

# 22nd BATTALION ASSOCIATION ECHO

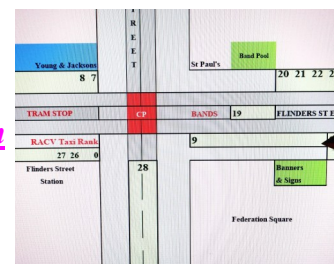
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## ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATION MARCH - 25 APRIL 2026

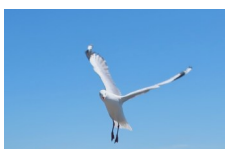
*The 22nd Battalion Association, together with other active kindred WWI Unit Associations, will "step-off", behind their Unit Banners, from the "start point" on the south side of Flinders St East (see map) at 11:00 AM.*

*The 22nd Banner will be displayed at this location at 9:30 AM to be ready for an unscheduled earlier start.*

*Pedestrian access from Flinders St. Station is via a walkway under Prince's Bridge to Federation Square and Flinders St. East.*

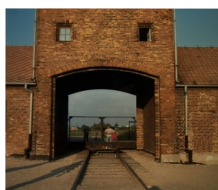


### **Peace on the wing**



*It is 87 years since Adolf Hitler plunged Europe, and subsequently the world into a conflict, World War 2, and the deaths of at least 30 million. Despite this horrendous outcome the prospect of mankind rejecting violence as a means of settling political ends, seems remote.*

*The Nazi ideology of antisemitism was a catalyst for the outbreak of WW2 and the atrocities of the holocaust. Recent events in Australia with the murder of 14 persons at a Jewish festival at Sydney's Bondi beach are a sharp reminder of the past and hopefully not repeated with the benefit of hindsight..*



**Birkenau Concentration Camp Poland**



**Mourning Ukrainians**

*The mistakes that led to World War 2, particularly not confronting these dictatorial and undemocratic trends, are being repeated putting the world on a "tipping point" for a world conflict..*

*Conflicting religious beliefs, or the intoxicating affect of power prevails, as in the Middle East, Ukraine, Sudan, Syria and closer to home the Pacific region.*

*An understanding of past wars, particularly WW1 and WW2, and taking into account their history and lessons, is fundamental for both our leader statesmen and military advisors.*



**22nd Battalion Association marchers  
Anzac Day March 2025**

### **Australians-we are one we are many**

*Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends" John 15:13 . This is an abiding belief of those involved in armed conflict .*

*In WW1 ,casualties of the 22nd Battalion resulted in a "turnover" five times, namely 5000 . These men believed the sacrifice was the price for the freedom and values, that evolved from the initial colonial settlement and have evolved further to define what it is to be Australian.*



**Polygon Wood Cometary Belgium**

*The 21st century has presented challenges but also opportunities to share Australia's bounty. For many who have chosen Australia as their home, it symbolizes freedom, peace and unity As was the cry on Federation Day 1 January 1901, 'one people, one flag, one destiny', the challenge is to ensure this is what it means to all Australians*

*'United we stand divided we fall'*

## **22nd Battalion Battle Honour “South Africa 1899-1902”**

On 6 December 1964, the Queens and Regimental Colours of the 22nd Battalion were laid-up in the crypt of the Shrine, Melbourne. The first Battle honour is South Africa 1899-1902

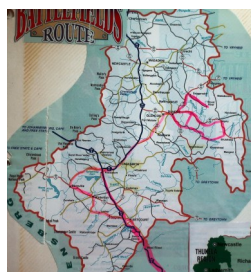
Between 1899 and 1901, forces from the six Australian colonies fought alongside each other before being replaced in 1901 by forces of the newly established Australian Army following Federation. A total of five theatre honours were awarded for service in the Anglo-Boer War South Africa.



**22nd Battalion Queen's Colours**

The Richmond Volunteer Rifles, a Regiment founded in 1854 took over the defense of the Colony, Victoria, in 1960 from the 40th Foot. In 1912 it was re-organized, becoming the 56th Infantry (Yarra Borderers). In 1913 it became the 22nd Infantry Regiment.

Ten Contingents were formed from volunteers enlisting from 28 October 1899 to 19 May 1902. A number of these were from Victoria and presumably some from the 22nd Infantry Regiment. And the award of the 22nd Battalion's Battle Honour.



**Boer War Battlefields**

British control of the Transvaal was relinquished in 1884 and again became the South African Republic.

The discovery of gold in the Transvaal, The Boars, believing there would be an influx of foreigners, amended voting rights requiring only to persons 14 years after their naturalization. The foreigners disapproved and war broke out on 11 October 1899, between Britain and the Republic supported by the Orange Free State.

Nearly 100,000 lives were lost, including more than 20,000 British troops and 14,000 Boar troops. At least 26,000 Boar and children are estimated to have died in concentration camps from malnutrition and disease. Innumerable Black Africans were caught up in the sieges, lost their jobs when the mines were closed or evicted from their land. Some of the Black African population prospered with increased demand for food and in western Transvaal re-occupied land taken from them by white settlers.



**Mounted Riflemen**

A British offer of peace in March 1901 was rejected by the Boars, partly because it required the Boars to recognize the British annexation of the Transvaal and Orange Free State..

Fighting continued until the Boars finally accepted the loss of their independence with the “Peace of Vereeniging” in May 1902.



**South Africa 1899-1902 Medal**

In 1910, the now annexed Boar Republics, along with the British colonies of Cape and Natal, formed the Union of South Africa.. The treaty denied political rights to Black Africans, continuing the discriminatory climate that prevailed in South Africa for much of the 20th century.

Boar leaders, Louis Botha and General Smuts opted for peace on the basis of British suzerainty, promises of self-government, restoration and management of the gold mines and crucially, the alliance of Boars and Britons against Black Africans.

Australian recruits came mainly from Victoria, where over 1000 applied but only 250 were selected in one contingent. Of personal interest is relative L.Cpl. Robert Huibach from Eddington, Victoria, member 2nd Regiment Scottish Horse and recipient of the South Africa Medal with Bars, Cape Colony, Orange Free State. Transvaal 1901

## **INDIVIDUAL SUBSCRIPTION 2026 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 for the year 2025 were less than expenditure, resulting in a loss. The current subscription of \$15 will be maintained for 2026.*

*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 2025**

	<b>INCOME</b>		<b>EXPENDITURE</b>
	\$.		\$
<i>Member Subs/Donations</i>	970.00	<i>“ ECHO ” Production</i>	598.85
<i>Bank Interest</i>	<u>0.00</u>	<i>Distribution /Postage</i>	270.00
		<i>Office supplies</i>	219.84
	970.00		1088.69
 <b><i>Loss for Year</i></b>			 <b><i>(118.69)</i></b>

#### **BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2024**

<b><i>Member Funds at Bank 31 Dec. 2025</i></b>	<b><i>4276.53</i></b>
<b><i>Loss for current Year</i></b>	<b><i>(118.69)</i></b>
<b><i>Accumulated Funds 31 Dec. 2025</i></b>	<b><i>4157.84</i></b>



### **22nd Battalion Association**



Upon their return from Europe and the Great War in 1919, the former soldiers of the 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 '22<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://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 2026

Mrs D	O'Mara	Frank Lindsay MM-G 'father
M/s M	O'Shannassy	Albert Ziebell-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/F Rebeccah, GGG/F Riley, -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 L	Russell	Fred Russell - G 'father
Mr WJ	Searle	George Norman Searle-Father, G 'father Aiden
Mr J	Smart	Robert Smart, George Smart-Uncles
Mrs G	Smith	John Cumming Father, G 'father Jo-anne, Sandra, G 'father, Daniel, Caitlin, Amber
Mr Harry	Smith	Charles Henry Watson- G 'father
Mrs N	Smith	W.A.Ball-Father
Mrs B	Sommers	Robert Eugene 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
Mrs Janet	Weddle	Walter Foskett-Father
Mrs R	Wells	Charles Bloomfield - G 'father, Betyl, G, G, G 'father Hannah
Mrs H	Whiley	Charles Bullock - Grandfather
Mrs H	Wilde	Alex Milne - Father
Mr R G	Wilkins	Leonard Walter Wilkins-G 'Uncle
Mr/Mrs E	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

## In Memoriam Roll 2026

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	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 Albert Harris - G 'father

## In Memoriam Roll 2026

M/s Sylvia Gilbert	John Gilbert– Grandfather
Mr Wes Gilbert	John Gilbert– Great Grandfather
Ms Sheridan Gilbert	John Gilbert-Great Grandfather
Mstr Emerson Gilbert	John Gilbert-Great Great Grandfather
Mstr Indiana Gilbert	John Gilbert– Great Great Grandfather
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
Mr C Kaye	Norman Kaye - Father, G 'father of Stephen Ryan, G 'G'father of Leah, Megan, Kaye.
Mrs N Kelly	George Henry Moore-Father
Mr I Kennett	J S Kennett MM-Father-G 'father of Anne Kennett/Smith, Stuart
Mr FG King	Frank King - Father
Dr D Lakeman	Roy Lakeman- Grandfather, G'G'father Ned
Mrs M Lee	John Stillman - G 'father, GG Father-Alexandra Lee
Mr L Levison	W E Leviston-Father
Mr N Leviston	W E 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	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 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	R W Day - Father of Joan, Grandfather of Brian

## Remember World War 1 Casualties

Laurance Binyon's excerpt of the poem "For the Fallen", the "Ode, they shall grow not old as we that are left grow old, age shall not weary them or the years condemn, at the going down of the sun we will remember them" is the core expression of remembrance of those veterans that paid the ultimate sacrifice, their lives.



**"Cobbers" statue Fromelles,**

The Australian Imperial Force (AIF) experienced about 213,000 casualties of which 54,000 died and 155,000 wounded. physically and psychologically

Equally to be remembered are those that survived war service, but with the scars of injuries both physical and mental not recognized such as debilitated lungs from gas shells and "shell shock" symptoms such as hysteria, shaking and stuttering in World War 1.



**Dressing station**



**"Gas" casualties**

While medical treatment and assistance was available from the government for the returning veteran the impact on the families of those injured veterans was great, namely to adapt to living with them, often a 'different' persons to the one before significant time in conflict.

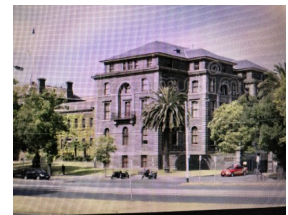
I recollect the mutual support of my father's 22nd mates, gathered for meetings at our home, as their 'family' of years together under excruciating circumstances.

Peter Tinley, National President of the RSL Australia said recently, "today's veterans face challenges that are often complex and deeply personal. Transitioning out of uniform is more than laying a job. For many, it means adjusting to a new identity, navigating physical injuries or psychological pressures, and relearning how to be part of civilian communities."

The RSL and veteran's organization such as legacy are pathways to the re-orientation of veterans and deserve our whole hearted support.

## Victoria Barracks Melbourne

Victoria Barracks in Melbourne, established in the mid-19th century, has played a pivotal role in Australia's military history, serving as a base for British troops and later as the headquarters for the Australian Defense Department.



**Victoria Barracks Melbourne**

After the withdrawal of British forces in 1870, Victoria Barracks transitioned to serve as the headquarters for the Victorian colonial forces.

The origin of the 22nd Battalion goes back to the founding, in 1884, of the Richmond Volunteer Rifles. In 1860 the regiment took over the defense of the colony from the 40th Foot. In 1912 it became the 56th Infantry (The Yarra Borders) Battalion

The Victoria barracks played a significant role during various military conflicts, including the New Zealand Wars, the Boar war, and both World War 1 and World War 2. The barracks housed the Department of Defense from 1901 to 1958 and was the administrative centre for the Royal Australian navy and the Australian Air Force.



**Cabinet Room**



**WW2 Cabinet  
Prime Minister Chifley second on left**

During War 2, it became the headquarters for the Australian War Cabinet, where key military and government decisions were made. The barracks also accommodated ministers and staff involved in the war effort, highlighting its importance during the period.

Today, Victoria Barracks serves as an administrative centre for the Australian Defense Department and is of historical significance, a vital part of Melbourne's history, representing the evolution of Australia's defense forces from colonial times.

## Anzac Day March 2025 22nd Battalion Association Members “on parade”



### Members gathering at the Shrine



#### 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.



### Metro Anzac Station

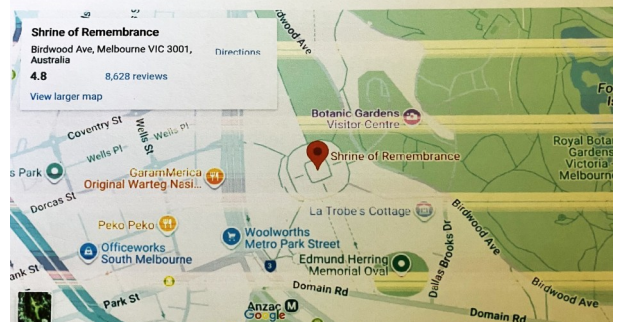
#### Getting here

We are located on Birdwood Avenue and St Kilda Road, 1.3km from Flinders Street Railway Station. You can walk, catch a tram or travel on the train from the city.

Take any southbound tram from Federation Square (except route number 1) to stop 19 Shrine of Remembrance.

Low floor trams operate regularly on this line, however the path to the Shrine from Stop 19 and Stop 20 is steep and may not be suitable for visitors with mobility needs. For a more gradual incline, we suggest alighting at Stop 17 Police Memorial and entering the Shrine Reserve from Anzac Avenue, where ramps are in place.

If you are catching a train, stop at Anzac station. Exit the station via Domain Road (exit 4) and follow the path for a short walk through the Shrine reserve to the memorial.



### 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 (children ,age not specified) must be respectively dressed in accordance with the solemnity of the Commemoration March (prams, 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 guidelines, reflects a commitment to them.*