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NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

Welcome to the June newsletter with the chill of winter nearly upon us, that is if you happen to live down south! The year is certainly flying by with our Annual Luncheon at the International of Brighton just weeks away. Our special guest speaker on the day will talk about the Catering Corps and the talented WRAAC members he served with so many years ago.

Reserve Forces Day Parade is on Sunday the 6th July 2014 and look forward to seeing you once again "On Parade". Our Chaplain, the Reverend William (Bill) Pugh will be participating in the Parade and Commemorative Service at the Shrine of Remembrance and is looking forward to meeting up with members on this significant day.

Yours in friendship,

Heather (Rankin) Fry



WO1 Gniare Sylvia Foster

We remember with respect the passing of WO1 Gniare Sylvia Foster on the 29th April 2014.

Lest We Forget.

ARISING FROM OUR COMMITTEE MEETING

RESERVE FORCES DAY

Sunday 6th July 2014

Reserve Forces Day 2014 will be held on Sunday the 6th July 2014.

Refer attachments #3 and #4

PARADE INFORMATION

The Parade will be held at The Shrine of Remembrance commencing at 1020hrs. WRAAC Association will assemble at Government House Drive NO LATER than 1000hrs, ready to form up behind our Banner and Standard.

The March will proceed from Government House Drive to the Shrine for a service of approximately one (1) hour. As per last year a band will lead the Parade.

If you are unable to participate in the march please feel free to join us on the day as there will be an area set aside for you. Suggest a folding chair would be a good idea.

WRAAC ANNUAL LUNCHEON

Saturday 19th July 2014

A reminder that the annual Luncheon will held on Saturday 19th July 2014 at the International of Brighton (Refer booking form attached #1)

If you wish your partner, family member/friend/carer to attend the luncheon with you please remember to include their name together with any special dietary needs on the attached form or contact Liz Maclaine on 03 9397 1043. This is always a happy day full of surprises and we don't want to miss out on your company.

Donations for WRAAC raffle

If you are attending the luncheon please feel free to donate a small gift to the raffle as all proceeds go to the Association. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

AWAS LUNCHEON/AGM

Wednesday 20th August 2014

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

Time: 1200 hrs for 1230 hrs lunch

Contact Jude Pinkerton-Treloar 03 9874 7915 or
Cheryle Brown 0400 482 992 for details.

COUNCIL OF EX-SERVICEWOMEN'S

PILGRIMAGE 2014

Saturday 22nd November 2014

EARLY WARNING

As promised at the winding up of the Council of Ex-Servicewomen's Association to informally gather each year at the Ex-Servicewomen's Memorial Cairn situated in the Remembrance Garden, Shrine of Remembrance, Melbourne. The date was to be nearest the rededication of the Cairn and this year is the 22nd of November 2014. We will meet at the Cairn at 1130 hrs and following a short wreath laying service to remember those who are no longer with us, we intend to gather at the Botanical Hotel for lunch at 1230 hrs.

We had a pleasant day last year and hope to see you all again.

If you wish to attend contact Cheryle Brown
Telephone: 0400 482 992 or

Email: rayhyd@bigpond.com

WRAAC ASSOCIATION AGM

Saturday 8th November 2014

Venue to be advised.

ANZAC DAY OBSERVANCE

Austin Health

24th April 2014

Jude Pinkerton-Treloar together with Gwenda Walker, President of the AWAS Association joined hundreds of people at the Annual Observance Service held at Austin Health (Heidelberg Repat) to remember those who are no longer with us and to commemorate their service. On behalf of the WRAAC Association Jude placed a sheath of Singapore orchids at our plaque during the wreath laying ceremony.

This year the Ode was read by Brigadier Keith Rossi (Retd) AM OBE RFD ED, Victorian RSL Historian and a volunteer RSL Official (ANZAC House).

The ANZAC Requiem was read by Mr Zoran Naumoski, IT Services, the Australia Day Medallion Recipient at Austin Health.

We all enjoyed the company of Molly the Donkey (courtesy of the Animal Shelter) who was the star attraction on the TV news that night. Molly is a gentle soul and a very special donkey.

Following the Service Jude and Gwenda Walker joined Jean Parry (VAD/AAMWS) for refreshments in the Acacia Room.

Memories.

Following the service at "the Repat" Captain Gwenda Walker met up with Cpl Jack Baker who served with 5RVR/Pipes and Drums transport platoon from the early 50s. It appears Jack was part of a team whose responsibility included instructing WRAAC CMF personnel to drive and ultimately gain a truck licence. If you remember, the girls were able to drive a 3 ton 6x6 GMC with a great deal of competence. Jack recalled the late Beryl (Shorty) Crieghton who was barely 5 foot 3 inches tall with legs barely making the required minimum length to qualify for transport or a truck licence.



Jack and Gwenda reminded us that the technology was not as advanced as it is today, with the tail light having to be switched on/off manually. Try explaining that to the younger generation! Jack and Gwenda recalled places such as Snake Gully and especially Linton where WRAAC members were billeted at the local pub and males at the footy ground apparently the non-fraternization rules were difficult to enforce with partying at the hotel going on into the wee small hours. Those were the days!

Linton is situated 34kms south west of historical Ballarat (Victoria)

ANZAC Day 2014



A picture perfect Melbourne morning greeted thousands of people gathered in our beautiful city in tribute to the fallen. There were approximately 60,000 at the dawn service that morning with a record crowd expected again next year.

We had a small group marching behind the WRAAC Banner with a cheering crowd helping us along. We proudly followed AWAS members marching behind their banner and there was a sense of pride and happiness in the air. As usual there wasn't a band for us to keep in step so we improvised by singing a few Army songs, no doubt to the amusement and entertainment of the crowd!

Major Maggie More joined us at the steps to the forecourt following her Shrine duties and it was good to see my old mate Ruth (Marshall) Smith (3WRAAC Coy) and husband Ron near the Shrine cheering us on.

Our thanks to Tam Vo and Zac Clarke (Scouts) for their assistance with our Banner.

It was a great day and we look forward to seeing you next year as we commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli.



ANZAC WEEK

Margaret (Robinson) Jager reports back that her invitation to speak at her local school during ANZAC Week was a success with a 15 minute talk extended to nearly an hour with the children's enthusiasm a key factor. The children were impressed with Margaret's account of her ride in a Leopard tank during her time as a member of the WRAAC.



The Association was able to supply Margaret with several uniforms and selected memorabilia to assist with the presentation.

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SHRINE OF REMEMBRANCE UPDATE

The extensive renovations undertaken to our much loved Shrine of Remembrance is looking great and on track to be finalised by the 2015 Commemoration of the Gallipoli landing. The Shrine of Remembrance continues to play a significant role in preserving Australia's Military history and is the heart and soul of our beautiful city.

Our best wishes to Dale Capron on his recent promotion to Visitors Service Co-ordinator.

58TH/32ND BATTALION ASSOCIATION

POMPEY ELLIOTT REUNION LUNCH

21st March 2014

Major Maggie More and Jude Pinkerton-Treloar attended the 58th/32nd Infantry Battalion Association Remembrance and Wreath laying Ceremony held at the 58th Battalion Cenotaph, Menin Barracks Moonee Ponds. The service is always moving and significant as it proudly acknowledges the pride and honour associated with the memory of the Founding Father of the 58th infantry Battalion Major General Harold "Pompey" Elliott. A Reunion luncheon is held following the service with a Guest Speaker in attendance.

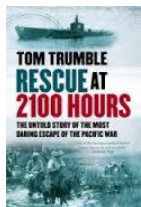


This year the Guest speaker was author, Tom Trumble, Grandson of the late Flight Lieutenant Bryan Rofe recounting the daring rescue of airmen following the Japanese invasion of Timor in 1942. This well researched book highlights the courage and sacrifice of young men as they flee the advancing enemy. If they are captured vital information could be revealed under torture. We learn of the heroism displayed by Timorese fisherman who ultimately help in the rescue of the airmen.

The Book.

RESCUE AT 2100 HOURS

By Tom Trumble



The previously untold story of the most daring escape of the Pacific war.

Published by Penguin Viking rrp \$35.00

VALE

F25061 WOI Gniare Sylvia Foster

It is with great sadness we report on the passing of Association life member WO1 Gniare Foster (F25061) who passed away on the 29th April 2014. Gniare was farewelled by members of the WRAAC

Association and her extensive service was remembered in the Eulogy read by Jude Pinkerton-Treloar.



The RSL State President, Major General David McLachlan AO was also in attendance together with ANZAC Day staff members. A fitting tribute to a great lady

Our sincere condolences to Gniare's family and friends.

The WRAAC Association Victoria Inc. wishes to convey their heartfelt gratitude to those who cared for Gniare in her final days.

THINKING OF YOU

Our thoughts are with President Heather and husband Hugh Fry with special thoughts of their Auntie Dot in Queensland.

We are thinking of you all at this very difficult time.

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



MEMBERSHIP

Annual Membership fees are due 1st July 2014, remember fees can be paid at the July luncheon. Only Annual members (Form is Attachment #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 Secretary/Membership Officer Diane Sherry on 0408 553 412 or email 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.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Mrs Ruth Smith CMF 1963-1965
Nee Marshall 3 WRAAC Coy
Annual Member

Mrs Angela Muir ARA 1975-1977
Nee Stevens 21 Sup Bn
F59589 101 Fd Wksp
Annual Member

Mrs Marjory MacDonald ARA 1951-1953
Nee Fife WRAAC Trg Coy
F3/117 (Queenscliff)
Annual Member OCS Mildura

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)
Lt Evelyn Howarth
Ms Pamela Hunt (nee Walsh)
Ms Angela Jones
Mrs Joyce Payne
Ms Debbie Umpleby
Ms. Sallyann Welton

Please contact Diane Sherry on telephone 0408 553 412 or email: dishe1946@yahoo.com.au



LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

ATTACHMENT #1: WRAAC Luncheon Form

ATTACHMENT #2: WRAAC Annual Membership Form

ATTACHMENT #3: Reserve Forces Day Poster

ATTACHMENT #4: Reserve Forces Day Information for Marchers



WRAAC ASSOCIATION (VICTORIA) INC.

38th ANNIVERSARY REUNION LUNCHEON

Members are invited to a luncheon at
The International of Brighton
81 Bay Street, Brighton.
On Saturday
19th July 2014
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

Due to limited parking at venue suggest alternate parking available in Berwick Street and Parliament Street, no restrictions (on railway line side of the International).
Bay Street, past the lights at New Street, heading towards the beach, no restrictions

Booking Form

19th July 2014

(BOOKINGS CLOSE ON FRIDAY 4th JULY 2014)

To: Mrs Liz Maclaine, 16 Richard Street, Williamstown, Vic. 3016

Telephone: (03) 9397 1043

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:(pleaseprint)..... .Nee.....

Address:.....

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

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

Meal Requirements (please circle) Vegetarian / Diabetic

For any other special dietary needs Contact Liz Maclaine

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:

PAYMENT Lunches at \$52.00 each \$



**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE DUE
FOR THE PERIOD 1ST JULY 2014 TO 30TH JUNE 2015**

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

To the Membership Officer: Miss Diane Sherry

WRAAC Association (Vic) Inc.

Unit 73 – 2 Gremel Road

Reservoir Vic 3073

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

Name:

Address:

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

NOTE: This fee is applicable to Annual Membership only.

RESERVE FORCES DAY PARADE

SUNDAY 6th JULY 2014

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 *1020hrs*



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 1000. LOOK FOR YOUR ASSOCIATION BANNER AND BE READY TO MARCH OFF AT 1020.

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 turnout. 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.

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.

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.