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From the Editor

Dear Members,

As I draw closer to my last entry as Editor of the AWAS / WRAAC Journal, it has been an honour to publish the inspirational stories relating extraordinary people who participated in service of this great country. It is up to each and every one of us to share our stories as in doing so we may just

inspire and enrich another generation. So, keep up the good work, we all have a story to tell.

Thank you so much for your trust and support.

Yours in friendship,

Jude Pinkerton-Treloar

July 2017 Journal Deadline

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

FRIDAY 5TH MAY 2017

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— 2017 — Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENT
APRIL	
Friday 21st	Austin Health ANZAC Day Service
Tuesday 25th	ANZAC Day
MAY	
	Story Writing & Art Competition (SWAC) Presentation at Austin Health
Sunday 7th	AWAS / WRAAC Shrine Service 10:00am
JULY	
Sunday 2nd	Reserve Forces Day
Saturday 22nd	WRAAC Luncheon International Brighton
AUGUST	
Thursday 17th	Austin Health Vietnam Veterans Day Service
SEPTEMBER	
TBA	WRAAC Social Group Pub Lunch
Saturday 28th	WRAAC Association (Vic) Inc. AGM
NOVEMBER	
Friday 10th	Austin Health Remembrance Day Service
Saturday 11th	Remembrance Day

From the WRAAC President

Dear Members,

Welcome to our first journal for 2017. I trust you all had a lovely Festive season and looking forward to a busy 2017. Thank-you to Jude Pinkerton-Treloar for all she does to make sure our journal is full of information and the old photos that bring back lots of good memories.

On behalf of the committee, we thank you for your ongoing support and value your participation and input. Please read the calendar of events so you don't miss out on anything, because we have Anzac Day in April, AWAS/WRAAC Shrine Service in May and our Luncheon in July.

To our members who are not enjoying good health, you are always in our thoughts.



If you have an article for the Journal, contact the Editor, we know she would love to hear from you!

Yours in friendship,

Margaret (Robinson) Jager

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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.

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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.

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Service Number:

Given Names:

Surname:

Maiden Name (If Applicable):

Units Served with Approximate Years Served (Dates)

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Signed: Date:

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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 2016 / 2017 membership year is now due.

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.





AWAS / WRAAC Shrine Service

7TH MAY 2017
SHRINE OF REMEMBRANCE
MELBOURNE
AT 10AM.



Former Servicewomen Gather at Memorial Cairn

(25 November 2016)



A chilly Melbourne morning greeted the ladies as Col. Jan McCarthy thanked all for their attendance.

About 14 ladies attended, which was wonderful to see.

We remembered ladies from all services and prayed for members still serving today.

Following the service, we gathered at the Botanical Hotel for lunch.

You May Have Missed This

What wonderful Milestones

What a wonderful 106 years it's been for Ellen "Buddy" Gleeson, who celebrated the remarkable milestone last October.

Buddy, from Morwell served in the Australian Army Medical Women's Service during WWII, raised three sons, and played golf well into her 90s.

Congratulations on 69 years of marriage on 25 October 2016, to WWII veteran Stewart Walkley and his bride, Fay – who served in the Australian Women's Army Service during WWII.

Note from Editor

Sincere Condolence

To our fellow Melburnians as we reflect on the recent loss of lives in our beautiful city following a recent incident.

May they Rest in Peace.



Sick Parade

To all our members who are not feeling well, at this time, 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. We wish Rev. William Pugh all the best and hope you are back on your feet soon.



Saluting Monash

The National Launch of the Saluting Monash campaign was held on 16th November 2016 at the Shrine of Remembrance, with the aim to have Sir John Monash GCMG KCB VD posthumously awarded the rank of Field Marshall by the Centenary of the end of WWI on the 11th November 2018.

CAMPAIGN TO HONOUR VICTOR OF GREAT WAR

By Craig Brealey

From: Barrier Daily Truth. Saturday, November 19, 2016

If Adolf Hitler ever gave credit for the battle plan that the German army used to invade Europe, then it is very unlikely that it was to man who invented it.

That is because the mastermind was a Jew from the bottom of the world and he had used it to devastating effect on the Germans more than 20 years before the outbreak of World War Two.

General John Monash from Melbourne devised the brilliant tactics and his Diggers performed them to

perfection to win the First World War in 1918 when Hitler was a corporal in the trenches.

That it was General Monash and the Australian Imperial Force that won the war was revealed this month by author Roland Perry.

Mr. Perry was speaking at a ceremony in Melbourne to launch a campaign to have the great general bestowed an honour that should have been his in life - the rank of Field Marshall.



General John Monash in 1918.

Mr. Perry had written a book about General Monash but he told guests at the "Saluting Monash" ceremony held at the Shrine of Remembrance on November 6 that his research for a new book about the battles of 1918 had uncovered yet more evidence of Monash's astonishing achievements. This was found in records and the personal diaries of generals on both sides of the war.

In 1918 the German army was 120 kilometres from Paris and poised

to win the war, Mr. Perry told the audience at the Shrine which included the Chief of the Army, representatives of the Federal Government and the great grandson of General Sir John Monash.

Germany had won on the Eastern Front and recalled one million soldiers from there to France. France's army was in mutiny, Mr. Perry said, and England was reduced to conscripting "hollow-chested 16-year-old boys" from the slums.

- Campaign to Honour Victor of Great War -

The only general on the Allies' side who was winning battles was Monash. On July 4, 1918, the Australian Imperial Force (AIF) had attacked the Germans in Hamel. Monash had his troops practice his battle plan for two weeks and had even built a scale model of the battle field.

At a time when the war was being fought from the trenches and hundreds of thousands of lives were being sacrificed to gain a few metres of ground, the Australians' victory was astounding: The Battle of Hamel was over in 93 minutes.

Monash's genius lay in meticulous planning and his seeing that the nature of war-fare had changed. He had been at the terrible Battle of Somme in 1916 when 20,000 men were killed on the first day alone. The purpose of the infantry was not to march towards machine gun fire and be slaughtered, he noted dryly, but to advance under the cover of everything that was available to the machinery of war.

For the Battle of Hamel, Monash had, for the first time in history, employed tanks en masse; they had only been invented two years earlier. He ordered a barrage of artillery fire before dawn, sent aeroplanes into attack and then had the troops follow directly behind the tanks in file for cover.

On August 8, Monash used the same plan but on a much larger scale when he commanded the AIF and soldiers from Canada in the Battle of Amiens. This was the "ultimate victory", said Mr. Perry; the battle that won the war for the Allies.

"Forget all that stuff about the Australians 'punching above their weight,'" he said. "On the Western Front in 1918, we were the weight... and Monash was the mastermind."

At Amiens, Monash had demanded, and received, 460 tanks which, with artillery, he had brought to the front under cover of darkness. Planes were used for reconnaissance and attack, and he also pioneered the use of mobile artillery.

- Campaign to Honour Victor of Great War -

Again, he attacked before dawn and the main battle was won well before noon.

Monash then sent about 65 armored cars, fitted with machine guns, to "run riot" against the Germans' reserve army, Mr. Perry said.

"The British high command had never seen such a complete rout in the entire war.

"After Amien, Germany knew they could not win but only defend."

The German supreme commander, General Eric Ludendorff, who was so close to winning the war, called it "the darkest day in German history" and it sent him mad, said Mr. Perry.

"He was totally unhinged. They had to send him away to recover and he was told to, literally, smell the flowers and sing German folk songs to himself."

The Australians' unexpected victory galvanised the British who had so nearly lost the war.

The King of England came to France and knighted Monash on the field of battle. It was the first time that this had happened in 200 years.

The German command wanted to know how they had lost the war and they got their hands on Monash's detailed plans for the Battle of Amiens, Mr. Perry said.

In 1939, the German army used his plans to storm into Europe. They called it "Blitzkrieg", or "lightning war"

Thank you to Craig Brearly and the Barrier Daily Truth for a very interesting article. Ed.

Monash the Brilliant Boy

From: Barrier Daily Truth. Saturday, November 19, 2016

John Monash was born in Melbourne in 1865, two years after his parents had migrated from Prussia in Germany.

When he was nine years old, the family moved to the little town of Jerilderie in NSW where his father opened a general store in the main street.

Michael Bennett, Monash's great grandson, told the Saluting Monash launch that John attended the local primary school until one day when the headmaster paid his parents a visit.

He told them that John had learnt all he could teach him and recommended that they take him back to Melbourne and get him into a good school.

They followed that advice and enrolled John at Scotch College. He went on to pass his matriculation exams (HSC) at



Michael Bennett

the age of 14 and graduated as dux of mathematics and modern languages and equal dux of the school.

He went to Melbourne University where he again excelled and gained degrees in engineering, law and arts.

- Monash the Brilliant Boy -

"When he was studying civil engineering he also tutored to pay his way," said Mr. Bennett in his address.

"He also worked on the Princes Bridge (which crosses the Yarra River at Flinders Station) when he was 19. By the time he was 21 he was in charge of bridge building.

"He built 45 bridges, about half of which survive, including the Anderson Bridge over the Yarra to the Botanical Gardens."

Mr. Bennett's grandmother was Bertha, the only child of John and Victoria Monash.

According to Bertha, her father rose every day at dawn "having planned his day the day before," Mr. Bennett said.

"He had 7000 books and read to the family at night. He had a telescope in the back yard, drew pictures and collected paintings. He also taught himself carpentry and built a doll's house that was correct in every detail, down to having tiny electric lights that could be switched on and off."

John was also a fine musician who entertained family and friends with Chopin pieces on the piano.

The Jerilderie Proposition

From: Barrier Daily Truth. Saturday, November 19, 2016

The town of Jerilderie is best known to history as the place where the bushranger Ned Kelly dictated his "Jerilderie Letter" in which he tried to justify his actions and called for justice for poor families like his own.

The Kelly Gang committed an armed robbery in the town in 1879 and he attempted to have the letter published in the local newspaper.

Jerilderie was also where John Monash lived from the age of nine to 12, and the town is justifiably proud of that fact.

Although Monash was a hero to the Australian people, official recognition by the Commonwealth government of his achievements were scant and grudging in his lifetime and beyond. He was not even promoted to general until 1929; his victories were won



Tim Fischer speaking at the Saluting Monash launch in Melbourne.

as a Lieutenant General but as the effective Allied Commander on the Western Front in 1918 he should have been awarded the highest rank that can be bestowed by the governments of Commonwealth countries - Field Marshal.

To set this right, in October last year the Jerilderie Shire Council passed, unanimously, the following proposition:

- The Jerilderie Proposition -

"As a salute to all members of the AIF and following the outstanding contribution of General Sir John Monash to State and Nation before, during and after WW1 and reflecting the fact that (he) received no Australian Awards or Honours post November 11, 1918, the Prime Minister approve ... the posthumous promotion of one step in rank of General Sir John Monash to Australian Field Marshal, with effect November 11, 1930 ...".

This resolution led to the formation of the Saluting Monash Council which is campaigning to have Monash made Field Marshal before the centenary of Armistice Day in 2018.

The CEO of this council is Lieutenant Colonel John Moore (Ret'd) and its chairman Tim Fischer, a veteran of the Vietnam War and a former Deputy Prime Minister.

Lt. Col. Moore told the launch of the Saluting Monash campaign in Melbourne that Monash was a modest, quietly spoken man who, despite everything, had not sought glory.

"He left orders that there be no recognition on his gravestone; just the words John Monash," he said.

"We are not here to lose (this campaign); we are here to make this happen."

Mr. Fischer told guests that the Prime Minister during the war, Billy Hughes, was jealous of Monash because of the esteem in which he was held by the nation and the diggers.

"I accuse Mr. Hughes of discrimination and dereliction of duty," he said, and added that successive governments had been guilty of neglect.

Promoting General Monash one step to the rank of Field Marshal will not change history but will complete it. It is the rightful place for this very special man and it is long overdue."

Biographer Roland Perry said that Monash had suffered the discrimination for four reasons, the first being that he was not a professional military man.

- The Jerilderie Proposition -

He had not trained at the Duntroon military college but had joined the citizens' militia (now called the Army Reserve) while at university. By the time war broke out he held the rank of major in the reserves and was sent to Gallipoli at the age of 50.

The second black mark against him was that he was a "colonial", and the third that he was a Jew at a time when the establishment held anti-Semitic prejudice, Mr. Perry said.

The last sin, he said, was that Monash "was known to have mistresses."

He was knighted during war and after was awarded the Croix de

Guerre by France and Belgium. The United States honoured him with a Distinguished Service Medal but in his home country, nothing.

Back in Melbourne, Monash was appointed the first chairman of the State Electricity Commission of Victoria and Vice Chancellor of Melbourne University. He held each post until his death at the age of 66 in 1931.

Thank you to Craig Brealy and the Barrier Daily Truth for a very interesting article.

Editor

Around the WRAAC Pack

Remembering the late Patricia (Wilson) Butterworth who passed away on the 5th October 2016. As we reflect on the recent passing of Pat,

let's embrace her time as a member of the WRAAC (Motor Transport Company) with all the joy we see in her beautiful face.

One of Unique Company

A Motor Transport Company, located at Wadey St. South Melbourne, is unique in the Australian Army. It is the only unit which contains both male and female elements of the regular Army and Citizen Military Forces. The unit, 103rd Company of the Royal Australian Army Service Corps, apart from its normal task of providing vehicles and drivers for units in the Melbourne metropolitan area, has the additional commitment of training volunteer members of the Citizen Forces, each Wednesday night and one weekend a month. Citizen Force members of the Women's Royal Australian Army Corps are posted to the unit for specialist training after completing a recruit course at 3WRAAC Company, Highbury Grove, Kew. Seen here, Private Pat Wilson of Sackville Street, Heidelberg, sets off



confidently at the wheel of an Army Staff Car. Pat has been a member of the Citizen Military Forces for the past 15 months. In civilian life, she is a clerk with the Taxation Department.

Thank you to Heather (Rankin) Fry for alerting us to this article, which appeared in the Heidelberg Newspaper. Once upon a time many of us wanted to be drivers. They appeared so professional, proud, super-efficient and even appeared to look much taller in uniform. Ed.



Vale



Norma Burns (nee Kelly)

Passed away on 28th January 2017

VF397422 Catering

Our sincere condolences to family and friends of the late Norma (Kelly) Burns who passed away on 28th January 2017. Norma was affectionately known as "Ned" and was always great fun to be with.

Rest in Peace dear friend. Lest we forget.

From: AWAS Newsletter (September 2011)

Norma (Ned Kelly) Burns, what more can you say about this great lady who at times answers to the name of Ned and how did she get that name. The story, according to Gwenda Walker, is that when the girls joined the AWAS and shared a hut together it was Gwenda who joined in calling her "Ned".

It is difficult for the younger members of the Association to call her Norma, as we were first introduced to her by Gwenda and she said meet "Ned." From then on, we loved her and have enjoyed lots of happy times together. We know Norma was instrumental in helping

to organise an AWAS stone in Darwin in recognition of the AWAS who had served there during WW2. In February 2010, Jude Pinkerton-Treloar and Cheryle Brown enjoyed a few days in Darwin where they observed first-hand the pride and respect the population of Darwin hold for the men and women who served Australia during and after the bombing on the 19th February 1942.

Norma has made a significant contribution in preserving the history of the Australian Women's Army Service presence in Darwin during the war years. Her splendid



Norma Burns (nee Kelly)

continued

photographs and documentation of 69 AWAS Barracks, Larrakeyah capture a significant time in Australia's Military history. The photographs depict members of the AWAS at work and play and may shock the young ones of today that air conditioning was not an option in the forties and the huts did not have a fan to keep cool.

The photographs are now with the Northern Territory Library and play a vital role in educating future generations of Australians.

Norma Burns was a Committee member of the AWAS Association for many years and has made a valuable contribution to its success and longevity. Well done Ned!

Josephine (Jo) Faulkner (nee Portman)

15th April 1930 – 2nd December 2016

WR4069 PO Writer, served at HMAS Cerberus and HMAS Lonsdale

It is with great sadness we report the passing of Jo Faulkner, Past President of the WRANS Association Victoria. Jo was a caring, wonderful lady who always had time to help and share her immense knowledge with others. Rest in peace dear Jo, you will always be remembered for your kind and thoughtful ways.

Our sincere condolences to the Faulkner family.

On behalf of the WRAAC Association, Jude Pinkerton-Treloar

attended a Eucharist Celebration in thanksgiving for the life of Jo.



Elsie Eleanor Agnew

10th June 1932 –

26th December 2016

We recently learnt of the passing of a dear friend of the Association, Elsie Agnew on 26th December 2016. Elsie was the wife of Hawthorn Agnew, our much loved and respected piper of many years. Our sincere condolences to Hawthorn and the Agnew family.

John Brookes

19th November 2016

Our sincere condolences to Margaret (Toddy) Brookes on the passing of her husband John on the 19th November 2016. Our thoughts are with Toddy and her family.

Kathleen Byrne AWAS

4th September 2016

Our sincere condolences to Kathleen's family.

Eveline Hamon

8th December 2016

Our sincere condolences to Eveline's family.

Emma Bell

20th December 2016

Our sincere condolences to Emma's family.

Lesley Reid AWAS

VF346685

12th January 2017

AEME MG Ordnance

Our sincere condolences to Lesley's family.

Peter Morgan RAASC

Reserve Forces Day Council

13th February 2017

Our sincere condolences to Monica and family.

Lest We Forget

*When someone you love becomes a memory,
Our memory becomes a Treasure*

You May Have Missed This

Why did you join the ARMY?

Daniela Vasquez (pictured in article below) was checking Facebook when an advertisement popped up for the Army Reserves. Her parents were sceptical when she attended an information session and then signed up. But after completing basic training she said she felt more confident and could not be happier.

Well done Daniela, we wish you all the best for the future. Ed.

Article from Herald-Sun, Melbourne by CHARLES MIRANDA

THE threat to national security from jihadist groups such as IS has prompted an unprecedented surge in Army Reserve recruitment.

While Islamic State has had some success in recruiting vulnerable Australians to its ranks and peddling its online propaganda, its attempt to instil fear here has boosted patriotism.

They come from all walks of life: from those of Arabic background

who want to do something for their new country, to other ordinary members of Middle Australia - teachers, accountants, office workers, students and community volunteers.

Figures obtained by the Sunday Herald Sun show a 16 percent surge in Army Reserve recruitment across the country in the 12 months to October 2016, and we now have a total force of 13,690 reservists.

In a shift from the past, those joining were not just school leavers or uni-students, but from across the community.

According to Australian Defence Force figures, Victoria had one of the biggest rises as a percentage to the 12 months to October 2016, up 21 percent, with a similar figure in South Australia.

NSW took on 300 active recruits, a rise of 24 percent, with Parramatta



- one of Australia's most ethnically diverse cities - recording the biggest recruitment rise of any region.

Other recruitment hotspots are Wollongong on the NSW South Coast, West Melbourne, Adelaide's northern suburbs, Canberra, and Logan and Caboolture in Queensland.

Both Airforce and Navy reserves also saw a rise nationally of 7 percent and 14 percent respectively, although the overall size of their ranks is significantly less than the army.

The Army Reserve is now just 1300 off its 15,000 - member target.

Defence Personnel Minister Dan Tehan said the 16 percent recruitment rise was "fantastic" and reflected a strong sense of duty in the community, to fight overseas for the values Australians hold dear, as well as domestically as a civil force to react to disasters such as the recent floods along the east coast.

When asked whether Islamic State's security threats had contributed to the rise, he said there were a variety of reasons people would "put themselves forward", but without doubt a strong sense of "serving and fighting for our values and freedoms" in uncertain times topped the list.

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WRAAC - Regular Army

I have just read my November copy of the AWAS/WRAAC Journal and although I enjoyed reading everyone's stories, I had to wonder where are all the regular WRAAC member's stories?

That started me off down memory lane. I served in the Army from February 1964 until my marriage in 1969. I recently got out Lyn Kane Dale's book, "Lady Soldiers" and re-read it. This morning I put on some music for the first time in weeks, and chose a Peter, Paul and Mary CD (don't tell me you don't remember them); Boy, am I now very much into my memories!

What great memories they are, becoming a WRAAC was the best thing I could have done. I was a very shy person, but, like so many others, was attracted to the uniform and the travel.

My first weekend on recruit training in Sydney was spent in bed, physically home sick. I couldn't "phone home". We didn't have a

telephone. Once training started there wasn't time to think, just obey.

That was the start of 5 years of discipline, learning and the making of many friendships. In my first 3 years, the only travel I did out of Melbourne was to Sydney for promotion courses. Then finally a posting to Perth, then Brisbane.

It was amazing just how often I met up with old friends as we were sometimes posted to the same places.

I met my husband in Brisbane and so ended my personal Army journey and the start of 20 years of travel as an Army wife.

I have kept in touch with a couple of really close friends and have been able to re-connect with others through WRAAC Reunited.

Thanks for the memories!

Ex-WRAAC F38124 Sgt. L E Field

Thank you Lorraine for sharing your memories with us. Ed.



ANZAC DAY Commemoration March 25th April 2017

This year we have been informed that our step-off position will be in Swanston Street East next to Federation Square at 9:00am.

We have enclosed the protocol as directed by the ANZAC Commemorative Committee regarding the march.

The medical Identification Card is to be carried by all participating in the ANZAC Day 2017 March.

ANZAC Day 2016

MEDICAL IDENTIFICATION CARD

Name:

Address:

Date of Birth:

Brief Medical History:

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Allergies:

Medications (name, dosage, frequency):

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- Next of Kin -

Name:

Relationship:

Home Telephone: Mobile:

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Name:

Relationship:

Home Telephone: Mobile:

TO BE RETAINED BY MEMBER CARRY IN TOP LEFT HAND POCKET

Protocol

(To be followed)

- All marchers should form-up and march six (6) abreast.
- Veterans are to march directly behind their unit banner, accompanied by one carer if needed. That carer should be of an age where they can directly assist the Veteran. Veterans having difficulty completing the March, and all WW2 Veterans, are encouraged to use the transport provided, but must remain in the vehicle until the March is completed
- If a Veteran must fall out of the March, he or she should be directed to a Marshall for assistance. Unit Associations are to continue moving so as not to disrupt the momentum of the March.
- Descendants are to march behind the Veterans, and be old enough to march the full distance (approximately 1 km) without assistance.
- Representation of your Veteran forebears is to be restricted to one descendant per Veteran and the descendant is to wear the Veterans medals on the right breast (the left breast is reserved for the original recipient of the medals).
- Descendants are to dress in appropriate clothing, as your forebears would have done. Therefore, all marchers should wear neat and tidy clothing, out of respect for the fallen (torn denim, sporting attire dirty joggers are not considered appropriate).
- The carrying of framed photographs of relatives, and the pushing of prams and pushers, is not permitted.
- Veterans are requested not to join or leave the March other than at the Assembly and Dispersal points.

The Bendigo RSL Open-Air Museum



The Bendigo RSL Open-Air Museum is well worth a visit with visiting hours from 10am daily or by appointment.

See a chronological and educational history of all conflicts that Australians have been involved in as a Nation from pre-World War I

through to current day Afghanistan and Peacekeeping Operations.

The Open-Air Museum is located at the rear of the Bendigo RSL complex.

Entry is Free.

Well done to the Bendigo RSL

SWAC News



The AWAS Encouragement Award 2016 was awarded to Michael Connolly for his life like sculpture, Jumping Dolphin (Pictured on next page).

On behalf of the AWAS Association, Secretary, Cheryle Brown presented the award to Michael. Well done Michael, keep up the good work. The presentation is always a fantastic morning. You get to meet so many talented people and Robert Winther always provides a laugh.

Note: Funds to be transferred to the WRAAC Association Victoria

from the wind up of the AWAS Association Victoria, will continue to support SWAC and the Veteran community for many years.

Jude Pinkerton-Treloar will continue as a member of the steering committee. Jude is following in the footsteps of the late Joan Johnstone as the AWAS Association Vic was one of the first associations to support SWAC. The aim is to encourage our traumatised Veterans to participate in art/craft activities as with Michael's story it can greatly reduce the gut-wrenching symptoms of PTSD.

The AWAS Encouragement Award:

Michael Connolly - Jumping Dolphin

After completing the PTSD program 2012 Michael needed to find a challenge that would help him keep calm and relaxed. He had made lots of metal objects as candle holders.

He was watching a show on discovery channel about dolphins.

He felt a calmness watching them play. That's when he decided to make the dolphin. Michael started with a downloaded picture. It took about three months to complete.

Each stage of the construction was very difficult to get his head around. Once he had it in his head he was able to complete them. It was trial and error which was very satisfying.

While working on the dolphin Michael had only one thing on his



mind. You could say he was being mindful. Michael has discovered that building things or painting is very good for him. It greatly reduces his PTSD symptoms.

Here are the other award winners in the same category as Michael's entry.



1st Prize and the Sir Edmund Herring Memorial Award:

Geoffrey Newman - "American Queen" Mississippi Riverboat

Geoffrey served in 200 Special Duties Flight during WWII; Liberator B24 Unit. dropping 'Z' forces behind enemy lines in Borneo and Timor. After the war, in 1985 he joined Lions International and served many years as Fundraising Chairman of a group in Merimbula.

He also served in the RSL and was President of Romsey Branch. He has served in Legacy for 13 years and is now on their Reserve. Geoffrey is retired from the Sir Edward Dunlop Medical Research Foundation Board. He enjoys making models and donates them on completion to a particular charity to raffle and help their fundraising.

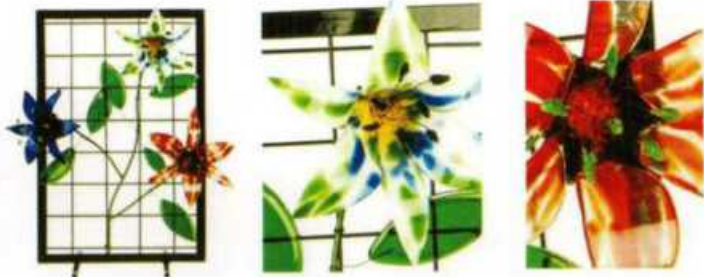
2nd Prize: Bob Collins:

Spiked Mobius Ribbon

Bob Collins served 20 years with the RAN where he saw active service in Malaysia and Vietnam. He served in PNC and FESR. To do a Mobius Ribbon with a scroll saw was a challenge from an American who created this form in 2012 but no one would accept it and earlier this year he contacted Bob to see if he could make one. Not satisfied with being the second person to do it he went on and did scroll saw



carving on one and then created the spiked Mobius Ribbon, these are a first of their type and possibly the last.



3rd Prize: Bob Pride:

Lilies on a Frame

Bob loves making flowers, especially lilies as they are his partners favourite. The flowers are made from cut glass, then fused to the shape and slumped on a

mould. The centre is made from copper wire and the stems from steel tubing. Bob also made the frame steel.

REMEMBRANCE DAY AT AUSTIN HEALTH

11 November 2016

It was a beautiful, warm and sunny day. Robert Winther as MC did a wonderful job, yet again, his granddaughter Teagan was by his side. The much-loved Jean Parry

sat in the front row looking very smart, and was handed a copy of the first Repat Newsletter which contained an article about her.



WRAAC Plaque



Jean Parry & Jenny Macklin MP



AWAS Plaque

- Remembrance Day at Austin Health -

WRAAC Association Secretary, Margaret Brown placed a bouquet of Gerberas on behalf of the WRAAC, with Margaret Jager placing a sheath of Singapore Orchids for the AWAS. They were supported by Pam Culph (WRAAC member) on the day. On display, was a car painted with "Lest We Forget" on its bonnet, war scenes down both sides and medals painted on its boot lid. We enjoyed morning tea and a chat with veterans after the service.



Shrine of Remembrance Medal Award 2016



(R-L) Shrine of Remembrance CEO Dean Lee, Medal Recipient Mr Robert Winther and Chairman of the Shrine Trustees Air-Vice Marshal Chris Spence AO (Retd).

The Shrine of Remembrance Medal recognises individuals or organisations for their contribution to the promotion of Victorian service and sacrifice in times of war and peacekeeping. Each year, the Medal is presented to the winner at the Shrine of Remembrance Annual Dinner.

The 2016 Recipient was
Mr Robert Winther

Robert is Veteran Liaison at Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital and has dedicated more than 50

years' service to this role. He has been the driving force of numerous projects at the Hospital including The Anzac Memorial Chapel, The Remembrance Garden and the Jessie Mary Vasey Labyrinth. Robert's commitment to the veteran community is apparent in his long incumbency and the support he provides in ensuring veterans' stories are accessible to current and future generations through tours for school and community groups.

- Shrine of Remembrance Medal Award 2016 -



Photo: From Vet News published by Austin Health.

The high calibre of nominations for the Shrine Medal each year makes the selection of a recipient a difficult task and is testimony to the continued hard work which goes into increasing community knowledge and understanding of the service and sacrifice of Victorian men and women in war and peacekeeping.

Photo above Staff & Veterans mingle and have a meal together at Austin Health at the TPI Barbecue held in October 2016 (Robert Winther is at extreme right of the photo).

58/32 Infantry Battalion Association News



A large crowd gathered at Queen's Park, Moonee Ponds to participate in the unveiling of the 58th Battalion Monument on Saturday the 8th October 2016.

Master of Ceremonies, Mr. Bryan Lancaster CEO / MVCC Moonee Valley City Council was followed by the Hon. Mr. Bill Shorten MP in welcoming all to this prestigious event.

The music for the service was provided by The Pipes and Drums of the 5/6 Battalion, The Royal Victoria Regiment. Student musicians from Penleigh and Essendon Grammar School played the Last Post and The Rouse.

- Just Perfect! -

What a day - 250 guests, 4 Generals, Friends & Relatives of the fallen plus the National Anthem.

Our thanks must sincerely go to the Moonee Valley City Council for their constant support on this 3 years in the making project.

The day commenced with the much-anticipated weather forecast which did the soldiers proud.

Queen's Park was a buzz with activity from early morning with the setting up of much equipment including sound systems, tables for wreaths and white crosses, flag pole and a specially designed sand box to reverently place the white crosses with poppy into, as a sign of respect and remembrance for the 16 Battles fought.

After everyone was shown to their seats, the ceremony commenced with MC Bryan Lancaster CEO/ MVCC followed by the Hon. Bill Shorten MP.

Judy Maddigan read a letter from Maj. Gen. Pompey Elliott from



Above:
Don Blanksby & Ian Murray

WW1 where he made mention of "His Essendon Boys,"

The General of the

moment Kevin Cooke delivered the main speech giving great insight into the 58th Battalion their bravery and tradition and then unveiled the long-awaited Monument to these young men of 1914-1918.

The Association also sincerely thanks Maj. Gen. Jim Barry, Maj. Gen. Greg Garde, and Maj. Gen. Mike O'Brien for their attendance on our special day.

This has been history in the making and we are so proud of our Monument which will now be viewed constantly by the citizens of Moonee Valley on a daily basis.

Don Blanksby (President)



MAJOR GENERAL KEVIN COOKE AO RFD ED

Patron of 58/32 Infantry Battalion Association Kevin Cooke started his military career in a battalion that was a direct descendant of one of the four Victorian Infantry Battalions that took part in that famous charge at Villers-Bretonneux on 24/25th April 1918.

The City of Essendon's historic link with Villers-Bretonneux is maintained today with the Regimental Colours of the 58th Battalion occupying a hallowed place in Essendon's Town Hall.
From the 58/32 infantry battalion association newsletter

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

4th February 2017



Diane Sherry attempting to avoid sun damage by applying a liberal amount of sunblock



Brenda and Jude putting a customers' order together

It was a very hot day, 38° C we were told as Diane Sherry collected money and orders, Margaret Brown and Jude Pinkerton-Treloar doing drive-through service. Maxine Pettingill excelled at taking the customers' orders while Brenda Walters, Heather Fry, Iris Petrass and Margaret Jager rotated cooking sausages and onions in the extreme heat.

We all left hot and bothered after another successful day.

We always have a lot of fun, it is more of a social event for us and it would be nice to see a few more members support this event.

But I thank the ladies who do support this event, Maxine Pettingill, our Patron, Iris Petrass and our Committee members.

Margaret Jager

Defence Force Recruiting Influencer's Dinner

28 November 2016



Defence Force Recruiting held an influencer's Dinner at the Royce Hotel in St Kilda Road.

WRAAC received an invitation from Capt. Angela Madden (our guest speaker at our luncheon last July) so we could see how the recruiting team go about their recruiting activities today.

Heather Fry and Margaret Jager attended on behalf of WRAAC Association.

Defence Force Recruiting explained how they speak with teachers, co-ordinators and others that

influence the children after the recruiting team have given their presentation in the schools or other community groups.

So, it's not just Defence demonstration but teachers and co-ordinators being able to continue the conversations and talk about our Defence Force, what it takes and what you have to do to be part of the Army, Navy or Air Force.

It was a very interesting and enlightening evening for both Heather and Margaret.

