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ANZAC
THE SPIRIT LIVES
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AWM MARKS CENTENARY

THE Australian War Memorial in Canberra (pictured below) will commemorate The Great War centenary with a major redevelopment of its First World War galleries and a variety of new public programs and events.

An easy drive from anywhere in the South West Slopes, the AWM is one of the nation's greatest tourist attractions, with nearly a million visitors a year.

AWM Director Dr Brendan Nelson said the revamped gallery would remain consistent with the vision of historian Charles Bean, who saw the memorial as holding the spirit of those who fought and died in WW1.

"We commemorate the sacrifices," Dr Nelson said. "From a population of 4.5 million people, one million men could volunteer. Four hundred and thirty thousand did, 330,000 were sent overseas. Sixty-two thousand were dead. Another 60,000 died within a decade of returning from the 155,000 wounded or imprisoned.

"What we will celebrate is a legacy that has been born of these cataclysmic events that shaped and defined largely the way we see ourselves as Australians and relate to one another in the world today almost a century later."



NATION SHOULD BE EVER GRATEFUL

AS WE prepare to once again commemorate our most important national occasion – ANZAC Day – we should be mindful of the significance of the centenary of Gallipoli which is fast approaching.

Now more than ever before, we ought to be truly thankful for what was done in The Great War and other conflicts so that our ideals endure.

Zeal, grit, mateship and sacrifice were hallmarks of those who served – many of whom never returned to the land and the people they loved.

Australians have always been at the ready to go into battle for what is right and to uphold the fair and just principles of freedom and peace.

Called to arms, our brave men and women built a reputation which brought fame the world over, especially since those original ANZACs rushed ashore on 25 April 1915.

South West Slopes towns and villages have contributed mightily to war



AT AWM: With The Hon. Dr Brendan Nelson, Director of the Australian War Memorial, the founder of which, Charles Bean, described in 1948: "Here is their spirit, in the heart of the land they loved; and here we guard the record which they themselves made."

efforts through the decades and for that today's and future generations owe their forebears a great debt of gratitude.

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FROM KAPOOKA TO A VC

LIKE so many of his mates serving in Afghanistan, Corporal Cameron Stewart Baird VC MG (pictured) graduated from the Army Recruit Training Centre at Kapooka. In doing so he inherited the ANZAC spirit, pride, responsibility, role and tradition which come from earning and wearing the khaki uniform. Tasmanian-born Cpl Baird (whose name on the AWM Roll of Honour is shown at right) enlisted on 4 January 2000 and after completing his initial training was posted to the 4th Battalion (Commando), The Royal Australian Regiment, now the 2nd Commando Regiment, in February 2000. He made five tours of duty to Afghanistan and became the nation's 100th recipient of a Victoria Cross when it was announced on 13 February he would be posthumously decorated "For the most conspicuous acts of valour, extreme devotion to duty and ultimate self-sacrifice at Ghawchak village, Uruzgan Province, Afghanistan as a Commando Team Commander in Special Operations Task Group on Operation Slipper" on 22 June 2013.



COVER: Ariah Park's monument, unveiled by Military Cross recipient, Lieutenant-Colonel Chaplain William "Fighting Mac" McKenzie, on 15 October 1919 dedicated to those from the district who served in The Great War. Names of volunteers and conscripts from later conflicts have subsequently been added. See feature article in the centre pages.

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Riverina soldiers killed, injured in Viet.

CANBERRA, Mon.:
A Temora soldier has been killed in action in Bien Hoa Province, Vietnam, and a Wagga soldier wounded.

The soldier killed was Lance Corporal John Milton Rands, 22, single, of Temora, N.S.W., a member of 1st Battalion, the Royal Australian Regiment.

He was killed during a contact with enemy forces on Thursday.

The delay in releasing his name was a result of difficulty in advising members of his family.

Four other Australian soldiers were wounded in action on Sunday, December 15, also in Bien Hoa Province, during a contact with enemy forces.

None of the wounded men is seriously wounded.

Wounded
 The wounded men are:
Corporal Ivan Walter Everett, 22 single, of Forest Hill, via Wagga, N.S.W., IRAR, remained on duty.

Corporal Everett was wounded on December 13, but did not report the wound until December 15.

Second Lieutenant Garry William Prendergast, single, of Deniliquin, N.S.W., IRAR, gunshot wound, condition satisfactory.

Private Barry Charles Brown, 22, single, of Novra, N.S.W., IRAR, fragmentation wound, condition very satisfactory.

Private Stephen Henry Holson, 22, single, of Chatswood, N.S.W., IRAR, fragmentation wounds, condition satisfactory.



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DRIVER'S DRIN

TEMORA came to a sad standstill just two days before Christmas 1968 when one of its much-loved sons was laid to rest.

Full military honours were accorded Lance Corporal John Milton Rands, killed in Vietnam 11 days earlier.

Just 22 years young, L/Cpl Rands died during a contact with enemy forces in Bien Hoa Province.

“The regard with which he was held in Temora was shown in the tremendous turnout for the afternoon funeral during which business came to a standstill,” reported *The Daily Advertiser*.

The Temora Baptist Church and hall were filled to overflowing with about 200 mourners standing outside and hundreds lining the route to the Temora Cemetery.

L/Cpl Rands served 261 days in Vietnam with the 1st Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment.

He was one of 11 children (five boys and six girls) of Jack and Ruby Rands.

The nominal roll of about 61,000 Australian Vietnam Veterans shows 58 were born in Temora; 48 of them serving with the Army, five with the Air Force and five in the Navy.

Of the Temora-born men who did tours of duty in Vietnam, (Temporary) Warrant-Officer Class 2 Lloyd Garry Schmidt spent the longest there, with 736 days in the Royal Australian Infantry Corps.

Other locals to register a year or more in Vietnam were Private John Chessor, Pte Michael Connors, Major Alan Corboy, Pte Laurence Doyle, (Temporary) Cpl David Giles, Pte Kevin Gorham, L/Cpl Hector Holden, Pte David Kelly, Cpl Francis Lee, Sapper Brian Manly, Sergeant Morris Rees, Spr Peter Scott, Craftsman John Smith, Signalman Rodney Smith, Temp. Cpl Daryl Williams, Leading Aircraftman Robert Winbank and Pte Barry Wynd.

Temora contributed greatly to Vietnam War efforts and the loss of brave L/Cpl Rands was a bitter blow for the close-knit town.



GONE TOO SOON: Coverage of the Vietnam War tragedy in The Daily Advertiser of Tuesday, 17 December, 1968 (left) and fresh-faced Lance Corporal John Milton Rands (right).

Ariah Park's brothers in arms

THE Sandersons were a typical country family of the Federation era.

Thomas Sanderson and Isabella (née Barnes), who wed at Wagga Wagga in 1876, had eight children – Thomas (born 1878), Elizabeth (1881), Annie (1883), Joseph (1885), William (1887), George (1889), Ivor (1891) and Arthur (1894).

The first two children came into the world at Wagga with their siblings all born in the Temora district.

Times were tough but rural families made do. Everyone pitched in. They were close-knit. They got by with hard work, co-operation and love.

When the war came in 1914 it might have seemed and indeed was half a world away but patriotism ran deep and the desire to help Great Britain, the “Mother Country”, was strong.

Arthur, the youngest, was first to sign up, enlisting at Cootamundra on 7 August 1915, coincidentally the same day of some of the heaviest fighting on Gallipoli with the Battle of Lone Pine claiming 2277 Australian casualties and as many as 7000 Turks.

The 21-year-old left Sydney on 15 January 1915 aboard RMS *Osterley* and spent time at camps at Zeitoun, Moascar and Alexandria in Egypt before landing in France in March.

He earned a Military Medal whilst serving with the 2nd Australian Divisional Ammunition Column “for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty”.

The recommendation from his Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel William John Stevens Davidson, read: “On October 17th 1917 whilst returning from delivering ammunition to the Batteries near Zonnebeke (east of Ypres), Driver Sanderson's party came under heavy enemy shell fire, two men being mortally wounded. This Driver unhesitatingly went to the assistance of his wounded comrades. He has on previous occasions at great personal risk rendered valuable aid to wounded men.”

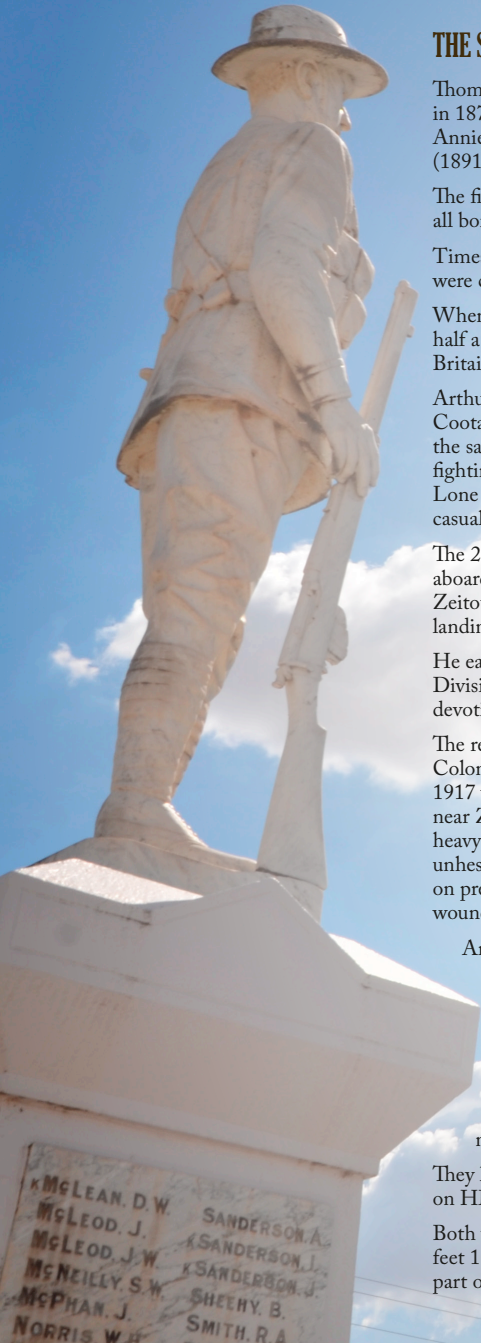
Arthur returned home when the war ended but life back at Pucawan, between Ariah Park and Temora, would never be the same.

His family was overjoyed to have him back but grief-stricken by the loss of his brothers Joseph and Ivor and cousin Thomas Harrison.

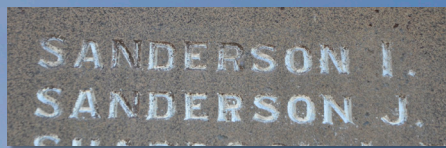
Joseph and Ivor joined the Australian Imperial Force at Cootamundra in July 1916 and were given successive service numbers – 6565 and 6566.

They left Sydney with the 3rd Infantry Battalion 21st Reinforcements on HMAT *Ceramic A40* on 7 October 1916.

Both were farmers. Both were fine, strong, young men ... Joseph was 5 feet 11½ inches and Ivor ½ an inch taller. Both seemingly had the best part of their lives ahead of them.



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REMEMBERED: Ivor and Joseph Sanderson's names live on at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra (top left), Temora's war cenotaph (top right) and on the impressive soldier memorial in Coolamon Street, Ariah Park (main picture).

Sent to the Western Front, they joined the tens of thousands of fine, strong, young Australians fighting for the cause, their country and ultimately their own lives.

Sadly, both made the ultimate sacrifice, being killed in action in France.

Ivor, aged 25, fell on 9 April 1917 and was originally buried alongside several of his 3rd Battalion mates in isolated graves alongside a track. The remains were later exhumed and laid to rest in the Beaumetz Cross Roads Military Cemetery, Bapaume, where a special cross was erected bearing the names of Ivor and others, their regimental particulars and the words "Believed to be buried in this Cemetery, actual graves unknown."

Joseph, 34, died on 23 August 1918; his final resting place being Heath Cemetery, Harbonnières, now one of Europe's silent cities where row upon row of white headstones mark the graves of fallen Diggers.

To add to the family's heartbreak, a cousin – Thomas Robert Harrison – who sailed with the ill-fated Sanderson brothers, also lost his life on the battlefield, coincidentally on the same day as poor Ivor and was buried at Hermies Hill British Cemetery, France.

Just 22, Temora-born Private Harrison left behind a widow, Elsie.

Too many names with a cross signifying someone who did not return at war's end are etched into the memorials at Ariah Park and Temora.

The Sandersons and Tom Harrison are amongst those who left local communities which mourned for generations and which still remember and respect the sacrifices made to this day.



PARENTS: Thomas and Isabella Sanderson from the book Our Place, Wilma and Ken McCubbin's 2010 history of Curragh, Dumwell, Glynburn, Pucawan and Quandary.



HERO: Military Medallist Arthur Sanderson.



GONE, NOT FORGOTTEN: Joseph (standing) and Ivor Sanderson.

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IT IS THE SOLDIER

HIS is a
cheeky
smile...
a face of
youthful
vitality.



He is an
unknown
Australian soldier
of the First World War for
whom, as well as all others
who have in the past and who
will in the future march out
from Kapooka's Army Recruit
Training Centre, the following
poem by American Army
Veteran Charles M Province
applies:

*It is the soldier, not the minister,
who has given us freedom of
religion.*

*It is the soldier, not the reporter,
who has given us freedom of the
press.*

*It is the soldier, not the poet, who
has given us freedom of speech.*

*It is the soldier, not the campus
organiser, who has given us
freedom to protest.*

*It is the soldier, not the lawyer,
who has given us the right to a
fair trial.*

*It is the soldier, not the
politician, who has given us the
right to vote.*

*It is the soldier who salutes the
flag,*

*Who serves beneath the flag,
And whose coffin is draped by
the flag,*

*Who allows the protester to burn
the flag.*



TROOP SHIP: The 7785 gross tons HMAT Wandilla A62 which carried Pte Henry Clift to The Great War but which was in Axis service as Arno for Italy in World War II and sunk by British aircraft in 1942.

WEST WYALONG'S TEEN HERO

HENRY Harold Clift was a young man going places when he signed on to do his duty in The Great War of 1914-18.

A shop assistant, Henry had previous service in the 44th Militia Battalion prior to enlisting with the Australian Imperial Force at Cootamundra on 14 October 1915.

Just 18 years and two months old, Pte Clift sailed out of Sydney on 3 February 1916 aboard HMAT *Wandilla* A62.

He was assigned to the 4th Infantry Battalion 14th Reinforcements who also included Pte Albert Grellman, a 21-year-old blacksmith also of West Wyalong.

Disembarking at Alexandria, Egypt, on 16 March, Pte Clift then proceeded to Marseille on 3 April and on 13 June marched out to join the Entrenching Battalion in France.

Full of potential, Henry was promoted to Lance Corporal then Corporal in August.

His life, however, was cut tragically short when he was killed in action in Belgium on 11 September 1916 – less than a year after he enthusiastically, dutifully and patriotically signed up.

He was laid to rest in the Railway Dugouts Burial Ground 1½ miles south-south-east of Ypres, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Pte Grellman was one of the lucky ones, able to survive the war and return home on HMAT *Corinthic* on January 10 1918. He lived until 1953.



ONLY 19: Corporal Henry Clift, killed in action whilst still a teen.

2014 ANZAC DAY SERVICE TIMES AND VENUES

SOUTH WEST SLOPES:

ARDLETHAN (Includes Beckom)

- 10.45am March from Post Office, Yithan Street.
11am Service at Memorial Hall, Ariaah Street.

ARIAH PARK (Includes Quandary)

- 10.45am Assemble for march at Bowling Club, Coolamon Street.
11am Service at cenotaph. Afterwards lunch will be served at the Bowling Club.

BARELLAN (Includes Binya, Moombooldool)

- 2.45pm Meet at Barellan and District War Memorial Club, Bendee Street, for wreath laying.
3pm March to cenotaph on the corner of Boree and Mulga Streets for the main service.

BARMEDMAN

- 10.45am March begins along Queen Street to Memorial Park.
11am Service at Memorial Park.

BETHUNGRA (Includes Frampton, Illabo)

- 6.15am Dawn service at Bethungra Memorial Park, Olympic Highway. Catafalque party will be in attendance. In the event of wet weather the service will move to Saint Augustine's Church.

JUNEE (Includes Illabo, Wantabadgery)

- 5.45am Dawn Service in Broadway.
10.30am March from Memorial Park, Peel Street to Railway Square, two-minute ceremony at Railway Square. March finishes at cenotaph in Broadway.
10.45am Ceremony at cenotaph, Broadway.

JUNEE REEFS

- 3pm Service and wreath-laying at Junee Reefs-Ivor Hall, Junee Reefs Road, conducted by Junee RSL Sub-Branch. Afternoon tea afterwards.

MIRROOL

- 9am Service at cenotaph in Ariaah Street, followed by morning tea.

SPRINGDALE

- 9am Introduction by Colonel Pat Thorne AM RL at cenotaph, Burley Griffin Way.
9.15am Fly-over by Australian-built World War II plane.
9.20am L/Cpl Peter Kahlefeldt Scholarship Speech: first cousins Katie and Liam Sinclair, both aged 10, about their great-great-grandfather, WWI Digger

Bombardier Hugh Lindsay Sinclair. Musical interlude.
9.30am Morning tea.

TALLIMBA

- 3pm March along Pope Street to memorial in the park. Wreath laying at the memorial. March to Tallimba Hall. Service, guest speakers and West Wyalong Town Band.

TEMORA (Includes Reefton)

- 6am Dawn service at cenotaph, Callaghan Park, Loftus Street.
10.50am March from opposite Courthouse, De Boos Street.
11am Service, cenotaph, Callaghan Park.

UNGARIE

- 6am Dawn service, RSL Park, Ungarie Street.
9am Service at cemetery at graves of ex-servicemen and women.
9.30am Breakfast at Central Hotel, Wollongough Street.
10.40am Assemble "Pink Shop" Wollongough Street, walk to RSL Park.
11am Service at cenotaph.

WAGGA WAGGA

- 5.45am Dawn service arranged by Legacy at the cenotaph, Victory Memorial Gardens, Baylis Street.
6.45am Pilgrimage to Wagga Wagga War Cemetery, Kooringal Road. ANZAC Day speeches by Kooringal High School Captains Fraser Noack and Meg O'Donnell.
7am Breakfast at Wagga RSL Club, Dobbs Street.
10.30am Baylis Street march begins.
11am March concludes at cenotaph.
11.15am Wreath-laying and commemorative service at cenotaph. Address by Rear-Admiral Clinton Thomas AM CSC RAN, Commander Joint Logistics.
12.30pm ANZAC luncheon at RSL Club.
- ### WEST WYALONG (Includes North Yalgogrin, Wamboyne, Weethalle, Wyalong)
- 6am Dawn service at Services and Citizens' Club cenotaph.
8.45am Wreath-laying ceremony at cenotaph at Soldiers' Memorial Hall, Neeld Street, Wyalong.
10.15am March, Main Street, West Wyalong.
11am Wreath laying at S&C Club.
11.30am Service in S&C Auditorium.



CENTENARY WAR COINS

THE Royal Australian Mint, in partnership with the Department of Veterans' Affairs and the Australian War Memorial, has produced a collection of superb commemorative coins which capture the history, service and sacrifice of Australians at war. A number of coins, some for currency and others to be uncirculated, will be struck to mark The Great War centenary. There will also be a unique \$5 fine silver proof triangular coin - Lest We Forget - (pictured) which will retail for \$85. For more information visit www.ramint.gov.au

PLEASE NOTE: All times and venues have been supplied in good faith by various RSL Sub-Branch officials and were correct at the time of publication. Every care has been taken to ensure as many services as possible have been included. For verification of other services please contact your local RSL Sub-Branch.



RIVERINA ANZACS

ONE hundred years ago, it was the first day, when the war started, When many young men from their families were parted.

They said goodbye with a tear, Hoping to come back by the end of the year.

It's time to set off, for a faraway place.

They left their families with a sad face.

The men were nervous about the war.

They felt the power, in their core.

They were terrified about the men they were fighting against, They thought of one thing, it's time for defence.

They tried not to tell, Because they fell.

Some may say they are alright But, not at night.

A lot were killed, And in the mud they were chilled.

In the trenches were left a few brave men, Their mates tried to help, the best that they can.

They continued to fight, With all of their might.

Every ANZAC Day, we stand at the memorials as the day dawns.

A century later, all across the Riverina, families still mourn.

Brianna Loader, 11, Year 6, Temora Public School, Temora



ANZAC WRITING SUCCESS

RIVERINA school children have been busy penning, typing and colouring in their entries for the 2014 ANZAC Day writing awards with a record 1200 submissions received in the fourth annual competition.

The number easily exceeds that of previous years.

Authors of the best secondary and primary entries from the four regions within the Riverina will receive book prizes from the Australian War Memorial.

Juan Mahony's magnificent hard cover work *The Digger's View – WWI In Colour* – is the reward for the senior students whilst the younger winners will enjoy the magnificent and locally significant picture book *Along the Road to Gundagai*, beautifully illustrated by Andrew McLean to the famous 1922 song lyrics by Jack O'Hagan.

Each student who sent in an entry will receive a commemorative signed certificate.

Winning entries from the South West Slopes feature on this page.



WE REMEMBER THEM

GALLIPOLI:

Remember the blood, remember the flesh

Remember crawling through barbed, rusty mesh

Remember the bones, remember the dead

Remember the nightmares running through your head.

Ricocheting bullets and burning hide Rotten corpses and men who died Abandoned guns and lonely souls Walls, earth and figures, torn by holes.

Barely breathing, barely alive In the trenches struggling to survive Flee for your life, be cut down by strife Stand brave and strong, the battle won't be long.

Heart pounding, pulse racing Make sure the gun is correctly facing Feel the agonising haemorrhages Adjust the bloody bandages.

Memories of home, far, far away Where the hopes and the dreams lay

Back home there, with love and care Freedom on the air, no more despair.

Running rivers and lush, green fields The ANZACs, the Riverina's shield. Friends and family, warm embraces Looks of love upon their faces.

Back to the frontline With guns that shine Enemies' eyes blazing bright Stand secure for one last fight.

Hear the screaming and the commotion Determination and devotion Smell the gunpowder choking the air See, hear and feel the tragic despair.

Hope for the best, just dream of home Keep on wishing, you're not alone.

"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 will remember them."

Courage, sacrifice, comradeship.

Lest We Forget.



Abigail Moore, 14, Year 9, West Wyalong High School, West Wyalong