

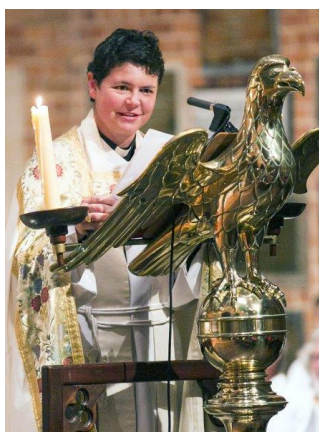


Highgate Highlights

Official newsletter of Highgate RSL Sub-Branch
Returned & Services League of Australia (WA)
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From our President

Our July meeting was a great celebration for members reaching significant birthday milestones this year. Sincere congratulations to Eric James, Bill Ritchie, and Kevin Whiting on joining the OBNs (Over Bloody Ninety); while Kevan Barret, Don Blair, Mick Coyle, Colin Hebbard, Ron Jager, Brian King, Barry Long, Noel Sivewright, Robin Slater, and Ted Stevenson joined the OBE (Over Bloody Eighty) ranks at Highgate. (continued page 2)



Guest Speaker | 15 Aug Luncheon

Our August luncheon Guest Speaker is The Right Reverend Kate Wilmot, Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Perth.

Of interest to our Members is that in 2004, Kate joined the Australian Army as a Reserve Chaplain and is currently the Coordinating Chaplain of 13 Brigade.

Born in Darwin, Kate Wilmot was brought up in Clackline and attended Northam Senior High School.

She completed a Bachelor of Arts with Honours in English at the University of

Western Australia in 1991; and in 1999, was awarded a Bachelor of Divinity from Murdoch University with Honours in Systematic Theology.

Made a Deacon in the Anglican Church in 1999, Kate completed a curacy in the Parish of Northam and was ordained Priest in February 2000. She has since served as Priest in Charge of Ballajura 2001-2009 and Rector of Bayswater 2009-2015.

Kate was a Canon of St George's Cathedral from 2008-2015; and on 06 August 2015, was consecrated as Assistant Bishop of Perth.

The Right Reverend Kate Wilmot lives in the outer suburbs of Perth where she enjoys poetry and walking her rescue dog.

To book your lunch, please enter your name electronically on the booking page via the website, (by 1400 Thursday 11 August. Go to our website home page at www.highgate-rsl.org.au and double-click HIGHGATE MONTHLY LUNCHEON below the photo of the Flame of Remembrance and you'll be transferred to the booking sheet page.

The booking sheet also lets you enter a 'P' in column three to indicate you are a permanent booking.

Electronic funds transfer details are on the spreadsheet.

For those without internet, please call any Committee Member to book in. Cost is \$30 per person.

Important dates & events | please diarise now

Sub-Branch Committee Meeting - 1100 | Mon 15 Aug 16
Monthly Luncheon | Gallipoli Room - 1130 for 1215 | Mon 15 Aug 16
September AGM & Luncheon - 1130 for 1215 | Mon 19 Sep 16
Remembrance Day Service & Luncheon | Kings Park - Mon 14 Nov 16

Other important dates inside

Last Post | Lest We Forget

Ronald Adams | Nordon Digby | Anthony Banjo Pattison

We remember with deep sadness and affection our recently departed Members and convey sincere condolences and sympathy to their families



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From our President *(continued from page 1)*

We were not able to celebrate an OBH (Over Bloody Hundred) this year.

However, the news that Peter Kennedy at age 96 won and set a new State record for 1,500 metres looks likely he will achieve that target in the near future.

Our thanks go to Geoff Simpson who researched and presented the Birthday Boys' impressive biodata. Their accomplishments in both military and civilian careers are outstanding.

Each member and their families can justifiably be very proud of achieving the status of an OBN or OBE and their contribution to the community.

The significant voluntary work undertaken by these members over many years is most noteworthy and highlights the important question, "Where would Australia be without its volunteers?"

ANZAC House catering staff produced an appropriate birthday cake which was duly cut with Jack Suriano's sword to formalise the celebrations.

Roger Buddrige, our Junior Vice President and Editor, photographed the occasion and images are included in this edition.

If any of the OBNs and OBEs would like to receive their individual and group photo, please contact Roger by email and he will send it to you. (roger.buddrige@gmail.com)

Warning Orders

Please diarise Monday 19 Sep for our Annual General Meeting; and 14 Nov for Highgate's Remembrance Day Service at the Flame of Remembrance in Kings Park, followed by luncheon at Fraser's.

Fortunately, the great negotiation skills of Immediate Past President, Peter Farrell, have seen a reduction in cost to \$80 per person this year.

This is a great opportunity for members to share with wives, partners, family and friends, and to acknowledge the sacrifices made by the men and women of our Nation, that granted us our current Australian culture and freedom.

Members are encouraged to plan their table of 10, similar to that successfully organised by our Honour Avenue Group (HAG) members last year.

Guest speaker at our next meeting on Monday 15 August is Bishop Kate Wilmot. Bishop Kate has been a 'Sky Pilot' for many years and will speak on the topic, *Reflections on Army Chaplaincy*.

I know we all have great memories of the contribution the Padres made to Service life and to Highgate Sub-Branch, so this should be a meeting of great interest.

Regards *Steve Chamarette*

RSL Advocacy and Welfare restructured

RSLWA's advocacy and welfare is being totally restructured so it appeals to all Veteran age groups.

The new RSL DefenceCare Team has undertaken training in Sydney and begins operations from ANZAC House on 15 August.

One of the key roles of RSL DefenceCare will be to assist in training advocates in WA Sub-Branches.

The Team comprises Barry Chalk (Manager RSL DefenceCare WA), Morgana Ramsey (Claims Advisor) and Rosalind Howat (Community Support).

Barry and Morgana are both former Navy members, Barry (28 years plus another six with DVA) and Morgana (10 years).

We now have ISSN numbers

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ANZAC House Redevelopment

- Christmas Party 2016 will be our last meeting
- Great new location planned for our meetings

Our last meeting at ANZAC House will be the December Christmas Party, on a date to be confirmed.

ANZAC House will close permanently from 22 December 2016 so the building can be demolished and rebuilt.

During the construction period, RSL Headquarters will rent office space in Perth, but a temporary ANZAC Club is not feasible.

Your Committee is therefore currently considering some very promising nearby alternative arrangements for our monthly meetings, so we can all continue to enjoy quality fellowship and meals together.

Architects have been tasked with developing a design which reflects our RSL/Defence links, both in shape and colour.

The new seven-storey ANZAC House business plan was delivered to the Department of Premier and Cabinet last month.

Although smaller than previously envisaged, the new building will be able to accommodate all Ex-Service Organisations (ESOs), with modern seminar/conference facilities, food and beverage areas and administration office space. Floors may also be available for offices and retail operations.

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Sub Warden Duties | July-August 2016

Wreath Laying Services | State War Memorial Kings Park

POC: Geoff Simpson OAM RFD | Deputy Warden State War Memorial

Tue 09 Aug 1000 for 1030 HMAS Canberra - Shropshire Assoc

Sat 27 Aug 1020 for 1100 National Malaya & Borneo Veterans Assoc - Merdeka Day

Sun 11 Sep 0900 for 0930 Maltese Association

Sun 16 Oct 1030 for 1100 Republic of Azerbaijan

Sun 30 Oct 1230 for 1300 Consulate of Greece - OCHI Day

Vietnam War Commemorations 2016

POC: Richard Williams, President Vietnam Veterans Association

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The designated year of commemoration for the Vietnam War is 2016, coinciding with the 50th Anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan in Phuoc Tuy Province on 18 August 1966.

In the battle, 105 Australian and three New Zealand soldiers from D Company 6RAR were confronted by about 2,500 enemy troops. Eighteen Australian soldiers were killed in action and 24 wounded; while 245 enemy lay dead with three wounded being taken prisoner.

An unknown number of enemy dead and wounded were removed by their own forces.

Sustained artillery fire and the arrival of reinforcements from A and B Companies 6RAR forced the North Vietnamese Army and Viet Cong to break off the attack and withdraw.

This decisive battle and victory helped the Australian Task Force establish and enforce its authority in the province.

All veterans, family members and the public are invited to attend the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Day and other commemorative events, which have been arranged by the Vietnam Veterans Association, with support from regional councils and RSL Sub-Branches:

Wed 10 Aug at 1030 | Commemorative service to honour Private

Richard Aldersea, a Subiaco soldier killed at the Battle of Long Tan
(Rankin Gardens, City of Subiaco)

Fri 12 Aug at 1400 | Grave Site Commemorations honouring the 61 Western Australian soldiers killed in action during the Vietnam War, with services at the Perth War Cemetery, Karrakatta Cemetery, Albany, Bunbury, Carnarvon, Collie, Geraldton, Gnowangerup, Kalgoorlie, Katanning, Moora, Mukinbudin, Nannup, Tambellup and Wandering.

(For the Perth War Cemetery and Karrakatta service, meet at the Australian Office of War Graves, Smythe Road, Nedlands at 12.30pm, for the wreaths to be placed at 41 graves prior to the 1400 service)

Sat 13 Aug at 1900 | Vietnam Dinner at Riverton RSL *(Bookings essential)*

Sun 14 Aug at 1100 | Vietnam Veterans Memorial Day Service

Vietnam Memorial, May Drive Kings Park *(Form up for parade at 1030; sausage-sizzle luncheon follows)*

Wed 17 Aug at 1930 | Rolling Thunder Vietnam

(Special opening night - Crown Theatre)

Thu 18 Aug at 1000 | Dedication and Memorial Service

(North Beach RSL)

Thu 18 Aug at 1030 | Mandurah Vietnam Veterans Day Service

(Mandurah Vietnam Memorial)

Thu 18 Aug at 1030 | Vietnam Memorial Service

(City of Cockburn RSL)

Fri 19 Aug at 1800 | Vietnam Commemorative Service

(St Georges Cathedral Perth)

Sat 20 Aug at 1000 | Vietnam Commemorative Service

(City of Stirling Memorial Gardens, Cedric St Stirling)

New CEO for RSL WA

John McCourt has been appointed RSLWA CEO from 01 September, taking over from Philip Orchard, who has announced his retirement.

State President Peter Aspinall said John comes to the position after a long career as a business and media professional and with more than 20 years' service in the Australian Defence Force.

"John undertook a mix of full-time and reserve duties with the Royal Australian Air Force after joining as a reservist in 1994.

"Having seen active duty in Iraq, Afghanistan and East Timor, his current military role is as a specialist officer with the ADF's Military Strategic Commitments Branch, after three years as OIC of Air Force Specialist Reserve Public Affairs."

John is a former television and print journalist and until recently, was a Board member of RSLWA and represented the Kimberley and Pilbara regions.

He relinquished the role as President of Broome Sub-Branch in 2014 to concentrate on the wider advocacy and welfare challenges facing the RSL throughout WA.

As chair of the WA Veterans Affairs Committee, he has been instrumental in the establishment of RSL Defence-Care in WA.

John holds a Master of Business Administration and has lectured undergraduate and postgraduate university studies in business, journalism, strategic communication and media law.

John's civilian achievements include Director of News and Current Affairs at Golden West Network, Chief of Staff for the Seven Network (Perth), Northern Australia Correspondent for SkyNews, and Director of Corporate Communication, Northern Territory Police. He was selected for the position from 40 applicants.

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INVITATION

With particular reference for ex-serving Naval Members of the Vietnam War

Governor of Western Australia Her Excellency the Honourable Kerry Sanderson AC,
State President and Members of the Naval Association

Invite Presidents and Members of RSL Sub-Branches to attend

**Unveiling of a plaque to commemorate the service of the
Royal Australian Navy during the Vietnam War**

1100 on Saturday 20 August

City of Stirling Gardens War Memorial, Cedric Street Stirling

RSVP by 12 August to Jack le Cras OAM

9409 1014 or jack.lecras@ozemail.com.au

Medals may be worn | Please advise if a wreath is to be laid

Light refreshments served

Significant military dates - August

Source: www.awm.gov.au/atwar/

02 Aug 1941 | Tobruk: Last major action involving Australians

03 Aug 1916 | Australian Light Horse in battle of Romani, Egypt

04 Aug 1914 | Great Britain declares war on Germany

05 Aug 1944 | Cowra NSW: Mass breakout of Japanese prisoners-of-war

06 August 1915 | Battle of Lone Pine Gallipoli (101st Anniversary)

06 Aug 1945 | Hiroshima: First atomic bomb dropped

08 August 1916 | Battle for Mouquet Farm near Pozieres France

09 Aug 1942 | HMAS Canberra sunk in Battle for Savo Island, Guadalcanal

09 Aug 1945 | Nagasaki: Second atomic bomb dropped

13 August 1941 | Formation of Australian Women's Army Service

15 August 1945 | VP (Victory in the Pacific) Day

18 Aug 1966 | Battle of Long Tan (50th Anniversary)

23 August 1918 | Victoria Cross: Lieutenant LD McCarthy, 16th Battalion, originally from York WA, wins Victoria Cross at Madame Wood, France

29 August 1915 | Victoria Cross: 2nd Lieutenant HV Throssell, 10th Light Horse Regiment, originally from Northam WA, wins Victoria Cross at Hill 60 Gallipoli

31 August 1918 | Battle of Mont St Quentin begins under leadership of Lieutenant General Sir John Monash. Considered by many to have been crowning achievement of the AIF in First World War

RSLWA Military Antiques Roadshow

The Antique Military Roadshow is from 10am - 4pm on Sunday 16 October 16 at ANZAC House.

Valuers John Burrige, Major Wayne Fijoleck and Captain Wayne Gardiner will be on hand to assess your militia.

ANZAC Club is open for lunch and refreshments.

Please bring no more than two items per person to give the experts time to see everyone.

BIRTHDAYS

Members celebrating an August birthday include:

Chris Adams, Louis Byrnes, Barry DeBruyn, Michael Donnelly, John Dowson, Dr Peter Harries, Patricia Kailis AM OBE, Ross Lightfoot, Hon Neil Oliver RFD ED JP, Otto Pelczar, Mike Radwell and John Thornton

RSL Virtual War Memorial

From Highgate Member Frank Taylor, who also runs Australian Military History Tours

The RSL Virtual War Memorial honours all those who have served Australia and aims to ensure their stories are not forgotten.

Too often, old photos are hidden in storage boxes, there are untold stories of veterans who never really discussed the war with their family, and lost or forgotten military memorabilia. As each year passes, our direct connections to conflicts prior to 1950 diminish as we sadly lose our veterans. Now is the time to capture their story and also those of WW1 ancestors who valiantly forged our ANZAC spirit. Having a living descendant to talk to means so much more than just trying to follow a cold paper trail.

Please share information about the RSL Virtual War Memorial amongst your networks to encourage family members of veterans to make a dedication on the site and keep history alive. It would be wonderful to have the large majority added to the site before the 100th Anniversary of Armistice on 11 November 2018.

Anyone can upload photos, biographies and copies of documents of historical significance on to the site which is run by the RSL of South Australia at: <https://rslvirtualwarmemorial.org.au/>

RSL at Perth Royal Show

The RSLWA exhibition will feature *Woman of the Empire* and *Unsung Heroes* and is a tribute to doctors, nurses, activists, cooks and Australia's first female war correspondent, Louise Mack, who covered the German invasion of Belgium.

The Poppy Ladies will be knitting and there will be activities for families.

The exhibition will highlight women's dedication to the troops and documents the real impact the war had on their lives.

Perth Royal Show is from 24 September to 01 October.

Newsletter contributions are always welcome. Please send your material to the editor at roger.buddrige@gmail.com

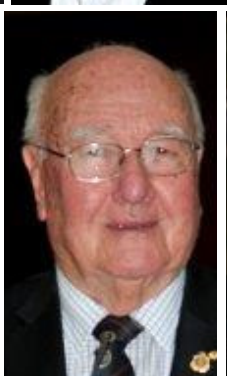
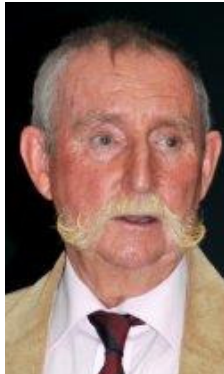
OBE and OBN celebration at July luncheon

Last month, we celebrated the birthdays of our OBE and OBN members who have reached the Big Eight Ohhh! and Big Nine Ohhh! Many thanks to Geoff Simpson who researched and presented the Birthday Boys' impressive biodata; and to Jack Suriano who brought his cutlass for the official cake cutting ceremony.

To get your high-resolution photograph, just email roger.buddrige@gmail.com.



Geoff Simpson presents the OBE's biodata



Military truisms

Any ship can be a minesweeper - once

Without ammunition, the Air Force is just another expensive flying club

When the pin is pulled, Mr Grenade is not our friend

If the orders call for a routine patrol - take extra ammo!



Acknowledgment The RSL Centenary Ball photographs featured in our July edition were taken by Photographer Jeff Keen