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**Meets second Friday of each month at 10.30am
at Balgowlah RSL Memorial Club**

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For the Meeting on Friday 13 May 2016

May is a very special month for us, as one of our members. Alec Richardson will celebrate his 100th Birthday!! I am sure that all members would like us to convey our best wishes and congratulations to Alec on reaching this great milestone.

Last month's Meeting was one of the best attended for quite some time. In addition a large number of those attending, took the opportunity to stay for lunch and to enjoy the company of the other members. Hopefully this will continue into the future.

Speaker's Corner: Our guest speaker for the May meeting is David Deasey, speaking about the "Boer War 1899 – 1902". This is a very significant conflict for Australians, for though volunteers participated before Federation, the new Commonwealth Government sent contingents to the war after 1901, our first military action as a Nation. Some 23,000 Australian men and women participated in the conflict of which around 1,000 died. Six Australians were awarded the Victoria Cross and there were a large number of other decorations awarded as well. Surprisingly, there is no National Memorial for those who served and died in this, our First War as a Nation. We all need to be reminded and knowledgeable of our National history. We look forward to a large audience attending!

Last month's Speaker/Entertainer was **Geoff Williams**, presenting "**The History of Country Music in Australia – The First 50 Years**". Geoff reminded us of our ballad singers of the past, singing selected songs, while accompanying with his guitar! What a great showman he is! He regularly plays at RSL Clubs and has recorded a number of CD's which were available for sale. It is hard to imagine that he is a retired school Head Master of 40 years. We all had a very enjoyable time!

MEMBERS SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2016/17 This is a friendly reminder to those of you who have not yet paid, that the annual subscription for 2016/17 is now due.

Members	\$25
Partners/spouses (<i>if a member</i>)	\$10

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Birthdays: We wish a very happy birthday to all of our members who celebrate their birthday this month:

Alec Richardson 4th May Eric Darley 6th May, Julie Paton 9th May, Peter Kaill 9th May, Betty Brown 13th May, Shirley Lawrie 17th May, Keith Isbister 25th May, June Leahy 30th May, Janet Stott 31st May, Bev Bashford 31st May

Probus Information Day: Bill Richards attended the recent information day and will report of it at the meeting.

Functions: Sydney Theatre Company presents: THE WHARF REVUE 2016

The **Wharf Revue** is coming again! When you may ask, especially those who have been before?

At the Glen Street Theatre, Wednesday, 12th October 2016. A matinee performance commencing at 11.00 am

Only 50 seats have been booked and our club has already paid a deposit to hold these seats.

Bookings, for members only, can be made at our May meeting with a deposit of \$10 per person.

Welfare: Ray Hamilton and Pauline Gazzard have contacted a number of members who have been absent from our monthly meetings to check on their welfare. We will receive an update at the meeting.

Don't forget your flu shoot (these should now be available at your local doctor).

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