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LOCAL HERO RECOGNISED WITH NATIONAL MEDAL



The 100th Anniversary of the Great War Commemorative Medallion was unveiled at the Harry Murray VC statue in Evandale on 20 January 2014.

The medallion features Harry Murray VC, Australia's most highly decorated soldier and Alec Campbell, Australia's last ANZAC.

Harry Murray VC was born and bred in Evandale, went to school in Launceston and then departed for Gallipoli via Perth WA, in 1915. He is one of the finest military heroes in our country and I hope the community gets behind this initiative.

The funds go to supporting the welfare of our veterans and their families. We need to do all we can to promote the service and sacrifice of our veterans. With this commemorative medallion we salute them and their families and say thank you.

Of the 99 Australians awarded a VC, 13 are Tasmanians. We certainly punch above our weight.

The medallion can be ordered through the local sub-branch of the RSL and is an initiative of the RSL that goes nationwide. Well done to the RSL and former RSL State President Tony Scott for this initiative.

"Guy's support has been at the forefront in keeping the Harry Murray memory alive and acknowledging the history of Tasmanians at war."

Lt Col David von Stieglitz (Retired)
Chairman, Harry Murray VC Memorial Committee



Guy with Geoff Leitch, President of Northern Midlands RSL and Stephen Baldock of the Murray Memorial Committee

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OVER 6500 TEDDY SHEEAN VICTORIA CROSS PETITIONS

Teddy Sheean served on the HMAS Armidale and, when attacked on 1 December 1942 and ordered to abandon ship, he returned to his anti-aircraft gun and fired at enemy aircraft to protect his mates being strafed in the water. Teddy Sheean did this in total disregard for his own safety and life, and was seen continuing to fire as the ship went down.

The Defence Tribunal Report decided that Teddy Sheean's bravery was not worthy of a Victoria Cross. We at the Teddy Sheean VC Award Fight team believe this is a grave injustice. Bravery such as that shown by Sheean should be appropriately honoured.

Our petition asks the Tribunal findings be set aside and Sheean's bravery re-considered for a VC, said Garry Ivory, nephew of Teddy Sheean and Guy Barnett, Liberal candidate for Lyons who as a Senator started the push for justice. "It is thanks to Guy's efforts in the Senate and continued support we now have a chance for justice. We will be writing to the incoming Governor-General, former Defence Chief Peter Cosgrove raising our concerns" Mr Ivory said.



Guy with Garry Ivory, nephew of Teddy Sheean

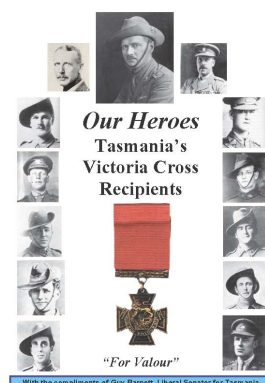


Guy at the Teddy Sheean Memorial in Ulverstone

WE WILL FIGHT ON!

RECENT PERTH MEMORIAL VANDALISM 'SENSELESS'

The recent senseless damage to the Perth Memorial shows complete disrespect. More can and should be done to value and protect the service and sacrifice of our veterans.



With the support of the Tasmanian RSL, Guy published *Our Heroes, Tasmania's Victoria Cross Recipients* that features the story of Harry Murray VC, Australia's most highly decorated soldier and a special chapter on Teddy Sheean.

You can download a copy of *Our Heroes* (now in its third edition) from Guy's website www.guybarnett.com.au.

