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Friends of Soldiers Walk Inc: Newsletter

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Highlights

April Dedications

Lt Percy Binns, Pte Claude Kenneth Clark

Pte Stanley Morgan Hubbard

Dates to remember

April 23rd and April 25th 2006



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Great news has just been received that the TASSAL Group is committing to \$25,000 per calendar year to the work of FOSW. The funds will be committed to a reprint of the map brochure, plaques for men from areas with current TASSAL operations such as Tasman Peninsula, the Channel and the Huon as well as work on the revival of avenues in those areas. Nick Burrows, Financial Manager for the TASSAL Group will be attending Committee meetings as an observer. This is a wonderful development and it is great we now have our first corporate sponsor. Well done TASSAL!

The Frank MacDonald Memorial Prize

As many members would be aware Frank MacDonald MM was our former Patron before his death on August 23rd 2003. He was the last survivor of the 15,000 Diggers who won gallantry medals in the Great War. In his honour the State Government inaugurated the Frank MacDonald Memorial Prize in 2004 for Year 9 students, to write an essay or media presentation on aspects of the Anzac tradition.

In December 2005 6 students from around the State were announced as winners. They were David Hennessey (MacKillop College), James Holden (Ulverstone High School), Amy Randall, Woodbridge School, Katrina Stone (Scottsdale High School), Lauren Thomas (Deloraine High School), and Sarah Wadsley (The Friends' School). The six winners will be travelling overseas from 21 April to 7 May 2006 with two teachers, three RSL representatives, an officer from the Department of Premier and Cabinet and Mr Graeme Sturges MHA. The group will be visiting Turkey and attend the Anzac Day commemorations at Gallipoli, followed by a tour of the Great War battlefields in Belgium and the Somme in France. Apart from the battlefield tours and commemorations at Gallipoli, Ypres and the Australian National Memorial at Villers-Bretonneux, the group will also be meeting the school children from the local school at Villers-Bretonneux, where the defence of the town by Australians in 1918 is still remembered with great affection.

Sarah Wadsley is a member of FOSW and she hopes to find the graves/memorials of some of the soldiers commemorated on the Avenue who served and died in the Great War. Of particular note, her great-great uncle Lt Lennard Wadsley (tree #343) served with the 52nd Battalion and died at Mouquet Farm on the Somme on 3 September 1916, 90 years ago this year. Sarah will be visiting the site of his death, and I am sure it will be an emotional time for her. We wish her well for her trip. The State Government commits \$380,000 per annum to the scholarship scheme.

Presidents Report

Well, I hope everyone has enjoyed the summer and the Commonwealth Games. Now we can look forward to those dewy autumn mornings, some sparkling clear skies and a bit of much needed rain. I do enjoy the change in seasons, its why we like living in Paradise!

I am pleased to report that another dedication ceremony has taken place on 15th February. The weather was fine and warm, the attendance was very impressive and the emotion shown by many families involved with the dedication proved to me once again why we are working on this important undertaking - its about making connections that will endure, helping descendants understand something about their forebears, realising the great sacrifices that their families made during the Great War.



As has become our practice, a number of plaques were dedicated by families who had made specific donations, starting at the northern end of the Avenue and finishing near the southern end where the main ceremony was to take place. As a special tribute, the Commissioner of Police Richard McCreadie dedicated a plaque to Pte Victor Tasman Lisson, 26th Battalion, KIA 29 July 1916 (tree #96). Pte Lisson had been a police trooper before the war and it was wonderful to have a piper from the Tasmania Police Pipe Band on hand to play before and after the dedication.

We were honoured to have a number of distinguished guests reading the names for the main dedication, including the Hon. Michael Hodgman MHA, David Bartlett MHA, Gerald Loughran Chairman of the Tasmanian Community Fund, Deputy Lord Mayor Eva Ruzicka, and Commissioner



McCreadie. Unfortunately Peg Putt MHA was unable to attend. After the dedication all those attending were invited to the Tennis Centre for a morning tea provided by the Hobart City Council. In all some 42 plaques were dedicated taking the total number to over 140.

Left: Barry and Jim Smith at the dedication for L/Sgt Charles Edward Smith, Jim's father.

In other news the Avenues Project is proceeding well. Adrian Howard, Chris Oakes and myself attended the second meeting of the Steering Committee in March to discuss Adrian's draft Community kit and in particular to consider how the kit should be trialled and launched. It was agreed that we would trial the draft kit with a number of the avenues identified around the State, before going for

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final production and the official launch. The Committee was very impressed with the overall structure and content of the kit, yet more testimony to Adrian's excellent wordsmithing skills. Adrian, Chris and I also recently attended the Annual lunch for the Sorell RSL Sub-Branch. Adrian gave a short talk on the Soldiers Memorial Avenue and the work we are doing, which was well received.

I trust that all members are looking forward to the major Anzac Day commemoration later this month. Don't forget that we will be holding two dedications in April, the first on Sunday 23rd April at 11.00am next to the TCA northern car park and on Tuesday 25th April at 9.00 am at the far southern end of the Avenue in front of the Aquatic Centre. More details in this newsletter. I hope to see you all there. We are looking for a good turnout, particularly on Anzac Day as all the plaques being dedicated are for men who died at Gallipoli back in April and May 1915.

As you may have noticed we are now advertising each dedication ceremony in the Mercury in order to hopefully find other descendants to help fund the dedication of plaques as well as obtaining more information about the soldiers on the Avenue. This is such an important part of our work, and I encourage all members to actively seek out descendants, encourage people to join as new members and promote the aims of our group in the wider community. While we have been fortunate in obtaining grants from the TCF and other sources, we must remain active particularly in attracting sponsorship or donations from families and businesses. We have a lot more work to do over the next 3 years and we need all the support we can get.

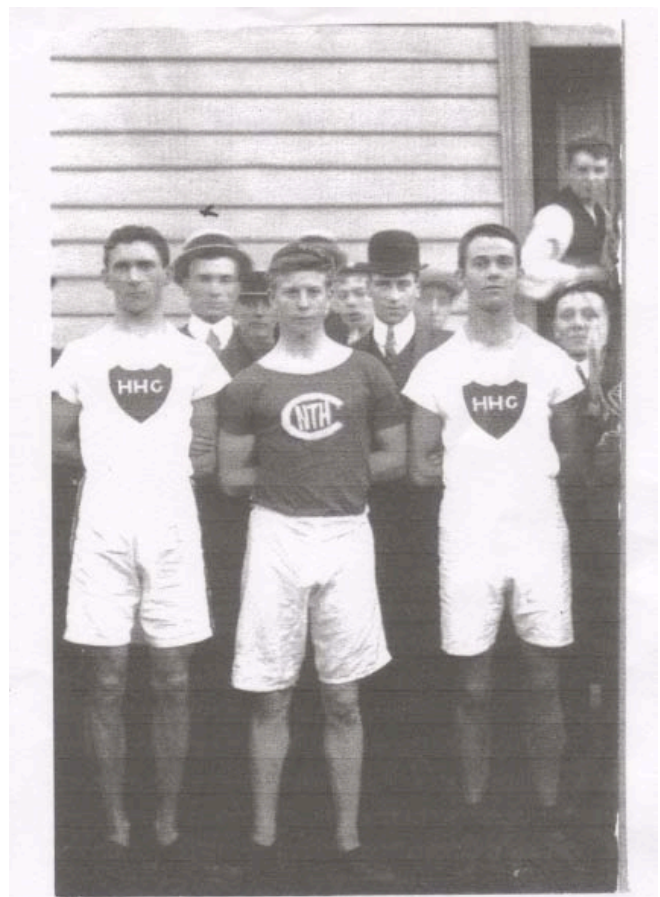
We will also be organising another General Meeting for members to attend in the near future and some social functions. Keep tuned for more information.

John Wadsley

L/Cpl Claude Kenneth Clark Tree#205

Claude Kenneth Clark was the youngest son of James Alexander and Caroline Clark (nee Brown) and brother of Harold Leigh Clark and brother of Daniel Charles, Harold Leigh, Merton Oliver (deceased) and Ruth Christina (deceased). Born in 1890 at Glen Huon, he was educated in Hobart at the Battery Point State School and lived at 41 High St, Sandy Bay. He became a photo-engraver and worked at The Mercury and Tasmanian Mail. Claude was a well-known Tasmanian athlete, a member of the Tasmania Amateur Athletics Association and Hobart Harriers and the winner of numerous Gold Medals, Gold Badges as well as Silver medals and a silver watch. He was the record holder for the high jump and sprint.

Claude's path to war was a strange one. He enlisted on 28th January 1915 and is listed as embarking with the 5th Reinforcements on 17th April from Melbourne. At this point he disappears as #2016 12th Bn. For reasons unknown, this embarkation was cancelled and he is re-enlisted as #2573 5th Bn on 30th July 1915 embarking with the 8th reinforcements in 15th September 1915. 1916 saw a transfer to France and in late April the 1st Division joined the Western Front near Armentieres. Claude sent his mother the following postcard.



*Claude K Clark (front left) with other Hobart athletes.
Note the Hobart Harriers t-shirt.*

France, April 23, 1916

Dear Mother

I received your letter of Feb 20, your birthday, but I'm afraid I did not even send you a postcard. It has been raining nearly all the time here. I thought Tassie was wet but this takes the cake. I have not received the birthday present you sent me. What is the matter with Bill? I have not heard from him for a long time. I received a Tas Mail Feb 17 issue. This war goes on in the same old way, nothing new. I am in good health and am very sorry to hear that you are not, but you want to buck-up Mum think of the good times we will have when the war is over, and don't go fretting over me I am not going to get killed or anything like that.

Your loving son Claude XXX

Claude was later wounded and was killed during a German raid on an outpost line near Thillooy on 3rd March 1917. This action took place as the Allied forces followed the Germans during their fighting retreat to the Hindenburg line.

Thanks to Joan Monkcom and family for the information on which this article is based.

Lt Percy Binns

Percy Binns was born and educated in Yorkshire England, the son of Aethelbert and Ann Binns. The family moved to Tasmania living at 'Birchlands', Bellevue Parade, Cornelian Bay. Percy enlisted in 6/6/1916 in Mowbray; he was working as an advertisement writer in Launceston. He was selected for officer training and attended Duntroon later that year and embarked on 14/6/1917 as a Lieutenant in the 2nd Bn.

He was killed in action near Lihons on 13th August 1918 on the parapet of an enemy outpost during a 'peaceful penetration' operation. In mid to late 1918, more open warfare had arrived. The AIF were firm believers in maintaining constant pressure on the enemy line, taking and holding isolated outposts and forcing the Germans to re-adjust their front lines (backwards always backwards). This not only captured territory but demoralised the Germans and made their defensive planning more complicated. This was accepted tactical policy in the AIF with the details left to battalion, company and platoon leaders to make the best of any opportunity that presented itself.

After his death Percy's parents received his 'last' letter i.e. a letter to be sent only in the event of his death.

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Sunday night

Dear Father and Mother

This is rather a funny letter to start as if ever you receive it, I shall have passed over the other side, but first of all let me say that I am quite prepared for anything, and don't feel in the least bit worried, much as I love you all and desire to get back safely to Australia.

I am now in France and this is being written in the Officers' Mess at the base at Havre. We arrived yesterday and I - with others - proceed to our reinforcement depot, tomorrow leaving at 9-30am. It is about 48 hours journey, and I don't suppose too far behind the line. It is about 7:30pm and the mess is crowded with officers belonging to different battalions, so you can guess what a cosmopolitan lot we are. The paper this is written on is borrowed from a South Australian, the envelope from a West Australian, and the pen from a Tasmanian. Billiards, card playing, writing, reading, smoking, drinking etc etc. are going on all around, everybody having a good a time as possible while (here) you can, though personally I have kept straight since joining the military, with the exception of slight smoking, lighter drinking - it is almost impossible to get out of it altogether - and using a bit of strong language at times. The latter seems to be an absolute necessity and certainly is a relief to one's feelings in times of stress etc. I suppose like a woman crying, same effect I mean. Of course, also I have enjoyed myself with girls, but nothing wrong or even a suggestion of it, has ever crept in, just fun and a kiss or two. I'm telling you this, not that I want to make out that I'm a saint, but to let you know that it was only your upbringing that could have kept me like this, and

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Heaven alone knows temptation is sometimes pretty strong. Really, living the quiet life we have done, you have no idea of the amount of sin - I don't like that word but can't think of another one to adequately express my meaning - in the world, and I suppose most of it has been developed by this war. Girls in England have absolutely gone mad with excitement and khaki-mania, and I often think to myself what a good job Louie and Edie are living in Tassy, as I wouldn't let any girl I had anything to do with, knock around with soldiers. A girl will be lucky to get a good husband after the war and I think they ought all to produce health certificates. But apart from what I've said, I think the real dinkum Australian the best fellow in the world, bar none. They're perfectly lovable and when they have a bit of education then charming is the word to describe them.

This does seem a rummy letter, but you know how thoughts get messed up as it were, not always following on in proper sequence.

And now a word about my love affairs. I have written a letter also to Iris



Downey, "Carlyle", Bowman St, Drummoyne, Sydney, under the same circumstances as this one - or I should say am going to write one, as home has always been first in my thoughts - and I hope if I come through alright that she will marry me. Haven't actually proposed to her yet, as am not quite sure if I should be accepted and as you know I am a bit shy with girls. She is the girl for me though, if only she would accept. She's not rich or anything, just works at a store in Sydney, but we seem to hit it pretty well together. Hope to Heaven she'll say "yes". Methodist, too, more strict than I am.

Well just to get on with my yarn. Have just been thinking what a lucky family we are. After all my travels I haven't seen a family like us - girls pretty and clever, and boys, though not pretty, with more than the average share of brains, and Father and Mother not to be equalled in all the world. That is not said just for effect, but really I have never seen any to equal you both. I think, and sure too, Arthur and the girls realise it, though we are not a demonstrative lot - personally, I should be a lot more demonstrative if had returned - but we do all appreciate how lucky we are.

Whatever happens I am glad I joined up when I did - only sorry I didn't join earlier - and would do it again if had my time over. The Germans have got to be beaten, and whoever gives in before they are thoroughly whipped ought to be put in some poor Belgian's place who has had Germans over him - or her - this last three years. If, I by losing my life - on my own free will - could win the war - I would gladly go and do it, my only regret being at leaving you all, also Iris.

Well if ever you get this letter I want Mother to bear up alright. I just know how you -mother - will feel, but Arthur is a jolly fine son and will some day have a name known all over Australia. They're are [sic] not too many in this world with brains like

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his. And he's a sticker, most important of all. I wonder who the lucky will be to marry Louie and Edie. Hope they get men good enough for them, but they would be jolly hard to find. Am going to close now, but hardly know how to express myself, but you know, dear parents, how much I really love you and everybody at Home.

Goodbye

Your loving son

Percy

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Say goodbye to Grandma, Aunt Emily, Uncle Priestley Sub. and others.

Percy's parents made inquiries about his death and received the following reply over 7 months later.

2nd April 1919

Dear Sir

With reference to the report of the regrettable loss of your son, the late Lieutenant P Binns, 2nd Battalion, I am now in receipt of advice which shows that he was killed in action whilst on patrol at "Creepy Wood", east of Harbonnieres, France, at about 2-30pm on 13th August last. Whilst on patrol with an [sic] Non-commissioned Officer and a couple of men he encountered an enemy strong-post heavily manned. He immediately gave the order to charge, and when about two yards from the Strong Post he was hit in the face by a revolver bullet, death being instantaneous. No particulars of burial have been received to date, but it is hoped that through the efforts of the Graves Registration and Enquiries Committee a burial report will be received later and any additional details contained therein will be promptly transmitted to you.

These additional details are furnished by direction, it being the policy of the Department to forward all information received in connection with deaths of members of the Australian Imperial Force.

Yours faithfully

Major (not named)

Officer i/c Base Records

Percy was known as an energetic and enthusiastic soldier in the field. The circumstances of his death were later described in F.W. Taylor & T.A. Cusack, *Nulli Secundus: a History of the Second Battalion, AIF, 1914-1919* (Sydney: New Century Press, 1942) pp322-323. The description originated from the diary of L/Cpl Morgan.

Reference was also made to the death of Lieut. Binns, who was killed while on patrol one afternoon near Lihons. Binns, a comparatively new officer, let his courage run away with his caution, for in a patrol during the morning of August 13 he had to be restrained by Pte Alex Orr, of C Company, who was with him. Binns, enthusiastic as ever, went out again in the afternoon, on this occasion being accompanied by a corporal and one man. A German outpost was encountered, and Binns rushed it, only to fall a victim to a German bullet as he reached the parapet.

Thanks to Michael Davie for the information used in this article.

Scanner: Correction

A big thanks to Chris Oakes and the **State Branch** of the RSL for donating a Canon flatbed scanner. This is coming in very useful as it is small enough to transport easily, runs off a USB cable into a laptop so from now on if you have photos that are precious to you, we can come to you and scan them without them leaving your living room.

Pte Stanley Morgan Hubbard Tree#244

Stanley Hubbard enlisted with the 12th Bn in August 1915, served on Gallipoli, transferred to the 52nd Bn on its formation in March 1916 and died of wounds received at Mouquet Farm on 7th September 1916. He was the son of George and Charlotte Hubbard and brother of Leslie Arthur Victor, Maurice James, Phylis Evelyne, Raymond Alexander George, Athlene and Henry. Maurice and Leslie enlisted in the NZEF. He has attended Macquarie St State School and was known as 'Doody.'



Athlene Sheppard, a niece, has provided this wonderful photograph of Stanley's sister Athlene visiting the tree sometime in the 1920s. The rows of tree guards can be seen trailing off down the slope in the background. This tree was planted just near the TCA and the spot still provides a wonderful view along the Avenue and across the river.

Further Plaque Donors

(We trust everyone who has donated to a specific plaque has been acknowledged. If not, apologies and you will be in the next issue.) In memory of:
 Pte Rupert Yeaman Parker Tree#17: David & Loretta Olsen
 Frank Hubert Evan 15th Bn Tree # 38 John Evans & family
 Pte James Keith Yaxley Tree#90: T Yaxley & family
 L/Cpl Vivian Cyril Brooke Tree #104: Bob Brooke & family, Bill Brooke & family
 Pte Charles Walter Forster 12th Bn Tree#123: Barbara Briggs & family
 Claude Kenneth Clarke Tree#205: Lola Nancy Clarke
 Pte Albert Robert Blackmore Tree#212: M Davies and grandchildren of C E Smith
 2/Lt Clyde Bowman Pearce Tree#261: Elaine Pearce
 Cpl Robert Stanley Thorpe Tree#276: Robert Thorpe & family
 Lt Percy Binns Tree#491: Michael Davie, Brian Davie and Bill Loftus
 All who served especially women & medical services: Ex AWS & AAWMS Association
 All those who fell in service and their families: Northern Suburbs Legacy Widows
 Pte John Charles Ernest Riseley Tree#233: Olga McGuire and F Burstons
 Esperance RSL sub-branch: Pte Wallace Carlyle McDougall Tree#176, 2nd Lt. Charles William Hay Tree#372 and Pte Hugh Wallace Tree#424

While we have received a grant from the Tasmanian Community Fund, this is sufficient only to dedicate a limited number of plaques (80) and we allocated funds across November, February, April and August dedications.

Among the February plaques another 13 were funded by families and Tasmania Police (for Pte Victor Tasman Lisson). The rest were funded directly by our general funds. We thank those families who have made donations for plaques for their soldiers. We trust that other families who have had plaques dedicated as part of a larger section are able to provide donations towards those plaques so our work can continue and we can install plaques for those men without descendants.

We appreciate that family financial circumstances vary but any donation helps defray the cost of plaques paid for from our general fundraising.

April 23rd Dedications Arrangements

Family Dedications

Committee representatives will be on hand and assist in the dedications. Please appoint a family member to lead the dedication. It is suggested that the family representative says a few words about the soldier, family memories of the Avenue and/or feelings on the day. The plaque will be covered by a green coverlet with a sprig of rosemary. The formal dedication should be “ *We dedicate this plaque to the memory of <name of soldier>.*” A member of the family should then remove the cover, returning the rosemary to the plaque. A Committee member will collect the coverlet.

Southern section

A Bus will leave the northern TCA car park at 10:00 for the family dedications listed below. Those attending may make their own way if they wish but the only vehicle with permission to be on the Avenue will be the bus.

10:00	205	L/Cpl Claude Kenneth Clark	5 th Bn	KIA 3/3/1917
10:05	104	Tpr David Barclay	3 rd Light Horse	KIA 4/8/1916
10:10	91	Pte Robert Nelson Jackson	29 th Bn	KIA 29/7/1915
10:15	74	Cpl William Douglas Leitch	3 rd Mob Ord Wkshop	DOD 4/5/1919

Bus will proceed down the Avenue and then return to the Northern TCA car park via Davies Avenue.

Central Section: 12 family plaques at the times listed. park in TCA north car park.

10:20	276	Cpl Robert Stanley Thorpe	52 nd Bn	DOW 13/09/1916
10:20	271	L/Cpl Vivian Cyril Brooke	12 th Bn	DOW 4/05/1915
10:20	267	Pte Henry Thomas Scott	12 th Bn	KIA 25/04/1915

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10:30	270	L/Cpl Charles Bates	52 nd Bn	DOA 28/6/1917
10:30	263	Lt William Vivian Keats	52 nd Bn	KIA 10/6/1917
10:30	257	Gnr John Daly Kilmartin	6 th Bde AFA	KIA 1/6/1917
10:40	258	Cpl Herman Eric Paton	12 th Bn	DOW 29/5/1918
10:40	249	Pte Claude Tasman Parker	12 th Bn	KIA 5/5/1917
10:40	241	Pte Leslie John Birkett	12 th Bn	KIA 5/5/1917
10:50	244	Pte Stanley Morgan Hubbard	52 nd Bn	DOW 7/9/1916
10:50	491	Lt Percy Binns	2 nd Bn	KIA 13/8/1918

Main ceremony 11am: Seating will be available. Toilets are on site at the rear entrance to the TCA. A BBQ will be held on site at the conclusion of the dedications.

245	Pte Ernest Edgar Casbourne	40 th Bn	KIA 5/5/1917
248	Pte Clement Southwell Keen	12 th Bn	KIA 5/5/1917
254	Pte Alfred Daniel Williams	12 th Bn	KIA 5/5/1917
256	Pte Patrick James Kelly	3 rd Tunnelling Co	KIA 17/8/1917
259	Pte Newton Frederick Seymour Lane	50 th Bn	KIA 8/6/1917
260	Pte Lionel Garlick	12 th Bn	KIA 7/6/1917
261	2/Lt Clyde Bowman Pearce	52 nd Bn	KIA 10/6/1917
264	Pte Robert Stanley Lord	15 th Bn	KIA 8/08/1915
265	L/Cpl Guy Winston Terry	13 th Bn	Died as POW 22/5/1917
266	Pte John Goudie	2 nd Bn Otago Regt	KIA 2/8/1917
272	Spr Alfred Chaplin Jones	3 rd Fd Co Engineers	DOW 22/08/1917
284	Pte Roy Cecil Glover	52 nd Bn	DOW 8/12/1916
288	Pte Stanley Hinchcliffe	12 th Bn	KIA 15/04/1917

Representatives from Government House, Ray Ewell DCM Club (B Co 12th/40th Bn), Claremont RSL Women's Auxiliary, Northern Suburbs Legacy Widows and the Ex AWS & AAWMS Association will unveil plaques as part of the ceremony.

April 25th Dedications

The ceremony will commence at 9am on the lawn in front of the Tattersall's Hobart Aquatic Centre. Two family dedications will follow the main ceremony.

17	Pte Rupert Yeaman Parker	15 th Bn	Died	July 1915
3	L/Cpl Wilfred John Crane	12 th Bn	Killed in action	25/4/1915

Parking will be available in Aberdeen St, Davies Avenue and at the Regatta Ground. Morning tea will be provided in the Aquatic Centre at 9:30am. This dedication will also include the unveiling of plaque dedicated to "An Unknown Soldier of the Great War". This has been funded by the State Branch of the RSL in memory of all those from every army for whom all records are lost.

Anzac Day Exhibition

An exhibition of Great War memorabilia and concerning the history of the Avenue will be held from 12 midday in the Gunpowder Magazine. This is not only a great opportunity to see some wonderful material but also to see inside this quite amazing building.

Avenue Tours and TAFE

During April Tour Guiding students from TAFE Tasmania Drysdale will be researching and preparing tours of the Avenue. These will be held on April 23rd and April 25th as well as on some other days during this period. Watch for details in the press in the week beforehand. This will be a great learning experience for the students involved and will be a wonderful addition to the range of activities on the Avenue.

The Transformation Continues

The Work for the Dole group continues its fine work on the Avenue with supervisors Jason (Mondays and Tuesdays) and new hand Terry on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Only 2 Blue gums remain on the southern section of the Avenue with wonderful panoramas of the river and the long sweep of the Avenue now visible. In the northern section, only a handful of blue gums remain along by the bend near tree #350. By winter (the real winter not the early breath we are now experiencing) all these will have been removed. Most general users of the pathway and the tourists are incredibly impressed with the new look Avenue.

Thanks are also due to the staff of the Hobart City Council for their continuing work in felling the trees, chipping branches, and pruning the cedars prior to plaque dedications.

Good news on the landscape plan: a draft is now complete and will begin the process of management, committee and full Council approval. Hopefully this will be complete in time for an anniversary announcement in August. The proposal looks very good for the Avenue and I think all members will be pleased with the result.

The new trees are growing well and will be ready for planting in 2008. By this time they will be well established, sturdy and obvious so that when the new plantings commence

New Sign for the Avenue

The sign depicted below will soon be installed on the Avenue. The sign explains the basic intent of the Management Plan emphasising the mutually supporting combination of environmental and heritage values being supported in the restoration process.

HOBART'S PARKS

You may have noticed changes along the Avenue – as the significant native grasslands and heritage memorials are being restored.

In May 2004 the Hobart City Council endorsed a new management plan for the Avenue. This plan guides all work and sets the goal of restoring the memorial avenue in its original native grassland environment.

Our Goal – By 2014, the Avenue will contain vibrant memorial trees threaded through healthy native white gum grasslands.

The Avenue will be both a fitting memorial to the 811 men from Hobart and New Town who died in the Great War as well as a unique natural experience close to the city's heart.

It is a reminder of those individuals and their families, and presents an informative experience for tourists as well as a wonderful walk through native white gum grasslands.



Restoring the Soldiers Memorial Avenue

Retention of White Gums – These are the tree species endemic to the area.

Removal of Blue Gums – The Blue Gums (*Eucalyptus globulus*) are not naturally occurring along the Avenue and were planted in the 1970s. The area is too dry for them and most flower poorly and provide no significant food for native birds. They also provide undesirable competition and obscured the visual integrity of the Memorial Avenue.

Removal of Small Trees and Shrubs – Shrubs and trees take over grassland areas in the absence of burning or grazing.

Annual Slashing – The grasslands need burning and/or grazing to be sustained. The Avenue area is now slashed annually following the setting of seed in summer to revive the natural pattern. In good years, the seeding grasses may obscure the plants.

Wood Control – Weeds are being progressively removed from the area as part of efforts to restore the grasslands.

Protecting Threatened Species – Many of these plants survive best close to healthy cedars. The slashing of the grasslands and weed control will also improve their chances of spreading beyond the cedars.

Restoring Nameplates – New plaques are being progressively installed to tell the stories of the soldiers and their families that planted the trees as an act of commemoration.

Replacement Trees for the Avenue – From 2007 replacement of missing or dead trees will commence using the more drought resistant Cedar of Lebanon (*Cedrus libani*).

Missing Sites – About 100 original planting sites have been lost due to roadwork and the construction of the Crossroads Lip. These missing sites will be restored or replaced.

the way ahead – restoring grasslands, restoring heritage

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