



# **AWAS/WRAAC EXPRESS NEWS**



## **December 2015**

**From the AWAS Association (Vic) Inc. President**

Dear members,

Welcome to our Express News for December and hope this finds you well and ready for the festive season. The weather is certainly getting warmer as the days lead up to Christmas. On behalf of the Committee we wish you a happy and holy Christmas and a safe and healthy New Year.

Yours in friendship,  
Gwenda Walker.

### **AROUND THE FURPHY**

Congratulations and our best wishes to Mary Walker who celebrated her 101st Birthday on the 7<sup>th</sup> October 2015.

### **SANDAKAN COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE 2016**

The Bendigo District RSL Sub-Branch Inc. will conduct its annual Sandakan Commemorative service on Sunday 13th March 2016 at 11am.

The service is to honour all servicemen who either returned to their home country or lost their lives whilst Prisoner of War at Sandakan and Kuching in North Borneo or the infamous Sandakan-Ranau "Death Marches"

Our loved ones will never be forgotten.

Lest We Forget

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**From the AWAS Association AGM  
19<sup>th</sup> August 2015  
Cancellation of the AWAS Association (Vic) Inc.**

Following a discussion at Committee level it was suggested to begin the wind up process of the AWAS Association (Vic) Inc.

It was also mentioned that due to the decline of members attending events plus health and mobility issues it is time to wind up on a positive note.

Therefore a Special General Meeting will be held early 2016 where the motion will be put to membership. Members will be notified in writing.

Cheryle Brown Secretary

**From the WRAAC Association (Vic) Inc. President**

Dear Members,

As we approach the season of goodwill to all, let's remember our Servicemen and women who will be far away from their loved ones this Christmas and wish them a peaceful tour of duty and a safe journey home. We think of members who serve with Emergency Services and wish for them a truly safe summer period. To our members who are not enjoying good health at this time you are always in our thoughts.

On behalf of the Committee we thank you for your ongoing support and value your participation and input. If you have an article for the Journal contact the Editor, we know she would love to hear from you!

Enjoy the Christmas and New Year festivities and we look forward to seeing you in 2016.

In friendship,  
Margaret Jager

**PARIS**  
**13<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

To the brave people of France and to the citizens of the many Nations killed and injured in the recent horrific attack that threatens freedom and democracy. Our thoughts and prayers are with family and friends of loved ones lost or injured.

Viva La France

**AROUND THE WRAAC PACK**

The Patron Saint of sausage sizzles was certainly looking after us at our annual fund raiser.

As sure as the sun warmed our hearts it certainly tempted the taste buds of the many shoppers at Bunnings as they gathered around to purchase our gastronomical fare. The sausages and onions were cooked to perfection by Margaret J, Liz, Carol, Margaret B, Heather F and Heather H. The ladies are so multi skilled they can just drop into any role as required.

Diane (The Hat) was the designated checkout chick for the day and handled the money with Jude and Maxine the bread and serviette work experience kids. It was a fun day and raised much needed funds for the Association. This year we chalked up our first drive by order, all done with the speed of a gazelle.

Look out Maccas, we have you covered!

Our sincere thanks to Ian Jager for his help with the heavy lifting and keeping us focused and in some kind of order.

Well done to Bunnings for their Community spirit and support, so many organisations are helped by their generosity.

Total funds raised, \$1,250.60

## **ANZAC DAY 2016**

We can confirm that there will be no change to time and step-off position for Women's Services at the 2016 ANZAC Day Commemorative March. WRAAC Association members will form up in Swanston Street behind the AWAS girls with the AWLA girls directly behind us.

To all former WRAAC members remember, 2016 is the 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the formation of the WRAAC and a great opportunity to march for our sisters who are no longer with us but are always there in spirit.

Just think about next year and maybe join the ANZAC Day spirit. We will advise on times in the next Journal.

## **TRAVEL NEWS**

Brenda (Ruby) and Rod Walters arrived safely home after another wonderful trip and report the van and vehicle behaved magnificently.

## **I SPY**

Who was seen at the recent Navy Commemorative Ball dancing up a storm with fellow members of the WRAAC Association (Victoria). The happy revellers report that a great time was had by all and have made a complete recovery.

The Navy certainly know how to party!

## **BIRTHDAY**

Jude Pinkerton-Treloar celebrated a milestone (70<sup>th</sup>) birthday in August with Army mates, Family and Friends at the Gables, East Malvern.

## **BABY NEWS**

Congratulations to Margaret (Lister) and Chris Brown on the early arrival of Miss Hayley Brown in October. Our love and best wishes to the family on the birth of their first Grandchild.

Congratulation again to the Brown family on the arrival of their second grandchild Miss Audrey Brown in early November. Love and best wishes to you all.

Congratulations to our Honorary member Ella (Brown) and husband Rob Burton on the arrival of Jessie Eliza Ann on the 11<sup>th</sup> October. Jessie is sister to (Sweet) William and a most welcome Grandchild for Cheryle (Howes) and Ron Brown.

## **BOOK REVIEW**

17 Carnations

By Andrew Morton

The Windsor's, The Nazis and The Cover-Up

If you are like me and intrigued by the Duke and Duchess of Windsor as to their war time activities, then 17 Carnations is the holiday read for you. Andrew Morton is the best-selling author of Diana, Her True Story. Andrew really delves into the background of Wallis Simpson's association with a high ranking Nazi diplomat. Was she a spy or perhaps a nobody hoping one day to be Queen? Were the Duke and Duchess really embroiled in a conspiracy to install Edward as the puppet king following an invasion by Nazi Germany?

To find out more suggest you purchase a copy of this interesting book.

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I found mine in Big W. Happy reading, Jude P-T