



# **City of Albury**

## **RSL Sub-Branch**

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# **Newsletter**

## **Spring Edition 2015**

# Consecration of Remembrance area at ANZAC House



## Boer War Commemorative Service



The Boer War service was conducted by Harry Hacking with songs from Sarah Winnel and trumpet by Kate Walker. Pictured is Merle Kelly holding the certificates for four of her relatives who served in the Boer War.

# **City of Albury Sub-Branch 2015 Committee**

**President:** Graham Docksey, OAM, JP

**Vice Presidents:** Mark Dando, Harry Hacking, JP

**Secretary:** Mark Lunnon

**Assistant Secretary:** Pauline McLeod

**Treasurer:** Jan. Francis

**Assistant Treasurer:** Noel Francis

**Committee:** Don Dennis, John Gunton,

Barry Howard, Barbara Townsend

**Trustees:** Barry Howard, Marlene Sullivan, John Gunton

**Pensions Officer:**  
Harry Hacking, JP

**Welfare Officer/s:**  
Harry Hacking JP, Barry Howard & Dani Jourdain

**Hospital/visitation:**  
Peter Jansen

## **Poppy Day 6<sup>th</sup> November**

Volunteers are required to sell poppies.

Please call in to ANZAC House to register your availability.

New volunteers are always welcome.



**Our Newsletter cover: shows a work in progress**

**Your Sub-Branch meets the third Sunday  
of each month**

**Commencing at 11am**

Light lunch follows the meeting at a minimal cost.

**Meeting dates:**

18<sup>th</sup> October 2015

19<sup>th</sup> June 2016

15<sup>th</sup> November 2015

17<sup>th</sup> July 2016

17<sup>th</sup> January 2016

21<sup>st</sup> August 2016

**AGM 21<sup>st</sup> February 2016**

18<sup>th</sup> September 2016

20<sup>th</sup> March 2016

16<sup>th</sup> October 2016

17<sup>th</sup> April 2016

20<sup>th</sup> November 2016

15<sup>th</sup> May 2016

**SUB-BRANCH OFFICE HOURS**

**TUES- THURS**

**10am to 3.30pm**

**\*\*NOTICE\*\***

**Your membership renewal is due**

**1st January 2016**

**Fees are: \$35 per year**

**A remittance form is enclosed with this  
newsletter.**

**(Please notify us if you have changed your  
address and/or phone number)**



## **Albury-Wodonga Branch of Soldier On is Launched**

The City of Albury RSL Sub-Branch is assisting Soldier On with a plan to open a regional reintegration centre.

The RSL have offered the use of office space and facilities for the activities of the Soldier On organisation. The aim is to assist the reintegration of contemporary veterans back into the community and workforce. Initially the office will be run by volunteers. The second Wednesday each month there is a coffee catch up being held in our meeting room.

**Thank you to all the volunteers who have helped in manning the : Reception desk, looking after Pensions and Welfare, assisting in the kitchen with catering and cleaning up, setting up the meeting room, cooking on the BBQ, setting up chairs at outside events and the committee for their ongoing dedication and compassion for their fellow members.**

## **REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE**

Remembrance Day Memorial Service will be  
held at St Matthews Church,  
Kiewa Street Albury  
starting at 10.30 am

Guest speaker: Lieutenant Colonel Luke Martin  
Commanding Officer,  
Army School of Logistic Operations

At the conclusion of the service members and  
guests are invited to attend ANZAC House for  
nibbles and a cuppa.

**\*\* Full size medals to be worn \*\***

## **PENSION AND WELFARE HELP???**

Don't forget that if you require a pension  
review or welfare assistance,  
please phone

ANZAC House (Albury) 02 6021 1241 for  
an appointment.

If you would like a home visit, please leave  
your details at  
ANZAC House

527 Wilson Street Albury NSW 2640

## **CHRISTMAS PARTY AND ANNUAL APPEAL**

A book of raffle tickets has been enclosed with this newsletter and we thank you for generously supporting this appeal.

Please return the butts and payment by:  
11<sup>th</sup> December as the draw will take place at  
our Christmas Party to be held at  
ANZAC House on

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2015**

commencing at **11.30am-12noon.**

BBQ lunch. All welcome, including families

Sweets plate please,  
would assist.



## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2016**

***AGM WILL BE HELD AT ANZAC HOUSE ON  
SUNDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 2016 AT 11AM  
FOLLOWED BY A BBQ LUNCH  
Partners are welcome to attend.***

## *Presidents Corner*

Greetings and a warm welcome to the longer days as we move quickly towards spring and summer. Welcome to the ANZAC House Newsletter, this is our main way of communicating with our members that are unable to attend our monthly meetings. Your Committee small but dedicated work very hard behind the scenes to make the Sub-Branch a vibrant and well-functioning organisation. This year will see a continuation of the refurbishment program to bring ANZAC House up to a high standard making it safe, attractive and friendly. Applications for grants are applied for and if successful further works will continue to be undertaken. Monthly meetings are being well attended and many members are staying for the luncheon and the mateship afterwards. Every second meeting there is a Guest Speaker. Speaking of volunteering, we need additional volunteers:

*This is not time consuming, it is therapeutic. It will give you a purpose.*

Become part of the solution and become involved in the functioning of your Sub-Branch.

The Sub-Branch now has three trained Welfare Officers able to assist you if and when necessary. Just give ANZAC House a call if you require a visit. Our Pensions Officer is also available for interviews at ANZAC House. Just give Harry a call.

The annual Poppy Day collection is coming up in November and we are always needing volunteers to assist so check your diary.

Remembrance Day will be held in St Matthew's Church at 10.30am on Wednesday the 11<sup>th</sup> of November. Please enjoy reading of your newsletter.



## LINK RSL DAY CLUB

Every Thursday over 30 members and volunteers meet at the Link RSL Day Club to enjoy social interaction, a tasty meal, quizzes, games and lots of fun. Throughout the year special theme days are held such as Movie Day when members enjoy hot popcorn while watching a movie projected on the 'big screen'. Another fun day this year was 'You Must Have Been a Beautiful Baby' when members each brought a photo from their infant days and everyone guessed whose photo was whose. All members then told the story about their photos.

Ask members what they like best about Link Club and you will hear:

*The friendly, happy, cheeky people.*

*Lunch with friends.*

*The variety of activities.*

*The volunteers do so much for us.*

*Meeting different people and making new friends.*

*The great Christmas party.*

Among Link Club members there is over 2400 years of collective wisdom. What a wonderfully rich, diverse, wise and happy group of people. For information about volunteering or becoming a member at the Link RSL Day Club please contact the coordinator, Judith Fenton, on **6059 1890**.



# ANZAC DAY 2015









# BATTLE FOR AUSTRALIA DAY SERVICE

The Battle for Australia day service was held on 2nd Sept in the memorial area at the rear of ANZAC house.

About 25 people attended the service which was conducted by our Vice President Harry Hacking who gave a short history of the battles that are commemorated.

Harry was ably assisted by Snr. Vice President Mark Dando and Trustee Barry Howard who recited the prayers.

Carmel from Aglow led the reciting of the Lords prayer which was followed by the Ode of Remembrance the Last Post, Reveille and the National Anthem.

The ladies from Aglow supplied delicious morning tea after the service.



Mark



Mark Noel & Harry

Barry

Carmel



Shirley

Isaac Adams & Don Dennis over 70 yrs of service between them



## ANZAC Field of Remembrance

This fitting tribute came from an idea originated by the late Mrs C J Pope, widow of Rear Admiral Pope. While visiting London she was impressed by a Field of Remembrance Day held each year in the old churchyard at St Margaret's alongside Westminster Abbey. The Royal British Legion Poppy Factory initiated the Field of Remembrance – a day on which small wooden crosses were planted in memory of the fallen.

On her return to Australia Mrs Pope enlisted the NSW Guild in assisting her to organise the first Field in the grounds of St Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney. She continued with her work until her death in 1963 when the War Widows' Guild (NSW) took over.

The first ANZAC Field of Remembrance was held in 1952, and has been held every year since to commemorate those who gave their lives in the service of their country. A non-denominational service is held prior to ANZAC Day at St Andrew's with the lesson read by the Governor of New South Wales. After the service and the reading of the 'Ode to the Fallen' by the Guild's President, the Governor plants the first cross in the Field of Remembrance in memory of the Unknown Warrior. The Governor is followed by representatives of the City of Sydney, the New Zealand Government and the three Services, who also plant crosses, the RSL and the Guild State President.

The Field of Remembrance is open from the service until the late afternoon on Anzac Day for war widows and members of the public to place small wooden crosses in personal remembrance of their husbands, relatives and friends who died during or following war service.



## **Albury War Widows Service in keeping with the history of the Field of Remembrance**

Crosses are supplied by the Widows, Red for Army, Lt Blue for Air Force, and Navy blue for the Navy.

The Field of Remembrance was situated in St Matthews Church and crosses placed there a week before ANZAC Day. A closing service is held the day after ANZAC Day and the crosses are collected and held by a local funeral director.



When a Returned Service person passes away the relatives are asked permission to cremate the crosses with that person, the ashes of the crosses are then scattered in a ceremony held at the Albury War Graves Cemetery around the base of the cross by a representative of the Albury RSL Sub-Branch. This year the service and scattering of the ashes was conducted by Vice President Harry Hacking JP



## **Ex Service Women's Association - Albury**

Welcome to our news again and a reminder that we would still very much like to welcome any ladies interested in joining us as a member. Meetings every second Tuesday 1.30pm with a cuppa together at ANZAC House.

We have lunches arranged - day trips to enjoy and now Xmas coming up, lots to look forward to, finishing the year with our Xmas lunch at ANZAC House.

We have our own Welfare Officer for anyone needing help or advice. Please ring Barbara (6021 3858) if you would like to enquire about coming along. Love to see you - join us and meet some old and new friends.

### **CALLING NATIONAL SERVICEMEN**

**Have you considered becoming a member of our local National Servicemen's Association of Australia – Albury/Wodonga Sub-Branch?**

**There is a sub-branch here in Albury/Wodonga and we are endeavouring to get more members especially from the second National Service Scheme to join our ranks.**

**Currently within the NSAA the second scheme introduced during the Vietnam War period is poorly represented and we are trying to correct that.**

**Our activities range from monthly luncheons on the first Sunday of each month, visiting many restaurants and hotels around the district, to raising moneys for local charities. We conduct general meetings on the third Monday of each month at the Commercial Club Albury.**

**Why not come along to a meeting or luncheon and see if you would like to join. Many of our members are also members of the RSL and continue to support the two organizations.**

**For more info or discussion please contact Niel Russell (President) on (02) 60612107 or make yourself known at a meeting or luncheon, both these are listed close to the event in the Border Mail What's happening column.**

# Vale

## 2015

*J N Andrews*

*S O D Berg*

*W R Biles*

*K Black*

*L J Boadle*

*R Bye*

*M A Chick*

*C J Clarkson*

*D J Gogoll*

*O Kimball*

*D McKibbin*

*B (Betty) Lamour*

*R Lewis B.E.M.*

*V L Martin*

*V M (Val) Martin*

*L Paterson*

*J Mc Robert*

*M Schultz*

*I Smith*

*R H Waite*

*I Walters*

*R K White*



*Lest We Forget*



*Just a Brown Slouch Hat*



Just a brown slouch hat  
With the side turned up.  
But it means the world to me.  
It's the symbol of our Nation,  
And the land of liberty,  
And soldiers they wear it.  
How proudly they wear it,  
For all the world to see.  
Just a brown slouch hat with  
The side turned up.  
Heading straight for victory.

