

Anzac heroes remembered

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WAUCHOPE residents have again shown their collective appreciation and understanding of the significance of Anzac Day.

Despite scattering rains prior to and a heavy downpour immediately after there was another fabulous attendance at the Anzac Day commemoration service in Wauchope on Friday.

The dawn service also attracted around 140 people to the cenotaph despite the rainy conditions.

The Anzac Day oration was provided by Father Paul Gooley with the RSL sub-branch president, Alex Hamilton, reading the prologue.

In his speech Father Gooley spoke from a description of the battle field of 1916 from Father William Doyle.

"William was awarded the military cross in January, 1917 though many believed that he deserved the Victoria Cross for his bravery under fire," Father Gooley said.

"He had a number of close calls before he was killed by a shell along with three officers. He was recommended for the DSO and the VC but they were never awarded.

"His care and concern for his men shines all through his letters and diaries. That care and concern was also extended to the enemy.

"On this day I remember this priest and his experiences that I have just shared with you and I remember all the other priests and ministers of other denominations who went with our forces in order to care for them spiritually and care for them in many other ways.

"I remember them on this day because for me this is what Anzac Day is all about - remembering.

"It is about remembering all those who have given their lives in defence of this, our country. It's about remembering those who fought and died that we might have security and peace, that we might walk in freedom and live in justice.

"For me Anzac Day is about remembering all those men and women who live in suffering and pain in our hospitals as a result of their generosity in protecting our country.

"For me Anzac Day is about remembering those men and women whose spirits were crushed and minds deranged by the horrors and suffering through which they passed and saw others pass.

"For me Anzac Day is about remembering all those who we fought against, those dead and those still living who may now be a part of our country and those who still live over the waters and, as I remember, I pray that we may have a spirit of peace and forgiveness in our hearts.

"For me Anzac Day is also about remembering all those who are currently serving in our defence forces and find themselves on missions in many a foreign country.

"And just as importantly, for me Anzac Day is a day for remembering each of you who have marched this morning. Anzac day is a day to thank you for all that you have done for our community and our country."

Father Gooley said the very spirit of Anzac past, present and future is summed up in the cry heard today - "lest we forget".



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By David Wilson

WILSON has been a member of the Anzac Day Committee for many years and has been involved in the organisation of the day's events.

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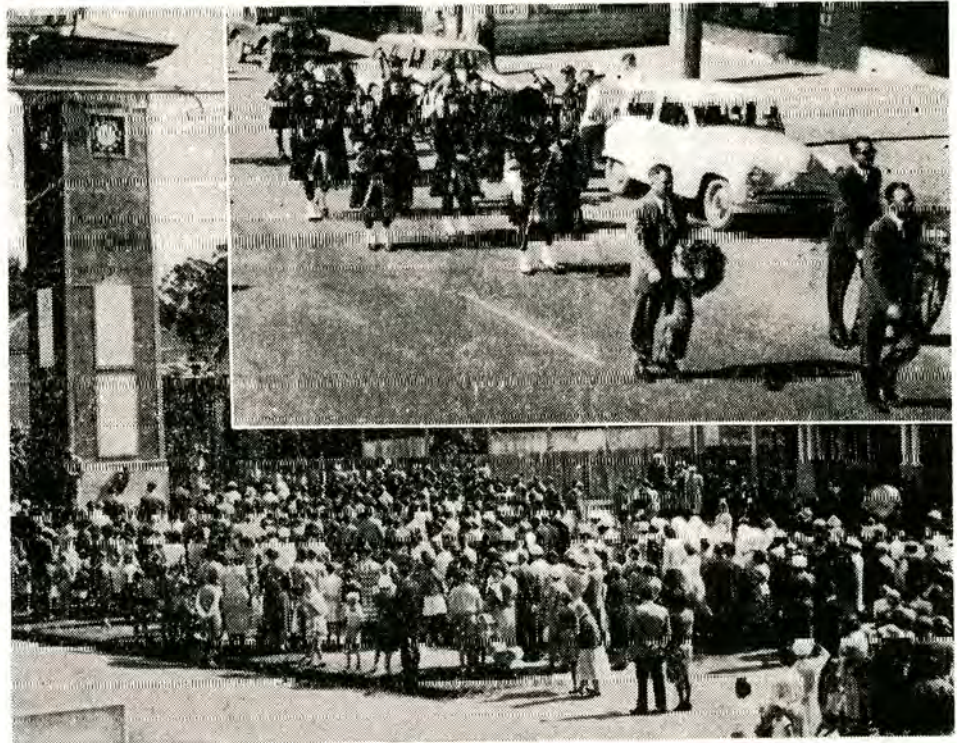


MESSAGE OF ANZAC

The Gift of Courage

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In a stirring commemorative address on the meaning of Anzac, Major S. C. F. North, 2IC of the Macquarie Regiment, said that it was the Gift of Courage that won Australian soldiers the respect of the world . . . they adopted the outlook that "life was dear, but it was not worth living unless they could be true to their ideal of Australian manhood."



PORTION of the crowd which gathered in front of the Memorial Clock Tower for the 11 o'clock service. In the composite picture above the leaders of the march are shown: they are Mr. John Graham (front), Mr. W. Walmsley (left) and Mr. C. Griffith (right). Mr. Graham carries the Wauchope Sub-Branch Wreath of Remembrance; Mr. Walmsley's token is from the R.S.L. Club, while Mr. Griffith's represents Legacy. The leaders are followed by the Kempsey Pipe Band. A feature of the procession was the inclusion of 12 Ex-Servicewomen. (Photographs by Lloyd Rogers)



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Long ride into a war career

By BARRY JENNINGS

RIDING a pushbike 119 miles to have his father sign papers so he could enlist is how Alex Robinson of Wauchope remembers the start of his war service. He enlisted in the AIF and during the war had three overseas trips - to the Middle East, New Guinea and Borneo. Mr Robinson is delighted that in recent years the number of young people supporting Anzac Day ceremonies has been constantly increasing. For him at 82 years of age, the day is one of nostalgia and pride, remembering those with whom he served and the sacrifice many of them made for their country. Mr Robinson is a life member of the Wauchope Sub-branch and was secretary manager of the Wauchope RSL Club for 28 years. He came to Wauchope in 1949. The original little club was built about 1953, and received its licence in 1955. Mr Robinson recalls being congratulated



□ Alex Robinson

when the club made 1000 pounds in 1955. He became secretary manager about 1958 and at that time he was the club's only employee - and he had to do everything. He retired about 20 years ago. His first Anzac Day in Wauchope was 1949. The only Anzac Day he has missed in Wauchope was 1984 when he was in Queensland on a fishing trip.

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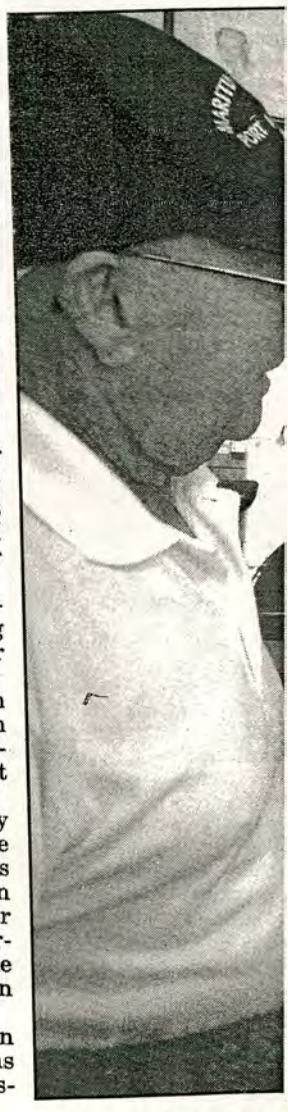
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Quote of the day "

60 years War II ca Japanese

By BARRY JENNINGS

THE Second World War came to Port Macquarie's doorstep 60 years ago tomorrow when a Japanese submarine torpedoed a cargo ship, killing 32 people. It was April 29, 1943, when a bitter twist of irony took the North Coast Steam Navigation steamer Wollongbar II off her usual course in the search of survivors from the SS Limerick, reported sunk the previous day. During peacetime the Wollongbar traded mainly between Byron Bay and Sydney and had accommodation for about 150 passengers. But a high number of reported sightings of enemy submarines off the east coast meant the Wollongbar II could no long carry her human cargo. So in April 1943, she carried a crew of 37 men along with 18,000 cases of butter and a cargo of bacon. Her large refrigeration space kept her constantly in demand, transporting perishable goods along the east coast. Because of the delay searching for survivors of the Union Steamship Company's SS Limerick, Captain Benson took the Wollongbar further out to sea than normal to take advantage of the southerly current on the run to Sydney. By mid-morning on Thursday, April 29 she was six nautical miles off Crescent Head. At 10.15am crew members saw the conning tower of a submarine disappearing below the surface about 100m away. They also saw the white streaking wake of a torpedo bouncing on an erratic path, jumping and wobbling on its way toward the ship. Almost immediately a second torpedo struck the vessel and blew the Wollongbar II to pieces. In seconds, the skipper and



□ All that remains: M

31 of his crew were trapped inside the s drowned. Within two minutes attack, little more than wrecked wreckage and t men remained. Ashore, the picture very different. Port Macquarie peaceful fishing villa a flower show in full s



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● ANZAC DAY MESSAGE ... WHAT IS SERVICE?

The emphasis was on "service" at the 11 o'clock Anzac Commemoration held in Wauchope yesterday. Guest speaker was the Rev. Trevor Austin following the traditional March and the laying of wreaths at the Memorial Clock Tower.

This year the Memorial carries and additional plaque set on the northern facade: "In memory of the fallen and those who served in Malaya 1948-1960, Korea 1950-1954, Borneo 1962-1966, Vietnam 1966-1971."

The southern aspect refers to service at Gallipoli, the western to France and Belgium, the eastern to Egypt and Mesopotamia during World War I, 1914-1918.

Also attached to the eastern side is a tablet to the memory of all who paid the supreme sacrifice in World War 2, 1939-1945.

In opening his address Rev. Austin referred to a quotation from the Book of Exodus: "What do you mean by this service?"

"The question, of course, has nothing to do with our Anzac Remembrance service as such, but I believe it

can be applied to this day," Rev. Austin said.

The question had been spoken at a time of great importance in the life of the People of Israel — they were to be given the opportunity to enter into a new land, into a new experience and new freedom — but before this was going to be possible there was an ordeal through which they had to pass.

The occasion was such an important one that they were asked to commemorate the event year by year forever.

It became known as "The Passover" which the people of Israel celebrated as they prepared to leave Egypt.

The event was so important it was never to be forgotten and year by year they were to remember so that future generations would ever have imprinted on their memory God's goodness and blessings.

Rev. Austin said there may be some passing by who, on seeing Wauchope people assembled on Anzac Day, might ask the same simple question: "What do you mean by this service?"

There would be some present who were not born 65 years ago when the 1st World War began, or 40 years ago when World War 2 began, or even know anything about Korea, Malaya or Vietnam.

"My mind goes back," Rev. Austin said, "to my own boyhood and going to the park near where I lived on Anzac Day, hearing the bugle play, seeing soldiers march — and wondering what it was all about, being completely mystified because it wasn't relevant to me then or to my own daily activities."

"And today, too, there will be some who have a similar attitude and ask 'What do you mean by this service?'"

"We meet this morning as people will be meeting in many parts of this great Commonwealth of Australia and beyond, to lift up our hearts in glad and simple thanksgiving to God for an act which we regard as a merciful deliverance."

"History informs us of the progress of both World Wars 1 and 2, of the conflicts in Korea, Malaya, Vietnam as well as elsewhere."

"All war brings suffering, sorrow, devastation and death."

"Today, for a moment, let us dwell on World War 2, the devastation, the darkness it brought upon the free world, when nation after nation seemed to capitulate and collapse."

"With the fall of France there seemed to be only England standing as a bastion for the free world, and she also seemed to be upon the brink of collapse — and then the climb back to the road that led to victory."

"In each War there was a heavy cost and we remember with appreciation and thanksgiving those who in these conflicts gave their lives in the cause of Truth and Freedom as well as the many who endured suffering and who continue to suffer today because of their service in the various conflicts."

"What do you mean by this service?"

Rev. Austin said it was remembering specifically ANZAC, the word that came into being in the 1914-18 War in acknowledgement of the Australian and New Zealand men who paid the supreme sacrifice.

It has become customary in the Commonwealth and beyond to remember that occasion on each 25th April — Anzac Day — when there is an opportunity to remember with deep appreciation and with humble thankfulness those whose self-giving made our self-living a continuing possibility.

Rev. Austin said he didn't think anyone attended Anzac commemoration services with the idea of glorifying war.

"It is difficult for anyone not personally involved in battles to have appreciation of the selfless devotion and service of those who counted their lives not dear to themselves," Rev. Austin said.

During the Battle for Britain, Churchill wrote those immortal words in reference to the Airman and their crews: "Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few."

Those words, Rev. Austin said, could be applied to all who went to fight for freedom — those still with us and those who have gone before.

He asked for remembrance of the fallen remembrance of those still with us, and the need to build for the future.

"Winning the war is one thing, but keeping the peace is the task that is given to all jointly," Rev. Austin emphasised.

In peace there must be selflessness, discipline, and dedication — believing in a purpose and being prepared to seek a vision and a goal.

A verse from God's Word says: "That Jesus who for the joy that was set before Him endured the Cross, despising the Shame, and is set down at the right hand of God."

"He is there," Rev. Austin said, "that you and I might find that ultimate peace that comes from the promise of forgiveness sin and the admission to a New Life through a Living Faith in a Living Lord."

"It is to His care and love that we commend those who are in need today."

"The challenge to all is a fresh dedication of love, care and concern for others, and to Him Who came that we might have Life and that we might have it more abundantly."

ANZAC SERVICE AT ELLENBOROUGH

In brilliant sunshine, on Sunday 22nd April, 1979, the Anzac Memorial Service was held at Ellenborough. Each year this takes place on the Sunday before Anzac Day, so that those who wish, can take part in the Anzac Day celebrations at Wauchope.

The President of the Upper Hastings Sub-Branch of the RSL was in charge of proceedings. Mr. Laurie Steep welcomed all those who had come from near and far to take part in the Remembrance.

Ex-servicemen from Wauchope helped to swell the ranks, accompanied by their wives and friends. With almost every family from Ellenborough this made the gathering one of the largest for some years.

Rev. Main from the Uniting Church was there while Rev. H. Olsen of the Continuing Presbyterians gave the address.

Speaking firstly to the young folk of the gathering, he told them of how the word ANZAC came into being and a brief outline of the 1914-18 World War.

These young ones will be the people of the future and Rev. Olsen spoke of a passage from the Bible, of the hope "When Wars shall be no more. When the weapons will be beaten into plowshares and the spears

into reaping hooks."

After the usual laying of the wreaths the people entered the hall, where the service was held. Accompanied by Mrs. Coral Henry on the piano, the usual Anzac hymns were sung. Returning again into the sunshine the gathering stood with heads bowed as the heart-moving strains of "The Last Post" cut the silence of this peaceful place. They seemed to echo against the everlasting hills, as we remembered all those who gave their young lives for Peace and Liberty.

The Ode then was spoken by Mr. Steep, followed then by the Bugles sounding "Reveille".

A generous collection was taken up and Mr. Steep announced that after a small amount was used for the children's sports in the afternoon the balance would go into a fund which is being raised to help one of their Sub-Branch members who has met with tragic misfortune recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Kellaway of Birdwood lost their

home and possessions in a fire. The comradeship of these returned men still stands and on Saturday night, the 11th May, there will be a Dance and Euchre Party in the Ellenborough Hall with all proceeds going to Mr. and Mrs. Kellaway.

Mr. Kellaway was a member of the British Army who took part in Dunkirk and battles in Europe, so in a strange land they are really in need of kindness and help. Mr. Kellaway is well known in the Birdwood area, being the driver of one of Parsons buses between Yarras and Birdwood.

Then in true country friendship style, everyone joined in a delicious picnic luncheon. Roast chicken and sponge cakes seemed to be everywhere and the hottest cups of tea to ever come out of a teapot — and a big one at that.

Then followed an afternoon of sports for the children. It was such a warm autumn day, I'm sure old and young alike enjoyed themselves.

Ellenborough is but a small village, set in beautiful surroundings, and perhaps this would be one of their "big days". Made up of good kind country folk it was a pleasure to join with them in saying "Lest We Forget".

— Winifred Godfrey.

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Digger Joe Andrews, at the luncheon, on Wednesday offered the "Toast of Anzac," the reply being in the hands of Digger Zac Fowler, pictured below between Digger "Bill" Campbell (right) of Wauchope and Digger Joe Eford (left) of Telegraph Point. Zac, a Gallipoli veteran, was the only Digger from World War I present at Wauchope's 65th commemoration of Anzac.



FOR SERVICE...



Following yesterday's official Anzac commemoration — which included wreath-laying at the Memorial Clock Tower during the Dawn and 11 o'clock services and also at a 9 a.m. ceremony at the War Graves in Wauchope Cemetery — ex-servicemen and guests gathered for the traditional luncheon provided by members of the Wauchope R.S.L. Ladies Auxiliary at the R.S.L. Club when the principal toast — to Anzac — was offered by Digger Joe Andrews, the response being in the hands of Gallipoli Veteran Zac Fowler. A special occasion during the luncheon was the presentation of R.S.L. Women's Auxiliary Life Membership badges to Glad Robinson and Vida Hollis, this duty being carried out by North Coast Women's Auxiliary Councillor, Heather Scrivener. Pictured are Mrs. Hollis and Mrs. Robinson with husband Alex, Mrs. Hollis is wearing a medallion (now converted to a pendant) presented in 1919 to her husband, the late Dan Hollis, by the people of Beechwood following his return from World War I. Alex and Glad join Ray and Joan Bain as Wauchope's only two husband-wife Life Members of the R.S.L. and R.S.L. Women's Auxiliary.



● ANOTHER DAWN ... HONOURS AUSTRALIA'S NATIONAL DAY

Strictly at 5.30 a.m. yesterday ex-servicemen set out on their march to Wauchope's Memorial Clock Tower for the sixty-fourth Dawn commemoration of the Landing at Gallipoli — 25th April 1915, credited as the day Australia reached Nationhood.

The steady tread of the marchers was accompanied by the Wauchope Pipe Band and a C.M.F. Catafalque Party guarded the Cenotaph during the ceremony at which the oration was offered by Mr. Stan Harris.

"I don't think it matters so much who gives the address on Anzac Day, but it surely is important that it be given," Mr. Harris said.

It was now 64 years since the foundation of Anzac Day in 1915, and most that could have been said had already been said.

Mr. Harris felt he had been charged with the responsibility of producing something new — but there was nothing new to add to the known history that the men of Gallipoli created a gallantry, courage, and dedication in battle that had been an example to all Australians from that time forward.

"The sacrifice those men made so that we may enjoy freedom and peace is the basis on which Anzac Day was built and so has become our National Day of Remembrance," Mr. Harris added.

Initially, all servicemen when offering themselves to their country, made the same offer — that of their very life if need be, in a cause they believed to be just, and for their country and its people.

It was regrettable that as time passed the significance of this offer had not continued to be understood, and there were those who attempted to denigrate ex-servicemen in such terms as "RSL leaders are sabre-rattlers and warmongers" — "Anzac Day the one day of the year" — and so on.

"Whilst they rubbish the living soldier, are they not also denigrating those whose original same offer has been accepted in full — those who we honour and mourn today?" Mr. Harris asked.

The speaker said he had once shared an office with a soldier of the Royal Australian Corps of Signals who had escaped from Crete; they had discussed many philosophies of war but the one that held a place on both their desks since 1946 was:

"It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbled or where the doer of deeds could have done better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the

arena, whose face is marked by dust and sweat and blood, who strives valiantly, who errs and comes short again and again, who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at least knows in the end, the triumph of great achievement; and who at the worst, if he fails at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat".

Mr. Harris said that soldiers don't promote wars or like wars, rather do they hate war — they don't fight a war today to have another one tomorrow — the end point to war is peace so that freedom and happiness may be enjoyed by the soldier's country and its people.

The wars of this century have been promoted by extremists and idealists who have sought to impose their ideals on other peoples by force — such men as the Kaiser and Hitler with ideals of the supreme German race, and more recently Korean and Hanoi idealists endeavouring to impose their political ideals on their neighbours by force.

In all these conflicts our soldiers have fought and offered their lives so that the racial, economic, or political ideals of other people cannot be forced upon us and that peace and freedom may prevail.

"This, I believe," said Mr. Harris, "is the Spirit of Anzac, and the men that uphold that Spirit will never allow any political, radical or academic organisation to kill off Anzac Day and what it stands for."

Mr. Harris referred to his boyhood guidance by a high ranking war nurse and a Gallipoli veteran. The lady today would be 91 and no doubt attending the Anzac Day service at Gloucester Cenotaph.

"Because of war injuries, the gentleman I

mentioned has passed on, and because of my strong belief in eternity I would like to think that at this very moment he is standing right here beside me.

"If you believe in eternity, as I believe you do, would you not also like to be thinking and believing that all those mates and comrades whose original offers I spoke of earlier, has been accepted in full, are standing beside you in your ranks today or beside those of their loved ones?"

Mr. Harris said there has been much speculation recently in the press and on TV about the future of soldiers' or-

ganisations: "their numbers are becoming less," "ten years will see the majority of us dead" and so on.

Should these organisations fade into oblivion, then those servicemen from their places in eternity would derive great satisfaction from the knowledge that there had been no wars to provide ex-servicemen to carry on these organisations, and that their original principles and desires for peace and freedom had been achieved, and that their offers and efforts had not been in vain.

"May the Spirit of Anzac" that we have known for the past 64 years continue to be an example to our nation, and may that same spirit be carried forward and transmitted from generation to generation," Mr. Harris concluded.

The Anzac Day orations this year were in the hands of Rev. Trevor Austin, Anglican Rector at Wauchope for the past 13 years, and Mr. Stan Harris, Chairman of the Hastings Co-operative Limited.

Yesterday's Anzac March prior to the 11 a.m. commemoration service was led by Digger Toge Mudford, Wauchope R.S.L. Sub-branch President and Digger Allan Cant, Wauchope R.S.L. Club President. It was preceded by the Pipe Band and as well as ex-servicemen and women included junior contingents of Scouts, Guides, Brownies and Sunbeams.



On Tuesday afternoon Wauchope Primary School conducted a Service to commemorate Anzac Day. Official guests were Mr. Toge Mudford (representing Returned Servicemen), Lt. Keith Hampton (Salvation Army) and Rev. Trevor Austin (Anglican Church) who delivered the address to the children. Following the service a wreath (which was made by the 6th grade pupils under the supervision of their teacher Miss Kay Draper) was placed on the War Memorial by students Helen Boaden and Michael Gillis.



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