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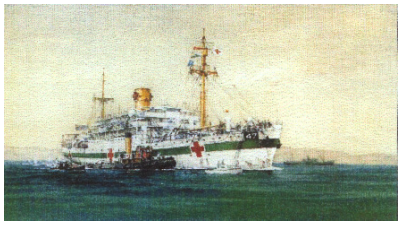

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AGM ON BOARD HMAS MANOORA

In an effort to make life easier for small community groups such as ourselves, the Department of Fair Trading has relaxed the rules governing AGMs. We still need to have a minimum of five people face-to-face but the rest can be done electronically, by post or phone hook-up.

This year, by having our AGM on board HMAS Manoora we actually had twenty eight people face-to-face! No doubt we would have had more if it hadn't been for three flights of ladders in varying degrees of darkness.

If you want to participate in our AGMs in future the following is the procedure:

Nominations for the Executive: President, Secretary and Treasurer, and a Committee of four will need to be lodged with the Secretary, by email or post, by **15th April**. Include any matters you would like discussed.

Financial members may nominate, be nominated, raise matters for discussion and vote. **Honorary members** may raise matters for discussion.

Nominations and matters for discussion will be recorded in the **May Newsletter**.

Voting and comments on matters for discussion must be received by the Secretary by **15 July** for the AGM which will be held on or about **1 August** (whenever we can get five financial members together).

Minutes of the AGM will be available on request, and a summary will be posted in the **November Newsletter**.

These arrangements are the major matters discussed at the 2010 AGM on board HMAS Manoora. The president reported on the year's activities most of which are reported as news throughout this Newsletter. The Treasurer tabled the financial report (available on request), and the goals for the year were outlined. Now that all the special events are over we will go back to doing what we do best - honouring those we lost and supporting those who lost them, as described in our Rationale on the back page. Our specific goals for 2010-2011 are to endeavour to see that the correct co-ordinates for Centaur are publicly displayed at all Memorials, and to offer miniature replicas of the Centaur Plaque placed on the deck of the Centaur to community organizations which continue to tell the Centaur story.

THE FIRST MINIATURE REPLICA OF THE CENTAUR PLAQUE INSTALLED IN CENTAUR MEMORIAL PARK, TRINITY PARK , CAIRNS

Lisa Ahrens from Smithfield Village, which provided land for the park, Tricia Traill, President, Trinity Park Neighbourhood Watch which oversaw the establishment of the Centaur Memorial Park, and Charlotte Rice from the RAN.

A highlight of the day was a Navy helicopter flyover.

2/3 AHS Centaur Association Inc. Committeeman, Ian Hudson, unveiling the miniature replica plaque. The plaque is accompanied by a storyboard which explains its significance as a replica of a 'headstone' on the grave and a focus for remembrance.

Mr Ted Frisch, brother-in-law of Pte Jack Moran 2/12th FA with his daughter Pauline at the unveiling. His daughter Cathy Soderberg was also in attendance. Lorraine Mowbray (William Geaghan MN) read CHAP Jim Cosgrove's poem "AHS Centaur"

Centaur Memorial Park at Trinity Park admirably tells the story of Centaur in a peaceful and reflective setting.

THOSE WHO HAVE MADE THE PLAQUE PROJECT POSSIBLE

Our thanks to the following members for their generous response to our request for donations:

Sir Keith Jones
Mr Jack Hubbard
Mr Doug Hoare
Mr Geoff Chegwyn
Ms Ellen Behan
Mr Owen Moore
Mrs Del Glazebrook,
Mrs Robine Wilson
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Ms Judy Roach
Ms Marcia Tanswell
Mrs Audrey Johnson
Mr S A Harris
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Mrs Joan Chilvers
Mr Ray Clark
Mrs Pam Key

CENTAUR DAY AT CONCORD

Was held as usual in the chapel of Concord Hospital, Sydney, on International Nurses' Day, 12 May 2010. The Service was conducted by Rev Paul Weaver and Fr Artur who dedicated the Centaur Plaque last December ready for placing on the deck of the Centaur in January.

Back Row: Frank Dickson. Eric Saunders, Enid and Rod Blackman, Charles Brewer, Tony Stephens, Richard Jones, Alison Holland, Maggie Robb (from Tasmania)
Sitting: Jan Dickson, Bruce McSkimming, Lucy Walton,, Marjorie McSkimming, Anne Stephens, Joan Fisher (Oranje veteran), Jan Thomas, Robert Holland.
In front: Malcolm Knight with Alexandra (Vanessa behind the camera) Insert: Br Greg Moran

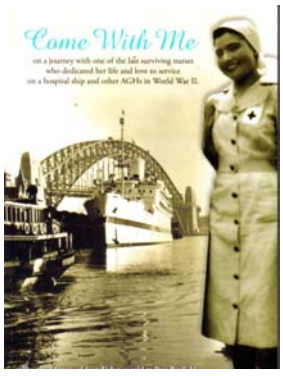
Families of: Pte Alan Dickson (survivor, since deceased), Pte Bertie Brown, Pte R McG. Blackman, Pte B Brewer, Pte B Stephens, Major G Jones, Pte F Denne, Pte S McSkimming, Pte C Woods Pte J Moran of 2/12th Field Ambulance, and Major L L Holland and Capt B F Hindmarsh of the ship's medical staff.

Attending the Service but missing from the photo:
Kendall and Joyce McSkimming, David Lesnie, (W/O Norman Lesnie), Priscilla Hinton (Pte K P Bourchier), Keith Pryor (Manunda veteran), Sir Keith Jones and Robert Jones, (Major Gordon Jones) Peter Harris-Walker, Ken Ryder, and Spud Murphy (MN). Isabel Fitzgerald (Pte Clem Woods) was in A & E with a fractured wrist while we were enjoying the cuppa and companionship—the saga continues at the AWM…

BOOK LAUNCH AT NARRABEEN NSW

'Come With Me' by Joan Fisher, NMHS Oranje veteran

Centaur Families with Joan Fisher and the Governor or NSW at the launch of Joan's book "Come With Me", which includes reminiscences of her wartime service on NMHS Oranje with 28 Centaur personnel, 18 of whom perished on Centaur.
Richard Jones, Enid and Rod Blackman, Joan Fisher, HE, the Governor of NSW, Prof Marie Bashir, Jan Thomas, Marjorie and Bruce McSkimming.



The young Joan pictured with NMHS Oranje, Centaur's predecessor, by Sydney Harbour Bridge. Her sister was Sr Adams, her orderly was Pte George Ockwell and she was on Captain Hindmarsh's Evacuation Team—with disastrous results! These three colleagues were among the 18 who lost their lives on Centaur.

Last Post

Mrs Joyce Feller,
sister of
W/O Norman Lesnie
2/12th FA.
5 May 2010
Concord

Mrs Jean Mooney,
sister of
Pte Bill Lawson,
2/12th FA.
6/8/2010

CENTAUR DAY AT CALOUNDRA

Contributed by Keith Clegg

We had an excellent attendance at the Caloundra Service. Over 300 people gathered under a clear sky at the Centaur Park Memorial at 11.00am.

Guest Speaker, Colonel Wendy Taylor (Honorary Colonel Royal Australian Nursing Corps), in recounting the Centaur story spoke of the courage and devotion to duty of Sister Savage. She urged all in attendance to continue in remembering Centaur and all who sailed on her.

The presence of the Australian Army Band added something special to this year's Service as did the Piper playing the Lament as wreaths were laid. Also as part of the placing of wreaths, the Coast Guard stood out to sea from the Memorial and cast a wreath on the water. Students from local schools placed a flower on each Centaur Plaque on the Memorial Walkway as wreaths were being laid.

A photo of Centaur Families was taken in front of the Memorial at the end of the Service. I was surprised at the number of people who gathered for the photo. **Erica Costigan** had organized a Centaur Family Book for people to record their names, but unfortunately few did so. The group quickly dispersed after the photo was taken and there was no opportunity to meet and greet at this time. All were invited to morning tea at the Caloundra RSL but only a small number availed themselves of the opportunity of Centaur fellowship.

There was something special about the mood of this year's Service. Maybe it was because of all the Centaur events that have happened in the last twelve months, and people felt a compulsion to attend this year. I certainly had the feeling that people felt that this year was a must-attend.

Can you identify yourself in these photos? I can see the Cleggs, and is that Barry McCosker back left in the smaller one? Those of us who can't get as far north as Caloundra would love to be able to put faces to the names of Caloundra Centaur relatives. Please write or email and let us get to know you (Ed).

Opening of MSIT Centaur Health Facility at Loganlea

Contributed by Pam Gilbert, daughter of Pte Fred Fortier and niece of Pte Alan Fortier

Opening of the MSIT Centaur Health Facility at Loganlea, Brisbane, 26 August 2010. Pam Gilbert and Michael Forrest (nephew of Pte Jack Forrest) with student nurse Samantha Adams in the main reception area. Note the large mural of the Centaur behind them. Barry McCosker also represented the Association.

The training facility is actually operated as a "live" hospital. It has 3 wards, with 4 beds each (half with dummy patients in them), 2 pan/sluice rooms, a scrub room with sterilizing facilities, and an operating room. The students themselves take part as patients when necessary. They had 450 nursing students, and about 150 aged care students. Beyond the hospital rooms, there were 5 classrooms, which we didn't go into as they were all full of students hard at work. The students go to hospitals all over Brisbane every couple of months for prac. work, and the whole course lasts 18 months (provided they get a pass on all subjects - Samantha's words).

Following the ceremony we went to their cafe for a morning tea prepared by Hospitality students where my husband Jim and daughter Debbie got their fill of chocolate goodies while I looked on with envy.

2/3 AHS Centaur Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance

Friday 24 September 2010

Reflections by Leanne Wick, great-niece Pte Fred Chidgey. Survivor, dec'd

Photo: Hugh O'Brien

Thursday 23rd September 2010.

Right from the beginning of my trip to the site of the Centaur sinking, there was a feeling of something special. The initial nerves at Sydney airport were short lived. I met a man on the train to Roma Street Station in Brisbane who had lost mates of the 2/12th Field Ambulance. Once off the train on the street outside I met **Cameron Knight** whose grandfather. Captain Hindmarsh, had gone down on the Centaur, and we walked along together towards our accommodation.

Jan Thomas, Secretary of the Centaur Association, organized a dinner for those attending the service. The hotel bistro kindly prepared a menu for the occasion. There were about 100 people gathered to share a meal and talk about their Centaur connection. We were asked to prepare badges in advance to wear indicating our names and our Centaur person's name. I had created one with Fred's picture, the one of him and (survivor, since deceased) Tom Hegarty from Fred's album, as well as a copy of Fred's Centaur ID from his wallet.

In typical Australian fashion, the fire alarm went off and no-one moved. After about five minutes of buzzing, people sniffed the air, and not smelling any smoke, continued their reminiscences. When the fire engine turned up, the only movement was in cheering the firemen!

Most of us went to our hotels fairly early as we had an early morning ahead of us. When I asked at the desk for a 4 am wake-up call I was told "Like everyone else?

Friday 24th September 2010

I'm sure we all were acutely aware at 4.10am that this was the time of the Centaur sinking and it created a very sombre mood at the bus stop. Protocol Queensland had buses at Roma Street station to transfer us to the dock. Everyone was friendly and we all exchanged stories for the 20 minute trip. Many had large wreaths or floral tributes to negotiate through the narrow aisle of the coaches. The couple next to me had even made a very elaborate card with photos and messages from family to cast with their wreath.

As we arrived at the dock the looming figure of HMAS Manoora emerged gently from the foggy dawn. Crisp sailors lined the way from the marquee, set up for us to be welcomed by the Deputy Premier of Queensland and other dignitaries at the foot of the gangway of the ship. Then to our great delight we were each escorted onto the ship by one of the waiting sailors.

Photo: Hugh O'Brien

I have never been to something organized by the defense forces and was suitably impressed by the salutes and "Yes, Ma'am!" respect shown. We entered the hanger of the ship to rows of tables and a huge Australian flag and proceeded to make friends. Most people I spoke to were descended from men in the Field Ambulance, which sustained the greatest number of casualties. There didn't seem to be many Medical Corps or Merchant Navy relatives there.

Some of the Medical Corps families who were there were the Cleggs, Hindmarshes, Burroughs, L.L. Williams family who were all on the Oranje with Fred, and the Maynards and Hollands.

I had made 2 copies of Fred's album to share with the other families. They were very grateful to us for making it available for them to look at. One lady had never seen a picture of her grandfather as a grown man until she found him in Fred's album. (The lady in the centre). The man on the right of this picture did not find a photo but did find a reference to his father in one of the newspaper clippings. All were genuinely thankful.

As I mingled, I noticed a lady with two photos on her blouse (**Irene Burrows**) with the name Maynard. I recalled the name and took her the photos and we found her brothers in there many times. It was such an honour to be a part of these families' emotion. It really felt like we were all at a family reunion even though tragedy, not blood relationship, is what links us to this day.

There was one survivor present, **Martin Pash**, who was a printer with the Merchant Navy. **Phyll Butcher**, sister of Pte Bill Lawson) who had been present at the first memorial service at St Andrews, Sydney, in 1943, and also Nell Savage's niece Karle were there. A lady sitting next to me found her grandfather **LeBrun** in Fred's album.

As we passed Caloundra we drew nearer to the shore than is usual so as to be more visible to the good folk of Caloundra gathered to wave us off and remember Centaur in their own way. HMAS Manoora sounded its hooter in acknowledgement and we lined the deck to wave back. The Caloundra gathering was organized by **Erica Costigan** for those Centaur families who couldn't go to sea, and is typical of the vibrant Centaur observances that emanate from there. It was an emotional connection with those on shore and many knees went to jelly at the sound of the hooter.

It took six hours to get to the Centaur and so we had plenty of time to share stories. So many people thanked me for putting together the album and I told them that Fred is the one who did all the work, I just photocopied it. His album is so unique as he took photos on Centaur's maiden voyage and it took the breath away of everyone who viewed it.

The microphone was passed around for everyone to share their stories. They really needed to provide boxes of tissues on every table.

The Navy fed us breakfast, lunch and dinner, as well as morning and afternoon tea. Superb food. The crew brought us cups of tea or coffee and took us on tours of the ship. I even got to be on the bridge with the captain. The fire power was incomprehensible of the guns on the upper deck and I was quite awed by the size of the ship. The flags spelt out "AHS Centaur" on one side and "Remembrance" on the other.

.The flight deck at the stern was transformed into the service area after lunch. Once we reached the site of the Centaur the ship's bell was tolled 268 times for those lost. So very moving, the sound echoing out across the sea and maybe even down 2059 metres to the ship herself.

Psalm 139:1-12 was chosen by **Kathleen Dahl** in memory of her brother Pte Jack Stanley**.** "Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? If I ascend to heaven, You are there. . . If I take wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there Your hand shall lead me and Your right hand shall hold me fast."

Prayers of remembrance were said and the Ode recited before wreaths were cast into the sea. **Martin Pash,** one of two remaining survivors, cast the first wreath. A service was held at the stern of the ship for those scattering ashes of relatives who wished to be re-united with those they lost. I moved away from the main area to gaze out to sea and try to imagine what it would be like to be stranded out there. It was frightening not to have sight of land in daylight and onboard a vessel with radio contact and a police boat behind. I am truly in awe of Fred and the other 63 who came home. Many of us sang Amazing Grace with loud voices.

Those who managed to keep dry eyes joined the rest of us, tears freely flowing, when the last post was played by one of the descendants, **Andy Aitcheson,** nephew of Pte Garth Aitcheson 2/12th FA.

After the service I had expected there to be a depressed, sombre, even morbid mood. However, amongst the encompassing deep respect and honour there was a bright mood of relief for those that had finally been able to be graveside for the first time. Children who only remember their mother crying at the arrival of telegrams in 1943, widows unable to place flowers at the grave of their husbands, mates of those killed, all who knew those aboard the Centaur were thankful to have them found. A chapter in the Centaur story has finally been closed.

And for those of us who never got to meet the person that we travelled so far off the coast of Queensland to honour, were able to understand a little more and in a way, get to meet our relatives for the first time.

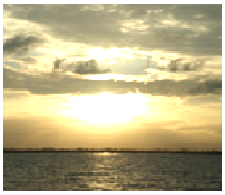
For the rest of the afternoon, I found myself glancing at the photo of Fred holding the Milligan Monograph that I had placed at the back of the copied album and chatting with him in general conversation with the other passengers. **Kent Brewer** (Pte Bertram Brewer), sitting across from me metaphorically told his grand-uncle "the food has been much better than what you would've had, Bert."

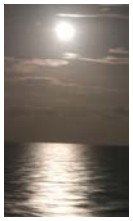
MAJ Arthur Dugdale who represented the Army in the search for the Centaur gave an illustrated lecture about how the finding of HMAS Sydney had sparked the search for the Centaur, and detailed the sonar equipment used, showed us the first glimpses of the wreck and the declaration of it as a war grave.

The captain of HMAS Manoora announced that during the morning the crew had requested that the medical ward on his ship should be named the Centaur Ward. A hurried meeting with the Executive of the Centaur Association which represents the next-of-kin gave the Association's blessing to the use of the name Centaur.

The rest of the journey back to the docks gave us time for more stories, official thank yous and more delicious food. The Captain came down and called us all "honorary shipmates" for the camaraderie that we had all displayed to each other and to the crew.

The sunset as we passed the Glasshouse Mountains was spectacular and only outdone by the moonrise shortly afterwards.



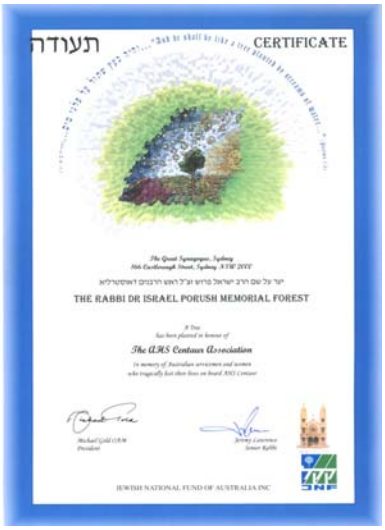


The crew thanked *us* as we disembarked at about 9.00pm. They were attentive and genuinely interested in the Centaur. A very special day for everyone there, too. Someone had suggested during the day that they must find it boring taking 300 mostly elderly civilians to sea, but we were told it was quite the contrary. This shows them what their career is all about—should they be called upon to give their lives for their country, they will not be forgotten.

The next morning as I sat at the train station, I saw a man with a souvenir HMAS Manoora T-shirt on and excitedly sat next to him. We chatted until his train came.

Since arriving home I have been in contact with **Carol Rowe**, whose father and uncle (the Annis-Brown brothers) were lost, and **Marlene O'Brien** (her father Capt Bernie Hindmarsh was lost). Both ladies live nearby and we have planned to meet up. A whole new family is emerging.

THE JEWISH COMMUNITY REMEMBERS



In our last Newsletter we mentioned briefly our attendance at a special Service in memory of Centaur held at the Great Synagogue in Sydney in April. President Richard Jones and Secretary Jan Thomas were honoured to represent the Association.

In true Jewish fashion, Richard was looked after by **David Lesnie** (W/O Norman Lesnie) and Jan by **Sandra Berman** (Major 'Dick' Sender). **Christine Sender** had been up from Melbourne for the ANZAC ceremony the week before, so we didn't meet her until we were on board HMAS Manoora.

We needed these mentors to help us negotiate our way through the Service which in many ways was quite strange, yet paradoxically very familiar. In a sense we felt at home in a strange land, an ancient land wherein we rediscovered our roots as Children of Abraham.

In honour of Centaur a tree has been planted in the Rabbi Dr Israel Porush Memorial Forest in Israel, and we were presented with the above certificate. The citation reads: "A tree has been planted in honour of The AHS Centaur Association in memory of Australian servicemen and women who tragically lost their lives on board AHS Centaur".

The Hebrew you will have to interpret for yourselves.

CENTAUR DAY IN MELBOURNE

Not the usual colourful report this year as our honorary scribe (**Pat O'Brien**) was in Emergency and our photographer (her son **Tom Evans**) was trying to get her into a proper bed. We can at least report that Pat is well recovered and was last seen on HMAS Manoora.

The usual Centaur families were in attendance at the Service in the chapel of Heidelberg Hospital, the **Tony Brackens**, the **Len Williamses**, **Lyn Denison**, the **Evanses**, and I'm not sure who else. These families have got to know each other over the years and as well as remembering together, enjoy the company of people who share their experience. **Martin Pash,** survivor, is a regular attendee in his home town of Melbourne—as well as at Point Danger!

Guest Speaker DVA Liaison **Robert Winther** gave a progress report on the stained glass window, now approximately 50% complete of a four year $100,000 project. It will take in two of the external walls of the chapel and overlook the Centaur Memorial Rose Garden. As usual, Preston RSL invited all in attendance for lunch at their Club.

CENTAUR PRIMARY SCHOOL COMMEMORATES IN VARIOUS WAYS

From the Logbook

On 14th May, Centaur Primary school's students and staff, with guests, families, parents, community members and a survivor of the AHS Centaur gathered at the **Point Danger Memorial** to commemorate those heroes and heroines who gave their lives, and to honour the courageous deeds of the survivors who gave us vision and hope for the future.

The sinking of the Australian Hospital ship was quietly retold before **Ian Hindmarsh**, son of Captain Hindmarsh, who lost his life in this tragedy, presented the Hindmarsh medals to students who have displayed courage and endeavour consistently in our school community. Ian was assisted by Year Six student **Sierra Morabito** who comes from Canada where Ian spent most of his teaching career.

House Captains laid a wreath in memory of the four house patrons—Sr Savage, Pte Bill Lawson, Pte Basil Colefax and Cpl Leslie 'Joe' Moss.

Principal Darren Scott said: "This year is an important year as the finding of the AHS Centaur holds a significant role in the life of our school. Commemorating the Centaur is one way we keep the memories alive".

Warren Keats was Chairman of the Centaur Commemorative Committee that established the Memorial at Point Danger on the 50th anniversary in 1993. It was a Merchant Navy initiative and the Walkway commemorates all shipping sunk off the Australian coastline. Warren is the Association's wreath-layer at Point Danger.

Back Row: Ian Hindmarsh, Rosemary Perry, Tricia Berry, Pam Gilbert, Phyl Butcher, Bill Burroughs, Janet Earnshaw, Jack Hubbard, Kathleen Hubbard
Front Row: Jean Mooney, Leone Bade, Srs Mary and Frances Moran.

Present at the Service but missing from the photo: Warren Keats, Allan and Marjorie Roots, and Geoff and Doreen Chegwyn.

Representing Centaur personnel Hindmarsh, Cooke, Fortier, Burroughs, Lawson, Moran, Moore, Colefax, and the Merchant Navy.

June saw the opening after much fund-raising of the new play equipment in the shape of a ship because children learn through play as well as remembrance. **Pam Gilbert** (Ptes Fred and Alan Fortier) and her daughter **Deb Butter** were there to witness the occasion.

The New AHS Centaur Play Equipment

Earlier in the year, as reported in our May Newsletter, Centaur Primary School held a special memorial service to mark the discovery of the Centaur which had taken place while the students were on holidays. They couldn't wait for May to express their remembrance and thanksgiving.

Sr Mary, Br Greg and Sr Frances Moran told the assembled gathering of their brother Pte John O'Neill 'Jack' Moran and the great sadness that has been with them ever since the day they received the news of the sinking of the Centaur. One of their sisters was at boarding school and received the news without the support of her family.

They spoke of the cake their mother used to make for Jack to share with his mates and how many years later survivors remembered Jack's cake.

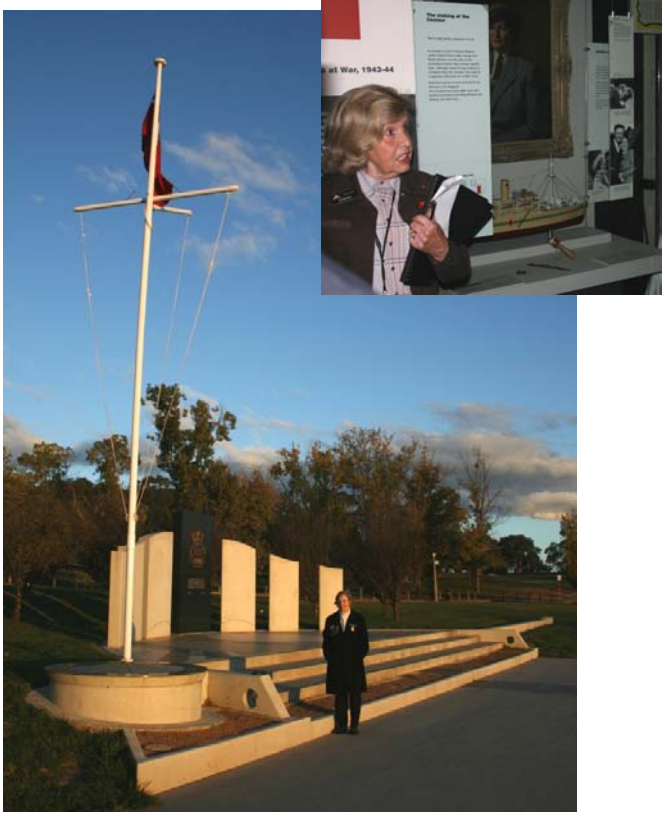
Each year on Foundation Day (15 October) they present the Moran Medal for Courage to students at the school as a living memorial to their brother Jack.

Two recipients display their medals.
Photo Deb Butter

The printed edition of this Newsletter has been generously donated by Macksville Public School as a Community Service.
Captain Hindmarsh (lost) and the family of Pte Eric Taylor (saved) were residents of Macksville NSW at the time of the sinking.

INAUGURAL SERVICE AT THE AWM, CANBERRA

The Service in the Hall of Remembrance was conducted by our own **Ted Leask**, assisted by Army Chaplain Bill Phillips. We were each given a poppy to lay on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier or at our Centaur person's name on the Honour Roll. Despite this being the first time many had met, there was great Centaur camaraderie as tall people helped shorter people who found their Centaur person high up on the Roll. The tour of the galleries was a bit daunting for tired legs and many people missed an entertaining and informative hour with our very enthusiastic guide: "I cried, they cried, we all cried!" They also missed the cuppa at the end, so maybe next year we will have the cuppa following the Service and a tour for out-of-towners later. Missing is **Isabel Fitzgerald** (Pte Clem Woods, sister of Lucy Walton) still in Concord hospital following a fractured wrist sustained at the Concord Service (!).



Sunset at the Merchant Navy Memorial by Lake Burley Griffin.
Photos: Cameron Knight

Margaret and Richard Jones, (Major Gordon Jones) Jan Thomas and Cameron Knight (Capt Hindmarsh), G-C John Keith (navigator, Avro Anson), Alison Ryan, (Hindmarsh) a group of unidentified young people, Mary Sutton (Sgt Paul and Pte John Bracken), Lucy Walton (Pte Clem Woods), our wreath-layer Steve McGrath, (Pte George McGrath survivor since dec'd), the Canberra Leasks: Elizabeth, Cassandra, Judy, Jeremy and Ted; Lorelle Halbisch (Pte Westendorrf) in front.
Also at the Service: MAJ Arthur Dugdale, Michael Ockwell (Pte George Ockwell), Eddie Carthew (Pte J Hoare), Ross Peake (Pte F.J.Lynagh), Rob Pettiford (Pte Alan Pettiford, survivor, dec'd) and Audrey Wills (Pte Athol Povey) with her two granddaughters.

Group Captain John Keith, navigator of the Avro Anson which found the Centaur survivors with MAJ Arthur Dugdale at the Inaugural Centaur Memorial Service at the AWM 14 May, 2010

Because of the number of special events held this year our regular stories of Centaur personnel have had to be held over. Please keep sending stories of your Centaur person—our Newsletters are archived at the AWM and the stories will be kept in perpetuity. Telling their story keeps their memory alive.

OUR RATIONALE

To honour those who gave their lives on 2/3 AHS Centaur.

To provide a means of communication for Survivors, Descendants, Relatives, Friends & Organizations interested in 2/3 AHS Centaur

To help the healing process which for many still continues.

To ensure that the memory never fades, and the facts are not forgotten by succeeding generations.

To turn a tragedy into a triumph, and to foster a peaceful and forward-looking attitude.

The Myth of Immunity

This book by Christopher Milligan and John Foley is still the definitive book on 2/3 AHS Centaur. Painstakingly researched, it reads well and answers most of the questions.

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