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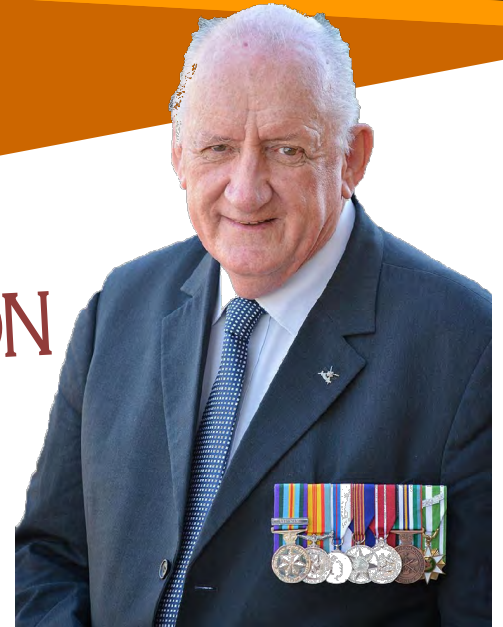
The Hon. Tim Fischer AC presents:
**ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO WHO WON
WORLD WAR ONE?**

Arthur Currie and the CEF, John Monash and the all
volunteer AIF, Munitions Minister Churchill and the new
tanks, but not so much the late on parade Yanks.

Tuesday October 10th, 2017, 6 pm

Federation University Australia Mount Helen Campus,
Geoffrey Blainey Auditorium COO1

Federation University in conjunction with the Albert Coates Memorial
Trust presents the 2017 Coates Oration



Hon Tim Fischer, AC

Ex DPM, Federal Nationals Leader and
Former Ambassador, military history
author.

VALE WIN GHERARDIN



Patron and founding Trustee of the Albert Coates Memorial Trust, Win was a passionate and practical supporter of the work of the Trust, in particular the scholarship programme which supported students who were studying Nursing, Medicine and Paramedicine. She was also a strong supporter of the Primary School programme for year 6 students who attended Mount Pleasant P.S., Albert Coates' school. Her wise counsel and positive attitude will be greatly missed. See P.4

**After the Oration the Coates
Trust will hold its Annual Dinner.**

**Bookings & prepayment are
essential.**

Date: Tuesday October 10th, 2017

Time: 7.30pm

Place: Federation University Australia
Mount Helen Campus

Albert Coates Complex Building U

Cost: \$58

Bookings: Neil 0438 422 455

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Online payments:

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LUNCH WITH SPEAKER

Kate Torney CEO
State Library
Victoria



Photographs: Elizabeth Trudgeon

Kate Torney, State Library of Victoria Chief Executive, recent speaker at the Albert Coates Lunch, encouraged the audience to be advocates for libraries. She emphasised that to tell people about the many aspects of a library and its value to a community is important if we don't want to lose it. She cited the example of the United Kingdom where 40% of Libraries are closing. Ms Torney also commented on the digitisation of library material and said that libraries were redefining themselves to meet the needs of a digital age. The State Library is continuing to digitise its collection.



John Mildren speaking with
Kate Torney at the Lunch



Roger Trudgeon and Reg Kinnersley



100 people attended the Albert Coates Lunch

COATES TRUST, ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHANGES.

Marie Pryor has completed her term as Trustee. Marie served since the death of Jim Pryor, founding Trustee, and has been a wonderful supporter over many years.

Jock Prodger has also resigned, as has **Peter McCracken**. Jock was a long term friend of Jim Pryor and Ted Lynes, the first two Chairs of the Trust. He has been a great contact with the Australian Legion, the source of much of our scholarship funds.

Dr Ed Davis has joined the committee. Ed has served as Medical Superintendent over the period 1983 -2013. Before this he had a long career in both the RAAF and the Army, rising to Colonel and the Director of Medical Services for the Army in Victoria.

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED - 2017

2017 Scholarships

This year the Trust will distribute a growing number of tertiary level scholarships across three different universities. Scholarship recipients have been selected in each of the courses that the Trust supports.

Sir Albert Coates Scholarships: Federation University Australia 2017

This year saw record numbers of applicants and the selection panel had a tough job selecting each recipient in the fields of Nursing, Visual Arts and Biomedical Science. The awards were scheduled later in the year in 2017 to give additional opportunities for second year students to apply. Scholarship recipients will receive \$2,500 each and be presented with a certificate at the Oration in October.

Albert Coates Nursing, Midwifery and Health Care 2017

Recipient - Liza Scicluna Currie



Jim Pryor/Ballaarat Club, Visual Arts 2017

Recipient - Lauren Matthews

W & D Finance Biomedical Science 2017

Recipient - Liam Hanrahan



Sir Albert Coates Regional Nursing Scholarships 2017

Recipients - Amy Aeschlimann, Vanessa Jenkins

Amy received a scholarship of \$10,380 to assist with her Master of Nursing - Emergency Nursing course at Deakin University.

Vanessa received a scholarship of \$2,590 to complete a Distance Education RIPERN course (Rural and Isolated Practice Endorsed Registered Nurse), and will study while based at Foster in Gippsland.

Albert Coates/Australian Legion of Ex Service Men & Women, Australian Catholic University, Ballarat 2017

A scholarship of \$2,500 to assist second year students of nursing and paramedics with costs incurred in their professional practice placement at the end of the year.



Recipient – Amber Duncan, Enrolled Second Year student, Bachelor of Nursing and Paramedicine.

Amber is hoping to eventually join the Army as a Nursing Officer.

Sir Albert Coates Surgical Scholarship, University of Melbourne Rural Clinical School 2017

Second year students in this course are assisted with costs towards their elective placements. Scholarship recipients receive \$2,500.

Recipient - Jacqueline Nguyen Khuong

Jacqueline has specific plans for her elective to work under supervision in the small town of Pokhara in Nepal.

A new scholarship is being awarded this year at:

Notre Dame University 2017

The new scholarship was presented this year for a Ballarat Clinical School MED4000 student who can best demonstrate how their Elective Term study at the end of MED4000 will reflect the values of Notre Dame and the values and example of the late Sir Albert Coates.

This year the selection panel was sufficiently impressed to award two scholarships. The inaugural scholarships of \$2,500 each have been awarded to:

Recipients - Cassandra Brown and Lizanne Siqueira

Cassandra is undertaking her elective in the Emergency Department in Orange, regional NSW.

Lizanne will study in the Emergency Department and Diabetes Unit at the Royal Darwin Hospital.



Vivian Bullwinkel
 (AO, MBE, ARRC, ED, FNM)
 Her heroism, courage and humanitarian achievements are unique
 Valued member of Soroptimist International Victoria Inc

The plaque on this seat at Lake Wendouree was unveiled after the Dawn Service on Anzac Day, 2016. Vivian Bullwinkel was a Soroptimist International Victoria Inc. member. She was acknowledged as embodying the values of a Soroptimist - 'heroism, courage and humanitarian achievements'. (President Ilona Takacs). After the fall of Singapore Vivian Bullwinkel was the only survivor of the 1942 Banka Island Massacre. Albert Coates Chairman, Board of Management at Fairfield Infectious Diseases Hospital with Vivian Bullwinkel, Director of Nursing, 1961 - 1977. Albert Coates was a surgeon on the Thai-Burma railway, where he saved many lives.

VALE WIN GHERARDIN

The following is an excerpt from the eulogy given by Dr Tony Gherardin.

'During the uncertainty of the time her father, Albert Coates was away during the war and following the Fall of Singapore was captive for three years, Win left school at 16 and enrolled at Stott's Business College. Skills she learned there she never forgot and in latter years she could take efficient shorthand. She volunteered at the Victorian Society for Crippled Children during this time and assisted at one of the large Servicemen's canteens.

However, Win was now able to pursue a dream she had wanted to do for some time, to become a nurse She commenced training at the Royal Melbourne Hospital in 1945, thus beginning her lifelong association with the hospital. Training involved long hours, and hard work, but the friendships of her nursing colleagues have stood the test of time. By 1950 Win was ready to take on the world. Like many post-war Aussies, Win boarded a ship to England. She worked for nursing agencies, stayed in share-flats, toured in Europe, came face to face with art, culture and a wide world,.....'.

Win with students at presentation nights, with speakers and

friends at
 Coates Trust
 luncheons and
 unveiling the
 plaque
 naming the
 Albert Coates
 Complex at
 Federation
 University.



The Albert Coates Memorial Trust is a volunteer-run, Ballarat-based organisation which, since 1998, has raised funds to present scholarships in nursing, paramedicine and medicine and with a strong emphasis on regional areas.

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