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## Presidents Report

This report starts with the sad event that took the life of Eli, son of Stefan and Suzanne and grandson of John and Sue Surridge, when a monster gum tree fell and crushed their house. John and his family have been overwhelmed by the support they have had from the community of Monbulk and other well-wishers. John and Sue's families display of courage and determination is an example for all of us in these difficult times. I have committed the RSL to help John if they require help along the way to recovery.

The AGM was held on the 10-Mar-2015 and the executive remains the same as last year. After the AGM we held our monthly meeting. The main item dealt with was the preparation for Anzac Day. The A.I.F project is well underway thanks to Jill, Ted, Tina and Paul. The landscaping will be done well in time for Anzac Day thanks to Craig and his team. The RSL appreciate this work being done and we would like to thank Craig for his generosity.

Congratulations to Paul and Ted on being selected to go to Gallipoli for the Centenary Dawn Service. The excitement is building and they are

hopeful of laying an official wreath on behalf of Monbulk RSL. I wish them good luck on this important trip and hope they have a great time and enjoy some of the local beverages and come back with many stories to tell with some exaggeration added.

We will have a working bee on 29<sup>th</sup> March; we will be installing the new dish washer and hot water service along with setting up the display on WW1 Veterans histories and tackle other things that need doing.

Anzac Token sales will start at the end of March and I need volunteers to assist with the sales, so please contact me so I can arrange tokens for you. All the main items have been put in place for Anzac Day. We will arrange bar staff on the day to assist us in the absence of Paul and Ted.

We are having a new RSL web site built, which will have all the current info and contact details available. The site will also include all the service history of the WW1 Veterans and other activities of the RSL. We hope this site may also help anyone trying to research family histories, and be a central reference point for all Monbulk RSL matters.

Regards To All, Bill.

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