



RSL NEWS - GEORGE TOWN

Lest We Forget - ANZAC Day: 2019

The week, leading up to ANZAC Day was very busy with members being requested at Ainslie House, for a special service. Port Dalrymple School held their Assembly on the 9th April prior to the end of term. South George Town and Star of the Sea will be conducting school assemblies on return from the school holidays.

The Dawn service was conducted with approx. 250 in attendance, MC was Robyn Moody and Padre for the day was Brent Daire. Guests, Minister Michael Ferguson and Ross Hart MP, attended the dawn service along with Guest speakers Retired Major General Dave Chalmers and Ella Maurer, 2018 Bursary winner. Our President, Vince Davis, spoke about the importance of the day and laid a wreath at the Cenotaph. Dave Chalmers spoke with passion of his own experiences whilst in service and of special memories and remembering those with whom he had served. Ella Maurer spoke about why ANZAC Day is important to her and her family. President, Vince Davis thanked both speakers and presented Ella with a commemorative medallion in recognition of her 2018 Bursary Award. The service was followed by the tradition of the Gunfire Breakfast which was well attended again this year.

Prior to the morning service, at 10:30 Peter Harley, stood the Parade to attention. The parade marched with students from our three schools, bearing flags at the head of the marching group. Returned servicemen, families, schools, and community organizations made up the Parade. President, Vince Davis, lead Returned and Service groups, through the main street and into Max Harris Memorial Reserve. Michelle O'Byrne was MC for the service and Guest Speakers were Malcolm White from the Royal Flying Doctors Service, who spoke about the links and connection that George Town has between RFDS and the Services. He highlighted particularly, the ANZAC Spirit that is needed and continues to be part of all service that is required in communities today. President Vince Davis acknowledged the catafalque Party and encouraged the younger members of our community to consider joining TS York Navy Cadets or RAAF cadets, both groups have a valuable place and are appreciated in commemorative services. Both units are accepting new members. The 2018 Bursary winners, Brianna Hinkley, spoke of family tradition steeped in service and of her brothers currently serving. Molly Evans spoke of how she was still developing her own thoughts about conflict. She spoke about our Memorial, the Battle Cross, on top of the pillar at the centre of the Memorial, sharing her thoughts about hope and caring for families where ever there was war. President Vince Davis thanked both girls and presented them with a commemorative medallion in recognition of their 2018 Bursary Award, which has become a tradition at services in recent times.

The Sub Branch was opened after the service, with many people calling in and offering feedback about the museum, which is continually being developed and well worth viewing.

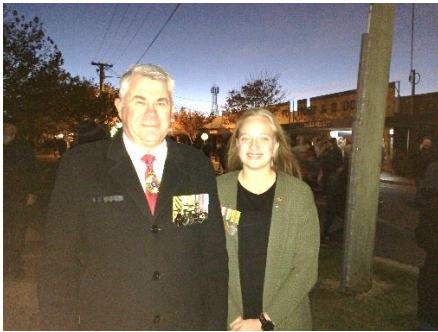
Our sincere thanks and appreciation for the day is extended to George Town Council, George Town Rotary, Michelle O'Byrne, Dave Chalmers, Malcolm White, Vince Davis, Mike Barringer, Brent Daire, Woolworths, Tamar Cakes Bakery, Mt George Hotel, Tamar FM, Gray's Hotel, PDF foods, Don Mackrill and Family, RSL volunteers and supporters, and all those who contributed in many and varied ways. Special appreciation to Secretary/ Treasurer Robyn Moody for much of the organizational elements and hours of work behind the scenes.



Retired Major General Dave Chalmers speaking to the Student Assembly at Port Dalrymple School.



Brian Shepherd, Vince Davis, Mike Flanagan, Barry Sherrin and Retired Major General Dave Chalmers with TS York Navy Cadets.



Retired Major General Dave Chalmers with Ella Maurer at the Dawn Service.

Parade arriving at Max Harris memorial reserve.



Brianna Hinkley and Molly Evans at the 11am Service.



Many from the community at the 11am service.



Parade entering Anzac Drive



TS York Navy Cadets followed by President Vince Davis, leading the Returned Services group entering Anzac Drive as part of the Parade.

We acknowledge the passing of Brian O'Halloran.

Our thoughts and sympathy are with his family at this sad time.

Lest We Forget

Get well soon:

Barry Whitmore has been ill in recent weeks. Our thoughts are with Barry and Gigi. We wish him a speedy recovery. Look forward to seeing you at the Sub branch again soon Barry and Gigi.

We also message that one of our longest serving members Dora Andrews has been unwell. Maria, her daughter, let us know that Dora is in hospital. Maria says Dora is making improvements daily. We offer her a speedy recovery and hope that she is feeling well again soon.

Congress

State Congress will be held on the 18th May. Pres. Vince Davis and Sec/Treas Robyn Moody will be attending with Barry Sherrin, Ven Grollmus, Faye Davis and Audrey Evans going along as observers.

Fundraising

The last Bunnings Fundraiser was held on the 18th April. It was a good day. Thanks to all who gave their time to cook and serve at Bunnings. The next three Sausage Sizzles at Bunnings are booked for 23rd May, Thanks to those who have offered to help already on this day. The next will be 13th June and then 29th June. If you can offer an hour or two, please give the RSL Sub Branch a call on 63822745 between 10 and 2pm.

We have planned an upcoming Winter wood Raffle donated by Phil Evans. Volunteers will be selling tickets soon. Please keep an eye out and support if you can. You might just win. This raffle will be drawn at our Annual Luncheon in mid-June.

Mateship

On the 11th April the Ladies morning tea was held. We enjoy the get together with families of veterans and encourage members to come along once a month. The next is held on 9th May 2019.

Happy Hour is held fortnightly- The next Happy Hour is this Friday, 3rd May between 4- 6pm, all welcome. We look forward to seeing you there. There is always a raffle or two which contributes to fundraising, but the main purpose is to catch up with mates. Partners and guests are most welcome.

Leave

Robyn Moody our Secretary/ Treasurer will be on a short, well earned, leave from the 6th May. We wish her and John an enjoyable and restful time away.

Calendar:

The new calendar for May to Dec 19 has been sent out so if you have not received one, please call into the Sub Branch and pick one up.