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“The Price of Liberty is Eternal Vigilance”



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Hello from the President

A big welcome to our new secretary Ron.

Well, here it is April, and just around the corner ANZAC Day, so people get your medals polished and be ready for our march held each year around 0500 hrs on the 25th.

This year will probably be bigger and better than last year which was a spectacular event, I for one was extremely proud of the way it was run. Keep it up, proud of you all.

Tickets for the raffle run by our Ladies Auxiliary are already available at reception (front desk of the club).

The news about the gun (M2A2 105mm Howitzer Light Gun) was not what we really wanted to hear, with the placement of it starting around 20K to 40K and with the ongoing costs of upkeep being high, we as a committee and executive made the decision to sadly withdraw from the offer. Such is Life.

We have decided to upgrade the existing WWI monument with the lettering being re-stencilled to the original, plus we are looking at another monument to even up the existing three (3). This will depict all wars and conflicts starting from WWII onwards.

Disabilities and Pensions have started to ease now, possibly to demand. I still know a lot of you that need attention, so please feel free to give us a call.

The Welfare arena hasn't been going so well lately with quite a few of the veterans going to nursing homes and the like, I wish them all the best.

It's a pity can't go to all the places they are in, but remember there are only 24 hours in a day and sometimes I wish there was 25.

Pride and Passion is our theme forever.

Please stay in good health and regularity, see you doctor.

Keep healthy Sid.

'Lest We Forget'



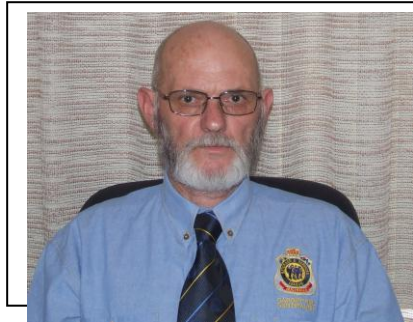
From the Secretary's Desk

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Ron Kennedy and I am a retired boilermaker and ex-navy tiffy. Now I have taken over as the Hon Secretary of Cardiff RSL Sub-Branch taking over from Greg Peters, who has over his period of time as the secretary done an excellent job. Thanks Greg (*sincere salutation*). Please bear with me as I find my feet in this position. If you require contacting us for anything, you can reach the Sub-Branch on the numbers provided or drop in and see us during office hours.

Regards

Ron Kennedy

Honorary Secretary





Cardiff RSL Sub-Branch Women's Auxiliary

There have been NO changes to our Executive this year.

President	Mrs Bonnie Graham
Secretary	Mrs Corinne Peters
Treasurer	Mrs Lynne Goodworth
Vice President	Mrs Connie Bartley
Vice President	Mrs Kaylene Dodd
Purchasing Officers	Mrs Brigitta Froehlich Mrs Bonnie Graham

ANZAC breakfast will be for 600 people **only** so get in early if you want breaky on the day. The Club will sell the tickets before ANZAC day & we will be selling on the morning. The cost will be \$5 for an adult [with 2 drink tickets] & children's tickets \$2 without the tickets. The Tenpin Bowling Club will be operating a Sausage Sizzle from about 7.30am to the end of the Two-Up. I am unsure of the cost for the sausage sizzle but I will let sub-branch as& when we are told.

This year we have decided to have a MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE for two reasons so that we can help some lovely lady feel special on the day & to help us to raise money. So please help us with this endeavour.

Corinne L Peters
Honorary Secretary



MESSAGE FROM THE HON GREG COMBET AM MP
Federal Member for Charlton

Minister for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency

More than 260 ADF personnel have recently completed flood relief and recovery tasks in the areas of Wagga Wagga, and Shepparton in Northern Victoria.

Army, Navy and Air Force personnel assisting flood relief efforts in the Wagga Wagga area came from RAAF Base Wagga, the Kapooka Military Area and Army's 5 Brigade.

These personnel, which included a contingent of Army recruits who went from their passing-out parade at Kapooka straight to Wagga, have performed tirelessly alongside many in the affected communities to assist in the relief efforts.

The contingent assisting in Victoria came from the Puckapunyal Military Area and Army's 4 Brigade. These members filled more than 250,000 sandbags to help protect the temporary levee constructed at Nathalia as part of their work with emergency services to react to a potential disaster.

The devastation as a result of these floods has been heartbreaking. We thank the soldiers, sailors, airmen and women who worked tirelessly until the job was done.

Increasing Defence capabilities to respond to natural disasters

The increase of these events has been the catalyst for a shift in the Defence capabilities.

For example, when Cyclone Yasi hit North Queensland early last year, Defence did not have any amphibious ships available to assist. In response, the Government is boosting the Navy's amphibious capability through the purchase of the RFA *Largs Bay* (now the HMAS *Choules*) and work conducted on the HMAS *Tobruk* to return the ship to sea.

In addition, the Government has agreed to purchase the Offshore Support Vessel *Skandi Bergen* - a 6,500 tonne ship that is 105m long and 21m wide. It has accommodation for up to 100 people, more than 1,000 metres of deck area and a helipad. It will be used to transport troops and supplies in support of humanitarian and disaster relief operations domestically and in the region.

The Government will also purchase a sixth C-17A Globemaster III heavy-lift aircraft through the United States Foreign Military Sales program.

The existing C-17 fleet has performed key roles in responding to natural disasters, including:

- delivery of sandbags, levees, personnel and equipment for flood relief in Victoria;
- transportation of patients from Cairns area hospitals prior to Cyclone Yasi and to deliver groceries after the cyclone;

- carrying Army Resupply Vehicles capable of carrying people and cargo to support Queensland flood relief;
- flying search and rescue personnel, paramedics and equipment to New Zealand in the aftermath of the earthquake in Christchurch.

Remembering their sacrifice

The special role of the ADF, in times of conflict as well as disasters, is remembered by a grateful nation through commemorations.

Indeed, Anzac Day ceremonies this year will focus on two important events in Australia's defence history. This year marks the 70th anniversary of two battles from the Second World War: the bombing of Darwin and the campaign in Kokoda, Papua New Guinea.

In February this year, the attacks on Darwin were commemorated in the first national day of observance, joining Anzac Day and Remembrance Day as a date when Australians can pause to remember those who lost their lives protecting our freedom.

Likewise, in July, we will remember the fighting in the Kokoda Track against a Japanese invasion force, which is perhaps the most significant battle fought by Australians in World War II.

Lest we forget.

Till next time,

Greg



THE SPIRIT OF KOKODA

In August 1942 a battalion of 450 young ANZACS dug in around a remote jungle village high up in the Owen Stanley Ranges of New Guinea. They formed Australia's ragged last line of defence against a seemingly invincible Japanese war machine which had swept unchecked through Asia and the Pacific.

The village was called Isurava. The narrow jungle track winding through it was called Kokoda.

The Battalion was the 39th. The average age of the Diggers was 18½ years. They had been hastily trained and were ill-prepared for combat. They were heavily outnumbered and seriously outgunned. They had already been fighting the Japanese for six weeks in some of the most hostile jungle terrain on our planet. But they were all that stood between an invading army of 10,000 Japanese soldiers and their families back home in Australia.

The battle which was about to erupt has been likened to the ancient Greek battle of Thermopylae where 300 Spartans held a mountain pass against thousands of invading Persians nearly 2,500 years ago. Unlike the legendary Greek Spartans our Diggers remain largely unremembered and unhonoured.

When the fanatical Japanese army burst from the cover of the surrounding jungle all hell broke loose. The bravehearts of the 39th Militia Battalion held their ground but after three days and nights of savage hand-to-hand combat fewer than 200 gaunt figures were left standing.

These young warriors were on the verge of annihilation when the battle-hardened men of the 2/14th Australian Infantry Battalion emerged from the jungle to reinforce their position.

But it was not long before they too were in trouble.

At this point a motley group of about 30 wounded, sick and starving stragglers were being evacuated back along the Track when they heard of their plight. Slowly they turned around and hobbled back to battle to help their mates – just one of the many selfless acts of sacrifice that now typifies the spirit of Kokoda.

History records that we lost the battle of Isurava - but we never lost our fighting spirit!

Desperate battles continued along the Track until the Australians rallied on the last line of defence at Imita Ridge and began the offensive which drove the Japanese back into the sea at Buna and Gona. By this time the names of Butchers' Ridge, Brigade Hill, Iorabaiwa Ridge, Templeton's Crossing, Deniki and Kokoda had been emblazoned on the battle honours of proud Australian army units.

These battle honours symbolise the spirit of Kokoda – a spirit of mateship, courage, trust, respect, loyalty, stamina, endurance, selfless sacrifice and strength in adversity – enduring human qualities that inspire ordinary men to achieve extraordinary results against all the odds.

This is our proud legacy. We must never forget.

AN ANZAC STORY

Trooper Thomas Maclean

On the marble tablets listing the names of Cardiff men who volunteered to serve in the First Australian Infantry Force in the Great War is the name of Trooper Thomas Maclean with a star indicating he died on active service. Thomas Maclean was born at Teralba, New South Wales and was the son of the Mrs Charlotte Maclean of Fern Valley Road Cardiff, and the late William Maclean. Thomas was employed as an Orchardist in the Cardiff area at the time of the outbreak of the Great War.

At the time of his enlistment on 17th November 1914 Thomas was eighteen years and five months of age. Like many young men of his time he was eager to join, so much so that he enlisted without the necessary consent form signed by his mother and convinced the Attesting Officer Lieutenant G.H. Parker at Holdsworthy camp that he was "without any relatives or guardian of any description" and nominated a friend as next of kin. Thomas Maclean was posted to the 3rd Reinforcement, 1st Regiment Australian Light Horse and embarked in Sydney on the H.M.A.T. Clan MacCorquodale, ship number A6 on the 6th February, 1915.

The 1st Light Horse Regiment was raised, from recruits from New South Wales, at Rosebury Park in Sydney in August 1914 and was one of three regiments of the 1st Light Horse Brigade. The regiment sailed from Sydney on the 19th October 1914 and disembarked in Egypt on the 8th December 1914. At first the Light Horse were considered unsuitable for the Gallipoli operation but were soon deployed without their horses to reinforce the infantry on Gallipoli. The 1st Light Horse Regiment landed on the 12 May 1915 and was attached to the New Zealand and Australian Division.

Trooper Maclean joined his regiment on Gallipoli on the 15th July, 1915. As part of the August Offensive the 1st Light Horse Regiment mounted an attack on the Turkish position known as "the Chessboard" on the 7th August. Two hundred men were involved in this attack of which one hundred and forty seven became casualties. Trooper Maclean was severely wounded on the 7th August, 1915 suffering bomb wounds to his right leg and shoulder and his left hand. He was evacuated to a hospital ship and taken to Malta where he was admitted to the Tigne Hospital on the 12th August. Trooper Maclean died of his wounds on the 20th August, 1915 and was interred at the Pieta Military Cemetery on Malta after a burial service conducted by Chaplain M. Tobias.

This is the story of a young man from Cardiff a much loved son and brother who volunteered to serve his country and made the ultimate sacrifice on foreign shores. Lest we forget.

Acknowledgements:

Australian War Memorial Canberra
National Archive of Australia

The following are extracts from the respective armed services websites.

Navy News

70th Anniversary of the Loss of HMAS Yarra II



Members of the Royal Australian Navy paused to mark the 70th anniversary of one of Australia's most tragic naval losses of World War II.

On 4 March 1942, HMAS Yarra (II) was escorting a small convoy from Java to Australia when a superior force of Japanese warships came into view. The Australian sloop bravely turned towards the enemy to defend her charges, but was mortally out gunned. 138 Australian sailors died making a final stand under the command of Lieutenant Commander Robert W. Rankin. This act of courage has since drawn national admiration and praise.

Yarra had a crew of 151 men of whom only 13 survived. They spent five days in a life raft before being rescued by a Dutch submarine.

“The story of Yarra is a special one. The ship had seen action in the Mediterranean, the Middle East and the Indian Ocean. This commemoration also reminds all of us in this uniform what can be asked of us as part of a combat force.”

HMAS Yarra (IV) is the sixth of six Huon Class Minehunters built in Newcastle. She was commissioned on 1 March 2003. Like her sister ships, Yarra's unique hull design is shock resistant with a low magnetic and acoustic signature. This allows the ship to operate in hostile mine environments.

www.navy.gov.au

Army News

Canberra based Army members gathered around the Pool of Reflection at the Australian War Memorial during the early hours on 1 March 2011 to celebrate Army's 111th birthday.

The day started with a service which included readings of the Soldiers Prayer, The Ode, Benediction, and renditions of The Last Post and the National Anthem.

The Chief of Army, Lieutenant General David Morrison then addressed his Army with a speech that combined celebration of a modern institution with a reflection on the work our people are doing for our Nation at home and on Operations in Afghanistan, Timor-Leste and the Solomon Islands.

Following the service, the 400 plus guests moved into Anzac Hall where the Army proved that getting older doesn't equal slowing down. The Chief of Army took the opportunity to launch this new website and demonstrated how it will help to share the stories of our people, our operations and our future.

Army was one of the very first Commonwealth institutions founded in the first months of Federation in 1901.

www.army.gov.au

Air Force News

A three-ship of F/A-18 Hornets, Royal Australian Air Force, fly in a training mission during Red Flag 12-3 March 9, 2012, over the Nevada Test and Training Range. Members of the RAAF participate in the Red Flag exercise every other year.



www.airforce.gov.au

HISTORY

History of The Last Post

The Last Post is one of a number of bugle calls in military tradition which mark the phases of the day. Where "Reveille" signalled the start of a soldier's day, the "Last Post" signalled its end. It is believed originally to have been part of a more elaborate routine, known in the British Army as "tattoo" that had its origins in the 17th century. During the evening, a duty officer had to do the rounds of his unit's position, checking that the sentry posts were manned and rounding up the off-duty soldiers and packing them off to their beds or billets. He would be accompanied by one or more musicians. The "first post" was sounded when the duty officer started his rounds and, as the party proceeded from post to post, a drum was played. The drum beats told off-duty soldiers it was time to rest - if the soldiers were billeted in a town, the beats told them it was time to quit the pubs. "Tattoo" is a derivation of doe den tap toe, Dutch for "turn off the taps", a call which is said to have followed the drum beats in many a Dutch pub while English armies were campaigning through Holland and Flanders in the 1690s. (It is also from this routine that American practice of "taps" or "drum taps" originated.) Another bugle call was sounded when the party completed their rounds, when they reached the "last post": this signalled the night sentries were alert at their posts and gave one last warning to any soldiers still at large that it was time to retire for the evening. "Last Post" was incorporated into funeral and memorial services as a final farewell and symbolises that the duty of the dead is over and that they can rest in peace.

The words to the Last Post:

Come home! Come home! The last post is sounding for you to hear. All good soldiers know very well there is nothing to fear while they do what is right, and forget all the worries they have met in their duties through the year. A soldier cannot always be great, but he can be a gentleman and he can be a right good pal to his comrades in his squad. So all you soldiers listen to this – Deal fair by all and you'll never be amiss.

Be Brave! Be Just! Be Honest and True Men.

What is happening in the Sub-Branch?

Recruiting New Members

If every attending member found one new member once a year we would not face the doom of in years to come having very few members, if you know of an individual male or female with defence service be it full time or reserves and national service there is no requirement for war service have a talk to them or speak to one of the committee about them young or old who you think will qualify don't hesitate.

The editor is always looking for articles, jokes, photos, recipes or other topics of interest to our members. Just drop it in the office and the editor will pick it up.

Information on Pensions

No matter how many years it has been since you were in the services, you are entitled to apply for a disability pension for injuries or diseases caused or aggravated by war service or certain defence service rendered on behalf of Australia.

If you are not receiving TPI or EDA pensions, remember you are able to apply for an increase in your disability pension.

If you are receiving a service pension you are also entitled to apply for a disability pension.

Call the Sub Branch office on phone numbers available, Wednesday and/or Saturday mornings to make an appointment to see one of our pension officers, who will discuss your concerns.

Wellbeing Toolbox

The Wellbeing Toolbox is an on-line resource for veterans, former serving members and their families. The wellbeing information and tools are general in nature, so a wide range of people can benefit from them. The website was developed by Australian Centre for Posttraumatic Mental Health (ACPMH) funded by DVA.

www.wellbeingtoolbox.net.au

Funnies!

NEW EVENING CLASSES FOR MEN!!!

ALL ARE WELCOME, OPEN TO MEN ONLY

***Note:** due to the complexity and level of difficulty, each course will accept a maximum of eight participants*

The course covers two days, and topics covered in this course include:

DAY ONE

HOW TO FILL ICE CUBE TRAYS

Step by step guide with slide presentation

TOILET ROLLS- DO THEY GROW ON THE HOLDERS?

Roundtable discussion

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN LAUNDRY BASKET & FLOOR

Practicing with hamper (Pictures and graphics)

DISHES & SILVERWARE; DO THEY LEVITATE/FLY TO KITCHEN SINK OR DISHWASHER BY THEMSELVES?

Debate among a panel of experts.

LOSS OF VIRILITY

Losing the remote control to your significant other - Help line and support groups

LEARNING HOW TO FIND THINGS

Starting with looking in the right place instead of turning the house upside down while screaming - Open forum

DAY TWO

EMPTY MILK CARTONS; DO THEY BELONG IN THE FRIDGE OR THE BIN?

Group discussion and role play

HEALTH WATCH; BRINGING HER FLOWERS IS NOT HARMFUL TO YOUR HEALTH

PowerPoint presentation

REAL MEN ASK FOR DIRECTIONS WHEN LOST

Real life testimonial from the one man who did

IS IT GENETICALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO SIT QUIETLY AS SHE PARALLEL PARKS?

Driving simulation

LIVING WITH ADULTS; BASIC DIFFERENCES BETWEEN YOUR MOTHER AND YOUR PARTNER

Online class and role playing

HOW TO BE THE IDEAL SHOPPING COMPANION

Relaxation exercises, meditation and breathing techniques

REMEMBERING IMPORTANT DATES & CALLING WHEN YOU'RE GOING TO BE LATE

Bring your calendar or PDA to class

GETTING OVER IT; LEARNING HOW TO LIVE WITH BEING WRONG ALL THE TIME

Individual counsellors available

Cooking

Anzac Biscuits

Traditional biscuits baked by anxious wives and mothers during World War I, packed in food parcels, and sent to the Australian soldiers in the trenches.

INGREDIENTS

1 cup rolled oats
3/4 cup desiccated coconut
1 cup plain flour
1 cup sugar
125g (4oz) butter
2 tablespoons golden syrup
1/2 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda
1 tablespoon water

Preheat oven to 300F (150C)

Mix oats, flour, sugar and coconut together.

Melt syrup and butter together.

Mix soda with boiling water and add to melted butter and syrup.

Add to dry ingredients.

Place 1 tablespoon full of mixture on greased tray (allow room for spreading).

Bake for 20 minutes.

Loosen while warm, cool on trays (makes about 35).



Dates to Remember

25 April 2012 ANZAC Day

Anzac Day this year we will be marching from the lights at the corner of Main Rd and Macquarie Rd up to the club and then holding the service at 0515 so be ready to go about 0510hrs.