



War Veterans Village [Narrabeen] RSL Sub-Branch

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

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“We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give”

The President's Message



Lest We Forget.

Remembrance Day Poppy Appeal

Yes it is that time again. Our annual Poppy Day Appeal is one of our major fund raisers for the year and we need volunteers to sell poppies. Volunteer sellers please register with either Ian Galloway or Doug Smyth at the Sub-branch.

On the 28 October 2015 at 4pm we are gathering in the Dugout to prepare the trays for sale the next day. Volunteers are welcome to join us. Come along and join in the fun. Followed by a meal and a few quite drinks.

Poppy selling commences from the 29 October until 10 November 2015.

Remembrance Day Service



Remembrance Day Service is to be held at 10.30 am, Wednesday, 11 November 2015 at the Remembrance Wall Montgomery Centre. Special guest speaker, Major General P.W. “Gus” Gilmore AO DSC Commander Forces Command.

Sub-branch Christmas luncheon



To be held in the Lone Pine Lookout on the 16 December 2015, 12 for 12.30pm. Tickets are now available, \$40.00 per head. Sumptuous three course meal with drinks included. Last year was great this year will be fabulous. Come and join in the Christmas cheer.

\$50 lucky chair

Next meeting look under your chair for the money. Make sure you turn up.

Looking forward to our next meeting

George Main
President

Chaplain's Corner



Ten of The Best Witty and Funny Church Signs

1. Notice in a church parking lot. Trespassers will be baptised.
2. If you can't sleep, don't count sheep. Talk to the Shepherd.
3. Do not wait for the hearse to take you to church.
4. How will you spend eternity - Smoking or Non-smoking?
5. Fight truth decay -- study the Bible daily.
6. No God - No Peace. Know God - Know Peace.
7. Free Trip to heaven. Details Inside!
8. When the restaurant next to a chapel put out a big sign with red letters that said, "Open Sundays," the chapel reciprocated with its own message: "We are open on Sundays, too."
9. Come work for the Lord. The work is hard, the hours are long and the pay is low. But the retirement benefits are out of this world.
10. In the dark? Follow the Son.

Bob Durbin
Chaplain

A riddle for seniors

You are on a horse, galloping at a constant speed. On your right side is a sharp drop-off. On your left side is an elephant travelling at the same speed as you. Directly in front of you is a galloping kangaroo and your horse is unable to overtake it. Behind you is a lion running at the same speed as you and the kangaroo. What must you do to get out of this highly dangerous situation?

Think logically before you look on the back page for the answer.

Australian National Flag Quiz - Answers (Questions were in our Sept / October Newsletter)

ANSWER 1:

c. None of the other places existed in 1901! It took eight weeks to display all the entries and following judging the winning design was flown from the Royal Exhibition Building on 3 September 1901.

ANSWER 2:

c. There were 32,823 entries from an estimated population in 1901 of around 3.6 million ...i.e. one per cent of the total population responded to the competition. This is equivalent to 200,000 entries today.

ANSWER 3:

c.

ANSWER 4:

(a) = (iii), (b) = (iv), (c) = (ii), (d) = (v), (e) = (i)

ANSWER 5:

The formal name of the Southern Cross is "Crux Australis" and the individual stars are named by the first five letters of the Greek alphabet in order of brightness - (clockwise from the bottom star) Alpha, Beta, Gamma, Delta & Epsilon.

ANSWER 6:

c. A. B. "Banjo" Paterson , during World War I.

THE LAST POST CEREMONY AT THE MENIN GATE



*Two Buglers sound
Last Post at the daily
ceremony in the
1990s, standing at the
eastern entrance of
the Menin Gate
Memorial.*

How the Tradition Began

In 1928, a year after the inauguration of the Menin Gate Memorial, a number of prominent citizens in Ypres decided that some way should be found to express the gratitude of the Belgian nation towards those who had died for its freedom and independence.

The idea of the daily sounding of the Last Post - the traditional salute to the fallen warrior - was that of the Superintendent of the Ypres Police, **Mr P Vandenbraambussche**. The Menin Gate Memorial on the east side of Ypres was thought to be the most appropriate location for the ceremony. Originally this was the location of the old city gate leading to the Ypres Salient battlefields and The Menin Road, through which so many British and Commonwealth troops had passed on their way to the Allied front line.

The privilege of playing Last Post was given to buglers of the local volunteer Fire Brigade. The first sounding of Last Post took place on **1 July 1928** and a daily ceremony was carried on for about four

months. The ceremony was reinstated in the spring of 1929 and the Last Post Committee (now called the Last Post Association) was established. Four silver bugles were donated to the Last Post Committee by the Brussels and Antwerp Branches of the Royal British Legion.

From 11 November 1929 the Last Post has been sounded at the Menin Gate Memorial **every night and in all weathers**. The only exception to this was during the four years of the German occupation of Ypres from 20 May 1940 to 6 September 1944. The daily ceremony was instead continued in England at **Brookwood Military Cemetery**, Surrey. On the very evening that Polish forces liberated Ypres the ceremony was resumed at the Menin Gate, in spite of the heavy fighting still going on in other parts of the town. Bullet marks can still be seen on the memorial from that time.

When the Last Post returned to Ieper (Ypres) after the Second World War the Brookwood Last Post Association (under Colonel McKay) continued, until recent years, to sound the Last Post at **Brookwood Military Cemetery** on the first Sunday of the month

Dates to Remember

Monday 9th November Committee Meeting 11.00am
(**Steven Stack Room**)

Thursday 12th November General Meeting
9.30am (**Montgomery Centre**)

Monday 7th December Committee Meeting 11.00am
(**Steven Stack Room**)

Thursday 10th December General Meeting
9.30am (**Montgomery Centre**)

Wednesday 16th December - 12pm for 12.30pm
Sub-Branch Christmas Luncheon, Lone Pine Lookout,
Gallipoli.

Envelopes for your payment available at the General Meeting and from Retirement Living reception. Return the completed envelope with your payment to the Retirement Living reception. Cost \$40.00 per head. Your ticket (receipt) and Luck Door prize numbers will be mailed to you.

Membership

Life Member	= 1
Life Subscribers	=10
Service Members	=57
Associate Members (belonging to other sub-Branches	=40
Affiliate Members	=21
Our strength at 26 th October 2015 Total=	129

Membership Renewals

Enclosed with this Newsletter is the annual membership renewal form for all Service, Associate and Affiliate members. Renewal fees this year are \$10.00. Please complete the form and return to Doug in the return addressed envelope, along with your payment.

Answer to riddle: Just get off the merry-go round quietly and go home!