up to ANZAC Day. When the day finally arrived, several families with returned service people were part of the audience listening to the performance. Students usually only hear these songs once a year performed by a bugler, whereas this year they were able to spend time studying and performing the music, giving them a greater understanding of its significance.

▶ Vietnam veteran and former Woodgate Beach RSL Sub Branch President Graham Black 'Lights up the Dawn' and enjoys a traditional gunfire breakfast with his furry best mate Bindi. Photo courtesy of Traci Osborn.



▲ Family members Nick, Yoka and Alex pay tribute on ANZAC Day.

► Navy cadet Alex holds a candle in remembrance.



▲ Light up the Dawn was embraced by the Australian community, who still wanted a way to honour veterans.



◀ Vietnam war veteran Ian on ANZAC Day.



▲ It was an emotional ANZAC Day for Agnes Water RSL Sub Branch member Wayne Zollner, whose father and former Ayr RSL Sub Branch member Martin Leo Zollner (known as Leo), passed away on 18 April, just days earlier. This photo was taken on ANZAC Day 2015 when four generations of the Zollner family marched together for the first time. Leo served in the RAAF from 1944-46, including in Madang, New Guinea. Five generations of the Zollner family have served in Defence. Wayne's great grandfather Martin served with Kitchener's G Squadron Light Horse in South Africa during the Boer War and was killed in action in 1900. Wayne's grandfather Allan enlisted with the 2nd Light Horse in 1915 as a machine gunner and went to Gallipoli. Allan also served on the Suez Canal, in the Middle East and again in WWII in New Guinea at the same time as his son. Wayne's uncle Alfred served with the 2/15 Infantry Battalion in WWII, while his nephew Rohan served in the RAN for four years. Wayne himself served in the RAN from 1969-75, including on HMAS Sydney to Vietnam in 1970, HMAS ANZAC and HMAS Creswell. Pictured (left to right) are Rohan, the late Leo, Wayne and Wayne's nephew Aiden, who is wearing his great great grandfather's medals.

► Leon and Shelley decorated candles with rosemary and pinned sprigs over their hearts to mark the occasion.



A young man in military uniform, wearing a brown campaign hat with a blue band and a gold crest, and a camouflage uniform, stands in front of a white picket fence. He is holding a brass trumpet. The background shows a wooden house with a balcony and a house number '47' on the fence. The scene is lit with warm, golden light, suggesting dawn or dusk.

George

HERALDS IN THE DAWN IN ALDERLEY

Fourteen-year-old Army Cadet George Forrest set the scene for remembrance in his Alderley neighbourhood, playing the Last Post and Reveille as part of the 2020 ANZAC Day Light up the Dawn initiative.



AT 6am on ANZAC Day 2020, the haunting call of the Last Post rang out across the quiet neighbourhood of Plymouth Street, Alderley.

Behind the trumpet was George Forrest, an Anglican Church Grammar School Year 9 student, who was determined to commemorate ANZAC Day despite the challenges posed by the coronavirus pandemic.

Flanked by his mother Lucy, father Steven and sister Amy, the talented young musician played the Last Post, observed a minute's silence, and then played Reveille.

The Forrest family are among many Australians who participated in Light up the Dawn, which encouraged Australians to stand on their driveways, on their balcony or in their living room to remember those who have served and sacrificed.

A NEW WAY TO COMMEMORATE

George first heard about Light up the Dawn through the Music for Mateship initiative and was inspired to take part.

He even organised a letterbox drop to encourage his neighbours to get involved and join him at the end of their own driveways at 6am.

"The whole idea of it is to come together and remember. We may be isolated, but we can still be united on ANZAC Day," he said.

A FAMILY CONNECTION

And remember they did, because the spirit of the ANZACs runs deep in the Forrest lineage. George's great-grandfather Corporal Charles James Elliott fought for the First Australian Imperial Force (AIF) in WWI and was wounded by a shell at Bullecourt, France in April 1917.

Tragically, George's great-great-uncle William Clarence Forrest, a private also in the AIF, was killed in action at Gallipoli on 28 November 1915. He was 29.

During the Great War, George's great-grandfathers also served in the British Army and Italian Army respectively, and in WWII, George's grandfather Charles Edward Elliott fought for the Australian Army in Papua New Guinea.

George, who joined Churchie's Army Cadet Unit this year, said he often considers following in the footsteps of his relatives and serving in the armed forces.

"I still have no idea what I want to do yet, but it's always been in the back of my head. I think it would be great being in the Army and fighting for our country like they did," he said. ←

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ANZAC SPIRIT!

WORKING BEHIND THE SCENES TO RECOGNISE OUR VETERANS

  Tim Schaefer

As the world locked down, the RSL Queensland marketing team stepped up to ensure we could still stand Shoulder to Shoulder, virtually.

AUSTRALIANS have long relied on the qualities of mateship, humour, ingenuity, courage and endurance to help us cope in tough times. When it came time for RSL Queensland to promote ANZAC Day 2020 amid the COVID-19 pandemic, a unique idea built around resilience and the spirit of the ANZACs seemed only fitting.

The RSL Queensland marketing team's initial idea to promote ANZAC Day had to be scrapped in mid-March when the pandemic forced authorities to restrict public gatherings to less than 500 people. With just six weeks until ANZAC Day, the team had to pivot to a plan B, and fast.

A DRIVEWAY VIGIL

Following our announcement on social media that traditional ANZAC Day services would not be possible, people

began to suggest alternative ways to honour the ANZACs. One idea kept coming up – the concept of a driveway vigil at 6am.

RSL Queensland's marketing team loved the idea and quickly got to work, incorporating it into what would become the 'Light up the Dawn' campaign. The concept reminded Australians that the qualities of the ANZACs live within all of us. And how, in these challenging times, we must invoke the ANZAC spirit more than ever.

To bring the idea to life, the team created a poignant video showing everyday Australians standing on their driveways holding a candlelight vigil in the pre-dawn light. Among shots of an empty Shrine of Remembrance and the eternal flame flaring silently in the breeze, the neighbours – kids, teenagers, parents and veterans – recite part of the Ode in unison. The video is capped off with the haunting notes of the Last Post.

Sensing the Australian government would soon ban gatherings altogether, the team began filming the commercial immediately. They worked long hours over several days to bring the video to life with the help of talented cinematographer Robert Bakken.

ALL HANDS ON DECK

With no time to hire professional talent, the marketing team roped in their willing husbands, slightly

less-willing kids, and fellow RSL Queensland staff, including veterans Merv Brown OAM and Graeme Alley, to star in the commercial.

On-location filming took place at the Shrine of Remembrance in Brisbane and a picturesque streetscape not far away in Red Hill, outside the house of a staff member. To complement the commercial, photographer Sean Condon and the team from The Creative Imagineers were on-set to shoot compelling imagery for the campaign.

On the final afternoon of shooting, the team was treated to a spectacular sunset, which stood in perfectly for the filming of the dawn scenes. When filming wrapped, it meant the commercial came together in just a matter of days, an abnormally quick turn-around for a professional campaign.

STANDING SHOULDER TO SHOULDER, VIRTUALLY

RSL Queensland Chief Executive Officer Melanie Wilson said the dawn vigil was the perfect way to honour the ANZACs during an unprecedented time.

"As Australians, we can't stand shoulder to shoulder this ANZAC Day," she said.

"But by lighting up the dawn, we can showcase our ANZAC spirit and honour our service men and women like never before." ←



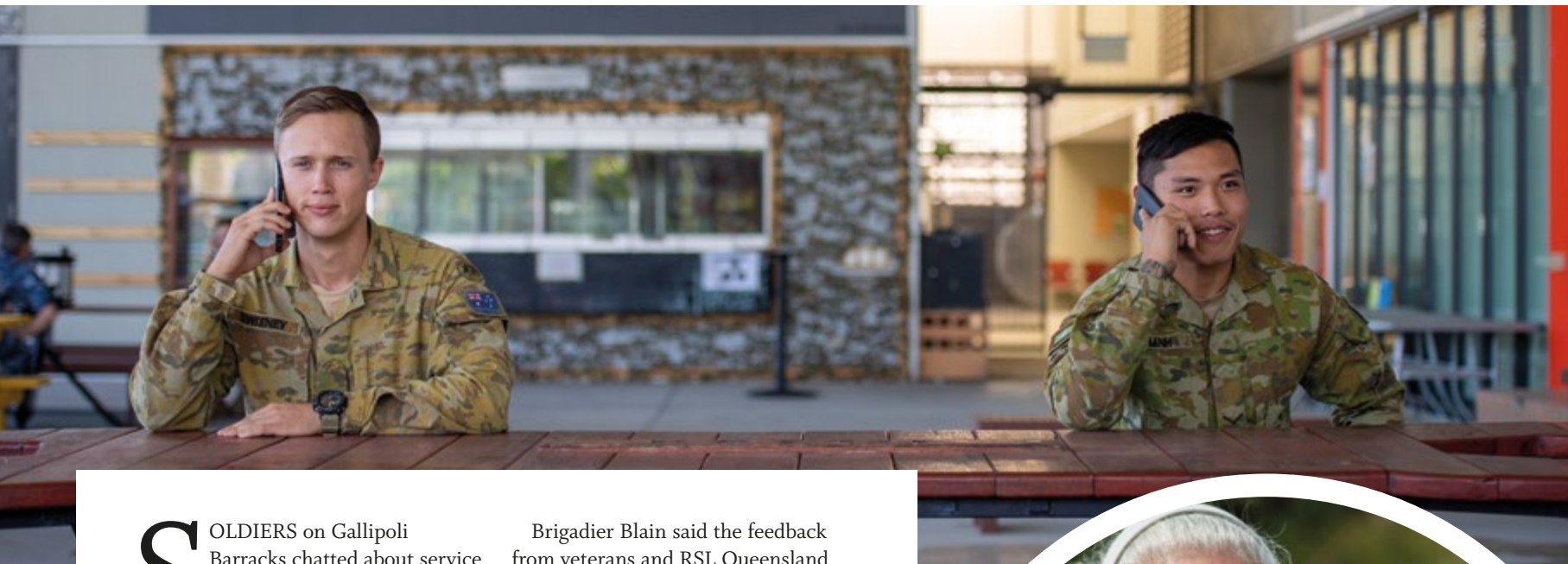
CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Staff members and their families pitched in to serve as 'talent' for the campaign; Brisbane North District President Merv Brown OAM donated to his time to promote the initiative; Filming at the Shrine of Remembrance in Brisbane; An RSL Queensland staff member wearing her veteran partner's medals and the children of another staff member depict one of the hundreds of families who participated in Light up the Dawn; A street in Red Hill was the location for the majority of the campaign.



STAYING CONNECTED TO COMMUNITY

RSL Queensland helped 7th Combat Brigade personnel connect with the veteran community around ANZAC Day this year, with current serving members making phone calls as part of the new Virtual Veteran Visit initiative.





SOLDIERS on Gallipoli Barracks chatted about service life with veterans who have been isolated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

RSL Queensland General Manager Veteran Services Rob Skoda stressed the importance of the Virtual Veteran Visit initiative, pioneered this year from Gallipoli Barracks.

“Many of our older veterans look forward to ANZAC Day. I know many of them are feeling the loss of this social interaction, especially those who have been isolated by the COVID-19 restrictions,” Rob said.

“The Virtual Veteran Visit ensured that they know, despite the current unusual circumstances, they have not been forgotten.”

Commander of 7th Combat Brigade, Brigadier Jason Blain, highlighted what it meant to the soldiers to stay connected with the local veteran community.

“Our veteran family serve as inspiration to those currently in uniform and we can learn a great deal by staying connected with soldiers from the past. The connection is important,” Brigadier Blain said.

“I was really impressed by the large number of soldiers volunteering to make phone calls. It showed they genuinely cared and that the experience was mutually beneficial.”

Brigadier Blain said the feedback from veterans and RSL Queensland was positive and the Brigade would continue the initiative on a larger scale going forward, now that the concept has been proven successful.

“This first trial has been well received and was a great way to connect with our veteran community here in Queensland,” Brigadier Blain said.

“Now that we have the foundations in place, we will look to expand and make similar veteran phone calls for other significant events such as Remembrance Day or the anniversaries of notable battles like Long Tan.”

The article was adapted from a story written by Captain Taylor Lynch and published on the Department of Defence website. ←



CENTRE:
Australian Army veteran Mariann Mathias, of the Women’s Royal Australian Army Corps, enjoys a phone call from a current serving Army member as part of the Virtual Veteran Visit initiative. (Photo: Trooper Jonathan Goedhart)



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STUDENTS WRITE HEARTWARMING LETTERS TO THANK VETERANS

With ANZAC Day services cancelled across the state, St Rita's College students chose to write colourful, handwritten notes to express their gratitude to those who have served.

 Matilda Dray





EVEN though ANZAC Day services were cancelled this year, the sacrifice made by veterans is deeply appreciated and will never be forgotten. That's the message students at St Rita's College in Clayfield wanted our Defence community to know.

"I thought I would write you a note to say thank you!" wrote Georgia.

"It is because of your courageous efforts that I am free and allowed to enjoy my life without fear. I truly admire everything you have done for not just me but for the whole of Australia. As I can't watch you march or attend an ANZAC Day ceremony in person, I thought I would put my thanks into words."

Normally, students from the all-girls school attend services in Brisbane City and Kalinga, but after events were cancelled due to the pandemic, they decided to express their thanks by writing letters instead.

Students also wrote to members of the community who may be in isolation or on the frontline of the health crisis, sending letters to local hospitals, nursing homes and Meals on Wheels.

"We try and teach the girls about having gratitude for the freedom and enormous opportunities we have because people like our veterans fought for our country," said Deputy Principal Catherine Allen.

"We were wondering how we could recognise and thank veterans when we couldn't lay a wreath this year."

Each year the school chooses a different theme and fortuitously, this year it's hope.

"This year our hope is being tested more than it ever has before," said Catherine.

Students also wished veterans health and happiness during these difficult times, hoping they could draw on fond memories with friends and family to get them through the isolation.

"Wishing you the best during such a tough time for all. Thank you for all you have done throughout your amazing life, allowing others to live the life we have," wrote Lily.

To the veterans,
Hi, I just thought I would write you a note to say thank you. The freedom and lifestyle I enjoy today is thanks to your courageous efforts. As I can't watch a march or attend an ANZAC ceremony myself, I would like to put my thanks in words, and my appreciation. May your memories be filled with positive and fun relationships you shared in such difficult times. Please know that your efforts are deeply & sincerely appreciated.
Kind regards,
Sophie

Dear Veteran
Hi, I just wanted to say thank you for the freedom and lifestyle I enjoy today. I truly admire everything you have done for not just me but for the whole of Australia. As I can't watch you march or attend an ANZAC Day ceremony in person, I thought I would put my thanks into words.
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Lily

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Lily

Paying it forward



 Anita Jaensch

A veteran-owned café chain is giving back in true ANZAC spirit, helping the community donate meals to those struggling financially due to COVID-19.

NO One Left Behind is the brainchild of Afghanistan veteran Michael Lorrigan, who owns the Café Two 14 chain on Brisbane’s northside.

On returning from the Middle East, Michael and his partner were looking for a business opportunity when they saw a café – Café Scuzi – for sale. Despite not having any café experience, they made the decision to give it a go.

Only a couple of months later, Michael walked past a boarded-up café in his local shopping centre. After a phone call to centre management, the couple were running their second café. This one they called Café Two

14, after Michael’s unit, the 2nd/14th Light Horse Regiment (Queensland Mounted Infantry).

“We still had no clue what we were doing,” Michael laughs. “I still didn’t know how to make a coffee. But we decided to have a crack.”

Three years later, Michael and his partner have three more cafés under the Two 14 banner, plus the original Café Scuzi. And Michael’s learnt how to make a great coffee.

With social distancing measures being enforced as a result of COVID-19, Michael says café turnover has dropped substantially. But, recognising there are people who are worse off, he’s found a way to provide a helping hand.

“Everyone is doing it tough at the moment,” Michael says. “But some are doing it tougher than others.

“I saw a post on Facebook about someone who was having trouble making rent and buying food, and I started thinking about how we could help. We’re just trying to maintain a sense of community.”

As part of the No One Left Behind initiative, patrons can buy a meal, which Café Two 14 will prepare fresh for frontline healthcare workers or people who are struggling financially.

In the first 36 hours of the initiative, Michael says his patrons bought 100 meals for others.

If people need a meal, they can message him through Café Two 14’s Facebook or Instagram page, indicating at which café they would like to pick it up.

If you would like to purchase a meal for someone in need, visit www.cafetwo14.com.au and check out their No One Left Behind menu under the ‘Online Store’ tab. ←

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TERRITORY

**A New Way
Forward**

TELEHEALTH
OFFERING
A NEW WAY TO
ACCESS SUPPORT



**A message
from our CEO
Troy Watson.**

As I sit down to write this, our Mates4Mates Family Recovery Centres are closed temporarily due to the COVID-19 restrictions. But no matter what the situation is when this is published, we are committed to supporting the veteran community.

Our key priority remains to ensure veterans, and their families, have as much access as possible to services.

We know that isolation can have a detrimental impact on mental health so even though we must keep our distance physically, we can still support one another virtually and maintain connection.

In response to the evolving restrictions we have launched telehealth services. Now, those impacted by service can access psychology and exercise physiology appointments from anywhere in Australia. You can read more about this on page 3.

We have also unveiled a new Mates4Mates website to better serve our community and supporters. It provides an easier way to join Mates4Mates and more relevant information about our services. In addition, it includes resources for managing physical and mental health, coping through a crisis, and more.

We have also increased ways for the community to get involved with our cause and give back. From holding fundraising activities, to supporting our work through our online store — it all makes a vital difference.

I hope you all enjoy the latest edition of our Mates4Mates magazine.

Troy

Follow us today.



Veteran Wellbeing Centre coming to the Northern Territory.

Mates4Mates has been announced as the lead organisation to deliver a Veteran Wellbeing Centre in Darwin, in conjunction with the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

The centre will provide individualised wellbeing services such as transition and employment support, advocacy services and social connection activities, psychology services, and family support programs.

The focus of the new centre will be to provide Northern Territory veterans with new pathways to recovery and be based on the current Mates4Mates Family Recovery Centre model of care — offering a broad range of services in one location.

Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Darren Chester, made the announcement in March.

More details to be announced this year.



Make the call that makes the difference.

Contact Mates4Mates to find out more about our services, how you can access support or get involved.

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Mates4Mates supports current and ex-serving Australian Defence Force members, and their families, who have been impacted by their service. We are an initiative established by RSL Queensland. If you would like to contribute to our magazine please contact Mates4Mates Communications & Media Manager via marketing@mates4mates.org or call 1300 462 837. Written and edited by Laura McKoy. Design by Sven Koleasrić.



A digital pathway to recovery.

With Mates4Mates now offering telehealth services, support is just a phone call away for veterans and their families impacted by service-related injuries.

To ensure support is accessible to the Defence community, Mates4Mates has launched new telehealth services that provide psychology and exercise physiology appointments online.

Now, no matter where someone lives, there is a way forward through a virtual appointment.

“For the first time, location is not a barrier to accessing our clinical health services.”

Mates4Mates Psychologist Clare Mitchell said the service expansion provides a pathway to recovery for more people in the veteran community.

“For the first time, location is not a barrier to accessing our clinical health services,” Clare said.

“Taking our appointments online has opened up our services to

thousands of potential veterans who need professional support to assist with their circumstances.”

Research from the Department of Veterans’ Affairs latest Transition and Wellbeing Research Programme shows one-fifth of transitioned members surveyed were estimated to be medically discharged.

Those who had been medically discharged were also more likely to report lower self-perceived health, dissatisfaction with health and life, poorer physical health and lower quality of life

compared with personnel who had been non-medically discharged.

“We know that the transition to civilian life can be difficult, particularly for those impacted by injuries, and the need for support is more prevalent than ever,” Clare said.

“If you, or someone you know, is experiencing mental health issues

or injuries from service, please reach out — you don’t have to go through it alone.”

Psychology can assist with problems such as Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), depression, anxiety, addictions, parenting issues and family problems.

Exercise physiology can assist with overcoming various injuries, managing chronic disease and chronic pain, pre and post joint surgery rehabilitation and other cardiovascular or pulmonary diseases.

For Brisbane member, Michelle, online exercise physiology appointments have made a difference while being at home.

“Being an active person who is used to exercising with other people I have found the experience fantastic. The online sessions keep me updated and motivated and give us a chance to amend my program to suit the current circumstances and still achieve my fitness goals.”

To find out more about telehealth or to book an appointment, reach out to Mates4Mates on 1300 462 837. Veterans and family members will need a DVA or Medicare referral to access clinical services.

BENEFITS OF USING TELEHEALTH

- ✓ Professional support accessible from anywhere in Australia.
- ✓ Appointments can be conducted from the comfort of your own home.
- ✓ Confidential, safe and effective.
- ✓ Reduced burden of travel on health and wellbeing.
- ✓ Reduced financial barriers and costs associated with travel.



Join the Fundraising Force to give back.

Recent times have challenged us in ways that we could not have anticipated, changing the way we live, work and gather as a community. While we all respond differently to challenges, one thing stands out – our common desire to be part of something bigger.

The Mates4Mates Fundraising Force is a positive way for Australians to raise funds to support veterans and their families and be part of a community that looks out for their mates.



Visit supportmates4mates.org to get involved. If you're stuck for ideas, here's three things to get you started:

1. Flex your creative muscles and become a community fundraiser. **You can design your own challenge** – it could be something active or you could challenge yourself to break a habit while making a difference.
2. **Take part in a raffle.** Visit our Play for Purpose page and be in to win fantastic prizes while supporting a cause close to your heart.
3. Take part in an existing event – **it can even be a virtual event** that you can participate in. We have a number of options for you to join on our website.



With mates behind you, there's power to move forward.

mates4mates.org

To better support the ADF community, Mates4Mates has launched a new website. We are the same organisation – but with a refreshed look!

The new Mates4Mates website provides one destination with everything you need to know about Mates4Mates – from our service options, how to join as a Mate, ways to fundraise or donate, and health resources and information.

As we continue to grow, it's important to reflect who we are; a forward-thinking, leading provider

of support services for those in the ADF community impacted by injury or trauma.

We set about bringing our brand promise to life through the revitalisation of the website, our key messages, branding, and images.

Our new tagline, **'Here for those impacted by service'**, promotes inclusivity and support – we're here for anyone who is currently serving, ex-serving, or family members, and has been impacted physically or mentally by their service.

There are many pathways to recovery through our physical rehabilitation and psychology services, skills and wellbeing programs, and social connection activities. Our specialised programs and services are proven to make a real difference.

With mates behind you, there's power to move forward.

Visit our new website today at mates4mates.org.



Make getting active a family activity.

✍ Clare Goss, Mates4Mates Exercise Physiologist

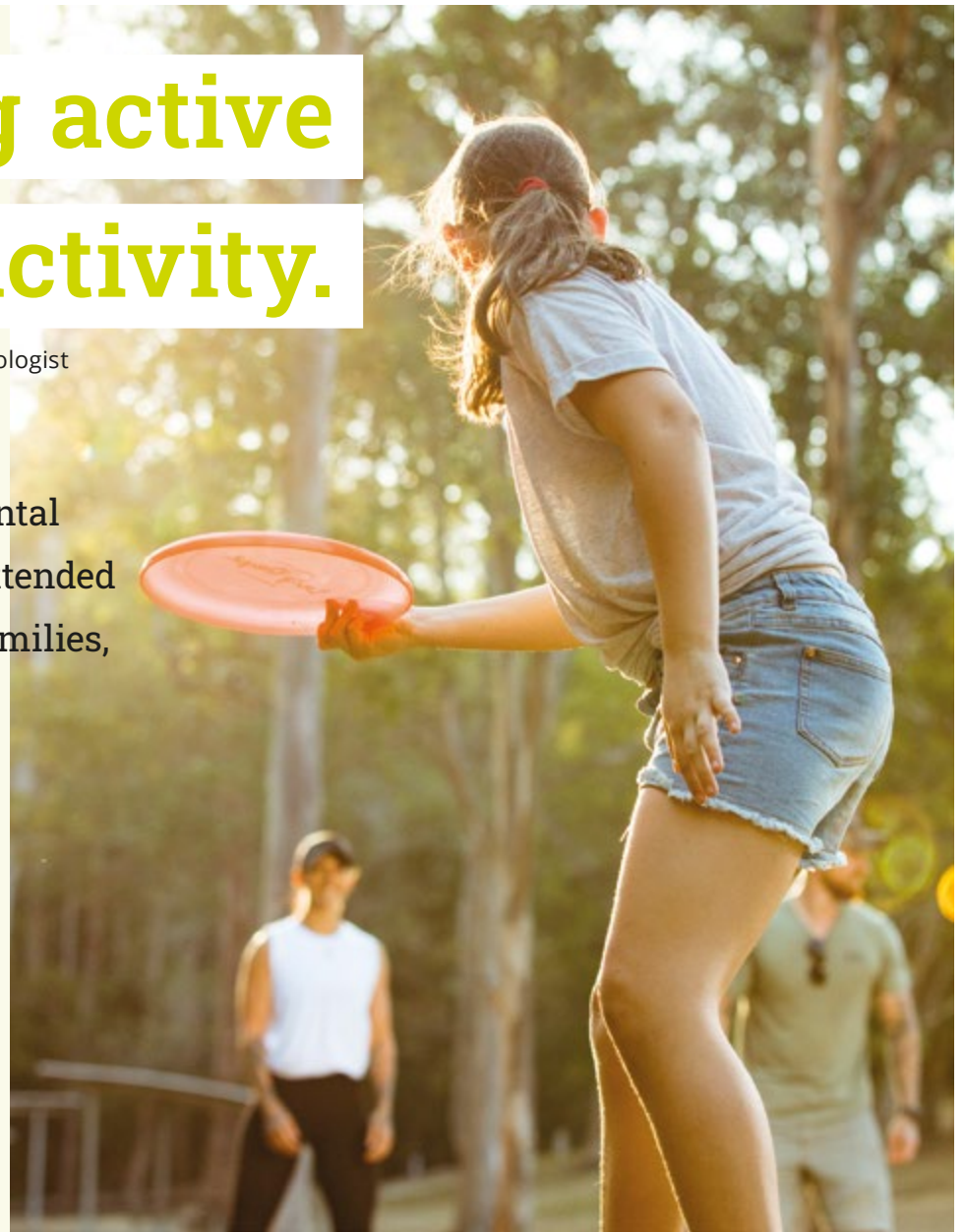
Being active plays a key role in maintaining good physical and mental wellbeing – and when we spend extended periods of time at home with our families, it's more important than ever.

Being active with your family is a great way to break up the days together. You can head outside and go for a walk, take part in some activities in your backyard or even do some strength exercises.

Not only will this help you spend quality time with your children, or your partner, but it will help everyone maintain their health and wellbeing.

In addition to improving mental health, physical activity can aid in weight management, improve musculoskeletal aches and pains, reduce stress, improve sleep and increase energy. Aiming for at least 30 minutes of activity every day, and breaking up your sedentary behaviour throughout the day is a good place to start.

If you struggle to find the time to exercise, whether that's due to working from home or lacking motivation, try and schedule it into your day. A lot of things in your normal routine may have changed, so it is important not to get lost in the day or the week and try to maintain a regular routine.



It is also important to provide routine and structure for your children to maintain a sense of normality.

To help get you started, here are some ideas that you can do as a family:

1. Each day go for a walk outdoors or around the block, ensuring best social distancing practice.
2. Every time someone goes to the kitchen, challenge them to walk two laps of your house.
3. If you're watching TV shows as a family, do five squats between each episode or ad break.
4. Schedule in daily time to play active games in your backyard

– this could be backyard cricket, drill exercises with a soccer ball or even skipping.

For more ideas on ways to stay active, visit mates4mates.org.



Finding the right career after Defence.



Images: Veteran, Laura Duckworth.

Life after the Defence Force can be difficult for some as they transition into a new way of life and seek out a new career path.

enrolled in a 12-month program with Churchill Education, which was facilitated at the Mates4Mates Brisbane Family Recovery Centre.

Laura said having support through the process gave her the skills, knowledge and confidence to move forward with a career plan and take the next step.

“Taking part in the program was really helpful in identifying what experience is relevant and how it can be converted into new roles,” she said.

“They help you look at various situations you’ve experienced and how the skills that you have learnt can translate, like leadership skills.”

Mates4Mates offers a range of support services and referrals to

assist veterans through transition and beyond.

After graduating, Laura applied for a position at Mates4Mates and has been working as a Liaison Officer for the past few months.

“Working as a Liaison Officer gives me an increased sense of social responsibility. I have the shared experiences of military service which enables me to relate with the veterans, which in turn lets me begin to understand how they struggle,” she said.

“Every day I learn something new from being around different people from different walks of life and I find I’m helping better myself as a person by helping those in need of the support we offer.”

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Laura Duckworth, Veteran, QLD.

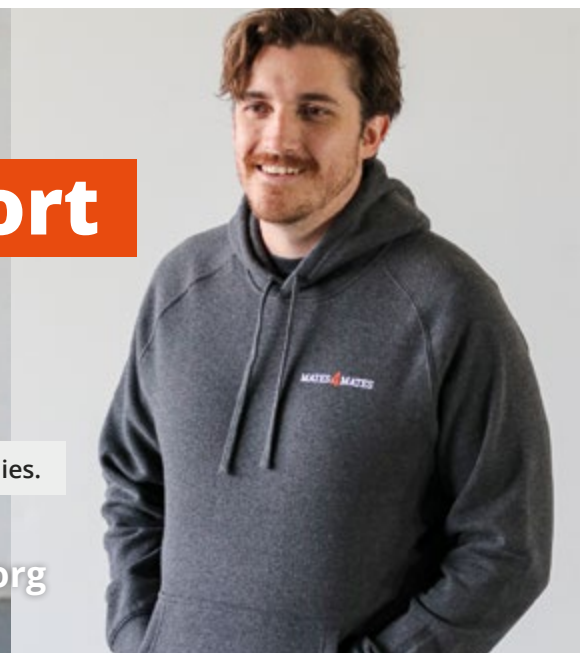
After nearly 18 years serving in the British and Australian Army, Laura Duckworth made the decision to transition out of Defence. But with that, came the uncertainty of how her Defence experience would translate into a civilian workplace.

In an effort to gain support through the process, Laura

Wear your support with pride.

Help Mates4Mates support veterans and their families.

Shop online at mates4matesshop.org



Meet a Mate.



**Mate and Veteran,
Bruce Howie, shares his
story of how reaching
out for support can
make all the difference.**

It was 2015, 30 years after I discharged from the Australian Army. I was 109kgs, living by myself after a divorce, and many of my family members were not talking to me.

I had a bottle of vodka every night plus a few beers. But I always thought there was nothing wrong with me. I had been drinking since I was 15.

It wasn't until I began to realise that if I didn't make changes quickly, I could die before I should.

With the support of a GP, I changed psychiatrists and in 2017 was admitted to Toowong Private Hospital. While there, I attended a program for ex-service personnel suffering from PTSD. As part of that program, we were taken for a tour

at Mates4Mates. I was impressed with their services – it was unlike any organisation I had seen before.

Seeing that they also had exercise physiologists and psychologists on site, I applied to join and haven't looked back.

After I discharged from Toowong Private, I decided to stop drinking. I had tried many times before, but it never stuck.

I started coming to Mates4Mates and here began an awesome change in my life. For some reason I sat up and listened.

All my arguments ended up out the door, and I slowly but surely started implementing some of the tools I was learning. As the old adage states, "If nothing changes, nothing changes", and I did begin to change.

I also started seeing an exercise physiologist at the Brisbane Family Recovery Centre and the story was the same – I wanted to change. I started on a back-pain management program and joined

challenges such as the 10,000 steps challenge. The weight loss began, and I started looking at what else I could now do. My life has changed for the better.

The main reason that I decided to share this story is because I could not have possibly achieved all this without Mates4Mates. A truly unique and enjoyable place.

I am 68 this year. I now weigh 84kg. I have not had a drink since November 2018, which alone is unbelievable, taking into account that I was drinking for 53 years, and have never been this long without a drink.

My son, daughter and my grandchildren are now talking to me a lot more, and I enjoy that time a lot more. My former bride and I have a stronger relationship. I have also joined a gym, for the days and time I cannot get into Mates4Mates. A truly impossible state of events which could not possibly have been achieved without Mates4Mates."

Images:
Mate and Veteran,
Bruce Howie at the
Mates4Mates Brisbane
Family Recovery Centre



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Mate and Veteran, Bruce Howie

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COMMEMORATION IN ISOLATION

Due to COVID-19, we were unable to physically gather at the Shrine of Remembrance as we have in previous years for the Indigenous Veterans' Ceremony. Instead, RSL Queensland hosted a virtual commemoration on 30 May to honour a group of people whose service and sacrifice is often overlooked in the telling of Australia's military history.

HONOURING OUR INDIGENOUS VETERANS FROM AFAR

OPENER: Sergeant Leonard Victor Waters, 78 Squadron, RAAF, sitting in the cockpit of a P40N Kittyhawk, one of a small number of Aboriginal pilots known to have served in WWII. (AWM: P01659.001)

BELOW: Bill Irwin was 37 and gave his occupation as shearer when he enlisted in the 33rd Battalion at Narrabri, NSW, on 3 January 1916. (Photo: AWM2017.995.1.1)

Despite being legally excluded from military service until 1949, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have served in every war and conflict since the Boer War. To enable them to serve, they had to use false names and backgrounds. Because of this, it is impossible to know exactly how many signed up, although it is estimated that about 1,000 Indigenous Australians served in World War I alone.

There was little room for racism on the battlefield; what mattered was courage, mateship and teamwork. Many indigenous service people experienced less discrimination in the military than in wider Australian society.

But although they fought – and sometimes died – shoulder to shoulder with their fellow Australians, they returned home to a country that still refused to acknowledge them as citizens and denied them the recognition and entitlements they had earned.

Nothing we do now can change the past. But through the annual Indigenous Veterans' Ceremony, RSL Queensland aims to recognise the invaluable contribution of our indigenous service people to Australia's Defence Force, both past and present.

Here are a few stories of indigenous men and women whose remarkable lives and contribution form an important part of Australia's military history.

Commemoration in Isolation

PRIVATE WILLIAM ALLAN IRWIN

Born in Coonabarabran in 1878, William Irwin was a country boy who worked as a shearer with his two brothers in New South Wales and Queensland. William's family say he took off to enlist after the girl he liked married another man while he was away shearing.

William enlisted in 1916 at the age of 37, taking his uncle's name of Irwin. His brother Harry found out a few months later and tried to intercept the ship in Newcastle and again in Brisbane but missed him, and he would never see his brother again.

William was injured on more than one occasion while on the Western Front, but always returned to his unit when he was well enough. During one encounter, William's battalion was pinned down by machine gun fire and given orders to capture four enemy machine gun posts at dawn.

Sometime that night, William left his battalion and – acting alone – captured three of the enemy machine gun posts, one after another. He was mortally wounded by shell fire while trying to capture the fourth enemy machine gun.

His act of courage not only saved the lives of 15 enemy soldiers, it also saved the lives of his mates. The fourth machine gun post was captured by Private George Cartwright.

William was the only Aboriginal soldier recognised by Charles Bean in the official history of WWI. After the war, it is believed a member of his battalion visited William's family and offered them land, but they saw it as blood money and payment for William's sacrifice and refused.

Two of his four medals were presented to William's brother and were borrowed by a teacher and displayed on the wall of a local school. The family haven't seen William's medals since.



MARION LEANE SMITH

Marion was the first and only known Indigenous Australian woman to serve in WWI. Born in Liverpool, NSW in 1891, Marion moved to Canada with her parents aged two.

The move allowed Marion to obtain her nurse's training, which would not have been possible in Australia. After completing her training in the US, Marion joined the Victoria Order of Nurses in Montreal in 1913.

Aged 26, Marion volunteered for the Queen Alexandra's Imperial Nursing Service and was posted to France in March 1917.

In France, Marion cared for injured troops aboard the No. 41 ambulance train, which transported sick and injured soldiers to hospital. The conditions on the train were harsh and close to the front lines.

Marion also served in Italy and England, where she worked until May 1919.

In 1919, Marion returned to Canada and married a former soldier, trained teacher and missionary called Victor. There is speculation that they met in Europe during the war years.

Shortly after, they moved to Trinidad, South America and became missionaries. In Trinidad they ran the local school where Victor was the headmaster for 30 years.

While in Trinidad, Marion wrote a first aid and home nursing textbook and was responsible for bringing the Red Cross to Trinidad during WWII, which she was commended for and received a Distinguished War Medal.

Marion returned to Canada to retire and died four years later aged 66. Back in Australia, Marion's uncle and four cousins served in WWI for the Australian Imperial Force, where their efforts would not be recognised for many years.



ABOVE: Rev. Victor B Walls and Mrs Marion Leane Walls (nee Smith), Trinidad, C.1930 (Photo: Uniting Church of Canada Archives, Toronto)

LEFT: Aircraftman Leonard Victor Waters in full winter flying kit, while a student at No. 2 Initial Flying Training School. After completing his flying training Leonard Waters flew 95 operational sorties with No. 78 Squadron RAAF. (AWM: P01757.007)

WARRANT OFFICER LEONARD WATERS

Leonard (known as Len) was born in Euraba Aboriginal Mission in 1924. From a young age, he dreamt of becoming a pilot like his heroes Sir Charles Kingsford-Smith and Amy Johnson. Len left school just shy of 14 years old and became a shearer to help support his family.

Aged 18, he volunteered for the RAAF and trained as an aircraft mechanic. The following year he was accepted to train as a pilot. He studied hard and graduated in 1944, becoming the first Indigenous pilot and the only one to serve as a fighter pilot during WWII.

Len was posted in Dutch New Guinea, where he was given a plane with the name *Black Magic*. During a mission, his plane was hit with a shell that did not explode.

Len continued to fly with the unexploded shell in his cockpit for two hours before landing successfully. By the end of the war, he was commanding missions and became known for his daring feats.

Len flew in 95 missions in the RAAF from 1944 to 1945. When he returned home, his service and experience were sadly not recognised. He was unable to find work in the aviation industry and never flew again. He returned to his post-war life as a shearer.

In 2018, author Peter Rees wrote *The Missing Man* about Len's life, acknowledging that he should have had a world of opportunity ahead of him at the war's end, yet he became the missing man in Australia's wartime flying history. ←



WE DIDN'T KNOW YOU

But we will remember you

📷 / Tim Schaefer

“ON MONDAY 9 MARCH, CLOSE TO 300 PEOPLE CROWDED AROUND GOODNA CEMETERY’S HERITAGE CHAPEL TO HONOUR HIM. VETERANS IN FULL UNIFORM STOOD BESIDE SCHOOL CHILDREN, ACTIVE SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN, COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND A THRONG OF MEDIA.”

Former British POW Brian Stanley William Fortune died alone, but, thanks to the Ipswich RSL Sub Branch, hundreds turned up at his funeral for a fitting farewell.

By all accounts, Brian Stanley William Fortune would have been quite sheepish about all the fuss.

The mysterious British World War II veteran – who fought on the battlefields of Palestine in 1944-45 as a member of the Durham Light Infantry – was an intensely private man. He didn’t like talking about himself, and even those who were acquainted with Brian didn’t know much about him.

So, when the 94-year-old veteran recently passed away at Ipswich Hospital, he died without anyone by his side. Brian has no known family or next-of-kin. It was a lonely death and, tragically, that’s almost where Brian Stanley William Fortune’s story ended.

Then the Ipswich RSL Sub Branch got involved.

Ipswich RSL Sub Branch Secretary Debbie Wadwell was sitting at her desk when she got a call for help from a social worker at Ipswich Hospital. The social worker wondered if the Sub Branch could do anything to honour Brian and give him a proper send-off.

“We immediately said yes, because that’s what RSL Queensland does,” Debbie said.

With the help of Ipswich RSL Sub

Branch Deputy President Michael Blaine, Debbie set about organising a poppy service for Brian. The poppy service – a traditional farewell RSL Queensland can provide to any veteran who served their country – includes a eulogy, a recital of the Ode, the sounding of the Last Post and The Rouse, and poppies for mourners to place on the coffin.

“You don’t have to be a member of RSL Queensland to receive a poppy service, and we felt it’s the least Brian deserved,” Debbie said.

Debbie then put the call out on Facebook asking for a handful of veterans to attend Brian’s funeral to ensure he wasn’t farewellled alone.

“Almost straight away, the post went off. We got messages and support from everywhere, including overseas. By Monday, the post had been viewed by over 200,000 people,” Debbie said.

“It was a fantastic feeling knowing that Brian would get a proper farewell.”

On Monday 9 March, close to 300 people crowded around Goodna Cemetery’s Heritage Chapel to honour him. Veterans in full uniform stood beside schoolchildren, active servicemen and women, community members and a throng of media.

So many people turned up that most had to stand in the pouring rain, but nobody seemed to mind. The day was about honouring Brian, and a bit of rain wasn’t going to stop them.

Though little is known about much of his life, we do know Brian lived in Rockhampton until last year, where he was a regular at an Irish pub. Other patrons remember him as a quiet, caring, private man, who loved telling a story and offering advice when he felt it was needed.

He was very respectful of women and enjoyed a glass of Guinness, but only one poured with a perfect head. Sometime last year, Brian moved into the Bundaleer Lodge aged care home at North Ipswich.

Beyond that, Sub Branch Deputy President Michael told mourners little else is known about the WWII veteran.

“Sadly, much of Brian’s life will remain a mystery, and his life story has passed with him,” Michael said.

“Though we didn’t know you, we will remember you.”

By the time the bugle and bagpipes fell silent, hundreds of poppies laid atop Brian’s coffin. Debbie said she’d never seen anything like it.

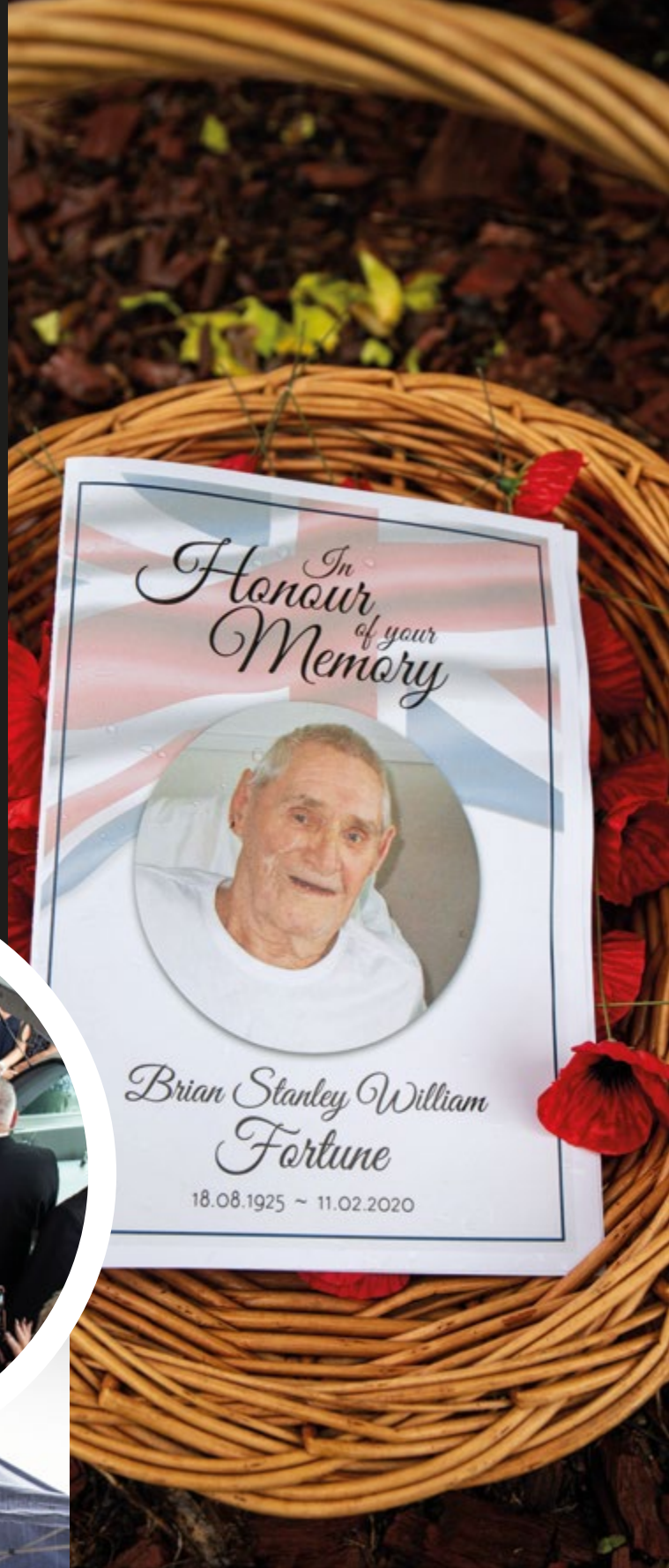
“We feel overwhelmed and so humbled. The Ipswich community always support us tremendously, but to see this type of response from people who didn’t know Brian personally is incredible,” she said.

“We’re going to keep researching Brian so we can find out more about his life and his service. We owe him that.

“But today, we did him proud.” ←



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Close to 300 people crowded around Goodna Cemetery's Heritage Chapel to honour Brian; Brian Stanley William Fortune was a British World War II veteran who fought on the battlefields of Palestine in 1944-45 as a member of the Durham Light Infantry; Veterans in full uniform stood beside schoolchildren, active servicemen and women, community members and a throng of media; So many people showed up to farewell Brian that most had to stand in the pouring rain; Ipswich RSL Sub Branch Secretary Debbie Wadwell and Deputy President Michael Blaine organised the poppy service; The poppy service is a traditional farewell RSL Queensland can provide to any veteran who served their country; Veterans carrying Brian's casket.





ISOLATION INSPIRATION

Lockdown restrictions have left many of us with more spare time on our hands than usual. So, with the help of some of our dedicated RSL Queensland partner organisations, we've compiled a few suggestions for inspiration during isolation.

STAY MOTIVATED DURING ISO:

5 QUICK TIPS

Although some COVID-19 restrictions are easing, some people will still be self-isolating and most people will be living in an altered situation for an extended period of time.

So, how do we access the ANZAC spirit characteristic of endurance to keep

our motivation up during the long haul?

Mark Albrecht, life coach at Veteran's Care Association, has five tips to help get you through.

1. STICK TO A SCHEDULE

Without the routines of commuting,

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school pick up and social engagements we can feel unfocussed and lost. Mark says the key is creating your own schedule and sticking to it.

"We need to have those rituals to start and end each day, to remain disciplined and remain focussed. There's one thing we and our families need right now, and it's some certainty," says Mark.

By bringing routine to your daily life you can create a sense of certainty during uncertain times.

2. ZONE YOUR HOME

Trying to work, live, parent, sleep



and exercise in the same spaces creates a sense of chaos and makes it difficult to stay focussed and motivated.

Mark recommends creating different zones in your home for different activities.

3. KNOW HOW MUCH NEWS IS TOO MUCH

Staying informed is important – especially with health advice and restriction updates changing rapidly. However, consuming too much news can be detrimental to your mental health.

“If you’re just sitting at home and overdosing on news it’s going to be very hard to stay motivated because it’s so negative,” says Mark.

“I’d be watching enough news that you are aware of what’s going on in the world and aware of what’s required of you, but no more than that.”

4. TRY TO LOOK ON THE BRIGHT SIDE

Although this is a stressful and difficult time, there may be some positives that can help you stay motivated. Mark recommends asking yourself, “What’s that one thing I’ve never had the time to do that I now potentially could follow through on?”

You might find you have the time to dedicate to a creative project that will help you take your mind off the current situation and give you something positive to focus on.

5. KEEP YOURSELF ACCOUNTABLE

If you do set yourself a goal during this time, you can use your social media networks to help you stay accountable. Mark recommends posting about your intentions online so friends and family can check in and keep you on target. [←](#)

HOW TO POLISH YOUR CAR AT HOME

Got a bit more time on your hands right now? Our mates over at RAEMUS Rover have put together some great tips on how to keep your car looking its best.

If you visit our blog you can find a video demonstration, with a side order of laughs thanks to presenter Ian Baker, as well as lots of other interesting articles.

STEP BY STEP INSTRUCTIONS

1. Gather your supplies. You’ll need two foam applicators or an orbital polisher with two pads – one for your polish and one for your wax – a clean terry towelling cloth, car wash, car polish and car wax.
2. Clean all marks off the car with the car wash, wipe with terry towelling cloth and let air dry.
3. Shake your bottle of polish, apply a small amount to your applicator or polisher pad and apply in swirling motion to the surface of the car.
4. Buff off the polish with a clean terry towelling cloth.
5. Repeat steps three and four if required.
6. Apply a small amount of wax to a clean foam applicator or polisher pad and apply to the surface of the car.

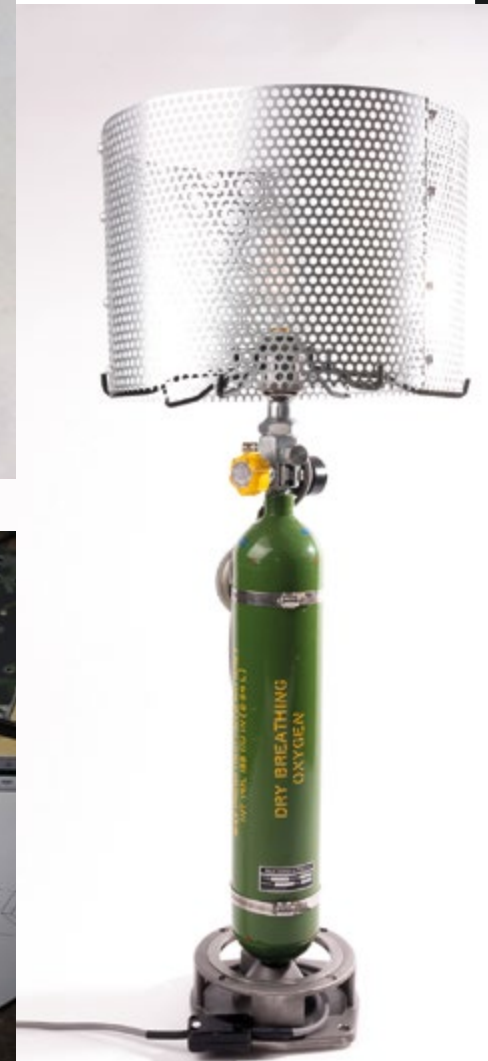


RELIQS REIMAGINED

 Louise Liddiard-Smith

Ex-avionics technician Zachary Briggs is bringing art, sustainability and cultural preservation together to breathe new life into historic planes previously destined for the scrap heap.





WHEN Zachary Briggs – ex-avionics technician in the Royal Australian Airforce – was stationed at Amberley, he would drive past an aviation museum each day on his way to work.

The sight of the historic planes rusting away in the grass intrigued him and when the planes disappeared one day, he knew he needed to find out what had happened to them.

After visiting the museum, he discovered that the planes were being discarded.

“The idea that these planes were being sold for scrap was so sad to me,” says Zachary.

“They were pieces of history that needed to be preserved.”

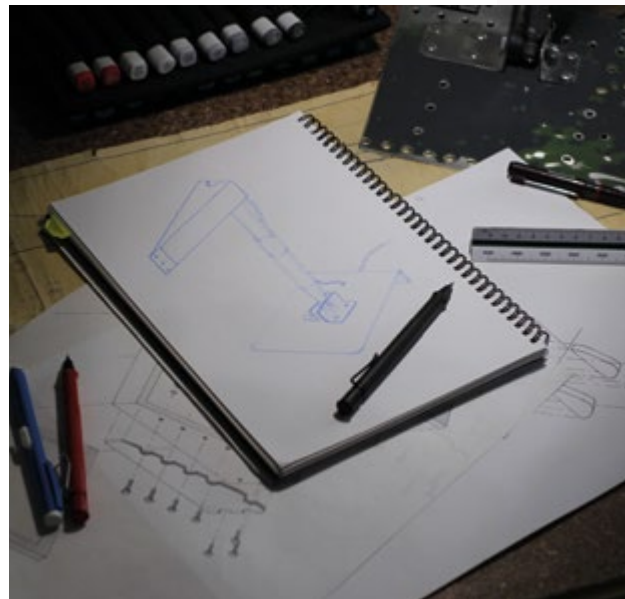
Zachary was studying industrial design at the time and saw an opportunity to combine this with his aviation experience and an interest in sustainability.

“I went back to the museum with a presentation on how I could repurpose components of the aircrafts into products that would celebrate their unique history,” he says.

The museum was sold on the idea and told Zachary he could take any of the items destined for scrap. With that, Relic Design & Craft Co was born.

Relic Design & Craft Co is staffed by industrial designers, aircraft and aircraft structural technicians who have served a combined 30 years in the RAAF and Army.

By utilising aircraft parts that would otherwise be consigned to the scrap heap, the team creates one-off





sculptures and pieces of furniture with a nod to aviation history.

While the COVID-19 crisis has impacted sales, Zachary says he is able to continue designing and creating these unique pieces solo in his workshop and is currently working on a conference table made from the wing of a RAAF Aermacchi plane for the Amberley Aviation Heritage Centre.

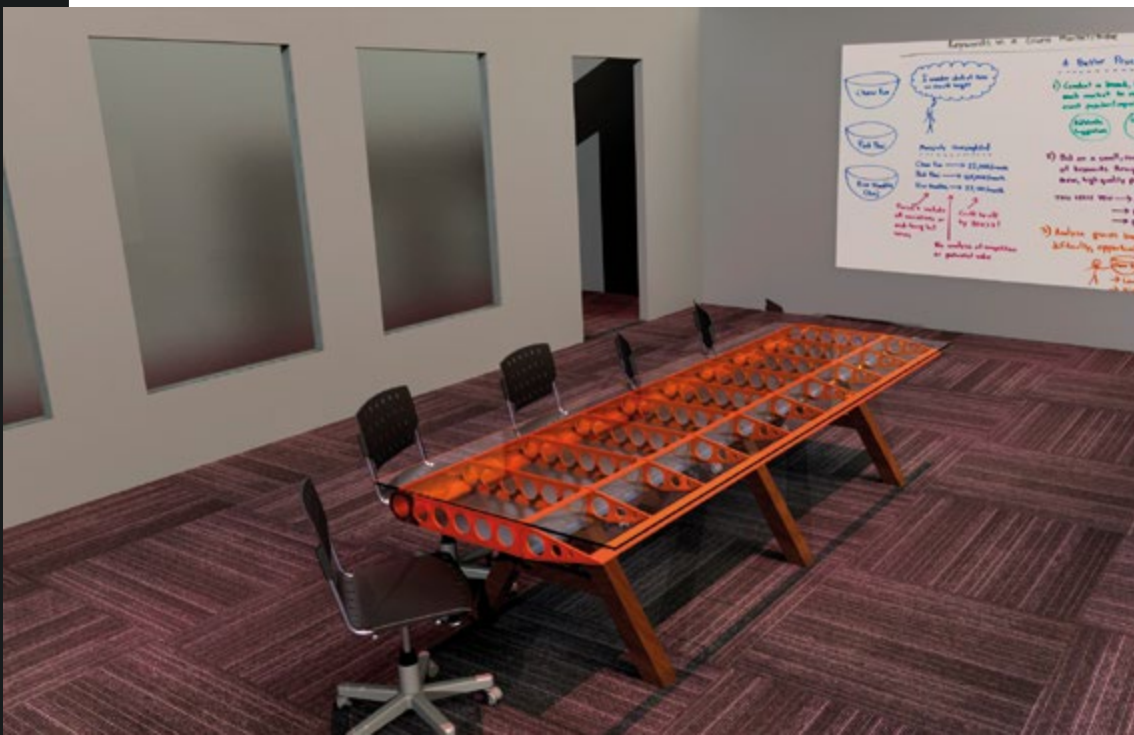
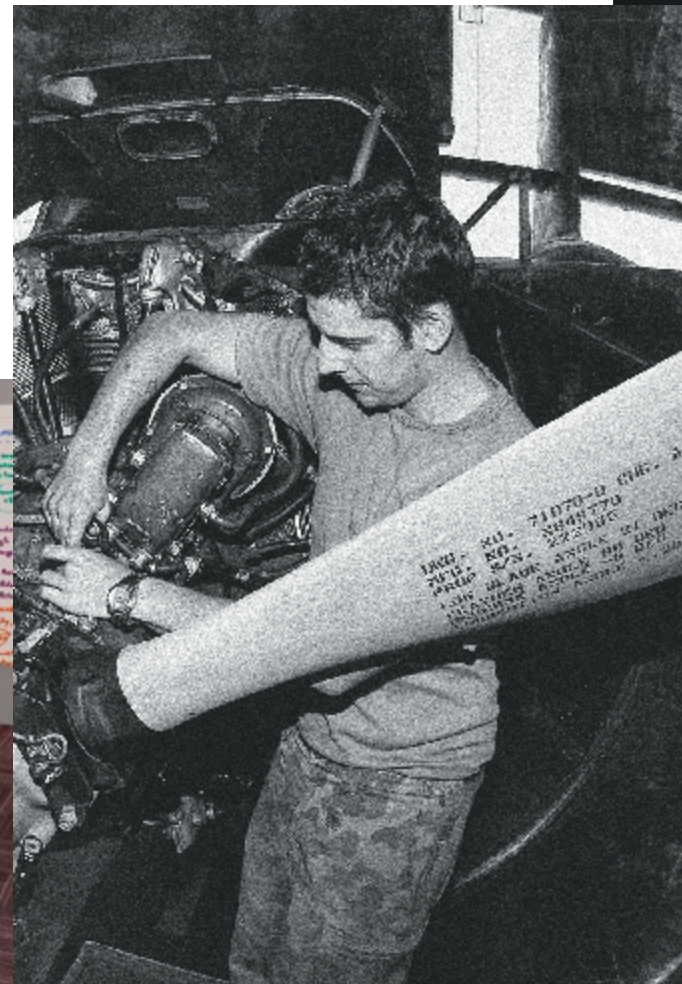
In his spare time, Zachary also volunteers at the Australian Aviation Heritage Centre on the Sunshine Coast. He encourages other veterans in the area with an interest in aviation history to join him, saying the increased social connection with other like-minded people is helpful. Find more information at aahcql.org.au.

Although taking to the skies might be on hold right now, Zachary dreams of seeing a Relic Design & Craft Co piece in the Brisbane Airport departure lounge.



“When I can fly to visit my family again, I would love to see my work displayed in Australian airports and being enjoyed by the public,” he says.

Visit relicdesignco.com to learn more about this unique, veteran-owned and operated business. ←



10 YEARS SINCE SHAH WALIKOT

June 10 marked the 10th anniversary of what was one of the Australian Army's most intense battles since Vietnam.

 Corporal Raymond Vance/Department of Defence



LEFT: Afghan Officers from the Provincial Police Response Company and Australian Special Operations Task Group Soldiers lift off in a UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter as part of the Shah Wali Kot Offensive.

RIGHT: Australian Army soldiers from Special Operations Task Group prepare to board a US Army Black Hawk helicopter after a 'shura' (town meeting) in Sha Wali Kot, Kandahar province, southern Afghanistan, in June 2010.

BELOW: Afghan Officers from the Provincial Police Response Company and Australian Special Operations Task Group Soldiers move towards waiting UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters as part of the Shah Wali Kot Offensive.



When you think of Australia's involvement in historic battles of note, it's easy to focus on those from WWI, WWII and the Vietnam War, including Long Tan, the landing at Gallipoli and the attack at Fromelles.

But what about battles from more recent theatres of war?

On 10 June 2020 it was 10 years since the start of the Shah Wali Kot offensive during the War in Afghanistan. The offensive was part of Operation HAMKARI, which aimed to disrupt the Taliban's influence in their traditional stronghold of Kandahar City, which they had controlled since 1995.

The battle of Shah Wali Kot raged for five days and included both Australian and US Defence Force members, as well as support from the Afghan Special Police.

When the dust settled, as many as 100 insurgents were believed to have been killed. There were no civilian casualties and just one Australian soldier was wounded.

Major General John Cantwell – the commander of Australian forces in the Middle East at the time – stated that the operation had “dealt a major blow to the insurgent forces and their commanders and made a major and direct contribution to ISAF security operations focused on Kandahar province and its nearby districts”.

A total of 13 awards of bravery were issued as a result of the Shah Wali Kot offensive.

Sadly, less than a week after the Battle of Shah Wali Kot ended, on 21 June 2010, a Blackhawk helicopter crash in the northern Kandahar Province killed three Australian commandos and a crewmember. A further seven Australians and one US crewman suffered serious injuries. ←

ESO CORNER

In each edition of *Queensland RSL News*, the ESO Corner will shine a spotlight on different ex-service organisations. These groups provide valuable assistance to the Defence community, and RSL Queensland is proud to partner and collaborate with many of them.

RIVER PEACE

at Pandanus Park

Sitting peacefully on the northern bank of the Normanby River near Rinyirru National Park, Cape York, Pandanus Park is a place of healing and mateship for all veterans of the Australian Defence Forces.

Pandanus Park Veterans Retreat, a 10km riverfront Cape York paradise, is almost too good to be true.

From the small township of Laura, guests travel 100km inland on dirt roads, leaving civilisation (and amenities) behind. The remoteness of Pandanus Park and the self-sufficient bush camping add to the peaceful experience.

Since 2007, the riverfront land has been leased from the Kalpowar Land Trust and it is intended as a retreat for returned and active service personnel and their guests.

While it is sometimes mistakenly referred to as a Vietnam veterans' retreat, Pandanus Park President Peter 'Feral' Hannah says it is open to veterans of all conflicts and their guests.

Over the years, the number of younger veterans visiting Pandanus Park has increased. Guests can visit with their mates or family and camp for as long as they like.

The park is open from ANZAC Day to Remembrance Day each year, subject to road closures.

The site is big enough to be all things to all veterans.

"It depends how you want to use it. If you want peace and quiet, and to get away from everything and everybody, you can find a remote camping spot here on your own piece of riverfront," Peter says.

For those who want a little more social contact, there are plenty of campsites closer to the unofficial 'RAP' – a cleared area where guests can bring something to sit on and join together for a few hours of lively discussion each afternoon.

There is little to no formality and few rules, other than simple 'housekeeping' rules, including removing your own rubbish, not cutting down trees (there is plenty of firewood available from fallen timber) or damaging the pristine environment.

The fishing is usually fantastic, with cherabin (freshwater prawns) and





LEARN MORE

Phone Peter (0438 676 495), Ivan Bunn (0427 660 404) or former 2RAR and RAEME soldier Craig Rhodes (0476 106 395) who will happily answer questions, offer advice about what type of gear to bring or provide information about the best travel route to get there.

Visit pandanuspark.com.au.

barramundi for guests to hone their fishing and cooking skills on.

There is usually an orientation period in early August, when events such as a car rally, bush barbecue and pancake day are organised to help newer visitors meet people and get to know the park and its attractions. Vietnam Veterans' Day on 18 August is always well attended, with a 7am service followed by a gunfire breakfast.

The lack of social media is a plus at Pandanus Park. No reception means no interaction or pressure from the outside world. There are emergency

arrangements in place if needed.

Many great stories have emerged from Pandanus Park over the years. Some attendees who had little success with formal programs such as hospital lock downs, alcohol dry outs and psychiatric counselling, looked at life in a different light after a few camping trips at Pandanus Park.

Peter says several suicides have been prevented by a person's experience here.

"We have enabled veterans and their families to lead proud and independent lives by giving them the Pandanus Park option," Peter says. ←

At the time of publishing, Pandanus Park was temporarily closed, in line with the Public Health Emergency Amendments Bill 2020 restricting gathering numbers and non-essential travel. The park will abide by government directions and reopen when it is safe to do so.

MIND MATTERS FOR THE NEW NORMAL



Practising compassion and managing your mood in times of stress and uncertainty can help improve your emotional wellbeing, says clinical psychologist Dr Sarah Hampton.

It's safe to say 2020 has not been a normal year. The coronavirus pandemic and social distancing measures have affected us all in some way.

After months of disruptions to daily routines, you may have adjusted to the 'new normal'. You might have made the practical adjustments required to get on with life, but the uncertainty and stress of these changing times can still take a toll on your mental and emotional wellbeing.

The Gallipoli Medical Research Foundation (GMRF) is committed to addressing mental health issues affecting our veterans.

Through the Veteran Mental Health Initiative, researchers like clinical psychologist Dr Sarah Hampton are exploring evidence-based treatments for their suitability to be used with veterans and their families in the community. Here, Dr Hampton shares how you can boost your mood and practise compassion for yourself and those around you.



Dr Sarah Hampton.

While you cannot always control a situation, managing your mood is more in your control than you might think. Dr Hampton says improving your mood could start with normalising your feelings about the current situation.

“You might be feeling flat or low during this time. That is a completely normal response to reduced social interaction, increased isolation, and the sudden stopping of activities you find enjoyable,” Dr Hampton says.

You can boost your mood and improve your emotional wellbeing through actively practising compassion towards yourself and others. While it might mean different things to different people, Dr Hampton describes compassion as the sensitivity to suffering in self and others, with a commitment to alleviating and preventing it.

“Compassionate behaviours, such as the giving and receiving of kindness and care, have been shown to stimulate feelings of warmth, calmness and contentment, which help regulate emotions such as fear, anxiety, anger, stress and shame,” Dr Hampton says.

Compassion focussed therapies have been used to reduce distress symptoms in a variety of psychological and medical conditions. If you have a diagnosed mental health condition, Dr Hampton recommends seeing a psychologist to find out if compassion focussed therapy could help you.

Dr Hampton says compassionate actions are about asking yourself, “What do I need in this moment?” This might be different to what you want, when what you want is not a healthy way to cope, such as alcohol.

“It’s about changing the tone of how you’re talking to yourself in your mind, from critical to kind and understanding. If you’re having thoughts like ‘stop being weak’ or ‘get over it’, it is more helpful to acknowledge how you’re feeling with acceptance. Then the conversation might change to ‘I am feeling stressed, what I need is to take a break and go for a walk.’”

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Self-care is extremely important for managing your mood. There are simple steps you can take every day to increase feelings of positivity towards yourself and your approach to your situation (see below).

It is important to check in with yourself rather than suppress negative thoughts. By managing your feelings now, you may prevent a low mood, or a ‘slump’, developing into severe and harmful thoughts and behaviours or conditions such as anxiety and depression. “If you’ve been noticing worsening disturbances to your

behaviour such as trouble sleeping, loss of appetite, or negative thoughts, you should connect with a psychologist or psychiatrist or get a referral from your GP,” Dr Hampton says.

Inspired by the discipline and dedication shown by our Diggers, GMRF continues to progress research to help create the healthier futures our veterans and their families deserve.

Find out more about GMRF’s veteran research and how you can support the Foundation at gallipoliresearch.com.au/research/veteranhealth/

Managing your mood during times of uncertainty and stress

Including activities in your daily routine that are productive, enjoyable and meaningful can help manage your mood.

PRODUCTIVE ACTIVITIES: Tasks such as tidying the shed, working in the garden or sorting out old photos can give you a sense of achievement. Dr Hampton says even simple habits such as getting out of your pyjamas, having a shower and exercising in the morning can help you get the day off to a good start through a productive routine.

ENJOYABLE ACTIVITIES: There are hobbies and pastimes you might not be able to enjoy right now (at least, at the time of writing), but there are still things you can do for fun. Video chat with an old friend, read a book or play a board game. You might even discover a new hobby and find you’re a master chef or artist!

MEANINGFUL ACTIVITIES: Our brains are wired for purpose. You can boost your mood by helping someone in your world. It might be a care package for an elderly neighbour or someone who has lost their job. It could even be as simple as a phone call to a mate to see how they’re coping.

MATESHIP

ASHGROVE MOURNS EDNA SPENCE

Ashgrove RSL Sub Branch recently mourned the passing of war widow Edna Spence, left, who died just 14 days shy of her 108th birthday. Edna was a regular at Sub Branch outings, including day trips and Christmas dinners. She is pictured with her daughter Patricia Amos and Ashgrove member Allan Lyall on a cruise to Pumicestone Passage from Bribie Island in 2019.



BUILDING A LEGACY

A plaque has been added to the Blackbutt War Memorial 'Digger' to mark 100 years since it was erected by Sub Branch members. Charles Lowther carved the sandstone monument, which features a life-size Australian Infantry soldier standing at ease resting one hand on a tree trunk. It includes the names of 98 diggers who sacrificed their lives during WWI. It was remarkable that the nine founding members of Blackbutt RSL Sub Branch were able to organise this monument in their first two years of being established. By the time it was unveiled on 24 April 1920, the Sub Branch had 22 members.



LAIDLEY'S NEW BUILDING BECOMES A REALITY

After years of heartache and hard work, Laidley RSL Sub Branch members witnessed the official opening of their new headquarters and veterans' centre on 29 February. Addressing the large gathering, President Tom Barton, left, said the Sub Branch had suffered years of flooding and a shortage of office accommodation in its previous location beneath the town's Cultural Centre. The new facility was formally opened by DVA Director of Veterans' Support for Queensland Stuart Bagnall, right. "Country towns don't have the infrastructure and supporting services of the big cities, and groups like the Laidley RSL Sub Branch are vital to the survival of small country regions," Stuart said. "As we open this wonderful new facility, I sincerely hope that your efforts in building a stronger, more vibrant Sub Branch are rewarded. I wish you every success as you build your new community home and fill it with people who care for each other and those who have served our great nation." Also pictured at the opening is Member for Lockyer Jim McDonald MP. (Photo: Jim Nicholls.)





WISHING DAVID WELL FROM A DISTANCE

COVID-19 restrictions didn't stop Beerwah and District RSL Sub Branch member David Edwards from celebrating his 100th birthday. Sub Branch President John Nisbett dropped by to wish David well from a safe distance. Born in Horsham, Victoria, David joined the Army in 1942. His 7th Battalion trained at several camps in Victoria and moved to Darwin once mobilised for war service. They were en route when the northern capital was first bombed. The Battalion remained in Darwin for 18 months. After intensive pre-deployment training at Atherton Tablelands, the Battalion was deployed to Bougainville in 1944 and remained there in various locations until the end of the war. David transitioned as a Lieutenant in 1946. After the war, David returned to his pre-service job at the Bank of New South Wales (Westpac) in Victoria and Queensland until retirement. He attributes his longevity to good genes, remaining active and having many interests outside of work.

VALE NEVILLE BUTTERWORTH

Edmonton RSL Sub Branch members are mourning the recent loss of President Neville Butterworth. Neville was a Vietnam veteran, a proud gunner, and a man with a deep commitment to the veteran community. The Sub Branch extended its condolences to his widow Annemarie.



CENTURY FOR ARTHUR MEWES

Coorparoo RSL Sub Branch member Arthur Mewes, right, recently celebrated his 100th birthday. He was presented with a certificate by fellow member and South Eastern District delegate Dennis Collyer. Arthur was born on 20 November 1919 and still lives in his own home in Greenslopes. He is in good shape and is supported by his son. Arthur's mates at Coorparoo Sub Branch extended their congratulations and wished him well.

GARDEN COMPETITION

Missing the mateship of other veterans, Goondiwindi RSL Sub Branch members have found a creative way to connect during COVID-19 – a garden competition. The friendly contest is keeping them focussed on a shared project and there are categories for every kind of green thumb, including best flower bed, vegetable patch, garden feature and hand-crafted article with garden scene. Photos have been snapped and shared along the way and two judges from the local community will be called upon to make the decision. A prize giving party is planned for when COVID-19 restrictions are lifted. Sue and Alan Fairbanks are pictured in their gardens.



ROY'S 100TH BIRTHDAY SURPRISE

Around 40 Sunnybank RSL Sub Branch members lined the footpath outside WWII veteran Roy Biddle's home to wish him a happy 100th birthday on 16 May. They were joined by Roy's family members, who organised the socially distanced surprise. Roy was taken aback by how many of his mates turned up. His visitors sang happy birthday and wished him continued good health. Roy served in the 67th Australian Infantry Battalion during the war and is still a regular participant in the social indoor bowls competition at Sunnybank Soldiers' Memorial Hall. One of Roy's daughters is pictured reading the card he received from Queen Elizabeth II. He received other well wishes from the Governor-General, Prime Minister and Premier.

RON RECOGNISED FOR 50 YEARS

Stanthorpe RSL Sub Branch member Ron McLean, centre, was presented with his 50-year membership certificate by President Martin Corbett, left, and Western District President Max Foote. They are pictured in front of the honour roll for Life Membership at Stanthorpe Services Club after the Sub Branch's AGM on 22 March.



RICHARD FAREWELLED WITH A WEE DRAM OF WHISKEY

Sunnybank RSL Sub Branch bid farewell to Richard 'Dick' Trevor Martin, a Life Member and recipient of RSL's highest award, the Meritorious Service Medal. Dick died on 24 February, just three weeks before his 97th birthday. A memorial service attended by more than 100 members of the veteran community was conducted in the Soldiers' Memorial Hall at Sunnybank Sub Branch on 14 March. The service concluded with everyone toasting him with a "wee dram" of his favourite Glenfiddich Scotch Whiskey. Dick joined the Army in 1941 and served as a Sapper in 26 Field Company, Royal Australian Engineers. He was discharged from the Army after 10 months and enlisted in the RAAF three days later.





BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS IN TOOWOOMBA

Toowoomba United RSL Sub Branch members celebrated several milestone birthdays recently. Administration Assistant Joe Treers celebrated his 98th birthday at the end of March. The WWII Naval veteran served in the Pacific, Indian and Atlantic oceans during his time in the Navy. Joe is having a well-earned break from the Sub Branch office during the current restrictions, but is looking forward to re-joining members soon. In the meantime, he receives regular visits and calls from his fellow members. Member Owen Benn celebrated his 100th birthday on Easter Sunday. Owen served as a sapper in the 2/11 field company during WWII. His family ensured the occasion was special, despite the restrictions, by decorating his home and surrounding him with well wishes. The Sub Branch also wished him health and happiness into the future. WWII veteran and member Ralph Edwards turned 101 recently, celebrating with some birthday cake and a glass of sherry. Ralph led the Ipswich ANZAC Day March in 2020.

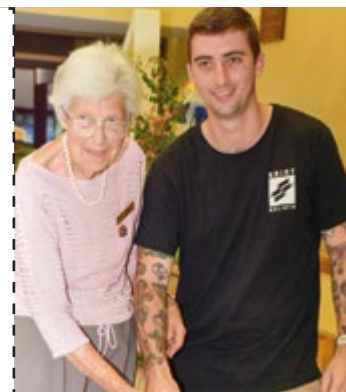


VALE LENNIE MAIDEN

Agnes Lenore 'Lennie' Maiden – the first woman to be granted the rank of Warrant Officer in the Women's Royal Australian Naval Service (WRANS) died on 29 March 2020 in Brisbane. Lennie served as a steward for almost 29 years and held various training roles, including at the WRANS recruit school. An amazing woman who could be strict as well as kind and fair, she was respected by all ranks in both the WRANS and RAN. Lennie was the kind of teacher who could mark you down (because you deserved it) yet build you up. Her support for young WRANS will always be legendary. Most girls joined at 17 and missed home desperately. Lennie was always there as a shoulder to cry on or a voice of reason at a time when many wanted to run back home. Lennie was the reason many girls remained in the service. Even years later, she could remember the name of most of them. Lennie stood by her WRANS no matter what they did – good or bad – because she always had confidence that they could be better at what they were doing and be a better person. She only ever wanted what was best for the girls and the service. And although she achieved much in her career, Lennie was always a humble, quiet achiever. Lennie is pictured in 1974 on HMAS *Cerberus*.

WOODFORD'S 100TH BIRTHDAY LUNCH

Woodford RSL Sub Branch was fortunate to celebrate its 100th anniversary prior to the pandemic, with 100 members, visitors and guests attending a lunch on 15 February 2020. The Sub Branch has 60 service members and was part of the South Eastern District for 85 years before moving into the Sunshine Coast Regional District. Pictured cutting the cake is member CPL Cullan Jensen from the 2/14th Light Horse Regiment and Women's Auxiliary Life Member Jean Black.



C OMMUNITY

VE DAY NOT FORGOTTEN

Although Victory in Europe Day went by quietly this year, National Servicemen's Association President Alex Garlin took the time to lay a wreath at the Allies Memorial at South Eastern District on behalf of Salisbury RSL Sub Branch and the National Servicemen's Association.



BILLY SING SCULPTURE DONATED TO CLERMONT RSL SUB BRANCH

Clermont and Proserpine RSL Sub Branches have been given the auction proceeds of a wire sculpture created by Clermont resident Anna Nicholson of famous WWI sniper Billy Sing. Anna made the sculpture as part of her family's recognition of ANZAC Day 2020. Billy was born in Clermont and returned to the town after WWI. He drew a soldier's settlers block and mined for gold at Miclere, before moving to Brisbane, where he died and was buried in Lutwyche Cemetery. Anna and her family stood proudly with the sculpture at the front gate of their property on ANZAC Day. Link Mining, contractors at Blair Athol Coal, was the successful auction bidder and donated the sculpture to Clermont RSL Sub Branch. Anna is pictured with Link Mining Managing Director Brad Marshall, right, and Clermont RSL Sub Branch President David Ward.

WYNNUM WELFARE HAMPERS

Wynnum RSL Sub Branch has been doing what it can to help during the lockdown, including food deliveries to some of its members in need.



BOWEN DONATES TO COMMUNITY GROUPS

Before COVID-19 restrictions came into force, Bowen RSL Sub Branch made donations to two community groups during its AGM in early March. Newly elected Bowen RSL President John Eyles and Treasurer Rhonda Nilsson are pictured presenting a cheque to QCWA President Eileen Crouch and members. A cheque was also presented to Laurel Club Secretary Ruth Sliep and Vice President Joy Hose.





HONOURING THE FALLEN

Redlands RSL Sub Branch member Martin Rabjohns, left, and Secretary Michael McDonnell are involved in the Sub Branch's Honour Our Fallen Veterans program, which helps young people honour the memory and sacrifice of Defence personnel. Students research and locate the graves of ex-serving men and women from conflicts dating back to the Boer War in local cemeteries and place an Australian flag on their gravesites on ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day.



SUPPORT FOR FEMALE VETERANS

In early March, Magnetic Island President Brad Starr and District Secretary Shelley Isokangas attended the Women's Veterans Networking Australia (WVNA) cocktail party in Townsville, which followed their AGM. It was an opportunity to network with amazing current and ex-serving female veterans and provide information about the programs and support available from RSL Queensland. Women travelled from across Australia to attend the AGM, which North Queensland District and Magnetic Island Sub Branch helped fund. WVNA has regional coordinators throughout Australia and their mission is to connect female veterans with resources, support and information. Anyone interested in joining the group can contact them via Facebook or email info@wvna.org.au.

JOSEPH RAMSAY HONOURED

Vietnam veteran and former Tableland student Joseph Steven Ramsay now has a military collection at Tolga Museum named in his honour. Private Ramsay's youngest brother Rod Ramsay and niece Christine Alderton are pictured unveiling a memorial plaque at the museum on 9 February as part of a National Servicemen's Day commemoration. About 100 people attended the unveiling, including veterans and former Tolga school classmates. (Photo: Bob Davison)



TEWANTIN DONATION TO GMRF

Tewantin Noosa RSL Sub Branch Vice President Lew MacLeod presented a \$1,000 cheque to Tracey Lowe of Gallipoli Medical Research Foundation at the wellness forum Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds on 15 March.





HMAS VOYAGER ANNIVERSARY

A service was held in St Mary's Anglican Church, Kangaroo Point earlier this year to commemorate the 56th anniversary of the sinking of HMAS *Voyager* on 10 February 1964. During the service, the names of the 21 Queenslanders who perished aboard HMAS *Voyager* were read out. Members of the HMAS *Voyager* Association were joined by Commander Gerald Savvakis RAN ADC Commanding Officer HMAS *Moreton* and his Executive Office Lieutenant Commander Ann Mena. Vice President Ross Wiseman represented the Queensland Naval Association. Also attending was Vice President Rudi Bianchi, members from eFLEET Subsection, Pine Rivers Sub Section and Ipswich Sub Section. The service continued outside at the Navy Memorial Wall.

LOCKDOWN IS NOTHING NEW FOR SUBMARINERS

While COVID-19 restrictions have been difficult for many people, it was a breeze for members of the Submariners Association, who are used to being locked away for long periods of time. The Association used the time to help Holbrook Submarine Museum in NSW. It is the only dedicated submarine museum in Australia and houses many important artefacts from submarines dating back to the AE2 and 1.

The first commissioning crew of HMAS *Otway* are pictured at their 50-year reunion in September 2019 in Coolangatta, including back row, from left, Thor Lund, Keith Jenkins, Keith Hamilton, Rob Bastian, Jim Pearson, Eric Hughes, Roger Faramus, Dr Michael White AO QC, John Maclean, Peter Horobin, Colin Fowler, Jim Green and Graham Collins. Front row, from left, Robert Mills, David Bryant, Bronco McGinn, Lloyd Blake, Terry Rowell AO, Ian Taber and Terry Wyatt. The Association donated funds to the museum and formed the Friends of Holbrook Submarine Museum (FHSM). The group created a website at holbrooksubmarinemuseum.com.au and invites members of the public to join and help support the museum and preserve its artefacts.



MEANINGFUL MEDALS

When Ena Finlayson walked into the Pine Rivers RSL Sub Branch she had no idea how many people would jump at the chance to help her out. She was hoping to get the contact details of someone to restore the damaged WWII medals of her deceased husband, Ces. Ces had served in the Pacific with the RAAF until 1961 and, like most service partners, Ena had shared the highs and the lows of service with him. She wore his medals every ANZAC Day. Always going the extra mile for the Defence community, a Pensions Advocate at the Sub Branch offered to take them to JR Medals himself. Despite having numerous jobs already on his plate, JR Medals owner John prioritised Ena's medals to ensure she would have them in time for ANZAC Day. When the job was complete, COVID-19 dictated that only a single person could visit Ena to return her medals. John's wife Vanessa visited Ena and while swapping stories the ladies found they had much in common, both having spent many years as a service partner.





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Being local to the Gold Coast area, Mr Hale* will be able to move into his apartment complex straight away. The complex includes a double storey penthouse and four apartments and is steps from the pristine water of the Gold Coast's famous Palm Beach. Or if he prefers, he could rent the building out for an

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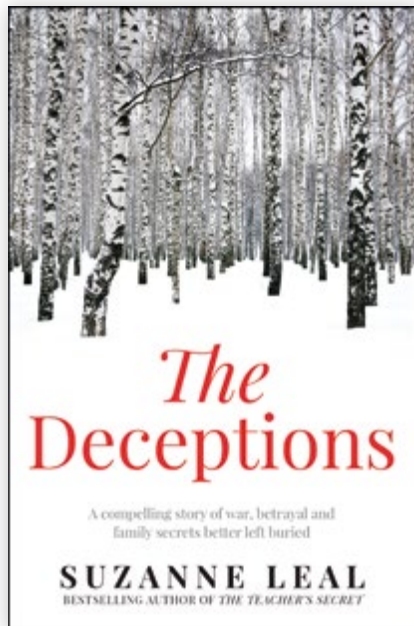
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The Deceptions was inspired by the lives of Suzanne's former landlords, Fred and Eva Perger, who were Czech and Jewish and had both survived the Holocaust. Over years of friendship, their stories were gifted to Suzanne to form the inspiration behind this powerful novel of wartime betrayal.

Prague, 1943. Taken from her home in Prague, Hana Lederová finds herself imprisoned in the Jewish ghetto of Theresienstadt, where she endures the threat of transportation to the east. When she attracts the attention of her guard, a Czech gendarme, Hana reluctantly accepts his advances – hoping for the protection she so desperately needs.

Sydney, 2010. Manipulated into a liaison with her married boss, Tessa knows she needs to end it, but how? Tessa's grandmother, Irena, also has something to hide. Harking back to the Second World War, hers is a carefully kept secret that, if revealed, would send shockwaves well beyond her own fractured family.

Moving from wartime Europe to modern day Australia, this book follows a fractured family whose lives are built on the foundations of lies, love, deception and regrets.

The Deceptions by Suzanne Leal is published by Allen & Unwin (RRP: \$29.99).

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ANZAC AND AVIATOR

This is the story of an extraordinary Australian, Ross Smith, who rode to war at Gallipoli on horseback and by the end of the war was one of the most highly awarded fighter pilots.

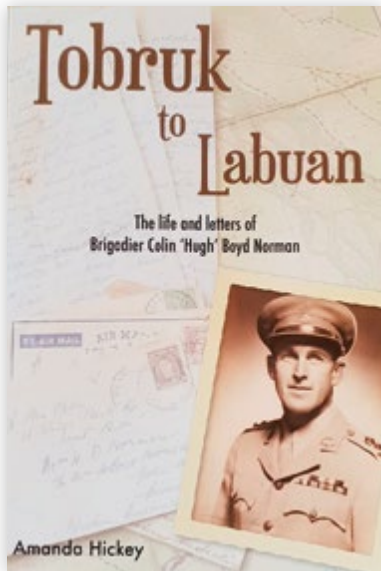
In the smouldering aftermath of WWI, a young Australian pilot and his crew prepare to attempt the inconceivable: a flight, halfway around the globe, from England to Australia. The 18,000-kilometre odyssey will take 28 days and test these men and their twin-engine biplane to the limit.

It is a trans-continental feat that will change the world and bring the air age to Australia. It will also prove to be the culminating act in the extraordinary and tragically brief life of its commander, Captain Sir Ross Smith.

Raised on a remote sheep station in the dying days of Australia's colonial frontier, there was little in Ross Smith's childhood that suggested a future as one of the world's great pioneering aviators. He went to war in 1914, serving with the light horse at Gallipoli and in the Sinai before volunteering for the fledgling Australian Flying Corps.

ANZAC and Aviator by Michael MolKentin is published by Allen & Unwin (RRP: \$32.99).

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TOBRUK TO LABUAN

Tobruk to Labuan is an account of Brigadier Colin 'Hugh' Boyd Norman's life, primarily told through selected letters from his service during WWII.

Known as a soldier of unswerving integrity, he was a Captain of the 24th Anti-Tank Company at the 1941 siege of Tobruk, where he won a Military Cross in the Battle of the Salient against German troops led by General Erwin Rommel.

Eighteen months later, after the battalion's devastating losses at Ruin Ridge, he would be an eyewitness to the third and final battle of El Alamein.

By 1943, as Lt Colonel of 2/28th Battalion, he won a Distinguished Service Order for the battalion's crossing of the Busu River in New Guinea and its surprise attack on the Japanese, contributing to the successful capture of Lae.

Tobruk to Labuan by Amanda Hickey can be purchased online at tobrucktolabuan.bigcartel.com (RRP: \$29.95).

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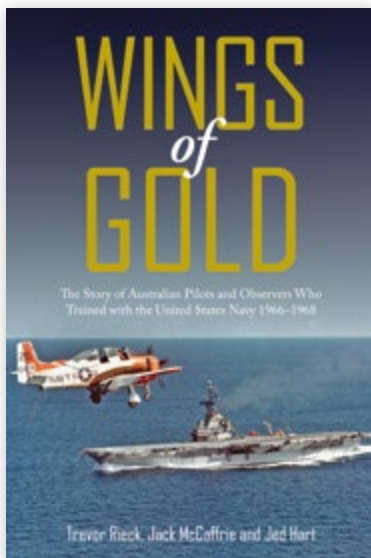
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WINGS OF GOLD

Flying from an aircraft carrier is one of the most difficult things to do in all of aviation. This is the story of a group of young Australians who joined the Royal Australian Navy to take up that challenge in the mid-1960s.

Their story is unique because, unlike those who went before them and those who followed, they were sent to the USA to undertake their flight training with the United States Navy. So began an unusual chapter in the story of the Royal Australian Navy. 'The Pensacola experiment', as it was called, was an outstanding success.

This book follows the young men's initial and sometimes almost accidental encounters with the Navy recruiting office to their arrival as fully fledged naval aviators at the Naval Air Station Nowra, NSW, ready to join their first squadrons.

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The treatment will offer innovative coping and behaviour management techniques to improve sleep quality for veterans with PTSD.

"Overall, this program was above my expectations and helped me learn about my sleep," said one Veteran Sleep Therapy Trial participant.

To find out if you or a mate are eligible, visit <https://bit.ly/2WCN7AR>

OLD PHOTO FOUND ON ANZAC DAY

An old black and white photo of a woman sitting on a rock with writing on the back was found on ANZAC Day. If this belongs to you, contact leanne_m_ritchie@hotmail.com.



RESEARCH YOUR WWI ANCESTORS

France-based company Get-a-Guide is offering a research service to retrace the footsteps of your ancestors who fought in WWI. For those who had their European summer travel plans thwarted by the coronavirus, it might be helpful for your next visit. Peter Wilson from Victoria took a tour last year with his son and grandson and couldn't praise their service enough.

"Brigitte added a whole dimension to the experience we never expected," Peter said.

If you're interested, contact brigitte@get-a-guide or visit her on Facebook.

81ST ANNIVERSARY REUNION

Relatives and friends of the Artillery Regiment are invited to a special lunch at Kedron Wavell Services Club on Sunday 18 July 2021 at 11am. It will celebrate the 81st anniversary of the Artillery Regiment's formation. The event will feature the Royal Australian Artillery Band Brisbane and a military guest speaker. Cost for the two-course lunch is \$35. Pre-bookings and payment required before 30 June 2021. Phone Wendy on 0414 483 009. This event has been rescheduled from an 80th anniversary in 2020.

F21 EST REUNION

New dates have been decided for the F21 EST reunion from 30 August to 3 September 2021 at Forster Tuncurry, NSW. The reunion is also open to the 17th Construction Electrical Troop and close mates of those who served. Cost is \$150 per head for the reunion meet and great, formal dinner, commemorative service, and welcome pack. Other activities will be organised for an extra cost, such as an estuary cruise, fishing, barefoot bowls, ten pin bowls and Ambrose golf. Contact Phil Hincks on 0414 761 032 or phil.hincks@gmail.com or Stan Monkley on 0411 506 787 or stan21est@gmail.com.

HQ1ATF ASSOCIATION REUNION

A reunion of the HQ1ATF Association will be held in Canberra from 29 October to 2 November 2020 in memory of the losses at Long Khanh on 12 June 1971. It will be held at Capital Country Holiday Park at 47 Bidges Road, Sutton NSW 2620. Bookings can be made by phoning 02 6230 3433, emailing bookings@capitalcountryholidaypark.com.au or visiting www.capitalcountryholidaypark.com.au. Quote 'HQ1ATF Reunion October 2020' to get a special rate when making a reservation. For more information, contact John Verhelst via jeverhelst@gmail.com.



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Mahoney	John	173625	Gympie Sub Branch Inc.
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