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## NEWSLETTER

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

Welcome to the winter edition of your newsletter and the prospect of cooler days ahead. The Association is busy preparing for the Reserve Forces Day Parade on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2012 and hope to see many of you joining us "On Parade." Information regarding Reserve Forces Day is in this newsletter.

We also have our annual Luncheon on the 21<sup>st</sup> July 2012 to look forward to at the friendly International of Brighton and this is always a most enjoyable day for members to relax in the company of old and new friends.

As President of the WRAAC Association Victoria I wish to formally thank each and every member of the Committee for their dedication and team work that ensures our Association grows in strength towards a bright and secure future. Having served and worked with the ladies for many years one values the camaraderie we share as former servicewomen.

Yours in friendship,

Heather (Rankin) Fry



WRAAC Standard

# ARISING FROM OUR COMMITTEE MEETING

## RESERVE FORCES DAY

Shrine of Remembrance, Melbourne.

Sunday July 1st, 2012.

The parade will be held at the Shrine on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2012, commencing at 10.00 am. Form up at Government House Drive at 9.45 am. This year the parade will include a mounted contingent with over 20 Australian Lighthorsemen in period dress. Special recognition for Australian and Boer War 1899-1902 descendants. (See Attachments # 3 & 4)

## WRAAC ANNUAL LUNCHEON

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2012

A reminder that the Annual Luncheon will be held on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2012 at The International of Brighton. (Booking form Attachment No. 1)

If you wish to bring along a family member/friend or carer to the luncheon this year remember to include their name on attached booking form. This is always a happy occasion and we don't want to miss out on your company.

### Donations for WRAAC Raffle

If you are attending our luncheon please feel free to donate to the raffle as all proceeds go to our Association. A small compact gift makes it easier for the recipient to carry home.

## AWAS LUNCHEON / AGM

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2012

The Annual Luncheon/AGM at ANZAC House  
4 Collins Street, Melbourne.

Time: 12 noon for 1230 hrs lunch

Contact **Jude Pinkerton-Treloar 03 9874 7915 or Cheryle Brown 0400 492 992 for details.**

## ANZAC Week

### Clayton RSL Sub-Branch ANZAC Remembrance Service

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2012

Each year Service, Affiliate, Social and Community members together with family and friends are invited to attend a Service held in the local Remembrance Park, situated near busy Clayton Road, Clayton. This year, due to the possibility of unsettled weather, assembled guests were thoughtfully seated under a huge marquee which protected all from the scrappy wind that threatened to disrupt the morning service.

We caught up with our President, Heather Fry who participated in the wreath laying ceremony representing Brigadier Neale Bavington RFD ED Ret'd, Victorian Chairman of the Reserve Forces Day Council Victoria where Heather is a member of the Executive Committee.

The Royal Australian Navy (Cerberus) provided the Catafalque Party and executed their duties with precision, well done to the Navy. LT Jenny Weaver (RAN) delivered the ANZAC Address reminding all that peace was something to be treasured and shared with newcomers to our great land.

Following the Service guests adjourned to the RSL Club for lunch where all were made to feel most welcome.



### News Flash!

We lost an opportunity to gain the edge on a breaking political story that very day. It would appear Anna Burke MP, Federal Member for Chisholm was in attendance at the Clayton Remembrance Service and seated approximately 3 rows in front of Jude Pinkerton-Treloar. This was the same day when it was reported that the Speaker of the House of Representatives (Mr Slipper) was in a little bother and Anna Burke (Deputy Speaker) was in line to take on the role of speaker, what a scoop, and Jude missed it!

**Missed out on a Walkley award by a whisker!**

## ANZAC DAY OBSERVANCE

### Austin Health

24<sup>th</sup> April 2012

Jude Pinkerton-Treloar attended a Service of Remembrance at Austin Health (Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital) on the 24<sup>th</sup> April 2012 and on behalf of the Association placed a wreath at the WRAAC Plaque in memory of those who are no longer with us. The day began as a typical chilly Autumn Melbourne morning, but it did not deter the large receptive crowd that assembled to pay tribute to the fallen.

Our plaque is situated proudly alongside the AWAS' plaque and as Jude followed the President of the AWAS Association Captain Gwenda Walker during the wreath laying ceremony one could only reflect on the passing of time since the conclusion of World War II and the formation of the WRAAC. We certainly made quite an impact when we were once "Soldiers of the Queen."

Our sincere thanks to Austin Health for the care and maintenance of our beautiful plaque.

## ANZAC DAY 2012

If you set your alarm for an early start on Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup> April 2012 and on awakening you heard the sound of howling wind and torrential rain that forced the soil to beg for mercy then you are forgiven if you curled back under the Doona and pretended it was all a bad dream.

However, if you were one of the many thousands that turned out to cheer the marchers on and participate or attend Services all over this great State of Victoria, well good on you!

The weather was exceptionally bad and really we have been spoilt for so many years with mild conditions the norm. As a Melburnian it was extremely difficult to view the TV news showing other States with sunshine and blue skies in abundance, Veterans smiling and waving in near perfect conditions.

The WRAAC Association had 7 members ready to march in Melbourne this year and they just managed to thaw out sufficiently to place one foot after the other whilst blinding rain attempted to obscure vision. However, as former members of the WRAAC we know how to tough it out!

Our sincere thanks to Dawn Ciechowski who nobly stepped up and offered a shot of rum to enhance our coffee (medicinal purposes only) following the conclusion of our march, all from her trusty hip flask which certainly warmed us up.

We really must acknowledge the generosity of fellow Melburnians who cheered the marchers on in the pouring rain and adverse conditions, well done Melbourne.

Following the march we gathered at our WRAAC Plaque to remember departed friends and flowers were placed in remembrance,

### Lest We Forget.



It was far too cold and wet for many to go on to promised reunion venues but 2013 is another story with the hope of a dry day.

## ANZAC DAY NOTES

We caught up with our girl Sheryl English who marched with the Commandos this year. Sheryl drove down from Traralgon to march with her boys and we can report she is looking great. We will see her at the Luncheon in July as our Regional Victorian girls are great supporters of the Association.

The Australian Women's Land Army (AWLA) looked as good as ever, as this year on the 27<sup>th</sup> July 2012 they will be celebrating the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of their formation (1942). The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet has decided to issue a commemorative brooch and a certificate in recognition of their service to our Nation during WWII.



Well done AWLA

Ponchos seemed to be the order of the day, a must if one wished to stay dry and operational.

We missed Lorraine Onans' presence this year but will catch up with her on Reserve Forces Day and the WRAAC Luncheon.

Captain Gwenda Walker shared a stunning cream coloured Rolls-Royce with Jean Parry (VAD) and the ladies appeared to be besieged by the media for interviews. The girls looked extremely comfortable in the roomy vehicle, a long way from a 1940s Jeep!

We finally caught up with Major Maggie More. Maggie is a busy woman this time of the year with her commitments to the Shrine of Remembrance where she holds the position of Shrine Governor.

The Ex-Servicewomen's garden looked green and refreshed following the heavy rain and should produce prolific growth in spring, can't wait to see it.

The Nurses looked splendid in their signature red hats with lots of cheery greetings exchanged when we caught up with them.

Feedback regarding media coverage of the March has been less than complementary, with many people complaining to the various Networks.

The March route was shorter this year and appeared to be accepted by all.

The Salvation Army 'cuppa' area was in great demand as Marchers huddled together to find cover from the wind and rain. This welcoming spot is a favourite meeting place for many Associations seeking out friends and family following the March. The bikkies still taste good, especially the milk arrowroot.

### God bless the Salvos!

#### ANZAC DAY Notes from Members

Carol (Hamilton) King and husband Grant attended services at Hamilton and Warrnambool catching up with family and friends.

Cheryle (Howes) Brown and husband Ron (RACT) attended a Dawn Service at the Phillip Island RSL where they also had a large crowd, but not as many as last year due to the inclement weather. Cheryle reports most of Vets stayed on to participate in the March.

## WRAAC Association (Victoria) Inc Fund Raising Sausage Sizzle

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2012



#### Sausage Sizzle update!

Net Profit \$1,282.04

Who said it was not possible to have fun cooking snags and frying onions! Well, members of the WRAAC Association proved you can have it all if you have the right balance. Weather is a huge factor in determining the success or failure of this type of activity.

The original weather forecast was to be 21°C then amended to read 15°C with hailstones accompanied by torrential rain. Therefore with heavy heart the advance party of Heather, Brenda, Carol and Jude arrived at Bunning's Warehouse (Box Hill) at 0700hrs in readiness for the 0900hrs anticipated sale of hot sausages.

At 0800hrs the next shift arrived with Ian Jager, Di Sherry and Hugh Fry bringing the much needed supplies to get us ready for the early hungry sausage buyers. Brenda carved up the onions, Carol and Ian continued cooking whilst Heather donned her trusty rubber gloves and uttered the first memorable line "That will be two sausages please, one with, one without". Di was keeping up appearances with the bread and serviette routine whilst Jude collected the money.

Liz Maclaime arrived for her shift and had thoughtfully packed a Thermos so it was tea and coffee all round. Our good mate Maxine Pettingill joined us next followed by Lorraine Onans (super sales person) and then our boys Rod, Hugh and John rejoined the group. Suddenly it all fell into place, we had achieved teamwork status and our Project Manager, Heather could relax.

### **We were Master Chefs, sort of!**



### **Comments on the day**

- It was great catching up with everyone.
- Wonderful response from the public.
- We are so blessed with camaraderie.
- How special are we to have been a member of the WRAAC!
- How good it was to meet a former member named Anne buying a sausage, Di had membership papers at the ready
- The smell is Yuk! (From a non-meat eater)
- Love the aprons Bren, they gave us a sense of belonging, like real Bunnings folk! That would be aisle 5 just to the left above the sandpaper!
- These sausages are great, have one Jude!!
- What's WRAAC?
- Have we really known each other over 40 years!
- Gosh we're good!
- The weather looks a bit suss!
- Front line is great (reference to cooking sausages in the open) and meeting people.



## **AWAS / WRAAC Commemorative Service**

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2012**

A perfect late Autumn Melbourne morning greeted over 50 guests as they arrived for the AWAS/WRAAC Commemorative Service held within the Sanctuary of the Shrine of Remembrance, Melbourne.

Major Maggie More welcomed all on behalf of the Shrine and WRAAC Association President, Heather Fry gave the welcome address. Our much loved Chaplain the Reverend William (Bill) Pugh offered a prayer of unity and a prayer for members of the ADF who are always in our thoughts and prayers. We welcomed members from the Navy, Air-force, AAMWS, VADs and the Nursing Corps Associations and reflected on the friendship we share. Our beautiful Soloist Miss Rebecca Dupuy-Purcell performed "I am Australian" and the National Anthem that brought a tear to the eyes of many. The acoustics within the Shrine are so perfect that it can only enhance the sound of such a voice.

We welcomed Esther and Sophie from the Methodist Ladies College accompanied by their teacher Jane. The girls participated in the service with Esther in the saying of the Ode with Sophie in the wreath laying ceremony. Our Piper Hawthorn Agnew was magnificent as he piped the Lament. Following the service we gathered in the Lone Pine Room for refreshments.

A welcome sight were the AWAS and WRAAC flags flying proudly side by side as it should always be, sisters together.



### **At the WRAAC Plaque following the Service.**

Members of the WRAAC Association, friends and family gathered at the WRAAC Plaque where a sheath of flowers was left in remembrance. We will never forget our fellow servicewomen whose strength and courage continues to inspire us whenever we gather in the true spirit of *Espirit de Corps*.

### **Lest we Forget**

### **Refreshments**

A welcome cup of homemade veggie soup and tasty sandwiches followed by delicious cakes and bikkies greeted hungry visitors on arrival at the education area following the service. We had a comfortable area to sit, relax and catch up with friends. The tradition of having soup following our service is in memory of the late Major Jessie Perkins MBE,

RFD, ED. who always queried if soup was to be included on the menu, which Margie Jager has never let her down. Our sincere thanks to Brenda Walters, Margie and Amy Jager for their excellent work in ensuring we were made to feel very much at home.

### Reserve Forces Day Recognition Medallions



President Heather Fry assisted by Esther and Sophie presented Reserve Forces Day Recognition Medallions to Mrs Lesley Pugh (pictured below right), Captain Ruth Durance and Major John Sloss in recognition of their support to former Reservists. The award is part of the



family theme that recognises the support of a spouse or partner. Congratulations to all of the recipients.

### Order of Service Programmes

Our much sought after order of service programme was designed and printed by Committee Member Cheryl (Howes) Brown and this year the colour theme was forest green similar to our first winter uniform. They looked magnificent, rolled up scroll style and tied with a gold ribbon. Thank you to member, Maxine Pentingill for her help in handing out the order of service and assisting guests to their seats.

## Ex WRANS ASSOCIATION (VIC)

### Annual Birthday Luncheon

AWAS and WRAAC Association members Pat Neville (AEME 1AVP) Maggie More, Cheryl Brown, Jude Pinkerton-Treloar and Heather Fry (WRAAC) attended the birthday luncheon at Bayview on the Park on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2012. A wet and windy Melbourne morning did not deter us from enjoying a great day where we were made to feel most welcome. We caught up with Margaret Hattersley (Ex-WRANS) and she informed us some of our dear Navy friends are not well at the moment. We missed your presence ladies but our thoughts were with you. Our best wishes to Jo Faulkner, Margaret Goldin and Leila Brady.

**Thank you for your wonderful company Ladies.**

### RECEPTION FOR

## EX-SERVICE WOMEN'S ORGANISATIONS

### International Women's Day 2012

### AKA: THE Governor Generals Lunch

Women's ex-service organisations from all over Australia were invited to attend a luncheon reception marking International Women's Day 2012. The event was held at the residence of the Governor General of Australia Quentin Bryce AC CVO and Mr Michael Bryce, AM, AE, Admiralty House, Kirribilli. Privileged guests from interstate were provided with flights paid for courtesy of DVA and depending on your organisation all costs were met by that organisation. The WRAAC Association of Victoria, one of the largest of the WRAAC Associations in Australia unfortunately learnt of the event far too late to notify our membership.

As this was such an important occasion and if we had received the information earlier then all members would have had the opportunity to be nominated to attend. For example, your nomination, accompanied by a short resume of your length and type of service would have been taken into consideration. However, we can proudly say the President of the AWAS Association Victoria and a former member of the WRAAC, Captain Gwenda Walker was invited and had a wonderful time in the company of her friends from the Nursing Corps.

If you were unable to attend the reception please refer to our website [www.wraacvic.com](http://www.wraacvic.com) to view the Governor Generals Address.

## Rear Admiral Robyn Walker

Congratulations to Rear Admiral Robyn Walker, the first female in the Navy to attain the rank of Rear Admiral.



Rear Admiral Walker also holds the position of Surgeon-General for the ADF and in a recent interview spoke highly of our sophisticated intensive care units that enable wounded personnel a greater chance of survival and recovery. It was also reassuring to learn that Australia has considerably less mental distress issues than our Allies due to in part the mental health policy put in place back in 2002.

We sincerely hope the recent hefty cuts (up to an estimated \$4Billion) to Defence spending will not impact on our Service personnel who deserve the very best our country can provide. When Rear Admiral Walker was asked about the Collins class submarines and the controversy that surrounds them we were assured the Navy is on to it and addressing the problem.

By the way, Submarines are not part of Rear Admiral Walker's portfolio. Editor

## Helping Our Wounded to Soldier On.

This was the heading in the Australian Newspaper (April 2012) as we learnt that Special Forces Officer, Major Bronson Horan suggests all Australians support a new charity set up by soldiers for soldiers suffering physical or psychological injuries. The appeal, launched in Canberra aims to raise \$1million to ensure Diggers achieve the same goals and dreams they had prior to their injuries. There is a similar program in the UK called Britain's Help for Heroes and the United States Wounded Warrior Project.

Diggers or Donors wishing to contact Soldier On should call; 0479 167 999 or [Soldieron.org.au/mission](http://Soldieron.org.au/mission).

# The Missing Commando Chaplain

## Parts One and Two

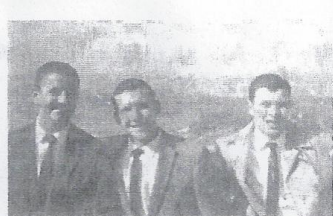
We thought you may enjoy this story about our Chaplain; The Reverend Bill Pugh and Swan Island.

### THE MISSING COMMANDO CHAPLAIN

#### Part One

By Roy Waldon

In February 1961 a young priest was posted to 2 Cdo for their Annual Camp at Swan Island.



From left, Roy Walden, Keith 'Yorky' Joyce and Geoff Woodman on leave from their basic para course in the 1960s.

The powers that be saw that the wild men of that bunch needed more than just Godly guidance and hoped that the young Rev Bill

Pugh being young himself could soon bring them into line. He was the one to do it, however they overlooked the fact that Bill had not had very much military training, probably nil.

It just so happened that fairly early in the camp it was decided to hold a Dining-In-Night, and my informant would not say if the sergeants were to attend or not and that could have been what caused the cowardly attack on the officer's tents at some ungodly hour before reveille, before we had our cup of tea and toast.

We were showered with rifle blanks. Aldershot grenades, buckets of water and general mayhem, but we soon repelled the unwanted attackers from our tents and tucked them in their beds.

Unfortunately Bill, in an effort to help defend our marvellous accommodation, picked up an Aldershot and before he could get rid of it, it went off and as you would imagine burnt his hand.

That was the last time I saw Bill until this year, at the funeral of a school friend of mine who I last saw in 1948; he also became a minister and studied with Bill.

No Bill's Commando experience did not scare him off; he served in the ADF for many years and retired as the Senior Presbyterian Minister in our defence force.

The world is a small place isn't it; you never know what or who is around the corner.

Perhaps an old WO or Sgt, and I mean old, might remember their version of an illegal attack - if their memory goes back that far.

1. Roy was an "original", joining 2 Cdo Coy in early 1955, and doing its first long run, from Frankston to Langwarrin. After work and family saw him transfer out a few months later, Roy transferred back as an officer in September 1960, serving until 1966 or '67.
2. Frank Read wrote in an earlier article, "I am familiar with Roy Walden's story of the raid on the officers' tent (sleeping quarters). Among other "villians" that night were John O'Rourke (then 2IC), Peter Agnew, Ian Wischusan and myself. . . it probably wasn't the smartest thing to do . . ."

## THE MISSING COMMANDO CHAPLAIN

### Part Two

Things that go bump in the night

By Padre Bill Pugh

I had recently just completed the funeral service for an old friend of mine; we had studied together in the early fifties, when he was allocated to the Victorian Scottish Regiment and I had been posted to 2 Cdo Coy for an annual camp in 1961, on Swan Island.

I enjoyed being with the men of the unit and even tried several of their training activities but not enough, as the following few words will tell. I had met the lads at Ripponlea while conducting a church parade and when asked would I attend I accepted, joining in night exercises, canoe work on the beach and so on.

I had a great time. We even had a church service all lined up ready to go when, I think it was, the Officer Commanding Queenscliff Officer Training College arrived with his pretty daughter – I think that spoilt any chance of them listening to a sermon.

Anyway, back to the reason for the story.

I had completed the funeral service and I was standing around talking to the family and others in attendance when I heard this voice say, "How's your hand?"

I turned around to reply and came face to face with Roy Walden and was taken back to that Camp in 1961.

One night the lads had a bit of a party and all the good officers including myself had hit the sack and were fast asleep or close to it when, through the window, came a flying sparking object.

I jumped up and picked it up to chuck it out of the tent – a silly thing to do. My hand was badly burnt. The MO patched me up.

It is fine now, with just a bit of a scar and no hard feelings from me. I was sorry that one of the boys was punished, as it was just a prank to stir the Officers up a bit.

I learnt I had picked up an Aldershot grenade – harmless really. I think it would have made a good episode in Dad's army.

These days I am an Honorary Chaplain to the WAAF, WRAAC, WRAN, AWAS, and recently took part in a service at the shrine to celebrate 60 years of women's services.

I am kept busy with Anzac services and the like. My family served in WWI, Dad was in Engineers; that's his flag I am holding – we carry it each Anzac Day. He came home on the Orcades from WWI; his brother was on the Burma Railway.

Well I guess that's enough. It was great to meet up with Roy and re-live my time served with 2 Cdo. It was a pleasure.

You Commandos are a special lot. God Bless.

Yours, Bill Pugh

Our sincere thanks to Bill for sharing his story with us. Editor



The Rev Bill Pugh with his father's 3rd Div Engineers banner on Anzac Day. Image courtesy Bill Pugh.

## RUG UP!

Didn't you just love Federal Governments well thought out ideas on how to keep warm and debt free this winter? Like, always wear a warm jumper with a footy beanie perched upon your cranium when playing board games. Think about walking more and when at home wrap yourself securely in your Nana's best Onkaparinga blanket, a must when watching TV. Plus always wear bed socks with matching scarf and gloves to bed!

### Which led me to think how warm were our Greatcoats?

Remember when you fell out of bed on a freezing cold morning to the melodious sound of the Duty NCO yelling at you about the days' work ahead. What did you reach for, a Greatcoat! It was our security blanket that became a friend, perhaps for extra warmth on a chilly night draped over your limp and lifeless body after being up all night talking, drinking and playing poker (for matches). It became a sensible dressing gown that kept your modesty intact during a surprise fire drill as you attempted to fall into your hot pink jiffies. Remember how you could roll it up and it would become a huge lumpy pillow to cry into after another late and sleepless night. In fact, it had so many uses that it was sad to give it up upon discharge.

I do hope my trusty Greatcoat went to a loving home as I could sure use it now. Editor

## Redevelopment of the Shrine of Remembrance

This appears to be a certainty as the State Government has contributed \$20million to the \$45million needed to create a permanent exhibition area, auditorium and education centre under our much loved Shrine. The redevelopment will thus ensure there is a permanent home for the Devanha lifeboat used in the landing at Gallipoli. The centre will have provision for a café, a new visitor's centre and retail space to be operational before 2015 in time to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Landing.

## AROUND THE WRAAC PACK

We caught up with our much loved Margaret Dark (Sigs) on ANZAC Day and she reports on having celebrated a significant birthday recently with High Tea at the elegant Windsor Hotel. The young lady always does it with style.

Dawn Ciechowski is looking good and considering a trip overseas next year to explore WWI battlefields. Go Girlfriend!

Carol and Grant King head off on a 3 month trip in June taking in England, France and Brussels followed by a relaxing Baltic Cruise. The trip incorporates a 3 week stay near Provence (perhaps to write her memoirs) in a rented cottage then on to Singapore and home. Carol has promised to write a few lines about her trip. Enjoy!

Brenda Walters and husband Rod (4/19<sup>th</sup> PWLH) will be joining friends aboard ship for a cruise around the Greek Islands in late July. Have a great time!

## Our Girl Florence

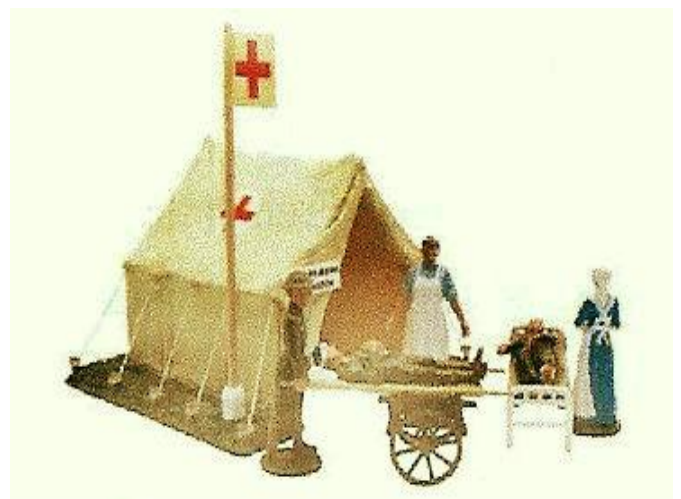
We loved this photo of Vietnam Veteran Keith Payne VC OAM and his charming wife Florence, a former member of the WRAAC. It would appear that in 1954 Keith Payne spotted a young WRAAC soldier named Florence Plaw. He thought she was pretty fancy and as they say the rest is history. Flo and Keith happily reside in Mackay Qld.



## SICK PARADE

Thinking of two special ladies Lesley Bennett and Shirley Cornish.

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 (telephone numbers on front cover) or our Chaplain Rev. William (Bill) Pugh – Editor



## BABY NEWS

Congratulations to Denise and Peter Hodder on the arrival of their third beautiful Grandson Joe Robert George Rollo on the 26<sup>th</sup> March 2012. A much loved brother to Yves and Max.



Cheryle and Ron Brown (RACT) welcomed their beautiful Grandson William Jamieson Burton on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2012



His mother Ella (Brown) Burton is an honorary member of the WRAAC Association Victoria.

Past President Brenda Walters and husband Rod welcomed two beautiful Granddaughters. They are extremely busy Grandparents at the moment.



Isla Rose Tobin born on the 9<sup>th</sup> April 2012 a sister to Tilly



Giselle Vivienne Walters born on the 20<sup>th</sup> April 2012, a sister to Ashton.

## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER

Miss Ann-Marie Eblen ARes 1991-4 101 & 110 Sig Sqn  
F3209079 2 Sig Regt  
Life Member

## MEMBERSHIP

**Annual Membership fees are due 1<sup>st</sup> July 2012, remembering fees can be paid at the July luncheon. (Form attached as Attachment No.2)**

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 (03) 9478 1073 or email at [dishe1946@yahoo.com.au](mailto:dishe1946@yahoo.com.au) and she will post out the appropriate form.

Could you let Diane Sherry know if you have an Email address and if you are able to access the Newsletter on the website? Her contact details are listed above.

## Can You Help

We have lost contact with some of our life members. Can you help us to locate the following members:

CPL Dorothy Berry  
Mrs Brenda Boswell (nee Booth)  
Ms Shirley Brown  
Ms Marilyn Dell  
Ms Robyn Gibson (nee Vincent)  
Ms Pamela Hunt (nee Walsh)  
Ms Angela Jones  
Ms Sandra Keating  
Mrs Joyce Payne  
Ms Debbie Umpleby  
Ms. Sallyann Welton

Please contact Diane Sherry on telephone (03) 9478 1073, mobile 0408 553 412 or email: [dishe1946@yahoo.com.au](mailto:dishe1946@yahoo.com.au).



**FOR THE DIARY JUNE – AUGUST 2012**

<b>1<sup>st</sup> July 2012</b>	<b>Reserve Forces Day Parade</b>	<b>Shrine of Remembrance Melbourne</b>
<b>21<sup>st</sup> July 2012</b>	<b>WRAAC Luncheon</b>	<b>The International of Brighton</b>
<b>15<sup>th</sup> August 2012</b>	<b>AWAS Luncheon/AGM</b>	<b>ANZAC House Collins Street Melbourne</b>

**ATTACHMENT:**

**Attachment #1 : WRAAC Luncheon Booking Form**

**Attachment #2 : WRAAC Annual Membership Form**

**Attachment #3 : Reserve Forces Day Brochure**

**Attachment #4 : Reserve Forces Day Notes for Marchers**



## WRAAC ASSOCIATION (VICTORIA) INC.

### 36<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY REUNION LUNCHEON Celebrating the 61<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Formation of the Women's Royal Australian Army Corps 1951-1984

Members are invited to a luncheon to celebrate the 36<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at

The International of Brighton  
81 Bay Street, Brighton.  
On Saturday 21st July 2012  
At 11.30am for 12.30pm

Cost is \$52.00 which includes a 2 course luncheon, canapés, drinks including beer, wine and soft drinks. Followed by tea, coffee and chocolates.

Pre-lunch drinks will be served from 12.00pm

DRESS: Neat Casual

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Booking Form 21<sup>st</sup> July 2012  
(BOOKINGS CLOSE ON FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2012)  
To: Mrs Brenda Walters, 5 Austin Place, Templestowe Vic. 3106  
Telephone: (03) 9846 2152 Email: brendawalters4@bigpond.com

PAYMENT: By cheque or money order made payable to "WRAAC Association (Vic) Inc."  
or pay into bank account of WRAAC Association (Vic) Inc.  
Bank: Westpac. BSB No.: 033135, Account No.: 30-5304.

(Please **enter your name as reference** when paying directly into bank account via online or at a bank)

Regt. No.....Name:(please print).....Nee.....

Address: .....

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(if booking for another member please include their name/s on this form)

Type of Membership (please circle) Life / Annual / other .....

Meal Requirement (please circle) Vegetarian / Diabetic / Other .....

Transport Requirement Willing to pick up another member .....

(please tick) I need a lift to attend .....

Seating I would like to be at a table with the following ladies: .....

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PAYMENT ..... Lunches at \$52.00 each ..... \$ .....



# WRAAC ASSOCIATION (VICTORIA) INC.

**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE DUE  
FOR THE PERIOD 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2012 TO 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2013**

**Please complete this form and forward with your annual subscription of \$8.00.**

**To the Membership Officer:           Miss Diane Sherry  
WRAAC Association (Vic) Inc.  
2 Gilbank Street  
Reservoir Vic 3073**

**Cheque or Money Order made payable to WRAAC Association (Vic) Inc.**

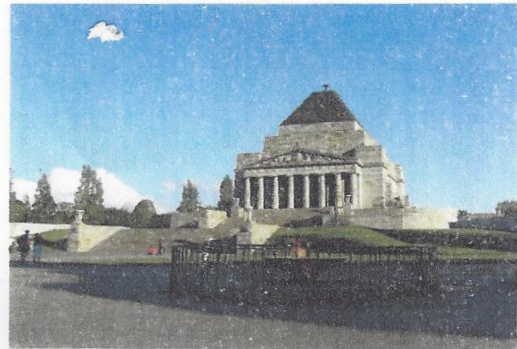
**Name:** .....

**Address:** .....

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**Telephone:** .....

**IF YOU ARE ATTENDING THE ANNUAL LUNCHEON  
PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND SEND WITH THE  
LUNCHEON FORM OR BRING IT WITH YOU ON THE DAY**



# RESERVE FORCES DAY

## Sunday 1 July 2012



A message from the  
**Governor General and Commander in Chief**

Quote:

"If you're a Serving or Former Reservist, I encourage you to participate,  
so that we can all say"

**"Thank You"**

**Assemble at**  
**Government House Drive**

**No later than 1000hrs**



## INFORMATION FOR MARCHERS

### Serving and Veterans of the Defence Forces

#### CEREMONIAL CONTINGENT

Associations comprising serving and former members are to form up in Government House Drive by 0945. Look for your Association Banner and be ready to march off at 1015.

#### NEATNESS OF DRESS AND GENERAL BEARING

The Reserve Forces Day Parade is a military parade and former members take pride in their Unit/Corps Association turn out. As a result, many Associations have taken the lead by adopting a uniform Association dress code. The Reserve Forces Day Council congratulates them for their initiative and suggests all Associations follow their lead. Children are not permitted to take part.

Associations are encouraged to focus on this aspect to ensure pride and esprit de corps is well displayed. As the Governor of Victoria, The Honourable Alex Chernov, AO, QC has accepted the invitation to review this parade every effort should be made to ensure a high standard of individual and Formation turn out.

Below is a suggested dress code for the parade.

**Beret:** All Associations are requested to adopt the beret to help standardise the head dress worn except for those Associations with other distinctive headwear, e.g. Scottish Association and the RAAFR. Many units already wear the beret with pride- for example, the Commandos and NSAA. Dark blue is the correct colour for the majority of units. As a reminder, the headband must be level with the ground and not more than 25mm/one inch above the eyebrows, the join at the rear and, with ribbon neatly knotted and tucked in, cap badge above the left eye and the top of the beret pulled over to the right side.

*Berets, \$25 and some badges approximately \$15 are available from PLATYPUS OUTDOORS, 353 Little Bourke St Melbourne (cnr Elizabeth St). They sell a wide range of military attire. Ph 03 9602 4303 or go to [www.platatac.com](http://www.platatac.com).*

**Suit or Jacket:** Jacket and tie/suit must be worn. Many Associations have a navy blue jacket, white/blue shirt, grey trousers, black belt and black shoes as their preferred outfit. Alternatively, suit or sports coat with official Association/Corps tie would be acceptable. WRAAC personnel wear green blazer/jacket, white top and black slacks or suitable warm clothing.

**Lapel badges:** It is suggested that one, but not more than two, would be adequate.

**Gloves:** White gloves should be worn by all members of Banner Parties, Standard/Flag Bearers and ASM's (and equivalent) for each formation and dress should be standardised.

**Medals:** Officially issued decorations, campaign and service medals should be worn as appropriate. Medals that are obtained as commemorative or souvenir,- i.e. medals that are purchased and not issued by a government - must not be worn. Medals awarded to other people are also not to be worn.

**Serving members dress:** If forming in a group of 10 or more it is requested you wear ceremonial uniform (for Officers, less sword). Otherwise, please attend in the civilian attire described above. This may also facilitate attendance at Association reunions following the parade.

**Saluting with headwear:** Leading members of contingents are requested to salute. The remainder give the "Eyes Right" to the Eternal Flame. Again, when marching off, leading members salute. The remainder give the "Eyes Right" to the Eternal Flame.

Morning tea will be available for a gold coin donation from the Salvation Army serving point located in Birdwood Avenue adjacent to the flagpoles.