

## ANZAC COMMEMORATION WEEK PROGRAM

The Board and Management of Currumbin RSL are excited to advise you of the extensive programme of events and activities spanning the week of 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> of April, 2015. The theme of the programme is to educate and commemorate the milestone of the Centenary of WWI and in particular the battle of Gallipoli thought to have, in many ways, shaped the history of our nation.

The following is a list of the programme inclusions. Please refer to the separate following pages for detailed information about each inclusion:

- **Pop-Up Museum:** week of 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> April offering a FREE rich and powerful experience of education and interactive displays.
- **Symbolic Sleepout** – hosted by Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary on the eve of ANZAC Day, this event will enable sleeping under the stars with ANZAC-themed entertainment
- **Bottles to Poppies** – a large sculpture of red poppies that will cover Elephant Rock for ANZAC week. Poppies are being made from recycled bottles by seniors groups and school children
- **Cenotaph Poster** – available for purchase from various outlets to fundraise for Soldier On
- **WWI Commemorative Newspaper** – printed as a commemorative souvenir of the Centenary and including stories from local veterans of their experiences at war.
- **Outdoor Photographic Exhibition** – free to public large exhibition of approximately 30 images of WWI installed at Currumbin Beach for the week.

Please read the attached detailed information about each project and see where your student can benefit from this extensive programme of ANZAC activities.

## POP UP MUSEUM

**Currumbin RSL – 19 April to 23 April, 2015**

Currumbin RSL is organising a Pop Up Museum: a week-long educational centre showcasing memorabilia, images and stories from World War I through to present conflicts.

A professional international curator has been commissioned and we have been fortunate enough to have some rare and one off pieces on loan for the museum.

A range of other activities will also be included:

- film screenings of Veterans interviews
- scheduled talks by Veterans
- photographic displays
- interactive displays.



Example of memorabilia:

- A WWI bugle played during the entire conflict from Egypt to Lone Pine. This bugle also played at the first dawn service held at Westminster Abbey on April 25, 1916 in front of King George and Queen Elizabeth. It is the only remaining bugle out of the four that played to still be in existence.

The Pop-Up Museum will run from the week of 19<sup>th</sup> – 23rd April offering a rich and powerful experience of education and interactive displays. Our Curator has compiled exhibits that focus mostly on WWI but there are also inclusions from other campaigns throughout the years.

Visits will comprise a tour of the Museum, the newly completed Memorial Gardens and our beautiful Cenotaph area. The opportunity exists for War Veterans from a variety of campaigns to speak to the children (subject to availability).

The Museum will be installed in the Function Rooms upstairs in the club. Hours of opening will be from 10am to 5pm daily. Tours will be FREE as our Community Service.

We welcome visits to the Museum during the exhibition week. All age groups will find the Museum interesting and benefit from the visit. **At this point, we ask that you contact Kerry Shepherd on 55343 116 or [community@currumbinrsl.com.au](mailto:community@currumbinrsl.com.au) to register visit(s) and receive an allocated timeslot.**



## OUTDOOR PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION

### Currumbin Beachfront 18 April to 26 April, 2015

Currumbin beachfront provides a perfect backdrop for an outdoor photographic exhibition. 10 x large tri-sided structures are being created which will tell the story of Gallipoli through imagery, text and audio storytelling.

The exhibition will comprise:

- Images - 'Camera On Gallipoli' have been offered by the National War Memorial
- Several local businesses and organisations are supporting this project financially
- Learn about WWI through audio presentations told by local school students.



FREE visitation

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## SYMBOLIC SLEEPOUT

### Main Event – Friday 24 April, 2015

As a symbolic gesture of the significance of Gallipoli, Currumbin RSL and the Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary have organised a sleep out under the stars at the sanctuary.

This sleep out is also symbolic of war's aftermath with some veterans at risk of becoming homeless and disconnected with society. 100% of profits from the event will be donated to Soldier On.

This will be a hosted event and include:

- Afternoon access to the Wildlife Sanctuary
- Guided tour through the outdoor photographic exhibition
- Behind the scenes rehearsal on the Dawn Service
- Outdoor cinema showing 'Gallipoli' movie and the Australia Remembers short film
- Children's area with entertainment
- VIP standing and seating area at the dawn service included in ticket price.



## MATESHIP RUN

**Main Event - Sunday 19 April, 2015**



PM9 Events, organisers of the V8 Supercar approached Currumbin RSL to create a community fun run for all ages, sizes and fitness levels to assist in raising money and awareness for Soldier On. Currumbin RSL CEO Anne Stovin has initiated a healthy competition between Currumbin RSL and local supporting businesses and organisations.

- 1.5km community walk, 5km and 10km run along the shores of Currumbin
- Direct donation of entry fees to Soldier On
- Group challenge offered for businesses / organisations as well as individuals

Route starts and finishes at Currumbin RSL.

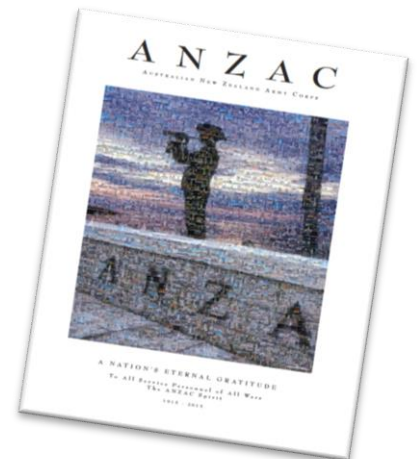
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## THE COLLAGE 2015©

### Promotion and sales –currently

A commemorative ANZAC collage, encapsulating the legend that is ANZAC has been created from cenotaph images derived and supplied by over 535 Sub Branches and Councils across Australia and New Zealand. "The Collage 2015"©

This piece of memorabilia was created by a passionate ex-serviceman from Currumbin RSL Veterans' Support centre (VSC) (Appendix D) and students from The Arts Excellence Centre at Palm Beach Currumbin High School (PBC)



- Project began in 2012
- PBC teacher Paula Hall continues to work with the same students and younger students creating other piece of art for varying Centenary projects
- Endorsed by the War Memorial, National RSL, Clubs Australia and RSL and Services Association.

PBC students created several drafts with winning piece being a collage reproduction of an image of a soldier playing the bugle at ANZAC Cove

Poster on sale now with 100% of profits donated to Soldier On.

## ROCK OF REMEMBRANCE

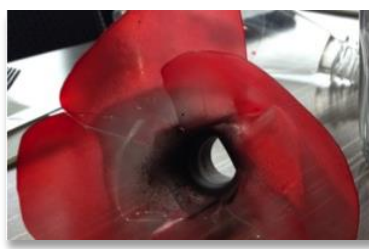
*Poppies on the Rock*

**Main Event – 20 April 20 – 25 April, 2015**



Over 10,000 recycled bottles donated by VISY are being turned into thousands of poppies by school children from several local schools and Seniors groups. The 'poppies' will be affixed to a fishing net that will be draped over Elephant Rock as a sculpture installation for the week. This will create a visually symbolic backdrop for the Currumbin RSL ANZAC Dawn service.

- Project coordinated by Swell Sculpture Events directors and overseen by artist
- Monday April 20 a precession of students will walk to Elephant Rock and cast the net over the Rock.



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## 100 YEAR COMMEMORATIVE NEWSPAPER

**Collation of stories – January and February**

**Publication Date – April 22**

The Pines Elanora has funded the creation of a 16 page commemorative newspaper showcasing personal histories and images of veterans and their families.

The stories cover all arms of the defence force and conflicts from WWI to present day.

- Showcasing veterans stories, letters and images.
- Highlighting facts from war
- Showcasing veteran welfare services
- 100,000 copies printed
- Distributed free through The Sun Community newspaper and other Centenary associated events.

