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President's Report

Anzac Day.

With all the hard work done by the members and CWA, Anzac Day was a very successful day. The attendance at both the dawn and main service was the largest we have seen at any of our Anzac Day services. Being the Centenary we had a guest speaker Max Cowey, grandson of Jim Cowey WW1 Gallipoli and WW2 Kokoda Veteran from Monbulk, who was awarded the Military Cross for his acts of bravery in combat. Anthony McAleer also spoke on local Gallipoli veterans, some of which did not return home from the war. Councillor Jason Callanan from the Yarra Ranges Shire attended the dawn service and laid a wreath on behalf of the Shire. James Merlino, Deputy Premier of Victoria (not Deputy Prime Minister) and Member for Monbulk attended the main morning service and laid a wreath on behalf of the Victorian Government. We also received many positive comment, letters and emails thanking the RSL and members for giving the community the opportunity to pay their respects and being part of our Anzac Services. There were many comments on the Anzac 100 sign, made by the CWA, as well as the Anzac floral sign. Other parts of the service that received praise were Piper Mick Ryan; Also Lauren's playing of the last post was the "best they have heard" was the comment in a letter received. All other aspects of the day and service also had good comment passed on.

Congratulations to Ted and Paul on their success in