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# Morphett Vale RSL Newsletter



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## ANZAC APPEAL RESULTS 2018

Thanks to all who took part in this year's ANZAC Appeal, the results are:

Bunnings	\$479.20
Woodcroft Plaza	\$993.35
Southgate Square	\$854.70
Woodcroft T/C	\$677.20
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,004.45</b>

As you are aware, the quantity of badges available from State Branch, though at no cost, was slightly limited and the Women's Auxiliary decided to purchase some from the Military Shop.

Cost of purchased badges was \$608.25, therefore, the Net appeal amount raised was \$2,396.25. This amount will be forwarded to State Branch to be paid into the ANZAC/Remembrance Appeal account to be used for Veterans' Welfare.

Last year's ANZAC Appeal raised \$4,438.40, however, we didn't do as well at Bunnings as we did last year when we raised over \$921.05. It has been suggested that the 'new' cashless society in which we live may have a bearing on the amount of cash that is available on certain occasions.

Whatever the amount raised, it will be put to good use and we will continue to do whatever we can to raise funds.

My sincere thanks go to the following who volunteered their time to raise funds for this year's ANZAC Appeal:

Sandy Wheaton, Dierdre Owen, Rob and Elaine Winter, Beryl Sheean, Sue and Jim Bowles, Lyn and Lance Reeves, Roy and Jean Jago, Barb Marshall, Ros Day and Bev Hillman.

Without naming names, I specially thank those who were able to spare a bit of extra time and cover multiple shifts.

Many thanks  
Frank Owen

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## **NEW MEMBERS**

On behalf of President Ron Payne, the following new members are welcomed to the Morphett Vale & District Sub-Branch: Stevan and Joan Manalilik, Suzanne Duff, Mark Butler, Jacqueline Owen, Margaret Sims, Brian and Lauren Bunney. We hope you will enjoy your membership and look forward to seeing you at the Sub-Branch whenever you are able to attend.

## **ANNUAL DINNER**

Members are asked to keep Saturday, 18 August free and make every effort to support this year's Annual Dinner which will be held at the clubrooms on that night. The cost is \$40.00 per head, the same as last year, which includes pre-dinner drinks and nibbles, a two course meal and drinks until the official part of the evening concludes.

The 'tear off' Registration form is located at the rear of this Newsletter and you are requested to take note of the RSVP date, Friday 3 August. This will enable our caterers to ensure that they have sufficient food for the function and that the seating plan can be established.

Don't forget that any special dietary requirements are to be included on the Registration form.

## **SICK LIST**

The following members are not enjoying the best of health; Bryan Hewett, Ed Stirling, Bob Douglas, Tom Donlan and Ollie Waugh.

There are probably others but I am not aware of them. If you do know of anyone, please let Secretary Gordon know.

## **LEST WE FORGET**

Members are respectfully informed of the death of Howard William ELLIS on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. His funeral was conducted at the Myrtle Bank War veterans' Home on Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup>.

Howard joined the Morphett Vale RSL in January 1960, having served in the AIF during World War 2 with the 53<sup>rd</sup> AA Regiment. He was part of the team which worked hard during the time when the sub-branch moved from near the Barnacle Bill site to its current location.

Sincere condolences are extended to his family members.

## **GLENELG BRASS BAND CONCERTS**

The first of the Glenelg Brass Band 'Winter Concerts', held on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May, was well attended by members of the Sub-Branch.

The remaining dates for 2018 are; Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July and Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September.

Please give some thought to showing your support by attending.

## **OPENING TIMES/DRESS**

Just a reminder to all members; the clubrooms are open from 5.30 pm each Friday evening unless stated otherwise. Great meals are served by our caterers and our volunteer bar staff do whatever is possible to ensure that all in attendance, have a good time.

For those who are not aware, we now have an EFTPOS facility for bar purchases which can also be used when purchasing meals.

The only restrictions are; the minimum purchase is \$10.00 and there is no "Cash Out" facility.

While this should not be a problem at this time of the year, thongs and tee shirts are not permitted. For the continuing enjoyment of members and visitors, children must be under the control of their parents at all times.

Members and visitors are welcome to use the pool table, however, children under the age of 16 years must be supervised by an adult.



2018 ANNUAL DINNER REGISTRATION FORM
SATURDAY 18 AUGUST 2018
START 6.00 FOR 6.30 pm

(Please tear off and return to the Secretary no later than Friday, 3 August 2018)

To:
The Hon. Secretary
RSL, Morphett Vale & District Sub-Branch
PO Box 239
MORPHETT VALE SA 5162

I
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(Please print your name)

\*will/will not be attending the Sub-Branch Annual Dinner on Saturday 18 August 2018.

If you will not be attending, only indicate 'will not' if you wish to be included with the apologies.

I will be accompanied by ..... (Please print name of your companion)

Please record any dietary requirements. If none are recorded, you will receive the same meal as all other attendees.

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My cheque/money order for \$40.00 is enclosed. (Please include your Attendance Registration Form.)

Payment may also be made by EFT over the RSL bar, alternatively, you may pay by direct debit into the Sub-Branch bank account. Details are:-

Bank: WESTPAC Reynella
BSB: 035-053
A/c No: 80-1573
A/c name: RSL, Morphett Vale & District Sub-Branch, General Account

Please identify the transaction with your name and "ANNUAL DINNER" and inform the Secretary of the payment. If you will be accompanied, please inform him of the name of your guest.

Signed .....

Attendance is limited to 100, including members, visitors and guests.

RSVP: Strictly no later than Friday 3 August 2018

Dress: Gentlemen - Jacket and tie; if entitled, authorised medals may be worn
Ladies - After five.

IMPORTANT NOTE:
FOR CATERING PURPOSES IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT YOU NOTIFY YOUR ATTENDANCE
BY THE RSVP DATE

TO ASSIST THE RECEPTION MEMBERS, WE STRONGLY URGE PRE-PURCHASE OF
TICKETS

## Report on the ANZAC Dawn Service



The Dawn Service was held in what I can only describe as almost perfect weather conditions. Some 16,000 people attended (estimated by SAPOL and Council) and helped make this Service, in my humble opinion, an outstanding success. A number of people approached me after the Service at the Memorial Gardens to congratulate all people involved in organising such a fantastic Service. One person even went so far as to forward an email thanking us for an excellent service.

A number of Returned and Serving Servicemen and Women, led by members of the City of Onkaparinga Pipe Band, marched from the Memorial Gates of the Morphett Vale Oval to the Memorial Gardens led by our Vice-President Mark Wheaton.

In the absence of President Ron Payne, who attended a reunion interstate, Vice-President Mark Wheaton stepped in and did a first class job of welcoming all in attendance, reading the President's address, reciting The Ode and closing the proceedings. Thank you Mark for a job well done.

SQNLDR Father Peter Simmons once again conducted the Service in his usual professional manner reciting the ANZAC Requiem, providing a Scripture Reading and leading those in attendance in the prayers, hymn and National Anthems singing. I thank him for his efforts.

The big screens provided by Rob Winter were used to project not only the Digital Honour Board but also the words of the various prayers, hymns and National Anthems so that everyone could sing along if they so wished. The screens were also used to show the various speakers as they stood at the lectern. This was a first for our Dawn Service.

Almost 50 wreaths, floral arrangements and other tributes were placed on the plinth at the base of the Memorial by RSL Members, invited guests, local community groups and members of the public. It was great to see.

Finally I would like to thank all of those people and organisations that made a contribution towards this Dawn Service being as successful as it was. These included:-

Rob Winter, Lance Reeves, Jim Bowles and Ray Sheean for providing and setting up the audio and video equipment for the Dawn Service. I have received a lot of favourable comments about this.

The Onkaparinga City Concert Band for providing the music for the hymns and National Anthems as well as providing the bugler and the vocalist. This is something that they have done for a good many years now.



The City of Onkaparinga Pipe Band for providing the music for the march from the Memorial Gates to the Memorial Gardens, the 15 second slow air during the Minute of Silence and the final march off of the catafalque party.

The City of Onkaparinga for allowing us to use the Memorial Gardens and for supplying all of the infrastructure for controlling traffic ensuring that those attending were safe.

SAPOL for assisting with traffic and crowd control.

Cadets from the local Cadet Units for providing the catafalque party and the flag marshals to raise and lower the flags at the appropriate times during the Service.

SES for transporting all of the tents from the RSL to the Memorial Gardens and then setting them up. In addition they set up the 300 chairs and assisted the Council workers to set up the crowd control barriers around the Memorial. At the conclusion of the Service they packed up the chairs ready to be picked up and also dismantled the tents and transported them back to the RSL.

Hugh Mortimer for collecting all of the stores and provisions for the Gunfire Breakfast from the various suppliers and delivering them to the Sub-Branch. In addition Hugh helped Rob Winter and his crew with dismantling and packing up the audio and video equipment.

The St John Ambulance for providing a first aid coverage that was second to none. Unlike previous years they only had a few minor matters to deal with but, given the amount of equipment that they had, they were ready for any emergency.

Chris Williams, Chair of the ANZAC Youth Vigil in the South Committee, and all of his Committee Members and youth participants for mounting honour guards at the Memorial during the night prior to the commencement of the Dawn Service.

All of the members of the Noarlunga Rotary Club who participated in the preparation and serving of the Gunfire Breakfast. All up they dispensed somewhere around about 375 meals. A job well done.

The Noarlunga Sea Scouts for providing and then setting up their huge mess tent which was used by Noarlunga Rotary Club as a temporary kitchen to cook the bacon and sausages for the Gunfire Breakfast.

Buds and Blooms for providing all of the wreaths, at a discounted price, that were used during the Service. Some of these wreaths had been used at the Sunday Commemorative Service and Renae from Buds and Blooms attended at the Sub-Branch on Tuesday 24 Apr 18 to replace any dead leaves and to freshen up the flowers. This took some 2-3 hours and there was no extra charge for this service.

Jarrad Kay for acting as the Sub-Branch official photographer and taking a whole host of excellent photographs as the Service progressed.

Last, and by no means least, all of the people who attended our Dawn Service to make it the absolute success that it was.

I trust that I have not overlooked anyone but if I have then I would most humbly apologise.

**Gordon Curtis**

**Honorary Secretary**

**ANZAC Dawn Service Coordinator**

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"Has your son decided what he wants to be when he grows up?" I asked my friend.

"He wants to be a garbage man," he replied.

"That's an unusual ambition to have at such a young age."

"Not really. He thinks that garbage men work only on Tuesdays."



**CHANGE OF PERSONAL DETAILS – Home or PO Address, Phone Number, Email Address.**

If you have not already advised the Membership Officer, Dierdre Owen, of any change to your personal details, please up-date them below and either snail mail Dierdre at P.O. Box 239, Morphett Vale, SA 5162 or email to [deeowen1@bigpond.com](mailto:deeowen1@bigpond.com).

This is the only way that we can keep our records up to date to ensure that you receive the Sub-Branch newsletters and other communications that we send out from time to time.

Surname	
Christian/Given Names in <b>FULL</b> e.g. John David Smith NOT Jack Smith or JD Smith	
Address (if you have moved recently) – Street Name	
Address – Suburb and Post-code	
PO Box No. (if applicable)	
Suburb and Postcode	
Telephone Number	
Mobile Number	
Email Address	

This is the only way that we can keep our records up to date to ensure that you receive the Sub-Branch newsletters and other communications that we send out from time to time.

Your cooperation is appreciated.

A grasshopper hops into a bar and jumps up on a barstool.

The bartender looks at him and starts laughing and says, "Hey! We got a drink named after you!"


The grasshopper gives the bartender a dirty look and says, "You got a drink named Hank?"




## SUB-BRANCH SUPPORTERS

There are a number of businesses in our area that provide on-going support to our Sub-Branch and have done so over a long period of time. We are grateful for this support and would urge our members in return to support these local businesses.


**Allbiz Supplies Pty Ltd – 125 O’Sullivan Beach Road, Lonsdale, SA 5160. Phone – 8326 2899. Email – [stat@allbizsupplies.biz](mailto:stat@allbizsupplies.biz).**

	<p>Allbiz have been one of our long-standing supporters providing our stationery and printing needs. The staff at Allbiz, headed by Di Bellamy, are always friendly and most helpful. The next time that you require anything in the way of stationery, printing, or even office furniture, then call in and see Di and her team. You won't be sorry.</p>
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**Buds and Blooms – Shop 23 Southgate Plaza, cnr Sherriffs & Hilliers Roads, MORPHETT VALE, SA 5162. Phone – 8326 3663. Email - [budsandblooms@interfloraflorist.com.au](mailto:budsandblooms@interfloraflorist.com.au).**

	<p>Buds and Blooms, a family owned and award winning florist, has been established for 23 years. For a good many years now they have supplied all of the Sub-Branch wreaths for the ANZAC Dawn Service and Remembrance Day Service as well as other floral arrangements as required. Pop in to Buds and Blooms and speak to the friendly staff the next time you require a bouquet or other floral arrangement.</p>
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**Morphett Vale Butcher – Shop 2, 206 Main South Road, MORPHETT VALE, SA 5162. Phone – 8382 3159.**

	<p>Morphett Vale Butcher is a family owned business which has been operating since 2011. For 75 years it operated under only two owners. In 2011 Chris and Amy purchased the shop which has since been revamped and now sells a larger variety of products. Morphett Vale Butcher supplies the meat trays for our raffles at generously discounted prices. Do yourself a favour and pay them a visit.</p>
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Many years in sales lead has given Debbie a successful career in real estate with Magain Real Estate. ‘Connecting with people and helping them achieve their success is such a pleasure’. From first home buyers to those wanting to downsize, Debbie and Magain Real Estate can assist you every step of the way.



**Horndale Distillery & Wine Cellars, 41-45 Fraser Avenue, HAPPY VALLEY, SA 5159.**  
**Phone – 8387 0033. Email – [oldhorndale@hotmail.com](mailto:oldhorndale@hotmail.com). Also on Facebook.**



Horndale Distillery and Wine Cellars have also been long-standing supporters of our Sub-Branch. The business was first established in 1896 with the current owners, the Albrecht Family, purchasing the business in 1984. Horndale has a fine selection of red, white, sparkling and fortified wines and with many MEDAL WINNERS in their stable you will find the right wine for that special occasion. Come in and speak to the wine maker, Phil Albrecht, taste a few and ask his advice. RSL Members, upon production of their membership card, will receive a special discount.

### **The following Article has been submitted for your interest by Frank Owen A SPECIAL ORDER**

The following details a decision made by Lieutenant F. P. Bethune in early 1918 as the Officer Commanding No 1 Section of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Machine Gun Company.

In the first few months of 1918, although no major offensive was expected in the Messines sector, it was thought, however, that subsidiary attacks to a coming major assault might occur. In March 1918 the 3<sup>rd</sup> Machine Gun Company moved back into the front line of the Ypres salient at a place known as Spoil Bank, but the position was considered hopeless by Lieutenant F. P. Bethune, the officer commanding No 1 Section of the Company. It had a field of fire of no more than six metres and if the enemy attacked, the gun crews would be killed almost before they could fire.

Lieutenant Bethune protested to his Commanding Officer and asked to be allowed to choose other positions. The order remained as it was and Bethune insisted, as a matter of honour, on being in charge of the dangerous post.

As Bethune led his men to the suicide position he was overtaken by a runner who told him that orders had changed and he was to take up a better position at Buff Bank. This was much more to Bethune's liking.

*At the time, British and Australian infantry had been in strength near the guns but they were now moved back to prepare for an attack and this left Bethune's guns dangerously exposed. With safety of that part of the line in his hands, Bethune considered that his men should have written orders. He issued these instructions:*

#### **SPECIAL ORDERS: No 1 Section, 13.3.18**

This position will be held, and the section will remain here until relieved.  
The enemy cannot be allowed to interfere with this programme.  
If the section cannot remain here alive, it will remain here dead, but in any case it will remain here.  
Should any man through shell shock or other cause attempt to surrender, he will remain here dead.  
Should all guns be blown out, the section will use Mills grenades and other novelties.  
Finally, the position, as stated, will be held.

F. P. Bethune, Lieut.  
O.C. No 1 Section.

Bethune's battle order was circulated by HQ 1st AIF Division and later by other staffs. In the American forces, then under training on the Western Front, copies of the order were distributed as "an admirable model of all that a set of standing trench orders should be."

Lieutenant Bethune, a minister in civilian life, had not seriously believed that his men might surrender. "They knew that I knew they could not seriously consider such a possibility and so between us we enjoyed in silence the joke that to an outsider might have seemed a little grim", he said.





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## The following Article has been submitted for your interest by Frank Owen

Only recently (February 2018), there have been media reports and comments made concerning allowing women to serve in combat in the Special Air Services alongside the SAS men.

The following article was recently located during a clean-up and the year it was written is not certain, however, an article concerning a completely different matter, written by a former RSL National President, Brigadier Alf Garland (Retd), is dated 1993. The following item was separately “reproduced by courtesy of the News Weekly”, a publication I cannot remember having read.

### The feminisation of the defence forces

“The ‘women in combat’ controversy continues here and overseas.

Israel is often cited as having the most emancipated approach to the issue with large numbers of women serving in the military.

But women in combat – that’s another thing.

The Israelis are proud that since 1948, even in the most desperate circumstances, they have never had to resort to using female personnel in combat.

However, experience counts for nothing, as a study in declining standards at America’s premier military academy has revealed.

### David Horowitz reports:

“According to sworn testimony of a West Point official ... when men and women are required to perform the same exercises, women’s scores are ‘weighted’ to compensate for their deficiencies; women cadets take ‘comparable’ training where they cannot meet the physical standards for male cadets, and peer ratings have been eliminated because women were scoring too low. ‘Gender norming’ – the institutionalisation of a double standard so that women are measured against other women, rather than against men – is now the rule of all the service academies.

‘Even the men’s training has been downgraded: cadets no longer train in combat boots because women were experiencing high rates of injury; running with heavy weapons has been eliminated because it was unrealistic and therefore inappropriate’ to expect women to do it; the famed ‘recondo’ endurance week, during which cadets used to march with full backpacks and undergo other strenuous activities, has been eliminated, as have the upper-body strength events in the obstacle course.

“It’s one thing to have second-rate professors because of affirmative action quotas that lower standards. But a second-rate officer corps?”

I stress that the above is reproduced for those who might be interested and is not intended to stir the “hornet’s nest”. However, I do know there are many ex and currently serving members of the ADF (Australian Defence Forces) who are greatly concerned that the ADF is “going soft”.

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I was knocked down by a cyclist as I crossed the road. He looked down at me and said “you’re lucky”. I said “what do you mean, I’m lucky?” He replied “I usually drive a bus”



## Saluting Their Service Commemorations

# Digital Honour Board

Recognising residents of the local area and their family members who have served their country in the armed forces, whether in war or peacetime.

## Information and Contribution Form



Morphett Vale RSL Sub-Branch has established a Digital Honour Board to display visual presentations of photographs and information about men and women who were killed in action, those who returned, those who have served but did not have operational service and those currently serving as members of Australian and other allied military services. The photographs aim to focus on recognising the comradeship, mateship, personal experiences and friendships developed during service life.

A screen has been erected at the RSL Sub Branch premises where the display can be viewed, the content will appear on the RSL website and will also be projected at the Morphett Vale Youth Vigil in the South and ANZAC Day Dawn Services annually.

These events attract over 10,000 people and it is hoped that a display containing such personal links to residents may encourage more people to attend commemoration events, visit memorial sites and develop a high respect for veterans.

This type of honour board is a new innovation that is more accessible to a wider audience than a traditional honour roll because it is available through internet based distribution services such as YouTube and facebook, the RSL web site, war museums and the local council library historic records collection.

**A Project of**  
**Morphett Vale RSL Sub-Branch**

Supported by  
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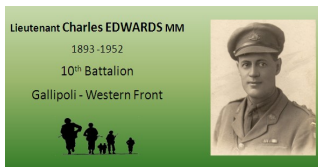


## Saluting Their Service Commemorations Digital Honour Board

A public appeal has been launched to obtain authorised photographs to be used in a Digital Honour Board display and the Morphett Vale RSL Sub-Branch is working with the RSL Virtual War Memorial to obtain appropriate photographs of local veterans and service personnel. These will be exhibited in a respectful and non-sensationalistic manner providing an opportunity for recognition and personal reflection.

It is hoped that the Digital Honour Board display can include service persons that may not be recognised through current memorials and will develop pride for service in the descendants of those depicted as well as the general community.

The RSL intends to periodically add new records to the display and is seeking on-going contributions from local residents that honour the military service of family members and relatives who have served at home and abroad during conflicts or peacetime.



### Samples of Honour Board entries

If you would like your family members or relatives who have served in the military honoured, please complete this form and send (with a photograph if possible) to RSL Morphett Vale Sub-Branch, 8 Robertson Avenue, Morphett Vale 5162, deliver to RSL clubrooms on Tuesdays from 11am to 1pm or Fridays from 6pm to 9pm, upload your information at [www.rslmorphettvale.com.au](http://www.rslmorphettvale.com.au), email [rslhonourboard@gmail.com](mailto:rslhonourboard@gmail.com) or contact Rob on 8387 1754.

#### Digital Honour Board - Saluting Their Service - Contribution

Service Member Name .....

Post-nominal Decorations (if known)

Year of Birth ..... Year of Death (if applicable)

Rank (if known) .....

Service .....

(e.g. Army, Navy, Airforce, Special Forces, Peacekeeping, Women's Services)

Battalion/Ship/Unit/Squadron etc. (if known) .....

Theatre of Service .....

(e.g. Gallipoli, France, Belgium, Western Front, UK, Africa, Korea, Malaya, Borneo, New Guinea, Vietnam, Philippines, Australia, Pacific, Atlantic, S.E. Asia, Timor, Iraq, Afghanistan)

**Send Nominations to: Lions Club of Noarlunga-Morphett Vale, PO Box 101, Morphett Vale 5162**



## WWI ROLL OF HONOR – OLD REYNELLA PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS ON THE ROLL OF HONOR WHO BECAME SOLDIERS

### WRIGHT (Senior), Walter – Service No. 752 – Private – 43rd Infantry Battalion.

Walter was born on the 18 May 1868, at McLaren Vale, South Australia. His parents were Joseph Wright and Mary Ann Wright (nee Sandery). At the time of his enlistment he resided with his wife, Sarah Jane Wright (nee Roskilly) who he married in 1888, at Leicester Street, Parkside. Walter's occupation prior to enlisting was that of a labourer.

Walter enlisted in the Army at Adelaide on 17 January, 1916, aged 45 years. Upon completion of his initial training, he was posted to D Company of the 43rd Battalion. He embarked for overseas service in France on 9 June, 1916, from Adelaide, SA, on board HMAT Afric.

During the voyage to Marseilles Walter became quite ill with a respiratory problem and was admitted to the Ship's Hospital for a week. He disembarked at Marseilles on 20 July, 1916, with his Battalion, for further training prior to being posted to the front.

On 14 October, 1916, Walter once more succumbed to illness this time suffering from severe bronchitis which saw him admitted to hospital yet again. On 6 November, 1916, he was transported to England and admitted to the King George Hospital. Between the 6 November, 1916, and the 17 April, 1917, Walter never left hospital and was treated in several military hospitals at Fargo, Perham Downs and Tidworth as well as at the Brigade Hospital and Newbury Convalescent Depot.

On 17 April, 1917, Walter was examined by a panel of doctors, medically assessed as C3 – "medically unfit for service (not due to misconduct)" and ordered to be returned to Australia at the earliest opportunity. On 5 May, 1917, he embarked on board the SS Runic bound for Australia arriving in Adelaide on 2 July, 1917. On 1 August, 1917, Walter was discharged from the AIF at Adelaide – "Medically unfit – disability – (1) Senility (2) Chronic Bronchitis". Upon his discharge Walter resumed living with his wife at Parkside and became a labourer. He passed away on 15 September, 1936. I have been unable to locate a photograph of Walter.

His Service Record shows that he was awarded the 1914/15 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Father: "Son, you were adopted."

Son: "What?! I knew it! I want to meet my biological parents!"

Father: "We are your biological parents. Now pack up, the new ones will pick you up in 20 minutes."



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**WRIGHT, George James – Service No. 7576 – Private, 10th Battalion.**

George was born on the 16 March, 1884, at Reynella, South Australia. His parents were Robert Wright and Mary Wright. At the time of his enlistment he resided with his parents and sister Lucy Wright at Reynella. He was single. His occupation prior to enlisting was that of a clerk.

George enlisted in the Army on 16 November, 1916, at Adelaide aged 32 years. Upon completion of his initial training he was posted to B Company of the Depot Battalion before being posted to C Company of the 10th Battalion. He embarked from Melbourne, Victoria, on board HMAT A60 Aeneas on 30 October 1917 bound for Plymouth, England, with his Battalion.

On 17 December, 1917, George was admitted to the Ship's Hospital suffering from mumps and, upon arrival at Plymouth on 27 November, 1917, he was transferred to the 4th Southern Central Hospital for further treatment. On 22 January, 1918, George was discharged from hospital and posted to the 2nd Training Battalion at Sutton Vesey. On 1 April, 1918, he was posted overseas to Calais, France, where he rejoined his original unit.

In a short space of time George saw considerable action and was partially buried by a shell explosion on 6 July, 1918. He sustained a serious shrapnel wound to the left side of his chest and abdomen, as well as a perforated eardrum, and was taken to the Military Hospital in Boulogne for treatment. On 7 October, 1918, George was discharged from hospital and rejoined his unit, however, on 19 October, 1918, he was posted to the School of Instruction before rejoining his original unit on 9 November, 1918, where once again he saw action.

George had a period of leave in the UK from 2 to 22 March, 1919, and on 29 March, 1919, he was told that he was to remain in the UK and he would be assessed by a Medical Board as there were concerns about the ramifications of his wounds. He was subsequently assessed as unfit for service on medical grounds and returned to Australia on board the SS Ormonde arriving in Australia on 29 July, 1919. George was discharged on the 23 August, 1919. He was awarded the 1914/15 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

George married Ivy Linda Mason at the Reynella Methodist Church on the 24 March, 1920. He passed away on 27 October, 1959, at Trinity Gardens, SA. I have been unable to locate a photograph of George.

**Gordon Curtis,  
Honorary Secretary.**

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"Will the father be present during the birth?" the obstetrician asked solicitously.

"Nah," replied the mother-to-be. "He and my husband don't get along."



## The Rouse and the Reveille

At the conclusion of this year's Dawn Service a number of people approached me asking why the Rouse was not played at the end of the minute of silence and wanted to know what had been played. A number of these people were former members of the Australian Defence Force and it surprised me that they were not aware that the Rouse and the Reveille are bugle calls played to signify different parts of the day. Once I had explained the difference they were happy.

This got me to thinking that perhaps there are a lot of people who do not know the difference between the Rouse and the Reveille and, rather than they just take my word for it, I decided to research it from an authoritative source, namely the History and Traditions section of the Australian Army website. I have set out the differences below.

### Rouse

The Rouse is the call used in conjunction with the Last Post at commemorative services such as Remembrance Day, at dedication services and at military funerals. The Rouse is a short bugle call that was also used to call soldiers to their duties.

After the one minute silence, the Rouse is sounded during which flags are raised from half-mast to the masthead.

### Reveille

Reveille, from the French word 'reveillez', meaning to 'wake-up', was originally played as a drum beat just prior to daybreak.

Its purpose is to wake up the sleeping soldiers and to let the sentries know that they could cease challenging. It was also a signal to open the town gates and let out the horse guard, allowing them to do a reconnaissance of the immediate area beyond the walls.

During the ANZAC Day Dawn Service, the Last Post is sounded followed by a minute of silence. The silence is broken by the Reveille during which flags are raised from half-mast to the masthead.

Today, the Reveille is only performed at ANZAC Day Dawn Services or as the first call of the day in Barracks.

## The significance of Silence

I also had another query in relation to the minute of silence. Two people approached me and informed me that it should have been two minutes of silence. Both of these men informed me that they had been born in South Africa which will become apparent shortly. I explained the reasons why it is one minute of silence but they begged to differ and we parted in an amicable manner.

This also got me to thinking that there is also a lot of people who are not aware of the significance of the minute (or two minutes) of silence and so it was off to the History and Traditions section of the Australian Army website once more.

Silence for one or two minutes is included in ANZAC and Remembrance Day ceremonies as a sign of respect and a time for reflection.



The idea for the two minute silence is said to have originated with Edward George Honey, a Melbourne journalist and First World War veteran who was living in London in 1919. He wrote a letter to the London Evening News in which he appealed for five minutes silence, to honour the sacrifice of those who had died during the war.

In October 1919, Sir Percy Fitzpatrick, a South African, suggested a period of silence on Armistice Day (now commonly known as Remembrance Day) in all the countries of the Empire. Throughout the war, whenever South African troops suffered heavy losses on the Western Front, a period of silence had been observed at noon in Cape Town.

Fitzpatrick's suggestion was presented to King George V, who readily agreed to the proposal. But after a trial with the Grenadier guards at Buckingham Palace, at which both Honey and Fitzpatrick were present, the period of silence was shortened to two minutes. It is unclear whether Honey and Fitzpatrick ever met or discussed ideas about the silence.

On 6 November 1919, the King sent a special message to the people of the Commonwealth: *"I believe that my people in every part of the Empire fervently wish to perpetuate the memory of that Great Deliverance, and of those who laid down their lives to achieve it."*

The King requested that "a complete suspension of all our normal activities" be observed for two minutes at "the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month" so that "in perfect stillness the thoughts of everyone may be concentrated on reverent remembrance of the Glorious Dead".

Two minutes silence was first observed in Australia on the first anniversary of the Armistice and continues to be observed on Remembrance Day, 11 November. Over the years, the two minute silence has also been incorporated into ANZAC Day and other commemorative ceremonies.

At RSL Sub-Branches around Australia, the remembrance silence has become part of the nightly nine o'clock ritual, when any light other than a memorial flame is dimmed, members stand in silence and then recite the Ode.

In recent times, one minute of silence has been observed at Australian commemorative events, such as ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day ceremonies. The reason behind this change is largely unknown.

**Gordon Curtis**  
**Honorary Secretary**

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My mind is like an internet browser:  
19 open tags  
4 of them are frozen  
There are hundreds of pop-ups  
And I have no clue at all where that music is coming from....



## STATE PRESIDENT MESSAGE TO MEMBERS MAY 2018

Dear Members,

ANZAC Day, April 25, 2018 marked the 103rd anniversary of the Gallipoli Landing. The significance of this year will be commemorated as the Centenary of the Armistice on November 11, 2018.

This year also was a great day of commemoration and education for all South Australians, Territorians and those folks in Broken Hill. Personally I was amazed at the great effort given by all our members, that great community organisation, the general public volunteers and staff.

**Adelaide Dawn Service, ANZAC March and the Cross of Sacrifice:** With months in the making the collective efforts of Ian Smith, Tony Chaplin, the ANZAC Day Committee, Tony Bickle and all the volunteers that worked tirelessly to pull the Commemorative Services together, I thank you.

This event could not have gone forward without the support and cooperation of SA Police, State Government, the Adelaide City Council and last but not least, the RSL SA Staff. With staff resources being limited this year, the results proved a high standard, and the dedication of the staff to see the commemorative services to fruition.

**Youth Vigil:** The 2018 ANZAC Youth Vigil was a complete success. My thanks to Vince Scotland, the Youth Vigil Committee, and the volunteers for the great efforts in organising the event in the city. My thanks to the Youth that participated across the state in this important Vigil. Affordable Marquees, Kennard's Hire, Kyton's Bakery, Vilis Cakes, and McDonalds made sure all involved in the Youth Vigil were well covered, fed and watered.

**ANZAC Appeal:** Thus far over \$34,000.00 has been raised, generated from, AFL ANZAC Round, ANZAC Appeal collections in the City, and RAAF base Edinburgh. This does not include funds raised from our Sub branches; these figures will not be available for several weeks.

**ANZAC on Torrens – After March Activity:** The RSL has returned to handing back the reins to Defence organisations and volunteers to run the after-ANZAC commemorations gathering at Torrens Parade Ground. Once again we could not have succeeded without the assistance of the Military Unit Associations, 3<sup>rd</sup> Health Support Battalion, 7 RAR, TS Noarlunga Cadets, CUB, Volunteers, Lions Club of, Bush Artillery Historical Association, Toll Transport Group, Vilis, Buttercup Bakery, Bank SA, The Cheer-up Hut.

As demonstrated above there is no lack of support for the RSL when it comes to commemorations and in honouring those that have given the greatest sacrifice of life for us. We look forward to uniting again in 2019.

I wanted to take some time to provide you with an update on some of the activities we are working on at the State Branch.

**Advocacy and Welfare:** We are currently working on over 200 advocacy and welfare cases. We are running at full speed and commend those Sub branches that are directly or indirectly supporting this effort.

**Finance:** Although we are still under the Deeds of Company Arrangement (DOCA) I am happy to report that we are running ahead of budget and look to come out from under the DOCA as scheduled on August 17, 2018. Once again I would like to thank the valued support of the RAR Sub branch and their purchase of their club house building that went a long way to assisting the State Branch.

**Governance:** We are currently on track to meet our compliance requirements with the Australian Charities and Not-For-Profits Commission. I would encourage all Sub-branches to look at their own governance arrangements moving forward. We at State branch will be developing a suite of easy to use governance documents in the near future for the use of all Sub branches.

Best wishes to all of you and to the future of the Returned & Services League.





## **RESULTS OF THE 2018 NOMINATION/ELECTION PROCESS FOR PRESIDENT, BOARD MEMBERS & REGIONAL COORDINATORS FOR RSL SA/NT**

By Peter Ali

CEO, Legacy Club of Adelaide

Returning Officer, 2018 RSL SA/NT elections

### ***Nominations***

***President – Bronson Horan***

***Board members – Trevor Whitelaw (Brighton), Cheryl Cates (Largs Bay), Bob Shewring (Darwin), Wayne Langford (Tea Tree Gully)***

***Regional Coordinators – Wayne Langford (A4 North), David Laing (C2 Murray), Brad Flaherty (E1 West Eyre Peninsula and E2 South Eyre Peninsula), Garry Wellington (G1 Stanley), Bob Shewring (H1 & H2 Northern Territory)***

### ***Election Process***

There was only one nomination for each vacant position and therefore in accordance with Section 14 (a) of By-Law 9, the returning officer has declared that all candidates are duly elected.

### ***Terms to be served***

***Regional Coordinators – full term of three (3) years***

***Board members – in order that the retirement of board members be staggered rather than occurring all in the same year, the Returning Officer drew lots to determine the terms to be served. The result of this process was as follows;***

*President Bronson Horan – 1 year*

*Tony Flaherty – 1 year still to serve as he was duly elected in 2016*

*Wayne Langford – 2 years*

*Trevor Whitelaw – 2 years*

*Bob Shewring – 3 years*

*Cheryl Cates – 3 years*

### ***Time for Taking Office***

In accordance with Section 27 of By-Law 9, successful nominees will take up their positions at the Conclusion of the Business Day of the 2018 Sub-Branch Conference.

### ***Appointments to the Board***

In accordance with Section 39.1 (b) the elected board members will identify and recruit up to three (3) external persons to be appointed to the board to ensure skills gaps are rectified.

Members will be notified of these appointments via a communication from State Branch to their Sub-Branch Secretaries as the appointments occur.



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*A friendly reminder the 2018 RSL-SA 100<sup>th</sup> Annual State Conference and AGM is to take place at Torrens Training Depot, Drill Hall on Saturday July 14, 2018.*

Kind Regards,

*Bronson Horan State President, Returned &  
Service League of Australia South Australia  
Branch*

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## **Women's Auxiliary Presidents Report**

In February we catered for the Presidents Forum, which was successful despite numbers not being quite what we anticipated.

March began with our Auxiliary Annual dinner at the Aussie Inn. This was enjoyed by all, especially as we bettered our last years

Trivia position, and actually came last! Well girls we can only go up from there. Bring on next year!

April Sunday service was well attended, and once again the ladies cooked up a storm. Their efforts were enjoyed by all.

Anzac Day Dawn service was lead by Mark Wheaton our Vice President of the Sub-branch. The service went extremely well, and was well attended.

We were blessed to have perfect weather. Many attendees came back to the sub-branch where they enjoyed a Gunfire breakfast and a rum in their coffee.

In May we catered for a thankyou to Volunteers, at Headquarters. These people had assisted in various ways on Anzac Day.

It was attended by just over a hundred people. It went well, and our efforts were appreciated by organisers and volunteers.

We have a busy few months ahead, with catering stints in June and July, our sub-branch dinner in August and Fair in November.

All of these functions take planning, and a lot of work. It is only possible to cope with the work load because of a cohesive team of women who are willing to work and maintain the success of the Auxiliary.

Thankyou all.

Auxiliary President

Ros Day



A husband & wife who worked for the circus went to an adoption agency. The social worker raised doubts about their suitability. The couple then produced photos of their 50-foot motor home, which was clean & well maintained & equipped with a beautiful nursery.

The social worker then raised concerns about the education a child would receive while in the couple's care. "We've arranged for a full-time tutor who will teach the child all the usual subjects along with French, Mandarin, & computer skills. "

Then the social worker expressed concern about a child being raised in a circus environment. "Our nanny will be a certified expert in pediatric care, welfare, & diet. "The social worker was finally satisfied & asked, "What age of child are you hoping to adopt?"

It doesn't really matter . . . . . as long as the kid fits in the cannon."

Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull walks into a local bank in Point Piper to cash a cheque. He is surrounded by Protective Security Officers. As he approaches the teller he says, "Good morning, could you please cash this cheque for me?"

Teller: "It would be my pleasure sir. Could you please show me your ID?"

Turnbull: "Truthfully, I did not bring my ID with me as I didn't think there was any need to. I am Malcolm Turnbull, the Prime Minister of Australia!!!!"

Teller:

"Yes sir, I know who you are, but with all the regulations and monitoring of the banks because of the war on terror, imposters, forgers, money laundering, the GFC, etc., I must insist on seeing ID."

Turnbull:

"Just ask anyone here at the bank who I am and they will tell you. Everybody knows who I am."

Teller:

"I am sorry Mr. Prime Minister but these are the bank rules and I must follow them."

Turnbull:

"I am urging you, please, to cash this cheque. I need to buy a gift for Lucy for Valentine's Day"

Teller:

"Look Mr. Prime Minister, here is an example of what we can do. One day, Greg Norman came into one of our bank branches without ID. To prove he was Greg Norman he pulled out his putter and made a beautiful shot across the bank into a coffee cup. With that shot we knew him to be Greg Norman and cashed his cheque.

Another time, Pat Rafter came into the same place without ID. He pulled out his tennis racquet and made a fabulous shot whereas the tennis ball landed in a coffee cup. With that shot we cashed his cheque.

So, Mr. Prime Minister, what can you do to prove that it is you, and only you, as the Prime Minister of Australia?"

Turnbull:

Turnbull stands there thinking, and thinking, and finally says, "Honestly, my mind is a total blank...there is nothing that comes to my mind. I can't think of a single thing. I have absolutely no idea what to do and I don't have a clue.

Teller:

"50's and 20's be OK, Mr. Prime Minister?"

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