



## March 2025 Newsletter

**State Management Committee Meeting:** The March SMC meeting was held at on 3 March 2025. Information of particular interest to our members are:

- ❖ **WA PVA Information Flyer-** To those members who took flyers away from the February General Meeting can you do me a huge favour? I am trying to ascertain the best way of advertising WA PVA. If you could send me an email advising me where you left your flyer (s) so when we receive a query, we can ask them where they found us. Many thanks in advance. [fionfifi@hotmail.com](mailto:fionfifi@hotmail.com). The flyer has become a huge success and as such the SMC Committee agreed to a further printing of 300 flyers, so once again thank you to our valued membership for your assistance with the placement of these flyers.
  
- ❖ **ADF Member and Family Transition Seminar** – will be at the Optus Stadium on Tuesday March 18 from 8.30am -4.00pm. Parking is free at the stadium on this day so if you have an hour or 2 to spare, we would love to have you as a stallholder and share this day with our volunteers.
  
- ❖ **Bendigo Bank**- WA PVA finances are now linked with Bendigo Bank meaning we have a new BSB/Account detail. When making any payments to WA PVA please note the bank details before pressing send. The old ANZ account is still operational, but we will be closing the account sooner than later. The Bendigo Banks details are: BSB# 633-000 / Account# 226 390 557
  
- ❖ **Containers for Change Fundraiser** – was a huge success, many thanks to all our members who donated their cans, bottles, plastics and juice boxes etc. \$374.80 was the final total of the February donations. The winner of the \$50 gift card was Halina Lia, congratulations.
  
- ❖ **Grants Officer** – WA PVA Grants Office, Julie Hannah recently received notification that WA PVA became a recipient of a new funding grant from the Office of Dr Anne Aly MP (Cowan) through the Department of Social Services. Thanks to Julie for her diligent work in accessing this grant for our group.
  
- ❖ **May General Meeting Quilt Raffle**- Please watch out for forth coming details on the May General Meeting Quilt Raffle, a flyer will be going out with a picture of this beautiful quilt and details into the management of the raffle.
  
- ❖ **DVA 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Registration** – this form has become quite popular so if you still wish to obtain a copy, please email Debbie Smith at [dasmithwapva@gmail.com](mailto:dasmithwapva@gmail.com) for a copy.
  
- ❖ **Operation Desert Storm/Shield Commemoration** – I recently attended the Eastern Suburbs Bassendean RSL Remembrance Commemoration service of the end of the Operation Desert Shield/Storm Gulf War, 34 years ago. My husband was invited to

speak to his memories of that time in theatre. It was a great turnout for the Sub Branch with delightful weather, a glorious site in full bloom. Our Gulf War cohort is a large community of men and women and it was generous of them to spend time with me chatting about all and sundry.

- ❖ **Perth War Cemetery** – the Gardens of Remembrance at the Perth War Cemetery will be undergoing a complete renewal due to the Walls with Plaques falling into disrepair making it quite dangerous to visit due to very little concrete support, being built on sand and in danger of falling. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission oversees this cemetery and are currently looking at funding to replace all the walls and redo all the plaques. Please do not confuse this renewal with the Metropolitan Cemeteries Board of renewal going on currently in Karrakatta behind the Perth War Cemetery.
- ❖ I recently met with the Founder and CEO of **Resolute Ready** Lidia Faranda- Hall. Resolute Ready is an open global community ensuring that Veterans, First Responders and their families are given support to those experiencing/ed mental and physical trauma, those transitioning to civilian life and crisis intervention recovery. The Virtual Hub operated by Resolute Ready is a comprehensive and independently assessed information hub directing all support services for Veterans, First Responders and families under the one roof. Lidia's work is vital for our ADF members as well as all our First Responders (Fire/Police/Ambulance) and it was exciting to listen to her and be part of her ongoing work within Resolute Ready. If you have family members who are struggling right now, please forward them to the Hub where they can find support within their like-minded community. **"Online – One Step! One Call! One Life!"**

### **Group News**

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Cheers to you all.

Fiona Sassenfeld – President WA PVA

Check the PVA web pages for information of interest to you.

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