



WRAAC Best Times Social Club

Greetings from the Editor.

This is the first newsletter from the Best Times Social Group.

As the Association has now folded and has been finalised with Fair Trading, please read the newsletter.

I hope this find you all well and surviving the winter.

This is only an information newsletter with any articles that members would have sent in.

In this newsletter you will find the following:

- a. Distributions of Uniforms
- b. Dates for your Diary
- c. Report on ANZAC Day

Any articles or dates of events you would like to include can be sent to the email address or the street address mentioned at the end of this newsletter.

Muriel Buckland

Distribution of Uniforms

We were lucky to be able distribute some of the Uniforms that had been cared for by Carolyn McMahon and Pam Richardson to different places:

War Veterans Village Narrabeen

Honorary Colonel Lady Cutler in pride of place in the Gallipoli building, next to Amy Taylor Room.





Karuah RSL

Margaret Black's Uniform

ANZAC Memorial Hyde Park

Recent acquisitions cabinet – WRAAC Queensland, very generously donated Major Thelma Crouch's epaulettes to complete Major Joan Scully's uniform. This is particularly appropriate as they were both in the initial WRAAC CMF intake in 1953 and went on to command 1 WRAAC Coy and 2 WRAAC Coy respectively.



ANZAC DAY 2024

Report by Rosana Taylor



What a glorious day it turned out to be. We could not have asked for better weather.

WRAAC members assembled in Phillip Street, Sydney in which included a decent number in attendance.

We were joined by 202 Army Cadets from Blacktown. They were very generous and really enjoyed being involved, this also includes

their leader. There was a gentleman who was assisting as well. He informed me that his daughter was one of the cadets as well as him being currently a serving member of the Australian Armed Forces. I do not know if he is ARA or ARES. Although he was there to support his daughter, he also assisted in putting the WRAAC Banner up as well helped after the end of the march. President Gai Hutchison led the march. Thank you, Gai, and all those that assisted you before and after the march.

I was out of step for most of the marching time, and at one stage I was actually swaying due to old age and not that of being drunk! I cannot speak for anyone else but I missed Carolyn McMahon's guidance. I was next to Pam Richardson and kept leaning towards her. Sorry Pam.

The crowd were very enthusiastic even the female police officers were very encouraging, and a young father was heard saying "well done girls" and gave us the thumbs up. Jane Williamson injured her right ankle due to a hole in the ground. Hope she recovered well.

We then walked over to Canopy Café for lunch, where we caught up with other

WRAAC members who were unable to march. Also joining us for lunch were Anna Hutchison, Katherine Brooks and Belinda Gong. I apologise if I have overlooked anyone. At the Canopy there were plenty of staff to wait on us.



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Anna gave all of us a bag containing two small ANZAC biscuits. I do not normally eat these biscuits. However, on my home whilst on the train, I opened the bag and decided to test one. The biscuit was morish and upon arriving home I made a cuppa and ate the other one. Thank you, Anna for the lovely gesture. Very much appreciated.

It was a fantastic day. To those who attended irrespective whether they marched or not, thank you for your friendship. It was good seeing you all. To those who were unable to join us, I wish you well in the future. Let's hope that someday we will meet again in the future.

God bless you all.



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Bardia Reunion

Did you attend Bardia Barracks, on courses, recruit courses or as staff.

I am organising another reunion. This is open to partners as well.

The Reunion is at the Ingleburn RSL, on the 7th September, 2024.

Please email Betty Layt onbardiareunion2024@gmail.com

for more information.

Visit to North Head

Date: Sunday 22 September 2024

Plan: 11.00 a.m. Meet outside Manly Wharf

11.11 a.m. Catch Bus 161 to North Head

New whale sculpture has unexpected whale sound and vibrations!!

Various memorials to view and an amazing outlook along

the coast and down the harbour.

12.30p.m. Lunch at North

Optional tour of North Fort Museum and tunnels need to be booked.

Please advise interest to Gai or Jenny.

WRAAF Lunch on Saturday 12 October

Please contact Margaret Wells (02) 4758 7153 as soon as possible to book in.