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*'The Corey Helmet'* as reproduced by artist Mark Lonsdale as a copy of Ernie Corey's original painted helmet on display at the Australian War Memorial.

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***FROM THE  
EDITOR'S DESK***  
*Bob Cremer*



A bad start to the new year with the continuing drought, followed by the dreadful bushfires that commenced in September and continued well into the new year. If this was not enough we had the terrible news that so many had died fighting the fires. Then the rain, too late to do any real assistance with the bushfires but desperately needed throughout the countryside. Then we were belted with record hailstones that caused major damage to property and vehicles. And the final straw as we now face this Coronavirus (COVID-19) and the terrible disruption that it is causing with loss of life and disruption to the way we conduct our lives.

And now for some good news with an appropriate award of the Australia Day Medallion awarded to our long-serving Secretary, Greg Kennett. This award was very well deserved along with the other recipients on a job well done recognising the continuing importance of the work done by the Sub-Branches.

The end of an era with the passing of member Leigh (Laddie) Hindley who died recently a few days short of his 97<sup>th</sup> Birthday. During my time as editor of *The Serviceman*, Laddie has been a regular contributor with articles of his service time as a helicopter pilot in Vietnam and later flying helicopters all over Papua New Guinea delivering mining equipment, workers and survey teams to mining sites all over the country. A life well lived.

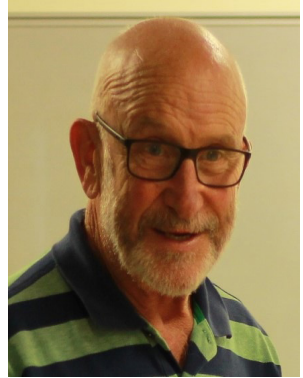
And another with the recent death of 100 year-old Frank Atkins came as a sudden surprise. Frank had only recently completed a book of war stories of his time serving in World War II, some of which have already been published in recent editions.

Valé Wendy Parker. Very sad news this morning. Not sure who knew her but good personal friend Wendy Parker passed away peacefully early this morning (Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March) in Clare Holland House. Wendy was the wife of Robin Parker, Vietnam Veteran (he was the Paymaster in Vietnam), and a member of Belconnen Sub-Branch. Wendy was a lovely lady and will be sadly missed by all those who knew her.

Sometimes I think the consequences of growing older are not so good, although on the up side we can say that we are still here and plan to be for some time yet. Take care of each other and don't fight over toilet rolls!

## *The President's Message*

*Jim Gilchrist*



After what has been a very testing summer in which bushfires ravaged much of eastern and southern Australia, flash floods affected other regions and all had occurred after much of Australia was feeling the effects of significant droughts, I welcome you to our ANZAC Edition of *The Serviceman*. While I trust that those who have been adversely affected by these natural disasters are now recovering and, in some cases, are rebuilding their lives, I feel it appropriate to note what I believe are some of the effects these events demonstrate about our Nation and its people, and how they relate to our Sub-Branch.

Firstly, I acknowledge the unhesitating bravery and commitment that firefighters and other emergency workers demonstrated under extraordinary conditions over which they had little if any, control. These men and women were willingly and ably supported by friends, neighbours, family and others when they most needed it. If it had not been for the coordinated efforts of these *teams*, some of which must have formed more or less overnight, I find it hard to imagine what might have happened to people, property and communities in general.

While it might be a long bow, I see similarities between these events and the response from those who answered the calls-to-arms for the two World Wars and to military service more generally. These volunteers and paid staff demonstrated characteristics of commitment, resilience, bravery and support for their mates that remind me of what we believe to be the values and psyche that is prevalent in and essential to military service. They also remind me of the values many of us believe are those of the Australian culture and those on which our Nation was settled and what helped it evolve into what it is today.

In relation to the link between this preamble and our Sub-Branch, I note the commitment that volunteers and staff make every day to our members and to the veterans and their families who seek our support. In talking with our *clients*, our advocates hear some extraordinary tales of bravery, commitment, sacrifice and support for their comrades. Inevitably, they also hear of hardships that are often the consequence of military service. Our advocates guide these veterans through the system that recognises their service and the impact it has had on their lives and the lives of their families, and which, in turn, leads to the availability of support from DVA and elsewhere. Another major task for us is to support those who need our help, when and as they need it, i.e. to help those in need access the services to which they are entitled.

Throughout these advocacy processes, our volunteers exhibit many of the characteristics that were evident in the recent disasters and, most relevantly, that reflect one of the prime objects of the RSL, which is, in my words, *mates helping mates*.

The second major object of The League is to *remember their service and sacrifice*. We must learn why and for what they were fighting.

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And, then, learn the lessons from these situations and from the situations in which they found themselves and the causes for which they were fighting. At our Sub-Branch, we have been engaging with school children (and their teachers) for more than 30 years; have held our own commemorative services, guided the development of Eddison Park; and represented our members and their service in forums within the Ex-Service community, to Government and to other relevant organisations. We have also commemorated the service of many of our members and former members, within the Sub-Branch premises and at Funeral tributes; and, for many years, we have included a Rededication Ceremony as part of our ANZAC Eve Dinner.

More recently and as I have reported on many occasions, we continue to assist members and others with their claims and appeals, and to then advocate on their behalf as they access essential services. As I have noted in this magazine and at various meetings, these tasks are all provided by volunteers who are supported by six part-time paid staff. Also, as I have noted on many occasions, we have been relying almost entirely on Sub-Branch funds to provide these services. Disappointingly, we have been unable to raise any significant or sustainable funds from other sources. That said, the Board has not given up in this regard!

To provide for our immediate needs and prepare for a sustainable future, our Board has been continually reviewing and enhancing our governance and management systems to ensure we meet our obligations as best we can, and that we can demonstrate to any interested benefactors or supporters that we remain a very viable organisation. We are here for the long-term and we will continue to build on the efforts and examples of our forebears! In offering my sincere thanks to all our volunteers and staff, I commend them all for their work; even small contributions combine to enhance the whole.

Sadly though, we are all now facing the threat of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) that could affect the health of some of us and is already impacting the way we conduct our business and live our lives. All members who have email access, will have already received the first of what will be frequent references to the situation as it evolves and the links to the support that is and will continue to be available in the community. As far as practicable, we will continue a business-as-usual approach; but, that could change quickly and with little or no warning. Already, on the advice from various sources, the Executive has cancelled several key activities and events, including the ANZAC and Peace Ceremony, the ANZAC Eve Dinner, and we have suspended the Eddison Day Club until further notice.

In closing, I note that the drought and fire ravaged areas I have seen recently are regenerating, communities are bonding in ways that seem stronger as they too recover from the dangers they faced together, and others are visiting and supporting areas that were badly affected. While often being confronted by difficult situations, our people gain strength from the outcomes and support they provide to those in need and the work they do regarding commemoration.

I am convinced that Hope will spring from this adversity and I trust we will all recover and perhaps benefit from what has been a series of near catastrophic events. I remain cautiously optimistic that the light at the end of my tunnel is a ray of sunshine rather than a train heading in our direction! Please accept my best wishes for a happy, healthy and safe rest of the year.





*Sub-Branch member  
reaches an amazing  
milestone*

At a special ceremony on Monday 24 February 2020 Sub-Branch member Gwen Jackson celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday with guests and fellow residents at Carey Gardens Retirement Village in Red Hill ACT.



Fay Neil, Gwen Jackson and Shirley Gollings and Gwen with a lot of cake.

*(Photos courtesy of Shirley Gollings)*



Congratulations Gwen from all of our members and staff. A wonderful milestone.



## *The Australia Day Medallions*

The Australia Day Medallions are an inspiring way to acknowledge the contributions and performance of public sector staff. They provide government departments and agencies with the opportunity to acknowledge the contribution of their staff for outstanding performance of special projects or in performance of their core duties.

Australia Day Achievement Medallions and Lapel Pins are generally presented to recipients in the lead up to Australia Day.

The Returned & Services League of Australia and its agencies have been the solely authorised private entity to host an Australia Day event within our non-government organisation and recognise recipients by including a presentation ceremony. A more formal event may include a guest speaker or presenter from your organisation.

In our case there were five recipients and the Minister for Veterans' Affairs in the ACT Government, Minister Gordon Ramsay MLA kindly accepted our invitation to present these medallions.

Neville and Barbra Slyney  
Gerard Pratt  
Vy Tran  
Greg Kennett

Belconnen Sub-Branch  
Gungahlin Sub-branch  
Vietnamese Sub-Branch  
Woden Valley Sub-Branch

Recipient Vy Tran was unable to attend but will be presented with his Medallion at a suitable local Sub-Branch event.







In the company of Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Gordon Ramsay MLA, RSL ACT President John King and guests, Support Manager Mickie Michaelis reading the citations of Greg Kennett and Gerard Pratt and Neville and Barbra Slyney on the presentation of their Australia Day Medallions.

### *Australia Day Medallion — Gregory Norman Kennett*

The text of the Citation for the award of an Australia Day Medallion to Greg Kennett.

Since his election as Secretary of the Woden Valley RSL Sub-Branch in May 2013, Gregory Norman Kennett has acted with diligence and commitment to meet the requirements of this demanding role. Greg has applied his knowledge, skills and experience across a wide range of areas, and has provided high quality advice and support to the Board and our members. In addition to the normal secretarial duties associated with meetings, grant applications and processes, oversight of staff and more than 600 members, Greg ensured that we met an evolving list of governance and management requirements. This support was particularly necessary and evident as the Sub-Branch raised a Veterans' Support Centre to provide services that support our members and other veterans in the ACT and region. Although he was not actively involved in the actual delivery of these services, Greg's commitment to meeting essential compliance requirements as we planned and managed our growth has been exemplary.

Concurrently, Greg took a leading role in several community-related activities, most notably that of the ANZAC and Peace Ceremony the Sub-Branch conducts annually for local primary schools. Greg managed key aspects of this event and took the lead in the conduct of the essay competition we have held each year as part of this activity.

Overall, Greg's work and commitment across a range of tasks has contributed significantly to the overall governance and management of the Sub-Branch; his example reflects admirably on the ACT Branch and, more generally, on the League as a whole.

In nominating Greg for the award of an Australia Day Medallion, I note that he received a medallion in 1998 for his services as a civilian working in the Department of Defence. As this nomination is based entirely on his voluntary work as Secretary of the Woden Valley Sub-Branch for more than six years, I have no hesitation in recommending him for a second medallion.

J.A.F. Gilchrist, President Woden Valley RSL Sub-Branch.

## *OGM Dinner - 25 February 2020*

A well attended OGM dinner at the Canberra Southern Cross Club with MC Jack Aaron in charge of proceedings ensured members and guests, including Alistair Coe MLA, leader of the Liberal Party in the ACT, enjoyed a very pleasant evening.

We heard a moving speech by guest speaker and Sub-Branch member, Terry Colhoun who detailed his involvement with three National RSL Presidents from 1994-2007, including “The Hand of Friendship” discussions between the RSL and Japan. He also spoke of his experiences as MC at the ANZAC Dawn Service and an oral history of the Canberra-Nara Peace Park project.

Terry grew up in Victoria and joined the RAAF in December 1942 and served with Signal School Point Cook, in 79 Wing HQ Operations at Batchelor and RAAF Station Darwin and finally at RAAF Headquarters and discharged in 1946. He then commenced a career in broadcasting at a country radio station, joining the ABC as Gippsland Regional Manager in 1949, Newcastle in 1956 and Branch Manager for the ACT in 1966. He was the ABC’s North American representative from 1979-1984 finally retiring with his wife Jean to Canberra after 35 years with the ABC.

He also served two Governors-General and was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia in 1989. For services to Australia-Japan understanding, the Emperor of Japan appointed him to the Order of the Rising Sun in 1993. In 2005 Terry was nominated for ACT Senior Australian of the Year for services to the community as a writer and interviewer of distinction. His wife Jean died in 2011 after 60 years of marriage. Terry has a daughter Diane, two married grandchildren and two great grandchildren who live in Melbourne.





An added highlight of the evening was the presentation by invited guest, Ross Smith of a mounted set of Local Hero “Ernie Corey’s” Medals to President Jim Gilchrist.





## *Sub-Branch Christmas Lunch 2019*

About 85 members and guests attended this year's Christmas Lunch held in the Canberra Southern Cross Club's 'Top of the Cross' function room on Wednesday 4 December. Stand-in MC Anthony John presided over the official duties replacing regular MC Jack Aaron who was otherwise engaged in a similar event in the Orion Room.





I am sure that the pleasant occasion was enjoyed by all. Also, as our tradition continues, we have over the years at this event welcomed newcomers into the OOWII (Order-Of-What-Ever-It-Is) for their demonstrated comradeship, care and concern for fellow members.

This year's awardees were Les Cook - 'The Columnist Cup Award' for his contribution of an endless supply of material for inclusion in 'The Serviceman.' There have been many great stories that have delighted our readers for many years. Our second awardee was Terry Colhoun, 'Medal of the Ultimate Raconteur' for his work within the Sub-Branch and also for his services to the Eddison Day Club over many years. Congratulations to both these worthy gentlemen.



First picture on previous page is of our Patron, HE Dame Annette King talking with Les Cook.

Above and right - Les Cook and Terry Colhoun being inducted into the Order by Sub-Branch President Jim Gilchrist and OOWII official Peter Dinham and right previously awarded members who were present at the event.



## *THE COREY HELMET*

Bill Smith and Alex Reynolds have for years researched and promoted the cause of former Australian soldier Ernest Albert Corey, who served in WWI and is the only man awarded the Military Medal four times. He painted his helmet which includes flags and battle honours and is on display in the Australian War Memorial. Ernie Corey died in 1972 aged 81 and is buried in the Military Section, Woden Cemetery.

Bill's son-in-law and artist, Mark Lonsdale volunteered to paint the Sub-Branch iconic helmet which sits atop the Lee Enfield .303 rifle and replicates the original hand-painted helmet owned by Corey from many years ago.

At a special ceremony in the Sub-Branch office, and after appropriate speeches by Bill Smith, Alex Reynolds and President Jim Gilchrist, Alex proceeded to unveil the newly painted helmet.



Speeches were being made prior to the unveiling and artist Mark Lonsdale explained the details involved in the process.

All those who attended were very impressed by the excellent work that Mark had performed in reproducing the colours, battle honours and highlights of the helmet.

Mark said it was an honour; a gesture of thanks to all those who currently serve and have served our country.







A speech by President Jim and the newly painted helmet on display.

Below is a photo of Ernie's helmet from the display cabinet in the Palestine Section at the AWM.



During the proceedings, the President announced that the large meeting room will be refurbished with suitable memorabilia, including trophy cases, conference facilities, banners and a military audio and pictorial library.

A plan is underway to collate previously documented material and write it into a book that not only honours Ernie Corey, but remembers his RSL membership and taps into the 103-year history of the Woden Valley Sub-Branch.

The grave of 2143 Corporal Ernest Albert Corey, MM with 3 Bars at the Woden Cemetery.



# NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2020

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE WODEN VALLEY SUB-BRANCH

OF THE RETURNED AND SERVICES LEAGUE WILL BE HELD ON

**TENTATIVE DATE - TUESDAY 26<sup>th</sup> MAY 2020**

*This date to be confirmed*

**The Rainbow Room, Canberra Southern Cross Club**

**commencing at 7:00PM**

**The Returned and Services League of Australia  
Woden Valley Sub-Branch Inc.**



**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2020  
AGENDA**

1. Roll Call
2. Minutes of previous AGM [28<sup>th</sup> May 2019] – Read and Confirmed
3. Annual Report – President
4. Financial Statements – Treasurer
5. Welfare Report
6. Finance Committee
7. Motions on Notice
8. Declare all office positions vacant
9. Election of Board of Management in accordance with Section 3 of the Sub-Branch Constitution
10. Installation of Sub-Branch President and Executive
11. Closure of Annual General Meeting
12. Ordinary General Meeting for May 2020
13. Closure
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## **THE EDDISON DAY CLUB REPORT AND 16<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS**

*Peter Sutton - Day Club Coordinator*



The Eddison Day Club ended 2019 with a Christmas party on 13 December. Ms Liz Lumb attended, as she does on many occasions and plays the keyboard while members, volunteers and guests sang Christmas carols to words projected onto the overhead screen. We had a delicious Christmas lunch prepared and served by the Irish Club staff.

After lunch we had the Monster raffle, with prizes supplied by members and volunteers, and others purchased by the Day Club. Sub-Branch President, Jim Gilchrist praised the work done by the Day Club in providing an outlet for veterans and other older persons in the community to enjoy themselves and for the opportunity to interact with others.

The Irish Club has been supporting us for 16 years and prepare the venue each week, supply tea, coffee, sugar and an urn of hot water and then serve a hot lunch for only \$13:00.

After the Christmas break, the Day Club met again on 17 January. Mr Terry Colhoun AM returned to speak of his early days as a radio announcer. A very interesting talk and brought back memories for many of our members and volunteers, most of whom were born before television.

The next Friday, the 24th we celebrated Australia Day with a local bush band, "McQuoid's Offering". On this occasion they played convict ballads and many Australian songs of bushrangers and shearers and now includes a violinist in their group, Cath Christensen. On 31 January we had Dr. Sue Packer, Senior Australian of the Year for 2019 who told us of her work initially as a paediatrician and then as an advocate for the prevention of abuse of children.

Celebrating our 16<sup>th</sup> birthday on 7 February, we were encouraged to dress like we did when aged 16. Our Patron, Mrs Sue Sarantos attended along with Mr Tom Barnsley, coordinator of Day Clubs for NSW and ACT. Sub-Branch President Jim Gilchrist also attended and said thanks to all for the good work done by the Day Club. After lunch, Tom Barnsley presented a 15-year long-service badge to Mr Max Brennan and a 5-year badge to Ms. Lesley Norish. We had a special lunch of roast beef. Ms Thelma Maurice baked 50 birthday cupcakes, one for everyone who attended.

On 14 February, Mr Malcolm Hazell came to speak of his career as the official Secretary to two Governors-General and spoke about "Working for two Governors-General, Prime Ministers and the Queen". 'Connections', a local singing group, who dress up and sing songs from musicals, films and stage shows have been regular visitors to the Day Club for over 15 years. We had a nutritional cooking demonstration by Leanne Ellison and a team from Nutrition Australia attend on 28 February, cooking easy and wholesome meals for people to sample. >>>>

Local historian Mr Alan Foskett returned on 6 March to speak about the early days of life in Canberra and is always an interesting speaker. Ms Julie Cronin has once again arranged a wide range of interesting speakers and entertainers for 2020.

Photos on the day with Patron Sue Sarantos, volunteers and guests, and Mr Tom Barnsley presenting Peter Sutton with a certificate of appreciation for his work with RSL Day Clubs.



## *AWM Honours Military Dogs with new Sculpture*

*Bob Cremer*

Called *‘Circling into sleep’*, this new memorial features 37 paw prints cast in bronze laid out in a spiral, representing the pattern dogs make before they lie down to sleep.

For Shaun Ward, a former Lance Corporal and dog handler with the Australian Army, and his military working dog Aussie, they had an inseparable bond.

“Aussie had a lot character for a Labrador”, Mr Ward said, “when it was work time, he was switched on, but when it was time to chill out, he’d sleep beside you in the swag”.

Aussie underwent four deployments to Afghanistan and the Solomon Islands before he retired dying of old age in 2017, aged 16.



The Labrador will now have a permanent home at the Australian War Memorial with his ashes interred as part of the new memorial honouring all military working dogs and their handlers since World War I. The memorial was unveiled to coincide with the National Day for War Animals on 24 February 2020.

The memorial was created by artist Steven Holland, who worked with an explosive detection dog named Billie at the Holsworthy Barracks to help create the paw prints.



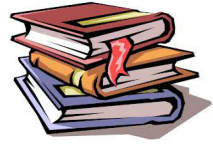
## *FALL IN*

*A warm welcome is extended to the following new members:*

Robert Cousins, Raissa Cousins, John Buckley,  
Norman Torrens, Douglas Brand, Robert Till, Zula Altai.



**2020**  
*Notes for the Diary*



ANZAC Fundraising Appeal	19 <sup>th</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup> April	Woden & Weston
Dedication - The Corey Room	Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> May - 10:00AM	Grant Cameron Office
Remembrance Day Poppy Appeal	7 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup> November	Woden & Weston
Remembrance Day Service	Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> November 10:00 - Noon	Australian War Memorial
Christmas Lunch	Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> December 12:00 for 12:30PM	Orion Room, Canberra Southern Cross Club

***Special Dedication***  
***The Corey Room***



A special dedication is planned in what currently serves as our general Sub-Branch meeting room at the Grant Cameron Offices. During this dedication and on conclusion of speeches the room will officially become '*The Corey Room*'.

***When:*** *Friday 15 May 2020*

***Where:*** *Meeting Room Grant Cameron Offices, 27 Mulley St, Holder*

***Times:*** *10:00-12:00*

*10:00 Introduction by Sub-Branch President and Welcome*

*10:30 President introduces Bill Smith & Alex Reynolds*

*10:45 Bill introduces his Son-In-Law, Mark Lonsdale who explains  
the detail in the painting of the Corey Helmet.*

*11:00 Guest Speaker*

*11:30 Unveiling of Local Hero framed display*

*12:00 Conclusion with light refreshments*





## LEST WE FORGET

“The price of liberty is eternal vigilance”

*“They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old,  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn,  
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning  
We will remember them”.*



## WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

The following was written by Pericles well over two thousand years ago, long before the first ANZAC Day, but only a stone’s throw from Gallipoli:

*Each has won a glorious grave - not that sepulchre of earth wherein they lie, but the living tomb of everlasting remembrance wherein their glory is enshrined. For the whole earth is the sepulchre of heroes. Monuments may rise and tablets be set up to them in their own land, but on far-off shores there is an abiding memorial that no pen or chisel has traced; it is graven not on stone or brass, but on the living hearts of humanity. Take these men for your example. Like them, remember that prosperity can be only for the free, that freedom is the sure possession of those alone who have the courage to defend it.*

Engraved forever at ANZAC Cove are these words from Kemal Ataturk, the Commander of the Turkish 19th Division during the Gallipoli Campaign and the first President of the Turkish Republic from 1924-1938:

*“Those heroes that shed their blood and lost their lives. You are now living in the soil of a friendly country therefore rest in peace. There is no difference between the Johnnies and the Mehmetts to us where they lie side by side here in this country of ours. You, the mothers, who sent their sons from faraway countries wipe away your tears; your sons are now lying in our bosom and are in peace. After having lost their lives on this land they have become our sons as well.”*



Arthur Billington, Robert Greig, William Hall, Gordon Morris, John Hendry,  
Kevin Russell, Gordon Holyland, Ronald Lucas, Geoffrey George,  
James Lockwood, Leigh (Laddie) Hindley, Frank Atkins, Emily Kelly(Dee)

# Canberra Southern Cross Club



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For the information of members and guests

# World War II Comes to Mallecoota

Bob Cremer

(Open every Sunday - 13:00 to 15:00)

The Mallecoota WWII Bunker was restored in 2002 by the Mallecoota RSL as a Museum to commemorate those men who served in the district in various roles. It now operates as a WWII and local history museum and is run by the Mallecoota and District Historical Society. Pre-war Mallecoota had coastal watching facilities with No.9 Squadron operating Seagull planes from the Mallecoota Lake, and a War Signal Station on Gabo Island. Both of these units were involved in coastal surveillance.



During the war, three Bunkers were built to house No 1 Operations Base Unit and various other

buildings to support the facilities. The War Signal Station on Gabo was replaced by No.16 Radar Station. Local men helped in the war effort by joining the Volunteer Defence Corps who continued the coastal watching surveillance. After Japanese submarines sank 22 ships off the SE corner of Australia, the Government required all shipping to travel in convoy with overhead protection from bomb carrying planes. I-Class submarines operated off the SE coast, each one carried a float plane which was used to locate targets. These planes were launched from a 20-metre steel rail assisted by a compressed air catapult. Upon returning to the submarine they were lifted back on to the deck by crane and either refuelled or dismantled into 12 parts for storage in a waterproof, bull-nosed 'Hangar' on the deck.

[www.mallecootabunker.com.au](http://www.mallecootabunker.com.au)

## *Local Community Hero*

Woden Valley RSL Sub-Branch member, David Adams was honoured at a well-attended ceremony held on Australia Day at the Sky Plaza unit complex where he lives. He was selected for being the person who had made a positive difference in the local community through his past voluntary management activities in the Executive Committee and his continuing leadership role in social activities.

In announcing the winning nominee, the chairman of the Executive Committee, Mike Mossop, introduced one of Dave's long-time RSL friends, WWSB Past President Alex Reynolds, to remind those gathered of Dave's earlier achievements and to make the presentation.

Alex explained that he and Dave had soldiered together in the artillery over many years, but he would concentrate on the period when overseas in Malaya when they served in the oldest Australian Army unit, 'A' Field Battery, Royal Australian Artillery. At the time Alex was the Battery Commander (BC) and Dave, the Battery Sergeant Major (RSM) responsible to him for the wellbeing and discipline of all ranks in the Battery, other than officers. His responsibilities also embraced off duty activities and family care. Alex noted that Dave's performance then was outstanding and eventually led to his promotion to Warrant Officer Class 1 rank and then exercising his skills in Army HQ in Russell Offices, Canberra.

Alex then unveiled a personalised 'A' Field Battery, Royal Australian Artillery pennant amidst applause enthusiastically led by Sub-Branch Past Presidents, Bill Smith, David Millar and fellow members Jack Aaron and Alan and Sandra Spencer. It was a good ceremony particularly when Dave admitted to wiping away a tear - something RSMs are not supposed to do.

Alex explained the significance of the pennant and pointed out many features including the 'A' Field Battery badge that he and Dave had designed over half a century ago.

The photo was taken after Dave had recovered his composure and shows the two old friends checking fond memories of operations in front of the pennant. The 'A' Field Battery badge is between the gun and the inscription on the pennant.



## ***Sub-Branch Health and Fitness Program***

*In response to a letter written in October 1998, to all members by then Program Coordinator, Jack Aaron about the availability of the Health and Fitness Programme being open to members, the following reply was drafted by participant Les Cook although it was never posted.*

“As one who has benefited greatly from the Health & Fitness Programme, I would like to thank the Sub-Branch, and you personally Jack for having conceived the idea in the first place, and for your untiring efforts to ensure its continuation.

I would never have seen the inside of a Gym if it had not been for the Sub-Branch’s initiative in the introduction of the program. My generation, particularly when we were young, would have thought it unnecessary anyway, and, indeed, it would have been seen as somewhat demeaning to go to a Gym in those days. (Body building courses were advertised in popular magazines before the war, invariably guaranteeing the course would increase a man’s stature, thus making him more attractive to the girls. No man, worthy of the name, would even have considered the possibility that he might be in need of anything he didn’t already have for that worthwhile purpose). My father would have been even more dismissive of the idea. If Dad could have seen a group of people riding stationary bikes, working on machines that obviously had no useful purpose, or exercising just for the sake of exercise, he would have said “They must be mad!”

How wrong we were! It is a good thing for us as individuals, and for society generally, that we can now look at the subject more objectively. The benefit to the healthy functioning of one’s heart, lungs, muscles, balance, and more importantly with advancing age, flexibility, that comes from engaging in regular exercise carried out under the guidance of skilled instructors.

As an added bonus, it goes without saying that we also benefit from the social interaction with other like-minded people at the Gym. Some long-lasting friendships have developed from this.

One example of how I benefited. I accompanied our youngest daughter’s family in a walk across the famous Milford Track in the South Island of New Zealand. We were an independent party of seven carrying our own food, sleeping gear, etc. It started to rain on the second day and rained continuously at the rate of an inch an hour for the six hours we walked that day with water above our boots most of the way, and above knee-deep in places where fast-flowing streams had formed. We found it necessary sometimes, to form a chain by holding hands in crossing these streams to reduce the risk of being carried away. Needless to say, we were wet and cold - the word ‘hypothermia’ springs to mind. I believe that my successful completion of the walk at my age, and without any special pre-training, was largely attributable to the fitness I have achieved through my regular attendance at the Gym.

While on the subject of gratitude, you might be interested to learn that The Yamba Sports Club gave me a new bike. I am at a loss to understand why they did this, but am nevertheless most grateful for their generosity.

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Unlike Mulga Bill in Banjo Patterson's poem 'Mulga Bill's Bicycle', however, I have not 'turned away the good old horse that served me many days' (40,000 plus km on the clock on the old bike). So that I might maintain this new bike in its pristine condition, at least for the present, I use it only in circumstances where I feel reasonably confident that it is not likely to suffer any damage.

### **What gives a gorilla the strength of ten men?**

Those words highlighted an advertisement for a body-building course offered by a person named Alfred J. Britton that could frequently be seen in weekend magazines in Victoria back in the late 1930s. I can't help wondering after the last few days if the modern equivalent (at least insofar as I am concerned) might be Jack Aaron's Health and Fitness Programme".

## *The Slouch Hat*

The Slouch hat - our military millinery - is attributed to Colonel Tom Price, father of the Victorian Mounted Rifles, a volunteer corps formed by him in 1885. The hat was first fashioned for that corps. Major-General Sir Julius Bruce, who was Colonel Price's adjutant in the South African War, has related how a discussion whether the hat should be turned up on



the right or left side was punctuated by some peppery remarks from Colonel Price.

Price explained that when he introduced the hat, he decided that it should be turned up on the right-hand side, so that when troops were marching past on ceremonial parades, they could, as the drill-book said, "look the Inspecting Officer in the eye". Army drill at that time was another factor for turning the hat up on the right-hand side. Shoulder arms was done from the "order", and a rifle being shouldered was liable to push a man's hat off.

In December 1890, the military commandants of the States, at a meeting in Melbourne, agreed "that the whole of the Australian Forces should wear a looped-up felt hat, and that the pattern should be made universal". The contingents from the various States still wore their hats in their own way when they went to South Africa, but when Commonwealth troops arrived, the hat was turned up on the left-hand side. There it has remained for 40 years.

The Australian Diggers have good reason to be proud of the old slouch felt hat, since it has weathered two wars in the past and is performing staunch war service again now alongside the tin hat.

*The Slouch Hat*  
*Extracted from SALT Vol 3 No 3*  
*Dated 20th April 1942*  
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## *The Jerry Cole Story*

*Mick O' Donnell*



There is too much of 93-year-old Jerry Cole's story to relate here; I'd have to write a book, but the essence of it needs to be recorded. I sat with Jerry during the inaugural Governor General's morning tea for Veterans in November 2019. Jerry's quirky sense of humour kicked in. "When I got the invitation for a cuppa tea with the GG, I asked the lady (Rania) did I have to dress up? He informed her that he didn't have a dress. The lovely lady assured me it was ok". I detected a Kentish humour, his hometown in England where he was born in 1927.



In such auspicious surroundings at the GGs House, we spoke about his time in the Royal Marines between 1947 and 1957; how on one trip on HMS Theseus (a Colossus Class light fleet aircraft carrier), when the fleet visited Sydney in 1947, it was there that he met Betty Charlotte Reilly from Kellyville.

"I married my girlfriend in Sydney on 2 June 1951, so I'd let a few years go by, he related with a cheeky grin., I also served with the New Zealanders for two years (that finished in November 1951) knowing that the Kiwis came over to Australia for exercises at Jervis Bay, a hop, step and jump to Sydney. We used to write often - cost us a fortune in postage; it was only six pence or something, still! and Betty had the most wonderful handwriting, and still does".

"After we married, I took her to New Zealand, then we sailed to England from Auckland, to Southampton. We lived in a little village called Hambleton". His remarkable memory recalled that the name of the pub down the road was *'The Bat and Ball'*. Betty stayed there for six years while he sailed the seas. "I still had to travel of course, and went up to the Persian Gulf, East Africa, but I always came back to her, like the starlings or sparrows, you know".

I returned to Australia as a migrant in 1957 and was keen to work in forestry. Thanks to good fortune, and some contacts, (Roger Green was his name) I was accepted for a job in Canberra. I also got a house to go with the job at Uriarra, just outside Canberra in 1959. We then went to Mount Stromlo for 3 years, and then to Forestry Research.

"They weren't looking for ex Marines, but I got the job and was involved with the Seed Research centre for 16 years. It involved a lot of travel. Our mandate was to alleviate some of the food problems of the developing world, and we were supplying sustainable seeds to about 60 countries".

**The Miracle Tree:** “On one of the trips, we discovered an unnamed species of Acacia and were asked to look at sustainable trees while travelling around the country from Mount Isa, across the top end to Broome. That’s where this Acacia grows. They didn’t think it had a name, but Lex Thompson wrote it down in Latin, ACACIA COLEI. You can see my name in it, COLE”. We sent the seedlings to various parts of the world for developing and nurturing and because of its remarkable bush tucker attributes it now sustains famine-affected populations in communities in faraway Africa. I was recognized and a bit overwhelmed. I keep in contact with those people I worked with”. Almost as a postscript to our conversation, as I left his home, Jerry invited me to check out the Hillgrove gums (first planted in the suburb of Hughes) that he grew and planted in his garden many years ago that grow well in Canberra; now a forest of them has been planted at the National Arboretum.

Jerry has had a wonderfully satisfying life in Canberra and I was blessed to meet his beautiful Betty Charlotte at their home. They spoke fondly of their family, the traumas of rearing kids who now lovingly care for them in their older years.



We finished the interview talking briefly about Australia, the country that he loves so dearly. Serving in the Royal Marines is still a highlight of his incredible life, yet he adds, “One thing about Australia I’m very proud of, if you’re in trouble, someone will help you. I love this country”.

I was personally inspired by the ‘life well lived’, and the honesty of Jerry and Betty Charlotte Cole, Woden Valley Sub-Branch members.



### ***French raise money for bushfire relief***

“The city of Villiers-Bretonneux in the Somme has had links with Australia for over 100 years. In addition to a twinning with an Australian town, Villiers-Bretonneux decided to launch an appeal. While fires have ravaged Australia, the town of Villiers-Bretonneux in the Somme is mobilizing. The city, which has 4,500 inhabitants, launched an appeal to help victims of the fires. Mobilization and solidarity is far from new, since the

links between the French commune and the mainland date back more than a century. “It is an historical link” between Australia and Villiers-Bretonneux explains Yves Taté, one of the administrators of the Franco-Australian museum. “It dates from WWI, 101 years ago. Australian troops repelled a German attack”. Twenty years later a memorial was inaugurated to honour the thousands of Australian soldiers who liberated the town. Since then trips are organized, hence the idea of this appeal which amounted to “around 8,500 euros”. The Mayor, Patrick Simon ensures that direct aid will be paid. “We will also help our twin sister, whose firefighters had called for donations. We have been paired with Robinvale for more than 30 years”, he said.

## *KISMET*

*Les Cook*

As the years pass by I am becoming increasingly aware that life has been kind to me, and I am very grateful. Events have occurred, some the result of accidents that could have ended with serious consequences for me, but, without reason in many cases, didn't. The following is an example.

I was forward scout at the start of a three-day patrol in the jungle of no-man's land. The primary role of a scout is to detect signs of presence of the enemy. Of course the ideal is to sight the enemy before one is seen, so the scout concentrates entirely on this. Artillery had been shelling the area and the track, in places, had been rendered almost impassable with broken branches and entangled undergrowth. I was carrying an Owen sub-machine gun and had a machete in a scabbard fixed to my belt. When it was essential for me to use the machete, to enable me to continue, I took the Owen in my left hand while using my right for the machete. Of course, while doing this it was essential for me to concentrate on the track ahead. In the circumstances I suppose that it would hardly be surprising that a diverted stroke of the machete ended up on my left shin. I could see a cut about 12mm long in the material of the jungle-green trousers and there was some blood.

When we stopped for a rest some time later, I removed the gaiter to enable me to see the injury. The bleeding had stopped. There is very little flesh over the shinbone so the skin and flesh under the cut had parted exposing the bone. A cut-mark about 12mm long was clearly visible on the bone where the machete had landed. We each carried a field-dressing, but the injury seemed too small to warrant using that, so I just left it uncovered as it was and put the gaiter back on.

By the time we had returned to our lines it had become infected and getting worse, so I went to the Regimental Aid Post (RAP). I didn't see the doctor, but the man on duty cleaned the injury with swabs of methylated spirits and filled the cavity with sulphanilamide powder. By this time, the cavity was larger than a ten-cent piece and the bone exposed. This procedure was repeated for several days until the infection disappeared and the healing process began. I had no idea at the time that the event could, and, it is now said, probably would have had very serious consequences for me. It was a painful inconvenience, but it did not in any way prevent me from attending to duty.

Many years later I was planning to visit a friend in hospital who had a hip replacement. My wife, Betty, suggested that it would be better in the circumstances for me to take a pot-plant flower as a gift rather than cut flowers. When about to enter the ward the Sister-in-charge told me that it was not permitted to take pot-plants into the bone-surgery ward because of the risk of infection. For the first time I became aware of what medical experts today actually expect would have happened to me in the circumstances.

I suppose that my injury could not be classed as "bone surgery", but the blade of the machete did cut into the bone a little, the bone was exposed for several days, and the conditions following the injury certainly were unhygienic for days until we got back. I am so grateful that it turned out the way it did.

## *Canberra Fires*

Following the recent fire threats to Woden Valley, smart residents have prepared fire plans ready for the next one. Fire threats are not new in our region. We need to go back no further than a few years before Woden Valley Sub-Branch purchased the old Yamba property when three fires started in the Valley in 1952.

They joined together to destroy the Russell's property occupying much of Narrabundah before going on to burn out 25 square miles of New South Wales for 12 days with losses of over 7,000 sheep. Two people lost their lives on Mugga Way while fighting the fire.



There are many tales of women playing important roles in saving property and livestock but the story of Mrs Eddy (Mrs Marion Eddison) of Yamba, pictured above (circa 1905) is one worth retelling because this one is about the family matriarch and not of her famous husband nor of the tragic loss of their three sons.

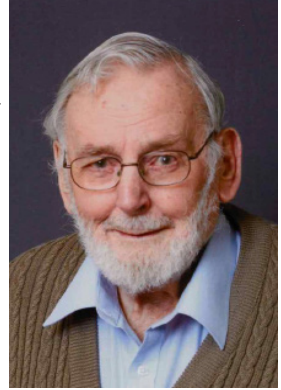
Mrs Eddy was most reluctant to leave Yamba when the fire threatened. She was dressed for the fierce hot day and wearing a loose house-smock when her eldest daughter, Diana, arrived to take her to the safety of a nearby friend's farm Melrose. Finally persuading her to leave, Mrs Eddy then complained that she wasn't wearing her 'going out' corsets. She eventually left with a clothes basket containing her cat, fur-coat and corsets. Another daughter Marion, published a book in 1996 in conjunction with her own daughter Fiona, about life in the Valley from 1923 to 1963. They used the above incident to title the book of interviews, "Not Without My Corsets".

The book was launched in the Yamba Club, the site of their old home and our HQ at the time. A copy of the book should be available in our library. It is beautifully presented and fascinating to read about how the original five soldier settlers developed their farms and how their families prospered.

A full account of the Eddison family is set out by Anthony Hill, a multi-award winning, best selling author in his 2016 book "For Love of Country". Here the military history with gripping accounts of frontline fighting is woven into an intimate portrait of the family that sacrificed everything for their country. Mrs Eddy's photo above appears on the cover.

## *Tribute to Jack Challis (1924 — 2019)*

*Martin Challis*



My father, William John Challis, Jack, was the most honourable of men, always true to his values and his beliefs. He was a man, less of words and more of purposeful action. Dad was honest, authentic, loyal, trustworthy, reliable, stoic, wry witted and generous. His work ethic purposeful; he believed in thoroughness and seeing things through to the end. Telling any story about Dad reflects these qualities because he didn't talk them, he walked them; he lived them.

Born in Glen Innes in 1924, the first born of two sons to Bill and Helen (nee Martin) Challis. Born in the old hospital, which is now a museum, he grew up in a community of farmers, growers and orchardists.

His Dad, a returned soldier from WWI, along with many others who came from farming backgrounds, was granted land in a returned soldier's settlement, divided up into orchards up and down the New England Highway at a place called Kentucky half an hour south of Armidale. Dad tells us they battled, and it was very hard. His father, ill for a long time after the war, also ran the local packing shed. In talking about his upbringing, Jack would proudly cite how years later when they lived in Gosford, his Dad Bill was called to run the Gosford packing shed. Bill became the local hero to the growers and workers in the area.

As hard as times were for Bill and Helen raising two boys on the living derived from farming, they were generous to a fault and along with a scholarship were able to send him to TAS Armidale school, which no doubt fortified and nourished the man he was to become.

No doubt Dad had many great experiences at TAS, including forming a lifelong friendship with Bill Coghlan who he went on to fly with in the Air Force during the war in England. He tells the story of finishing his race at a GPS sports event and running to enlist in the Australian Air Force. Once enlisted he had to work hard to achieve his certificates of qualifications as 'first pilot', his first achieved on the 14 July 1943 in an Airspeed Oxford - The Oxford (nicknamed the 'Ox-Box') was used to prepare aircrews.

Before earning his wings in Australia, he started at Bradfield Park, (now Linfield in Sydney) preparing for military life and taught subjects such as mathematics, navigation and aerodynamics. For him, this was considered as doing the ground work, then going to Temora, where he first soloed on 25 April 1943 on a DH.82 Tiger Moth. Further training at Point Cook, Dad recalls one event practicing night flying where he would fly around in a circuit, land and take off immediately; he recalls one night when the fog came in, he was completely blind, and after a nervous few minutes got a glimpse of the runway lights and was able to land.

In England he was stationed at Morton, south of London. In his time there he flew Airspeed Oxfords and in April 1945 soloed on a Harvard MkII, known as the 'pilot maker'. >>>

This prepared him for his first solo on a Hurricane and later the Supermarine Spitfire. Dad went on to fly other craft including the Bristol Beaufighter and the Tempest.

Dad did not speak much of his war service, however one story did reveal his vulnerability - which for Jack, was rare; He said, "When we first went to England we lived in a Nissen hut with a Lancaster Bomber crew and would go into London to the pubs. One night we went out and it was as if the crew knew they weren't coming back - and they didn't. That night I was all alone in the hut when a chap told me that the crew weren't coming back. It was the most scared I have ever been. Lying there, thinking of what was to come and then in the morning we just got on with it".

I love this story for two reasons — one because it is a small window into the emotional experience of my Dad when he was just 19 and also because of the sheer pragmatism it speaks to — in the morning we just got on with it. And he did.

On returning to Australia after discharge on 18 January 1946 Dad certainly got on with it.



Sadly while overseas his father passed away. He recalls that when he returned he had no experience and no money - and yet was immediately called upon to support his mother and younger brother, now living in Gosford. He first worked on a farm and rode his bike from Gosford to a place called Narara up and down many hills. There I was on my bike, he would say, I could fly a plane but didn't know how to drive a car. All this of course speaks to the way he expressed his love and duty in the service for others.

Some time passed and when three blocks at Somersby - some 20km west of Gosford became available, Dad and his mum Helen purchased one. Some funds were available through the Commonwealth Reconstruction Training Scheme. They named the block 'Ardlair', all virgin bush which not only did Jack have to clear but he also had to build a home. He sourced and dismantled an old sergeant's mess at Homebush which was pulled apart and brought back on a truck. Dad worked hard and struggled to make a go of it for 7 years. He spoke of his naivety in having to learn everything himself and recalls taking his first crop of cabbages to a greengrocer in Gosford.

During this time at Ardlair, Pammy, who had known Dad since childhood came to visit. He remembers planting orange trees with her and when I asked him if they were together, he said, "well, sort of". We believe at this time she wanted to go beyond friendship but Dad said he wasn't quite ready despite having deep affection for her. Pammy travelled overseas for 5 years and had little contact with him. He would say later that this decision was one of his greatest regrets and in spite of their 60 years together still regretted losing those 5 years he would have had with my mother.

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After they were married they lived at Collaroy and stayed in Sydney from 1955-59. In April 1956 he joined AMP and after about a year Dad was promoted and made a Superintendent and came to live in Canberra. The big move as he called it. Curiously, it was his last big move until selling up some 60 years later and moving to Goodwin Homes in Ainslie after Mum died in 2010. Our life in Canberra had its ups and downs like any other family. His work ethic and desire to keep his family fed and safe meant he would often work all day and into the evening and was not always present.

It can be said of Jack that he was loved, trusted and highly regarded by his family and his community. Whatever pursuit he put his mind to it; life insurance, golf, pruning trees, his faith and building Anna and I the safest most robust tree-house in the southern hemisphere, being a reader at his church and companion of Pammmy or a good friend to those he held closely; he was always true, loyal and steady.

Another saying, which I loved for its pun value as much as its integrity was, “honesty is the best policy”. A value I do try to live up to today. Dad expressed his love and service through everything he did especially his love and devotion to my mother and of course to Anna and I - who were not always the easiest or most obedient - I’m still working on that.

Two days before he passed away, I asked him if he has any concerns he wanted to share. At first, he said - not really, but then said to make sure his tax return went in on the thirtieth of June.

I asked him to share his favourite prayer - it was two verses from Proverbs 3 Versus 5 and 6.

*(5) Trust in the Lord with all thine heart: and lean not into thine own understanding.*

*(6) In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths.*

Well Dad - I’m sure He’s directing your path now. As you are directing us through the influence you’ve had on all of our lives. Your children, your family, your friends, your colleagues, your clients and most recently your beloved carers. The values of authenticity, loyalty, trustworthiness, thoroughness and reliability are your legacy every day. Perhaps we can say, ‘on earth as it is in heaven’. Dad, you were loved, you are loved, and you gave love, as Pammmy would often say to us all - ***‘Love is all there is’***.



## SUB-BRANCH SERVICES

**Sub-Branch Office Opening Hours.** The office is open from 9:00AM until 3:00PM Monday to Friday, except public holidays. The services of the Sub-Branch are available to all Sub-Branch members, and all serving and former members of the Australian Defence Force and overseas defence forces.

**Office Manager.** Joyce O'Brien administers the Sub-Branch Office and is responsible to the Executive for the efficient day-to-day routine of the office. Joyce will supervise all Sub-Branch matters including membership, correspondence, functions and access to Sub-Branch services.

**Veterans' Support Centre (VSC).** The office is open from 9:00AM until 3:00PM Monday to Friday, except public holidays, and at other times by appointment. The services of the VSC are available to all Sub-Branch members, and all serving and former members of the Australian Defence Force and overseas defence forces.

**Entitlements and Advocacy (E&A).** A team of trained advocates and entitlements/pension officers, both male and female, is available to provide assistance with claims under the Veterans' Entitlement Act 1986 (VEA), the Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988 (SRCA), and the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004 (MRCA). We also provide support and advice to war widows and widowers in regards to pensions. Andrew Properjohn, the E&A Administrator, will assist you with your enquiries.

**Community Support.** Florence Sofield co-ordinates the provision of welfare advocacy to Sub-Branch members and their families. Assistance is available on a case by case basis to access services through DVA, My Aged Care, Centrelink and the ACT Government.

**Hospital Visiting.** Volunteers visit each of the southern hospitals, The Canberra Hospital, Calvary John James and National Capital Private Hospital. They visit every veteran, RSL member and Legacy widow and widowers only if requested.

**Hospice Visiting.** Visits can be arranged for Sub-Branch members in Clare Holland House.

**Christmas Visits.** In December each year, all Sub-Branch members 80 years of age and over, and all Sub-Branch widows and widowers receive a home visit and a gift.

**Health and Fitness Program.** The arrangements in place between the Southern Cross Health Club (SCHC) and the Sub-Branch relating to gym use have changed. For details, contact the office on 6285 1931.

**Sub-Branch Publication.** The Sub-Branch publication, *'The Serviceman'* is published three times per year and distributed free to all Sub-Branch members, widows and widowers. A special edition is published for schoolchildren attending the annual ANZAC and Peace Ceremony held at Eddison Park.

**Eddison Day Club.** Sponsored by the Sub-Branch, the Day Club caters for members, their spouses, widows, widowers and the general community. It meets every Friday from 10:00AM to 2:00PM (except Good Friday) from mid-January to mid-December at the Irish Club, Parkinson Street, Weston.

**Burrangiri Veterans Get Together.** Held at Burrangiri Day Centre, Rivett every third Thursday of the month - 10:30AM to 1:30PM. Contact Welfare Office for further details.

**If you know of any member who would benefit from any of these services, but is reluctant to apply, please let the office know.**



### *Light Horse Trooper*

A bit of Silo art that has appeared in various locations across the nation. It is my intention, time permitting, to spend some time on a drive across country NSW and Victoria to get photos of the Silo art that has appeared.

What I have seen of it so far has been quite impressive and should make an interesting article for a future edition.

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# **ANZAC COMMEMORATIONS 2020**

## **ANZAC APPEAL**

Volunteers are required to sell ANZAC Pins at Woden Plaza and Cooleman Court during the week prior to ANZAC Day  
Names to Sub-Branch Office 6285 1931.

## **HOSPITALISATION**

Members without DVA entitlements are asked to let our Sub-Branch Office know of impending hospitalisation for themselves or their partner so that they can be included on our hospital visiting lists.

## **ANZAC DAY SERVICES**

Due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) the Traditional Dawn Service, The National Ceremony and Veterans' March will NOT take place. However, a revised ceremony will be broadcast live across Australia by the ABC at 5:30AM on ANZAC Day and streamed online. Acting Memorial Director, Anne Bennie said the memorial is committed to providing an opportunity for all Australians to commemorate ANZAC Day through the televised ceremony.