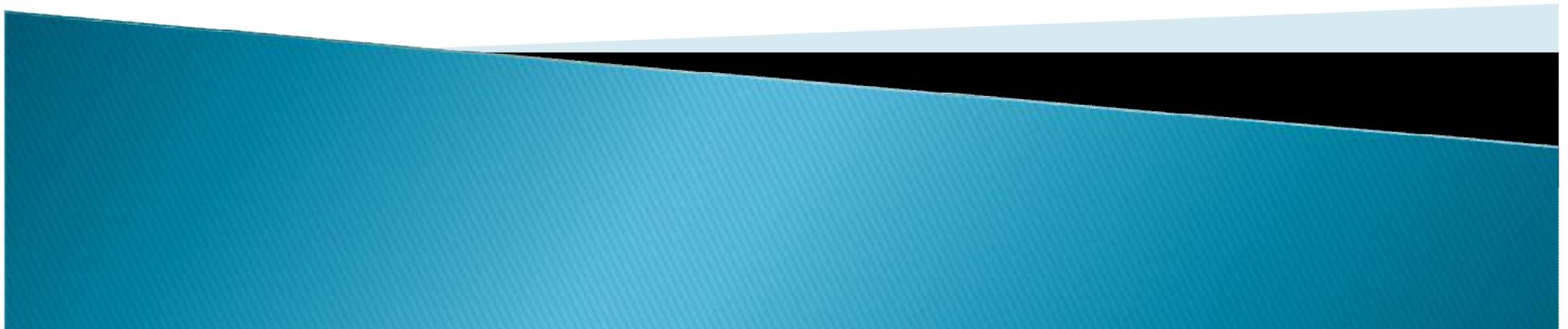


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Maureen Walker



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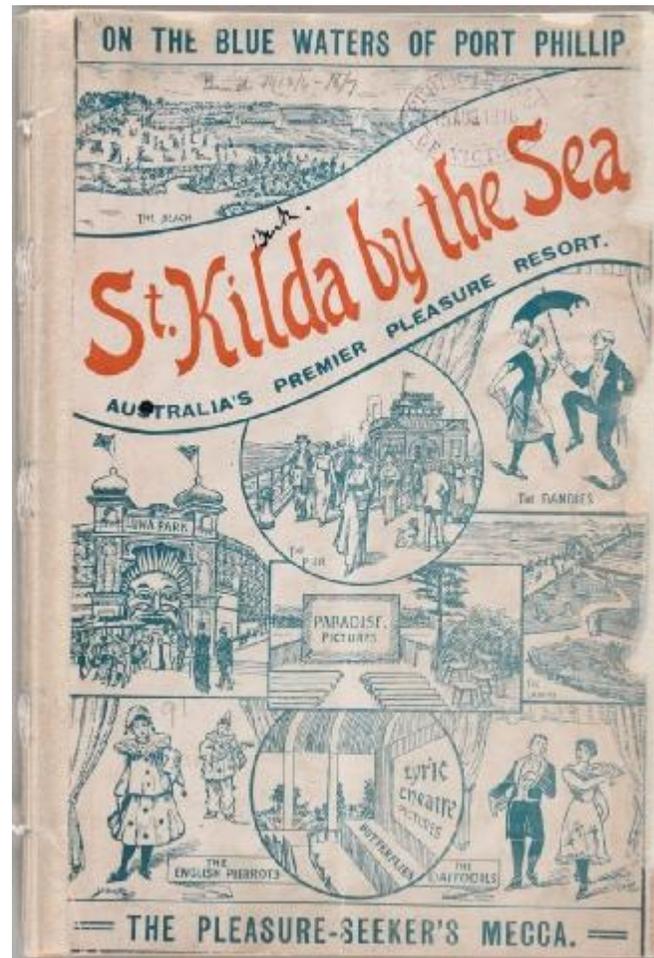
## INTRODUCTION

By 1914 St. Kilda had established a reputation as a centre for fun and leisure. A number of entertainment venues were situated on the foreshore area were depicted in the *St. Kilda by the Sea* annuals. Although 'the season' attracted visitors, St. Kilda was essentially a middle class suburb with a population of 30,000 – the factors which influenced its response to the war. The foreshore entertainments continued but citizens became involved in the numerous public events associated with war time. Some were on a grand scale. This was 'respectable' St. Kilda, loyal and patriotic.

The St. Kilda effort continued even though as the war dragged on the community became increasingly war weary. As with communities elsewhere, St. Kilda was concerned too to provide for injured service personnel returning home in numbers. It was also required to support, in increasing numbers, families mourning a loss on a distant battlefield. Eventually the community needed to decide on its sites of remembrance. The war impacted on St. Kilda in many and varied ways.



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## THE PATRIOTIC EFFORT

Many organisations contributed to the patriotic effort in St. Kilda. To the fore was the Australian Branch of British Red Cross Society. Some of the churches in St. Kilda formed their own branches. Operating under the Geneva Convention, Red Cross efforts were primarily directed at prevention and alleviation of sickness and assisting war victims. Its efforts extended to the production of goods including those made by the men's carpentry section. However, the amount of work done by women for Red Cross and other organisations was remarkable, a feature that distinguished it from previous wars.

The Australian Comforts Fund, which began in Melbourne as the Lady Mayoress's Patriotic Fund, focused on goods and services for those serving abroad.

The plight of other nations, especially Belgium, evoked substantial fundraising efforts, often in the form of button days.

Purple Cross was concerned for the horses. Its members, displaying purple emblems, were a feature of street processions in St. Kilda.



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**St. Kilda Patriotic Carnival**

IN AID OF  
Australian  
Comforts  
Fund and  
Red Cross  
Fund . . .

**Luna Park  
Dec. 8 to 15**  
1917.

Host of Attractions  
and Novelties

Scenic Railway  
Brilliant Illuminations  
and Decorations  
A Succession of  
**FREE SHOWS**  
Confetti and  
Balloon Battle  
Fancy Dress Nights  
Kewpie Nights  
Etc., Etc., Etc.

Daily  
Admission :  
**6d.**  
Children  
Half  
Price

Buy a Badge  
and come  
every Night  
**FREE**  
Price: **2s.**

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**NOTE THE DATES:**  
**DEC. 8<sup>TH</sup> TO 15<sup>TH</sup>**

**LUNA PARK**  
ST. KILDA

**Patriotic CARNIVAL**

In Aid of  
Australian  
**Red Cross**  
And  
Comfort Funds

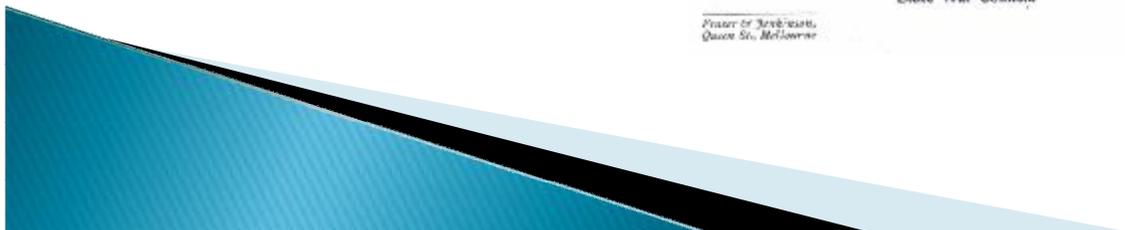
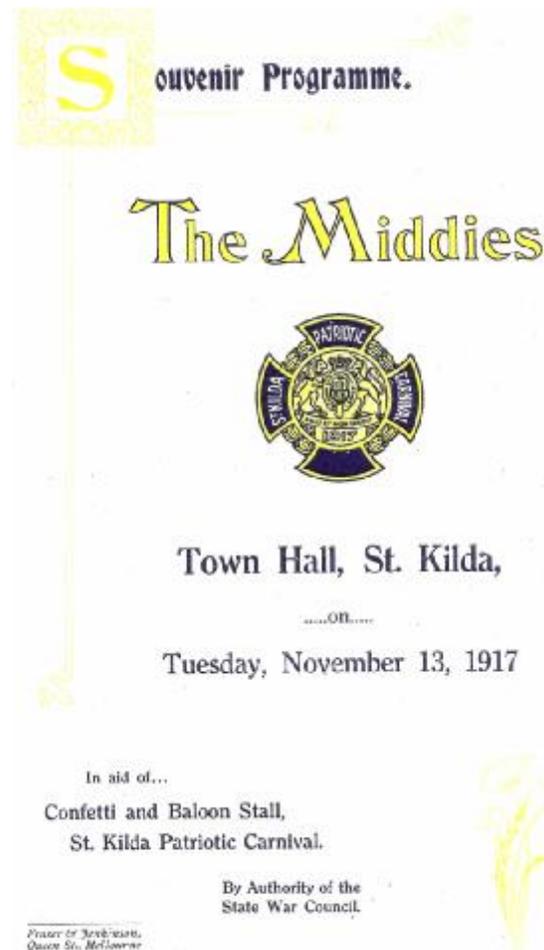
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Night Free, Price 2s

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## THE :: MIDDIES.



Back—Madge Cohen Vera Tout Essie Taylor Doris Whitelaw Fedora St. Ledger Jean Whitelaw  
Front—Millicent Cowles Rita Neunhoffer Thelma Doward Yvonne Devise Bircie Creville.

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ST. KILDA PATRIOTIC GARNIVAL.

COMPETITION AND BALLOON STALL

Balance Sheet - Middie's Concert Town Hall, St. Kilda, 13th November 1917

RECEIPTS

To sale of tickets	35:18: 0
" Donations	1: 9: 6
" Sale of sweets and programmes	6: 8: 0
" Raffle of flowers	10: 0

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£ 44: 5: 6

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EXPENDITURE

By Printing dodgers (Wellman)	10: 0
" Sweets purchased	15: 6
" Refreshments	6: 0
" Fee	3: 3: 0
" Hire of crockery	1: 8

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4:16: 2

credit balance 39: 9: 4

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£ 44: 5: 6

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(Sgd) Ida Shmith, Hon. Secty.

(Sgd) Jessie Shmith, Hon. Treas.

Certified to be a true copy,

Town Clerk

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## St. Kilda Patriotic Committee.

### Statement of Receipts and Expenditure in connection with the Carnival held at Luna Park.

8th to 17th December, 1917.

RECEIPTS		EXPENDITURE	
To Division General Fund	250 4 0	By Preparation of Ground, Stalls, and Lighting	
Admission	1,124 12 0	Lighting—	
Badges—Sales at Trossachs	86 15 0	Lamps	279 10 4
Sales per Committee, etc.	23 13 0	Miscellaneous	62 0 9
Sales per Stalls, £104/1/0, credited as credit—			642 11 1
Friends of St. Kilda—		Working Expenses—	
American Friends	59 4 0	Ground Attendance	42 16 8
Art	49 5 4	Cashiers and Ticket Takers	34 10 2
Car	79 0 6	Canteen	16 7 3
Concessions	446 18 7	Ref. Tickets	5 15 9
Flower Life-Saving	86 6 5	Current for Lighting	41 9 10
Fancy	28 5 2	Hire of Tables, etc.	21 2 8
Flower	391 13 2	Insurance	3 2 6
Friendly Society	391 16 7	Regatta (Posters, Flags, etc.)	40 14 1
Fish	103 2 10	Printing	91 17 4
Race Games	166 2 5	Advertising—Newspapers	261 15 7
See Cream	12 3 1	"    Signs, etc.	88 15 1
Jambie	40 19 9	Woodenb. Lamps, etc.	18 14 0
Kitchen	70 19 1	Bands, Sundry Expenses	21 0 0
Dum. Sea Bathers	105 0 5	Purchase of Badges	144 1 6
Our Boys (including Shooting Gallery, £10/3/7)	950 1 0	Prizes—Prizes and Fancy Dress	
Foodstuffs	512 6 0	Races, etc.	6 1 8
Refundment	577 16 1	Postage, Stationery, General	
Special	58 5 2	Sundries	16 5 4
Steam Stall No. 1	401 6 7	Miscellaneous	15 6 0
Steam Stall No. 2	227 11 2		420 2 11
Traders' Club (including Shooting Gallery, £10/12/11)	208 1 3		1,875 14 0
Woodworkers	183 13 10	— Australian Comforts Fund	2,955 0 9
Vase Raffle	50 12 0	— Victorian Division of Red Cross	738 15 2
Drayby Club Raffle	98 15 0	— Local Fund for Purchase of Ma- terial for Patriotic Workmen	738 15 2
Amusements—		— St. Kilda Soldiers' Lounge	1,477 10 5
Cour House	14 5 9		5,910 1 6
Delicatessen	1 19 0		
Merry-go-round	70 9 4		
Coast Wagon	33 7 11		
Palms de Paris	138 3 1		
Scott's Railway and Stalk	59 15 8		
Theatre	52 1 3		
Ward La	15 9 7		
Seaside—			
Artistic Unemployed Goods	5 18 3		
Collection Band, Postponement, Sundry	59 19 10		
House Wages	0 9 0		
Advertisements on Programme	19 3 0		
Raffle Billiard Table (Stalls at Messrs. Alcock & Co.)	24 3 6		
	46,985 15 6		46,985 15 6

Examined and found correct,  
ARNOLD R. KELSEY, F.C.P.A.  
15th March, 1918.

EDWARD O'DONNELL,  
President of Executive.  
FREDK. CHAMBERLIN,  
Hon. Treasurer.

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Black  Tans

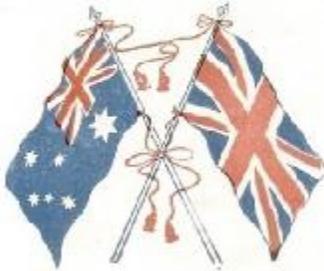
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**Patriotic and Red Cross Festival**

In Aid of the  
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Red Cross  
Funds.



St. Kilda  
Town Hall  
Oct. 11th  
.. ..  
Oct. 14th  
1916

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**St. Kilda Patriotic Committee.**

**SPECIAL EFFORTS.**

## **French Red Cross Appeal**

**ST. KILDA TOWN HALL.**

**MONDAY, 10th JULY, 8 p.m. -- SMOKE SOCIAL.**

**TUESDAY, 11th JULY, 8 p.m. -- UNIQUE PERFORMANCE --**

**"THE GIRLS WHO STAYED AT HOME."**

**WEDNESDAY, 12th JULY, 3 p.m. -- GIFT AFTERNOON.**

**Organised by the Social Sewing Circle.**

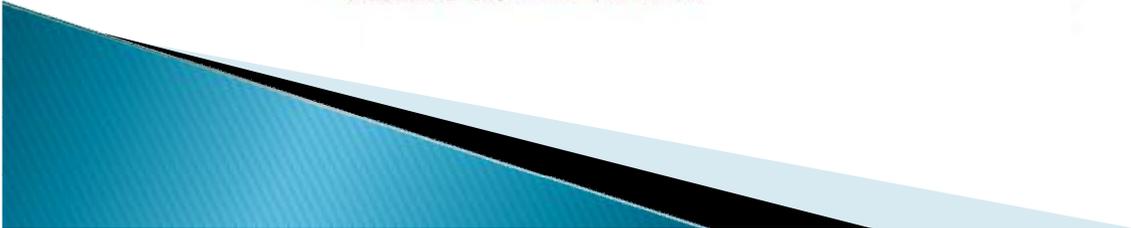
**THURSDAY, 13th JULY, 8 p.m. -- CINEMA PICTURES,**

**Provided by Councillor Sculthorpe.**

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**BUTTON DAY, Friday, 14th July.**

Wellman & Co., Printers, St. Kilda.



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ST. KILDA PATRIOTIC COMMITTEE.  
MILLION PENNY FUND.

# GRAND CONCERT

BY THE

## Royal Victorian Liedertafel

For the British Red Cross Fund

St. Kilda Town Hall, Tuesday, 15th May  
*1917.*

Madame ELVA ROGERS      Mr. GREGOR WOOD  
Mr. JOHN AMADIO

Conductor: Mr. MANSLEY GREER

Admission One Shilling

SEATS MAY BE RESERVED AT MESSES. W. H. GLEN & CO'S ON  
AND AFTER THE 7th MAY, ON PAYMENT OF AN ADDITIONAL

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UNDER THE DISTINGUISHED PATRONAGE  
OF HER EXCELLENCY  
LADY HELEN MUNRO FERGUSON.



HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR OF  
VICTORIA AND LADY STANLEY,  
THE MAYOR AND MAYORESSES OF ST. KILDA  
AND COUNCILLORS.

HELP

## The Misses Hyams' Patriotic Ball

PLAIN AND FANCY  
("LE BAL AUSTRALIEN")  
ST. KILDA TOWN HALL  
Tuesday, 2nd October, 1917

IN AID OF REPATRIATION OF AUSTRALIAN WOUNDED SOLDIERS  
AND ST. KILDA RED CROSS FUND.  
AN INFLUENTIAL COMMITTEE IS APPOINTED.

The Tickets being limited, kindly send cheque or return tickets before 28th Sept., or will  
be considered sold.

UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE ST. KILDA PATRIOTIC COMMITTEE.

DANCING 8 P.M. TILL 2 A.M.

*Tickets 4/-*  
*Admitting to Ball or Balcony*

DI GILIO'S ORCHESTRA.

MR. FRED CHAMBERLIN  
HON. TREAS.  
MISSSES HYAMS, NON. SECS.  
SENT HOUSE,  
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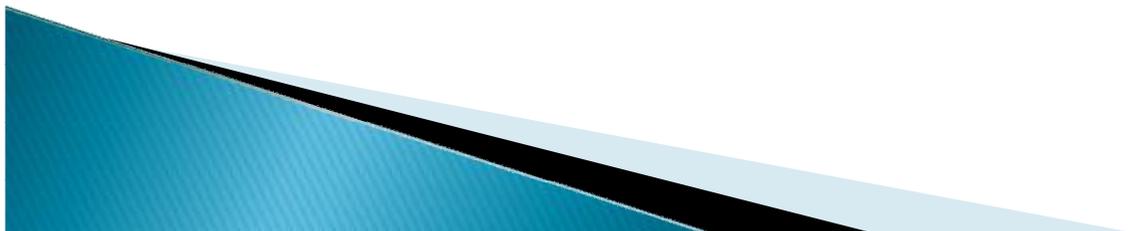
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## 14<sup>TH</sup> BATTALION, 1<sup>ST</sup> AIF

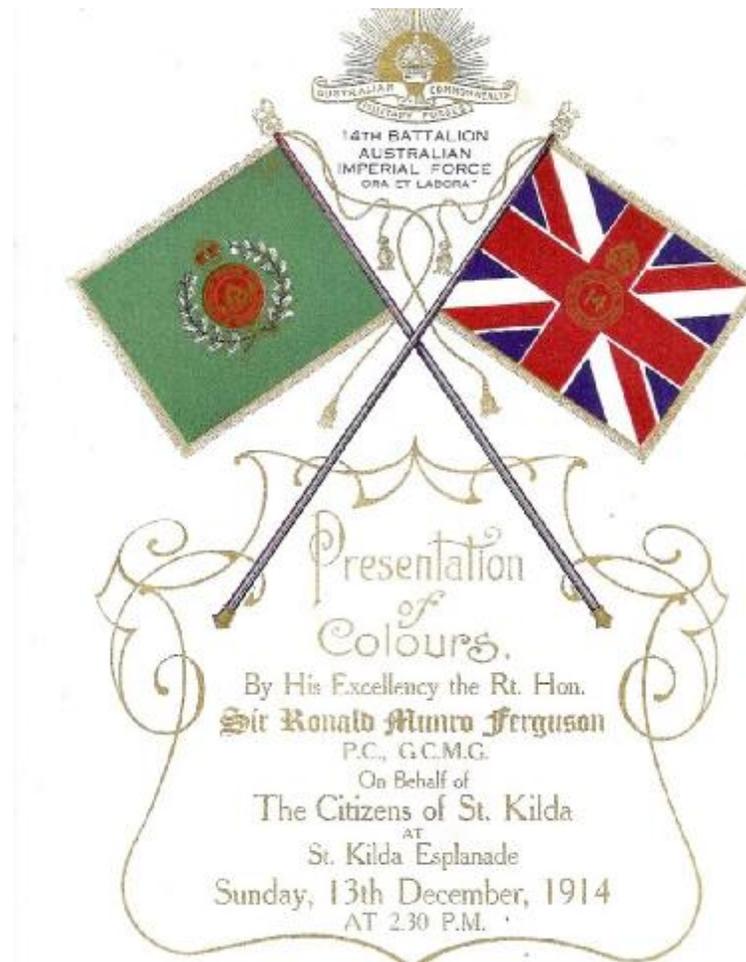
The 14<sup>th</sup> Battalion has come to be identified with Prahran, and particularly St. Kilda. It is still affectionately referred to as 'Jacka's Mob' in recognition of Albert Jacka who was awarded Australia's first Victoria Cross in World War One. Jacka however, as with numerous others who enlisted in the Battalion, was from rural Victoria. Many were labourers and miners.

The 14<sup>th</sup> Battalion was commanded by Lieut.-Col. R.E. Courtney. His name is now enshrined in Australian military history by way of 'Courtney's Post' on the Gallipoli Peninsula. General Sir John Monash was present when the Battalion's Colours were presented as the Fourteenth formed part of the 4<sup>th</sup> Brigade which he commanded for two years.

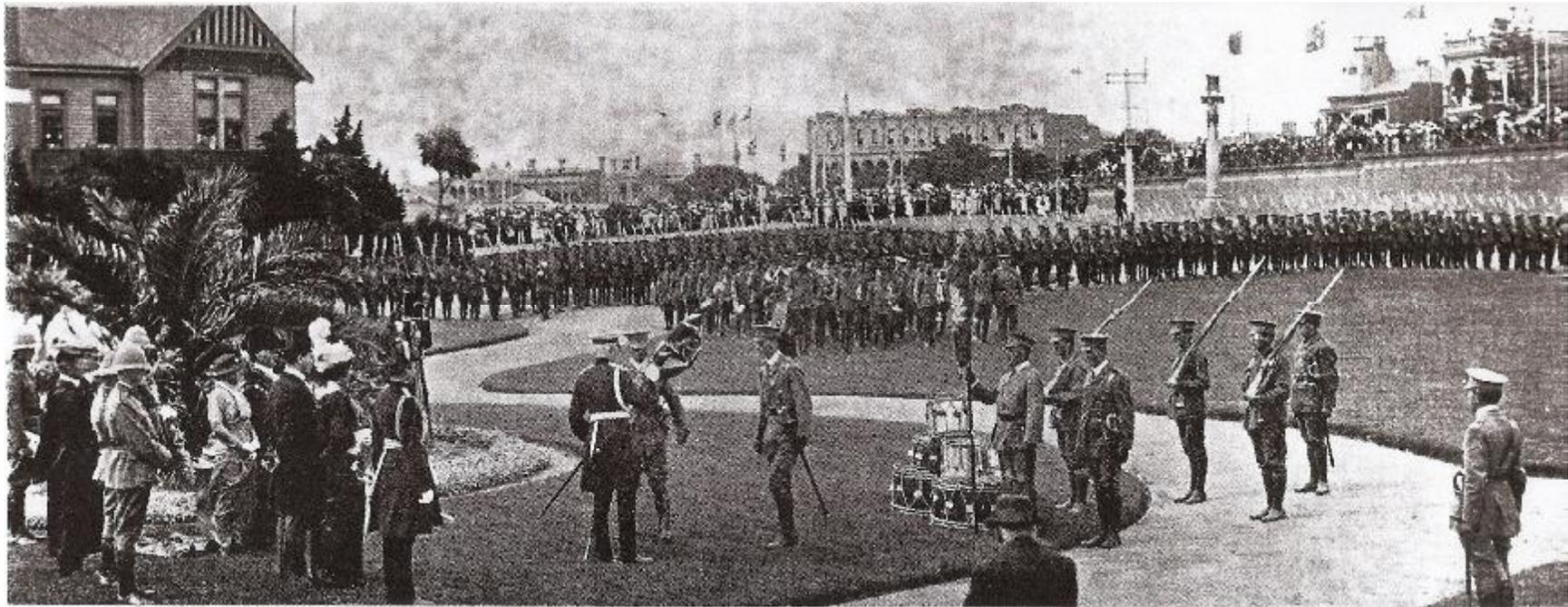
Many battalions had mascots. The 14<sup>th</sup> had a terrier dog which, resplendent in a little khaki jacket with '14' on it, marched with the battalion. Most animal mascots were handed to zoos in Cairo and London but there are reports that 'Gunner' saw action in Gallipoli.



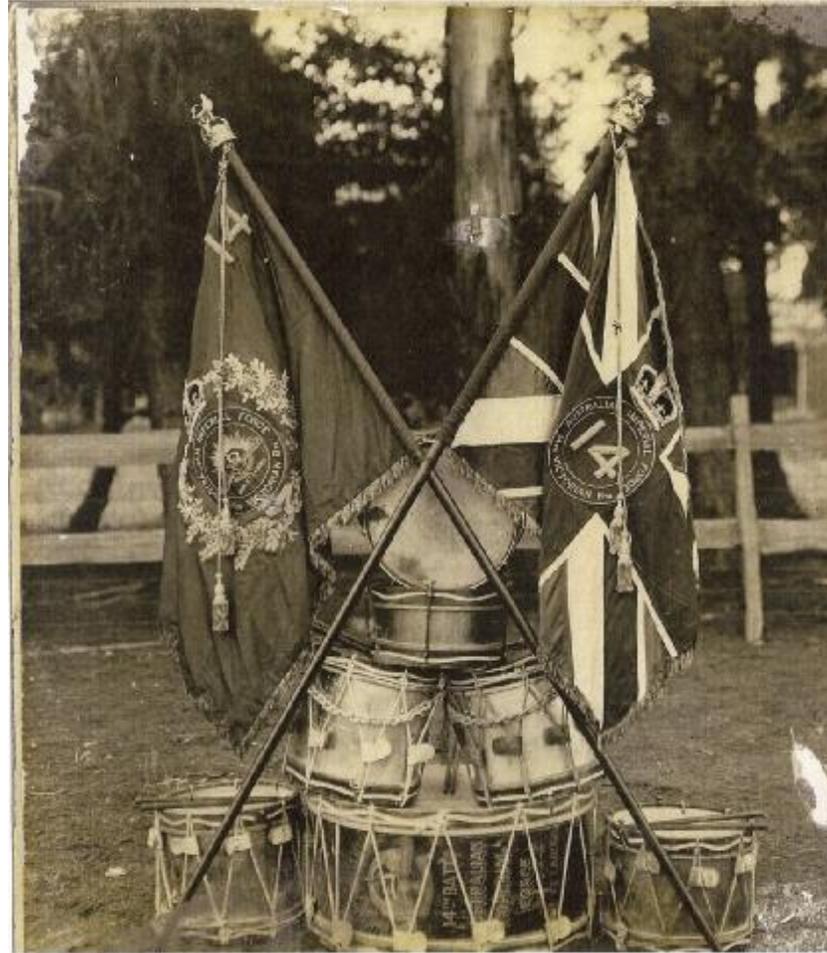
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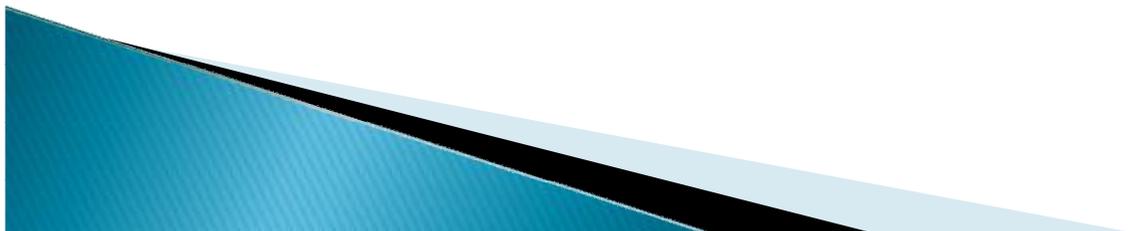
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## THE CHURCHES AND RELIGION

The people of St. Kilda looked to the pastors of its fourteen churches and synagogues for some guidance when war broke out. It has been suggested though that the churches saw the war as an opportunity for reform and renewal as they had become dissatisfied in Australia with standards of behaviour. Regardless, the Protestant churches usually espoused the official loyalist sentiments. The position is less clear for the Catholics. Historic ties with Ireland led to their loyalty being continually questioned although enlistment numbers suggest at the very least a nationalistic response in accord with their numbers.

Chaplain-Captain Danglow from the Hebrew congregation in St. Kilda was appointed Jewish chaplain at the front for the last months of the war.

At home, the St. Kilda clergy conducted services for the fallen. Some were actively involved in the recruiting campaigns and then in the conscription campaigns. The extent of the clergy's influence in the campaigns can be debated but the flags, guards of honour and honour boards in churches point to a role that was more than just rhetoric.



# ST. KILDA HOME FRONT

A Great United  
**Patriotic Service**

--- in the ---  
St. Kilda Town Hall,  
--- on ---  
**SUNDAY, MAY 9th,**  
at 8.30 p.m. sharp.

UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE CHURCHES OF ST. KILDA.  
His Worship the MAYOR OF ST. KILDA will Preside.

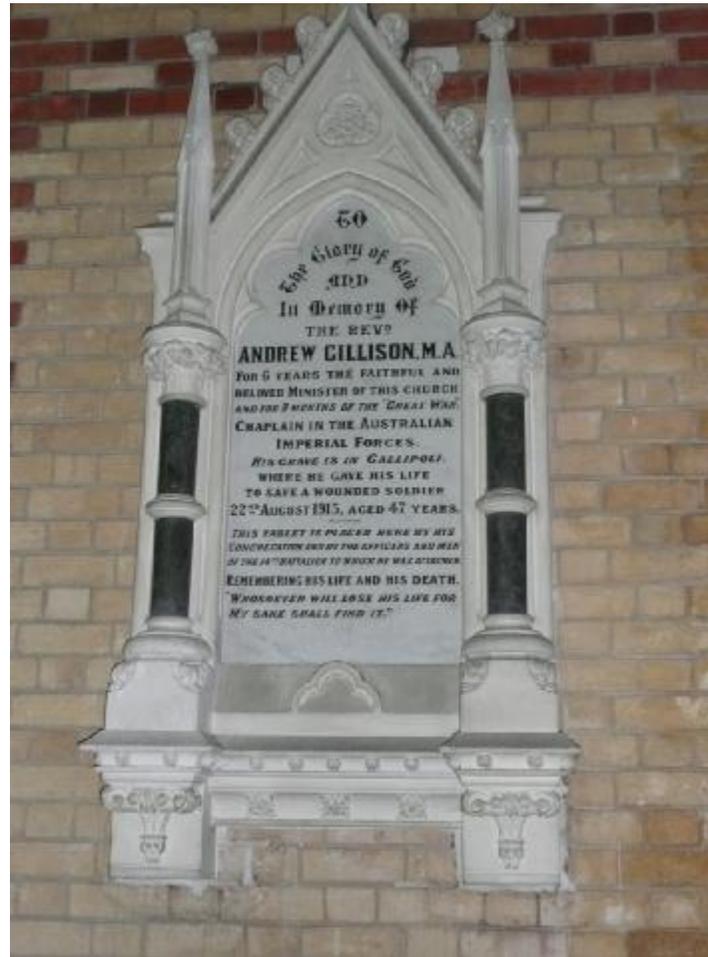
**Grand Combined Choir**  
under the Conductorship of  
J. H. INGE, Esq., City Organist.

SHORT ADDRESSES BY PROMINENT LOCAL CLERGYMEN.  
COLLECTION IN AID OF MAYORESS' RED CROSS  
AND BELGIAN FUNDS.

D. MARTIN, Chairman of Committee.  
J. J. LOVE, } Hon. Secretaries.  
T. A. DENNIS, }

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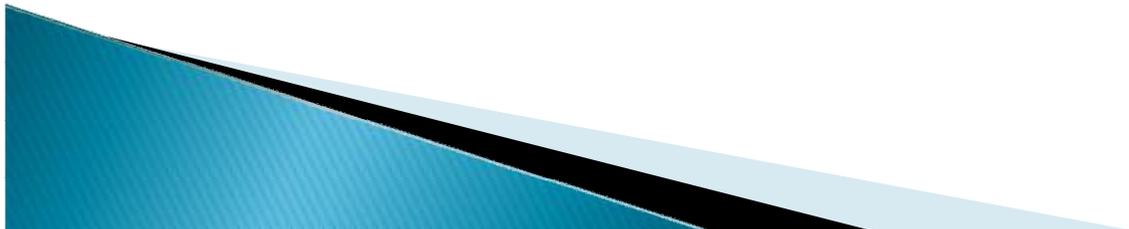
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## SOLDIERS' LOUNGE

Brave boy in khaki, wherever you be  
You have stood to your guns  
Welcome awaits you down to the sea  
When you are done crushing the Huns  
Khaki's the only passport you need  
To enter the Lounge at St. Kilda  
Open arms await whatever your creed  
From Gladys, dear Molly and Hilda

(Pahran Telegraph, 15 July 1916)

Although inaugurated by the St. Kilda Patriotic League and the YMCA, the Soldiers' Lounge on the Lower Esplanade was managed and operated, as the above verse suggests, by the women of St. Kilda. Targeted fund raising in late 1915 enabled the Lounge to open in December in the refreshment rooms of the Comedy Theatre. By mid 1916 however, when the average weekly attendance had already reached eight hundred, the premises expanded. It remained a popular venue providing wounded soldiers with rest, recreation and refreshments until it closed in 1920.



# ST. KILDA HOME FRONT

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FOR ST. KILDA REST HOUSE  
FOR AUSTRALIAN WOUNDED SOLDIERS.

St. Kilda Cricket Ground.  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4th, 1915.

## An ANZAC AFTERNOON

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AN AFTERNOON OF SPORT AND BURLIQUES  
3 to 5.30.



Amusing, and Approvingly Artistic and Athletic.  
Also Accurate, Adaptable, and Absolutely Advantageous.

Ground Superintendent: G. H. INSKIP.

CARRIE LOVE (Mayorress), President.  
FREDIE CHAMBERLIN, Hon. Treas.  
Miss D. ELMS-SMITH, Joint  
ALF D. J. PUNSHON, Hon. Secy.

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## PROGRAMME.

AT 2.30.

### FANCY COSTUME PROCESSION.

From the St. Kilda Town Hall, led by the ST. KILDA CITY BRASS BAND and the ST. KILDA SCOTTISH PIPERS' BAND.  
Marshal: Mr. H. M. KNOX.

3 o'clock.

### BURLESQUE FOOTBALL MATCH.

SEASIDE ENTERTAINERS versus ALL AUSTRALIA.  
The Mayor will "bounce the ball" at 3 o'clock sharp, and the fun will begin.

J. BLAKE, Promoter and Referee.  
(Address—112 Barkly Street.)

3.15.

### WRESTLING.

Mr. CLARENCE WEBER and PUPILS.  
Grand Display of Wrestling in Roman and Modern Styles.

3.30.

### MUSIC, MIRTH, and MIMICRY.

The ENGLISH PIERROTS, the ROYAL STROLLERS, the VIOLET DANDIES, and the SERENADERS will give a continuous entertainment from 3.30 to 4.45.

3.40 till 5 o'clock.

### BOXING.

Under the well known Direction of Mr. MATT DALY, the following will make their first appearance in St. Kilda:—

HUGHIE MEHEGAN, CHARLIE SIMPSON, FITZSIMMONS, FLANNERY, STARLIGHT, and SAM GRAY.

A fine Exhibition of Boxing, including Burlesque.  
M.C. and Referee . . . . . Mr. W. WILLIAMS.

## PROGRAMME—(Continued).

3.50 to 4.30.

### NOVELTY RACES for the Children.

Good Prizes.

Girls bring Skipping Ropes. Boys bring Sacks.

4.0

### SCOTTISH DANCING

by Australian Champions, the clever PUPILS of Mr. G. S. HAYS.

4.10.

### TUG-OF-WAR

for a Trophy. Eighteen men in each team. On the Turf. Five-inch rope.

Send entries now to  
Mr. CLIF DAWES, Byron Street, St. Kilda; or  
Mr. JAS. SMITH, Carlton Brewery.

4.20.

### VENTRILOQUISM

by Mr. SYD JAMES, of the Royal Strollers.

4.30.

### PHYSICAL CULTURE

By Classes under the Direction of Mr. D. H. JOHNS.

4.40.

### CLOG DANCING

by Miss MAEVE LAWRENCE.  
A clever exhibition by a talented Blue lady.

4.55.

### FINAL TUG-OF-WAR.

# ST. KILDA HOME FRONT

PROGRAMME—(Continued),

5.10.  
**DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES**  
to the Children by the Mayoress.

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5.20.,  
**BOXING.**  
Humorous Display by Funny Fellows.

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5.30.  
**"HOME, SWEET HOME."**

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Special Platforms have been erected.

You may see and hear everything and enjoy yourself  
for Sixpence.

ADMISSION, SIXPENCE.

Grand Stand 6d. extra.      Children Half Price.

RETURNED WOUNDED SOLDIERS FREE.



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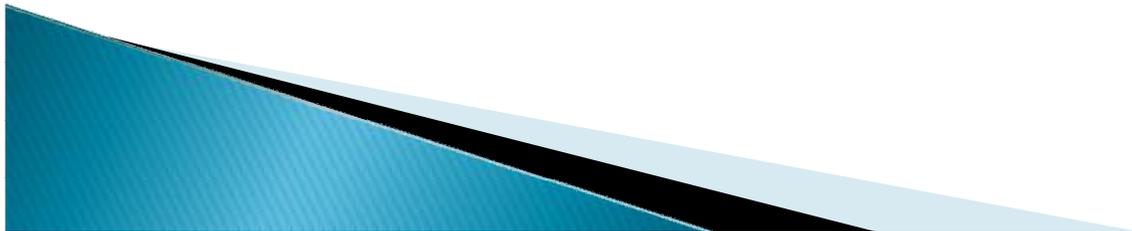
## A Hearty Welcome

Awaits our Soldier and Sailor Boys at the  
ST. KILDA SEASIDE LOUNGE, Lower  
Esplanade, St. Kilda. Controlled and managed  
by representatives of the St. Kilda Patriotic  
Committee and Y.M.C.A.

Take St. Kilda Esplanade Tram Car  
from Swanston Street.  
These run every few minutes.

Open 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

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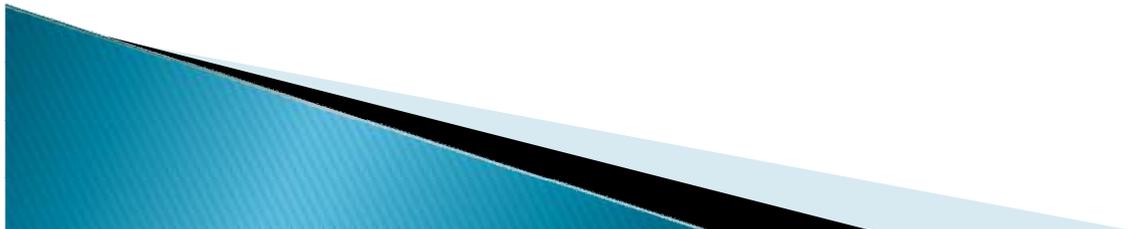


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## RECRUITING IN ST KILDA

The pattern of recruiting in St. Kilda generally followed that experienced elsewhere in the state and the country. The disastrous Gallipoli campaign led to concerted efforts to recruit more men. 'Duty' was the key word at a 1915 meeting in the Town Hall attended by the Governor and other personages. At a rally in 1916, after the Prime Minister has committed additional troops, it was reported that the recruiting movement in St. Kilda 'has been taken in hand'. A 1917 meeting resolved to place three women on the recruiting committee because 'they would possibly have more influence with the men they were asked to recruit'. It also resolved to involve those who had organised the anti-conscription movement and 'who had staked their faith in volunteerism'.

Major rallies were in the Town Hall but open air addresses in the warmer weather at Alfred Square targeted beachgoers. Entertainment venues were utilised and the Recruiting Officer was given permission to address theatre crowds.



# ST. KILDA HOME FRONT

## St. Kilda Recruiting Committee

TO THE CITIZENS OF ST. KILDA

Men and Women—

The great appeal to the manhood of Victoria is being responded to with enthusiasm. Our men at Gallipoli are calling to us for more aid, and all help to them is help to the Empire.

The following letter appeared in the English newspapers May 23rd, 1915, brought by the last mail—

WAR OFFICE  
WHITEHALL  
S W

*I have said that I would let  
the country know when more  
men were wanted for the war.  
The time has come and I now  
call for 300000 recruits to  
form new armies—  
Those who are engaged on the  
production of war material  
of any kind should not leave  
their work. It is to those who  
are not performing this duty  
that I appeal—*

*Kitchener*

Men! Will you go?

Women! Will you encourage the Men to go?

MEN (not enlisting), WOMEN, and CHILDREN!—Will you work at home and assist your Sons and Brothers at the Front?

WAKE UP EVERY MAN AND WOMAN AND DO YOUR DUTY!

Do not leave it until it is too late. What are you prepared to do?

YOUR REPLY IS AWAITED.

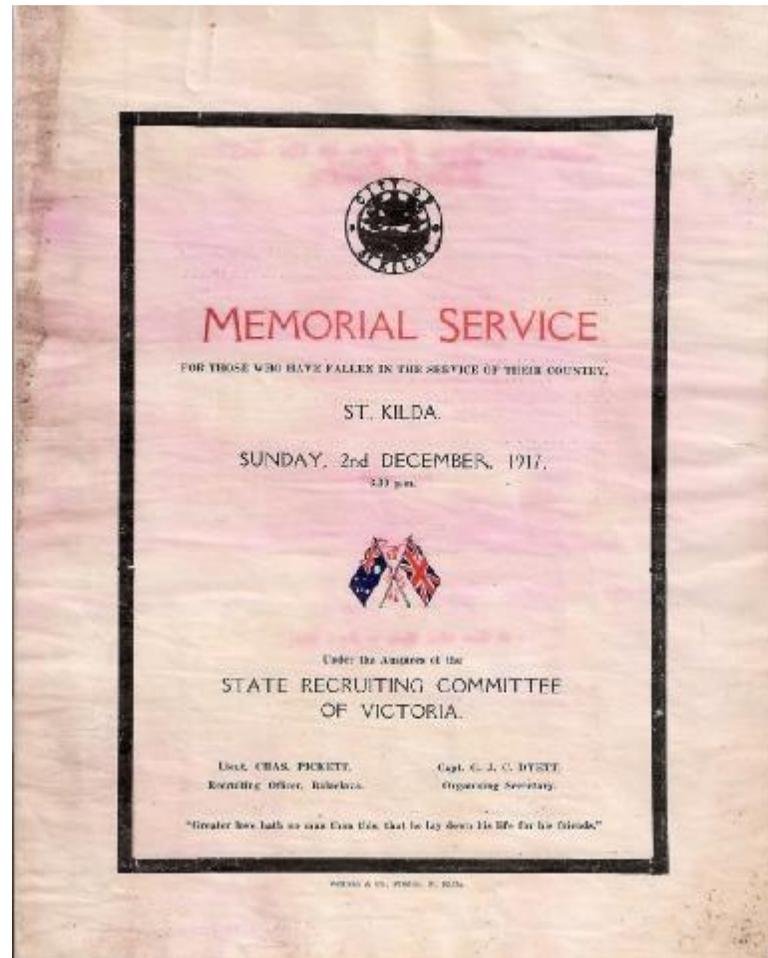
I am, Your obedient servant,

J. H. HEWISON, Mayor.

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City of St. Kilda.

**ANZAC ANNIVERSARY.**

*In the ST. KILDA TOWN HALL, 25th APRIL, 1916, at 8 p.m.*

HE WORSHIP THE MAYOR (Councillor J. J. LOVE, J.P.) WILL PRESIDE.

PROGRAMME

<p>NATIONAL ANTHEM . . . . (First Verse)</p> <p>HYMN O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Our shield for every danger, And our eternal Home.</p> <p>Research the shadow of Thy House Thy saints have drunk oceans Sulphur is Thy new wine, And our defence is war.</p> <p>Before the hills in order stood, Or earth received her fount, From everlasting Thou art God, To whom years do return.</p> <p>A thousand arms in Thy right Are like an evening gown, Shine as the suns that walk the night Before the rising sun.</p> <p>There, like an evening gown, Beneath its robe were They fly, forgotten, as a dream, Dust at the creation day.</p> <p>O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Be Thou our guard while troubles last, And our eternal Home. <i>Amen</i></p> <p>SOLO . . . . "The Heroes of the Dardanelles" MADAME EVELYN ASHLEY.</p> <p>ADDRESS . . . HON. W. A. WATT, M.A.R.</p> <p>SONG . . . . . "The Dardanelles Army" MR. CHARLES LEDWARD.</p> <p>ADDRESS . . . . . HON. R. G. McCUTCHEON, M.L.A.</p> <p>SONG . . . . . "Going Home" MADAME EVELYN ASHLEY.</p>	<p>RECITAL . . . MR. H. J. INCE (City Organist)</p> <p>COLLECTION in aid of the Fund for Discharged, Wounded, and Disabled Soldiers</p> <p>SONG . . . . . "Out of the Dark" Miss NUBIA BARRETT.</p> <p>ADDRESS . . . . . Squadier-General F. G. HUGHES, C.E.</p> <p>SONG . . . . . "The Soldier's Farewell" MR. CHARLES LEDWARD.</p> <p>ADDRESS . . . Councillor J. H. HEWISON, J.P. (Ex-Chief President A.N.A.)</p> <p>HYMN . . . "RECESSIONAL." God of our Fathers, heroes of old, Lead us on far-flung battle lines, Beyond whose walls have we held Champions our folk and our Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet, Lest we forget—lest we forget!</p> <p>The towers and the shining domes, The capture and the steep descent, Still stand: Their sacred sacrifice, An humble and a captive heart, Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet, Lest we forget—lest we forget!</p> <p>Let drink with night of sorrow, we loose Will suggest that have us, 'Tis in even, Shall boasting at the Gables we, Or some trench without the Law, Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet, Lest we forget—lest we forget!</p> <p>For hunker heart that sets her trust In sodden tubs and iron shield; All nations that that build on clay, And, guarding, call not, 'Tis a guard, For frantic heart and foolish word, Thy mercy on Thy people, Lord. <i>Amen.</i></p>
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*Citizens are Cordially Invited.*

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MUSIC: CHAMBERLAIN, Town Clerk.

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## CONSCRIPTION

Although Australia introduced compulsory military training for its youth from 1911 it is the conscription campaigns of 1916 and 1917 that are mainly remembered.

From early 1916 the St. Kilda Council recorded its support for conscription, it participated in deputations to Ministers and supported the 60,000 signature Australian Natives Association's petition to the Prime Minister. During the 1916 campaign it hosted a rally with the Prime Minister in attendance. The council though acknowledged the right of its citizens to hear both sides of the arguments put forward even if, on occasions the 'hostile element' was ejected. However, the anti-conscription and pacifist views of Archbishop Mannix and Vida Goldstein respectively resulted in them being denied a presence at the Town Hall in 1917.

The St. Kilda sub-divisions, within the electoral division of Balaclava, voted solidly in favour of conscription on both occasions.



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## CONSCRIPTION REFERENDA VOTING IN ST. KILDA

(Note – Absentee votes not included)

	1916		1917	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
Balaclava	3571	2596	3244	2491
St.Kilda E	2495	1518	2297	1530
St.Kilda W	3559	1743	3172	1706



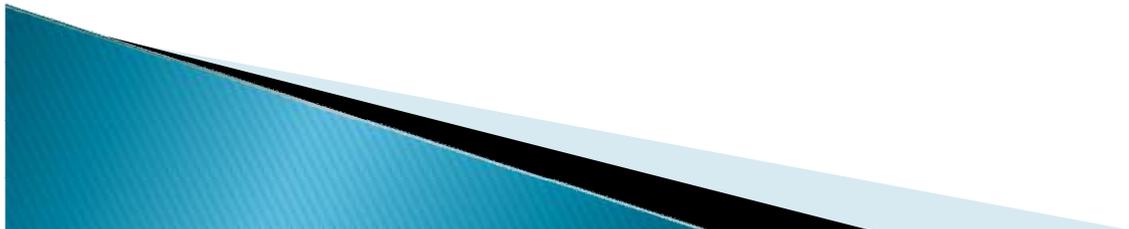
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## SPORT

The outbreak of war in August 1914 coincided with the triennial Australian Rules football carnival in Sydney. The associated conference immediately made statements to the effect that football must be sacrificed for defence. Tumultuous years followed for the Victorian clubs. All but four elected from 1916, for varying periods, not to field teams. St. Kilda did not participate for two seasons. It already had though, in 1915, decided to change its colours, from those of Germany to the red, black and yellow of Belgium. They reverted back in 1923. The St. Kilda Cricket Club changed its colours also and although it continued to play, it was non-pennant competition.

The revenue bases of both clubs were eroded. Payments to football players came in for scrutiny. A public appeal was launched to enable the St. Kilda Cricket club to continue.

The memberships of the water based sports too were severely depleted but they continued to be involved in patriotic fund raising and some unveiled honour boards at an early date.





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## GRIEVING, MEMORY AND MEMORIALS

Although anniversaries such as the Gallipoli landing and Declaration of War were commemorated, public displays of personal grief were not particularly encouraged. Nevertheless, on the anniversary of a loss, memorial columns of newspapers contained numbers of family tributes. However, sacrifice remained a noble cause.

During the war however, clubs and associations began to commission honour boards and other permanent reminders of sacrifice and loss.

The war weary nation was jubilant with war's end. The St. Kilda people flocked to a celebration on 12<sup>th</sup> November in the lavishly decorated town hall and later to the 'Welcome Homes' accorded the 1914 Anzacs. In all instances though, black streamers were included in memory of those lost to the community.



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A national Day of Peace was organised throughout the nation in July, 1919.

Local communities then began to also focus on larger projects. There was a movement to establish memorial halls or club rooms throughout suburbs and districts as a way of honouring the dead but also remembering and assisting the living. The St. Kilda Memorial Hall was one such initiative, opening in 1924. In addition money was raised for public memorials. Part of their function was to provide the sites and the funereal symbolism denied bereaved families as a consequence of Australia's decision not to repatriate bodies of the deceased from the battlefields. The St. Kilda cenotaph was completed in 1925.

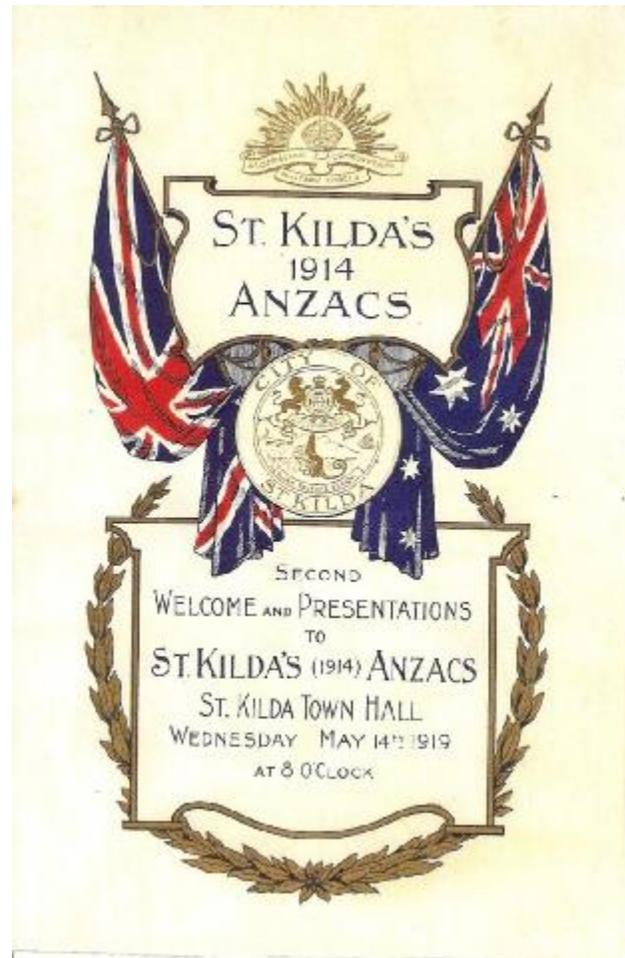
Families were invited to determine the epitaphs on the headstones of the deceased but, as they were unlikely to ever see them they also had the names added to family monuments in local cemeteries. A number exist in the St. Kilda cemetery.



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Peace Celebration  

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Entertainment  
of all Children, resident in  
St. Kilda, who attend school.

Luna Park & Palais de Danse  
Saturday, 19th July, 1919

LUNA PARK—All sorts of Fun.  
PALAIS DE DANSE—  
Mary Pickford and Charlie Chaplin

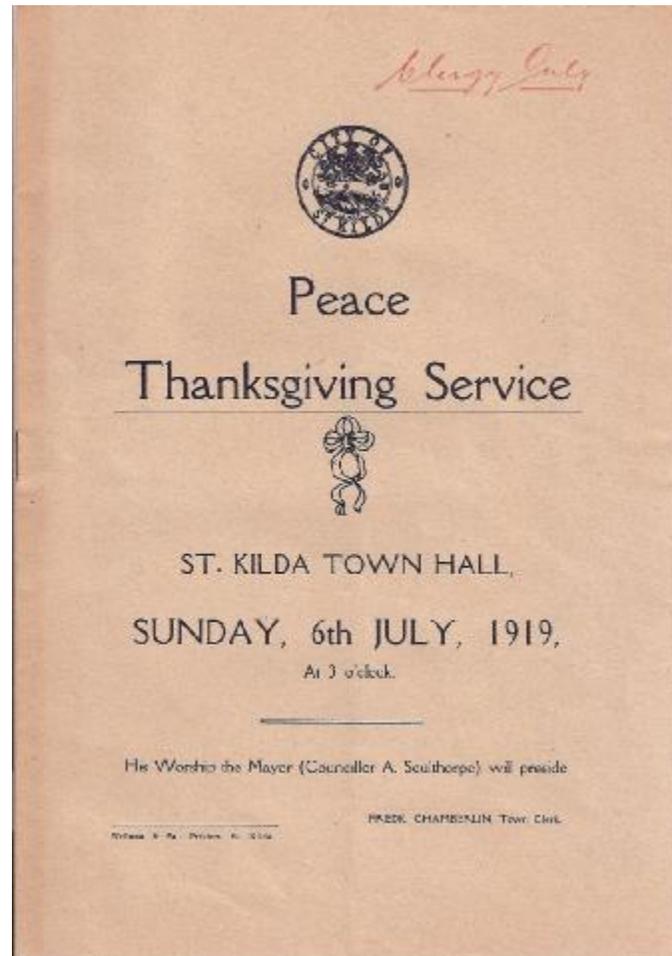
St. Kilda City Brass Band  
(Conductor:—Mr. FRANK JOHNSON)

Children to assemble in Cavell Street  
(between Luna Park and the Palais)  
Marshall: Mr. Geo. Robinson, Head Teacher Scott Street School

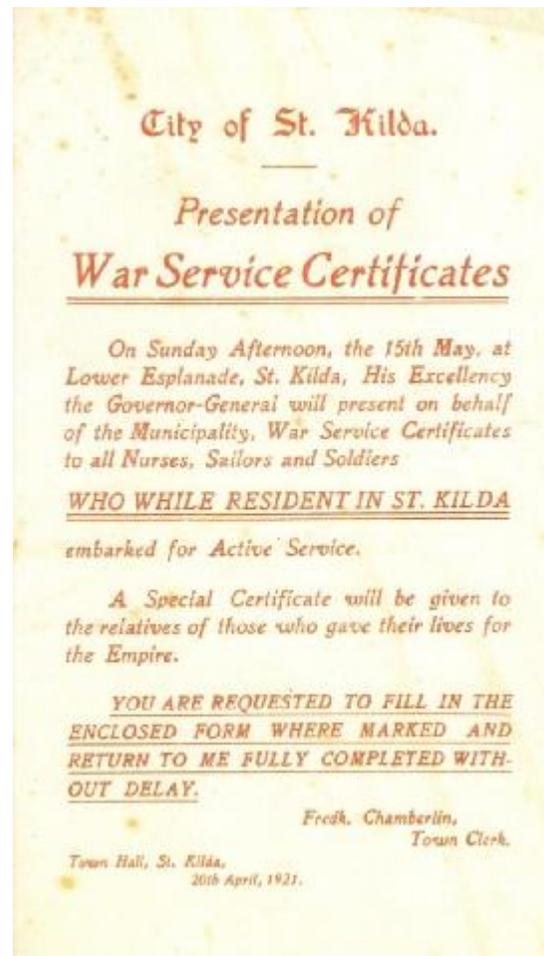
Gates open at 1.45.  
Programme to commence at 2.30 sharp

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**CITY OF ST. KILDA**

**CITIZENS**

who are willing to assist in organising

**A CARNIVAL**

in aid of the

St. Kilda Memorial Hall Building Fund

and

Local Charities

are cordially invited to attend a meeting  
to be held in the

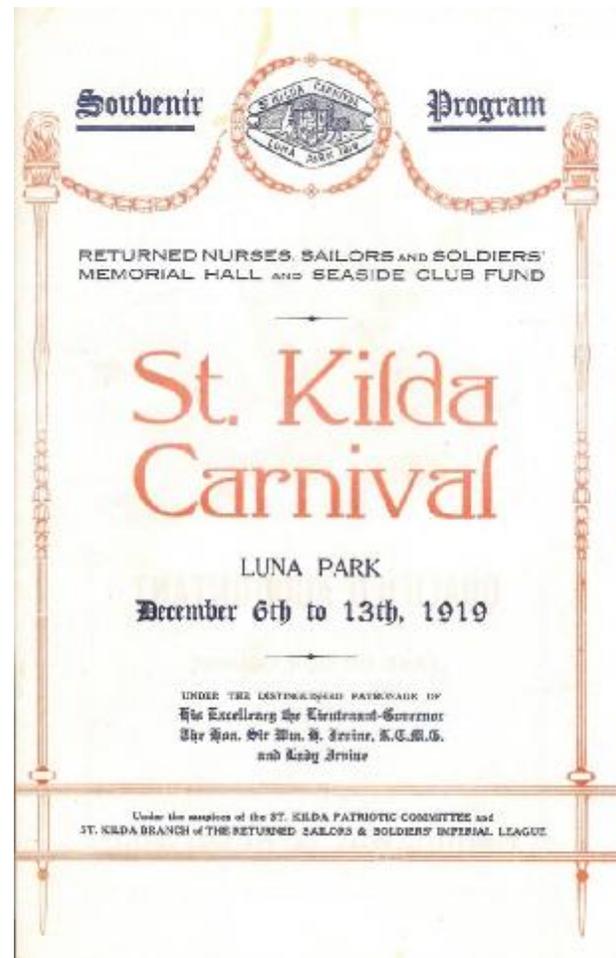
**St. Kilda Town Hall**

**Wednes., February 13**

At 8 O'clock

THOS. UNSWORTH, Mayor

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**St. Kilda Soldiers' Memorial Hall**  
**BUILDING FUND**  
(For Refreshment Stall and Palais de Danse)  
**CARNIVAL AT LUNA PARK, 8th to 18th Dec., 1919**

Dear Sir or Madam

*St. Kilda's evening effort is to raise funds for the creation of a Soldiers' Social Hall and Seaside Club, which will be available to all returned men and nurses throughout the States.*

*The good work of the St. Kilda Soldiers' Lounge for the last five years is too widely recognized to need particular reference. Suffice it to say that the new session, under the control of the St. Kilda sub-branch of the Returned Sailors and Soldiers Imperial League, will provide facilities and enjoyment so richly deserved by our boys.*

*Tickets are 6d. each, and enclosed herewith is a book containing 20. The holder of 20 tickets has the right to retain the extra one as a chance in the raffle. The books of tickets sold, together with remittances, should be addressed to the Hon. Treasurer, Town Hall, St. Kilda, from whom extra tickets may be obtained.*

*Full description of the prizes will be found on the back hereof.*

Thanking you in anticipation for your kindly interest in this effort.

We are, yours faithfully

MRS. JAMES McKENZIE  
*President of Palais de Danse Staff*

MRS. R. HALLENSTEIN  
*President of Refreshment Staff*

No. A 2020

NOTE—All returns must be in by Thursday, 18th December, 1919

*Detach this slip and send back with book and remittance—*

To the Hon. Treasurer  
St. Kilda Lingerie Raffle  
Town Hall, St. Kilda

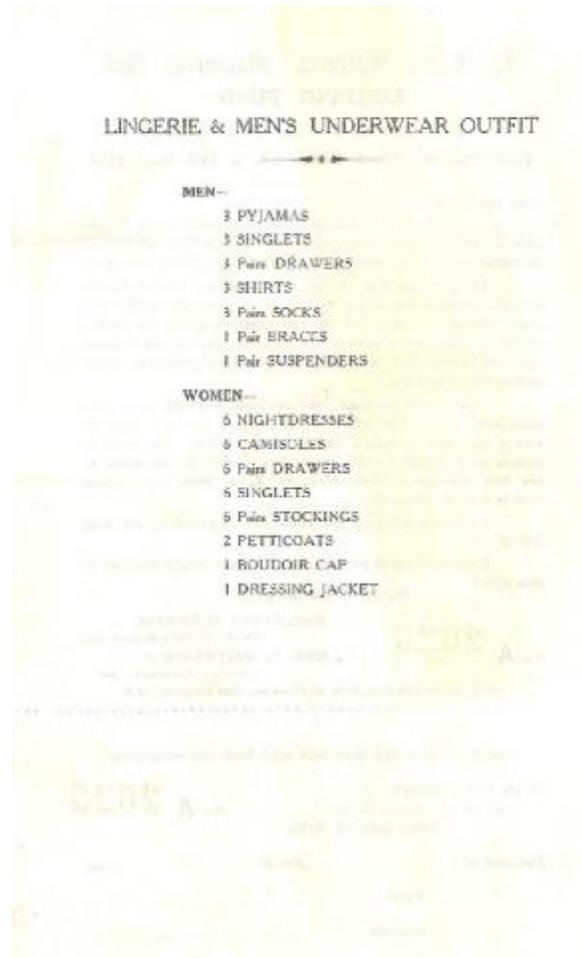
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Enclosed is \_\_\_\_\_ for £ \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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CITY OF ST. KILDA

## St. Kilda Memorial Hall

Direct Appeal to the Citizens to Discharge  
the Financial Obligations on the Memorial  
Buildings

To launch the above Appeal, I hereby  
convene a

### **PUBLIC MEETING**

to be held in ST. KILDA TOWN HALL,  
on Monday Evening, 12th NOVEMBER,  
at 8 o'clock, at which the attendance of the  
Citizens is earnestly invited.

THOS. UNSWORTH,  
Mayor

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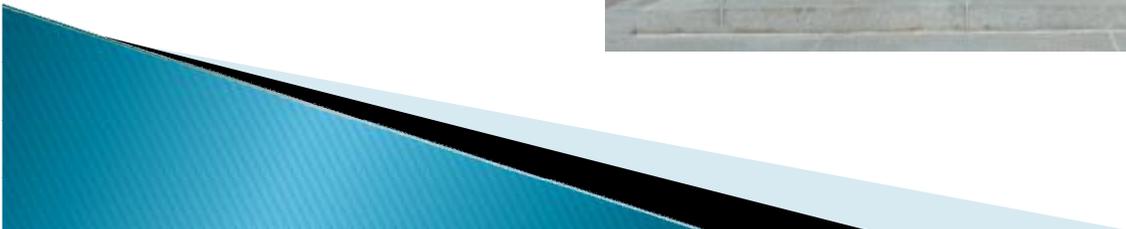
HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF ST. KILDA



*The St. Kilda*  
**War Memorial**  
*erected on the Foreshore Reserve at the  
foot of FITZROY STREET  
will be unveiled by*  
*His Excellency the Governor-General*  
*The Right Hon. Baron Forster,*  
*P.C., G.C.M.G.,*  
*Next Saturday Afternoon*  
*25th April*  
*(ANZAC DAY)*  
*AT 3.30 O'CLOCK*

**Anzac Remembrance**  
*You are Cordially Invited to attend*  
*A Civic*  
***Memorial Service***  
*in the*  
*St. Kilda Town Hall*  
*Next Sunday Afternoon*  
*(26th April, 1925)*  
*AT 3.30 O'CLOCK*  
*Arranged by the Mayor and Councillors, with the co-operation of the*  
*Clergy of the District*  
*His Worship the Mayor*  
*(Councillor J. B. Levi, J.P.) will preside*  
*The St. Kilda City Brass Band will play*  
*Sacred Selections in the Town Hall Grounds*  
*before the Service.*  
FRED. CHAMBERLIN, Town Clerk

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