

TOBRUK HOUSE TRUTH

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A special communication from Tobruk House during exceptional times.

The Last Issue (for now)

We hope that you have enjoyed reading these missives as much as we have in putting them together. Thanks to those who sent messages of appreciation. We sincerely hope that we can avoid further lockdown restrictions and can work towards some sort of normal life, whatever that means these days. Take care of yourselves and your loved ones.

Glenda & Stuart

The Exhibition

Back in May the ROTA Committee formed a special sub-committee with the task of creating a government sponsored exhibition related to the end of WW2. The sub-committee consisted of Mike Kiernan, Glenda Garde and Stuart Tolliday.

The first requirement was to decide what the exhibition would look like, and how we could display it. That was (relatively) easy and a modular display system was purchased. Then came the next step of defining how the story would be told and then deciding on the words and pictures. It sounds easy but I can assure you there were many hours of discussions before any words were put down.

It was decided that there would be 24 panels, each dedicated to a specific part of the Rats' story. Each panel was given a working title and a word limit based on readability. The task of researching and writing the copy for the panels were divided up between the three committee members, and Heather Step and Tony Smith also contributed.

Karolina Sevcikova put us in touch with Lisa Cammarano, a very talented graphic designer, who agreed to take on the task of making our ideas come to life in an interesting and appropriate fashion. The sub-committee then worked with Lisa over the ensuing months to bring the whole thing together. Each panel was scrutinized to ensure that it was accurate and (hopefully) interesting. Choosing the final titles was a task in itself but there was a great degree of cooperation between the three of us and Lisa.

You might imagine how upset everyone was when it became apparent that the exhibition could not take place as planned in October due to COVID government restrictions. A new date will be found in 2021 of course, but we wanted to give you a sneak preview of what has been achieved. On the following page you will find 5 of the 24 panels. We hope you like what you see, and we really look forward to showing you the full exhibition at Tobruk House next year.

DATES

Sadly, there will be no physical meetings at Tobruk House for the balance of 2021. As soon as it is safe to do so, we will look forward to welcoming people back. We have our fingers crossed for 2021!

OCTOBER 2 75th Anniversary of the establishment of the Rats of Tobruk Victoria Association.

OCTOBER 17/18 The Open Weekend planned has been postponed to 2021.

DECEMBER The traditional Christmas lunch at Tobruk House has been cancelled.

APRIL 11, 2021 Tobruk Sunday. The 80th anniversary. This will be a special commemoration. Please put this date in your diary. More details will follow in the December Tobruk House News.

SPARE CASH?

Many people have found that the pandemic has restricted their discretionary spending, and as a result there are a few extra dollars floating around.

If you find yourself in this fortunate position perhaps you could consider a gift to the Rats of Tobruk Neuroscience Fellowship Fund.

Any amount, big or small helps to perpetuate this important legacy and contributes to better health for children the world over.

The Fellowship has so far supported ten up and coming doctors in their research to expand the understanding of children's neurological disorders and these people are now filling important roles in Children's hospitals around Australia and the wider world.

If you would like to make a donation, you can send a cheque or money order made out to the 'ROTA Neuroscience Fellowship Fund', to the RCH Foundation, Level 2, 48 Flemington Road, Parkville, Victoria, 3052. Please include your name and address so that a tax receipt can be sent to you.



THE RATS OF TOBRUK ASSOCIATION
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To all of the wonderful people on the front line we say Thank you.

To everyone else we say **Stay at home, wash your hands and if you go out, wear a mask!**