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8.30 AM — 4.30 PM

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## From the Presidents Pen...

### RSL Awards Presentation 2012

At the recent Awards Presentation Function in the presence of RSL members, Community Leaders and Sponsors, on behalf of National RSL the State Branch presented



Cpl Ben Roberts-Smith VC MG with Honorary Life Membership of the League. In receiving the Award he acknowledged the work of the League and immediately focussed on the presence of young people, particularly Cadets in uniform who were shortly to be presented with their youth achievement awards. The RSL honours Australia's latest VC recipient and looks forward to a long and

happy association with him, particularly with our youth focussed initiatives.

### Australia Day Honours and Awards

## Congratulations

**The State Executive extends congratulations to recipients of Australia Day Honours.**

### Emergency Services Medal

**David E. Clark ESM** – For service to the community in establishing and maintaining coastal aquatic rescue services. David is a member of Wanneroo-Joondalup Sub Branch

### Medal of The Order of Australia

**John Christmass OAM** – For service to music education in WA and choral performance. John has provided choirs for Perth's ANZAC Day Services for over 50 years.

**Grant Dorrington** – For service to the community. Grant has been a regular driver at ANZAC Day Services in Perth transporting disabled and elderly veterans to the Perth Parade.

**Jack Le Cras OAM** – For service to the community and Service Organisations and the Naval Association of WA. Jack is President of the Naval Assoc in WA.

**Michael O'Sullivan MM OAM** - For service to youth particularly through Christ Church Grammar School Army Cadet Unit. 'Mick' was a former RSM of 7 Fd Amb (RAAMC)

**Kevin Trent OAM** – For Service to local government & the South Perth community through a range of ex-service and social welfare organisations. Kevin is a Trustee of the RSLWA



### RSL Australia Day Awards

The RSL is pleased to announce recipients of 2012 Australia Day Medallions awarded for outstanding service to the League and the Community.

#### Community Organisation

##### Carine Senior High School.

The School has for many years organised and conducted the annual memorial service to those Australian Prisoner of War who perished on the death marches in Borneo during the Second World War.

The school has actively supported the Borneo POW Relatives Association of Western Australia Inc and has assisted in bringing together many stories, articles, drawings, photographs and memorabilia that tell of the horrors during World War Two.

Carine Senior High School students have pledged to ensure that the sacrifices made by Australians in the defence of their country, freedom and democracy is not forgotten.

#### RSL Sub Branch

##### Cottesloe Sub Branch

##### For the presentation of The Fred Bell VC Oration

Fred Bell was born in Perth, WA in 1875. At the outbreak of the South African War he enlisted as a Private in the 1st West Australian (Mounted Infantry) Contingent and saw action at Slingsfontein On 19th July 1900, in a sharp engagement at Palmeitfontein, he was seriously wounded and invalided to England. He was returned to Perth in 1901 where he was commissioned Lieutenant in the 6th Contingent and on 8th March re-embarked for South Africa. He was awarded the VC at Brakpan in the Transvaal for bravery in action. He was the first Western Australian to achieve this honour. To honour his memory, the Cottesloe Sub Branch hosts the annual Fred Bell Oration, which is dedicated to those Australians who have distinguished themselves in Military Service. The 2011 Oration on General Sir John Monash delivered by Rabbi Colman set a high standard of presentation that will ensure the future success of this initiative.

#### Individual Award

##### Dr Ken Michael AC. former Governor of Western Australia

Dr Michael AC was the 32nd Governor of Western Australia. His vice-regal appointment was announced on 6 June 2005 by the then Premier Geoff Gallop and he was sworn in at Government House, Perth on 18 January 2006 by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Western Australia and Lieutenant-Governor, David Malcolm.

Previously, Dr Michael was Chancellor of the University of Western Australia. He was also chairman of the East Perth Redevelopment Authority, a member of the Economic Regulation Authority, and a former Commissioner of Main Roads WA.

He was awarded a Member of the Order of Australia in 1996, and elevated to a Companion in the Order of Australia in the 2006 Australia Day Honours. Dr Michael was named Western Australian Citizen of the Year in 2001 and received the Centenary of Federation medal in 2003 for *service to the public, engineering and the Greek Community.*

Dr Michael has a strong connection with the military. His father served in the 11 Battalion in the First World War and through this service he was classified as a TPI. Following his father's early death through war caused injuries Dr Michael became a Legacy Ward.

### **WA AGED SAILORS, SOLDIERS & AIRMEN'S RELIEF TRUST FUND**

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## Reminder - Return Dates



Two-Up Advice, ADF Support - **MONDAY, 30 JANUARY 2012**

Gunfire Breakfast Forms - **FRIDAY, 2 MARCH 2012**

ANZAC Day Cadet Support Request, Street Appeal Order Form, Media Contact Form - **FRIDAY, 2 MARCH 2012**

U&K Parade and Service Participation Form, Cadet Support Request - **FRIDAY, 2 MARCH 2012**

### Cadet of the Year Award

The Cadet of the Year Awards for 2011 were announced at a presentation evening on 20 January 2012 at ANZAC House before an audience of over one hundred members and guests. Mrs Olga Greig, project coordinator, outlined the selection criterion and introduced the finalists.

#### Army Cadets

Recruit Gunter Reid  
WO2 Jordan Hughes  
Cpl Marco Spadacinni  
Cpl Amanda Ward

#### Navy Cadets

SMN Campbell Christie  
LS Elizabeth Kennon  
PO Rhiannon Thompson

#### Air force Cadets

Unfortunately no nominations were received from AAFC

The winners, who will receive a five day sea journey on STS LEEUWIN were announced and presented with their prize by project sponsor, Hollywood Private Hospital Executive Director, Kevin Cass-Ryall.

Winners were: LS Elizabeth Kennon, WO Jordan Hughes, Marco Spadaccini, PO Rhiannon Thompson.

### RSL CONGRESS ELECTIONS - UPDATE

Following announcement of the 2011 Election Result, the objection and investigation that followed at Annual Congress the result was challenged by one of the candidates and following an investigation of the election process the State Executive resolved to refer the matter through our solicitors, who are currently processing documentation, to the Supreme Court for determination. We are currently awaiting their decision as to future direction in this matter. We will provide regular updated on this matter as information comes to hand.

**Sub Branch Executive Seminar and Special Congress for Sub Branches will be held on Tuesday, 22 February, and the Pension & Welfare Seminar will be held on Wednesday, 23 February**

### Obtaining Service & Medical Records

In an effort to streamline the process of acquiring documents to support claims for compensation through the Department of Veterans' Affairs, you can apply for copies of your Service or medical records on the internet through the Department of Defence website.

If you are a former member of the Australian Defence Force (ADF) and you wish to have access to your Service or medical records, or if you are an advocate of an Ex-Service Organisation assisting with a claim, you can apply for these records through the [Freedom of Information and Information Management Branch](#) of the Department of Defence.

#### **Older records**

Army medical records for people discharged prior to 1947 and Air Force medical records for people discharged prior to 1952 are held by the [Department of Veterans Affairs \(DVA\)](#) therefore, if your request falls within this period, please contact DVA.

If you are requesting service records of an Australian member who served during World War I and World War II it is recommended that you contact the [National Archives of Australia \(NAA\)](#) in the first instance.

### Cadet Efficiency Trophy

Results of the jointly sponsored Cadet Efficiency Trophy were recently announced. Together with Australian Defence Credit Union and RSL the winning Unit in each arm of the Services is presented with an Annual Shield and a cheque for \$1000.

2011 winners were

Navy Cadets: TS VANCOUVER (Albany)  
Air Force Cadets: 712 SQN (South Guildford)  
Army: To Be Advised

Congratulations to winning Units

**Please Note: Last week a package was sent to all Sub Branches containing a Special Congress Agenda, Sub Branch Executive Seminar and Pension & Welfare Seminar Forms. If you did not receive this package, please contact State Branch to receive another copy.**



## From the Department of Veterans' Affairs

### Memorials Honour Australian Service in Malaysia

Two memorials, the 2/30th Battalion Memorial at Gemas and a plaque commemorating the Malaysian-Indonesian Confrontation at the Kundasang War Memorial, in Malaysia honouring the service of Australian military personnel 70 years ago will be restored with the help of funding announced by the Minister for Veterans' Affairs Warren Snowdon.

The 2/30th Battalion Memorial commemorates the battalion's first battle on 14 January 1942. In December 1941 the Japanese forces landed at Singora and Patani in Thailand, and Kota Bahru in northern Malaya. They fought against British and Indian troops, until B Company of the 2/30th ambushed the Japanese at Gemencheh Bridge.

The plaque at the Kundasang War Memorial commemorates the Australian and New Zealand personnel who served in the Malaysia-Indonesia Confrontation of 1962-1966, and their close wartime relationship with the people of Sabah.

The Australian Government's Overseas Privately-Constructed Memorial Restoration Program provides funding to restore existing memorials outside Australian territory which directly commemorate Australia's military involvement in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations and recognise the contribution of Australian servicemen and women.

### Funding Grants Assist Australia's Veteran Community

Funding has been announced for 63 projects and initiatives to benefit veterans young and old across Australia as part of the Australian Government's Veteran & Community Grants program, which provides support to ex-service and community organisations.

Veteran and Community Grants are available to ex-service and community organisations, veteran representative groups and private organisations that contribute to health and welfare of the veteran community, including travel costs for bus trips to reduce isolation, re-establishing and renovating ex-service headquarters to enhance the social and healthy lifestyle activities of members.

Some grants will go to assist Men's Sheds, which have proven to be important spaces, delivering health and lifestyle benefits for many veterans young and old.

Local and community organisations interested in applying for funding are encouraged to visit [www.dva.gov.au/grants](http://www.dva.gov.au/grants) or contact their nearest DVA office on 133 254 (for metropolitan callers) or 1800 555 254 (for non-metropolitan callers).

A full list of the organisations that received grants can be found at [http://minister.dva.gov.au/media\\_releases](http://minister.dva.gov.au/media_releases)

### RSL Living History Update

We have had an enquiry into the location of the Boans Honour Board WWII. If anyone could provide us with information as to its whereabouts it would be appreciated.



#### Upcoming Sub Branch Visits

13 Feb	Greenbushes and Bridgetown
14 Feb	Manjimup and Pemberton
15 Feb	Nannup and Boyup Brook
27 Feb	Donnybrook
28 Feb	Busselton and Margaret River
29 Feb	Karridale Augusta and Capel

## Breakfast at ANZAC House

The famous Friday Breakfast has returned to ANZAC House on Fridays from 7.00 - 9.00 am for only \$12.00!

Eggs (fried, poached or scrambled), tomato, mushroom, bacon, hash browns and chipolatas, as well as toast, fruit platter, juice, coffee, jams and spreads are all available.

Come on down and support the Club that supports you!

