



War Veterans Village [Narrabeen] RSL Sub-Branch

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

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**“At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
we will remember them. Lest We Forget”**

The President's Message



The Centenary of ANZAC is drawing near with the country preparing to celebrate this momentous occasion. The latest copy of Reveille is not to be missed. This month's edition is full of historic information, great articles and fabulous photos that record our past history. A great read and well done to all involved.

Make sure you join our ANZAC March and service on the 22 April 2015 commencing at 1030 am. Assemble at the forecourt of Peter Cosgrove House to march down to the Montgomery Center for our village service. ANZAC Day dawn service 25 April 2015 commencing 6am at the Cenotaph opposite Peter Cosgrove House.



Pittwater House Cadet & Senior School will be holding their annual ANZAC Day service on Friday the 24 April 2015. Everyone is welcome to attend, please register with the Retirement Living staff, Carolyn or Sally to ensure a seat on the bus.

ANZAC APPEAL

Starts Tuesday 14 April to 24 April 2015. Your support for this major fundraiser is needed. This appeal raises money not only for the sub-branch but also for Sate Branch and Defence Care. Volunteers needed. Contact Doug at the Sub-branch office.

Our recent Annual General Meeting approved our budget for the coming year and the present committee will soldier on for another year. Once again thank you for your continued support.

Doug will be away Mid-April to late May. Volunteers will man the Sub-Branch office.

President
George Main

Chaplain's Comment

Yes, at long last we have moved in to our new chapel, still called “The War Vets Chapel”. Many of us wondered if the project would ever be completed, comparing it to the gestation period of an elephant! But completed (well, almost - we are still waiting on the stained glass windows) it is - and already in use.

The first sermon was preached by our CEO, Ron Thompson, and he spoke of “Jesus: The Perfect Soldier” and used as his reference John 15:9 - 17. In his opening Ron said:

“Our passage this morning is based around John 15:13 and I think it is very fitting for this Sunday, our first day together in our new War Vets Chapel. Here Jesus speaks of the greatest expression of love: sacrificial love. “Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.”

This place of worship is first and foremost a Christian Church. It is also for all intents and purposes a military chapel - a place where in addition to where we come together to worship, we come together to give thanks and remember those who have served our country and for whom we owe a significant debt of gratitude.”

Ron concluded his sermon with these words:

“There is no greater expression of love than sacrificial love. We rightly honour those who sacrifice themselves for their friends and their country. Let us also love, serve and honour our God who sacrificed His own Son so “that all who believe in Him should not perish but have eternal life” John 3:16

As we commemorate ANZAC Day and its associated activities, let each of us remember not just our own loved ones, but also those we do not, have not and will never know, who gave of themselves that we might live in this ***The Great Southland of the Holy Spirit.***

Dob Durbin
Chaplain

Have a laugh

There's not much fun in medicine but there's a good deal of medicine in fun !

Nothing prompts the payment of an old dentist like a new toothache.

Newsletter for May

Our Editor (the Sub-Branch Secretary) is away from mid April to the end of May, so our April and May Newsletters have been combined.

The 25th April

By Poet Roderic Quinn

This is ANZAC Day!
Made sacred by the memory
Of those who fought and died, and fought and live
And gave the best that men may give
For love of Land. It dawns once more,
And, though on alien sea and shore
The guns are silent all,
Yet we with pride recall
The deeds which gave it immortality.
Great deeds are deathless things!
The doer dies, but not the deed,
And, when upon that fateful April day
Our ANZACs, throwing all but love away,
Gave life and limb for Honour's sake,
With freedom tremblingly at stake,
They lit a beacon-light
Imperishable, bright,
That evermore the Nation's soul shall heed.
Not Peace, not Peace alone
Can make a nation great and good
And bring it that full stature, strength, and grace
That fit it for an age-enduring place
In men's regard. Through storm and strife
It runs to sweet and noble life.
For through its veins there runs
The valour of great sons
Who died to give it stately nationhood
This day is ANZAC Day.
Made sacred by the thrilling thought
Of those who proved their souls, it reappears;
And thus 'twill dawn, and dawn through future years
Till time our petty deeds efface
And others, dwelling in our place,
Tell o'er, with tongue and pen,
The glorious tale again
Of how on beach and crag the ANZACs fought.

Membership

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| Life Member | = 2 |
| Life Subscribers | =14 |
| Service Members | =59 |
| Associate Members (belonging to other sub-Branches | =48 |
| Affiliate Members | =21 |
| Our strength at 26 th March 2014 | Total=144 |

Should you know any village resident who you think may qualify to be a member, please arrange to introduce them to our Secretary - Doug Smyth.

Dates to Remember

Thursday 2nd April Committee Meeting
11.00am (**Sub-Branch Office**) ** Note date change

Thursday 9th April General Meeting
9.30am (**Montgomery Centre**) Guest Speaker
Graham Sloper, President Avalon Sub-Branch.

Sunday 19th April **Northern Beaches District Council in conjunction with Warringah and Mackellar Federal Electorates - ANZAC Centenary Commemoration.**
March forms up at Boondah Reserve 10am for March off 11am to Service which commences at 12pm at Pittwater Park.

Wednesday 22rd April Village ANZAC Day.
March from the forecourt of Peter Cosgrove House at 10.30am [assemble from 10am] to the Remembrance Wall at the Montgomery Center for the 11am ANZAC Service.

Friday 24th April Traditional ANZAC Day Service - Cadet and Senior School Pittwater House. 11.30am
Village bus leaves from Dugout Entrance Gallipoli Centre at 10.30 and returns about 2.30pm.
Dress: Lounge Suit/Service medals.

Wednesday 25th April ANZAC Day
(Dawn Service and Breakfast at Cook Island, followed by taxi transport to City for March

Monday 11th May Committee Meeting 11.00am
(**Sub-Branch Office**)

Thursday 14th May General Meeting
9.30am (**Montgomery Centre**)

Who's Who - Name Tags

Please wear your name tag to all Meetings
(If you need a name tag please drop the Secretary a note, or email and request one.)

ANZAC Day Appeal

Good quantities of Badges and Pens have been ordered from, RSL Appeals NSW, at ANZAC House.

This year Ian Galloway (0428 249 981), with the support of Sam Beattie and the Angels, will be coordinating the volunteers, trays and each individuals float.

The Sub-Branch Office will be used as the base.

Alf Murray will be running a sales stall at Warriewood Centro (proposed dates Tues 14th April and Mon 20th April) and at Bunnings Narrabeen (proposed dates Thurs 16th April and Tues 22nd April).

On Wed 22nd April, Cliff Stevens (yet to be confirmed) will be at the start venue - Peter Cosgrove House forecourt, for the Village March, and Alf will be at the Service venue - Remembrance Wall at the Montgomery Center. Both will be selling Badges and Pens.

It is proposed that our volunteers will sell in the village from Tues 14th April until Fri 24th April. Ian Galloway will be contacting each individual volunteer for the roster and as to the days they are available.