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THE FOUR-WAY TEST

Of all the things we think, say or do . . .

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

FROM PRESIDENT MARK



As I said a few weeks ago, our clubs AN-ZAC day celebrations is the highlight of our clubs Rotary year. I firstly want to thank Ron Cook, David Hanlon and Eric Neill for organising the event.

It is hard not to be moved by the sacrifice of our servicemen and women in giving us the country and society that we live today.

Every breath that all Australian's take in the name of freedom and liberty has been won by the blood spilt by our service people in the defence of our freedom and liberty.

This year we had Barry Smith from Peninsula Legacy as our guest speaker. Barry spoke of his personal connection of the Anzac spirit through his family. Barry has constructed his family history and has relatives that served in the Gallipoli campaign. He spoke of a great uncle, that enlisted at the outbreak of war. His military service number was 93. He survived the land-

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THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

6:00 for 6:30 pm
Operation Christmas Child
Marg Perry
Samaritan's Purse Australia

MILESTONES



ROTARY ANNIVERSARY:
Linda Tinney - 30 April 2008
Colin Price - 1 May 2012
Bill Fowler - 1 May 2012



BIRTHDAY:
None this week



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:
Mark Sammut & Jane Griffiths - 3 May 2009

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ing on the first day but was shot in the chest a few days later. He was taken down to the beach and waited there for a few hours until he was loaded on a barge and taken back to a hospital ship anchored off shore. He remained on that ship for a week and then was transferred to a hospital in Alexandria. He remained there for almost 2 months until he died. The suffering due to his injuries must have been horrific. He died away from the country that he loved, away from his family and friends. As I heard this story I thought to myself did anyone witness his passing? This is sacrifice. To endure horrible injuries, constant pain and to die a long way away from people that love you. I cannot fathom what he went through or the emotions that he experienced. A man of barely 20 years of age.

Neville, "The bugler" played the last post. We must be the most fortunate club in the district to have this played as part of our ANZAC day commemorations each year. The gift that Neville gives us cannot be bottled and really needs to be experienced and cherished.

Singing the national anthem just topped off the night. Rarely have I heard it sung by our club with such emotion and purpose. It was a fitting tribute to those that had fallen for our flag.

Until next week, keep safe and be happy.

President Mark

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

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| Chairman: | Eric Neill |
| Apologies: | Barry Dean, Beverley Unitt, Peter Newman, Con Demopoulos, David Cahill |
| Leave of Absence: | Anne Linton, Tony Spring, Brian Capon |
| Visiting Rotarian: | Robert Eichman (RC Rockford, Chicago) |
| Rotaracter: | Andrew Maitz |
| Guests: | Neville Lloyd, Ian Gardner, Peter Maher, Tony Crawford, Barry Smith |

Announcements:

President Mark:

- Welcomed Rotarians and Guests to our ANZAC Commemoration Night.

PE Eric

- We received \$500 from the Frankston Bombers Football club for manning the gates on their huge Good Friday game. The Bombers donated 500 excess hamburgers and bread to the homeless. Thanks to those who worked on that day.
- The District Assembly and Avenues of Service Seminar will be held at Monterey Secondary College on May15. All Directors and other interested Rotarians are asked to attend.
- Our District Conference is in Hobart March 24-26, 2017 and we need expressions of interest sent to Eric so preliminary accommodation can be booked.
- Moneract Club is back up and running after the school holidays. They are having a Family Fun Day at Monterey SC on Saturday, April 30. We need help to set up our Club marquee and man our display from 9:00 am till 1:00 pm.
- The BBQ we put on for the Frankston/Susono Friendship Association was a great success and earned \$300 for the Club. Thanks to Mike Goonan, Con Demopoulos, Jenny Ludlow, Michael Hall and Little Johnnie.
- There has been some significant updates to our Club website thanks to Rhonda so please have a look at it.

Russell Cock

- Russell visited Barry Dean at Somercare in Somerville. Barry sends his best wishes to Club Members and enjoys anyone dropping in for a chat.

Andrew Maitz (Peninsula Rotaract)

- Andrew encouraged those liking a punt to attend the Rotaract Casino Night at the Frankston Dolphins Football Club on May 14. *(see flyer on page 6)*. First prize is a scenic flight around Melbourne or the Peninsula. Cost is \$50 and includes Play Money, live music a silent auction and finger food. Drinks are available at bar prices.



ANZACS

Barry Smith

President, Mornington Peninsula Legacy

The ANZAC legend began at 4:49 am on Sunday, 25th April, 1915, when three Battalions from the 1st Division of the AIF landed on the beach of what is now known as ANZAC Cove. The final casualty list for the Gallipoli campaign was 8,709 men killed and over 17,000 wounded.

Barry made these statistics more meaningful by researching his own relatives who were involved as ANZACs in the 1st and 2nd World Wars.

Barry's great uncle Francis Henry Hamester was born in Australia in 1894 of his Australian mother and Danish immigrant father. He joined the Citizen Forces, now known as the Army Reserve, before the war and had been promoted to Corporal by the time war broke out in August 1914. Within 2 weeks he was recruited into the First Battalion of the AIF.

They trained in Randwick and soon went to Egypt for more training, where he was promoted to Sergeant, before being sent to the Dardenelles to force a second front to relieve the pressure on the British army in Belgium and France.

When Francis's Battalion hit the beach at Gallipoli they were under heavy fire, which he survived only to be shot in the chest 4 days later. He was brought back down to the beach with the other wounded and was eventually towed to the waiting hospital ship on a flat topped barge. He was transported to the 15th General Hospital in Alexandria, Egypt where he died from his wounds 2 months later. While Francis was fighting and dying for his country, his father was arrested back in Australia for having a German sounding name.

Barry had other relatives who took part in the War and 3 of them - George Ikin, Harry Ikin and Robert Sawers - fell and were buried in France. Barry's grandfather, Harry Smith, was married with 2 kids when he enlisted at age 34. He left his job as a dairyman on the farm outside Maffra and joined the 37th Battalion. The 37th left Australia in 1916 with 987 men and by August 1918, they were disbanded because they could only muster 90 fighting men. They had been involved in many battles, including the one around Hill 60 in Messines. Following the disbandment, Harry was sent to an Ambulance Unit where he finished the War, before he went back to the dairy farm in 1919 and lived a fairly normal, although itinerant, life.

Barry's uncle James Fredrick Armstrong was a member of a militia unit before World War 2 and, in the early days of the War, was sent to Ambon Island in Indonesia where he was captured by the Japanese in January 1942. In April 1942 the Japanese transported him to Hainin, an island off China to work as slave labour in an iron ore mine. His working party was attacked by Chinese bandits on the way to the mine. They killed 6 Australian prisoners, including James, and the Japanese guards. James kept a secret diary, which is now in the War Memorial Archives, while a POW. Barry had held the diary and has a copy of it

Barry's father joined the Navy in 1943 and served as a sailor as a stoker on HMAS Kanimbla. One day they drew alongside an American supply ship to take on stores and he visited the other ship and was enjoying canned beer, which he had never seen before, with American sailors when the two ships parted. His mate took a while to tell the engineer who told the Captain who signalled the other ship for them to close up and return Barry's dad to his ship. The Captain was very angry and had him charged with desertion, which was eventually reduced to AWOL resulting in a demotion.

Barry's personal stories of his ANZAC relatives puts a more human face on the horrors of war.

NEXT WEEK

6:00 for 6:30 pm

Spinal Health

Dr Hayley Maginness

Mt Eliza Chiropractic Clinic

COMING UP

11 May - Doug Stewart - South East Water

15 May - District Assembly (Monterey SC)

18 May - Club Assembly

1 June - Joint Meeting RC Peninsula 2.0

UNIQUE NATURE OF MILITARY SERVICE

by Peter Newman

The Australian Nation has a special affection and respect for current and former members of the Australian Defence Force and the service they have given. This is clearly demonstrated by the large community support every ANZAC Day at commemoration services held throughout Australia and across the world wherever there are Australian communities. While part of the affection for the “digger” no doubt relates to stories of larrikinism and taking the mickey out of pompous authority, it is combined with the respect and recognition of the service that they have given to our country. While the feeling for Defence Force Members and the ANZAC tradition is currently positive and strong, there is only a vague understanding **of The Unique Nature of Military Service.**

Those taking up the uniform of our Country have accepted certain obligations. These are encompassed in an overarching duty owed to the Nation and the Australian Defence Force, i.e., the Nation expects that members of the Australian Defence Force conduct themselves in such a manner as rebounds favourably to the honour and good name of Australia. As Australian Defence Force members, they have agreed:

- To obey all lawful orders, instructions and directions given by those in authority, even to the extent of danger to life itself or personal safety; and;
- When called upon, to engage in military operations to the limit of their ability in defence of the Nation and its interests.

Service in the military is unique. This is because it involves the surrender in trust to the State of the individual's fundamental rights to life, liberty, association and security of the person. These rights, encompassed in the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights are enjoyed by all other Australians in all other callings. For example:

- Members of the ADF do not have the industrial rights enjoyed by all other citizens. Under the provisions of Defence Personnel Regulations, members of the Australian Defence Force are not considered ‘employees’ in the same manner as other employees in the Australian workforce. Therefore members are not bound by the Fair Work Act 2009. That is:

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Duties for Meetings

| | Cashier | Greeters | Room Setup and Put Away |
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| <u>April</u> | Wayne Peterson | David Louden Charles Mallia | Judi McKee Linda Tinney Michael Hall |
| <u>May</u> | David Louden | Peter Newman Charles Mallia | Charles Mallia David Cahill Con Demopoulos |
| <u>June</u> | Judi McKee | John Tame Charles Mallia | Eric Neill Brian Capon Russell Cock |

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The right to vote on conditions of service and pay as there is no union for Australian Defence Force members who are subject to military discipline. As far as life and security of the person is concerned, Australian Defence Force members' rights are legally curtailed. While emergency service personnel may also voluntarily place their lives in danger, and deserve our admiration for it, none can be compelled to do so. In the ultimate, **only servicemen and women are required to obey lawful commands that may involve possible, probable or even certain injury or death.** An Australian Defence Force member is subject to severe legal sanctions for disobedience.

In day to day service, members of the Australian Defence Force are either on operations away from Australia, training and preparing for operations or providing support to those training or on operations. Members' families support this service to the Nation and play a vital role, coping with relocation and separation, frequent changes to children schooling, the stresses of hazardous training and operational deployments and, in some cases, enduring the consequences of physical and mental injury and bereavement.

Recognition of the special bond of mutual obligations and responsibilities between the Nation and its Armed Forces has been a feature of the Australian psyche from federation. That a moral obligation exists to the Defence Force was expressed by Prime Minister Billy Hughes in 1917 -- "*We have said to them, you go and fight and when you come back we will look after your welfare*" and "*We have entered into a bargain with the soldier and we must keep it!*"

It is therefore, that the Australian Defence Force stands ready to protect the nation and provide security for its citizens under the obligation that is the Unique Nature of Military Service



Bugler Neville Lloyd playing the Last Post



President Mark thanking Guest Speaker Barry Smith

Vale Frosty

We have received the sad news that Ulfar Steinthorsson (aka Frosty) passed away last week because of heart problems

Ulfar was our Club's inbound exchange student from Iceland in 1996. He was in his late 30's with 2 young children who both suffer from Cystic Fibrosis

**PENINSULA ROTARACT CLUB
PRESENTS**

CASINO NIGHT



Tickets \$50 (18+ Event)
(Includes Play Money)

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Finger food provided,
drinks at bar prices

Doors Open 7pm

EVENING WILL INCLUDE
CASINO TABLES ● LIVE MUSIC ●
SILENT AUCTION ● & MORE

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