



First Edition - 19th December, 2016

Young Members - NSW War Widows Guild

Welcome G-Gals!

Here we are in the Christmas Season again.....that wonderful time of the year filled with happiness, love and friendship.

This being the season to be happy, I am very happy to send you the first Young Members Christmas newsletter! This newsletter is designed to keep you, our G-Gals (Young War Widows - born after 1941), up-to-date and connected with each other.

To start on a light note, I thought we would run a competition to see what you thought the "G" in G-Gals could stand for... I've already had a number of suggestions.... Please [CLICK HERE](#) to give me your suggestions. The prize will be a mystery night away!

As this is my first newsletter to our young members, I welcome your feedback, comments and suggestions of how I can better serve you. You can do this by simply [CLICKING HERE](#)

In an era of continuous change, the Board is working on a review of our constitution and preparing a plan for the future of The Guild. The final plan may require new strategies, policies, processes and technical equipment to meet the very different needs of not only the current members but also the younger members of the future.

It's been a busy 70th year for us all! In the last month alone, I have attended in excess of a dozen activities on behalf of the Guild Members. These included wreath-laying ceremonies, ESO meetings, luncheons and dinners.

As your President, I want to thank the Guild Members, the Board members and our staff. We should all be proud of what we have been able to achieve together.

It gave me great pleasure at a board meeting held 6 October 2016, to nominate Di Vogt and Seresa Andrews as the President's representatives who were appointed with the full blessing of the Board of Directors.

Last month we moved into our new offices where we will build on our past accomplishments and strengthen our position for the future. Let's all Celebrate this. We have much to be grateful for.

The new offices will be having an open day on Friday 3 February from 11am to 3pm at Level 14/227 Elizabeth Street, Sydney. I encourage you to come and be with us on this special day.

May you share this Christmas in the presence of those you love and who bring meaning to your life.

Let's raise a glass to the Guild and to our families.

Merry Christmas!

Cheers,

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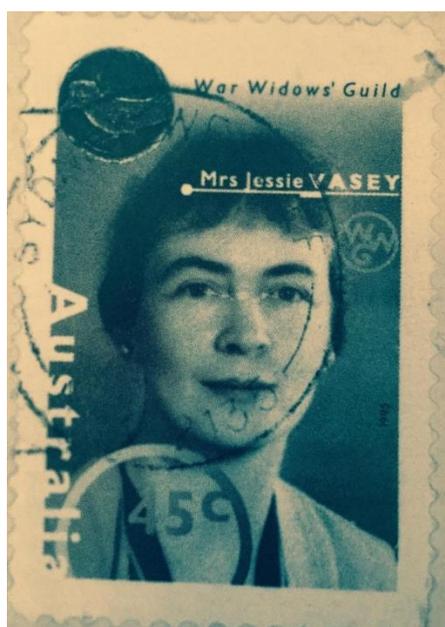
Notes from the President's Gals

Di Vogt

[Click here to read Di Vogt's Report](#)

Saresa Andrews

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A Gals View

"I would ask each and every one of you, and I'd ask you to ask each and every one of your members, to reach out to others and to draw them into the social world of the Guild - because that is the strength of the Guild, that friendship and that support that you give each other that will really take it forward to the future."

Mrs Jessie Mary Vasey

G-Gals News

They came from the country, they came from the city on Thursday, 10 November. We all maxi-taxed it from Central Station to Barangaroo for the 2016 Centenary of Anzac Reception with the Premier, The Honourable Mike Baird MP. A great time was had by all our G-Gals!



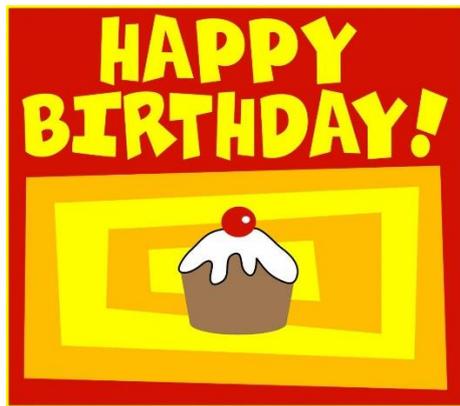
Friendship

In keeping with the Remembrance Day tradition, I took great pleasure in presenting each of our Gals with a knitted poppy. Seen here from the left are Janice Lawless, Pauline Ingall and Fran Brock receiving their poppies as we left Central station for Barangaroo.

Birthday Gals

Best wishes to all members who celebrate their birthday in December!
Especially:

- Gladys Power - 103
- Mavis Storer - 101
- Melva Robbins - 102
- Joyce Morton - 102
- Win McGavin - 103



Congratulations to these ladies on reaching their amazing milestones. May your special day be filled with sunshine, smiles, laughter and love.



Declaring War on Veteran Suicides

Australia must "declare war" on veterans killing themselves. This was former Victorian premier Jeff Kennett and founder of Beyondblue's Remembrance Day message. Read his full speech by clicking the link below.

[JEFF KENNETT FULL SPEECH](#)

Battle Cry for Young People Not to Forget Sacrifice

"Young called on to remember the sacrifices of the past during Wagga's 2016 Remembrance Day service." Click on the link below a moving address by OJ Rushton, Creative



Director of the RSL Rural Commemorative Youth Choir.

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW OJ RUSHTON'S REMEMBRANCE DAY SPEECH](#)