

# AMC LSI Association of Vic

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Anzac Day 2017 Flinders St Melbourne 9am



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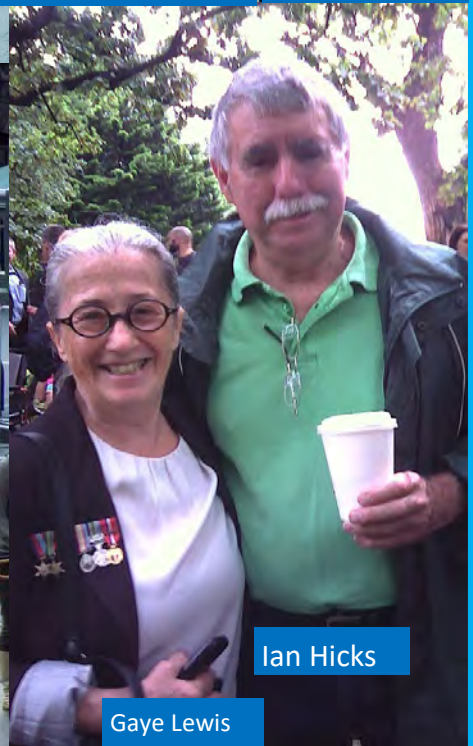


Son Guy, Granddaughter Cassandra

Shrine Governor  
Lt Commander  
Chris La Marshall



Granddaughter Sharna pushing Bill Tattersall and marching  
out front is Nev Phillips, Princes Bridge Melbourne.



Ian Hicks

Gaye Lewis

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## ANZAC DAY MARCH 2017 MELBOURNE

The day loomed dark and stormy as we headed from all parts of the compass to the 2017 ANZAC DAY March. I even took my raincoat for protection. But as we gathered to the fray the skies lifted and there was no rain for the whole parade - well not while we were marching and gathered under our tree for the Memorial Service.

For the statistically minded:

- : **Nev Phillips** marched with no assistance in front of HMAS Kanimbla banner - Great job Nev.
- : **Sharna** pushed her grandfather **Bill Tattersall** in front of HMAS Kanimbla banner.
- : There were 5 Veterans in cars including **Hiram Ristrom**, who was given the honour of leading the ANZAC Day march albeit that the driver left ahead of schedule, but the less said about that the better.
- : About 30 descendants marched behind their respective banners of HMAS Manoora, HMAS Kanimbla, HMAS Westralia and HMAS Assault.

There were 60 plus at our tree where firstly Graham Robinson, President of HMAS Manoora, spoke; then Hiram Ristrom, President of HMAS Kanimbla and Mary-Beth Hosking Vice President of AMC/LSI Association of Vic read out the names of those who had "passed the Bar".

Jackson Hosking, son of Mary-Beth, played the Last Post and then Reveille and Hiram read the Ode. We all gathered round after the events were over and had a chat to our Veterans who we love and adore.

Then it was off to our respective places for lunch at 10.00am! Jardin Tan did a wonderful job of accommodating us at short notice. We were away from the thronging masses; the food was sensational - people were taking photos of the food it was that good - and there was a good camaraderie with over 30 people present.

ALL IN ALL IT WAS A WONDERFUL DAY WHEN WE TAKE OFF OUR HATS TO OUR VETERANS AND SAY,

**3 CHEERS!**

### GAYE LEWIS RETIREMENT

We wish to announce that Gaye Lewis, after 4 years of amazing work, has retired from the Secretary's position and has stepped down from the committee of AMC/LSI Association of Victoria.

We are indebted to Gaye for:

- : Writing the newsletter.
- : Sending Happy Birthday cards and Get Well cards to all Veterans.
- : Ringing up people to talk and see how they are.
- : Going to Funerals and visiting Veterans in hospital.

Not to mention the Excel Spreadsheet that has every Veteran and descendants in chronological order and is maintained meticulously.

Gaye, we salute you!! You will live long in our hearts as the best Secretary and friend ever.

**From the Committee**

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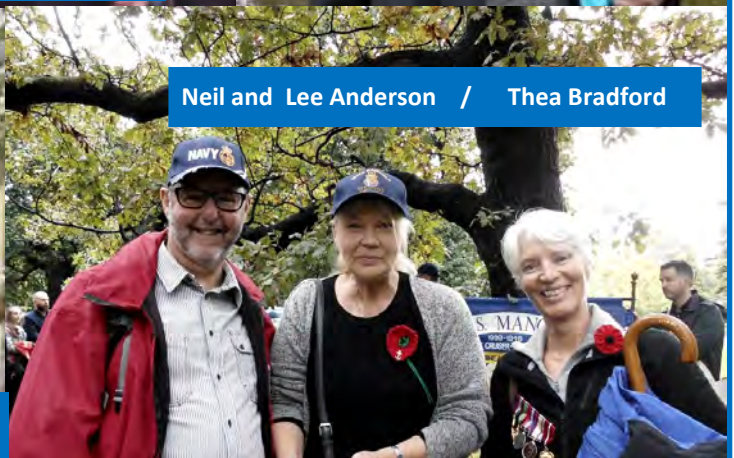
This is our Tree of Remembrance in the Shrine grounds in Melbourne: 6 Veterans and over 60 descendants attended.



Hiram Ristrom, Nev Phillips, Tas Luttrell and Jack Austin



Hiram Ristrom President of HMAS Kanimbla Association



Neil and Lee Anderson / Thea Bradford



Carol Zeuschner

Pierre Becu



Jardin Tan Restaurant Royal Botanic Gardens

Tas Luttrell

Nev Phillips

## WW2 Pacific War Exhibition Shrine of Remembrance on Friday 21st July

David (Speed) Dwyer, Secretary of HMAS Sydney & VLSVA of Vic has been tasked to seek out any WW2 Navy Veterans who would like to attend the opening with family and friends. It is an invitation only event so if you wish to attend with family or friends please contact David (Speed) Dwyer on Home **03 9720 8183** or email **davidgdwyer@hotmail.com**

The Shrine will send out invitations via Australia Post.

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# ANZAC DAY SYDNEY NSW, photo's by Melissa Stevens



**Gordon "Goffers" Graham (Westralia)  
Charles Blunt (Son of Westralia veteran)  
John North (Son Of Westralia Veteran) & John's Son**



**Ron Williams (Manoora) &  
Grand Daughter Georgia**



**Gordon "Goffers" Graham  
(Westralia)  
Gordon's Grandson &  
Bella Muller**



**Beverley Gray (Daughter of Thomas William Richards-Kanimbla  
Army) Daughters LtoR Fiona & Melissa & Grand Daughter Bella**



**President AMC/LSI NSW**

**Ron Williams (Manoora)  
George Hinton (Kanimbla)**

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## HMAS KANIMBLA II GULF WAR VETERANS



## 75th Anniversary of the Battle of Coral Sea Remembrance in USA



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**March:** Frank Byrne, John Peck, Gerry Miller,  
Danny Bolton.

**April:** Hugh Sutton, Ian Gardner, Ken Ray,  
Kelvin Smibert, Bob Hutchieson, Paul Figucio,  
Goffers Graham, Stanley Price.

**May:** Frank Birmingham, Kevin Brown,  
Steve Gooch, Bruce Brown.

**June:** Keith Overton Tom Clark S.A, Jack Wighton  
Ron Feben, Brian Sullivan, Hiram Ristrom,  
Bill Galton, Pat Phillips, Keith Krause, Mary Beth.

And, to those we may have missed-please let us know and  
we wish you a " Very Happy Birthday"

## VALE

We regret to advise of the passing of the following  
Veterans and/or their wives. Our sincere condolences  
go to their families and friends.

AB Sydney John Donald ATKINSON 04/04/ 2017.  
Sub Lt Thomas (Tom ) Boyd CLARK 26/04/2017.  
AB Brian Hamilton WEARNE 16/05/2017.  
Fay Bowden ROBERTS 1/6/ 2017.



**LEST WE FORGET**



## THANK YOU

### for your donations

We wish to thank and acknowledge the  
following generous donations received since our  
last newsletter from:

- Brian Sullivan
- Ian Gardner
- Mrs Edna Bray for Keith Bray,
- Chris Harvey For Syd Harvey,
- Wendy Kelly for Alan Kelly.

All Donations go to help us post our Newsletter 3  
times a year ( 150 go by email ) and Birthday,  
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cards.

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## Meeting with Imelda Marcos written by Hiram Ristrom

Six Kanimbla people returned to the Philippines to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the landing to liberate the Philippines in the Tacloban area on the 20th October 1944 on the island of LEYTE.

The members of the Kanimbla party were Ken and Delia Barrett, Nevin Phillips, Josie Sandford, Tom Leigh and Hiram Ristrom. We spent a week in Manila at the Tropicana Motel Makati before flying down to Leyte on the 18th and booked in at Don's Cabins in one of the main streets of Leyte.

On the 18th we visited a photographic exhibition in Leyte and a Filipino chatted to us and said there was a veteran's lunch being put on at the Marcos Country Estate. We were told the Marcos family were not there but we would be most welcome to join the Filipino Veterans for lunch. We had a pleasant lunch with the Filipinos and decided to walk through to the beach after lunch about 1/4 of a mile from the BBQ recreation area building.

On the way to the beach we had to pass the Marcos residence which was about 150 yards from the BBQ. As we approached we could hear a piano and singing. The group were in an open area under the house and beckoned us over and came to meet us. It was Imelda Marcos, the former Presidents wife and entourage. ( Imelda Marcos was famous world-wide for her shoe collection ) I think she had red shoes on that day we met her.

After a photo shoot and being filmed for TV, we were invited to join her party but declined as we had been up since 3.30am and facing a 2 mile march the next day in the tropical heat.

We returned to Tacloban after a very interesting and eventful day. The next evening, October 19th, a Veterans night was held with a Barrio Fiesta put on by the City Government of Tacloban at 7.30pm in a recreation ground. Local and foreign veterans were present and honoured. We sat at trestle tables under open sided shelters with thatched roofs. We were well supplied with food, drink and entertainment. After our meal, we wandered around meeting local



and US veterans and local people. We had to leave the function by 10pm as we had to be up early to get the bus to Palo for the re-enactment of the landing 50 years ago on the 20th October 1944. As we were leaving the Fiesta, Imelda Marcos and her entourage arrived. Tom Leigh managed to have a quick chat with her, Thus ended a couple of memorable days.

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