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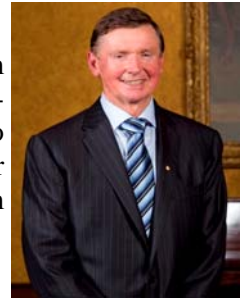
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From the Presidents Pen...

New Patron for RSLWA

We are pleased to announce that His Excellency, Mr Malcolm McCusker AO QC has indicated acceptance of the position of Patron of the WA Branch of RSL. We welcome His Excellency to the position and look forward to meeting him and Mrs McCusker at our ceremonial and other informal occasions during his term of office.



AVCAT Scholarships and Bursaries

The Australian Veterans' Children Assistance Trust is an independent organisation sponsored by the principal Australian ex-service associations. It was established in 2003 by the former Vietnam Veterans Trust as a lasting legacy from Australia's use of the Agent Orange Funds.

The role of AVCAT is to help the disadvantaged children and grandchildren of those who have served this country in peace and war in the Australian Navy, Army and Air Force. AVCAT administers bursaries and scholarships that help those children of the veteran community with the costs of tertiary education.

The bursaries and scholarships are funded by direct donations to AVCAT and from the Australian Government, ex-service organisations, firms and private individuals sponsoring scholarships.

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Notice of 2011 Annual General Meeting (State Congress)

of

The Returned & Services League of Australia WA Branch Incorporated

In accordance with State By-Law 8.7, Sub Branches are advised that the Annual General Meeting (State Congress) of the WA Branch is to be held on Saturday, 26 November 2011 at Mercure Hotel (Irwin Street) commencing at 0900hrs.

Gary J Sutherland OAM

Acting CEO / State Secretary

Poppy Laying at Gravesites of Vietnam Veterans Perth War Cemetery and Karrakatta Cemetery

Thursday 18 August 2011 8 am

A large proportion of the war graves for WA servicemen killed during the Vietnam War are in the Perth War Cemetery and the adjacent Karrakatta Cemetery.

Since the 40th Anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan, all graves of Vietnam Veterans killed during the war have been visited on Vietnam Veterans Day. On 18 August 2011, a group of interested people will say the Ode and lay a poppy on each of the graves (this will take about 3 hours and includes a walk of approximately 5 km to visit all of the graves) **All are welcome to all or part of the proceedings.**

Call Peta Alderman, State Manager WA, Office of Australian War Graves, on 9386 3807 for further information or simply turn up.



[Withdrawal of Trademark Application for 'The Diggers'](#)

It has been announced that Warner Music Australia will withdraw its trademark application for the term "The Diggers"

The decision came after the Department of Veterans' Affairs sent a letter to the Registrar of Trade Marks to highlight the Government's concerns about registering this term – these concerns were shared by Army.

The term belongs to the Australian men and women who served our country – not to a single entity.

[Angus Houston to lead new ANZAC Centenary Board](#)

Air Chief Marshal Angus Houston AC AFC (Ret'd), was appointed on 6 July as the Chair of the new ANZAC Centenary Advisory Board, following a distinguished six year tenure as Chief of the Defence Force, for commemorations taking place from 2014 to 2018.

ACM Houston's reputation is unparalleled among the Defence Force community, government and throughout Australia.

[Western Front Project Funding](#)

The Australian Government has announced it will provide \$270,000 to help enhance the *Memorial Museum Passchendaele 1917* in Zonnebeke, Belgium.

The existing museum will be expanded to house exhibitions from nations which took part in the Battle of Passchendaele and display artefacts linked to nearby battlefields and interpretive displays.

In eight weeks of fighting in and around Passchendaele the Australian Army suffered around 38,000 casualties including more than 11,200 who were killed in action or dies of wounds.

The enhanced museum will form part of the *Australian Remembrance Trail* along the Western Front, which is being established by the Australian Government in conjunction with French and Belgium communities and local Governments, which will link sites of the most significant Australian battles of WWI.

MEMBERSHIP PRO-RATAS
JULY-SEPTEMBER 2011
NEW MEMBERS ONLY!

Fee: \$20
Headquarters: \$12.50
Sub Branches: \$7.50

[Nackeroo and NORFORCE Display](#)

A permanent display of 'Nackeroo' and NORFORCE memorabilia was officially opened at the Darwin Military Museum on 30 June and recognises the work of the 2/1st North Australia Observation Unit (nicknamed Nackeroos) who patrolled areas of northern Australia during WWII.

At its peak the unit consisted of some 550 men and employed 59 Indigenous working as guides and labourers. Nackeroo operations were scaled back as the Japanese threat receded, until it was disbanded in 1945.

When NORFORCE was established in 1981 it acknowledged its link to its wartime counterpart by incorporating the Nackeroos orange and green 'double diamond' into its own colour patch.

Membership Statistics as at 25 July 2011

Service: 8,209
Affiliates: 1,403
Total: 9,612

[New Members of State Executive](#)

William (Bill) Collidge



Bill Collidge enlisted in the RAN in 1964 and served in HMA warships Perth, Stalwart Moresby and Barricade. He had two deployments to South Vietnam in 1968 – 69 and 1970-71 in HMAS Perth.

He discharged when his engagement expired in 1973 in the rank of Petty Officer (Weapons).

Bill enlisted in the Australian Army Reserve in 1973 and served in 11 BN, 28 BN and 16 BN, 5 Training Group and 11/28 BN. He discharged in 1993 in the rank of CAPT (RAINF).

He joined Australian Army Cadets prior to discharge from ARES and is still serving as CO Regional Support Unit in the rank of LTCOL (AAC)

Bill joined WA Police in 1975 and is still serving as the TRG Bomb Response Manager in the rank of Senior Sergeant.

He is married with three sons and a daughter. His eldest son currently posted at 16 BN RWAR as an infantry soldier.

Bill first joined the RSL in Sydney NSW at North Sydney ANZAC Club in 1969 / 70. He moved to WA in 1974 and joined the RSL here in the 1980's.

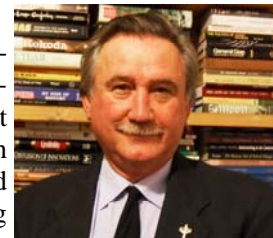




New Members of State Executive cont...

Dr Neil MacNeill M.Ed, M.ED.Admin, PhD, FACEL

Neil MacNeill was a teacher called up for National Service in 1967. His profile was fairly typical for Nashos - recruit training, Artillery corps training at North Head, unit training at Holdsworth, language training at 1 Div. Int. under Trung si Lex McAulay, Canungra, Nui Dat (September 1967). During Tet and the "Echoes of Tet" in early 1968 he did operations in Bien Hoa and Song Dong Nai provinces including Coburg (FSB Anderson, Jimmy Menz RIP) and Final Victory (FSB Coral 12/13 May and 16th May). He finished his Army service polishing the jarrah floor of the drill hall at Hobbs Artillery Barracks in Karrakatta.



Neil returned to teaching and he has been a school principal for 36 years. He holds the degrees: BA, B.ED.(Hons), M.Ed.Admin., M.Ed., and Ph.D. He is a Fellow of the Australian Council of Educational Leaders, a life member of the Australian College of Educators, and he will complete a Doctor of Education degree later this year.

Neil chairs the Veterans' Children's Education Board (DVA), is a member at Ellenbrook Sub Branch, and is the editor of the Vietnam Veterans' publication "Contact!"

Mr Kenneth V Barrington



Ken Barrington's military service commenced in 1950, joining the 16/28th Battalion Cameron Highlanders of Western Australia as a Regimental Cadet. Later that year he enlisted as a Citizens Military Forces (CMF) Soldier in the same unit.

Joining the Australian Regular Army (ARA) in April 1951, he completed his recruit training at 6th Recruit Training Company (6RTC) at Guildford WA, and on completion was posted to 2nd Battalion of The Royal Australian Regiment (2RAR).

The battalion was deployed to Korea on the 5 March 1953 and remained in country for 12 months, returning to Australia on 17 April 1954.

From 1954 until 1961 his postings in WA included 11/44th Infantry Battalion (City of Perth Regiment), 17th National Service Training Battalion (17NS), 17th National Service Training Company, 11/44th Infantry Battalion (City of Perth Regiment), and 1st Battalion The Royal Western Australian Regiment (1RWAR)

In February 1961 Ken was again posted to 2RAR in preparation for their deployment to Malaya in October 1961 and returned to Australia in August 1963.

He was discharged (at own request) from the ARA in 1969, and continued serving in the Australian Regular Army Emergency Reserve (ARAER) and the General Reserve, serving with 28th Battalion The Royal Western Australia (28RWAR) and Headquarters 5th Military District (HQ5MD).

Ken ended his military service as a Warrant Officer Class One (WO1) in May 1985 after a total of 35 years in both regular and reserve army.

After his discharge he was employed at Bunning Brothers West Perth for 15 months, and the Western Australia Fire Brigade (WAFB) for 19 years, his last post being the Brigade Breathing Apparatus and Rescue Training Officer.

In 1970 The Royal Australian Regiment Assn (WA Branch) was raised and Ken has played quite an active role in management since that time including election to State President some 20 years ago and prior to that Association Vice President for 10 years.

Ken is also actively involved in many other ESO's as well as being involved in Community Service with the City of Stirling.

ANZAC Club Springtime Tea Dance

Wednesday, 7 September
11.30 am - 1.30 pm
Admission Free!

Reserve your table or group
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morning of memories
Ph: ANZAC Club on 9287 3714

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& Bar Service
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favourite old tunes
with your MC
Bill Louwen
&
The Sapphires!





From RSL National

The National Executive and members of the Returned & Services League of Australia express great disappointment at the defeat in the Senate of the Fair Indexation Bill introduced by Senator the Hon. Michael Ronaldson, Shadow Minister for Veterans' Affairs on behalf of the Opposition.

The RSL is also most disappointed that the Government has not yet formally responded to our detailed Military Superannuation Indexation submission of February 2010 in which we put a compelling case supporting the replacement of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for adjusting payments to military superannuants with an index which makes adjustments reflecting increases in the cost of living. As was acknowledged during the debate in the Senate today, the CPI is by definition a measure of inflation and is not designed to reflect changes in the cost of living.

We will not relent in our efforts aimed at convincing Senators and Members of the House of Representatives to pass legislation supporting the legitimate and reasonable expectations of military superannuants for fair indexation.



Remembrance Day Luncheon

Friday 11 November 2011
12.30 pm

Gallipoli Room, ANZAC House, 28 St Georges Terrace, Perth

Menu

Chicken Breast filled with Avocado & Mushroom,
served on Puree Potato
with a Creamy Mushroom Sauce & Seasonal Vegetables
and a crusty Bread Roll & Butter

Individual Berry Fruit Trifle
served on Raspberry Coulis

Tea & coffee

Includes a bottle each of red and white wine, various beer & soft drink on the table

Cost - \$45.00

RSVP: Essential by Friday 21 October 2011

Only 120 places available – tickets issued on a first come basis

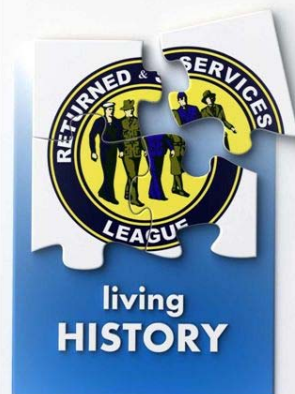


Upcoming trips for the RSL Living History Project

Thursday, 28 July	Quairading Sub Branch
Tuesday, 2 August	Applecross Sub Branch
Thursday, 4 August	Bicton Palmyra Sub Branch
Thursday, 11 August	City of South Perth Sub Branch
Tuesday, 16 August	City of Subiaco Sub Branch
Friday, 19 August	Claremont Sub Branch
Tuesday, 23 August	Fremantle Sub Branch
Friday, 26 August	Mosman Park Sub Branch
Monday, 29 August	Nedlands Sub Branch

We need your stories!

If you have a story to tell about the RSL in your community then please contact Naomi at ANZAC House



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