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From our President

As always, November has been a busy month.

On Friday 10 November, Highgate members sold poppies for the welfare fund in the City and we are grateful to Mike Harness and all who helped. Although there was a noticeable reduction in commuter numbers from previous years, the generosity of the public remained undiminished with a remarkable collection total of \$11,076.60. The money collected will be used for the RSLWA Aged Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen's Relief Trust Fund, and the Sub-Branch Veterans' Welfare Fund. Also on 10 November, what many of us regard as one of our most important functions was carried out by member Wayne Gardiner at the Sacred Heart Primary School in Highgate when they again asked us to provide a representative for their Remembrance Day Ceremony.

The ceremony was conducted by the Year 5 students for the whole school, and in her invitation, their Teacher wrote "It would be an honour to have someone attend and speak to the children". The honour, of course, was ours and Wayne reported it was an excellent service and the children were very attentive.

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Our next meeting is on Monday 18 December at The Western Australian Club

Important: Please book before COB on Wednesday 13 December as the WA Club needs catering numbers finalised that day

The Western Australian Club is located in the Grosvenor Building at 12 St Georges Terrace, directly opposite the byway between Perth Concert Hall and Duxton Hotel. Enter through the revolving door and use only the far right-hand lift to Level 11.

Please use the website booking sheet at <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/14RncolDwtFbEpfk3LL-M1SZFrZFBSb7-mjcWnd5MhrA/edit#gid=0> or telephone any Committee member to register. The cost of the monthly luncheon is \$30 per person, payable by no later than the Wednesday prior to our regular meeting, which takes place on the third Monday of each month (except April - ANZAC Day Gunfire Breakfast; and November - Fraser's Kings Park).

To book your **regular** monthly luncheon, please enter your name electronically on the booking page via the website, (before 12 noon on the Wednesday prior to the meeting). Use the web link above or 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. Electronic funds transfer details are on the spreadsheet. Cost is \$30 per person. You will need to book your luncheon each month by noon on the Wednesday prior to the meeting.

If you do not have internet, please call Margot Harness on 9349 2847 or any Committee member to book in.

Important dates & events | please diarise now

- 1030 | Mon 18 Dec | Committee Meeting - WA Club
- 1130 for 1215 | Mon 18 Dec | Christmas Luncheon - WA Club
- 1100 | Mon 15 Jan | Committee Meeting - WA Club
- 1130 for 1215 | Mon 15 Jan | Monthly Luncheon - WA Club

Last Post | Lest We Forget

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





From our President

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Wayne said their teacher's music and images on a large screen, were really relevant and quite moving. Thanks, Wayne, for undertaking this.

Our own commemoration at the Flame of Remembrance on 12 Nov was followed by our annual Memorial Luncheon in Fraser's Restaurant in King's Park. Having the Deputy Warden, Sub Wardens, Piper Mick Coyle, Bugler David Scott and the reflective words of Kevin Graham at the service, ensured it was a noble commemoration.

The very enjoyable lunch with 105 guests was superbly organised by impresario Leon Griffiths and Committee. Thank you to all who assured the success of the service and lunch. Notably, each table at Fraser's was decorated with miniature RAN, Australian (Army) and RAAF ensigns, thanks to Roger Buddrige. As well as obtaining the flags, Roger produced the jarrah stands for them; and these will now grace each table and the lectern at our monthly lunches. I also acknowledge a kind donation of \$200 from John and Sue Morrison which is being used to fund the new table flags.

During the luncheon, Ian Petkoff spoke on his research into the West Australian service men and women recorded on our State War Memorial. It was a fascinating glimpse and we are keen to ensure Ian's research is recorded for posterity and available to the nation.

In that vein, a Committee planning meeting was held on 29 Nov to consider appropriate projects for Highgate to undertake in 2018. Because of the significance of next year's centenary, an 'Armistice Centenary Grants Program' is being offered, with major commemorative grants available under the 'Saluting Their Service Program'. Some exciting major projects were proposed at the Committee meeting and I invite any other suggestions, please. We need to move fast, as there is only a relatively short time available to write the submissions.

It was our recent pleasure to welcome new members Bob Colligan and Jeremy Buxton.

Also approaching is our Christmas lunch, on Monday 18 December at the WA Club. It will be rollicking, with entertainment to be provided by our very own members, so don't miss it. Also, remember you are very welcome to bring your partners to enjoy the Christmas festivities with us.

And any time you are unaccompanied and looking for someone to sit with, please come and sit with me. That applies to all of our lunches. You will be very welcome.

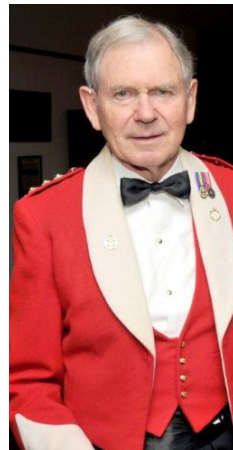
As we end 2017, it is significant to look back and recall that this year, we celebrated our 70th anniversary.

Formed on 02 Aug 1947 with founding President Gordon Hack, that first meeting was held in Boans Reception Centre at a cost of 2/6d (25c) each. More information on that first meeting later in this newsletter, and we thank Ian Petkoff for locating it.

With best wishes - Geoff Hourn

Guest Speaker | January

John Adeney | *The Boer War's West Australia Hill*



On 09 Feb 1900, during the Boer War in South Africa, a kopje, now called West Australia Hill, was defended by about 30 West Australians against an estimated 300-400 Boers. The Australians were from the 1st Western Australian

Mounted Infantry and part of General Clements' blocking force, preventing the movement of the Boers southwards to the Cape Colony.

This relatively small conflict was a turning point of the Boer War in that the day-long battle prevented the Boer envelopment of the British forces operating on the border of Orange Free State and the Cape Colony.

The prelude, action and aftermath of this skirmish or battle will be described by our member, John Adeney, at our first 2018 luncheon meeting, on 15 Jan.

Highgate RSL contributed financially to a memorial to this battle, which was placed at the site in 2002.

Biodata | John Adeney

After university, John worked as an analytical chemist in Melbourne.

Dissatisfied with city life, he then completed a Bachelor of Agricultural Science at La Trobe University before joining CSIRO in Griffith NSW.

After 12 years, John transferred to CSIRO in Perth and after a full career, retired as their Senior Experimental Scientist in the Division of Land and Water, where he worked on remediation of contaminated industrial sites.

This included developing innovative methods of removing phosphorous from waste water.

Following retirement, John returned to university (UWA) and completed a Bachelor of Arts, majoring in Archaeology. In 2018, he will do an Honours year to become a 'fair dinkum' archaeologist!

Meanwhile, John also joined the Citizen Military Forces (CMF) in 1966, serving in the Victorian units of 1RVR, 22RVR, and then the New South Wales units of 3RNSW and 1/19 RNSWR.

Following his return to Perth, he served as Training Development Officer with the Officer Cadet Training Unit before being posted to the Military Secretary's Office, where he worked with the redoubtable Major Jim Black, before retiring with the rank of Captain and RFD award.

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Sub Warden Duties | 2017**Wreath Laying Services | State War Memorial Kings Park**POC: Geoff Simpson OAM RFD
Deputy Warden State War Memorial

No Sub Warden Duties are scheduled for December or January

2018 Commemorations

2018	Anniversary	Location
10 Jan	25th Anniversary of arrival of 1RAR Task Group in Somalia	Australian War Memorial Canberra
25 Apr	Dawn Service	ANZAC Commemorative Site, Gallipoli, Turkey
25 Apr	Dawn Service—100th Anniversary of Battle of Villers-Bretonneux, Official opening of the Sir John Monash Centre, and Digger Memorial Service	Australian National Memorial, Villers-Bretonneux (am); and Digger Memorial, Bullecourt (pm), France
25 Apr	Dawn Service	Isurava memorial, Kokoda Track, Papua New Guinea
01 May	75h Anniversary of Battle of the Atlantic	Royal Australian Navy Memorial, ANZAC Parade, Canberra
13 May	50th Anniversary of Battles at Fire Support Bases Coral and Balmoral, Vietnam	Australian Vietnam Forces National Memorial, ANZAC Parade, Canberra
04 Jul	100th Anniversary of Battle of Le Hamel	Australian Corps Memorial, Le Hamel, France
27 Jul	65th Anniversary of Koren War Armistice	Australian Ex-Prisoners of War Memorial, Ballarat
16 Oct	75th Anniversary of Australian work on Hell Fire Pass and completion of Thai Burma Railway	Australian Ex-Prisoners of War Memorial, Ballarat
11 Nov	100th Anniversary of First World War Armistice (<i>possible joint service with New Zealand</i>)	Australian National Memorial, Villers-Bretonneux, France

CORRECTION State War Memorial article | November Highgate Highlights

WA Army Museum Curator and fellow Highgate member, Robert Mitchell, has provided the following correction to last month's article on the State War Memorial: *You might wish to update the article in the latest (November) Highgate Highlights regarding the cased Colours which were formerly in the undercroft of the State War Memorial. These Colours and several others are now displayed in the Traditions Gallery of the Australian Army Museum of Western Australia at Artillery Barracks in Fremantle. The Colours were passed to the care of the Army Museum in 1988 as part of the Bicentenary Colours project and a recent bequest has seen further conservation and an upgrade of their presentation. Members can see them on-line at <https://victoriancollections.net.au/organisations/australian-army-museum-of-western-australia#collection-records>.*

Adding additional information, Wayne Gardiner, Army Museum Assistant Manager (and also a Highgate member) says: *The collection of WA infantry colours and the 10 Light Horse guidon (pennant) is unique within the Australian Army History Unit network of Army museums and forms a nationally significant installation at the Australian Army Museum of WA. And Peter Shaw of the Army Museum also writes: The items originally at the State War Memorial encased in glass cases on the wall in the undercroft were four pairs of infantry colours, being the Queen's and Regimental Colours of each of the 11th, 16th, 28th and 44th Battalions (CMF). These were officially laid up in glass cases at the War Memorial in Nov 64 by 1st Battalion, Royal Western Australia Regiment, which had taken custody of these colours when it was formed in July 1960 by the merging of these various CMF infantry battalions.*

The original Guidon of 10th Light Horse (CMF) was laid up in the State War Memorial by 10th Light Horse in Jun 67, following presentation of a new guidon to the Regiment the previous year. By the mid 1980s, concern at the deterioration of the colours and guidon due to moisture seeping into the cases became the catalyst for their transfer to the Army Museum under a special State Bicentenary project grant, with approval from RSLWA, Unit associations and the Army. (Peter Shaw was Principal Coordinator of the transfer project). We're always grateful for readers' authoritative corrections so we can maintain our integrity as a credible newsletter. Many thanks Robert, Wayne and Peter - Roger Buddrige, Editor.

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



Poppy Day collection benefits Veterans' Welfare Fund



Highgate members were out in force for Poppy Day collections at Elizabeth Quay Bus Port/Railway Station and the Wellington Street Bus Station on Friday 10 Nov, collecting \$11,076.60 in donations from a generous public.

Organised by Mike Harness, the money will be used exclusively for the RSLWA Aged Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen's Relief Trust Fund, and the Sub-Branch Veterans' Welfare Fund.

Although there was a noticeable reduction in commuter numbers from previous years, the generosity of the public remains undiminished.

Collectors at Elizabeth Quay included Mike and Margot Harness, John and Carmen Homer, Geoff Simpson, Howard Montagu, Geoff Hourn, Alan Downs, Leon Griffiths, Ray Ward, Doug Farmer and Noel Monk.

Rod Halcombe, Helen Birch, John Cleary, Steve Chamarette, John Adeney, Phillip Skelton, Barry Campbell, Les Herbert, Robert Campbell and Rosa Wallis conducted collections at Wellington Street Busport.

We're also grateful for the generous assistance of volunteer non-members Bruce Campbell, Barbara Clarkson, Stephanie Griffiths and Brett Osler, and we thank them sincerely for their commitment.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Greetings to our Members celebrating their birthday in December, including:

John Adeney, Richard Albury, John (Bill) Bailey, Shalom Coleman, Craig Collas, Barry Cooke, John Deykin, Robert Elliot, Ray Galliot, Michael Galvin, Kevin Graham, Michael Harness, Jim Irving, William Kynaston, Greg Lakeman, Robin Slater, Duncan Warren and Phil Zeid.

Honour Avenues Group 50 plaques dedicated in 2017

Our final ceremony for 2017 saw 12 more memorial plaques dedicated at May Circle in Kings Park on Sat 18 Nov.

This brings to 50 commemorations this year for service personnel who enlisted in Western Australia, died overseas on active service and are buried overseas or have no known grave.

The first Honour Avenue in Kings Park was dedicated to 404 fallen soldiers in August 1919 on the fifth anniversary of the outbreak of World War I. The responsibility of maintenance was delegated to the RSL's West Perth Sub-Branch, now known as the Highgate Sub-Branch.

The Returned and Services League accepted responsibility for the maintenance and preservation of the plaques along Kings Park's Honour Avenues in 1922.

The Honour Avenue Committee was formed in 1948, following the dedication of over 300 World War II plaques in Lovekin Drive. There are now more than 1,700 plaques along Honour Avenues in Kings Park.

Dedication ceremonies are held four times a year for plaques approved by the Honour Avenues Group. There is a limit of 12 additional plaques per dedication ceremony.

Honour Avenue Group Members: Mike Harness, Dick Jones, Barry Campbell, John Homer, Helen Birch, Norm Manners, Norm Coleman, Chris Chapple, Barry Eather, Ken Jones, Doug Farmer and Rod Halcombe *(Missing from photo: Robin Slater, Richard Albury and Arthur Hutchison)* Photo by Norman Coleman





Veterans and Veterans Families Counselling Service

A service founded by Vietnam veterans

VVCS Perth Group Programs January to April 2018

To register for group programs or enquire, please contact us on 1800 011 046 or email vvcswa@dva.gov.au | More information on group programs, eligibility or to register interest at www.vvcs.gov.au

Building Better Relationships (Veterans & Partners)

Designed for couples to attend together, it aims to improve the quality of relationships through development of skills to strengthen emotional ties; develop greater mutual appreciation; communicate more effectively and share goals for the future. 3 DAY PROGRAM - VVCS APPLECROSS | 0930-1600 on 08, 09 and 16 Feb | Facilitated by Rodger Jones

Doing Anger Differently for Women

(Veterans, Partners, Family)

If you have concerns about your anger and the impact this is having on those close to you, this program may be for you. It will help you recognise and manage your angry feelings and prevent aggressive behaviour. You will learn strategies to help you take responsibility for your anger and act in more appropriate ways. 3 THURSDAY SESSIONS - VVCS APPLECROSS | 0930-1230 | 15, 22 Feb & 01 Mar | Facilitated by Rodger Jones

Beating the Blues (Veterans, Partners, Family)

Depression is one of the most common mental health problems. Beating the Blues assists participants understand situations and thinking patterns that can contribute to depression, and to develop strategies to manage depression symptoms more effectively. 2 DAY WORKSHOP - VVCS APPLECROSS | 0930-1600 | 26 & 27 February | Facilitated by Lisa Brown

Triple P Parenting Support Seminar – Managing Disobedience (Veterans, Partners, Family)

Suitable for parents of children aged 2-10 years. 2 HOUR SEMINAR - VVCS APPLECROSS | 1000-1200 | 08 Mar | 1000-1200 | Facilitated by Karla Cloke

ASIST Suicide Prevention Skills

(ADF/Veteran Community)

Veterans and their families look after their mates. Operation Life workshops training programs will help you look after your mates by building skills to enable greater recognition of signs that someone might be having thoughts of suicide and skills to link them to appropriate help.

2 DAY PROGRAM - VVCS APPLECROSS | 0930-1600 | 12-13 Mar | Facilitated by Gaynor Hicks

SafeTALK Suicide Prevention Skills

(ADF/Veteran Community)

HALF DAY WORKSHOP - ALBANY | 0900-1300 | 14 Mar | Facilitated by Gaynor Hicks

ASIST Skills Refresher Recall Workshop

(Refresher for previous 2 day ASIST participants only)

1 DAY WORKSHOP - ALBANY | 0900-1600 | 15 Mar | Facilitated by Gaynor Hicks

Future Highgate Luncheon Speakers

President Geoff Hourn and Vice President John Cleary arrange most of our monthly guest speakers. We are grateful to them for the extraordinary quality and variety of our guests, all of whom inform - and sometimes amaze us.

December | Christmas Party | We hear that Elvis now lives in Subiaco. Rollicking, professional entertainment. Anything is possible! Feel free to bring your partner.

January 2018 | One of our very own - **Captain John Adeney RFD** Respected CSIRO researcher and now an archaeologist, speaking on the WA soldiers' Boer War battle at West Australia Hill in South Africa

February | WA Minister for Veteran Affairs, Hon Peter Tinley AM MLA on Veterans issues in WA; plus how he planned/implemented the Australian Special Air Service Regiment operations in Iraq and Afghanistan while a member of the SAS. (**This meeting will be on third Tuesday 20 Feb as Cabinet meets on the Monday**)

March | Brian Burke, Former Premier of WA Accompanied by wife, Sue, Brian will reflect on his time as Premier and also talk about his recent autobiography, *A Tumultuous Life*. He has agreed to donate 20% of any book sales to Highgate RSL.

About Highgate RSL Sub-Branch

Our 70th Year

Formed in 1947, Highgate RSL Sub-Branch has long had responsibility for managing commemorative activities at the State War Memorial, and our members also form the Honour Avenue Group that installs and maintains the commemorative tree plaques in Kings Park that memorialise West Australians who have fallen in service of their nation, but are not buried in WA.

As well as information specific to Highgate Sub-Branch, our newsletter also includes from time to time relevant items relating to State and national RSL administrations; projects and issues from the Department of Veteran Affairs; comment by the Minister for Veterans Affairs; articles on significant historical events and achievements; information from the Australian War Museum in Canberra; and of course, the obligatory humour (moments to lighten things up a little).

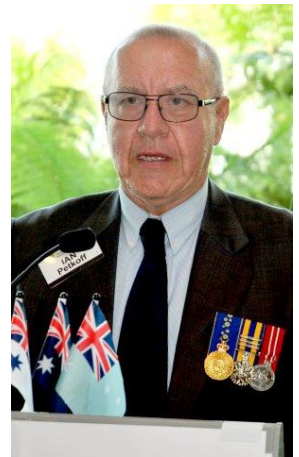
We have enjoyable luncheons on the third Monday of each month with fascinating guest speakers. Until ANZAC House is rebuilt, we meet in the serene surroundings of the Western Australian Club, opposite the Perth Concert Hall. Members of other RSL Sub-Branches are very welcome to join us for luncheon, and booking information is provided on the first page of this newsletter.

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Who is listed on our State War Memorial?

During World War I, a mortally wounded Australian soldier asked Charles Bean, AIF war correspondent and later founder of the Australian War Memorial, "Will they remember me in Australia?" One of the truly great virtues of the Returned and Services League, is that we are regularly given opportunity to formally remember the wartime and peacetime sacrifices of our family and friends, past and present. And just as importantly, we are encouraged to remember the great number of unknown service members, who also sacrificed much, so all our families and those generations to come, should not endure tyranny, but instead enjoy peace and prosperity in a free world.

Adding to this sacred remembrance, Ian Petkoff, Highgate Sub-Branch member and former Base Commander at RAAF Pearce, has conducted considerable research into quantifying the lives of Australian service members whose names are recorded in remembrance on the walls of our State War Memorial. Here is Ian Petkoff's talk at Highgate Sub-Branch's 2017 Annual Remembrance Day Memorial Luncheon.



There was no easy way to do this research. An aggregated list of names for the Memorial was unable to be found or provided by the RSL, so I compiled my own list by photographing the plaques and transposing the names onto computer. I then used a series of on-line sources and books borrowed from the State Library to further identify those names and, at least for RAAF WWII casualties, what happened to them.

The on-line sources used included the Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour and the Commemorative Roll, the Commonwealth War Graves Commission Records, the National Archives of Australia Records, the Department of Veterans' Affairs WWII Nominal Roll, the WA Attorney General's records of Births, Deaths and Marriages and the equivalent Rolls for other States.

I also extracted information from books I borrowed, a method particularly important for RAAF Members lost while serving in RAF Units, and for which Australian records are understandably inadequate. I then laboriously combined the information from all sources for each member.

The second background item relates to Rolls of Honour. The 'official' Roll of Honour is the compilation by the Australian War Memorial, including covering the existence of the First and Second Australian Imperial Forces for the Two World Wars, and other criteria for subsequent conflicts.

Compiled by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, this list is slightly more extensive and in terms of WWI and WWII, includes deaths that occurred after the disbandments of the AIFs, but that have been determined to be from war-related causes.

However, every other memorial that includes a list of names means those lists are at the discretion of the organisers of each memorial, and this includes our State War Memorial.

This leads me into now discussing the names on our State Memorial. The premise that underpins the names is that the list includes all those who enlisted in Australian Forces from WA and became casualties (fatalities).

Returning to the two major lists – WWI and WWII – the State War Memorial itself was completed in 1929 and the WWII plaques dedicated in 1955, with the list of names included on the Memorial showing deaths that occurred up to 1931, and at least for the RAAF members during WWII, up to 1950.

The list of names on our Memorial therefore differs from and is more extensive than either the Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour or the Commonwealth War Graves Commission Record.

Our Memorial also lists members who enlisted directly into the British Forces and who are listed on the Australian War Memorial Commemorative Roll in lieu of the Roll of Honour.

A range of second lists compilable from the names relate to local Rolls of Honour.

Most of the WWI casualties listed on the Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour show a Place of Association, usually but not exclusively the place of birth or location of enlistment. These can be used to compile local Rolls of Honour as an addition to the physical memorials that have been constructed throughout the State.

The aggregated data shows 406 distinct locations in the State as well as 66 for NSW, 11 for QLD, 64 for SA, 12 for TAS and 147 for VIC. There is only one overseas location and that is for Worthing, Surrey.

While still on WWI, there are 403 members listed on the State Memorial whose deaths fall after the close of the official Roll of Honour record period on 31 Mar 1921. With some deaths listed occurring as late as 1931, clearly some additions were made to the Memorial after its dedication in 1929 and are reflected in the names not in alphabetic order added to the end of Unit Rolls.

While on the topic of memorials with lists of names, it is worth making a comparison between the names on the 10th Light Horse Memorial with those of the Unit's section on the State Memorial.

The list on the State Memorial shows the 271 names is in accordance, listing only members who enlisted from WA; while the stand-alone Memorial shows 298 names. This difference occurs because the Unit Memorial shows the full casualty list and includes additional casualties from WA serving in Light Horse Headquarters units.

We should also remember that about 30% of casualties on both Memorials occurred on one day – Saturday 7 Aug 1915 – during the Battle of the Nek, depicted in the closing scenes of the 1981 movie, *Gallipoli*.

Our Jewish Memorial lists 43 names and I have been unable to further identify some names, and not all enlisted are from WA.

On the aggregated data compilation, the National Archives of Australia provides digitised Service records of literally all WWI enlistees.



Who is listed on our State War Memorial? *(continued from page 6)*

On the aggregated data compilation, the National Archives of Australia provides digitised Service records of literally all WWI enlistees. Included in the enlistment record is place of birth with, for our State Memorial, 45 different jurisdictional locations identifiable - the main places being England 1620, Victoria 1541, Western Australia 1493, South Australia 589, New South Wales 577 and Scotland 337.

Only 105 of the over 7,000 casualties recorded on the State War Memorial for WWI were born outside the British Empire, with about half of these members appearing to have British ancestry, judging by their names.

Often there are media stories of boys aged 15-18 enlisting or seeking to enlist during WWI. While this was true in many instances, the reality is that the most enlistees were men in their 20s to mid-40s, and often married with children. The result is that there are considerable numbers of direct descendants from WWI casualties living in our community.

This is not the same, at least for the RAAF experience, in WWII. Almost none of the RAAF casualties were married and very few of those were recorded with children. A very high proportion of RAAF casualties were aircrew as you would expect and their ages almost all ranged 18-25.

As it was rare for a RAAF casualty to be over 25 years old, they have almost no direct descendants. I have not yet done enough research to draw any conclusions for WWII RAN or Army casualties.

The causes of death vary with 'killed in action' or 'died of wounds' being the most common. However, illness and various types of accidents feature prominently, particularly involving aircraft during WWII.

In keeping with the promise that all casualties would be recorded and remembered, causes of death also include traffic accidents - even here in Perth; and suicides, mostly using issued military weapons.

The great Influenza pandemic of 1918-20 also claimed 117 lives, a number I consider relatively low, given the over 7,000 casualties recorded on the Memorial.

This is based on research of the Australian Flying Corps where 37 of its 319 casualties died of Influenza during that period, representing a rate of over 10%.

The RAN in WWI suffered relatively few casualties and this is reflected in the list of six names recorded on the south wall of the undercroft. None of these members were lost in combat, with the worst single loss of life suffered by the RAN during WWI being the submarine HMAS AE1, which went missing off Rabaul on 14 Sep 14.

More Australian lives were lost by the Merchant Marine than the RAN as the result of enemy action. WWII was quite different, with large casualty lists resulting from the losses of HMAS Parramatta, Sydney, Perth, Yarra, Armidale, Canberra and a number of other less prominent vessels. This is reflected in the 263 casualties listed on the Memorial, with 13 members of the Merchant Marine separately listed for WWII.

Five members of the Australian Flying Corps are listed in the Other Corps section of the undercroft. A further 12 members can be identified from WA but serving with the Royal Flying Corps or from 1 Jan 1918, the Royal Air Force, with some of these members also listed in the Other Corps Section. The RAAF WWII plaques list 1,118 casualties, representing about 10% of the RAAF's total war losses.

A further 24 members have been missed from the list, as well as an additional 31 members who died while serving with Commonwealth Air Forces, principally the RAF, and are not listed on the Memorial. However, 30 of the members listed died after 30 Jun 1947, and are consequently not listed on the Australian War Memorial.

About 40% of RAAF casualties occurred while members were serving in RAF Units, principally Bomber Command. When combined with RAAF units also in Bomber Command, the result is that almost half of all RAAF total WWII casualties occurred during service in Bomber Command - hence its importance to RAAF commemorations.

This talk has been about men, and for good reason. Of the over 7,000 names listed for WWI, only two are women - Jessie Gibson and Minnie Jane Lightbody - both Nursing Sisters who passed away in the early 1920s.

The WWII Women's Services plaques show 18 names, of whom three - Nursing Sisters Beard, Farmaner and Willmott - were killed by enemy action in the infamous Banka Island Massacre on 16 February 1942. The other 15 died in accidents or from illness.

There are indigenous members listed on the State War Memorial. A 1995 study by Brian Willis for a Master of Philosophy in Australian Studies at UWA identifies nine indigenous casualties for WWII - eight Army and one RAAF. One of the Army casualties is not listed on the Memorial.

I consider it would be extremely difficult to repeat that research for World War I, largely due to the likely lack of supporting records.

The second part of Ian's talk will be published in January

HOT NEWS - WA Club extends attendance privileges

Members may be aware there is now a reciprocal arrangement between the Western Australian Club and RSLWA whereby WAC members are able to use beverage and dining facilities at RSL Sub-Branches throughout the State; and RSLWA service members (not affiliates or associates) can dine and socialise at the WA Club.

As of this week, the reciprocal arrangement has now been generously extended by the Western Australian Club to RSLWA service members, allowing them to now also attend WA Club events of their choosing, such as specialist speakers on a wide range of topics, professional luncheons and sundowners, and other social events in the WA Club premises.

Starting in January, we'll provide more information and print the relevant parts of the Western Australian Club Social Calendar in each edition of Highgate Highlights.



Remembrance Day Commemoration 2017





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INAUGURAL MEETING 2 AUG 1947

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VICE PRESIDENT (2) MICK HUNGERFORD
SECRETARY CHARLIE HUGALL
TREASURER JACK HERLIHY

COMMITTEE

ERNIE SHACKLOCK
BILL LUCAS
IAN BESSELL-BROWNE
NOEL ROYDHOUSE
FRANK BOAN

IT IS OF INTEREST THAT THE MEETING WAS HELD IN BOANS RECEPTION ROOM 4th FLOOR AT 2/6 PER MEMBER. THE SPEAKER FOR THE FOLLOWING MEETING WAS ANNOUNCED AS BEING MAJOR-GENERAL WHITELAW G.O.C. WESTERN COMMAND WHO WAS TO TALK ON THE RABAU TRIALS

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THE PRESIDENTS

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 1952 JIM PLANK
 1953 JOHN FITZHARDINGE
 1955 MICK HUNGERFORD
 1956 JIM BURNHAM
 1957 DOUG DARGIE
 1958 WALLY KNOX
 1959 PERCY PEARSON

1960 CAM REDENBACH
 1961 DICK DAWBARN
 1962 RON STONE
 1964 PHIL LOFFMAN
 1965 KEN BROADHURST
 1967 MORRIE CREWE
 1969 VERN DAWE

1971 EAN McDONALD
 1973 BILL FITZHARDINGE
 1975 PAT MEHAN
 1976 BILL MUNRO
 1978 KEN KIDD
 1979 GEORGE LARKIN

1980 LEN IKIN
 1982 JOHN SURRIDGE
 1984 MAX BRICE
 1986 GEOFF RUSSELL
 1988 TED STEVENSON
 1989 SAM DALLYWATER

1991 TOM FERRERO
 1992 LESLIE LEE
 1993 JOHN LOW
 1994 BOB ELLIOT
 1995 LES STEWART
 1996 TOM SCULLY
 1997 DON MEREDITH
 1998 TOM HORTON
 1999 ALAN SAVILLE

2000 JOHN JACKSON
 2002 DON BLAIR
 2004 IAN (MO) MULHOLLAND
 2006 NORM MANNERS

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