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Message from the President



I hope you all had a very joyous Xmas and a Happy New Year and enjoyed a farewell to 2013. I also hope that this year brings you much health and happiness as well.

Things are progressing really well as we head up towards Anzac Day, by that time, we expect the gardens to be in pristine condition, along with our new memorial. We will be purchasing a new type of lawn with a sprinkler system set up and a bit of a change to the garden. We are in discussion with new contractors right now about maintaining it thereafter, these things will not happen until after Anzac Day.

As this goes to the press I feel extremely honoured to announce that The Rev'd Canon Katherine Bowyer has agreed to come on board as our Padre, I wish her all the very best in maintaining our dignity and righteousness, along with our new Patron, she will certainly prove to be a great asset. We haven't decided on the new Patron as this goes to press.

Well done you garden gnomes' you have done us all proud in maintaining the gardens, they will look spectacular come Anzac Day. I must also thank Alana Ward for the amount of time she puts into doing pensions with me, your help is invaluable and will be as the changing of the guard is just around the corner, meaning MRCA, Disability pension. We must also welcome the new Affiliate Members of ours, so here's hoping we can get some new ideas, this way we'll never look back, at present we have the Women's Auxiliary on board.

Mrs Di McArtney, a truly remarkable young lady, has finally retired from her job as Advisor of Vet Affairs in the Newcastle Office, Di will be sorely missed not just by us but everyone who knew her.

Whilst I'm at it, a very big thank you must go to our Women's Auxiliary for their wonderful donation to the Sub Branch, things like that are truly appreciated, so thank you one and all.

Pension and Welfare are and will be an ongoing thing for years to come and I am truly proud of what we've achieved as a team, second to none.

Finally, I recognise the truly great work undertaken by our trustees, we know that all of the work done by Bill, Paul and to a lesser extent Mike Lavercombe, whom I welcome here, Mike is our new trustee, so get to know him.

That's about it for now, remember, be proud, feel proud and by all means live proud.

Syd Lynch. J P

President

Long ago when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called witchcraft. Today it's called golf.

Message from the Secretary



Greetings to all for my first Bugle as Secretary (this time round).

Things are now well under way towards the 2014 Anzac Day Service.

A few more helpers for the gardens and on meeting days would be helpful as there is always something to be done.

As well as school Anzac services to attend on the Sub Branches behalf this next couple of months.

There are still a few of you out there who either haven't picked up your 2014 membership cards or do not want to be members this year. Either way please let us know, **AS THE OUTSTANDING CARDS WILL BE RETURNED TO SYDNEY AT THE END OF THE MONTH.**

Regards

Ron Kennedy. J P

Hon. Secretary

He who hesitates is probably right.



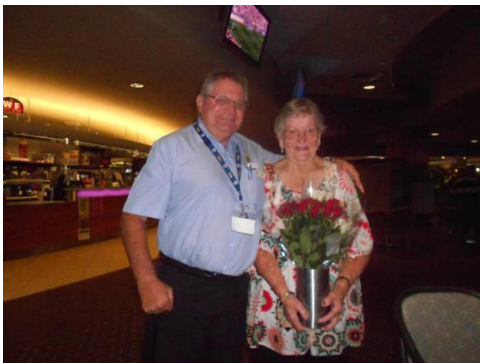


Cardiff RSL Sub-Branch Women's Auxiliary

Hon. President	Mrs. Bonnie Graham
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Hon. Treasurer	Mrs. Lynne Goodworth
Vice President	Mrs. Connie Bartley
Vice President	Mrs. Dianne Kennedy
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2014 started in a great way with the surprise 90th Birthday morning tea for President Bonnie Graham. The Auxiliary thought that 90 years of life needed

to be celebrated by all our ladies as well as her family as we are her "second" family.



Our Wednesday cards are going well as we seem to enjoy each other's company and it keeps the old grey cells working.

We have started the 2014 with ANZAC breaky again & we really appreciate the support that we receive from the men & the general public over this time. I will ask that the Sub-Branch to ask family members **if they can help us** with the Breakfast, could they please see our Treasurer Lynne

Goodworth or our Secretary, Corinne Peters. Without the help of the scouts the ANZAC Breakfast would not be possible and even with them we are finding it hard. So friends all the help we can get would be appreciated.

Badges & and Raffle tickets will be selling ASAP from the Auxiliary & at the Club.

Regards

Corinne L Peters

Hon. Secretary

Message from the Chaplain

I am greatly honoured and humbled to be invited to be the chaplain for the Cardiff RSL Sub-Branch. I look forward to getting to know everyone, and being part of the life of the branch. As I get to know you, our President Syd Lynch, has asked me to share a little about myself.

I am the Reverend Canon Katherine Bowyer, Rector of the Anglican Parish of Cardiff. I was born in Newcastle at the Mater Hospital, overlooking the smoke stacks of the (then) BHP. I'm a Novocastrian through and through – my parents grew up on Carrington, and my family has long links to the Hunter Valley. One of my ancestors came to Australia in the first 50 years of white settlement. Growing up, I lived in Newcastle, the Manning and on the Central Coast. I'm married to David, and we have two teenage children and a cat. Our son is in his second year at the University of Newcastle studying physics, and our daughter is in year 11. Both my father-in-law and my grandfather served in World War II. Stories of their service, and of the mateship they found, have been important in the life of our family. One of the most treasured possessions is my father-in-law's duffle bag, with all his details painted on it.

I studied history at Sydney University and then later theology at St John's Theological College at Morpeth. I was ordained by Bishop Roger Herft in 2002, and have served in the parishes of Morpeth, Singleton, Telarah-Rutherford, and last year moved to Cardiff. I am the Canon in charge of Missionary Affairs for the Diocese of Newcastle, which means I chair the Diocesan Missions Committee and have the responsibility for promoting and encouraging support for the mission. I have been a chaplain to our Diocesan Mothers' Union, and currently am a National Vice President for the National Anglican Board of Missionary Auxiliaries. I also serve on our Diocesan Council and represent the Diocese at General Synod and Provincial Synod (National and State level respectively).

I love history, reading – especially science fiction, and Doctor Who. Our family are great bibliophiles – we all love books and our house is full of books.

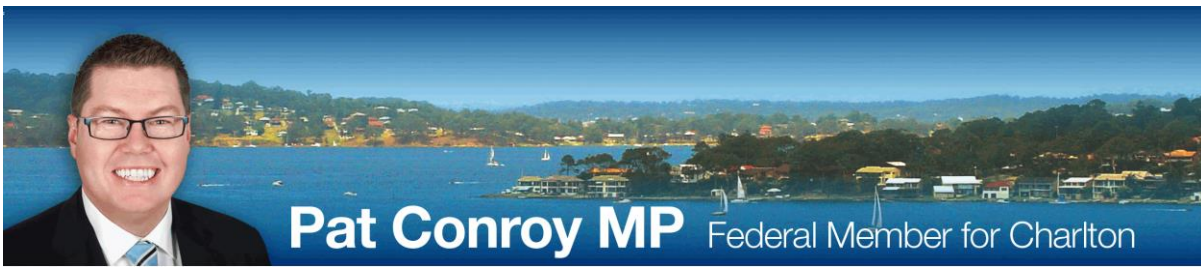
I'm looking forward to spending more time with you all, and especially looking forward to being part of our ANZAC Day remembrance – my second in Cardiff.

With thanks and prayers,

Rev'd Canon Katherine Bowyer

Rector of the Anglican Parish of Cardiff

Can an 'Atheist' get insurance against 'Acts of God'.



On April 25, Australians will gather across the country, and across the world, to mark Anzac Day and honour the individuals who served our nation in times of war and peace.

It is a fitting time to remember the symbolism of the Dawn Service, and its origins in Army routine which are still observed by the ADF today.

The Australian War Memorial states:

The half-light of dawn plays tricks with soldiers' eyes and from the earliest times the half-hour or so before dawn, with all its grey, misty shadows, became one of the most favoured times for an attack. Soldiers in defensive positions were therefore woken up in the dark, before dawn, so that by the time the first dull grey light crept across the battlefield they were awake, alert and manning their weapons. This was, and still is, known as "Stand-to". It was also repeated at sunset. After the First World War, returned soldiers sought the comradeship they felt in those quiet, peaceful moments before dawn. With symbolic links to the dawn landing at Gallipoli, a dawn stand-to or dawn ceremony became a common form of Anzac Day remembrance during the 1920s; the first official dawn service was held at the Sydney Cenotaph in 1927.

Anzac Day is an important commemoration not only for returned service men and women, but also for the broader community. It is an opportunity for us all to reflect on the sacrifice and selflessness of our veterans and current ADF personnel, and to ensure their stories remain part of our history.

Lest we forget.

Anzac Centenary Commemorations - update

Between 2014 and 2018 Australia will commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the First World War, and the local community is very keen to remember and commemorate the service and sacrifice of Australian servicemen and women in this conflict.

The Government is providing \$125,000 in grant funding for special projects to honour those who served in WWI. Representatives from our local community and ex-service organisations, education institutions, and local government have come together to form the committee overseeing the grant applications. Applications close on 1 May 2014, and the successful applications will be forwarded to the Department of Veteran's Affairs for final approval. We expect a response by July.

Our local commemorations and events will form a wonderful part of the Anzac Centenary program, along with the national events being planned. The Centenary is a great opportunity to show that we will remember all those Australians who have risked their lives in war, and those who never came home.

I look forward to seeing the ways in which this will be commemorated locally.

Parliamentary Business

The Federal Government has recently proposed the cessation of the *Veterans' Children Education Scheme (VCES)* and *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act Education and Training Scheme 2004 (MRCAETS)*.

These programs provide a modest level of assistance to around 1,200 children and orphans of war veterans who have been killed or injured, through an annual payment of \$211.20. The total annual cost to the Government of the programs is \$250,000.

I joined my colleagues in the Federal Opposition to oppose these cuts, and two disallowance motions in the Senate have ensured that the payments will continue at this stage.

The Opposition will support the Defence Force Retirement Benefits Legislation Amendment (Fair Indexation) Bill 2014 which allows the "triple indexing" of the Defence Forces Retirement Benefits (DFRB) and the Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits (DFRDB) military superannuation pensions for those aged over 55.

An estimated 57,000 retired military personnel will receive a \$160 million boost to their pensions from July 1 this year if the legislation passes.

Cheers,

Pat

Pat Conroy MP,

Member for Charlton

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Access Improvements for Cardiff Railway Station

I am extremely pleased that a land agreement between the NSW Government and Lake Macquarie City Council will facilitate the second stage of the Cardiff Railway Station improvements and complement last year's \$14million upgrade to the station.

Transport for NSW has been liaising with the council over the past few months to reach the agreement that will enable the delivery of access and parking improvements to further benefit the community.

The state government will transfer its land at 248 Main Road, Cardiff, to provide for a relocated bus shelter and accommodate the provision of safe kiss and ride spaces. The transfer of the current commuter car parking land at 2 and 4 Mary Street facilitates works that will allow for the upper car park to reopen.



Work is also planned to provide safe access from Main Road to the commuter car park, as well a new ramp to connect the two car parks. The car park off Main Road will be opened to customers once the safe access is completed.

The land transfer is another step forward in ensuring the residents of Lake Macquarie and Western Newcastle have safe and convenient access to Cardiff Railway Station.

It will allow work to begin on improved access for drivers and public transport users arriving and leaving the station. Users are already benefitting from a range of new accessibility features after the major upgrade was opened in April last year and this land agreement is an important milestone in the delivery of the second stage.

Caption: Member for Charlestown Andrew Cornwell with NSW Premier Barry O'Farrell, Minister for Transport Gladys Berejiklian and Cardiff resident Brian Young, at the official opening of the Cardiff Railway Station upgrade on 8 April 2014.

Until next time

Andrew Cornwell MP

Member for Charlestown

Member for Wallsend



My name is Sonia Hornery and it's been my honour to serve as the Member for Wallsend in the New South Wales Legislative Assembly since I was first elected in 2007. This is a great community, and one I'm happy to fight for, even if that means going against the party line on occasion. Nothing is more important to me than making sure my constituents get their fair share from governments of all parties at all levels.

A Newcastle girl my whole life, I was born and raised in the western suburbs. I spent my childhood with my sisters and brother living in Housing Commission homes at Windale and Edgeworth, until, thanks to the hard work of my parents, we were able to rent homes in Wallsend and West Wallsend. My parents' values and attitudes formed my character from very early on. An honest day's work for a fair wage became central to my belief system, and continues to inform everything I do as an MP.

I was the first person in my extended family to complete high school, let alone pursue tertiary education, a feat I achieved only through the spirit of hard work ingrained in me from an early age. I went to the University of Newcastle to train as a teacher, later working on the north coast in some of the poorest towns in the state, first in Walgett in north-western NSW and later in Kempsey. This experience only strengthened the values I'd learnt from my parents.

It was at University in 1980 that I joined the Army Reserve with the University of Newcastle Company of the University of NSW Regiment. I later transferred to an artillery branch in Gladesville and transferred back to UN Company in 1984. I served with pride in the Reserves. Those days of mateship and adventure have stuck with me ever since. The Reserves are a fantastic way for young people to develop life skills such as courage, duty and discipline, meet new friends and experience things they otherwise might never get a chance to, and I would recommend it to any young person looking to get something more out of life. I am now proudly a member of the Lambton-New Lambton RSL Sub-Branch.

I worked at disadvantaged schools around the Hunter after I returned home from the north coast. Thanks in no small part to the values instilled in me first by my parents, and later reaffirmed by the Reserves and my teaching career, I went back to University where I achieved a Bachelor of Arts with Honours in History. I was elected to Newcastle City Council in 2002, where I worked to bring particular attention to the issues of the western suburbs, a goal I still strive towards.

Sonia Hornery MP

Member for Wallsend

FRIENDS OF THE 2ND INFANTRY BATTALIONS

Australia Day 2014 Order of Australia Day Awards

In the Australia Day awards on 26 January 2014 there were three recipients who are well known to members of the Friends of the 2nd Infantry Battalions.

Mr William Patrick HOPKINS OAM has been a member of the *Friends* for some years. He was prominent in the local ex-service community during his term as President of Fort Scratchley Historical Society from 1999 to 2012.

Brigadier Paul Thomas BLOOD AM (Military Division). Paul was Commanding Officer of 2/17 RNSWR in 2003 and 2004.

Major Peter Morton GREEN OAM (Military Division). The *Friends* had much liaison with Pete Green when he was RSM of 8 CER (Combat Engineer Regiment) at Bullecourt Barracks, Adamstown. He was professional and efficient in our contacts with him and helped to expand the support of the *Friends* at Bullecourt Barracks.

Congratulations to all three on their well-deserved recognition.

Brigadier Paul Thomas BLOOD AM (Military Division). NSW

For exceptional service as Commander of the 5th Brigade.

Brigadier Blood's significant contributions to the operational capability of the Army Reserve have been exceptional. Through his foresight, leadership and commitment, he drove operational capability and readiness within the 5th Brigade to achieve outstanding results. An exceptional leader, he demonstrated his outstanding command and management abilities to underpin the 5th Brigade's successful contributions to both off-shore operations and domestic disaster relief missions.

Major Peter Morton GREEN OAM (Military Division). NSW

For meritorious service as Regimental Sergeant Major of the Incident Response Regiment, the 8th Combat Engineer Regiment, and the 16th Aviation Brigade.

Major Green's performance as Regimental Sergeant Major has been exceptional. His professionalism and dedication have inspired subordinates and superiors alike to achieve their fullest potential and encouraged them to accept greater responsibilities. Major Green's knowledge, skills and attitude, coupled with commendable moral courage and personal standards, have made a substantial contribution over a sustained period in a key leadership role in several unique Australian Army Units and Formations.

Mr William Patrick HOPKINS OAM. Metford NSW.

For service to industrial relations, and to the community.

State President, Industrial Relations Society of New South Wales, 1987-1988; Committee Member, in the 1970s and 1980s; Inaugural President, Newcastle Branch, 1978-1980; Life Member.

Member, Host Committee, 9th World Congress, International Industrial Relations Association, 1992; held in Sydney.

National Assistant Secretary, Federated Ironworkers Association (now known as Australian Workers Union), 1982-1988; National Vice-President, 1980; NSW State Secretary, 1982-1988. NSW State President, 1978-1982; NSW State Vice-President, 1974-1978. Officer, 1967-1974.

National Vice-President, State President, Branch Secretary, Federated Ironworkers Unions National Conference, 1980-1982; Delegate, 1970-1988; Member, Finance Committee, Life Member.

National President, Metal Trades Federation of Unions, 1985-1988.

Director/Trustee, Metal Unions Superannuation Trust, 1983-1988.

Delegate to all Australian Council of Trade Unions (ACTU) Congresses from 1967.

Representative for the ACTU in various roles including:

- Steel Industry Advisory Committee.
- Negotiating Committee to Washington DC regarding Voluntary Restraint Agreement on steel exports to the USA.
- Tripartite Group, studying steel industry rationalisation in North America, Japan, Korea and Europe.
- Defence Committee.
- Basic Metals Industry Council; served as Committee Member and Vice-Chairman.

Senior Commissioner, Workers Compensation Court New South Wales, 1989-1997; Commissioner, 1988.

President, Fort Scratchley Historical Society, 1999-2012.

Participated in negotiations for \$5.6 million Council funding and prepared and presented a submission which resulted in a further federal grant of \$4 million to undertake repairs to the Fort, 2003.

Negotiated with Newcastle City Council to allow the Fort to be operated as a major tourist site.

President, East Maitland Bowling Club, 2012; Senior Vice-President, 2010-2011; current Trustee.

Study Group Leader, HRH Duke of Edinburgh 6th Commonwealth Conference, Australia-India, 1986.

The Order of Australia Hunter Region held a luncheon at Cardiff RSL Club on Saturday 1 February 2014.

Order of Australia recipients in the Australia Day 2014 awards were recognised with Bill Hopkins one of those present.

The State Branch of the Order of Australia Association presented Laurie Kelly with a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of ten years as Convenor of the Hunter Region.

Cardiff RSL Sub Branch was represented at the luncheon by Syd Lynch and Peter Taylor.

Members of Cardiff RSL and their partners at the luncheon included Roger and Doreen Greenan, Laurie and Barbara Kelly and Charlie and Barbara Stevens.

Charlie Stevens

Friends' Luncheon

The next *Friends'* social luncheon is scheduled as for the Gates Hotel, 660 Glebe Road, Adamstown - Thursday 29 May 2014.

The objective of these social luncheons is just that, a social with the minimum of formality. The luncheons aim to provide an opportunity for members and their friends to get together accompanied by wives, partners or friends and to just enjoy one another's company.

Another objective of holding these luncheons is to provide an excuse to sample the quality or otherwise of the restaurants now found in most hotels around the Lower Hunter. By my rough count there are a couple of hundred pubs in the Lower Hunter so it will take us some time to visit them all.

The social luncheons have been a great success and I am pleased that so many people have taken the opportunity to come and enjoy a drink, good food and conversation. So keep on coming along. Members of Cardiff RSL Sub Branch and their partners are very welcome.

However, we now have a small administrative problem to overcome. When we started this adventure numbers attending were small, usually between six and eight people and accordingly I would order a table or tables for ten or twelve, but with the buildup in numbers the restaurant from time to time has been crowded. This will mean in future, that those who intend to come will need to confirm their attendance to me three to four days in advance and I will be able to adjust the reservation to suit.

The luncheons are scheduled for the last Thursday in each month. From time to time this arrangement may be modified where it clashes with some other major event but changes will be kept to a minimum. It is proposed to skip Thursday 24 April 2014 due to Anzac Day commitments.

The last two social luncheons were held at The Hotel Delany on Thursday 30 January 2014, the Northern Star Hotel on Thursday 27 February 2014 and the Mattara Hotel on Thursday 27 March 2014.

Members of Cardiff RSL Sub Branch and their partners enjoying the good food and each other's company at these two luncheons included Bob and Kerry Kear, Laurie and Barbara Kelly, Bob Low, John and Robin Ross, and Charlie and Barbara Stevens.

Bob Kear

AN ANZAC STORY

Remember our



This is the story of two young Cardiff men who volunteered to serve their country in the Great War. These two young men worked together, played sport together and served together in the 3rd Battalion. They were John (Jack) Stobart Johnson and Arthur Hall.

John Stobart Johnson was a young man who was working in Cardiff when the Great War broke out in August 1914. He was born at Merewether the son of Thomas William Johnson and his wife Margaret and he attended school at Charlestown. At the time of his enlistment his parents were living in the Gosford area however, shortly after the war his parents relocated to Cardiff.

Arthur Hall was the son of Charles Hall and his wife Ann. He worked as a Mine Machinist at the Lymington Colliery which was located at what is now Cardiff South.

Private Johnson, number 5118, enlisted in the First Australian Infantry Force on the 27th September, 1915 and Private Arthur Hall, number 5097, enlisted on the 14th September, 1915 and both were drafted to the 16th reinforcements of the 3rd Battalion. They embarked on the ship "S.S. Makarini" in Sydney on the 1st April, 1916 for the voyage to Suez where they arrived on the 2nd May, 1916. The troops went into camp to continue their training. The reinforcements proceeded to France on the 9th August 1916 with Private Hall marching into the 3rd Battalion on the 22nd August, 1916 and Private Johnson marching in on the 30th December, 1916.

In April 1917 the 3rd Battalion, 1st Brigade, 1st Australian Division fought in the First Battle for Bullecourt. Private Hall wrote a letter to his parents describing the action which took place on the 15th April, 1917 when before dawn four German divisions attacked along seven and a half miles of the 1st Australian Divisions front and pushed a silent one and a half miles into the Australian lines at Lagnicourt. Australian reserves counter attacked forcing the Germans to retreat to their lines. The Australians recovered the ground lost and re-occupied their old positions. Approximately four thousand Australian troops successfully turned back 16,000 German troops.

This letter was published in the Newcastle Herald & Miners Advocate on Saturday, 7 July, 1917 on page 11. Private Hall wrote as follows:

“Just a few details of what I was mixed up with. Before daybreak yesterday the enemy made a very heavy attack on our lines, where we were far beyond the old system of trenches, and in real open warfare of the old style. The enemy’s lines were protected with a new belt of barbed wire, but it was this that proved his undoing. His massed attack against our boys had but a brief success. Battalion after battalion of Prussian Guards, charging in waves, broke through our outposts, and drove a deep wedge into our positions. Here they stayed for a time, searching around for prisoners, and doing what damage they could. It seemed to me as if they were waiting for reserves to come up, and renew the attack. They completely failed. The Australian officers were swift in preparing and delivering a counter blow, which fell upon the enemy at half-past seven the next day. Companies of Anzacs swept forward, and flung themselves upon the Prussians, forcing them to retreat. They fell back in an oblique line from their way of advance, forced deliberately that way by the pressure and direction of the Australian counter-attack. At the same time our field batteries opened out an awful fire of shrapnel on them as they ran in retreat, more and more panic-stricken, towards their lines. The greatest disaster befell them when they found themselves cut off by their own barbed wire. What happened then was just appalling slaughter. Our boys used their rifles as never rifles have been used since the first weeks of the war, when our old regulars of the first Expeditionary Force lay down the way of their retreat, and fired into the advancing lines of Germans. Yesterday, in that early hour of the morning, the Australian riflemen fired into the same kind of target of massed men, so that each shot found its mark. The Prussians struggled frantically to tear a way through the barbed wire, to climb over it, to crawl under it. They screamed and ran up and down like rats in a trap until they were hit (killed or wounded). They fell so fast that bodies were piled upon bodies in long lines before and in the midst of that spiked barbed wire. The cries of the wounded, long tragic wails, rose high above the roar of rifles, and high explosive shrapnel. But our lads, calm and grim, shot on and on, until each man had fired over one hundred rounds. More than 1500 German corpses lay on the field. The Prussian Guard has always suffered heavily as by some dire fatality against what they call the fearful Australian. I think this massacre is the worst episode in their history, and will be remembered by the German race as a black and fearful thing. Jack Johnson and myself came through quite safely, and at the time of writing I feel tip-top, or in other words, fine and dandy”.

The 3rd Battalion was in action at the front lines on the 4th May of 1917 as part of the push to capture Bullecourt village, this was the Second Battle for Bullecourt. Both young men were wounded on the 4th May, 1917. In a letter home to his parents dated 5th May, 1917 Private Arthur Hall explained how he was wounded. This letter was published in the Newcastle Herald & Miners Advocate on Saturday 7 July 1917 and is as follows:”

“Just a brief note to inform you I was wounded on the 5/5, 1917, in the head, shoulder, and back. It was a Fritz 5.9 shell that done the damage. I am in No. 5 General Hospital, France, a very nice hospital, and with good care and treatment I will soon be on my feet again”.

Private John Stobart Johnson was also wounded in action on the 4th May, 1917 with a shell shrapnel wound to the back. The wound to the spine was severe and he was evacuated to England to the Kitchener Military Hospital arriving on the 11th June, with Concussion and Dorsal Cord Paralysis below the hips. He was transferred on the 18th June, 1917 to the 1st Australian Auxiliary Hospital, Harefield, Middlesex and died of his wounds on the 22nd June, 1917.

Private Johnson was given a Military Funeral and his parents received the following details of the funeral from the Army:

“The deceased soldier was buried with full Military Honours. Band, Bugler, Staff and Patients of the 1st Australian Auxiliary Hospital, Harefield, under the command of Major Dennis marched in the funeral procession. Firing Party furnished by the Administration Headquarters A.I.F. London were in attendance. The coffin was draped with the Australian flag and surmounted with several lovely floral tributes. The remains of the deceased soldier were borne to the graveside by members attached to the Staff of the 1st Australian Auxiliary Hospital, Harefield. Prior to the interment a service was held in the Parish Church, Harefield, by Chaplain Gregg Macgregor of the A.I.F. A member of the A.I.F. officiated at the church organ. The “Last Post” was sounded at the graveside. Miss M. Johnson (Aunt), Nurses Hostel, Francis Street, London, W.C., was present at the funeral. Memorial is being erected by the Authorities of the 1st Australian Auxiliary Hospital, Harefield”.

Private Johnson’s mate, Private Arthur Hall recovered from his wounds and re-joined the 3rd Battalion on the 23rd June, 1917. Private Hall was promoted to Lance Corporal on the 6th June, 1918. Arthur Hall returned to Australia on the ship “Boonah”. He arrived back in Australia on the 11th June, 1919 and he was discharged from the A.I.F. on the 26th July, 1919.

Private John Stobart Johnson's name does not appear on the War Memorial of the First World War at the Entrance of Cardiff R.S.L. Memorial Club. However, his name was inscribed on the World War 1 Roll of Honour Memorial erected on the wall of the Methodist Church in Queens Road, Cardiff. This memorial was unveiled on Sunday the 6th April, 1919 by Rev. W. Dains who had served as a Chaplain-Major in the 35th Battalion.



Acknowledgements:

Lynne Goodworth (Women's Auxiliary).

The Australian War Memorial, Canberra & the National Archives of Australia (Trove site).

Australian War Memorial Canberra.

Australian Defence Forces (ADF)

For the latest from the armed services of the Australian Defence Forces (ADF) check out the respective websites.

The sites have a wide range of interesting articles ranging from history to present day.

www.navy.gov.au

www.army.gov.au

www.airforce.gov.au

"My memory is gone, so I changed my password to "Incorrect".
That way when I log in with the wrong password the computer will
tell me... "Your password is incorrect".

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE CARDIFF RSL SUB-BRANCH?

Hospital Visits by Welfare Officers

Families (Next-of-Kin) are requested to notify the Sub-Branch if a veteran is laid-up in hospital and would like a visit from one (1) of our Welfare Officers.

Funeral Services for Deceased Veterans

Families (Next-of-Kin) are requested to notify the Sub-Branch of a deceased Veteran and also mention if they wish to have a RSL Service for the member.

AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP



Affiliate membership was introduced to allow family members of serving and ex-serving members of the defence force, and others who want to be part of an organisation which supports the ideals of camaraderie, loyalty and selflessness. The annual membership fee of \$30 includes Reveille, the official magazine of the Returned and Services League of Australia New South Wales Branch (RSL NSW). For more information on how you can become an Affiliate Member please contact the Membership Department on (02) 9264 8188 or email admin@nswrslnsw.org.au

Persons who are eligible to become an Affiliate Member must be eighteen years or older and comply with at least one of the following:

- is a person who is any relative of a person (living or deceased) who is or was eligible to be a Service or Life Member of the League (proof of eligibility to be provided to the Sub-Branch);
- is a person who had been awarded the Certificate of Merit or a National or State Certificate of Appreciation for giving valuable service to the League;
- is a cadet and/or Officer of Cadets; or
- is any person deemed by the Sub-Branch Committee to have provided significant service to the Sub-Branch and support of the Objects of the League.

Note: No Sub-Branch is compelled to admit Affiliate Members.

What the Badge Represents

The Affiliate badge includes 3 colours, red, white and blue and was designed by Mr Eric Smith, a past President of the South Australian Branch of the RSL. The symbolism of the colours is the same as that of the Service members' badge:

The red represents the blood tie of war upon which the Returned and Services League was originally founded;

The white stands for the purity of your motive in joining the League - to render service without thought of personal gain or ambition;

The blue indicates your willingness to render that service to a comrade anywhere under the blue sky - wherever that comrade may be.

The crown at the top of the badge symbolises the League's loyalty to the Queen of Australia.

At the heart of the badge is a Tri-Service emblem representing the Army, Navy and Air Force and the link between Affiliate members, the RSL and our Armed Forces. The placement of this symbol at the centre of the badge is representative of the fact that at the heart of Affiliate membership is a commitment to honour those who have served our nation in war and peace through their enlistment in Australia's Armed Forces. The badge is a statement of your membership of the New South Wales Branch of the Returned and Services League of Australia and should be worn with pride. It declares your commitment to render service at all times to your country, your comrades and the League. It joins you with a time honoured organisation that was founded by the most revered in our land and it is a privilege to wear this symbol of unity with the legend of ANZAC. We ask that you look upon your badge as an inspiration to good citizenship, cherishing it as a symbol of all that is best in our national life. That you wear it with pride and honour all that it stands for.

Information on Pensions

We can assist all members of the Australian Defence Force with establishing your eligibility to lodge your claim forms for submissions to the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA)

We can assist you to lodge appeals against any decisions by DVA that are not to your liking

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.

This is a free service provided by Cardiff RSL Sub-Branch to any person who has been involved in, including Peacekeepers and Peacemakers. So please come and see our Pensions and Welfare Officers to find out if you have a claim.

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

Veterans' Home Care

Veterans' Home Care (VHC) is a Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) program designed to assist those veterans and war widows / widowers who wish to continue living at home, but who need a small amount of practical help. VHC is a broader Australian Government strategy to ensure veterans and war widows / widowers maintain optimal health, well-being and independence.

VHC services include:

- domestic assistance;
- personal care;
- safety-related home and garden maintenance; and
- respite care.

In addition, limited social assistance services are provided through VHC as part of the Coordinated Veterans' Care (CVC) program.

VHC is part of the range of DVA services provided to eligible members of the veteran community. These include community nursing, allied health services, for example physiotherapy and podiatry, counseling services, transport for health care, home modifications and appliances through the Rehabilitation Appliances Program (RAP) and the Home Front falls and accident prevention program.

VHC is similar to the Home and Community Care (HACC) program.

Access to the VHC is **not** automatic. If you are eligible, you must be assessed as needing home care assistance before receiving these services.

Veterans and war widows / widowers are asked to pay a small copayment for all services provided through VHC, except for respite care.

If you don't use it, we lose it.

Wills, Power of Attorney & Enduring Power of Attorney

Every adult over the age of 18 should have a current Will and a completed Power of Attorney / Enduring Power of Attorney. Both should be kept in a secure place, the location of which is known to your partner and at least on executor.

Both should be updated on a regular basis, for example, on renewal of your driving license. Each state has different regulations.

Remember that your Power of Attorney may be needed by your partner at any time, e.g. if you are incapacitated due to even temporary medical care. Power of Attorney means that your partner can pay bills, give instructions about your medical treatment and attend to your affairs, if you are unable to do so.

There is also a trend towards drawing up an 'End of Life Care Plan' which should be kept with these documents.

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

Before you criticise someone, you should walk a mile in their shoes. That way, when you criticise them, you're a mile away and have their shoes - anon.

DID YOU KNOW

The Internet was originally called ARPANet (Advanced Research Projects Agency Network) designed by the US department of defense.

The game of Tug-of-war was an Olympic sport from 1900-1920.

The 1st full length animated film was released by Disney Studios in 1937 (it was Snow White and the seven dwarfs).

The oldest cockroach fossils are over 280 million years old.

The only continent with no active volcanoes is Australia.

Tree hugging is forbidden in China.

India is home to over 200 million cows.

The Taj Mahal in India is made entirely out of marble.

Iceland consumes more Coca Cola than any other country.

There are 70 million sheep in New Zealand (with 4 million people).

VVCS GROUP PROGRAMS – NEWCASTLE REGION

VVCS (Veteran & Veterans Families Counselling Service) offers programs for eligible veterans of any conflict or peacekeeping operation, their partners and the sons and daughters of Vietnam Veterans. All VVCS group programs are provided at no cost to the eligible participants. In addition to our counselling service, the following programs are offered.

Pain Management: This program will assist participants in understanding their experiences of and individual responses to pain. Skills and strategies will be provided to enable participants to positively manage their pain.

Mastering Anxiety: A 2-day program which will assist participants to recognise signs of anxiety and to modify lifestyle factors and thinking styles to enable improved anxiety management.

Partners Workshop: This program will focus on strategies for self-care to improve women's emotional health strategies for coping with life's challenges and opportunities and strategies for promoting the mental health of veterans and other family members. A one day program open to partners of veterans and peacekeepers.

Beating the Blues: A two day program that will assist participants in understanding the nature of depression and focuses on modifying lifestyle factors, and styles of thinking to improve the management of depression.

What Makes Relationships Work: This two day program will focus on enhancing the skills required to develop and maintain a range of healthy relationships including partners, family and friends. Specific skill work will focus on how to maintain a healthy relationship listening and communicating effectively expressing emotions and handling conflict successfully.

Lifestyle Management Program: This is a five-day residential program for veterans and their partners. A chance to 'get away from it all' and learn more about stress management & relaxation, dealing with anger & anxiety, improving communication and conflict resolution skills and healthy living.

Stepping Out Program: for members exiting the Australian Defence Force and their partners. A program for current and recent ADF members and their partners. This two day program assists participants manage the transition from the ADF to civilian life. This transition can be challenging and the changes people experience often impact on their personal work and family lives. The Stepping Out Program will provide participants with skills to manage this transition.

Operation Life Suicide Prevention Program: These programs help people involved with the veteran community to recognise someone who might be having thoughts of suicide and to link them in with appropriate help. Participants will learn to recognise the risks and signs associated with suicide, as well as strategies to help respond to, understand and prevent suicide.

Heart Health Exercise Program for Veterans: This program aims to help veterans and peacekeepers increase their physical health and wellbeing through exercise, nutrition and lifestyle management.

* All groups have minimum and maximum numbers so please contact VVCS to register your interest as soon as possible. All groups are free to participants and catering is provided.

* If you are interested in a program which is not currently scheduled to run in your area, please contact VVCS as further programs may be scheduled once we have the required number of participants.

Pain Management

18 th ~27 th March	Newcastle	Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:30am~12:00pm	4 sessions
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Mastering Anxiety

8 th & 15 th April	Gosford	9:30am~4:00pm	2 days
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Partners' Workshop

2 nd June	Maitland	9:30am~2:30pm	1 day
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Beating the Blues

24 th July~11 th September	Newcastle	Thursdays 9:30am~12:00pm	8 weeks
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What Makes Relationships Work

16 th ~17 th October	Newcastle	9:30am~4:00pm	2 days
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Residential Lifestyle Management Program for veterans & partners

5 th ~9 th May	Port Stephens	9:00am~5:00pm	5 days
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Stepping Out Program for members exiting the Australian Defence Force & their partners

21 st ~22 nd July	Maitland	All Stepping Out Programs are from 9:00am~4:00pm both days
29 th ~30 th July	Parramatta	
26 th ~27 th November	Parramatta	

Operation Life Suicide Prevention Program: For further information contact VVCS.

Heart Health Exercise Program for Veterans: For further information contact Corporate Health Management on 1300 246 262.

COOKING FOR ONE OR TWO (2014 CLASSES)

Are you interested in improving your cooking skills, learning new recipes and having some fun? Then come along and join one of the 2014 classes.

WHEN	VENUE	CONTACT
5 th May~7 th Jun	East Maitland RSL Sub-Branch Bulwer St, Maitland.	
5 th Jun~5 th Jul	Waratah-Mayfield RSL Sub-Branch 8 Baker St, Mayfield.	Malcom Scott Ph 4961 5565 M 0402 914 707
7 th Jul~1 st Aug	Toronto RSL Sub-Branch 48 The Boulevarde, Toronto.	Jon Handley Ph 4959 3261 M 0427 919 809
3 rd Aug~13 th Sep	Wangi RSL Sub-Branch 275 Watkins Rd, Wangi Wangi.	Dave Edmond Ph 4975 1686 M 0425 208 892
6 th Oct~8 th Nov	Raymond Terrace Men's Shed Irrawang St, Raymond Terrace. Community Hall, opposite School.	Robert Bull Ph 4987 3679 M 0407 953 305

Want to know more? Check out the website www.cookingfor1or2.org

For further information please call

Ex Service Organisation Co-ordinator Lou Micallef on 02 4951 4171.

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THE BUGLE BELLY LAUGHS

Quotes about Dogs

The reason a dog has so many friends is that he wags his tail instead of his tongue (Anonymous).

If there are no dogs in Heaven, then when I die I want to go where they went (Will Rogers).

Don't accept your dog's admiration as conclusive evidence that you are wonderful (Ann Landers).

There is no psychiatrist in the world like a puppy licking your face (Ben Williams).

A dog is the only thing on earth that loves you more than they love themselves (Josh Billings).

The average dog is a nicer person than the average person (Andy Rooney).

We give dogs time we can spare, space we can spare and love we can spare. And in return, dogs give us their all. It's the best deal man has ever made (M. Acklam).

Ever wonder if other dogs think poodles are members of a weird religious cult? (Rita Rudner).

Anybody who doesn't know what soap tastes like never bathed a dog. (Franklin P.)

If your dog is fat, YOU aren't getting enough exercise (Unknown).

My dog is worried about the economy because Alpo¹ is up to \$3.00 a can. That's almost \$21.00 in dog money (Joe Weinstein).

Ever consider what our dogs must think of us? We come back from a grocery store with the most amazing haul, chicken, pork, half a cow. They must think we're the greatest hunters on earth! (Anne Tyler).

You can say any foolish thing to a dog, and the dog will give you a look that says, 'My goodness, you're right! I never would've thought of that!' (Dave Barry).

Dogs are not our whole life, but they do make our lives whole (Roger Caras).

If you think dogs can't count, try putting three dog biscuits in your pocket and then giving Fido only two of them (Phil Pastoret).

My goal in life is to be as good of a person as my dog already thinks I am (Tming).

¹ Alpo is an American brand of dog food marketed and manufactured by Nestlé Purina Petcare, a subsidiary of Nestlé.

THE BUGLE PUZZLES

Comedy Movies

Find and circle all of the comedy movies that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell an additional comedy movie.

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T N L E S R E K C I L S Y T I C R L
A O E P O B L R U A E C H B U D E A
R I T O T H E Y O M T O L B A T P H
L T C M W R G I F M L B E E I B E E
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| ALL OF ME | FLETCH | OH, GOD! |
| ANNIE HALL | GHOSTBUSTERS | PLAZA SUITE |
| BABE | HAPPY GILMORE | REPO MAN |
| BEING THERE | HARVEY | RUSHMORE |
| BIG | HOLIDAY | SHREK |
| BOB ROBERTS | HOTSHOTS | SLACKER |
| BULL DURHAM | LEGALLY BLONDE | SLAP SHOT |
| CARS | LIAR LIAR | SLEEPER |
| CAT BALLOU | LOCAL HERO | THE RUTLES |
| CITY SLICKERS | MALLRATS | TOOTSIE |
| CLERKS | MANHATTAN | TRADING PLACES |
| CLUELESS | MEATBALLS | UNCLE BUCK |
| DUCK SOUP | MOONSTRUCK | YES MAN |
| ELECTION | | |

COOKING

Lamb Kebab



Preparation time: 60 minutes Cooking time: 10 minutes

Makes: 2

Suitable to microwave

Suitable to freeze

Best served immediately; Store covered in fridge (under 5°C); Store in airtight container

Ingredients

- 1 large onion, finely chopped
- 1 clove garlic, finely chopped
- 10 ml water
- 5 g poppy seeds
- 5 g ground coriander
- 5 ml lemon juice
- 5 g ground turmeric
- 10 ml reduced-fat natural yoghurt
- 125 g lean lamb, diced
- 10 g reduced-fat polyunsaturated margarine, melted
- 3 g fresh ginger, grated
- 4 skewers

Cooking method

1. Pound the onion in a mortar and pestle with water until quite smooth. Squeeze the onion through a clean piece of muslin or chux to extract 10 mls of onion juice. Discard the pulp and extra juice.
2. Combine juice, garlic, poppy seeds, all the spices, ginger, yoghurt and lamb. Mix well. Cover and refrigerate for 30 minutes.
3. Soak two skewers in water for 15 minutes, drain. Thread 3-4 pieces of lamb on to the skewer.
4. Line a grill plate with foil. Cook the kebabs under medium heat, basting regularly with the margarine for about 7 minutes, turning often. When cooked, squeeze the lemon juice over skewers.

Cardiff RSL Sub-Branch Meeting Dates

The following lists the Sub-Branch's Committee and General Meeting dates for 2014.

Note: If a General Meeting falls on a long weekend, the meeting will be moved to the following Sunday. General Meetings start at 1015.

3rd Sunday in May due to Mother's Day 11th May 2014.

3rd Sunday in June due to Queen's Birthday Long Weekend.

Committee Meetings (Monday)	General Meetings
05 May 2014	18 May 2014
02 June 2014	15 June 2014
07 July 2014	13 July 2014
04 August 2014	10 August 2014
01 September 2014	14 September 2014
06 October 2014	12 October 2014
03 November 2014	09 November 2014
01 December 2014	14 December 2014 (Xmas Luncheon)

The following lists other important dates for 2014.

ANZAC Day	Friday 25 th April 2014
District Council	see Table for details
Remembrance Day	Tuesday 11 th November 2014
Women's Auxiliary Xmas Luncheon	TBD
Sub-Branch Xmas Luncheon	Sunday 14 th December 2014

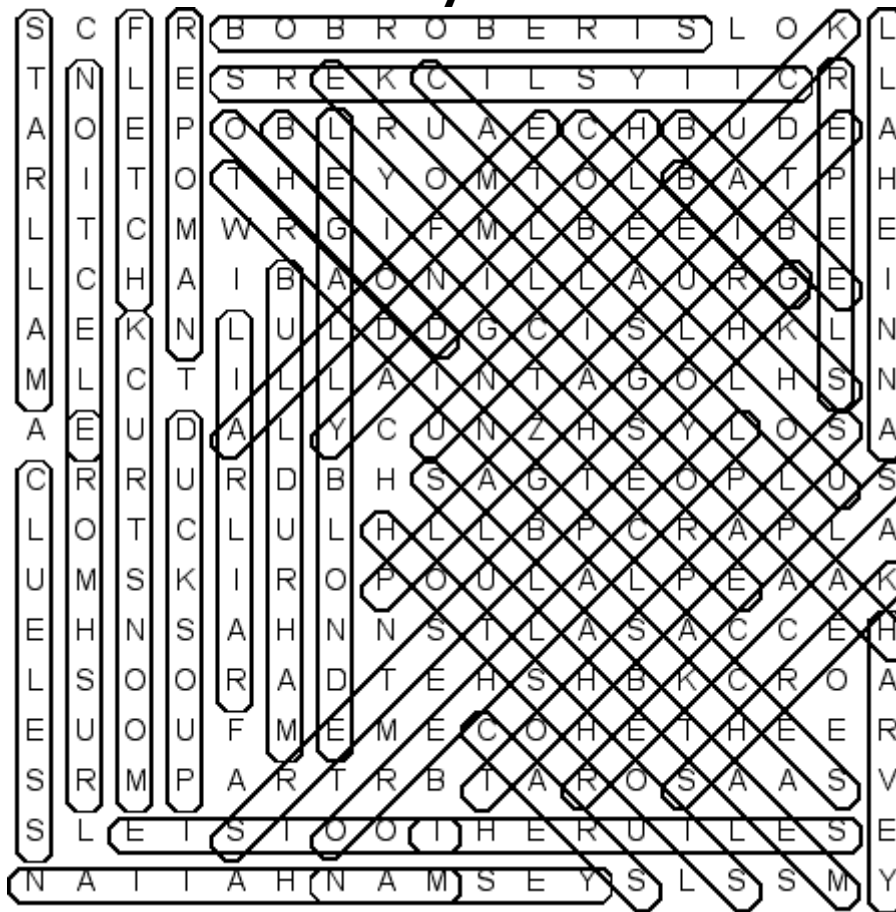
NOTE: The Cardiff RSL Sub-Branch will be closed from Wednesday, 17th December 2014 through to Saturday, 3rd January 2015.

District Council Meeting Dates

Nelson Bay	RSL Club	28 th April
Pelican	RSL Club	19 th May
Raymond Terrace	Bowling Club	23 rd June
Shortland	RSL Rooms	28 th July
Stockton	RSL Club	25 th August
Swansea	RSL Rooms	22 nd September
Tea Gardens	RSL Club	27 th October
Tilligerry	RSL Club	24 th November
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Toronto	RSL Rooms	19 th January
Wallsend (AGM)	RSL Club	23 rd February

Answers for Puzzles

Comedy Movies



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The hidden movie title is: CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF MEATBALLS

DO YOU HAVE PROBLEMS WITH YOUR FEET?

MANY VETERANS HAVE PROBLEMS WITH TOENAILS, CORNS AND CALLOUSES, OR SIMPLY HAVE A PROBLEM WITH SHOES DUE TO PROBLEMMATIC FOOT SHAPE

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