

Anzac Day 2008



LEST WE FORGET

Our own lone pine tragedy

NICK CLARK

IN 1915 the Pinner brothers planted two pines atop a rocky hill near Deddington in the shadows of Ben Lomond.

Yesterday more than 50 people gathered under the surviving pine for an informal Anzac Day service to pay tribute to Percy Pinner who was killed in action at Baupomme in France in 1917.

On the trunk is a plaque: "This tree was planted by Percy and Roy Pinner in 1915 before they left for World War I."

"This plaque was affixed in 1966 by Roy Pinner in memory of Percy."

Legend has it that the second pine was struck by lightning and, symbolically, did not survive.

About eight years ago



A DIRECT LOOK:
Percy Pinner

when he came to manage Rodney and Carol Westmore's Patterdale property, Doug White was intrigued by the story of the Pinner and the tree.

He met Roy Pinner's son Rod and generated the idea of an Anzac Day service.

The small gathering of

THIS TREE WAS PLANTED BY PERCY & ROY PINNER IN 1915 BEFORE THEY LEFT FOR WW1. This plaque was affixed in 1966 by Roy Pinner in memory of "PERCY PINNER" Killed in Action BAUPOMME, FRANCE, 1917

REMEMBRANCE: A plaque affixed in 1966 by Roy Pinner in memory of his lost brother Percy.

locals and friends has grown every year.

"It has just spread by word of mouth," Danny Kelly said.

The area has dual significance for members of the Kelly family — Tim, Danny, Anne and their father Leo, who was Patterdale manager

between 1960-72.

"We spread the ashes of our brother Peter on that hill and last Wednesday was the anniversary of his death," Anne said.

Roy Pinner's granddaughter Ann Colgrave came from Beauty Point on the Tamar River for the service.

A photograph of Percy in uniform shows a man with a direct look, despite his young age.

Her poignant memoria-billa contains a Bible which he carried into battle in his chest pocket.

There is a single bullet hole punctuating the words of the Lord.

A brass medallion sent to the family proclaims "he died for freedom and honour".

When she was a 10-year-old at Deddington school, Rosalie Towns swore she would climb the hill to look at the pine.

"Sixty three years later

INTRIGUED: Patterdale property manager Doug White was intrigued by the story of the brothers, Percy and Roy Pinner.

I have made it," she said.

Epping Forest farmer James Walch never used to do anything on Anzac Day "but now we come up every year".

Shortly after the sun has eclipsed Shacks Bluff and locals have had time to reminisce, Mr White begins the service.

Standing against the backdrop of Tasmanian landscape, he plays guitar and sings his self-composed song *Pinner's Pine Hill*.

"The spirit of Anzac is

here all right," he sings.

He talks of Anzac values, Gallipoli and Kokoda.

"Imagine leaving Australian shores behind and venturing into the unknown," he odes.

Guest speaker Mr Walch tweaks the Anzac Day theme and talks of "forgotten heroes" of war.

"Women often are underestimated at Anzac Day and not remembered for the effort they put in," he said.

"Perhaps the toughest part they have had to

endure is how a wife stays at home while her son, father or husband is off fighting in conflict.

"Women have to deal with the legacy of war the pain, the suffering, the loss, the memories."

"They are often the ones who bear the brunt of that, so I think it is important to think about the contribution women have made."

Symbolic of a unique event, Mr White plays *The Last Post* on his mouth organ.



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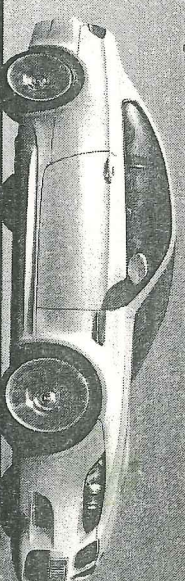
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