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# Newsletter

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### EDITORIAL \*\* *Gary Roser, Editor*

With all of the problems that the RSLNSW are experiencing a number of questions have been asked by Bondi. Here are some:

1. Who is currently in charge of the RSL?
2. Who are them members of the caretaker Management team & how were they selected?
3. When & how were the three acting State Councillors, Boughton, Flatters & Salmon appointed to the State Council?
4. What is the employment status of the RSL CEO/State Secretary and what are your intentions regarding the returning officer position in the congressional election currently underway RSL NSW CEO and whether he remains the returning officer in the congressional election?
5. What is the status of the RSL Lifecare payments scandal and the alleged misuse of charity funds within RSL NSW?
6. Will you commit to release the Korda Mentha investigation and the Ernst & Young audit reports to the members immediately?
7. How many motions have been received by State Branch calling for an extraordinary State

<b>Sub-Branch Meetings</b>	
<u>Committee</u> <b>Mondays 5.30pm</b>	<u>Sub-Branch</u> <b>Sundays 10:30am</b>
20 <sup>th</sup> March	26 <sup>th</sup> March
Harbour Cruise 6 <sup>th</sup> April - 8:30am	
Tue, 18 <sup>th</sup> April	No Meeting
ANZAC Luncheon 23 <sup>rd</sup> April—11:30 for 12:00	
ANZAC Dawn Service 25 <sup>th</sup> April - 5.30am	
15 <sup>th</sup> May	28 <sup>th</sup> May

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Hi Members

Welcome to a new year with a new committee or should I say the old committee with one change.

As you know Gary stepped down as Secretary and Lee-Ann took on the role. Lee-Ann has been an RSL secretary some time ago and things have changed a bit, so give her a chance to sort herself out.



As I said when I accepted the Presidency again, that I will miss the odd meeting as I will be doing a bit of travelling around the country.

After our Annual General Meeting, Gary and I took all the returns into State Branch and we have now received our clearance for another year. This means we can attend State Congress and vote in the Elections for State Councillors. Though I am not sure why we would want to, considering what has happened over the last several months.

I have also taken back on the position of Secretary of the District Council under the same conditions as President of Bass Hill. Our District Council is at last doing some good and many a lively debate takes place and some useful motions being sent into State Branch. Gary, in his editorial, has outlined just a few examples.

On Australia Day In Kennedy and I attended the Canterbury-Bankstown Council Australia Day Awards. Some so-and-so nominated me for a Volunteer of the Year Award and when I catch him alone, I will do some damage. Even though I did not win the award, I am thankful that someone thought I was worthy of it and put my name forward.

A number of the Committee went to the TET Festival at Fairfield Showground on 4th February. A great evening and we were made very welcome. Of course, the highlight was witnessing the Higher School Certificate, high achievers being presented with an award.

Since our AGM, very little has happened RSL wise except for the usual admin work. It sometimes seems never-ending.

Gary and I took the Women's Auxiliary out on their monthly bus trip, this time to Woonona-Bulli RSL for Lunch. When we arrived we met the sub-Branch Vice-President and Pensions Officer. They show us around there

set-up and Office. I must say their club does a lot more for them than what we get.

I attended the Ballroom Dancing AGM and conducted their elections. Basically the same committee is involved. They are small in number but are working hard to try and increase the number of Dancers attending. One thing they have done is to change the name to “School of Dance” which reflects more of which they are about. We can only wish them success.

Coming up, we have our bus trip on 6<sup>th</sup> April. Closing day is today however if you get back to me in the next couple of days I should be able to get you in.

Flyers for our ANZAC Luncheon are available today and need to be back by the April Committee meeting on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup>. If you can't do it today, drop it into the Office any Thursday. If this can't be arranged give me a call and we can sort it out. There is a \$25.00 deposit which will be handed back on the day when **you turn up**.

Our Treasurer will be back in Australia early April and then I can give him his books back. Thank goodness!!!

If you haven't been coming to the meeting, consider attending one. You might be surprised and learn what happens first hand and not have to wait for a newsletter to come out. Remember, you access some of the benefits you need to attend 5 meetings in a year. If you need transport, let us know



## SECRETARY'S REPORT



Hello Members,

Hello everyone! Just a quick note to introduce myself. I am Lee-Ann Taylor. I was born in Malaysia on a New Zealand Army base and mostly raised in Singapore. After leaving school in NZ, I started working and decided that civilian life did not quite fit, so I joined the New Zealand Air Force. I stayed for 6½ years. Once I got out, my family and I decided to move over here and make Australia our home.

My father got me interested in the RSL Movement about 23 years ago. We joined St Marys RSL Sub-Branch and after a few years, I ended up being their Honorary Secretary for five years. I then became the President for another seven years, where I earned my Life Membership in the RSL. About 8 years ago, John Finnie got my father and I interested in Bass Hill RSL Sub Branch. We liked you all so much, we decided to become members. It would seem that the feeling is mutual as once more, I find myself an Honorary Secretary.

I will endeavour to do my best for Bass Hill RSL Sub Branch. I look forward to representing you as required and getting to know you all more.

If you have any queries about anything, please do not hesitate to speak to or contact me. If I do not answer my phone due to work commitments, I WILL get back to you after working hours. My mobile phone number is 0427 071 010.

See you in the monthly meetings!

*Lee-Ann Taylor*



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# You Know When Your Over the Hill When.....

## RETARDED GRANDPARENTS

(this was actually reported by a teacher)

After Christmas, a teacher asked her young pupils how they spent their holiday away from school.

One child wrote the following:

We always used to spend the holidays with Grandma and Grandpa.

They used to live in a big brick house but Grandpa got retarded and they moved to Batemans Bay where everyone lives in nice little houses, and so they don't have to mow the grass anymore!

They ride around on their bicycles and scooters and wear name tags because they don't know who they are anymore.

They go to a building called a wreck center, but they must have got it fixed because it is all okay now. They do exercises there, but they don't do them very well.

There is a swimming pool too, but they all jump up and down in it with hats on.

At their gate, there is a cubby house with a little old man sitting in it. He watches all day so nobody can escape. Sometimes they sneak out, and go cruising in their golf carts!

Nobody there cooks, they just eat out.

And, they eat the same thing every night --- early birds.

Some of the people can't get out past the man in the cubby house.

The ones who do get out, bring food back to the wrecked center for pot luck.

My Grandma says that Grandpa worked all his life to earn his retardment and says I should work hard so I can be retarded someday too.

When I earn my retardment, I want to be the man in the cubby house.

Then I will let people out, so they can visit their grandchildren.

*For MEN.....and WOMEN with a bit of humour*

*A man was granted two wishes by God.  
He asked for the best drink & the best woman ever.  
Next moment he got mineral water & Mother Teresa.*

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*There are 3 kinds of men in this world.  
Some remain single and make wonders happen.  
Some have girlfriends and see wonders happen.  
Rest get married and wonder what happened!*

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*Wives are magicians. They can change anything into an  
argument.*

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*Why do women live a Better,  
Longer & Peaceful Life, compared to men?  
A very INTELLIGENT student replied:  
"Because Women don't have a wife!"*

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*COOL MESSAGE BY A WIFE: Dear Mother-in-law,  
Don't teach me how to handle my children.  
I am living with one of yours  
and he needs a lot of improvement!?*

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*When a married man says,  
I WILL THINK ABOUT IT - what he really means  
is that he doesn't know his wife's opinion yet.*

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*A lady says to her doctor: "My husband has a habit of  
talking in his sleep! What should I give him to cure it?"*



## **Congratulations President Ron Duckworth on his Life Membership**

*State Councillor Ray (Jesse) James  
presenting Ron Duckworth with his  
Life Membership*

At the final General Meeting of the sub-Branch in November, 2016, President Ron Duckworth was presented his Life Membership of the Returned and Services League by State Councillor Ray (Jesse) James.

Jesse stated that it was pleasure to present Ron with this award as he has known and worked with Ron for a number of years at Far Southern Metropolitan District Council and he knows of the man's qualities.

On the back of Ron's presentation Certificate Jesse read out the following:

*Ronald James Duckworth joined the Returned & Services League after his retirement from the Royal Australian Air Force, on 24th October, 1985. Since accepting the position of Honorary Treasurer of the Bass Hill RSL sub-Branch in 2001 he has also performed Alternative Delegate, then Delegate to the Far Southern Metropolitan District Council; then Secretary of that Council on two occasions. He holds the position of Secretary of the Council at this time. Performing as both Honorary Secretary and Treasurer of the Bass Hill RSL sub-Branch for six years, he brought the office into the electronic age with his technical expertise gained externally in charitable organisations. He has passed his treasury and secretarial experience onto other members both within and outside his own sub-Branch whilst undertaking Junior Vice President; then President, which he has held in excess of six years. Ron has been a trustee of the Bass Hill RSL sub-Branch since 2009 and a Welfare Officer since 2011. I submit that Ronald James Duckworth has had well in excess of ten years outstanding Honorary Service to the League*

And then there was  
another Award  
by Jesse

By Gary Roser

Vice President Ross Graham was awarded the “Broken Nose Award” by State Councillor Ray James.

Over twelve months ago Ross suffered horrendous injuries to his neck when he tripped on a raised cement path at Yagoona Senior Citizens Centre. He was admitted to Liverpool Hospital for some time where he was fitted with a brace that pinned his head to one position. He did suffer a broken nose and some say it was his rather long proboscis that saved his life.

After the lengthy stay in hospital he was moved to Yallambe Nursing Home where he recuperated for some months.

Of course Ross received many jokes to cheer him up. On one occasion he was given an invoice from Bankstown City Council for damage caused to the foot-path. Of course it was a mock up.

Ross never got the laxettes about the jibes and he is to be commended for his spirit to get through his demise.

On the day of the presentation, as you can see by his picture, he was quite amused.



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Grows Hair  
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No Risk of Any Kind

At the Merke Institute, Fifth Avenue, N. Y., which founded, stage and social advertising, hair

Our beloved President  
Ron Duckworth has the hide to  
suggest to the Editor of this  
Newsletter that I should  
purchase this New Kind Of Hat.

I think he is having a go at me.  
What do you think?

# Remembrance Day 2016

Photos by Dat



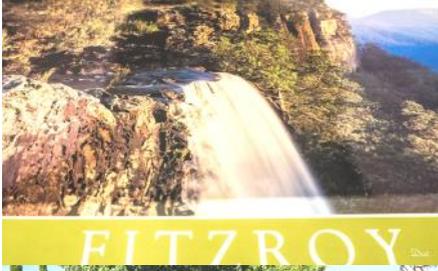


*I was a very proud father seeing my daughter Jacqueline give the Remembrance Day address.  
GDR*



# Fitzroy Falls Bus Trip 2016

*Photos by Dat*



Sight Seeing  
Places  
Our Members  
Would Not  
Usually Visit





Enjoying Each Other's Company plays a large part of Sub-Branch Welfare



## Free Advertisement

I have just bought a Unit in Noosa.

I haven't said anything to anybody about this until now because we wanted to wait until things were final.

I have purchased a 1-bedroom unit on Noosa Beach as an investment property.

Closed the deal last Friday and thought that we would let you all know in case anyone is interested in accommodation at the beach.

It's available for weekends and on a weekly basis. I have a friend that will be handling bookings until we can find an agent we like.

For friends and family, we're asking \$120 for weekends up to three nights, & \$290 per week.

In any case, it's a 1 bedroom, high-rise unit that overlooks the ocean, nestled among lush green trees, and has a lovely ocean view from every window!

### ***YES, I'M A SENIOR CITIZEN!***

I'm the life of the party...even if it lasts until 8 p.m.

I'm very good at opening childproof caps...with a hammer.

I'm usually interested in going home before I get to where I am going.

I'm awake many hours before my body allows me to get up.

I'm smiling all the time because I can't hear a thing you're saying.

I'm very good at telling stories; over and over and over and over...

I'm a walking storeroom of facts...I've just lost the key to the storeroom door. I'm sure everything I can't find is in a safe secure place, somewhere.

I'm wrinkled, saggy, lumpy, and that's just my left leg.

I'm not really grouchy, I just don't like: traffic, waiting, crowds, lawyers, loud music, unruly kids, barking dogs, and a few other things I can't seem to remember



Morris went to his friend Irving and said, "I'm sleeping with the Rabbi's wife. Can you hold him in the Synagogue for an hour after services for me?"

Irving wasn't very fond of the idea, but being Morris' lifelong friend, he reluctantly agreed. After the services, Irving struck up a conversation with the Rabbi, asking all sorts of stupid and ridiculous questions, just to keep him occupied.

After some time, the wise Rabbi became suspicious and asked Irving what he was really up to.

Now, filled with feelings of guilt and remorse, Irving confessed to the Rabbi, "My friend is sleeping with your wife right now, so he asked me to keep you occupied."

The wise Rabbi smiled and put a brotherly hand on Irving's shoulder and said, "You better hurry home. My wife died two years ago!"



## **New ABC Drama Series:**

Following the popularity of the Channel Nine series *Sea Patrol*, which shows the hard working, intelligent, brave, heroic, compassionate Sailors of the Royal Australian Navy, the ABC, in association with the Australian Army is pleased to announce *Meat Head*, a new drama series about Australian Army Military Police.

### **Episode 1: It's a Long Way to the Top\***

In the opening episode we follow Private Jim Loser who thinks a transfer to the MPs is an easy two stripes. See him become bitter and twisted when he realises that all he's achieved is to go from the bottom of one pile to the bottom of another.

### **Episode 2: Serving the Nation**

This episode covers the vital work of the Military Police. Using the latest high tech radar (that the civilian coppers stopped using because it was so unreliable) and on the lookout for speed demons who recklessly tear up the base at 41km/h.

### **Episode 3: Lost without you.**

In this episode the Meat Heads have the vital task of directing exercise convoys. They put out a 6-inch by 6-inch sign with a black arrow on dark green, a foot off the ground and wonder why drivers in a forest at midnight on blackouts can't see it.

### **Episode 4: Friends**

(It appears that as Australian Army Military Police don't actually have any, this script is still under development.)

### **Episode 5: The Persuaders (a true story).**

When an F88 goes missing from the unit armoury, the crack Meat Head SIB team soon suspect the soldier who had the rifle on the previous exercise. After a few days downtown he "willingly" signs a confession saying he stole the rifle and sold it to "criminals". Case closed. The rifle is found a year later, stock and butt dissolved, in the bottom of the armoury's chemical cleaning tank, where it had been all the time.

### **Episode 6: Bob Marley**

It's a 4am drug bust at the OR's barracks. A further mystery emerges in the females' lines where two female soldiers share a room but only one bed needs making. Dickheads in unfashionable cheap suits expect half-awake diggers to address them by rank when they aren't wearing any.

"Is that your TV?"

"Yes it is."

"Do you have a receipt for it?"

"No."

"Then how do I know it's not stolen?"

"You don't. Am I going to be charged with stealing my own TV?"

"Next time make sure you have a receipt. Get this place cleaned up."

### *Second season episodes.*

#### **Episode 7: Urban Stealth vehicle. (True story)**

A RAEME digger is harassed for not wearing a hat whilst picking up the morning tea for the workshop. The smoko is cold and late when delivered and the workshop takes revenge by grounding all of the MPs vehicles during routine inspection. The MPs borrow a vehicle from the training pool but the only vehicle available is a UNIMOG. The MPs have to perform all their patrols of the married quarter areas in the UNIMOG. Problems ensue when the MPs cannot catch a thief on a stolen pushbike.

#### **Episode 8: Where's my machinegun. (True story)**

A Land Rover stops at an unmanned checkpoint and finds a machinegun. The machinegun is kidnapped and held for ransom of 10 cartons of beer. The combined intelligence and detecting powers of the MPs is put to the test but fails to find the culprit.

#### **Episode 9: The mystery of the flat cruiser. (True story)**

Pissed gunnies dive from the second floor of their lines onto the roof of the MPs cruisers while the MPs sleep in their office. The MPs can't understand why the roofs of all their cars are dented.

#### **Episode 10: I really wanted to be a real cop but they wouldn't take me.**

Semi-documentary: Profiles MP careers.

#### **Episode 11: Meccano sets. (True story)**

The MPs are tasked with displaying new weapons to the troops (Minimi, Mag58 and Steyr). At one display all the weapons are disassembled leaving the MPs to put them back together again. Several hours later, MPs turn up at the workshop with a box of parts for the armourers to reassemble.

#### **Episode 12: English a good read. (True story)**

SIB turns up to a Supply Battalion to investigate the disappearance of a Zodiac assault boat. They read the NSN incorrectly and spend a day investigating the disappearance of a gravy boat. The Zodiac meanwhile turns up in the unit swim-

NAVY

## 50th Anniversary of the White Ensign



*HMAS Boonaroo, the first ship to commission under the new Australian White Ensign*

Prior to the establishment of the Royal Australian Navy the Australian colonial navies had flown uniquely Australian ensigns. This was a Blue ensign defaced by the badge of the individual colony.

During the 1909 Imperial Conference the question of what ensign the dominion navies would fly was first raised. The representatives from Australia and Canada proposed that the ensign should be a white ensign defaced by the emblem of the particular dominion. No decision was reached on this matter.

In August 1910 the Admiralty raised the issue concerning the status of dominion warships and proposed that they should fly the white ensign. Shortly after this the Parramatta City Council sought advice as to the flag to be worn by *Parramatta* (I) as they wished to present her with one. They were informed that *Parramatta* (I) would fly the Australian Blue Ensign on her arrival in Australia and until the matter of an ensign had been resolved with the Admiralty.

Australian opinion favoured a uniquely Australian ensign but the Admiralty continued to resist and insisted that the Dominion Navies use the white ensign. The Admiralty eventually won out and the ships of the

newly formed Royal Australian Navy flew the white ensign. There the matter rested until 1965.

On 28 October 1965 the Member for Batman, Mr SJ Benson MP, whilst speaking on the Naval Estimates argued that Australia should have its own, distinctive white ensign. His point was that Australian ships were engaged in a war flying the ensign of another country. The Minister for the Navy informed the House, on the same day, that the Navy was already looking at possible variants of the white ensign which would carry a distinctly Australian appearance.

The Chief of Naval Staff subsequently sought the views of other members of the Naval Board and his senior officers. Following this consultation the matter was considered by the Naval Board on 21 January 1966. The Board decided to recommend to the Government "that the Royal Australian Navy should have its own unique white ensign". The ensign was described as being a "white flag with the Union Flag in the upper canton at the hoist with six blue stars positioned as in the Australian flag".

The Minister for the Navy, Mr F Chaney MP, informed the Prime Minister of the Naval Board's decision and the formal approval of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II was requested. Royal assent to the new ensign was granted on 7 November 1966.



<http://www.navy.gov.au/history/tradition/australian-white-ensign>

## Light weight lethality - M47 trials are positive



Project Manager Major (Maj) Cameron Fraser described the technology as a “game changer” for Direct Fire Support Weapons platoons, artillery batteries, Special Forces and Air Force combat units.

“I can verify that the lethality and situational awareness of the LWAGL lives up to the hype,” he said.

CASG arranged the testing that also confirmed functionality, robustness and ease of use on the advanced fire control system.

“First round target impact was observed on multiple occasions because of the increased accuracy of the LWAGL system complete with the LVS-2,” Maj Fraser said.

“The resolution of the day/night sighting system provided via the LVS-2 enabled detection and recognition out to 3km.”

Trial participants verified the reduction in weight of the LWAGL versus the legacy weapon, dismounted load configurations to facilitate rapid assembly, firing and disassembly.

They also started to develop procedures to optimise capability.

Army will roll out the launcher to infantry battalions and artillery regiments in 1, 3 and 7 Bdes, SASR, 2 Cdo Regt, Air Force Security Force squadrons, the School of Infantry and the School of Artillery

<https://www.army.gov.au/media-room/media-releases/light-weight-lethality-m47-trials-are-positive>

The fattest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.

## Advanced Combat Skills Training



Australian Army special forces soldiers are using innovative teaching techniques to pass on world's best advanced combat shooting skills to regular infantry soldiers during a prototype training course at Majura training area outside Canberra from 6 November to 10 December 2016.

Over the past five-to-10 years, Special Air Service Regiment (SASR) instructors have developed innovative teaching techniques to ensure new SASR soldiers are quickly taught the latest combat shooting skills and techniques.

The prototype training course is fusing these innovative teaching techniques with the latest shooting range technologies to provide the regular infantry soldiers with a near-real immersive combat environment to pass on the advanced combat shooting skills.

After the course is over the regular infantry soldiers will take these innovative teaching and combat shooting skills back to their School of Infantry and infantry battalion training positions to further impart the knowledge.

The prototype combat shooting skills course is another innovation being trialled by Major General 'Gus' McLachlan, AM, as Head of Army's Modernisation and Strategic Planning within Army Headquarters.



**Australia's first two F-35A Lightning IIs will make their debut appearance in Australia at the 2017 Australian International Airshow (AIA17).**

As part of the wider air show, the Australian Defence Force (ADF) will showcase the breadth and depth of ADF air power capabilities. Key among these will be the integrated and networked elements being developed through Plan Jericho to create the world's leading fifth-generation air force.

Held from February 27 to March 5 at Avalon Airport, near Geelong in Victoria, the AIA17 will take the form of a weeklong industry exhibition followed by a public air show, including eight world class aerobatic acts, on the weekend of March 3-5.

The F-35A aircraft, AU-001 and AU-002, are expected to arrive at the air show on March 3, returning to the US via RAAF Base Amberley, so the Australian pilots can continue their training. The F-35A will be exhibited at the show alongside Australia's first EA-18G Growler and almost 50 RAAF aircraft. These will include the new C-27J Spartan, the C-130J Hercules and the C-17A Globemaster, all of which will take part in the ADF Showcase flying displays and be available for inspection. Seven other nations will also display aircraft at the air show.

Among the aircraft anticipated in the US contingent will be some of the most potent combat jets in the world. These will include F-22A Raptors, one of which will be performing a high-energy handling display.

Other US aircraft as part of the Avalon air and ground displays may include F-16C Vipers, a C-17 Globemaster, a KC-135R Stratotanker, a P-8A Poseidon and a B-1B Lancer high-altitude bomber. Ground and static aircraft displays of general aviation, historic and aviation sporting groups will give people an insight into the latest technology from avionics, communications, and navigation and components suppliers.

On the ground, military re-enactment groups will turn back the pages of history.

Tributes to Australia's military heritage will be enhanced with authentic period uniforms, vehicles, artillery and weaponry. There will also be major displays of the ADF's ground-base equipment and capabilities. Army will display modern weapons such as the M777 155mm Howitzer, along with combat vehicles including the M1 Abrams tank and the M113 armoured personnel carrier.

Army is also expected to display its air power with MRH-90 and ARH Tiger aircraft, and will take to the sky with a demonstration by the Australian Army Parachute Display Team, the Red Berets.

Navy is anticipated to join the air show with two AS 350BA Squirrels and a MRH-90 Taipan. A MH-60R Seahawk will be shown alongside the S-70B Seahawk to demonstrate the differences between the two anti-submarine helicopters.

In addition to the displays, CAF AIRMSHL Leo Davies will host a symposium on February 27 to engage with senior international military leaders about future air power challenges and publicly release the Air Force Strategy for 2017-2027. The strategy will articulate the long term vision for Air Force beyond the life of Plan Jericho.

First held in 1992, the biennial air show at Avalon draws crowds and aircraft from around the world and is the premier event in the southern hemisphere for

- I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.
- She was only a whiskey maker, but he loved her still.
- No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.
- A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.
- A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in



*My new rental property  
(just kidding)*



**LAST POST**

**We Are All Here**

*Rest In Peace*

**STOP PRESS**

*ANZAC Day  
Dawn Service*

*5.30am, Tuesday, 25th April, 2017*

*at*

*Bass Hill RSL Club Cenotaph  
330 Hector Street, Bass Hill*

*Please bring your family and friends*