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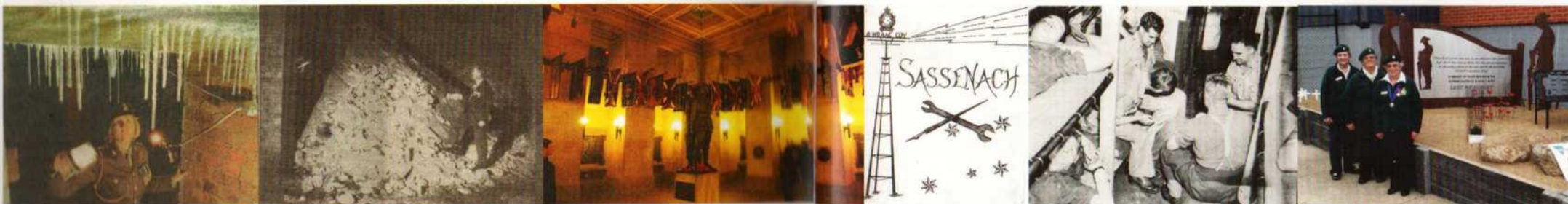
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From the Editor

Dear members,

Welcome to our second Journal for 2018 and thank you for your ongoing support and valued feedback.

We do hope you enjoy our article about the Shrine of Remembrance as it enables us to reflect and admire the successful underpinning that helped to preserve a treasured Melbourne icon. As you read the article it is easy to understand the severity of the water erosion going on under the foundations and the great work of many thus preventing a significant issue to evolve.

We also take the time to acknowledge the Shrine of Remembrance Community and the many duties they undertake on our behalf caring for our beloved Shrine.

Major Maggie More RFD, WRAAC Association member is a Shrine Governor and we are extremely proud of her dedication and service. If you have an article to share with us please forward it on, it's your Journal.

Yours in friendship,

Jude Pinkerton-Treloar OAM

Dear Members and Friends,

To say it was an honour to be recognised in the Queen's Birthday Honours was one of the proudest moments of my life.

I accept the honour on behalf of all who never choose to sanitize history to suit the PC era.

To always challenge an untruth and to never forget the sacrifice of so

many whose stories are never told.

To always be proud of your service and never forget we were members of the WRAAC and that is really something.

Espirit de Corps.

Judith Ann Pinkerton-Treloar OAM

November 2018 Journal Deadline

*The deadline for all articles to be
included in the next Journal is*

FRIDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2018

**Articles can be
posted or e-mailed to:**

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— 2018 — Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENT
AUGUST 2018	
Friday 17th	Austin Health Vietnam Veterans Day Service
OCTOBER 2018	
TBA	WRAAC Social Group Pub Lunch
Saturday 20th	WRAAC Association (Vic) Inc. AGM
NOVEMBER 2018	
Friday 9th	Austin Health Remembrance Day Service
Sunday 11th	Remembrance Day

From the WRAAC President



Dear Members,

A warm welcome to all as this is being written on a cold winters day in Kiama. We hope that you and yours are all warm and healthy during this cooler period of the year.

As I write this, plans are underway for our annual luncheon at our new venue of The Brighton Savoy. We look forward to a great day on Saturday 21 July with those of you who can attend. We will distribute a survey at the end of the luncheon to gather everyone's thoughts whether to make it a permanent location.

We had some lovely news in early June, in that our Past President, Mrs. Judith Ann Pinkerton-Treloar, received a Queens Birthday award of an OAM for services to the Women's Veteran community. Congratulations Jude, a job well done and a most

worthy recipient. Our sad news is that later in the same week Jude's husband John passed away. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family.

To all those who have lost a loved one, our thoughts are with you all. We trust that the friendships you have made through your time with the military, there is always someone to help you through.

As you receive this journal we will have had our last Reserve Forces Day march. (Sun 1 July 2018). To those who were able to attend we trust it was a very successful day, and we will have a report in a later journal.

Stay safe,
Yours in friendship,

Carol (Hamilton) King

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

I:
(Mrs, Miss, Ms, Rank) (Surname) (Given Names)
Maiden Name (If Applicable): Date of Birth:
Address:
..... Postcode:
Telephone (Home): (Mobile): (Work):
Email Address:

Apply to become a Member of the Women's Royal Australian Army Corps Association (Victoria) Incorporated. In the event of my admission as a Member, I agree to be bound by the Rules of the Association for the time being in force.

Cost of Membership: Annual Membership (\$8.00 per year) Life Membership (\$80.00)

(Circle Type of Membership required) Payment Enclosed: Cheque. Cash. Other.

(Please Circle) - Branch of Service. ARA. CMF. ARES. AWAS. OTHER:

Regt No. WRAAC or Unit/s Served/Serving with Approx. Dates

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Nominated By.

Name: Membership No:

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CONSENT FORM

I consent to the following details relating to myself and my service history being published in the Association Newsletter/Journal and Association website www.wraacvic.com

I understand that this information is for the purpose of advising other members of my joining the Association and with a view to renewing old friendships.

DETAILS TO BE PUBLISHED

Service Number:

Given Names:

Surname:

Maiden Name (If Applicable):

Units Served with Approximate Years Served (Dates)

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Signed: Date:

ONLY THOSE DETAILS FILLED IN BY THE APPLICANT WILL BE PUBLISHED

DO NOT COMPLETE THE ABOVE FORM if you do not wish to have your details published. Your decision to publish or not will be respected without question

FOR COMMITTEE USE ONLY: Application Accepted. Yes / No. (Please Circle)

Meeting Date: Receipt No: Dated:

Annual Membership Card No: Date:

Life Membership Card Issued No: Date:

WRAAC Membership

We would like **YOU** to contact any ladies whom you may know who were in the Army (ARA, CMF/ARes) regarding joining the Association.

Please contact our Membership Officer, Diane Sherry on **0408 553 412** or email **dishe1946@yahoo.com.au** and she will post out the appropriate form.

*Annual Membership for 2018 / 2019
membership year is due in June.*

If you are an Annual Member and have not paid your fees yet; please do so as soon as possible.

If you have any membership queries, or are unsure whether your membership is paid, please contact our Membership Officer.



WRAAC ASSOCIATION (VIC) INC. AGM

Saturday 20th October 2018

The Annual General Meeting will be held at 1100 hours on Saturday 20th October 2018 at the Shrine of Remembrance. Check in at reception and you will be directed to the meeting area. All Committee positions are declared vacant. (see nomination form)

Unfortunately, we are unable to serve refreshments following the AGM due to restrictions imposed by the Shrine.

For seating numbers please contact Margaret Brown by 21st September 2018 telephone 03 94673976 or email maggie.rat@hotmail.com if you intend to join us.

WRAAC ASSOCIATION (VIC) INC

Annual General Meeting

Saturday 20th October 2018

Shrine of Remembrance, Melbourne

Nomination Form

I (your name).....being a financial member of the Association, nominate..... for the position ofon the committee.

Signed:

Proposer..... Print name.....

Seconder..... Print name.....

I accept the nomination

Signature..... Print Name.....

Returns are to be sent to the Secretary, Margaret Brown, 10 Ledbury Cres Bundoora, 3083 Victoria by Friday 21st September 2018

Only Financial Member's may nominate, second, or be nominated.

Secretary's use only.

Date Recieved.....

All financial Yes / No

Margaret Brown
Secretary

CONGRATULATIONS



MRS. JUDITH ANN PINKERTON-TRELOAR OAM

In the Queen's Birthday honours list for 2018 our editor was awarded an OAM for service to women veterans.

The details of her service for which she was awarded as taken from the official government website include;

Women's Royal Australian Corp Association Committee:

*Journal Editor, current.
Memorabilia Officer, current.*

*Member, since circa 1996.
President, 2006-2011.
Vice-President, circa 1997-2006.*

*Council of Ex-Servicewomen:
Vice-Chairperson, 2008-2011.
Member, 2005-2011.*

President, committee and members congratulate you on your well-deserved award.

*Australian Women's Army Service,
Victoria (AWAS):*

*Committee Member, 2006-2016.
Junior Vice-President, 2010-2016*

SWAC Austin Health Heidelberg:

*Jude is also a volunteer with the
SWAC programme at Austin
Health Heidelberg*

FROM THE VAULT

SHRINE OF REMEMBRANCE COMMUNITY

Over many years, the WRAAC and AWAS Associations have been fortunate to have had a productive relationship with the Shrine together with the many people who work and volunteer there.

We have had two major exhibitions, held numerous services and attend days of commemoration such as ANZAC Day, Reserve Forces Day and Vietnam Veterans Day To get to know the various duties undertaken by the Shrine community we have added the following information courtesy of the Shrine of Remembrance web site.

We also turn the clock back to the dedication of the new Forecourt at the Shrine of Remembrance by Queen Elizabeth II in 1954.

How perceptive of the Editor to recognise the articles would become an historical document, maybe it's just an Editor thing! From to time we will add some of

the sketches and articles from past issues of SASSENACH for you to enjoy.

Do you remember when 3 WRAAC COY was known as 8 WRAAC COY?

We are eternally grateful to the late Major Jessie Perkins who passed these valuable copies on to us so many years ago. Editor.

In 1993 we were made aware of a substantial threat to the Shrine of Remembrance through this telling article in the Melbourne Herald Sun dated, 16th August 1993.

By Michael Harvey

The article describes in detail water seepage corroding the steel reinforcements within the structure. We note, our much-loved Past President, the late Lt Colonel Bev Blanksby AM RFD ED Shrine Trustee, is pictured inspecting the damage.

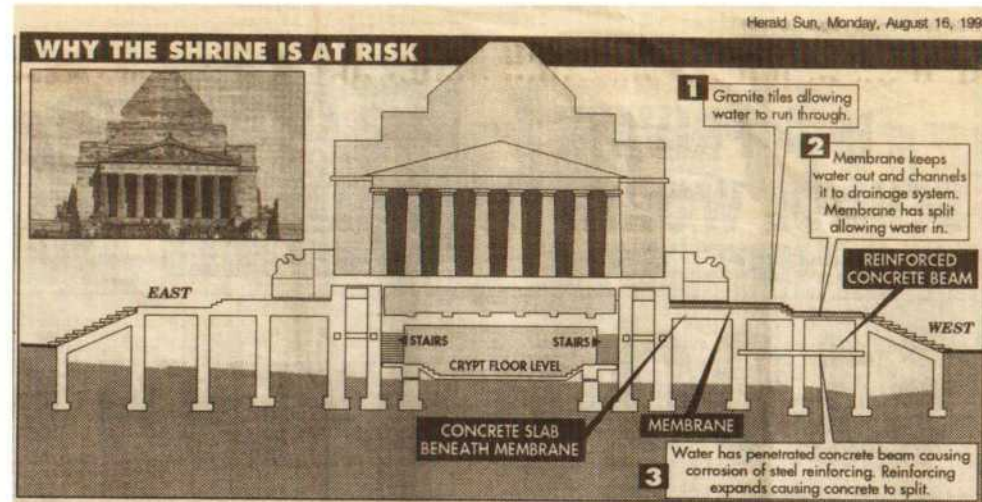


MELBOURNE'S Shrine of Remembrance is crumbling, with sections in danger of caving in.

Chronic water seepage threatens its construction and is causing the historic monument to slowly decay.

Concrete slabs and beams are most at risk, cracking because water has caused steel reinforcing to corrode.

If the deterioration is not stopped, it is feared the outside steps and granite-covered terraces of the 59-year-old Shrine will simply collapse within years. To repair the damage could cost millions. However, the main structure housing the Sanctuary - where the Armistice Hour ceremony is conducted on November 11 each year - is sound. The building poses no dangers to visitors.



Shrine trustees yesterday confirmed the extent of the problem at the monument, originally built to honor the memory of 114,000 Victorian men and women who served in World War I.

It is believed that the seepage has been happening virtually since the Shrine was opened. Structural problems were first identified in the 1960s. The trustees have been aware of the problems for decades and undertook an ultimately unsuccessful attempt to prevent seepage in 1972.

A layer of asphalt, which was installed that year, has split. The layer has broken down because it does not allow sufficient movement

when it expands and contracts. It is sandwiched between the exterior granite tiles and concrete structures below. Instead of channeling rainwater into the Shrine's drainage system, the layer allows water to seep below the terraces and steps. Massive vaults beneath the terraces resemble the interior of limestone



caves with constant dripping of water producing thousands of stalactites and stalagmites.

Deterioration of concrete beams is obvious. Concrete has already cracked and broken off, clearly exposing corroded steel reinforcing.

Brick pillars, which form the Shrine's foundations, have remained safe. Inquiries have revealed other problems including:



LACK of drainage cavities in some walls.

NO waterproof membrane protecting outside stairs.

PILES of rubble accumulated at

corners beneath the terraces, adding to the build-up of dampness.

The Shrine was opened in 1934 and is regarded as one of the most impressive war memorials in the world. Using exclusively Australian building materials, its design draws upon various international styles.

Other features of the Shrine, including the famous Cenotaph, the Eternal Flame and the flag-poles, are not threatened. The chairman of the Shrine of Remembrance Trustees, Mr. Peter Isaacson, yesterday confirmed the damage, but stressed there was no danger to visitors.

"The trustees have been monitoring this for a number of years and have taken a number of steps in dealing with water seepage problems," Mr. Isaacson said.

He said repair options were being examined.

Article originally printed in Herald-Sun, Monday August 16, 1993.

HISTORY OF THE NATIONAL WAR MEMORIAL OF VICTORIA

SHRINE OF REMEMBRANCE

Thirteen years of planning and labor went into the building of the Shrine of Remembrance. The plan originated in 1921, and on 4th August that year a public meeting was called by the Lord Mayor of Melbourne to discuss the project. An Executive Committee of leading citizens of the State was appointed to carry out the plan. The Victorian State Government and the Melbourne City Council each promised £50,000 over a period of ten years, and a State-wide appeal for funds followed.

More than twenty sites were considered, and the site finally chosen was a large area of ground on St. Kilda Road, Melbourne, approximately 207.9 feet above sea level so that the memorial would

be clearly visible from parts of the city and suburbs and from ships navigating the upper reaches of Port Phillip Bay.

An open competition was then held among all architects, artists and designers of Australian and British subjects residing in Australia for the design. Three assessors nominated by the Australian Institute of Architects and General Sir John Monash were nominated by the Committee to judge the competition which closed towards the end of 1922 with 83 designs. Two returned soldiers were successful. They were Phillip B. Hudson and J.H. Wardrop, both of Melbourne. Their plan was of a building which would dominate the city of Melbourne, to

be the most majestic and perfect example of classical Grecian architecture the world contained.

In 1927 an appeal to the public for funds was launched for £250,000. The appeal was filled within six months, including £50,000 each from the Melbourne City Council and the Victorian State Government.

The foundation stone was laid by the Governor, Lord Somers, on Armistice Day, 1927. A contract was entered into with Vaughan and Lodge for the erection of the memorial in granite, and the building took four and a half years to complete. All the materials used were Australian – granite from Tynong, Gippsland, Redesdale sandstone from Kyneton, and black trachyte monoliths from Buchan. Only the marble paving and freestone frieze panels of the Inner Shrine were from New South Wales.

In November 1933, the Victorian State Parliament provided for the constitution of a Trust to be invested with the titles to the land and to be permanently responsible for the control and care of the memorial.

The Dedication Ceremony took place on 11th November 1934, by the Duke of Gloucester.

Kipling wrote an Ode for the occasion which was read by the Premier of Victoria, Sir Stanley Argyle. After the ceremony ten thousand pigeons were released.

NEW FORECOURT

On Sunday, 28th February 1954, during the visit of the only reigning monarch ever to have visited Australia, Queen Elizabeth II opened the new Forecourt to the Shrine in the Eternal Flame Ceremony. The Queen dedicated the Shrine Forecourt in a solemn ceremony watched by thousands of people. The flame which she lit is contained in a big bronze bowl in front of the new cenotaph which has inscribed on it the names of battles fought in the second World War. During the ceremony the Chairman of the Shrine Trustees, Sir Edmund Herring, unveiled a commemoration plaque at the base of the cenotaph.

A MONUMENT TO VICTORIAN PRIDE



A MEMORIAL to commemorate the 114,000 Victorians who served in World War I and the 19,000 who did not return was proposed by the Lord Mayor, Sir John Swanson, at a public meeting at the, Melbourne Town Hall in 1921.

Melbourne City Council and the State Government each contributed 50,000 pounds to build what was to become the Shrine of Remembrance.

Although facing extremely high unemployment and financial difficulties during the late 1920s and '30s, the people of Victoria

rallied to raise the remaining 150,000 pounds.

The Domain site was selected from 23 sites, including where the Southern Cross Hotel and the Sidney Myer Music Bowl now stand and was chosen because of its proximity to the city and its visibility from most suburbs at the time.

From among 83 submissions, the winning design came from Melbourne soldier-architects Philip Hudson and James Wardrop for their design of a truncated stepped pyramid inspired by an ancient Greek memorial.



But before building began in 1928, the Shrine faced a great deal of opposition.

The Returned Services League, among others, saw it as a waste of money when Australia was going through the Depression, especially as the memorial was not “utilitarian”, such as a hospital.

But the project went ahead, and the Shrine was dedicated by the Duke of Gloucester at 11am on Sunday 11 November 1934, when the shaft of light fell from the dome upon the Stone of Remembrance.

On this day, 28,000 servicemen marched through the streets of Melbourne, 300,000 assembled at the Shrine, and tens of thousands lined the streets.

After subsequent wars, it was agreed the Shrine should be a continuing memorial, so the forecourt and statuary were added in 1953 in memory of those who fought in World War II at a cost of 120,000 pounds.

In 1978, a simple memorial wall and a garden costing \$205,800 were decided upon to commemorate post World War II conflicts.

The wall is inscribed with the names of the campaigns, Korea (1950-53), Malaya (1948- 60), Borneo (1962- 64) and Vietnam (1960-73) and the foliage in the garden represents the tropical climate in which most of these conflicts took place.

PEOPLE

The Shrine of Remembrance community, guided by the Trustees, is comprised of Shrine Life Governors, Shrine Governors, Volunteers, Staff and the Victoria Police Shrine Guard and seeks to fulfill the vision and mission laid out by Trustees.

Shrine Trustees

Trustees are charged by the State of Victoria with the responsibility to care for, manage and preserve the Shrine of Remembrance, including the Shrine Reserve.

Shrine Life Governors

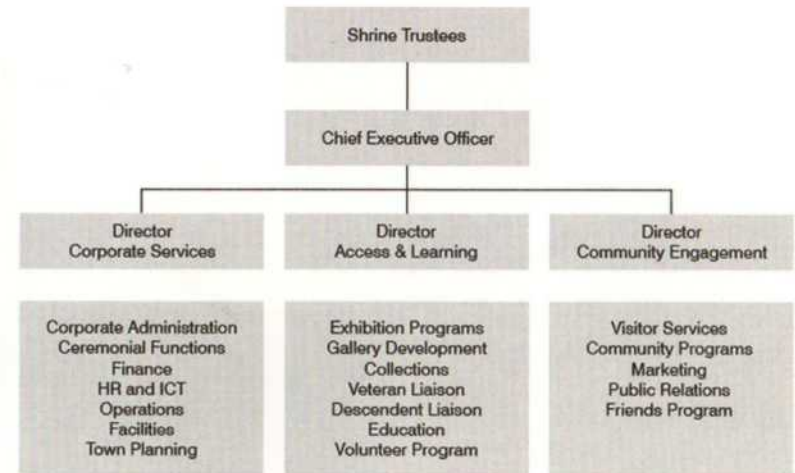
Life Governors are appointed under Section 4 of the Shrine of Remembrance Act. They are former Trustees (other than ex-officio Trustees) whose function is to assist the current Trustees with the conduct of ceremonies at the Shrine and other duties as required by the Trustees.

Shrine Governors

The role of the Shrine Governors is to assist Trustees and Life Governors in relation to ceremonial duties. All Shrine Governors are appointed for two years and are drawn from the ranks of current or former members of the Australian Defence Force.

Shrine Volunteers

The Shrine of Remembrance values the contribution of its volunteers who assist with visitor engagement, community group tours, administration, cataloguing, research, marketing and education program delivery. Our volunteers donate their time across 14 shifts, 7 days a week.



Victoria Police Shrine Guard

The Victoria Police Shrine Guard is provided by the Department of Justice. They provide a 24-hour security presence at the Shrine and assist with ceremonial events.

Shrine Staff

The Shrine Staff, led by the management team, carry out the day to day operations of the Shrine including ceremonial, education, administration, marketing, fundraising and other duties.

The Shrine of Remembrance Organisational Structure and Responsibilities are laid out above (as at July 2016).

Shrine of Remembrance Management Team

Chief Executive Officer;
Dean Lee

Director Corporate Services;
Daniel Mulqueen

Director Community Engagement;
Leonie Pratt

Director Access & Learning;
Jean McAuslan

ANZAC DAY AT AUSTIN HEALTH 2018 AUSTIN HEALTH

"THE REPAT"

Once again, the service was held indoors due to the age of veterans.

A large crowd in attendance filled both sections of the Acacia room to remember those lost in conflict and to reflect on the past.

With the service completed Heather Fry, Margaret Brown and Margaret Jager went to the Remembrance Garden to lay flowers at the plaques. Where, Heather Fry laid flowers at the Reserve Forces Plaque, Margaret Brown laid flowers at the WRAAC plaque and Margaret Jager laid flowers at the AWAS plaque.



Reserve Forces Plaque



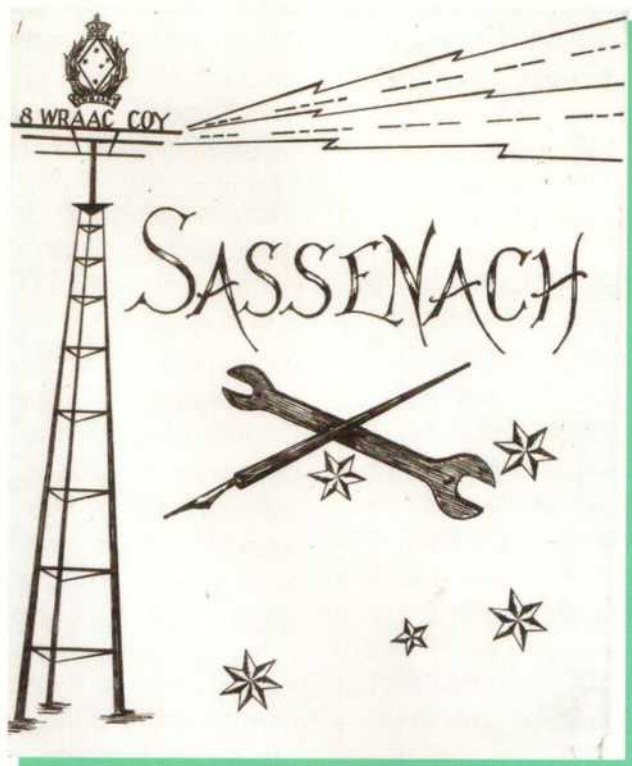
AWAS Plaque

Margaret Jager



WRAAC Plaque

8 WRAAC COMPANY



Did you know that prior to our glossy Journal there was a publication known as SASSENACH?

We thought you may enjoy this Editorial from the very first copy of the 8 WRAAC COY Newsletter. The articles and stories provide an insight into the thoughts and values of an era. This was a time prior to the sweeping social change that was about to reshape Australia.

The sense of fun that appears to be the theme running throughout the Editorial is perhaps missing in today's "it's all about me" generation.



S A S S E N A C H

EDITORIAL 1

After careful deliberation, deep thought and much ear-bashing on the part of our Sergeant Instructor, 8 WRAAC Coy has finally gone to press with the first edition of what must surely become an historical document.

'SASSENACH' means, literally, he who lives south of the border and is the term often applied to Englishmen by the Scots for this reason. However, just because we are 13,000-odd miles from the scene of its origin doesn't alter the fact that we in Victoria are also south of a border and thus qualify for the title given to our magazine.

Our cover depicts the three trade training divisions of the Company - transmitting tower for Signals, spanner for MT, pen for Clerical - and 'SASSENACH' is designed to keep you informed on the activities of 8 WRAAC Coy, both martial and social, interspersed with items of general interest ranging from the sublime to the ridiculous. It is our earnest intention to publish twice a year, but the actual months of publication must, unfortunately, remain a military secret.

However, rest assured you have not, by any means, heard the last of 'SASSENACH' and before many moons have passed you'll be reading another chapter in the history of 8 WRAAC Coy.

While sorting through the stacks of contributions sent in I failed to find one concerning our officers and this gives me a wonderful opportunity to spotlight them for a few lines. Captain Maloney has been with us only since the beginning of the year but in this period, she has done wonders with a unit that is suffering from growing pains and trade training teething troubles. As our OC, all ranks vote her the tops.

Our three CMF Officers, Lieutenants McLaren, Macgregor and Perkins are all ex-service girls and have helped many a recruit over the rough passages to her place in the Company. Each of them takes a lively interest in all the activities of 8 WRAAC Coy and when there's any work to be done they're right in the thick of it. We also have a newly acquired 2IC, Lieutenant Douglas, who is still in the process of meeting everyone but she's in good

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company and couldn't possibly be anything but good.

All our officers have earned the respect and admiration of every member of the Company, and without them we could never have done half the things recorded in the pages of this magazine.

EDITORIAL 2

If WRAAC CMF Coys boasted mottos, 8 WRAAC Coy would surely live up to "QUALITY WITHOUT QUANTITY". But despite the fact that those we have as members are good, the smug smile of satisfaction is apt to disappear from one's face on walking from an attestation ceremony in the OC's office to the Orderly Room where the 'Q.' details of a discharge ceremony are taking place.

Melbourne night life has much to attract girls of 18 and over but let's face it, Sydneyites claim they have much more in King's Cross and

Queensland has Surfer's Paradise, but their CMF Coys make us look like a skeleton crew in a ghost town.

Something must be done to make our efficient nucleus expand before "time of war". We must make a concentrated effort on recruiting from within the unit. Shake the dust from your *Espirit de Corps*, inject your initiative with a shot of enthusiasm and take up the challenge with redoubled energy.

Every reason you had for joining the CMF is a reason for someone else to enlist; the things that you enjoy in the CMF will interest someone else too. Make our activities known to every eligible female you meet and see if we can't double strength by June 1959.

Start to-day. Make your personal effort to change our motto to '*QUALITY IN QUANTITY*'.

KEW

November 1958

OPERATION RIMAU

Operation 'Rimau'

Singapore 1944



Fishing and commando-raid vessel the KRAIT, (pictured here in Darwin Harbour during WWII) the vessel used by "Z" Special Unit

This year is the 74th Anniversary of the attack on Japanese shipping at Singapore Harbour during World War II by the Allied commando unit known as Z Force.

Rimau was to be a follow up to the successful Operation Jaywick which had taken place in September 1943. Operation Rimau was ably led by the Officer behind Jaywick, Lieutenant Colonel Ivan Lyon of the Gordon Highlanders. The plan was that after the men of the attacking party had gained access to the harbour in motorised semi-submersible canoes, they would sink Japanese shipping with limpet mines. Unfortunately, this raid did not go to plan and resulted in thirteen brave men Killed in Action with the remaining ten men captured and executed by the Japanese.

Lest we forget.

HONOUR ROLL

Killed in Action

Lieut Colonel Ivan Lyon MBE DSO	Gordon Highlanders
*Lieut Commander DMN. Davidson DSO	RNVR
Lieut HR Ross	British Army
Lieut B.P. Reymond	RANR
Sub Lieut J.G.M. Riggs	RNVR
WO II J. Willersdorf	AIF
Sgt CB. Cameron	AIF
Cpl A.G.P. Campbell	AIF
Cpl C.M. Craft	AIF
L/Cpl H.J. Pace	AIF
Pte D.R. Warne	AIF
*Able Seaman AW. Huston DSM	RAN
*Able Seaman F.W. Marsh MID	RAN

Executed in Captivity

Major R.N. Ingleton	Royal Marines
Capt RC. Page DSO	AIF
Lieut W.G. Carey	AIF
Lieut A.L. Sargent	AIF
Warrant Officer II A. Warren	AIF
Sgt D.P. Gooley	AIF
Cpl CM Stewart	AIF
Cpl R.B. Fletcher	AIF
L/Cpl J.F. Hardy	AIF
*Able Seaman W.G. Falls DSM	RAN

** also, a participant in the Jaywick raid*

WHY DID YOU JOIN THE ARMY?

Have you ever wondered what influences a person to join the services?

Perhaps a parent or loved one served in WW 1 & 2 and this played a key role in your choice. Or maybe there was a friend or loved one who served in Vietnam. Was it the uniform that caught your eye?



My father, Private Harold Wood (pictured above bottom bunk) was with 4 Field Ambulance and is pictured in this iconic photo titled "A Card Game"

Cheryle (Howes) Brown's mother was a member of the AAMWS.

Is it in our DNA or just a coincidence?

These are powerful images and as ANZAC Day leaves us we become more aware of the sacrifice of so many.

Is this the missing link, or just a coincidence?

If you have a photo and a story, we would love to hear from you.



Our own Margaret (Robinson) Jager's father (pictured above) was a member of Z Force and was mentioned in despatches

AWAS Story

Sgt Winifred Emma (Wynne) Jennings

VF 391261 Trg. Bn

In April we received this very special email from Brett Jennings, the son of Winifred Emma (Wynne) Jennings, a former member of the AWAS as were her two sisters.

Brett tells us Wynne passed away on the 30th August 2017 and our sincere condolences are extended to Brett and the Jennings family.

Brett and his family have kindly given us permission to share Wynne's AWAS story with our Journal readers.

As you read this article it's a tribute to a time when Australian women contributed to our overall defense and freedom and should never be forgotten.

Lest we forget.

Wynne writes (next page),

AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S ARMY SERVICE

At the end of 1938 with the unsettled situation in Europe, the government established a manpower committee to establish the number of men available for military service. In 1939 the National Council of Women prepared its plan for registration of women prepared to go into voluntary service.

After war was declared the volunteers presented a plan for a Women's Australian National Service (W.A.N.S.O) to Lady Gowrie, wife of the Governor General as well as to the Prime Minister, Robert Menzies. They considered the service should be state run rather than federal. However, when a public meeting was held in July 1940 over 4000 joined. This astounded the war cabinet. There were volunteer groups in Victoria - Australian Women's Legion, WOMENS Cavalry Corps. I remember joining the Red Cross to learn first aid and

home nursing. In March 1941 the director of manpower met with heads of volunteer groups, and later that year approval was given for women's services. Foundation date 13 August 1941. Sybil Irving from Melbourne was appointed controller of Australian Womens Army Services. She was born at Victoria Barracks in Melbourne on 25 February 1897 so came from a military background and was secretary to Girl Guides for 16 years -was awarded MBE. First officers school in November 1941, first recruit school January 1942.

Discipline was very strict so that the service would not get a bad reputation. *ALL RECRUITS HAD TO ATTEND RECRUIT SCHOOL FOR THREE WEEKS.* It was compulsory to wear the uniform. My recruit school was at Glamorgan school in Toorak nowadays part of Geelong Grammar. We were given lectures on Army discipline, marching, physical education and injections

of all types that gave us sore arms. I joined on 3 September 1942, was discharged on 1 May 1946 a total of 1337 days. My two sisters were also in the AWAS. My number was VF391261.

On completion of recruit's school, we were posted to different areas. Some went to Victoria Barracks, some to Vic. L. of C. in Swanston Street and generally lived at home. I was among those chosen to be sent to Balcombe Camp at Mt. Martha which was to be the new training camp. We were given one stripe, making us Lance Corporals, and put in charge of about twenty new recruits. It was all very new and strange - we were expected to set a good example for dress and behaviour as well as give instruction on army life. We did have the help of two middle aged male sergeants who were probably past the age for active service. We were not given any leave.

We slept in galvanised tin huts - iron beds with a straw palliasse,

grey army blankets with sheets. However, it was summer, and Lady Cole graciously gave permission for us to use her large bathing box at Mount Martha. We marched to the beach in our uniforms, had a swim, then marched back in our uniforms.

There is a memorial to the American soldiers who spent some time at Balcombe but no mention of A.W.A.S. There is however a plague in the gardens at Darley.

After about three months, orders came through that we were to be transferred to Darley camp near Bacchus Marsh. We were taken by army trucks to Mornington Station and put on a train. During wartime trains were run on a priority system and ours was on the lowest, so it took quite a few hours journey. There were no toilets on the train and inevitably there were those who couldn't wait, so our issue of hard hats were put to use.

We finally reached Bacchus Marsh and the kind local ladies

had refreshments for us before being put on buses to Darley camp four miles away. So, I became a member of the training battalion at Darley. It was quite a pleasant area with good views towards Bacchus Marsh and very close to the Lerdergerg Gorge. We had many bivouacs in the gorge during our stay. We had one drought year when the army had to bring in water. Bush fires were close another year - men from neighbouring camp had to help fight the fires.

Darley became my home. Conditions were reasonably good. The Salvation Army Red Shields made one of the huts into a recreation area with comfortable chairs, a writing area because letter writing and receiving letters was very important. It was the main communication with the outside world. There were some phones, but their use was limited. At one stage I was writing to a varied collection of male friends I didn't even know very well - but we all needed some communication from outside our own camp. Our letters sent out

were censored by our officers. We had to do our own washing and ironing except for sheets. There were no washing machines but a wood copper or two. Army underwear was not glamorous, lisle stocking were the issue. To get a replacement they had to have been well darned. It always paid to keep in with the Q store.

The ablution blocks were quite primitive. The showers had no doors so we all knew what our various bodies looked like. We had to stand on "duck boards". I presume because concrete floors get slippery, but they were great for passing on tinea. One of the girls composed a song about tinea to the tune of "That Old Black Magic".

Meals were reasonable - we all put on weight because we had a lot of potatoes, bread and chocolate from the canteen. When I became a sergeant, we had our own mess and eventually a "wet mess". We had formal mess once a month when we usually had a visitor of some importance and would toast the king.

Pass the port!

We continued on training recruits which became boring when it was repeated month after month. Physical education and some team games were introduced. Headquarters and the officers' quarters were one end of the parade ground and our company was across the parade ground. We were rostered on to be duty sergeant occasionally and would have to stay on duty until all personnel returned from leave usually about 11.30pm. The walk back to our area in the pitch black was a bit spooky. No one went AWL- they would have had to walk to Bacchus Marsh to get anywhere! At various times we were sent to the city to take part in marches to publicise war bonds. I was embarrassed one time to have some of the girls I used to work with call out to me.

We had a big parade before the Minister for the Army, Mr. Forde. It was summer time and the flies were bad. Normally we were allowed to wear fly veils - but not in front of the minister. We had a method of blowing them

off by various movements of the mouth. Quite a few girls fainted - but we all stayed to attention.

Leave was an important part of our lives. When we first arrived, we were only allowed two days a month. That was relaxed, and we were given 24 hours a week, but it was difficult to get to the city and back in that time because trains were so often running late. Quite a lot of hitch-hiking went on. As the war went on, found that apart from family it was hard to keep in touch with friends who were in different occupations or in the services themselves. We were allowed local leave to Bacchus Marsh. There were dances but we were not allowed to leave the hall except with two other girls (with partners). We soon dispersed when we got outside. Later there were picture shows. We enjoyed going to The Border Inn for a meal - the mixed grill was very popular. Six o'clock closing.

We had some very strange sex lectures given by Major Deasey. No more than two kisses! There was very little serious illness. I remember an outbreak of diarrhoea which must have been nice for the nightman. Anyone with a serious illness had to be sent to the city, although there was a small hospital in the camp.

I remember the hospital because at one time I was in charge of a group of girls learning to drive the army 3-ton trucks at night. Unfortunately, one of them missed the gears and we went backwards down a hill. They were driving without lights. The driver was hurt so had to get her back to Darley in a hurry. I could smell the tyres burning!

I later went with this group to Bonegilla camp. I was supposed to make sure the girls didn't get too friendly with the men. It was the middle of winter and freezing at night. Sent a S.O.S. to my mother for some warm pyjamas. Don't know how she managed without

coupons but she sent some nice warm men's pyjamas.

Discipline wasn't quite so strict there and we were allowed to go into Albury. One night we were going in on the female's bus - came to level crossing and could tell something wasn't normal. THE TRAIN AND ONE OF THE MENS BUSES HAD COLLIDED, KILLING ABOUT TEN MEN. It wasn't until some years later that my husband and I discovered we were both at Bonegilla at the same time. He was in the group who had to dig the graves. The awful part of it was that they didn't make them wide or deep enough.

My next posting was to Camp Pell, Royal Park. Our huts were very near the Zoo and can remember waking one night with the lions roaring - sounded as though they were just outside the window. We had free entry to the Zoo so would sometimes spend our lunch time there. Camp Pell was a difficult place - it was a holding

depot for girls waiting for a posting elsewhere, and for some working in the city who had come from country areas. It was difficult to get them to do any cleaning duties - we finished up doing them ourselves. The officer in charge had morning sickness - her husband was still a P.O.W. so I was left with the lot. However, war was declared over and we all went A.W.O.L. into the city. It was quite a crazy night - everyone kissing everyone else. It was a relief to know the war was over.

Discharging started with the married girls first. I was posted to the discharge depot at Royal Park. Out of about twenty-five we discharged each day, there was nearly always one unmarried pregnant girl. The army took care of them - but don't think they were allowed to keep their babies.

With the war over we all started to think about civilian clothes and the weight we had put on. Dieting was the fashion of the day - also

black-market clothing at the market. Eventually it was my turn to be discharged. My husband was discharged at about the same time - so we coped with civilian life together and found we liked being together. He made me laugh! Some statistics: Enlistments 10,000 December 1942.



Vale



John Treloar

27 September 1937 – 14 June 2018

Our sincere condolences are extended to our Past President and Editor, Jude Pinkerton-Treloar and Family on the passing of her husband John Treloar on the 14th June 2018.

John passed away peacefully following a short illness.

Jude and family wish to convey their heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you for your kindness graciously extended to the Treloar family at this sad time.



Vale



Verna Phillips VF346836

It was with great sadness when the Association was advised of the recent passing of Verna.

WRAAC girls possibly first met Verna at the various AWAS Reunions and knew of her work with the War Widows and Verna was always encouraging and helpful to the next generation of Office Bearers and was able to bridge the gap in a respectful and encouraging manner.

Verna loved the camaraderie of her fellow servicewomen and the Veteran Community mourn her loss.

Our thoughts are with Verna's family and friends.

Joy (Edna) Kincaid VF396619

Unit: AACC

We have recently been advised of the passing of Joy on 10th February 2018 at the age of 94 years.

Our thoughts are with Joy's family and friends.

LEST WE FORGET

When someone you love becomes a memory,

Our memory becomes a Treasure



Sick Parade



Get well wishes for a speedy recovery to;

- Rev. Bill and Lesley Pugh
- Jan De Witte
- Aileen Hutchinson
- Barbara Davidson
- Margaret Dark
- Heather Fry
- Gai Cooke
- Lois Morrison

To all our members who are not feeling well, our thoughts and prayers are with you. If you wish to have a chat, please do not hesitate to contact a committee member or our Chaplain Rev. William (Bill) Pugh – Editor

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Due to lack of space in the Journal we have not welcomed new members to the WRAAC Association for some time. We are now rectifying this:

Welcome to the following new members:

- Ms. Jennifer Willis (Buckler) F38080 ARA
- Mrs. Maisie Moloney (Gregson) VF517207
- Mrs. Mary Kelly F322960
- Mrs. Patricia Keech (Warr) F35064 ARA RAANC
- Ms. Aranka Illia F3143455 ARes
- Mrs. Margaret Dodd (Lambie) F3492
- Mrs. Robyn Axton (Cameron) F32607 ARes
- Ms. Patricia Anderson (Gower) F554245 ARA

If we have missed or forgotten to acknowledge a membership, please accept our sincere apologies.

You May Have Missed This

The Queen pays full attention.



When the Queen was invited to inspect a parade of items on display at the National Army Museum in London, there was one in particular that caught her eye. During her tour, the monarch was shown the uniform she wore as Honorary Brigadier of the Women's Royal Army Corps from 1949 to 1953. (below)

No stranger to duty, the then Princess Elizabeth had previously been in the Auxiliary Territorial Service during the Second World War. (at left in her ATS uniform)

The Queen was reopening the museum after a three-year, £23 ¾ million redevelopment and met staff, volunteers and donors. She was joined by her husband the Duke of Edinburgh and museum patron the Duke of Kent.



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AWAS/WRAAC COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE 8TH MAY 2018

Shrine of Remembrance, Melbourne

A small but appreciative crowd gathered within the Sanctuary of the Shrine of Remembrance to acknowledge the past and salute the future.

We were welcomed to the Shrine Service by Shrine Governor, Major Maggie More RFD with Immediate Past President, Margaret Jager as MC.

WRANS Association Victoria President, Jenny Mc Gowan recited the Ode.

The Ex -Servicewomen's Prayer was delivered by WRAAC Association Victoria, Secretary Margaret Brown with the reflective words of The Salute read by WRAAC Association Victoria member, Maxine Pettingill

Our much-loved Margaret Hattersley (Navy) recited the Wreath Laying Psalm.

Ms. Kelli Brogan, whose magnificent voice always lifts the

spirit, sang, I'm Australian and the National Anthem.

Our Chaplain, The Reverend Bill Pugh led us in a prayer of remembrance as we thanked the Service women of Australia for their service.

We remembered our Service personnel far away from our shores and their loved ones waiting at home.

Our thoughts were with those we have lost and the ongoing sadness at their passing.

WREATH LAYING CEREMONY



The wreath laying ceremony is a time of reflection where we honour the bond of service with our sister services.

During the wreath laying ceremony our Piper, Mr. David Cretney played the Lament. All present were invited to place a poppy in remembrance to the music of Greensleeves. As we left the Sanctuary and looked out towards the forecourt the sun was shining, our WRAAC and AWAS flags flying high and proud.

Following the service, we once again gathered in the Gallery area for morning tea and a chance to catch up with dear friends.

Wreaths were placed in remembrance for the following sister Associations; AWAS, WRAAC, AWLA, WAAF, WRANS, NURSING.

Our beautiful wreaths were designed and made by Immediate Past President, Margaret Jager.

Next year the AWAS/WRAAC Service will be held on the 5th May 2019.

Anzac Day 2018

On ANZAC Day so many of you put on another hat and set off to make your contribution to this significant day.

Our Association proudly acknowledges members who are March Marshalls or perhaps assist with cooking and organising the traditional Gun Fire breakfasts at various points across Australia.

My Sister in law Pamela Wood, is one such person who participated in her first ANZAC Day march as a member of the Ringwood Highland Pipe Band.

Here is Pam's article titled;

A Day To Remember

Anzac Day 2018 dawned cloudy and cool - the perfect weather for what I was about to embark on. I'd watched the 'march' on the telly many times, and remember going when I was much younger, but today was different. Today, for the very first time, I was to don my uniform and take part! I'd been planning this day for quite a while and had seen it as the pinnacle for what I had started over two years before.

After talking about wanting to learn, but never actually putting action to the words, it took until I was sixty to realise that if I didn't start now, I probably never would!

I found a place in Ringwood who taught learners and never looked back. I'm sure some of you have guessed by now that - yes - (you either love them or hate them) I'd decided to learn to play the bagpipes!

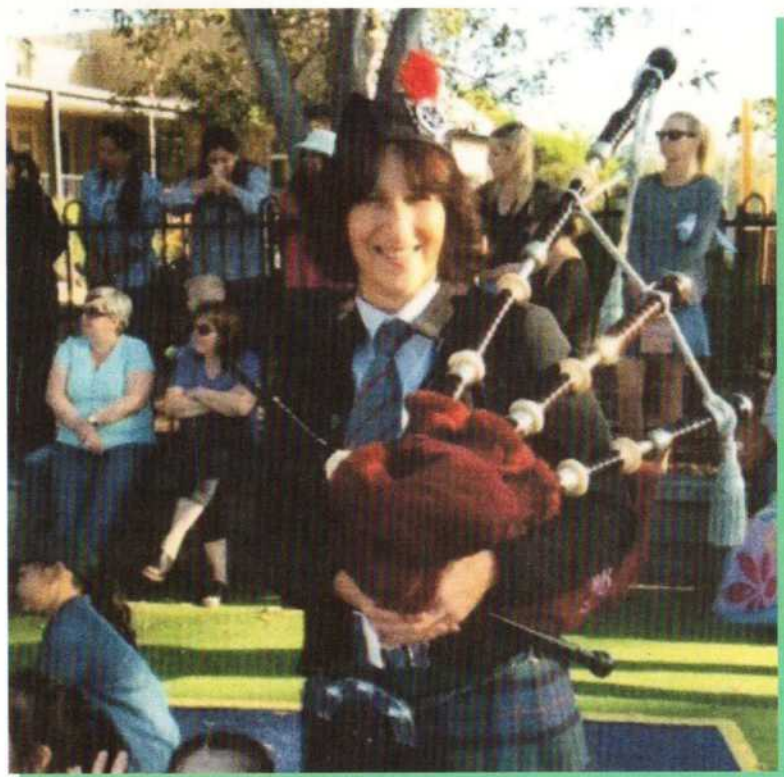
So, fast forward to now, with tunes learned and a bus full of brawny blokes and one other female we set off for Fed Square where we were to 'step off'. Was I nervous? Was I excited? To be honest (and I am talking woman to women here) the main thing on my mind at this point was - 'Would there be a loo close by for a quick stop before we started marching?' I soon realised the answer as we were called up into formation behind the sign that read 'Ringwood Highland Pipe Band', so I sent up a quick prayer that my pelvic floor muscles would pass the test and to the strains of 'Scotland the Brave' we were off!

Keeping in step as we marched over tram tracks and around barriers was a challenge, but I soon settled into it and began to soak up the atmosphere - well - as much as is possible whilst taking massive breaths to keep your pipes playing. Crowds were clapping, phones and cameras were pointed in our direction and Aussie flags waved as we made our way to the distant Shrine. Everyone we passed seemed united and respectful, encouraging us as we marched.

In no time at all we were negotiating the steps upward where dignitaries were waiting, and the flame burned. Disappointed that the experience was over so fast but exhilarated to be part of it, we were cared for with Anzac biscuits and bottles of water before heading off to two more 'play offs'. Our next stop - the Maori Chieftain Hotel - where we entertained a large (and very tipsy) Navy contingent who 'passed the hat around' and sent us on our way with upward of three hundred dollars for the kitty. Our last stop of the day - the Ringwood RSL to honour those who gathered there.

It was an Anzac Day I will never forget and, God willing, hope to repeat in the coming years. And for those thinking that maybe they are too old to pursue a dream, an adventure, a new journey or a crazy idea - think again. Where there's breath there's life!

Lest We Forget.



*Well done Pamela Wood and thankyou on behalf of all who participate on ANZAC Day.
Who doesn't like the Bagpipes! Editor*

KILLARA PRIMARY SCHOOL



WRAAC Association Victoria was invited to attend Killara Primary School's opening of the Anzac Memorial Garden and unveiling of the WRAAC plaque on 24th April 2018.

The Association were represented by Heather Fry, Margaret Brown, Nola Williams and Margaret Jager.

All the children were so happy when we arrived and asked what our medals were and what we did. It was a wonderful afternoon.

Thankyou Kelli Brogan, Sarah and Robyn from Killara Primary School for the invitation.

Margaret Jager

RESERVE FORCES DAY COUNCIL

A brief history

As you are aware 2018 was the final Reserve Forces Day March/Parade as per a flyer sent to member organisations advising of the decision. We thought a reflective look at the past to understand the history of the RFD Council and its philosophy.

Reserve Forces Day was celebrated around Australia on the first Sunday in July each year since the 1st July 1998. The first parade celebrated Australia wide with approximately 22,000 serving and past members participating. It was supported by the Australian Government and Patron in Chief His Excellency the Honourable General Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Ret'd).

The Victorian Reserve Forces Day Council believed it could enhance recruiting for Reserve

and Regular Defence Forces in recognising Military History with a March and Ceremony at the Shrine of Remembrance. This year RFD Commemorated the end of hostilities (WW1) and reflected on the significant contribution made Gen Sir John Monash also a Reservist. We also celebrated the 70th anniversary of the raising of the Citizen Military Forces and the 20th anniversary of Reserve Forces Day.

There was so much to be proud of; Highlights over the past years include, Commemorating the 90th Anniversary of the victorious Charges at Beersheba by the 4th Light Horse Brigade (31st October 1917). The 4/19 Prince of Wales Light Horse Regiment had the honour of leading the March in 2008.



WRAAC Association
plaque unveiled on
24 April 2018 at
Memorial Garden

WRAAC Association plaque unveiled on 24 April
2018 at Memorial Garden

We all enjoyed the static vehicle display and over the years gained insight to the past and marvelled at the future of modern technology.

The re-enactment groups also provided a glimpse of the past with uniforms of another era that left us wondering how nursing staff managed to go about their work in such cumbersome attire.

Reserve Forces Day gave Associations the opportunity to participate in a meaningful event that encouraged the past to engage with Reservists of tomorrow.

Of course, the older Reservists always looked better and certainly kept in step!

A more recent addition following the parade was the joining together of all participants for much welcome refreshments and a catch-up chat in the Remembrance Garden.

As the event concluded with participants joining together as one to reflect on a time when we were Citizen Soldiers and so very proud of it.

Our sincere thanks to the RFD Executive Council Victoria, the hardworking volunteers and the many Associations who made the day such a success over the years.

Well done to all concerned.

Footnote

I remember the first Reserve Forces Day march very well as we proudly gathered in formation behind the late Major Jessie Perkins on a sun-drenched Swanston Street, Melbourne.

A dear former servicewoman was next to me as we excitedly called out a cheerful greeting to a passing former Training Officer who shall remain nameless.

Big mistake as we soon found out.

We were smartly told to get back in line and to stop smirking! My friend and I looked at each other in shock and then promptly fell back into line, nothing had changed after so many years.

The joy of that wonderful moment is something to treasure!

Editor

