

SIGNS UP IN TIME FOR ANZAC DAY!

Council road crews are busy this week installing 65 commemorative road signs in time for ANZAC Day.

"The signs are honouring local World War 1 veterans as part of the Victorian Government's Anzac Commemorative Naming Project," explained John Moylan, South Gippsland Shire Council's Manager of Engineering and Assets. "This has also supported Council to name 15 formerly unnamed roads in the shire. The outcomes have been multiple: we've honoured these veterans, provided clearer addresses for current residents and it has helped Council to manage its road infrastructure better."

A grant from the Victorian Veterans Council is now enabling Council to install the ANZAC Centenary signs on these 15 roads and approximately 50 other roads that already recognise WW1 veterans but haven't had the commemorative insignia."

One of the last formal namings to take place is for the Hallston bridge at the intersection of Leongatha Yarragon Road, Griggs Road and Allambee Estate Road which has been informally known as Mark's Bridge for years.

"Descendants of Cecil Marks and other Hallston residents will formally celebrate the naming with an afternoon tea on ANZAC Day," said Mr Moylan. "Cecil and Ivy Marks farmed the block adjoining the bridge from the early 1900s until Cecil's death in 1944, so the signs are a simple way to record some of the heritage and pioneers of our shire and pique interest for years to come."

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Photo: Alan Baillie, Operations Team Leader, with sign for Sangster Lane, Leongatha (off Hassett St)

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