



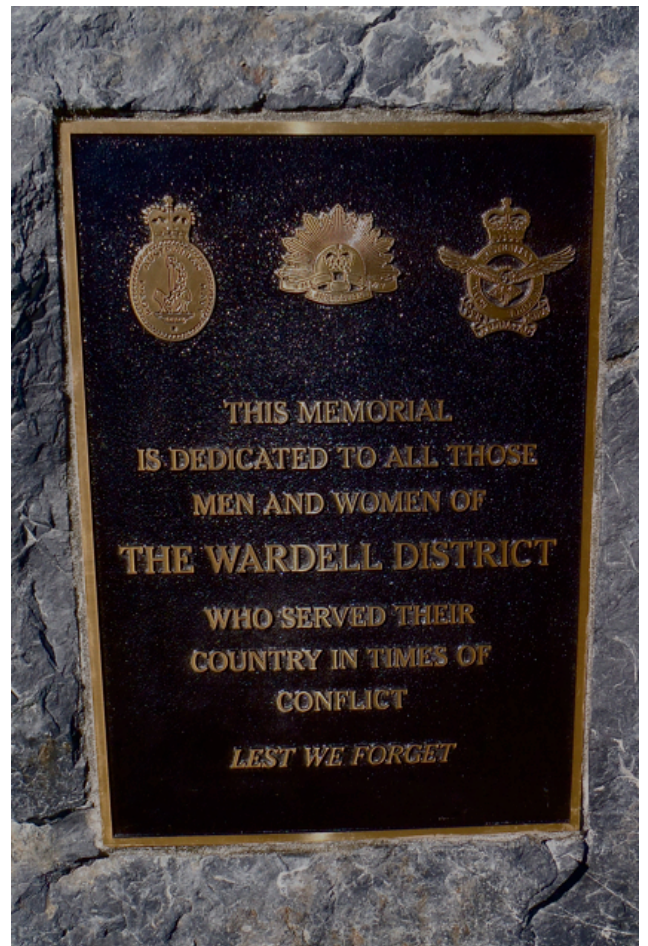
DEDICATION SERVICE

WARDELL MEMORIAL PLAQUE

RICHMOND STREET WARDELL

Friday May 29 2015

9:30 am



MC : Mr Ray Collyer AFSM

Welcome to assembled guests and members of the public

- Children of Cabbage Tree Island Public School to conduct Welcome to Country

MC: PROLOGUE:

We are assembled here today to dedicate this memorial and unveil the Honour Board in the Memorial Hall, to the sons and daughters of Wardell and district who came forward without question, accepted gladly and discharged fully their responsibilities during World War 1, World War 2, Korea, Malaya, Borneo, Vietnam, and later operations in the Gulf, Rwanda, Somalia, Iraq, Timor and Afghanistan, as well as the many other peacekeeping operations.

On this memorial we remember the sacrifice of such men and women for an ideal, for a way of life. Let us take strength in the knowledge and hope that our sons and daughters will never forget the example set by their forefathers. In our everyday life let us endeavour to carry on those traditions established in past wars and conflicts at such tragic cost.

We think of every man, woman and child who, in those crucial years, died so that the lights of freedom and humanity might continue to shine. We nurture too the obligation of showing gratitude for the peace we enjoy and the responsibility of ensuring that the freedom and liberty so dearly won, is not lost by our own indifference.

So let us mourn with pride, but let us also remember with equal pride, those who served and still live.

“See you hold fast the heritage we leave you. Teach your children that never in the coming centuries may their hearts fail or their hands grow weak.”

*God of our fathers, known of old—
Lord of our far-flung battle line—
Beneath whose awful hand we hold
Dominion over palm and pine—
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget—lest we forget!*

*The tumult and the shouting dies—
The Captains and the Kings depart—
Still stands Thine ancient sacrifice,
An humble and a contrite heart.
Lord God of Hosts, is with us yet,
Lest we forget—lest we forget!*

- **THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING: REV GRAEME DAVIS CSM**

We thank You, O Heavenly Father, for the efforts being made by the Nations of the World in seeking peace and happier relations with each other. We praise you for the spirit in men and women which made them scorn the way of safety and venture all for the common cause of Freedom and Right for all great and nobles acts known and unknown, which we believe by the mercy of God will bring about the final conquest of the forces of evil which threaten the peace and security of the world. **Amen**

- **THE PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE: MR PAT CARNEY**

Today we remember with thanksgiving those who made the supreme sacrifice for us in time of war. We pray that the offering of their lives may not have been in vain. Today we dedicate ourselves to the cause of justice, freedom and peace; and for the wisdom and strength to build a better world.

- **Mr Mike Rushby to present History of Wardell and District citizens who served during times of conflict.**

THE ACT OF DEDICATION: Rev GRAEME DAVIS. CSM

May this memorial be a reminder to all of the sacrifice made by all men and women who laid down their lives in service to their countries, and in the cause of justice, peace and freedom.

May it serve as a symbol of our duty to our countries, our leaders and those whom we serve.

May this memorial inspire in all, service above self, and a commitment to those same ideas of justice, peace and freedom.

So now let us dedicate this Memorial to the memory of those who died for their country and whose names are recorded here.

For those whom we knew, for those whose memory we treasure and who lived and died in the service of their country.

THE EXHORTATION: Rev GRAEME DAVIS CSM

As we remember in silence before God those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, let us commend their souls anew to God's eternal mercy and compassion, and let us pray that God would grant us grace to serve faithfully until our life's end, to the honour and glory of God's Holy Name.

The Unveiling: Federal Member for Page Hon KEVIN HOGAN

- * Empire Vale Public School Song

- * Wreath Laying : Members present invited to lay wreaths

Bugle to sound Last Post:

National Flag to be lowered to half mast during sounding of Last Post.

One minute Silence

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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.*

Bugle to sound Rouse

National Flag to be raised to Full Mast and remain.

The Blessing: Rev Graeme Davis CSM

GO forth into the world in peace.

Be of good courage, hold fast that which is good, render to no man evil for evil.

Strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, help the afflicted.

Honour all men, love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

NATIONAL ANTHEM:

Advance Australia Fair : Wardell Public school students

*Australians all let us rejoice,
For we are young and free.
We've golden soil and wealth for toil;
Our home is girt by sea.
Our land abounds in nature's gifts
Of beauty rich and rare;
In history's page, let every stage
Advance Australia Fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing,
Advance Australia Fair.*

And the Blessing of God Almighty,
Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit
be upon you, and remain with you for ever.

PARADE DISMISS:

Thanks to all attendees and Special Guests.

Guests are invited into the Memorial Hall to participate in the unveiling of the Honour Board by the Hon Kevin Hogan, Federal member for Page. The board commemorates the volunteers from Wardell and surrounding villages who served their country during World War 1.

Following the unveiling, Morning Tea will be provided by Ladies of Wardell Red Cross.