

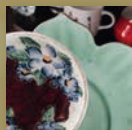
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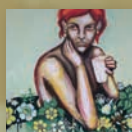
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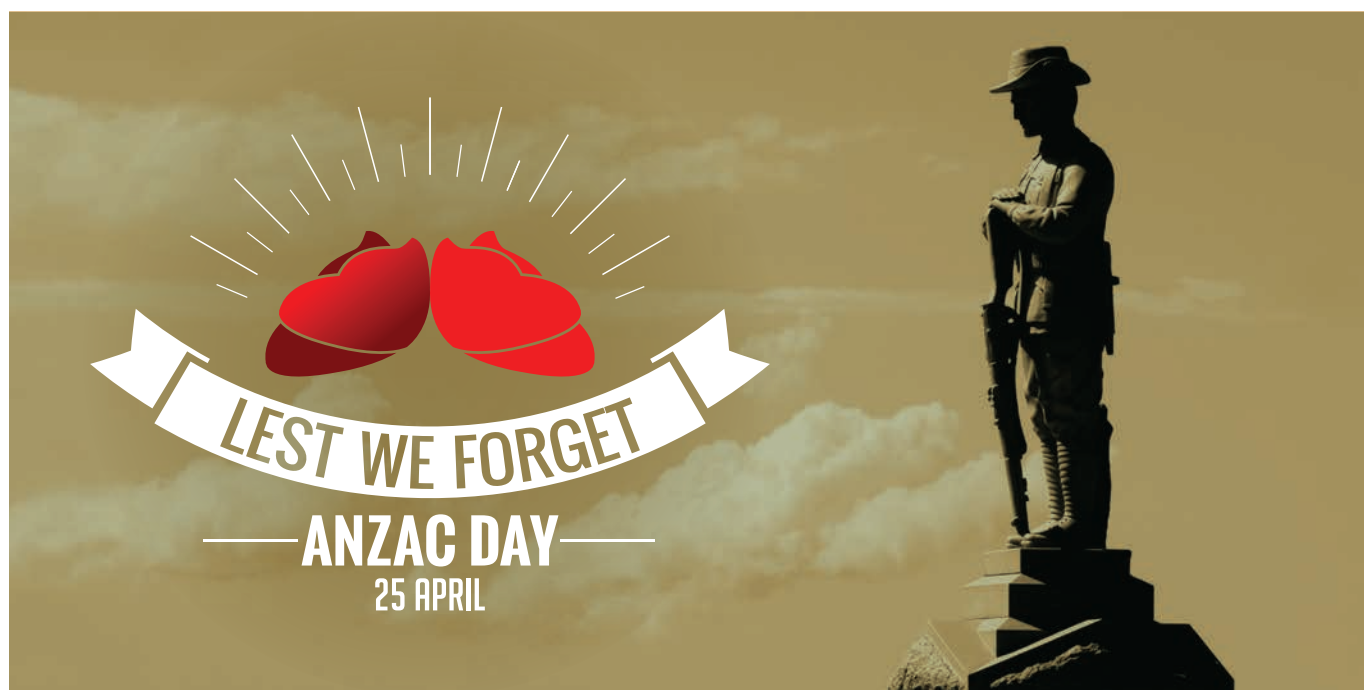
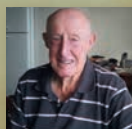
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current exhibitions



meet a local



We honour the men and women who served our nation

ANZAC Day goes beyond the anniversary of the landing on Gallipoli in 1915. It is the day on which we remember Australians who served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations. The spirit of ANZAC, with its human qualities of courage, mateship, and sacrifice, continues to have meaning and relevance for our sense of national identity.

See page 4 and 5 for details on commemoration services in Ballina and Alstonville.

Ballina RSL Memorial Park works

The Cenotaph in the Ballina RSL Memorial Park has been relocated to allow for a more functional area within the reserve for commemoration ceremonies, and in time for the ANZAC Day centenary in 2015. The works also involve some landscaping which open up views to the Richmond River.

The project is a partnership with the Ballina RSL Sub Branch, a number of suppliers and contractors from the region and Ballina Shire Council.





Let us not forget

— ANZAC DAY — COMMEMORATION SERVICES

Saturday 25 April 2015

BALLINA RSL SUB-BRANCH

5:30AM DAWN SERVICE

RSL Memorial Park Cenotaph in Grant Street

6:30AM BREAKFAST AT BALLINA RSL CLUB

Breakfast available to general public in the Boardwalk Restaurant

Breakfast for Ballina RSL Sub-Branch members and partners, ex-service and serving personnel in the Spinnakers Restaurant

9.00AM BUSES DEPART

from Ballina RSL Club for Pilgrimage to the Cemetery

9:15AM COMMEMORATION SERVICE

Grandview Street, East Ballina Cemetery

10.15AM MARCH ASSEMBLY

River Street between Woolworths and Court House

10:30AM ANZAC DAY MARCH

to RSL Memorial Park, Grant Street

10:55AM ANZAC DAY SERVICE OF COMMEMORATION

RSL Memorial Park

12:00PM LUNCH AT BALLINA RSL CLUB

Lunch available to general public in the Boardwalk Restaurant

Lunch for Ballina RSL Sub-Branch members, ex-service and serving personnel in Spinnakers Restaurant

2.00PM TWO UP

Ballina RSL Club

2:00PM ANZAC SERVICE

St Andrew's Nursing Home, Bentinck Street

ALSTONVILLE RSL SUB-BRANCH

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5.20AM ASSEMBLE FOR DAWN SERVICE

Elizabeth Ann Brown Park

5.30AM DAWN SERVICE

9.20AM MARCH ASSEMBLY AND WREATH LAYING

Paddy Bugden VC Memorial

9.30 ANZAC DAY MARCH

to Elizabeth Ann Brown Park

10AM ANZAC DAY SERVICE OF COMMEMORATION

Elizabeth Ann Brown Park

Monthly Commemoration Services to honour and remember

The Alstonville RSL Sub-Branch will hold special commemorations to honour an individual or an event from World War I as part of their monthly meetings.

All members of the public are warmly welcomed to attend the monthly commemorations which commence at 9.00am on the 2nd Saturday of each month at the Alstonville RSL Sub Branch Hall, 13 Bugden Avenue, Alstonville.

For further enquiries please contact Graham Gooding, Alstonville RSL Sub Branch President, on telephone 6628 1747.



RSL MEMORABILIA

Local and national historical records and photos...

The Alstonville and Ballina RSL Sub-Branches are the custodians of many historical artefacts, medals, records, replicas and photos relating to military campaigns and peacekeeping operations. The local collections allow the community to better understand the hardships experienced during wartime activities.

School groups or individuals wanting to discover more about our local and national war history can do so by contacting:

Graham Gooding, President, Alstonville RSL Sub Branch, Ph 6628 1747.

Noel McCallum, Curator, Ballina RSL Museum, Ph 6686 0133.

Note: the Ballina RSL Museum is always open during the trading hours of the Ballina RSL. Larger groups and guided tours can be arranged by contacting Noel McCallum on telephone 6686 0133.

Ballina Maritime Museum

Another local resource or wartime memorabilia is the Ballina Naval and Maritime Museum. The Museum collects, preserves and presents the rich maritime heritage of Ballina and our naval wartime history. Located on Regatta Avenue, behind the Ballina Visitor Information Centre and Ballina Library, the Museum is open 7 days from 9am to 4pm.

Ph: 6681 1022 or visit ballinamaritimemuseum.org.au



A COMMUNITY AT WAR...

Wartime stories from Ballina Shire

A Community at War



Wartime stories from Ballina Shire

A Community at War chronicles a sample of wartime stories from the Ballina Shire. Its publication marks the beginning of the centenary of WWI but it also includes WWII experiences and stories of local men who went to war. It also considers the impact of war on the home front, felt by local families and communities.

A Community at War was produced by Ballina Shire Council in 2014 and prepared with the valued assistance of various families, and community organisations.

Copies can be purchased for \$20 from Ballina Shire Council, the Ballina Visitor Information Centre or the Northern Rivers Community Gallery.

100 YEARS OF ANZAC

THE SPIRIT LIVES 2014 - 2018

For further information and interactive educational resources on the ANZAC Centenary visit anzacportal.dva.gov.au

ANZAC Day Badges

Support RSL Welfare Programs...

Alstonville Sub-Branch will be selling badges from 21 to 24 April in the Alstonville Plaza.

Ballina Sub-Branch will be selling badges from 17 to 24 April in Ballina Fair.

Badges will also be available on ANZAC Day.

Fifty-percent of proceeds go to local welfare programs with the remainder going to the RSL's national programs.

WE WANT YOU

We want to photograph WWII servicemen and women for the national archives.

Accredited professional photographers nationwide are donating their time and talent to create portraits which commemorate the 75th anniversary of WWII, honouring our heroes and 100 years of the ANZAC tradition. Veterans will receive a printed portrait photograph, free of charge, for their participation.

Register online for more info and to schedule a photo shoot from April 2015.

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ACCREDITED
PROFESSIONAL
PHOTOGRAPHER

Reflections
Honouring our WWII Veterans

Register online at
aippveterans.com

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*They shall grow not 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.
Lest we forget*