


**22nd BATTALION ASSOCIATION
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RESTRICTED MARCH - 25 APRIL 2021

**THE 22ND BATTALION ASSOCIATION
WILL NOT BE PARTICIPATING IN THE MARCH AS A UNIT.**

This follows decisions by the Victorian Government in conjunction with the Victorian RSL to limit, by ballot, veterans and their support groups to 5500. Descendants are a "secondary priority" possibility limited, by ballot through registration at the Shrine website shrine.org.au click "What's on".

The decision not to march as the 22nd Battn. Assn. Unit is to respect the wishes of the original 22nd Battalion veterans 'wanting to ensure the continuity of the March by their descendants participating, and marching directly behind the 22nd Battalion Banner'. This will not be possible as the protocols this year, prescribe WW1 Banners will all be massed together, with descendants successful in being allocated a ticket in the ballot massed together separate from their forebear's Unit Banner.

Members are encouraged to attend local Anzac Day RSL Commemoration Services. Lest We Forget

THE ANZAC SPIRIT MATTERS

With the unprecedented challenges to our minds and bodies that have been inflicted on us by the restrictions to curb spread of pandemic Covid 19, it is timely to reflect on the consequences.

Despite the controversy concerning European settlement and history's "skeletons in the cupboard" there remains the inherent feeling of what it is to be "Australian" fueled by the "Anzac Spirit" the genesis of which was the landing of Australian and New Zealand troops at Gallipoli Turkey 25 April 1915.

The statement by Wing Commander Bown at the Australian War Memorial on Anzac Day 2020 embodied this: "To unite and protect the more vulnerable among us. To realize those qualities for which we honour the Anzacs, live on in each of us endurance, courage, ingenuity, good humour, mateship and devotion to duty, to each other, to Australia-Lest We Forget".

*In a very inciteful and poignant **interview** with ABC's Stan Grant the former Governor-General Sir Peter Cosgrove expressed his view, "Anzac Day has no argument that it is for all AUSTRALIANS to say on this National Day we talk about the Australia that expressed itself through the terrible crucible of wars but it said,*



Sir Peter Cosgrove with Stan Grant



**Anzac Cove Landing
25 April 1915**

'we care, we count, we will help'".

When asked the appropriateness of incorporating Anzac Day with Australia Day in the context of it being "highjacked for nationalism on that day-do we walk a fine line?. Paraphrasing Sir Peter's comments:" I think we do. People will say I am a patriot and you say no you're an idiot because what you are doing is not patriotic because our patriots value every last person on our shores and they value the rule of law and they value standards and they should value the cohesion of our community but what you are doing is trying to hi-jack the role of the patriot. We are pretty good at separating it out,

The "Anzac Spirit" is in our DNA and will not be "snuffed out".

IAN RUSSELL HON. SECRETARY/TREASURER

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THE SIR JOHN MONASH CENTRE.



The museum and interpretive centre commemorates Australian servicemen and women who served on the Western Front during the First World War. Located near Villers-Bretonneux in the Somme region of France it complements Lutyen's design of the Australian National Memorial opened in 1938 as an extension of it. At the opening by Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull on 24 April 2018 he said: "This new centre expresses our gratitude for all our men and women who fought, and continue to fight, for our values and our interests, and in the midst of the stone, and steel, and glass, of this serene monument we know that the best way to honour the diggers of 1918 is to support the servicemen and women, the veterans and the families of today".

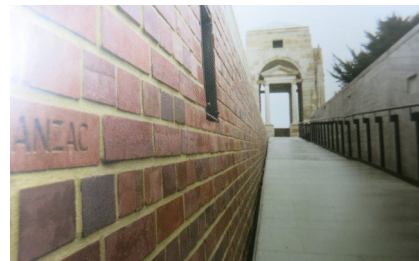


Entrance to centre

The Australian Government Australian first proposed an Australian Visitor Centre at Le Hamel in 1998 but it was not commissioned until 2006 when the "Cox Architecture" design was unveiled by Prime Minister Tony Abbott who initiated the memorial. It is named after General Sir John Monash who commandeered the Australian Corps on the Western front in 1918. At a cost of \$100 million it was officially opened in the centenary year of the end of World War I.



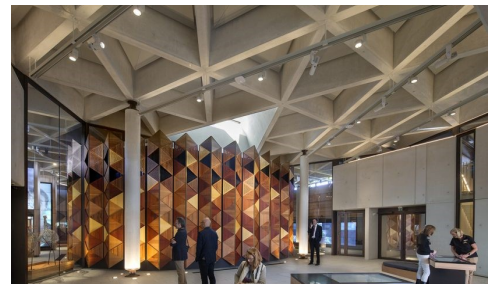
Triangular "Oculus"



Entrance Walkway

The centre is built partially underground with a turf roof and is designed to be "subservient" to the War Memorial. A Molor tapestry "Morning Star", created by the Australian Tapestry Workshop, hangs in the Centre's foyer.

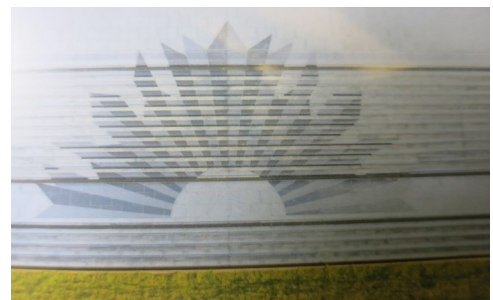
The Centre tells the history of the conflict on the Western Front through a series of interactive media providing a 'virtual tour guide' through the Villers-Bretonneux Military Cemetery, The Australian National Memorial and the Sir John Monash Centre.



Gallery "Touch-screen" Exhibits

This is not a traditional museum but an immersive experience, using cutting edge interpretive technology to transport visitors into a situation beyond comprehension and now beyond living memory, but central to many Australian's understanding of their country and collective psyche and identity.

The dominating feature of the interior of the building is a circular structure clad in Australian timbers. This separate structure houses the immersive gallery. The visitor circulates into this gallery in a process of "guided discovery" to experience the narrative through "touch-screen" exhibits.



Morning Sun Mosaic

INDIVIDUAL SUBSCRIPTION 2021 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 increased for the year 2020 and expenditure was greater than income resulting in a small surplus. The current subscription of \$15 will be maintained for 2021.

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 2020

	INCOME		EXPENDITURE
	\$.		\$
Member Subs/Donations	1235.00	“ ECHO” Production	642.66
Bank Interest	<u>0.00</u>	Distribution /Postage	<u>226.60</u>
	1235.00		869.26
Surplus for Year			365.74

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2019

Member Funds at Bank 31 Dec. 2019	3245.03
Surplus for current Year	<u>365.74</u>
Accumulated Funds 31 Dec. 2020	3610.77



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/notices from/to Association members, particularly the “Collections “drill down of the “Family” section as well as a Facebook link.***

This project has now been archived in the “Pandora” project of the National Library of Australia ensuring its retention for posterity.

In Memoriam Roll 2021

Mr	J	Armstrong	Percy Armstrong - G'Uncle
Mr	P	Baird	Enos Good-G'father
Mr	H F	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	A B	Carroll	Lt. Arthur Carroll MM-Father,G'G'father of Simon&Luke Abbott, Benjamin Gericke
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
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
Mrs	B	Daniel	John Daniel - Father-in-law
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	Fontaine	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 2021

Mrs D	Goodsall	Alan Cadman - Father
Mrs M	Greig	Will Greig - Grandfather, George Hill - Great Uncle
Mr R	Griffiths	Henry Griffiths - Father
Mr & Mrs	G Guerin	Fred Russell - G'Grandfather
Mr B	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 B	Hill	John Stillman - Grandfather also of Marg Lee
Mr B	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'UncleJacob
Grigg		
Mr R	Jelley	Robert Francis Napoleon Jelley-G'Uncle
Mrs J	Johnson	Robert Hodgens - Uncle, GG Uncle-Helena Johnson
Mr 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 M	Lee	John Stillman - G'father, GG Father-Alexandra Lee
Mr L	Levison	WE Leviston-Father
Mr N	Leviston	WE Leviston-Father
Mrs H	Logan	James Taylor Douglas MM - Father
Mr A	Love	Ted "Sailor" Parsons - G'Father
Mr T	Lynch	John Jones Lynch-Father
Ms J	Lynch	Louis Anthony John Lowther-G'father
Mr L	Magree	Sgt.Frank Rowden - Uncle
Mr G	Malloch	J G Malloch - Father
Mr L	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 L	McMillan	William Melville Chamberlain-Father
M/s Kate	Melville	Frederick Charles Russell-G'G'father
M/s Tess	Melville	Frederick Charles Russell-G'G'father
Mr Brett	Melville	Fredeick 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 Kaye	Moore	Henry George Moore-G'Father
Mr BJ	Moore	Henry George Moore- G'father
Mr K	Moore	George Henry Moore-Father
Mrs K	Newey	Fred Russell-G'G' father
Mrs J	Nicholson	RW Day - Father of Joan, Grandfather of Brian

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Mrs D O'Mara Frank Lindsay MM-G'father
 M/s M O'Shannassy Albert Ziebell-G'father
 Mr L F Owen Mathew Mitchell-G'father
 Mr A Paterson Ernest Ellerman Paterson-G'G'father
 Mr S Pattinson AJ Pattinson - Uncle
 Mr J T Phelan James Steven Hogan-Uncle
 M/s G Porter George Giroud - Father,GF Michelle,GG/F Rebecca,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 Rebbeschi Charles Henry Haar-G/G'father
 Mr R Reed Albert Louis Reed-Father
 Mr B Reed Albert Louis Reed-father
 Ms N Ridgeway Mark Ridgway - cousin
 Mr W G 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 E J 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,G'fatherames,Daniel,Caitlin,Amber
 Mr HarrySmith Charles Watson- G'Father
 Mrs N Smith W.A.Ball-Father
 Mrs B Sommers Athur Ernest Leonard Reginald Baker, Arthur Ernest Leonard Baker-Uncles
 Mrs B 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 C Wakefield 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 David Watson Anthony Albert Watson-G'Uncle
 Mrs Janet Weddle Walter Foskett-Father
 Mrs R Wells Charles Bloomfield - G'father,(Beryl)GG'father,(Rhonda)GGG'father,(Hannah)
 Mr J W West John West - Father
 Mrs H Whiley Charles Bullock - Grandfather
 Mrs H Wilde Alex Milne - Father
 Mr R G Wilkins Leonard Walter Wilkins-G'Uncle
 Mr/MrsE/ Winter Edwin Canham- Father,also daughterJean Harves
 Mr J Wood Jonathan Wood-Father
 Mrs J Woolhouse Herbert Franklin Curnow-Uncle also Norma Gallacher- Uncle

GEORGE BENJAMIN MUIR
Reg. No 861 22nd Battalion 1 AIF

George Muir was born 22 March 1893 at Christmas Hills Victoria.

Learning to use a rifle at an early age these skills and his physical fitness were highly prized by the Army at the time of his enlistment 8 February 1915. He was sent to Broadmeadows Camp and joined D Company.



George Muir Reg. No. 861
22nd Battalion 1 AIF

Hair raising experiences

Pte. George Muir's letter to his mother Maria from Hogsback Sinai Desert March 1916. "just a line or two to let you know how things are going with me". The letter written in pencil, two and a half months after the Anzac withdrawal from Gallipoli, is in fact, 12 pages long.

After a short pre-ambule he reflects with a mix of disarmingly matter-of-fact detail and moving personal insights, on his three-and-a-half months of hell.

George Muir was 21 when he joined up. The family lived at Christmas Hills and the Gallipoli letter is one of a parcel found in the old family home and recently returned to his daughter, Kathleen Hercus.



Kath Hercus daughter of George Muir

For Mrs Hercus and her three daughters, all in their 80's now, the letters are a window into a time in their father's life which shaped his, and in some ways their lives.

Wounded three times and gassed he ended up with tuberculosis and died at just 56.

He returned home from the war with his wife, Irene, and with the Depression and legacy of ill health which left him an invalid by the end of WW11.

Life for the Muir family was tough. "I can't actually ever remember him being a well man", Mrs. Hercus said of her father.

Like many who experienced the horror of The Great War, he never spoke of it.

She remembers as a little girl asking him if he ever shot and killed anyone. He didn't answer. But there are answers now. "I had only been there about one hour when I got my first shot and so settled my first Turk", he wrote.

He starts from the day they left camp at Heliopolis in Egypt on Sunday 29 August to board a troopship at Alexandria. "I cannot explain what I felt like that night nor will I ever forget it." he wrote of his first night on Gallipoli-the rifle fire and bombardment from the battleships continuing right through the night.



22nd Battalion Pyramids Egypt 1915

He first came under fire on the afternoon of Sunday 5 September before going into the trenches where he was put to sniping on the front line. He wrote it was impossible to describe what a battlefield is like.

"I have seen some never to be forgotten sights and I don't like writing of them. It was a daily experience to see men blown to pieces, but the most marvelous thing of all I think was how one sometimes got missed," he wrote.



Terrain faced by troops at Anzac landing

He told of his "closest shave" when a bullet passed between his right ear and his head, parting his hair and just breaking the skin on top of his ear. "Lone Pine" he said was a terrible sight. There were hundreds of dead laying unburied between ours and the Turk trenches.

Continued over



Hardship in trenches

“Many of them were still unburied when we left. I fancy I have still got the smell of dead men to my nose,”

He writes of the hardship in the trenches, surviving on half rations, the snow, long hours without sleep, the steep terrain, impossible at times to get a foothold, of going a month without a wash. “It’s a hard life taking it at it’s best “ he wrote, with masterly understatement and acknowledgement that , so far, he was lucky to be alive.

Acknowledgement. This article is an extract of an article by Kath Gannaway published in the Mountain Views Mail Healesville 20 April 2010.

Editor’s comment.

Despite the impact of Covid 19 pandemic with loss of lives and freedom of movement it all “pales into insignificance” compared with the slaughter and deprivation of the men and women of WW1 .

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.



***Hon. Linda Dessau
Governor of Victoria
Shrine Remembrance Day
11 November 2020 Melbourne***



PROTOCOL/GUIDELINES FOR DESCENDANTS IN ANZAC DAY MARCHES

Participating in the official March is a great privilege but brings with it the responsibility to do so with dignity and respect in memory of our “22nd”forebears in particular.

- *Marchers (not young children) must be respectfully 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 to 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.