

April 2019

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<u> President's Report:</u>

How quick are the weeks and months going this year, or am I getting that bit older and it just feels like it? A big month coming up with ANZAC Services all over. The Warwick RSL Sub Branch are looking for veterans to assist with school visits, as there is only two days this year to complete all. Easter Monday (22^{nd}) being out, it leaves only the two days to try and assist with all the schools. If you can spare the time on the Tuesday (23^{rd}) or Wednesday (24^{th}), please see Pat Costigan and lend a hand.

SDESA will coordinate the ANZAC Service at the Maryvale State School in their grounds on Wednesday the 24th April at 2.00pm.

The Maryvale State School students will take part in the ceremony, one student will act as the flag attendant and another to recite the Ode of Remembrance. All members are invited to attend, if you require transport, please ask the secretary. (*Medals to be worn please.*)

This month will see the great game of Australian Rules Football with the **'ANZAC CUP'** being held in Warwick, SDESA are continuing to sponsor the **(Redback's)** AFC, on **Saturday the 27th April** with the commemoration service commencing at **2.00pm**.

SDESA have supplied the 'ANZAC Cup' football jumpers being worn by the senior players for the first time. The 'Warwick Redbacks' are opposing the 'Toowoomba Tigers' for the prestigious cup. Come on down and enjoy the game and enjoy a complementary beverage on behalf of the club.

SDESA will again be coordinating the **ANZAC Service** at **Eden Gardens Memorial Park Lawn Cemetery**, Willi Street, at **0930am on the 25th April**. President Ken Ashton will MC the service for the morning.

We wish the Warwick RSL Sub Branch, the Warwick RSL Memorial Club Inc, the Southern Downs Regional Council and the community of Warwick, success for a great **ANZAC Day 2019.** All members have been invited to **SCOTS PGC** Oxenham Street, Warwick for their **Dawn Service** on **Wednesday the 24th at 06.00am**, *(please be seated by 5.45am).* The college would welcome you to join them for breakfast in the Des Davey Dining Hall following the service for \$10 per person. Prepurchased breakfast tickets are available from the *College Reception - 07 4666 9811.*

We welcome both **Cynthia and Jamie McDonald** to our association and haven't they hit the ground running. Cynthia has been responsible for the Water Distribution to families in need throughout the Southern Downs areas. She has been appointed as our 'Drought Relief Coordinator' and in the coming months, we will be involved further in helping the people on the land in our areas.

Our **Dine In/Out** for last month saw twenty-four members enjoy a meal at 'Roses Chinese Restaurant' this month we are having our Dine In/Out night, at the 'Warwick RSL Memorial Club' on Wednesday the 10th April from 6.00pm. All Welcome.

We were to have our **Quarterly General Meeting** on the 29th March, due to unforeseen circumstances, this has been changed to **Friday the 5th April**, commencing at **10.00am**.

My wife and I are taking some 'RnR' following ANZAC Services, so from the **29**th **April** until the **30**th **June 2019** we will be away on holidays. I wish Barry Kelly and Terry Smart a great holiday for the month of May, as they travel back throughout Vietnam again. Vice President Gordon Kimber will be on deck and I wish him well while I am away.

Your Mate Ken.



"They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old, Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn, At the going down of the sun and in the morning, We shall remember them"



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CALENDER FOR APRIL 2019

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Wed 3rd 9.00 am – 12 Noon. Services Memorabilia Display. Friday 5th 10.00am 'Quarterly General Meeting'

Wed 10th 9.00 am – 12 Noon. Services Memorabilia Display.

Wed 10th 6.00 pm Dine In/Out "Warwick RSL Memorial Club"

Friday 12th 9.00 am SDESA Centre & Committee Meeting.

Wed 17rd 9.00 am – 12 Noon. Services Memorabilia Display.

Fridav 19th 9.00 am *SDESA Centre*

Wed 24th 9.00 am – 12 Noon. Services Memorabilia Display

Wed 24th 2.00pm Maryvale State School - SDESA 'ANZAC Service'.

(The service will be held in the school grounds, <u>not</u> in Maryvale Park at the request of the principal)

'ANZAC DAY' Thurs 25th (page 3 for service times)

Friday 26nd 9.00 am SDESA Centre and BBQ-Sausage Sizzle-Raffles

Saturday 27th 2.00pm 'SDESA ANZAC CUP' 'Redback's V Tigers'.





JAMES LISTER (6TH) GORDON KIMBER (14TH) BRIAN MILLER (14TH) KEN ASHTON (16TH) PETER ASHTON (16TH) STEVE MACKIE (17TH) YVONNE EDMUNDS (18TH) LOU VAUGHAN (20TH) ALAN DOUST (27TH)

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WARWICK 'ANZAC DAY ' PROGRAM 2019:

5.30am – Dawn Service at 'Leslie Park Cenotaph'

- 9.00am Ceremony at 'War Graves Warwick Cemetery'
- 9.30am SDESA Ceremony at 'Eden Gardens Memorial Park'
- 10.45am March commences from 'Warwick RSL Memorial Club'
- 11.00am ANZAC Day Service by RSL at the Cenotaph, Leslie Park

STANTHORPE 'ANZAC' DAY PROGRAM 2019:

5.30AM – Dawn Service at Memorial, Weeroona Park.

- 10.30am Parade commences at the corner of Folkestone & Maryland Streets
- 10.50am-Civil Service, Civic Centre, Marsh Street
- 11.30am Laying of Wreaths at the Memorial, in Weeroona Park.

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Community Services will also be held in Wallangarra, Killarney, Tannymorel, Emu Vale, Yangan, Allora and Leyburn.



Females Guards at Buckingham Palace

Our newest members of SDESA are former ADF personnel, **MAJ Cynthia McDonald** (*nee Anderson*) and **LTCOL Jamie McDonald**, **n**ow husband and wife. Cynthia was deployed to East Timor in 2004 as part of the United Nations Contingent. Jamie was deployed to Iraq with

2 CAV RAAC following the aftermath of the 2003 invasion and later to Bosnia as part of the NATO Stabilisation Force.





CAPT Cynthia Anderson, led the contingent of Australian Federation Guards across to the United Kingdom, in the history-making event of officially taking

up the position of the Queen's Guard at Buckingham Palace in July 2000. This was the first time that female and male soldiers had had jointly taken on the of responsibility protecting both Buckingham Palace and St. James's Palace. The military band went on to blast out the theme tune to the Australian TV show '*Skippy the Bush Kangaroo*' as the Australian Federation Guard officially took up the position. CAPT Anderson commanded the detachment in the morning parade and formally asked permission for the new guard to relieve the old guard.

The last time Australian soldiers protected the royal palaces was in 1988 to mark the bicentenary of Australia.

A '*historic mile-stone*' before that, they had not been seen in the sentry boxes since the Coronation year in 1953. The 150-strong Australian tri-service contingent carried out their duties every day for three weeks.



Australia's Federation Guard (*AFG*) is a tri-service ceremonial unit made up of members from the Royal Australian Navy, Australian Army, and Royal Australian Air Force. Formed in 2000 for the centenary celebrations of Australian federation, it is the first purely ceremonial unit in the history of the Australian armed forces, and has since represented Australia in various roles both at home and around the world, including providing the guard at Buckingham Palace in 2000.



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The posting strength of AFG varies, although the unit's authorised strength is around 170 personnel of all ranks. A Royal Guard consists of 32 members from each service, one left marker, one right marker, two flag bearers and one parade officer. (The Australian Navy contingent of the Guard always appears on the left hand side of a parade, with Australian Army in the centre and Royal Australian Air Force on the right. 'This reflects the seniority of the services.)

Every member enlists into a specific trade in either the navy, army or air force, but puts those trades on hold for the duration of their service in the Guard. Although formed initially for the celebrations of the centenary, the standard of the Guard was such that it was kept on as a showcase for the ceremonial capabilities of the Australian Defence Force, serving in various public duties capacities.

For administrative purposes the unit is divided into four sub-units, a headquarters element and three single service "divisions". Each division is commanded by an officer from that service.

Although it is primarily a foot guards unit, equipped with the L1A1 SLR, the Guard also provides gun salutes. These salutes can be performed anywhere, although for practical reasons are usually only utilised in the Canberra district. Depending on the situation personnel from all three services, operate up to six guns, with four to six personnel servicing each gun under the command of personnel from the Royal Australian Artillery. AFG also contains a Drum Corps. Made up from volunteers from all three services posted to the unit, Drum Corps members participate in additional training with the majority having no previous musical experience with percussion instruments. Drum Corps members perform their drumming duties in addition to their traditional Guard duties and will often support the Precision Drill Team in their training and performances.

In 2000, AFG provided the Queen's Guard at Buckingham Palace. In performing this duty, AFG was responsible not only for providing the first naval sentries (although the Royal Marines have in the past provided the guard, never had the Royal Navy), but also the first women to serve. The Guard alternated with the 1st Battalion, Coldstream Guards, with each service providing a detachment on each day.

Within AFG is a smaller group who form the Precision Drill Team (PDT). The PDT travel all over Australia performing for events like Careers Expos, charity functions and sporting events. The drills performed by the PDT are a combination of over 300 specific movements without any words of command being given to the Guardsmen. The Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen that make up the PDT require a high level of skill, concentration and teamwork which is perfected through many hours of practice.

Members of the Royal Australian Navy and Royal Australian Air Force posted to the unit perform their ceremonial duties in the standard ceremonial uniforms of their service as the variance between trades is minimal. A notable addition to the uniform is the white "Airman's Belt" worn by all Other Ranks.

For members of the Australian Army uniforms vary significantly between Corps with embellishments differing between silver, gold and black. All Corps have unique hat badges with some Corps having individual unit hat badges, for example the Royal Australian Armoured Corps. The Guard is considered a "non-corps posting" by the Australian Army and wears "non-corps" generic army embellishments for the sake of uniformity. These generic embellishments consist of miniature Rising Sun badges worn in place of Corps badges on the hat and collars, complemented by gold jacket buttons and rank insignia. A generic tri-service colour patch is worn by all Army members of the AFG as the unit colour patch.



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Three Kiwis Soldiers and Three Aussie Diggers



"How will you all travel on the train with just one ticket?" asked one of the Kiwis. "Watch and learn," answered the Aussie Digger.

The three Kiwis each took a seat on the train and watched as the three Aussie Diggers all cram into a toilet cubicle and close the door. The Kiwis assumed the Aussies to be mad, but shortly after the train left the station the conductor came to collect tickets. He knocked on the toilet door and said, "ticket, please".

The door opened a tiny crack and a single hand emerged holding the ticket. The conductor took the ticket and moved on.

The Kiwis, believing the Aussie trick to be a clever one, purchased only one ticket between them for the return journey. To their astonishment the Aussies bought none!

"How will you travel on the train without a ticket?" asked one Kiwi.

"Watch and learn," the Aussies Digger replied.

When they boarded the train, the three Kiwis crammed into a toilet and the three Aussies squished into a cubicle beside them. The train departed the station, and shortly after, one of the Aussie Sergeants left the toilet and knocked on the door of the toilet full of Kiwis and said, *"ticket, please!"*

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Bragging about old times



Two men were boasting to each about their old war days.

"Why, my ships company was so well drilled," declared one, "that when they presented arms all you could hear was slap, slap, click."

"Very good," conceded the other, "but when my Infantry unit presented arms you'd just hear slap, slap, jingle."

"What was the jingle?" asked the sailor. "Oh," replied the soldier offhand, "just our medals..."



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Senior Moment

An elderly Sydney lady did her shopping and upon returning to her car, found four males in the act of leaving with her vehicle. She dropped her shopping bags and drew her handgun, proceeding to scream at the top of her lungs, "I have a gun, and I know how to use it! Get out of the car - NOW !"

The four men didn't wait for a second threat. They got out and ran like mad. The lady, somewhat shaken, then proceeded to load her shopping bags into the back of the car and got into the driver's seat. She was so shaken that she could not get her key into the ignition. She tried and tried, and then she realized why. It was for the same reason she had wondered why there was a football, a frisbee and two 12-packs of beer in the front seat.

A few minutes later, she found her own car parked four or five spaces farther down. She loaded her bags into her own car and drove to the police station to report her mistake. The sergeant to whom she told the story couldn't stop laughing. He pointed to the other end of the counter, where four pale men were reporting a carjacking by a mad, elderly woman described as white, less than five feet tall, glasses, curly white hair and carrying a large handgun. **No charges were filed. Moral of the story?**

> If you're going to have a senior moment... make it memorable!





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RAAF Physical training job

The RAAF physical training instructor was drilling a squad of airmen.

"I want every man to lie on his back, put his legs in the air and move them as though he were riding a bicycle," he explained. "Now begin!" After a few minutes, one of the airmen stopped. "Why did you stop. Marshall?" demanded the officer.

"If you please, sir," said Marshall, "I'm freewheeling for a while."



Frenchman, an Englishman and an Italian

A **Frenchman,** an **Englishman** and an **Italian** are captured by ISIS and have their legs tied to a wooden chair with their hands behind them as they are tortured for information.

First, they go to the *Frenchman*. Before they lay a single hit on him, he spills everything he knows. Then, they go to the *Englishman*. They hit him and hit him for five minutes before finally he gives up and tells them everything he knows. Finally, they go to the *Italian*. They beat him and beat him for hours and hours to the point where he looks almost dead, but he doesn't say a thing. Finally, they give up. The ISIS members untie all of them and throw them into a cell together.

The Frenchman and the Englishman are extremely surprised. "How did you manage not to say anything?" the Frenchman asked. The Italian shrugged, *"I wanted to, but they tied me up and I couldn't move my hands!"*

A balding, white-haired man...

Don't forget

to smile!!

A balding, white-haired man walked into a jewellery store on a Friday evening with a much younger, beautiful woman at his side.

He told the jeweller he was looking for a special ring for his girlfriend. The jeweller looked through his stock and brought out a \$5000 ring. The man said, "No, I'd like to see something more special."

At that statement, the jeweller went to his special stock and brought another ring over. "Here's a stunning ring at only \$40,000," the jeweller said.

The woman's eyes sparkled, and her body shook with excitement.

Seeing this, the man seeing this said, "We'll take it."

The jeweller asked how payment would be made and the man stated: "By cheque. I know you need to make sure my cheque is good, so I'll write it now and you can call the bank Monday to verify the funds; I'll pick the ring up Monday afternoon."

On Monday morning, the jeweller angrily phoned the man and said: "Sir, there's no money in that account."

"I know," said the man. *"But let me tell you about my weekend."*





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<u>'Redback's</u>' Australian Football Club will be hosting the 'ANZAC CUP 2019'.



The senior players will be wearing for the first time, the new **'SDESA ANZAC CUP'** jumpers. We are pleased to be a sponsor of the Redback's through our member Colin *(Cardinal)* Pope.

Those who attend the game wearing their own medals, will be given a complimentary beverage. Hot food and cold drinks will be available at the ground, When: Saturday 27th April 2019.

Time: Pre-Game Service commences at 2.00pm.

Where: Warwick Credit Union Oval, Jackie Howe Drive, Warwick.

VETERAN PENSIONS SET TO INCREASE

Pension payments for veterans, their partners, war widows and widowers are set to increase from **20 March 2019.**

The first pension paid after payday 28 March 2019 will comprise a component of both the old and new rates. The new pension rates will be fully effective from pension payday 11 April 2019.

SERVICE PENSION	Old rate (fortnightly)	New rate (fortnightly)	Increase (fortnightly)
Single person	\$916.30	\$926.20	\$9.90
Couples (each)	\$690.70	\$698.10	\$7.40
Single person – transitional	\$768.00	\$775.50	\$7.50
Couples (each) – transitional	\$619.60	\$625.70	\$6.10
WAR WIDOWS			
War widow(er)'s pension	\$931.50	\$941.60	\$10.10
Income support supplement	\$275.40	\$278.50	\$3.10
DISABILITY PENSION			
(T&PI) Total and Permanent Incapacity (Special Rate)	\$1,408.00	\$1,423.40	\$15.40
Intermediate rate	\$956.00	\$966.50	\$10.50
Extreme Disablement Adjustment	\$777.90	\$786.50	\$8.60
100 per cent	\$500.60	\$506.10	\$5.50
10 per cent	\$56.99	\$57.54	\$0.55
VETERAN PAYMENT			
RATES			
Single person	\$991.00	\$1,001.90	\$10.90
Couples (each)	\$771.90	\$780.40	\$8.50

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DVA ordered to hold Dawn Service at Villers-Bretonneux



When DVA announced on 24 January that there would be no Dawn Service at Villers-Bretonneux this year, in preference for a 10am service instead, there was a huge outcry from tour companies, their customers and hundreds of others who had already made travel arrangements.

Facebook and other forums lit up in protest, but DVA held fast confirming on 8 February, that the change of timing was set in stone, after consulting local authorities.

However, the Australian government heeded the public outcry and publicly ordered DVA to *overturn* its decision.

Minister for Veterans' Affairs Darren Chester said when it came to sensitive matters like this, which were at the heart of our entire nation, it was vital that the Department of Veterans' Affairs conducted full consultations with ex-service organisations and the general public before making changes. "That's what the public expect, it's what the Prime Minister and the government expect," Mr Chester said.

"I have instructed DVA to conduct a Dawn Service at the Australian National Memorial near Villers-Bretonneux, France, on Anzac Day 2019.

"The decision to revert to the Dawn Service follows feedback from ex-service organisations and the general public in Australia.

"There will be comprehensive consultation with local authorities and tour operators in France, as well as with the ex-service community in Australia, before any further changes are considered."





Army on the move

Southbound: For the first time in over 7 years the transported an enormous volume of equipment by rail from Darwin to Port Augusta in South Australia.

The 63 pieces of equipment included vehicles and artillery pieces, weighing a total of 657 tonnes.

The equipment will travel on 665 metres of rail wagons and in two and a half days travel over 2,700km. The equipment will be used to support unit training conducted by the 7th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, 8th/12th Regiment, Royal Australian Artillery and 1st Armoured Regiment - Australian Army over the next month in South Australia.





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Warwick, there's been a call to arms. 'Operation "DUTY FIRST" Drought Relief'

Our farmers need our help and for two days over the first weekend in March, these generous groups took collections to give relief to battling residents in our region.

Veterans from around the Southern Downs drove an urgent drought relief operation, to deliver precious water to rural families that are facing a cruel battle with drought.

The Southern Downs Ex-Services Association and Warwick Warrior *Woodcutters* pledged to raise \$800 that will fuel water deliveries to the Karara and Leyburn region.





The urgent call to arms came on Saturday 2nd & 3rd March 2019, drought assistance co-ordinator and former Army Major Cynthia McDonald (retd RAAMC) said, "There was increasing desperation for water among rural families. Three weeks ago, we did a water drop and my phone didn't stop ringing with the amount of people that needed water," she said. "I actually had to turn families away last time because we could not do enough deliveries. "We know there is a massive need out there."

The water will come as a last resort for families who are struggling with basic needs like drinking and washing. "We are focusing on the human face of drought. This water is going straight to people's homes," she said. Cynthia and husband Jamie McDonald, (retd LTCOL RAAC) have been spearheading drought relief activities around the region in conjunction with the

Southern Downs Regional Council and other organisations. Last month they helped deliver water to a mother and her five children on a rural property 30km out of Warwick. "To be that far out with so many children and only one foot of water left, when you see situations like that it is really concerning," Cynthia said. She said she hoped the next water drop would reach more families in need.



"Veterans understand what it is to struggle, they can empathise with the farmers,"

Rural Aid Australia supplied 368,000 litres of water and contractor Steve Walters from Brisbane, had

generously donated his truck. SDESA president Ken Ashton said his association would sponsor a fundraising activity in the coming weeks and it would be a trailer load of fire wood to raffle off with proceeds all going to the Drought Relief.

The fire wood will be supplied by the *Warwick Warrior Woodcutters*.

The name "Operation Duty First" was given as a gesture to the sense of loyalty the veterans were showing to their community."



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<u>"NOTICE"</u> of the '<u>Annual General Meeting'</u> of the

<u>"Southern Downs Ex-Services Association Queensland Incorporated"</u>

The Committee of Management hereby gives notice, that the 'Annual General Meeting' of the above <u>association</u>, will take place at the 'SDESA Qld Inc Centre'1 Tooth Street, Warwick Qld 4370, commencing at <u>10.00am</u> on the <u>2nd August 2019.</u>

Election of the Committee of Management for the S.D.E.S.A Qld Inc.

All Committee of Management positions will be declared vacant at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2019.

Our Committee of Management consists of;

President, Vice President, Treasurer (Executive) a Secretary, plus (5) five Committee Members.

The Constitution permits a member to be nominated for more than one position. Should more than one nomination be received for a position, then a ballot will be made up as required and a vote taken. If all positions are not filled through written nominations, then nominations will be called from the floor on the day. A list of the candidates' names in alphabetical order, with the proposers and seconders names, shall be posted in a conspicuous place in the office, or usual place of meeting of the Association, for at least seven days immediately preceding the annual general meeting.

NOTE: The nominated member, nominee and seconder, must be financial members prior to the AGM.

Nomination Form for the Committee of Management Election 2nd August 2019

Date I		being a financial r	nember of
S.D.E.S.A Qld Inc, hereby no	ominate		for the position
of	[and/or]	. Signed	

I Second this Nomination, Signed

I Accept this Nomination, Signed

Forms must be returned to the Secretary no later than 1200hrs on Friday 26th July 2019.

Proxy Form for Voting at the AGM Friday 2nd August 2019

I being a financial member of S.D.E.S.A Qld Inc, being unable to attend the AGM on 2nd August 2019, hereby appoint,

..... to vote for me on my behalf at the S.D.E.S.A. Qld Inc, AGM, or at any adjournment of that meeting.

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