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From our President

Guest speaker at our August meeting was Reverend Tim Harrison's boss, The Right Reverend Kate Wilmot, Assistant Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Perth. Kate is the chief *Sky Pilot* of 13 Brigade and officiates at the Honour Avenue Group Plaque Dedication Services. Kate's talk *Reflections on Army Chaplaincy* was most interesting as she explained her current role in the ADF and the contribution Padres make to Service life. (continued page 2)

Attention All Members

Notice is given that the Highgate RSL Sub-Branch Annual General Meeting will be conducted in the Gallipoli Room, Anzac House at 1230h on Monday 19 September 2016

All positions become vacant. Nominations are called for:

- President
- Senior Vice President
- Junior Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Three Committee Members

Nominations are also called for Sub-Committee Chairpersons:

- Membership
- Honour Avenue Group
- Pension and Veterans Affairs
- Hospital and Welfare
- Website Administration

Nominations and Proxy forms are provided on the back page and must be lodged with the Secretary prior to the AGM.

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 19 Sep 16
- September AGM & Luncheon - 1130 for 1215 | Mon 19 Sep 16
- October Luncheon - 1130 for 1215 | Mon 17 Oct 16
- Poppy Day - CBD Volunteers needed - 0600-1000 | Fri 11 Nov 16
- Remembrance Day Service & Luncheon | Kings Park - Mon 14 Nov
- Christmas Luncheon - 1130 for 1215 | Mon 19 Dec 16
- ANZAC Club permanently closes for rebuilding | Wed 21 Dec 16

Other important dates inside

Last Post | Lest We Forget

Richard Savage | Robert Naylor Smyth OAM

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



From our President *(continued from page 1)*

Bishop Kate's comparison of the similarities of the Church with the Services was most noteworthy. Thank you, Tim, for suggesting Kate as a guest speaker.

There will be no Guest Speaker in September as we will be conducting our Annual General Meeting. The usual protocols will apply.

After presentation, questions and acceptance of the reports, all positions will be vacated. Immediate Past President, Peter Farrell, will conduct the election for all positions.

Nomination and proxy forms are attached in this newsletter and also available from our Secretary Greg Wilson.

The AGM is pivotal to the success of the Highgate Sub-Branch and all members are encouraged to attend and express their views.

And you will be pleased to learn our October guest speakers will be the 2016 student winners of the *Borneo Exhibition Group Scholarship Program* who took part in ANZAC Day dedications at Sandakan in Borneo earlier this year.

An early reminder for Poppy Day volunteers

Your help is sought on Friday 11 November 2016, please.

Mike Harness has again volunteered to organise and coordinate Highgate's Poppy sellers at Elizabeth Quay Railway Station and Elizabeth Quay Bus Station and former Wellington Street Bus Station, now known as Perth Busport.

This is an important fund raising day for the RSL with 50 per cent of all money collected going to Highgate Welfare Fund.

It is vital we have the required number of collectors manning these two strategic areas between 6am and 10am, so please volunteer an hour or two during this peak collection time.

Volunteers are asked to call Mike on 9293 1076 or 0419 091 708 or place your name on the Volunteers Sheet on your October luncheon table.

The late Premier Sir Charles Court, also a member of Highgate, opened ANZAC House in 1981.

Thirty five years later, on 21 December 2016, ANZAC House doors will close for demolition and rebuild. Matthew and the catering staff have generously agreed that our Christmas Meeting on Monday 19 December 2016 will have all the usual Christmas fare.

Your attendance at this function will give members the opportunity to celebrate the Christmas and New Year as well as bid a fond farewell to the Gallipoli Room, our home since the 1980s, which I am sure holds many treasured fellowship and friendship moments for all members.

Ken Bladen has already volunteered to sing a few songs and I am sure I can twist the arms of other great past entertainers like Peter Harries and Peter Kennedy to add to the entertainment.

If you have some hidden vaudeville talent that you can share and contribute to making the last function for the year a success, please phone Geoff Hourn on 0414 063 707.

I also encourage you to bring your wife, partner or friend to share this historic event.

Your Committee has been working hard to secure a suitable venue for our meetings in 2017 and hopefully I will be able to provide a progress report to you at our AGM.

Finally, a reminder that our November Meeting is on Mon 14 Nov 2016 with a Remembrance Day Service at Kings Park, followed by luncheon at Frasers (\$80 per person). The booking sheet is now open for your names.

Committee thanks Don Blair, the HAG team, Kevin Graham, Roy Stacy, Howard Montagu, Geoff Hourn and Margot Harness for coordinating their table of 10.

However, there are many more tables available, so gather a few friends and family to join us on this memorable occasion.

Steve Chamarette

DVA advocacy training

A change of name from Training Information Program (TIP) to Advocacy Training and Development Program (ATDP) at the Department of Veteran Affairs, means there will also be a new training program and regime from 2017.

TIP-trained members wishing to complete training under the former system to Pension Officer Level 2 will need to do so before 30 Jun 2017.

However, as VITA insurance will cease three years after completion, any TIP refresher courses undertaken between 01 Jan - 30 Jun 17 will have insurance cease in 2020.

If you are already trained to the Pension Officer Level 2, then your only option for advancement is to further your training under ATDP.

The ATDP system will allow you to progress to Advocate Level 4 but training must be completed in the correct order, and some of the higher level course will be conducted in the Eastern States.

Current Pension Officers are asked to respond to the following questions before the end of October so the training program can be produced and published:

- Advise what courses you already have completed and when
- Advise if you wish to complete Pension Officer training to Level 2 under the old TIP format, or
- Move to the new ATDP system whereby you will be assessed for prior learning and then move on to whatever training would be next.

Separately, a Welfare Refresher Course is being conducted on Sat 08 Oct 2016 for interested persons. Please email or sign on to the tip.org.au website and nominate using the WA link.

Point of contact is Alma Riley Administration Support Officer at ATDP - DVA | Level 4 - 140 St Georges Terrace Perth WA 6000 Box 9998 Perth WA 6000 Mobile 0447 837 494 Email tipwa@outlook.com

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RSL WA Membership at 31 Jul 16

7,435 Service and 1,964 Affiliates for a total of 9,399 Members

Sub Warden Duties | September-November 2016

Wreath Laying Services | State War Memorial Kings Park

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

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

Mon 21 Nov 0930 for War Widow's Guild of Australia WA Inc

Significant military dates | September

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

01 Sep 1939 | Germany invades Poland and war declaration by UK and France on 03 Sep began Second World War

03 Sep | Merchant Navy Day Recognises merchant seamen who served Australia in wartime

04 Sep 1942 | Japanese evacuation of Milne Bay, New Guinea begins, following first defeat of a Japanese amphibious landing in the Second World War.

04 Sep 1943 | 9th Division land at Lae, New Guinea in major land, sea, and air operation against Japanese by Australian and American forces.

07 Sep | Battle For Australia Day Recognises service and sacrifice of all who served in defence of Australia 1942-43

07 Sep 1943 | Liberator crash on take-off at Port Moresby hits five trucks and kills 59 Australians of 2/33rd Battalion.

08 Sep 1943 | Italy announces unconditional surrender to the Allies.

08 Sep 1051 | Peace treaty (Second World War) signed with Japan though the fighting ended six years before.

11 Sep 1914 | Australian Naval and Military Expeditionary Force lands at Rabaul and into action at Bitapaka, as the only major New Guinea action of First World War.

12 Sep 1955 | 2nd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment advance party arrives in Penang, Malaya as part of Far East Strategic Reserve to deter external communist aggression and suppress communist insurrection in Malaya.

14 Sep 1914 | Submarine AE1 disappeared without trace during operations for capture of German New Guinea.

16 Sep 1942 | Japanese advance in Owen Stanley Ranges New Guinea stopped at Ioribaiwa.

16 Sep 1943 | Japanese abandon Lae after heavy fighting.

18 Sep 1918 | 1st and 4th Australian divisions successfully breach forward edge of German Hindenberg Line across Picardy region, France.

19 Sep 1918 | 5th Light Horse Brigade captures Nablus during final period of the war against Turkey.

20 Sep 1912 | Official approval given to establish military Central Flying School. Official formation of the Australian Flying Corps, forerunner of RAAF.

21 Sep 1971 | B and D Company, 4RAR/NZ, fought Battle of Nui Le against large enemy force from 33 North Vietnamese Army Regiment in north of Phuoc Tuy province, with five Australians killed and 24 wounded

23 Sep 1942 | General Blamey appointed Commander in Chief of Allied land forces in New Guinea. One historian wrote Blamey's career was marked by "*Year upon year of wise decisions, stubborn determination to further the interests of Australia, and a deep concern for the wellbeing of his soldiers*"

26-27 Sep 1943 | In Operation Jaywick, Australian Special Operations Unit, mines Japanese ships in Singapore Harbour, sinking or badly damaging seven

28 Sep 1950 | 3rd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment arrives in Korea and is immediately committed to UN forces' northward advance against retreating North Koreans

BIRTHDAYS

Highgate Members celebrating their birthday in September include:

Richard Bird, Wayne Gardiner, Jock Geldart, Peter Gilkison, Geoff Hourn, Ricard Jones, Donald King, Robert Kirk, Barry Long, Eric McDonald, David Messer, David Scott, James Shackleton, Basil Twine, Ray Ward and Harry Xydias

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 militaria.

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.

Military truisms

If your attack is going too well, you're walking into an ambush

Never tell the Sergeant you have nothing to do

Mankind has a perfect record in aviation - we've never left one up there

Don't draw fire - it irritates the people around you



RSL Centenary Coin

The coin's reverse design has the RSL badge with the inscriptions RSL Centenary Lest We Forget and '1916 2016'. The design also includes the Perth Mint's 'P' mintmark. The coin must be purchased in person at ANZAC House, and costs \$14.95.

Specifications: Legal Tender - Australia | Denomination - \$1
Aluminium/Bronze metal | Mintmark - 'P' | Nominal weight - 13.5g
Diameter - 30.60mm | Mintage - Unlimited

Vietnam Veterans Day

RSL State headquarters congratulates all members involved in commemorating the 50th Anniversary of Vietnam Veterans Day that honoured the 521 Australians killed in Vietnam, the 3,129 wounded and the 60,000 who served.

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NOMINATION FOR COMMITTEE & SUB COMMITTEES 2016-2017

We hereby nominate: _____

For the position of: _____

Proposer: _____

Secunder: _____

Acceptance by Nominee: _____

Date: _____

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PROXY VOTE

Being an eligible voting Member, I hereby appoint _____
or failing him/her the Chairman for the time being of the Meeting as my proxy to attend and
vote on my behalf at the Annual General Meeting

Member: _____