

## Darling Range Sub-Branch

Prior to our local ANZAC Day March on Saturday, 20 April, our Sub-Branch hosted a visit from the Gooseberry Hill cubs. They with Cubs from Kalamunda and Forrestfield Cub groups have traditionally mounted a vigil at our Memorial on ANZAC Eve as part of their community service. They were fascinated with our memorabilia. All local Cub groups joined in our local March. Well done Cubs and leaders.

Our local ANZAC Day March and Service was easily the biggest seen in Kalamunda and was very well received. A highlight this year was the participation of a number of local schools within the Kalamunda Shire, twenty schools had been invited to join in the march and to lay a wreath by their representatives. Some of the schools involved were Kalamunda Senior High School, Lesmurdie Senior High School, Darling Range Sports College, Mazenod College and the primary schools of

Kalamunda, Forrestfield, Marys St Mount, Walliston and Lesmurdie. Their enthusiasm to participate bodes well for the future. Our members were led by the Kalamunda District Pipe Band, and were joined by local community service groups such as the SES and Kalamunda Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade. Our bugler on the day, and at our Dawn Service, was Bennett Carpenter from Carmel Adventist College. The service was well received and was followed by light refreshments back at our Hall.

The Dawn Service saw the most impressive crowd ever seen in living memory, estimated at 1,500 locals and non-locals, with approximately 270 attending the Gunfire Breakfast which followed. As we were limited by space constraints at the Memorial we will have to put on our thinking caps next year to cater for this so all those attending may be able to view the service (perhaps tiered seating and screens of the service)..

**Doug Carpenter - Secretary/  
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*Representatives of local schools within Kalamunda Shire after they had laid wreaths.*