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Well it's great to be back in Goolwa again after our windy and cold holiday. Many thanks to Sue Geisler and Frodo Krochmal for their wonderful editions of the History Room News. It is very hard to come up with a new story each month.



Australian Light Horse 100th Anniversary

Described as one of Australia's finest military achievements, two Regiments of some 800 men and horses of the 4th and 12th Light Horse Regiments charged the Turkish lines, saving the town and very important water wells that were primed to be destroyed by explosives. Only 31 troopers and 75 horses died in the charge.

The Light-horseman was brash, maybe typically Australian – but despite the behaviour was indeed, a soldier of the highest quality, and all Australians should be proud of them and their achievements.

According to the press reports a re-enactment occurred with Australian Light Horse volunteers at Beersheba, on Tuesday 31st October.

Many thanks to Dirk Nieuwenhoven, from the Goolwa Branch of RSL for this information.



On Saturday the 11th of November, a Dedication and Reading of the Ode to the Light Horsemen and Horses plus a Wreath Laying Ceremony will be held on Remembrance Day at 11am.

Grace Bassett, granddaughter of Dirk Nieuwenhoven, and Year 11 student of Mount Compass Area School, will read an Ode to the Trooper and Horses of the WW1 Light Horse.

A wreath to the Memory of the Light Horse Units is to be laid by the Mayor Keith Parkes and Dirk Nieuwenhoven, both ex members of 3/9th Light Horse Unit.

ODE TO THE FALLEN HORSES

They went by songs to Battle,

They were young,

Straight of limb, True of Eyes, Steady and aglow.

They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted,

They fell with their faces to the foe.

HAPPY RESEARCHING

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