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CUMBERLAND HONOURS AUBURN ANZACS



RSL NSW Cumberland, Vice President Ron Inglis, is congratulated by Cumberland Councillor Glenn Elmore, who launched Ron's book 'Auburn Anzacs', a very proud moment for Ron and the sub-Branch at the recent Annual General Meeting held at Dooleys Catholic Club, Lidcombe, NSW.



AUBURN ANZACS

Auburn's Fallen Soldiers of the Great War

Auburn Remembers - Vol. 2

Ву RON INGLIS

RSL NSW - CUMBERLAND Community Veterans Education Project

BOOK REVIEW

AUBURN ANZACS

The first phase of the Auburn Remembers project, initiated by RSL NSW Cumberland as a continuation of their Community Veterans Education Project, was to perpetuate the memory of the First World War men named on the Auburn (NSW) War Memorial.

This memorial was erected in 1922 to carry the names of men of Auburn who had perished in the First World War 1914-1918. The story of the Auburn Memorial men was told in the book Volume One Auburn Remembers, published by RSL Cumberland in 2020.

The second phase of the project was to prepare material for the official New South Wales war memorials register www.warmemorialsregister.nsw.gov.au

Several war memorials in Auburn had not been registered and the information on the Auburn War Memorial itself needed to be updated and expanded. In the second phase, the project was broadened to include a study of the 12 First World War honour rolls/ stained glass windows found in Auburn schools and churches. These honour rolls included names of persons who had died in the war but whose names were not inscribed on the Auburn War Memorial. Altogether there were 155 names of persons linked to Auburn who had paid the supreme sacrifice during the Great War. Five names could not be linked to any service record. These five remain unknown so the details of 150 of Auburn's Fallen Soldiers of the Great War were registered. The details of these 150 men have now been published in Volume Two of the Auburn Remembers project under the title.

Auburn Anzacs.

The publication Auburn Anzacs was launched by Councillor Glenn Elmore at the RSL NSW Cumberland Annual General Meeting held in Dooleys Lidcombe on Tuesday May 16, 2023.

Auburn Anzacs is not just a list of 150 First World War records of service in alphabetical order. An equally significant part was to investigate characteristics across the whole cohort and to compare these characteristics with the rest of the AIF and with the overall population of Australia at the time. For example, collating the occupations of the men of Auburn clearly showed the working-class nature of the cohort and collating the pensions granted indicated the number of widows and orphans left behind in Auburn.

Printed copies of Auburn Anzacs will be distributed by RSL NSW Cumberland to all schools and libraries in our Cumberland district and further copies on the new website, late July 2023.