

RSL WODEN VALLEY SUB-BRANCH ENEWS



Have a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

December 2019



4 December RSL Woden Valley Annual Christmas Lunch.

Left: Members of the Order OOWII

Below: Terry Colhoun and Les Cook awarded the Order of OOWII

Her Excellency the Honourable Dame Annette King with Les Cook

Kate Gilchrist with little Jimmy B, Jim Gilchrist and Santa Claus



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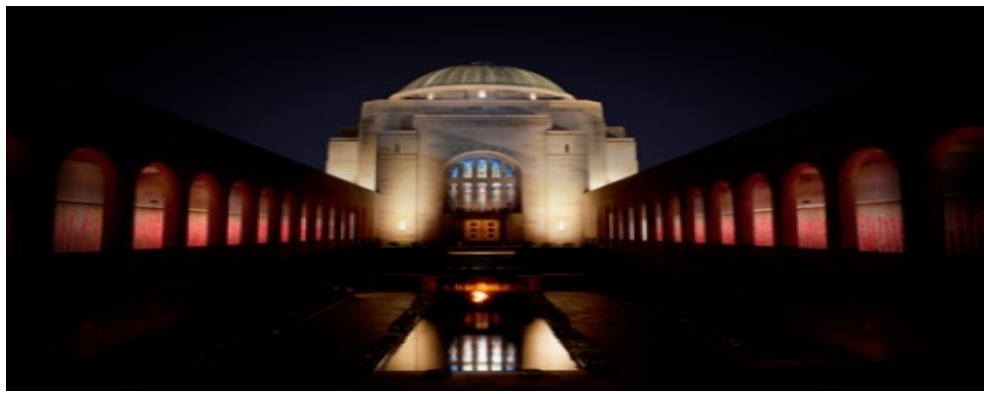


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19th November The Woden Valley RSL morning tea at Government House

The Governor-General and Her Excellency Mrs Linda Hurley hosted a morning tea for members of the Woden Valley RSL Sub-Branch.





Fact versus fiction: Australian prisoners of the Japanese

📅 23 January 2020



12.30 pm, BAE Systems Theatre

During the opening stages of the Imperial Japanese onslaught into south-east Asia and the Pacific during the Second World War, approximately 22,000 Australian servicemen and servicewomen were made prisoners of war. After the war public perceptions of prisoner-of-war service were shaped by wartime propaganda and postwar representations in movies such as the "Academy Award" winning *The bridge on the River Kwai*. This public presentation will address some of the facts and fiction surrounding Australian prisoners of war.

Special and secret: Australian aircrew supporting resistance forces during the Second World War

📅 30 January 2020



12.30 pm, BAE Systems theatre

Hundreds of Australian Second World War aircrew were involved in clandestine aerial operations above and behind enemy lines in a range of flying conditions and locations. From Poland to Yugoslavia, Borneo, and the East Indies, these men risked their lives to support Allied efforts at resisting the enemy. This presentation will feature stories, collection items, and artworks relating to these Australians.



INVITATION

Join us as our newly and beautifully painted helmet returns to its rifle.

Members are invited to our last **Coffee Catch Up next Friday which will be a very special occasion.**

Due to the persistence and enthusiasm of Alex Reynolds and Bill Smith, artist Mark Lonsdale has painted the helmet of Bill's brother Fred in the style of Ernie Corey's WWI helmet.

Hear the story of how Ernie became such a hero that his helmet is displayed proudly in the Australian War Memorial.

When: 10.30 next Friday morning 13 December

Where: at the RSL WV Sub-Branch office, Level 2A, 27 Mulley Street, HOLDER ACT 2606

RSVP: Please RSVP for catering purposes to the office on 6285 1931

Burrangiri 21 November Christmas get together.

Our Veterans had a ball. RSL Veterans, Volunteers plus 22 recorders and the staff from Burrangiri.



Australian Government Department of Veterans' Affairs

Apply now! The Council for Women and Families United by Defence Service is looking to fill up to 10 advisory position roles.

The Council plays an important role in bringing these voices together to provide timely and comprehensive advice to Government on matters that involve or affect women and families.

Advisors will use their experience and expertise by participating in consultative activities, consulting with veteran and family networks on specific issues, providing subject matter expertise and contributing to strategic discussions and decisions in areas that will support veterans and their families.

If you think you're right for the role visit <http://bit.ly/33suKyu>

Australian Government Department of Veterans' Affairs

The Department of Human Services Mobile Service Centres – Golden Wattle and Desert Rose - travel around Australia to rural and remote locations.

Mobile Service Centre staff can help you with a range of services, including information about our programs and support services for veterans and their families.

Find out where the Mobile Service Centres will be in December:

<http://bit.ly/MSClocations>

Australian Government Department of Veterans' Affairs

[Department of Human Services](#) Mobile Service Centres have been diverted to assist those currently in areas affected by the NSW and QLD bushfires. The centres will be able to provide information on a range of services including programs and support services for veterans.

To stay updated on the locations of these service centres, visit: <https://www.humanservices.gov.au/.../.../when-and-where-find-us...>

Inaugural Veterans Community day 10 November 2019

The 2019 Inaugural Veterans Community day was held at the Margaret Whitlam auditorium, Canberra on 10 November 2019. It was hosted by the ACT Ministerial Advisory Council for Veterans and their families. After the welcome to country by Ngunnawal Elder, Serena Williams, Brigadier Alison Creagh CSC (Ret'd) addressed the large attendance. The commemorative address was given by Navy Veteran and AWM representative Gerard Pratt, before a wreath laying and the unveiling of the Turkish Pine Forest Sign that will be mounted near the newly established trees near the auditorium. Attendees were taken to the forest to see the young trees that have been planted in lines along steep contours; the Turkish pine was a prominent landmark tree at the ANZAC battle site at Gallipoli.'

Below : From L to R Cora O'Donnell (former WRAN), the Host for today Gerard Pratt (Navy), and bugler Catherine Savage.



After a busy year, the RSL Woden Valley Sub-Branch will close at midday on 20 December and reopen our doors for business on Monday 6 January.

In an emergency only, please call Peter on mobile 0478 630 038

Remember other assistance is only a phone call away:



1800 011 046



1300 789 978



1300 224 636



1800 628 036



1800 551 800



1300 659 467



1800 737 732



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Burrangiri

Social and recreation support.

Next RSL Woden Valley Sub-Branch

day visit and lunch

takes place 16 January 2020 - 10.30 am

Call Rania on 02 62851931 to book.

Christmas Close Down

The RSL Woden Valley Sub-Branch office at Holder will close from noon Friday 20 December until 3pm Friday 3 January when our building will reopen for the year from Monday 6 January 2020

For urgent assistance from the Sub-Branch please call Peter on mobile 0478 630 038

For emergencies, please call 000, Lifeline on 13 11 14 or Open Arms on 1800 011 046.

Contact Us

Give us a call for more information or access to our services

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Or drop in for a coffee Fridays at 10.30am

Our office hours are
9am-3pm Mon-Fri

Did you know?

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www.rslwoden.org.au

