

Highgate Centenary

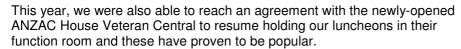
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From President Bill Munro | 1976; 2019-21

ndoubtedly, the highlight this year was the Sub-Branch reaching its Centenary milestone, acknowledged by the presentation of the 100-year certificate at the RSLWA State Conference and a formal Dining-In Night held on 09 Sep 2021 at the Weld Club.

Highgate was officially formed in 1947, following a meeting at the Savoy Hotel in Hay Street, but its antecedents can be traced back to 1921, following amalgamation with the Public Service and Press Sub-Branch and the West Perth Sub-Branch. Interestingly, one decision of the first meeting was to hold a luncheon meeting on the third Monday of each month with a guest speaker, a tradition that continues today, 74 years later.



A close association with Kings Park & Botanical Gardens, inherited from the West Perth, Public Service and Press Sub-Branches, has always been greatly respected. Highgate has maintained that close association with Kings Park over the years, with the Sub-Branch providing many of the Sub Wardens and Deputy Wardens of the State War Memorial, and staffing of the Honour Avenues Group.

State War Memorial

The appointment of the Warden of the State War Memorial is the responsibility of the RSL WA State Branch. The Memorial was unveiled on 24 Nov 1929 with the first Warden appointed for 1930. The list of Wardens is shown on the Honour Board on display in the WA RSL State Branch Office.

The State War Memorial is of special significance to all ex-Servicemen and women, but none more so than to the members of Highgate, which has long had responsibility for providing the Deputy Warden. Current Deputy Warden and incoming President, Geoff Simpson OAM RFD, together with a committed group of Sub-Wardens, provide ceremonial duties at commemorations.

Our thanks go to our Parade Marshal, Mick Coyle OAM and Bugler David Scott, while former WA Governor, Hon. Kerry Sanderson AC CVO, continued her duties as Warden of the State War Memorial throughout the year and attended most, if not all, of the commemorative services.

Honour Avenues Plaques

There were no war memorials in those early days following WWI, even though most of those who died were buried on far-distant battlefields.

Therefore, on 03 Aug 1919, the first plaques dedicated to fallen soldiers who had enlisted in WA, but whose remains were not able to be repatriated, were placed in Kings Park and the responsibility for maintaining the first 404 plaques was given to the West Perth Sub-Branch after it was formed. This unit is now known as the Honour Avenues Group (HAG). Their centenary was marked in 2019.

The location of Kings Park for the Honour Avenue plaques was likely chosen on account of its central location for the Perth metropolitan area, that the precedent for establishing memorials for the fallen in the Park had already been set with the unveiling of the War in South Africa Memorial in 1901, and with initiative from within the Kings Park Board itself. The Hon. Arthur Lovekin MLC (1859-1931), an original member and second president of the Board, is credited with the creation of the Honour Avenues.



Rill Munro

Our Story 1921-2021

Celebrating its centenary in 2021, West Perth Sub-Branch (founded 01 Jul 1921) was renamed Public Service Sub-Branch on 16 Nov 1943, amalgamated with the Press Sub-Branch on 21 Mar 1973 and then became Highgate Sub-Branch in 1976

"We can look back with pride on the way (our) Sub-Branch performed, how it has pulled its weight within the League and how it has been an outstanding Sub-Branch



and above all, faithful to the memory of those who paid the supreme sacrifice and those who paid for the rest of their lives through the injuries and sickness they suffered because of their War Service.

Most important of all, Highgate has always remained faithful to the philosophies, policies and activities of the RSL."

- Sir Charles Court AK KCMG OBE Premier of Western Australia 1974-82 and Highgate Member

Members contributing to our 100th Anniversary publication

Sir Charles Court AK KCMG OBE WA Premier & Highgate Member

WA Senator Dean Smith

Government Whip in the Senate Parliament of Australia

Geoff Hourn AM

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President Bill Munro cont.

The Honour Avenues Group (HAG), currently comprising 15 volunteers under the chairmanship of Robin Slater, continue to meet weekly to maintain the existing plaques in Kings Park and to prepare new plaques for dedication. HAG held three ceremonies during the past year, adding a further 28 plaques, and bringing the total to 1,858.

The group also maintains a comprehensive history of West Australian Servicemen who lost their lives and are buried overseas.

The Kings Park and Botanic Gardens website

www.bgpa.wa.gov.au/kings-park/visit/history/honour-avenues

acknowledges Highgate RSL's ongoing commitment since 1922.

The Listening Post radio program on Capital Community Radio

Highgate RSL continues to sponsor *The Listening Post* two-hour radio program, presented by Highgate member, Tony Howes, on Capital Community Radio at 6pm every Monday. The program recalls snippets of wartime history, plays the best in military music, and interviews a wide range of people with military backgrounds.

Korean War Memorial Project

For the past two years, Highgate RSL has also been the driving force behind the Korean War Memorial project. The committee has completed the design and submitted it to the Board of Botanical Gardens and Parks Authority for construction in Kings Park, and is now fundraising, including with applications to the ANZAC Day Trust and to the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

State War Memorial Deputy Warden, Geoff Simpson OAM RFD, was elected President of Highgate for 2021-23, beginning our second century of service to the Veteran community.

Senate acknowledgment of RSLWA and Sub-Branches

Western Australiam Senator Dean Smith - Government Whip in the Senate Parliament of Australia, Canberra Hansard, Tuesday 19 Oct 2021

rise to draw attention to the great work of the Returned and Services League of Australia, the RSL, and in particular, to recognise the Sub-Branches spread across my home state of Western Australia.

The RSL was founded by returned soldiers in 1916 to address the lack of organised repatriation facilities and medical services available to those returning from the Great War.

World War I was badly felt in my home state of Western Australia.

Thirty-two thousand men, aged 18-41 and comprising approximately 33 per cent of WA's male population, were sent into battle.

Seven thousand of them did not return.

The impact of these losses on the State's small population at the time was absolutely devastating. But the suffering didn't end there, with those who survived often receiving poor treatment upon their return to Australia.

The RSL stepped up where governments and others had failed our returned Servicemen. They helped provide care to those carrying the physical and mental scars of war.

RSL Sub-Branches also provided much needed assistance to affected families. Their clubs served as a place of remembrance and support, and they continue to look after Veterans and their families to this very day.

The very active Highgate RSL Sub-Branch in my home state of Western Australia is no exception to this proud heritage, and is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year.

While officially founded in 1947, I understand Highgate RSL has direct descendants all the way back to Jul 1921. In fact, the West Perth Sub-Branch, which later amalgamated with Highgate, was responsible for maintaining the first 404 memorial plaques in Kings Park, dedicated to fallen soldiers in 1919.

A remarkable 19 Highgate Sub-Branch members have been Wardens of our State War Memorial in Kings Park and many others have served on the RSLWA State executive. It's an impressive legacy for members to reflect on during this year's centenary celebrations.

I rise this evening to sincerely thank them and the families that support them for extending to our community such tremendous care, gratitude and concern.

I am glad to be able to make these brief acknowledgements here tonight in the Senate Chamber of the Australian Parliament in Canberra. and to say that I hope I will be with them in person before too long.

To RSL Highgate and its many members past, present and future, and to all RSL Sub-Branches throughout Western Australia, I extend my gratitude. I say thank you for all you do and for the service you provide to the community in Western Australia.

HIGHGATE HALL OF HONOUR *Visit Highgate RSL's website at https://highgate-rsl.org.au/hall-of-honour/*

The Highgate Hall of Honour recognises the service and civilian histories of current and past members of the Sub-Branch and its antecedents. Participation in the Hall is voluntary and not all past or current Highgate members are listed. The Hall was the initiative of the late Phil Loffman, a former President and long-serving Committee Member of the Sub-Branch in addition to being a long-serving Warden of the State War Memorial.

The initial version of the Hall was published in the 50th Anniversary History of the Sub-Branch in 1997. It has been progressively updated since being added to the Highgate website in the mid-2000s. Today, there are more than 500 past and current members recorded, providing significant Service information for family or Unit research. Details can be amended or new entries added at any time by contacting Highgate's Secretary or Membership Officer - details on the website.







CENTENARY ORATION | Highgate RSL Sub-Branch

Weld Club Perth | 10 Sep 21

Presented by Geoff Hourn AM | Former President | Current Highgate Warden Research by Helen Birch | Honour Avenues Group Archivist & Assistant Secretary

T WAS a vastly different world 100 years ago. There was no abyss of a freeway dividing the comfortable residential suburb of West Perth from the city.

And like all its neighbouring suburbs, every street in West Perth in 1921 was touched with sadness.

Western Australia had sent 32,000 men into battle in WWI. That was 33% of our men aged 18 to 41.

The rate of death in combat was 145 per 1,000 - and an appalling **7,000** West Australians fell in WWI.

By way of comparison, 4,000 West Australians fell in WWII from a much larger population.

The impacts of having so many killed, wounded and maimed in WWI were like ripples in the pond of every community.

Everyone was touched-wives, families, girlfriends, school and work friends. In 1921, everyone suffered loss in some way from the Great War.

By the end of WWI, the economy had stagnated and times were tough.

RSLWA and its Sub-Branch origins

A few years earlier, The Returned Sailors and Soldiers Imperial League of Australia (RSSILA) had formed in the eastern states in Jun 1916, by troops returning from World War I. The RSSILA evolved out of concern for the welfare of returning servicemen.

The purpose of the RSSILA was preservation of the spirit of mateship formed during the carnage and horror of battle, to honour the memory of the fallen, and to help each other whenever required.

Western Australia was admitted to the RSSILA in 1918 and it is from then that the earliest West Australian Sub-Branches began. Many of those early Sub-Branches still exist and are over 100 years old.

RSSILA later became the Returned Services League of Australia (RSL) and then the Returned and Services League of Australia (also known as the RSL).

Its charter is to ensure programs are in place for the wellbeing, care, compensation and commemoration of serving and ex-Service Defence Force members and their dependants; and promote Government and community awareness of the need for a secure, stable and progressive Australia.

West Perth Sub-Branch

Following World War 1, it was only a matter of time before those living in West Perth saw the benefit of establishing a Sub-Branch.

At a meeting of returned-soldier State civil servants, convened in the Stirling Institute adjoining Government Gardens in 1922, it was decided to apply to the WA Branch of the League for permission to form a community of interest Sub-Branch. At the inaugural meeting Dr J A S Bentley of the Medical Department was elected President

and Lands Department's A H Morrell Secretary.

Following the approach to the State Executive for recognition, the League welcomed the idea of a community of interest Sub-Branch but suggested that as all Sub-Branches were recognised under district names, it would be advisable to adopt a locality title and as there was not at that time any organisation at West Perth, that name be adopted with the Public Service as a Section of the Sub-Branch.

A short time after the establishment of the West Perth Sub-Branch, an approach was made to returned soldiers in the Commonwealth Service to join this organisation, and as a result the membership grew to over 500.

After WWI, considerable dissatisfaction existed owing to the failure of governments, and the populace generally, to realise the special requirements for the re-establishment of returned men. Governments repeatedly stated *preference* to returned men as a matter of policy, but also repeatedly appointed non-returned men to Government positions, particularly senior roles. The West Perth Sub-Branch was continually engaged in a campaign to ensure the appointments of returned men and attained a fair measure of success, notwithstanding that many non-returned men were appointed on the grounds of superior efficiency, which was gained during the absence overseas of the returned soldiers.

The position was greatly improved when the Public Service Commissioner, G W Simpson, agreed to discuss with West Perth Sub-Branch representatives at regular intervals, all pending appointments. Unfortunately this arrangement discontinued before the outbreak of WWII.

Although few early records of the West Perth Sub-Branch survive, it was determined from what is now the RSLWA newsletter *The Listening Post* of 21 Jul 1922 that the West Perth Sub-Branch was formed in Jul 1921. The Charter of the Sub-Branch has now been found in the RSLWA Archives. It is dated 01 Jul 1921.

Why this is important is that Highgate Sub-Branch has direct antecedents to the establishment of the West Perth Sub-Branch, 100 years ago.

West Perth Sub-Branch continued successfully for several decades.

TRANSITION | Public Service and Press Sub-Branch

Then at the Annual General Meeting on 17 Aug 1943, for reasons unknown, it was resolved to seek the approval of the State Executive to change the name to *Public Service Sub-Branch* (as reported in *The Listening Post* of Sep 1943). The change officially occurred on 16 Nov 1943 (as recorded in *The Listening Post* of Nov 1943).

Thirty years later, in 1973, the Public Service Sub-Branch amalgamated with the Press Sub-Branch, which had been formed in 1927 on the suggestion of Lieutenant Colonel Fitzgerald, then working for the Sunday Times (reported in *The Listening Post* of Oct 1950). The amalgamation occurred on 21 Mar 1973.





CENTENARY ORATION | Highgate RSL Sub-Branch | Geoff Hourn & Helen Birch continued...

This new creation was called the Public Service and Press Sub-Branch. The Charter of the Public Service and Press Sub-Branch was presented at a lunch meeting in Jun 1973 and is held in RSLWA Archives.

It is known that on 30 Apr 1974, the Public Service and Press Sub-Branch had 101 members. However, the new amalgamation was not to last long. At a May 1974 meeting, and less than a year after the Public Service and Press Sub-Branch came into existence, it was resolved that steps should be taken to amalgamate with Highgate Sub-Branch, if less than 15 members were present at three subsequent meetings.

The minimum attendance requirement was bettered for the remainder of 1974 (at the Aug, Sep and Oct 1974 meetings of the Public Service and Press Sub-Branch, 19, 21 and 16 members, respectively, were present) and 25 members attended the 1974 Christmas luncheon.

Such attendance figures would be welcome at many smaller RSL Sub-Branches today! The minimum attendance rate set by the Public Service and Press Sub-Branch, however, could not be maintained. Meetings in Apr, May and Jun 1975 had attendances of only 12, 13 and 12 respectively.

As a consequence, members were reminded of the motion concerning amalgamation should numbers at three consecutive meetings fall below 15. In spite of this, only nine members were present at a meeting in Sep 1975. Members who did attend were reported to be dissatisfied and upset by poor attendance, and it was decided that immediate steps would be taken to effect an amalgamation with Highgate.

Amalgamation with Highgate Sub-Branch

The President of the Public Service and Press Sub-Branch was subsequently invited to a meeting of Highgate Sub-Branch on 13 Oct 1975, arranged specifically to consider the matter of amalgamation. Two days later, on 15 Oct 1975, a motion to amalgamate with Highgate Sub-Branch was put to a meeting of the Public Service and Press Sub-Branch and carried, 20 votes to nil. Two Highgate members were present as observers.

The last newsletter of the Public Service and Press Sub-Branch was issued in Dec 1975. Amalgamation may have occurred on 01 Jan 1976 but the exact date is unknown. A record of the date of amalgamation is yet to be discovered, but RSLWA Archives may have this.

When this amalgamation occurred, Highgate had been in existence for 28 years.

Some ask why we were called *Highgate* Sub-Branch when not actually located in that suburb. The answer is very simple. Prior to World War II, there were subbranches that were identified with vocations and special activities such as Public Service, Press and the like. This was changed and sub-branches had to be identified with a location and not a particular calling or activity. This meant that we had to look around for a name identified with part of the City of Perth.

Most of the obvious names such as Perth, West Perth, North Perth, and South Perth had long since been taken.

And then someone suggested Highgate could be identified as a locality within the City of Perth which had not been claimed as the name for a sub-branch.

Agreement was reached that the name of the amalgamated Sub-Branch would be *Highgate* but it could have legitimately been called the *West Perth, Public Service, Press and Highgate Sub-Branch*.

Highgate's unique meeting style

Highgate was established in 1947 and foundation President was Gordon Hack, who was one of the original group conceiving the idea of a central city Sub-Branch for businessmen, with a lunch-style meeting.

There were 108 founding members, with the first meeting being held in Boans Department Store's fourth floor reception room on 02 Aug 1947.

The concept was unique: A committee would completely handle all administration and operate the Sub-Branch, but any member could attend Committee meetings. Luncheon meetings would include fellowship and a guest speaker.

It is an unusual model for RSL Sub-Branches, as far as is known, but it has endured and been very successful. The concept continues to this day with only a few changes.

Initially, lunches were held twice a month, on the first and third Monday, and this continued until 1962.

From 1962, Committee then met on the first Monday each month and lunch meetings were only held on the third Monday.

In 1967, the President was Morrie Crewe who held Committee meetings at his home. His entry in our 50th Anniversary history pamphlet states: *In those days a President was judged by his ability to raise funds and the quality of his wife's cooking.*

You would not get away with putting that in writing these days.

Now, both Committee and luncheon meetings are held back-to-back on the third Monday each month.

The venues have also changed. The founding members included Frank Boan and in 1947 the venue was the Boans Department Store Reception Room. From 1960, meetings were held in the Boans Chandelier Room.

In 1977, the United Club in St Georges Terrace was used for meetings and then from 1983, the venue was the Gallipoli Room at ANZAC House. Meetings have also been held in the WA Club when it was at The Esplanade, and later at 101 St George's Terrace. More recently, the WA Club in St Georges Terrace, the Karrakatta Club in Sherwood Court and the Grosvenor Hotel in Hay Street have been used.

ANZAC Day Gunfire Breakfast

Frank Boan introduced the ANZAC Day Gunfire Breakfast to the Sub-Branch in 1953, when he was Warden of the State War Memorial. It was held at Frank's residence at 44 Parliament Place, West Perth - within walking distance of the State War Memorial (SWM).

The next Warden, Stan Watt, continued the format at the same West Perth residence.



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The venue then moved to another West Perth residence until a larger venue was required

The ANZAC Day Gunfire Breakfast then moved to Forrest House Dining Room. From this point, it seems that the coffee, toast and rum days were over and a full-breakfast became the norm. The venue later changed to the WA Club, and then to succeeding venues.

State War Memorial Honour Guard

Highgate's close association with Kings Park, inherited from the West Perth, Public Service and Press Sub-Branches, has always been greatly respected. Highgate has worked hard at maintaining a close association with Kings Park over the years.

Shortly after the inauguration of the Sub-Branch, the State Branch invited Highgate to provide an honour guard at the State War Memorial. In its first 50 years, from 1947 to 1997, Highgate conducted over 1,500 honour guards, from a small guard of six, to full ceremonial guards of 40.

Nineteen Highgate members have been Warden of the State War Memorial, including Ron Stone who was a Sub Warden, twice a Warden, and then the longest-serving Deputy Warden.

RSLWA State Executive

Many Highgate members have served on the RSL State Executive over the years and State Presidents have included Highgate members Jim Hall, Len Keynes, Ken Murphy, Ken Bladen and Les Gordon. Highgate members have also filled the position of RSL State Secretary and State President of Legacy.

Although the Sub-Branch is called *Highgate* after the suburb, it has always been a CBD based Sub-Branch. Highgate Sub-Branch supports the schools, retirement homes and other community institutions in the suburb of Highgate, but Poppy Day collections, commemorative events and meetings have always been in the city.

It took 40 years for the Sub-Branch to actually hold a meeting within the suburb of Highgate. In his foreword to the 50th Anniversary Sub-Branch booklet, published in 1997, Sir Charles Court describes it as *a very congenial* and rather sentimental and historic meeting at Max Kay's Civic Theatre restaurant.

Members from all over

Over the years, Highgate has often been called a Sub-Branch for blue bloods. It is a somewhat unfair depiction and easily dispelled by a study of Highgate history.

Members have been Veterans from Gallipoli, the Western Front, Bomber Command, HMAS *Perth* and the Merchant Navy. They have been Rats of Tobruk, members of the Polish Underground, and participants in the D-Day landings.

They have been Kiwis, South Africans, Rhodesians, from the Netherlands, the USA, the UK, Korea, and from all our Allied countries, including India and South Korea.

Members have served on the Royal Yacht *Britannia*, slaved on the Burma Railway and in the coal mines of Japan.

The number of Highgate members who were prisoners of war is quite amazing...

One of the founding members, Ian Bessell-Browne, was Officer in Charge of the Escape Committee at Oflag Rotenburg in Germany.

Highgate does, of course, have a long list of blue-blooded members, and these include:

Air Chief Marshal Sir Basil Embry GCB KCB KBE CB DSO DFC AFC, Commander Allied Air Forces Central Europe. He holds the Highgate attendance record for a guest speaker

- ° Sir Norman Fletcher, President of the Royal Agricultural Society of WA
- Sir Gordon Freeth KBE, Australian High Commissioner to Britain
- Renowned author and historian, Peter Firkins, was in the RAAF and Bomber Command, and also Director of Perth Chamber of Commerce from 1946-52
- Lieutenant General Sir Alwyn Ragnar Garrett KBE CB was Chief of the Australian General Staff
- ° Brigadier Gimi Dosoo was Deputy Military Secretary of the Indian Army. Gimi's ceremonial sword was
- ° generously bequeathed to Highgate by his daughter,
- ° Kamal Plank, and is used each year to cut a birthday cake for members who turn 80, 90 or 100 years of age.
- ° Goldie Goldsworthy, George Cross, Distinguished
- ° Service Cross and George Medal
- ° Sir Val Hancock, Chief of Air Staff from 1961 to 1965
- ° Michael Jeffery, WA Governor and Governor General
- ° Sir Wallace Kyle, WA Governor
- ° Ian Medcalf, State Attorney General
- ° Mick Michael, Lord Mayor
- ° Doug Morris, Principal Registrar of the Supreme Court
- ° Sir Jim Ramsay, Lieutenant Governor of WA and then Queensland Governor from 1977-85
- ° Gordon Reid, WA Governor
- ° Pat Rodriguez, City Coroner from 1947 to 1964, and WA Football League President 1951-64
- ° Able Dacre, Commander of Britain's Brigade of Gurkhas
- ° Max Shean, DSO and Bar
- ° Frank Statham OBE
- ° Kerry Stokes AO
- ° Sir Charles Court AK KCMG OBE
- ° General Biery Bierwirth served in both the 1st AIF and the 2nd AIF and became the Commander in Chief of British Commonwealth Forces in Korea.
- ° Sir Hugh Lancelot Brisbane served in 10 Light Horse Regiment in WWI and was wartime chairman of the
- ° Munitions Board in WWII.
- Orbital Prownell CBE MC MM served in the artillery at Gallipoli, then joined the Royal Flying Corps and shot down 13 enemy aircraft. In WWII he commanded the RAAF in WA, Malaya and Morotai.
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° Foundation member Geoffrey Cohen was Chairman of the Carlton United and Swan Brewery Company.

But most Highgate members have just been regular Veterans who have served their country in times of war and peace.

Our Highgate Secretary in 1959 was Percy Hall, a WWI Veteran.

Highgate has had a lot of WWI Veterans. Fred Airy, for instance, was born in 1898 and served in the British Army in WWI and then in the 2nd AIF in WWII. He was taken prisoner in Singapore, escaped a Japanese firing squad, took a boat to Sumatra, was recaptured in Java, and then survived the Burma Railway.

Bluey Arthurs served in the RANVR with landing craft. He was involved in Allied landings at Sicily, Salerno, Anzio, Normandy on D-Day and then came home and landed tanks at Tarakan.

Blue Bagshaw, played cricket for the RAAF against England at Lords. He flew Sunderland flying boats and there were two in his crew called *Blue*. To solve any problem this caused, the pilot, Francis Burt, was called *Red*. Sir Francis Burt was also a Highgate member and WA Governor from 1990 to 1993.

Arthur Bancroft survived the sinking of HMAS *Perth* in the Battle of Sundra Strait. He was a POW of the Japanese from Mar 1942 until 12 Sep 1944. On that day, Arthur was on another sinking ship, the *Rakuyo Maru*, in the South China Sea. That time the U.S. Navy sank him, but they also picked him up five days later.

Looking through the Highgate history, you find a lot of Highgate members were on sinking ships.

Some of Highgate's members have had larger than life personalities. *Tiny* Beazley, for instance, was 16 stone and 6'4" tall and the heavyweight champion of the *Aquitania*. He was also a Rat of Tobruk and later wounded in the South West Pacific. After WWII, he became licensee of three pubs and a member of the WA Turf Club Committee.

In 1942, Tony Bennett was a member of the Royal Armoured Corps in the Western Desert, Italy, France and Germany. In 1946, he joined the RAF, and then became a Lieutenant Commander in the Royal Navy. He completed the trifecta of Army, Air Force and Navy.

Immediate Past-President of Highgate, Bill Munro, was a National Serviceman who saw active service in Vietnam.

And the list goes on.

But there has been a notable omission.

Sadly, for most of the 100 years of Highgate's history there has been a notable absence of women. And not because women have not been involved in the wars that Australia has fought.

Highgate member, Frank Statham's wife was World War II Nursing Sister Vivian Bullwinkle, the lone survivor of the Banka Island massacre and a very courageous woman.

How pleasing it would have been, and what an honour if she had been a Highgate member. Sadly, it was only 20 years ago that women could become members of Highgate RSL Sub-Branch.

It took a very long time for that to happen. But 100 years from now, the proud history of Women Veterans will also be well and truly recorded.

HIGHGATE PRESIDENTS 1947-2023

1947 Inaugural President Gordon Hack 1950 Pat Rodriguiez 1952 Jim Plank 1953 John Fitzhardinge 1955 Mick Hungerford 1956 Jim Burnham 1957 Doug Dargie 1958 Wally Knox 1959 Percy Pearson 1960 Cam Redenback 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 Elliott 1995 Les Stewart 1996 Tom Scully 1997 Don Meredith 1998 Tom Horton 1999 Alan Saville 2000-01 John Jackson 2002-03 Don Blair 2004-06 Ian Mulholland 2006 Norm Manners 2007-09 Ian Mulholland 2009-11 Martyn Thompson 2011-13 Leon Griffiths 2013-15 Peter Farrell 2015-17 Steve Chamarette OAM 2017-19 Geoff Hourn AM

2019-21 Bill Munro

2021-23 Geoff Simpson OAM RFD

HIGHGATE WEBSITE

Highgate's internet website serves the dual purposes of informing our members (along with email, Facebook, Twitter and our Highgate Highlights newsletter) as well as being a repository of our Sub-Branch history along with the history of those Sub-Branches (West Perth, Public Service and Press) that have been merged into today's Highgate Sub-Branch.

Highgate would appreciate any information you may hold about any of these Sub-Branches so we can improve our records.

Highgate's website also serves as the repository of two military remembrance projects that were created for the Centenary of the Armistice in 2018.

The **Kings Park Memorials Walk App** shows suggested walks between memorials and provides a description of each memorial. The second lists names shown on each memorial for many WA War Memorials.

HIGHGATE MEETINGS AND MONTHLY LUNCHEONS

Highgate RSL Sub-Branch fosters camaraderie with meetings, usually on the third Monday of the month (Committee 1100-1200 and Luncheon 1200-1400) with most meals including an invited speaker. Attendance at meetings and luncheons is open to all and you will be made very welcome. Male dress is usually jacket and tie, and equivalent day dress for ladies

Details of dates, costs and booking process on our website at www.highgate-rsl.org.au



STATE WAR MEMORIAL | Highgate RSL Sub-Branch

HE DEPUTY WARDEN and the Sub Wardens of the State War Memorial perform an important duty that is greatly appreciated by the organisations that each year conduct a wreath-laying service close to the anniversary of a day with special meaning for them.

The silent dignity with which the Sub-Wardens carry out their duty adds significantly to creating the atmosphere of quiet reflection and remembrance that is the purpose of each service.

Perhaps even more importantly, the silent service of the Sub-Wardens gives the clear message to members of the public looking on, especially young people, that if they consider it so important to turn out in the way they do, then there really must be something important on which to reflect and remember.

A duty of care and remembrance

Participation by the Sub-Wardens contributes to passing a message on to the next generations that the sacrifice by those before them has made possible the wonderful open. free, democratic way of life we enjoy today; and that we must remain eternally vigilant to keep it that way.

At the invitation of the RSL State Executive, the Public Service Sub-Branch took over the duties of Sub-wardens of the State War Memorial on Remembrance Day, 11 Nov 1951, under the Wardenship of Sir Ross McDonald.

In view of the excellent manner in which the members carried out their duties, the Sub-Branch was invited to carry on for a further year under the Wardenship of Alex Reid.

For the visit of Her Majesty the Queen to Western Australia in Mar-Apr 1954, it was fitting the Sub-Branch should have the honour of acting as Sub Wardens for the wreath-laying at the memorial by Her Maiesty, under the Wardenship of Frank Boan.

The Sub Warden ongoing duties were formally transferred to Highgate on Remembrance Day in 1954.

> Hon Kerry Sanderson AC CVO, former WA Governor and Warden of the State War Memorial, speaks at a Remembrance Day service with Deputy Warden, Geoff Simpson OAM RFD.

Role of **Deputy and Sub Wardens** of the State War Memorial

The role of the Deputy Warden and the Sub Wardens (formerly Assistant Wardens) is to provide an Honour Guard during Remembrance Services at the State War Memorial or the Flame of Remembrance.

Between 30 and 40 Services are held each year by various organisations with permission from the RSL and Kings Park Management.

The Service is usually conducted by the Warden of the State War Memorial.

ASSISTANT AND DEPUTY WARDENS

1931 West Perth Sub-Branch 1931 1936 Toc H. David Oates 1932-3 Perth Sub-Branch W J Hunt, H Hopperton 1934-5 Nedlands Sub-Branch J Nicholson 1934 Nov 1938-1944, 1949 Boy Scouts

1935-6 Subiaco Sub-Branch 1936-7 West Leederville Sub-Branch 1952-4 D Panton, N Brice, K Harris, J Morrison, L Carter, L Parks, C Davis 1952-63 E C Townsend, G K Baron-Hay 1955-6, 1959, 1964, 1966-8, 1970, 1972, 1994 Highgate Sub-Branch

1957-8, 1961, 1963 Public Service Sub-Branch 1962-3 Jewish Ex-Services Association 1964 Henry Douglas Dargie (Honour Guard 1952-1964, Warden 1976)

1973-4 Thirty-Niners Association (in conjunction with Highgate Sub-Branch)

1974 Mount Lawley-Inglewood Sub-Branch (with Public Service Sub-Branch) 1976 Ronald Nathan Stone AM JP

2004 Phillip Graeme Skelton AM 2011-present (2021) Geoffrey Simpson OAM RFD

West Perth Sub-Branch (founded 1921) was renamed Public Service Sub-Branch in 1943, amalgamated with Press Sub-Branch in 1973 and then with Highgate Sub-Branch in 1976



SUB WARDENS (alphabetically)

Richard Adams

Ernst Baints (Retired)

Barrington Ken

Bill Beasley (Retired)

Hector Binks ED (Retired)

Ken Birks (Retired)

Ken Bladen AM (Past State President RSL)

Don Blair OAM RFD ED (Life Member RSL)

Russ Bradbury (early 1950s)

A M Brice (1954 Royal Visit)

Kenneth Broadhurst (30+ years service)

Bill Brockwell (early 1950s)

Chris Brooks (1990s)

Jim Burnham (early 1950s, Highgate

President 1956)

Robin Cameron (early 1950s)

Robert Campbell RFD ED (Retired 2010)

Roley Cantwell (1970s)

Lawrence Connolly (Retired)

Mick Coyle OAM

Morrie Crewe (Retired)

Doug Dargie (early 1950s, Warden 1976)

C M Davies (1954 Royal Visit)

Vern Dawe MBE (early 1950s)

Bob Dawson (1970s)

Ralph Doig (early 1950s)

Allan Downs OAM

Barry Eather (Retired)

Jim Eayrs (Retired)

Bob Elliott (Prior to 2006)

Doug Farmer

Thomas Ferrero (Prior to 2006)

Vic Ferry DFC (Retired)

Roger Fitzhardinge (early 1950s)

John Fitzhardinge AO MBE ED (Prior 2006)

Wojciech Gorski OAM (Retired 2011)

Kevin Graham

Leon Griffiths

Margot Harness

John Harper-Nelson (Retired)

John Hately (Retired 2006)

Bill Hawkins (early 1950s)

S Haywood (1954 Royal Visit)

Simon Holman (30+ years service)

Richard Hooper

Tom Horton (Prior to 2006)

Keith Howard RFD ED (1990s)

Peter Hummerston RFD (Warden 2004)

Mick Hungerford (early 1950s)

Arthur Hutchison

Phil Kennedy AO (1970s)

Fred King (early 1950s)

Bish Kwiecinski OAM (1970s)

Murray Lampard APM

John Lancaster AM (Retired)

Bert Lane OAM (2011-15)

C Larsen (1954 Royal Visit)

Phillip Loffman OAM ED RL (30+ years service)

Bill Lonne (early 1950s)

Ray Mawson RFD ED

Ean McDonald VRD (30+ years service)

I McFayden (1954 Royal Visit)

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SUB WARDENS (continued)

Pat Mehan (30+ years service)

Bob Mercer AM RFD ED (Retired 2007)

Don Meredith (1970s) Michael (Mick) Michael Ian Miller (1970s)

Howard Montagu Shirly Mooney OAM John Morriss (Retired)

Bill Munro

Bill Musson GM (1970s, Warden 1997) C E Newman (1954 Royal Visit)

Bob Norris (Retired 2008) Alf Pearson (Retired)

Percy Pearson CMG OBE (Retired) Otto Pelczar RFD RD CD (Retired)

Fred Pennell (Retired) Brian Prangnell OAM Don Rae AM RFD ED (1970s)

J J Ravenscroft (1954 Royal Visit) Cam Redenbach (early 1950s)

Mike Ruffin (Retired) Peter Salmon (Retired)

Alan Saville (30+ years service)

David Scott (Bugler)

Allan Shellabear (30+ years service)
Bert Shellabear (early 1950s)
Geoff Simpson OAM RFD
Phillip Skelton AM
Les Slade (early 1950s)
Gordon Smith (early 1950s)
Warren Smith (30+ years service)

Ann Spiro (Retired)

Basil Sprenger (Retired by 2006)

Basil Sprenger (Netired by 2000)
Barry Standen (Retired)
Les Stewart (1970s)
Ralph Stoddart (early 1950s)
Ron Stone AM (30+ years service)
Jack Suriano RFD ((Retired) 2017)
John Surridge (30+ years service)
Ted Townsend (early 1950s)
Wally Walters (Retired)
Percy White DCM (Retired)

Greg Wilson RFD

William Wilson MBE (RSL Life Member)

J E Zampatti (1954 Royal Visit)

1947 HIGHGATE FOUNDATION MEMBERS

ALLEN Don

ARNOLD Francis Alwyn Harcourt

BAIRD Neil

BARNARD Eric Norman

BARRETT Denis Williamson Frederick

BATE M

BESSELL-BROWN lan

BINKS Hector BOAN Frank BROWN A H

BROWN Eric McDonnell BROWNELL Brownie BURKE Adrian John BYFIELD Herbert William

CAMPBELL Jock CANE J B CARTER P G

CHURCH William Murray

COHEN Geoffrey

CONNELL John Raymond

COTTON G DAVIDSON Bob EVANS Keith FABY L

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GILL Frank GILL G F

GODDEN Stanley William

GRIMBLY Les
HACK Gordon
HALL Jim
HANNEAR J B
HANTKE Ted
HEARTY Dick
HERLIHY Jack
HERTZ Rich (Dick)
HILL Wally

HOLLINGSWORTH Norman John

HOWELL Norman Victor

HUGALL Charlie HUNGERFORD Mick

HUNT BIII IRELAND Ron JEFFREY J S JOHNSTON N JONES R A

KENDRICK Ronald Edward KINNANE John Brian

LAMB Lex LIGGINS Charles

LINTON Robert Glendenning

LUCAS BIII
MASKIELL C H
NEWBERY Collin
O'CALLAGHAN Jerry
PAGE-SMITH Gordon
PEARSON Alf
PEARSON Percy

PINCHIN Francis Arthur DeVere

RODRIGUEZ Pat ROWELL Harold Mitford ROYDHOUSE Noel Herbert SANDS Jack

SCAHILL Allan John
SHACKLOCK Ernie
SMART John
SMITH Warren
STEWART A L
TAYLOR S A
THOMAS Phil
WATT Stan
WATT T G
WILKINSON L A
WILLIAMS Oliver
WILLIAMS R W
WOLFE R M
WOOD Barney
ZECK Colin Charles

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Adeney John
Astfalck Tracy
Astfalck Jeff
Barrett Evelyn
Barrett Kevan
Buddrige Annette
Buddrige Roger
Burton Guy
Chamarette Joann
Chamarette Steve
Cleary Brenda
Cleary John
Colligan Bob
Cooke Barry

Cooke Michelle
Coyle Jacqueline
Coyle Michael
Curnow Debbie
Darby Michael
Downs Allan
Fisher John
Fisher Melinda
Gale Neville
Galliott Ray
Gamble Kristy
Garside Peter
Griffiths Leon
Hardwick John

Hardwick Kerry
Harness Margot
Harness Michael
Heeney Peter
Henry Stuart
Hourn Geoff
Howes Anthony
Kavenagh Marion
MacLean David
MacLean Jean
Mitchell Robert
Montagu Howard
Montagu Jo
Munro Bill

Munro Nicky
Overton Jacqueline
Page Lesley
Page Michael
Salpietro Paul
Shean Ruth
Shepheard Alan
Simpson Geoff
Simpson Margaret
Skelton Phillip
Smith Greg
Smith Silvana
Steel Viola
Sutherland Michael

Tarr Eleonor
Tarr Wayne
Thompson David
Thompson Teresa
Tomba Victoria
Wang Melinda
Ward Carmel
Ward Ray
Williams Carol
Willox Lyn
Willox Rod
Wilson Greg
Wilson Troy



HONOUR AVENUES GROUP | Highgate RSL Sub-Branch

THE HONOUR AVENUES GROUP (HAG) places, maintains and refurbishes individual memorial plaques in Kings Park that commemorate those men and women who joined the Services in Western Australia but were killed or died overseas, and whose remains are not able to be repatriated.

The Group has antecedents from 1919 and was formed as an independent Sub-Committee of the RSL West Perth Sub-Branch when that Sub-Branch commenced in 1921 and the RSL accepted responsibility for the maintenance and preservation of the Honour Avenues plaques.

An Honour Avenues Committee (HAC) was established in 1947 by the Public Service Sub-Branch to manage the administrative matters of new and existing plaques and to receive post-WWII commemorative plaques. The first service was held in Lovekin Drive in 1948.

The HAC became a working committee with members elected to contribute to the physical work of plaque maintenance. Before the establishment of the HAC, much of the maintenance work was outsourced to volunteer groups, with workings days organised from Sub-Branch and other RSL and Ex-Service members, particularly prior to ANZAC and Remembrance Days.

West Perth RSL Sub-Branch, later to become the Public Service & Press RSL Sub-Branch maintained the Honour Avenues Plaques from 1921 to 1976, before amalgamating with and becoming the Highgate RSL Sub-Branch in 1976.

The original ceremony of dedication of trees to honour the men who sacrificed their lives in WWI was held at the highest point in Kings Park on 03 Aug 1919. At this ceremony, trees raised from acorns from England's Windsor Great Park were planted in May Drive. At the foot of each tree, a plaque was placed with details of the deceased Serviceman to whose memory it was dedicated.

Subsequently, the Avenue was extended until May Drive Honour Avenue had 680 trees. Therefore, 100 sugar gum trees at the eastern end of Lovekin Drive were set aside to the memory of men who fell in the 1914-8 War. Unfortunately, the oak and plane trees in May Drive did not thrive and were replaced with eucalyptus botryoides trees in 1941-2, with the new trees growing vigorously to now form a fine avenue.

After the 1939-45 war, and as a result of enquiries for memorial trees, the Kings Park Board agreed to make available 300 sugar gum trees lining Lovekin Drive. On 05 Dec 1948, in Lovekin Avenue before a large gathering, His Grace the Archbishop of Perth Dr R W H Moline MC DD dedicated the Avenue to the memory of the fallen of the 1939-45 War.

The location of Kings Park for memorial plaques was likely chosen on account of its central location for the Perth metropolitan area, that the precedent for establishing memorials for the fallen in the Park had already been set with the unveiling of the War in South Africa Memorial in 1901, and with initiative from within the Kings Park Board itself. The Hon. Arthur Lovekin MLC (1859-1931), an original member and second president of the Board, is credited with the creation of the Honour Avenues.

The concept of an Honour Avenue started in Ballarat Victoria in 1917 with the planting of an avenue of trees in memory of the men from the district who had fallen.

In consideration of the massive unprecedented casualty numbers and with the establishment of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, the decision was taken that British Empire casualties were to be reinterred into large consolidated cemeteries in the countries in which they fell or otherwise died.

As a result, most Australian casualties were interred in France, Belgium, on the Gallipoli Peninsula in Turkey and with lesser numbers in Egypt and Britain. Also, the list of those fallen with no known grave was established and they too were also memorialised in the countries in which they fell.

Therefore, there were to be no official State or local monuments or other memorials to be constructed in Australia other than the Australian War Memorial to be built in Canberra (which at the time was yet to become the national capital).

The age of mass travel was yet to occur which meant it was largely impractical and massively

unaffordable for most families to visit the graves or last known locations of their loved ones who had fallen while overseas.

And in the early 1920s, it was uncertain whether a State War Memorial would be constructed on which a roll of those fallen would be shown.

The 10th Light Horse Regiment Memorial was unveiled on 13 Mar 1921 and is the only World War I Unit memorial to show a Roll of Honour.

In the early 1920s, most localities throughout the State, including many suburbs of Perth, constructed local war memorials inscribed with local rolls of honour.

For reasons not readily available, a memorial or memorials for Perth and the inner suburbs of East, North and West Perth appear not to have been contemplated.

This apparent lack of action occurred despite each of these locations having significant local Rolls of Honour - Perth (over 1,250 fallen), East Perth (50), North Perth (45), West Perth (39) - that are shown as the Place of Association in the online individual records from the Australian War Memorial World War I Roll of Honour.

It is therefore likely that at least some grieving families from inner Perth area used the Honour Avenues plaques as the only memorials to their fallen loved ones until the State Memorial was unveiled.

Therefore from 1919 and into the 1920s, it fell to the families and friends of the fallen to initiate and fund individual memorial plaques to be placed on the Honour Avenues.

This practice continues even though the WA State War Memorial has shown a Roll of Honour for the State since 1929 and includes the fallen from all conflicts subsequent to the Great War.

The Botanical Gardens and Parks Authority (BGPA) shows a history of the Honour Avenues and the list of plaques is maintained by the BGPA and available on their website.





HONOUR AVENUES GROUP | Highgate RSL Sub-Branch continued

HONOUR AVENUES GROUP COMMITTEE 2021

The Honour Avenues Group can be contacted at Kings Park or through the Highgate Committee

Chair: Robin SLATER
Deputy Chair: Mike HARNESS
Secretary: Ken JONES

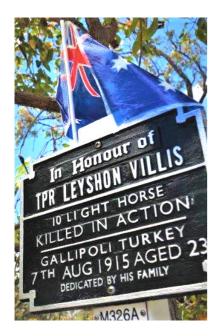
Assistant Secretaries: Helen BIRCH,

Norm COLEMAN

Treasurer: Chris CHAPPLE

HAG COMMITTEE/GROUP CHAIRS

PARKS Lionel John: c1947-10 Jun 1968 TODD Arthur Joseph: 10 Jun 1968–6 Jun 73 FYFE Wallace Vernon: 6 Jun 1973–11 Jun 80 TODD Arthur Joseph: 11 Jun 1980–9 Mar 92 KWIECINSKI Bish: 9 Mar 1992–2 Mar 1999 HEPWORTH Ray: 2 Mar 1999–2 Mar 2004 MANNERS Norm: 2 Mar 2004–27 Mar 2018 SLATER Robin: 27 Mar 2018–current 2021



HAG COMMITTEE/GROUP MEMBERS

with participation dates & roles

ADAMS Ron 1 Jun 2004-23 Jul 2016 ALBURY Dick 5 Jun 2001-current 2021 BADDOCK Robin John 5 Jun 2001-7 Feb 04 BEARD Dr J 23 Mar-5 Jun 1970, Kings Park Representative BIRCH Helen 25 Mar 2008-Assistant Secretary 27 Mar 2018-current BOAG Trevor 27 Jun 2005-26 Jun 2007 BOYD William Leighton Treasurer 1947-6 BRICE Max Secretary 1947-10 Jun 1968, Secretary 3 Mar 1971-10 Mar 1997 BRICE Norman Barton c1952-11 Jun 1980. President Public Service Sub-Branch 1947 BROOKS Chris 16 Feb 1995, Assistant Secretary 10 Mar-9 Jun 1997, Secretary 9 Jun 1997-6 Mar 2002 CAMPBELL Barry 7 Sep 2004-current CARTER Linnell William Athol 1 Mar 1960-22 Mar 1961, President Public Service Sub-Branch CASTLE J 10 Jun 1968-8 Sep 1970, Secretary 9 Sep 1968-8 Sep 1970 CHAPPLE Chris 21 Aug 2012; Treasurer 26 Feb 2013-current COLEMAN Norm 4 Feb 2006; Assistant Secretary 27 Mar 2018-current COSTIGAN John 7 Sep 1998-9 Jul 2004 DADDOW Francis Stanley Frank Treasurer 6 Dec 1978-2 Dec 1996 DAVIES C R Acting Treasurer 2 Jun-25 Aug 59 DIGBY Norden 9 Mar 1998-15 Jul 2016 EATHER Barry 21 Apr 2005-current FAIRHALL A R 11 Jul 1962-24 Nov 1969. Kings Park Representative FARMER Doug 24 May 2005-current FYFE Wallace Vernon 3 Mar 1971-11 Jun 1980. Chair 6 Jun 1973-11 Jun 1980 GELDART Jock 8 Mar 1993-7 Jun 2000 GILL Terry 7 Sep 1998-2006 HALCOMBE Rod 18 Jun 2011-current, Deputy Chair 25 Feb 2014-27 Mar 2018

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HANGER Ivor 6 Jun 1973-13 Mar 1989

HARVEY Stanley Robert 10 Jun 1968 -13 Jun

HARNESS Mike 29 Mar 2011-current,

Deputy Chair 27 Mar 2018-current

1979, Secretary 10 Jun-9 Sep 1968

HAYLES Harold Benjamin 1947-c1955

HEPWORTH Ray 7 Sep 1998-1 Jun 2004,

HARVEY W S c1955-9 Dec 1959

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Committee Members of the former West Perth and Public Service Sub-Branch are also likely to have contributed to the Honour Avenues.

Acting Director Kings Park Board WOOD Ken 12 Jun 1995-30 Nov 2004



WEST PERTH AND PUBLIC SERVICE SUB-BRANCH COMMITTEE MEMBERS 1921 -1947

BAGNALL Howard Henry (1937-47, Secretary 1940, Vice-President 1941-2, President 1943)

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DAVIDSON William John 2808 (WWI) (1933)

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EICHLER Charles William Frederick 7344 (WWI) (1932)

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FINGLAND William Norman 2653 (WWI) (1928, 1933)

FRIEL Charles Albert 6761 (WWI) (1925, Treasurer 1925)

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HAYLES Alfred Henry* (1931-45, Vice-President 1928, 1938-9, President 1932)

HAYWARD Edward Victor (1937-8)

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WILLIAMS C B (1935)

WILLIAMS J (1925)

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WINCH Edward Benjamin (WWI British Forces) W34360 (WWII) (1938-9)

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ALLEN William James 2045 Public Works

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BAINES William 3002 (WWI) Public Works

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FINLAY James William Commissioned (WWI) Taxation

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GRAHAM John Frederick 3370 or 7258 (WWI) Workers' Homes Board

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HUNTER Robert Commissioned (WWI) Taxation

HYAM Leslie Frederick 415796 (WWII RAAF) State Housing Commission

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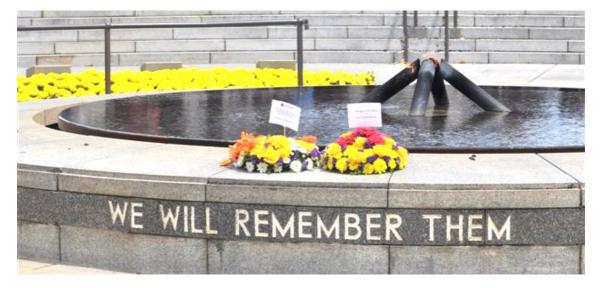
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