



THE RETURNED & SERVICES LEAGUE OF AUSTRALIA HIGHGATE SUB BRANCH

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Highgate Happenings DECEMBER 2021

And so this is Christmas....

time for the Highgate Christmas lunch, we hope you have fun

Bring your near and your dear ones, the old and the young, to the Highgate December lunch on **Monday 13 December** (Second Monday) at The Anzac Club, 1200 for 1230h. Cost is \$40 plus \$5 for a raffle ticket if you wish to participate. Member's guests very welcome.

Bookings can be made at <https://forms.gle/61By4zq31tJs4L7L7>

There is no guest speaker but Vice President John Cleary has arranged entertainment for us all, the Three Up Bush Band. Three Up Bush Band perform all-time favourites such as Waltzing Matilda and Click Go The Shears using a creative combination of guitar, banjo, fiddle (or accordion) and 2 vocals, plus clarinet/trombone for a few jazzy tunes. They also perform Irish songs/jigs & reels, C&W, early R&R, folk, novelty, some comedy & a few bush dances. John advises that only two of the entertainers are able to make it, so it will be the Three Up Bush Band minus one, or the Two-Up Band.

HIGHGATE PLAQUE ADDED TO HONOUR AVENUE

Unveiled at our Remembrance Day lunch, the Highgate Plaque honouring Fallen Comrades, was dedicated in King Park's Honour Avenue on Saturday 13 November. It is positioned alongside the Subiaco Sub-Branch plaque dedicated in 1920.

The Highgate Plaque reads
In Honour of Fallen Comrades
dedicated by RSL Highgate Sub-Branch,
incorporating the West Perth, Public Service and
Press Sub-Branche. Photo G. Simpson



Welcome new member LTCOL Bob Farrelly RFD. Bob, known to many of the Ex Army Reserve members, is currently on the Standby Reserve.

NEW SWM WARDEN

RSLWA has appointed a Warden of the Memorial on the 11th of November each year since 1929.

This year Highgate member Major General Barry Nunn AO RFD ED has taken over the role as Warden of the State War Memorial from The Hon. Kerry Sanderson AC CVO, former Governor of Western Australia and current Chancellor of Edith Cowan University.

Major General Barry Nunn will remain as Warden of the State War memorial until Remembrance Day 2022.

FOR YOUR DIARY

Vice President John Cleary has arranged an excellent group of guest speakers for the first half of 2022.

17 January 2022 guest speaker will be Dr Andy Robertson, WA's Chief Health Officer. This should be a very interesting lunch. We look forward to hearing of lessons learned and the way forward. Booking details after Christmas.

21 February 2022 – Basil Zempilis, the Rt Hon the Lord Mayor of Perth. (Basil is the 18th person to occupy the position).

21 March 2022 - Mr. David J. Gainer U.S. Consul General Perth.

Anzac Day breakfast – Nigel Rogers, President WA Chapter Naval Historical Society of Australia.

16 May 22 – Brendan Cook, President of the Boer War Memorial Society of WA and author of the history of the Pay Corps in World War 1.

Well done John for this coup in arranging such interesting and high powered speakers.



POPPY DAY

Congratulations to all who assisted in our annual **Poppy Day Appeal**. Total amount raised was in excess of \$10,000 (50/50 split with RSLWA). Attendance at Elizabeth Quay 8, Wellington St 11, plus 5 others elsewhere. Besides our intrepid bus/railway station collectors, of note were Jack Suriano at his village in Mandurah and Oliver Lovell JP who took over the foyer of

the Plain St Police complex for the morning and raised nearly \$200. Again, a big thank you, Mike Harness and your team.

CAN YOU HELP? Highgate's 1977 President was retired Major Kenneth Bowman Kidd SX8590 who served with 2/2 Pioneer Battalion. Unfortunately, the association's website only shows the same information that is on the DVA WWII nominal roll and his NAA file is yet to be digitalised. Any further information will be appreciated.

If any of our longer serving members can assist with any information please advise Ian or the Secretary.

Happy Birthday to members who celebrated in November -

Lou Daily, Michael Darby, Kevan Barrett, Bob Bunney, Brian D'Cunha, Doug Farmer, Clare Curtis, Colin Hebbard, Graham Reynolds, Peter and Judy Farrell, Allan Downs, John Evert.

Those celebrating in **December** include –Peter Heeney, Ron Packer, Peter Lawrance, John Fisher, Ray Galliot, Greg Lakeman, Doug Melville, Barry Cooke, Robert Dickson, Damien Quirk, Jim Irving, Michael Harness, Derek Ladyman, Duncan Warren, Dick Albury, Robin Slater, John Adeney, Ross Cable, Bob Elliott and Bill Kynaston. **A particular shout out to Rabbi Shalom Coleman CBE AM JP who turns 103 on 5 December.**

100 YEARS OF SERVICE TO VETERANS