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S Y D N E Y

**ANZAC DIAMOND JUBILEE** The following Editorial from Rooty Hill R.S.L. Club's "Courier" is a good summary of what should be said of this important Anniversary, Anzac Day.

As most of our R.S.L. members realise the coming Anzac Day will mark the Diamond Jubilee of the Landing of the Australian New Zealand Army Corps at Gallipoli on that famous and glorious day of April 25th, 1915.

To our younger generation who may not realise the significance of this day on Friday, 25th April, 1975, we would like then to comprehend the importance of this day, particularly to our surviving ANZACs, as it could well be that it is the last ten year anniversary for many of them.

The tradition of Anzac is a vital part of our national heritage. We owe a great deal to our original Anzacs because they established standards of courage and tenacity for all Australians to follow. We mustn't lose this real and tangible tradition that we Aussies have and respect, as it is a part of our Australian way of life and it could possibly be the life blood of our younger generation and of our young country.

No decent living Aussie would knock tradition knowing full well that he would not be respected if this eventuated.

Just for the record, and to refresh memories, some 7,600 Aussies were killed and 19,000 were wounded during the eight months of fighting at Gallipoli.

Almost 100,000 young Australians have died in wars this century which were fought to preserve our Australian way of life.

They went to war because they were asked to do a duty — they volunteered — and they lost their lives and died in battle to preserve this great heritage and way of life so that their families and friends could be free and live in peace.

We will not glorify war, but march in solemn tribute to those Australians who died in defence of this country, when we assemble and march on this Anzac Day.

We, their friends and comrades in arms, will never forget these heroic men and their deeds.

**WE WILL REMEMBER THEM !**

## ANZAC DAY ARRANGEMENTS

All members are especially requested to make every effort to attend this, the 60th Anniversary of the ANZAC Landing.

Decorations, ribbons should be worn and please remember to wear your Association Tie (for those who do not have a tie, they will be on sale, both at Erskine and Elizabeth Streets prior to each March).

## WREATH LAYING CEREMONY

- F.U.P. - corner York and Erskine Streets - time 0730 hours.
- Battalion will move off promptly at 0800 preceded by the Parramatta Pipe Band and the 4th Battalion A.I.F. (1914-18)

## ANZAC DAY MARCH

- F.U.P. - Either in King or Elizabeth Streets in the vicinity of the corner of King and Elizabeth Streets (look for the 2/4 BN Sign)
- It is expected that the Battalion will move off at approx. 0930 hours.
  - Reunion luncheon tickets will be available from any Committeeman.

## ANZAC REUNION LUNCHEON

Your committee is both pleased and proud to announce that the Reunion Luncheon will be held for the first time at:

### THE GALLIPOLI MEMORIAL CLUB

12-14 Loftus Street, Sydney (near Circular Quay)

Time: 12 noon Place 1st Floor Price \$3.00

The \$3 Entrance Fee is exclusive of liquid refreshments. These will be available at the bar in the first floor dining room, which has been set aside for the exclusive use of the Association. Catering will be in the hands of the Club's excellent Chef, Louie.

Your Committee considered deeply before deciding on supplying food only on charge.

It was felt that had liquor also been included the charge would have been too high, particularly for non-drinkers. In adopting this measure the charge per head has been covered and it is up to the individual what he wishes to spend at the bar.

It is trusted that these new arrangements meet with the approval of our members. The Committee requests that you co-operate with them to the fullest to make a successful day of this, our first ANZAC DAY REUNION at the Gallipoli Memorial Club, which, we hope,

will be considered our "home" henceforth, and for all other Associations, such as ours.

Our success in being able to secure this suitable and appropriate venue is, in no small way, due to the efforts of the members of this Association who are also Directors of the Club. To them go our thanks for their continued efforts on our behalf. By our demeanour, in the Club, will they, and our Association be judged and future bookings assured.

Last, but by no means least, a special "thank you" to our President Harry (Club Secretary-Manager) for his unflagging efforts to ensure that this 60th Anniversary of the ANZAC LANDING will be a REUNION that all those members who will attend will remember for years to come as a further milestone in the history of our Association.

## WELFARE REPORT

Our hardworking Welfare officer, JOHN COPLAND and DICK FAULDER report having visited the following members in Concord R.G.H. during March.

NX 11903	Henry Galleghan
NX 5197	Ronald Ferguson
NX 18273	Walter Eschbank
NX 5227	John Pead

Dick Morris wishes to thank the daughter of Andrew (Lofty) Gibson for informing him that Lofty is at present in Parramatta Hospital. Dick hopes to visit him soon.

Also our thanks to Jim Brown for his promptness in passing on the sad news of the death of Dulcie Riordan and to John Storey for his promptness in passing on the news regarding Johnny Wells.

## COCKS COLUMN

Advance congratulations to Cec Chrystal NX 58, who will be 58 on the 4th May. (Your Editor hopes to be alive at 55 on the 9th May)

John Copland recently met Charles (brother of Tom). Charles, now on the land up Mudgee way was most interested in our country reunion this year at YARRAWONGA - MULWALA. If Tom is to come, Charles wants to come also. Expect Tom and Charles to get together on this.

Dick Morris reports having a noggin with Arnold (Curly) Gorman prior to lunching with "Curly" and his charming wife in their home at St. Marys. Curly wishes to be remember to old mates and hopes to be on parade on Anzac Day, particularly in honour of his late father No. 143, 1st Bn., who sailed on the S.S.Afric. He was proud to show Dick his father's Anzac Medallion and badge and printed cloth memento of the S.S. Afric.

I believe Gordon Chrisp, Wingham's newspaper "boy" thoroughly enjoyed the March meeting. Sorry I missed you, Gordon.

Received from Monty Siems, a New Zealand coloured postcard of a Kiwi and eggs, a New Zealand 6¢ stamp, post mark Wellington, the windy town. Monty writes:

"Dear Jim,

By the time you get this card I will be on my way to the U.K. by the Australis. Have tried New Zealand for 9 months but could not find a really suitable job. So in my own interests think the land of my birth the best yet."

Gee, Monty, I'm sorry to learn that you have left the Southern Hemisphere, I thought we were going to adopt you. Get homesick? I still have your card (from me to you) on my writing table, with your name on, but no address. So please, when you drop anchor, write and tell us your address. You can represent us in England on Anzac Day. Wishing you all the best Monty, sincerely, Jim.

LETTER FROM JACK WILSON NX 5527 C.Coy.

Dear Cock,

Would you please publish in your column in W.O.G. Vera and Jack Wilson's gratitude to Arthur Kleem and Bruce Millard, 2/4thers, for their interest in our welfare during our "Duty" holiday in Young.

Arthur made us most welcome and showed us the beauty spots. Driving us in his new car. Vera's mother and sister are buried in Young cemetery. Arthur and car were our means of transport.

We could not attend the Young Re-union, I was laid up at that time with a fractured bone

in the middle back.

We are on the Service Pension. I am 61. All the best wishes to the 2/4th Inf. Btn.Ass.

Sincerely,

Vera and Jack Wilson.

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Vera and Jack, Thank you for your letter. I am very sorry to read that you had an injured back which stopped you from attending the Young re-union. I too was on a hospital bed. I wish you both all the best in the future.

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LETTER RECEIVED BY OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Harry,

A line to let old comrades know of the recent passing of "Johnny" Wells. John had been under constant medical treatment for some time but his sudden death came as a shock.

I am enclosing the notices and obituary which appeared in the Canberra Times. I attended the funeral service at the Church of the Good Shepherd with the cortege proceeding to the Norwood Park Crematorium. While I didn't notice any other 2/4 member present, I could have overlooked someone. Earlier I had been in touch with Frank Crutchett who was endeavouring to be present but had some doubts about availability.

I had great respect for John who was always as keen and sincere as when I first met him at Greta camp in the mustering of the fourth reinforcements for the Battalion. He was a tower of strength after embarkation.

Regards, Cyril McCosker.

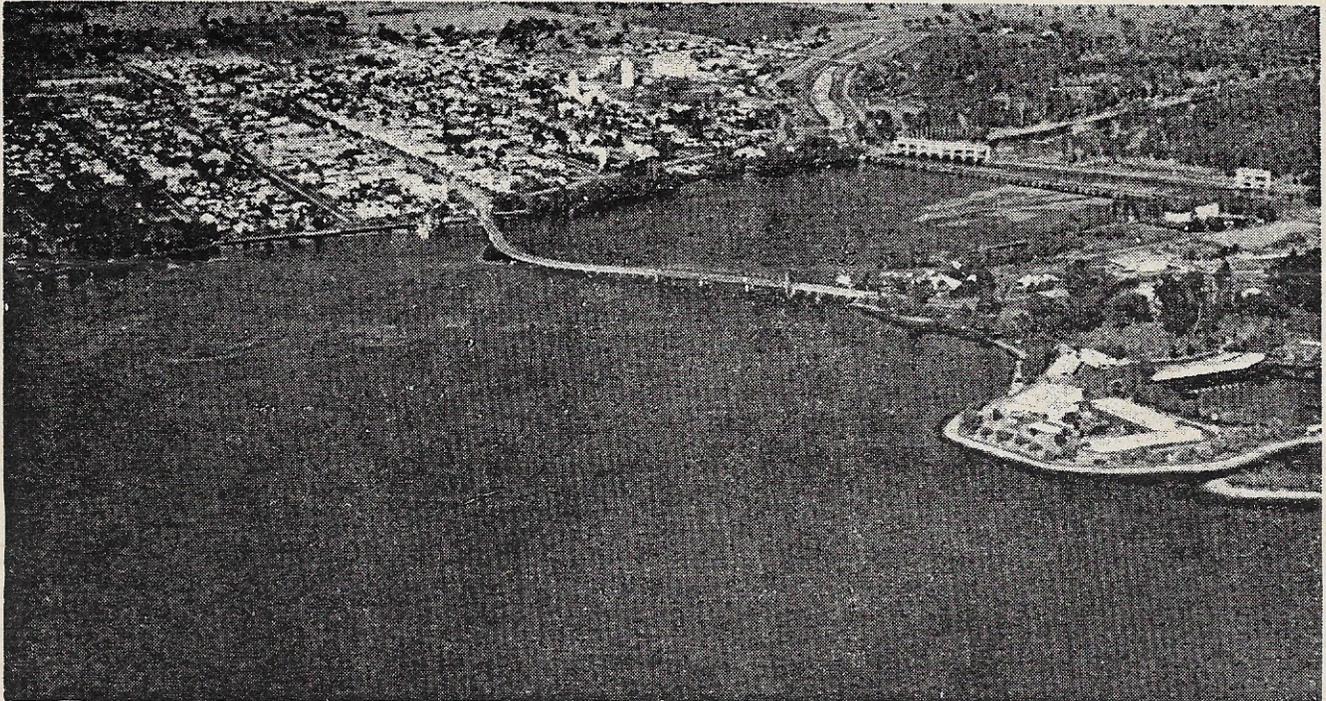
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Extracts from the Canberra Times, 11th March

Mr. Jack Bryden Wells, 55 of Lyons, died at his home on Saturday morning. Mr. Wells a retired Australian Army Colnel, had lived in Canberra since 1958, and was born in Wollongong in July 1919. He was educated at Wollongong High School. He was enlisted in the Army in 1939 and served in Greece, Crete and the Middle East during World War II. He also served in the Korean War and was made an MBE for services to his battalion there. Mr. Wells suffered damage to his feet while taking part in a paratrooper's course in 1960, and as a result had both legs amputated in later yrs.

# Country Re-Union

SATURDAY, SUNDAY, MONDAY — 4th, 5th, 6th OCTOBER, 1975



**AERIAL VIEW OF YARRAWONGA AND LAKE MULWALA—Aquatic Paradise, on the NSW-Vic Border**

## QUESTIONNAIRE

(Delete Where Necessary)

- a. How do you propose coming to Yarra/Mul.? Car, Train.
  - b. When do you propose to arrive? Date ..... Time .....
  - c. Type of accommodation required; Hotel ..... Motel ..... Caravan .....
  - d. Number of nights (B & B required?) from ..... to .....
  - e. Number in party for accommodation? .....
  - f. Any children in your party? ..... Do you wish them accommodated in your room? .....
  - g. Number of persons for Dinner only (no accommodation) .....
  - h. If you are staying with local residents, please indicate? .....  
If so what address? .....
  - i. Do you wish to share a room with any other member? .....  
If so, whom? .....
  - j. Would you prefer single accommodation .....
- Do you mind sharing? .....

I enclose herewith my deposit of \$10 per person.

NAME (Please Print) .....  
REGT. No. .... Coy. served with in unit? .....  
ADDRESS ..... POSTCODE .....

Please complete this form and mail to:

DATE .....

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