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ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATION MARCH 25 APRIL 2019

The 22nd Battalion Association, together with other kindred active WW1 Unit Associations, will "step-off" behind their Unit Banners from the assembly point on the north side of Flinders St West, near Young and Jackson's at 10:30 AM, WW1 Battalion Associations are now at the end of the March not the beginning.

Marchers (not young children) should be respectfully attired with personal medals on the left breast and family veteran's, on the right.

On completion of the march members are encouraged to gather in the gardens, for a "chat".

<u>Before the March, 22nd members and their families should assemble as above at 10:00 AM where the 22nd Battalion Banner will be located. Members are encouraged to march thereby ensuring; "We will remember them".</u>

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

Following the commemoration of the four years of World War 1,1914-1918 it is timely to reflect on what we mean by "we will remember them".

It has been stated, the principal legacy of WW1 was an atmosphere of hatred and resentment between Nations, between classes and between races. This predominately negative perspective disregards the replacement of the European autocratic Empires, dominated by aristocracy and army, by modern Republics and Constitutional monarchies. It gave rise to the League of Nations forerunner of the United Nations both of which, for all their weaknesses, have provided a basis for international collaboration.



UNITED NATIONS NEW YORK

The conflict between the Balkan countries and the Austro-Hungarian Empire fomenting in 1913 was triggered by the assassination of Archduke Ferdinand of Austria, by a Serbian nationalist. This caused Russia to mobilize its troops and for Germany to invade Belgium, threatening France and bringing Britain into the now declared war.

For Australia, the loss of its youthful manhood was horrific with 60,000 killed and 153,000 casualties, a significant proportion of whom would be permanently or partially incapacitated with subsequent and detrimental consequences for the livelihood of their families in terms of care and financial security.



ANZAC DAY MARCH 2019 22ND BATTALION MEMBERS BEHIND THE BANNER

But what of the positive outcomes that we should be celebrating of Australia's significant involvement in WW1? The prophetic answer is given by Billy Hughes, Australian Prime Minister at the time, addressing a crowd in London on 25 April 1919 at the Anzac Day March of 5000 Australian troops led by their leader, John Monash.

'Hughes tells the crowd that Australia's future was born on the shores of Gallipoli...This spirit of Australian nationality which has been born in the day of Anzac has permeated every atom of or being'.

This observation identifies the genesis of Australian values. Our moral compass, expressed in terms of loyalty to our country, faith in the correctness of our actions, freedom to express our views and respect those of others, aspiring to improve our future and that of others, to endure hardship and redress that of others, to be committed to opposing tyranny, terrorism and oppression and extend "mateship" to those around us.

We will remember them as the Australians who fought to uphold these values that inextricably define what it is to "Australian".

INDIVIDUAL SUBSCRIPTION 2019 OF \$15 NOW DUE

- Please forward to 22nd Battalion Association c/o Ian Russell Hon. Secretary /Treasurer
 5 Orrell Crt. Mount Waverley Vic. 3149 or
- Transfer CBA BSB 063 010 A/c 1005 1054 Description-Sub/Name

To minimize costs, receipts will only be issued on request.

Some members have subscribed for more than one year and are still financial.

Members' subscriptions/donations decreased for the year 2018 and expenditure was greater than income resulting in a small deficit. The current subscription of \$15 wall be maintained for 2019

Member donations over and above the subscription have been appreciated and are significant in the total income stream.

Email addresses of members would facilitate communications and be treated as restricted to Battalion business only. Please resubmit to ensure currency.

Members with ideas for activities and a preparedness to take the initiative, are welcome.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR 12 MONTHS ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2017

	INCOME \$.		EXPENDITURE \$
Member Subs/Donations	960.00	"ECHO" Production	664.44
Bank Interest	0.00	Distribution /Postage	217.00
		Office stationary	97.74
		Bank Fee	<u>2.50</u>
	960.00		981.68
Deficit for Year			21.68

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2017

Member Funds at Bank 31 Dec. 2017	3118.33
Deficit for current Year	21.68
Accumulated Surplus 31 Dec. 2018	3096.65



22nd Battalion Association



Upon their return from Europe and the Great War in 1919, the former soldiers of the 22nd Battalion met and formed the Battalion Association to keep alive the Anzac spirit and legacy of mateship that was forged on the beaches and cliffs of Gallipoli and which defined

the Australian through the tough fighting in France and Belgium, and beyond. As the years have passed the legacy has now been past to the relatives of the men that fought within the Battalion, under the stewardship today of Ian Russell, son of 524 Pte Fred Russell, the Honorary Secretary of the Association from its inauguration in 1920 until his death in 1978.

Each year the Association remembers those that served and marches on Anzac Day in Melbourne. In addition the Association produces an annual newsletter entitled the '22nd Battalion Association Echo', taking the name from the publication of the same title that the Battalion produced on active service in 1918 until the troops returned home.

The. Website www.anzac-22nd-battalion.com was established by Greg Stephens, grandson of "Bob" a 22nd Battalion veteran, It is a valuable source and repository for contributions from Association members, particularly the "Collections "drill down of the "Family" section and a Facebook link. This project has now been archived in the "Pandora" project of the National Library of Australia ensuring its retention for posterity.



Ian Russell and Greg Stephens

Hon. Secretary Ian met with Greg, visiting Australia from the UK., on 27 February to review the 22nd's archives with a view to including some of the material in the above website. It is contemplated advice on events of 22nd Battalion Association interest will be posted.

Let us now praise famous men...." (Ecclesiasticus..)-22nd Battalion 1 AIF

ONE OF THE GREATEST IF NOT THE GREATEST AUSTRALIAN JOHN MONASH

It is sometimes claimed that Australia had no reason to take place in World War 1. Even if one ignores the requirement for imperial defense, this is nonsense. Germany was present in the Pacific in the formidable capabilities of the East Asia Squadron in China, and there were German colonies in New Guinea and at Raguel.

Indeed it was the threat posed by the German cruiser Emden to the Anzac convoys that caused HMas Sydney to pursue and sink the German raider off the Cocos Islands in November 1914.

Australia had its own national interests to consider in supporting Britain and the Empire. But the Gallipoli campaign was an epic failure. and Monash's performance in it was not regarded highly by his superiors, but the Australian correspondent Charles Bean recognized the essence of Monash's leadership skills..

Bean noted that he would make a better divisional than a brigade commander, and a better corps commander than a divisional one. Bean was one of Monash's most acerbic critics, partly a reflection of his latent anti-Semitism, but there can be no doubt that his assessment was peculiarly insightful.



MONASH LEADS 1931 ANZAC DAY MARCH ON HIS DAPPLED GREY CHARGER

But in 1918, Australian infantry had won brilliant battlefield engagements against the Germans, blunting Erich Ludendorff's final offensive.

Villiers Bretonneux was one such victory, led by Monash, and is still being commemorated in the township today with Australian place names and a school house sign that says: "Never Forget the Australians".

Le Hamel was another striking success. achieving Monash's underlying strategy of 'the least cost of human suffering possible' In Australian Prime Minister Hughes's view Monash is 'an outstanding figure of World War 1'.



JOHN MONASH

Monash shone in command on the Western Front over the years 1917-18. He handled Australian troops with great skill and care, and his reputation grew, including with superiors such as Field Marshal Douglas Haig. In 1918, at the insistence of the Australian government, especially Prime Minister Billy Hughes, the five Australian divisions were grouped together in a corps and Monash was named commander in May.

But perhaps Monash's greatest achievement was to overcome the poisonous influence of anti-Semitism. The photo of George V knighting him on the battlefield dispelled any lingering doubts as to Monash's talents and loyalties. He had often been the victim of whispering campaigns but the knighthood represented accomplishment and acknowledgement.



KING GEORGE V KNIGHTING MONASH AT BERTANGLES FRANCE

Pertinent is Field Marshal Bernard Law Montgomery's assessment: I would name Sir John Monash as the best General on the Western Front in Europe; he possessed real creative originality, and the war might well have been won sooner, and certainly with fewer casualties, had Haig been relieved of his command and Monash given command of the British armies

Precis of article by Stephen Loosley- "Australian" 23 Jan. 2016.

In Memoriam Roll 2018

Mr J Armstrong	Percy Armstrong - G'Uncle
Mr P Baird	Enos Good-G'father
Mr HF Ball	W A Ball-Father, G'father Stephen, Graeme, David
Mrs J Ball	John Lyle - Father
Mrs G Banham	Edwin Edmonds-G'father
Mrs C Barber	Victor Woolcock-Father, William Ruthven VC-G'father
Mrs S Belcher	John James Armstrong-G'father, G'.G'father of James&Daniel
Mrs J Bellis	Lewis Strawhorn-G'father
Mr P Bellis	Edgar Marcham Bellis-G'Uncle
Mr A Binns	Laurie Binns-G'G Father; G'G'Uncle Will, John Blackley
Mr R Binns	Laurie Binns - G'father; G'Uncles Will, John Blackley
Mrs P Bird	Hubert Wilkinson - Father of Patricia, G'F David, G/GF Erik, Lucas, Bryn, Ari
Mrs P Boag	Bass Stringer - Father
Mr D Boothroyd	W F Boothroyd-G'father
Mr E Boothroyd	W. F. Boothroyd - Father
Mr F Brain	James Brain - Uncle
Ms P Brown	J. W. Berrill - Grandfather
Mrs Alison Burgess	Leslie N Castle-Father
Ms D Burgess	George Shanks-Uncle
Mr R Cadman	Alan Cadman-Father
Mrs F Caffery	Fred Russell-G'G'father
Mr K Camm	Herbert Alexander Camm-Father
M/s Fay Carlin	Charles John Carlin-G'father
Mr AB Carroll	
IVII AB Calloli	Lt. Arthur Carroll MM-Father, G'G'father of Simon&Luke Abbott, Benjamin Gericke
Mu V Comell	
Mr K Carroll	Lt. Arthur Carroll MM - Father
Mr D Carroll	Lt. Arthur Carroll MM- Father
Mr W.B. Castle	Leslie N Castle-Father also of Alison Burgess
Mrs A Charles	Robert Andrew - Father, Vicki Bromley G'father, Kabel Davis G'G'father
Mr M Caulfield	William Tuddin-G'father
Mrs B Clayton	Albert Edward Strandgard-Father
Mrs J Clift	Everett Mark Rickard-Uncle
Mrs M Clogg	Robert Kay-Father, G'father Judith Simmons, Patricia Esnouf
Mr R Coad	Edward John Hosier-G'father
Mrs Isabella Collyer	William Sorenson- Father
Mr D Cooke	Bass Stringer - Grandfather
Mr P Cooper AM	Percy Cooper - Father
Mrs P Craddock	Ernest Green - Father, G'father, GG'father
Mr J Crawford	John Crawford G'father
M/s S Dalton	Henry Brown- G'father
Mr G Daniel	John Daniel - Father
Mrs M Dawson	John Malloch-Grandfather
Mr P Delves	Edward Delves - Father
Mrs V Devery	William Pentland-Uncle, G'Uncle Vincent
Dr & Mrs L Drew	Ern McL Green- Father (Josie)
Ms K Driver	John Stuart James Canavan-G'father
Mrs J Ellis	Leslie Ellis - Uncle
Mrs E Fountaine	Bass Stringer - Father
Mr D Fox	Charles Eddy-G'father, Albert Eddy-G'Uncle
Mrs J Frost	V N Moore - Father
Ms P Gibson	Ernest Harris - G'father
M/s Sylvia Gilbert	John Lambert-G'father
Mr W Gilbert	John Lambert - Great Grandfather

In Memoriam Roll 2018

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Mrs		Goodsall	Alan Cadman - Father
Mrs		Greig	Will Greig - Grandfather, George Hill - Great Uncle
Mr	R	Griffiths	Henry Griffiths - Father
		G Guerin	Fred Russell - G'Grandfather
Mr	В	Hammon	N C Hammon - Father
Mrs	O	Hammond	Henry George Dawson-G'father
Mr	V	Harley	Walter Harley-Father
Mrs	M	Hart	Charles West - Father
Mr	Luke	Hickey	Leo Mc Cartin-G'G'Uncle
Mrs	Anne	Hickey	Leo McCartin-G'Uncle
Ms	В	Hill	John Stillman - Grandfather also of Marg Lee
Mr	В	Hogan	William Hildebrand - Great Uncle
Ms	F	Holian	John Williams - Father
Mr	J	Hondros	George W F Chick-G'G'father
Mr	J	Hyde	Frederick William Hyde-G'father
Mrs	M	Jackson	James O'Donnell Ryan-Uncle
Mrs	J	Jacobsen	Norman Sydney Jacobsen-Father-in law, Father of Neville, G'G'Uncle Jacob Grigg
Mr	R	Jelley	Robert Francis Napoleon Jelley-G'Uncle
Mrs	J	Johnson	Robert Hodgens - Uncle, GG Uncle-Helena Johnson
Mr	\mathbf{C}	Kaye	Norman Kaye - Father, G'father of Stephen Ryan, GG'father of Leah Megan Kaye
Mrs	N	Kelly	George Henry Moore-Father
Mr	I	Kennett	J S Kennett MM-Father, Jo-Anne Kennett/Smith& Stuart Kennett G'Father
Mr	FG	King	Frank King - Father
Dr	D	Lakeman	Roy Lakeman- Grandfather, GG'father Ned
Mrs		Lee	John Stillman - G'father, GG Father-Alexandra Lee
	L	Levison	WE Leviston-Father
Mr	N	Leviston	WE Leviston-Father
Mrs	Н	Logan	James Taylor Douglas MM - Father
Mr	A	Love	Ted "Sailor" Parsons - G'Father
Mr	T	Lynch	John Jones Lynch-Father
Ms	Ĵ	Lynch	Louis Anthony John Lowther-G'father
	L	Magree	Sgt.Frank Rowden - Uncle
Mr	G	Malloch	J G Malloch - Father
	Ĺ	Mance	Charlie Mance - Father
Mr	E	Mann	Thomas Mann - Father
M/s	J	Marshall	Lindsay Harricks-G'father
Mr	Leo	McCartin	L McCartin-G'Uncle
Mr	T	McMillan	Ernest McMillan-Father
Mrs	Ĺ	McMillan	William Melville Chamberlain-Father
M/s		Melville	Frederick Charles Russell-G'G'father
M/s		Melville	Frederick Charles Russell-G'G'father
Mr		Melville	Frederick Charles Russell-G'G'father
Mr	A	Meyers	Alfred H Meyers-Father
Mr	J	Miles	Tom Miles - Father
Mr	S	Miles	Tom Miles G'father
Mr	G	Monk	Clarrie Monk - Grandfather
M/s			
Mr	BJ	Moore	Henry George Moore, G'father
Mr	K K	Moore	Henry George Moore- G'father George Henry Moore Fother
	K	Moore	George Henry Moore-Father Fred Russell-G'G'father
Mrs Mrs	K J	Newey Nicholson	
Mrs	J	Nicholson	RW Day - Father of Joan, Grandfather of Brian

In Memoriam Roll 2018

Mrs	D	O'Mara	Frank Lindsay MM-G'father
M/s	M	O'Shannas	sy Albert Ziebell-G'father
Mr	LF	Owen	Mathew Mitchell-G'father
Mr	A	Paterson	Ernest Ellerman Paterson-G'G'father
Mr	S	Pattinson	AJ Pattinson - Uncle
Mr	JΤ	Phelan	James Steven Hogan-Uncle
M/s	G	Porter	George Giroud - Father, GF Michelle, GG/F Rebeccah, GGG/F Riley, Zachary, Prudence
Mr	J	Powell	William Henry Powell-G'Uncle, Uncle Mick, Stan Mc Curdy
Mrs	D	Powell	Stanley Robert McCurdy-Father, also Meridith Lennie, Stanley Robert
			McCurdy, G'father Jim
Mr	K	Powerlett	George Powerlett-Father, Wendy Thomas-G'daughter
Mr	D	Rebbechi	Charles Henry Haar-G/G'father
Mr	R	Reed	Albert Louis Reed-Father
Mr	В	Reed	Albert Louis Reed-father
Ms	N	Ridgeway	Mark Ridgway - cousin
Mr	WG	Ridgway	Mark Ridgway-Uncle
Dr	J	Robinson	John Urquhart-G'father
Mr	M	Rodda	Edmund Rodda - Father
Mr	I	Russell	Fred Russell - Father
Mr	P	Russell	Fred Russell - G'father
Mr	EJ	Russell	George Russell - Father
Mrs	K	Russell	Fred Russell - G'father
Mr	WJ	Searle	George Norman Searle-Father, G'father Aiden
Mrs	J	Shaw	Leo Mc Cartin-Uncle
Mr	J	Smart	Robert Smart, George Smart-Uncles
Mrs	G	Smith	John Cumming Father, G'father Joanne, Sandra, GG'fatherames, Daniel, Caitlin, Amber
Mrs	Joan	Smith	Charles Watson- Father
Mrs	N	Smith	W.A.Ball-Father
Mrs	В	Sommers	Athur Ernest Leonard Baker-Uncle
Mrs	В	Strawhorn	Lewis Strawhorn-Father-in Law, G'Father- Jean Bellis
Mr	PD	Tehan	Eugene Gorman-G'Uncle
Mr	D	Thewlis	Eric Thewlis MC - Great Uncle and William Wilson
Ms	J	Topliss	Charles Hutton - Father
Mr	R L	Urquhart	Horace Urquhart - Father
Mr	\mathbf{C}		John McKenzie - Uncle
Mr	W	Wakefield	John McKenzie - Uncle
M/s	E	Walker	William A Ball-G'G'father, G'father P Walker
Mr	M	Ward	Eugene Gorman-G'Uncle & his friend W McC Braithwaite
Mr	A	Warman	Fred Warman
Mr D	avid	Watson	Anthony Albert Watson-G'Uncle
Mrs J	Janet	Weddle	Walter Foskett-Father
Mrs	R	Wells	Charles Bloomfield - G'father, (Beryl) GG'father, (Rhonda) GGG'father, (Hannah)
Mr	JW	West	John West - Father
Mrs	Н	Whiley	Charles Bullock - Grandfather
Mrs	Н	Wilde	Alex Milne - Father
Mr		Wilkins	Leonard Walter Wilkins-G'Uncle
Mr/N		Winter	Edwin Canham- Father, also daughter Jean Harves
Mr	J	Wood	Jonathan Wood-Father
Mrs	J	Woolhouse	Herbert Franklin Curnow-Uncle also Norma Gallacher- Uncle

VILLE-sur-ANCRE

This battle on 18 May 1918 was mainly the 22nd's as it was the only complete Battalion and most of the troops engaged.

This was the first important village recaptured after Villers Bretonneux in which the 5th Australian Division distinguished itself. The regaining of Villesur Ancre was seen as significant in raising the British morale and reducing that of the Germans.

At midnight 19 May the 22nd was allocated the task of taking the high ground south of the village, clearing it of the enemy and consolidating with the 21st and 23rd Battalions. At 2 AM an intense creeping artillery barrage swept the German lines followed closely by the Australian battalions that captured the enemy with little resistance.

In a sunken road known as the "Big Caterpillar" strongly held by the enemy heavy hand-to- hand fighting took place with the survivors of heavy casualties resulting from the long three-quarter mile frontage of the attack.

The village was defended on all sides by machineguns and Germans from behind walled ruins that were blown apart by Lewis gun fire and bombs.

Sergeant Bill "Rusty" Ruthven of the 22nd, a wood machinist from Collingwood, rushed around like a terrier chasing rats. He disables a machine-gun post with a Mills grenade and then leaps in among the stunned Germans, bayoneting one and capturing the machine gun. He is rushed by some of the enemy coming out of a shelter, but wounds one and captures six others. Then, armed with a revolver, he starts chasing Germans on foot. He rushes an enemy position and shoots two men who refuse to surrender, then single-handedly captures the whole garrison, taking 32 prisoners.



SARGEANT BILL RUTHVEN VC

During the rest of the day, this non-commissioned officer set a splendid example of leadership, moving up and down the position under fire, supervising consolidation and encouraging the men. Throughout the whole operation he showed the most magnificent courage and determination inspiring everyone by his fine fighting spirit, his remarkable courage, and his dashing action.

Sergeant Bill Ruthven was awarded the Victoria Cross "For most conspicuous bravery and initiative in action at Ville-sur Ancre" This was the first Victoria Cross awarded to any member of the 6th Brigade, He was subsequently promoted to 2nd Lieutenant.



MONASH PRESENTS VC TO SGT. "RUSTY"RUTHVEN FRANCE 13 JULY 918

It is significant that on 18 May 1918 the Australian Government approves General Birdwood's recommendation, in the absence of Prime Minister Billy Hughes, who is sailing to England and the opposition of Bean, war correspondent, aided by journalist Keith Murdoch on whom he places great reliance.

As Lieut. General, Monash takes over from Birdwood on 30 May 1918 and on that day advises his Australian 3rd Division that he is taking command of the whole now Australian Corps.

Glasgow from Queensland takes charge of the 1st Division, Rosenthal the 2nd, Gellibrand a Tasmanian the 3rd, Sinclair-Maclagan the 4th, and Hobbs the 5th.

With Brigadier General Tom Blamey as chief-of-staff He moves to the chateau at Bertangles and despite the intrigue as to whether he will be appointed General Officer Commanding in London, Hughes he accepts Hughes's offer of the Corps command and concentrates on the fighting. He submits a battle plan "Hamel Offensive" to Rawlinson commander British 4th Army in which he proposes "to advance under the maximum possible protection of the maximum possible array of mechanical resources, in the form of guns, machine-guns, tanks, mortars and aeroplanes.

The battle is planned to take 90 minutes and actually takes 93 and with less casualties than would have been expected with previous tactics.

On 13 November 1918 Hughes appoints Monash Director- General. A final accolade comes from arch critic Bean that Monash was "our greatest military leader".

Extract— "Monash The soldier who shaped Australia" Grantlee Kieza



22ND BATTALION ASSOCIATION MEMBERS ANZAC DAY MARCH 2018

The reversed "Order of March", with WW1 contingents at the rear worked well. A dedicated number of 22nd Battalion Association members participated and gathered at the Shrine Service following. The 22nd Banner with those of other Units were massed at the front of the Shrine.

RSL CHURCH SERVICE

The RSL Vic. Invited WW1 Unit Associations to attend the Service at St Paul's Cathedral on Sunday 15 April 2018 as part of the 100th anniversary of the battle of Villers Bretonneux. The 22nd Battalion Banner was processed with those of other WW1 Associations at the commencement of the Service.



WWI ACTIVE BATTALION ASSOCIATIONS PROCESSING BANNERS AT ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL SERVICE

Member Badge

The Member Badge below can be cut-out and inserted in a plastic holder available from most Stationers. The Badge can be worn at official events.



The President of Victorian RSL, Dr. Robert Webster OAM, addressed the Precentor Reverend Canon: "It is our request that you should place in the Sanctuary this National Flag and these Ensigns, the symbols of our loyalty to our nation and a reminder of the sacrifice of so many brave men and women". The Association Banners were displayed along the sides of the Cathedral during the Service.



KEY COMMEMORATION DATES.

SUNDAY 21 April 2019, annual RSL Anzac Church Service at 6:00 PM Evensong, St Paul's Cathedral Melbourne. 22nd Battalion 1 AIF members are encouraged to attend. April 25 Anzac Day March and 1st Battle of Villers Bretonneux July 4 Battle of Hamel August 8 Battle of Amiens August 30 Battle of Mont St Quentin November 11 Armistice Day

Facebook/Web: Following The Twenty-Second

PROTOCOL/GUIDELINES FOR DESCENDANTS IN ANZAC DAY MARCH 2018

Participating in the official March after two years absence is great but brings with the responsibility to do so with dignity and respect in memory of our "22nd" forebears in particular.

- Marchers (not young children) must be respectively dressed in accordance with the solemnity of the
 Commemoration March (sporting gear/footwear/torn jeans/photos are not approved).
- Descendants should wear the medals of forebears on the right breast; their own on the left.
- Marchers are form up 6 abreast and maintain step with the Banner Bearer.
- At the Eternal Flame in the forecourt (not the official dais) "Eyes Right" will be ordered and the Battalion Banner lowered. Once past "Eyes Front" will be ordered and the Banner raised.

Strict adherence to these reflects the commitment to remember them.