

RSL WODEN VALLEY SUB-BRANCH E-NEWS



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2018 ANZAC AND PEACE CEREMONY EDDISON PARK

Thanks to our volunteers who ran another attractive and meaningful ceremony for schoolchildren in Eddison Park on 11 April. This year Jack Aaron was MC (pictured left) and children entered into the spirit with historical clothes, hats and other family artefacts. Pictured below are children in Red Cross uniforms which generations of school children have worn to honour wartime nurses .



Another wonderful Eddison Park ceremony for schoolchildren

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Above: another shot of the beautiful weather for our 8am ANZAC Day service at Eddison Park.



Right and below: This year's ANZAC Eve Dinner saw one of our largest ever attendances.





More space was needed so the Southern Cross offered us the Top of the Cross to accommodate the 2018 ANZAC Eve dinner



Above: Kellie Dadds spoke to the ANZAC Eve Dinner . Right: HE Chris Seed, NZ High Commissioner

Below: left Ceremonial Piper Jen Hamer, just back from the Edinburgh Tattoo, showed her skills on the night.



Ninety-nine members and guests enjoyed an evening of camaraderie, with a topical theme and contemporary analysis by speaker, Kellie Dadds.



ANZAC Eve dinner is an annual event which includes a commemoration and rededication ceremony





By the Left organisers recreate their most famous photo complete with medals at the ANZAC Eve Dinner. From left: Ledy Roe, Lucy Wong, Allison Gillam (who left for her post in Afghanistan the next day), Kellie Dadds and Jan-Marie Ball.



Above left, Rev Mick O'Donnell delivers the Benediction watched by MC Peter MacFeters at the Eddison Park 8am ANZAC Day Service.



Right, RSL WV Sub-Branch staff member Alex Solecka lays a wreath on behalf of the Polish community and in memory of Frank Kustra.



Above and right: Some of the attendees at the 8am Eddison Park Service



Above, RSL WV Sub-Branch Advocate Ralph Sullivan at the ANZAC Day March, wearing two rows of distinguished relatives' medals. The top row is from his Great Uncle in WWI Sergeant Claude Charles Castleton VC who was posthumously awarded the VC for his action on the 28/7/16 in No Mans Land, N.E. of Pozieres. Sergeant Castleton was later re-interred in plot IV. L. 43 of the Pozieres British Cemetery at Ovillers-la-Boiselle.

The second row belonged to Ralph's Grandfather Major Frank Sullivan in WWII. He served with the 2nd Battalion, Kings Own Regiment. He mainly fought in India and Burma with units like The Chindits and his own Regiment in the British Military. Ralph himself wears his DFSM (Defence Force Service Medal) and the Defence Medal. We believe Ralph deserves a medal for his advocacy work at our Veterans Support Centre as well!

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REVAMP OF AGED CARE WATCHDOG ANNOUNCED

The Federal Government has announced a revamped “watchdog” for the aged care industry, which will serve as a one-stop shop for complaint. The Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission is due to start work on 1 January 2019 to promote transparency in the industry. It follows the Carnell-Paterson review into failures at South Australia’s Oakden Older Persons Mental Health Service last year, which led to its closure.



Above: Syd Penhaligon at this year’s RAA service at the ANZAC Memorial .

National Library Lecture

Wednesday 2 May, 5.30pm Theatre

The Indirect Fire Tactics of the 4th Machine Gun Battalion, 1st AIF

Greg O'Reilly combines family history and tactical research to present a new perspective on machine guns, the iconic weapon of the Western Front.

Greg is researching the service of his grandfather, Lt Bernard O'Reilly (16th Bn, 12th MGC, 4th MGB), who saw frontline service from 25 April 1915 to 19 September 1918.

In association with the Canberra Great War Study Group, the Estaminet.

Attendance is free

[Book here](#) or 02 6262 1111

Image: Nenke, Robert Willie, MG in action Pozieres, c 1916, P07670.003 Australian War Memorial



Advance Care Planning information session

COTA ACT is working with the ACT government to provide information on Advance Care Planning (ACP) concepts, including completed Enduring Power of Attorney.

If you were very unwell and not able to communicate your preferences to others, who would you want to speak for you? What would you want them to say? Advance care planning helps to ensure that your loved ones and your doctors know what your health and personal preferences really are. Light refreshments, RSVP 622823777

When: Wednesday 9 May, 1:30-3:30pm
Where: Hughes Community Centre Hall

YOUNGER VETERANS WILL ENJOY OUR YOUNG WARRIORS GROUP

CONTACT ANTHONY JOHN OR ALEX MEILIUNAS TO JOIN IN THE GROUP ACTIVITIES

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Korean Peace Camp offer for descendants of Korean War Veterans



The South Korean Embassy is offering a Peace Camp for six of the descendants of Korean War Veterans currently enrolled, and doing academically well, at their tertiary education

The Youth Peace Camp is intended to build a network for future collaboration among youths of UN allied nations in the Korean War by inviting grandchildren of UN Korean War veterans. This Program is initially designed to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the outbreak of the Korean War.

Eligibility: Korean War veterans' grandchildren who are attending universities or colleges (including graduate schools) with good academic records, no criminal records, recommended by Head of University, Dean, Professor, President of KWVA, or RSL.

July 3	July 4	July 5	July 6	July 7	July 8	July 9
Arrival Registration	Kick-off ceremony	National Cemetery / Team Mission	DMZ Tour	War Memorial/ Team Mission	Seoul Tour/ Closing ceremony	Survey Departure

Period: July 3(Tue) July 9(Mon), 2018 (7 days & 6 nights)
Interested families are asked to fill out an application form (available from RSL Woden Valley Sub-Branch) and return it to the Democratic Republic of Korea Embassy by **Sunday 6th May 2017** email krda.au@mofa.go.kr; or by posting to DA OFFICE, 113 Empire Cct Yarralumla ACT 2600.



Applicants are asked to indicate whether you have **participated** in this Youth Peace Camp program **before**, and if yes, which year.

Though having a recommendation letter is not mandatory, applicants with **Recommendation Letter** from heads of Korean War Veteran Association, RSL, their professors, educators, heads of faculties etc., will be given priority as the the letters will be considered as proof of their good character/good academic ability.

Contact RSL Woden Valley Sub-Branch for any queries 62851931 or admin@rslwoden.org.au

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DATES TO SAVE AND SAVOUR

29 May **AGM/OGM** 1900 Southern Cross Club



26 June **OGM Dinner Meeting**
1830 for 1900 Southern Cross Club Woden

Bookings essential

Invitation to our 5th Veterans Get Together Day at Burrangiri Day Centre



Thursday May 17th 10:30am -13:30pm

Contact Rani on 6285 1931 to book a place.

Cost for Lunch \$20

Transport to and from Burrangiri \$10

Below: Dawn Service 2018, Australian War Memorial photo.

