



April 2025 Newsletter

State Management Committee Meeting: The April SMC meeting was held at on 7 April 2025. Information of particular interest to our members are:

- ❖ **2025 RETREAT** – Excitement is building for the 2025 WA PVA Retreat. A quick housekeeping reminder, if you have not already completed your medical form please do so and forward it onto Bev for her file if needed. The itinerary is still being formulated but what I have heard it will be stress free.
- ❖ **MAY GENERAL MEETING** – will return to the Port Kennedy RSL and I thank the Southwest Group for hosting the meeting once again. We shall be having the Lions Foundation Mobile Screening Bus available to our members to receive their free hearing screening.
- ❖ **MAY GENERAL MEETING QUILT NEWS** – please be on the lookout for upcoming details for the May General Meeting Quilt Fund Flyer which will explain our procedure for the 2 wonderful quilts available as prizes at our General Meeting.
- ❖ **GENEROUS DONATION TO WA PVA** – the Brothers As One Mandurah Peel Region Social Veteran Motorcycle Club kindly have donated \$59,833.62 to our organisation. This wonderful gesture was facilitated by our Member Laurel Stevenson and her husband Doug who put WA PVA forward to the Brothers As One and with their representative in Doug Swaysland to donate this money to our group. Thanks to Laurel and the 2 wonderful Dougs' for getting this donation across the line to us.
- ❖ **PERTH WAR CEMETERY** – you may have heard about the Garden of Remembrance at the Perth War Cemetery being cordoned off recently due to the plaque walls falling into disrepair making visiting quite dangerous. The walls were built on uncompacted sand with very little concrete support in place. The Garden of Remembrance is governed under the Commonwealth War Graves Commission and as such the Department of Veterans Affairs has received funding to begin the repair work needed as well as creating further gardens for reflection and contemplation. New walls will be created, and new plaques will be placed upon the walls. Be aware that this renewal is a separate entity from the current Karrakatta Renewal process with the Metropolitan Cemeteries Board and all works will be done with the greatest respect given to our fallen heroes.
- ❖ **ANZAC DAY 2025-** as I tap this out Anzac Day is one week away. I am looking forward to the events I shall be attending on your behalf and if you spot me, please say hi, even if it is to ensure I am awake! For all our members who will be attending their community commemorations please know all sacrifices made over the years is acknowledged and supported by all who know us. Thank you all for your service.

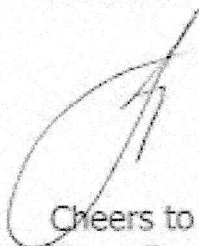
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Cheers to you all.

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