

## Remembrance Day

Originally called Armistice Day, this day commemorated the end of the hostilities for the Great War (World War I), the signing of the armistice, which occurred on 11 November 1918 - the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. Armistice Day was observed by the Allies as a way of remembering those who died, especially soldiers with 'no known grave'.

On the first anniversary of the armistice, in 1919, one minute's silence was instituted as part of the main commemorative ceremony.

The Flanders poppy became accepted throughout the allied nations as the flower of remembrance to be worn on Armistice Day. The red poppies were among the first plants that sprouted from the devastation of the battlefields of northern France and Belgium. Soldiers' folklore had it that the poppies were vivid red from having been nurtured in ground drenched with the blood of their comrades.

After the end of World War II in 1945, the Australian and British governments changed the name to Remembrance Day as an appropriate title for a day which would commemorate all war dead. In October 1997, then Governor-General of Australia, Sir William Deane, issued a proclamation declaring:

*11 November as Remembrance Day and urging Australians to observe one minute's silence at 11.00 am on Remembrance Day each year to remember the sacrifice of those who died or otherwise suffered in Australia's cause in wars and war-like conflicts.*

(Extract from <http://www.cultureandrecreation.gov.au/articles/remembrance/> )



**Lest We Forget**

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### PROGRAMME

11-Nov	Remembrance Day
18-Nov	Christmas dinner at Macarthur TAFE
22-23 Nov	Relay for Life
25-Nov	Frank Pezzimenti – <i>The Rotary Foundation</i>
02-Dec	RYLA candidates
07-Dec	Carols
13-Dec	Markets
13-14 Dec	Christmas tree sales
16-Dec	RAWCS
20-Dec	School holidays start

# The FULCRUM

The Rotary Club of

## Padstow Inc.

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Some of the ladies' costumes for the Melbourne Cup night

### TONIGHT'S PROGRAMME

Colin & Candy – *Biking to Brisbane*

(See back page for more programme items)

# The Rotary Club of *Padstow* Inc.

## Club Notes for 04 November 2008

### Mike Kenny – President

- Rotary International Convention 2009 is at Birmingham – more details later.
- The Rotary Club of Wynyard has requested our assistance for leaflets like ours.
- Child protection information – to be given to Gail Walton.
- Presidents meeting 12/12/2008 at Panthers. It is the Christmas meeting for Club Service, Community & partners.

### Julie Harris – Community (Joan Wells on behalf of Julie)

- Playford Park has been booked for the Carols – we need letter from Fire Works providers to go to Council.
- Fiona McCulloch requests us to host the GSE team – this request passed onto Garry Metcalfe.
- Signs for Panania Markets next Saturday need to be put up.
- List for volunteers to help out at the barbecue at the markets is going around.

### Garry Metcalfe – Rotary Foundation / International Service

- Item in local paper to win \$10,000 for a local community group – suggested we fill out an application.
- Has ordered Christmas trees and stands.
- The photographer at Padstow on Parade can work at the Carols – he could bring a Santa and take photos of Santa and children!
- Will put ads in local papers for Christmas tree sale.
- Will print out brochures to hand out for Christmas trees.
- Suggested a planning group be organised to plan the Carols.

### Sharon Bond – Youth

- RYDA 8/11/2008 – open day at Homebush – everybody welcome.
- RYLA 11/11/2008 – interviews.
- ROK is on tomorrow night.

### GENERAL BUSINESS

#### David Edmunds

- Wind of Shaolin 28/2/2009 2pm \$75 pp – list is going around.

#### Terry Pedder

- A bus is being organised to go to Jeiji's Birthday party on Sunday – list is going around and interested people will be phoned with details of time/cost etc.

#### Cliff Dailey

- Barbecue last Tuesday evening raised \$200/\$300. Cliff thanked all the people who helped.

#### Melinda Heywood

- Thanks Garry & Terry for helping with the barbecue last weekend – they raised \$200.

#### Melbourne Cup Festivities

- David Edmunds and his team (Lorraine, Peter, & Lauren) did a great job of entertaining and educating us about the Melbourne Cup.
- The proceeds of the sweeps are to be donated for Cancer Research – a total of \$366.00 was raised – well done everyone.
- The chocolates that David's son donated for the prizes and the auction are/were delicious.
- The entire Club did a good job with their costumes and the following people won prizes: Angie Blazek (an Angel), Jodie Pethybridge (a clown), Trevor Withnall (a tree), and Terry Pedder (a trucker).
- How many people guessed Warren Bond's costume? He wore a South Sydney Rugby League jersey and he had cut out rabbits pinned to it. Give up? He was a "Rabbit Warren"!

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### **Think About It**

How many Amish does it take to change a light bulb?

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### **Stop Me if You've Heard This One**

A man with no arms applied to the Bishop for the position of bell-ringer at the cathedral. "How will you ring the bells if you don't have any arms?" "Just watch me", said the man. He climbed the steps of the bell tower, and repeatedly lunged at the bells with his head to make a pleasing "Bells of St Marys". The Bishop was really impressed, and was about to offer him the job, when the man lunged again at a bell, missed, and fell to his death from the tower. When the police came, the first question they asked the Bishop was, "What was the man's name?" "I don't know", said the Bishop, "but his face rings a bell."

The next day, another man applies for the position. "Your Grace", he said, "I am the brother of the man who died yesterday. Please give me the job so I can honour my brother this way". "Fair enough", said the Bishop, "but I'll have to hear you ring the bells first". But, just as the man reached for the bell rope, he clutched his chest, and fell down dead with a heart attack. When the police came this time, they said, "So, what was this man's name?" "I don't know", said the Bishop, "but he was a dead ringer for his brother".