



# War Veterans Village [Narrabeen] RSL Sub-Branch

Through an active membership we keep the ANZAC spirit alive and growing

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## The President's Message

### A month of celebrations and commemorations



#### Victory in the Pacific - 14 August 2015

To celebrate Victory in the Pacific, the end of World War Two a gala lunch was held in the Montgomery Centre. Over two hundred residents and guests enjoyed a sumptuous meal, great live music from the era and many wore military uniforms or fashions from the day. The celebration brought back memories for many of our residents who were involved in the original "VP Day" celebrations.



#### Vietnam Veteran's Day - 18 August 2015

A chapel service was held in our War Vets Chapel to commemorate Vietnam Veterans Day for our residents who were unable to attend the Manly Corso service. The service was well attended and will be featured in next year's activity program for the village.



The 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Ceremonial Parade & Unit Prize Giving is to be held at Pittwater House on Tuesday 1 September 2015 at 1.40pm. all welcome to attend. Please contact the Retirement Living Reception to book a seat on the bus.

Lately attendance at our monthly meetings has dwindled. This could be due to the cold weather or some of our members are forgetful so please remind your neighbour to attend the meeting.

Looking forward to seeing you at the next meeting and come along to enjoy hot refreshments after the meeting.

George Main / President

**"LEARNING IS A TREASURE THAT FOLLOWS ITS OWNER EVERYWHERE"**

## Chaplain's Corner

### "The Dream Lives On!"

Imagine a world without sin! No problem is too great to be solved. No one goes without food, clothing or shelter. Everyone's needs are met. People live in peace and prosperity and justice reigns. There is no crime and death is unknown.

Down through history, various groups have grasped at that utopian ideal - the perfect world. However, none has succeeded. Yet the dream lives on, and for good reason: that was God's plan, His original intention for His creation. He made a perfect world and placed humankind in it with a mandate to 'be fruitful and multiply' (Gen. 1:28). Likewise He has promised to someday restore His creation to its original purpose and perfection (Rev. 21: 1-4).

In the meantime, humanity must live with the memory of what Eden was and the hope of what the new creation will be. God helps people keep alive that vision of life with Him - which sometimes seems more like a dream - by offering occasional glimpses of it.

God's people live in hope. They base their lives on the promise that God's original design and purpose will not be crushed under the terrible load of sin, rebellion and condemnation. Instead, because of Christ, they look forward to the day when they will enter a new world to live with God forever.

Dare to dream, because **"The Dream Lives On!"**

Bob Durbin  
Chaplain

## Poppy day Appeal



We are calling for volunteer sellers for our upcoming Poppy Day Appeal. Selling commences on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2015 and concludes the day before Remembrance day on the 11<sup>th</sup> November 2015.

If you wish to volunteer please contact Ian Galloway on 0428 249 981.

The Poppy Day Appeal is one of our major fundraisers for both the RSL State Branch and our own Sub-Branch.

## Note

Our Editor (the Sub-Branch Secretary) is away from mid September to early October, so our September and October Newsletters have been combined.

## Australian National Flag Quiz

You may know that Australia's flag is the only one to fly over an entire continent, but how much else do you know about our chief national symbol? See how you score!

### Question 1

Following federation in 1901 the new Commonwealth Government held an open competition calling for public input into the design of a flag - the first time in history that a national flag had been chosen in this way.

Where were the entries displayed for judging, thus becoming the first place that the Australian flag was flown?

- a. Parliament House, Canberra
- b. The Sydney Opera House
- c. The Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne
- d. 'The Lodge' (Residence of the Prime Minister)

### Question 2

The opportunity to design a new flag for the new nation of Australia really captured the public imagination. In proportion with Australia's population now, how many entries would be needed to replicate the 1901 response?

- a. 50,000
- b. 2,000
- c. 200,000
- d. 20,000

### Question 3

The designs submitted featured "every kind of flora and fauna identifiable with Australia - sometimes all at once". Which of the following were not included on the would-be flags entered in the competition?

- a. A kangaroo leaping through the constellation of the Southern Cross
- b. Native animals playing cricket with a winged cricket ball
- c. A platypus with six babies representing the six Australian states
- d. A fat kangaroo aiming a gun at the Southern Cross

### Question 4

Five people tied for the honour of designing our flag. Match the description with the name of the winner below -

- a. Ivor Evans
- b. Annie Dorrington
- c. Leslie Hawkins
- d. Egbert Nuttall
- e. William Stevens
  
- i. First Officer with Union Steamship Company of NZ
- ii. Teenage optician's apprentice from Leichhardt in NSW
- iii. 14 year old schoolboy from Melbourne
- iv. Well-known artist from Perth
- v. Architect with the Melbourne & Metropolitan Board of Works

### Question 5

The Southern Cross featured on the flag is a constellation that can only be seen in the night skies of the Southern hemisphere and it also gives acknowledgement to aboriginal Australians because it is so prominent in their mythology.

What is the name given to each of the stars in the Southern Cross?

### Question 6

Which famous Australian wrote the words:

"And with Australia's flag shall fly

A spray of wattle bough

To symbolise our unity - We're all Australians now"

- a. Dorothea Mackellar
- b. Sir Robert Menzies
- c. "Banjo" Paterson
- d. Rupert McCall

Answers will be printed in the November Newsletter

## Dates to Remember

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September Committee Meeting 11.00am (Steven Stack Room) (Note meeting is one week earlier in the month due to RSL LifeCare Management Conference)

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September General Meeting 9.30am (Montgomery Centre)** (Note meeting is on the first Thursday this month due to the RSL LifeCare Management Conference being held in the second week of the month)

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October Committee Meeting 11.00am (Steven Stack Room)

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October General Meeting 9.30am (Montgomery Centre)**

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November Committee Meeting 11.00am (Steven Stack Room)

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November General Meeting 9.30am (Montgomery Centre)**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December Committee Meeting 11.00am (Steven Stack Room)

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December General Meeting 9.30am (Montgomery Centre)**

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December - Sub-Branch Christmas Luncheon, Lone Pine Lookout, Gallipoli.**

Envelopes for your payment will be available at the General Meeting, Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October and from Retirement Living reception after this date. Return the completed envelope with your payment to the Retirement Living reception. Cost \$40.00 per head. Your ticket (receipt) and Luck Door prize (number) will be mailed to you.

## Membership

Life Member	= 2
Life Subscribers	=10
Service Members	=61
Associate Members (belonging to other sub-Branches	=42
Affiliate Members	=21
Our strength at 26 <sup>th</sup> August 2015	Total=136