



# ON PARADE

*The official newsletter of the RSL Albany Sub-Branch*

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**“They deserve freedom that are prepared to defend it”  
“The Price of Liberty is Eternal Vigilance”**



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# RSL ALBANY SUB-BRANCH MISSION STATEMENT

First established in 1916, RSL Albany's primary charter is to provide support to veterans and their families, acknowledge Australian Defence Force service and encourage conversation and collaboration between those who have served and their communities.

A crucial role of RSL Albany is also to commemorate those who have fought and fallen in service of our nation or its allies.

To support all Australian Defence Force Veterans, Members and families in providing an environment which embodies the values of respect, transparency, integrity, mateship, tradition, compassion and empathy.



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# Committee Comms

## PRESIDENT REPORT REX HENDRIKS



Well, now that the silly season is over, and we have our first service done for the year we are well and truly back into the swing of things!

It was a very humbling experience to give the keynote address at our inaugural post 1973 ADF service in mid-February. We have had a lot of extremely positive feedback and next year is already shaping up to be bigger and better than this one. We have had a few learnings come out of this year's service which we will take on board and improve. Personally, I would like to thank all the RSL members who gave their time and efforts to make this day such a success.

I also had the great honour to meet a few more members at the February morning tea with Veronique (in-between work and appointments)... and was lucky enough to grab a slice of Warren's amazing Strawberry cheesecake on my way out of the door...very highly recommended!

As always, we are busy this time of year with Anzac preparations and beyond. If any member has the skills and time to help run our Sub-Branch, please get in contact with a committee member. See this issue of On Parade to find out where you can help as we are doing this for you all, our membership.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the B&Bs or any morning tea that I can drop in to!





## SECRETARY REPORT

**MARGARET BOYD**

The admin office continues to be busy, and I thank Steve Edmonds, who in between his advocacy work, has also managed to be my IT guru and is constantly working with me to achieve the best results for the Sub-Branch regarding the security of the building and our records. A big thank you to Steve for all your help. I also acknowledge with thanks the help Debbie Masson has already provided in preparation of our two appeals this year. Please start working spaces into your diary that you can be available at collection points for the Anzac Appeal in April, and really planning ahead for Poppy Day in November. (See back page calendar for dates)

I also give thanks to Membership Officer, Veronique and PR person, Nicole. Both provide so much assistance to the administration of our Sub-Branch and do it efficiently, without song and dance. I don't want them to think that no one notices – I do and am extremely grateful.

I continue to meet members, learn their names, get them wrong frequently but the more I continue to meet and talk with members the better I will get. I love learning members stories and some of their life experiences. Our Pop-up Café mornings (please refer to Veronique's message) will allow me to meet and learn more. I am looking forward to that.

Please remember our next Quarterly Members Meeting is on Sunday March 17<sup>th</sup>. Although it is St Patricks Day, I have Scottish heritage so won't be wearing green nor doing any Irish jigs!



### **QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING REMINDER**

**2.30 pm Sunday March 17th**

**RSL Albany Clubrooms**

**All members encouraged to attend**

# COMMEMORATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

## MICK TUGWELL



Although allegedly the quiet time of the Commemorative year there has been significant activity in the Services Committee over the Xmas period, caused by the innovative idea by our new President to hold “a recognition service” for those who served in the ADF in the last 50 years. This transcribed into a commemorative service on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February at the “Forts”, followed by a function at the RSL.

Both were very successful with over 100 attending the service & 70+ at the function. The service was specifically designed to be low key as many attending are not regular attendees at formal events and the intent was to reach out to them, making them feel comfortable at “their own service”. It worked! I acknowledge the work done by committee members before, during and after the service with most having dual roles with one at the service and another one at the function. As such it was a tired but happy group late on Sunday afternoon.

There has been significant interest displayed in several places around Australia, due to the efforts of Nicole Edmonds our new PR Officer, with many following the progress etc of the buildup to the service and the service itself. As such, the Committee are assessing the situation with the intent of fine tuning and conducting a similar service again in 2025. One obvious enhancement is to hold the service on a Saturday afternoon followed by the function. This in turn will allow attendees from Perth and other localities the opportunity to attend and return to “home base” on Sunday without duly interfering with the normal working week.

At the same time there has been significant preparatory work going on for Anzac Day services and functions for this year. I am extremely pleased to advise that again, Lotteries West have agreed to fund the costs of Anzac Day for all Sub-Branches in WA. In addition, as for the recent service, I will ask the Secretary to email out the RSVP forms for the services on Anzac Day. Please use these to assist me to help you attend services etc. As for normal Anzac Days in Albany we will hold:

- The Dawn Service- held on Mt Clarence and live streamed to the AEC and Anzac Peace Park;
- The Gunfire Breakfast- held at the AEC;
- The Troop March to the Service at the Anzac Peace Park- starting at the town hall;
- The Commemorative Service- at the Anzac Peace Park; and
- The public function- at the RSL.

Members and their families are encouraged to attend what could be described as “their day”.

To streamline services for 2024 we have decided to combine the Boer War service with the Charge of Beersheba Service in late October. This gives us some space in May as we are flat out acquitting grants, running the sponsors night etc. In addition it makes sense as the majority of Australians serving in the Boer War were Mounted Infantry, the forerunners to the Mounted Cavalry of the Light Horse Regiment.

## Batons and Bayonets

These special functions are alive and well, recommencing in February after a “rest period” over January. They now attract a cross section of the Albany and beyond community with the criteria to attend being “like minded” people. They offer good times, good company and if needed “a little business on the side”.

## Services Liaison

Although the Xmas and January early February period is supposed to be down time for the “services group” it wasn’t the case for the start of 2024 due to the ADF service held on 18<sup>th</sup> of February. Again, I acknowledge the Cando, Will -do and Done attitude of those groups and the individuals involved in whatever way in the support of the RSL with our commemorative services.

The Services would be pretty bland without them!

In summary I would again sum up the efforts (and results) of the new committee as above & beyond and offer my customary **Well Done!**

### Duty First



Michael Tugwell

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# MEMBERSHIP REPORT

**Veronique Derschow**



If I may start with a thank you to all members who have promptly paid their membership fees. We currently have an 80% financial member database with time for later payments to arrive before the expiry term of 31st March. We would encourage all members to pay before this date as to be deemed a financial member of RSLWA & the RSL Albany Sub-Branch.

We have welcomed both new Service & Affiliate members since the beginning of the year bringing our total membership to 176 members. A very warm welcome to our new members and we look forward to seeing you at the many commemorative and social events of the year.

Speaking of social, I would like to extend a big thank you to Heather Malacari of the Nurses Remembrance Association who took the mantle of our first guest speaker of the year for our Membership Morning Teas. It was a poignant delivery on the history of our war nurses and much was learnt on the Albany connection for those women who served.

In introducing a new theme for morning teas, we will be hosting our first 'Pop Up Café' of the year. Members & guests can simply pop in at any time between 10am and 12pm to enjoy a cuppa, cake and companionship. An ideal opportunity to catch up with friends and fellow members in a relaxed atmosphere with a view!

Our first Pop Up Café will be held on Friday 8th March from 10am and we look forward to seeing you there!

As always, if you have any queries in regards to membership, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time on 0410 503 682.

Best wishes

Veronique



**VALE JANUARY 2024**



*Thelma Bairstow*





## Introducing Nicole Edmonds PR Officer

The Management Committee warmly welcomes Nicole to the Committee as PR Officer for the RSL Albany Sub-Branch.

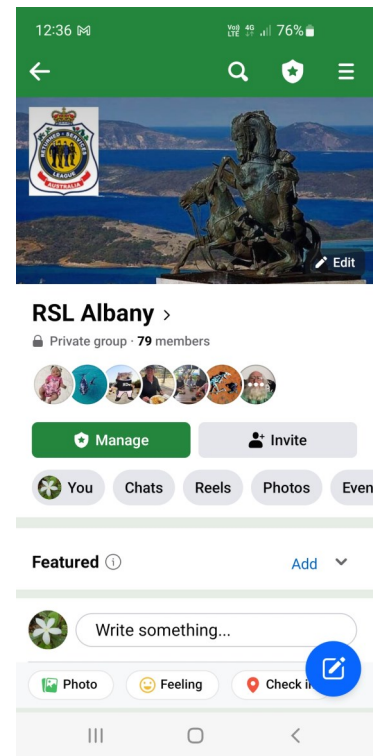
A painter/decorator by trade, Nicole also has journalistic experience through editorship of a painting/decoration magazine and has an amazing talent for photography.

Nic has revitalised the social media aspect of the Sub-Branch and all the latest events and happenings can be found on the RSL Albany Facebook page, thanks to Nic's expertise in capturing the moment.

To be kept up to date on all things RSL Albany, simply join the RSL Albany Facebook Group as shown.



Many thanks to Nicole for all her volunteer efforts in reflecting and promoting the RSL Albany Sub-Branch.



**ENLIST NOW..**

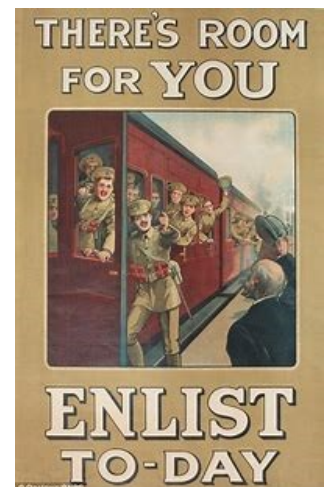
**Your Sub-Branch Needs You!**

In keeping the RSL Albany Sub-Branch running efficiently through the many events throughout the year, volunteers are always needed to lend a helping hand.

No matter what your skill set, any offer of volunteer assistance would be most welcome.

Assistance most appreciated in the following areas:

- Basic financial skills
- Bar management skills
- Food & Hospitality Skills
- Commemorative Service assistance
- Poppy Day Appeals



**Please contact Secretary Margaret Boyd on for further information**

## ANZAC DAY 2024

ANZAC Day has special significance in Albany as it is purportedly the site of Australia's first Dawn Service conducted by Padre White.

Albany's RSL Sub-Branch with support from the City of Albany will deliver the Dawn and Commemorative Services this year, which will include the traditional Gunfire Breakfast and Troop March.

This year's commemorations will be completely open to the public with no ticketing requirements to attend any Anzac Day Albany Services or Events.

### TRADITIONAL ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE

**Date:** Thursday, 25 April

**Time:** 5.30am – 6.00am

**Venue:** Desert Mounted Corps Memorial, Mount Clarence

### DAWN SERVICE SHUTTLE BUSES

**Date:** Thursday, 25 April

**Start Time:** From 3.30am at 15-minute intervals

**Pick Up Location:** Albany Entertainment Centre or Middleton Beach Bus Port

### DAWN SERVICE LIVESTREAM (ALBANY ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE)

**Date:** Thursday, 25 April

**Time:** 5.00am – 6.00am

**Venue:** Albany Entertainment Centre

### DAWN SERVICE LIVESTREAM (ANZAC PEACE PARK)

**Date:** Thursday, 25 April

**Time:** 5.00am – 6.00am

**Venue:** Anzac Peace Park

The Anzac Dawn Service will also be livestreamed on the City of Albany YouTube and Facebook page.

### GUNFIRE BREAKFAST

One of the traditions of Anzac Day is the 'gunfire breakfast' (coffee with rum added to it) which occurs shortly after many dawn ceremonies and recalls the 'breakfast' taken by many soldiers before facing battle. The traditional gunfire breakfast will be held at the Albany Entertainment Centre for a \$5 donation to the RSL.

**Date:** Thursday, 25 April

**Time:** 6.00am – 8.30am

**Venue:** Albany Entertainment Centre

## **ANZAC DAY TROOP MARCH**

Traditional RSL Parade along York Street in Albany.

**Date:** Thursday, 25 April

**Time:** 10.00am -10.30am

**Venue:** York Street, Albany



## **COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE**

**Date:** Thursday, 25 April

**Time:** 10.30am - 11.30am

**Venue:** Anzac Peace Park

## **POST SERVICE FUNCTION**

**Date:** Thursday, 25 April

**Time:** 12.00pm

**Venue:** RSL Albany Sub-Branch Clubrooms, Stirling Terrace Albany. ALL WELCOME

For further information, visit [ANZAC Day 2024 — RSL \(albanyrsl.com\)](https://albanyrsl.com) FAQ.



# RSL ALBANY COMMERATIVE SERVICE HONOURING THOSE WHO SERVED FROM 1973..

The 18th of February saw the RSL Albany Sub Branch hold an inaugural service to commemorate and recognise Australian Defence Force service in the last 50 years. This includes service of any kind in the many areas of conflict such as Somalia, Rwanda, Timor, Iraq, Afghanistan and peace operations such as Bougainville and the Solomons .

In addition, the Service honoured the countless members who served in full time & part time roles within Australia or overseas such as the constant Naval activities with Operation Sovereign border patrols in the near North of the country, the RAAF in Malaysia and other areas of interest including the Army forces at the Airbase Butterworth since 1973 (numbering 20,000+) on three month rotations to provide security to RAAF interests in Malaysia.

The service concept is the brain child of RSL Albany Sub Branch President Rex Hendriks and is strongly supported as a way of recognising ADF service of all kinds. It also encourages developing relationship with these “recent” serving members'

The service was held at the 'Forts' and was followed by a barbecue luncheon hosted by RSL Albany at the Clubrooms.

To Albany R & S L ,

*I just want to say what a great initiative to hold a memorial service covering the last fifty years. My wife and I attended the commemoration today and we just wanted to let all those members of the Albany Branch know how good it was and well done to all those who helped coordinate everything. WELL DONE.*

Pat and Mal Greenhalgh

Mt Barker R & S L Branch



Photo Credit: Lex Porebski



# NATIONAL DAY FOR WAR ANIMALS

FEBRUARY 24TH 2024

## Did You Know?

Each year, on 24 February, is National Day for War Animals in Australia, where we commemorate the deeds and sacrifices of animals in war.



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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Animals have been put to many uses in war, serving as transport, beasts of burden, messengers, protectors, mascots, and pets. They have played an important part in all wars in which Australians have been involved.

Famously, of 136,000 Australian horses sent to the First World War, only one returned. After General Bridges died in May 1915 from a wound sustained at Gallipoli, his favourite horse, Sandy, returned to Australia, eventually finding a home at the Australian War Memorial.

While the donkey made famous by Simpson is perhaps the best known example of a beast of burden, mules were in constant demand to carry supplies to the frontline.

The Camel Corps was formed in the early years of the First World War. By late 1917 the Desert Mounted Corps had some 6,000 camels.

The homing ability and navigational skills of carrier pigeons saw them used during the First and Second World Wars. Some were even awarded medals for gallantry.

Working dogs were used by the Royal Australian Engineers in 1918, with sappers handling messenger dogs in the trenches of France. Search dogs were used from 1944 after the raising of the First Australian Dog Platoon. Mine detection and scout dogs were used in Korea and Vietnam and Explosive Detection Dogs were used to counter the threat of improvised explosive devices in Afghanistan.



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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During the First World War many Australians brought animals from home to the training camps in Egypt. When the war ended they were donated to the Cairo Zoo. As late as the 1950s, it was said to have had the largest collection of Australian native animals outside of Australia. Since then a selection of dogs, cats, goats, possums, rams, eagles, monkeys, turtles and many more have acted as formal (or informal) mascots for Australian units.

(Ref: Australian War Memorial)



## 2024 Monthly Member Commemorative & Social Events begin!



**2024 Morning Teas kicked off with a presentation from Heather Malacari of the Nurses Remembrance Association.**

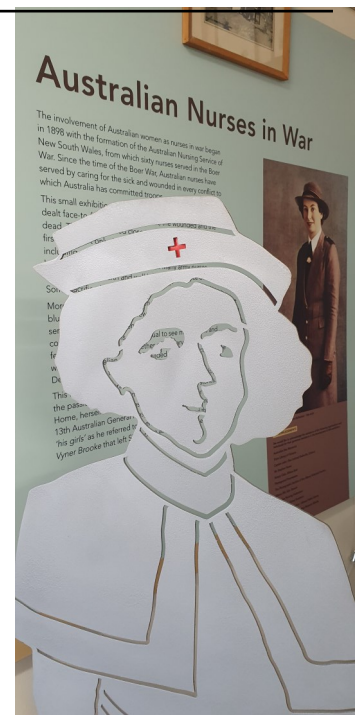
**Ivan Tilney was awarded the Ambassador for Peace Medal for his wartime efforts in Korea 1954-1955.**



Photo Credit Laurie Benson



**Another Sincere Appreciation 'Shout Out' goes to Lindsay Horton for his recent donation of a War Nurse Metal Silhouette.**





**RSL Albany Service Member Nigel Hall is presented with the Australian Defence Medal for his 4 years service with Royal Australian Armoured Corps**

**RSL Albany PR Officer, Nicole Edmonds attends the Blue Tree Project in raising Mental Health Awareness in the regions**



**RSL Albany Commemorative Service  
18 February 2024—  
Honouring all those who have served since 1973**



## HONOURING OUR OWN



RSL Albany Sub-Branch Service member Ivan Tilney was awarded the Ambassador For Peace Medal for his wartime efforts in Korea.

Ivan spent just over a year serving near the demilitarised zone in Korea from 1954 to 1955 as a member of the Royal Engineers in the British Army.

Congratulations to Ivan on his well deserved award.



RSL Albany Sub-Branch Service member Nigel Hall is presented with his Australian Defence Medal for 4 years service.

Nigel was a member of the RAAC (Royal Australian Armed Corps) and was posted to the 2nd Cavalry Regiment from 1976 to 1982.

The Australian Defence Medal was introduced in 2006 to recognise ADF personnel who have served their country since the conclusion of War War 2 and a congratulations also to Nigel on his award.



### *'Albany At Ease'* UPDATE Supporting ADF Veterans, Members & Families

*Albany At Ease* is part of an Australian Veterans' Respite Program which offers Great Southern vacation respite packages to ADF past and present members who are experiencing mental & physical health challenges as a result of their military service.

Offering opportunity for reconnection and reset, referred participants enjoy a week long vacation which includes accommodation, food & dining out vouchers, complimentary admission to local attractions and a Welcome Hamper on arrival.

Evidential feedback from the program so far has indicated that the gratitude that the community has shown for their service has made a positive impact as told by one recent Naval Veteran.

*'thank you for providing light in the days of darkness'.*

*Albany At Ease* has just welcomed their 7th ADF Veteran family to the Great Southern and RSL Albany is proud to support this programme in directly assisting our Australian Defence Force Veterans & Members on their road to recovery.



## TALES FROM THE METCO FARM...

Most readers will know that the male member of METCO is a skilled craftsman capable of delicate & intricate work to be able to produce useful farm products for METCO Farm.

These are the envy (often) of others!

He also is identified by the name of **RCC ( Rough Chap Contracting)**.

Recently there was a requirement to replace an aging 4 inch pencil (grain auger) after a series of disasters around the METCO grain silo.

This included putting a right angle bend in an auger with the tractor forks but no worries as like all good farmers we had a spare (ex-clearing sale) so out with the bent & in with the new!

This was all ok until we had Ben & Erika Henderson's bull ( Navman porn star ), weighing 1000kg, visiting to assist with the beef Baron of Napier's herd increase & he needed some energy assistance.

I was rather concerned to find him with his head jammed in the chute of the silo but worse still when he pulled the silo off his head & proceeded to march up & down the spare (now in use) auger.

This resulted in another bent tube & a crushed electric motor.

Time for a new one **But** after seeing the prices it was back to the drawing board.

Enter Steve Moir to the rescue with one to borrow almost new (about 70 years ago) along with Steve's unique raising & lowering system , complete with wheels ( made from 6kg Gym weights). Now we were right .

All was good until the Electric motor on Steve's auger died. No sweat as in the back shed we had another motor last used on a dam pump by my father > 28 years ago.

Unfortunately after deciding to do some maintenance on Steve's auger before returning it to him we found the base of the tube completely rusted out.

Interestingly back in the day auger tubes were made of rainwater down pipe ( 4inch) with no spiral stiffeners. At about < 1mm thick welding up was out of the question .

Informing Steve of the bad news, in his typical form, he replied I had forgotten about the auger, it was up to us to bin it or use for spares.

An idea formed of using 4 bugged augers to make one. This required delicate craftsmanship!

The first issue was attempting to buy the right size pulley to no avail in Albany.

On the search for a right size one, cousin Ben assisted in the task. Leasing cows at Darryl & Jodie Elsons he saw the same size one in Darryl's laydown /junk area , securely imprisoned by Kikuyu.

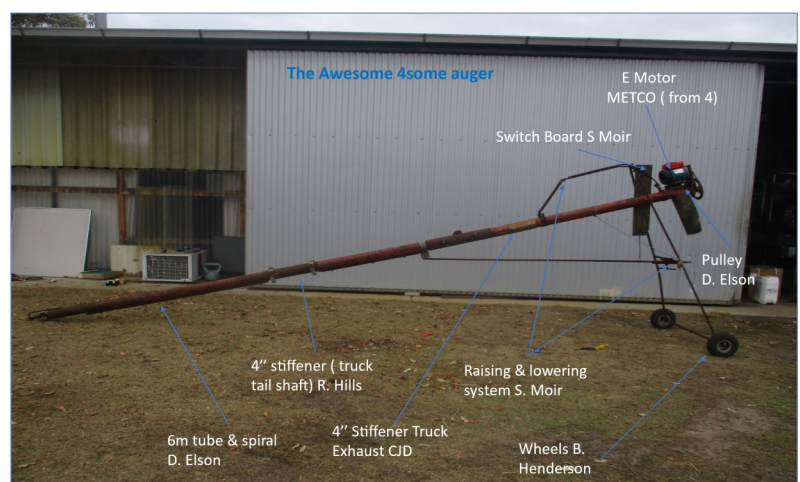
After approaching Darryl for assistance & being told help yourself, it was time to break his old auger out of the kike jail , duly done & back to METCO to finally separate parts & look at attempting to make 1 x auger out of the original awesome foursome.

As a result, at the mere cost of \$25 for a pulley for the refurbished ( from bits of E motor) & probably \$25 for consumables this would be seen as a masterpiece & without the price tag of several thousand dollars for a new one.

That is unless you count the probably **100 hrs of labour costs valued at about \$3,000 +**

Depiction to the right shows masterpiece & elements contributed...

**MICK TUGWELL**



## THANK YOU TO RSL ALBANY SPONSORS & DONORS 2023!

Their support and partnership plays a key role in the success of all RSL Albany Events & Services and we simply could not do it with them!

◆ 4D Delivery & Hiab
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# MEMORABLE MILITARY MOMENTS

*“A modern battle plan is like nothing so much as a score for a musical composition, where the various arms and units are the instruments, and the tasks they perform are their respective musical phrases. Each individual unit must make its entry precisely at the proper moment and play its phase in the general harmony.”*

*“The true role of infantry was not to expend itself upon heroic physical effort, not to wither away under merciless machine-gun fire, not to impale itself on hostile bayonets, but on the contrary, to advance under the maximum possible protection of the maximum possible array of mechanical resources, in the form of guns, machine-guns, tanks, mortars and aeroplanes; to advance with as little impediment as possible; to be relieved as far as possible of the obligation to fight their way forward.”*

General Sir John Monash

Monash’s Battle of Hamel, where he commanded the Australian Corps was a masterpiece of Combined Arms and the first time that the Australian Army had been able to decisively generate the combined arms effect. He had been promoted to LT GEN on the 1st of June.

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## Special Orders to No 1 Section 13/3/18

1. This position will be held, and the section will remain here until relieved.
2. The enemy cannot be allowed to interfere with this programme.
3. If the section cannot remain here alive, it will remain here dead, but in any case, it will remain here.
4. Should any man, through shell shock or other cause, attempt to surrender, he will remain here dead.
5. Should all guns be blown out, the section will use Mills grenades, and other novelties.

Finally, the position, as stated, will be held.

**CAPT Frank Bethune, OC No 1 Section, 3rd Machine Gun Company, Passchendaele**

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*“Morituri vos salutamus”, those who are about to die, we salute you. **Group Captain John Lerew.**  
On being directed to keep the airfield at Rabaul open, when he had just 2 Wirraways and  
1 Hudson bomber.*

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*“Chin Up Girls, I’m proud of you. I love you all.” **Matron Irene Drummond** of the AANS (Australian Army Nursing Service) just before she and 21 other nurses were machine-gunned in the Bangka Island Massacre.*

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*My God, I wish we had 9th Australian Division with us this morning”. **MAJ GEN Freddie de Guingand,** CoS Allied Land-force HQ Europe, 1944 about the D-Day landings.*



Ref: The Principles of War



## RSL ALBANY SUB-BRANCH

### MEMORIAL SERVICES & EVENTS 2024

#### JANUARY

For the month of January, the hardworking RSL Albany team will be taking a break and no formal membership events will be held for this month. Stay tuned however for dates on 'pop up' bar openings and cuppas n cake!

#### FEBRUARY

- **February 9th:** Membership Morning Tea
- **February 18th:** Recent Wars Commemorative Service (time TBC)
- **February 23rd:** Batons & Bayonets Sundowner

#### MARCH

- **March 8th:** Membership Morning Tea
- **March 17th:** Quarterly General Meeting
- **March 22nd:** Batons & Bayonets Sundowner

#### APRIL

- **April 12th** Poppy Appeal Day
- **April 12th** Public Anzac Day Brief 6.00pm
- **April 25th:** Anzac Day
- **\*\* Please note:** there will be no monthly morning tea or sundowner held in the month of April due to the large Anzac Day preparation and Service

#### MAY

- **May 10th:**Membership Morning Tea
- **May 20th:**Anzac Day Sponsors Night 6.00pm
- **May 31st:** Batons & Bayonets Sundowner

#### JUNE

- **June 14th:** Membership Morning Tea
- **June 16th:** Quarterly General Meeting
- **June 28th:** Batons & Bayonets Sundowner

#### JULY

- **July 12th:** Membership Morning Tea
- **July 26th:** Batons & Bayonets Sundowner
- **July 27th:** Korean War Service

#### AUGUST

- **August 9th:** Membership Morning Tea
- **August 18th:** Vietnam Veterans Service
- **August 30th:** Batons & Bayonets Sundowner

#### SEPTEMBER

- **September 13th:** Membership Morning Tea
- **September 15th:** Annual General Meeting
- **September 27th:** Batons & Bayonets Sundowner

#### OCTOBER

- **October 11th:** Membership Morning Tea
- **October 18th:** Batons & Bayonets Sundowner
- **October 26th:** Beersheba Memorial Service
- **October 27th:** Nurses Memorial Service

#### NOVEMBER

- **November 1st** Poppy Appeal Day
- **November 11th:** Remembrance Day
- **\*\* Please note:** there will be no monthly morning tea or sundowner held in the month of November due to the large Remembrance Day preparation and Service

#### DECEMBER

- **December 8th:** Quarterly General Meeting
- **December 13th:** Christmas Morning Tea
- **December 13th:** Christmas Sundowner

**Membership Morning Teas 10.00am to 12.00pm**  
**Batons & Bayonets Sundowners 3.30pm to 6.30pm**  
**Quarterly General Meetings: 2.30pm**  
**Annual General Meeting: 2.30pm**  
**Anzac Day Services 5.30am to 12.00pm followed by function**  
**All Commemorative Services: 2.00pm**  
**Remembrance Day Service: 10.30am**

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