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ANZAC 100

On 25 April 1915, a legend was created at a place called Gallipoli by a group of Australian and New Zealanders christened the ANZAC. It was a foreign shore that was hardly known in this country or for that matter, the western world at large and those men equally an unknown quantity

But from that day, that landing place and those men became household names that would burnish the escutcheon of this country and that of our neighbour across the Tasman Sea, for a hundred years and beyond.

As we celebrate the Centenary of that epic event in the Dardanelles, let us also recall all the Australian and New Zealand men and women, who over the last 100 years have contributed to that reputation and earned for themselves a place in our country's history and culture, that time and tide will not erase.

Every single member of the Australian Defence Force and the NZ Defence Force is the rightful inheritor of all those customs and traditions so expensively purchased for us. I am continually reminded of that short verse by Rudyard Kipling which sometimes sums up the attitude of many in the country today,

***God and Soldier we adore,
In time of danger, not before.
Danger past and all things righted,
God is forgotten and the Soldier slighted.***

CENTENARY OF ANZAC DINNER

17 APRIL 2015

On Friday 17 April 2015 at Wrest Point Hotel in Hobart, 250 people attended the Centenary of ANZAC Dinner.

Special Guests included Her Excellency, Professor the Hon Kate Warner AM, Governor of Tasmania, Vice Admiral Ray Griggs AO, CSC, RAN - the Vice Chief of the Defence Force (VCDF) and the representatives of the Chiefs of Navy, Army and Air Force. Unfortunately, the NZ Defence Force was not able to be represented but the NZ Flag was displayed in the Dining Room alongside the ANF, The RAN White Ensign and the RAAF Ensign.

The keynote address was delivered by VADM Griggs who, at the conclusion of his address, proposed the toast to 'The ANZACs'.

The event was sponsored by RSL Tasmania and was planned and executed by a special sub-committee chaired by Air Vice-Marshal Peter Scully AO with a diverse representation from the serving and ex-serving community.

Special souvenir Medallions were produced for the occasion and each attendee was given one as a memento of the occasion. A Table of Remembrance Eulogy was delivered by Mr Steve Cocker OAM, which was a most moving recitation.

St Mary's College choir gave a performance during the pre-dinner drinks and the Australian Army Band Tasmania (AAB-TAS) entertained diners during the course of the dinner.

The RUSI (Hobart Branch) had two tables of ten at the dinner. A very fine representation indeed from the Institute



PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN AT THE DINNER AT WREST POINT



The Stage with the Table of Remembrance – with three vacant chairs – A stark reminder



A section of the 260 attendees



*The Vice Chief of the Defence Force
Vice Admiral Ray Griggs AO, CSC, RAN*



The Dinner Chairman, Air Vice-Marshal P.J. Scully AO

WORDS OF WISDOM!

Advice is what we ask for when we know the answer but wish we didn't.

An egotist has one major point in his favour – he doesn't go around talking about other people.

If you think education is expensive, try ignorance.

The problem with being a hero is that you can't have a day off.