

Some events we participated in....



Wreath laying at Ashfield  
R&SL March 08



A little fixing of ties needed! Our wreath this year



## Anzac Day 2008



(Thanks for the great photo Sue & Bruce)



Members Picnic & Information Day

Anne-Marie & Grant in France



Kings College Banner Boys



Arnott's Tins, Scarves & Tie

Another great Anzac Day March this year. Thankfully the wet weather held out for our 82 marchers, with a very warm welcome to the 20 odd new people with us this year. We trust that you enjoyed marching and will join us in our endeavours to further the purpose of Anzac Day with Descendants. Great to see quite a few children marching this year and we were very lucky to have the very bright Purple Horns band in front of us to help keep the beat.

Our Patron Mr Bill Jenkins joined us until he had to join his WW2 buddies for lunch. Two of our ladies marched with the aid of a Landrover to honour their fathers and were tickled pink to be doing so. Well done Faye and Scotia, looked after by Belinda.

We looked very spiffy with our ties and scarves! They really give us our own identity. (Thanks Karen for all your work in getting that project to fruition.) Generally we were a well dressed group. Thanks for your support and patience with the Ties and Scarves.

We were very fortunate to receive a little publicity after the march with Jessica Smith seen on Channel 9 and Barbara Gentilcore (Sec) on the ABC – asked how we liked marching at the back!



Patron Bill Jenkins

Faye & Scotia

Purple Horns in front of us.

### *Anzac Day 2008 cont.*

Thank you for your patience on the day but the late take off time was due to the Navy fleet unexpectedly being in town. Those sailors had to then be included in the march. Consequently we were not able to make the ABC telecast on the day which was a shame considering all the publicity about descendants marching!

The get together at the Shark after was quite well attended and a good opportunity to have a chat and get to know people.

Two of our members Anne-Maree Campbell & Grant Booth travelled to France for the 1<sup>st</sup> ever Dawn Service on Anzac Day at Villiers Bretonneau where they laid on wreath on our behalf. Thank you both. Michael Smith was also in Belgium. We also had another member Anthony O'Connell who marched in Coff's Harbour. We look forward to hearing about France, Belgium and Coff's Harbour on the Web Site.

Thanks to the Kings Cadets again for carrying our banner and looking very splendid.

Well done Sarah Dawson on being a great young ambassador on the day. Thanks for your help

Hope the recipients of the Arnott's Biscuit Tins enjoyed the unexpected bonus of marching on Anzac Day. The tins could be a great collection starter! Warren Squires was one winner who then swapped his biscuits for Rae Duncan's Wine from the raffle. Would the other winner please contact me by phone or email with your name and contact information. (I should have taken a photo on the day.)

The admin situation was much easier this year but we can still improve. Thanks to Richie Newnham for walking the Admin trolley to our dismissal point.

*Thankyou for the many expressions of thanks on Anzac Day from members, to the committee for the voluntary work they do in keeping this group functioning. We appreciate your appreciation of our efforts.*

### **What we have been up to over the last 12 months:**

- Committee Meetings – approx 4 per year to plan our events.
- Liaison with the R&SL March Committee attending briefings and debriefs – 2-3 per year ably attended by Richie Newnham. Thanks Richie.
- Finalising and ordering Ties and Scarves. Thanks Karen
- AGM November 07 – Good turn up on the night made more fun by the Raffle. Congratulations to Winners of wine – Rae Duncan & Merelyn Chiddy, CM album – Michael Smith and Screwdriver Set and wine – Wally Bull. Two new committee members were

elected (welcome Scott and William) and we also watched the video of the March.

- Streamlining our procedures and practices.
- Working on publicity for more public awareness of our group & cause.
- Following up all leads given to us by the R&SL Committee.
- Processing applications, Processing and dispatching Tie & Scarf orders.
- Finally managing to produce Name Badges and holders. One will be issued with membership to be worn at meetings, marches etc. (Please look after as replacement will be charged for.)
- Information/Picnic Day 08. Held on a rainy, overcast day but those of us who attended had a great time. A couple of passers by came to learn about us and about 16 members picnicked and chatted.
- Ashfield R&SL Anzac March - Participating in the Ashfield R&SL Ceremony and March on 20th April. 10 members including Scott's baby who experienced his first bus ride attended the march proudly wearing their ties and scarves. Assist. Sec Kel Sykes laid the wreath on Ken's behalf. We joined everyone afterwards for refreshments.
- Volunteering before Anzac Day to man the phones for enquires to the R&SL. Thanks Richie
- Volunteering on Anzac Day to Marshall. Thanks Ken.

**Thanks: Special thanks** to our sponsors Ashfield R&SL Sub branch, Liverpool R&SL Sub branch and Bunnings for your support.

Thank you to the following for your contribution to our organisation. John Philpott who is handing over to his daughter to march and John Fuller retiring due to ill health. Alan Kitchen who has resigned and is helping the WW2 people.

### **Vale:**

Sadly one of our committee members Michael O'Malley passed away last year. Our condolences to his sister and fellow member Joan Fisher.

### **News:**

Karen has offered to take on the merchandising of the Ties and Scarves. Orders will still need to come to Secretary and will be passed on.

**What's coming up:** AGM in November

We trust you have enjoyed reading our first Newsletter. If you want to make any suggestions, know things of interest, have any ideas etc please get in contact with Barbara or put them in writing and send in for the committee to consider.

*Till next time,* AWWOD Committee per Sec. Barbara G

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