

You are invited to a presentation on  
**The Fathers of the ANZACS**  
Sunday 27th September, 2015 at 2.00pm  
Sherwood-Indooroopilly RSL Sub-Branch  
2 Clewley St, Corinda

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## **Boer War Day Commemorative Service**

**Sunday 31st May, 2015**  
**Anzac Square, Brisbane**  
**1000hrs**



**CHIEF OF THE DEFENCE FORCE**

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**Mr T. Lanarch-Jones**  
National Secretary and Public Officer  
National Boer War Memorial Association  
Victoria Barracks  
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PADDINGTON NSW 2021

*Dear Tony*

Thank you for your letter of 6 March 2015 inviting me, as the National Patron, to write a message for the Boer War Day commemorations on 31 May 2015. Please find my message attached, which I would appreciate you sharing with all those gathered to remember those who served in the Boer War.

I wish you well for the commemorations on 31 May and commend you, and all National Boer War Memorial Association members, for your commitment to honouring the sacrifice of Australians during the Boer War.

Yours sincerely,

**MD Binskin, AC**  
Air Chief Marshal  
Chief of the Defence Force

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3 May 2015

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*Mr. J. Lilley*  
*Redbank,*  
*Queensland.*

*Dear Sir,*

*It is with great regret that I have to write you on so sad a matter. No doubt by now you have been advised officially and Dave will have written you. Your son N<sup>o</sup> 127 Pvt W. Lilley met his death bravely in an engagement on January 4<sup>th</sup> when our regiment suffered very severely.*

*He was one of my best men and was the life of all his troop. His death has cast quite a gloom amongst us. His cheerful manner made him a favourite with both officers and men, and I regret his death very much. He was always willing for any work and although not present myself at the time of his death, his example on the field was a lesson many a man could follow and be a credit to his country. Allow me to sympathize with you and your family in your sad bereavement and I pray the Almighty to be with you in your sad affliction and make it easy to bear.*

*I trust nothing will happen to your other son and that he will be spared to return to you safe and sound. He also is a credit to his company and is a very promising young officer.*

*I must apologize for not writing earlier, but I have been in hospital since beginning of the month, hence this delay.*

*Hoping that the Almighty will be with you in your trouble and that Dave may be spared to you,*

*I remain*  
*Yours sincerely*

*Chas. S. Schumann, Capt.*  
*5<sup>th</sup> Q. I. B.*



His Excellency General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retd)  
Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia

*Message for Boer War Day 2015*

The Boer War is significant in our military history and to our nation's development.

With the formation of the Australian Commonwealth on 1 January 1901, the soldiers and nurses from the Australian colonies became a unified force representing a new nation.

These men and women were the first to serve Australia in battle, and they did us proud. Their knowledge of the bush, their riding ability, exceptional shooting skills and the medical attention they provided earned them universal respect, and their loyalty to each other forged the sense of solidarity that lives with our soldiers to this day.

In a difficult war far from home, our Boer War veterans showed what it was to be an Australian. In this ANZAC centenary year, their deeds are as important and relevant as ever and they are widely regarded as the fathers of the ANZACS with many from the Boer War going on to serve in World War I.

As our nation was born, these servicemen and women were at war. We remember them for the sacrifices they made and for their contribution to our emerging nation.

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Cameron McIndoe and Michael Crouch unveil the Boer War bronze statue. Picture: MARK WILSON

## Mounted bronze tribute

Above: A newspaper clipping from a recent edition of the Brimbank Leader in Melbourne, showing the BWM Fund Raising Charirman, Mr. Michael Crouch AM, at the unveiling of the first bronze cast mounted trooper.

The bronze is an impressive 1.5 times normal size, and will be safely held by the Australian War Memorial in Canberra until the other 3 bronze mounted troopers are ready to be installed at the memorial.

# PROGRAM OF COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE

(MC : Lieutenant Colonel Ron McElwaine OAM RFD ED)

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| 10.00am | 2/14 LH (QMI) Guard Mounts<br>Welcome by the MC<br>Service commences<br>Thank You and Apologies   | 10.45am | Presentation of the original hand written letter by CAPT Charles Gehrmann (5th QIB) after the death of PVT William Lilley at the Battle of Onverwacht Hills (4th Jan, 1902) by Mr. Alan Lilley to the representative of the Commanding Officer 2/14 LH Regiment (QMI) on behalf of the Lighthorse Museum, Enoggera Barracks |
| 10.05am | Opening Prayers<br>Fr Geoff Reader  |         |   |
| 10.08am | A message from our National Patron Air Chief Marshal Mark Binskin AC Chief of the Defence Force.<br>Read by Colonel Bob Hagerty AM                  | 10.50am | Blessing and Benediction<br>Fr Geoff Reader   |
| 10.12am | Fathers of the Anzacs address<br>CAPT Bill Cross OAM  | 10.53am | Update on the Boer War Memorial progress by the MC  |
| 10.25am | Poem   Read by William Fairclough School Captain, Aspley State High School  | 10.57am | MC's Invitation to Fathers of the Anzacs presentation at Sherwood-Indooroopilly RSL Sub Branch, Sunday 27th September 2015  |
| 10.30am | Wreath Laying<br>In the order called by the MC  | 11.00am | 2/14 LH (QMI) Guard Dismounts<br><br>The Australian National Anthem<br>Lead by Georgia Fullerton,<br>School Captain, Aspley State High School   |
| 10.40am | Last Post*<br>The Ode (MC) a minute silence<br>Rouse*<br>Lest We Forget<br>Read by Kevin Alcock, President of Sherwood-Indooroopilly RSL Sub Branch |         | Ends  |
- \* Bugler, Ray Koenig