



THE SUB BRANCH SIGNAL

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Claims Preparation
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Monday to Friday
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[From the Presidents Pen...](#)

[New CEO/State Secretary Appointed](#)

We are pleased to announce that CMDR Phil Orchard RAN (Retd) has been appointed CEO/State Secretary of the WA State Branch of the RSL. CMDR Orchard was selected from a strong field of applicants and will take up the position on 7 November 2011.

We welcome him to the position and look forward to working with him. Many will know of our new CEO/State Secretary as he was a former Commander at HMAS STIRLING and more recently Head of Post at the British Consulate in Perth.

We welcome him to the RSL and trust he will enjoy working with veterans and the veteran community.

[Centenary of ANZAC – Albany](#)

Plans for activities to commemorate the centenary of the departure of the fleet for the battlefields of the middle-east from Albany in November 1914 moved forward with a financial commitment by the Federal Government of \$250k for planning associated with the building of an interpretative centre on Mt Adelaide overlooking King George Sound.

It was from this location that the expeditionary force fleet anchored and took on supplies before commencing the journey to the battlefields of the First World War.

This financial contribution will allow work to begin on the three year project that, when finished, will suitably honour the ‘diggers’ of the First World War who fought at Gallipoli and on the Western Front. The planning group consisting of RSL and City of Albany representatives were delighted to hear of the funding allocation from the government as it marks the beginning of an ambitious project that will see those ‘diggers’ who served their country at that time suitably honoured.

Further funding has been earmarked for the refurbishment of the existing Forts Complex and the establishment of museum exhibits to tell the origins of the ANZAC Legend

[From the Archives:](#)

We have acquired a film from the State Library on “The Story of the War Veterans Homes – Mt Lawley.” It was produced by Chas Blanks and is both well produced and interesting. We are currently looking at obtaining permission to use it on-line. We are also looking at getting our video collection transferred to DVD. Already we have in our collection:

- Albany Sub Branch Hall being shifted
- Armadale 75th Anniversary
- Armadale Hall following renovations, and
- ANZAC Day in Three Springs Arrino

[RSL Promotional Trailer](#)

The RSL is seeking expressions of interest from Sub Branches in the metropolitan area for the administration of the Promotional Display Trailer. The unit is suited for displays at shows, events and public activities that offer the opportunity to the RSL to promote its wide range of activities.

The unit is a Tandem 4 wheel lock up unit that needs to be kept in a secure lock up location. For further details, please contact Headquarters to register your interest.



[The RSL Blue Lake Highland Pipe Band](#)

The Mount Gambier Pipes & Drums (RSL Blue Lake Highland Pipe Band) has been invited to play at the Ypres Tattoo in September 2012. The band has also been invited to play at the nightly Menin Gate *Last Post Ceremony*.

The band is requesting funding to assist with their expenses. More information is available from <http://rslbluelakehighlandpipeband.yolasite.com>

[The Listening Post](#)

When your Sub Branch has a function or something special happens take a few photos, write a short article and get it in to *The Listening Post* editorial team!

An article only needs to be approximately two paragraphs, explaining what the event was for and who was there.

We hope to be putting a social calendar in future editions, please send us your upcoming functions for promotion. More details of this will be in the upcoming edition of *The Listening Post*.

REMEMBER - Resolution for photos is extremely important, obviously the higher the resolution the larger and better quality reproduction.

Lately a lot of photos have come attached in a Word Document, ideally a picture is easier to manage separated from stories as saved as a .jpeg file no less than 100kb size.

[RSL WA 2011 Raffle](#)

The 2011 Raffle books have now been posted to members. Please ensure that **ALL** sold and unsold tickets and any payments are forwarded to State Headquarters in the reply paid envelope provided no later than **FRIDAY 28 OCTOBER 2011**. Tickets are \$2 each with up to \$20,000 to be won.

Thank you again for your support!

[Reminder](#)

Sub Branches are reminded that their Annual General Meeting is to be held between 1 July and 31 October in each year. At the AGM the Audited Financial Statement is to be presented to the members and if approved, adopted.

The Annual Audited Financial Statement, together with a list of Office Bearers is then to be forwarded to State Branch no later than 31 October.

[From the National Congress 2011](#)

The Returned & Services League of Australia had a focus on the future at its 2011 National Congress.

Just 5 years short of the centenary of the League's founding its members will gathered in Melbourne, where the League was established, on Tuesday 20 and Wednesday 21 September 2011 to participate in a programme focused on the future. The Congress was held at the Sofitel Hotel.

Topics that were examined include the impact on mental health of operational service and an examination of the Australia's security and strategic outlook. Keynote speakers included Professor Michael L'Estrange, Director, National Security College, Australian National University and a former Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade; and Professor Ian Hickie who spoke about brain and mind research as it relates to those sent in harm's way.

RSL National President, Rear Admiral Ken Doolan said "The Congress programme reflected the League's determination to remain relevant to contemporary and future circumstances while holding fast to the principles upon which the RSL was founded including the core business of caring for veterans and their dependants."

To emphasise the League's proud apolitical stance, leaders or senior representatives of both of the nation's major political parties addressed the RSL 2011 National Congress.

The RSL continues to forcefully and effectively represent the needs and aspirations of the nation's service and ex-service community; to proudly support the need for a fully combat capable Australian Defence Force manned, trained and armed to go in harm's way in defence of the nation; and to care for those who have been disadvantaged or are suffering as a consequence of serving in defence of our nation.

[Former POW's receive recognition Payment](#)

Special recognition for Australians who experienced the harsh conditions of captivity during the Second World War and Korean War will be provided from late September under the Prisoner of War Recognition Supplement. The Supplement will be paid to surviving Australian veteran and civilian former prisoners of war who were held captive during the Second World War by military forces of a European enemy state or Japan or, veteran prisoners of war held captive by the military forces of North Korea during the Korean War. The supplement will include an extra \$500 for ex-POW's.





Reminder - Return Dates



ANZAC Day - Sub Branch Funding Applications - **NOW OVERDUE**
 Poppy Day Appeal Order Form, Requests for CBD Collection Points, Seminar Attendance - **NOW OVERDUE**
 State Congress Agenda Item Submissions - **FRIDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER**
 State Executive/Board of Directors Nomination Forms - **FRIDAY, 7 OCTOBER**
 Sub Branch Annual Trophy Completion Forms - **FRIDAY, 21 OCTOBER**
 State Congress Dinner Payment - **FRIDAY, 4 NOVEMBER**

Living History Project

We would like to invite all attendees to State Congress this year to view the beginnings of the online exhibition.

We will have a booth set up in the room where morning tea will be served.

On display will be the exhibition itself and a digital version of some of the back issues of The Listening Post and The Australian.

We would appreciate your feedback on whether the content is interesting and whether it is easy to follow.

There will be no Sub Branch visits until late November:

29 November – Three Springs-Arrino Branch

30 November – Perenjori Sub Branch
 Morawa Sub Branch



Frederick Bell VC Memorial Lecture

The Inaugural Frederick Bell VC Memorial Lecture

Cottesloe Civic Centre War Memorial Hall

Thursday, 10 November 2011
 6.30 pm

Presentation on

General Sir John Monash
WWI General

by

Rabbi Dr Shalom Coleman

Admission: Gold Coin

Light Supper Provided

Membership Statistics as at 28 September 2011

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| Service | 8,337 |
| Affiliate | 1,537 |
| Total | 9,874 |

Sub Branch and Club Insurance

Sub Branch and Club insurance invoices are included with this edition of the Signal. The State Branch has paid the renewals on all of the insurance policies and this represents the Sub Branch or Club's share. As soon as the invoice is paid the Branch will send out the relevant Certificates of Currency.

On a related issue, if your Sub Branch or Club has a motor vehicle or trailer, could you please send a copy of the current registration papers to Branch HQ so we can ensure that is covered by insurance?

Poppy Day Seminar

Please be reminded that the Sub Branch Seminar for Poppy Collections in the CBD will be held Wednesday, 5 October in the Quarterdeck at ANZAC House at 10.00 am.

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

A DRAFT copy of a Memorandum of Understanding between The Veterans Association of Vietnam and The Returned & Services League of Australia (RSL) was discussed at the National Executive Meeting of the RSL held in Canberra on 9 August 2011.

At that meeting the RSL WA delegates asked for more time to discuss this with our members, and this was granted to mid-September 2011. As the RSL WA Branch has a Vietnamese Veterans Sub Branch we needed to discuss this MOU with them and other ESO's who share our interests.

This was duly done and after lengthy and productive consultation and discussion with our Vietnamese colleagues and the leaders of the WA Vietnamese Community as well as our State Executive Members, a formal letter of DISSENT for this motion before the National Executive of the RSL was sent on 6 September 2011 as this State Branch cannot support the signing of the MOU with the Veterans Association of Vietnam at this time.

Gary J Sutherland OAM
 Acting CEO / State Secretary



95th Annual State Congress Dinner



ANZAC House, 28 St Georges Terrace, Perth
6.30 pm, Saturday, 26 November 2011
Tickets \$70.00 per head



For more information, see the Congress Circular
attached with this Sub Branch Signal

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



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Please note that the postal address for RSL WA Branch
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The new address is:

PO Box 3023

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MEMBERSHIP PRO-RATAS

Please note:

New Members will pay \$40 for the
remainder of 2011, and their membership
will be current until
31 December 2012

