

THE FURPHY

ARMADALE SUB-BRANCH OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

April 2024 Edition



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General Meetings:

Second Sunday of the month at 1030hrs

Annual General Meeting:

Second Sunday of September

Committee Positions

Armadale Sub-Branch Committee	
President	Mr Ken Hepburn
Vice President	Mr Hans van de Velde
Secretary	Ms Carol King
Assistant Secretary	Mr Mike Fairweather
Treasurer	Mrs Cheryl Cowie
Warden	Mr Graeme Cowie
Warden	Mr Mick Quinn
Membership Officer	Mr Tom Rynn
Committee	Mr Bob Giles
Committee	Mr Geoff Scott
Committee	Mr Robert Smith
Committee	Mr Geoff Tooth
Advocate / Welfare Officer	Mr Brent Errington
Bar Manager	Mr Mike Fairweather

ADVOCATE / WELFARE

Brent Errington “Erro” is available as follows:

Operating out of RAAFA on Mondays and Fridays

between 0900 – 1230hrs and also at

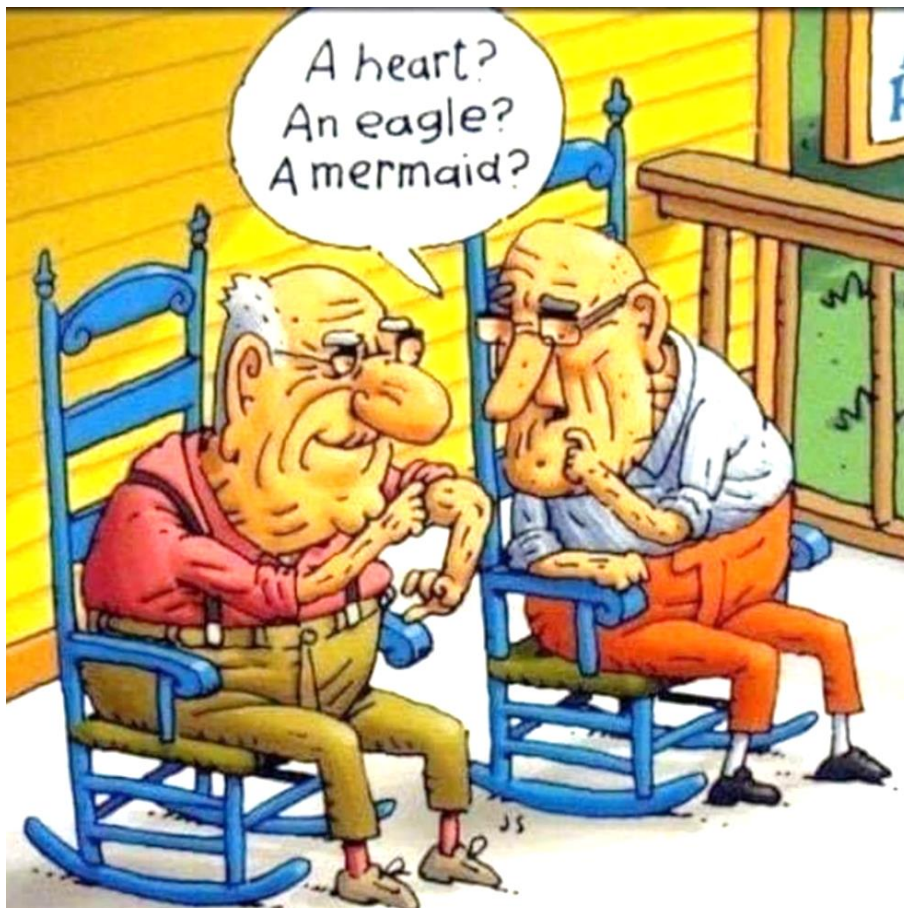
Armadale RSL Sub-Branch between 1000-1400hrs on Thursdays

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Diary Dates for April

<i>Day</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Time</i>
Sunday	7 th	Social Committee Meeting	1100
Tuesday	9 th	Management Committee Meeting	1100
Sunday	14 th	General Meeting	1030
Thursday	25 th	ANZAC Dawn Service	0545



In 2055, retirement village residents play a game of "Guess what the tattoo used to be!"

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi Folks,

ANZAC DAY 2024

Armadale Police Rangers and the 1st Armadale Scout Group will be holding an overnight Vigil on Wednesday 24th April 2024 from 5pm, to pay their respect to all veterans at the Cenotaph in Memorial Park, until the start of the Dawn Service.

The Dawn Service will commence at 5.45am and following the service there will be a Gunfire Breakfast held in our club rooms, commencing at 6:30am - the cost is \$10.00 per person.

The RSL has been asked to provide veterans to talk at schools, during the week prior to ANZAC Day, if you are interested in doing this, please contact me.

We had a good turnout at our last monthly meeting and the meeting was informed that the club will be opening on Easter Sunday, normally we do not open on Public Holidays, but there was an interest for us to do so. I will be counting the numbers of those that attend, to see if it was a clever idea.

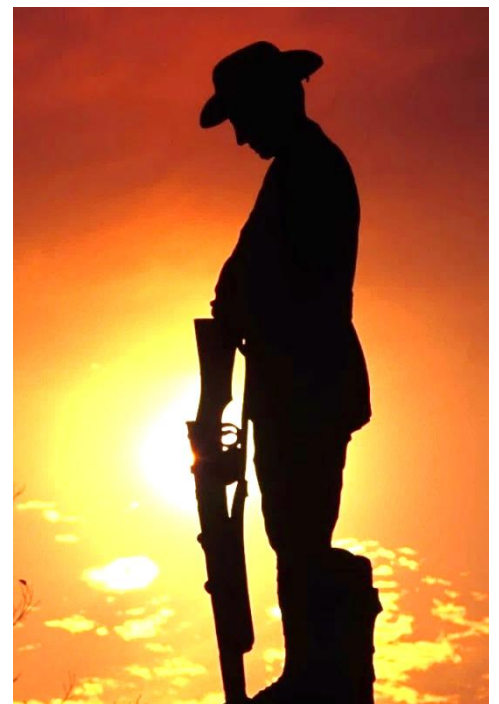
I would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter and take it easy on the Easter Eggs and Chocolate.

Regards,

Ken Hepburn

President

Returned Services League Armadale Sub-Branch
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Secretary's Notes

Hi Everyone,

The Annual ANZAC Appeal will be held on Saturday 20th, Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd April. A list is on the Notice Board if you have a couple of hours to assist us at the tables on those days.

We have been very busy preparing for ANZAC Day and associated activities.

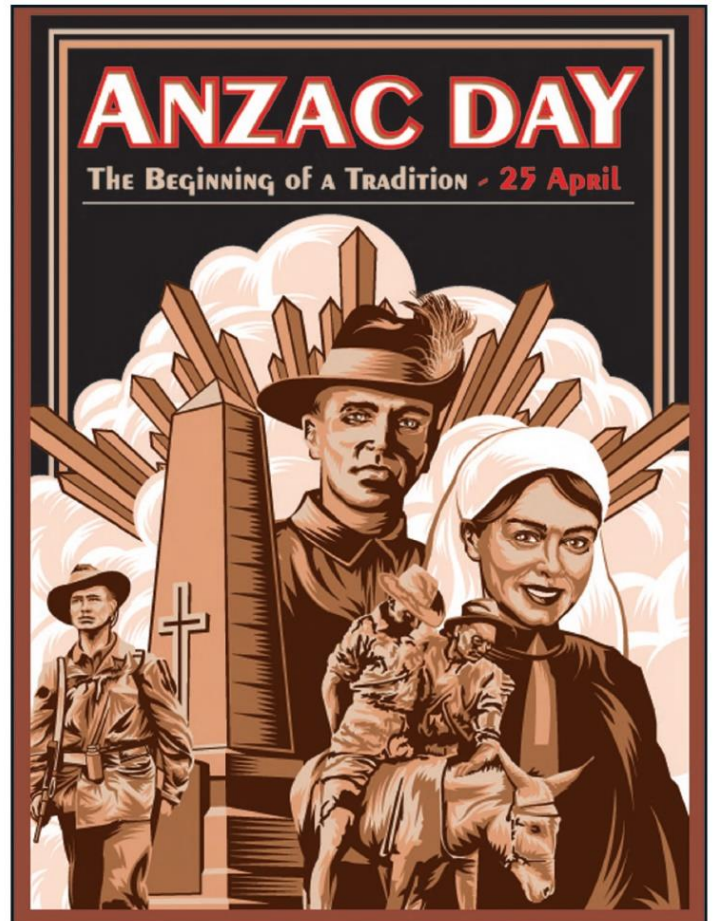
Welcome to the two new people who have kindly joined the Management Committee and thank you both for giving us your time in this regard.

The list is still open for those wishing to attend our mid-year Roast Luncheon on Sunday 19th May. The cost is \$25 per head and tickets are available from the bar until Sunday 5th May. This event is open to financial members only.

Thanks to all who have assisted us during the month, especially the hard working 3 members of the Social Committee who are doing a fabulous job of fundraising by selling raffle tickets. If anyone has a bit of spare time to assist, please liaise with Lois as they are always looking for new members to join their team.

Carol King

Sub-Branch Secretary



Membership Update

<i>As at 31st March, 2024:</i>	Service Members:	185
	Affiliate Members:	52
	Social Members:	<u>57</u>
	Total:	<u>294</u>

A stark reminder to Service & Affiliate Members is that 38 unfinancial Service members and 7 Affiliates will be removed from the membership list if they have not paid subs by end of April.

Bear in mind that it is only custom and practice that allows the leeway period from the end of December until end of April. During that period those members will not receive any Sub-Branch benefits such as the 'Loyalty Program' nor be permitted to take part in general business issues.

April is a very busy time for the Sub-Branch, especially the Secretary and the President as final arrangements are made for ANZAC Day Commemoration Services.

Not many realise the terrific amount of work that is required behind the scenes in administration and having to deal with a multitude of organisations and individuals.

Not many members put their hands up to help, it's always the few. Last year we could not produce the number of speakers that schools in the district requested to address students.

Here's looking towards a successful ANZAC Day Ceremony this year at Memorial Park.

Tom Rynn

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April Service Members:

Anderson	Mr	Jason	06/04	Avey	Mr	Colin	03/04
Barnes	Mr	Michael	26/04	Davis	Mrs	Lois	25/04
Giles	Mr	Robert	25/04	Hassall	Mr	Ashley	19/04
Holloway	Mr	Stephen	15/04	Jackson	Mr	Keith	25/04
Leigh	Mr	Norman	13/04	Manning	Mr	Stephen	20/04
McDonnell	Mr	Patrick	17/04	Strohman	Mr	Steven	04/04
Taylor	Mr	William	20/04	Wilton	Mr	Anthony	26/04
Wind	Mr	Egon	09/04				

April Affiliate Members:

Bond	Mr	Martin	07/04	Cowie	Mrs	Cheryl	08/04
Jacka	Mrs	Kathleen	08/04	Matthews	Mrs	Shirley	28/04
Patching	Mr	Michael	22/04	Westerback	Mr	John	24/04

April Social Members:

Fowler	Mr	Doug	24/04	Fowler	Mr	Glen	01/04
Hepburn	Mrs	Jan	29/04	Westerback	Ms	Elizabeth	03/04

*If anyone has been missed off the list, please advise
Tom Rynn (Membership Officer)*

*These members may collect a free drink of their choice
during the month*

We hope you have a very special Birthday

Mid-Year
Members Luncheon

Sunday 19th May, 2024
(12 noon)



- Meat:** Roast Beef, Pork and Chicken with Gravy
- Vegetables:** Hot Jacket Potatoes with Sour Cream, Carrots, Beans, Peas, Baked Pumpkin and Corn Kernels
- Desert:** Apple Crumble with Custard

\$25 per Person

(Open to Financial Members Only)

(Book and Pay by Sunday 5th May)

Bar Manager's Report

G'day All,

Well, Cascade is no longer available so I have put on Matilda Bay Super Mild which is a 3% alcohol beer – the only one I could find from CUB.

The Liquor Licence for Armadale RSL Sub-Branch has now been granted. There are some things to be transferred from Club Inc. for example changing over the tills before it is fully closed though.

Stormy

Disney to do remake of Snow White



Attorney: How was your first marriage terminated?

Witness: By death.

Attorney: And by whose death was it terminated?

Witness: Take a bloody guess.

Attorney: Are you sexually active?

Witness: No, I just lie there.

Attorney: The youngest son, the 20 year old, how old is he?

Witness: He's 20, much like your IQ.

Attorney: Were you present when your picture was taken?

Witness: Are you shitting me?

Attorney: Is your appearance here this morning pursuant to a deposition notice which I sent to your Attorney?

Witness: No, this is how I dress when I go to work.





Police Rangers, Kane and Blake Burgess with appreciation certificates.

RSL thanks Police Rangers

BY MEL DEE

The Armadale RSL Sub-Branch hosted a luncheon on Saturday to thank the Armadale Police Rangers and the 1st Armadale Scout Group for their decades of service holding vigil through the night before each ANZAC Dawn Service.

Up to 40 rangers and scouts take shifts silently holding ground in a guard of honour each year in Memorial Park, as a mark of respect to local servicemen and women.

Armadale RSL Sub-Branch President Ken Hepburn said

this was the first time they had officially recognised the contribution of the rangers and the scouts over their past 40 years of service to the ANZAC day commemorations.

"We just wanted to say thank you on behalf of all the service people who live in the Armadale area, for paying their respects in a silent vigil," he said.

Certificates of appreciation and cards were presented to each group.

Around 30 rangers attended the luncheon, but due to a scheduling conflict, only four members of the scout group

were able to be there. Mr Hepburn has said the sub-branch will reconvene for a special presentation to the scouts in April.

Local member Tony Buti, City of Armadale mayor Ruth Butterfield, and councillors Gary Smith and Paul Hetherington were also in attendance.

Despite Metronet works, and the imminent Jull Street Mall upgrade works, Mr Hepburn was adamant there will be an ANZAC service at Memorial Park on April 25 as usual.

Photographs — Richard Pol-den.



Charlie Arthur performed the vigil for Armadale RSL last ANZAC day and is looking forward to doing it again this year. Pictured here with RSL President Ken Hepburn, and Armadale Scout Group's Howard 'Mang' Tilbrook and Julie Williams.



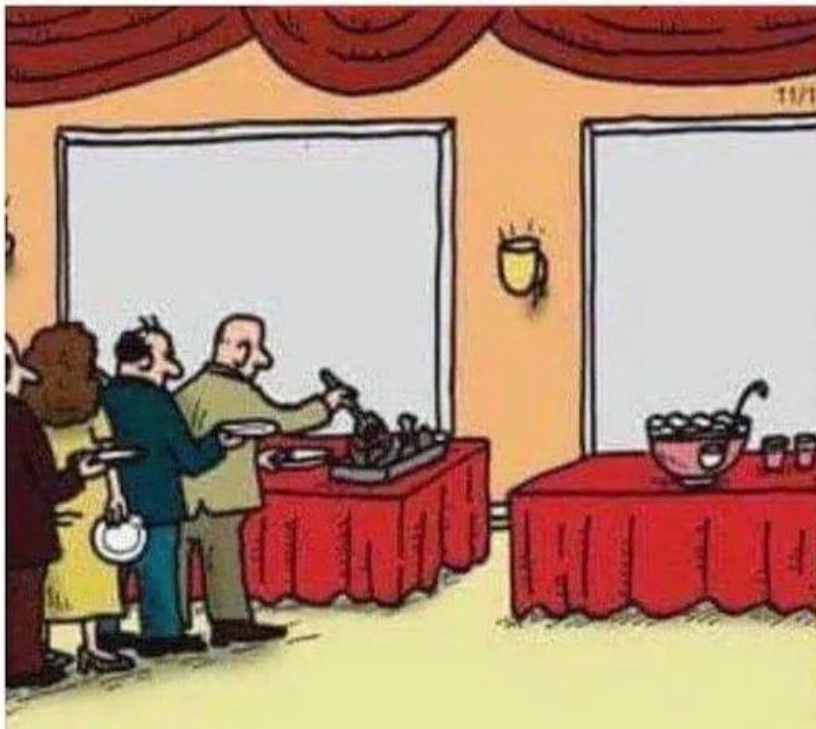
Police Rangers Lily Lewis-Bicknell and James Perez enjoyed the luncheon.



Dr Toni Buti taking a “selfie”

The next James bond
will be made to
satisfy the woke
brigade. Bond will
start off as a man and
will transgender to a
woman. The film Will
be called,
Cocktopussy.

This would be funny except there's
no punch line...





Blimey.... That is some firepower!



Byford Rail Extension - Update



GREEN AVENUE LANE CLOSURE

8 APRIL TO 12 APRIL 2024

TEMPORARY SOUTHBOUND LANE CLOSURE TO FACILITATE INSTALLATION OF A NEW FOOTPATH

WHAT WE ARE DOING

- INSTALLING A NEW FOOTPATH ALONG CHURCH AVENUE BETWEEN WUNGONG ROAD AND HOBBS DRIVE
- TEMPORARILY CLOSING THE SOUTHBOUND LANE OF GREEN AVENUE BETWEEN FIFTH ROAD AND CHURCH AVENUE.

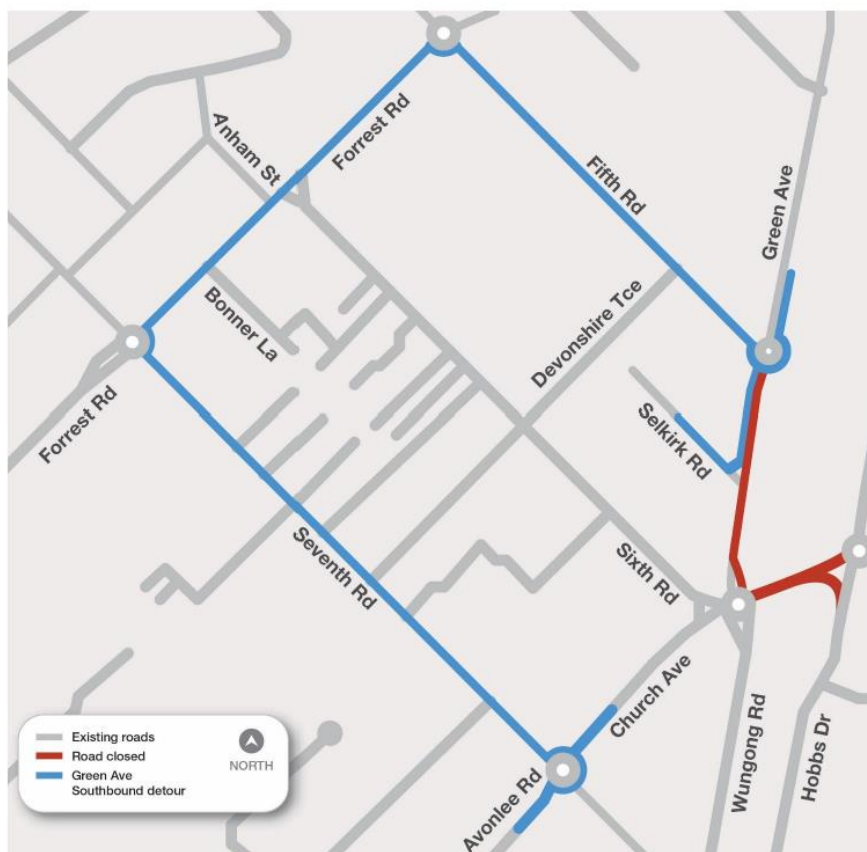
WHEN

- WORKS WILL BE CONDUCTED BETWEEN 7AM TO 7PM, MONDAY TO SATURDAY
- A 24/7 LANE CLOSURE WILL BE IN PLACE FOR THE DURATION OF WORKS.

WHERE

- GREEN AVENUE BETWEEN FIFTH ROAD AND CHURCH AVENUE, ARMADALE

Road closure detour



HOBBS DRIVE CLOSURE

2 APRIL TO 12 APRIL 2024

PARTIAL ROAD CLOSURE TO FACILITATE INSTALLATION OF NEW WATER INFRASTRUCTURE.

WHAT WE ARE DOING

- EXCAVATING ACROSS THE RAIL CORRIDOR TO INSTALL INFRASTRUCTURE FOR FUTURE WATER ASSETS
- TEMPORARILY CLOSING HOBBS DRIVE BETWEEN SOUTH WESTERN HIGHWAY AND DEERNESS WAY.

WHEN

- WORKS WILL BE CONDUCTED BETWEEN 7AM TO 7PM, MONDAY TO SATURDAY
- A 24/7 ROAD CLOSURE WILL BE IN PLACE FOR THE DURATION OF WORKS.

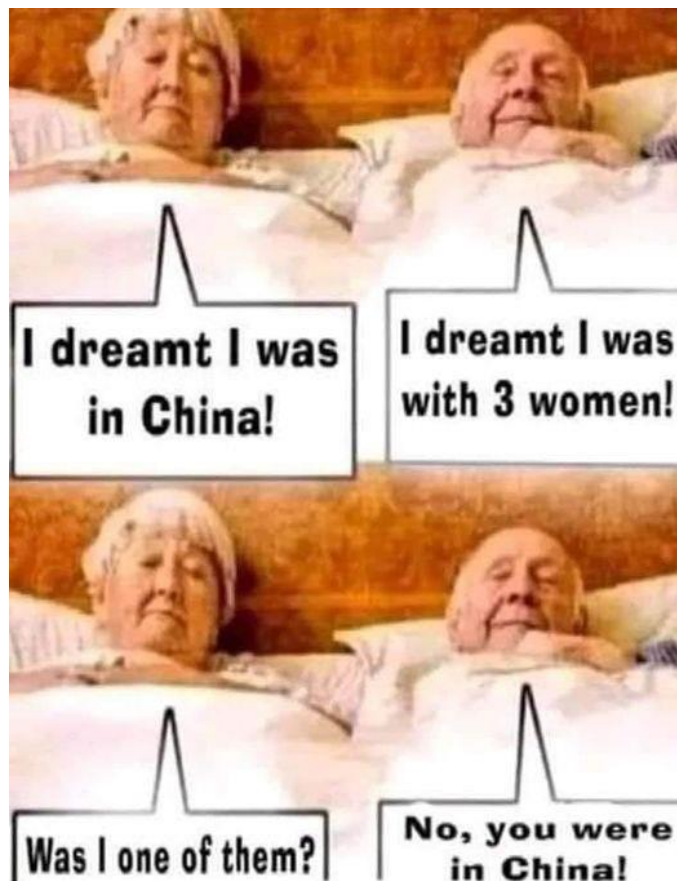
WHERE

- HOBBS DRIVE BETWEEN SOUTH WESTERN HIGHWAY AND DEERNESS WAY, ARMADALE

Road closure detour



While the Armadale Station is closed, parking in the Railway Car Park area will be FREE.....





Significant Event

British Commonwealth Occupation Force 1945–52

Historical background

Participation in the British Commonwealth Occupation Force (BCOF) marked the first time that Australians were involved in the military occupation of a sovereign nation which it had defeated in war. BCOF participation in the Allied occupation of Japan was announced on 31 January 1946, though planning and negotiations had been in progress since the end of the war. The main body of Australian troops arrived in Japan on 21 February.

The entire BCOF force totalled 45,000, from Britain, India, New Zealand, and Australia. About 16,000 Australians served in BCOF, including an infantry contingent of 4,700, base units consisting of 5,300, an air force wing of 2,200, and 130 from the Australian General Hospital. The Royal Australian Navy (RAN) also had a presence in the region as part of the British Pacific Fleet. For two-thirds of the period of occupation the Commonwealth was represented solely by Australians, and throughout its existence BCOF was always commanded by an Australian officer.



BCOF marching to parade ground for ANZAC Day celebrations in Kure, 1946

The BCOF area of responsibility was the western prefectures of Shimani, Yamaguchi, Tottori, Okayama, Hiroshima, and Shikoku Island. BCOF headquarters were located at Kure, the army was encamped at Hiro, the RAAF at Iwakuni, and the naval shore establishment at the former Japanese naval base at Kure. At the peak of its involvement the Australian component of BCOF was responsible for over twenty million Japanese citizens and 57,000 square kilometres of country. Adjacent to the area of Australian responsibility were prefectures occupied by the 2 New Zealand EF (Japan), the British and Indian Division (Brindiv), and further away the US 8th Army.

The main Australian occupation component was the 34th Infantry Brigade, which arrived in early 1946 and was made up of the 65th, 66th, and 67th Battalions. The RAN ships that served were HMAS *Australia*, HMAS *Hobart*, HMAS *Shropshire*, and the destroyers HMAS *Arunta*, *Bataan*, *Culgoa*, *Murchison*, *Shoalhaven*, *Quadrant*, and *Quiberon*. Landing Ships Infantry *Manoora*, *Westralia*, and *Kanimbla* were used for transport.



HMAS Manoora loaded with BCOF troops at No. 8 Wharf, Glebe Island, Sydney, before departing for Japan, September 1946

The Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) component was stationed at Bofu, in Yamaguchi Prefecture. The RAAF squadrons which served were No.'s 76, 77, and 82, all flying Mustangs. The air force component of BCOF was known as BCAIR. By 1950 only one Australian squadron, No. 77, remained in Japan.



Line-up of Mustang aircraft of No. 82 (Fighter) Squadron, RAAF, BCOF, which participated in a fly-past over Tokyo and were based temporarily at the United States Air Force (USAF) base at Kisarazu, 1947

By early 1947 BCOF had begun to decline and, by the end of 1948, was composed entirely of Australians. The force was dismantled in 1952, as responsibilities in Japan were handed over to the British Commonwealth Forces Korea. Some personnel stayed on to serve in the Korean War. Members of No. 77 Squadron, for example, had their "going home" celebrations interrupted by the news they were to be sent immediately to Korea. BCOF ceased to exist on 28 April 1952 when the Japanese Peace Treaty came into effect.



Japanese civilians watch planes fly over Kure during the BCOF ANZAC Day parade, 1948

Australia's role in BCOF

The primary objective of BCOF was to enforce the terms of the unconditional surrender that had ended the war the previous September. The task of exercising military government over Japan was the responsibility of the United States forces. BCOF was required to maintain military control and to supervise the demilitarisation and disposal of the remnants of Japan's war-making capacity. To this end, Australian Army and RAAF personnel were involved in locating and securing military stores and installations. The intelligence sections of the Australian battalions were given targets to investigate by BCOF Headquarters in the form of grid references for dumps of Japanese military equipment. Warlike materials were destroyed and other equipment was either retained by BCOF or returned to the Japanese. The destruction or conversion to civilian use of military equipment was carried out by Japanese civilians under Australian supervision. Regular patrols and road reconnaissances were initiated and carried out in the Australian area of responsibility as part of BCOF's general surveillance duties.

The RAN component of BCOF was responsible for patrolling the Inland Sea, to prevent smuggling and the illegal immigration of Koreans to Japan. It was assisted by the RAAF whose aircraft were also involved in tracking vessels suspected of smuggling or transporting illegal immigrants. RAAF squadrons

also flew surveillance patrols over each of the prefectures in the BCOF zone in order to help locate leftover weapons and ordnance.

By the end of 1946 the task of demilitarising Japan required less effort and the role of the occupying forces was changing, with guard duties and training becoming the main focus.

The ANZAC Day Tradition



ANZAC Day 2019

What is ANZAC Day?

ANZAC Day, 25 April, is one of Australia's most important national occasions. It marks the anniversary of the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces during the First World War.

What does ANZAC stand for?

ANZAC stands for Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. The soldiers in those forces quickly became known as ANZACs, and the pride they took in that name endures to this day.

Why is this day special to Australians?

When war broke out in 1914 Australia had been a federated nation for only 13 years, and its government was eager to establish a reputation among the nations of the world. When Britain declared war in August 1914 Australia was automatically placed on the side of the Commonwealth. In 1915 Australian and New Zealand soldiers formed part of the expedition that set out to capture the Gallipoli peninsula in order to open the Dardanelles to the allied navies. The ultimate objective was to capture Constantinople (now Istanbul), the capital of the Ottoman Empire, an ally of Germany.



A view looking aft of lifeboat carrying unidentified men of the Australian 1st Divisional Signal Company as they are towed towards ANZAC Cove on the day of the landing

The Australian and New Zealand forces landed on Gallipoli on 25 April, meeting fierce resistance from the Ottoman Turkish defenders. What had been planned as a bold stroke to knock Turkey out of the war quickly became a stalemate, and the campaign dragged on for eight months. At the end of 1915 the allied forces were evacuated from the peninsula, with both sides having suffered heavy casualties and endured great hardships. More than 8,000 Australian soldiers had died in the campaign. Gallipoli had a profound impact on Australians at home, and 25 April soon became the day on which Australians remembered the sacrifice of those who died in the war.

Although the Gallipoli campaign failed in its military objectives, the actions of Australian and New Zealand forces during the campaign left a powerful legacy. What became known as the “ANZAC legend” became an important part of the identity of both nations, shaping the ways in which they viewed both their past and their future.

Early commemorations

In 1916 the first ANZAC Day commemorations were held on 25 April. The day was marked by a wide variety of ceremonies and services across Australia, a march through London, and a sports day in the Australian camp in Egypt. In London more than 2,000 Australian and New Zealand troops marched through the streets; a London newspaper headline dubbed them “the knights of Gallipoli”. Marches were held all over Australia; in the Sydney march convoys of cars carried soldiers wounded on Gallipoli and their nurses. For the remaining years of the war ANZAC Day was used as an occasion for patriotic rallies and recruiting campaigns, and parades of serving members of the AIF were held in most cities.

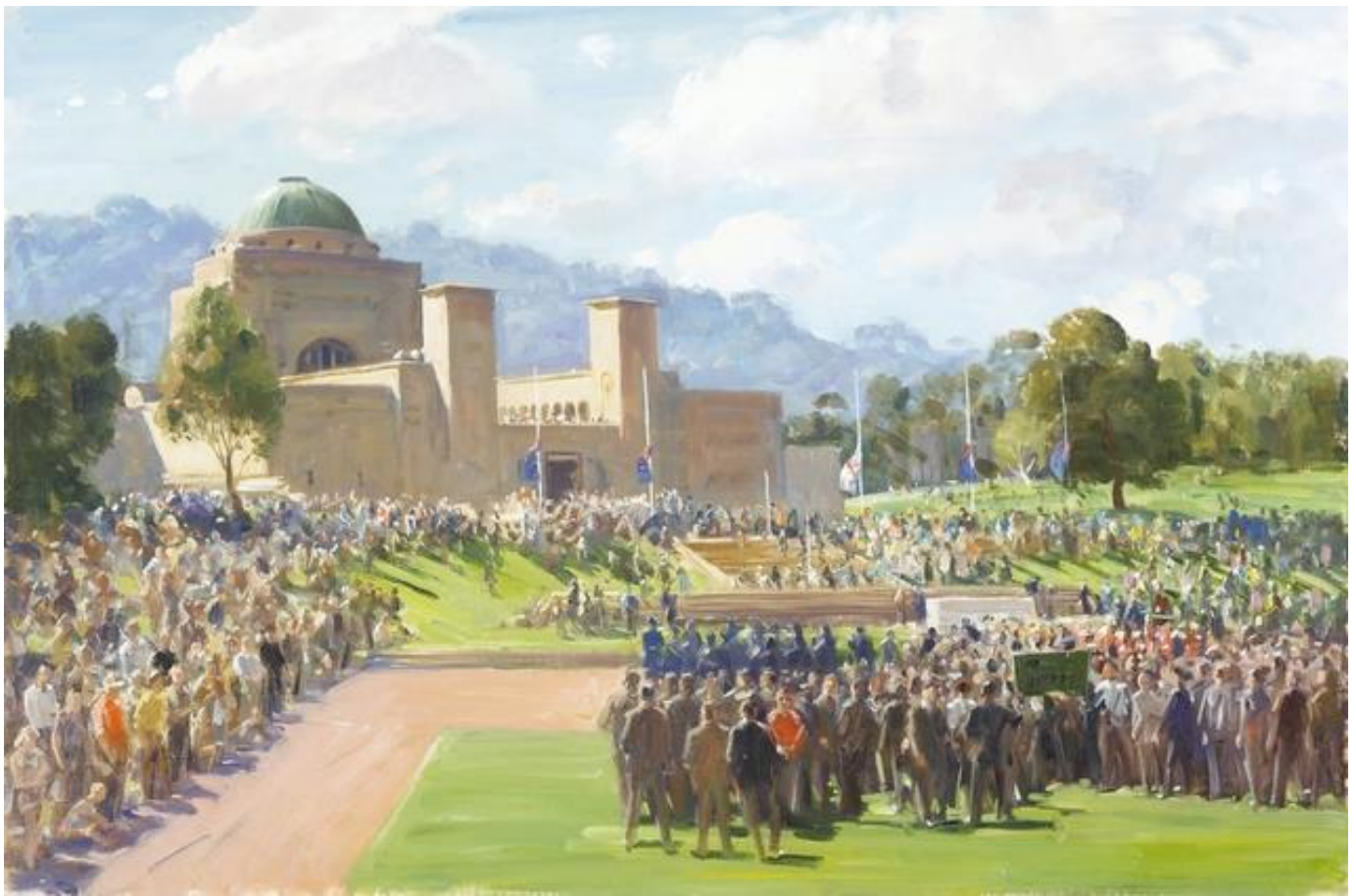


25 April 1916: Australian and New Zealand troops marching down Whitehall London to Westminster Abbey

During the 1920s ANZAC Day became established as a national day of commemoration for the more than 60,000 Australians who had died during the war. In 1927, for the first time, every state observed some form of public holiday on ANZAC Day. By the mid-1930s all the rituals we now associate with the day – dawn vigils, marches, memorial services, reunions, two-up games – were firmly established as part of ANZAC Day culture.

Later, ANZAC Day also served to commemorate the lives of Australians who died in the Second World War, and in subsequent years the meaning of the day has been further broadened to include those who lost their lives in all the military and peacekeeping operations in which Australia has been involved.

ANZAC Day was first commemorated at the Memorial in 1942. At the time, government orders prohibited large public gatherings in case of a Japanese air attack, so it was a small occasion with neither a march nor a memorial service. Since then, ANZAC Day has been commemorated at the Memorial every year.



William Dargie, ANZAC Day Ceremony, Australian War Memorial, 1971

What does it mean today?

Australians recognise 25 April as a day of national remembrance, which takes two forms. Commemorative services are held across the nation at dawn – the time of the original landing, while later in the day, former servicemen and servicewomen meet to take part in marches through the country's major cities and in many smaller centres. Commemorative ceremonies are more formal, and are held at war memorials around the country. In these ways, ANZAC Day is a time at which Australians reflect on the many different meanings of war.



*Crowds line the route of the ANZAC Day National Ceremony march,
25 April 2011*

The Dawn Service

It is often suggested that the Dawn Service observed on ANZAC Day has its origins in a military routine still followed by the Australian Army. The half-light of dawn was one of the times favoured for launching an attack. Soldiers in defensive positions were woken in the dark before dawn, so by the time first light crept across the battlefield they were awake, alert, and manning their weapons; this is still known as the “stand-to”. As dusk is equally favourable for battle, the stand-to was repeated at sunset.

After the First World War, returned soldiers sought the comradeship they had felt in those quiet, peaceful moments before dawn. A dawn vigil became the basis for commemoration in several places after the war. It is difficult to say when the first dawn services were held, as many were instigated by veterans, clergymen, and civilians from all over the country. A dawn requiem mass was held at Albany as early as 1918, and a wreathlaying and commemoration took place at dawn in Toowoomba the following year. In 1927 a group of returned men returning at dawn from an ANZAC Day function held the night before came upon an elderly woman laying flowers at the as yet unfinished Sydney Cenotaph. Joining her in this private remembrance, the men later resolved to

institute a dawn service the following year. Some 150 people gathered at the Cenotaph in 1928 for a wreathlaying and two minutes' silence. This is generally regarded as the beginning of organised dawn services. Over the years the ceremonies have developed into their modern forms and have seen an increased association with the dawn landings of 25 April 1915.



The Dawn Service 2019

We remember those on ANZAC Day....

In the early morning, just before sun-up and while the sky is still grey,
we silently remember the fallen and the wounded on ANZAC Day.

Those who fought for our allied countries, both here and on foreign shores –
those killed, wounded and all returned service personnel in all the world wars;
service men and women of every distinction and all ranks... we give you all our
heartfelt gratitude and our sincere thanks.

ANZAC Day is a day to remember the mates who were left behind,
all service personnel who returned home injured, shell shocked or blind,
and also those psychologically scarred by the bloody battlefield –
their experiences are too horrific to be discussed or revealed....
As a nation we are united by tragedies and terrible loss, and each year we
stand together under the Great Southern Cross.

The tragic loss of so many lives – soldiers, sailors, airmen and nurses,
causing broken hearts and grief that time never reimburses...
all leaving behind a bereaved mother, father, a distraught husband or wife,
forever destined to mourn the terrible loss of their precious one's life.
They perished on our home shores and across the vast sea
and allowed us to live in this great land of the lucky and free.

They are not forgotten, or overlooked by the passing of the years...
silently we stand and remember them as the sun slowly appears.
And as the bugle plays "The Last Post" and we humbly watch the dawn break,
we appreciate how courageous they were when our freedom was at stake.
They were people – much loved and full of life when they answered the call,
on April 25th each and every year, we will remember them all.

Trish Reeves 2021





**RETURNED SERVICES LEAGUE
ARMADALE SUB-BRANCH**

Your RSL