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# AMC/LSI ASSOCIATION of VIC

Armed Merchant Cruiser/Landing Ship Infantry

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## ANZAC DAY 2015 – MELBOURNE

ANZAC Day 2015 marks the centenary of the landing at Gallipoli on 25 April 1915. Organisers are anticipating 10,000 for the Dawn Service and over 100,000 for the march. This will be a remarkable opportunity to honour & remember all the men and women who served this country for the freedom we enjoy today. For safety and public awareness, the organisers have provided the following March Protocol and check list:

- The march commences at 9.00am. Members participating in the March should be at their assembly point by 8.45am. Please don't join or leave the march other than at the Assembly or Disposal points.
- The assembly area for the Navy is Flinders Street (west) between Swanston and Elizabeth Streets (opposite the Station). Look for your ship's banner.
- All WWII veterans participating will ride in vehicles provided for them.
- Descendants should be old enough to march the full distance (1.8 Km) without assistance.
- Marchers should form up 6 abreast, unless otherwise advised by a March official.
- Veterans wear medals on their left hand side. Descendants wear medals on right hand side.
- Attire should be neat and tidy out of respect to the fallen (torn denim, sporting attire, dirty joggers etc are not appreciated).
- Carrying pictures is not permitted.
- When approaching the Eternal Flame; hats off, right hand over your heart, and 'eyes right' until your unit passes the Eternal Flame.

At the conclusion of the March, we will join at the WESTRALIA, MANOORA and KANIMBLA AMC/LSI Memorial Tree (located behind the Shrine) to remember our deceased shipmates. Following the Service, a 'Get Together' will be at the Gateway Bistro, 312 St Kilda Road south of Victoria Barracks.

The Order of March, especially for the WW1s, will be different to previous years as will be the traffic conditions and public transport. Please refer to [www.anzaccentenary.vic.gov.au](http://www.anzaccentenary.vic.gov.au) for details.

### WHAT'S ON

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2015**  
**ANZAC Day Church Service**  
**11am St Patricks Cathedral**

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2015**  
**HMAS KANIMBLA's Pre ANZAC Day Lunch**  
**12 noon at Bentleigh RSL**  
**(RSVP Hiram Ristrom by 17.4.2015)**

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2015**  
**ANZAC Day**  
**Dawn Service at Shrine of Remembrance**  
**ANZAC Day March of the Medals**

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2015**  
**HMAS ASSAULT Wreath Laying Ceremony**  
**11am Shrine of Remembrance**  
**Followed by Reunion at Bentleigh RSL**

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### ANZAC DAY 2015 – SYDNEY

Contrary to last year, WWII associations will again be able to march behind their own individual banners.  
Ring George Hinton (02) 9796 7232 for details.  
RSVP for their reunion is 18th April.

### What does AMC/LSI represent?

AMC/LSI is the acronym for Armed Merchant Cruiser/Landing Ship Infantry – of which HMAS WESTRALIA, MANOORA and KANMBLA are classified by the navy.

Our association is a not-for profit group of volunteers who operate with the passion and desire to honour and preserve the memory of those gone before us. It is hoped that our intentions will benefit veterans, descendants, serving members and indeed the larger community.

We don't ask for membership fees, so with enormous thanks we acknowledge the following generous donations received since our last newsletter:

- ❖ Jeff Lovegrove
- ❖ Bronwyn Lovegrove
- ❖ Bruce Candy
- ❖ Kanimbla Assoc Inc

We are heartened and encouraged by the positive feedback we've received from veterans, descendants and numerous navy associations.

Our mail list is growing and managing the database is a big job as is merchandising, research and archival projects. If you would like to be part of this in any way, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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### Best wishes to everyone who's celebrated a birthday since our last edition:

**Bob Worthington**

**Doug Pain**

**Bryan Peters**

**Harold Wilson**

**Robert Parsons**

**Max Kenner**

**Fred Williams**

**Clarrie Bridge**

**Jack Searle**

**John (Uki) Macartney**

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



If you would like to make a donation, you can either:

- mail a cheque to:  
**AMC/LSI Association Vic,  
1/129 Surrey Road  
Blackburn Vic 3130**
- Or
- Deposit directly into our Westpac Bank Account:  
**Account Number: 42-2541  
BSB Number: 033-070**

### OBITUARY

The AMC/LSI Association of Victoria would like to pass on our sincerest regards to the families of those we have lost in recent months.

George Gray, Able Seaman, 29.10.14  
Robert (Bluey) Paton, Coxswain, 3.12.2014  
Fred Pullen, Able Seaman, 8.12.2014  
Ron. Fawns, Ord Tel, 31.12.2014  
James (Jim) Guest, Surg Cmdr, 20.1.2015  
Alan Hooley, Leading Writer, 22.1.2015  
Joe Hicks, Coxswain, 31.1.2015

*If we have omitted your loved-one, please contact us so we can publish their name in our next newsletter.*

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## *Tribute to Alan Hooley*

*17 Jan 1924 - 22 Jan 2015*

Leading Writer

Vice President & Honorary Secretary of HMAS WESTRALIA Assoc.

Patron of AMC/LSI Vic Association

The AMC/LSI Vic Association lost one of its founding Patrons this year. Alan Hooley along with Bruce Candy was instrumental in helping get our Association off the ground. Alan provided us with many stories of his time on HMAS WESTRALIA and was always willing to lend a hand when needed. Without his and Bruce's patronage we would not have been able to continue our Association.

Alan will be sadly missed. While we may have lost him as our Patron – his inspiration will ensure that our Association meets its pledge to honour and remember all who served on HMAS WESTRALIA, KANIMBLA & MANOORA.

The majority of Alan's naval career was spent on HMAS WESTRALIA where he rose to the rank of Leading Writer. During that time HMAS WESTRALIA was engaged in several strategic troop landings which contributed to the allied effort re-taking important islands and ports. Alan's discipline, accuracy, thoroughness and attention to detail were noted by the Navy records as 'superior' in efficiency. His work ethic was a quality that served him well in various administration positions throughout his professional career.

After the war, the HMAS WESTRALIA ASSOCIATION was formed and Alan took on the Assistant Secretary position for many years until around 1996 he accepted the Honorary Secretary position. His organisational skills come to the fore ensuring reunions, wreath ceremonies, ANZAC DAY marches and the Flag ceremony were well represented with all WESTRALIA veterans invited to attend. Each newsletter produced would share wonderful stories from times gone by but always focussed on remembering those that had served and their great sacrifice.

Alan had a passion for history, acquiring navy memorabilia that served him well as convenor of the Naval Table at the Athenaeum Club. He was driven by the desire to preserve our heritage and to make sure that the sacrifices that were made by our service personnel are never forgotten. During his tenure as Honorary Secretary for HMAS WESTRALIA he planned and arranged for the installation of a stained glass window at the Chapel of St Mark at HMAS CERBERUS.

In his informative memoir written in 2004 he wrote about his time in the Navy, concluding with:

*"To sum it all up, the four years and nine months I spent as a sailor in the Royal Australian Navy was a phase of my life which I will always hold very dearly. The bonds which held us all together in those dark days of World War 2 and the memories that go with them are as strong today as they ever were."*

God bless you, Alan Hooley.



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## Fly the Flag Ceremony – 15 Dec 2014



Dr Jim Guest, Bruce Candy, Hiram Ristrom

It was greatly appreciated to see the involvement from Assistant Principal Barbara Nicoll and her student representatives; Liam, Stephanie and Sam, from the Great Ryrie Primary School. The students participated in the wreath laying ceremony in the sanctuary of the Shrine of Remembrance with dignity and reverence. Their school community can be so proud of them.

Besides members of the general public, we had a total of 22 attend the service with descendants representing Lord, Weedon, de Villier, Lovegrove, Lewis, Harvey, Hosking, Tyner as well as Lee Molesworth from DEMS.



Students: Liam Finkbeiner, Stephanie Kewley & Sam Kirchner



Sibella Guest daughter of Dr Guest, Bruce Candy Patron of AMCLSIVIC Assoc & former President of HMAS WESTRALIA Assoc, Dr James (Jim) Guest AM, OBE, VRD, & Hiram Ristrom President of HMAS KANIMBLA Assoc enjoying lunch after Fly the Flag Ceremony.

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## HMAS ASSAULT



Back row: Steve Cunningham, Julie Tame, Hiram Ristrom, Norm Tame & Ted Brooks  
Front row: Doug Pain, Betty Pain & their daughter Andrea Brooks

Many of the men who served on HMAS WESTRALIA, MANOORA and KANIMBLA did further training at HMAS ASSAULT. The love and camaraderie they share extends beyond any time, limitation or boundary.

HMAS ASSAULT enjoyed a three hour lunch at Bentleigh RSL Club on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2015.



**HMS-HMAS KANIMBLA Assoc Inc** is in the process of winding up. Their President, Hiram Ristrom, has and still is doing an amazing job. He is a wealth of information, so switched on, remembers everything and everybody. He is like the 'eveready battery that just keeps on keeping on'. He's not made of Lithium though ... he's made of selfless love that shares and cares for his fellow ship mates and their families. His last newsletter is one you will never want to lose – a 24 page masterpiece of valuable current and historic information. He enjoys wonderful support from his members ... no wonder ... everyone loves Hiram.

There will be a 'KANIMBLA Pre ANZAC Day Lunch' on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at 12 noon, Bentleigh RSL Club.

Hiram is still at the helm during this transitional period so kindly RSVP him by 17 April 2015.

His contact details are:

Phone: (03) 9557 6466

Address: 25 Jeffrey Street  
Bentleigh Vic 3204

## ANZAC NAVAL COMMEMORATIVE BALL SAT 17<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2015

Venue: Victory Room  
Etihad Stadium  
Melbourne

Time: 1830 for 1900

Dress: Formal

Cost pp: \$130 (covers food and drink)

This is a rare occasion.

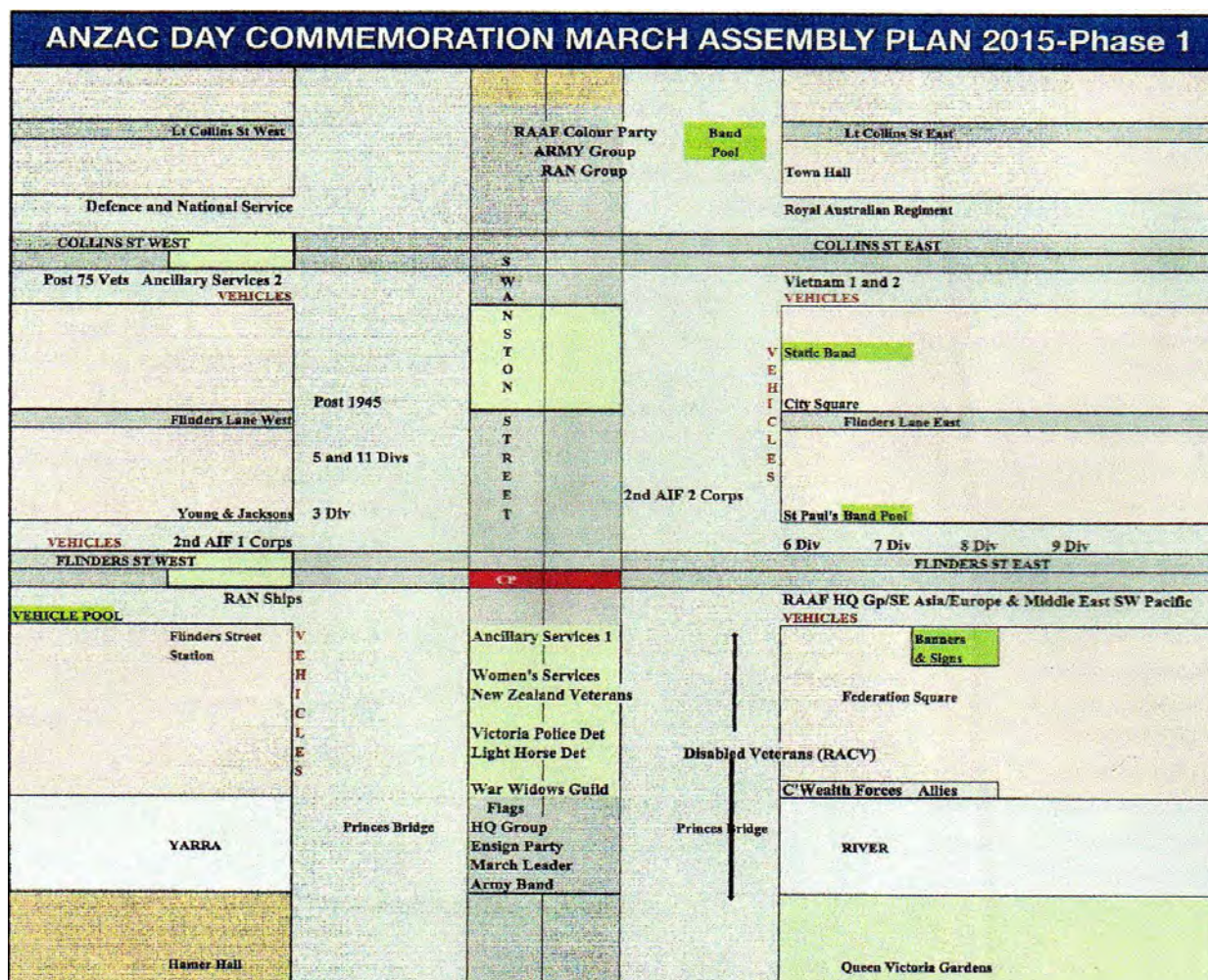
AMC/LSI Vic Assoc has booked a table and invite members from HMAS MANOORA, KANIMBLA, WESTRALIA, ASSAULT and DEMS to join us. Single, or couple, two left footed friends – no matter. Don't be shy. Let's make this a memory to put a smile on our face.

The Naval Commemorative Committee Victoria need bookings & payments by 4 September 2015 so please let us know your interest before this date.

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## Order of March timings

### Disabled veterans (in cars)

**Depart 0835:** Flinders St east (Princes Bridge)

### HQ Group

**Depart 0900:** Princes Bridge

RAAF Band  
Victoria Police (mounted)  
Leader of March  
Ensign Party  
President RSL, Chief Marshal & Official Party  
Australian, New Zealand, Victoria & RSL Flags

### War Widows Guild

**Depart 0901:** Princes Bridge

### Light Horse Detachment

**Depart 0902:** Swanston St west (next to station)

### Victoria Police

**Depart 0903:** Swanston St west (next to Station)  
Victoria Police ex-servicemen

### New Zealand

**Depart 0904:** Swanston St west (next to station)  
New Zealand veterans  
Royal New Zealand Naval Service

### Women's Services

**Depart 0904:** Swanston St west (next to station)

Women's Royal Australian Naval Service  
Nurses  
Physiotherapists  
Servicewomen VAD's/AAMWS  
AWAS  
Women's Royal Australian Army Corps  
Australian Women's Land Army  
RAAF Nursing Service  
Women's Auxiliary Australian Air Force (WAAAF)  
Women's Royal Australian Air Force 1961-77

### Ancillary Services 1

**Depart 0905:** Swanston St west (next to Station)  
Victorian Railways  
Corps of Commissioners

### RAN Colour Party

**Depart 0900:** Swanston St (opp Town Hall)  
HMAS Cerberus & HMAS Visiting Ship

### Navy Ships

**Depart 0905:** Flinders St west (station side)

Leader Navy  
HMAS Submarines  
HMAS Australia  
HMAS Canberra & Shropshire  
HMAS Sydney/VLSVA  
HMAS Melbourne & Fleet Air Arm  
HMAS Perth  
HMAS Hobart  
HMAS Adelaide  
HMAS Stuart & Scrap Iron Flotilla  
N Class Destroyers  
HMAS Arunta  
HMAS Warramunga  
HMAS Bataan  
HMAS Quiberon & Quickmatch  
HMAS ANZAC & Tobruk  
HMAS Voyager  
HMAS Condamine & Hawkesbury  
HMAS Warrego  
HMAS Yarra  
HMAS Corvettes  
HMAS Mildura & Gympie

HMAS Kiama, Ballarat & Gawler  
HMAS Orara, Minesweepers & DEMS Fairmile  
HMAS Manoora  
HMAS Kanimbla  
HMAS Westralia  
HMAS Assault/Chinese ships  
Clearance Divers  
RAN Communications Branch Assn (Victoria)  
Far East Strategic Reserve  
Naval Assn  
RAN Post-1975  
Naval Assn  
Merchant Navy

### HQ 4th Brigade & Units

**Depart 0920:** Swanston St (opp Town Hall)

### 2nd AIF 1st Corps

**Depart 0925:** Flinders St west (north side)  
Leader 2nd AIF, 1 Corps  
1st Corps Headquarters  
Commando Assn  
M & Z Special Units  
2nd/11th Field Regiment  
2nd/1st Survey Regt RAA

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Medical Identification Card**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Medical History: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Medications: (name, dosage, and frequency) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Next of Kin:  
1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Home \_\_\_\_\_ (Mobile) \_\_\_\_\_  
2. Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Home \_\_\_\_\_ (Mobile) \_\_\_\_\_

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