





CRESWICK-SMEATON RSL SUB-BRANCH

Welcome to CRESWICK 1915

On behalf of the Executive and Members of our RSL, we welcome everyone to join with us in the Commemoration of 100 years since the landing at Gallipoli on the 25th April 1915.

We here in Creswick will remember this day with CRESWICK 1915.

As you will see from the program, there are a number of events taking place throughout April, all of which will come together on Saturday 25th April 2015. This is a community that will honour those who went and served their country and to those who paid the ultimate sacrifice and never returned home. We ask that you get involved and show The Spirit of ANZAC is alive and well. WE WILL REMEMBER THEM. LEST WE FORGET.

Alan Morris, President



Please see our website for all information regarding ANZAC events & CRESWICK 1915 at creswicksmeatonrsl.org.au

Monday 6th April - Creswick Museum

They Answered the Call

A display of WW1 history of those from Creswick who joined the ANZAC's.

Our exhibition will focus on those that answered the call from the Motherland. We have been researching over 800 born in the district and some of their stories will be featured. The Creswick State School Honour Board is a special feature of the exhibition and on either side of the board hand crafted poppies will represent every name listed (240).

Storyboards will tell the stories of the AIF, RAN, AFC and nurses.

It is planned to have the exhibition until Remembrance Day, but unfortunately we can't be certain due to structural works.

The Museum is open Weekends and Public Holidays, but will also open extra days from April 20 to ANZAC Day.

Opening hours 11am to 3.30pm.

Saturday 11th of April - Creswick Golf Club, Novotel Resort

Jeff McMillan Perpetual ANZAC Day Cup

An event open to all players, entry \$50 per person.

A fundraiser to assist the Red Cross, Creswick-Smeaton RSL and the Creswick Light Horse. An individual Stableford event with a shotgun start at 7:30am and 12:30pm.

The major trophy is to be awarded to the winner with a registered handicap plus 1st, 2nd & 3rd prize money, to be confirmed depending on the number of entries.

Other trophies awarded for nonhandicapped players, with 1st, 2nd & 3rd prize money depending on entries. There will also be novelty prizes at every hole.

Breaky snacks before and finger food after included. Carts available at member price \$25.

Accommodation

Contact the Novotel Resort on 5345 9600 or email reservations@forestresort.com.au. Mention your RSL membership for a 15% discount. Special room rates available for the event.

For more Information

Send your enquiries to Russ Cartledge: russellc@forestresort.com.au Mobile: 0438 643 998

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7.30am & Jeff McMillan Perpetual ANZAC Day Cup Creswick Golf Club

12.30pm

Sunday 12th

Salute to the ANZAC's Creswick Brass Band Concert 2pm

Creswick Town Hall

Friday 17th

6.30pm Creswick 1915 Patriotic Dinner & Opera Recital SOLD OUT

Creswick Town Hall

Saturday 18th

The ANZACS 100 years on Ted Egan Show 7pm

Farmers Arms Hotel

Sunday 19th

WW1 Display Creswick Historical Society

Creswick Town Hall

Official Opening by Ted Egan. Wine & cheese tasting

JOIN IN THE MARCH! DRESS-UP '1915' ON ANZAC DAY

> FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON ALL EVENTS CONTACT **CRESWICK-SMEATON RSL** SECRETARY PHIL CARTER 0458 533 230

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Friday 24th ANZAC Day Eve

From 6pm	Candlelight Vigil, music, outdoor cinema (weather premitting),	Creswick Cenotaph
	Lion's Club BBQ, CFA Torchlight Parade and Field of Crosses	

Saturday 25th ANZAC Day

6am	Dawn Service	Creswick Cenotaph
6.30am	Gunfire Breakfast	Farmers Arms Hotel
8am	Albert Street closed between Victoria St and Raglan S	t
9am	Wreath Laying	Kingston Avenue of Honour
9.30am	Wreath Laying C	reswick Cemetary, Veterans Section
10am	Wreath Laying	RSL Hall Memorial Garden
10.15 am	ANZAC March form-up	Old bowling club site, Albert St
10.45am	ANZAC March step-off	Old bowling club site, Albert St
11am	Remembrance Service	Creswick Cenotaph
12pm	Albert Street re-opens	
12 - 4pm	2 Up	American Hotel Beer Garden
2pm	Creswick Light Horse Troop & Mass Band March • Largest Light Horse parade in 50 Years	Albert Street
	 All members of the Community are invited to attend Veterans seeking transport for the March contact No Community groups wishing to lay a Wreath contact by April 18th 	orah Stubbs 5345 8318
4 - 7pm		reswick Neighbourhood Centre Hall

Sunday 26th

10.30am	ANZAC Ecumenical Church Service	Creswick Cenotaph
2pm	100 years since winning the 1915 Grand Final Creswick Football Club	Doug Lindsey Reserve
	ANZAC Ceremony before the main game	

Sunday 12 April · Creswick Town Hall · 2-4pm

Salute to the ANZAC'S

Kick off Creswick 1915 with our annual *Salute to the ANZAC's* Concert.

Come along to the Town Hall and listen to the Band play the songs and marches the boys would have been listening to during the War, tunes from later conflicts, and music for young and old.

It's a great way for Creswick to start our remembrance. Tickets at the door \$10 / \$5 for concession. Afternoon tea served after the concert.

Sunday 19th at 1.30pm - Creswick Town Hall

WW1 Exhibition

Officially opened by Ted Egan, The Creswick & District Historical Society and the Creswick-Smeaton RSL will be holding a WW1 collectors exhibition in the Town Hall from 19 April - 28 April from 10am to 4.30pm each day. Mount

Coghill Wines & Goldfields Farmhouse cheese tastings will be avaliable at a cost of \$10.

Items on display include:

Military items, Postcards, Photos, Stamps,
 Trench art, Posters, Letters, and lots more

Friday 24th April - Creswick Cenotaph starting at 6pm

ANZAC Eve Vigil

Please come along with the Family and commemorate this historical event. The evening will commence with live music and as the sun sets the CFA Brigades from around Creswick will march up Albert Street with a Mass Band. This is known as the 'Torchlight Parade'. This event dates back to the early days of the Fire Brigade.

The Torchlight Parade will finish in front of the Field of Crosses which will then be lit up to show over 1000 Crosses, each cross representing a person from Creswick who joined the Armed Forces and has passed on. There will be a BBQ & soft drinks available from the Lions Club. This is an alcohol free event. There will be LED candles for sale as a souvenir item to remember ANZAC 2015.

4-7pm, Saturday 25th April - Creswick Neighbourhood Centre Hall

The War Years

Join Amie Brûlée and Tim Drylie as they troop their way through memorable melodies from the war years. From Cole Porter, Irving Berlin, The Andrews Sisters & Frank Sinatra to Glenn Miller, Vera Lynn and It's a Long Long Way to Tipperary this program will keep you toe tapping and humming along. For just a few ration coupons,

you can also savour gourmet period delights dished up by our own local foodie, Benjamin Sage Francis. Lastly, just sit back with a beer or wine and relax with friends at the twilight end of another Anzac day. Tickets \$15 and kids under 15 are free.

Bookings & food coupons:

www.amiebrulee.com.au or phone 0408 350 932

THE CRESWICK RSL LIGHT HORSE TROOP

CONTINUING THE ANZAC TRADITION

The Creswick Light Horse Troop was formed in 1995 as a joint initiative of the Creswick Youth Alliance, the Creswick Police, and the Creswick RSL Sub-branch. The founder and (at the time) Sergeant in charge of the Creswick Police Station, Gary Chandler has a strong personal connection with the Light Horse. His grandfather, William Chandler, was a Lighthorseman. William Chandler was a member of the 4th Light Horse Regiment and so their colours were adopted for the Troop. The involvement of women and children has made the Troop distinct from many other Light Horse Reenactment organizations. Female members ride "in memoriam" as indicated by the black armbands they wear. The supply of uniform and a horse (if required) by the Troop has also made membership by those not from horsey backgrounds possible.

The Creswick RSL Light Horse Troop began with 10 members and their first parade was at the Ballarat Begonia Festival in Ballarat Victoria in March 1995. Following this the Troop was on parade in Hamilton, Victoria at the dedication of the Hamilton Light Horse memorial. Subsequently, the Troop proved so popular that it was necessary to start affiliate Troops in Horsham, Corangamite, Bairnsdale and the Yarra Valley. The combined membership of all these Troops makes them the largest in Victoria and has enabled organizers to have large numbers of Lighthorseman

at events. At venues around Victoria and Interstate the Creswick Light Horse Troop honors all veterans and the spirit of Anzac by their involvement in commemorative ceremonies (ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day), special events (such a local shows, fair and fetes) and parades. The Troop brings history to life with their involvement in these proceedings and sharpens awareness of the extreme sacrifice that the members of the Australian Light Horse have made.

As mentioned earlier, two of the unique features of the Troop were the focus on the involvement of young people and also the provision of a mount for those members who were unable to provide their own horse. From the beginning Standard breeds that had retired from racing made up a large proportion of Troop herd with such foundation horses as Karisky (Smokey), Tara Scott (Mac), Carnations for Me (Gentle) and Rupert's Ace (Rupert) who each performed more than 15 years of service with the Troop and introduced many young people to the joys of riding on parade. The easily trainable and generally unflappable nature of the Standardbred makes them very suitable for Troop work, as does the fact that they are exposed to so many "scary" things (crowds, noise, flashing lights) etc. during their racing careers. Gary fondly remembers Gentle coming back from retraining after only one week, with the trainer astonished at how

quickly she had adapted to being a riding horse. Many years later Gentle is still a reliable Troop horse (often ridden by beginner riders) and is currently leased to a very nervous rider to give her the confidence she needs to ride on parade.

The Troop is currently going through a very busy period with the Centenary WW1 Activities kicking off this year. Demand for the Troop's presence at events has never been greater. Also, recent years has seen the retirement of many of the original Troop horses and the need for the introduction of new horses. Several have been donated to the Troop by local trainers and require educating to Troop requirements. Fortnightly training days are being held to give new riders, and also new horses, the experience and skills that they need to be safe on parade. We also encourage members who have their own horses to join the Troop and training days are fun way to gain the skills both horse and rider need to participate in events.

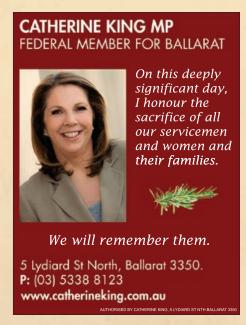
Apart from membership, if you would like to support our efforts, a donation is always greatly appreciated. The Creswick Youth Alliance Inc., as the parent Association, is a registered tax-deductible charity.

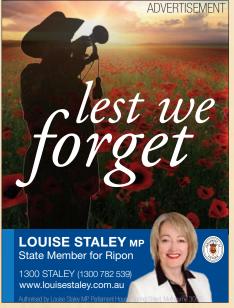
Anyone wanting to become a member of the Creswick RSL Light Horse Troop, or who requires further information, please contact us via www.creswicklighthorse.com.



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We would also like to thank the Creswick-Smeaton RSL in organising the events to remember this the 100th anniversary of WWI Lest We Forget



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FOR THE FUTURE"

B.R. Smith

