



HISTORY ROOM

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THE HISTORY ROOM HAS RE-OPENED

The History Room has re-opened after the major effects of the CoronaVirus have passed, although we are still operating under restrictions for time and space in the History Room. At this stage Tuesday and Wednesday mornings for two hours from 10am and Thursdays 10am to 12 noon and 2pm to 4pm. This will change to much longer hours once more volunteers have completed Council's induction process, but we need to be prepared to alter hours and our operations to ensure the safety of the community, visitors and volunteers.

There is quite a bit of catching up to do and also refreshing of memories as to what is where.

At the end of October the Goolwa Library was visited by the Libraries Board and in conversation with the members of the Board the comment that this is one of the best History Rooms in South Australia was made in regard to our collection and the service we provide.

The Library staff are conducting a project to reshelve and better organize the reference collection and this has meant that many books and pamphlets are no longer where they used to be, however the reorganization will make it easier to find items. This is an ongoing project and will take some time to complete.

GOOLWA REMEMBERS IT'S SECOND WORLD WAR DEAD 75 YEARS ON 11TH NOVEMBER 2020.

Remembrance Day is held annually at 11am on the 11th day of November being the time and the day the Armistice came into effect ending the First World War in 1918. It was originally known as Armistice Day.

After the Second World War Armistice Day became Remembrance Day, a time to commemorate war dead from all conflicts.

The end of the Second World War occurred during 1945 on three significant dates, 8th May 1945 known as VE (Victory in Europe) day, 15th August 1945 known as VP (Victory in Pacific) or VJ (Victory over Japan) day and 2nd September 1945 the date Japan formally surrendered.

This year, 2020 marks 75 years since the end of the Second World War.

In Goolwa we remembered the six men from the then small township who went to serve their country but who never returned.

A service was held in the Soldier's Memorial Garden, Railway Terrace (opposite the Corio Hotel) at 10am on the 11th of November 2020. It was a brief but respectful service and concluded in time for the Remembrance Day service in the Garden of Honour off Cutting Road.

The service included descendants of the six servicemen, Second World War Veterans and other veterans and members of the Goolwa community.

Details of each veteran were announced as a framed photograph was presented to the gathering. Those photographs are now displayed in the Goolwa National Trust Museum.

The six men who made the supreme sacrifice are;

Tommy Benjiman ATKINS, SX11959 born 27 June 1918, died 31 July 1945 POW

Murray BURZACOTT, SX10648 born 12 April 1911, died 3 May 1945 POW

Arthur Hurtle PETERS SX 3149 born 3 October 1916, died 26 October 1942

Ronald Thomas REED WX7756 born 10 August 1910, died 23 August 1941
Glen Alfhred THOMPSON 28324 RAAF born 15 August 1922, died 25 March 1943
Alfred Francis TUCKWELL SX784 born 19 March 1917, died 25 July 1943

HAPPY RESEARCHING

Help is available in the Goolwa History Room when a volunteer is on duty, if you are travelling some distance it may be advisable to phone the Library to ascertain whether a volunteer or staff member is available. (The Room and Family research databases are accessible whenever the Library is open but some documents may only be viewed when volunteers or staff are present. Genealogy research by appointment Tuesdays and Wednesdays - phone 8555 7000)



From the Jack Dodd collection National Trust Goolwa Museum.

Back Row. Alex McKinnon, F Haynes, D.J. Gordon

Front Row Paddy Corcoran Saddler, Mayor 1908-1911 Thomas Goode Storekeeper Mayor 1884–
1886, J Ritchie Mayor 1925-1927