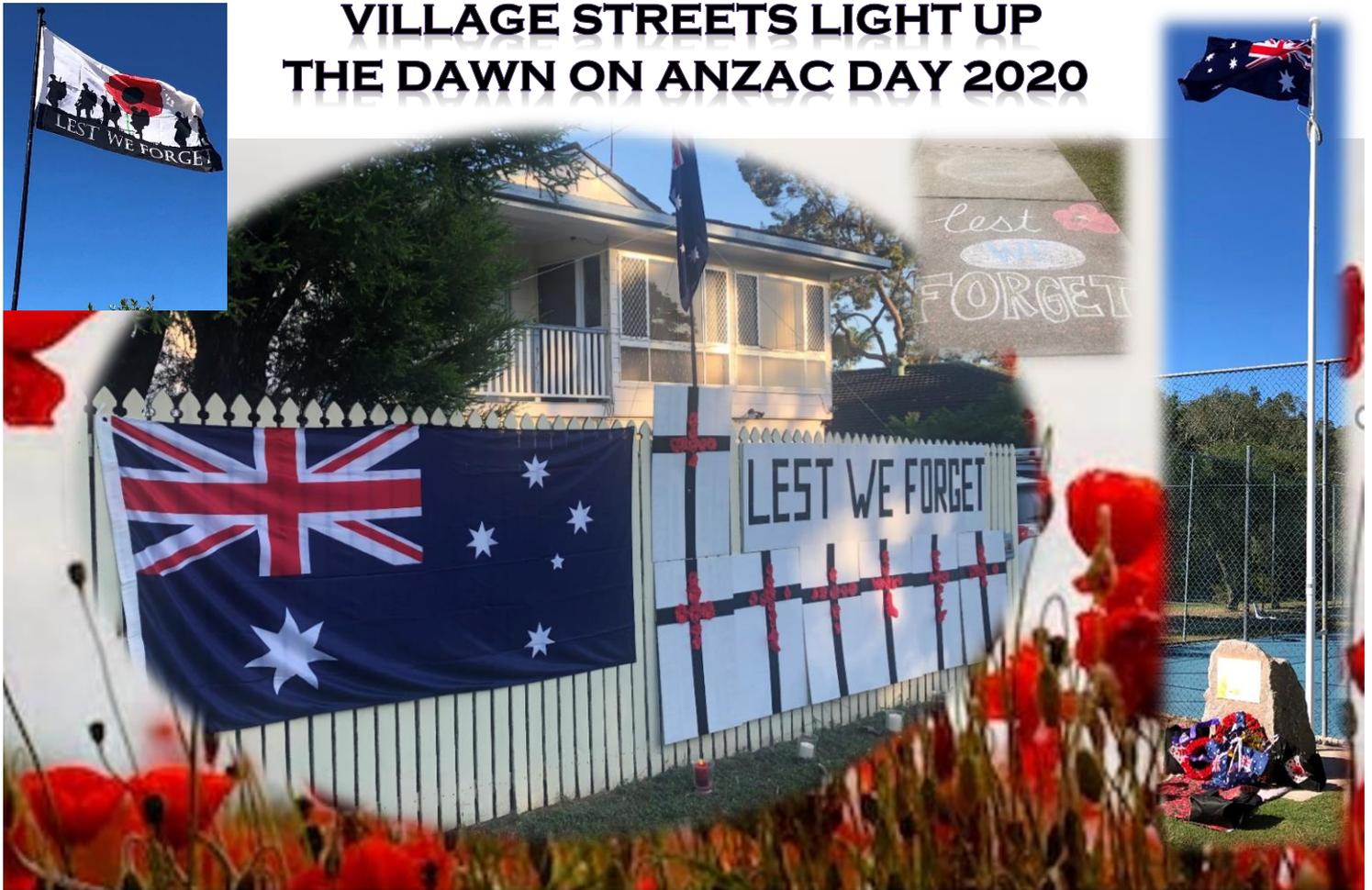


## VILLAGE STREETS LIGHT UP THE DAWN ON ANZAC DAY 2020



The morning of the 105<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Anzac Day was like no other, since 1918. Just prior to dawn, bedroom alarms sounded in households across the nation and their occupants, many still in their PJ's filed onto driveways & balcony's to show their respect as the Last Post sounded at 6.00am. Each family member by their presence, sent a powerful reminder to all who have served and continue to serve in the Defence Forces of Australia & and of our Kiwi Friends "across the ditch"; You will forever be REMEMBERED.

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### New Mayor and Division 4 Councillor declared by ECQ

The Mango Hill Progress Association congratulates **Peter Flannery** as the new Mayor of Moreton Bay Regional Council and **Jodie Shipway** as Councillor for Division 4 (Mango Hill and North Lakes) following the Council elections held on 28<sup>th</sup> March.

Mayor Flannery survived a 5-way race (29.57%) with Chris Thompson a close second, whilst Councillor Shipway was a clear winner in a 3-way contest in gaining 46.38%. For information on the newly elected Moreton Bay Regional Councillors, go to:

<https://www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/Council/Councillors>



The Progress Association has written to Councillor Shipway extending our congratulations and placing before her several issues of importance to Village residents, some of which are outlined on Page 4.



**OUR ANZACS**  
**(AUSSIES & KIWIS TOGETHER IN SERVICE OF THEIR COUNTRY)**

**BILL RIKA'S DAD & 4 UNCLES SERVED IN WW2. (HIS DAD'S SIBLINGS)**



Formerly of Pakotai, a little town north of Auckland on New Zealand's North Island, Bill Rika and wife Pam made the Mango Hill Village their home in 2002.

On Anzac Day, Bill reflected on the active service that his father (John) and John's 4 brothers Kea, Heke, Percy (Army) and Fred (Navy) saw in World War 2.

Thankfully all 5 brothers returned home to the family farm, although Uncle Heke was badly wounded in a battle in northern Italy in 1944. Bill recalls that in order for Uncle Heke to receive urgent medical attention, he was floated down stream, tied to a log before being shipped home to recover from his wounds. Bill further recalls that Uncle Heke gave a dedicated nurse who he credits with saving his life, a beautiful silk scarf he had purchased in Italy for his mother. On hearing of Heke's passing 63 years later in 2007, that same nurse, returned that same Scarf, still in its little box to Heke's family who had also moved to Queensland. Whilst noting that the Village has changed much in the past two decades, Bill and Pam still love Mango Hill Village and very much appreciate their neighbours, many of whom also stood on their Driveways on Anzac morning.

**ROSE ST**

**WATTS FAMILY**

Grandson, Tyler Watts proudly remembers "Toddy" Day. Toddy, great-granddad to Kayda



and Zalee, served in the Australian Navy in World War 2, upping his age to gain entry into the service as an Indigenous seaman. Toddy, along with his brother Arthur, served on Corvettes (small Destroyers) and both safely returned, although Arthur was rescued at sea after his Corvette was sunk by a torpedo.



**ALICE ST:**

**DARREN & PETA LYTHALL**

paused to remember with pride the service of their respective Granddads who served in WW2 as the "Lest We Forget" flag flew overhead in their Alice St forecourt.





### Winifred St

**ROD ARNOLD** of proudly displays his medals earned from 20 years' service in the Australian Navy as a Radio Operator, including two years active service on HMAS Vendetta in Vietnamese waters in 1969-1970.

*"I have only missed one Anzac Day Parade before this year, but I must say that the turnout by Residents up & down Winifred St this morning was unbelievable",* commented our former Leading Seaman who hopes to be back marching with his mates in 2021.

Rod who can be seen regularly walking around the Village collecting litter and other items, much of which is discarded by those who do not think, also continues to also remember his 4 legged "Mate" Buddy, an Alsatian Dog who accompanied him on so many loops of the Village when carrying out his community work. (Thank You Rod)

### FROM VICKI AND CRAIG FISCHLE OF WINIFRED ST

"Since Anzac Day over 100 years ago, the first after the Great War, there were no city marches or parades this year due to Covid-19, just like it was back in 1919 for returning veterans because they were battling the Spanish Flu pandemic. Though our streets were empty once more, to all the unselfish heroes who gave everything for us: the fallen & the returned veterans, our Anzacs were not forgotten.

As dawn broke on Anzac Day 2020, I was humbled, proud and impressed to see how many Village families were on their driveways. Afterwards, as I walked the Village streets, I could view all the creative ways that our neighbours around the Village paid in respect to honour our Diggers.

To All Residents you are to be congratulated. Well done!" (Very proud Mango Hill Residents)



### MURIEL STREET

### HOME OF SANDY & DANIEL



HAVE AUSTRALIANS STARTED A NEW ANZAC DAY TRADITION FOR 2021?



**PTE JOHN SMITH**, (Grandfather to Gail Christie of Rose St) was injured in World War 1 whilst her maternal Grandfather, **EDWIN THOMAS COWELL** served in the 5th Light Horse in the Middle East. Those attributes of our Anzacs as described on front page of the Courier Mail of Anzac Day 2020, reflects in some small way, those remarkable Anzacs over the past 105 Years.





## Current Village Issues awaiting new Councillor.

Despite the best efforts of Covid-19 to disrupt Village Life, the Progress Association continues to be active, receiving communications/suggestions from local residents on many issues they consider require either urgent action or inclusion in future planning of infrastructure. With her feet barely planted under her office table, Councillor Shipway will be working through a number of issues raised by the Mango Hill Progress Association over coming weeks and we look forward to working with our new Councillor on these and other issues of importance to our community.



### No. 1 Priority in the Village: Connect Lamington Rd to Anzac Ave.

As the then Candidate, Councillor Shipway has acknowledged the importance of this connection which is currently set for 2021-2022 budget. The Mango Hill Progress Association is seeking urgent action to bring this project forward to reduce congestion of the Kinsellas Road West/ Diamond Jubilee Way intersection.

intersection.



### RETAINING THE CHARACTER OF MURIEL & RUBY STREETS

- Aim: To hold onto the character of our Village by retaining much of current tree line in any future upgrade of Ruby/Muriel Streets.
- Seek official designation a "Reserve Status" for Trees in the current nature strip (Robert St) between Muriel & Ruby Streets. A letter containing signatures of residents of 46 households in these two streets has been forwarded to Councillor Shipway.



### MISSING PATHWAY CONNECTION - end of Natham St



Existing Pathway through Greenbelt parallel to Nathan Street

### SEEKING CHANGE OF NAME OF BUS STOP AT COMMUNITY HALL

A request has been made to Council to correct the name of the new Bus Shelter outside the Mango Hill Community Centre inn Chermshire Road given the location of the Bus Stop does not reflect the name of the Bus Stop! Options include!

- Mango Hill Community Centre
- Chermshire Road

The Progress Association acknowledges the updated design of the new bus-stop which is more aesthetically pleasing than the previous shelter built by Village residents seeking to attract Public Transport back in the 1990's when North Lakes was still on the drawing board.

