



RSL NSW AUXILIARY NEWS

February, 2023

Welcome to our first Newsletter for 2023, Hope everyone had a great Christmas and relaxing break. It went very quickly, didn't it?

Fingers crossed this year we will be able to have a full year without interruptions of any kind, when you look back it's been several years with one thing or another since we have been in this position, however, everyone deserves a pat on the back for what we were able to achieve under very difficult circumstances.

With Anzac Day just around the corner, Poppy Wreaths are needed, click the link for a great tutorial for making a Poppy Wreath <https://youtu.be/sOnFFgTkTa8>

Over the years knitted and crocheted poppies have been a great fundraiser, but we are always looking for new ideas, recently I came across a poppy that I think is a wonderful way of engaging people in something unique.

As I've mentioned before there are four official colours for Remembrance Poppies,

The RED poppy is the most famous symbol used to commemorate those who sacrificed their lives in World War One and the wars that followed. The red poppy represents remembrance and hope and is connected to the Royal British Legion – a charity created by veterans of World War One.

The PURPLE poppy also known as the "Animal poppy" is a memorial tribute remembering the service and sacrifices of all animals, great and small, that subsequently lost their lives in service; as well as honouring and recognising animals within the armed forces who bravely serve and work the frontline today.

Animals still continue to play a vital and significant role supporting and helping returning soldiers.

The WHITE poppy pays tribute to those who died in conflict, but emphasises an ultimate commitment to achieving peace and challenging the way we look at war. This one is the hallmark of the Peace Pledge Union.

The BLACK poppy is most commonly associated with the commemoration of black, African and Caribbean communities' contribution to the war effort – as servicemen and servicewomen, and as civilians.

In this poppy they have all been combined into one.

Isn't it great, hopefully our knitters and crocheters be encourage to get busy .



REVEILLE



Do you know our Reveille magazines are available online? Flick through it online here: www.rslnsw.org.au/member-resources/reveille/

We have been asked why there is no longer an Auxiliary section in the Reveille, very simple as we are now part of the League we don't need our own section. Our stories can now be included with sub Branches and any other sections of the magazine.

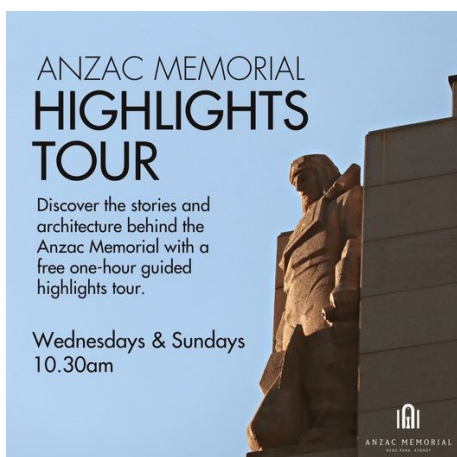
We encourage Auxiliaries to submit news/stories, photos etc to be considered for publication in the Reveille.

Submissions should be emailed to the news@rslnsw.org.au no later than one month in advance of each issue (March, June, September, and December).

Obviously not all submissions will be able to be published but they will endeavour as always to do their best.



THE ANZAC MEMORIAL HYDE PARK SYDNEY



The Anzac Memorial at Hyde Park is now running free one-hour guided highlights tours that explore its stories, Art Deco architecture and art.

Led by one of our knowledgeable guides, the highlights tour explores the Memorial's architectural design that dates back to the 1930s, the more recent award-winning Centenary Extension commemorating over 100 years of service, and the significance of the Memorial's many incredible sculptural features.

The tour also includes the daily Service of Remembrance at

11am, a special moment to pause and remember those who served and made the ultimate sacrifice.

It is an unforgettable way to experience the Anzac Memorial.

After the tour, visit the Memorial's permanent exhibition to learn about the experiences of Australian men and women who served in conflict and peacekeeping operations for over a century.

Tours take place every Wednesday and Sunday at 10.30am, departing from the Anzac Memorial Shop near the Western Entrance.

Bookings are recommended and can be made here <https://bit.ly/am-highlights-tour>

2023 PREMIER'S ANZAC MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



The Premier's Anzac Memorial Scholarship gives NSW Year 10 and 11 History students the opportunity to travel on a study tour to develop their knowledge and understanding of the history of Australians at war. Accompanied by a military historian the tour includes visits to significant historical sites to learn about and commemorate the service of Australian men and women in the World Wars and other conflicts.

In 2023, the PAMS study tour will visit places in Singapore and Darwin.

Applications open 30 January 2023 and close 13 March 2023 at 11.59pm.

For more on the Scholarship on the [NSW Office for Veterans Affairs](https://bit.ly/pams-2023) website: <https://bit.ly/pams-2023>



THE RSL NSW YOUNG VETERANS COMMITTEE



Late 2021 a committee was established to directly advise the RSL NSW Board on matters impacting young veterans. It's aim is focused on engaging with young veterans not yet participating in the League to understand how the League, through its sub-Branch network, can better cater to their needs and attract them to participate.

Click here <https://www.rslnsw.org.au/.../young-veterans-committee.../> as six of the members explain how they plan to support younger veterans in 2023.

VETERANS' BRAIN BANK

Sydney Local Health District has officially launched a new Australia-first Brain Bank to help better understand the impact of head injuries among the nations service men and women.

In partnership with the [National Centre for Veterans' Healthcare](#), the establishment of the Veterans' Brain Bank will lead to better health outcomes for the veterans' community by increasing the understanding of the impacts of repetitive head injuries.



RSL LIFECARE VETERAN SERVICES

Between October and December 2022, RSL LifeCare Veteran Services was able to:

- Provide \$147,706 in financial assistance including \$99,000 in disaster assistance to a total of 69 veterans and families.
- Assist 61 veterans experiencing homelessness.
- Help 304 veterans to lodge 1289 DVA claims.
- Facilitate 85 veterans or partners access to employment support and employment training opportunities.
- Make 41 virtual or socially distanced visits to veterans and family members at homes, hospitals or nursing homes.
- Lodge 31 new VRB appeals, complete 83 Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) mediation discussions and represent 10 full VRB Hearings.
- Guide 20 veterans through horse handling and riding courses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE QUILT

It's hard to believe it is only 4 years since the Thank You For Your Service Quilt Project was born. When Pauline first told me of her idea neither of us could have imagined the impact it would have.

Since the first quilt was presented to Mick Bainbridge at the 2019 RSL Congress in Albury over 65 quilts have been presented to amazing people not only for ADF service but for great service to the League.

Every stitch on these beautiful quilts is done with care and love by our members, to acknowledge the great work given for the veterans' community.

Non quilters would not understand the amount of work that goes into making a quilt, trust me there is a lot and this project would not be possible without a wonderful group of Auxiliary members who have made it possible and we thank them from the bottom of our hearts.

Obviously quilting incurs costs, material, wadding, thread, backing fabric etc. and we want to thank Bankstown sub Branch who have donated generous financial contributions to this project.

Pauline has been busy again since the start of the year (9 quilts presented) congratulations to all the recipients and thank you for all you do.



Alan Barnes OAM Ingleburn



John O'Grady Ingleburn



John Lees Ingleburn



John Beer Ingleburn



Graham Toll Ingleburn



Ken Wheeler Ingleburn



Peter McFarlane Ingleburn



David Edmond Corowa



Shirley Delaney served 4 years in the WRAAF before marrying her husband Stan who served in the RAAF in Korea, she also accompanied her husband when he was posted to Malaya, they raised two sons.

Shirley and her husband joined Penrith RSL sub Branch after making their home in Penrith.

Shirley worked tirelessly for the RSL and the Auxiliary helping raise funds for many years.

She was also on the Committee of the Ex WRAAF Services Women's Association, Treasurer for 27 years. Shirley also belongs to Legacy, War Widows and Womens Veterans Network Australia, her life has been committed to helping all areas of service.

Shirley Delaney Penrith



AROUND THE AUXILIARIES

DOYALSON WYEE AUXILIARY

High Tea put on by the sub Branch for Auxiliary members



SAWTEL AUXILIARY

A giggle from Janet Dawson

LOOK BACK AT COVID HUMOUR

1. DAY 6 OF QUARANTINE:

PREPARING TO TAKE OUT THE GARBAGE.

SO EXCITED CAN'T DECIDE WHAT TO WEAR. ?

2. DOES ANYONE KNOW HOW LONG TOILET PAPER WILL LAST IF YOU FREEZE IT.?

3. NINE MONTHS FROM NOW I HAD BETTER NOT SEE KO'RONA VYRESS 6LBS 50Z. ?

4. DAY 3 HOME SCHOOLING :

THEY ALL GRADUATED.



Back to quilts, as you will have seen in earlier Newsletters some Auxiliaries embrace the idea and have made and presented quilts in the own areas to members and those that have assisted them, which is wonderful and something other Auxiliaries could consider this for the coming year.

Many Auxiliaries have members who quilt and also there are quilting groups all over the state which could be approached to help, you never know there are possible new Auxiliary members in these groups that have no idea what our organisation does.

Saying thank you is a wonderful thing but so is saying we care, think of the number of ex service personnel who live alone or are in residential care.

Knitters & crocheters can also be involved, with winter coming knee rugs would be very much appreciated.



To all our Auxiliary Members who are not feeling the best at the moment, we are thinking of you and sending our love and best wishes

POEM

WRITING THEIR STORIES

Just a black and white photo
With a young soldier's name.
This is all I can gather,
To cement his claim to fame.
It's a matter of honour.
In presenting his case
With the utmost diligence
Through the words which I place
And I know exactly what to write,
For the tilt of his chin,
Gives me an insight
To the soldier within.
I can see he was confident,
Through his arrogant smile.
As the glint in his eyes
Puts the viewer on trial.

No-one doubts his courage.
For by just being there,
He proved he was a patriot
Just doing his share.
And as a soldier myself.
One who stood by his side.
I know he stood tall
When there was nowhere to hide.
Now it's left to me
To tell you his story.
But how do mere words extol
The true extent of his glory?
The answer is none.
But no greater love was ever shown,
Than the sacrifice by these soldiers,
We proudly claim as our own!
Bill Charlton c 2023



SAVE THE DATE

POPPY BALL

Since our last Newsletter an amazing amount of work has been done on the Poppy Ball, by next month's Newsletter I should be able to let you in on the venue, trust me it's awesome, but in the meantime we have a date

14th OCTOBER , 2023

I'll have more information for you soon including cost and how to book.



GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE

LORI RESEIGH - INGLEBURN AUXILIARY

Delores (known as Lori) Reseigh joined the Ingleburn RSL Sub Branch Auxiliary on 26th February 2012 and remained a member until her passing on 24th January 2023 peacefully in hospital surrounded by her family.

In 2022 Lori received her 10-year certificate as a member of the Ingleburn RSL Sub Branch Auxiliary.

Lori was an integral member of the Auxiliary and assisted with fundraising activities. She participated in charity work with the Courts and the Kemps Creek animal shelter as well as the Vietnam Veterans Association. She will be sadly missed.

Lest we forget



PATRICIA (TRISH) BAIN - GOSFORD AUXILIARY

Trish transferred to Gosford when she moved to the Central Coast from Maroubra. At Maroubra she worked diligently, she was President of the Eastern Suburbs Area Group for a number of years even after relocating she travelled down for the Group meetings.

Trish held the position of Coordinator at Gosford Auxiliary until she became ill in 2021. She was dedicated to RSL NSW and the Auxiliary and very loyal to the cause.

Trish was a wonderful lady, dedicated to her family and a true and loyal friend, she will be sadly missed.



JOAN TICEHURST - INVERELL

Mrs Joan Ticehurst, long time life member of the Inverell RSL Auxiliary, unfortunately passed away on 21 November 2022 at the grand age of 97.

Joan, or Mrs T as she was affectionately known, was a very valued member of the Inverell RSL Auxiliary. She joined the Auxiliary in 1967 and held many positions on the committee of the Auxiliary and was an incredibly involved and active member.

Joan and her husband, Cyril who was a WWII veteran settled in the Inverell district on a soldier settlement block at Long Plain and raised their eleven children on the property. Joan left a family legacy of 106 descendants.

Joan was an integral part of the success of the Inverell RSL Auxiliary and was known for her treks around the town selling ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day badges to fundraise for the Inverell RSL Sub Branch. Unfortunately, this came to an end when COVID descended on us.

Joan, Mrs T will be sadly missed by the Inverell RSL Auxiliary, Inverell RSL Sub Branch and the Inverell community in general.

RIP Joan Ticehurst





Auxiliaries with Facebook Pages:

Ingleburn

ANZAC House RSL NSW
Auxiliary – Penshurst

Bundeena

Leeton

Port Macquarie

Woonona Bulli

Doyalson Wyee

For those of you who use Facebook, do you know that we have both a Facebook Page and a Facebook Group, why not pop over and join us?

Facebook Page, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/163434587113422>

Facebook Group www.facebook.com/groups/3455036824555520

Battlefields of WWI , Gareth McCray OAM has regular posts, poems from Bill Charlton, so much more.

We are aware some Auxiliaries have their own Facebook Pages/ Groups, if you do, please let me know so that I can add the details to the next Newsletter and other members will be able to follow you.

Heicke Keefe has set up a Facebook group for all of us crafters, **Helping our Veterans Craft Group**, pop over and join, some great ideas to help raise funds. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/3455036824555520>

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From 23rd August, 2021

Anzac House will be located in
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