



RSL Media Release

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2012 ANZAC AWARDS

Rear Admiral Ken Doolan AO RAN (Retd), RSL National President has announced the recipients of the 2012 ANZAC of the Year awards.

The ANZAC of the Year Awards are made annually *'to recognise the efforts and achievements of up to seven Australians who have given service to their fellow Australians and to the community in a positive, selfless and compassionate manner.'*

The 2012 recipients are:

- **Ann Cook of Victoria**
- in recognition of over 50 years of dedicated service to the community of Melbourne, particular through Oncology Department of St Vincent's Hospital, and as an advocate for patient-focused care.
- **Susan Sherson of Victoria**
- in recognition of over 50 years of dedicated service to the community of Melbourne as a nurse educator, as an advocate for improving patient care and as a campaigner for the recognition of Service nurses.
- **Aidan Grimes of Queensland**
- in recognition of his years of sustained and enthusiastic commitment to the community through his involvement with many community organisations, and in particular through his fostering the understanding and remembrance of Australia's military involvement in the Kokoda Campaign.
- **Anthony Toussaint of New South Wales**
- in recognition of his years of dedicated and committed service to the community of Merimbula and wider community, particularly through the Pambula Lions Club, the Merimbula RSL Sub-Branch and Club, the Robin Hood Service Club, and the Bega Valley Meals on Wheels Plus.
- **Marie Hurley OAM of New South Wales**
- in recognition of her many years of tireless service to the community, particularly through the Nepean Hospital, Neighbourhood Watch and St Finbar's Church.

On behalf of the RSL National Executive and Members, Rear Admiral Doolan has extended his congratulations to the Award recipients. In doing so, Admiral Doolan has added; 'the award recipients exemplify the Spirit of ANZAC within the community through their dedication and commitment to the benefit of others.'

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