

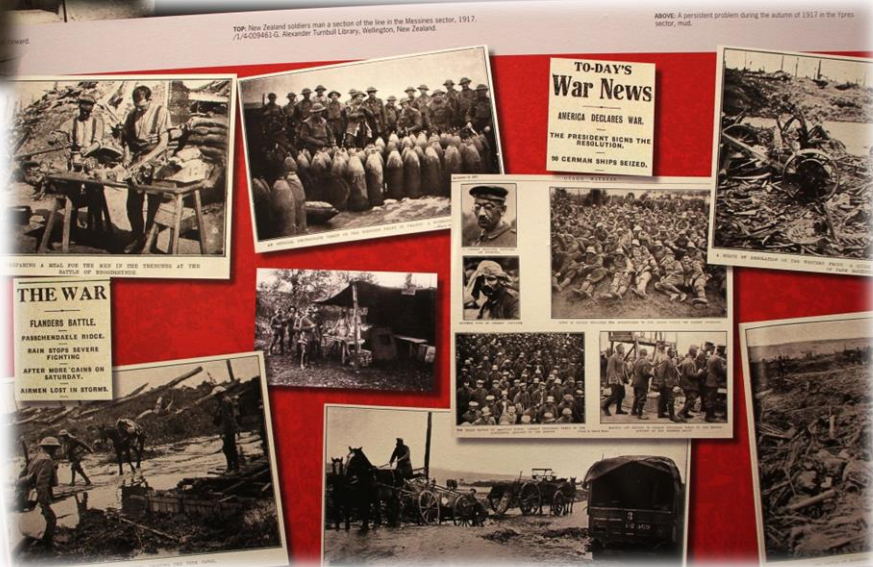
# NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2014

## DUNEDIN RSA & WELFARE TRUST



### IMPORTANT DATES IN 2015

- 6<sup>TH</sup> January –office reopens
- March – RSA AGM
- 17<sup>th</sup> April -Poppy Day
- 24<sup>th</sup> April Posy Making
- 25<sup>th</sup> April – Anzac Day – 100 Anniversary
- 11<sup>th</sup> November – Armistice Day



ABOVE: Photos from the opening of the

### Dunedin's Great War 1914-1918

At Toitu Otago Settlers Museum until 3rd May 2015  
One hundred years ago Dunedin went to war. Thousands of citizens fought and died at Gallipoli, in Palestine, France and Belgium. Dunedin's Great War remembers their sacrifice and honor's their memory.

# Last Post

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In remembrance of all service and ex service personnel who are no longer with us

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At the going down of the sun  
and in the morning  
We will remember them.





# ARMISTICE DAY DUNEDIN 2014

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*Above left : Wreaths being laying at the Cenotaph  
Above right: MC Squadron Leader (rtd) Andrew  
Rooney  
Below: Malayan Veteran David Ellison*







***Right:  
Speaker  
Capt Aaron  
Soppet,  
2/4 Burnham  
Below:  
Balmacewen  
Intermediate  
School sings  
the Hymn***





# News from Cromwell Branch

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At a recent award ceremony "Certificate of Entry" on the Special Honours List Cromwell Branch was awarded to:



Helen (Bette) Pittaway    Gordon Gates    Roderick (Roddy) Maxwell

Also the unveiling of the new shield displaying recipients of Dunedin RSA Awards by Mr Alan Anderson, son of a former Cromwell Borough Council mayor pictured with Cromwell RSA President John Morton.



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Regional  
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## Total mobility

We administer the Total Mobility Scheme for those eligible and who have difficulty using scheduled public transport services. Total Mobility is a national scheme; in Otago, it operates in Dunedin, Oamaru, Queenstown, Wanaka, Alexandra and Balclutha.

The Total Mobility scheme assists eligible people with impairments to access appropriate transport to enhance their community participation. The assistance is provided in the form of a subsidy for approved door to door transport services.

These policies apply to those areas of Otago where the scheme currently operates, as well as any areas in which a taxi/shuttle might become registered and agreement made with ORC to participate in the scheme

**THE DUNEDIN RSA WELFARE TRUST IS AN AGENT FOR OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL TOTAL MOBILITY SCHEME- IF YOU THINK LIKE YOU MIGHT BE ELIGIBLE PLEASE CONTACT NIAL SHEPHERD ON 03 4664888 OR ON FREE PHONE 0800 664 888**

# Fresh Faces Bring New Perspectives to RSA

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The RSA has voted for diversity with the election of the first women and civilian members to its National Executive Committee (NEC).

Alongside the new National President BJ Clark, who is seeking to quietly revolutionise the RSA movement, members have elected three fresh faces to its NEC.

They are Police Detective Jenepher Glover, former Base Commander of HMNZS Philomel, Corina Bruce and President of the Paraparaumu RSA, Chris Turver.

Clark has called for a revolution of attitudes, in particular in welcoming new members into the RSA movement, and is delighted with the fresh faces on his executive.

All three appointments are committed to making RSAs more relevant to the community, attracting existing service personnel to the movement and working positively in a changing environment.

Jenepher Glover, a detective with the Dunedin CIB, is a specialist interviewer. She says her training has taught her to listen, understand and find a solution. She'll use those strengths to listen to veterans and members and also hear what the community is saying.

"I'd like us to cement our place in the community and, in doing so, reflect what it is saying," Glover says. "I'd also like to see a more diverse membership. Our young veterans and serving members of the military need our support and I will encourage them to join."



Glover has been a member of the New Zealand Police since 1979 and, during that time, she's been posted to the Solomon Islands and East Timor as Officer in Charge of the Major Crime Investigation Unit.

Jenepher is serving her second term as President of the Dunedin RSA and has been a member of their Executive Committee since 2004.

Corina Bruce will not be around when the RSA celebrates its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary but wants to ensure the movement in 2066 will be relevant to those who join and are serving today.

"Our role is to ensure the RSA remains true to its foundations, values and objectives for all generations including those who serve, have served or will serve," she says.

"This includes embracing the diversity of all our services, connecting the RSA with our communities and stakeholders through the Anzac spirit and comradeship and continuing open dialogue between members, services and communities."

Bruce was recently announced as a finalist in the 2014 Women of Influence Awards in the Board and Management category.

Chris Turver is the first civilian to be elected to the RSA National Executive Committee. He has used his background of strategic planning, communication and business development to help the Paraparaumu RSA build membership and income.

Turver was a war correspondent with 161 Battery in Vietnam and was on patrol with 1RNZIR on the Borneo border during confrontation and on HMNZS Canterbury's nuclear protest voyage to Mururoa.

He says the survival of RSAs depends on their ability to create a future for themselves by changing the historical way they've done things.

"We need to create an environment that the community want to go to. I want to regenerate the interest of young people in the services and recently retired personnel by making RSAs relevant to them."

Turver has been a member of the Otaki and Paraparaumu RSAs for 15 years.

**Royal New Zealand RSA**

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# DUNEDIN RSA PRESIDENT – Jenepher Glover

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Seasons Greetings to All

I can't believe that the year has gone so quickly, but then things at the Dunedin RSA have been very busy this year with the beginning of commemorations for World War One.

We had a wonderful commemoration of the embarkation of our Otago and Southland troops, involving a parade, a reception at Dunedin Railway Station and an Edwardian market. It was great to welcome people from Southland who came up on a specially scheduled train. The steering committee, chaired by the Mayor of Dunedin, Dave Cull, has met since and is currently planning other events.

I was thrilled to be voted into the position of elected member at the National Council Meeting in Wellington in Octagon. Myself and Corina Bruce, the former base commander of HMNZS Philomel are the first women to be elected to the position, and Chris Turver is the first civilian to be elected to the National Council. It's great that we have another person from the deep south on the council and I hope to represent you well. Please, get in touch if there is anything that I can help with.

It was great to visit our sub-branches in November; it's always good to get out there and meet our members. Thanks to all for their hospitality, and Ranfurly for the lovely lunch. I would also like to thank our sub-branches for their support, and for their feedback and comments.

I would like to thank Sally and the RSA Executive for their hard work and their support over the year, and to thank our members.

Very best wishes to you and yours

Jenepher

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# Welfare Trust Chairman – Will Martin

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As I near the end of my term as Chairman I have had a chance to reflect on the good work that is done by all Dunedin RSA Welfare Trust volunteers, staff and trustees. Without the countless hours put in by everyone involved, the good work of the Trust would simply not be able to happen. On 4 December the Trust held a thank you morning tea for rest home & hospital visitors and Poppy Day delivery people. Also in attendance were representatives from several businesses, trusts and NZDF staff. I would like to thank everyone for their involvement with the Trust no matter how large or small, or simply if they donated money on Poppy Day.

This year's Poppy Day collection was a success, and the culmination of hard work from so many people.

Andrew Rooney was appointed Deputy Chairman this year and will take up the position of Trust Chairman in 2015. We were also fortunate to gain two new Trustees this year, Jim Cutler and Father Tony Harrison. Both bring valuable skills to the Trust.

Also announced at the morning tea were this year's Scholarship recipients. Lachlan Woods has been awarded a \$1000 scholarship and Oliver Cathro has also been awarded a \$1000 scholarship. Both have family service connections and promising futures. I hope that the Trust can meet both these young gents and hear how they progress with their studies.

I wish each and every one of you and your families a very merry Christmas, and a happy and successful 2015.

Will Martin Lieutenant,  
RNZNVR (Rtd)

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# Welfare Officer- Niall Shepherd

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December already! I can't believe the second half of 2014 has gone so quickly. Since starting as Dunedin's Welfare Officer in July I have been a bit like a sponge absorbing as much institutional knowledge as I can, meeting key people, visiting organisations and generally trying to raise the profile of our welfare work so we can identify and make contact with our ex-service family who might be in need of our services.

In October I accompanied the Dunedin RSA contingent to Wellington to observe the annual conference. It was heartening to see the passion and energy of delegates from around the country, and the professionalism shown by national office staff. I was particularly impressed by the interactive online annual report. For those with an internet connection the website and the annual report are well worth looking at: <http://www.rsa.org.nz/> For those without an internet connection,

In November I had the pleasure of joining Jenepher Glover – our newly elected member of the National Executive Council, District Vice President, and President of Dunedin RSA, and Sally our Administrator on a trip to Central Otago where we visited Dunedin RSA sub-branches and enjoyed the hospitality of members from Lawrence, Cromwell, Wanaka, and Ranfurly. From my point of view it was important to get to know our volunteer Welfare Officers and to find out what type and level of support I may be able to offer in the future. Again it was heartening to see that RSA is alive and well in our rural areas. Of particular note was the field of crosses in



Lawrence and the memorabilia displayed at the Ranfurly Council Chambers showing the sacrifices made during WW1 by these small communities.



Part of the WW 1 display at  
Ranfurly Council Chambers



December sees the long awaited Veterans Support Act 2014 come into effect. Scheme One (covering veterans from the Second World War to the Vietnam War), will continue to be based on those currently available under the 1954 Act. This continues the practice of paying a periodic pension to veterans with a service-related impairment and also provides entitlements for veterans' spouses/partners and children/dependants. Scheme Two will take effect from December 2015 and covers those with qualifying operational service since 1 April 1974. Scheme Two entitlements will be closely aligned with those available through ACC, but with additional support that recognises the special service provided to New Zealand by our veterans. Veterans Affairs has given their website a new look which is also worth a look: <http://www.veteransaffairs.mil.nz/>



I was lucky enough to be on hand with a camera when Fred Daniel representing Dunedin RSA was handed a cheque for \$667.00 by Josh Scadden who embarked on an energetic sales campaign selling the interactive history book on WW1: It is great to see members of a younger generation taking an active part in remembrance.....lest we forget.

With Christmas and the festive season nearly upon us, I would like to take the opportunity of thanking all of our wonderful volunteers for their efforts during the year for the Dunedin RSA and Welfare Trust. Posy makers, poppy sellers, lolly labellers, hospital and rest home visitors, trustees, committee members, office holders, funeral tribute volunteers, organisers, fund raisers, sponsors, and other benefactors – your contributions are all valuable and help significantly to keep our organisation alive and well, and assist us in our work to deliver welfare and other services to our ex-service family.

Finally, due to a number of rest home visitors have moving on because of other commitments I am looking for some replacement visitors. Please be in touch if you have an hour or two spare every month that you could spend brightening up the day of some of our rest home residents.

*Best Wishes - Niall*

# ADMINISTRATOR - Sally Turner

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It has been another busy year for me at the RSA, February is the start of the Poppy Day Anzac season and it is always hectic. Once again the RSA was well supported by the local community, this is very much appreciated and the results are seen on ANZAC Day's Dawn Service and Posy Laying at Andersons Bay and also on Poppy Day. I especially enjoy posy making. Each year we have so many new volunteers coming along and joining in to make over 4000 posies. It is a chance to catch up with RSA members and the many regular volunteers who come along each year. Another highlight for me this year was Embarkation Day held in September, it was great to see such a crowd of people, young and old enjoy this significant event.

There have been some changes in the office Marie Marshall moved to Christchurch in July, after her husband returned from his deployment in Korea. Niall Shepherd has now been the Welfare Officer for nearly 6 months. Niall has a vast knowledge & experience, if you have any queries in regards to welfare, pensions or any other concerns please give him a call.

During the past 6 months we have been updating our stationery/publications and you will see that we are using the new RSA logo. The Dunedin RSA & Welfare Trust brochure has been revised and re-printed, and is currently being distributed. RSA Membership cards have been updated, as you will see when you renew your membership. Please continue to support the Dunedin RSA and what it does in the Community, The RSA is the guardian of Remembrance in Dunedin. We are heavily involved in the coordination of both ANZAC DAY and ARMISTICE DAY and other significant events, our President and Vice President are both members of the WW100 committee in Dunedin. This committee is together for the next few years during the WW100 commemorative period.



If you know of anyone who would like to support us, please encourage them to become a member of the Dunedin RSA, or support us by making a donation.

The welfare services of the Dunedin RSA are available to all of the ex-service community , their spouses and dependents.

With the recent WW100 activity we have had a lot of inquiries from the public looking for information on those who served during this period.

If you have internet access below are a few websites that may assist anyone looking for information. The Toitu Settlers Museum and the Hocken Library in Dunedin are also places that you can visit.

I hope you all have a happy & safe Xmas & New year.

Sally

## **Researching Your Family Service History**

**If you would like to know more about New Zealand's contribution to the war effort, or find out about any of your family members who took part, here is a selection of helpful places to start your research, or spark your interest.**

**[www.archway.archives.govt.nz/](http://www.archway.archives.govt.nz/)**

Archives New Zealand is digitising and publishing online the New Zealand Defence Force's WWI service records. So far, around 85% of the 160,000+ records have been digitised and around half have been published online. You can view them by searching, for example, for a service-person's name, rank, or military unit.

**<http://discoveringanzacs.naa.gov.au>**

Archives New Zealand and the National Archives of Australia are jointly developing the interactive Discovering Anzacs website, which will have online access to Australian and New Zealand service records from World War I. Archives NZ are digitising more than 160,000 New Zealand WW1 service records, and many of these (around 85% so far) will soon be available via this website. You will also be able to post your own photos, stories, and details of family members' service.

**<http://natlib.govt.nz/researchers/guides/first-world-war>**

A comprehensive First World War research guide - explains how to start your own research, and lists helpful places to look

**<http://natlib.govt.nz/blog/posts/off-at-last-the-goodbye-would-have-been-too-awful>**

The National Library have digitised many of the personal diaries of service personnel, and you can now read them – and a blog about their digitisation – online.

**<http://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/cgi-bin/paperspast>**

Papers Past contains more than three million pages of New Zealand newspapers and periodicals. The collection covers the years 1839 to 1945 and includes 83 publications from all regions of New Zealand.

**[ww100.govt.nz/](http://ww100.govt.nz/)** Managed by the Ministry of Culture and Heritage, this website has information about WW100 centenary projects, events and activities, a timeline, and more...

**[www.nzhistory.net.nz/war/first-world-war-](http://www.nzhistory.net.nz/war/first-world-war-)**

A history of New Zealand and the First World War

**<http://www.nzhistory.net.nz/war/researching-first-world-war-soldiers>** -For guidance about researching WW1 soldiers

**<http://ww100.govt.nz/sites-sources>**

A comprehensive list of sites and sources for learning about the history of the First World War from a New Zealand perspective, and the role your family members might have played

**<http://muse.aucklandmuseum.com/databases/cenotaph/locations.aspx>** - The Cenotaph database holds a basic record for most of the soldiers in WW1



**RSA OFFICE XMAS HOURS –**

**LAST WORKING DAY**

**23<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER**

**BACK AT WORK 6<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY**

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# WW100 EMBARKATION DAY – 28<sup>th</sup> September

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To view more photo's go to  
<https://plus.google.com/photos/116176889845965386315/albums/6063975441125590193>



John Cosgrove RSA Executive member is responsible for most of the photos in this newsletter, he is a professional photographer and is offering a free workshop for RSA members. You can email John at [johncosgrove@hotmail.com](mailto:johncosgrove@hotmail.com) or you can ring the RSA office. Many of John's photos feature in the RSA Review and the NZ Army News.

**EVERYONE** needs a **HELPING HAND** now and then



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Explore the exciting world of digital photography with photographer John Cosgrove  
For interest in attending a free workshop in January 2015 on how to get the most out of your new digital camera please contact John at [johncosgrove@hotmail.com](mailto:johncosgrove@hotmail.com)

# RSA Merchandise

## BADGES— TSHIRTS—BAGS—UMBRELLAS—CALENDARS

### Pricing

#### Badges

Poppy Pin \$5.00

WW100 Poppy/Fern pin \$8.00

Fields Remembrance Cross \$10.00

#### T Shirts

all \$30.00

#### Poppy Bag

\$6.00

#### We Will Remember Them

Calendar \$15.00

Wristband \$3.00

#### Olive Oil

\$18.00

UMBRELLA \$39.95



Poppy Pin



UMBRELLA \$39.95



WW100 Poppy/Fern Pin



Unisex Keep Calm Tee  
Red



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Calendar  
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