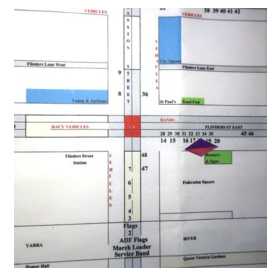


22nd BATTALION ASSOCIATION ECHO

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ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATION MARCH - 25 APRIL 2024

The 22nd Battalion Association, together with other active kindred WW1 Unit Associations, must “form-up and be ready to step-off”, behind their Unit Banners on the south side of Flinders St East (see map) no later than 10:00 AM.



The 22nd Banner will be displayed at this location, and time that is 60 minutes before the scheduled time past the “Start Line”.

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

22ND BATTALION ASSOCIATION MARCHES ON

Following the Armistice in 1918 ending WW1, the 22nd Battalion Association was formed to enable the surviving soldiers to maintain their comradeship.

The inaugural President was Dr Craig and Hon Secretary Bert Entwhistle. In 1920 my father Fred Russell became Hon. Secretary and subsequently dedicated much his life to it over the next 58 years, till his death in 1978.

In his long term with the 22nd Battalion Association he was dedicated to maintaining the Association by communicating with members around the world, organizing re-unions, Anzac Day Marches and Commemorative Services. He was instrumental in having the 22nd Battalion Regimental Colours “laid up” in the crypt of the Shrine of Remembrance. He was the A.I.F. and R.S.L. representative at the dedication of the Shrine Forecourt.

In 1940 he became a member of the Army Business Board and in 1945 was appointed Secretary of the Prisoner of War Trust Fund.

In 1967 his service to veterans was recognized by being awarded the British Empire Medal (B.E.M.)



**Fred Russell B.E.M presentation
at Government House 1967**

After Fred’s death on 28 October 1978 the Associations Committee appointed unanimously Fred’s son Ian, Hon. Secretary.

Ian was honoured to accept, in memory of his father and the men of the 22nd Battalion that is part of the heritage of the Russell family, Fred’s descendants, who are dedicated to ensuring the Association’s continuity into the future.



**Russell family
22nd Battalion descendants
Shrine 2023**

The current two hundred members of the Association can rest assured that with this support there is an ongoing succession plan and together with you the 22nd Battalion Association will continue “marching on”.
Ian Russell

2023 Anzac Day March Shemozzle

It was very disappointing, that many Association members were unable to participate in the March because of an unscheduled early “step-off” at the designated location in Flinders Street East.

The Chief Marshall Jason Cooke was written to and advised of this situation that he subsequently acknowledged stating “The march finished 40 minutes ahead of schedule. This did cause some issues with timings in back half of the March. Some units could not march because time slot already gone”.

This was the case for the 22nd members, some of whom did a “sprint start” up St Kilda Rd and at “double time” caught-up with the main body.

The Associations proposal for future Marches, to form up 60 minutes before the scheduled time past the “Start Line” has been adopted.

Short History of 22nd Battalion 1 AIF

In the early 1860's, the Victorian Volunteer Force was raised, a local company of this Force was the Richmond Rifle Regiment that from 1865 was designated the Victorian Infantry Brigade. Elements of the Brigade became part of the Victorian contingent that saw action in the Boer War in 1899.



22nd Battalion Regimental Colour

The Regiment was subsequently awarded its first Battle Honour "South Africa 1899-1902".

In 1912, under compulsory training, it became the 56th Infantry (Yarra Borderers) Battalion Citizen Military Forces. The 22nd Battalion was formed on 26 March 1915 as part of the 6th Brigade that included the 21st, 23rd and 24th Battalions.



**22nd Battalion men
Broadmeadows Training Camp 1915**

On 18 May 1915 the Battalion left Broadmeadows Training camp north of Melbourne, on the HMAT "Ulysses". After a short period training in Egypt, it proceeded to Gallipoli on 5 September 1915 and was engaged in the conflict till the evacuation on 20 December 1915.

After further training in Egypt it went to France and on 15 April 1916, took over the frontline sector of Armentieres. In July/August 1916 it took action at Pozieres, suffering heavy casualties.

In May 1917 the 22nd was foremost in the Battle of Bullecourt again suffering heavy casualties. In mid 1917 it participated in the battles of Broodseinde and Passchendaele.



22nd Battalion King's Colour



Victoria Cross

When the whole A.I.F. was moved south to help in stopping the enemy "breakthrough" in March 1918, the 22nd was in action at Ville sur Ancre where the first Victoria Cross was awarded to a member of the 6th Brigade in the person of Sgt. W Ruthven of the 22nd.



Sgt. W. Ruthven V. C.

On 8 August 1918 the Battalion was in the advance which started at Villers Bretonneux leading to the end of hostilities. Further action was encountered at Mont St Quentin, Herleville, Beaufevrier and at Mont Brehain where, in October 1918, the Battalion fought its last action in the war and the last in which the A.I.F. was engaged.

In four years of active service, about 5,000 men passed through the Battalion including 876 deaths and over 4,500 who were wounded, gassed and sick..

The men of the Battalion received a total of 272 Decorations and its Battle Honours including South Africa 1899-1902. Gallipoli 1915, Ypres, Broodseinde, Amiens, Somme, 1916-18, Bullecourt, Menin Road, Poelcappelle and Mont St Quentin.

As Captain Eugene Gorman stated in the history of the Battalion "With the Twenty-Second", in their manner of living and their dying those brave men founded our imperishable traditions and that fine Battalion reputation which was never to be sullied.

INDIVIDUAL SUBSCRIPTION 2024 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 2023 and expenditure was less than income resulting in a surplus. The current subscription of \$15 will be maintained for 2024.

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 2023

	INCOME		EXPENDITURE
	\$.		\$
Member Subs/Donations	1160.00	“ ECHO” Production	620.63
Bank Interest	<u>0.00</u>	Distribution /Postage	<u>237.60</u>
	1160,00		858.23
Surplus for Year			301.77

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

Member Funds at Bank 31 Dec. 2022	3844.61
Surplus for current Year	301.77
Accumulated Funds 31 Dec. 2023	4146,38



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 2024

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
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	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 Albert Harris - G'father
M/s	Sylvia	Gilbert	John Lambert-G'father
Mr	W	Gilbert	John Lambert - Great Grandfather

In Memoriam Roll 2024

Mrs D	Goodsall	Alan Leslie Cadman M.M.- 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
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	George Henry Moore-G'Father
Mr BJ	Moore	George Henry 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

In Memoriam Roll 2024

Mrs	D	O'Mara	Frank Lindsay MM-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 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	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-realative
Mr	J	Smart	Robert Smart, George Smart-Uncles
Mrs	G	Smith	John Cumming Father, G'father - Joanne, Sandra, G'G'father Daniel, Caitlin, and Amber
Mrs	N	Smith	W.A.Ball-Father
Mrs	B	Sommers	Robert Eugene Reginald Baker, Arthur Ernest Leonard Baker-Uncles
Mrs	B	Strawhorn	Lewis Strawhorn-Fatherr-in Law, G'Father-of Jean Bellis
Mr	PD	Tehan	Eugene Gorman-G'Uncle
Mr	D	Thewlis	Eric Thewlis MC - Great Uncle and William Wilson
Mrs	W	Thomas	George Powerlett-Grand Daughter
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
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

***“Let us now praise famous men
(Ecclesiasticus .)***

Leo Mc Cartin of Geelong Victoria enlisted in the Australian Imperial Force on 15 March 1915. He was transferred to the Broadmeadows Training Camp out of Melbourne and to the newly formed 22nd Battalion.



Lt. Leo McCartin

On 8 May 1915 Leo McCartin departed Melbourne, with the 22nd Battalion, on the HMAT “Ulysses”.

Trained as a signaller he saw action with the 22nd Battalion at Gallipoli and the Somme France.

At the time of the great German advance towards Amiens in March 1918 the Australian troops held almost 27 kilometres of the front, east of Amiens.

At dawn on April 9 April, a heavy bombardment came down and destroyed the telephone cables at Lavieville. McCartin and his men, under heavy fire, attempted to establish a lamp station but failed due to smoke and bursting shells. He pushed on regardless of personal risk and repaired the wire running to the firing line.

For his “conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of the “Battalion signals”, McCartin was awarded the Military Cross.

On 18 August, near the crucifix at the then village of Herleville, he was seriously wounded in the face and was reported too wounded to carry on. Ignoring the order to withdraw to the rear he tried to rejoin his men and was killed in the attempt.



Leo McCartin and Ian Russell

A comprehensive account of Leo’s early life and his service with the 22nd Battalion ,inspired by Anne Hickey (nee McCartin), was presented to Hon. Secretary Ian Russell for the Association’s archives, by his namesake Great Nephew Leo Car-tin.



L/Cpl. N.D. Weston

L/Cpl. N.D. Weston 22nd Battalion, a highly decorated Australian soldier who kept his gallantry secret after settling in Marlborough, New Zealand has been given belatedly, a memorial service with full military honours.

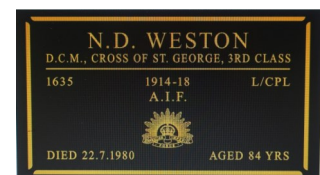
Weston’s grave was being tendered by Simon Ewing-Jarvie, a retired military officer, who re-searched why an Australian soldier was buried in New Zealand and not Australia.. Thankful acknowledgement of this information is made to Simon Ewing-Jarvie.



***Weston’s grave Havelock Cemetery
and researcher Simon Ewing-Jarvie.***

The original plaque on the grave of L/Cpl. N.D. Weston 22nd Battalion, in Havelock Cemetery, did not include his decorations of D.C.M., Cross of St. George, 3rd Class. awarded with the citation:

“On the 5th August 1915 at Pozieres, Lance-Corporal Weston, with 9 men of the 22nd Battalion ,was holding a section of the captured trench against an enemy bombing attack.. In order to get a better throw (the distance being over 40 yards), Cpl. Weston climbed up on the parapet and was severely wounded in the head, whilst in the act of throwing. He fell forward into the trench still holding the bomb-“the pin is out”. Thanks to his action the bomb was thrown in time and his comrades escaped unhurt”.



Old and new grave plaques

After immigrating to Aotearoa N.Z. in the late 1930’s and eventually settling down in Marlborough, Weston became publican at the Havelock Hotel, and was also a keen member of the local Bowls Club. He never married..

War :the price for Peace

“In the grand tapestry of human history, the concept of peace has often stood in stark contrast to the brutal realities of war. We have long romanticized the idea of peace, cherishing it as the ultimate goal of humanity’s endeavours. Yet, throughout the ages, peace has often come at a profound cost—a cost measured by bloodshed, suffering, and the irrevocable loss of human potential.

At first glance, the idea that war could be the price for peace seems paradoxical, even contradictory. After all, war is the antithesis of peace, a state of chaos and destruction that tears at the very fabric of societies. However, history shows us that peace is not simply the absence of war, but the result of complex and often turbulent processes that reshape the world order.

One of the most poignant examples of this truth is found in the aftermath of World War II. The war, which ravaged the globe from 1939 to 1945, left behind a wake of devastation unlike anything the world had ever seen. Entire cities lay in ruins, economies were shattered, and millions of lives were lost. Yet, out of this darkness emerged a new world order—one built on the ashes of conflict.

The United Nations, founded in 1945 in the aftermath Of World War II, stands as a testament to the idea that war can, in some instances, pave the way for peace. The horrors of war including the Holocaust and the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, served as a stark reminder of a need for collective action to prevent such atrocities from ever happening again.



United Nations HQ New York

Through the United Nations, nations came together to establish a framework for international co-operation and diplomacy. The organization’s mission to maintain international peace and security, promote social progress, and uphold human rights has demanded sacrifices, both in terms of resources and sovereignty, as countries agreed to abide by international laws and norms for the greater good.

Even today, the legacy of World War II continues to shape the geopolitical landscape. The Cold War that followed the defeat of Nazi Germany led to decades of tension between the United States and Soviet Union, threatening the world with a spectre of nuclear annihilation. Yet, even in this era of brinkmanship and proxy wars, the world managed to avoid another global conflict.



Atomic bombing Hiroshima 1945

The Cold War eventually thawed, not with a bang, but with a series of diplomatic overtures and a commitment to dialogue. The fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989 symbolized the end of an era defined by division and fear, ushering in a new era of hope and co-operation.

Today as we grapple with new challenges—from climate change to pandemics to the rise of Authoritarianism—we are once again reminded of the delicate balance between war and peace. The conflicts of the 21st century, whether they be fought in battlefields or in cyberspace, have the potential to reshape our world in profound ways.

Yet, amidst these challenges, there remains a glimmer of hope. The lessons of history teach us that peace is not a static state but a dynamic process that requires constant vigilance and effort. It is a process that demands empathy, understanding, and a willingness to confront the darkest aspects of our shared humanity.

In conclusion, war may indeed be the price for peace but it is a price worth paying. It is a reminder that the road to peace is not always easy, nor is it without sacrifice. Yet, it is a road that we must continue to travel guided by the lessons of the past and the hope for a better future.

As we look to the horizon, let us remember the words of Martin Luther King Junior: “Peace is not merely a distant goal that we seek, but a means by which we arrive at that goal.” May we continue to strive for peace even in the face of adversity, knowing that it is through our collective efforts that we can build a more peaceful and just world for generations to come.”

Acknowledgement Chat GPT.