

Mt Evelyn RSL News

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2014 Meeting Dates

Sept 19th, 2014
Oct 17th, 2014
Nov 21st, 2014
Dec 19th, 2014

*The Mt Evelyn RSL
Meetings are held on
the third Friday of
each month at
7.30pm at the:*

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VIETNAM VETERANS DAY – MT EVELYN



Annually the RSL sub-branches in the Yarra Valley join together with the Outer Eastern Vietnam Veterans Association to organise a joint commemorative service. Each year a different RSL sub-branch hosts the ceremony and for 2014 was Mt Evelyn RSL's turn.

So on Sunday August 17th, a very good crowd turned up and braved the chilly weather to commemorate those who served, suffered and died in the Vietnam War. Many Vietnam veterans were present as were many members from the following RSL sub-branches; Croydon, Healesville, Lilydale, Mt Evelyn, Warburton, Upper Yarra and Yarra Glen.

The day began with a fly over tribute of a vintage WW1 plane followed by the piper and a catafalque party from 408th Squadron, Australian Air Force Cadets. Guest speakers included Tony Smith MP and Mike O'Meara, former Deputy Commissioner Victoria, Department of Veterans Affairs. Our Mt Evelyn Community Schools Choir did us proud again with their rendition of the song 'The Man in the Picture'.

The ceremony finished off with a guard of honour from the National Serviceman's Association and a great impression from our Vietnam veterans of the 'Lost Battalion'. Everyone then enjoyed a luncheon and refreshments at the RSL Hall.

Photo (above): Kath Gannaway – more photos inside

Important Dates

Coming Up:

Sub-Branch Excursion:

Athenaeum Theatre Lilydale

2014 Theatre Programme

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

On Saturday 16th August 2014 at 2-00pm in the Athenaeum Theatre Lilydale, the Mt Evelyn RSL Sub-Branch was proud to launch our latest publication "A Stretcher Bearer's War", the story of Ralph Goode MBE; the first Lilydale man to volunteer for active service in the first Australian Imperial Force.

RSL secretary and historian Anthony McAleer with the agreement and contribution of the Goode family has recorded Ralph's war experience and work in the local community on his return from The Great War.

We were honoured to have Major General Professor Jeffrey Rosenfeld AM, OBE, Surgeon General Australian Defence Force Reserves, to launch the book.

The Major General spoke of the importance of recording Australian military history, and complimented Anthony's dedication and research skills in bringing us this moving and telling account of life in the trenches.

This Centenary of Anzac project was made possible through federal funding and the assistance of Tony Smith MP member for Casey.

A must read, available by contacting Mt Evelyn RSL or via the Mt Evelyn Post Office.

Mt Evelyn RSL hosted the combined Yarra Valley RSL's Vietnam Veterans Day commemorative service and parade on Sunday 17th August 2014 in the Mt Evelyn memorial garden. Highlights included; a vintage aircraft fly over, address by Tony Smith, MP federal member for Casey, guest speaker Mike O'Meara former DVA deputy commissioner, Reverend Richard Schoenmaker, combined schools choir, Tom Steele bugler, Iain Townsley piper, Australian Air Force Cadets, Mount Evelyn police, CFA, scouts, guides and St John Ambulance. Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia; Outer Eastern Branch and National Servicemens Association, special guests Councillor Maria McCarthy, Christine Fyffe MLA, Cindy McLeish MLA. Management and staff York on Lilydale, Bunnings Warehouse and our wonderful RSL ladies and helpers who provided the community and guests with the most memorable light lunch and afternoon tea. Anthony McAleer MC and Amat Binnoore who recited the Ode.

The Mt Evelyn community market is held on the forth Saturday of each month in Hardy House 49 Birmingham Rd, between 10-00am and 3-00pm (details in local papers) and is doing a great job promoting local arts and crafts.

LEST WE FORGET

- Roger Boness

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BETTY'S JOKE PAGE



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Rule Two:

You do not touch my daughter in front of me. You may glance at her, so long as you do not peer at anything below her neck. If you cannot keep your eyes or hands off of my daughter's body, I will remove them.

Rule Three:

I am aware that it is considered fashionable for boys of your age to wear their trousers so loosely that they appear to be falling off their hips. Please don't take this as an insult, but you and all of your friends are complete idiots. Still, I want to be fair and open minded about this issue, so I propose this compromise: You may come to the door with your underwear showing and your pants ten sizes too big, and I will not object. However, in order to ensure that your clothes do not, in fact, come off during the course of your date with my daughter, I will take my electric nail gun and fasten your trousers securely in place to your waist.

Rule Four:

It is usually understood that in order for us to get to know each other, we should talk about sports, politics, and other issues of the day. Please do not do this. The only information I require from you is an indication of when you expect to have my daughter safely back at my house, and the only word I need from you on this subject is "early."

Rule Five:

I have no doubt you are a popular fellow, with many opportunities to date other girls. This is fine with me as long as it is okay with my daughter. Otherwise, once you have gone out with my little girl, you will continue to date no one but her until she is finished with you. If you make her cry, I will make you cry.

Rule Six:

As you stand in my front hallway, waiting for my daughter to appear, and more than an hour goes by, do not sigh and fidget. If you want to be on time for the movie, you should not be dating. My daughter is putting on her makeup, a process that can take longer

than a council decision. Instead of just standing there, why don't you do something useful, like changing the oil in my car?

Rule Seven:

The following places are not appropriate for a date with my daughter: Places where there are beds, sofas, or anything softer than a wooden stool. Places where there are no parents, policemen, or nuns within eyesight. Places where there is darkness. Places where there is dancing, holding hands, or happiness. Places where the ambient temperature is warm enough to induce my daughter to wear shorts, tank tops, midriff T-shirts, or anything other than overalls, a sweater, and a goose down parka - zipped up to her throat. Movies with a strong romantic or sexual theme are to be avoided; movies which features chain saws are okay. Footy games are okay. Old folks homes are better.

Rule Eight:

Do not lie to me. On issues relating to my daughter, I am the all-knowing, merciless god of your universe. If I ask you where you are going and with whom, you have one chance to tell me the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. I have a shotgun, a shovel, and five acres behind the house. Do not trifle with me.

Rule Nine:

Be afraid. Be very afraid. It takes very little for me to mistake the sound of your car in the driveway for a chopper coming in over a rice paddy near Hanoi. When my Agent Orange starts acting up, the voices in my head frequently tell me to clean the guns as I wait for you to bring my daughter home. As soon as you pull into the driveway you should exit your car with both hands in plain sight. Speak the perimeter password, announce in a clear voice that you have brought my daughter home safely and early, then return to your car - there is no need for you to come inside. The camouflaged face at the window is mine.



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LATEST NEWS

VIETNAM VETERANS DAY – 17/8/2014



Above Left:

Fly over tribute by WWI aircraft

Above Right:

Catafalque party from 408th
Squadron, Australian Air Force
Cadets

Left:

Veterans gather in front of mural

Below:

The crowds braving the chilly
weather.

Photos:
Courtesy of
Kath Gannaway



Shot heard around the world

By MELISSA MEEHAN

IT WAS a day to remember, 100 years since the first Allied shot of the war and Montrose marked its link to that day.

It is believed Montrose resident Major Charles Morris ordered the first Allied shot of World War I to be fired from Point Nepean on 5 August 1914 as a German steamer attempted to escape from Australian waters.

But even that was disputed at Monbulk a century after the historic event on Tuesday, with some claiming it was a man from the navy who ordered the shot.

At a service, a plaque in Major Morris's honour was unveiled as those present remembered.

Members of the Rotary Club of Montrose and Mount Evelyn RSL were instrumental in the day.

Brigadier Michael Phelps spoke of the lives lost and the meaning of war.

MP Tony Smith, as well as councillors Len



The plaque commemorating Major Morris.

Cox and Maria McCarthy attended to pay their respects, as students from the Montrose Primary School Choir sang the anthem.

The plaque was organised by the Rotary Club of Montrose in connection with the Centenary of Anzac.



Many people attended the service to pay their respects for those fallen. 125407

Pictures: MELISSA MEEHAN



Left: A plaque in honour of Major Charles Morris was unveiled by Carol Lawton, Tony Smith and Brigadier Michael Phelps.

Bottom: Montrose Primary School students sing the anthem



The Mt Evelyn Mail (above & below) 12/8/14

Above: Last week Betty Crittenden unveiled a portrait that the Mt Evelyn RSL had commissioned Healesville artist Annette McAleer (mother of our secretary) to undertake of Joe Clark, the club's last WW1 veteran and subject of our book – The Last Light Horseman.

Photos: Wendy McGowan



Goode soul bared

By ANNE SIMONIS

THE story of Lilydale's first soldier to enlist in World War I will be released at Mount Evelyn's RSL's book launch.

Marking the centenary of Anzac, the RSL will launch the true story, "A Stretcher Bearer's War - The Story of Ralph Goode MBE" at Lilydale Athenaeum Theatre on Saturday 16 August at 2pm.

Pieced together based on extracts pulled from his war diaries and letters during his time as a stretcher bearer, the biography will be launched on the day he enlisted to the AIF by a special guest from the Australian Army Medical Corps.

Goode served as a stretcher bearer with the 2nd Field Ambulance in Egypt, at Gallipoli and throughout the Western Front until he returned home to Lilydale in 1918.

An excerpt dated Monday 3 May 1915 during Goode's time in Gallipoli reads: "I've been through hell and out again. Our chaps took a hill and I think still hold it. Some of the wounds are awful, I saw some of our chaps getting up to the

trenches. The Turks had a machine gun trained on them, not a man escaped. We worked fifty-five hours without a spell."

Another tells of his heroism as a stretcher-bearer, dated 17 September 1915.

"Of the original one hundred and eight bearers who landed on the 25th of April, only thirty of us came off last Friday. We had fifteen killed and fifty-five wounded, remainder sick," he wrote.

In Goode's post-war years, he made a strong impact on the Lilydale community responsible for creating Melba Park and the Lilydale Hospital and was awarded MBE by Queen Elizabeth II in 1954.

The biography was made possible by a grant from the Department of Veteran Affairs through their Centenary of Anzac program.

Guest speakers joining the launch will include Federal Member for Casey Tony Smith MP, Mount Evelyn RSL president Roger Boness and Lilydale RSL president Don Parsons.

For more information, call 9737 0767.



"A Stretcher Bearer's War - The Story of Ralph Goode MBE" will launch at Lilydale Athenaeum Theatre on Saturday 16 August at 2pm. 125408



Goode (left) in Gallipoli in 1915. 125408



Goode (left) serving in Egypt in 1914. 125408

BOOK LAUNCH – 16/8/2014

On Saturday August 16th, 2014 the Mt Evelyn RSL were proud to officially launch our new book – ‘A Stretcher Bearer’s War – The Story of Ralph Goode MBE’.

The book is the story of Ralph Goode, the first man from Lilydale to enlist in World War One, in fact the day also marked the centenary of his enlistment in the AIF. The main part of the book is his war diaries and letters that describe his experiences during the First World War in Egypt, on Gallipoli and throughout the Western Front as a stretcher bearer. When he returned home Ralph Goode became a dedicated worker for the betterment of the Lilydale community.

The book was launched by Major-General Jeffrey Rosenfeld AM, OBE, CstJ, former Surgeon General to the Australian Defence Force Reserves who has seen service in Rwanda, Iraq, Bougainville and the Solomons. In a marvellous speech he spoke admiringly of Ralph Goode and compared Ralph’s role as a stretcher bearer in WW1 with the role of medics in today’s defence forces.

Other guest speakers included Roger Boness, who talked about Ralph’s war service, Tony Smith MP, who highlighted Ralph’s community record, and author Anthony McAleer.

Many of Ralph’s family were also present including his two daughter’s Merle Slattery and Shirley Burchall and numerous grand children and great grand children. Members of various local history groups were also present.

Afterwards everyone enjoyed a lovely afternoon tea put on by the RSL ladies. See opposite for details of how to get a copy of the book.



Above: Major-General Professor Jeffrey Rosenfeld AM, OBE, CstJ launches the book.

Right Top: Anthony McAleer (author), Roger Boness, Major-General Rosenfeld, Tony Smith MP

Right: Guests enjoy an afternoon tea.

A STRETCHER BEARER'S WAR

The Story of Ralph Goode MBE



In 1914 Ralph Goode became the first of many men from Lilydale to enlist in World War One when he joined the 2nd Field Ambulance as a stretcher-bearer. Before he left for service overseas his fiancée gave him two small diaries in which to write down his experiences.

Over the next four years he painstakingly recorded what he went through in Egypt, on Gallipoli and throughout the Western Front. What he created on the pages of those little diaries is an extraordinary day to day account of the horrors and heroism of serving as a stretcher bearer in what they called 'The Great War'.

But his life back home in those decades after the war was to be just as heroic. What he did to cope with the trauma of his war experience would benefit his community greatly and leave a lasting legacy for generations to come.

With a foreword by Dr Michael Cathcart.

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CENTENARY OF LILYDALE RED CROSS – Athenaeum Theatre 13/8/2014



Above: Roger Boness, President Mt Evelyn RSL, Joan Ryan, Red Cross Historical Committee, Christine Fyffe MLA, Glenis Bradshaw, chair Lilydale Red Cross, Tony Smith MP, Cr Maria McCarthy.

On August 13th, 2014 members of the Mt Evelyn RSL gathered with Red Cross workers to commemorate the centenary of the formation of the Red Cross in this district. The event happened at the Athenaeum Theatre, where the branch was started 100 years ago, and where a commemorative plaque was unveiled. Our Vice President Iain Townsley played Amazing Grace in memory of all those who had served the Red Cross.

Below: Iain Townsley

Below: Plaque unveiled



UNVEILING OF MAJOR CHARLES MORRIS PLAQUE AT MONTROSE 5/8/2014

On August 5th, 2014 a ceremony was held next to the Montrose War Memorial to unveil a plaque in tribute to Major Charles Morris. Exactly one hundred years ago to that day, and that time, Major Charles Morris, a former Montrose resident, was involved in an important historical event at Point Nepean, the firing of the first shot of World War One. Brigadier (retired) Michael Phelps AM who, like Major Morris, was a former officer in the artillery, officially unveiled the plaque.

As the day also marked the start of World War One for Australians, Tony Smith MP took the opportunity to talk about the Montrose contribution to that conflict and detailed some of the stories of those listed on the Montrose War Memorial. Although this was a Centenary of Anzac project by the Rotary club of Montrose & District, many Mt Evelyn RSL members played a part including Roger Boness, Jim Hurley, Iain Townsley, Anthony McAleer, Tom Steele and Bill Smart. **Photos: Peter Harris**



Left:
Crowd
gathers at
Montrose
war
memorial

Right:
Guest
Speaker
Tony
Smith MP



Left:
members
of the Mt
Evelyn
RSL

Right:
Brigadier
Mike
Phelps
AM



Left: Tony
Smith MP,
Brigadier
Phelps
AM &
Carol
Lawton
from
Montrose
Rotary
unveil
plaque



Mt Evelyn Community Market

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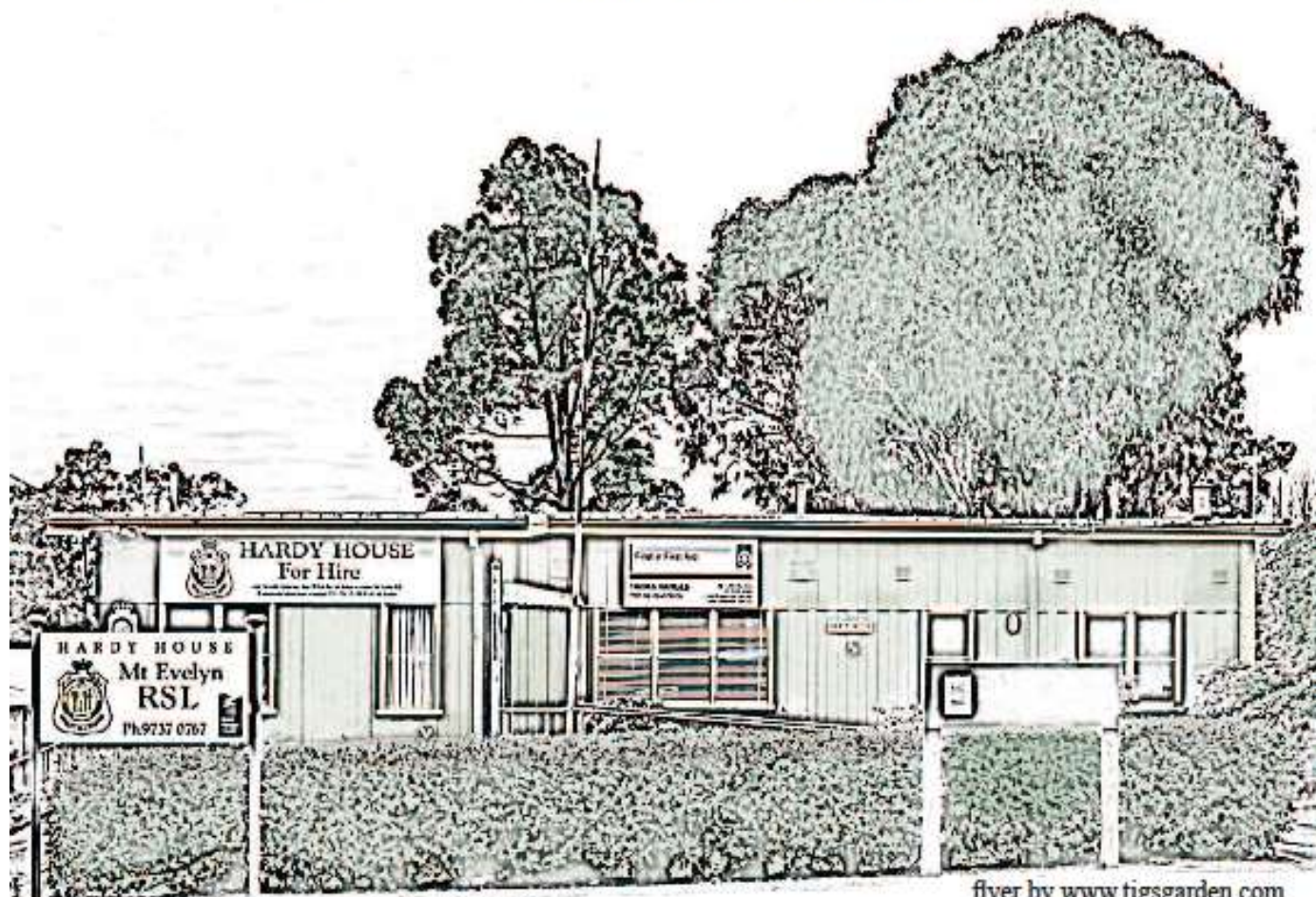
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■ On the shabby treatment of soldiers, a war veteran...

Makes no Boness

By REBECCA BILLS

IT MAY be a case of too little, too late but the RSL is determined to never make the same mistake again.

Vietnam veteran Roger Boness said for years after the Australian soldiers returned home from Vietnam they felt isolated and ashamed.

"We would try and talk to people, but no one was prepared to listen with most RSL's saying we weren't welcome there," he said.

"But times have changed and they (the RSL) are very concerned that they didn't get it right with the Vietnam veterans and they don't want to make that same mistake again."

At 21 years of age, Roger was sent to Vietnam in 1966 as part of an artillery unit that was deployed to an infantry unit.

"It was my responsibility when we got in contact with the enemy to bring in supporting artillery," he said.

"For my job, I had to map read and to know every minute of the day where we were on the ground - for the 11 months that I was in Vietnam, nine of those months was on the ground."

Roger said when they got word of how public the war was in Australia and the bitterness from the public, it hurt the soldiers.

"We were over there on behalf of our government, in mortal danger, and these people were concerned about their own political agendas and we were used as a tool," he said.

After his time in the war, Roger said it was quite odd returning home.

"In all the previous conflicts, everyone that came back were treated like heroes - there were parades, they were guest speakers all over the place, they were revered," he said.

"But when I landed at Essendon Airport, there was one person there, my mother."

"There are no good wars and what you experience is really, really graphic - it's emblazoned in your mind forever."

Post-traumatic stress, bilateral hearing loss, skin cancer alongside the skin



From left, Roger McKee, Ian Hart, Don Parsons, Robn, Neil Skinner, Roger Boness, Alan Johnson, Robert Hamond, Lyle Johnson, Bill Smart and Ria Watkin ready to march. **Picture: ROB CAREW**

on his hands peeling off each year as a result of the chemicals Roger was exposed to during his time in the jungle are all ongoing reminders of his time in Vietnam.

"We were often sudden, quite often our clothes would rot off us, our skin would start to peel off and then there were the leeches and the snakes," he said.

"However, the good thing about the Australian was that we were trained jungle fighters, so we were able to cope."

"Some of the allied forces didn't have the same skills or understanding of the jungle as we did and that made us a significant concern for the North Vietnamese and the Viet Cong."

Australia's military involvement

in Vietnam lasted 10 years (1962 to 1972), the longest in our nation's history, with almost 60,000 Australian soldiers serving in Vietnam.

During those 10 years, 521 Australians died and more than 3000 were injured with many of the soldiers sent to Vietnam were sons of the soldiers who fought in WWII and the grandsons of Gallipoli veterans.

The Yarra Valley Vietnam Veterans Day Combined Service will be held in Mount Evelyn this year on Sunday 17 August.

The service will commence at 11am at Mount Evelyn Memorial Gardens, corner Birmingham Road and Wray Crescent followed by commemorations and veterans' march to the RSL.

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RALPH PROCTOR DISPLAY

Make sure you check out the Ralph Proctor RAAF display at the 'Mont de Lancey Museum' at Wandin. Ralph was a long time member at the Mt Evelyn RSL & served with the RAAF in Europe during World War Two. He donated his wartime memorabilia to the museum and it is a fascinating collection. Includes items to do with his experiences at D-Day & Arnhem.



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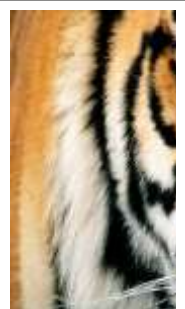
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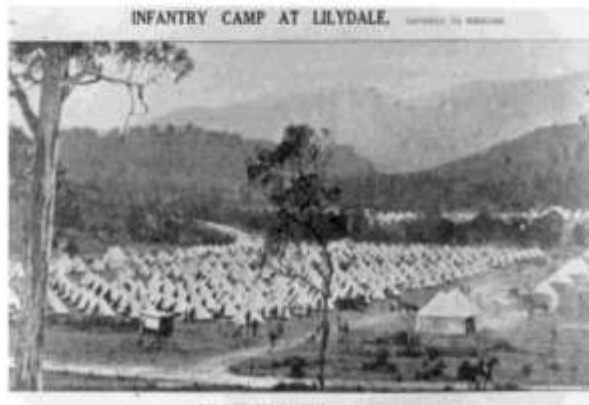


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LILYDALE – FEBRUARY 1914

100 years ago John Monash and 3000 citizen soldiers descended on Lilydale and camped for week where the Lillydale Lake is today.

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BILL HARRISON'S STORY – pt 6

This is the story of one of our past members, Bill Harrison. Bill served with the 1st Independent Company during World War Two and was a member of the Mt Evelyn RSL for a short time in the 1990's. In 1999 Anthony McAleer sat down with him and interviewed him about his memories of the war. What follows is Bill's story.....

Last issue: Bill is involved in the Battle of Wau

One person who is always talked about in regards to the Battle of Wau is Captain Bill Sherlock of the 2/6th Battalion?

I scouted for Captain Sherlock's mob at one time. We'd been scouting for them and we led them so far and said 'you've got to stop here'. But his idea was to go on to Wandimi Ridge, it overlooked the junction of two tracks and a creek crossing, but he was quite wrong. We knew that it was completely overlooked by a scrub that came down but because of the high kunai grass you couldn't see out of it very well and it was the worst place in the world to go down to. We told him that but he knew better, I think he'd served too long with the English where a commissioned officer was in the right and shouldn't be questioned, which was the English style and apparently that had rubbed off on him. Usually that attitude works out because a Captain has more experience than those under them but not in this case. We'd been there for over a year and he'd been there for five minutes, which is the reason we were given to him as scouts. But he made the decision and that's what a Captain's for, unfortunately in this case he was quite wrong. It was really about a lack of knowledge and a lack of experience. He was killed eventually, he went back for ammunition and didn't come back, he was knocked off just a few yards from Wandimi Ridge.

Did you come across the Americans at this time?

They were just starting to arrive in Moresby then and there were a few American observers who came up to Wau. I was scouting for one group of these observers and I remember they were absolutely lost. Not only had they not had jungle experience, most of them hadn't been in action. This bloke who was a Major, he said 'which way do we go?' I said 'well you're the boss'. He said 'Look I know nothing. Three months ago I was driving a taxi in Chicago, Illinois. I am only a Major because I was in the National Guard and I was only in that because it was an easy way of getting petrol. That was the only reason I was in it and because of that, the next thing I was called up'.

By this time you had spent a long time moving about in the jungle, did you develop a sixth sense?

Others could never understand that we could always smell the Japanese. I mean we hadn't had any tobacco for about seven or eight months because we'd been out of it, so we could smell well at that stage. We could easily tell who had been along the track because each smell was quite different, you smell according to the food you eat. We knew whether they were Australians just arrived or those who had been there a while like us, Americans, Japanese, natives working for white men or the wild natives. You could tell up to twelve hours afterwards who'd been along the track just by smelling and you wouldn't have to consciously do it. You'd just wait for a sheltered bit where the scent would linger. You could do it alright and in just a very short time we'd become quite proficient at it.

Next issue: Disease forces Bill out of the jungle

Right: Bill Harrison in 1999

MT EVELYN FURPHYS

- Welcome to new member **Paul Fyander**.
- Could **Bill Smart** be catching up to Roger with how many times his photo is in the paper?
- Farewell to **Rebecca Bills** from the Mail Newspaper and thank you for all your support of the RSL.
- Our sympathy to Lilydale RSL president, **Don Parsons**, who recently lost his sister and to **Rob Webb** who lost his uncle.
- Our treasurer, **John Allwood**, will be soon enjoying a visit back to merry old England for a very special occasion - his mother's 100th birthday.
- Well done to **Jim Hurley** who recently received an award for 15 years service with the CFA.
- Heard **Sandra FitzGerald** and **Russell Kirby** have moved into a very nice place in the leafy suburb of Kew.
- Have you finished your back deck yet **Tony Geyer**?
 - Should you require any assistance or advice - Deanne Webb (the Sub-branch's Welfare Officer).
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RSL Hall Hire

As you would have seen from recent publicity, the
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longer hire out our hall to one-off users for functions,
mainly because of the issues we've had with them
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