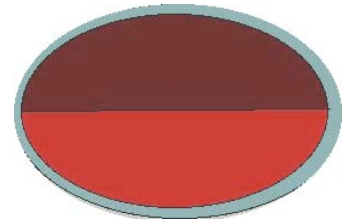


39th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION (1941 – 1943) ASSOCIATION Inc.



HAROLD BOULD (CARDINIA) KOKODA AWARD

The Cardinia Kokoda Award is available each year to Year 10 students who are enrolled in secondary schools in the Cardinia Shire. The award will provide the opportunity for the winning student to join a Kokoda trek at no cost to the winner other than his/her personal equipment and spending money. The successful student will be offered assistance with training prior to the trek.

The award is an initiative of The 39th. Battalion Association.

HOW TO APPLY

Candidates should complete the attached application form and write an essay of not more than 600 words explaining two aspects of the Kokoda campaign:

1. What does the campaign mean to the candidate?
2. What was the importance of the Kokoda campaign to Australia and her allies in 1942-3?

The Candidate's school Principal is asked to provide a confidential reference covering the points in the attached letter to the Principal.

The essay, application form and reference (sent separately) should be submitted to:

The 39th. Battalion Association, C/O, 11 The Helm, Frankston, 3199 before 5pm. on 30th. September.

The selection panel is made up of members of the 39th. Battalion Association and RSL clubs and will shortlist candidates for interview using the essays and references.

KOKODA TREK DETAILS

The trek takes 10 days and covers 100km. of difficult country.

A reasonable level of physical fitness is required along with mental endurance and determination.

Airfare and accommodation costs will be covered.

Personal spending money and equipment costs (boots, clothes, medical supplies) will be met by the student.

Details of the trek and Kokoda Track may be found on: <http://www.kokodahistorical.com.au/>

Details of the campaign may be found in many books and websites including www.39battalion.org

Good luck with your application.

The 39th. Battalion Association.

WHO WAS HARRY BOULD?

This literary competition was first held within the Cardinia Shire in 2008 and was named after Harold Bould.

The competition was open to all year 10 students from all the secondary schools within the Cardinia Shire. The students were invited to submit an essay of approximately six hundred words on "What Kokoda Means to Me" and "What Kokoda meant to Australia"

The concept came from the adjoining Baw Baw Shire, organised by the State Member for Narracan, Gary Blackwood. The purpose of the competition was to encourage the youth to research and understand the sacrifice so many ordinary people, like a farmer from Cardinia, made in WW2 to keep this nation free.

Harold Bould was one of ten children, his family were potato and onion



farmers from Cardinia, near Pakenham, Five brothers from this family enlisted for service during WW2. Harold and his brother Keith did not come home. Private Harold Bould who served in B company, 39th Battalion, was killed in action at Kokoda Village. on 29th July 1942, only eight days after the Japanese invasion of Papua New Guinea, he has no known grave. Brother Keith was taken prisoner at the fall of Singapore and he died when the prison ship returning to Japan was sunk by the Allies.

The words of Lt. Col. Ralph Honner, DSO. MC. CO. 39th Australian Infantry Battalion remind us that:-

"They died so young. They missed so much. They gave up so much, their hopes, their dreams, their loved ones. They laid down their lives that their friends might live. 'Greater love hath no man than this'

The service and sacrifice in defence of our homeland, must always remain as part of our heritage, Our generation has a duty to ensure that the next generation of Australians understand that sacrifice and that it is never forgotten".

The 39th Battalion Association conducts this competition annually and it is our intention that, each year, the winner will receive a fully sponsored escorted trip to Kokoda.

APPLICATION FORM

Name:.....

Address.....

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Phone Number.....

Email.....

School Attended.....

Date of Birth.....

Hobbies/Interests.....

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Signature.....Date.....

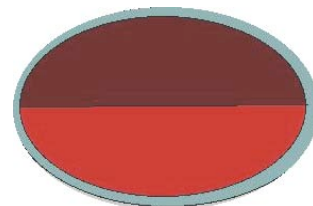
PARENTAL PERMISSION FORM

I consent to my child applying for the Harold Bould (Cardinia) Kokoda Award. I understand that the prize is hoped to be a trek of the Kokoda Track but that is not certain at this stage. I understand that selection is by essay, school reference and interview. Should my child be the winner and the prize is a Kokoda Trek, I realise that I will be responsible for his/her personal equipment and spending money costs. I also realize that I will have to authorize the person in charge of the trek to consent, where it is impracticable to communicate with me, to my child receiving such medical or surgical treatment as may be deemed necessary and I will have to agree to meet any expense incurred therein.

Signed.....Date.....

Office Use: Date received.....Replied.....
Interview arrangements.....

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Please give this letter to your Principal.

Dear Principal,

The student who has given you this letter is requesting a supporting reference for his/her application for the Cardinia Kokoda Award. This award is an initiative of the 39th. Battalion Association which hopes to make the prize a trek over the Kokoda Track. (The 39th. Battalion was made up of volunteers, average age eighteen and a half, and was tasked with preventing the Japanese from taking Port Moresby by way of the Kokoda track. They held the track for five weeks against all odds before being reinforced.) The Association hopes that the award will not only raise awareness among young people of the Battle for Australia but also to give the winner the opportunity to develop personal leadership and teamwork skills.

Therefore, would you please forward a confidential reference by 30th September to:

The 39th. Battalion Association, C/O 11 The Helm, Frankston, 3199.

In your reference would you please comment on the applicant's suitability as an ambassador for his/her family, school and community, together with his/her physical and mental capabilities to complete a physically and emotionally arduous trek as a member of a team.

We value the qualities exhibited by our veterans, particularly determination, endurance, courage, selflessness, and mateship. We are not looking for the best academic for this award but rather, the best person.

Yours sincerely,

Alan Jameson
President
39th. Battalion Association.