

## Corporal Cameron Baird VC MG



Department of Defence

Corporal Cameron Stewart Baird VC MG was born in Burnie, Tasmania, on 7 June 1981.

This distinguished soldier was a member of 2nd Commando Regiment and had previously been awarded the Medal for Gallantry in 2007. In February 2014, Baird was awarded the Victoria Cross for Australia posthumously for his actions in Uruzgan province, Afghanistan, on 22 June 2013.

Together with Ben Roberts-Smith, Baird is one of only two soldiers to be awarded both the Victoria Cross for Australia and Medal for Gallantry.

Cpl Baird's personal motto was "Aspire to Inspire". The Tasmanian Government awards a scholarship in Corporal Baird's name each year.



Robert Dick (President, RSL Tasmania), Guy Barnett MP, Doug Baird (father of CPL Cameron Baird VC MG) and Premier Hodgman at the launch of 'Our Heroes, Tasmania's Victoria Cross Recipients' by Guy Barnett at Parliament House.

Copies available at your local RSL for a small donation

## Veteran Grant Programs

The Tasmanian Government supports our veterans' community in a number of ways, including through small grants programs:

### The Centenary of ANZAC Grants Program

Under this program, grants up to \$5 000 available. Visit [www.centenaryofanzac.tas.gov.au/grants\\_and\\_programs/centenary\\_of\\_anzac\\_grants\\_program](http://www.centenaryofanzac.tas.gov.au/grants_and_programs/centenary_of_anzac_grants_program) for more information.

### The Tasmanian Community Fund (TCF)

For not-for-profit organisations and community bodies that make a difference by improving the social, environmental and economic wellbeing of the Tasmanian community. Visit [www.tascomfund.org/about\\_our\\_grants](http://www.tascomfund.org/about_our_grants) for more information.

For other grants or further information please contact my office.

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## A Special Message



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# CENTENARY of ANZAC

TASMANIA REMEMBERS  
2014–2018

ANZAC Day, commemorated on 25 April, not only provides the community with an opportunity to remember the sacrifice of those who served in World War I, but to acknowledge all service personnel who came before and after. In Tasmania today we have more than 11,000 ex-service men and women.

ANZAC Services will be hosted at many locations throughout Tasmania. For a service near you contact RSL Tasmania at [www.rsltas.org.au](http://www.rsltas.org.au) or phone 6242 8900.

## Tasmania's Victoria Cross Recipients

Since 1856 only 100 Australians have been granted a VC. Of these a staggering 14 have been Tasmanians!

- ◆ Trooper John Bisdee
- ◆ Lieutenant Guy Wyllie
- ◆ Lieutenant Colonel Harry Murray
- ◆ Captain Percy Cherry
- ◆ Captain James Newland
- ◆ Sergeant John Whittle
- ◆ Sergeant John Dwyer
- ◆ Sergeant Lewis McGee
- ◆ Sergeant Stanley McDougall
- ◆ Corporal Walter Brown
- ◆ Lieutenant Alfred Gaby
- ◆ Sergeant Percy Statton
- ◆ Lance Corporal Sidney Gordon
- ◆ Corporal Cameron Baird



## CENTENARY ANNIVERSARY OF THE VICTORIA CROSS OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL HARRY MURRAY VC



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*Mad Harry Murray*

*The most highly decorated soldier in the Australian Army and in the Commonwealth for the First World War.*

On 4 and 5 February 1917 Murray, from

Evandale, won the Victoria Cross during action that lasted for nearly 48 hours at Gueudecourt, France.

Murray led a force of 140 men in an assault on a position known as Stormy Trench. During the battle he distinguished himself by encouraging his men, setting an example, leading hand-grenade bombing parties, leading bayonet charges, rescuing the wounded and carrying them to safety, crawling out in no-man's-land on reconnaissance, rallying his men and saving the situation by sheer valour. They were forced to withdraw due to the overwhelming enemy firepower, and only 48 of the 140 survived.

*Together with the Evandale History Society, on 29 March 2017, I hosted the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Harry Murray VC award. With special guests, Doug Baird (father of Corporal Cameron Baird VC MG), and Harry's great niece Anne Batalibasi we paid tribute to this brave soldier.*

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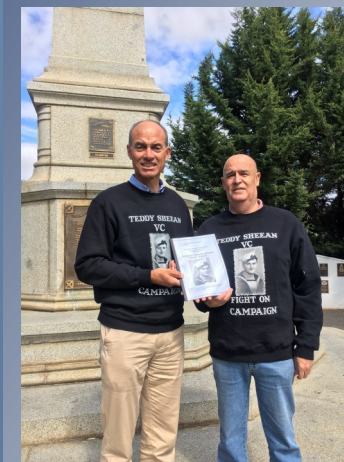
## THE CAMPAIGN FOR TEDDY SHEEAN CONTINUES

The fight to have the extraordinary bravery of Ordinary Seaman Edward 'Teddy' Sheean continues.

Spearheaded by Teddy's nephew Garry Ivory and myself, the campaign has gone all the way to Buckingham Palace, London.

In February 2017 a submission was sent to the British Admiralty seeking reconsideration for an award for bravery in having Teddy's courage recognised with a Victoria Cross.

Sheean, from Latrobe joined the Royal Australian Navy and served on the HMAS Armidale where in 1942, under a hail of enemy aircraft fire, Sheean strapped himself into an Oerlikon gun position and continued firing as his ship disappeared beneath the waves.



He shot down one plane and damaged another, with crewmates seeing tracer bullets rising from beneath the surface as Sheean was dragged under the water, firing until the end.

He died on 1 December 1942 aged just 18, leaving an example of courage that still lives today.

Get behind the campaign at "Teddy Sheean VC Award Fight" on Facebook!



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