

Sub-Branch Signal

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The Sub-Branch Signal is the monthly newsletter of the Returned & Services League of Australia WA Branch Inc. containing the latest news, events, and updates sent to subscribed members via email and published on the RSL WA website.

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From the State President

Mr Duncan Anderson



I apologise for the length and acknowledge a favourite saying of mine that "If I had more time I'd write less". However, the activity in the League is quite incredible at present.

National

The State Vice President and I attended the RSL Australia Annual General Meeting and Board meetings on 16 October 2025. It was incredibly pleasing to see the Western Australian nominated Peter Tinley, AM be elected as the new National President of RSL Australia. This appointment heralds the next stage in the evolution of the League. Peter has hit the ground running, and I encourage those who are not already subscribed to the National President newsletter to do so. The first of Peter's newsletters outlining his vision is here: rslaustralia.org/presidents-newsletter

This series of meetings proved to be the most positive and productive exchanges I have been involved with at RSL Australia since joining that Board. Jurisdictions were well represented, and a wide variety of issues were discussed. Disagreements were navigated and the collective view of the Board of RSL Australia was enhanced by these very positive discussions. I am incredibly optimistic about the future of the League and

feel we are collectively ready to take the next steps as we strive to support veterans and families across the Nation.

Defence Honours and Awards. Along with many other submissions, RSL Australia provided submissions and evidence to the Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee for the Defence Amendment (Defence Honours and Awards Appeals Tribunal) Bill 2025. This and many other submissions are linked here: rslaustralia.org/submissions

RSL NSW. The State President of Victoria and I were privileged to attend the RSL NSW State Congress this year. In the lead up there were a series of resignations from the Board of RSL NSW that set conditions for new appointments. The first of these was Brigadier Vince Williams, CSC (rtd). Vince was subsequently appointed as the Acting State President of RSL NSW. This positive step set the tone for what I assess as a net positive outcome for RSL NSW. There is much work to be done but there is renewed confidence. It was made clear that missteps in RSL NSW impact us all and that it is essential that progress remains positive in the best interest of the RSL across Australia.

State

Board Meeting – 6 November 2025. Your Board met on 6 November at Anzac House. Preparations for Remembrance Day were well advanced, and RSL WA commemorated this solemn occasion in a manner that made our forebears proud. I would like to thank all the volunteers for their hard work as we paused to remember.

The Board welcomed two new Directors. Hayley Edwards was appointed by the Board to fill a vacant elected position. Luka Zivkovic has replaced Gerry Gerrard in the coopted role as the chair of the Finance Advisory Committee. Both Hayley and Luka bring essential skills and experience to the Board as we continue to take positive steps in delivering our strategy.

Extraordinary General Meeting. Shortly members will be advised of an Extraordinary General Meeting to be held in conjunction with the State President End of Year close out on 13 December 2025. There will be two broad areas focussed on. The first is a series of changes resulting from prior motions at AGMs and some tidying up of the constitution. The second will be consideration to term limits for both Directors and Trustees. The latter is another step in the progression of our governance structures. It ensures refreshed views are always at the Board table leading our wonderful organisation. I encourage wide dissemination and discussion of both in the lead up to the EGM. Along with my fellow directors I am available to discuss and answer any questions.

Election commitments and the Veterans Facilities Fund. RSL WA and the veteran community continues to enjoy support from the WA State Government. Many election commitments were made to Sub-Branches which benefits our wonderful organisation. I request that if your Sub-Branch receives funds from an election commitment, can you please advise RSL WA. This will benefit us all greatly, particularly in our advocacy for further support.

Additionally, the State Government has opened the Veterans Facilities Fund. This is an excellent opportunity for Sub-Branches to secure funds for much needed improvements to facilities across WA. The deadline for this closes on 20 December 2025 and is up to the value of \$200,000. We are here to support applications!

wa.gov.au/organisation/defence-west/the-veterans-facilities-fund

Behaviour and Discipline.

I make the following comments in full knowledge that they do not speak to the majority of members, Sub-Branches and veterans. However, they must be said. The more time spent by the executive team and Board on instances of poor behaviour detracts from our core mission and purpose. But be in no doubt, we will deal with every instance fairly and decisively.

Behaviour. There is an eye-watering amount of effort that is allocated from RSL WA, both executive and Board, towards resolving instances of poor behaviour across RSL WA. I am consistently frustrated by the lack of respect afforded on these occasions and the negative impact that this has on those around us. I will continue to expect the highest standards of behaviour outlined by our code of conduct. I make no apologies for this. Examples of poor behaviour include and are not limited to:

- Passive aggressive, demeaning and disrespectful emails
- Aggressive tone on phone calls
- Aggressive conduct in meetings, at functions or events

It is our collective duty to do better!

Discipline. In the instance where there has been a breach of our code of conduct, I encourage it to be resolved as quickly as possible at the lowest possible level. This has been enabled with a comprehensive review of section 19 of our By-Laws. There has been increased scope given to Sub-Branch discipline

committees in their ability to hear matters and the outcomes awarded. The State Registrar (Doug Simpson) and all Directors stand ready to assist where needed.

Conclusion

I remain incredibly proud to serve as your State President and a Director on the Board of RSL WA. I will continue to do all I can as we collectively strive to help our mates and their families.

All the best.

Duncan

From the CEO

Mr Stephen Barton



On a rather warm Tuesday, RSL WA delivered the Remembrance Day service at Kings Park, with several hundred in attendance, led by the Governor and the Premier. The service opened with a reading by the State Vice President, Miquela Riley, of an excerpt from the reflections of an Australian infantry officer, Greg Colton, on the death of an Afghan policeman.

You can find Colton's full piece here: <https://cove.army.gov.au/article/others-may-live-peace-death-afghan-valley>. It opens with the line, 'It is a uniquely unpleasant experience to be woken up to watch a man die.'

Remembrance Day is not just a reflection on the loss and sacrifice of the First World War. We thought it important to acknowledge in the service the demands and sacrifices of our more recent campaigns, such as Afghanistan.

We were also very fortunate to have the Western Australian Government's Defence Advocate, Rear Admiral Philip Spedding DSC AM (rtd), provide the pitch perfect keynote address for the service.

Admiral Spedding's role is to be an advocate for the Western Australian defence industry and act as an independent adviser to the State Government. As you are no doubt aware, Western Australia has a key role to play in AUKUS. Continuing this theme, we were also very pleased to welcome senior representatives from the Royal Navy and the United States Navy to the service. The presence of such key allies there was a reminder of our common sacrifices and our future challenges.

While on Remembrance Day we reflect on the loss of over 100,000 Australian lives in the service of the nation, I noted at the services that, 'Australia has never fought alone – we have made the causes of our Commonwealth kin and Allies our own, as they have done ours. We also remember their sacrifices.'

The service was also an opportunity to farewell outgoing State Warden, Mr Murray Lampard AM APM, and welcome the new Warden CDRE Warwick Gately AM (retired).

Remembrance Day aside, November has been a very busy month with the Committee Conference and the Poppy Appeal. I really enjoyed catching up with the Committees – it was a reminder that all Committees face similar challenges – and opportunities. I hope the attendees found value and understand what support head office can provide.

While the full counting from the Sub-Branches is yet to be finalised at the time of drafting, it looks like we've had a very successful Poppy Appeal with some records broken in the CBD. Stand by for the final tally.

Most importantly, a big thank you to our volunteers who make it such a success.

This month, I was fortunate to attend the Defence Employer Support national finals in Sydney after RSL WA won the Western Australian Not-for-Profit award. A big thank you to Colleen Adleigh, our Senior Program and Sub-Branch Liaison Lead, for nominating RSL WA in the first place.

While we didn't win the national award, it was a fantastic opportunity to engage with WA employers and sell the message of the benefit of not just employing Reservists but veterans more broadly. This is also an opportunity for us to reaffirm our relevance with contemporary veterans and remind them that we are there for them.

Veteran Services monthly update

Damien Roper – Veteran Services Manager

RSL WA Welfare continues to be busy, providing support to ex-service personnel. This has ranged from crisis to permanent accommodation, the purchase of white goods for a veteran moving into secure housing and providing referrals to legal aid.

We also welcome Brendan into the Welfare/Wellbeing Lead position, who is building up his caseload and engaging with stakeholders and Sub-Branches. Brendan comes to us with a background in counselling, a leadership role with Australia Post, and 12 years in the Irish Army before that.

With many new Sub-Branch officers stepping up in the last 12 months, we will be working on hosting a training day at some point soon. We will also develop a community of practice to provide peer support in that space. If there are areas of training and support you would like to know more about or brush up on, please let us know and we will ensure they are included.

If you're keen to contribute to any of the above, or just have something to say, you can contact the Veteran Services Manager via email at: vsm@rslwa.org.au

Goldsworthy Centre update



Janine Gardner – Goldsworthy Centre Manager

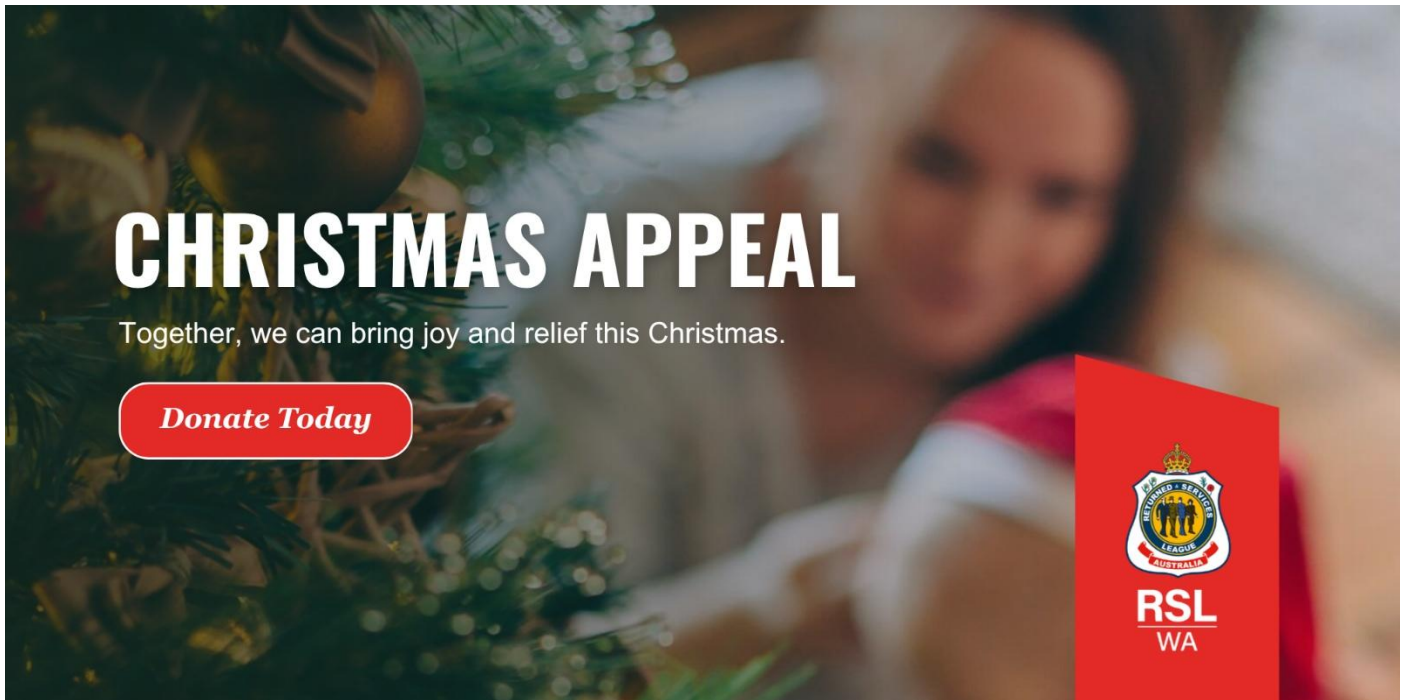
Construction of the Goldsworthy Centre (GC for short) is well underway and progressing beautifully. Internal demolition has now been completed, and we have selected our builder. Our next step is finalising floor plans and architectural design.

It's inspiring to watch the vision come to life – a modern, purpose-built space where the veteran community can come together for support services, education, resources, wellbeing and social programs.

Over the coming months, I'll be working closely with my team, local veteran organisations, community partners and veterans to make sure the centre reflects what our veteran community truly needs and wants.

I'm looking forward to contributing to the Sub-Branch Signal and keeping you all updated with the construction progress and future news on the GC. Updates can also be found on our [Facebook page](#).

RSL WA Christmas Appeal 2025



Together, we can bring joy and relief this Christmas.

Join RSL WA in making the festive season brighter for those who have served our nation.

For many veterans, Christmas can be a challenging time. Through your generosity, RSL WA's Christmas Appeal will provide essential support to veterans in need, including:

- eGift cards for groceries
- Emergency accommodation
- Crisis assistance
- Referral to vital support services

Your donation can bring hope, dignity and relief to veterans facing tough times. Together, we can ensure no veteran feels forgotten this Christmas.

Donate today and make a real difference: [RSL WA Christmas Appeal](#).

RSL WA's 2025 Poppy Appeal



RSL WA's 2025 Poppy Appeal on Friday 7 November was a fantastic success for WA veterans, thanks to the generous support of the WA community.

Our dedicated members, Sub-Branches, volunteers, RSL WA staff, Defence Force personnel, local businesses and community groups were out across the community and at many of Perth's train stations, raising vital funds to support veterans.

Perth CBD was bustling with volunteers accepting donations and offering poppies and merchandise.

The Poppy Appeal is one of RSL WA's largest annual fundraising events, both locally and across the State. Funds raised go directly towards supporting veterans and their families who may be facing a range of challenges as a result of their service to our country.

Funds are still being tallied, and we look forward to reporting the final amount raised soon.

Remembrance Day Service at Kings Park honours sacrifice and legacy



On Tuesday, 11 November 2025, hundreds of West Australians, including veterans and serving personnel, gathered at the State War Memorial in Kings Park to mark Remembrance Day, commemorating 107 years since the end of the First World War.

In the opening address, RSL WA CEO Stephen Barton said, "For 65 years of the 124 of our Commonwealth, Australian service personnel have been deployed overseas on operations. Serving not for territorial gain, but in defence of the values and virtues that sustain our democracy. Today, we remember those who did not come home. Australia has never fought alone – we have made the causes of our Commonwealth kin and Allies our own, as they have done ours. We also remember their sacrifices."

The service was led by Mr Barton and included the Ode recital by RSL WA State President Duncan Anderson, a RAAF fly past at 10:30 am, the National Anthem performed by Churchlands Senior High School, and a recital of *In Flanders Fields* by Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School.

In an interview with 7 News, Mr Anderson said, "We cannot lose sight of what's happened in the past, and we must keep that front of mind to stop us making the same horrendous mistakes in the future. A future so many have fought to protect."

The ceremony also featured the Custodian of the State War Memorial handover, with retiring State Warden Mr Murray Lampard AM APM passing the role to CDRE Warwick Gately AM.

Two Second World War veterans, Mr George Franklin and Mr Russell Hosken, attended alongside dignitaries including His Excellency the Honourable Chris Dawson AC APM, Governor of Western Australia and Mrs Dawson; the Hon Roger Cook MLA, Premier of Western Australia; and Mr Basil Zempilas MLA, Leader of the Opposition.

The annual service remains an important occasion to honour those who served and sacrificed.

RSL welcomes ABC correction of Afghanistan War Report and demands care in reporting

The Returned & Services League of Australia (RSL) says it welcomes the action of Australia's national broadcaster to correct 'false depictions' in a story it ran in September 2022 on a special forces mission in Afghanistan.

A story on the ABC's 7.30 program included added gunshots to a footage used in a war crimes story and speculated Australian troops had broken the rules of war. The ABC apologised to those falsely depicted and expressed regret for the editing errors, including to the members of the 2nd Commando Regiment.

RSL National President Peter Tinley said the admission by the ABC was important and a warning to media organisations to take care when reporting on Australian Defence Force (ADF) operations.

"Our service personnel frequently operate in extremely dangerous conditions, often at great personal risk and this should not be compounded by misleading reporting of their missions," Mr Tinley said.

"Media organisations need to exercise the highest standards of accuracy, responsibility and care when reporting on conflicts and war zones. If it's good enough for our troops to be held to high standards, then those that report on it are equally culpable.

"This is simply not good enough from the national broadcaster. The media has a unique role in informing the Australian public during conflict, and as a publicly funded broadcaster the ABC, in my opinion, must maintain the highest standard.

"Misinformation and rushed narratives can have real-world consequences for veterans, serving personnel, affected communities and the Australian public," he said.

"While the media plays a critical role in informing the nation, recent global conflicts have highlighted how easily facts can be distorted or misunderstood in fast-moving, highly charged environments.

"The media also plays a significant role in building and maintaining national resilience, so we are prepared for the next operational deployment of our troops."

Mr Tinley emphasised that Australians rely on credible journalism to make sense of international events, form opinions and understand Australia's strategic and humanitarian responses.

“We understand the challenges of reporting on wars and conflicts zones, with reporters putting themselves in harm’s way to bring the truth home.

“But truth cannot be sacrificed for immediacy or sensationalism. Accurate reporting is not just a professional duty; it’s a public service.

“In this case, it was appropriate and welcomed for the ABC to apologise and correct the narrative,” he said.

Remembrance Day speech by former RSL National President Greg Melick provides timely reminder

The Returned & Services League of Australia (RSL) says the address given to Tuesday's national Remembrance Day commemoration by the League's former National President, Greg Melick, provides a timely reminder of the current instability in our region.

The RSL says Greg Melick's comments, urging Australians to not be complacent about the defence and security threats facing the nation, reinforce the consistent messages conveyed by the League's own Defence and National Security Committee over the past two years.

The RSL has long called for increased preparedness and significantly more funding to enhance Australia's Defence capability, recruitment, and retention, and for the development of a balanced Australian Defence Force to meet current and future strategic challenges.

The RSL says Greg Melick properly recognised the significance of Remembrance Day and the service and sacrifice of our service personnel, and it was important for Australians to be aware of the current strategic threats and the risks of complacency and being unprepared.

Regrettably, former Prime Minister Paul Keating and others missed a key point of Greg Melick's address.

The former RSL National President was thinking of future generations of Australians and not wanting them to have to attend Remembrance Day services in honour of people who have died in conflicts that could and should be avoided.

RSL National President Peter Tinley on War Memorial Council



National President of the Returned & Services League of Australia (RSL), Peter Tinley AM has been appointed to the Australian War Memorial Council for a three-year term.

The appointment was announced by the Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Hon Matt Keogh MP and follows the retirement from the Council of former RSL National President Greg Melick AO.

In announcing the appointment Minister Keogh said: “The recently elected RSL National President Peter Tinley brings a combination of military, political and business experience to his Council role.”

Mr Tinley served for 25 years in the Australian Defence Force (ADF), including 17 years with the Special Air Services Regiment. Following his military career, he served in the Western Australian Parliament for 15 years, including as Minister for Veterans Issues, and is also currently Chair of the Veterans' Transition Centre in Western Australia.

Mr Keogh also thanked Greg Melick for his stewardship of the Memorial and his tireless commitment to serving Australia's veteran community.

Mr Tinley said he was pleased to be continuing the RSL's links with the Australian War Memorial.

He said the War Memorial was the nation's premier monument honouring all our veterans and particularly those who had fallen in serving Australia in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations and he was committed to maintaining the RSL's strong connection.

"There is a long history of close ties between the RSL and the Australian War Memorial and I hope that I can bring a fresh perspective to the Council's deliberations based on my military, political and business background.

"While the RSL is not an automatic appointment to the War Memorial's governing body, it is fitting that veterans will have a voice in maintaining and growing the national narrative.

"I am greatly humbled to be asked to contribute to an organisation charged with the responsibility of some of our most treasured national memories.

"I am very much looking forward to contributing and attending my first Council meeting this week," Peter Tinley said.

Veterans Facilities Fund update

Veterans Facilities Fund



The WA Veterans Minister, the Hon Paul Papalia CSC MLA, has released details of the Cook Government's Veterans Facilities Fund (VFF). The VFF is being delivered through a competitive grant round that offers successful applicants funding for use towards upgrading aging infrastructure for their Ex-Service Organisation (ESO).

Applications for the inaugural Veterans Facilities Fund (VFF) Grant are now open and close at 6pm, Saturday, 20 December 2025.

ESOs which own or operate facilities can apply for a VFF Grant. Eligible applicants can receive up to \$200,000 in once-off funding for a small infrastructure project.

Prior to lodging your application with Defence West, you should read and understand the VFF Grant Guidelines 2025. These will describe eligibility for funding and the assessment process.

Sub-Branch Committee Conference 2025



On Saturday, 1 November 2025, RSL WA Sub-Branch committee members gathered at Anzac House to attend RSL WA's second Sub-Branch Committee Conference.

The conference was designed to share information about the services RSL WA delivers: including membership, financial requirements, marketing and branding, to discuss the roles and responsibilities of Sub-Branch committee members, and to refresh information on dispute resolution and RSL WA By-Laws.

This year's Committee Conference featured an opening address by Stephen Barton, RSL WA CEO, and Miquela Riley, RSL WA State Vice President, several sessions led by key RSL WA staff, as well as morning tea and afternoon breakout sessions.

The event provided an opportunity for committee members to connect outside of State Congress and receive updates on what's happening within RSL WA.

RSL calls for tougher penalties nationally for damage to War Memorials



The Returned & Services League of Australia (RSL) has called for all States and Territories to increase penalties for people who intentionally or recklessly damage the nation's war memorials.

The RSL says that war memorials are increasingly being desecrated as part of protests and demonstrations or in wanton acts of vandalism, with the recent attack on Sydney's Hyde Park memorial.

RSL Australia National President Peter Tinley said the New South Wales Parliament had passed legislation to significantly increase the penalties for those convicted of damaging war memorials in that State.

The maximum penalty has been increased from five to seven years imprisonment and courts have the power to order offenders to pay up to \$4,400 in compensation to cover the cost of cleaning and repairing cenotaphs and memorials.

"With the spotlight on our war memorials in the lead up to Remembrance Day, the RSL welcomes the New South Wales initiative and urges all the other States and Territories to follow and enact similar legislation," Mr Tinley said.

“Our war memorials honour those who have sacrificed to protect and preserve the freedoms that all Australians enjoy, and the daubing of protest slogans or damaging the monuments is nothing short of despicable,” he said.

“It is dishonourable in the extreme to use war memorials as a platform for protest.

“The RSL trusts that the vandals responsible for such damage are apprehended and receive the strongest appropriate punishment from the courts, and that punishment should be increased as it has been in New South Wales.

“That is what all fair-minded Australians would expect.”

Mr Tinley said people are entitled to protest, but the defilement of memorials to those who served, suffered and died in the service of the Australian nation does absolutely nothing to advance protesters’ causes.

“They are desecrating the memory of those who served and sacrificed to protect our freedom and give people the right to protest, a right that does not exist in many other countries. Australians should always exercise that right responsibly and with respect,” he said.

Open Day at North Beach RSL Sub-Branch



Words: Brian Jennings

Sunday 19th October, with the rain holding off, the Sub-Branch conducted its annual Open Day/Sausage Sizzle at the Charles Riley Memorial Reserve, close to the North Beach Memorial and Wall of Remembrance.

The key objective of the event was to display the activities of our Sub-Branch, the advantages of being a member, and the broad ranging services available to veterans and their families. It also played a part in exposing our Sub-Branch to the community to further enhance understanding of the RSL.

Leading up to the event we initiated a programme of advertising targeting veterans in our community, as well as veteran focussed service delivery organisations.

Displays on the Open Day included:

- Kayaks and Bicycles to demonstrate our twice weekly peer health activities.
- 4-wheel drive vehicles set up with camping facilities, to generate interest in our annual “Bush Bash”.
- A Sub-Branch Membership enquiry desk.
- TPI and Partners of Veterans Associations

- Open Arms

- A free Sausage Sizzle operated for us by North Beach Lions.

Over the 2-3 hours of the event we had a steady flow of the veteran community and their families, including younger veterans. It was a successful and relaxed demonstration of the activities and services delivered by our Sub-Branch and available to our members and the veteran community.

The Long Ride Australia



Words: Justin Hughes

The Long Ride had 188 participants from around Australia who rode to Esperance WA, raising \$192,000 nationally for the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia.

The event ran around Australia from the 10–18 October 2025. There were members from the Eastern Regional RSL Sub-Branch Bassendean and members of the Western Grunts Military Motorcycle Club. The team delegate, Mark Taylor, an ex-Commander who served 40yrs in the ADF and is now an active reserve, coordinated the WA Long Riders.

The ride commenced in WA from the Eastern Regional RSL Sub-Branch Bassendean; our Mayor, Kathryn Hamilton, and PCFA's Pausha and Joanne farewelled us. We proceeded on a 3,000 km journey around Southwest WA the long way around.

Highlights were Busselton RSL opened and made a nice donation with us ending in Margaret River. The next morning Councillor Melissa D'Ath farewelled us, and we travelled to Walpole, then Albany. Here the South Coast Albany Lions Club made available burgers and drinks, and the funds in turn were donated to the WA Long Riders.

The following morning the Albany Mayor Greg Stocks and the Prostate Cancer support group made additional donations. We then proceeded to Wave Rock, Hyden – where David Beacham raised funds at

the Hyden pub. From Hyden we made our way up through Southern Cross, Coolgardie and met the East coast riders at Norseman. The WA Long Riders provided breakfast to raise money and ex Chief of Defence Force Air Chief Marshal Mark Binskin was introduced.

From Norseman we proceeded to Gibson Soak to Esperance where we rode onto the fair ground. The event dinner was held, and the next Long Ride destination announced – Tasmania 2027. The Esperance RSL members had a stand at the fair, and their members welcomed us the following day to their RSL.

RSL ANZAC award nominations

In its desire to honour those who serve in peace as well as perpetuating the memory and gallantry of those who served in war, The Returned & Services League of Australia has established a series of national honours – the ANZAC Awards.

Nominations should be made to RSL WA and may be made by any organisation or individual within the community. Nominations from organisations or individuals with citations/references giving full details of the nominee's service and background should be forwarded to the Chairman of the Committee for the ANZAC Awards at RSL WA. Nominations should be forwarded to the State Branch by midnight on 20 January 2026.

ANZAC Peace Prize

The RSL ANZAC Peace Prize, announced annually, is awarded by the RSL to 'recognise any outstanding effort by an Australian citizen who has promoted the concept of international understanding and who, in so doing, has made a contribution to world peace.'

Eligibility: Any Australian citizen, or one who has made an application to become an Australian citizen. The Prize will recognise the efforts of ordinary people. Those recognised will be average Australians who in some special and dedicated manner have made a real contribution to international peace and goodwill. The Prize may also be granted to individuals and groups who collectively have achieved this aim.

Nominations: [Complete the ANZAC Peace Prize Nomination Form](#)

ANZAC of the Year

The RSL ANZAC of the Year Awards are made annually 'to recognise the efforts and achievements of up to seven Australians who have given service to their fellow Australians and to the community in a positive, selfless and compassionate manner.'

Eligibility: Nominations may be made on behalf of any Australian citizen, or one who has made an application to become an Australian citizen. The awards may be made to individuals or groups who have demonstrated the spirit of comradeship and selfless service embodied in the tradition of ANZAC.

Nominations: [Complete the ANZAC of the Year Nomination Form](#)

Job Ready: Veterans' Employment Support



Unlock new opportunities with Job Ready Support.

RSL WA and Working Spirit are committed to supporting veterans and their family members on their career journey. If you are looking at transitioning out of the ADF or are a veteran seeking assistance with your career journey, our employment consultants can support veterans with the following:

- Career advice and navigation
- Translating military experience
- Crafting effective CVs and cover letters
- Accessing training programs

There is no cost for ADF veterans and their families.

To access these services, please fill in the form on our website: rslwa.org.au/services/employment

Upcoming Events

Family Fun Day

Date: Sunday 7 December

Time: 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Location: WA Army Museum, Fremantle

Join us for an afternoon of fun celebrating Veterans' Health Week. All current and former serving ADF members, and their families, are warmly invited to a relaxed and family-friendly afternoon focused on connection and community.

This is a free entry event. Please register [here](#).



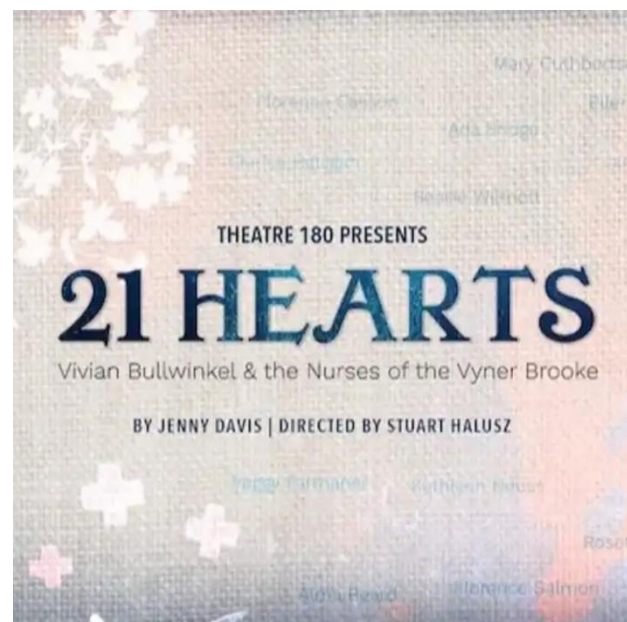
21 Hearts: Vivian Bullwinkel and the Nurses of the Vyner Brooke

Date: 13–22 February 2026

Location: Como Theatre

Theatre 180 presents this live production: a compelling true story of the celebration of women's strength, love and hope in the face of adversity.

RSL WA members receive a 15% discount, (the RSLWA15 discount code has already been applied) on the link below.



Bookings can be made [here](#).

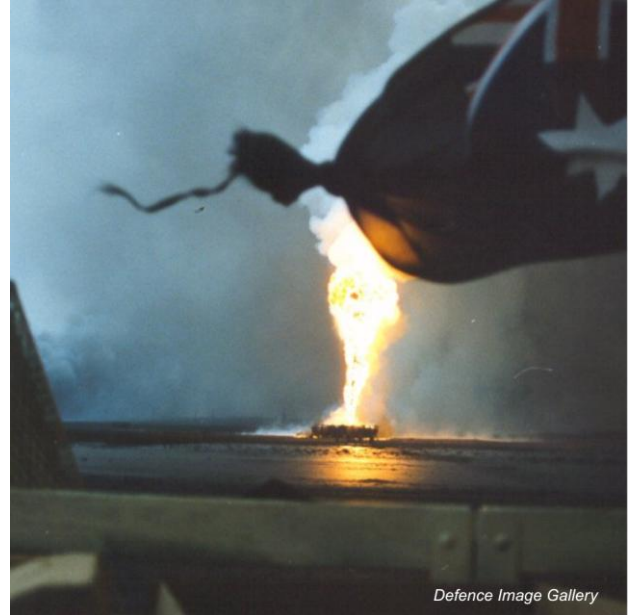
35th Anniversary of the end of the Gulf War

Date: Saturday 21 February 2026

Time: 9:00 am – 9:40 am

Location: State War Memorial, Kings Park and Botanic Gardens

Please save the date for this special commemorative service honouring the 35th anniversary of the end of the Gulf War.



Lost & Found

A number of lost items – including a belt buckle and medals – have been handed in to the concierge at Anzac House. If you think some of these items might be yours, please visit the Concierge Desk.