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**NEWSLETTER No. 42**

**Dear Members,**

ANZAC Day is fast approaching and all is in readiness for this year's March. This year ANZAC day falls on Easter Monday, so it could be interesting to see the turnout.

There are a few changes to the March this year. All of the WW2 Banners are being grouped without veterans directly behind them. The veterans are being transported in vehicles after the Banners and then behind that are the "Next of Kin" that march. This is likely to be a little messy as this is a big change for the WW2 section of the march. Any Veteran that wants to take part in the march should contact me as soon as possible so we can arrange a vehicle for the day.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT ASSEMBLY -**

**The assembly gathering point will be the same as last year.** We will be **in Swanston Street**, between Collins and Bourke Streets. We anticipate that it will be approximately opposite the City square just near the Melbourne Town Hall in Swanston St. If you need any more info on this please contact me. I will also have my phone on me at the march.

**Assembly will be from 0900hrs to 0920hrs with departure scheduled for 0920hrs.**

**RE-UNION**

The Re-Union will go ahead as normal and will be held at the Richmond Union Bowling Club after the March. The Bowling Club is situated behind the Richmond Town Hall just past Church Street, traveling along Bridge Road from the city. **The entrance to the Club is in Gleadell Street.** We will be sharing the venue with the 2/7<sup>th</sup> Battalion association. They joined us there last year and they will be returning so it will be fairly busy. A bit like years gone by. If you are not able to make it on the day feel free to let me know.



**SPECIAL NOTICE: - We will have the Mini Bus from JP Auto in Croydon, to take us back to the reunion after the march. It will be parked in Domain Rd near the pedestrian Crossing. Assemble in the dispersal area after we have marched and we will all go together to the bus.**

**'LEST WE FORGET'**  
**Walter Williams (Dec 2009), Vic Eustice**

Please accept our apology for not mentioning any member who may have passed away over the past year, as we may not have received notification. Please contact me with news of the passing of any member.

**Subscriptions:** - Will remain the same as last year at

**\$20.00** for those attending the Re-Union,

**Donations:** - Thank you to those members who donated last year. Your donation was appreciated.

**Here are the boys from Last Year>>>>**

**Jack Wilson, and Vic Wilson.**

**Please contact me if there is any information you need:**

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Australian Corp Petrol Park Internet Website

I would like this to have some general information about the Unit, Pictures and Information about ANZAC day. I know there is plenty of interest in the unit from the children, grand children and great grand children, and others so I am hoping that the website can provide some information or a way to find out more. Any assistance with information would be appreciated. Please e-mail me if you can.

### **ACPP In Print:**

I have found 2 books over the past year that have reference to the 1<sup>st</sup> Australian Corp Petrol Park

**The first is called: Unsung Ordinary Men –by Sally Dingo**

UNSUNG ORDINARY MEN by Sally Dingo is a very personal investigation into the ongoing effects of war on the soldiers, their wives and children when a soldier came home. UNSUNG ORDINARY MEN was inspired by Sally's own experiences when her father returned from World War II. Sally's father died when she was 12 years old. Through the pages of this book Sally Dingo will give a voice to the sorrow she and many others still feel, for they were not aware of what their fathers and brothers and husbands (as well as the brave women who were POW nurses) had to go through. She will also tell the story of those forgotten, quiet men. Max Butler, Sally's father, was a member of the 2/40th, a battalion of men sacrificed; a battalion one historian called the Doomed Battalion . They were volunteers from the bottom of the world, mostly Tasmanian, some Victorian, almost 900 men; sons, mostly all of World War I veterans, sons who were never given a fighting chance when they were effectively abandoned on Timor, from the blocks of wood many were given to train with in Australia courtesy of the unprepared authorities, on the assumption these weighed the same as mortar guns to the few rifles and old, old Lewis guns; the insufficient submachine guns and precious little ammunition available to them in action; to the Australian military's underestimation of Japanese capabilities and might; to Churchill s determination to chew through the Australian troops, having decided that Australia's first duty lay in the defence, not of Australia, but of Burma all for Britain. All this together with orders such as those coming from Major General Sydney Howell, to put up the best defence possible with the resources you have at your disposal . These men turned and faced the onslaught. With absolute courage. Timor was the last of the islands to fall to the Japanese. The prisoners they became were spread throughout the Japanese prisoner-of-war camps scattered over the Pacific.

There is a list of POWs in the back including some of ours.

**The second is called: Diggers and Greeks – by Dr Maria Hill**

I have not had a look at this one but was referred to it by the daughter of a member

<http://www.mariahill.com.au/diggersandgreeks/index.htm>

The website give some info about the book.

### **HATS:**

We still have a few Hats left with the Color patch on the front. The Color patch is a Right shoulder version whereas our Banner has the Left. There will be some available at the March. Or contact the Secretary. ..Cost is \$10

The RSL have asked that only one Next of Kin represent a member in the march and also a reminder that Next of Kin wear the medals on the **RIGHT** side.

Only those that are the original recipient of the medals are to wear them on the Left.

Special Thanks as always to the Staff of the Richmond Union Bowling Club for the work they do for us on Anzac Day. We are made most welcome and have an enjoyable lunch and a drink or two.

Thank you to John Pennant from JP Auto in Croydon for use of the Mini Bus for the day.

