



## THE RETURNED & SERVICES LEAGUE OF AUSTRALIA HIGHGATE SUB BRANCH

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# Highgate Happenings SEPTEMBER 2021

Welcome new members Colin Taylor and Lawrie Stanley.

## OBE/OBN LUNCH

A special Happy Birthday to this year's OBE (Over Bloody Eighty) and OBN (Over Bloody Ninety) members. We will celebrate the occasion at our next luncheon on Monday 20 September, at the Anzac Club. Celebrations will be preceded by our AGM.

This year we congratulate OBNs Bill Wilson and Neil Anderson, OBEs Barry Eather, Jim Eayrs, Peter and Judy Farrell, Rod Halcombe, Hugh Ritchie, Errol Smith and Robert Pickard. Unfortunately Barry and Judy are unable to attend.

Lunch is \$40 for two courses, plus \$5 for a raffle ticket if you wish. The Anzac Club will be providing a special cake for dessert. Note there will be no guest speaker.

Bookings can be made online through the Highgate website or through Margot Harness, or the Secretary.

## 100 year Anniversary Dinner



There are still vacancies for our 100 Year dinner to be held at the Weld Club on Friday 10 September. The evening commences with pre-dinner drinks (sparkling wine, beers, wine, soft drinks) at 1900h followed by a three course dinner including drinks at 1930h. The evening will conclude with the traditional passing of the port. Cost \$120 payable on booking. Bookings close 2 September.

Dress for men dinner or lounge suit with miniatures, mess dress if you wish. Ladies formal attire.

Bookings can be made here (this also includes your formal invitation):

<https://sites.google.com/view/dining-in-night/home>

### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Members are reminded of Annual General Meeting of Highgate RSL Sub-Branch at 1230h on Monday, 20 September 2021, at The Anzac Club.

Nomination forms are available from the Secretary and will also be available prior to the AGM.

### DID YOU KNOW?

It remains an historic oddity that the first two ceremonies at the **State War Memorial** were conducted by the Japanese and the Italians (both before it was dedicated on 24 November 1929). On Sunday 17 June 1928, Vice Admiral Kobayashi, CO Japanese Training Squadron laid a wreath. The Japanese Navy also participated in a ceremony on 14 April 1935.

On Tuesday 1 October 1929 Italian Consul Citarelli laid a wreath. He also laid a wreath on 8 November 1931, as did Italian Navy Captain Jachino on 10 October 1935. Captain Adelis, French Navy, followed the latter on 17 October 1935.

Other prominent persons listed in participating in ceremonies prior to WWII were Amy Johnson, Douglas Jardine, the Wallabies, The Duke of Gloucester, Group Settlement children, The Grenadier Guards and French Boy Scouts. (Thanks to Helen Birch for undertaking this research.)



This year's **Poppy Appeal** will be held on **Friday 5 November 2021**.

RSLWA's largest annual fundraising event for the year is the Poppy Appeal. Created in 1921, this is our longest-running fundraiser as well. The Poppy Appeal runs alongside Remembrance Day, where poppies are given in return for a donation; all of these donations go directly into assisting veterans in need; whether that be with financial matters, mental and physical health issues and transitioning into the civilian world. Highgate will again be collecting but sites are yet to be advised. Watch out for further information and a roster next month.



#### **FOR YOUR DIARY**

**18 October**, lunch at The Anzac Club.

Guest speaker Professor Stephen Smith LL.M, former MHR and ex variously Minister of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Defence, now Professor of Public International Law UWA.

#### **HIGHGATE REMEMBRANCE DAY LUNCH**

**Sunday 7 November** at Frasers Restaurant, Kings Park. The lunch will be preceded by a short memorial service at The Flame at 1130am, followed by lunch at 1200 for 1230. Cost \$80 all inclusive. Guest speaker Captain (RAN) Angela Bond, a former Commanding Officer of HMAS Stirling, and current Warden of the Fremantle War Memorial. Note there will be no lunch at The Anzac Club in November. Booking sheet out late September



#### **ANZAC CLUB COMING EVENTS**

The Anzac Club has planned a number of events for members over the coming months.

The first is the **Best of WA Dinner** featuring Leeuwin Estate. The dinner comprises six courses each accompanied by a Leeuwin Estate wine. These include an Art Series Riesling and Sauvignon Blanc, Prelude Cabernet Merlot, a taste off between a Prelude 2020 Chardonnay and an Art Series 2018 Chardonnay, followed by an Art series Shiraz. Cost \$110 per head.

Check out the Anzac Club website <https://anzacclub.org.au/> for the menu and other upcoming events including a Melbourne Cup lunch, a Remembrance Day lunch and Australia Day cocktail party.

**Happy Birthday** to members celebrating in September include Dick Jones, Barry Long, Basil Twine, Richard Bird, Jock Geldart, Kim Doherty, David Scott, Peter Gilkison, Donald King, Jeff Moorcroft, Eric McDonald, Wayne Gardiner, Geoff Hourn, Clive Smith, James Shackleton, Tony Howes, Guy Burton, John Reidy-Crofts, Lindsay Morrison, Clive Smith.