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We Will Remember Them



AS we approach Anzac Day, the question is often asked "How can we commemorate WWI when no one who served in the Great War is still alive?" We remember them and salute them for the sacrifices they made with books, magazines, and the print media. We remember them with films and television documentaries. We remember them with plays, art exhibitions and museum displays. We can also remember them online – www.firstworldwar.govt.nz.



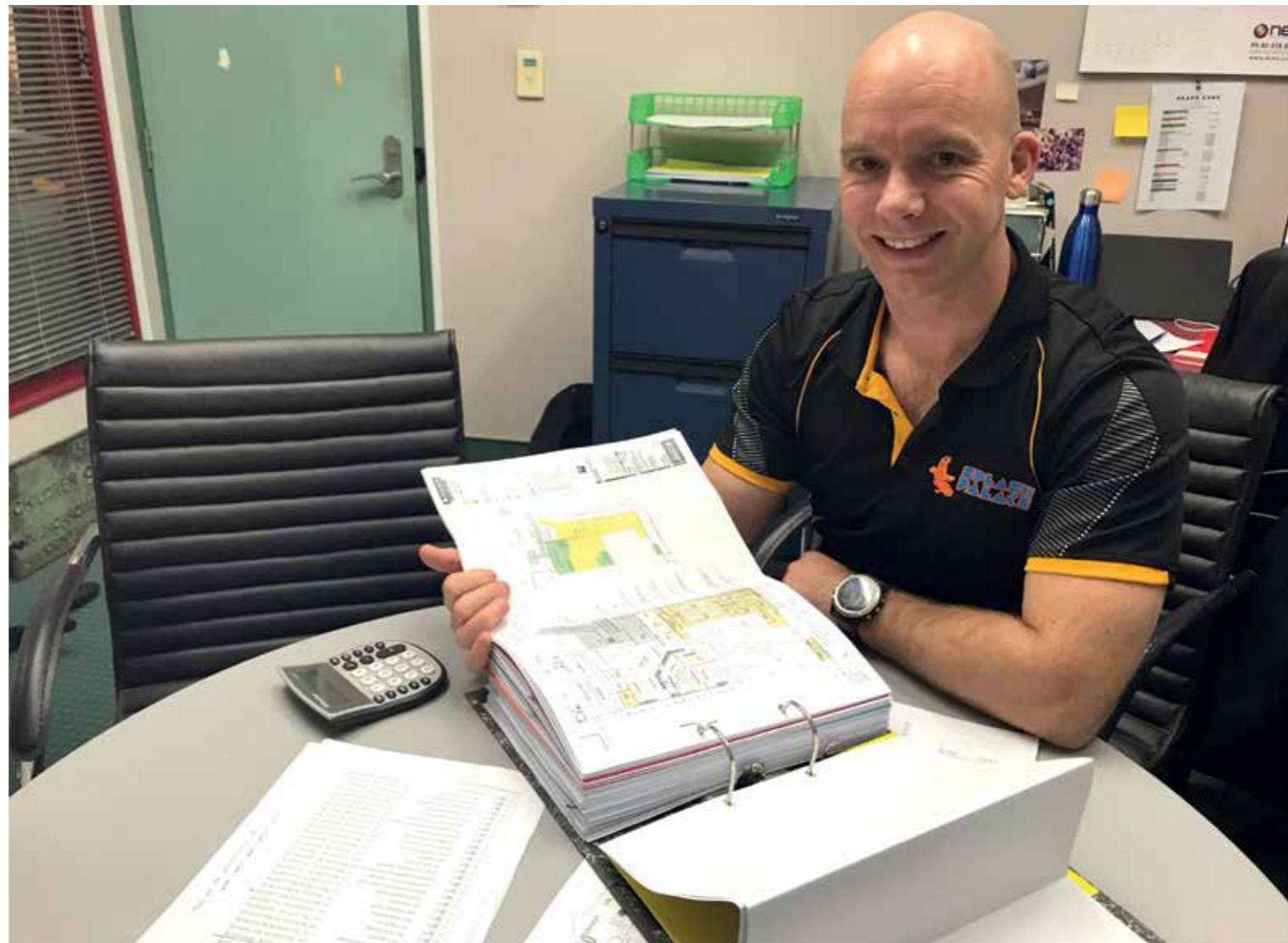
Contemplative Kiwi soldiers on August 6, 1915, just before the attack on Chunuk Bair in Gallipoli.

READ, James Cornelius, 1871-1968. Soldiers occupying a trench during the Gallipoli Campaign. Anzacs at Gallipoli, Turkey. Ref: 1/4 - 058130 - F. Alexander Turnbull Library, Wellington, New Zealand. <http://natlib.govt.nz/records/23235687>

The Southland Commemorations were organised by Venture Southland who marked the 'Southland Embarkation Centenary' by leasing a train for a trip to Dunedin in 2014. There was overwhelming support for the 'Dawn to Dusk' trip marking this historic occasion. Demand for tickets was so high that the entire trip was sold out before the tickets officially went on sale. The train was met at the Dunedin railway station by a huge crowd as well as soldiers, military bands, MPs, Mayors, and community leaders.

Southland's first volunteer soldiers of the 8th Southland Infantry Company and the 7th Southland Mounted Rifles had travelled north to join the Otago contingent on 17 August, 1914. Many thought the war would be over by Christmas but this was just the beginning of the biggest war by land, sea or air that the world had ever known.

Mayor Peter Shillito



Aquatic Services Manager Peter Thompson checks out plans for the new Splash Palace upgrade.

Changing room and foyer upgrade coming for Splash Palace

Changes are afoot at Splash Palace to cater for the increasing popularity of the pool. Construction will start next month on additional changing rooms and a revamped foyer

ALTERNATIVE entry to the pool will be in place from May 7, with works already underway outside the building to provide that access.

Aquatic Services Manager Peter Thompson said admissions into the facility have been growing hugely during the past five to seven years, far beyond what planners had believed possible when Splash Palace was first built.

"Admissions are now well beyond what they were ever expected to be ... newspaper clippings I've got from the time had people saying you'll never fill the pool up," Mr Thompson said.

"Not only is there not enough space for people in the changing rooms, but the building's systems weren't designed for that

many people, I'm talking sewers, drains, and so on."

There was also a challenge from a user experience perspective, with the incredibly popular ILT Learn to Swim programme.

There was not enough space in the current changing rooms for public users as well as big groups of children arriving at the same time, Mr Thompson said.

The development included two new open-space changing rooms, which will be big enough to accommodate large school groups, while the original changing rooms can be used by members of the public.

Another issue the changing room plans will address is a lack of changing facilities for people with disabilities.

"We promote the facility as be-

ing accessible for people with disabilities or impairments, and it really is a travesty that until now we've only had one disabled changing room with a toilet in it, so we're adding two more changing rooms for those people," Mr Thompson said.

The foyer development will also happen at the same time as the new changing rooms.

Mr Thompson said the present location of the reception desk meant that when the pool was busy, the line of people waiting to be served could extend out the door.

The foyer redevelopment will also include new technology, so that people with membership cards can scan and enter, which will mean easier access for everyone, and less chance

of a line heading out the door.

"It will improve customer experience greatly. We're also looking at other options for improving our membership system," Mr Thompson said.

The construction of the new changing rooms and redevelopment of the foyer will begin on May 14, with the existing entry way, foyer, and reception closed to the public during the upgrade.

However, there will be a temporary reception and retail area via the temporary access way, which will be located on the North side of the pool building and accessible from the car park. The café, Liquid, will still be operational too.

Work could continue through to February 2019, and is expected to cost about \$1.49 million.



Library refurbishment to begin soon

The long anticipated refurbishment of Invercargill City Libraries and Archives is to begin on 7 May

THE project, which will be undertaken in four stages, will begin with the renovation of Information Services with works starting next month.

Libraries and Archives Manager Marianne Foster said the Information Services resources, such as computers for public use, would be relocated to the meeting room on the first floor while renovations were undertaken.

"All efforts are being made to ensure as little disruption to ser-

vices as possible," she said. "We are very excited that work is about to begin. We have world-class staff working to provide the best service possible to all library users, and it will be wonderful to have our building modernised and upgraded to help us provide that service."

While every effort was being undertaken to ensure the library remained open, some closures would be needed.

The contractor has indicated that the building may need to be

closed on 13 and 14 May. All future closures of the building would be well notified and advertised, Ms Foster said.

The renovation of the Information Services area is expected to take about six weeks.

The second stage of the project will be the upgrade of Adults' Services, which will be temporarily located at Children's Services while work is undertaken.

More information about potential disruption to services

will be made available closer to the time.

The tender for the project was won at \$1.4million, and is expected to take about seven months to complete.

For more information on what services are available, visit <http://ilibrary.co.nz/library-renovation-project/>

If people have questions about how an event or service may be affected, please contact the library helpdesk on (03) 211 1444 or by email help@ilibrary.co.nz



Council meetings

Notice is hereby given of the following meetings:

**Long Term Plan
Hearing of Submissions**
Tuesday, 1 May, 9am

**Long Term Plan
Hearing of Submissions**
Wednesday, 2 May, 9am

**Child, Youth and Family Friendly
Sub-Committee**
Monday, 7 May, 4pm

Bluff Community Board
Monday, 14 May, 7pm

Extraordinary Council
Tuesday 15 May, 4pm

Community Services Committee
Monday 21 May, 4pm

Regulatory Services Committee
Tuesday, 22 May, 4pm

Extraordinary Council
Tuesday, 22 May, 5pm

Infrastructure and Services Committee
Monday, 28 May, 4pm

Finance and Policy Committee
Tuesday, 29 May, 4pm

The above meetings will be held in the Council Chambers / Committee Room, First Floor, Civic Administration Building, 101 Esk Street, Invercargill, except for the Bluff Community Board meeting, which will be held at the Bluff Municipal Chambers, Gore Street, Bluff.
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ANZAC DAY

Council offices in Invercargill and Bluff will be closed today for Anzac Day.

The Bluff Service Centre will be open from 1pm to 6.30pm for Lotto only.



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