



Greetings from the Editor.

Well, we are coming to the end of another year. As we prepare to start another year can we sit back and reflect on what we have done, completed or achieved in this last year.

For myself accepting that health issues can happen all of a sudden and that there is hope to have. I have a very been supported through these trials through a great family, church, subbranch and my friends from WRAAC.

Contact with fellow servicewomen has been a great bonus. Being active in my local subbranch has been a great asset.

This is our third newsletter since the closing of the WRAAC Association. A reminder to those who received this newsletter by mail that the stamped envelopes runout after the next newsletter in March. If you still want to receive this newsletter, send four stamped addressed envelopes and \$5.00 for printing tome at: Unit 11/ 7-9 Loftus Street, Ashfield.

Wishing you and all your family and friends all the best for the Christmas and New Year Season.

Kind regards,

Muriel Buckland



Hello Everyone,

***Best wishes for a Happy Christmas and Healthy 2025***

As you will see from the photos in this issue, it was a happy gathering at the Canopy on 4 December and with the Central Coast Group at Swansea RSL on 12 December.

We are now very reliant on YOU to suggest times and places to gather to maintain our WRAAC connections.

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**Corps Day** - are there any suggestions for a lunch in February?

Georges Heights has a number of options including guided tours of the Tunnel systems,

**But alternate ideas would be greatly appreciated.**

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**ANZAC Day March -**

From speaking to girls who have marched under the WRAAC Association banner in recent years, an increasing number are choosing to mark ANZAC Day locally rather than travelling to the city.

The Women Veterans Network is planning on participating in the Sydney March in 2025 and has invited us to join them.

We could carry the WRAAC Standard to show our presence in the group.

**Please advise your thoughts and participation.**

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If you are in the area, you may like to take the opportunity to visit the new Treasures from the Collection Exhibition marking the 90th birthday of the ANZAC Memorial. One of the interesting objects with a story to tell in the exhibition gallery as well as gold starred items in the Permanent Gallery.

The digital art and pen drawings relating to local war memorials by the current Veteran Artist in Residence, Dominic Bartolo, are on display in the Auditorium.

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Marion Beard and Betty Niblett are both progressing after recent stints in hospital.

We have had word that Ken, Fran Sinclair(Clements)'s husband passed away early on 14th December in Queensland. He had been ill for quite some years.

Along with Fran O'Donahue, Fran was a very active member of WRAAC Association NSW till her move to Queensland where she has continued to be a great organiser with Queensland WRAAC. Our sympathies to Fran at this sad time.

Do let us know your news and doings.

Please send items of interest we can all share to Muriel for inclusion in the newsletter.

Gai Hutchison

**WRAAF Reunion Luncheon**

As per previous luncheon a great time was had by all. We were welcomed by our fellow service ladies and received great camaraderie.

The service was excellent and food was great.

We had many a laugh and memories were talked about.

There was talk about a combined luncheon, Barbara Cohen's had a suggestion for regular lunches at Combined Services.

#### **PRESENTATION OF WRAAC PLAQUE AND CHEQUE TO 202 ACU BLACKTOWN**



On Monday 21 October Jenny Weir and Gai Hutchison were welcomed to the MUB – Multi Unit Depot at Blacktown where 202 ACU is based.

It was a hive of activity with over 130 cadets of all ages on parade (other on leave for HSC Exams). Great to see enthusiasm of cadets and staff.

We were able to present a WRAAC plaque and a cheque for \$200 – our remaining funds in appreciation for the Cadets' support to our Association over the years on ANZAC Day, Reserve Forces

Day and for our 60th Anniversary at Georges Heights and wish them same satisfaction in their military careers as we enjoyed as members of the WRAAC.

Please note the green chairs produced in deference to our advanced years!

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***CHRISTMAS LUNCH GATHERING AT THE CANOPY***



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***GATHERING AT SWANSEA RSL WITH CENTRAL COAST COFFEE CLUB***





Gai Hutchison and Muriel Buckland were pleased to travel up to Swansea RSL to enjoy the fellowship of the Central Coast Coffee Club group.



## Christmas Song Match



Match the Lyric on the left with the song title on the right

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| 1 - "Bells on bobtails ring"                  | A - Silent Night                          |
| 2 - "Noel, Noel, o night, o night divine"     | B - Jingle Bells                          |
| 3 - "Glory to the new-born king"              | C - Deck The Halls                        |
| 4 - "O come and behold Him"                   | D - Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer       |
| 5 - "I don't want a lot for Christmas"        | E - O Holy Night                          |
| 6 - "Where the tree tops glisten"             | F - Little Donkey                         |
| 7 - "Just slip a Sable under the tree for me" | G - Once in Royal David's City            |
| 8 - "In heaven, the bells are ringing"        | H - O Little Town of Bethlehem            |
| 9 - "Born is the King of Israel!"             | I - All I Want For Christmas Is You       |
| 10 - "Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child."    | J - Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree     |
| 11 - "You girls and boys won't get any toys"  | K - White Christmas                       |
| 12 - "But the very next day you gave it away" | L - Ding Dong! Merrily on High            |
| 13 - "When the snowman brings the snow"       | M - Frosty the Snowman                    |
| 14 - "Oh, bring us some figgy pudding"        | N - The First Noel                        |
| 15 - "Mary was that mother mild"              | O - Last Christmas                        |
| 16 - "Sleigh bells ring, are you listening?"  | P - I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus       |
| 17 - "How still we see thee lie"              | Q - Hark! The Herald Angels Sing          |
| 18 - "Now the jingle hop has begun"           | R - We Wish You A Merry Christmas         |
| 19 - "Tis the season to be jolly"             | S - Winter Wonderland                     |
| 20 - "With a corn cob pipe & a button nose"   | T - Jingle Bell Rock                      |
| 21 - "Underneath the mistletoe last night"    | U - Away in a Manger                      |
| 22 - "Later we'll have some pumpkin pie"      | V - When Santa Got Stuck Up the Chimney   |
| 23 - "Ring out those bells tonight"           | W - Santa Baby                            |
| 24 - "The stars in the bright sky"            | X - I Wish It Could Be Christmas Everyday |
| 25 - "Then one foggy Christmas Eve"           | Y - O Come All Ye Faithful                |

ANSWERS IN NEXT NEWSLETTER

Contact for WRAAC Groups:

WRAAC Victoria who invited us to join - website Contact Liz MacLaine.

WRAAC Qld website for functions Brisbane, South and North - Contact Kay Halford.

Central Coast group - Betty Layt. Contact can be made through Facebook.

Women Veterans Network - Contact can be made through Facebook.



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