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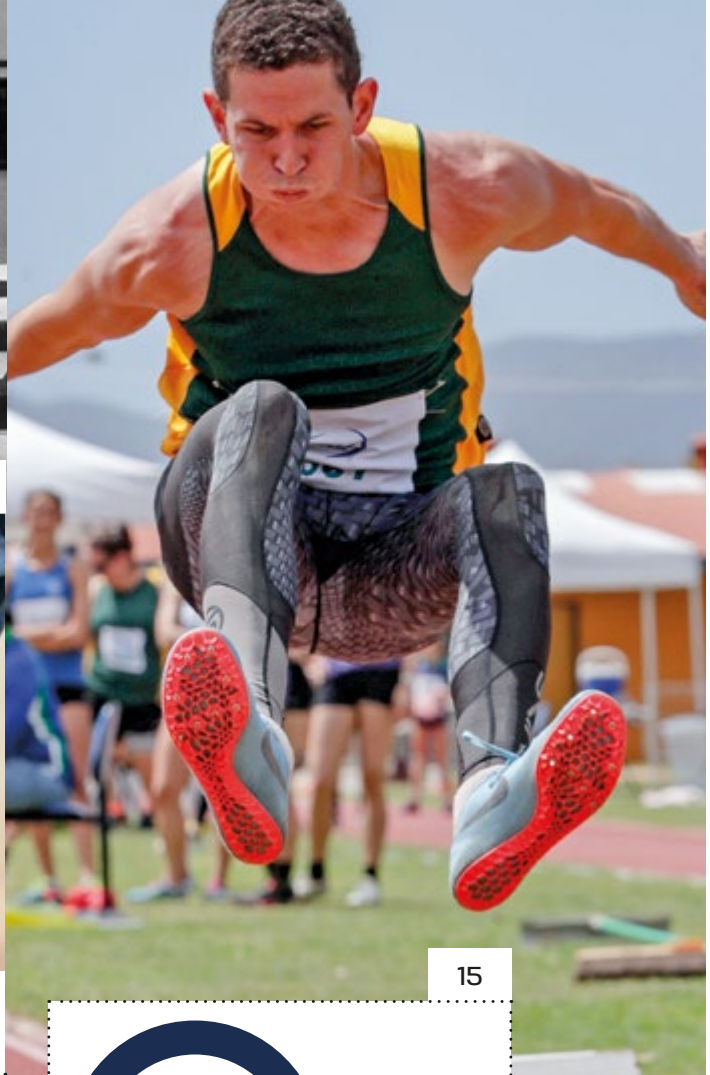
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Women and children rejoice on the streets of Sydney at the signing of the Armistice. (AWM: A03281)



# CONSTITUTION AND ARMISTICE CENTENARY

Fellow members and friends,

A lot has happened since I wrote to you in the last edition of *Queensland RSL News*. I've had the pleasure of attending many Sub Branch and ex-service organisation functions and am overwhelmed by the genuine support that has been shown to me.

I've also received many letters and emails congratulating me on my election to the position of State President. I am very humbled by this and thank you all for your support.

I have served in the Royal Australian Air Force and worked as a police officer, but I believe this is one of the most important roles I have ever undertaken – serving members, veterans and their families as President.

## UPDATE ON THE CONSTITUTION

In the last edition of the magazine, I wrote about the Constitution and our process for creating a document to shape the League's future. A Project Team has now been brought together, comprising individuals from Districts who have the relevant skill sets to help update this important document.

These individuals, along with staff and external contractors, will work together for two days every two weeks on the project, and we hope to present both the by-laws and Constitutions for all levels of the League together.

In the near future, members of the Project Team will present the proposed Constitution and consult with members at District

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**“IN THE NEAR FUTURE, MEMBERS OF THE PROJECT TEAM WILL PRESENT THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTION AND CONSULT WITH MEMBERS AT DISTRICT MEETINGS. MEMBERS WILL BE INVITED TO DISCUSS THE DOCUMENT AND PROVIDE INPUT, WITH THE AIM OF CONSTRUCTING A CONSTITUTION THAT TRULY REFLECTS MEMBERS' WISHES.”**

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meetings. Members will be invited to discuss the document and provide input, with the aim of constructing a Constitution that truly reflects members' wishes.

We can likely expect some disagreements and robust discussion, but I believe that this consultative approach will eventually result in a Constitution we can all feel ownership of.

## ANZAC CENTENARY COMMEMORATIONS

We are nearing the end of the ANZAC Centenary commemoration program of 2014-2018. The program marked 100 years since Australia's involvement in WWI and allowed us to honour the service and sacrifice of our original ANZACs.

Many memorable events were held in all corners of the state over

the past five years. Many of these have been possible thanks to RSL Queensland funding, administered by the ANZAC Centenary Commemorative Committee chaired by Max Foot OAM.

The committee has assessed and approved numerous applications over the past five years and I would like to thank committee members for their time and diligence.

## CENTENARY OF ARMISTICE

RSL Queensland has planned two major events to commemorate and celebrate the centenary of Armistice.

As we do every year, we will hold a Remembrance Day service at ANZAC Square at 10:15am on Sunday, November 11. For those of you who don't live in Brisbane, or who would like to attend a

service close to home, I urge you to turn to page 52 for a list of all services being held throughout Queensland.

In the afternoon, I'd like to encourage you to bring your family and friends along to Freedom Sounds, a free concert at the Riverstage in Brisbane. To mark this momentous occasion, we wanted to echo the sense of joy and relief ordinary Australians felt when they heard WWI was over and their boys were coming home.

It's going to be a fantastic afternoon, featuring some great Aussie artists – Pete Murray, Kate Ceberano and Ash Grunwald. Find out more on page 50 and visit [www.freedomsounds.com.au](http://www.freedomsounds.com.au) to reserve your free ticket.

I am humbled on a daily basis by the good work of our volunteers, members and staff. I regularly hear stories about the welfare assistance we've provided, the employment opportunities we've enabled, or the accommodation we've organised for veterans and their families.

We should all be proud of what we do, and I am honoured to be a part of it.



*Tony Ferris  
State President  
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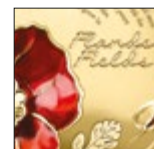
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# STRATEGIC PLAN 2023: A GUIDE FOR OUR FUTURE

2018 has been a year of progress for RSL Queensland. The process of transformation we have been undergoing over the past three years has resulted in the delivery of a number of key projects, some of which I detailed in my last column for *Queensland RSL News*.

In conjunction with the delivery of projects, we have also been working on our vision for the future. In March, the Board of Directors worked with the Executive Management Team and an external facilitator to develop the RSL Queensland Strategic Plan for the organisation through to 2023.

The *Strategic Plan 2023* will help to guide and direct State Branch's focus and activities over the coming years. Having this plan in place is not only best business practice, but, as a substantial charity, we need these tools to assist in directing our future, so we can continue to provide appropriate support to the Defence family.

There are six pillars that underpin the *Strategic Plan 2023*, each with a strategic focus and defined deliverables to guide our activities.

The first pillar is **Governance**, which is critical to the delivery of the highest level of compliance and risk management across the organisation. We are committed to building upon and continuing to improve the understanding,

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systems, processes and standards of governance, which is evidenced through the creation of tools such as the Good Governance Guide.

**Structure** is the second pillar, with work well underway with our deliverables for this strategic focus. As you would all be aware, we have been working to establish a skills-based Board and a State Council, and to complete a constitutional review, as part of our focus to support the strategic mission and vision for the organisation.

The third pillar is to **Grow Service Delivery and Membership**. Being able to

expand the services we provide is important to meet the growing and varying needs of our Defence family, and the results from the Defence Family Research Project will underpin this work.

The fourth pillar, **Enterprise Model**, is about being agile, innovative and flexible in our charitable operations. We need to plan for the future and maximise our earnings through investment diversification, so that we can continue to provide support to our Defence family.

**Brand and Perceptions** is pillar five. The result of extensive research and groundwork was presented at this year's State

Congress in the form of the Brand Position and Purpose, which will enable us to both educate the community on what the brand represents and meet community expectations.

The sixth and final pillar is **Partnerships**, which is about continuing to develop strong relationships and partnering with organisations that have similar missions and visions in our effort to provide the most suitable services to our Defence family. We believe in working collaboratively with other ex-service organisations for the betterment of those who serve and their families.

While the above pillars cover a broad range of focus points for our organisation, each and every deliverable draws us back to our core mission of supporting our Defence family. I invite you to read more about the overall *Strategic Plan 2023* and each pillar on our website: [www.rslqld.org/strategy](http://www.rslqld.org/strategy)



**Luke Traini**  
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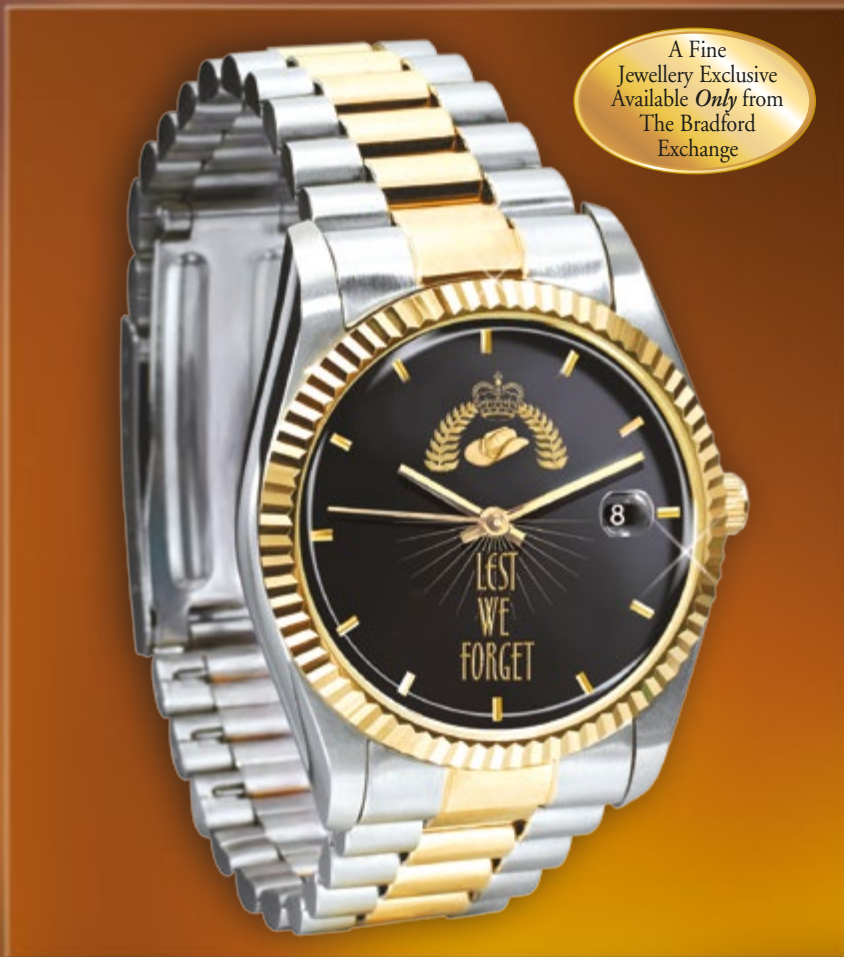
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# HOW WWI CHANGED AUSTRALIA

One hundred years ago, when the guns fell silent on the Western Front, Australia was a substantially different country than it had been only four years earlier. The impact of war on society is marked, and it is worth reflecting on the impact of the Great War on Australia, both physically and culturally, when we pause to remember the fallen.

There were changes to the Australian economy. Prior to the war, our economy was founded on agriculture and natural resources; however, the demands of the war effort drove a considerable increase in manufacturing.

Food prices rose substantially during the war, as agricultural products were purchased by the governments of Australia and Britain as rations for the armed forces. The British government bought every bale of wool produced in Australia between 1916 and 1920 to enable production of uniforms.

There was cultural change as women sought to assist in the war effort, including through roles in the formalised workforce. This effect was felt even more substantially during WWII, although, disappointingly, the rates of pay for women were fixed significantly below their male colleagues.

During WWI, 416,809 Australians enlisted, including

2861 nurses. This comprised 38 per cent of the male population aged between 18 and 44. Of those, 60,284 died while in service (59,357 during the years of the war) and 155,133 were wounded in action.

The wounded who returned to Australia suffered physical wounds, disease, the effects of gas and psychological injury. While physical wounds and disease could be treated or stabilised for some veterans, the impact of wounds due to gas or psychological injury were felt by many veterans for the remainder of their lives.

In 1938, 20 years after the Armistice, 77,000 incapacitated veterans and 180,000 dependants remained on pensions, and the medical support provided to them was substantial.

At a time when most of the population aged 18 to 44 were married, with significantly larger families than is the case today, the stresses were significant. Hundreds of thousands of women raised large families with limited support for the duration of the war. For those whose husbands were killed or severely wounded, that burden remained with them for the rest of their lives.

Veterans, the community and the government responded to the challenges faced by veterans and their families. Three substantial veteran organisations

were developed and are still in existence – the Returned Sailors and Soldiers Imperial League of Australia (now known as the RSL), Legacy and the Repatriation Department (now known as the Department of Veterans' Affairs).

Every war or conflict where Australians have served has resulted in a change in society. Sometimes that change is substantial and can be felt by the entire population, as occurred during both World Wars. At other times, the impact of conflict is more narrowly felt, sometimes only within the small community of service personnel involved and their immediate families. As many of you know, the impact of service is experienced by families even in peace time, where the necessary schedule of exercises and the posting cycle impacts partners and children.

The proportion of today's population who are current serving personnel or veterans is substantially lower than it has been for much of our history since Federation. As the military family, we are Australia's cultural memory of the impact of war and military service.

As you pause in remembrance on November 11, I encourage you to talk with your fellow Australians, to assist them in their understanding and to ensure that as a nation, we do not forget.

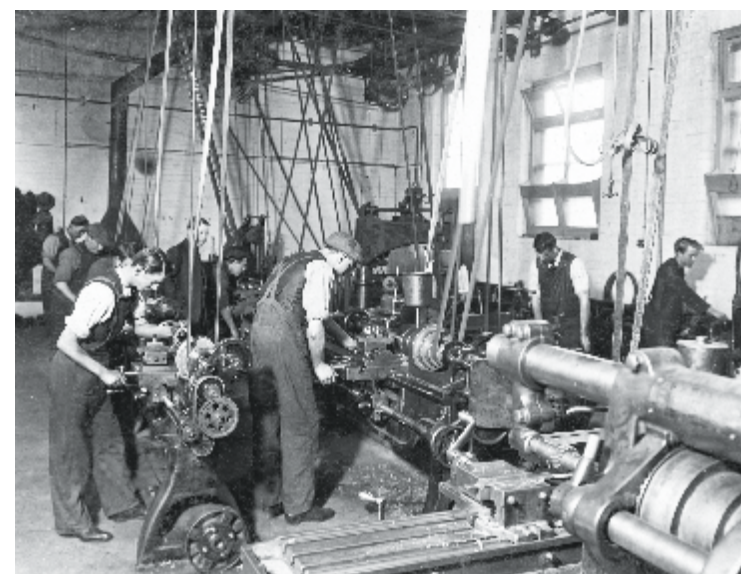
CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Soldiers disembark from a troop ship at Port Melbourne after returning home following the end of the war (National Archives of Australia); A wounded AIF soldier receives an affectionate welcome home at the ANZAC Buffet in Hyde Park, Sydney. As men started returning from the front, the ANZAC Buffet became the place where they were welcomed home (AWM: H11574); Returned wounded men outside an Australian Red Cross hospital (AWM: H11709); A machine shop training class for returned servicemen, 1919. Vocational training for returned servicemen was established to assist those whose apprenticeships were disrupted by enlistment and was an important part of repatriation assistance. Rehabilitation training was established for the wounded (National Archives of Australia); A millinery class for war widows, 1919. The Repatriation Department also provided assistance to dependants of deceased soldiers. War widows were offered the opportunity to learn new trades, and a fund to educate the children of deceased and blinded soldiers was established (National Archives of Australia); A ward for the totally and permanently incapacitated (TPI) in an ANZAC Hostel, 1919. ANZAC Hostels were established by the Repatriation Department to care for TPI returned servicemen. (National Archives of Australia)

*\*References available upon request.*



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State Secretary  
RSL (Queensland Branch)







# NEWS



## ANZAC LEGACY GALLERY

A new permanent gallery and exhibition will open in November at the Queensland Museum, South Bank, exploring the impact and legacy of WWI on Queensland and the brave sacrifices made by our Diggers. This project is a joint initiative between the Queensland Government and the ANZAC Centenary Public Fund.

The exhibition will explore enduring themes of freedom and democracy, service and sacrifice. At the heart of the gallery will be an experiential encounter with 'Mephisto', the A7V Sturmpanzerwagen armoured assault vehicle that is one of Australia's most significant and dramatic war relics.

Recovered by Queensland soldiers in 1918 near the French town of Villers-Bretonneux, Mephisto is the last remaining WWI A7V Sturmpanzerwagen German tank in the world.

Mephisto spent much of the ANZAC Centenary on loan to the Australian War Memorial, where it underwent conservation work and, until April 2017, was on display in ANZAC Hall. The tank returned to Queensland in June 2017 and was displayed at The Workshops Rail Museum, Ipswich.

In February 2018, Mephisto returned to the Queensland Museum, where it will be permanently displayed in the new ANZAC Legacy Gallery from November 2018.



## COMPASSIONATE MIND TRAINING: PILOT STUDY

GMRF has launched its latest study investigating Compassionate Mind Training for ex-service personnel and their partners. They are seeking couples willing to attend 12 sessions of training within a small group. The training will occur twice a week for six weeks and each session will be two hours in length.

The program will be held at Greenslopes Private Hospital in Brisbane. Participants will also be asked to complete 11 questionnaires on three occasions to help determine if this training improves compassion, psychological symptoms, general wellbeing and relationship wellbeing.

To be eligible for participation, you are required to:

- Be ex-service personnel with a current partner
- Have a diagnosis of post-traumatic stress disorder
- Be able to attend the training sessions with your partner.

GMRF is unable to offer you a place in the study if you are currently hospitalised for a psychological condition or currently engaged in another group therapy program. There will be no costs or reimbursement associated with participation.

To find out more about the training or to register your interest, visit [bit.ly/GMRF-CTU](http://bit.ly/GMRF-CTU). Alternatively, contact study coordinator Dr Sarah Hampton on 07 3394 7916 or [hamptons@ramsayhealth.com.au](mailto:hamptons@ramsayhealth.com.au).

# DISTRICTS GIVEN BASIC WELFARE TRAINING

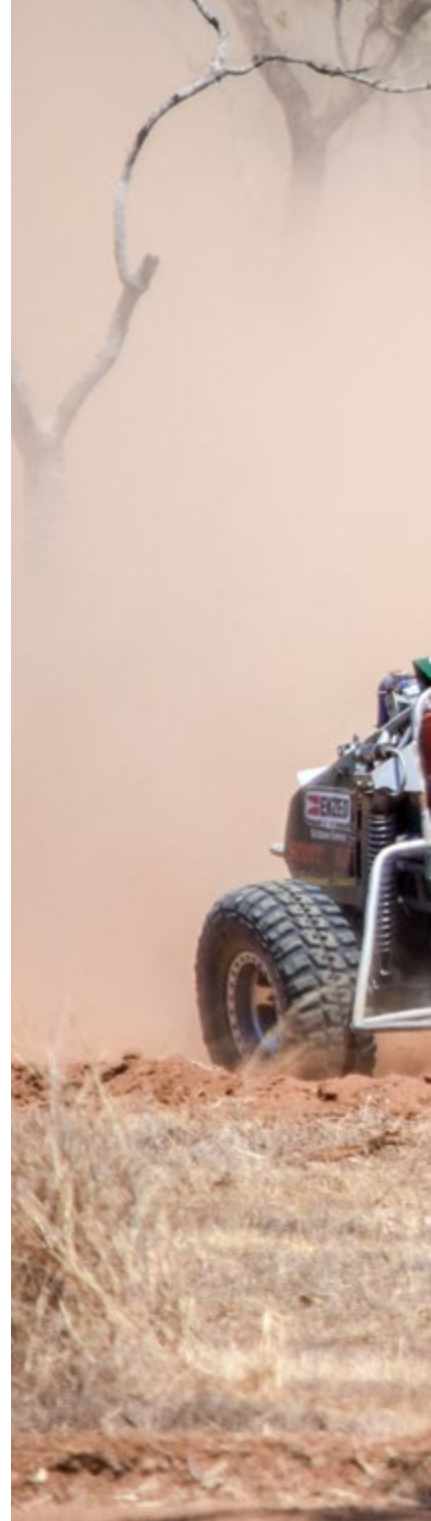
In recent months, RSL Queensland's Veteran Services Support Training Team has travelled to several Districts to deliver a basic welfare course. The team trained Welfare Support Officers in the Sunshine Coast, Moreton, Wide Bay/Burnett (pictured) and Gold Coast Districts.

Topics included becoming a volunteer, interview skills, the Veterans and Veterans Families Counselling Service (VVCS, now Open Arms) and RSL Queensland's Knowledge and Information Support System. The team was delighted to see the level of interest generated in the Districts for volunteers to either start or continue offering services to the veteran community.

The team thanked participants for their energy and enthusiasm and the District Secretaries for the enormous amount of work they contributed to organising the training. Another two sessions are scheduled for 2018 in Yeppoon and Mackay.







## FIRST IN CLASS FOR RAEMUS ROVER

Congratulations to the RSL RAEMUS Rover Off-Road Racing team and driver Michael Marson, who won a trophy for First in Class and second outright at the Millchester Festival of Dirt in September.

RSL Queensland supports the off-road racing team, enabling them to give injured or ill veterans a new lease on life.

The team attributed the trophy to Michael's persistent nagging and endless support, which encouraged them to take a skeleton crew on a 3500km round trip to race with veterans from northern Queensland.

If you're interested in getting involved in RAEMUS Rover, visit [bit.ly/RAEMUSrover](http://bit.ly/RAEMUSrover).

(Photos: Jason Wilson)







## CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR LAVARACK BARRACKS OPEN DAY

For the third year in a row, RSL Queensland was a major supporter of the Lavarack Barracks Open Day in Townsville in September. It was a chance for the barracks to throw open its gates to Defence families and the public for a day of fun.

Kaleb and Elijah Tanner (pictured left) were among those enjoying the event, which included a host of family activities, demonstrations and a visit from Courage the eagle. RSL Queensland's Veteran Services team was also kept busy speaking with the Defence community to promote the many services available.

A highlight of the day was undoubtedly the Tank Crush, a demonstration involving cars from the wreckers and enthusiastic Defence personnel in tanks.







## PURPLE HEART AWARD

I JUST read the article 'Sacrifice and Salvation' in *Queensland RSL News* Ed 04, 2018 (pg. 58 - 60) regarding Andrew Martin Kelly receiving the purple heart award from the American government. I was unaware Australian Defence personnel were entitled to this award and can they wear it on ceremonial events?

GJ Linnett

## Clarification about Dutch War Medals

THE following is a statement from the Department of Decorations, Dutch Ministry of Defence – translated by Ms Natrop, Assistant Defence Attache at the Embassy of the Netherlands in Canberra. It is in response to the letter 'Dutch War Cross' on page 10 of *Queensland RSL News* edition 4, 2018.

*During World War Two, allied countries came to official agreements in terms of decorating each other's citizens, resulting in countries only decorating their own members of the armed forces. The Commonwealth policy also dedicated that its subjects were not allowed to accept foreign decorations.*

*These international agreements are reflected in Article 7 of the Decoration decision in regard to the Dutch Commemorative cross (Oorlogsherinneringskruis) and other relevant service medals, including the Star for Order and Peace and the Mobilisation War Cross: "awarding these medals - with or without clasps - automatically excludes any foreign medal, and vice versa."*

*In very rare circumstances exceptions have been made, though usually by Royal decree. For the post-war period in the Netherlands, East Indies and Netherlands New Guinea, the same rules have been honoured in regard to decorating foreigners. For more information, contact Can-defat@minbuza.nl.*

## Query about wearing the RASB

I WISH to respectfully comment on the letter by former WO John Schrader concerning the Returned from Active Service Badge (RASB) on page 10 of *Queensland RSL News* Ed 04, 2018. I have ancestry that goes back many generations to British Army service in Afghanistan. My great grandfather Edward was born at Belgaum, India, when his father served there as an officer.

I served in the CMF and RAAF and have the ADF Medal and the National Service Medal. I proudly wear them on ANZAC Day. On the other side I wear medals awarded

to my ancestors, namely the South Africa (Boer) War medals for my grandfather Cpl 38 3rd QMF Arthur and the Great War medals of my father's aunt, nursing sister Amy King, which include the RRC Second Class.

I ask why the badge mentioned is designated as only to be worn by the actual recipient? I was not a serviceman in 1899 or 1914, yet I can wear the medals of my forebears and do so gladly. The ruling on the RASB would mean that once the recipient dies, the award must be put away in a cupboard to gather dust. That, in my opinion, is unsatisfactory practice.

I also wish to comment that, in my opinion, we have lost track of the import for Australia of the South Africa Wars. They have been 'overshadowed' by 1914. Many people only know of the contribution of Australians (as separate colonies) from movies such as *Breaker Morant*.

I would like to see banners honouring the Boer War veterans carried by their descendants on ANZAC Day parades. My grandfather died in 1956 and on his medals I have pinned his South Africa Veterans badge.

Roger E Deshon  
Toowoomba

## ANZAC DAY AT SEA

AS an ex-Navy member, I always observe ANZAC Day. I was cruising between Singapore and London last ANZAC Day on the *COLUMBUS*, an English-owned ship, with mostly German, English and Australian nationals. While at sea on ANZAC Day, Tony, the English emcee, put on an ANZAC ceremony at 6am. I was blown away by the ceremony. There would have been almost 200 people there. Quite emotional.

Graham Brooks  
Manundra



**SYDNEY SET  
FOR THE 2018**

**INVICTUS  
GAMES**

 Courtesy of the Department of Defence





**FROM** October 20-27, 2018, more than 500 athletes from 18 nations will descend on Sydney for the fourth Invictus Games. The Games will feature competition in 11 sports, with events being held across Greater Sydney, including Sydney Olympic Park and Sydney Harbour.

A total of 72 Australian veteran athletes (including 32 from Queensland) will compete in the Games.

Established by Prince Harry in 2014, the Invictus Games is an international adaptive multi-sport competition for serving and former serving military personnel who've been wounded, injured or become ill during their military service.

Following a trip to the Warrior Games in the US, Prince Harry saw the positive impact sport could have on the recovery and rehabilitation of wounded, injured and ill servicemen and women, and vowed to launch a similar event in the UK. The Invictus Games Foundation was established and in 2014 London hosted the inaugural Games, at Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, with more than 400

competitors from 13 nations.

In announcing Sydney as the host of the 2018 Games, Prince Harry said the foundation had three key criteria to be met.

“First, it had to be an iconic city – somewhere known the world over. Second, it needed to be a city with a proud military heritage, which would welcome competitors from all over the world with open arms. And finally, we wanted to go somewhere where they are absolutely sports mad and would really get behind our competitors. It was an easy decision really – the 2018 Invictus Games are coming to Sydney.”

The Games opening ceremony will be held on Saturday, October 20 and will be an opportunity to welcome competitors, their families and friends from around Australia and the world and kick off the Games.

The closing ceremony will be held on Saturday, October 27 and will be a celebration of the outstanding achievements and awe-inspiring spirit of our competitors over the eight days of competition.



# MEET THE QUEENSLAND ATHLETES



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PRESENTED BY JAGUAR LAND ROVER

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SYDNEY 2018





## PETER ARBUCKLE

Peter, 47, from Townsville, will compete in wheelchair basketball, wheelchair rugby, sailing and sitting volleyball. He joined the Army in 1989 and served in 2/4 Battalion Royal Australian Regiment (2/4RAR). He has a left below-knee amputation and a spinal disc derangement in his lower back. Peter says competing at the 2017 Invictus Games in Toronto and being a member of the Australian Wheelchair Rugby League team, which competed in the 2017 World Cup in France, are his two greatest achievements.



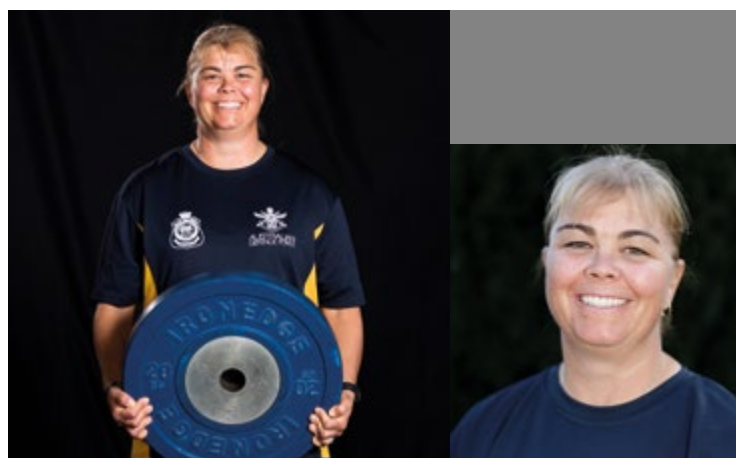
## CORPORAL TARYN BARBARA

Taryn, 31, from Townsville, joined the Army in 2004 and is currently posted to 11 Close Health Company (11CHC) in Brisbane, where she works as a Physical Training Instructor. Taryn, who sustained a cumulative back and hip injury during an Army physical training course, will compete in swimming. In addition to her two beautiful daughters, she says participating in flood and recovery efforts in Queensland, and helping people rehabilitate and train towards their own career goals within the ADF are her greatest career achievements.



## CARRIE-ANNE BISHOP

Hailing from Brisbane, Carrie-Anne, 34, joined the Army in 2002 and was medically discharged in 2015. With multiple injuries sustained during her service, she will compete in athletics and sitting volleyball. Sport played a large part in Carrie-Anne's life before her injuries, which saw her become isolated and withdraw from the sports she loved. She saw Invictus Games 2018 as an opportunity to once again become a participant in sport and life, saying sport gets her out of the house, socialising, training and challenging herself both physically and mentally.



## NICOLE BRADLEY

Nicole, 45, from Brisbane, joined the Army in 1993 and graduated from the Royal Military College Duntroon in 1996. She was a Logistics Officer in the Royal Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers and deployed to both Timor Leste and UNTSO before discharging in 2015. Nicole suffers from injuries associated with her early military training that affect her feet and legs. As well as athletics, she will also compete in powerlifting, for which she achieved two Australian Masters bench press records within the Global Powerlifting Committee.



## DAVIN BRETHERTON

Davin, 47, from Townsville, joined the Army in 1987 and discharged in 2001. He has PTSD and a below-the-knee amputation following complications from a training accident. Davin will compete in wheelchair basketball, wheelchair rugby and sailing. Crediting sport for saving his life, he has represented Australia internationally in bobsledding, currently holds the wheelchair boxing Australian title and was recently selected to compete in the wheelchair National Rugby League (NRL) World Cup in France.



## PRIVATE PETER BROWN

Peter, 36, from Townsville, joined the Army in 2011 as a Parachute Rigger and transferred to work as an Administration Clerk following a serious leg injury from a parachute jump accident. Competing in athletics and indoor rowing, Peter applied to Invictus Games 2018 to challenge himself physically and mentally and to show his kids that no matter how hard things get, no matter how long your recovery and rehabilitation is, always strive to achieve your goals and dreams – even if your original dreams have been smashed and you have to make new ones.



## DAVID CONNOLLY CSC

David, 55, from Mena Creek, joined the Army in 1982 and discharged in 2003. He will compete in wheelchair basketball and wheelchair rugby. Thousands of parachute descents during his service took a toll on his knees and, following three failed knee replacements, infection left him as an above-knee amputee. Following the Invictus Games in London and Orlando, training became a part of his weekly routine. David says playing sport with other injured military and ex-military personnel rekindled his competitiveness and gives him a sense of achievement and purpose.







## TRENT FORBES

Trent, 40, from Brisbane, will compete in cycling. He joined the Army in 1997 and discharged in 2016, suffering a variety of physical and mental injuries relating to multiple deployments. Trent says his greatest achievement has been overcoming the challenges related to his injuries, so he could continue living life to the full and be a role model to his two daughters. He sees Invictus Games 2018 as a chance to challenge himself and represent Australia on the international stage, and to show his children that, despite his injuries, he is still achieving things in life.



## TYRONE GAWTHORNE

Tyrone, 36, from Daintree, will compete in athletics and powerlifting. He joined the Army in 1999 and was medically discharged in 2011, suffering a lower limb degenerative injury and PTSD. Tyrone says he will continue the Invictus Games path to rehabilitation, not only for himself, but for the many other veterans in his community who struggle from day to day. By setting an example and giving it a crack, he hopes they might also take the chance to change their lives for the better.



## TIM GROVER

Tim, 39, from Townsville, will compete in cycling. He joined the Army in 1996 as an Infantryman and discharged in 2016, sustaining a number of injuries throughout his 20 years of service. Although Tim competed in Invictus Games 2017, he believes he wasn't mentally focused on achieving his best. "Now I am." He says winning medals is only one part of the story; it's the transition of the competitors as they progress through their rehabilitation and ultimately perform to the best standard they can achieve.







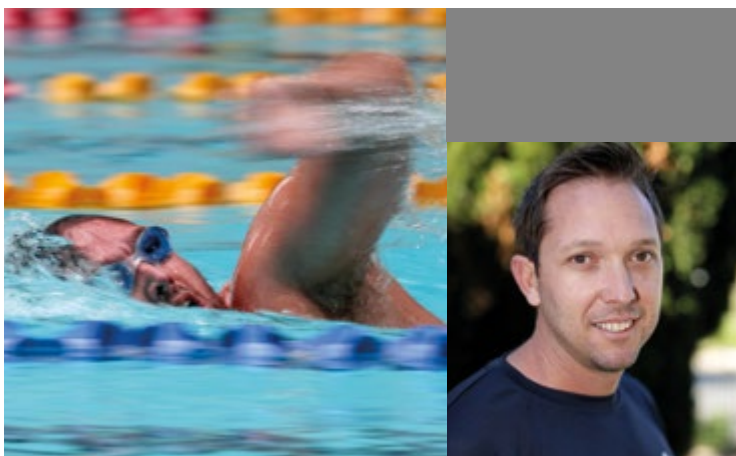
## DAMIEN IRISH

Damien joined the Army in 1997 and discharged in 2009. He will compete in athletics, indoor rowing and powerlifting. Suffering from PTSD, anxiety and depression, Damien says sport has given him drive again and gets him of the house, doing more with his family. Although he applied for Invictus Games 2018 to challenge himself, he says it's not all about winning – it's about showing his kids that if you work hard at something you can achieve it.



## KEVIN JACOBY

Kevin, 49, from Brisbane, will compete in indoor rowing and sitting volleyball. He joined the Army in 1996 and was medically discharged in 2016. He suffers from PTSD, severe depression, anxiety and adjustment disorder, has permanent nerve damage to his hand, injuries to his shoulders and spine and minor tears to the meniscus in both knees. Kevin says sport has inspired him to get better both physically and mentally; it has forced him to socialise with other veterans, current serving members and the greater community, which he couldn't do (without major anxiety) a year ago.



## DEAN KNOBEL

Currently living on the Gold Coast, Dean, 35, will compete in powerlifting and swimming. Dean joined the Royal Australian Navy in 2007 as a Marine Technician and medically discharged in 2013. He has a spinal injury from a heavy lifting accident in 2010 in which his left hand was crushed and also lives with an adjustment disorder. A keen sportsman prior to his injury, Dean says making it into the Australian Invictus Games team is by far his greatest achievement as he never expected to compete in sport again.



## PRIVATE LUKE JONES

Luke, 31, from Brisbane, joined the Army in 2010 and is currently serving in a Rifleman position at Rehab Platoon, 8/9 Royal Australian Regiment. A below-knee amputee, he will compete in powerlifting and sitting volleyball. Luke got a taste for adaptive sports in 2017 when he competed at the Warrior Games in Chicago. Seeing so many people overcoming their injuries and disabilities, and hearing their stories, inspired him to continue with adaptive sports to see just how far he could push himself, despite his injury.





## CAPTAIN EMMA KADZIOLKA

Emma, 29, from Brisbane, will compete in athletics and indoor rowing. She joined the Army in 2013 as a Nursing Officer and is currently posted to 11 Close Health Company, 1 Close Health Battalion. Emma was diagnosed with a Stage II Glioma (a brain tumour) in November 2016. She says sport has given her a focus and enabled her to channel energy into something positive and beneficial to maintaining her health and fitness. It has provided her with a psychological outlet, helping her to cope with the depression that came after her diagnosis.



## BEAU KING

Beau, 36, from Townsville, will compete in athletics and powerlifting. He joined the Army in 2001 and discharged in 2008. Beau suffers from hearing loss in both ears and PTSD from deployments to the Middle East. He says sport has allowed him to slowly reintegrate back into society. It has given him goals and friendships, a new outlet for his frustration and allowed him to achieve new and positive avenues in life. He sees Invictus Games 2018 as a chance to represent his family and friends and the people who have supported his journey so far.



## REBECCA KUENSTNER

Rebecca, 40, from Narangba, joined the Royal Australian Navy in 2008 and discharged in 2014. Suffering from both physical and mental health injuries, she will compete in sitting volleyball. A keen sports person before she joined the Navy, sport has helped her to better manage her health conditions and given her the opportunity to connect with people outside Defence and reconnect with the community. She believes the Invictus Games is a self-healing, self-development journey that will help her achieve her goals.





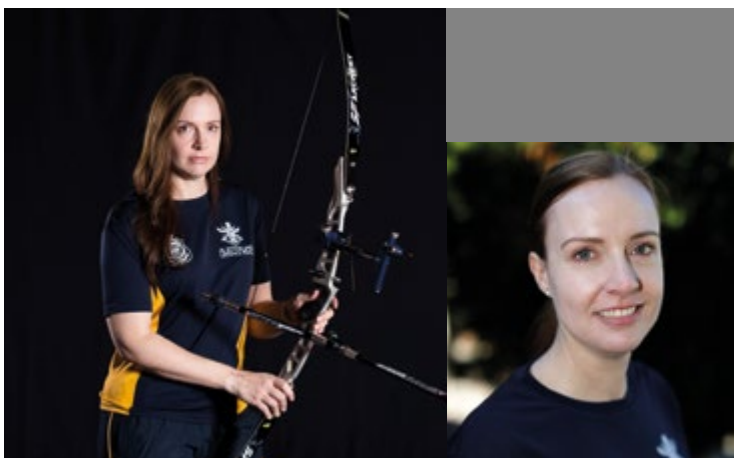
## TRUDI LINES

Trudi, 40, will compete in indoor rowing and wheelchair rugby. She joined the Royal Australian Air Force in 2003 and discharged from the ADF in 2017. Trudi suffers from PTSD and has injuries to her neck, lower back and ankle. Apart from the various accomplishments she achieved throughout her military career, she says receiving an Australia Day medallion for her work with Air Movements and marching on ANZAC Day with her Pop are her two most memorable experiences.



## MICHAEL LYDDIARD

Michael, 41, joined the Army in 1995 and was medically discharged in 2014 after being seriously wounded. He suffers from PTSD, anxiety and depression, lost his right arm below the elbow, fingers on his left hand and his right eye, and has impairments to his left eye and hearing. Sport has helped build his identity and self-esteem through giving him vision and purpose, while empowering others and re-defining labels. Through competing and social engagement, Michael continues to build on his resilience and learn more about his strengths and defeating his fears.



## JOCELYN MCKINLEY

Jocelyn, 41, from the Gold Coast, will compete in archery. She joined the Royal Australian Air Force in 2001 and was medically discharged in 2012 following injuries and surgeries on her knees and right wrist. Joining an archery club one year after her discharge provided her with an opportunity to re-engage in life outside work or study and be part of a social community. Jocelyn sees Invictus Games 2018 as an opportunity to represent her country and re-engage with the Defence community.



## JASON MCNULTY

Jason, 43, from Brisbane, joined the Army in 1995 and discharged in 2007. He will compete in cycling. With a brain injury and suffering from PTSD, depression and anxiety, sport has been hugely significant in his recovery, helping him to focus and move forward, even though his conditions are incurable. Jason says his greatest achievement to date has been being able to compete in front of his daughter and partner, making them proud and showing them he's not finished yet.



“Stephen applied for Invictus Games 2018 to challenge himself physically and mentally and to take himself out of his comfort zone.”



## STEPHEN OSBORNE

Stephen joined the Australian Army Reserve in 1985 and transferred to the Australian Regular Army in 1986. He was medically discharged in 1999 following an Armoured Fighting Vehicle accident, where he sustained head trauma and a shoulder injury, Meniere's Disease and PTSD. He will compete in archery. Along with diet and nutrition, target archery now plays a central role in his physical and mental rehabilitation program. Stephen applied for Invictus Games 2018 to challenge himself physically and mentally and to take himself out of his comfort zone.



## DANIEL PARKER

Daniel, 29, from Hervey Bay, joined the Army in 2007 and discharged in 2013. He will compete in athletics. Daniel has pins in his hips, a nerve stimulator in his spine, has had major surgery to most joints and suffers from PTSD. He says sport gets him out of the house and off the couch. It has given him back the self confidence he lost and helped him decrease his medication dramatically. Daniel applied for Invictus Games 2018 to show that, no matter the games we play in our heads, they are just that – games. They can be overcome, through sport or by reaching out to a fellow mate.

“Sport has given Matthew the strength to get back out there and push aside the pain in his mind so he can enjoy life.”



## MATTHEW PAYNE

Matthew, 38, from Cairns, served in the Army from 1998 to 2004 and with the Royal Australian Navy from 2005 to 2017. He will compete in wheelchair basketball. Matthew has bilateral ankle instability, shin splints, severe knee deterioration, osteoarthritis of the shoulders, neck and spinal degeneration, adjustment disorder and depression. Sport has helped him gain back some of his life, giving him the strength to get back out there and push aside the pain in his mind so he can enjoy life.



## CORPORAL SARAH PETCHELL

Sarah, 39, from Brisbane, will compete in powerlifting. She joined the Army as a Reservist Clerk in 1998 and transferred to the Regular Army in 2012. Various injuries have left Sarah with spinal pain, a shoulder tear and instability, chronic pain in her feet, and instability in her ankles. Powerlifting has helped her build up the muscles in her shoulder joint, helping to stabilise the area, and to strengthen the muscles in her ankles and feet. Invictus Games 2018 represents an opportunity to aim towards something, to have hope, and to inspire others to put themselves out there.





## SARAH SLIWKA

Sarah, 34, from Brisbane will compete in powerlifting and swimming. She joined the Army in 2002 and was medically discharged in 2006. She has a lower back injury and curved spine, broken bones in her right arm, snapped ligaments in her right ankle, and a strained Achilles tendon. Competing at last year's Invictus Games gave Sarah something she hadn't experienced in a very long time: feeling like a part of the Defence community again. She says the friends she made from reconnecting with military personnel is the best thing to come out of her Invictus Games experience.



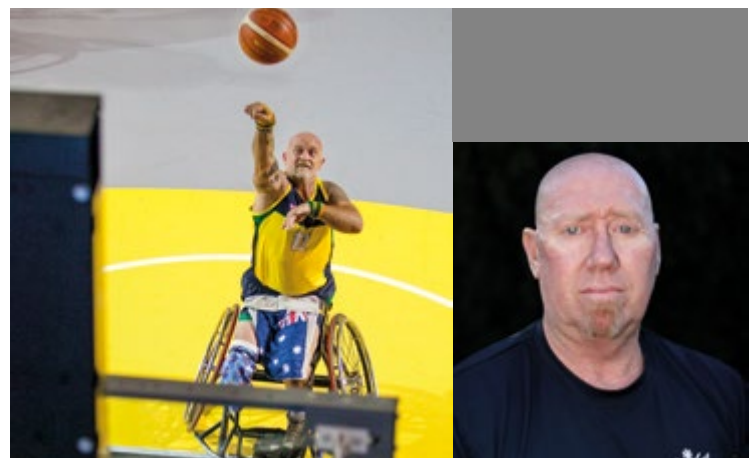
## TONY STEN

Tony, 40, from Brisbane, joined the Army in 1996 and discharged in 2006. He will compete in athletics and powerlifting. Sport has given him a renewed drive and focus to train and compete. Apart from his two children, Tony says his greatest achievement to date is kayaking 400km unassisted across Bass Strait with a group of veterans, after just one day of prior kayaking experience.



## ALEXIA VLAHOS

Alexia, 23, from Stafford, joined the Army in 2014 and medically discharged in 2018. She will compete in athletics, indoor rowing and powerlifting. Alexia has had five surgeries on her right knee, including two reconstructions and a bone graft from her hip. Living with these injuries has also presented mental health challenges. Hearing about the Invictus Games just days after her discharge presented the opportunity for Alexia to revisit her childhood goal of becoming an elite athlete and rekindled her inner drive.



## JEFF WRIGHT

Jeff, 50, from Townsville, will compete in wheelchair basketball and wheelchair rugby. He joined the Army in 1986 and discharged in 2003 following a knee injury from a training accident. A motorcycle accident post-discharge resulted in paraplaegia and vision loss and he also suffers from PTSD. Jeff says sport helps him stop thinking about himself as a person with a disability, while the competitive nature of sport allows for aggression, skill, teamwork and overall enjoyment.





# GIVING BACK

Vietnam veteran Derek Smith developed a special connection to the country in which he once fought. Since 2007, the Townsville Sub Branch member has visited Vietnam 16 times and written a book about his wartime service that helped fund orphanages and community projects in the country.

 Derek Smith





**ABOVE:** Since 2007, Derek and his wife Rhonda have sponsored A. Coi (pictured holding a copy of *A Twist in the POGO's Tale*), a young Montagnard man who is now studying at university.

**LEFT:** Vietnam veteran Derek Smith and his son Michael with residents of Bon Sai, Kon Tum Province, at the site of a well they helped fund.

**RIGHT:** Derek, left, and Bill Tweddell, Chancellor of James Cook University and former Australian Ambassador to Vietnam, who launched the book.



If you would like to ORDER A COPY OF THE BOOK *A Twist in the POGO's Tale*, contact Derek via [dvsmith@ozemail.com.au](mailto:dvsmith@ozemail.com.au)

**I WANTED** to write a book for many years. Fortunately, I was a bit of a diary keeper, tracking time as a boy scout and high school cadet in the late 1950s and early '60s.

I also maintained a diary during my posting to 32 Small Ship Squadron, where I sailed to Papua and New Guinea in 1965, and to South Vietnam in 1966. I had two more postings to South Vietnam in 1969 and 1971. The diaries made writing a book seem like the next logical step.

I was a POGO (posted on garrison operations) – an Army Apprentices School trained clerk, hence the title of my book, *A Twist in the POGO's Tale*. Given that I was a baby boomer growing up in the post-WWII period, and had such a varied time in the Army, I thought my experiences would make a good read.

There were many twists in my tale, and many strange and unexpected experiences. Lieutenant General John Sanderson, AC (Ret'd) kindly penned the foreword to my book. He wrote, "POGOs, like the author, could no longer

be considered to be separate from the battle and had to be trained and ready to take their part in the action."

At the end of my book I wrote, "I felt a sense of sadness at departing. This place – my tent, in fact all my experiences in Vietnam – had been such a significant part of my life... I would not easily forget this country."

And I didn't. I have been back to Vietnam 16 times since 2007.

I connected with some Montagnard (ethnic minority) orphanages in Kon Tum Province, Central Highlands. I committed to giving proceeds from the sale of my book to orphanages and projects in Montagnard villages. With these funds and other generous donations, I funded five wells, a series of culverts, kitchens, dining rooms, dormitories, classrooms, infirmaries, ablutions and bakeries.

This work continues, and my book sales have helped me achieve this. It seems ironic that this country – once torn apart by wars, and in which I spent so much time as a soldier, albeit a POGO – continues to draw me back. ←

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# ARTEFACT AS TENACIOUS AS *The Rats of Tobruk* IT COMMEMORATES

Record low water levels at Tinaroo Dam on the Atherton Tablelands in Far North Queensland revealed a unique piece of military history, now permanently on display at the Malanda RSL & Citizens Memorial Club.



**BRENDA** van Vengel was watching television coverage about the effect of the drought on Tinaroo Dam water levels, when she noticed something unusual. The Malanda RSL Club social member saw a ‘T’ exposed above the waterline.

Recognising it as part of the Rats of Tobruk emblem, Brenda realised it likely had historical significance and should be removed before it was re-covered by forecasted rain.

It turned out to be a stone mosaic that had been preserved under the waters of Lake Tinaroo for almost 60 years. The mosaic was found next to a fireplace, that was possibly part of the kitchen floor of an official mess hall, which had been hidden since the dam filled in 1959.

Malanda Sub Branch Secretary Ken Willoughby worked with Queensland Parks and Wildlife, Eacham Historical Society and the traditional owners, the Wadjanbarra Yidinji people, to secure permission to remove the mosaic for conservation. Ken estimates he made more than 300 phone calls to ensure its preservation.

The mosaic is considered by the Australian War Memorial to have national significance. A Queensland ANZAC Centenary Spirit of Service grant allowed the Sub Branch to engage Malanda Men’s Shed group to build a case to display the 120kg artefact at Malanda RSL & Citizens Memorial Club.

Two original Rats of Tobruk – 100-year-old Henry Tranter and 98-year-old Gordon Wallace – were among approximately 200 people who gathered to officially unveil the rescued mosaic on September 15. Although both were born on the Atherton Tablelands, only Henry still lives in the area. RSL Queensland flew Gordon up from South East Queensland for the event.

Other special guests included RSL Queensland President Tony Ferris, Tablelands Regional Council Mayor Joe Pararella and Tablelands Regional Council Councillor Anthony Ball.

Although the creator of the mosaic isn’t known, it is likely to have been one of the original Rats of Tobruk. Between April and August 1941, approximately 14,000 Australian soldiers (primarily the 9th Division) were besieged in Tobruk by Rommel’s forces. The troops were withdrawn in stages between August and October.

Following the Siege of Tobruk, the Rats of Tobruk (as they became known) were posted to the Atherton Tablelands for rest and jungle training, before being deployed to New Guinea.

“You can’t get more Australian than taking an enemy’s insult and turning it into a badge of honour,” Tony told the crowd.

“Under siege by Rommel’s troops and enduring desert heat, dust storms and relentless bombing, the Australian soldiers defending the Libyan port of Tobruk were ‘rats caught in a trap’ – at least, according to the Nazi propaganda machine. But they hadn’t reckoned on the dry, self-deprecating humour of the Aussie soldiers. Rather than being demoralised, they took it as a sign they were making life hard for the Germans... and tried even harder.

“When all the odds are stacked against us, that’s when we Aussies dig in our heels and give it everything. So, it seems appropriate that this hearthstone surfaced now, during one of the toughest periods of drought we’ve experienced.” 14





**TOP:** Rats of Tobruk veterans Henry Tranter and Gordon Wallace with Cadets unveiling the mosaic at Malanda RSL & Citizens Memorial Club.

**ABOVE:** The 120kg fireplace mosaic was most likely built by one of the original Rats of Tobruk.

**RIGHT:** RSL Queensland President Tony Ferris with 100-year-old Rat of Tobruk veteran Henry Tranter.

**FAR RIGHT:** Henry Tranter and Gordon Wallace with members of the van Vengel family. The mosaic was rescued from its watery grave thanks to Brenda, left, who spotted the artefact while watching TV coverage on Tinaroo Dam water levels.

**LEFT:** Malanda RSL Sub Branch President Phil English, left, Treasurer, John Reghenzani, Rats of Tobruk veterans Henry Tranter and Gordon Wallace, Sub Branch Secretary Ken Willoughby and Vice President James Carroll.



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# THE BEAUFIGHTER TEAM *Brothers in Arms*

When two 'Colonials' joined the Royal Air Force, a life-long friendship was forged and a stealth duo took to the night skies.

 Wayne Brown







**RIGHT:**  
Pilot Officer  
Alan Brown  
and Navigator  
Vic “Possum”  
Whitfield.

**BELOW:**  
Alan and his  
wife Edna.

A routine WWII night fighter mission suddenly found 21-year-old Pilot Officer Alan Brown and 23-year-old Navigator Vic “Possum” Whitfield committed to a deadly duel as their matte-black Beaufighter engaged a German flak train they spotted.

With their night fighter’s limited ammunition loading, only short bursts of .303 rounds from its six Browning machine guns were possible, interspersed with 20mm cannon fire from the quad Hispano Mk 3s. Meanwhile, the Germans fired heavy streams of colourful 20mm tracered projectiles from their more generous reserves in response.

Reeling from multiple strikes, the damaged “Beau” beat a hasty withdrawal, hoping its twin Hercules engines were still capable of powering it back to base. After a long, anxious flight they finally landed safely.

The ever-reliable ground crew had to patch over 20 sizeable holes, check for serious structural damage and have the aircraft back to operational status as soon as possible. Both German and Japanese foes dubbed the Beaufighter “Whispering Death” for its ability to suddenly arrive on the scene, creating havoc.

Dodging enemy flak and cannon fire was a very different scenario to Alan Brown’s pre-war vocation – picking



apples on the family orchard near Bapaume in South East Queensland. The nine-year-old first became interested in planes and flying as he climbed a tall tree to prolong the magical sight of a buzzing Tiger Moth as it barnstormed in the district.

When Alan’s father, “Pop” Brown purchased an Astor radio for 10 pounds, with part of the deal including a five-minute joy flight in a Tiger Moth, Alan really became hooked on flying!

But when Alan finished school, aged 12, the fruit block needed attention, as did his relationship with life-long partner, Edna Chappell. Still inseparable at 95, they met as country neighbours living only 12 miles from each other.

Alan’s service during WWII was the only time they were apart. Within a week of returning home they were married, with Alan in full dress uniform.

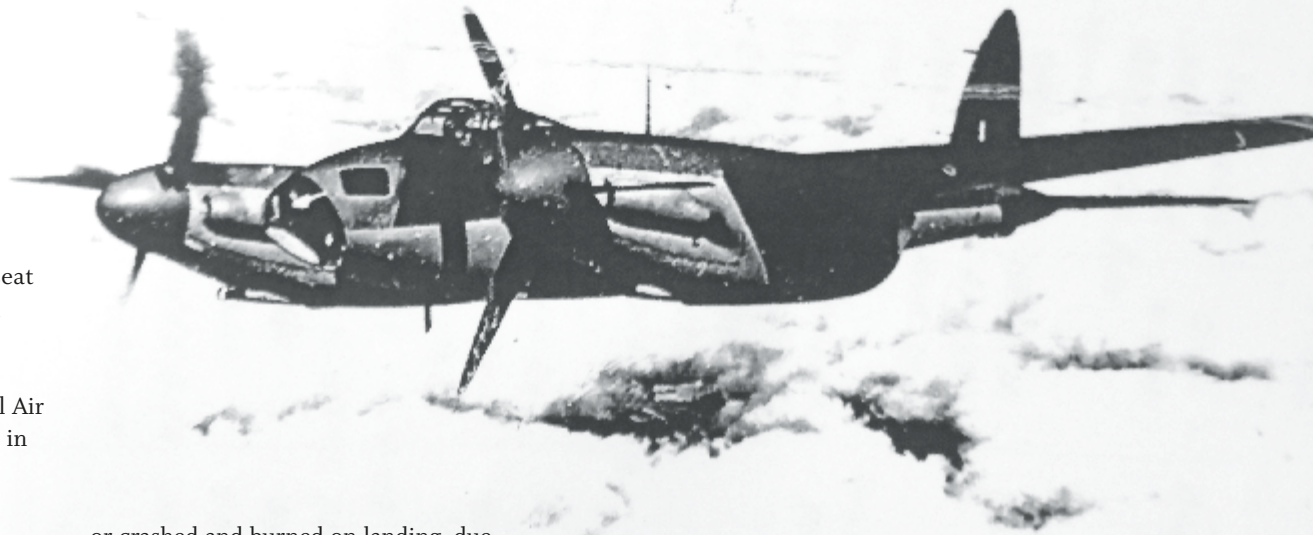
Having completed 100 missions, he was offered two choices – do another 100 or go home. Say no more! It took two weeks to get from Athens to Bombay, via stopovers at El Adem, Cairo, Callia (the Dead Sea), Habbinyah, Basrah, Bahrein, Dubai, Jiwan and Karachi.

Just missing the *Liberty* ship from Bombay, Alan was seconded into the military postal system for six weeks until the next sailing. After two weeks at sea, he arrived in Melbourne and jumped on a northbound train, alighting at Stanthorpe in Queensland. He was finally home after a three-and-a-half-year hiatus.

Signing up in 1941, 19-year-old Alan trained first in long-admired Tiger Moths at Narromine in New South Wales. Following this, he flew Ansons in Alberta, Canada, then back to Moths and Ansons at Wiltshire, England, as a sergeant,







**ABOVE:**  
One of the matt black night fighter Beaufighters Alan and Poss flew.

before climbing into the pilot's seat of Beauforts and Beaufighters in September 1943.

By early 1944, he was flying familiarisation sorties in the Royal Air Force's (RAF) 46 Squadron, based in North Africa. The 'Colonials' had arrived!

Alan and "Poss" were the only Australians embedded into the unit. The two like-minded airmen were soberly intent on getting on with the task at hand and each had a deep appreciation of the other's particular skills.

Poss was married with one child and Alan was engaged to Edna. An engine failed on their second flight together, leading to a "safe" crash landing. Poss was impressed with Alan's calm hand at the controls.

Many times, on night patrols, Poss's innate knowledge of astral navigation directed them safely to one of several alternative Allied airfields dotted across North Africa. He'd been a boy scout, with a grounding in compass usage and star recognition, greatly assisting navigation when nocturnal landmarks were invisible. Poss's nickname derived from his habit of curling into a ball, possum-like, while sleeping.

A total of 100 operations together welded them into a formidable team. The only incidences of skylarking were a low-level flight *between* the pyramids and a couple of jaunts past Gallipoli, where Pop Brown served for several months after going ashore on the second day.

Convoy patrols, strafing trains, staff cars, lorries and Axis troops camped in Athens stadium were all in a night's work. So, too, were clandestine insertions of agents behind enemy lines, ELAS underground missions and long-range reconnaissance.

On several occasions, return fire peppered the "Beau", with some hot enemy rounds ripping between the pilot's legs – tearing trousers, but missing flesh. Minor physical injuries did occur when their aircraft pancaked

or crashed and burned on landing, due to battle damage.

Tolerating the invasive annoyance of frequent sandstorms, poor diet and makeshift accommodation was merely part of being in a RAF unit, which treated the Colonials as somewhat inferior beings. The pair simply got on with the job, keeping apart from the reckless, carousing behaviour of their peers and survived.

Always looking forward to contact with home, they keenly awaited mail. Once, 110 days lapsed between deliveries. The drought was broken when a sackful of 130 letters arrived between them!

On each mission, no personal identification was allowed, while silk maps were issued should they land behind enemy lines and tiny compass buttons fastened on flight jackets. Both sat on a parachute and inflatable life raft and wore a life jacket under their flight jacket.

Flights took up to five hours, with no toilet facilities; a plastic water bottle and a sandwich was their only sustenance. Rapid preparedness for action was paramount. Their record "scramble" time was two-and-a-half minutes and their average was four minutes.

All missions were single aircraft operations; most with specific tasks, but with practical latitude to pursue and destroy Axis bombers, night fighters or ground targets of opportunity. Each night fighter Beau had flame arresters fitted to the exhaust, while one small hooded lamp each were the only visual aids for the crew. The matte-black exterior camouflage colouring assisted in the aircraft being almost invisible until armament firing flashes gave away its presence.

For almost three-and-a-half years, Alan flew a variety of aircraft in both training and aerial combat at locations around the world. Now, it was time to get married, settle down and enjoy a well-earned rest.

But this was not to be the case. In 1946, after the family farm was sold, the Browns moved to the Sunshine Coast, where Alan's love for being aloft soon found him heavily involved in regional gliding clubs over several decades.

He flew, mentored trainees and piloted the towing planes on hundreds of occasions, hauling gliders into the wide blue yonder, before casting them adrift to soar independently. At the age of 95, he only recently became medically grounded from driving his Holden ute.

I'm sure, however, that if he climbed into the cockpit of a restored Beau and pulled on his leather helmet, he could still perform a few aerobatics and loop-the-loops. Well done Alan – your family, friends, ex-servicemen and this particular nephew are truly proud of you.

#### POSTSCRIPT

Sadly, Vic "Possum" Whitfield wasn't able to enjoy much post-war life. He passed away from appendicitis complications just a few weeks after returning home via America, and only two days after a fond reunion visit from Alan.

On another sad note, Alan's wife Edna passed away in November 2017 following a brief illness, not long after she had proof-read and approved this article. ←

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# CAMPAIGN FOR COMMEMORATION

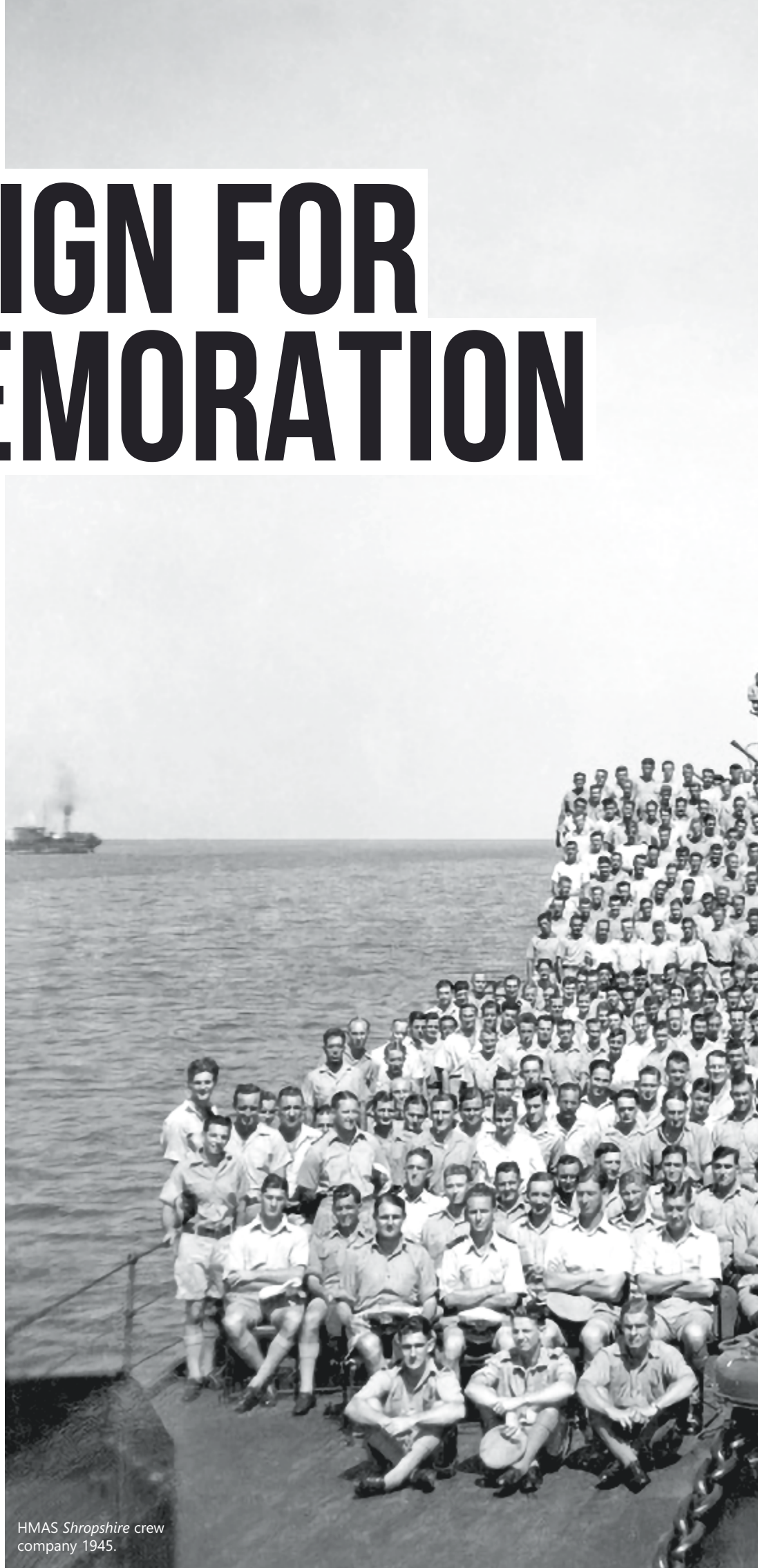
For David Mattiske, now 93 years old, the Battle of Leyte Gulf in October 1944 was the highlight of his short, but significant, Naval career.

 Kylie Hatfield

**ENLISTING** on his 18th birthday, David spent the three years of his service in HMAS *Shropshire*, starting from Milne Bay, throughout the Philippines campaign and then on to Tokyo, where it was the flagship representing Australia days before the surrender.

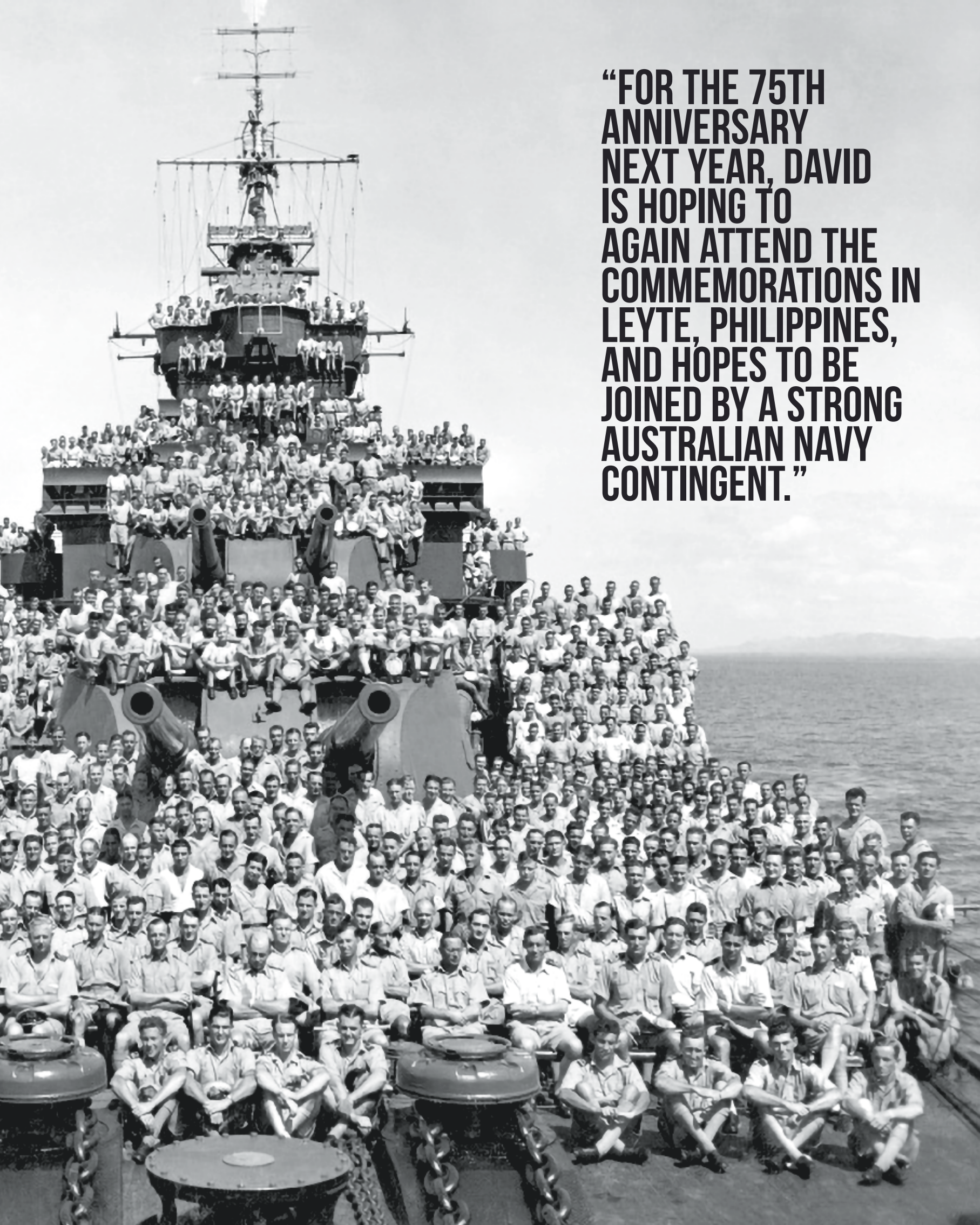
“I had several positions, but the one that I thought was most interesting and important was to be a lookout. I was in a lookout team that manned what was known as the Captain’s Sights on the compass platform,” David said.

“We were responsible for reporting whatever we saw and heard to the Officer of the Watch, the Gunnery Officer or, if the Captain was there, he sat on a stool beside you and listened to everything you had to say.”



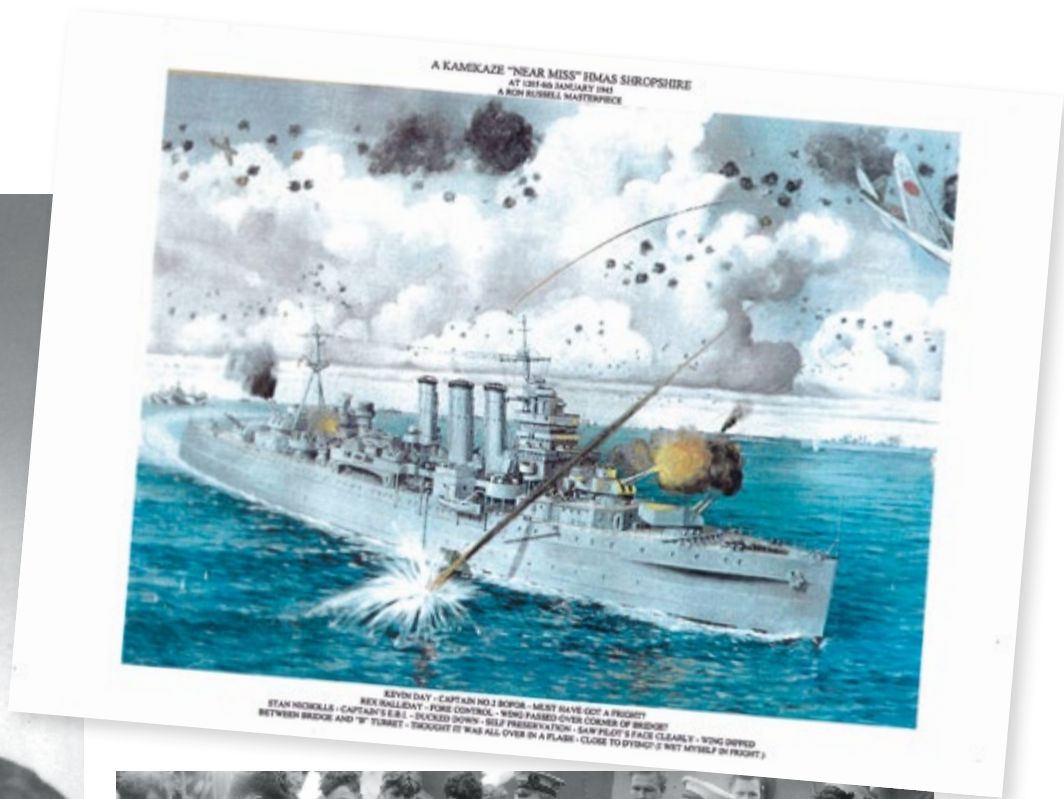
HMAS *Shropshire* crew company 1945.





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David describes the Battle of Leyte Gulf as the “greatest naval battle in man’s sea-faring history”, with some 341,000 tonnes sunk. A “humble Able Seaman” by his own admission, David is now campaigning to have the 75th anniversary in October 2019 commemorated accordingly.

“There were four major operations taking place at the one time, and the Battle of Surigao Strait is the last time in man’s history when battle ships and cruisers would battle it out with naval guns. It will never happen again,” David said.

“So, the 75th anniversary is a very important point in world history and in that particular battle, HMAS *Arunta*, the Australian Destroyer, and then the Cruiser HMAS *Shropshire*, which I was a member of, performed quite magnificently.

“Here we were, the Navy’s biggest naval operation of any time; ultimately there were 20 ships of the Australian Navy involved in the Philippines campaign and probably 5000 or more men, yet it has never been given its rightful place in history.”

David attends the annual commemorations held on the Gold Coast, where he now lives; however, this year will be travelling to the city of Surigao in the Philippines for their official commemorations. This will be his third visit to the region for their commemoration, which is a major festival of the city, attracting around 2000 people.

“On the foreshore there is quite a big memorial, with a plaque dedicated to HMAS *Shropshire* and HMAS *Arunta*. The Philippine people have been very kind and hospitable and

given us a very important role in their commemorations,” David said.

“Embassy officials in the past have told us that our trips to these commemorations have created an enormous amount of goodwill between Australia and the Philippines.”

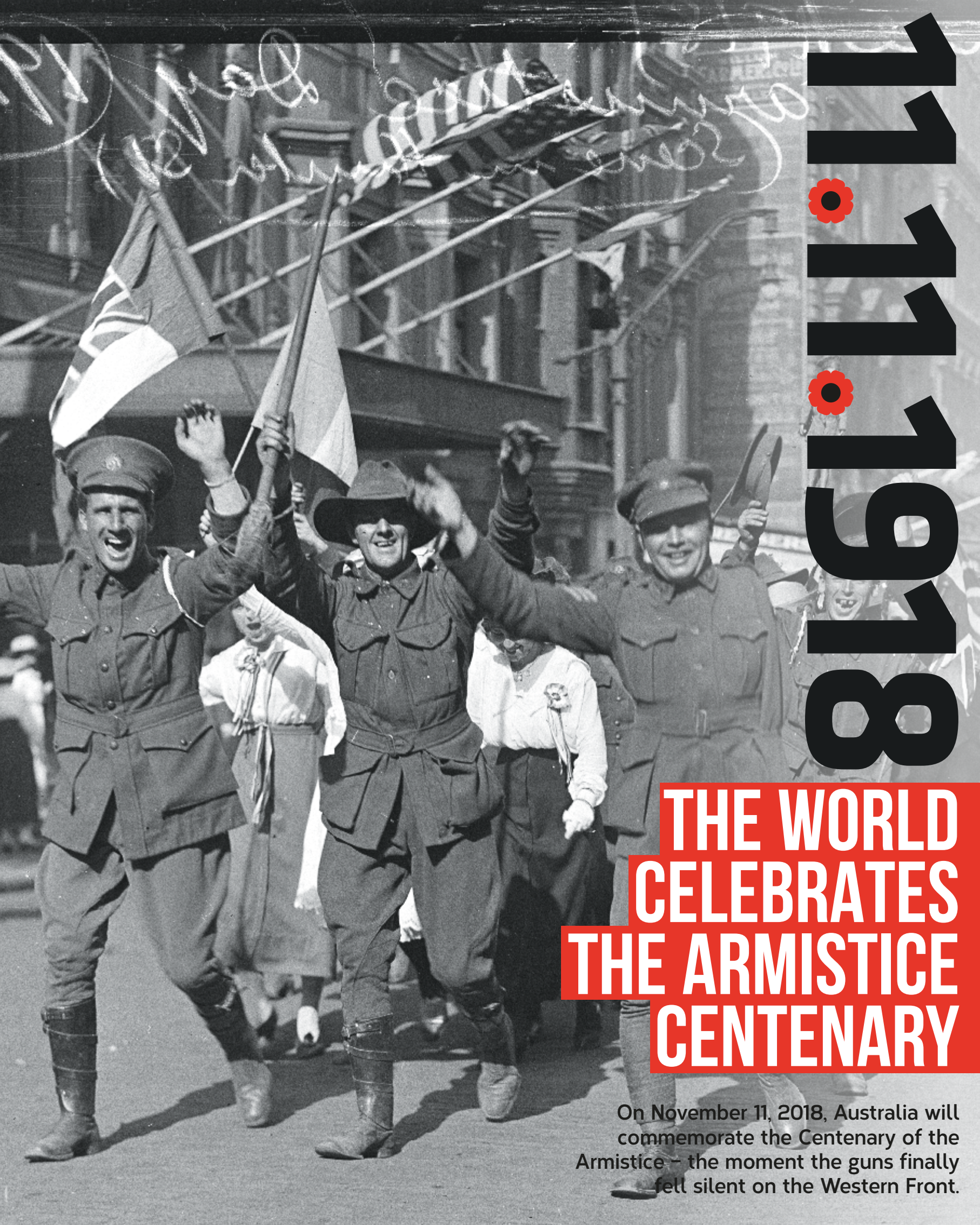
For the 75th anniversary next year, David is hoping to again attend the commemorations in Leyte, Philippines, and hopes to be joined by a strong Australian Navy contingent.

“We would hope that conditions are such that the Navy is able to represent Australia in Leyte Gulf and Surigao for that particular commemoration next year. These things have become very important because of their significance in history.”

David will travel to Leyte and the city of Surigao with members of the Southport RSL Sub Branch for the commemorations on October 25. ←

**CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:**  
David Matisse in 1943 at Flinders Naval Depot prior to boarding HMAS *Shropshire*; An artist’s impression of HMAS *Shropshire* in battle under Kamikaze attack; The *Shropshire* Gun Crew.





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**THE WORLD  
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THE ARMISTICE  
CENTENARY**

On November 11, 2018, Australia will commemorate the Centenary of the Armistice – the moment the guns finally fell silent on the Western Front.





## Fact File

Although the private railway carriage in which the Armistice was signed returned to ordinary traffic, it was returned to the Clairière d'Armistice – a specially designed building in the Forest of Compiègne – in November 1927. It remained there until 1940, when it was transported to Berlin by German forces. However, it was set ablaze by SS troops in the final days of WWII.

 Anita Jaensch

**IT WAS** 5am on November 11, 1918. In a railway carriage in a snowy forest in France, representatives of France, Britain and Germany signed the document that would end four years of bloody conflict. The Armistice would come into effect six hours later – at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month.

News of the Armistice reached Britain by 10.20am and was telegraphed to the Australian Governor-General: “Most urgent armistice signed 5AM this morning.”

Despite the late hour, the news was greeted with jubilation. The scene in Barcardine – captured by the *Townsville Daily Bulletin* – was echoed across the country: “the ringing of school, fire and church bells brought out

hundreds of people from their beds in all sorts of attire. The gratifying news soon circulated, and the jubilation increased... at 9am, the streets were quite crowded with people who were worked up to a great pitch of excitement.”

The joy and relief, though, were tinged with pain and loss. In a nation of less than five million people, hardly a single family was left untouched; more than 60,000 soldiers had been killed and a further 156,000 had been wounded or taken prisoner. Some 23,000 soldiers were missing, and their families would never learn what had happened to their loved ones.



## Fact File



Australia's youngest casualty was Private James Martin, who was just 14 when he died of typhoid fever contracted in the trenches of Gallipoli.







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The pen used to sign the Armistice is displayed at the Musée de l'Armée in Paris. It was rescued by a French officer before German troops reached the Clairière d'Armistice. The museum also holds an ashtray souvenired by one of the people present at the signing.

although they had left the battlefields behind, they had brought the horrors of what they had lived through home.

### THE TREATY OF VERSAILLES

Although the Armistice ended the fighting, it would take six months of negotiation before the Treaty of Versailles was signed in June 1919.

Australian Prime Minister Billy Hughes had fought for Australia to represent its own interests at the peace conference, arguing that the nation had won this right by its disproportional sacrifice during the war. As a result, he and Deputy Prime Minister Joseph Cook both added their signatures to the document – the first time that Australia had signed an international treaty.

### REMEMBERING THE FALLEN

In towns and cities all over Australia, memorials and rolls of honour spoke of the terrible toll that 'the war to end all wars' had taken on families and communities.

The moment of the ceasefire gradually became associated with the remembrance of those who lost their lives during the war. On the first anniversary of the Armistice, King George V asked all the people of the British Empire to stop and observe two minutes' silence at 11am – a moment of respect and remembrance that is now a central feature of commemorative services on Remembrance Day. ←

#### LEFT (TOP TO BOTTOM):

Children wearing patriotic costumes in the Armistice Day procession at Canungra (State Library of Queensland); Mounted troops leading servicemen in the Armistice Day Peace Parade in Townsville (State Library of Queensland).

#### OPPOSITE PAGE (TOP TO BOTTOM):

A crowd in Martin Place, Sydney, celebrates the news of the signing of the Armistice (AWM: H11563); 2nd Battalion 26th Infantry Band at the Enoggera Army Barracks on Armistice Day (State Library of Queensland); Members of the Red Cross volunteers march during the Armistice Day procession in Brisbane (State Library of Queensland).

## Fact File

The last soldier to be killed in action in WWI was American Private Henry Gunther. He was killed while charging a German entrenchment, just 60 seconds before the ceasefire.

### ON THE BATTLEFIELD

At the Front, the mood was subdued. Word of the imminent ceasefire had reached the troops, but the fighting continued right to the last moment. On that final day of conflict, there were almost 11,000 casualties, and 2738 men died.

"It was hard to believe the war was over," Colonel Percy Dobson wrote.

"Everything was just the same; tired troops everywhere and cold, drizzly winter weather – just the same as if the war were still on."

It would take time for the exhausted troops to realise that they had survived and would be returning home. But for many Australian soldiers, it would be many months before they saw familiar shores. And many would find that,



# AN INSPIRING EXAMPLE TO ALL

Behind every Victoria Cross is a story of extraordinary heroism and sacrifice. The tale of Harry Dalziel – as told by his son, David – is no different.

 Claire Hunter



HE was known as ‘Two Gun Harry’ and was awarded the Victoria Cross for his “conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty” during the battle of Hamel a century ago.

But to his son, David, Harry Dalziel was the softly-spoken father he loved and adored; the quiet and unassuming man who let him take his Victoria Cross to school for show and tell, and the man who twirled the flag at him and his family as he marched by with his mates on ANZAC Day.

“He was just a lovely bloke,” David said. “He was always smiling, and he loved to talk to people, and that kind of sums it up, actually...”

“We always knew he was important, because he was always celebrated in places, and he always marched in Brisbane on ANZAC Day to see his mates, and that was a great catch-up for them, to be with the people who would understand what they all felt like... but he was just a lovely bloke.

“The actual medal was just lying around the house for a long time. I

took it to school for show and tell, and Dad came to my school to talk briefly to the children there.

“There were always photographs, too... and we got a letter from Queen Elizabeth when she was Princess Elizabeth. So, I was always pretty much aware of it, but not like now. Now, it’s mind-blowing.”

Private Harry Dalziel was serving as a Lewis gun operator with the 15th Battalion in northern France when it was given the task of capturing a position called Pear Trench during the battle of Hamel on July 4, 1918.

With a revolver in each hand, Harry dashed at an enemy machine-gun post, single-handedly capturing the gun and its entire crew. He raced out over open ground under heavy fire three times to secure ammunition boxes, even though he’d been severely wounded.

Like many Diggers, Harry didn’t talk much about his experiences during the war to his family, but he wrote about it later.

“We were harassed by murderous fire from a nearby enemy stronghold,” he wrote. “My gun had cleaned up one nest, but another planted in a different direction opened fire. I dashed at it, killing seven Germans with my own revolvers. One German bloodhound wounded me in the hand, but I soon had him on the ground. I lunged at him with my German dagger, catching him right over the heart. His dying cry upset me, and I shivered.”

Harry was ordered to the rear for medical treatment, but ignored the order and was found in the thick of the fighting when Pear Trench was finally captured.

“Blood was pouring from my wounded hand, but I advanced with the others,” he wrote. “The poor Huns came up with their hands above their heads calling ‘Merci Comrade’. They were handing out watches of different makes, gold and silver leaf wrist watches of beautiful designs. I felt like a war lord with my two revolvers pointing at them and one dagger in my belt. We sent them off with their beautiful watches to the ‘moppers up’. This was a grand experience for me and I relished every minute of it. We found Huns dead in all directions, up







**ABOVE:** Harry married Ida Maude Ramsay, an Army nurse, on August 8, 1920 at the Congregational Church, Fortitude Valley, in Brisbane. The photograph was retouched to hide his wound.

**LEFT (TOP):** Harry was awarded the 1000th Victoria Cross for his actions during the battle of Hamel (AWM: A05444).

**LEFT (BELOW):** Men of the 15th Battalion on the day of the fight at Hamel, worn out and asleep under camouflage that was found covering a German trench mortar in Pear Trench. (AWM: E02664)

in trees, under duck boards, in shell holes... everywhere.”

Harry’s trigger finger had been badly injured when his hand was wounded in the attack on the machine-gun post, and he was again ordered to the aid post for treatment, but again he refused, going only as far as the ammunition boxes.

“My ammunition ran out, so I had to go and look for more,” he wrote. “One machine-gun dogged me up, only for my vamoose he would have had me. I noticed when he finished firing, I had two spent bullets stuck in my puttee. A near miss. I had to crawl on my hands and knees over the hill. I had a charmed life and carried on to the ammunition dump. I could see the ammunition in boxes scattered all over the place. The first box I saw I put on my shoulder and made my way back, and then the fun commenced. They were throwing everything at me from the needle to the elephant. One whiz-

bang burst behind me. A 5.9 came at me nearly hitting the box.

“I was going to carry on only I fell into a shell hole full of water. I crawled as I have never crawled before, placing my belt around the box of ammunition. I could see my cold-blooded machine-gun nest near at hand, so I pushed on and almost fell over into it. To my consternation I found that I had brought hand grenades instead of ammunition for my little ‘Tilly’ Lewis machine-gun...

“I gave the grenades to the troops digging in, and got going again... A few stray shells were lobbing around me, but they did not concern me. The Germans might have been clearing out, but to my sorrow they were advancing again, coming on in hordes about five hundred yards away from our objective... I got down to my gun again and this time it was real shooting. All along the line our machine-guns rattled, and our artillery had them in a quandary...

“After crawling and puffing and dodging shells, and falling into shell holes, I managed to get back with another box of ammunition. I had to change my cocking handle over to the left side, because my right hand was getting stiff. My feet were sore and my head ached as if there were two or three heads on my shoulders... The Germans were slacking off a bit, but the sniper fire still kept on popping away. They had several pot shots at me, so I climbed a little nearer to the ground and hugged my little Lewis gun.

“I started to roll about in pain. I got out of my machine-gun nest and scrambled back again... I felt a pain in my head with blood streaming from the left side of my head near the temple. They had hit me at last. My dispatch overseas to Blighty or my last resting place was over.”

Harry had been hit in the head by a sniper’s bullet, which shattered his skull and left part of his brain exposed. His mates thought he was dead, but

despite all odds Harry managed to survive.

“He was put on the pile of bodies, but someone noticed that he was still going,” David said.

“He was rushed off to a hospital in Rouen in France, where the real life-saving work happened... [but] I argue about why he didn’t die, actually. A mate who was with him [said] the sniper’s bullet hit his helmet and the hole in the helmet was as big as a man’s fist... The wound was quite big... more than a 50-cent coin in size... and it was always open. When you saw it, you could see the brain pulsating underneath the tissue... and my mother had to clean the wound. It never healed, because the skull was smashed – the skull was gone – and he always had problems after that. He always had a lot of headaches [and] was lying down with Bex powders and all that... and we had to be careful not to jump on him on the bed or anything, of course... but we did.”

Harry was awarded the 1000th Victoria Cross for his actions that day at Hamel a century ago.

“His magnificent bravery and devotion to duty was an inspiring example to all his comrades,” the citation read. “And his dash and unselfish courage at a most critical time undoubtedly saved many lives and turned what would have been a serious check into a splendid success.”

When King George V presented Harry with the Victoria Cross at Buckingham Palace in December 1918, Harry was said to have been so nervous that he was bowing to everyone he met, including the waiters. But when his mother heard the news back home in Australia, she told reporters simply: “Of course I’m wonderfully proud of my ‘soldier boy’ as he always described himself in his letters, but never mind the VC as long as I get my boy home safe and well.”

After the war, his friends called him Two Gun Harry, but he used to say that it should be Four Gun Harry.







**OPPOSITE (TOP):**

Harry in 1941: "He was always smiling, and he loved to talk to people."

**OPPOSITE (CENTRE):**

Harry meeting the Queen Mother during her visit to Australia in 1958. She wished him a happy birthday.

**OPPOSITE (BOTTOM):**

Harry and Elsie with their son David in 1942.

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"At one stage he said he could have had a gun in each hand as well as [two] in his pockets and the dagger in his belt, but I never knew about that when we were younger," David said.

"Just like the other Diggers, he didn't talk [about the war]... but he did say something about how he first used his bayonet on a Turk at Gallipoli and how it shocked him terribly. This hand-to-hand combat, I think, is what was the most shocking for soldiers. It wasn't a bullet that was at a distance, it was up close, and it must have been awful..."

"So, we knew he was a Victoria Cross bloke, and we knew that it was highly significant, because when we were quite young someone sort of passed the word around the family that Harry won the war."

Henry 'Harry' Dalziel was born at Ragged Camp near Irvinebank in Far North Queensland on February 18, 1893. His parents, James and Eliza, were itinerant prospectors, who moved around Australia before settling at 'Carmel Bank', a farm near Atherton, in 1905.

Known to his siblings as 'Lal', Harry was just seven years old when he told his mother, "I'm going to be a soldier of the Queen when I grow up".

This was during the Second Boer War in South Africa, but Harry never forgot his vow. When WWI broke out, Harry became a soldier of the King, enlisting in the Australian Imperial Force in January 1915 and sailing overseas with the 15th Battalion. He served at Gallipoli, and was lucky to survive the explosion of an Ottoman artillery shell at Hill 971 in August 1915. Many of his mates were killed, but Harry was later evacuated to England before returning to his battalion during its relief from the Somme in September 1916. He was severely wounded in the arm by shrapnel near Broodseinde in October 1917 and returned to his unit in June 1918, just weeks before the battle of Hamel.

"When there was something to do, like there was at Hamel, he got in and did it," David said.

"He was told to retreat, to go back to

the aid station after he was injured in his right hand... [but] he kept going. Like a lot of the soldiers, they knew there was a job to be done and they weren't going to be stopped from doing it. They didn't want the Germans to win. That would have been unthinkable."

But even in the thick of battle at Hamel, Harry never lost his compassion.

"A little German boy in tin hat and grey uniform, only about 14 or 15 years old, came crying to me – 'Merci Comrade, merci' out in No Man's Land," he later wrote. "Two burly Yanks came at him with their bayonets fixed. Stop, I cried, raising my two empty revolvers. Don't move or I will blow your bloody heads off."

He told them to take the "little German back to the Captain", and "on passing the dressing station, I saw a German soldier with his foot blown away and the two Yanks and the little Fritz conversing together. One of the Yanks came over to me and said, 'This German soldier wants to speak to you'. 'Comrade,' he said to me, 'you have saved my son,' and without any hocks to it, he shook my hand."

It was a moment Harry would never forget.

After the war, he returned to Australia and married an Army nurse named Ida Ramsay in Brisbane. They took up a soldier-settlement block near Atherton in Queensland that they called 'Zenith', but Harry's head wound troubled him constantly and he found life hard with his wartime injuries. The couple eventually separated, and Ida remained on the farm. Harry moved south, eventually settling in Brisbane to try to find work and be close to the medical care he needed.

During the Depression years, he joined the Citizens Military Force and found some fame as a songwriter. Some of his songs and verses were published in Britain and the US, including his favourite, 'A Song of the Tableland', about his home in Far North Queensland.

"It was such a tear jerker," David said. "That was the place he loved

– the Atherton Tablelands – and he wrote it when he wasn't there, and he was unlikely to go back. He went to Brisbane to find work, and because of his injuries he didn't succeed that much, but he certainly had time to write poetry, and it was good stuff... He was an emotional bloke, and I think I understand that now."

It was in Brisbane in the mid-1930s that Harry met and fell in love with David's mother, a nurse called Elsie Kanowski, and went on to have three children – David, Ann and Frank.

When WWII broke out, Harry volunteered for the militia and was involved in recruiting, training and fundraising drives, but was discharged as medically unfit in 1943.

Not long afterwards, he came to the aid of German dairy farmers Jakob and Christina Mayer. Jakob had fought with the German Army in WWI, and had been placed under house arrest as an enemy alien during WWII, but Christina was taken from her three young children and interned at the Gaythorne and Tatura internment camps in northern Victoria.

"The mother was interned because she kept saying too much about her lovely homeland," David said. "They told her not to do that, but she did, and [my father] then used whatever influence he might have had to have the mother returned to her family... That's just what he was like."

Unbeknown to the Mayer family, Harry had written to Attorney-General Dr Herbert Evatt seeking the mother's release, adding that he would accept personal responsibility for the family's integrity and ongoing loyalty to Australia.

The couple's son Reinhard later wrote of the joy Harry's actions had brought the family.

"We were overwhelmed and virtually stood in awe of this unpretentious, quietly spoken man, who would have had far more reason to turn away from us. After all, he and my father fought against each other in WWI, yet he was the one who had compassion on us and reached his hand across the barriers of enmity and put his own status and



integrity on the line for us. Harry Dalziel really was our Good Samaritan.”

In 1949, Harry even posted his Victoria Cross – the medal he had almost died for – to the then Princess Elizabeth as a gift for her son Prince Charles. The future Queen’s reply was neatly handwritten on two sheets of Buckingham Palace stationery.

“I was most touched to receive your letter of 1st November and the Victoria Cross, which you won on American Independence Day 1918,” she wrote. “I know that it must be a very treasured possession, and am deeply grateful for the honour of being offered this Victoria Cross as a gift.

“However, after consulting the King, and after much thought, I do not feel that it is right that I should accept such a present on behalf of my son. I do not wish you to think that I do this through any lack of appreciation, but it is because I feel most strongly that you should retain this mark of the King’s, and the Commonwealth’s, esteem for supreme valour in battle.

“In returning your Victoria Cross, I do so with profound understanding of the depth of loyalty and affection which prompted your action.

“I am yours sincerely, Elizabeth.”

In 1956, Harry was invited to attend the Victoria Cross centenary celebrations in London, where he met the Queen and other war heroes. He returned to Hamel to place a wreath on the village cenotaph, but it seemed so very different, and the passing years had hidden the site of his Victoria Cross action. “The whole place seems covered with greenery – poppies, farms, wheat, all kinds of agriculture,” he said later. “It just didn’t seem the same place.”

Harry died at Greenslopes Private Hospital in Brisbane on July 24, 1965 at the age of 72, after suffering a stroke. He was given a funeral with full military honours at St John’s Anglican Cathedral, and the City Hall flags flew at half-mast. On the other side of town, the street sign at Dalziel Street, which was named in his honour, is said to have toppled over during his funeral;

residents telling reporters it looked “just like a cross on a soldier’s grave”.

Today, Harry’s son David remains especially proud of his father and has created a website ([www.harrydalzielvc.org](http://www.harrydalzielvc.org)) and a companion book in his honour.

“Here was this bloke who was once very young and strong and athletic, and all that sort of thing, and he did what he did for Australia,” David said. “And that’s what’s driven me to do what I’ve done... I would see him getting around the house as an older man...

“He wore his balaclava a lot with the cold, and was lying down a lot with his headaches. He was even part of the advertising for Bex powders as well, because he used to have Bex powders in this paper thing and you’d open it up and tip it into your mouth and drink some water.

“He used to say [the headaches] were a bit of his legacy... for sticking his head in the way, but he really did get on with things, he really did. Maybe he was boosted by his acceptance of what he did, but I think he was always that sort of bloke.

“Harry was much, much more than an amazing war hero. More than anything, he was a lovely man. He couldn’t play football or cricket [with us as children]... but he was an amazing bloke to have as a father.”

Harry Dalziel’s Victoria Cross is on display in the Hall of Valour at the Australian War Memorial.

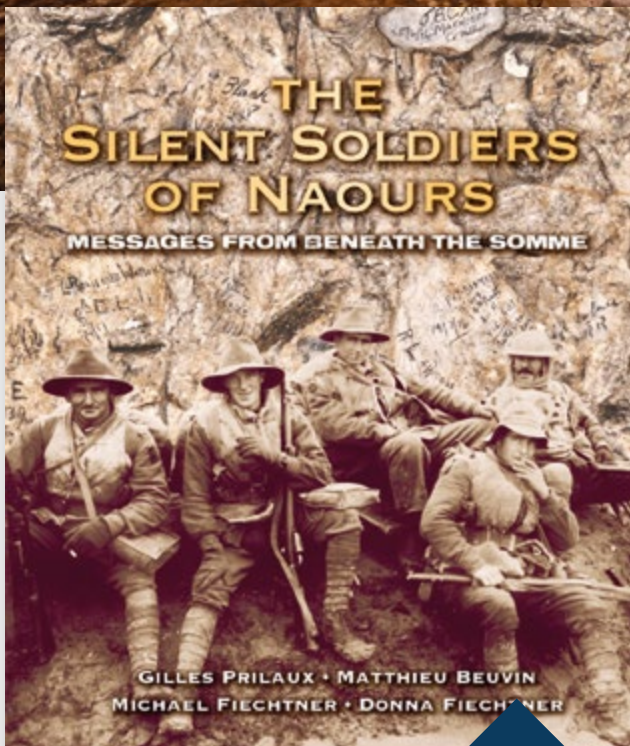
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# THE SILENT SOLDIERS OF NAOURS

Michael Fiechtner



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Turn to page 86 for a chance to win one of four copies of *The Silent Soldiers of Naours: Messages from Beneath the Somme*.

Within hidden chambers inside caves in northern France, an incredible secret of the Great War was recently rediscovered – the signatures and graffiti of French, English and Australian soldiers etched over 100 years ago.

**LIKE** many others in the region, the village of Naours was a place for soldiers to rest and recuperate “behind the lines”. Cheeky Aussies visited and left their names on walls as a legacy. Many would go off to the battlefields and never return.

Back in the Middle Ages, the caves were hollowed out as a refuge for the local village, only to be rediscovered and explored by a local abbot (head of a monastery) in the late 18th century.

More recently, French archaeologist Gilles Prileaux and his team rediscovered the caves and unearthed the incredible stories of what happened to these men over 100 years ago.





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Having been part of the Lost Diggers of Vignacourt project, my wife Donna and I became involved with Gilles and his team, while working in a small village near Naours, Vignacourt, that was also once behind the lines during WWI.

Beneath the small village of Naours,

over 3000 signatures are recorded on the walls of a network of ancient underground caves. Most signatures were scrawled by Australian soldiers while on leave or training for combat in Vignacourt and surrounding areas. Many went off to WWI battlefields and never returned, leaving their names

forever etched in history.

Together with a local high school, we have been involved in the research and investigation of these signatures, matching them with the names and biographies of soldiers. From this research, Donna, Gilles, Matthieu Beuvin and I wrote *The Silent Soldiers of Naours: Messages from Beneath the Somme*.

This is a military book with a heart, and it includes images of signatures and graffiti (drawings) matched to the names of Australian soldiers with their full biographies and pictures. It is a unique story that offers something new to readers interested in the history of WWI.

During late 2018, an exhibition will be coordinated with the Royal Historical Society of Queensland to tell the story of the Queensland Diggers who left their names at Naours.

You can follow this story and that of the caves at [www.silentsoldiersofnaours.com](http://www.silentsoldiersofnaours.com) and on Facebook @ssonaours. ←

**ABOVE AND OPPOSITE:** During WWI, over 2000 signatures were left on the walls of underground limestone caves in Picardy, France. They are a legacy to the men who fought and a legacy to future generations. They are the stories of the “Silent Soldiers of Naours”. (Photos: Gilles Priloux and Dominique Bossut)



# A TALE OF TWO SOLDIERS

November 10, 1918 – the eve of the Armistice. Two brothers serving in different areas of France were reunited by chance, spending the final hours of the war together in safety and brotherly comradeship. Their nephew, Alan Barker, tells the serendipitous story of his uncles.

 Alan Ralph Barker

**MY** uncle, Captain Harold Arthur Barker DCM, enlisted in the Australian Imperial Force on August 17, 1914. Two months later, he departed from Melbourne on the HMAT *Hororata* A20 bound for Egypt.

CAPT Barker was one of the ANZACs who landed at Gallipoli on April 25, 1915. A Lance Corporal at the time, he was later awarded a Distinguished Conduct Medal for “conspicuous gallantry” during the Gallipoli landing and promoted to a commissioned rank shortly afterwards.

## PRAISE FOR HIS ROLE AT GALLIPOLI

Captain Barker was praised by Brigadier General Harold (Pompey) Edward Elliott for his role at Gallipoli.

“One who distinguished himself above his fellows was Harold Barker. He was not a member of the CMF at the time, but enlisted in the 7th Battalion in August 1914, and was posted to the Machine Gun Section under Lieut Whitelaw,” BRIG Elliott said.

“Soon afterwards, he was promoted to the rank of Lance Corporal, and

whilst holding that rank Barker landed with the Battalion on the 25th day of April, 1915, at Gallipoli. At the spot where the boat, in which his detachment was, grounded, the water was deep close to the shore, and into this her stern projected.

“Misfortune at once overtook the detachment in the loss of one of the three guns with which they were armed, through one of the men leaping overboard with it at the stern into the deep water as soon as the boat grounded, and being obliged to let the gun go to save himself.

“The web belts carrying the ammunition for the guns also fell into the water, and after being with difficulty recovered, were found to have expanded and become temporarily useless. The detachment nevertheless pushed forward and were ordered by a staff officer to take up a position in the firing line beyond Monash Gully, where they were exposed to a severe shell fire, and suffered heavy casualties.

“Corporal Golding had been mortally wounded on the beach, and Lieut Whitelaw and Sergt East Almond were

speedily incapacitated by severe and dangerous wounds. Both guns were severely damaged and indeed almost destroyed.

**ABOVE:**  
Captain Harold  
Arthur Barker  
DCM, 7TH  
Battalion, AIF.  
(AWM: A05529)

## HAROLD ASSUMES COMMAND

“The command of the detachment was thereupon assumed by Lance Corporal Barker, who managed from the







remnants of the two guns to construct one serviceable weapon and maintained it in action throughout that day and the succeeding days.

“This gun played a prominent part in checking the counter attacks of the Turks upon our position. Lance Corporal Barker thus won the Distinguished Conduct Medal, and was shortly afterwards promoted to Commissioned Rank. He served throughout the Gallipoli Campaign until the evacuation in December 1915.

“In France later on he was promoted to the rank of Captain and commanded the 2nd Brigade Machine

Gun Company. During a battle in the Somme area he was dangerously wounded.

“It is to be remembered that the landing at Gallipoli was the baptism of fire of our boys and they found themselves plunged at once into the inferno of modern warfare, and Barker and his companions exhibited that initiative and enterprise which made the

Australian soldier pre-eminent in war.”

Between the wars, CAPT Barker joined the reserves as an officer and served again in WWII. He held the rank of Lieutenant Colonel when he was demobilised in 1944.

### BROTHER ENLISTS THREE YEARS LATER

Fredrick Charles Barker enlisted almost three years after his brother, on April 19, 1917, and joined the Division Signals Companies. He left Melbourne in August 1917 and served as a dispatch rider in France from September 1918.

On November 10, 1918, Sapper Barker was given several sealed dispatches and a list of Australian field positions to deliver them. As the sun was setting, his last delivery was to the commander of the machine gun unit.

### BROTHERS REUNITE ON THE BATTLEFIELD

Lo and behold, the commander turned out to be his older brother. The sealed dispatch notified the commander that, as of the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, hostilities would cease.

Thus, the two brothers spent the last night of the war together in safety. At a family reunion back in Australia, Harold related the story of their meeting, saying, “Typical Fred! The first thing he said to me was, ‘Harold, can you lend me some money for cigarettes?’”

During WWII, Fred was seconded as a procurement officer with the US Army in Brisbane under General MacArthur, where he helped establish military hospitals and building projects.

*References available upon request. ←*

LEFT:  
Captain Barker's  
brother, Fredrick  
Charles Barker.

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*Handwritten note:*  
Harold  
30.7.15



ABOVE: Gallipoli, April 25, 1915. The first field dressing station of the 7th Battalion, AIF. (AWM: H15233 – Photo supplied by Captain Barker)



# A DAY OF remembrance

For the son of WWI veteran James Grundy, the 11th day of the 11th month holds particularly special significance.

✍ Lillian Turner



James Grundy, centre, with two of his mates.

IT was a normal day in the office doing administration for Agnes Water/1770 Sub Branch, when I received a phone call from Allan Grundy, a resident of our small country town of Miriam Vale.

Allan asked if I could help him get a copy of the service medals of his father, James Grundy, who had been a driver in WWI. While applying for his medals, Allan told me about his father – including the fact he was born on November 11, 1889.

It made me wonder how many men born on the momentous date of November 11 went on to fight for our country in the war that gave us Remembrance Day.

As this year is the Centenary of Armistice, I felt it appropriate that James Grundy's story be told by his son. Unfortunately, four weeks after receiving his father's medals, Allan passed away on July 14, 2018. Consequently, this story was finished by his sister Judy.

James was born in Manchester, England. His family immigrated to Australia on the *Northampton* in 1893, when James was three years old. Luck was not on their side, as the ship hit a rock off Botany Bay and the captain beached the ship near La Perouse.

James was doing his apprenticeship as a boot manufacturer with his uncle when he enlisted in the Australian Imperial Force (AIF) at Holdsworth,

NSW, on August 30, 1915. Before being sent overseas, James was given four single blankets, a waterproof sheeting, one knife, a spoon, fork, two singlets, three pairs of socks, hat, pair of boots, cardigan jacket, dungaree, greatcoat and a set of flannels.

When I spoke to Allan and Judy, they both commented on their father's height on his enlistment papers. While the papers recorded his height as five feet two inches, in reality, James was only four feet 11 inches.

James told his children that he put tobacco in his boots to reach the required height of five feet and be eligible to enlist. As luck would have it, his short stature would go on to save his life during the war.

If you look at the photo of James standing in between his two mates, you will notice he is significantly shorter than them. They were seated beside James as he was driving the mules pulling a cannon, when the trio were bombed. James was the sole survivor, which he attributes to the fact that his head was much lower than his two friends.

James did spend a couple of weeks in hospital during the war, when the mule threw its head back and smashed him in the face. James served abroad for a total of three years and 175 days in both Egypt and France and was discharged from the AIF in July 1919.

When he returned to Australia after the war, James established his own footwear manufacturing business in Sydney. He was credited with being the first person to make leather sandals in Australia.

His children both remember their father saying on his birthday that although he was not an important person, people stood for three minutes of silence on his special day.

In 1941, aged 51, James submitted an enrolment form for military service for home defence. The government granted him an exemption to make the soldier's boots instead.

James' final battle was on April 17, 1976, when he passed away at the age of 86. ←





**11.11.2018**





# MARKING THE ARMISTICE WITH THE SOUNDS OF FREEDOM



anniversary of the end of WWI.

The concert will have a great family atmosphere, with

a range of fun activities on offer for kids of all ages, including facepainting, messy play, giant games, balloon twisting and fairy floss.

There's nothing better on a late spring afternoon than a picnic in the grass, so grab a cold beer or wine from the Riverside Bar and a tasty treat from the food stalls. We'll have a range of options, including woodfired pizzas, satays and curries, German sausages, burgers, fries and ice cream.

RSL Queensland President Tony Ferris said the free event would be an opportunity for families and individuals to get a taste of how it might have felt to be part of that day.

"It's hard for us to imagine how it must have felt to know the war was finally over," Tony said. "This concert is a way for Queenslanders to celebrate our way of life – which our Defence Force has fought to maintain over the past century."

Freedom Sounds is proudly supported by the Queensland Government.

**Capacity is limited, so book your tickets now at [www.freedomsounds.com.au](http://www.freedomsounds.com.au)**

Echoing the scenes of jubilation that took place following the signing of the Armistice, Brisbane will mark 100 years since the end of WWI with a joyous free concert.

**AFTER** almost a century, we're used to thinking of Remembrance Day as a time for solemn commemoration. But when the Armistice was first declared, the reaction here at home was jubilation and celebration. Even after so many years, the sense of joy and relief expressed in newspaper articles at the time is palpable.

*"...within twenty minutes nearly all the residents were in the streets delirious with joy... the crowd entered the hall and engaged in dancing and singing. People who were never known to have danced in their lives danced in some sort of style."*

– Murgon

*"Men and women, ordinarily dignified citizens, flung dignity to the winds, and*

*joined the processions of flags, or of tin-can bands, and sang and cheered, and marched up and down the streets. They had caught the infection of joy and of thankfulness, and the infection had to be expressed, because there never was such a night."*

– Brisbane

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From 1:30pm on November 11, 2018, that expression of joy will again echo across the river as Brisbane enjoys Freedom Sounds, an afternoon of great homegrown music to mark the Centenary of the Armistice.

Kate Ceberano, Ash Grunwald and Pete Murray will join the Australian Army Band Brisbane in a musical tribute celebrating the 100th



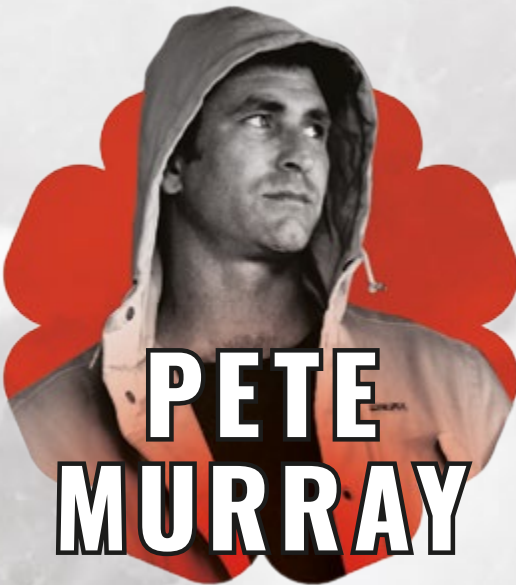
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# FREEDOM SOUNDS

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AS WELL AS THE USUAL REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICES, **MANY SUB BRANCHES AROUND QUEENSLAND ARE ALSO ORGANISING SPECIAL EVENTS** TO CELEBRATE THE CENTENARY OF THE ARMISTICE.

# 2018 ARMISTICE CENTENARY EVENTS

📷 Department of Defence



📅 Time  
6:30 PM

📍 Address  
Blackbutt Memorial Hall,  
Bowman Rd, Blackbutt

## Blackbutt Sub Branch

**November 10**

Armistice Country Fair, Street Parade, Armistice Centenary Ball.  
November 11 - A community sausage sizzle will follow the 10:45 AM service. More information via Facebook @ArmisticeCelebration



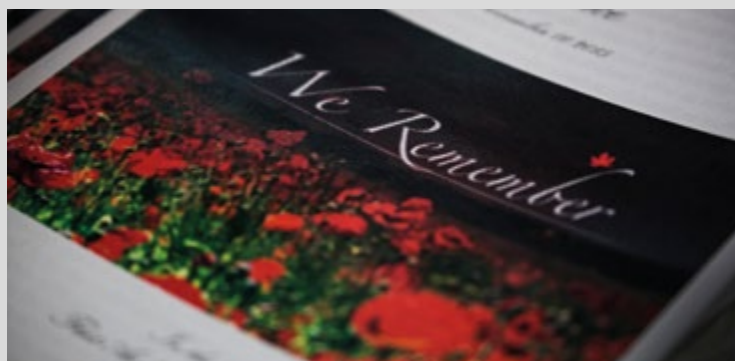
📅 Time  
1:30 PM

📍 Address  
Riverstage, 59 Gardens Point Road,  
Brisbane City 4000

## Brisbane RSL Queensland

**November 11**

RSL Queensland presents Freedom Sounds, a concert featuring Kate Ceberano, Ash Grunwald and Pete Murray. There will be a range of food and beverage trucks and plenty of free kids' activities. This is a free ticketed event and capacity is limited. Get tickets at [www.freedomsounds.com.au](http://www.freedomsounds.com.au)



📍 Address  
Senior Citizen's Hall, Bulimba  
Memorial Park, Oxford St, Bulimba


## Bulimba District Sub Branch


**November 11**

"The Day The Guns Became Silent" display at Senior Citizen's Hall.  
November 12-30 - display continues at Bulimba Library.





 **Time**  
10:00 AM

 **Address**  
Memorial Hall,  
Maple St. Cooroy

## Cooroy-Pomona Sub Branch

### November 1-11

WWI Armistice Exhibition from November 1-11 will tell the history of the war, how it started and Australia's involvement. Memorabilia, uniforms, a replica WWI trench, videos, photos, maps and texts.



 **Address**  
Meeson St.  
Gayndah


## Gayndah Sub Branch

### November 10-11

Various weekend activities including art competition judging, display at Soldiers Memorial Hall, plaque unveiling and street renaming. Contact Sub Branch for more information.



 **Time**  
6:00 PM

 **Address**  
The Orchid Room,  
217 Mary St. Gympie


## Gympie Sub Branch

### November 9

Gala Dinner. Members only or by invitation. Members can call and book a ticket at \$20 per person.



 **Time**  
6:00 PM

 **Address**  
Kingaroy Town Hall,  
28 Glendon St. Kingaroy

## Kingaroy/Memerambi Sub Branch

### November 10

Armistice Centenary Commemoration Gala Charity Dinner will be held at Kingaroy Town Hall. Doors open from 6pm. Concert tickets are \$60 and include a three course meal and show. Visit [www.trybooking.com](http://www.trybooking.com) or book in person at Office Central on Haly St, Kingaroy.



# 2018 ARMISTICE CENTENARY EVENTS



**Time**  
10:45 AM

**Address**  
Cenotaph, Lyons St.  
Mundubbera

## Mundubbera Sub Branch

**November 11**

Community activities will be held after the 11am service, including a sausage sizzle and refreshments in the RSL Hall grounds.



**Time**  
7:30 PM

**Address**  
26 Henry St.  
Nanango

## Nanango Sub Branch

**November 10**

100th Anniversary Armistice Day Ball, tickets \$35. Contact Sub Branch for further details.



**Time**  
10:30 AM

**Address**  
Jamieson Park,  
638 Reef Point Esp. Scarborough

## Redcliffe Sub Branch

**November 10**

Commemoration day that will include a re-enactment of the WWI Armistice, displays of military vehicles, outback camels, a QPA cannon and a fly past organised by The Australian Vintage Aviation Society.



**Time**  
5:30 PM

**Address**  
Sails Restaurant, Redlands RSL Club,  
8 Passage St. Cleveland

## Redlands Sub Branch

**November 5**

WWI Armistice Dinner with entertainment.





**Address**

Central to Cleveland Station, ANZAC Centenary Memorial Park, Kinsail Ct, Cleveland

## Redlands Sub Branch

**November 11**

Troop Train will ferry a Company troop from Enoggera via Central Station to Cleveland. They will march up to ANZAC Centenary Park for the 10:30 AM service. Members of the public are welcome to travel on the train.



**Time**

12:00 PM

**Address**

Rowden Park, St George Tce, St George

## St George Sub Branch

**November 11**

Remembrance Day free barbecue.



**Time**

11:45 AM

**Address**

Western District Rugby Football Club, 7/65 Sylvan Rd, Toowong

## Toowong Sub Branch

**November 11**

Centenary of Armistice including Festival of Rugby. Three rugby games.



**Time**

12:00 PM

**Address**

Regatta Hotel, 543 Coronation Dr, Toowong

## Toowong Sub Branch

**November 2**

Centenary of Armistice Luncheon. Guest speakers - LTCOL George Hulse RAE (Retd) and Sister Cluny Seager RAANC (Retd). Tickets \$69/person. Call 073 871 9595 or email [functions@regattahotel.com.au](mailto:functions@regattahotel.com.au) to book.



# 2018 REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICES

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🏠 Sub Branch	📅 Time	📍 Address
Agnes Water/1770 Sub Branch	10:45 AM	Cenotaph, Cnr Round Hill Road & Captain Cook Drive, Agnes Water
Airlie Beach-Whitsunday Sub Branch	10:30 AM	Cannonvale Cenotaph, Coral Esplanade, Cannonvale
Allora Sub Branch	10:45 AM	Cenotaph, Memorial Park, Warwick Street, Allora
Ashgrove District Sub Branch	10:45 AM	Stewart Place, Stewart Rd, Ashgrove
Atherton Sub Branch	10:40 AM	Remembrance Park, Cnr Main St, Cook Street, Atherton
Ayr Sub Branch	10:45 AM	ANZAC Park, MacMillan St, Ayr
Banyo Sub Branch	10:15 AM	Cnr St Vincents Rd & Royal Pde, Banyo
Barcaldine Sub Branch	10:45 AM	Barcaldine Regional Council, 71 Ash St, Barcaldine
Bardon Sub Branch	10:40 AM	Bardon Bowls Club, 69 Bowman Pde, Bardon
Bayside South Sub Branch	10:45 AM	Cenotaph, Banana St, Redland Bay
Beachmere Sub Branch	10:45 AM	Clayton Park, Cnr Main St & Moreton Tce, Beachmere
Beaudesert Sub Branch	10:40 AM	Memorial Garden, Palm Gardens, Brisbane St, Beaudesert
Beenleigh & District Sub Branch	10:30 AM	Beenleigh War Memorial, Cnr James & Crete Sts, Beenleigh
Beerwah and District Sub Branch	10:25 AM	Cenotaph, Turner Park, Beerwah
Bell Sub Branch	10:45 AM	Bell Memorial, Dennis St, Bell
Biggenden Sub Branch	10:50 AM	Memorial Hall, Cnr Victoria & Frederick Sts, Biggenden
Biloela Sub Branch	10:45 AM	Biloela RSLA Park, Callide St, Biloela
Blackall Sub Branch	10:45 AM	Shamrock St, Blackall
Blackbutt Sub Branch	10:50 AM	Blackbutt Cenotaph, Town Memorial, Cnr Hart & Coulson Sts, Blackbutt
Blackwater/Bluff Sub Branch	11:00 AM	Cenotaph, Arthur St, Blackwater
Boonah Sub Branch	10:50 AM	Memorial Park, Park St, Boonah
Bowen Sub Branch	10:45 AM	Cenotaph, Herbert St, Bowen
Boyne-Tannum Sub Branch	10:45 AM	Cenotaph, Stirling Park, Malpas St, Boyne Island

🏠 Sub Branch	📅 Time	📍 Address
Bray Park-Strathpine Sub Branch	10:30 AM	Cnr Sparkes & Francis Rds, Bray Park
Bribie Island Sub Branch	10:30 AM	Bribie Island RSL & Citizens' Memorial Club, Toorbul St, Boongaree
Brisbane	10:15 AM	ANZAC Square, 285 Ann St, Brisbane
Bulimba District RSL Sub Branch	10:30 AM	Bulimba Memorial Park, Oxford St, Bulimba
Bundaberg Sub Branch	10:30 AM	ANZAC Park, Quay St, Bundaberg
Burleigh Heads Sub Branch	10:50 AM	Cenotaph, Cnr Gold Coast Hwy & Connor St, Burleigh Heads
Burrum District Sub Branch	10:50 AM	Cenotaph, Cnr William & Steley Sts, Howard
Caboolture-Morayfield & Dist Sub Branch	10:30 AM	Caboolture War Memorial, 61-65 King St, Caboolture
Cairns Sub Branch	10:40 AM	Cenotaph, 115 Esplanade, Cairns
Calliope Sub Branch	10:45 AM	Calliope RSL Memorial Hall, 32 Stirrat St, Calliope
Caloundra Sub Branch	10:30 AM	Bob McInnes Memorial Garden, 19 West Tce, Caloundra
Canungra Sub Branch	10:45 AM	DJ Smith Park, Cnr Christie & Kidston Sts, Canungra
Capricornia & Rockhampton Region Sub Branch	10:15 AM	The Frenchville Sports Club, 105 Clifton St, Rockhampton
Cardwell Sub Branch	10:45 AM	Cenotaph, Bruce Hwy, Cardwell
Carmila Sub Branch	11:00 AM	Cenotaph, Music St, Carmila
Centenary Suburbs Sub Branch	10:30 AM	Centenary War Memorial Gardens, Cnr Arrabri Dr & Dandenong Rd, Mt Ommaney
Charleville Sub Branch	10:30 AM	Charleville Cenotaph, Charleville
Charters Towers Sub Branch	10:45 AM	Gill St, Charters Towers
Chinchilla Sub Branch	10:45 AM	Cenotaph, Fuller Place, Heeney Street, Chinchilla
Clermont Sub Branch	10:45 AM	Stone of Remembrance, Daintree St, Clermont
Clifton Sub Branch	10:50 AM	Clifton War Memorial, King & Edward Sts, Clifton
Cooktown Sub Branch	10:45 AM	ANZAC Park, Charlotte St, Cooktown





🏠 Sub Branch	📅 Time	📍 Address
Coolum-Peregrin Sub Branch	10:40 AM	Coolum-Peregrin RSL Memorial Park, 1906 David Low Way, Coolum
Cooroy-Pomona Sub Branch	10:40 AM	Cooroy War Memorial, Tewantin Rd, Cooroy
Coorparoo & Districts Sub Branch	10:30 AM	Coorparoo RSL, 45 Holdsworth St, Coorparoo
Crows Nest Sub Branch	11:00 AM	Memorial, Williams St, Centenary Park, Crows Nest
Cunnamulla Sub Branch	11:00 AM	Cunnamulla Cenotaph, Jane & John Sts, Cunnamulla
Currumbin/Palm Beach Sub Branch	9:30 AM	Currumbin RSL Cenotaph, 165 Duringan St, Currumbin
Dalby Sub Branch	11:00 AM	Dalby War Memorial, Patrick St, Dalby
Darra & District Sub Branch	10:45 AM	Darra Cementco Bowls Club, 4 Station Ave, Darra
Deception Bay Sub Branch	10:45 AM	War Memorial at Community Hall, Ewart St, Deception Bay
Edmonton Sub Branch	10:45 AM	Cenotaph, Fuller Park, Wolff St, Edmonton
Eidsvold Chapter of Wide Bay & Burnett District	10:45 AM	Eidsvold RSL Hall, Eidsvold
Emerald Sub Branch	11:00 AM	Cenotaph, Corner Anakie and Egerton Sts, Emerald
Emu Park Sub Branch	10:30 AM	Cenotaph, 1 Emu St, Emu Park
Esk Sub Branch	11:00 AM	Cenotaph, Ipswich St, Esk
Farleigh & Northern Beaches Sub Branch	10:45 AM	Memorial, Bucasia Esp, Farleigh Branch
Finch Hatton Sub Branch	10:30 AM	Cenotaph, Mackay Eungella Rd, Finch Hatton
Forest Lake Sub Branch	9:45 AM	The Ampitheatre, The Esplanade, Forest Lake
Gatton Sub Branch	10:35 AM	Weeping Mothers Memorial, Littleton Park, Hickey St, Gatton
Gayndah Sub Branch	10:45 AM	Gayndah Cenotaph, Capper St, Gayndah
Gaythorne Sub Branch	10:50 AM	Sid Loder Park, Tel-El-Kebir St, Mitchelton
Geebung Zillmere Bald Hills Aspley Sub Branch	10:30 AM	Geebung RSL Club, Collings St, Geebung
Gemfields Sub Branch	10:30 AM	Cenotaph, 3 Clinic Rd, Sapphire

🏠 Sub Branch	📅 Time	📍 Address
Gin Gin Sub Branch	10:30 AM	Gin Gin Memorial, Mulgrave St, Gin Gin
Gladstone Sub Branch	10:30 AM	ANZAC Park, Cnr Goondoon & Tank Sts, Gladstone
Glasshouse Country Sub Branch	10:30 AM	Information Centre Memorial / Flagpole, Reed St, Glass House Mountains
Goodna Sub Branch	10:40 AM	Soldier's Memorial Stone, Cnr Queen & Church Sts, Goodna
Goombungee Sub Branch	10:45 AM	Goombungee Cenotaph, Hartwig St, Goombungee
Goomeri Chapter of Murgon Sub Branch	10:45 AM	Memorial, Burnett Hwy, Goomeri
Goondiwindi Sub Branch	11:00 AM	Lehman Park, Marshall St, Goondiwindi
Gracemere & District Sub Branch	10:40 AM	Cenotaph, 12 James St, Gracemere
Grantham-Ma Ma Creek Sub Branch	10:30 AM	Ma Ma Creek Cemetery, 815 Gatton-Clifton Rd, Ma Ma Creek
Greenbank Sub Branch	10:55am	Greenbank RSL Services Club, 54 ANZAC Ave, Hillcrest
Gympie Sub Branch	10:30 AM	Memorial Park, Cnr of Reef St & River Rd, Gympie
Harlaxton Sub Branch	10:30 AM	North Toowoomba Bowls Club, Toowoomba
Helidon Sub Branch	10:45 AM	Helidon Cenotaph, Cnr Railway & Turner Sts, Helidon
Herbert River Sub Branch	10:45 AM	Cenotaph, Ingham Memorial Gardens, Cnr McIlwraith & Jane Sts, Ingham
Hervey Bay Sub Branch	10:45 AM	Lighthouse Memorial, Freedom Park, Main St, Pialba
Highfields Sub Branch	10:45 AM	Highfields Cultural Centre, Community Court, Highfields
Holland Park-Mt Gravatt Sub Branch	10:15 AM	58 Arnold St, Holland Park
Home Hill Sub Branch	10:50 AM	Burdekin Memorial Hall, 77-79 Tenth Ave, Home Hill
Hughenden Sub Branch	10:45 AM	Hughenden Memorial Pool, Resolution St, Hughenden
Injune Sub Branch	11:00 AM	Injune War Memorial, Injune
Innisfail Sub Branch	10:45 AM	Cenotaph, 18 Fitzgerald Esp, Innisfail
Ipswich Railway Sub Branch	10:30 AM	The Workshops Rail Museum, North St, North Ipswich



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Ipswich Sub Branch	10:30 AM	Memorial Hall, 63 Nicholas St, Ipswich
Isis Sub Branch	10:00 AM	Gun emplacement, Soldiers Memorial Room, 45 Churchill St, Childers
Jandowae Sub Branch	11:00 AM	George St, Jandowae
Jimboomba Sub Branch	10:30 AM	WWI Cenotaph, Jimboomba Library, Honora St, Jimboomba
Kalbar Sub Branch	10:45 AM	Engelsburg Park, Edward St, Kalbar
Kawana Waters Sub Branch	10:45 AM	War Memorial, Coopers Lookout carpark, Buddina
Kedron-Wavell Sub Branch	10:30 AM	Kedron-Wavell RSL Sub Branch, 21 Kittyhawk Dr, Chermerside
Kenilworth Sub Branch	10:45 AM	Memorial, Peter Dobson Park, Elizabeth St, Kenilworth
Kenmore/Moggill Sub Branch	10:30 AM	Kenmore Memorial, Kenmore Village Shopping Centre carpark, Moggill Rd, Kenmore
Kenmore/Moggill Sub Branch	10:30 AM	Bellbowrie Memorial, Birkin Rd, Bellbowrie
Kilcoy Sub Branch	10:45 AM	Memorial Wall, 17 McCauley St, Kilcoy
Kilkivan Chapter of Gympie Sub Branch	10:30 AM	Memorial Park, Cnr Reef St & River Rd, Gympie
Killarney Sub Branch	10:45 AM	Killarney Cenotaph, Ivy St, Killarney
Kingaroy/Memrambi Sub Branch	10:45 AM	Memorial Park, Haly St, Kingaroy
Kooralbyn Valley Sub Branch	10:30 AM	Kooralbyn Community Centre Hall, 79 Ogilvie Pl, Kooralbyn
Kuttabul Sub Branch	10:30 AM	Hampden State School, Bruce Hwy, Kuttabul
Laidley Sub Branch	11:00 AM	Cenotaph Memorial, Cnr Patrick St & White Rd, Laidley
Leyburn Sub Branch	11:00 AM	Liberator Park, Macalister St, Leyburn
Logan & District Sub Branch	10:30 AM	Civic Centre Park, Logan Central
Logan Village Sub Branch	10:30 AM	Memorial, Village Green, Wharf St, Logan Village
Longreach Sub Branch	10:45 AM	ANZAC Park, Landsborough Hwy, Longreach
Lowood Sub Branch	10:00 AM	ANZAC Cove, 2819 Forest Hill Fernvale Rd, Lowood

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Mackay Sub Branch	10:30 AM	Jubilee Park, Alfred St, Mackay
Macleay Island Sub Branch	10:45 AM	Pat's Park, Beelong St, Macleay Island
Magnetic Island Sub Branch	10:45 AM	RSL Hall, 31 Hayles Ave, Acadia
Malanda Sub Branch	10:45 AM	Eacham Gates Memorial Park, Catherine St, Malanda
Maleny Sub Branch	10:40 AM	1 Bunya St, Maleny
Manly-Lota Sub Branch	10:30 AM	Richard Russell Park, Cambridge Pde, Manly
Mapleton Sub Branch	10:40 AM	RSL Memorial Park, 8 Flaxton Dr, Mapleton
Mareeba Sub Branch	10:45 AM	Memorial, Byrnes St, Mareeba
Marian Sub Branch	10:30 AM	Cenotaph, Marian Memorial Community Hall, Blackmur St, Marian
Marian Sub Branch	10:45 AM	North Eton State School, Kitchant Dam Rd, Eton
Maroochydore Sub Branch	10:30 AM	Cotton Tree Cenotaph, The Esplanade, Maroochydore
Mary Valley Sub Branch	10:45 AM	Kadanga Memorial Park, Main St, Kadanga
Maryborough Sub Branch	10:40 AM	Cenotaph, Queens Park, Cnr Sussex & Bazaar St, Maryborough
Meandarra/Glenmorgan Sub Branch	10:45 AM	Godfrey St, Meandarra
Miles Sub Branch	11:00 AM	ANZAC Park, Miles
Millmerran Sub Branch	10:45 AM	Cultural Centre, Millmerran
Mirani Sub Branch	10:30 AM	Victoria St, to Railway Park, Mirani
Mitchell Sub Branch	11:00 AM	Mitchell Cenotaph, Cambridge St, Mitchell
Monto Sub Branch	10:30 AM	Memorial at RSL, Rutherford St, Monto
Moranbah Sub Branch	10:40 AM	Town Square, Moranbah
Morven Sub Branch	N/A	Morven Cenotaph, Morven
Mossman Sub Branch	10:00 AM	Memorial, 63-66 Front St, Mossman
Mount Isa Sub Branch	10:30 AM	Cenotaph, Mount Isa City Council Civic Centre Lawn, West St, Mount Isa





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Moura Sub Branch	10:45 AM	Moura RSL, Cnr Marshall & Young Sts, Moura
Mt Larcom Chapter of Wide Bay & Burnett District	10:45 AM	Cenotaph, Mount Larcom Showgrounds, The Narrows Rd, Mt Larcom
Mt Molloy Sub Branch	10:30 AM	Cenotaph, Main St, Mt Molloy
Mt Perry Sub Branch	10:45 AM	Cenotaph, Memorial Park, Mount Perry
Mudgeeraba-Robina Sub Branch	10:45 AM	Elsie Laver Park, 12 Railway St, Mudgeeraba
Mudjimba Sub Branch	10:40 AM	Sub Branch grounds, 43 Cottonwood St, Mudjimba
Mundubbera Sub Branch	11:00 AM	Town Hall, Lyons St, Mundubbera
Murgon Sub Branch	10:15 AM	War Memorial, Cnr Lamb & Gore Sts, Murgon
Nambour Sub Branch	10:40 AM	Quota Memorial Park, Matthew St, Nambour
Nanango Sub Branch	10:45 AM	Cenotaph, Cnr Drayton & Henry St, Nanango
National Servicemens Sub Branch	10:35 AM	Memorial Gardens, Norman Ave, Norman Park
Nerang Sub Branch	10:30 AM	Cenotaph, 69 Nerang St, Nerang
North Gold Coast Sub Branch	10:25 AM	Memorial, Remembrance Park, 20 Discovery Dr, Helensvale
Nundah-Northgate Sub Branch	10:15 AM	Nundah Historic Cemetery, Hedley Ave, Nundah
Oakey Sub Branch	10:45 AM	Bicentennial Park, Campbell St, Oakey
Palmwoods & District Sub Branch	10:45 AM	Memorial Hall, Main St, Palmwoods
Pine Rivers District Sub Branch	10:30 AM	Pine Rivers District RSL Sub Branch Memorial Gardens, 1347 ANZAC Ave, Kallangur
Pittsworth Sub Branch	10:50 AM	Pittsworth Town Hall, Pittsworth
Proserpine Sub Branch	10:50 AM	Cenotaph, Main St, Proserpine
Quilpie Sub Branch	10:45 AM	Quilpie Town Hall, Brolga St, Quilpie
Rainbow Beach Sub Branch	10:50 AM	Cenotaph, Cnr Wide Bay Esp & Rainbow Beach Rd, Rainbow Beach
Ravenshoe Sub Branch	10:45 AM	Ravenshoe War Memorial, Cnr Monument St, Kerr Street, Ravenshoe

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Redbank Sub Branch	10:30 AM	Redbank Memorial Reserve, Redbank Memorial, Bridge St, Redbank
Redcliffe Sub Branch	10:45 AM	Redcliffe RSL, ANZAC Pl, Redcliffe
Redlands Sub Branch	10:30 AM	ANZAC Centenary Park, Kinsail Ct, Cleveland
Rockhampton Combined Services Sub Branch	10:45 AM	John Leak WWI Memorial, Huish Dr, Rockhampton
Rollingstone Sub Branch	10:40 AM	Rollingstone RSL Memorial, Balgal Beach Park, Balgal Beach
Roma Sub Branch	11:00 AM	Cenotaph, Queens Park, Bungil St, Roma
Rosedale Chapter of Wide Bay & Burnett District	10:45 AM	Cenotaph, 77 James St, Rosedale
Rosewood Sub Branch	10:15 AM	RSL Memorial Hall, Mill St, Rosewood
Runaway Bay Sub Branch	10:45 AM	ANZAC Place Cenotaph, Lae Dr, Runaway Bay
Russell Island Sub Branch	11:00 AM	Cenotaph, 9 ANZAC Dr, Russell Island
Salisbury Sub Branch	10:30 AM	Memorial Park, Cnr Industries & Chrome St, Salisbury
Samford Sub Branch	10:30 AM	Samford Ave of Honour, Samford
Sandgate Sub Branch	10:45 AM	Cenotaph, Sandgate Memorial Park, Seymour St, Sandgate
Sarina Sub Branch	11:00 AM	Post Office to Cenotaph, Brown St, Koumala
Seaforth Sub Branch	10:45 AM	Cenotaph, Palm Ave, Seaforth
Sherwood-Indooroopilly Sub Branch	10:30 AM	Graceville War Memorial, 173 Oxley Rd, Graceville
Southport Sub Branch	10:15 AM	ANZAC Park Cenotaph, Broadwater Parklands, Gold Coast Hwy, Southport
Springsure Sub Branch	10:45 AM	Cnr Eclipse & Porphyry Sts, Springsure
Springwood Tri-Service Sub Branch	10:30 AM	Springwood Park, 77 Cinderella Dr, Springwood
St George Sub Branch	9:00 AM	Amphitheatre on the river bank, St George
St George Sub Branch	10:30 AM	Cenotaph, St Georges Tce, St George

# 2018 REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICES

Traditional Remembrance Day services held on Sunday, November 9

🏠 Sub Branch	🕒 Time	📍 Address
St Helens Sub Branch	11:00 AM	Calen Memorial Hall, McIntyre St, Calen
Stanthorpe Sub Branch	11:00 AM	Weeroona Park Memorial, Marsh St, Stanthorpe
Stephens Sub Branch	10:30 AM	Yeronga Memorial Park, Ipswich Rd, Yeronga
Sunnybank Sub Branch	10:30 AM	Sunnybank RSL Memorial Hall, 19 Gager St, Sunnybank
Surat Sub Branch	11:00 AM	Surat Memorial Park, Marcus & Charlotte Sts, Surat
Surfers Paradise Sub Branch	11:00 AM	Cavill Park, Cavill Ave, Surfers Paradise
Tamborine Mountain Sub Branch	10:45 AM	Circle of Remembrance, Cnr Main St & Geissmann Dr, Nth Tamborine
Tara Chapter of the Chinchilla Sub Branch	11:00 AM	Tara Memorial Hall, 19 Fry St, Tara
Taroom Sub Branch	10:50 AM	Taroom Cenotaph, Yaldwyn St, Taroom
Tewantin/Noosa Sub Branch	10:40 AM	Cenotaph, Tewantin Town Square, Cnr Memorial & Poinciana Aves, Tewantin
Texas Chapter of the Stanthorpe Sub Branch	11:00 AM	Texas & District Memorial, Cnr Avon & St George Sts, Texas
The Gap Sub-Branch	10:40 AM	Memorial Park, Cnr Glenaffric St & Waterworks Rd, The Gap
Theodore Chapter of Hervey Bay Sub Branch	10:50 AM	War Memorial, Bull Ring, The Boulevard, Theodore
Thuringowa Sub Branch	10:45 AM	Pool area, Riverway Dr, Kirwan
Tiaro Sub Branch	11:00 AM	Cenotaph, Memorial Gardens, Mayne St, Tiaro
Tin Can Bay Sub Branch	10:45 AM	RSL & Community Hall, ANZAC Memorial Park, 45 Gympie Rd, Tin Can Bay
Toogoolawah Sub Branch	10:45 AM	McConnell Park, Cressbrook St, Toogoolawah
Toogoom and District Sub Branch	10:45 AM	Wall of Remembrance, Toogoom Rd, Toogoom
Toowong Sub Branch	10:45 AM	Cenotaph, Toowong Memorial Park, Sylvan Rd, Toowong

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Toowoomba United Sub Branch	10:30 AM	Toowoomba Mothers Memorial, Cnr Margaret & Kitchener Sts, Toowoomba
Townsville Sub Branch	10:30 AM	Cenotaph, ANZAC Park, The Strand, Townsville
Tully Sub Branch	10:45 AM	Cenotaph, 55 Bryant St, Tully
Tweed Heads & Coolangatta Sub Branch	10:45 AM	Chris Cunningham Park Memorial, Wharf St, Tweed Heads
Walkerston-Pleystowe Sub Branch	10:50 AM	ANZAC Park, Cnr Bridge & Dutton Sts, Walkerston
Wallangarra Sub Branch	10:50 AM	RSL Hall, 69 Barawell St, Wallangarra
Warwick Sub Branch	10:30 AM	Warwick Cenotaph, War Memorial Precinct, Leslie Park, Palmerin Street, Warwick
Weipa Sub Branch	10:45 AM	Cenotaph, Memorial Square, Weipa
Wondai Sub Branch	10:50 AM	Wondai Memorial Hall, Mackenzie St, Wondai
Woodford Sub Branch	10:45 AM	Woodford Memorial Park, 123 Archer St, Woodford
Woodgate Beach Sub Branch	10:45 AM	ANZAC Centenary Memorial, Woodgate Community Park, Cnr Esplanade & Seventh St, Woodgate
Wowan Sub Branch	11:00 AM	RSSAILA Memorial Hall, Lot 12, Don St, Wowan
Wynnum Sub Branch	10:30 AM	Wynnum RSL Club, 174 Tingal Rd, Wynnum
Yandina/Eumundi Sub Branch	10:40 AM	Yandina Cenotaph, Stevens St, Yandina
Yangan-Emu Vale Chapter of the Warwick Sub Branch	N/A	Emu Vale Memorial Hall, Emuvale
Yarraman Sub Branch	10:45 AM	Yarraman War Memorial, Cnr Toomey & Barr-Smith Sts, Yarraman
Yeppoon Sub Branch	10:30 AM	Yeppoon Cenotaph, Beaman Park, James St, Yeppoon
Yeronga-Dutton Park Sub Branch	10:30 AM	Ekibin Memorial Park, Cracknell Rd, Tarragindi



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# 61<sup>ST</sup> BATTALION

THE LAST  
SOLDIERS  
OF

 Bev Walker



Bluey Moss in his youth.





61st Battalion at an ANZAC Day Parade in Brisbane.

Beverley would like to thank Kerry Parry and Graham Jackson, who answered her plea to help Bluey. Kerry, who served in the Australian Army for 14 years, is a member of The Gap RSL Sub Branch. She made phone calls and sent emails to the Australian War Museum, government departments, military museums and the RSL.

Kerry finally found Graham Jackson, a member of Mackay RSL Sub Branch, who was eager to help. Graham hastily assembled George (Jock) McMillan's medals for Bluey to march with on ANZAC Day 2018. Graham also made a wreath with Jock's name and carried it in the Mackay ANZAC Day Parade. Bluey's wish was that Jock McMillan never be forgotten, and his medals pass to a family member.

**I WAS** standing in the home of an Aussie conscript from December 1941. At the time of my visit, he was one month shy of 95 years old. He offered us a cup of tea in a polite, old-fashioned style and refused to sit down until we were all seated.

His name was Monald Francis Gregory Moss (known to his friends as 'Bluey Moss') and on April 25, 2018 he was the last remaining soldier able to march as a member of 61st Australian Infantry Battalion. Bluey died on July 11, 2018, not long after our meeting. We believe there are now just two remaining members of this battalion.

Over that cup of tea, I asked Bluey what he wanted to achieve before he died. He told me he would like to see his mate CSM Jock McMillan honoured for his actions.

The following extract from *The 61st Battalion 1938-1945 The Queensland Cameron Highlanders War* by James Watt describes the Japanese landing during which Jock was killed.



Bluey and his beloved wife Olive, who died about 18 months before him. Olive is wearing her father's WWI medals.



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Sgt Jim Mackenzie was aboard the *Bronzewing* and recalled what happened: CSM Jock McMillan was in charge, with an estimated 22 other troops on board. We were halfway across the small Kaloi Bay, and about two kilometres from Ahioma, when the native captain drew my attention, saying, “Look! Boats,” and counting very deliberately to 11.

I said, “Whose boats? Ours? Belong here? You know them?” He said, “No,” and by then I had recognised the dark forms of Japanese barges milling around with very quiet engines. Then I saw a lot of little lights from shore, looking for an instant like big fireflies.

Then all hell broke loose, with the crack of the rifles and guns and bullets spraying the yacht. The boat was alive with the shock of bullets whizzing and ricocheting and thudding into the woodwork, splintering glass and clanging amongst stacks of corrugated iron as wounded men shouted in surprise and pain. Our troops tried to return the fire, but this proved difficult with the roll of the boat. Pte George Thurlow opened fire and the Battle of Milne Bay had begun. As bullets ripped into him he doubled up and fell overboard, dead.

The CSM yelled, “All overboard for your lives,” as he and I steered the yacht aground broadside to shore, which gave us some shelter.

I went down into the hold to see all troops were off, but found only a native boy so terrified that I could not budge him. I grabbed a Bren gun to empty into the Japanese, but as I was about to climb out of the hold it was shot from my grasp.

I went below, came back to the helm and, together with Jock, walked to the bow where we took off our boots and dived overboard. We must have been lucky. I saw a lot of other fellows in the water, but when I came up for air the crack of bullets sent me down again.

I landed on the shore, crawled through the undergrowth, and found myself beside Jock at the road’s edge. When all seemed clear I said to Jock, “Up and across,” but he said he would look things over for a minute.

Not for me – too hot! I dashed across the road and up a narrow pad for 30 metres, where I paused. No sounds, so I trotted back down to reconnoitre. As I crossed the road I ran into a squatting Japanese who was holding his gun. One big kick and he was knocked over as I ran back up the track. I found out later that Bill Williams, Al Ward, Cliff Crowther, Sandells, Haden and Penrose had dived over the sea side of the *Bronzewing* and together found their way back to B-Coy at KB Mission.

Of the 22 men aboard *Bronzewing*, 11 were killed in the initial battle or later at the hands of Japanese marines.

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Jock was one of those captured and killed, and Jock McMillan Bay (in Milne Bay, where the incident occurred) was later named in his honour.

Bluey recalled the incident vividly, saying, “I had just turned 19 years old and a Jap cruiser is sneaking in to the Bay [Milne Bay] at night, ruining my

sleep by lobbing shells and making their shrapnel whistle overhead and lobbing in the mud just about a cricket pitch away.

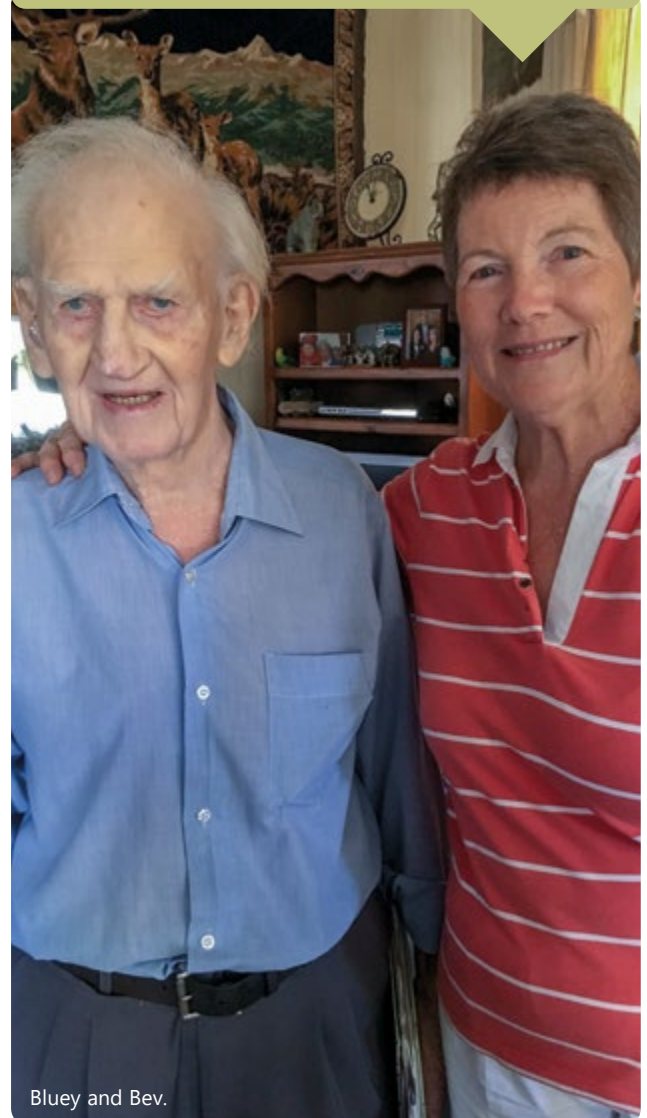
“Jock McMillan went back to check on the others. Only a brave man would do this knowing the Japanese were in the area and the likely outcome.” ←

## DO YOU KNOW CSM JOCK MCMILLAN?

Bluey Moss was adamant that this story needs to be told, heard and acknowledged.

It seems Jock McMillan was originally from Scotland and married to Winifred. His real name is George, and his wife was from Mackay.

If you know anything about this brave soldier who went back to find his men, please contact Bev Walker on 07 3870 1599 or email [walk\\_ins@yahoo.com](mailto:walk_ins@yahoo.com).



Bluey and Bev.

# MATESHIP



## BANYO HOLDS PRESIDENTS' LUNCH

Banyo RSL Sub Branch and Citizens' Auxiliary held its combined Presidents' Lunch on August 11, close to the Sub Branch's anniversary of August 15, 1945. The lunch was themed the centenary of WWI and tables were named after various battles. RSL Queensland State President Tony Ferris is pictured with Banyo Sub Branch President Michael Frawley, Military Brotherhood Brisbane East Branch member Glen Bradford and Banyo Sub Branch member Athol Jory OAM.

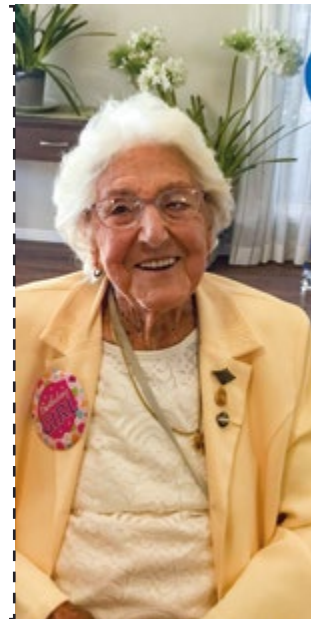
## 500 POPPIES FOR CENTENARY

Sherwood-Indooroopilly Sub Branch made 500 paper poppies to contribute to the Armistice Centenary Public Art Project. The project aims to collect at least 57,705 poppies from across the state, reflecting the number of Queenslanders who enlisted in WWI. It is expected to be 20 metres long and stand over three metres high. It will be a reminder of the sacrifice of Australia's servicemen and women. The finished artwork will tour Townsville, Mackay, Longreach, Bundaberg and Brisbane between October 6 - November 11, 2018.



## 100TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS IN CALOUNDRA

Caloundra RSL Sub Branch members recently attended 100th birthday celebrations for two fellow members, Faye Clarke (pictured right) and Myrtle Smith (left). Faye, a WWII Army nurse, celebrated her birthday on July 29. Myrtle served in the Air Force during WWII and celebrated her special day on August 13. Both enjoyed their celebrations with family and friends.



## CURRUMBIN RSL ATHLETE HEADING TO INVICTUS

Currumbin RSL Sub Branch presented member Dean Knobel with a \$1745 grant to help him prepare for the upcoming Invictus Games in Sydney. Dean will compete in swimming, with the grant helping offset training costs and the purchase of specialised equipment.

Dean joined the Royal Australian Navy in 2007 and was medically discharged in 2013.

Training for the Invictus Games has provided Dean with an additional avenue for rehabilitation and a way to challenge himself.

Dean is pictured, left, with Currumbin RSL Committee Member Roger Collins and Chairman of the Veterans Support Centre Tony Hornby.





**CANUNGRA RECOGNISES VIETNAM VETERANS**

Canungra RSL Sub Branch began its Vietnam and Veterans Day commemorations by presenting the Unit Citation for Gallantry to Vietnam veteran David Day. The citation was pinned on David's chest by the Commanding Officer of the Warrant Officer and Non-Commissioned Officer Academy, Lieutenant Colonel Andrew Campbell. The presentation was witnessed by veterans who served in Vietnam, East Timor, the Persian Gulf, Iraq and Afghanistan. Councillors Nadia O'Carroll and Virginia West, both strong supporters of the veteran community, were present, along with David's family and friends.



**IPSWICH NAVAL ASSOCIATION IN MARYBOROUGH**

Ipswich Naval Association members took a two-day trip to the Maryborough area in August thanks to donations from Ipswich City Council councillors, Ipswich Railway RSL Sub Branch and several federal and state members of parliament. Maryborough is full of historic military items and the group is pictured in front of the Mary Ann, a replica of the steam train that operated in Maryborough. They also visited Geraghty's Store Museum, the Gallipoli to Armistice memorial trail and met members of the Fraser Coast Sub Section of the Naval Association.



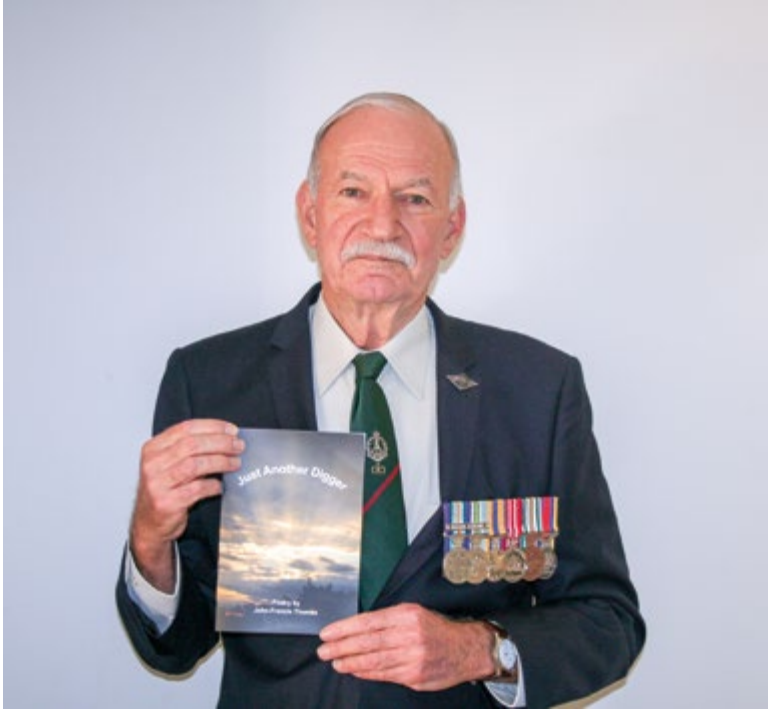
**LYN ELSON FAREWELLED AFTER 25 YEARS**

After 25 years as the South Eastern District office manager, Lyn Elson was farewelled by staff and board members at a retirement lunch at Gambaro's in Paddington in September. The District thanked Lyn for her dedicated service and wished her the best in her retirement.



**NEW MEMORIALS FOR MOSSMAN'S CENTENARY**

Mossman RSL Sub Branch unveiled several new memorials during its Vietnam Veterans' Day service on August 18. They included a mosaic, poppy board and WWI plaques honouring the Light Horse Brigade and Indigenous service. Bette Wells also dedicated the Far East Strategic Service plaque to the service of Hugh Wells. The mosaic was designed by Sam Matthews, with assistance from members, while the Port Douglas QCWA ladies devoted hours to knitting and crocheting the poppies. The Sub Branch extended appreciation to all the volunteers. June 18 also marked the 100-year anniversary of Mossman Sub Branch.



**VETERAN POET EXPLORES WAR AND PEACE**

Manly-Lota RSL Sub Branch member John-Francis Thomas recently published a book of poetry exploring the dimensions of war and peace titled *Just Another Digger*. His sensitivity in approaching these subjects will resonate with those who have experienced the dramatic effects of war, not only from a front-line position, but for those who have sent loved ones into battle.

John-Francis served in the Army for 16 years. He was called up for National Service in 1965 and served in the Third Battalion Royal Australian Regiment (3RAR) for eight months before being transferred to 4RAR for 13 months' service in Malaysia.

He later joined the Royal Australian Army Survey Corps and made topographic maps for the Army for 14 years. After discharging, John-Francis worked as a cartographer and upon retirement began exploring his love of poetry.

John-Francis is well-known locally, reading his poetry at commemorative services for the RSL and local schools and at Wynnum Library's Poets up Late evenings. Order copies via [lleewwiiss@bigpond.com](mailto:lleewwiiss@bigpond.com).

**HELIDON HONOURS FRANK TOPP**

Each Vietnam Veterans Day, Helidon RSL Sub Branch conducts its service at the gravesite of Private Frank Topp, a 19-year-old Army enlistee killed during the Battle of Long Tan. His grave is situated in the Catholic Cemetery.



**SRI LANKAN EX-SERVICEMEN JOIN KENMORE-MOGGILL**

Several members of the Sri Lankan Ex-Servicemen's Association were presented with membership kits by Kenmore-Moggill Sub Branch President Rick Maher after they joined the Sub Branch during its August meeting. They joined after Ceylonese members, who served at Gallipoli as General Birdwood's bodyguard, were recognised at the annual Shell Green Cricket Match on ANZAC Day.





**KOREAN MEMORIAL DAY AT HERVEY BAY**

Hervey Bay RSL Sub Branch held a commemorative service at the Cenotaph in Freedom Park on July 27 for Korean Memorial Day. Over 15 wreaths were laid by Hervey Bay locals and ex-service organisations. Korean War veterans pictured are Bill Boswell, left, Bernie Devine, Victor Fay, Peter Collins and John Hammond.

**WOODGATE BEACH HONOURS VIETNAM VETERANS**

Emcee Lt Col Ian McKay (Ret) welcomed members and visitors to the Vietnam Veterans' Day Service at Woodgate Beach. Sub Branch President and Vietnam veteran Kenneth Willick was guest speaker at the service.



**TONY ABBOTT IN WOODFORD**

During a recent visit to Woodford RSL Sub Branch, the Honourable Tony Abbott MP met informally with members, including Keith Georgeson, who is understood to be the oldest member of the original National Service Scheme.



**PLAQUE HIGHLIGHTS ISSUE OF VETERAN SUICIDES**

Goodna RSL Sub Branch recently dedicated the Respected and Remembered Memorial Stone, in honour of the many veterans who have taken their lives following their service. The plaque highlights the serious issue of suicide among returned veterans. This is the first memorial of its kind erected by a Sub Branch in Australia.



# C OMMUNITY



## AUXILIARIES SEW HUNDREDS OF LAUNDRY BAGS FOR INVICTUS ATHLETES

Athletes competing in the Invictus Games in Sydney in October will receive hand sewn laundry bags, thanks to RSL Women's Auxiliaries around Australia. Queensland RSL Auxiliaries were among those invited to join the project, initially promising 100 bags and delivering more than 250. Each bag was designed with a unique Australian theme, from koalas to kangaroos.

Two quilts depicting the Great Barrier Reef were also made as part of the project. Jill Burgess presented her quilt to the NSW State President of the Central Council of Auxiliaries at RSL Queensland's State Congress in Cairns. Certificates of appreciation were presented to Auxiliaries that participated. (Photos: ABC Radio Brisbane)

## Oakey Supports Local Invictus Athlete

Oakey Sub Branch gave Invictus athlete Stephen Osborne \$500 to help with training and travel costs to compete in archery at the upcoming veteran sporting event. Stephen served in the Army prior to being medically discharged.

He attended his first ever competition at the Indoor National Championships Canberra in July and placed in the Masters Recurve Category rated 14th in Australia, second in Queensland, first in South Queensland and second in Canberra, proudly receiving the silver medal.

Pictured (back, left to right) Sonya Steinmuller, Trevor Steinmuller, Chris Markham, Leanne Wells and Phil Richards and (front, left to right) Wendy-Leigh and Stephen Osborne.



## BEENLEIGH RECOGNISES VIETNAM VETERANS

Pictured at Beenleigh Sub Branch's Vietnam Veterans' Day Service are Beenleigh RSL President David Draper, left, Federal MP Bert van Manen and Gold Coast District RSL President Pat Fairon.



## ARMY MUSEUM SOUTH QUEENSLAND AWARD

Volunteers from the Army Museum South Queensland were delighted to accept the 2018 National Trust of Queensland High Commendation award for Interpretation and Promotion (Barracks Tour & Exhibitions) and the Volunteer Group Award.



**APRIL STEALS THE SHOW**

Over 100 community members attended the Vietnam Veterans' Day service organised by Agnes Water/1770 Sub Branch on August 18. During the service, April Svendsen ran up from the crowd to lay her wreath, which brought tears and smiles to the veterans gathered.



**COTTON TREE COMES TOGETHER FOR VIETNAM VETERANS**

The Cotton Tree community came together to honour Vietnam veterans.



**MARK MCCONNELL SPEAKS AT VIETNAM VETERANS' DAY**

Commander Mark McConnell ADC RANR delivered the commemorative address at the National Servicemen's Vietnam Veterans' Day service. The sun was shining, and a good crowd gathered, with music supplied by members of the Royal Navy Band Queensland. The cadets were from Churchie and at the end of the service, nine plaques that had been added to the wall during the year were dedicated.



**LANDSCAPE AND MEMORY PROJECT**

Photographs taken by official WWI photographer Captain Frank Hurley inspired eight artists in an exhibition at Toowoomba Regional Art Gallery recently. One of the artworks, a composite photograph utilising Hurley's pioneering photographic technique, titled *Lest We Forget* by photographer Anne Smith features WWII veteran George Gnezdiloff and Vietnam veteran Ian Lade. Exhibition curators, Dr Martin Kerby and Associate Professor Janet McDonald from USQ, were delighted that both men travelled from Proserpine for the opening and that their visit and the artwork attracted a number of dignitaries and considerable media attention during the opening.



**GOOD TURNOUT IN GOODNA**

Members and guests attended Goodna Sub Branch's annual Vietnam Veterans' Day service.

**SPECIAL GUESTS ATTEND KINGAROY-MEMERAMBI SERVICE**

Kingaroy-Memerambi Sub Branch held a service for Vietnam Veterans' Day, with special guests including Father Chukwudi Chinaka, left, Judy Dixon (sister of Long Tan veteran, the late Barry Magnussen), Shirley Law, Eric Law AM (Vietnam veteran and guest speaker) and Don Davey (District President, Sub Branch President and Vietnam veteran).



**IPSWICH FLIES THE FLAG FOR INVICTUS**

Ipswich Sub Branch held a 'Fly the Flag' day to show its support for Invictus Games Sydney and the wounded warriors competing in the event. Dan Roberts, an assistant coach to the wheelchair basketball team and a member of Ipswich Sub Branch, together with Melissa Roberts, who won seven medals at the 2017 Games and serves at RAAF Base Amberley, attended the day.

**76TH ANNIVERSARY OF BATTLE OF MILNE BAY**

Nundah Northgate Sub Branch hosted the 76th anniversary of the Battle of Milne Bay at a memorial service on August 26. The very wet weather did not deter most people from attending. Sub Branch President Jean Bromham spoke on the history and significance of the battle. Brisbane North District President Merv Brown OAM was guest speaker and the 1st Military Cadet Unit provided the Catafalque Party.





**YOUNG VETERANS RACE**

Young Veterans members visited Moreton District on their way to a race at Round 4 of the SXS Australian Championship at Queensland Moto Park in Coulson. David Wyatt, from the Ipswich Chapter of Young Veterans, is pictured holding his son, together with driver Mathew Keene and their team.



**WIDE BAY AND BURNETT DISTRICT**

Federal Member for Hinkler Keith Pitt visited Wide Bay and Burnett District recently to announce funding for essential advocacy and welfare services for veterans, serving members and their families, war widows and widowers. The Building Excellence in Support and Training (BEST) grants program helps ex-service organisations provide welfare advocates to support veterans and their families.

The BEST funding is used to run several projects, including a mobile welfare office with a qualified advocate that travels to towns without a pension office, and dedicated welfare vehicles used to visit veterans and take them to appointments. Mr Pitt said five organisations in the Hinkler electorate were successful under the BEST program, with \$202,435.59 in funding to benefit veterans in the region.

**HEROIC STORIES OF LOCALS HELPING POWS**

Several years ago, Doreen Hurst wrote about how local people in Sandakan, North Borneo (now Sabah), heroically helped Australian and British POWs during WWII. Doreen has continued her research and has many more accounts about what happened to the POWs, both at the camp and on the death marches. In the chapter 'Echoes of Sandakan' there are accounts written by different authors on topics related to those events. The subject is close to Doreen's heart as her own parents - Johnny and Lilian Funk - were among those in the underground support system. Many locals were themselves brutalised by the all-conquering enemy and *Sandakan 1942-1945* tells the story of how they - at great risk to themselves and their families - smuggled into the camp food, medicine, money, intelligence, and parts to build a radio receiver. Above all, they gave POWs the comfort that they were not alone. If you would like to order a copy of the book, contact [sainturiel@bigpond.com](mailto:sainturiel@bigpond.com)



**VICTORY IN THE PACIFIC ACKNOWLEDGED**

Hervey Bay Sub Branch President Brian Tidyman conducted a service at the Cenotaph in Freedom Park on August 15 to commemorate Victory in the Pacific. On this day, 73 years ago, Imperial Japan surrendered in WWII, in effect bringing the war to an end. Wreaths were laid by LNP Member for Hervey Bay Ted Sorensen and Deputy Mayor Fraser Coast Regional Council Darren Everard, as well as several ex-service organisations.



# MEET A MEMBER



Leone Eugenie  
Wilson OAM

Age: 76

Sub Branch: Bundaberg RSL Sub Branch

**“THE TEAM OF VOLUNTEERS THAT DELIVER SUPPORT ARE THE BACKBONE OF LOCAL SUB BRANCHES, AND WE SHOULD APPLAUD THEIR SERVICE.”**

## **What is your service history?**

I joined the WRAAF in 1962 and served at Base Squadron Wagga, Base Squadron Williamtown and Headquarters Operational Command Glenbrook as a Clerk Supply. In 1972, I was attached to 38 Squadron Port Moresby for 16 days – this was rare, as servicewomen did not serve overseas at that time and special permission had to be given. I married John in 1973 and took my discharge in 1974, when he was posted to Singapore.

## **When and why did you join your local RSL Sub Branch?**

John's return posting was to Amberley, and as Bundaberg was my hometown and my parents were still living there, there we planned to eventually return. This happened in 1980. John served in Vietnam and was already a member of the RSL; however, I was unable to join until 1982 when RSL Queensland expanded its eligibility. I wanted to be a member quite simply because I wanted to belong to the RSL, having served.

## **How have you been involved with your Sub Branch over the years?**

In 1986, I joined the Sub Branch committee and took over production of its newsletter soon after. I produced regular newsletters for the 30 years I served on the committee. Although I retired from the committee in 2016, I helped with a few issues after I left, and this year returned to the committee as secretary to assist with a review of HR requirements.

My interest in newsletter communication expanded when I founded the *District Digest* for Wide Bay & Burnett District two years prior to becoming an executive member of that District. I also founded a newsletter, *Chests Out*, for the local ex-servicewomen's association, of

which I am secretary. For the past 17 years, I have been the editor of Bundaberg RAAF Association's *Hangar Doors* newsletter. After more than 12 years as District Secretary, I finished in 2009, when it became a paid position.

## **What Sub Branch activities are you particularly passionate about?**

Communicating within the veteran community is a personal passion; however, the overall welfare support that Sub Branches provide is important. The team of volunteers that deliver support is the backbone of local Sub Branches, and we should applaud their service.

## **What role does your Sub Branch play in the lives of veterans?**

Like all Sub Branches, Bundaberg RSL strives to provide activities for members that allow them to come together to enjoy friendship and receive support. We encourage volunteers to join the Sub Branch team, and it is the strength of these members collectively giving up many hours each day that delivers the outcomes needed.

## **What role does your Sub Branch play in the local community?**

The Bundaberg community has an expectation that the RSL be there for the veteran community and carry out commemorations to honour the fallen.

## **What should RSL's top priorities be over the next five to 10 years?**

Over the coming years, the RSL must continue all efforts to be relevant for its wide-ranging membership and encourage increased involvement from younger veterans. The RSL should work together with all veteran organisations for the common good of

servicemen and women and our nation.

## **What do you hear as the top three issues on RSL members' minds?**

The RSL is an organisation that allows the service 'family' to continue beyond service, and this can provide a member with friendship, support and a feeling of self-worth – all very important for our veterans and their families.

## **What is your greatest achievement?**

Greatest achievements are judged by others; just knowing that I have given what I am capable of is my personal achievement. I am very proud and humbled to wear Life Membership awards received from the RSL, RAAF Association and Bundaberg Ex-Servicewomen, as well as the RSL Meritorious Medal and the national awards for my service to veterans, the Centenary Medal and, more recently, the Order of Australia Medal.

## **Which talent would you most like to have?**

I don't have an ambition to be talented; however, it would be wonderful to be able to place a name to a face the instant I meet one of the many wonderful RSL members I have known.

## **What is your most treasured possession?**

My most treasured material possessions are the medals and badges I have been awarded. I know that I have tried to contribute to help fellow servicemen and women – and that my high regard for many RSL members and service people and their families is genuine – but these items tell me that others believe I may have succeeded along the way. They are very humbling. ←



# MATES 4 MATES

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# Magazine.



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to Unwind*

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Raising awareness and funds for mental health.



Troy Watson

## CEO's Message

In the last few months I have had the chance to attend a number of round tables and forums including the DVA Consultative Forum, Young Veterans Forum and the Inquiry into ADF Transition, to name a few. These opportunities present a platform to provoke discussion around the services offered to our contemporary veterans and how we can influence and improve government interactions when it comes to supporting current and ex-serving personnel. Upon reflecting on these discussions, I have been intrinsically reminded of the importance of open communication and sharing: not only thoughts and ideas in a professional capacity, but also day to day conversations with those around us.

The end of the year sees a number of organisations and initiatives designed to encourage discussion around important topics including Women's Health Week, RU OK? Day in September and World Mental Health Day in October. I think it is important to take it upon ourselves to use initiatives like RU OK? Day to open up a dialogue with those around us, whether at work, at home with family or amongst your friend group. It may be as simple as picking up your phone and sending a text message, or having a meaningful face to face discussion. The important aspect is consciously reaching out to those around us to offer support, share words of encouragement or have a relaxed conversation over coffee.

On a final note, on behalf of Mates4Mates I wish to extend best wishes to all competitors and their families participating and supporting the Invictus Games.

Troy



## Congratulations to Australia's Greatest Mates

On 7 August, Mates4Mates was proud to announce our Australia's Greatest Mate winners across the four categories. Thank you to all those who nominated their Greatest Mates and congratulations to our deserving winners!



Adele O'Brien



Justin Bygrave + Ben Jones



Lu McCulloch



Tim Weir



**We launched Australia's Greatest Mate because mateship is at the heart of what we do at Mates4Mates. The campaign unveiled some incredible stories of mateship and gave many the opportunity to acknowledge important relationships in their lives. The campaign also allowed us to raise awareness of some of the challenges facing our Australian veterans and their families.**

CEO Troy Watson, on the success of Australia's Greatest Mate 2018.



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Mates4Mates supports current and ex-serving Australian Defence Force members, and their families, who are wounded, injured or ill as a result of their service. We are an initiative established by RSL Queensland.

If you would like to contribute to our magazine please contact the Mates4Mates Partnerships and Engagement team via [marketing@mates4mates.org](mailto:marketing@mates4mates.org) or call 1300 462 837.



# Soldier Recovery Centre

# Collaboration



Written by: Ayla Manicaros

Mates4Mates have now concluded a second collaborative program with the Soldier Recovery Centre (SRC) at Gallipoli Barracks in Enoggera, Brisbane, where one of our accredited Mates4Mates Exercise Physiologists' delivered daily physical training sessions to participants of the SRC's 8-week Rehabilitation program.

**T**he partnership has helped to revolutionise how the physical reconditioning elements of the SRC Program were traditionally delivered, by introducing scientific testing in the form of Functional Movement Screening (FMS), allowing for targeted observation of how the individual moves: it's not just about fixing injuries. Our Exercise Physiologists have worked closely and collaboratively with the Army Physical Training Instructors to deliver the best possible outcomes for those involved.

The program has served as an education tool to help teach both the serving Defence personnel and the Physical Training Instructors on how to tailor programs to specific injuries and allow for faster recovery, thus getting personnel back into their Units sooner. Not only does it promote better overall health, posture and contributes to re-injury prevention, it also increases the longevity of an individuals career in the Defence Force.

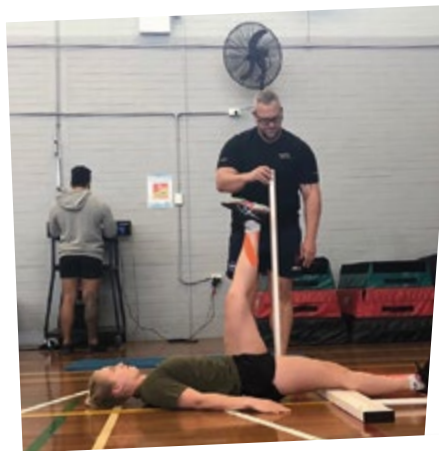
Another important aspect of the program is the introductory platform it provides for injured Defence personnel to Mates4Mates, before they even transition out of the Defence Force. This creates a sense of familiarity with our Family Recovery Centres and Staff, whilst reassuring them of the diverse physical and psychological support Mates4Mates has on offer.

"The response from the group is consistently positive. You can see a distinct improvement in their reconditioning as the weeks progress and we've started to observe functional movement trends amongst the participants according to what their injuries are," said Brett Taylor, Mates4Mates Physical Rehabilitation Manager who has helped to facilitate the collaboration. ■



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**Brett Taylor** | Mates4Mates Physical Rehabilitation Manager



Brett Taylor works with participants at the Soldier Recovery Centre in Brisbane.

## Meet a Mate

By Ayla Manicaros

# Andreas Schluessler



It is hard not to get wrapped up in conversation with Tasmanian Mate and veteran, Andreas Schluessler, when he opens up about his ongoing journey to recovery. Andreas joined the Navy before his eighteenth birthday and discharged in 1994, turning to alcohol in an attempt to numb the stark reality of civilian life without a stable support system.

Andreas describes his time post service with an analogy, “[my time in the Defence Force] moulded me into a square peg. I discharged into society this same shape, trying to fit into a round mould. I realised I could try and shave the edges off, but I was never going to fit into that round mould... and every day I was reminded of that.” In 2010, a confronting family incident left Andreas with thoughts

of suicide and it was at this turning point he made a decision to stop drinking.

“I spent many years using alcohol as a band aid but when I stopped drinking in 2010, without the band aid, my life completely unravelled.” This sudden deprivation is ultimately what led Andreas to the Hobart Family Recovery Centre and in his words, “I’d be lost without Mates4Mates... One thing I really get out of the place is there is no [prejudice] of who’s done more or who’s done less. I walk into Mates4Mates and I get a look of knowing from the other people here because we’re all in the same boat. I don’t feel a need to explain myself.”

The targeted psychological and social support offered by Mates4Mates has helped



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Andreas Schluessler

to guide Andreas’ recovery, allowing him to become involved in a variety of programs including those at the local community centre where he regularly volunteers, showing others how to make leftover produce last longer and go further. “Making chutneys, onion jams and sauerkraut and sharing this knowledge allows me to feel like I’m contributing to society but in a safe place where I feel like I belong.” ■

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# Invictus Games

# Best of Luck!



From 20 – 27 October, more than 20 Mates will join the Australian Team in their quest for Gold at the Sydney 2018 Invictus Games.

**M**ates4Mates is proud to work together with the 2018 Games to spread the word of the healing power of sport and we cannot wait to cheer on the entire team across eight days of fierce competition. Be sure to tune into the live coverage of the Invictus Games Sydney 2018 on ABC and cheer on our wounded warriors! ■



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## Hit the Hill 2018

# Wrap-up

Written by: Ayla Manicaros

**F**rom the 11-12 August, over 850 people gathered on Townsville's Castle Hill for Hit103.1 Hit the Hill event. It was an incredible 24 hours with teams lapping the Hill in the name of breaking down the stigma attached to suicide and mental health within the community. Mates4Mates was the proud beneficiary of the event and we'd like to extend a huge thank you and congratulations to all those involved. If you have a fundraising event or activity where you'd like to involve Mates4Mates, please email [fundraising@mates4mates.org](mailto:fundraising@mates4mates.org).

**Pictured:** Townsville Mates come together as a team to hit the hill!



## Top 3 Defence RPL

# Qualifications

Written by: Tricia Velthuisen

Our RPL Partner, Churchill Education, have been helping military personnel to transition for the past 12 years. Here they reveal the top three Defence RPL Qualifications.

### 1 Diploma of Leadership and Management

The BSB51915 Diploma of Leadership and Management shows employers that you can combine the two vital aspects of management: effective team leadership and organisational planning for success. It demonstrates that you have skills and knowledge in both human resources and management operations.

### 2 Certificate IV in Government

The PSP40116 Certificate IV in Government is an ideal qualification for those looking to secure a sought-after entry-level position in government or the public sector. This Government qualification validates your advanced communication strategies, capacity to work within an established framework and your ability to maintain effective workplace relationships. The Certificate IV qualification is often listed on job advertisements for AO5 positions in government.

### 3 Diploma of Security and Risk Management

The CPP50611 Diploma of Security and Risk Management is the highest qualification in this sector. This is an ideal qualification for those personnel who want to transfer their experience into a security and risk management focused role.

Keep in mind the level of the qualification you will be eligible for may depend on your rank and length of service. Possible career outcomes ranging from Work Health and Safety Officers and International High Risk Security Consultants through to Protective Services Officer and Project Managers. Contact Mates4Mates on 1300 462 837 for more information. ■



Maintaining good mental health in a

# Changing World

Written by: Georgia Ash

Living in the 21st century brings great advances in health, education, science, technology, nutrition and quality of life.

**H**owever, progress also brings challenges, none more so than around our mental health. A recent study in the United Kingdom involving 1500 Facebook and Twitter users found 62% experienced feelings of inadequacy compared to other users, 30% loneliness and more than half of people aged 18-35 felt ugly. Likewise, the constant availability of news (rarely of the feel good kind), economic stresses, competition, consumerism, FOMO (fear of missing out) and the perceived need to “keep up with the Joneses”, also takes its toll. So, what can we do to guard against the challenges modern society places on our mental health?



Purposely adopting a more balanced perspective on the world, can really make a difference to the way we feel on a daily basis. ”



A great first step is to **unplug to unwind**. Deactivate your Facebook account or take a long overdue vacation from it. If you can't bear the thought of going without Facebook for a short while, try confining the amount of times you check your account or other social media sites, to certain times during the day.

Purposely adopting a more balanced perspective on the world, can really make a difference to the way we feel on a daily basis. Where the opportunity allows, connect with others in person, not virtually.

Mates4Mates offer a range of social connection, mental health and wellness programs. To find out more about what is going on at your local Family Recovery Centre, pick up the phone or drop in and see us. ■



# Australian Warrior Expo



Written by: Ayla Manicaros

The Australian Warrior Expo (AWE) is Australia's premier Law Enforcement, Military, Emergency Services and Security Expo and is the only event of its type in Australia. This year, Mates4Mates is proud to announce we are one of two official charity partners for the three-day trade show, alongside Blue Hope.

**A**WE has been designed to appeal to the front line professionals in Law Enforcement, the Military, Fire and Rescue, First Responders and Security, offering a whole suite of the latest products, technology, equipment and services to this niche market. It is also targeted toward those who



The Team behind AWE has gone above and beyond to curate an event that exceeds your expectations associated with a typical trade show.



appreciate the highest quality gear: the hikers, outdoor adventurers and adrenaline junkies.

The Team behind AWE has gone above and beyond to curate an event that exceeds your expectations associated with a typical trade show. They have put a huge focus on hospitality, offering a special VIP event on Thursday night and an AWE Party on Friday evening, offering a platform to bring agencies and professionals together, with a live Auction taking place and proceeds donated to both Mates4Mates and Blue Hope. There is also the addition of a full retail store for those keen to shop across the three days.

Recently, AWE announced the introduction of a fitness zone in acknowledgement of both

the physical and mental benefits of exercise. Being physically fit helps to combat the demands and pressures of a job in the military, law enforcement and emergency services and a number of incredible businesses supporting this notion have come on board for the Expo. With physical rehabilitation being one of Mates4Mates service streams, we support this exciting inclusion into the event.

Mates4Mates will be attending AWE from Thursday 15 through to Saturday 17 November at a booth situated in the hospitality area. Specially marked 'orange entry tickets' are available from [australianwarriorexpo.com.au](http://australianwarriorexpo.com.au) with \$10 from the sale donated directly to Mates4Mates. ■

## VVCS Rebrand

**T**he Veterans and Veterans Families Counselling Service (VVCS) is getting a new name and look. From late October the service will be called Open Arms- Veterans & Families Counselling. National Manager, Dr Stephanie Hodson says, "This change comes at a time when we have expanded eligibility to all current and former ADF personnel and their immediate families, who can seek counselling about any issue they face." ■



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# MEET A RESIDENT

Peter Aylmer

Age: 67

Served: Royal Australian Navy, 1968-1974



Peter conducted his training on HMAS ANZAC, spent some time on land bases and, in 1969, joined HMAS Swan for warm-up trials before the ship was commissioned on January 20, 1970.

As an Able Seaman Underwater Control, Peter travelled extensively on HMAS Swan throughout Asia, including Vietnam, Hong Kong, Japan, Singapore and the Philippines, before disembarking in 1972.

From 1972, Peter served further time on various land bases and, after six months aboard HMAS Hobart, discharged from the Navy in 1974.

Peter is a resident of RSL Queensland's Proserpine Villas, where he is an active member of the community and the current secretary of Proserpine RSL Sub Branch. ←

## RSL QUEENSLAND ACCOMMODATION

RSL Queensland offers various accommodation options to assist veterans, including:

- Permanent, affordable housing in self-contained units across the state
- Temporary accommodation in Brisbane and on the Gold Coast for those needing medical treatment.

Visit [www.rslqld.org](http://www.rslqld.org) for more information.

# Mental Health First Aid

**EQUIPPING YOUR FAMILY AS 'FIRST-RESPONDERS'**





In the event of a medical emergency, response time is critical. We understand the urgency of treating physical injuries and the value of first aid training, but what if it's not the body that's injured? Our culture doesn't teach us how to handle or respond to mental illness well. But, just like a physical injury, mental health issues can be addressed. The sooner they are addressed, the better the outcome is likely to be. The Gallipoli Medical Research Foundation's (GMRF) latest research project investigates the provision of Mental Health First Aid for families of ex-service personnel. Providing family members of veterans with this information could be helpful for knowing when and where to refer them.

**WE** know there is a significant proportion of Australian veterans who experience a mental health concern. As part of an ongoing senate inquiry into the transition from military to civilian life, it was revealed that 46 per cent of veterans reported some form of

mental health issue after discharging from military service. These include anxiety, depressive disorders, substance abuse disorders and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

International research indicates these conditions not only affect veterans, but have also been found

to negatively impact veterans' family members, including partners, children and parents. What's more, partners and other family members of veterans often take on a carer role.

It is not always obvious when someone is struggling with a mental health condition, as outward behaviour can mask deeper issues. A physical medical condition, such as a heart attack, often has visible signs and symptoms many people know how to recognise and treat with first aid.

The signs and symptoms of a mental health condition are often subtle or easy to miss. But they are identifiable if you know what to look for. This is where knowledge and training can make all the difference.

GMRF's Veteran Mental Health Initiative has identified the important role family members play in a veteran's mental health and has launched this project to enhance veteran family support. The Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) training for family members living with a veteran who has a mental illness has been made possible by Medibank's Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund.

The project equips families of veterans with information and techniques to understand common mental health issues and provides knowledge about available resources and ways to access professional help.

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**MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID ACTION PLAN**



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**L**isten and communicate non-judgmentally

**G**ive support and information

**E**ncourage appropriate professional help

**E**ncourage other supports

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Just like there is an acronym for intervening in physical health problems, Mental Health First Aid uses the ALGEE action plan to teach people how to give Mental Health First Aid.



## MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING – PARTICIPANTS REQUIRED

Gallipoli Medical Research Foundation (GMRF) has launched its latest study investigating Mental Health First Aid training for families of ex-service personnel with a mental health condition.

GMRF is seeking family members of ex-service personnel to complete a 12-hour Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) training course (across two days) and complete six questionnaires at three time points. The training course will be free of charge and involves gaining skills in providing initial support to adults experiencing mental health problems or crises.

For more information, visit [bit.ly/GMRF-MHFA](http://bit.ly/GMRF-MHFA) or contact the Veteran Mental Health Initiative Team on 07 3394 7578 or [EvansJustine@ramsayhealth.com.au](mailto:EvansJustine@ramsayhealth.com.au).



Veteran Mental Health Initiative Researcher and Clinical Psychologist Dr Justine Evans coordinates the project and delivers training to participants. She believes equipping and engaging the family in providing support can play a significant role in contributing to a positive reintegration experience, particularly in instances where a veteran may be reluctant to seek out help.

“With almost one in two veterans reporting a mental health concern since discharge, this is an issue that is impacting a lot of families. There are a number of reasons why veterans often don’t seek out help, including shame and fear of judgement and stigma,” Dr Evans says.

“Once we have the skills to recognise when someone is struggling and have the confidence that comes from proper training, we can talk to the person and point them in the right direction to get help.”

So, what exactly is MHFA training and who is it aimed at? MHFA is a nationally recognised program developed in Australia and used by some veteran services overseas.

It helps family members recognise when someone may be developing a mental health problem, is experiencing a worsening of an existing mental health problem, or is in a mental health crisis. The courses provide practical skills to family members who are then more able to make a supportive impact in their veteran’s life.

The training aims to address the widespread lack of knowledge surrounding mental health. It teaches participants about general mental health, chronic psychological conditions, behavioural warning signs of distress, and provides information on referring persons to appropriate mental health services.

Mental Health First Aid Australia has provided accredited training since 2000. You don’t have to be a doctor or a psychologist to undertake the training and you don’t have to be associated with a relevant organisation.

With one in five people in Australia at risk of developing a mental health issue at some point in their lives, anyone can be equipped to help provide support to help address these issues.

“This training is certainly not a substitute for professional help, rather it is a ‘first step’, facilitated by family members or other trained individuals, to direct and guide veterans towards the appropriate avenues for addressing mental health issues,” Dr Evans says.

GMRF has undertaken this project to investigate the utility of MHFA training for families, providing an





evidence-based appraisal of the reported benefits and outcomes. The 12-hour program, delivered over two days at Greenslopes Private Hospital, provides participants with:

- Skills in how to recognise the signs and symptoms of mental health problems;
- Knowledge of the possible risk factors for these mental health problems;
- Awareness of the evidenced-based medical, psychological and alternative treatments available;
- Skills in how to give appropriate initial help and support someone

experiencing a mental health problem;

- Skills in how to take appropriate action if a crisis arises.

Dr Evans and the VMHI team conducted the first round of training in August 2018, with encouraging feedback from participants.

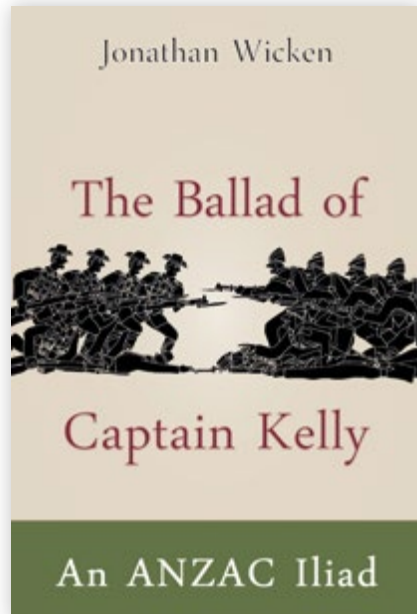
If mental illness is impacting your life, then you may have experienced firsthand the lack of acknowledgement and support mental health issues often receive. While more professional services are required, we can all play a role in addressing this issue.

For more information about GMRF, visit [www.gallipoliresearch.com.au](http://www.gallipoliresearch.com.au) ←

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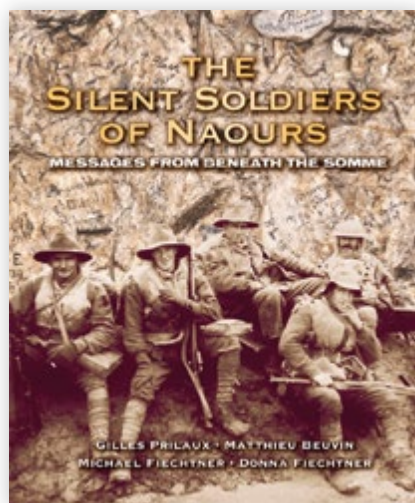
## THE BALLAD OF CAPTAIN KELLY: AN ANZAC ILIAD

“I will tell you about the terrible anger of Captain Kelly, and may the angels inspire me to tell all the story correctly: of the quarrel between Captain Kelly, bravest of all the men at Gallipoli, and his Commander General Agnew-Menning; of the terrible anger that Captain Kelly nursed against General Agnew-Menning because of the insult done to him; and of the terrible suffering inflicted on the Allies by the wilfulness of these two proud men.”

*The Ballad of Captain Kelly* is a close adaptation of Homer’s *Iliad* set at Gallipoli in 1915. It is a highly unusual work that tells a specifically Australian story in an unusual and innovative way. Closely following the structure and content of the *Iliad*, the work is not realist historical fiction, instead, it is a prose poem, written in a high-epic style that consciously evokes the oral tradition of Homer.

*The Ballad of Captain Kelly* by Jonathan Wicken is published by Niche Press (RRP: \$32.50).

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## THE SILENT SOLDIERS OF NAOURS

Recently rediscovered in hidden chambers in the north of France is an incredible secret of the Battle of the Somme and WWI. The signatures and graffiti of French, English and Australian soldiers tell a story of lives long lost, but now found.

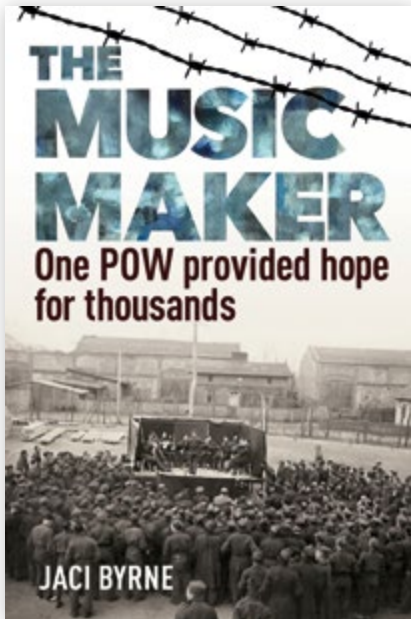
*The Silent Soldiers of Naours* is the story of how French and Australian researchers rediscovered the incredible stories of what happened to these men.

Beneath a small village named Naours, over 3000 signatures are recorded on the walls of a network of ancient underground caves. Most signatures were left by ‘Aussie’ soldiers while on leave or training for combat in Vignacourt and surrounding areas.

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# TOUGH LUCK: SYDNEY APARTMENT OR GOLD COAST HOME?

If you had the choice between a glamorous inner-city Sydney apartment with harbour views or a \$1.7 million Gold Coast waterfront home and \$555,000 in gold bullion, what would you choose?

That was the life-changing dilemma an RSL Art Union ticket holder from New South Wales faced after winning the latest prize home draw.

The winner had to choose between a rare three-bedroom

CBD Sydney apartment with panoramic views of the Harbour Bridge or a five-bedroom home on a canal at Broadbeach Waters on the Gold Coast and \$555,000 in gold bullion.

After a few weeks, mother of three, Jennifer, asked RSL Art Union for the keys to the Gold Coast home.

“Getting the call was amazing – I had a hard time convincing my family it was real,” Jennifer said.

“I ended up a blubbering mess, because I realised we could pay

off our mortgage and help friends with a sick child.

“It changes everything, but it’s not until you hear how the RSL uses the funds raised to help veterans, that you realise what an amazing job they do.”

The Broadbeach Waters home comes with \$145,012 in furniture and electrical appliances, a swimming pool, all rates and utilities paid for a year and a deep-water pontoon.

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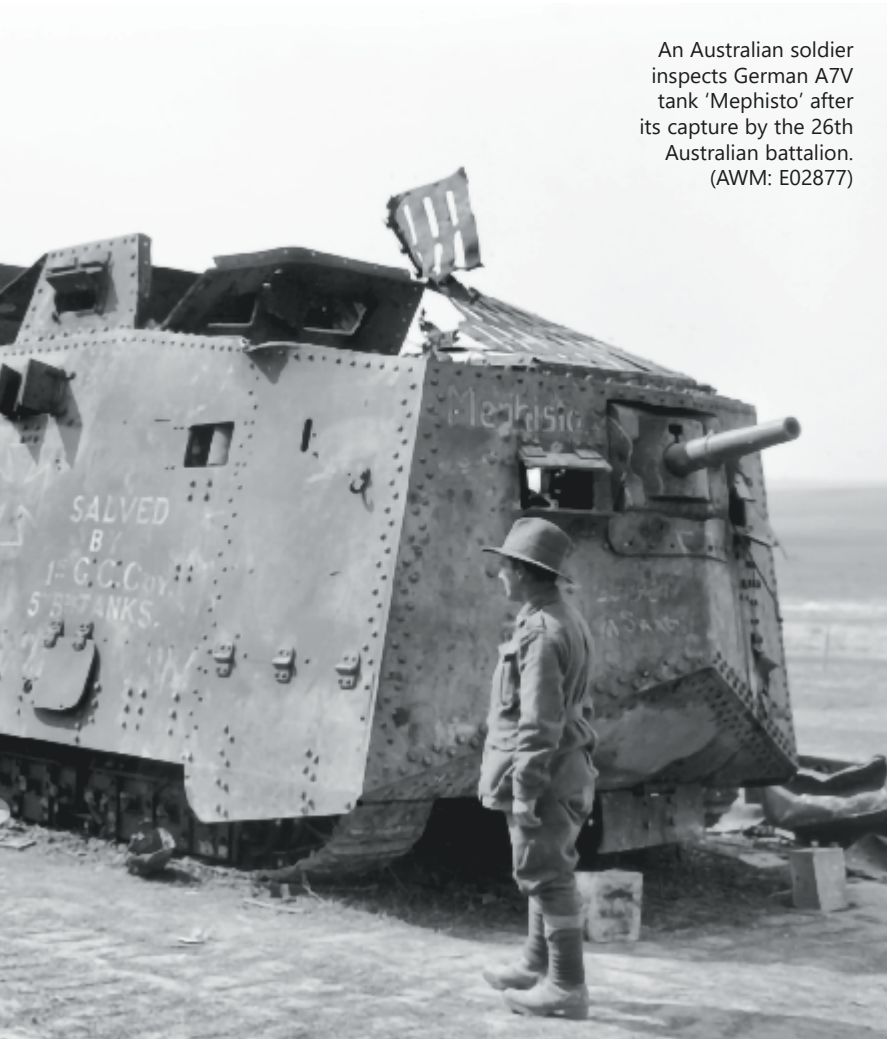
Officer Deborah Pescott said that handing out keys to million-dollar homes was the best part of her job.

“It’s a great day at work when you get to make someone’s dreams come true and each ticket sold helps support our veterans,” Ms Pescott said.

Congratulations to Jennifer and the other winners of our recent draw. From all of us here at RSL Art Union, thank you for your support and we wish you the best of luck in our current lottery.



# COMMUNITY CONNECT



An Australian soldier inspects German A7V tank 'Mephisto' after its capture by the 26th Australian battalion. (AWM: E02877)

# REUNIONS

## 50 YEAR ANNIVERSARY REUNION BATTLES OF CORAL AND BALMORAL

The next 'Red Rat' reunion of the 1st Australian Task Force South Vietnam 1966-72 will be held on Phillip Island from November 15-19, 2018, to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Battles of Coral-Balmoral. It will take place at the BIG 4 Phillip Island Caravan Park at 24 Old Bridge Drive, Newhaven, Victoria. For more information on the reunion, phone John Verhelst on 0437 212 121 or Bob Sutton on 0400 825 386. For caravan park bookings, phone 03 5956 7227, email [info@phillipislandcpk.com.au](mailto:info@phillipislandcpk.com.au) or visit [www.phillipislandcpk.com.au](http://www.phillipislandcpk.com.au).

## HEADQUARTER 1ST AUSTRALIAN LOGISTIC SUPPORT GROUP (1ALSG)

A 50-year anniversary reunion for Vietnam veterans of the Headquarter 1st Australian Logistic Support Group will be held in Ballarat from November 8-11, 2019. Already, 100 members have booked to attend the event, with accommodation and gatherings planned around the BIG4 Ballarat Goldfields Holiday Park. For event and accommodation details, contact Tony Brown on 0428 852 736 or [tony11raye13@bigpond.com](mailto:tony11raye13@bigpond.com).

## REUNION FOR EX-RAAF PERSONNEL WHO SERVED IN A GEMS UNIT (MTRS/GSE/GEMF/MEOMS)

A reunion for South East Queensland ex-RAAF residents who were a mustering or officer that served in any Ground Equipment Maintenance Unit in the RAAF will be held on October 27 from 3pm at Jets Leagues Club, 15 Downs St, North Ipswich. Partners are welcome. For more information, phone Jacko on 0413 700 298 or (after 6pm) 07 3294 0803.

## ARMY MUSEUM SOUTH QUEENSLAND – "1918" EXHIBITION

A diorama of the Mephisto tank famously captured by the AIF at Villers-Bretonneux is featured in the "1918" Exhibition at Victoria Barracks in Brisbane.

Meticulously researched history, with original photographs and artefacts of the events and battles that led to the signing of the Armistice in 1918 are also on display.

Escorted tours of Victoria Barracks are on Wednesdays only. The price of \$15 per person includes the professionally researched and curated exhibition, an escorted tour of historic Victoria Barracks, Devonshire tea served in the original officers' mess, souvenir booklet and digital photo.

Groups and individuals must always make prior bookings through [www.armymuseumsouthqueensland.com.au](http://www.armymuseumsouthqueensland.com.au) or by contacting Bev Smith on 0429 954 663.

## DO YOU KNOW THE LATE CAPTAIN ROBERT ANDREW HOUGHTON?

Lisa Cooper would like to speak to the family of the late Captain Robert Andrew Houghton QX63589, born May 10, 1897, previously of Camp Hill, Qld, or anyone who may have served with or known Robert from his WWII service. Her enquiry relates to research for her PhD. If you can help, contact Lisa on 0448 112 700 or email [ldcooper@deakin.edu.au](mailto:ldcooper@deakin.edu.au).

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