



AUSTRALIAN WAR WIDOWS (SA) INC. NEWSLETTER

We all belong to each other...

We all need each other...

It is in serving each other and sacrificing for our common good that we are finding our true life.

AUSTRALIAN WAR WIDOWS South Australia

NATIONAL PATRON

His Excellency, General the Honourable, David Hurley
AC DSE (Retd),

Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia

PATRON IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Her Excellency,

Ms Frances Adamson AC

Governor of South Australia

NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Mrs Rhondda Vanzella, OAM

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President: Mrs J. Milham

1st Vice President Mrs D. Carr

2nd Vice President: Mrs H. Adamson

Secretary: Mrs H Adamson (interim)

Treasurer: Mrs D Carr (interim)

COMMITTEE

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BUSINESS HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Friday

10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.

Wednesday, Thursday & Public Holidays

CLOSED



PRESIDENT'S "Catch up"

Hello Everyone,
As I was preparing a few lines for the newsletter, it dawned on me, that as you browse through this edition we are into the 7th month of the

year. Hard to believe where the time has gone!!

As we know, things have been very difficult for some and I hope those that have had to deal with the stress, things are very much improved.

ANZAC Day – this very important date was almost back to normal this year. How wonderful it was to see Thelma taking advantage of being escorted and driven in a jeep and leading the march. She looked like the Queen. After the march, Thelma walked from the viewing platform to the Cross of Sacrifice to take part in the 100th Anniversary. The added bonus was the weather, couldn't have asked for better.

I am pleased to share with you that one of our Members, Marge Stevens has had a book published "In the Mood – Marge's Story". Marge's Granddaughter Karleen is the author and the book was released the same day that Marge celebrated her 95th birthday on May 1st. There are a few signed copies at the office and, for \$20, one of these rare gems can be yours!!! Well done Marge, great read.

On Friday 6th May at the General Meeting a group of ladies got together to hold let's "Celebrate Our Mother's". The ladies brought along a photo of their Mum and we tried to match that up with their Daughter. What a great morning we had. Lots of laughter and a few tears (all good) and I have to say a big thank you to Diane Carr for the scrumptious scones & cream.

Trust me, there was no shortage of morning tea. Such a good feeling in the hall, all the ladies went away still smiling and wondering how we are going to top it!!! Thinking caps on girls, we can do it.

I am inspired by women that continue to do some extraordinary things, you keep reminding me of how resilient and talented you are. Fresh produce you have grown in the garden, extra goodies that go on the trading table the ongoing commitment to our organisation and as I keep saying, those dishes that somehow always get done. It is my absolute pleasure to spend time with you.

Winter is just around the corner, which usually means soup and keeping warm. I'm hoping you will make sure you do both. Take care, you know where I am and as always my contact number: 0438 081 939

Jan M

National President's Report

Hello to all Members and Friends,

As we start to see life return to some normality, I look forward to being able to restart travel to the states and in person meetings.



Our National Council and state representatives met in Canberra in May for our Strategic Planning Conference. It was the first time in over two years we have been able to meet in person. The facilitated meeting brought important discussions for the future strategic plan of the National organisation. It confirmed the importance of the role our national organisation plays in advocating for all Australian war widows.

We also attended the Last Post Ceremony at the Australian War Memorial, where our National President, State President's and representatives laid wreaths on behalf of their states.

On Anzac Day, I attended the Dawn Service at the Australian War Memorial. It is positive to see so many of us able to return to paying our respects in person at commemorations once again.

It is also wonderful to see the continuation of people commemorating by lighting up the dawn in their driveways or streets. It allows everyone to be able to commemorate on Anzac Day even if they are unable to attend a service.

The Royal Commission into Defence & Veterans Suicide continues their public hearings around the country. The next session is being held in Townsville in June. They will also visit Hobart, Darwin and Wagga Wagga. The commission want to hear from those affected by suicide of a Defence member as well as the unique perspective on military life.

I continue to attend regular meetings, both virtually and in person, with DVA, Ex Service and Defence organisations to continue to grow the collaboration and advocacy for Australian war widows. Our advocacy for war widows all around the country, is the highest priority for our National Council.

A reminder of Lady of Australia rose. \$2 from the sale of each of the roses will be donated to the Australian War Widows. The rose was chosen as the official rose to celebrate the wives of the Governor Generals of Australia. The rose is available to pre-order via <https://www.wagnersrosenursery.com.au>

As always, I encourage you all to reach out to your Australian War Widows (AWW) state office should you need to chat to another person or require support.

Take care

Rhondda Vanzella OAM
National President
Council Member Australian War Memorial

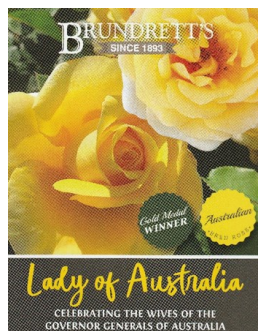
We Need You!

We are in need of suitably skilled and keen members to fill positions on the Committee for next year. If you have skills that you think may assist AWW(SA) in the running of the organization and have some time to spare, please contact the office for a chat. It also helps if you have a positive "can do" attitude as well as a sense of humour. It is imperative that we find willing members to help or AWW(SA) may have to close it's doors.

UPCOMING SOUTH AUSTRALIAN

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| July | 27 | Korea Veterans Day |
| August | 18 | Vietnam Veterans Day |
| | 31 | Malaya & Borneo Veterans Day |
| September | 2 | Battle for Australia Day |
| | 3 | Merchant Navy Day |
| | 7 | Australasian Soldiers Dardanelles Cenotaph unveiled 1915 |
| | 14 | Australian Peacekeepers Day |
| | 14 | Loss of HMAS AE1 off Rabul 1914 |
| | 14 | Battle of Britain |
| | 20 | Formation of Australian Flying Corps 1912 |
| | 20 | Arrival of INTERFET in East Timor 1999 |
| October | 3 | Battle of Maryang San, Korea 1951 |
| | 10 | World Mental Health Day |
| | 16 | 30th Anniversary of arrival of first Australian contingent of UNAMIC in Cambodia 1991 |
| | 20 | First arrival of ADF MovCon Unit (MCU) in Somalia 1992 |
| | 21 | Anniversary of Battle of Nui Le, South Vietnam 1971 |
| | 29 | National Police Remembrance Day |

LEST WE FORGET



Lady of Australia Rose

The Lady of Australia is an Australian bred rose that has been chosen as the official rose to celebrate the wives of the Governor Generals of

Australia.

The Lady of Australia is also a charity rose. Her Excellency, Mrs Linda Hurley, has kindly nominated the Australian War Widows as the organisation to receive a \$2 donation from each rose sold to assist in the support and advocacy of War Widows. We thank Mrs Hurley for this nomination.

The rose can be purchased online at www.wagnersrosenursery.com.au

With Condolence

We acknowledge the sad passing of the following members. Our sincere condolences to their families.

January Yvonne Aldenhoven & Pat Regan

February Barbara Cook, Gladys Hogan & Margaret Yeats

March June Willcourt

April Kitty Anderson & Brian Selby

May Mary Belling

We are advised of the passing of our members by family members and DVA. We apologise if a member is not listed.

Save The Date

There will be a Fashion Show by Mid Coast Styling of the Spring/Summer Collection on Friday 16th September at 11am in the AWW(SA) Hall. There will be a lunch afterwards. Please register your interest with the office to assist with catering.



Guest Speakers on 1st April



Leah Gordon and Vicki Mysko gave an excellent presentation to members about the services that Open Arms can offer Serving Members of ADF, Veterans and their families.

Should you feel in need of support contact Open Arms on 1800 011 046 or through their website www.OpenArms.gov.au

Guest Speakers 2022

July 1st David Jarman—

talk on Hubert Wilkins

August 5th **AGM** (No Speaker)

September 2nd Ian Hopley—

Headstone SA Project
Researching and documenting unmarked graves of WW1 Veterans

October 7th Rosie Aust—

Get Home Safe Foundation

A Road Safety initiative Australia wide.

We welcome your suggestions for future Guest Speakers, please contact the office either by telephone or email with the contact details of the person or organization that you think might be of interest to our members.

MEMBERS HAVING MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS

July

65 Patrizia Malugani

80 Jill Davidson & Jillian Jebb

90 Patricia Brownhill

95 Daphne Green

August

80 Maggie King & Rosalyn Lawson

85 Rosemary Fulton & Bobbie Dawn Nettleton

September

70 Diane Carr

85 Judith Perry

95 Audrey Freeman

October

65 Debra Osmon

80 Jan Gaston

95 Shirley Cockshell

100 Melva Munro



Congratulations everyone, enjoy your day!

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome Leonie Armbruster &

Beth Freeman-Gray.

Subscriptions and donations can be paid direct to the bank.

Subs, \$25, are due 1st July annually. Please pay now to be eligible to vote at the upcoming AGM.

Bank SA BSB 105-047

Account 195084440

Australian War Widows SA Inc

Thelma Zimmerman's 100th Birthday



AWWSA was delighted to join with Thelma Zimmerman and her family to celebrate her 100th birthday! We don't get many of these opportunities.

The hall was resplendent with photos and memorabilia of Thelma's amazing life. The guests were treated to a beautiful afternoon tea and were serenaded with the magic sounds of the harp from 'Cianah' just glorious.

With messages from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, Prime Minister Albanese, The Governor, and other dignitaries. However, the best and most heartfelt messages were delivered in person on the day from those who know and love her, the family and friends who have the privilege of being so.



A Documentary Film about the WAR WIDOWS GUILD

We're excited to advise members that highly respected film-makers Dr Carolyn Bilsborow and Mr Wayne Groom have applied for a Federal Grant to compile a documentary film about the founding of The War Widows Guild of Australia.

The story of the War Widows Guild is in good hands with Carolyn and Wayne who have produced many epic documentary films, including:

Paris or the Bush: The Story of the Cods about eight men who travelled from rural South Australia to Paris in 1924 for the race of their lives.

Tour De Legacy about the amazing Legacy volunteer cyclists on their emotional passage through the WWI battlefields and memorials of Europe's Western Front.

Marjorie Lawrence: The World at Her Feet. The opera singer who became the most famous Australian woman in the world at the peak of her international singing career during the 1930s and 1940s. The Queen requested a copy of this film by Carolyn and Wayne! So we are indeed in good hands.



Dr Carolyn Bilsborow & Mr Wayne Groom

Seeking Volunteers

We are in desperate need of volunteers with a range of skill sets to help with the many tasks required to run our organisation. If you have a few hours to spare, please get in touch.

GENERAL MEETINGS

General Meetings have resumed for those that wish to attend and we are adhering to social distancing requirements as laid down by SA Health. See Guest Speakers for meeting dates.

- *Tuesday Exercise Classes have resumed (with a cuppa and a chat afterwards)*
- *Puzzle challenge*

Meetings are on the first Friday of the month, except December and January. Sometimes this may change to accommodate other functions.

If you need to, you can always contact:

PRESIDENT: Jan Milham on 0438 081 939

Code of Conduct

Members will have received a copy of the Code of Conduct with the last newsletter. Please also note that AWW (SA) now has a Complaints and Dispute Resolution Policy and a Complaint Handling Procedure. Copies available on request from the Office or on the [website www.warwidowssa.org.au](http://www.warwidowssa.org.au)

The opinions expressed in member articles in this Newsletter are not necessarily those of the Australian War Widows' (SA) Inc and should not be taken as to be so. Whilst we make every attempt to check articles for factual accuracy, we apologize if occasionally something goes awry.

Editor

The Trading Table

During every meeting we have a Trading Table run by Marge Stevens. Members are encouraged to donate fresh produce from their gardens if they have excess. We also like Jams and Chutney too! Members can purchase from the table, which is one of the ways that the War Widows raises funds. While we value your support, which is greatly appreciated, please be mindful when donating goods as we have limited storage space.

Card facilities are now available for your convenience.

Thank you for your understanding.



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We welcome member articles for the newsletter. Send in your recipes, hobbies, anything you think others may find interesting. We also welcome suggestions for Guest Speakers. Send us the contact details of the group, organization or person.

Is there somewhere you think might make a good social outing? It doesn't have to be a day trip. Variety is the Spice of Life!

Contact the office in person, via phone call or email. Details on the front cover.

The Australian War Widows SA thanks the office of James Stevens MP, the Federal Member for Sturt for printing our Newsletter.