



Hundred's up – so it's breakfast time

April 13 2016

The RSL is marking its centenary year with something new – an ANZAC Appeal breakfast at the Adelaide Convention Centre.

The inaugural event has attracted 470 paying guests. As well as dining in style this Friday (April 15), they'll be entertained by a panel of speakers and by the SA Primary Schools Music Festival choir.

The voice of youth will be heard among the speakers panel too. Lauren Hutchinson, 17 (Year 12, Charles Campbell College, Paradise), will talk about her travel to Gallipoli last year as a recipient of the Premier's ANZAC Spirit School Prize.

Her prize-winning essay described the battlefield experiences of the Reverend John McPhee, an Adelaide clergyman who volunteered to serve as a chaplain at Gallipoli. Lauren recalled his dedication to duty, often conducting all-night burial services – and all related in memoirs that “captured the reality of the full brutality of the war”.

The audience will also be addressed by: RSL state president Brigadier Tim Hanna, RSL SA chief executive Julia Langrehr, Adelaide lord mayor Martin Haese, and Vietnam veteran Robert 'Dogs' Kearney.

Funds raised from this event will support the ANZAC Appeal, the RSL's major fundraising event for the first half of the year. The money is distributed to veterans and their families who are experiencing hardship, and to such initiatives as Operation K9 (the assistance dogs programs for veterans with PTSD) and Homes for Heroes (accommodation for veterans who are homeless).

- WHAT:** Inaugural RSL ANZAC Appeal Breakfast
- WHEN:** 7am, Friday, April 15
- WHERE:** Panorama Ballroom, Adelaide Convention Centre
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