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*“The Price of Liberty is Eternal Vigilance”*



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## Message from the President

Well, here comes another Spring and with it a few sniffles and certainly some sneezes, so I hope that you are all ready for it after an unusually cold winter.

We are keeping our numbers up with new members coming on board so get the message out there, remember service life unlike any other profession is one where it is most important and reassuring to know at all times that someone is watching out for you

Remember if you are a serving or ex-serving member man or women, it's in your interest to be a member of the Returned and Services League of Australia; it's only through strength of numbers that we can look out for you.

Meanwhile we will continue to fight for better outcomes for our older members as well through better, more convenient health care, aged care and welfare, we are as relevant today as we have always been, (some may beg to differ), but to remain relevant we need you to join us in the battle.

On Wednesday the 5/8 we had a trip to Sydney DVA, with Don Urquhart, Jim Bridge and myself going down, it was a good meeting, although I would have liked a bit more time for questions, maybe it will be discussed before the next one.

Pensions have been a little slow of late, with little or no answers coming back from the Dept, just remember I've got Alana Ward and Ray Mitchell, who is a Delegate out there helping me, so maybe it's time for a review of your disability pension, remember, use em or lose em.

Paul Feenan, Bill Johnson and yours truly, had a trip to Gosford Quarry to pick out a stone for our new memorial, so I can assure you all will be very happy when we get the final go ahead with our two grants that we have currently outstanding and are waiting for decisions on them, we will keep you all advised on the starting date as soon as they advise us.

Don't forget the 11/11/12, as we'll be having a service and nibbles afterwards, the gardens will need a bit of a touch up though, I'll be having a chat with our garden gnomes as soon as Keith comes back after losing his son just recently, we all feel his sadness on his loss.

A big thank you goes out to Yasmine Catley and her crew at Hon Greg Combet's office for their help in the printing of this magazine, we are extremely fortunate to have such people in our midst, so thanks one and all.

To anyone who has lost a loved one, please accept our deepest sympathy.

Please stay healthy and wise and remember those that aren't as fortunate.

Syd Lynch. J P

President

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## VALE

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### *'Lest We Forget'*

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### **Cardiff RSL Sub-Branch Women's Auxiliary**

There have been NO changes to our Executive this year.

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| <b>President</b>           | Mrs Bonnie Graham                           |
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Hello everyone. I sincerely hope that we all survived the winter chill, along with the many various bugs sent to plague us this year. So far this year we have been able to donate to the Welfare and Benevolent Institution and the CCWA as we have always done but thanks to the generosity of people at ANZAC time we were also able to donate to the RSL AFOF. We thank all those who helped to raise the funds that enabled us to donate to these organizations.

Now we are moving forward to the REMEMBERANCE DAY celebrations. We will be selling badges etc. from about mid-October and we are sure we will be able to continue to help where it is most needed.

Beside all of that, we are also getting ready for our Annual Luncheon. It will be on Saturday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November and we look forward to welcoming fellow members of the Auxiliary community and their partners to the luncheon. We also hope that we will be seeing some of the members of our Sub-branch as well to help us celebrate a number of years of mutual co-operation. Exactly how many years are unsure? Some of our ladies say that we were around in the early '50's but we closed for a while and restarted in the mid '60's. Either way it is still a lot of years of friendship and help, so come join with us to celebrate.

Corinne L Peters  
Honorary Secretary



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

Minister for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency

On the First Wednesday in September we paused to remember the Battle for Australia and pay tribute to those Australians who fought and died defending the nation against the Japanese in WWII.

The first attacks on Australian soil came within days of the fall of Singapore with the Japanese launching the first of many air raids against Darwin on 19 February 1942. More than 240 Japanese fighters and bombers attacked Darwin twice during the day, killing more than 250 Allied service personnel and civilians.

By November 1943, Darwin would experience 64 air raids. Attacks were also carried out on other northern Australian towns such as Port Hedland, Broome, Derby, Katherine and Townsville. Sydney also came under attack when three Japanese submarines launched a surprise attack in the harbour, killing 19 Australian and two British sailors.

At the time, more than half a million full time Navy, Army and Air Force personnel as well as civilians and the women's services were defending Australia.

Battle for Australia Day recognises all those who served on the homefront in Australia, and who fought on the sea, on land and in the air in battles in the Coral Sea and in Papua New Guinea, including Milne Bay and the Kokoda Track during 1942 and 1943.

### **Condolences**

It has been a distressing time for our Defence Forces in Afghanistan, with the loss of five soldiers in a 24 hour period marking one of our darkest days since the Vietnam War.

Lance Corporal Stjepan Milosevic - or Rick Milosevic, as he was known to his family - Sapper James Martin and Private Robert Poate were murdered in an insider attack in Uruzgan province on the night of 29 August this year. Lance Corporal Mervyn McDonald and Private Nathanael Gallagher were killed in a helicopter crash in Afghanistan on the same day.

Our thoughts and our condolences are with the families, friends and mates of these young men.

### **Update on Afghanistan**

While the challenges in Afghanistan are significant, we continue to see steady gains in the fight against the Afghan insurgency, particularly over the last two years. Bin Laden is dead. Most of al Qaeda's senior leaders have been killed or captured, and the remaining leaders have been pushed to the Afghanistan-Pakistan border.

Our objective is to prevent Afghanistan from again becoming a safe haven for terrorists. Transition to Afghan-led security responsibility in Uruzgan commenced in July, and our withdrawal is on track for 2014.

## **Congratulations Glendore Public School**

Glendore Public School has been named NSW Primary School Runner-up in the Australian Government's *2012 Anzac Day Schools' Awards*.

Year 5 and 6 students produced the outstanding entry, which featured a study of the Vietnam War.

The students learnt about Australia's contribution to the war, gained an understanding of the roles and responsibilities of Australia's Defence Forces and recognised the sacrifices of men and women during wartime.

Students read various accounts of the war from soldiers, entertainers, protesters and people on the home front. They also studied artefacts from the Vietnam War and interviewed people linked to the war. A slideshow of the research was prepared and presented during a school assembly and a play was performed at the school's Anzac Day ceremony.

I visited the school to congratulate them on their outstanding achievement, and present them with a plaque, recognition certificates and \$500 in prize money. Whilst I was there I had a look at some of the work they produced, which was a real credit to the school and the students.

This awards program is a great way for young people to honour veterans and current serving members, and for veterans to take part in passing on knowledge to a younger generation.

Till next time,

*Greg*



Hello and welcome to spring! What a great time of year to get organised. Here at Charlestown we are preparing for a workplace move, to make it even easier to park and access my office. At home, it's an opportunity to have a clean out, or perhaps get help with a state issue. Don't forget I can help with congratulatory certificates, traffic matters, Fair Trading and seniors cards, just to name a few.

For those who are part of a local community group, a great opportunity has just opened to help upgrade your facilities. The Community Building Partnerships program will provide up to \$300,000 to clubs and councils in our region to build vital infrastructure and I warmly encourage you to apply. Applications must be made online and close 30 October, however if you miss the deadline, another round will be opening soon after.

Also a reminder, that the NSW Government is rewarding those who do the right thing on our roads. If you have a clear driving record for the past five years, your next licence renewal will be half price. Thank you to those who help save lives by driving safely.

Until next time,  
Andrew Cornwell MP  
Member for Charlestown.

## AN ANZAC STORY

### **Private Alexander Richard Hincks**

**Number: 797**

**35<sup>th</sup> Battalion**

Private Alexander Richard Hincks, number 797 "C" Company, 35<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 9<sup>th</sup> Brigade, 3<sup>rd</sup> Division joined the First A.I.F. on the 27<sup>th</sup> November, 1915 at the age of 29. He was a miner before his enlistment and well known in the Cardiff area.

Private Hincks embarked on the troop transport HMAT "Benalla" A24, in Sydney on the 1<sup>st</sup> May, 1916 for the voyage to England. The troops disembarked at Plymouth, England on the 9<sup>th</sup> July 1916 and proceeded to the training camp. Private Hincks joined the 35<sup>th</sup> Battalion in France on the 21<sup>st</sup> November, 1916. The battalion moved into the trenches of the Western Front for the first time on the 26<sup>th</sup> November, 1916 and endured the terrible winter of 1916-17.

The Australian 3<sup>rd</sup> Division took part in the Battle of Messines. The battle began on the 7<sup>th</sup> June, 1917 when the British Second Army under the command of General Herbert Plumer launched an offensive near the village of Messines in Western Flanders, Belgium. The target of the offensive was a ridge running north from Messines Village past Wytschaete village which created a natural stronghold south east of Ypres. The capture of Messines Ridge would give the British control of strategically important ground on the southern flank of the Ypres salient.

The battle began with the detonation of nineteen mines. The tunnelling companies of the Royal Engineers, and engineers from the Canadian, Australia and New Zealand forces had tunnelled under the German trenches and laid the mines. The mines were detonated just before the Infantry assault disrupting German defences. A huge artillery bombardment supported the advancing troops enabling them to secure their objectives.

The Australian 3<sup>rd</sup> Division was part of the assaulting infantry force and Private Alexander Hincks was killed in action on the first day of the battle. Private Hincks was buried at Mud Corner British Cemetery, Belgium.

### **Private William Petrie Dawson**

**Number: 3983**

**45<sup>th</sup> Battalion**

Private William Petrie Dawson enlisted in the First A.I.F. on the 9<sup>th</sup> August 1915 at the age of 21 years. He was the son of Mr John Dawson of Railway Parade, Cardiff. Private Dawson served in France and was wounded in action twice. He returned to Australia and was discharged from the Army on the 19<sup>th</sup> May, 1919. Private Dawson was awarded the Military Medal for "Bravery in the Field". His citation reads:

"For coolness and devotion to duty shown by him on the afternoon of 15<sup>th</sup> August at POZIERES when owing to heavy hostile artillery fire the wires connecting 45<sup>th</sup> Battalion and 45<sup>th</sup> Battalion Headquarters were cut. Notwithstanding the heavy barrage, Pte Dawson was successful in establishing communication".

Lest we forget.

### **Acknowledgements:**

Australian War Memorial Canberra



## **What is happening in the Sub-Branch?**

### **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.

### **Pensions**

### **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](http://www.wellbeingtoolbox.net.au)

## **The Grim Story of Death on the Gallows - The Man they could not Hang**

From newspaper reports 1954.

Few who marvel at the story of 'John Lee, the Man They Could Not Hang', in England, know that Australia can also 'boast' a man whom the hangman made three unsuccessful efforts to hang.

The unfortunate fellow, who must have gone through agonies of mind during his trying experience, was pardoned after three attempts to execute him had failed.

In any case, he hardly deserved death. His crime was only a minor one.

Convicted of stealing a desk containing money from Mary Breeze, Joseph Samuels was sentenced to death and his execution was fixed for September 30th, 1803.

The bolt was drawn; the pinioned body hurtled through the trap. However, the top portion of the rope came writhing back toward the executioner, who found to his dismay that it had broken. While the bruised Samuels was being carried back on to the scaffold the rope was tested and found satisfactory.

At a second attempt the strands became tangled in some extraordinary fashion and the victim was pulled aside by his gaolers. Trembling violently, the hapless prisoner was placed in position for the third time. At a given signal he was again sent falling on a 10 feet drop.

There was a terrific crash when Samuels fell on the broad of his back, the rope had broken close to the noose. After these singular occurrences, the authorities conveyed the prisoner back to a cell and in the end he was reprieved.

There is nothing in the text books of criminal law to prevent a condemned man being placed on the gallows as many times as it is necessary to encompass his execution, although most people think a pardon is automatic after three unsuccessful attempts at an execution.

Prisoners in August, 1821, did not experience the good fortune of Samuels. On one day in that month 19 convicts out of 26 inmates were hanged at the old jail in lower George Street, Sydney. One died stubbornly in 1830. To demonstrate his contempt for the hangman, as he was being pinioned, the doomed youth seized his executioner and hurled him among the spectators. It took quite a lot of persuasion after that to induce the hangman to perform his grim job.

James Barrett, aged 17, was the first person legally executed in Australia. He was hanged on March 6th, 1788. His only crime was committing a small theft.

Hangmen were hard to get in Victoria in days of old. In January, 1842, tenders were called for the hanging of two aborigines lying under sentence of death.

Twelve persons applied, and the job was secured by Samuel Davies, who was then serving a life sentence. Davies was paid £10 for the hangings and granted a free pardon.

Cynics declare that Victoria has obtained many things from New South Wales. History records that Melbourne got her first permanent hangman from Sydney. His name was Jack Harris, who had been transported from England in 1818, and has served 29 years' penal servitude in N.S.W. Harris got the job of hangman at 2/6 a day, plus rations and a home in the Melbourne jail.

The new appointee made a terrible mull of his execution. The victim kicked on the end of the rope for nine minutes. Haunted at night by ghostly visions, Harris became a confirmed drunkard. Once he was wanted for an execution, and was found in a lockup, where he was confined on a drunkenness charge. Brought before the magistrate, cautioned and discharged, Harris caused a roar of mirth, when he said penitently, but ambiguously to the magistrate, 'I hope, should opportunity arrive some day, I will do you a good turn.'

Prison methods in those days would have delighted the heart of some of our twentieth century martinets who advocate flogging and hanging. Harris often had to flog prisoners with the brutal cat-o-ninetails. At length he was jailed for theft, and Melbourne selected John Cahill, of Sydney, as his successor.

Cahill married a young immigrant, and a big crowd crammed into the church to see, as one old lag put it, 'the hangman tie the matrimonial knot around his own neck'.

The next hangman was Michael Gately, who was paid on a piecework system. His motto was 'The more the merrier'.

Coming after Michael Gately in Victoria, as executioner, was Elijah Upjohn, a convict serving a sentence. He came from Devonshire parents.

His first and last execution was at Melbourne Jail on November 11th 1889, when he hanged Ned Kelly. For this memorable job he was paid £5.

## **Funnies**

My neighbour knocked on my door at 2:30am this morning, can you believe that...2:30am?! Luckily for him I was still up playing my bagpipes.

The Grim Reaper came for me last night and I beat him off with a vacuum cleaner. Talk about Dyson with death.

I woke up last night to find the ghost of Gloria Gaynor standing at the foot of my bed. At first I was afraid.....then I was petrified.

My daughter asked me for a pet spider for her birthday, so I went to our local pet shop and they were \$70!!! blow this, I thought, I can get one cheaper off the web.

Statistically, 6 out of 7 dwarves are not happy.

I was driving this morning when I saw an NRMA van parked. The driver was sobbing uncontrollably and looked very miserable. I thought to myself 'that guy's heading for a breakdown'.

## Cooking

### Chilli, Lime and Herbed Prawns



Serves: 4

Depending on how many you are cooking for, add or reduce portions.

#### Ingredients

- 1 x cup coriander leaves (or herbs that you desire eg. Basil, oregano);
- 1/4 x cup olive oil;
- 2 x cloves garlic finely chopped;
- 1 x stem of lemongrass, bruised and thinly sliced;
- 2 x small red chillies, seeded and thinly sliced;
- 2 x limes juiced;
- 4 x 120g king prawns, peeled (tails left in tact), deveined (4 x 220g king prawns for males);
- 2 x lebanese cucumbers, seeded;
- 2 x avocados, peeled, diced (small avocados); and
- 1 x cup rocket lettuce.

#### Method

Finely chop 1/2 of the coriander leaves (or alternative). Combine chopped coriander, oil, garlic, lemongrass, chillies and 1/4 cup lime juice in a ceramic dish. Add prawns and stir to coat. Cover and refrigerate - stirring occasionally - 30 minutes (or longer if time permits).

Meanwhile, using a vegetable peeler, peel long thin strips from cucumbers. Combine cucumber, avocado, rocket, remaining coriander or herbs and remaining 1 tablespoon lime juice in a bowl. Season with salt and pepper.

Preheat a greased barbecue plate on medium-high heat. Remove prawns from marinade and barbecue for 1 - 2 minutes on each side or until pink and just cooked through. Transfer to a plate.

Arrange prawns and cucumber salad on plates and serve.