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The State Coroner  
Judge Sara Hinchey

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## **lunch with speaker** **Judge Sara Hinchey, State Coroner**

**Tuesday May 1st 2018**

**Pipers by the Lake**

**Wendouree Parade**

Judge Sara Hinchey of Ballarat, was announced as the new state coroner in December, 2015 for Victoria six months after her appointment to the County Court bench. As a former barrister she has appeared before a royal commission and also before the Coroner's Court as counsel assisting the coroner.

Some of the cases were the Kerang Rail Disaster, the Broughton Nursing Home deaths and the fatalities in the Burnley Tunnel.

**Judge Hinchey will outline the role of the Coroner in the community of Victoria, and explain how the system works.**

**The Coroner has a particularly important task investigating specific reportable deaths and fires.**

### **LUNCH BOOKINGS**

**Date:** Tuesday 1st May, 2018

**Time:** Open at 11.45 luncheon served at 12.15

**Place:** Piper's by the Lake

**Cost:** \$30

**Bookings:** Shirley phone 0434 540 171

**Email:** shirleymacfrog@gmail.com

**Online payments to:** BSB 633000, ACC NO. 144729282

Dietary needs to be notified. Drinks at Bar prices.

### **New Deakin University Scholarship: Entries will be invited in mid 2018**

An additional scholarship has been introduced at Deakin University. It will be awarded to a medical student enrolled in the 3rd year of their Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery course. The purpose is to assist with costs associated with their year 4 surgical elective placements, and will be for \$2,500. The Coates Trust, with the generous assistance of the Victorian Veterans Council and Australian Legion, is delighted to introduce this additional scholarship.

Top Photo: 2017, Chris Briggs retiring co-ordinator Grad. Dip. Surgical Anatomy, Roger Trudgeon Sec. ACMT



L to R: Hon. Tim Fischer, Cassandra Brown, Liam Hanrahan, Lauren Matthews, Jacqueline Khuong, Lizanne Siqueira, Amber Duncan, Don Moss (Chair of ACMT) Roger Trudgeon (Secretary ACMT)

## 2017 Oration

The Hon. Tim Fischer AC presented the 2017 Oration on October 10th at Federation University Australia, entitled:

### ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO, WHO WON WW1?

**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.**

Mr Fischer suggested eight key people (plus one) had played a part in bringing World War 1 to an end. Each individual's contribution was described. He suggested that the Americans were not the prime factor, coming in towards the end. He focussed on the nine key individuals. Included in the presentation was a brief biography of Sir John Monash and the argument for his posthumous elevation to Field Marshall.



The Hon. Tim Fischer AC speaking at the Annual Coates Oration

### Mount Pleasant Primary School



L to R: Maddie Warren, 1st Prize, Rowan Moore, Highly Commended  
Kira Burnett, Highly Commended, Aengus Tregonning, 1st Prize.

### The Albert Coates Project.

Presentation Night at the school was held on December 19th 2017. During this evening the Albert Coates project prizes for were awarded. Each year a range of creative ideas is shown by the year six students.

The projects are judged on:

1. Creativity
2. Knowledge of Albert Coates' life
3. Oral Presentation

**Maddie Warren** - wrote a poem in honour of Albert Coates and a reading of the poem.

**Aengus Tregonning**- The creativity shown in a series of dioramas and a power point presentation containing detailed history.

**Rowan Moore** - An interactive computer programme which applied clever technology involving touch pads. Questions and answers were cleverly thought out.

**Kira Burnett** - Told the story of Albert Coates on a red overcoat. Pieces of text were sewn on the coat. An engaging way of drawing attention to her researched information.

The Trust thanks the year 6 teachers for their support of the project.

Sponsors: Sebastopol Bowling Club and Robyn and Arthur Coates.

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.

Sir Albert Coates Regional Nursing Scholarships 2018

Jessica Noordewir has been awarded the 2018 Rural Nursing Scholarship following interviews in late 2017. Jessica is currently studying for a Graduate Certificate in Emergency Care at Deakin University. She is a registered nurse at Albury Wodonga Health. She completed her Bachelor of Nursing in 2015 at Charles Sturt University.

**A WORD FROM 2017 AWARDEES:**

I am writing to touch base with the Trust regarding my progress in the **Master of Nursing - Emergency Nursing course**. Firstly I want to thank the Trust again for the generous scholarship that has allowed me to undertake this study. I achieved a high standard in the first semester, and am currently working towards my final assignment and exams for this year. It has been a very demanding year, but my professional practice and skill has benefitted immensely. I have developed a new depth of knowledge in the areas of anatomy and physiology, pathophysiology and management of acutely ill patients, emergency care and research. This has benefitted me, my patients, and my colleagues, helping me to become a contributor to developing evidence based practices.

I am hoping to attend the Oration on 10th October, however my first exam is held the following day in Bairnsdale (East Gippsland) so this may not be possible. If the university is able to alter my exam site to Ballarat or Melbourne I will endeavour to attend.

Again thank you so much for your support of my studies.

Sincerely,

Amy Aeschlimann Registered Nurse

Central Gippsland Health - Sale

Rural Nursing scholarship 2017

My **RIPERN studies** are going very well. I am extremely grateful for the support of the Albert Coates Memorial Trust which has enabled me to be in a position to enrol in the RIPERN course which will in turn enable me to support our community and doctors who are under significant pressure. I am currently partway through Module 3 of 4. The first two Modules I completed with high distinction results.

Kind regards,

Vanessa Jenkins



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

I am currently in my second **year of Nursing and Paramedic studies** at the Australian Catholic University, Aquinas campus here in Ballarat. I am thoroughly enjoying all my studies, especially my placements associated with both degrees, which allows me to use my knowledge in a clinical setting.

I am looking forward to my next big placement block this upcoming December at the Base Hospital, where I will be placed in many different settings including recovery, post op and pathology.

In addition to this I am also keeping myself very busy with all my Army commitments for my Undergraduate University Sponsorship, this includes fitness, team sports and volunteering.

Ultimately my next big goal is to complete my last stage interview in Canberra this February, where I will be known as Lieutenant Amber Duncan Specialist Service Nursing Officer in training, and will officially begin my career in the Defence Force. Many thanks, Amber Duncan. 2017

Above: Mr Jamie McDonald, Director Marketing, Advancement & Community Engagement, Federation University, Amber Duncan, scholarship recipient, Mr Don MOSS, Chair, Albert Coates Memorial Trust.

One hundred years ago Albert Coates was surviving the dangers of WW1 wanting to get back home to focus on studying medicine. He was present at Gallipoli and served at the front in France. He had been able to gain experiences and knowledge through his roles as a stretcher bearer, a medical orderly and an AMC orderly. He sent for books which would aid his medical career and seized moments to learn, such as attending Berlitz language classes when in Egypt in 1916.

During 1918, Coates was concerned that the protracted war could thwart his medical ambitions. He thought about options to study medicine in London or Edinburgh. He also considered his options as an interpreter, having developed strong skills in five languages, talents used to good effect in intelligence gathering in the last year of the war.

He was at sea when the armistice was signed on November 11th. He was not demobbed until February 1919, causing frustration at wanting to get on with pursuing his life's main goal in medicine.



Image donated by Albert Phillips.

### About the Albert Coates Memorial Trust

The Albert Coates Memorial Trust is a volunteer-run organisation which raises funds to present scholarships for regional students in the areas of nursing, paramedicine and medicine. Albert Coates was born in Ballarat attending Mount Pleasant P.S. where four awards are offered. During WW2 Coates was a surgeon on the Thai-Burma railway, saving many lives.

#### VALE DAVID MANNING late RAN PM3925

Trust members and supporters have been saddened by the death of David Manning. David survived the sinking of HMAS Perth in March, 1941, becoming a prisoner of war. David knew 'Bertie' Coates on the Thai-Burma Railway, witnessed the work he did and saw the high regard in which Coates was held by fellow prisoners.



David made a remarkable contribution in the early days of fund raising for the Trust, speaking at several dinners and other functions. David's calm, but powerful delivery kept everyone spellbound, conveying how important Coates had been to the prisoners of war in his charge.

David and Audrey Manning were regular donors to the Trust throughout its history and both attended most of the events over the years. David will be much missed and our thoughts are with Audrey and the family.

#### Funding the Scholarships

The Coates Trust scholarship programme relies on individual donations and income derived from a dedicated fund managed through the Victorian Veterans' Council (VVC) and the Department of Premier and Cabinet. These funds are there to support former service personnel and their extended families.

In 2009, the Australian Legion of Ex-Service Men and Women committed a significant portion of its funds for the Coates Trust with the interest being used to support the Rural Nursing scholarships and other medical and nursing related awards.

The Trust works in cooperation with the VVC and the Veterans Affairs staff in the Premier's Department ensuring the programme is monitored effectively and runs smoothly.

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