



National Boer War Memorial Association

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BOER WAR DESPATCHES

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First generation descendants of Boer War veterans who attended the Civic reception at the Melbourne Town Hall on Wednesday 22nd May 2013.

BOER WAR DAY

Commemorations in Melbourne commenced on Wednesday 22nd May with a Civic Reception at the Melbourne Town Hall for first generation descendants. The unexpected attendance of the Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle, made the function even more special for those at the reception. Another unexpected bonus was a piano recital by 105 years young Mrs Mary Sadler who is the daughter of a Boer War Veteran and has been a regular participant at Boer War Day marches and services.

In the picture on page 1 of this newsletter is the 15 first generation descendants who attended the reception. They are:-

STANDING: *Bill Rudd, David Rafferty, Ronald Forbes, Duncan Forbes, Colin Bannister, Leonard Browning, Ray Greenwood, John Greenwood*

SITTING: *Shirley Smith, Eileen Sharp, Jim McCoy, Ron May, Mary Sadler, Isabel Anderson, Dorothy Robinson*

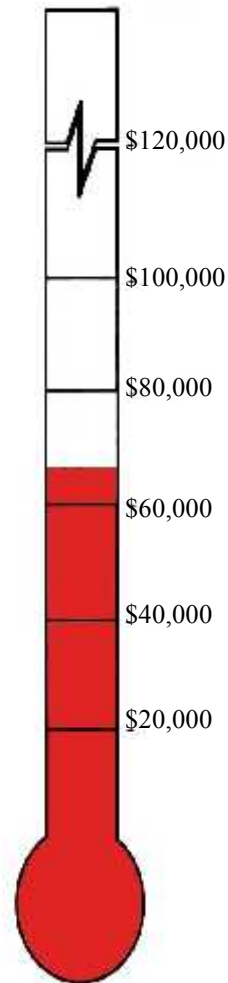


Civic Reception 22 May

Melbourne Lord Mayor, Councillor Robert Doyle, chats with Mrs Mary Sadler at the Town Hall reception. Council staff went to no end of trouble staging and catering for the reception and the Association is most grateful to them for their efforts.

FUND RAISING

VICTORIAN TARGET
\$600,000



The Commonwealth Government has given the Association a seeding grant of \$200,000 for the Boer War Memorial as well as granting us our own DGR status. The graph on the left does not reflect this as it only shows funds raised in Victoria. We have much more to do and any support would be most welcome.

Melbourne sculptor Louis Laumen has already been commissioned to create the sculptures and he has started work on the first of the four 1.5 times life size bronze mounted horsemen.

This memorial to our first Australian Expeditionary Force will make Australians proud and enhance our National Capitol.

PRESENTATIONS TO YOUR CLUB OR COMMUNITY GROUP

The Association can provide a most interesting presentation for your social group. This covers Boer War history, where to find information on family veterans who served, details of the new memorial etc.

If you belong to Rotary, Lions, RSL, sporting club etc. and would like to have a presentation (speaker, DVD etc) at one of your meetings please contact us at the address or phone number on the front of this newsletter or 9802 0926

Promotional Merchandise

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Vinyl Car Sticker
10mm X 10mm, \$2.00 ea.



Pens— Black & Gold \$10 each



Boer War Day Badge \$8



Metal Lapel Pin 25mm \$2



Key Rings
\$8



Queen Victoria Chocolate Tin \$25
It is 204mm X 60mm X 26mm and contains 8 slouch hat chocolates and a brief history of the slouch hat in the Boer War



Attractive Wooden Plaque:: Please provide details below.
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Rank:..... Regimental number:

Unit:

Second tour if applicable

Rank:..... Regimental number:

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-Car Stickers @ \$2 each \$.....
-Lapel Pins (*circular metal*) @ \$2 \$.....
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-Chocolate Tin \$25 each \$.....
-Wooden Plaque
Supply details as per reverse page \$.....
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- Pens (up to 2) \$2.50
- Stickers only \$1.00
- Chocolate Tins \$6.00
- Crystal Glass Memorial \$22.00
- Wooden Plaque \$10 (+ \$5 for each additional if mailed together) \$.....
- (if purchasing multiple items contact 03 98902465 for P&P savings)

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To recognise larger donations certificates will be awarded as follows -

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Recipients will be permitted to use that level of donor logo on their stationery. Gold and Platinum donors will also have their logo placed on future BWM promotional

BOER WAR DAY—SHRINE OF REMEMBRANCE

This year Melbourne's weather smiled on us and produced a good crowd which included almost 100 scouts and guides attending in uniform.

Boer War Day 2013

Commemoration Service
11.30am Sunday 26 May 2013
Shrine of Remembrance, Melbourne



Souvenir Programme

The Defence of Elands River is the Australia wide theme for Boer War Day 2013

*"On Australia's page for ever
We had written Elands River.
We had written it for ever and a day."*

SOUTH AFRICA 1899 - 1902



Creswick Light Horse and Pipe Band



Re-enactment Association members and the NBWMA Flag Party

With its 2013 theme the epic Defence of Elands River the day's Commemoration Service had special interest. The march was led by the Creswick Light Horse and the Victoria Police Pipe Band.

BELOW: View down the Shrine forecourt.



Australian Great War Association members who provided the Catafalque Party



ABOVE AND BELOW: Descendants of Boer War Veterans march up to the Shrine. Centre front in the lead is The Honourable Wendy Baden-Powell, granddaughter of Sir Robert Baden-Powell who commanded at the Defence of Mafeking late 1899—1900



The Creswick Light Horse take up their position alongside the Eternal Flame



The Catafalque Party move into position at the commencement of the service



A section of the 95 scouts and guides who attended and assisted on the day. The Boer War was the genesis of the scouting movement and is very much part of its heritage. It was great to see such a turn up of scouts and guides. A certificate is to be issued to all who attended in uniform.



The void left by our good friend and supporter, the late Tony Charlton, was ably filled by Don Kinsey, a contemporary of Tony's in radio broadcasting in the early days. Hopefully we will have his services for many future Boer War Day events. Don is here reading the message from her Excellency the Governor General



Mr Nick Wakeling MP, Parliamentary Secretary for Health, reads out the message from the Victorian Premier, The Hon Dennis Napthine. Nick Wakeling's grandfather was a defender of the Elands River Post in August 1900.



A section of the crowd at this this year's service



An important part of the service is the laying of wreaths and nearly twenty were laid by various organisations and individuals



ABOVE: Major General Jim Barry AM, MBE, RFD, ED, President of the Defence Reserves Association, delivers the oration about the 'Defence of the Elands River Post' which was the Australia wide theme for this years Boer War Commemoration. Major General Barry related the history of this epic event in Australian Military History and the way this small garrison had withstood a gruelling 12



Day siege against impossible odds when they had long been given up for lost. It was a proud day for Australia and should never be forgotten.

*As in previous years the service concluded with a 3 gun salute fired from an old cannon. The gun and crew supporting us were from the **Historical Re-enactment Society of Australia***

TASMANIA SALUTES ITS BOER WAR SOLDIERS

Tasmania's 2013 Boer War Commemoration was held at the impressive Boer War Memorial in Queens Domain, Hobart on Sunday 2nd June. It was, according to organiser, Reg Watson, the 'best of the best'

A highlight of the service was the playing of the old Tasmanian National Anthem by the Clarence City Band. "It was perhaps the first time in 115 years that it had been played" said Mr Watson "and I have to say it was very pleasing and beautiful". It acknowledged that the first troops sent to South Africa went before Federation.

Although the annual ceremony is regularly attended by Government and Opposition representatives, 2013 was the first time that the Mayor of Hobart had attended. Members of the Tasmanian Light Horse paraded and a salute was fired by the Tasmanian Rifle Regiment.

The following Sunday the Service was repeated in Launceston with music by the RSL band..



Organiser Reg Watson with Master of Ceremonies, Lt Colonel Chad Sutton speaking at the Hobart Ceremony in Queens Domain . The weather was also kind to the Tasmanians on the day.

REPORT BY A BOY SCOUT

Scouts and Guides at the Melbourne Service came from 4th Ringwood , 1st Greenhills, 1st Tullapark , 2nd Wantirna, 2nd Werribee , 1st Mirboo Nth, 1st Wallan, Sale, Leopold, Heany Park and others. The Sale Group brought up a bus load. Well done! Ethan Clare from 1st Greenhills wrote:-

"On Sunday, 26th May 2013 our Scout leaders, Terry and Mark, together with three Scouts, Clare, Daniel and myself, attended a march/ceremony at the Shrine of Remembrance.

The Boer War was a South African war fought from 1899-1902 between the Boers (Dutch) and the British. It was the first war Australia fought as a Nation and about 23,000 Australians served. Approx. 1,000 Australian soldiers and a nurse gave their lives in the war.

At 11 am the march commenced and at the Shrine a Military Officer gave a speech about the Boer War. Various other dignitaries spoke about giving thanks to the soldiers who lost their lives fighting in the war. There was also discussion about creating a permanent Memorial on Anzac Parade in Canberra. After all the speeches they played God Save The Queen, the National Anthem and the Last Post which we all saluted. Then the cannon was fired three times. This was very loud but looked awesome. Overall it was a great day."



A section of the Tasmanian Light Horse preparing for the ceremony

BOER WAR MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION TIES

These quality ties in the colours of the Queens South Africa medal ribbon are available at \$25 each plus postage.

