

22nd BATTALION ASSOCIATION ECHO

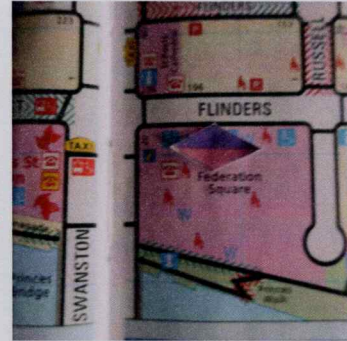
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ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATION MARCH - 25 APRIL 2023

The 22nd Battalion Association, together with other active kindred WW1 Unit Associations, will “form up” with their Unit Banners on the south side of Flinders St East (see map) at 10:45 AM. On direction, marchers will move to cross the “start” (checkpoint) line in Flinders St. at 11:25 AM

Before the March 22nd Battalion Association members and their families are encouraged to assemble at the above location where the 22nd Battalion Banner will be displayed.

Marchers (not young children) should be respectively dressed with personal medals on the left breast and family veterans’



Australia –Land of Hope

Commemoration of Anzac Day has been traditionally focused on the intrinsic values enshrined in the Anzac Spirit” and founded in the Gallipoli and Western Front conflicts of World War 1. These values of sacrifice, endurance, mateship... are still the benchmark of ‘we that are left’ and an underlying catalyst moulding the personal identities of successive generations of Australians.

Partnership or mateship has provided the cohesion of the internationally successful influx of migrants post WW2. This has led to a diversity of cultural inputs that have blended us to hope “we are one we are many”.

Recently, reflections on our initial colonial settlement and the ancient history of the indigenous population highlight the breadth and richness of this cultural diversity. Injustices perpetrated at this time have to be judged in conjunction with the ensuing benefits, the infusion of many ethnic cultures by migrants hoping for a better life.



22nd Battalion Association members assembling at start of 2022 March

Successive generations has made Australia the enviable country of hope for those who are fortunate to be Australian and those, whose hope it is to be so.



22nd Battalion Ass. Members behind the banner 20122

As we face the future and the challenges of change that will confront us, the indelible foot print of the Great War and the values intrinsic to the “Anzac Spirit” will prevail “as a light to our path”.

The words of Winston Churchill, London, December 1918 are apposite:

“We must look forward one hundred, two hundred, three hundred years, to the time when the vast continent of Australia will contain an enormous population, and when that great population will look back through the preceding periods of time to the world shaking episode of the Great War, and when they will seek out with the most intense care every detail of that struggle; where the movements of every battalion, of every company, will be elaborately unfolded to the gaze of all; when every family will seek to trace some connection with the heroes who landed on the Gallipoli Peninsula, or fought on the Somme, or in the other great battles in France... “

“Hope springs eternal” was confirmed by the Anzacs ‘hoping to live but prepared to die’ to ensure all Australians a ‘truly one nation comprised of many’.

Ian Russell

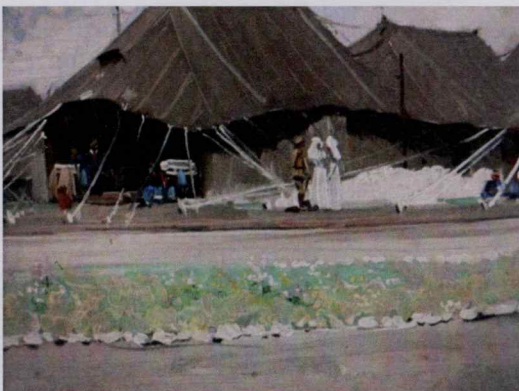
Women in War

"Devotion under fire" are the poignant words of Elizabeth Stewart heading an article she wrote published in the Weekend Australian July 29/30 2017.



War I Australian World Nurses

"More than 3,000 Australian civilian nurses volunteered for active service during the First World War. The Australian Army Nursing Service (AANS) had been formed in July 1903 as part of the Australian Army Medical Corps. During the war more than 2000 of its members served overseas alongside nurses working with other organizations, such as the Queen Alexandra's Imperial Nursing Service (QAIMNS), the Red Cross, or privately sponsored facilities".



Hospital Tents at Abbeville near Amiens

The women worked in hospitals, on hospital ships and trains, or in casualty clearing stations closer to the front line. They served in locations from Britain to India, taking in France and Belgium, the Mediterranean, and the Middle East. Many of them were decorated with eight receiving the Military Medal, the nurse's equivalent of the Victoria Cross.



**World War I medals-
Military Medal on the left**



**Casualties for transfer to
hospital transport Gascon**

From the landings on 225 April 19915, nurses cared for hundreds of casualties in the hospital and transport ships anchored off-shore. The wounded came in an endless stream, day and night, some barely able to walk, others on stretchers, shivering or unconscious through loss of blood. Medical supplies were limited and there was a desperate lack of fresh water. Despite the constant threat of Turkish shelling or torpedoes, the exhausted nurses, cleaned, bandaged, warmed and comforted their patients, many of whom had ghastly wounds or were suffering from the effects of gangrene and disease.

For the next nine months, soldiers were ferried to hospitals on the near by Greek islands of Imbros and Lemnos, or transferred to Malta, Egypt, and Britain. Wards on the lower decks were crowded and poorly ventilated, and even simple nursing tasks were made difficult by the movement of the ship. Seasickness struck down nurses and patients alike.



**80 nurses arrive at Lemnos led by Matron
Grace Wilson and Lt. Colonel James Dick.**

AGH (Australian General Hospital) was landed on a bare and treeless hillside on Lemnos. The tents and equipment were delayed for three weeks, water was in short supply, and there was no sanitation. As described by Matron Grace Wilson: "things were in rather a state of chaos when the wounded began to arrive. Their dressings which had been applied on the hospital ships were saturated and covered in flies. Dysentery was a scourge on the island...many of the wounded fell prey to the disease...the cold weather brought frost-bitten patients. It was pitiable to see gangrene feet." To these wounded soldiers the sight of a nurse there, in her white apron and veil, was like that of an angel.

INDIVIDUAL SUBSCRIPTION 2023 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 2022 and expenditure was less than income resulting in a surplus. The current subscription of \$15 will be maintained for 2023.

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 2022

	INCOME \$.		EXPENDITURE \$
Member Subs/Donations	1220.00	" ECHO" Production	620.88
Bank Interest	<u>0.00</u>	Distribution /Postage	<u>217.80</u>
	1220.00		838.68
Surplus for Year			381.32

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

Member Funds at Bank 31 Dec. 2021	3463.29
Surplus for current Year	381.32
Accumulated Funds 31 Dec. 2022	3844.61



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 2023

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'father
Mr K	Camm	Herbert Alexander Camm-Father
M/s Fay	Carlin	Charles John Carlin-G'father
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
Mrs M	Chatfield	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	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

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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	Rebbechi	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
Mr	R	Shaw	Leo Mc Cartin-realtive
Mr	J	Smart	Robert Smart, George Smart-Uncles
Mrs	G	Smith	John Cumming Father, G'father Joanne,Sandra,G'fatherames,Daniel,Caitlin,Amber
Mr	Harry	Smith	Charles Henry 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)
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

THE NEK- A FUTILE CHARGE

The broad thrust of the August Offensive 1915 was to push Allied troops to the Turkish line from two directions, while freeing up vital space on the beach to preserve and build the Anzac supply lines.



Anzac Peninsula and Dardanelles

The strategy relied on co-ordinating the arrival of troops to ensure the Turks were exposed and could not counter-attack. The reality was that in high summer, amid the rugged terrain and trenches that snaked across Gallipoli, it became almost impossible to establish a co-ordinated push uphill against an entrenched enemy, particularly on Hill 971. Compounding the situation was the confused and inflexible decision-making from the Allied command. And then there were tired and ill troops, struggling to cope with the privations of the Campaign.

The Light Horse, which had left Australia with its horses, became dismounted at Gallipoli. These regiments that were given the fateful assault at the Nek, were largely men from the West Australian wheat-belt and Victoria's Western District. Their orders were to attack the narrow ridge, the Nek, that was about 50 m wide on the Anzac side but narrowing to 30 m on the Turkish side.



Portrait of Nek battlefield

The attack on August 7 never came together. A shelling barrage, to provide cover for the troops, went beyond their target and then stopped seven minutes before the planned attack. There is controversy around this, some researchers claiming watches were not synchronized. Rather than charge immediately, the Allied command waited for the pre-arranged deadline

The Turks hastily scrambled out of cover and back to their positions, In the silence, the Diggers heard the Turks cocking their rifles.

New Zealand infantry were also supposed to arrive as part of the strategic plan, and provide support for the Diggers but the Kiwi's were "pinned-down" fighting up the hill at Chunuk Bair.

As writer Les Carlyon records, the orders from Australian Lt. Colonel John "Bull" Antill were direct and spoke of "DASH" and DETERMINATION". There was urgency and boldness but little else.



The Nek-Monument and Graves

Many Light Horsemen were optimistic about the charge's outcome, and plenty also had faith that the New Zealanders would be coming up the hill to support them. The first wave was 150 men-wide. The distance they had to travel was 20-60m. Most of the men never made it. Many didn't get three paces over the top before they fell.

Australia's war correspondent, Charles Bean described the noise of the Turkish guns as "one continuous roar". Others called it "murder". There was no cover and no respite. However bad the first wave there was no turning back for the next wave of men, who climbed over their fallen mates to continue the charge.

Brigade-Major Antill rejected a proposal to stop the charge, and then a third wave was slaughtered. Again it was proposed to cancel the action before a fourth wave of Light Horsemen charged and met the same fate. There were 234 fatalities and 372 casualties at the Nek.

As has been said: "the objective of this ludicrous plan was lost at inception and now proven absolutely out of reach, with horrendous human loss.



Turkish trench



**ANZAC DAY
COMMEMORATION COUNCIL**
The Council has been restructured and renamed the
"ANZAC COMMEMORATION
COUNCIL".

The restructure, approved by RSL Victoria State Executive, aligns the Council with required regulatory and governance amendments and aligns with the RSL Strategic Business Plan with a broader focus on commemoration,

The Council will establish annual commemoration themes and direct strategic and governance frameworks to guide delivery of commemorative services in the State of Victoria and specifically ANZAC Day services.

The new Council will comprise the RSL Victoria State President, representative from the Office of the Governor, The Lord Mayor, the Chair Shrine of Remembrance, Director of the Veterans Branch and the ANZAC Day Chief Marshal.

The Council will nominate and form an ANZAC Day Working Group (ADWG). The new Council will nominate and form an ANZAC Day Working Group (ADWG). The members of the ANWG may include representatives from stakeholder groups such as the City of Melbourne, Shrine of Remembrance, Emergency Services Organisations, representatives from State Government Authorities (e.g. Vic. Police), and the veteran community.

ORAL HISTORY

Thanks to Greg Stephens (Following the Twenty Second website) for discovering in the Imperial War Museum London, three thirty minute tapes recorded by Fred Russell 22nd Battn, (524). One "walks in his footsteps as he recounts his WW1 experiences from Gallipoli to the Western Front in France and Belgium 1915-1918.

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.



**22nd Battalion Association members
at the Shrine after the March**



**Doug Carrol and Ian Russell,
sons of 22nd soldiers**

**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 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 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 a commitment to remember them.