

Dear

Animals have played a very significant role in assisting our defence forces over the years. In the context of our Australian forces, dogs have been used for tracking, horses and donkeys have transported soldiers & equipment, pigeons have carried messages, and animals have provided comfort companions.

In 2019 Minister Scott Buchholz announced in Federal parliament that the 24th February would be Australia's official 'War Animal Day'.

I have noticed that your club, does not recognise National War Animal Day, and the important roles that animals have and continue to play in war. Would you consider holding a special memorial service in 2024#?

In 2023, Cronulla RSL held their first War Animal Day memorial service. They have created some great resources for other clubs to use, to help introduce this day into your Club's commemorative calendar. You can find these at www.cronullarslcommunity.com.au/waranimaldayguide

On the day you could also consider fundraising for the Australian War Animal Memorial Organisation (AWAMO), who do fantastic work to support animals who have been impacted by war.

I hope you will consider my request and create a space for our community to commemorate our brave animal friends.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

