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'My journey into investigating serial killers and the future of cancer treatment'

Venue: Ballarat Golf Club, 1800 Sturt Street, Ballarat.

Date & Time: 12 Noon, Friday 3 May, 2019.

Cost: \$30, bookings & prior payment essential.

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Online payment: by Monday 29 April : BSB 633 000, A/C 144729282. **Cheques to:** ACMT, PO Box 2478 Bakery Hill VIC 3354.

Lunch with Speaker, 2019 Dr Misty Jenkins

FRIDAY 3 MAY, 2019

Dr Jenkins went to school in Ballarat and is now an NHMRC fellow and laboratory head in the division of immunology at Walter and Eliza Hall Institute.

She studied her PhD in immunology at the University of Melbourne, then post-doc at Cambridge and Oxford universities.

Her laboratory is researching newer forms of immunotherapy for brain cancer (glioma). She was awarded the 2018 CSIRO indigenous STEM Award.

2018 scholarship recipients photograph above right.

L to R: Liam Hanrahan, (Fed Uni), Amy Aeschlimann, (Dept of Health Nursing), Ariaeh Steel, (Notre Dame), Amber Duncan, (ACU).



20th Anniversary of the Albert Coates Memorial Trust

L to R: Roger Trudgeon (Secretary) Neil Shiells, (Assistant Treasurer), the two remaining original members of the Coates Trust and Committee.

The 75th Anniversary of Australian work on
Hellfire Pass and the completion
of the Thai-Burma Railway in a
National Commemorative Service at the
Australian Ex-Prisoners of War Memorial, Ballarat,
16 October 2018.



Above: L to R: Shrine Governor, Commander Terry Makings, AM, Dawn Manning, Greg Manning, Audrey Manning, Norman Laslett, son of Fred Laslett, ex-HMAS Perth, Commodore Greg Yorke, CSC RANR, Senior Naval officer for RAN Victoria.
At left: Roger Trudgeon, ACMT, Rev John Furness who gave the prayers, Greg Manning. Audrey, Greg and Dawn are the family of the late David Manning who was a prisoner of war on the Thai-Burma railway, and long time ACMT supporter.
Far left: The Australian Minister for Veterans' Affairs, The Hon Darren Chester MP addressed the visitors. Above right: Don Moss, ACMT, Roger Trudgeon, ACMT, laid a wreath on behalf of the Albert Coates Memorial Trust.

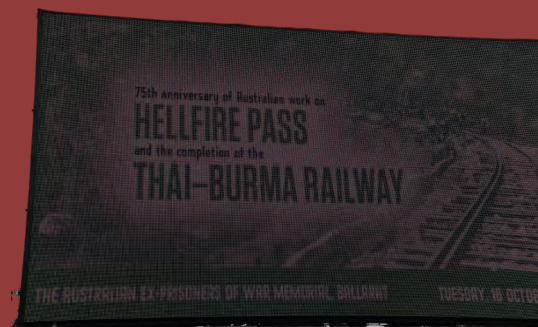
The 75th Anniversary of Australian work on the Thai-Burma Railway and Hellfire Pass

Hellfire Pass was a notorious site along the Thai-Burma railway. The name reflected the brutal conditions under which prisoners worked. Hellfire Pass consisted of two cuttings, one 460 metres long by 7.6 metres deep and the other 73 metres long by

24 metres deep. Shifts, drilling, blasting and digging through solid rock lasted 18 hours a day, and work continued from late April 1943 to 16 October 1943 when the two ends were joined. More than 2,800 Australians are believed to have died.



Five remaining survivors of the Thai-Burma Railway. More than 60,00 Allied prisoners, 13,000 of whom were Australian, worked on the railway which was to bypass the sea routes and supply the Japanese forces into Burma. Prisoners included troops from the British Empire, from the Netherlands and from the United States of America. When the prisoners could not meet the Japanese deadlines, Asian labourers were coerced or enticed into working on the railway.



2019 Nursing Scholarships

These scholarships are funded by the Australian Legion of ex-Service Men and Women and organised through the Victorian Department of Health for the Grampians Region.

Kerryn Osborne

Ballarat Health Services
Graduate Certificate in Nursing Practice (Emergency)
\$5,000 Scholarship

Elizabeth Lawrence

East Grampians Health Service
Graduate Certificate of Health
\$5,000 Scholarship

Deborah Bennett

East Grampians Health Service
Masters – Nurse Practitioner
\$5,000 Scholarship.

Deborah wrote: 'So what does this mean to me? It means that I can now undertake a Masters Degree to become a Nurse Practitioner. It means that I will potentially be the first Nurse Practitioner employed by East Grampians Health Service. It means I can make a difference by helping to take pressure off our medical staff (visiting general practitioners), whilst providing prompt and evidence based care for my community. For this opportunity, I thank you'.

Regards,
Deb

Nurse Practitioner: a nurse who is qualified to treat certain medical conditions without the direct supervision of a doctor.

Coates Oration 2018

**Presented by Federation University in association with
The Albert Coates Memorial Trust**

Sir Angus Houston AK, AFC (Ret'd) presented the Coates Oration at Federation University on 13 November, 2018, and spoke on the topic: 'Leadership Matters'.

Sir Angus is a distinguished Australian leader who served as Chief of the Defence Force from 2005 -2011 and has continued to serve the nation in many leadership roles, particularly the national responses to the MH370 and MH17 disasters.

During the afternoon Sir Angus visited the sculpture of Albert Coates and the sculpture of the Grieving Mother. (below)



L to R: Prof. Helen Bartlett, Vice Chancellor, introduced Sir Angus Houston. Dr Sam Henson, Head of Campus, was MC for the evening. Roger Trudgeon, ACMT, announced the scholarship recipients and spoke about Albert Coates' life.

Inaugural Deakin University Medical Scholarship

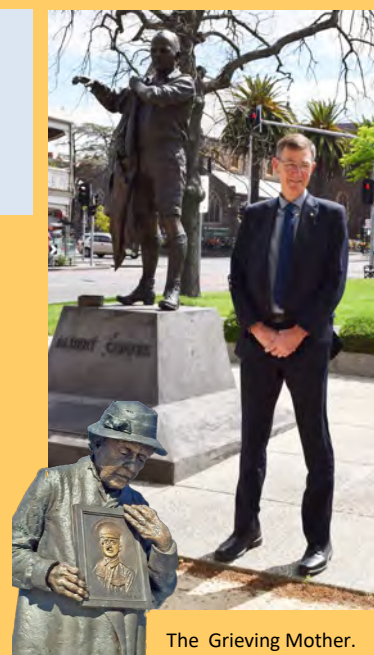
Justin Galvin 3rd year medical student. The award is for the fourth year internship - \$2500



Kirsty Tonkin, Peter Ridsdale (President Ballarat Club), Prof. Helen Bartlett, Don Moss (Chair, ACMT).



Anne Jian, Arianh Steel, Sir Angus Houston, Kimberley Morris-Flynn, Christine Lewis, Prof. Helen Bartlett.



The Grieving Mother.

Albert Coates Oration by Sir Angus Houston AK AFC (Retd) on 13 November 2018

Sir Angus gave an outstanding Oration on the topic of 'Leadership Matters'. He emphasised five principles he felt are vital for effective leadership, and the reasons from his own career that led him to their development.

They are:

- Provide clear direction
- Establish and maintain the correct culture
- Commitment to leadership
- Communication again and again
- Constructive relationships

He then tied these five principles to the life of Sir Albert Coates, with illustrative comments of POWs who had seen Coates at work. Sir Angus concluded that Coates was clearly an inspirational leader of his time. This was a notable Oration indeed, with a current leader recognizing an earlier leader who shone under extremely difficult circumstances.



L to R: Gwenda McManus, Neil Shiells, Roger Trudgeon, Don Moss, Sir Angus Houston.

MOUNT PLEASANT PRIMARY SCHOOL PROJECT



L to R: Caelan Harmer Arwen Wollensack Nyachar Biel



The Albert Coates Memorial Trust is a volunteer-run, Ballarat based organisation which, since 1998, has raised funds for scholarships in nursing, paramedicine and medicine.

MUSEUM IN A SUITCASE

Graduation Night at Mount Pleasant PS (Albert Coates' school) was held on Thursday 20 December, 2018. The awards for **The Museum in a Suitcase** project, which is sponsored by The Albert Coates Memorial Trust, were presented by Roger Trudgeon, Secretary of The Trust.

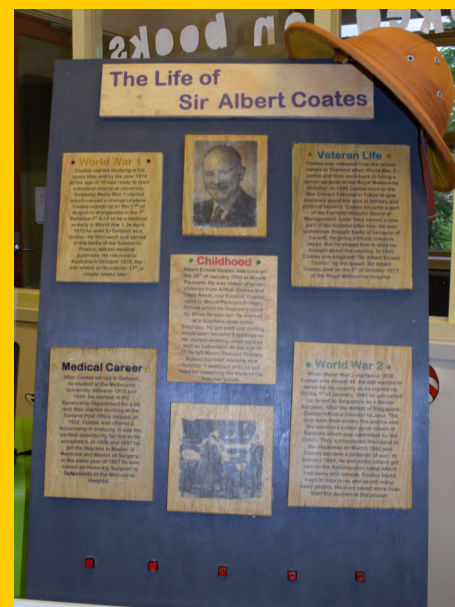
The projects were judged on interest, initiative and creativity. The Trust thanks year six teacher, Mr Paul McAloon, for his enthusiastic support of the project. Thanks also to Principal, Sam Irwin, for continuing the enthusiastic support which former Principal Phil Gladman gave over many years.

Prizes were presented as follows:

Caelan Harmer 1st, **Arwen Wollensack** 1st, **Tyrone Dubberley** (Highly Commended), **Ashley Hodder** (Highly Commended), **Jordan Cross** (Commended) **Nyachar Biel** (Commended), **Makayla Jones** (Commended), **Goy Bol** (Commended). Students were presented with framed certificates and 1st prize, \$300, Highly Commended \$100, Commended \$50.

Congratulations to all the students.

Prizes were sponsored by Sebastopol Bowling Club, Robyn and Arthur Coates and Elizabeth and Roger Trudgeon. Goy Bol was absent on Graduation Night.



L to R: Makayla Jones Tyrone Dubberley Ashley Hodder Jordan Cross



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