

PRESIDENT'S PEN



Members of the Cumberland Auxiliary making their volunteer contribution to the 2023 Anzac Appeal at Dooleys Catholic Club, Lidcombe.

CUMBERLAND AUXILIARY

SUPPORT FROM OUR FRONT LINE

LIDCOMBE Friday 21 April 2023

Cumberland Auxiliary members took the 'front line' position for this year's Anzac Appeal as they were well positioned at the front and rear entrance to Dooleys Catholic Club, Lidcombe, to encounter the lunchtime club members.

Auxiliary coordinator, Ann Batkin, had her members positioned early for the four day promotion during the Anzac Day long weekend program.

"We were well received from Dooleys club members and the donations took on a steady flow.

"They were well looked after by Dooleys club management and the members certainly enjoyed their contribution to the Appeal" said Ann Batkin.

The Auxiliary members have been planning this event for some months. They now looked forward to their return to Dooleys to complete their Anzac Appeal activities in November; when they exchange the lapel badge for the red poppy and will again be on the front line at Dooleys.



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PRESIDENT'S DESK

Back On The Streets Where We Belong...

" After several years of absence from our local Cumberland community over the Anzac Appeal periods, members of Cumberland where back on the streets last week for the 2023 Appeal.

Railway stations at Strathfield, Lidcombe and Auburn were manned by members selling the Anzac Appeal badges. They were well received by locals, many made a purchase with a welcome 'smile of support' to our members for theirs dedicated support to the RSL cause.

This is certainly one of the biggest changes we brought to the sub-Branch this year, back into the face of our community. Chris Hurley, Ron Inglis, Ross Baker and James Batkin have also added to the cause with many representations for private Anzac Services at local schools, hospitals and nursing homes. Alice O'Connor and Allan Chapple, have also kept the Cumberland flag flying as our Granville Chapter conducted another successful 'Dawn Service' at the Granville Community Centre.

Cumberland participated in 13 Anzac events in our district over the past 14 days - two nursing homes, four schools and eight at public war memorials. There were fine commemorations from Granville in the west to Strathfield in the east, from Regents Park in the south to Concord in the north. This year we included two 'forgotten' war memorials, the Railway Yards Carriageworks Memorial in Auburn and the Soldiers' Memorial Hall in Guildford. Special thanks to Cumberland councillors Glenn Elmore, Diane Colman and Helen Hughes, for joining the commemorations at these memorial events.

With Anzac week now behind us, I am looking forward to presenting the 2022 Annual Report at the AGM in the middle of this month. Make sure you have responded to the Secretary that you are attending the AGM, we have organised a four course meal to be served with a few nice surprises in store for the evening."



GREG READ SC
President
RSL NSW Cumberland



VISION PLAN BELIEVE ACT

'One RSL - working together, delivering locally'

ANZAC Wrap ...



COUNCILLORS UNITED

Cumberland Councillors Diane Colman, Glenn Elmore and Helen Hughes, joined RSL Cumberland members in placing wreaths at both at the Carriageworks, Auburn and Soldiers Memorial, Guildford.

SOLDIERS MEMORIAL

Cumberland members at the remembrance commemoration held at the Soldiers Memorial Hall in Guildford. Sue Roper, Joy Inglis, Ron Inglis, Grant Smith, Ross Baker, Ron Lamb, Sally Pavitt, Greg Read and Valerie Lamb.



KOKODA SERVICE

Cumberland members were among the 2,000 people who attended the Anzac commemoration at the Kokoda Track Memorial Walkway, Concord.

GRANVILLE AT DAWN

Early morning start for Cumberland members who attended the Dawn Service at the Granville Community Centre, organised by Cumberland Granville Chapter co ordinator, Alice O'Connor and assisted by Trustee, Allan Chapple.



AUBURN MEMORIAL

Cumberland members and community leaders attend a short wreath laying service on Anzac Day at 8am in Auburn.

AGM REQUIRES RSVP

Tuesday 16 May 2023
Dooleys Catholic Club, Lidcombe

*A four course evening meal will be served
only for members who have registered before Friday 12 MAY*

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Around The Traps ...



UPDATED COMMUNICATION ... Is Coming

Cumberland webmaster Matt Copeland, from Copeland Creative, has been on the keyboards for the last few months creating a new website for Cumberland.

“Being more user friendly for our more mature age audience is always a challenge for young designers like me” said Matt. Fortunately Matt now has a few accounts in this mature age sector; Matt has become very aware of what he needs to deliver for a smooth transition of ‘communications’ to the tech savvy members that hover the websites and social pages of today’s internet and those not so savvy.

CUMBERLAND WELCOMES VETS BACK TO THE STREETS

RSL NSW Cumberland Vice President, James Batkin, was fast off the mark to don his old RSL polo shirt and cap last week; with an Anzac Appeal merchandise box, he stood the streets outside Lidcombe railway station on several mornings catching the attention of the early commuters to make a donation towards the Anzac Appeal.

“It’s great to see the Service Veterans on the street” was the catch call from many who passed and stopped to make their donation to the Appeal, said James.

“However the new call to my ears from many was “Thank you for your Service”, something that I know has been well inducted into the American civilian society over the past decades and has been absent from our Australian vocabulary.

This quote has now become a very welcome catch phrase from many Australians when you are recognised in the public area as a present or past serviceperson.

“Thank you America, this works for all of us” said James.



NEXT MEMBERS EVENT - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 18 May 2023 - 4.30 pm - Dooleys Lidcombe

Doors open 4.25pm - Members must RSVP for entry and evening meal

NEXT MEETING COMMITTEE

Monthly Status

Tuesday 20 June 6pm
Dooleys, Lidcombe

NEXT MEETING MEMBERS

Tuesday 18 May 4.30 pm
Dooleys, Lidcombe

NEXT MEETING AUXILIARY

Planning Meeting

Wednesday 24 May 12 pm
Dooleys, Regents Park



“ A welcome change is coming... Thinking outside the square ”