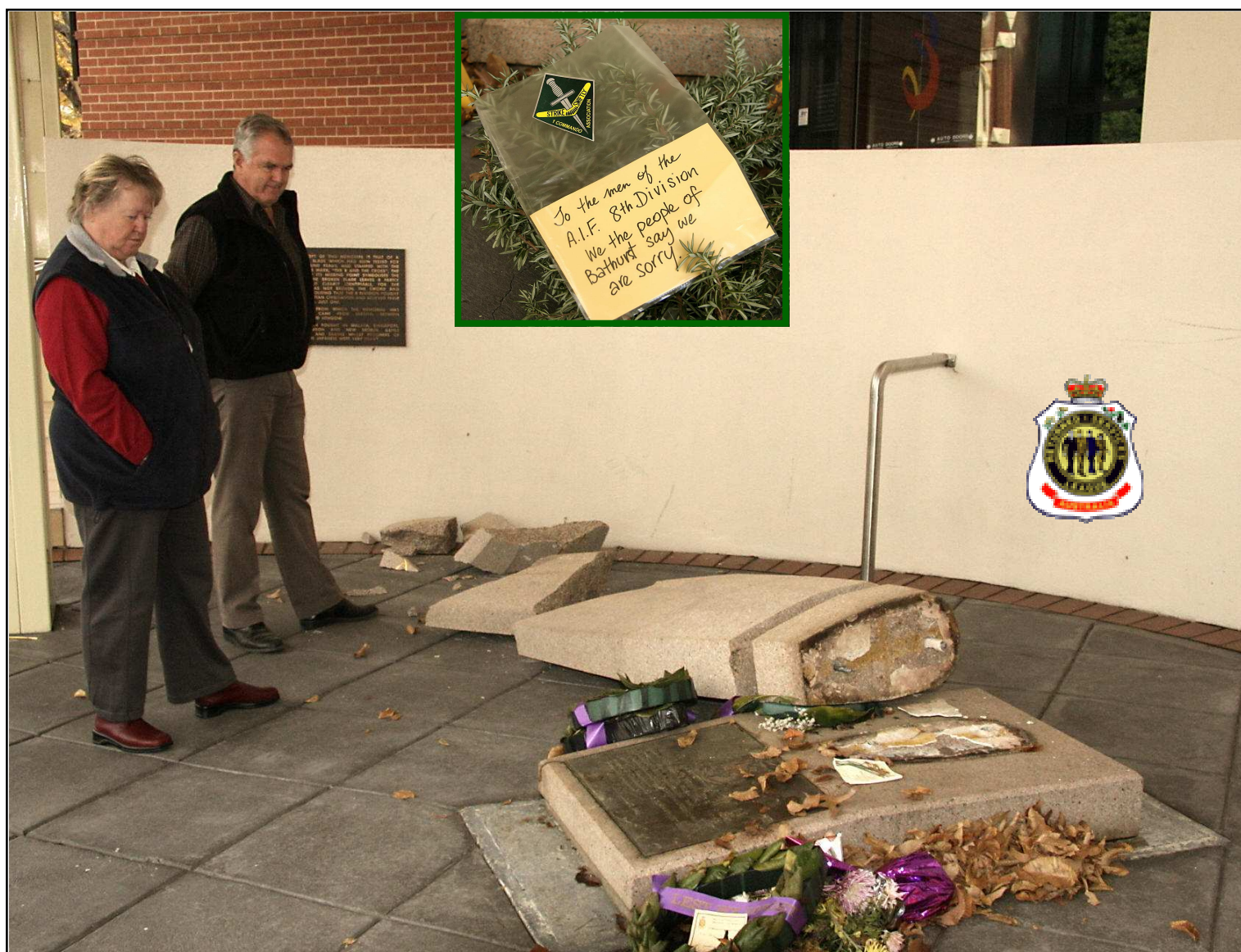


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BATHURST AND DISTRICT VETERANS' COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

WAR MEMORIAL TO POW's DESTROYED

**DESEGRATION OF 8TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION AIF NATIONAL WAR MEMORIAL
A DISRESPECTFUL ACT DELIVERED UPON FORMER PRISONERS OF WAR
WHO HAVE ALREADY SUFFERED UNDER THE JAPANESE BRUTALITY
DURING TIMES OF WAR—WHY SHOULD THEY SUFFER THIS ACT?**



An unbelievable sight of devastation on Saturday morning, May 17th 2008. Bathurst RSL sub Branch President Bill Abbott and his wife Julie inspect the destroyed memorial in front of the Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre. Inset photo-wreath of rosemary laid a few days later at base of destroyed memorial by members of the 1st Commando Company.

See story on page 7.

Photograph by Secretary Jim McFerran.

Bathurst War Memorial Carillon

RELAUNCH OF APPEAL BY CHAIRPERSON LACHLAN SULLIVAN



Mayoral reception was held at the Bathurst Civic Centre on June 17th 2008. Mayor of Bathurst, Cr Paul Toole in association with the Bathurst War Memorial Carillon Public Fund Trust launched the appeal to the next stage of upgrade and restoration of the Bathurst War Memorial Carillon.

Cr Toole acknowledged the importance of the memorial to Bathurst noting Bathurst Regional Council had recently expended over \$220,000.00 in maintenance on the bell tower, he congratulated the Carillon Working Party for their contribution to the project and implored Bathurstians to financially support the Trust in the important next step to complete the restoration.

In October 2007, the Bathurst War Memorial Carillon Public Fund Trust was formed allowing donations made towards the upgrade and restoration to be fully tax deductible. The four member Trust comprises, Fiona Thompson, Executive Director, Bathurst Conservatorium of Music, Bill Abbott, President RSL Sub Branch Bathurst, Richard Steele and Lachlan Sullivan representing the community.

Guests viewed a CD of the project with sounds of the National Carillon in Canberra resonating behind the voiceover.

Special Guest for the evening was Mr Don Rowe OAM, State President RSL of Australia-NSW Branch who spoke glowingly of the project stating he anticipated Sub Branches from throughout the State would support the fundraising efforts if asked, he strongly recommended the RSL Sub Branch Bathurst to seek approval from the State Division.

Trust member Lachlan Sullivan said a broad cross section of the Bathurst business community were invited to the launch, around 70 attended the event and support was very positive. Pleasingly we have received two Crown sponsors with contributions of over \$20,000.00, T J (Tim)

Sargeant and family and a bequest from the Hoskins family, we also received pledges individually totalling over \$10,000.00, about \$55,000.00 all up for the evening. This is a great fillip for our ambitions, however we still have long way to go. The Trust was very pleased with the response of donors, we greatly appreciate their support. The Trust is currently considering appropriate forms of public recognition for all donors. The Trust wishes to thank the Mayor Cr Paul Toole and Bathurst Regional Council for hosting the reception.

At this juncture an explanation CD was played

Lachlan Sullivan, Trust Member then went on to address the gathering: Mayor, Councillors, Distinguished Guests, in particular Mr Don Rowe, State President RSL of Australia-NSW Branch, Ladies and Gentlemen. On behalf of the Bathurst War Memorial Carillon Public Fund Trust, thank you for taking the time to attend the official launch of fundraising for the Bathurst War Memorial Carillon upgrade and restoration.

It would be remiss of me not to acknowledge the contribution of a small, yet committed group who have been chipping away since November of 2000, the Carillon Working Party, made up of Margaret Glen representing the National Trust, Ian Bates, Jan Page, Deidre Robertson, community members, Bill Abbott, President, RSL Sub Branch Bathurst and Dr Jill Forrest, Chair of the Carillon Society from afar. Thanks also to Frank Smith representing the Red Cross, as Chair of the Carillon Working Party, I have represented the Bathurst Business Chamber.

A special thanks also to Graham Harris, a former Bathurstian, who identified this need to restore and upgrade the Bathurst War Memorial Carillon to world playing status. It must be noted, Graham started this great project and promptly relocated to the Coast! Thanks Graham, we'll finish the job!



L to R.-Chairman, Lachlan Sullivan (Carillon War Memorial Public Trust Fund), President Don Rowe OAM (State NSW RSL), President Bill Abbott (RSL Bathurst sub Branch) and President Jim McFerran JP (Bathurst RSL Club Ltd).

The Carillon Working Party has kicked a few goals since 2000. We've sold raffle tickets of artworks of the Carillon donated by noted local artist Graham Lupp, sold prints of the same, created the Carillon brochure in your hands with the assistance of Council and the RSL Sub Branch, we instigated and completed the lighting of the War Memorial Carillon, a long held aspiration of the Sub Branch, special thanks to Country Energy and AJS Electrical, Council and the again the RSL Sub Branch. We too succeeded in cajoling over 70 of Bathurst leading business owners to "don a frock, slap on some lippy, and wax those hairy legs" all for charity. The Mayor himself, in the dim light, bore a remarkable resemblance to Cleopatra last September.

Along our journey we have received assistance from Rockley Lions Club, Friends of Yetholme Red Cross, Bathurst View Club, the village of Burruga, Bathurst Highland Society, and the Bathurst RSL Club Limited plus numerous business houses that supported the Reverse Debutante Ball's.

I would now like to introduce the members of the Trust who will be twisting your arms a little later on seeking your support.

Ladies first, Fiona Thompson, Executive Director, Mitchell Conservatorium of Music, Bill Abbott, President, RSL Sub Branch Bathurst, Richard Steele, community member and myself, Lachlan Sullivan, community member.

Ladies and Gentlemen, the restoration and upgrade of the Bathurst War Memorial Carillon is a very special project. And we aim to complete our project by November 2010.



We need to purchase a manual playing Clavier, a sound cabin for the Carillonist, air conditioning, purchase a practice clavier which will be housed in the Conservatorium of Music, purchase an adjustable players stool, CCTV and restore the playing mechanism within the tower so that the Carillon will play for the first time in the manner in which was originally intended. Surprisingly, in the Carillon's 75th year, the City of Plains has never heard the Carillon play how it should.

The Trust, with your help, will achieve what the original organising committee set out to achieve, a true Carillon playing in "every glorious memory of the fallen".

To date the Carillon Working Party and the Trust have raised \$112,000.00.

We need approximately \$350,000.00.

It will be no surprise that we will accept all forms of legal tender, I might add, we will consider it also, if is illegal.

We can also offer the flexibility of scheduling payments over different financial years.



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LIEUTENANT



CAPTAIN



MAJOR

One pip-2nd Lieutenant \$0-\$2,500.00

Two pips- Lieutenant \$2501.00-\$7,500.00 Bathurst RSL Club Limited.

Three pips-Captain \$7,500.00-19,999.00

Crown-Major \$20,000.00 and over Hoskins family bequest, and T J Sargeant and family.

Ladies and Gentlemen, help us restore our cherished monument, a monument not only to those who paid the supreme sacrifice but also to the memory of the brave and fearless soldiers and nurses from this area, who served at home and far away places, so that we may live in peace and enjoy the freedom we have today.

That concludes formalities for this evening, a special note of thanks to the Mayor Cr Paul Toole for hosting tonight's function, thanks also to the Mayors Secretary, Heather Ornek for her assistance, Bathurst Broadcasters 2BS/Brock FM, West-ern Advocate and of course, you, our guests.

BATHURST DIVISION OF SYDNEY LEGACY CHANGE OVER AND APPRECIATION DINNER 2008

Bathurst Division of Sydney Legacy held their Annual Changeover and Appreciation Dinner in the auditorium of Bathurst RSL Club on Friday evening, June 27th 2008. Guests, dignitaries and legatees commence to arrive from 6.30 pm until their numbers swelled to about 90 persons.

At 7.05 pm Legatee Peter Nugent ably commenced his duties as master of ceremonies with a welcome to President Colin Dunston of Sydney Legacy and his wife Sue Dunston, guest speakers Robert Newton and Katie Bennett, Phil Cole of 2BS and other invited guests and called upon President Bill Abbott, Bathurst RSL Sub Branch to carry out the duties of reciting 'The Ode of Remembrance' in memory of departed comrades. The Reverend Howard Knowles then offered Grace. Legatee David Tonge offered the Loyal Toast to Her Majesty the Queen. Meals were served from 7.45 pm and consisted of pumpkin or vegetable spaghetti soup; main course roast beef/pork with vegetables followed by sweets consisting of trifle with jelly and apple pie with custard.

The MC offered a few trivia jokes before inviting Assistant Secretary Bill Crawford to offer retiring and outgoing President Kevin Humphreys' yearly report on the activities of Bathurst Division of Sydney Legacy. Due to a disease of leg muscles Legatee Humphreys can no longer walk, so conveyed his very best wishes to those in attendance.

Deputy Mayor Ian North, Bathurst Regional Council offered a response to the report with gratitude for the great work of Legacy. This was followed by a short interval at 7.50 pm. With the assistance of Sergeant at Arms-Legatee Arthur Drury, President Colin Dunston of Sydney Legacy called on

new members Denis Chamberlain, Fred Collett, Mrs Virginia Mackintosh and Mrs Lee Steele to come forth and be inducted into Legacy. All stood as the recipients recited their Oath to Legacy after which President Dunston pinned on their badges and name tags.

Legatee Nevil Barlow OAM then came forth and read out the achievements of guest speaker Robert Newton of MacKillop College. It was indeed his pleasure to introduce history and English teacher Mr Newton to deliver the main address. Mr Newton being assisted by fellow teacher Katie Bennett and students Belinda and Madeline spoke of their overseas battle field tours. The slide show presentation and talk continued for 50 minutes of which were well received by those in attendance.

It ended with a Toast proposed by Mr Newton to Legacy of which President Dunston of Sydney Legacy offered a knowledgeable response to the Toast and spoke of his visit to the battle field sites and the memorial stained glass windows within French chapels dedicated to Australian soldiers.

President Dunston visited President Humphreys and had presented him with the Charter before bringing it to the dinner for the official presentation.

President Rosemary Harris the newly appointed president and I might add the first non war veteran to serve in this Bathurst Legacy capacity then came forth for her induction. President Harris was presented with the new 'Bathurst Legacy Charter' dated April 25th 2008 as the authority to keep up the good work on Legacy in Bathurst and district.

President Harris responded to President Dunston's remarks and spoke of her involvement with Legacy.

OFFICE BEARERS 2008-2009

President-Legatee Rosemary Harris. **Secretary**-Legatee Dick Crossing. **Office Manager**-Marie Draper. **Treasurer**-Legatee Peter Nugent. **Assistant Secretary/Treasurer**-Legatee Bill Crawford. **Publicity Officer**-Legatee Bob Upfold. **Sergeant at Arms**-Legatee Arthur Drury. **Liaison Officer**-Legatee Bob Upfold. **Auditor for Members' Account**-Legatee Allan Paul. **Enrolment Officers**-Legatees Jenny Hector, Frank Smith, Bill Abbott, Brian Tobin and Dick Crossing. **Enrolment Officers in Oberon**-Legatees Rosemary Harris and Bill Wilcox.

LEGACY CHANGE OVER DINNER CONTINUED FROM THE PREVIOUS PAGE

This concluded the official formalities of the evening. Guest stayed on to mingle before departing from 10.30 pm onwards for their various destinations well satisfied that Legacy was in good hands. Bathurst Legacy has been meeting at Bathurst RSL Club since February 1960 and they appreciate the assistance and courtesy given them by Bathurst RSL Club Secretary Manager David Veness and his obliging staff.

BCOF REUNION

The British Commonwealth Occupation Forces (BCOF) Association of Australia will be holding their reunion over three days in Bathurst during October 2008. On their first day the veterans will check in at the RSL. On the second day hold their 0730 hrs Brekkie at the Caravan Park and have their 1800 hrs Dinner at the Bathurst RSL Club. On their third or last day they will March to the Bathurst War Memorial Carillon to conduct a Wreath Laying service at 1030 hrs followed by their Luncheon at 1230 hrs. That evening they will conclude their reunion activities with a barbecue at the Caravan Park.

James Patterson, Honorary Secretary. Email mpa84900@bigpond.net.au



NATIONAL SERVICEMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA NSW, BRANCH, MID STATE SUB BRANCH

A number of nasho's will march in the Reserve Forces Day Parade at Parkes on July 5th and at Sydney on July 6th. This is the 60th Anniversary of the Reserve Forces being reformed in 1948.

Also the national servicemen's Bardia Day commemoration service will be held on August 3rd at the Ingleburn Military Precinct.

Nasho members Ken Milne of Blayney and Ron O'Malley of Lithgow passed away in recent months.

Sub branch meetings commencing at 1100 hrs will be held at the Bathurst RSL Club on July 20th 2008 with the AGM being held on September 21st 2008.

Lindsay McKellar, Publicity Officer. Phone 6368 3354.

AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE CADETS 328 SQUADRON-CITY OF BATHURST

We have received notice that 3 Wing Group Headquarters on February 13th 2008 appointed Pilot Officer Michelle J Page as Commanding Officer of the Squadron. This change is due to Pilot Officer Camilleri having taken extended leave. Ex-cadet under officer, Pilot Officer Owen Sutton has returned to the unit and has been appointed by Pilot Officer Page as 2IC of the Squadron. 3 Wing Group Headquarters also appointed Leading Aircraftwoman Lynne Raskow as Administration Officer who returned to duties on March 11th 2008.

The Squadron is lacking field craft and bivouac equipment and has asked sub branch to supply a size 11 tent of which has been approved. The Squadron will conduct a major Recruitment Drive in July. Parades are held at the Bathurst Regional Airport on Tuesday evenings between 1800 and 2130 hrs. The new postal address is PO Box 852, Bathurst NSW 2795. For more information contact Pilot Officer Page on 6332 4095 AH or mobile 0413 346 737.



SERGEANT TONY BAKER

ur RSL committee member Sergeant Tony Baker is still absent from his above of Bathurst training at HMAS Penguin RAN. Tony took up training duties in late April 2008 and is learning the mechanics and technics of manoeuvring amphibian landing crafts.

COMBATANT SOLDIERS RETURN HOME

The last Australian combatant soldiers who served in Iraq returned to Brisbane on Sunday, June 22nd 2008. The 80 members of OverWatch Battle Group (West) which included men and women effectively ended a three year commitment of Australian soldiers in combat duties in southern Iraq.

Fuzzy wuzzy angels deserve recognition: Senate

Posted Mon Jun 23, 2008 7:32pm AEST

The Senate has been urged to officially recognise the fuzzy wuzzy angel veterans who helped save Australian troops in Papua New Guinea during World War II.

Liberal Senator Guy Barnett says they should receive a medal of recognition and a small payment.

Senator Barnett says he was stunned that Australia has not officially thanked or recognised the people of Papua New Guinea who risked their own lives to help Australians.

CATHEDRAL BELLS PROJECT

Denis Chamberlain is sub branches representative on the Cathedral Bells. The bell tower was designed by Bathurst architect Henry Bialowas. The building contract was signed by Tableland Builders on February 1st 2008. Next the 12 foundation piers were drilled down 13.5 metres below ground level into stable subsoil material and filled with heavy steel reinforcement and concrete.

The reinforced concrete ring beam for the bell tower was poured on April 14th 2008 and the bricklaying contractors Viv & Kevin Hutchin with Craig Howey as their brickie labourer commenced their intricate brick laying during the second week of June 2008. The 60,000 bricks will be laid to imitate a Flemish bond design in two courses and in the cavity steel reinforcement will support the concrete laid between the brick cavity. Naturally the green bricks will continues to expand and the concrete will decrease in size as it dries naturally.

On behalf of the Anglican Church Mr Chris Crowley was appointed Clerk of Works. The Blessing of the bells will still be held on November 1st 2008 to coincide with the Cathedral dinner. Due to the difficulty of obtaining suitable glass the bell tower will not be officially opened until February 21st 2009.

Photographs of destroyed memorial by Jim McFerran



MEMORIAL TO POW's DESTROYED BY VANDAL DESEGRATION OF 8TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION NATIONAL WAR MEMORIAL

The desecration took place early on Saturday morning. At about 1.30 am on May 17th 2008. It appears that a 20 year old youth was walking south along William Street when he jumped up, swung on the Broken Blade Memorial and as a result the memorial stone was dislodged and broken.

The pink Tarana granite stone was completely pulled out of its two copper anchor pins and came crashing down in a westerly direction onto the concrete surrounds smashing into five large pieces with numerous splinters of granite scatted over the site. Witnesses flagged down a passing police vehicle that arrested the youth for malicious damage on a "protected place" and desecration of a war memorial.

After 0900 hrs when executive sub branch members viewed the destroyed memorial they were at a loss why this had to happen to the POW's who decided to build their national memorial in Bathurst in 1970. The memorial was built at great cost and effort by their Eight Division Association members, many who are no longer with us. There are only two former prisoners of war under the Japanese left living in Bathurst-namely Les Browne and Dick Johnson.

When one studies the memorial base evidence show that it was an accident waiting to happen for the base adhesive was dried up, brittle and loose and only sitting on the base. The two copper anchor pins were only made of two one inch hollow water pipes about eight inches in length. The two pins would hold nothing and if they had been made of stainless steel it may have been a different outcome.

Memorials should not be desecrated or destroyed so on May 27th 2007 the government announced that fines for damaging war memorials in NSW were set to double under a new bill to go before State Parliament of which has now been passed. The move was necessary after five teenage girls were arrested on Anzac Day 2007 for painting peace signs and the slogan "Anzacs are murderers" on the Carillon war memorial at Bathurst.

The maximum fine is now \$4400 against anyone caught damaging or defacing a protected site, such as the thousands of memorials and statues. The penalty is \$2200, for anyone caught creating a nuisance or committing any offensive or indecent act in or around any war memorial.

One quote by stonemasons to cut a new Broken Blade from the same quarried granite is in the vicinity of \$40,000, another quote is forthcoming. An appreciation of thanks must go to our hard working secretary Jim McFerran who has made enquiries and has been inundated by paper work and inquiries since the memorial was destroyed. War veterans and the general public will follow this court case with much interest as it is probably the first such case since the new legislation had been implemented.

**NOTE THAT
THIS CASE
WAS
ADJOURNED
UNTIL A
LATER
DATE**

Charged over damage

A BATHURST man alleged to have been responsible for the destruction of the Broken Blade 8th Division Memorial has had his case briefly mentioned before the Bathurst Local Court.

Kurt Gerrard Wheatley, 20, has yet to enter pleas to a charge of wilfully damaging or defacing a protected place between 1.30am and 1.36am on Saturday, May 17.

Wheatley, of Cedar Drive, Windradyne will be back before the court for further mention of the matter on Monday, June 30.



IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL VETERANS YOUR WELFARE TEAM ARE THERE TO HELP YOU



Peter Delforce



Brian Tobin JP



Bruce Irvine

Any person wishing to make an appointment with Peter Delforce, our RSL Bathurst Sub Branch Advocate and Pensions Officer are quite welcome to do so. Mr Delforce visits Bathurst on the last Wednesday and Thursday of each month.

Just a reminder that our sub branch Welfare/Pension Officer Brian Tobin JP and Assistant Welfare/Pension Officer Bruce Irvine are available during some week days. These gentlemen can handle inquiries on DVA pension matters.

If YOU need to visit our office or book a visit please contact us between 10.00 am-1.00 pm on Monday, Wednesday or Friday by phoning 6332 3999.



The Associations of 17th Infantry Battalions have now inherited all assets and the WW11 Banner of the 2/17th Infantry battalion AIF. Also members of the association will be aware that they have also received a new 'standard' - the attached photograph shows Major General Warren Glenny AO RFD ED (centre) handing over the banner to Irving Warren RFD ED JP (right) watched by Rod White AM RFD (left). The word standard is used to distinguish it from the large unit banner. For any parades the new standard and the National flag will head their march contingent followed by the unit banner. The new standard was used for the first time at the recent Reserve Forces Day Parade held in Sydney on Sunday, July 6th 2008.

Photograph courtesy of Bob Pink and Irving Warren.

Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal May 24th-25th 2008

On Sunday, May 25th, Bathurst RSL Sub Branch members and friends met at the Eglinton Public School at 9.00 am to carry out their annual door knock appeal to do their bit to help the Salvo's carry on with their necessary welfare work.



door knock appeal. On Friday and Saturday, May 23rd-24th Brian Tobin and his team organised his usual bucket collection at the Bathurst RSL Club which netted \$801.10 for the Salvo's. At the end of the collection Julie and Cheryl provided refreshments in a cuppa and cake/biscuits.

Fifteen members who answered the call of duty on the day were Bill Abbott, Julie Abbott, Kevin Wren, Brian Tobin, Cheryl Smith, Bruce Irvine, Elizabeth Irvine, Denis Chamberlain, Margaret Chamberlain, Beverley Chamberlain, Kevin Miller, Lyle Orreal, Kaye Trimming, Bob Trimming (yes Bob did it in his gopher) and Kurt Wheatley.

The team commenced door knocking at 9.00 am and finished their work at about 11.30 am. The team are pleased to announce that they raised a grand total of \$1,192.70 during their

So well done team you definitely earn your free Big Mac vouchers courtesy of McDonald's Restaurant this time round.

Captain Gittins said this year's door knock in the city raised \$23,000 and paid tribute to the many volunteers who went out in cold conditions walking the streets collecting for the Red Shield Appeal.

Towards mid June Captain Gittins announced that the appeal had almost reached \$30,000.



DID YOU KNOW HOW MEMORIES EFFECT YOUR LATER LIFE

The experts confirm that if you use drugs or alcohol you are not a defective human being who needs medical attention. You are simply seeking to get in touch with your feelings. You are seeking emotional and spiritual freedom.

One reason why drugs and alcohol are now such a big business is that they put you in touch with your inner world. For example a young man drinking at a favourite pub remember the good times yarning at the bar and as he grows older his mates fade away to their respective lives. However he will always return and try to grasp those early memories well into his retirement years.

VIETNAM VETERAN'S DAY 2008

BATHURST & DISTRICT VIETNAM VETERANS ASSOCIATION INC

Vietnam Veterans' Day will conclude in Bathurst with a wreath laying service on Monday, August 18th 2008 commencing at 11.00 am at the Bathurst War Memorial Carillon.

On Saturday evening 16th August the usual Long Tan Dinner Dance will be held in the auditorium of Bathurst RSL Club commencing at 6.30 pm. Tickets go on sale at club reception from August 1st at \$35 per person. Ten person accommodation per table so start forming a table group or just book your place on a table.

On Sunday morning 17th August commencing at 11.00 am the veterans will conduct their usual Parade and Memorial Service within the confines of their Memorial Park on the Blayney Road.

For additional enquiries please phone Bathurst RSL Club on 6332 3999 or phone Secretary of the B&DVVA, Mr Tony Walker on 6355 5504 or mobile 042 754 1852.

ALLEGED SABOTAGE OF SHIP BY CREW

By Ian McPhedran, Defence Writer, Daily Telegraph, June 08, 2008 10:00pm

The Royal Australian Navy is investigating claims that sailors deliberately damaged a patrol boat and bribed contractors so they could return to, and remain, in port in Darwin.

A preliminary report found no evidence that sailors had damaged the patrol boat HMAS Bathurst but investigations are continuing.

Whistleblowers have rejected the early findings and accused the RAN of a cover-up.

Despite saying there was a lack of evidence, the RAN admitted that the investigation had weeks to run before a final report was sent to the Commander Australian Fleet in Sydney.

"The inquiry will conclude once the inquiry officer has completed his interviews and produced his final report. This is expected on June 20," it said. "However, it should be noted that the inquiry officer has provided an interim report indicating that there is insufficient evidence to refer the matter to civilian or service police investigators."

The RAN finally admitted that a water purification unit on the vessel was damaged,

forcing the boat back to port in Darwin. Whistleblowers claimed sailors from "attack crew 6", patrol boats are crewed by rotating teams of sailors, purposely damaged the vessel so they wouldn't have to remain at sea.

"They also offered repair contractors bribes of money and beer to damage engineering equipment to stay in port," an informant claimed.

When asked if private contractors had been involved the RAN said, "This is subject to an inquiry and all relevant individuals will be spoken to."

An informant claimed said the bill would run to tens of thousands of dollars.

"Contractors who have to repair the damage can't believe the navy is doing nothing to hold the sailors responsible," the informant claimed.

FOR SALE MEMORIAL PAVERS & BRICKS

The Cathedral Bells Committee are offering engraved Memorial Pavers for \$150 and un-engraved bricks for \$25 of which you will be offered an official receipt.

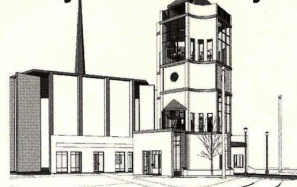
Engraving of pavers amount to 30 characters which must include spaces as one character.

All pavers purchasers will be later notified by mail to confirm the wording is the correct text. Mr Craig George is the local contractor who will supply and engrave the pavers.

Vice president Denis Chamberlain is sub branch representative on the Cathedral bells Committee and is the local ex-service person to contact if you wish to purchase a brick or engraved paver. He can be contacted at sub branch office or on 6331 7010.



CATHEDRAL BELLS OF BATHURST Lay a Paver / Buy a Brick



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Address:

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I wish to buy [Receipt number]

..... Engraved Paver(s) @ \$150

..... Brick(s) @ \$25

Paver engraving (limit 30 characters):

☐ Cash enclosed for: \$

☐ Cheques to be made to:
Cathedral Bells of Bathurst,
PO Box 258
Bathurst NSW 2795

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SUB BRANCH MEETINGS 2008

ATTEND YOUR MONTHLY MEETINGS

Normally all general meetings are held on the first Monday of the Month at 7.15 pm at the Bathurst RSL Club. Your next sub branch meeting will be held on:

Monday, July 7th 2008

Monday, August 4th 2008

Monday, September 1st 2008

Monday, October 6th 2008



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MEMBERSHIP FOR 2008. WHY NOT JOIN US TODAY?

To keep any RSL Sub Branch active and alive we must have an intake of new membership. Membership is always open to current and former War Veterans, Peace Keepers, National Servicemen, and Regular/Reservist members of the Australian



Defence Forces with an honourable discharge. But many ex-service personnel, such as CMF, Militia, National Servicemen and others who served in Australia and ex-members from Allied countries feel that they are not welcome to join the League. This is much further from the truth as they would be welcomed into our local sub branch with open arms. The qualifying period of military service to join the League equals six months. Proof of service to any sub Branch must be accompanied with an original Letter, Certificate of Service or Discharge Certificate (as a photo-

copy will not be accepted). If a person served less than six months and through no fault of their own were honourably discharged on medical, compassionate or exceptional family hardship, they may be eligible to join. Remember, "When you join the League you join not so much to obtain a service...but as to render one". For details on joining see sub branch Honorary-secretary Jim McFerran JP during office hours 10.00 am to 1.00 pm on Monday, Wednesday or Friday. Phone: 6332 3999.



Last Post

RSL Bathurst Sub Branch members attended the following Funeral Services and wish to convey their deepest sympathy to both relatives and friends of their departed comrades.

Cain Peter Francis

Sub Branch Honorary Solicitor. Mr Cain was one of six siblings being born 1938 in Orange and raised in Cango. He attended St Joseph's Catholic School and won a bursary to St Stanislaus College in 1951. Upon leaving the college in 1955 he joined the Manly seminary to train as a priest for 12 months. In December 1962 he married Molong girl Veronica Livermore and had four children named Peter, Cathy, Stephen and Timothy. Mr Cain supported local sport, played football, cricket and played his last cricket match about two years ago. He was also an active harness racing fan where he attended numerous meetings.



Mr Cain came to Bathurst in 1967 as Assistant Clerk of Petty sessions remaining until 1969. He then worked at the courthouses in West Wyalong, Walgett and Campbelltown until his resignation in 1971. In the same year he joined the Bathurst solicitor firm of John Harold King and was admitted as a solicitor in 1972.

Eventually Mr Cain became a partner with the solicitor practice becoming known as King, Cain Solicitors.

At that time the principle of the practice Mr King was appointed Trustee of Bathurst RSL sub branch on April 5th 1974 and had been honorary solicitor to the sub branch until his retirement in 1997. From that year Mr Cain took on the role as sub branch solicitor on a voluntary nature and only recently within the last few weeks had given valuable legal advice to our Treasurer Bruce Irvine. Mr Cain retired from the practice in 2006 but could still be seen in the office as an adviser or consultant.

Mr Cain died suddenly on May 9th 2008 aged 69 years after suffering a fatal stroke at the Bathurst Base Hospital. Over 600 people from a cross section of the community ranging from the Mayor of the Bathurst Regional Council to the humble client all attended Mr Cain's Requiem Mass commencing at 11.00 am on May 14th at St Michael and St John's Catholic Cathedral. Bearing in mind the cathedral can seat 800 this was a great testimony to Mr Cain's popularity.

Father James Cutcliffe officiated over the service being assisted by seven other priests, an organist and a soloist singer Christine Porter.

After everyone was assembled within the Cathedral the coffin was brought in and sprinkled with Baptism Water by Father Doug Akehurst CM and wheeled up the aisle by the six pall bearers during the singing of "Here I am Lord". Father Cutcliffe offered a welcome to the mourners.

Timothy Cain (son of deceased) read the 15 minute family eulogy. Sister Jean Cain RSJ offered the first reading Wisdom 3: 1-9 and the responsorial psalm "The Lord Is My Shepherd" was sung. The second reading was offered by Stephen Cain and Father Brien Murphy asked all to stand for the reading of the Holy Gospel, John 17: 24-26.

During his 10 minute Homily Father Cutcliffe spoke of the deceased gentleman and how he was with him at the time of his death a little after 2.00 pm last Friday.

During the Offertory hymn and Procession all stood and recited the Lord's Prayer and then greeted each other with the shaking of hands.

After Communion the magnificent voice of Ms Porter could be heard singing "Eagle's Wings". All stood for the Final Blessing and Prayers. "Song of the Angels" was then sung by Ms Porter. During the singing of the hymn "Strong and Constant" the six family pall bearers placed the coffin on their shoulders and followed the eight priests from the Cathedral to the waiting hearse, the service finishing at 12.12 pm.

The cortege quickly left the Cathedral under a police escort for the Maranatha Lawn Cemetery where the Committal and interment took place. Mr Cain's wake was held in the Bathurst Convention Centre corner of Peel and Howick streets.

Executive sub branch members attending were President Bill Abbott, Vice president Denis Chamberlain, Secretary Jim McFerran and Welfare Officer Brian Tobin.

Godfrey Smith Funerals. Karl & Joanne Schroder, 182 Piper Street, Bathurst. Phone 6331 4084.

OPPER Jack Henry ("Jack")

Private, NX136313 (N195733) 8th Australian POW Reception Camp within the captured islands of Japan. Whilst a resident of Oberon enlist in Citizen Military Forces on January 13th 1942 and enlist in the AIF on October 29th 1942 at Bellevue Camp, WA. After completing operational war service he was discharged on January 25th 1946, World War II. Jack was born on August 5th 1921 at Yarram, Victoria the son of the Reverend Melchior Oppen and Rose Marriot.

In 1927 Reverend Oppen was appointed rector of St Barnabas' Anglican Church in the Parish of Oberon NSW, the family residing in the adjoining rectory. On April 25th 1946 a bronze WW11 Roll of Honour was dedicated in St Barnabas' Church with Jack and his brother Lindsay George Oppen names being among those being recorded thereon who served their country. Jack then moved to the Eastern suburbs of Sydney. Throughout life Jack would happily whistle away and soon coined the nick-name of 'the happy whistler'.



Jack returned to Oberon in the 1930's where he met Margaret M Oxford. He married Margaret at Eastwood NSW on May 9th 1949 and had three children-Liz (Mrs Paul Ferry), Stephen (Mrs Theresa Oppen) and Judy (Mrs Shannon Wass). During this period the couple lived at Singleton where Stephen was born in 1952 and in 1955 returned to Oberon where Judy was born in 1960. Here Jack worked in a machinery work shop until his retirement from W H Cunynghame & Son in the late 1980's. Jack and Margaret then moved to 16 Wilkinson Place, Bathurst where many happy years of retirement were spent with regular visits to the sea.

Jack died on May 20th 2008 at Bathurst Base Hospital. Some 80 people attended Jack's funeral service commencing at 2.00 pm on May 26th at St Barnabas' Anglican Church, Oberon. The Reverend Canon Carla Archer (All Saints' Cathedral, Bathurst) officiated during the service being assisted by organist Barbara Webb.

The coffin was draped by the Australian National flag surmounted with a family wreath of roses, stocks and lilies and at the floor base was the RSL wreath.

Reverend Canon Archer lit the Paschal Candle and called upon Mr Oppen's daughter Judy Wass to sprinkle Baptismal water on the coffin with a Rosemary sprig and to place the other Christian symbols upon the coffin i.e. bible and wooden cross.

Reverend Canon Archer then opened the service with a welcome and to celebrate the life of Jack. The 15 minute family eulogy was delivered by son Stephen Oppen and Vincent Moase. Mr Moase spoke of how he first met Jack in September 1946 when he was employed in Billy Cunynghame's work shop at Oberon.

The hymn 'The Lord's My Shepherd' was sang followed by Reflections by Jack's grandchildren Paula, Lucinda and Simon. Lucinda's story on the Tupperware and Jack's spilt beetroot on the tablecloth excited a few giggles.

An interlude of music on a CD recording featuring violin music was next played followed by Reverend Canon Archer's Homily. This was followed by prayers and altogether reciting 'the Lord's Prayer'. After the singing of the hymn 'Abide with Me' the RSL Tribute was offered.

Vice president Denis Chamberlain of Bathurst RSL sub Branch read the eulogy of Jack's war service and then called upon custodian Fred Collett to perform the 'Laying of the Poppies' of which five poppies were laid. Vice President Chamberlain performed the second part of the solemn service. During which the salute was given as Last Post was sounded, "Ode to the Fallen" recited and Rouse sounded concluded the RSL service. The CD recorder was operated by Hospital Officer Paul Roberts during the RSL Service.

After the Benediction a CD recording of 'Smoke gets in your Eyes' was played and at this juncture six pall bearers wheeled out the remains to the waiting hearse the service ending at 2.55 pm.

As Jack's remains left the entrance of the church they passed through a five man RSL guard of honour. The guard was made up of Denis Chamberlain, Fred Collett, Paul Roberts, Bill Boyd and Colin Markwick. The Bathurst RSL contingent travelled from Bathurst and was the only servicemen present.

After leaving the church the cortege arrived at the cemetery at 3.20 pm with about 52 people in attendance. At the graveside Reverend Canon Archer performed the Committal the service ending at 3.30 pm. After interment Jack's wake was held in the adjoining hall at St Barnabas' Anglican Church. Funeral director Michael Lyons was assisted in his duties by attendants Tim Lyons, Tony Sutton and Chris Padgen.

A & M Hanger, 30 Fleming Street, Oberon.
Phone 6336 1267.

I PASS THIS WAY BUT ONCE

*I shall pass through life but once,
Any good, therefore, that I can do,
Or any kindness I can show to any fellow creature,
Let me do it now.
Let me not defer or neglect it
For I shall not pass this way again.*

Etienne de Grellet

CAMPBELL Reginald Earl ("Reg")

Priate, N175936. 131 General Transport Company, AIF World War 11. Enlist at West Ryde NSW on October 14th 1941 whilst a resident on Eastwood NSW. Serve in New Guinea and was discharged on June 12th 1945.



Reg was born on March 2nd 1923 at Gladesville NSW the son of Clare Campbell. Although Reg was a self taught artist he came to Bathurst in the 1950's as a signwriter. He first lived in a shed behind the George Street fish and chip shop conducted by the late Les Keefe. On the right inside wall of the fish and chip shop Reg painted a large mural of a sailing ship in full sail which adored the wall for many years and also painted a large mural of a racing scene of Mount Panorama on the main bar wall of the Globe Hotel where Banjo's Cafe now operates in William Street. Another accomplishment of Reg's early days here was when he was suspended high up on a bosun chair to paint the sign "The Dairy Farmers" on the three sides of the old brewery tower behind the former Dairy Farmers Co-operative in Princess Street. From humble beginnings and such determination Reg became famous for his artistic work two of which can be seen hanging in the Bathurst Regional Council Chambers of the late Dr Brooke Moore MBE and C A ("Gus") Kelly MLA for Bathurst. One of his last signs painted in the early 1960's was a motel sign for 'Motel Central Bathurst' painted on a billboard to the right of an old stable since demolished adjoining where the Opportunity Shop now operate in the former inn next to Berry Park.

Reg later took up residence on the Sunny Corner Road, Kirkconnel where he set up his painting studio and gallery with his then partner Evelyn. There is no doubt about Reg's portraiture and still life painting ability as he was truly a realist master painter with his work being represented in both Australian and overseas collections. He was also a mentor to many future artists who have since made names for themselves such as Doug Sealy.

During his life Reg married a few times and had two sons David and Joshua from each of the marriages.

Reg later retired to the south coast staying with his niece

but came back in recent years to reside at Macquarie Care Centre where he died on the morning of May 30th 2008 aged 85 years. With only members of his immediate family and close friends present Reg was cremated on June 3rd at Canobolas Gardens Crematorium, Orange. Civil Celebrant Jean Catanzariti of Orange conducted the funeral service.

Godfrey Smith Funerala Karl & Joanne Schroder, 182 Piper Street, Bathurst. Phone 6331 4084.

HOWARTH Mavis Daphne ("May")

Priate, NF437587. 2nd Ambulance Car Company, World War 11. Enlist on October 8th 1942 at Paddington NSW whilst a resident of Wingello NSW and discharged on March 2nd 1943.

Born on December 3rd 1920 at Cooma NSW May was the daughter of Laurie and Stella Crisp. As a child she lived with her family in remote Eucumbene being educated by correspondence school until she turned the age of 13. Her parents later moved to Wingello on the southern highlands where they conducted a store.

After her military discharge May married Norm Paine on



November 29th 1943 and had six children namely Keith, Lindsay, Betty (Mrs Willis deceased), Robyn, Alan and Nancy. Prior to the marriage Norm had one son named Peter. The couple separated in March 1953 with May taking charge of her seven children and leaving the southern district. May later met Jim Howarth the couple being married on December 19th 1958 at Wallerawang. To complete her family six more children were born of the marriage being Helen, Margaret, Christine, Carol, Kathy and Geoffrey. With a total of 13 children to raise the family moved to Sunny Corner where Jim worked with the State Forestry Commission. With such a large family to care for May received her first electric washing machine in 1958. Upon retirement May and Jim moved to George Street, Bathurst. Jim died at Bathurst in 1995.

May then commence to play bingo at the Bathurst League Club and the Bathurst RSL Club and was a well known figure at those venues. She was always in the company of

her son Lindsay who cared for her during her failing years of health when she was known by many still getting about with the aid of a walking frame. May died on June 9th 2008 at St Catherine's Nursing Home.

Some 102 people attended May's funeral service commencing at 10.00 am in the Bathurst Uniting Church. Reverend 'Oto Faiva officiated over the church and graveside services being assisted by the church organist.

The eulogy was delivered by daughter Nancy and son Geoff. After the Lord's Prayer the RSL Tribute was offered. President Bill Abbott of Bathurst RSL sub Branch read the eulogy of May's war service and then performed the 'Laying of the Poppies' of which five poppies were laid. Vice president Denis Chamberlain performed the second part of the solemn service. The Salute was given as Last Post was sounded, "Ode to the Fallen" recited and Rouse sounded concluded the RSL service. During the RSL Service the CD recorder was operated by President Abbott.

After the Commendation the hymn "Amazing Grace" was sang and after the Benediction six family pall bearers commence to wheel out the remains to the waiting hearse to the CD music of Slim Dusty.

As May's remains left the entrance of the church they passed through a five man RSL guard of honour under the direction of vice president Denis Chamberlain.

As they passed Mr Chamberlain gave the order to "Salute", the right hand being placed across the left breast service medals. Sub branch and Legacy members on the guard were Legatee Bill Abbott, Bill Boyd, Legatee Bill Crawford and Legatee Nevil Barlow OAM the service finishing at 10.45 am. The hearse departed the church at 11.55 am for the Maranatha Lawn cemetery, Bathurst.

After Reverend Faiva performed the Committal Interment took place. May's wake was held in the Bathurst RSL Club. Funeral director Michael Lyons was assisted in his duties by attendants Stephen Lyons and Tony Sutton.

Maranatha's Funerals, Michael & Pauline Lyons, 88 Bentinck Street, Bathurst. Phone 6331 4265.

I PASS THIS WAY BUT ONCE
*I shall pass through life but once,
Any good, therefore, that I can do,
Or any kindness I can show to any fellow creature,
Let me do it now.
Let me not defer or neglect it
For I shall not pass this way again.*

Etienne de Grellet

HOWSON Marcia Allison

Private/Nurse, NF480382. 3rd Australian General Hospital, Australian Army Medical Women's Services, World War 11. Enlist on September 26th 1944 Paddington NSW whilst a resident of Bathurst and was discharged on May 28th 1946.

Marcia was born on September 9th 1926 at Murrumburrah NSW the daughter of Ralph Poundsberry an ex-Trooper, with the 7th Australian Light Horse Regiment who served in Egypt, Gallipoli and France.

Marcia married Walter Leonard Joseph ("Wal") Howson from Bingara. Wal a WW11 veteran worked the crane truck at the former Pat O'Leary's timber mill in Hereford Street. The couple had one daughter Kylie (later Mrs Riddle). The couple resided in Marcia's parent's house at 52 Morrissey Street, Bathurst. Wal died on October 17th 1994 aged 71 years, Bathurst. Marcia died on June 9th 2008 at Bathurst Base Hospital.

Marcia's funeral service commencing at 2.00 pm on June 12th was held at St Barnabas' Anglican Church, South Bathurst. Reverend Wendy Dubowski officiating during the service. Interment was made in the Maranatha Lawn Cemetery, Bathurst.

Godfrey Smith Funerals, Karl & Joanne Schroder, 182 Piper Street, Bathurst. Phone 6331 4084.

BROOKS George Richard ("Dick")

Leading Aircraftsman, 136612 Eastern Area Headquarters RAAF, World War 11. Enlist on August 20th 1943 Sydney serving in Australia and was discharged on April 2nd 1946. Prior to the war he had been employed by the Western Stores, Bathurst. Some years after the war in the 1950's he worked until his retirement at Pat O'Leary's Hardware Store (Mitre 10) in Bentinck Street, Bathurst. Born on May 27th 1925 he was the son of Ironmonger George Richard and Valerie Brooks, 276 Piper Street, Bathurst. Married his wife Iris and had a family of four children-Robyn (Mrs Peter Jeffrey), George (deceased), Peter (wife Elaine) and David. Dick died on June 19th 2008 aged 83 at the Bathurst Base Hospital. Funeral service commencing 2.00 pm on June 24th was held in the Baptist Church, 188 Eglinton Road, Bathurst followed by cremation at Canobolas Gardens Crematorium, Orange. The family did not request an RSL Tribute.

Godfrey Smith Funerals, Karl & Joanne Schroder, 182 Piper Street, Bathurst. Phone 6331 4084.

A WORD OF COMFORT

The Bathurst RSL Sub Branch is always willing to conduct their RSL Funeral Service regardless if the deceased was a member or not a member of our sub branch. It is our duty of respect to offer an RSL Funeral to the family of a person who served their country in the Armed Services. However through distance, the request of family members or other circumstances the Bathurst RSL Sub Branch may have been prevented in conducting their usual RSL Tribute for some deceased members. Whatever may have been the cause the sub branch takes this opportunity to sincerely offer their condolences to family members during this sad occasion.

COMMENTS FROM OUR PRIME MINISTER

Prime Minister Kevin Rudd, whose brother Malcolm is a Vietnam veteran, told an audience at the Australian National War Memorial, Canberra on February 26th 2008 that he considered service in the defence forces the most honourable of deeds.

"I believe there is no higher calling in our nation's life than to serve the nation in uniform."

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