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NavShield 2010: 3rd and 4th July

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ANZAC Day, Splendour Rock and Jack Cummings - some history

On ANZAC Day a Dawn Service is held at Splendour Rock which for many years was hosted by the Nepean Bushwalking Club with club member Jack Cummings delivering the Service. Following the death of Jack Cummings, Bill Sanday carried on the tradition on behalf of the Club. Unfortunately the Nepean Club has recently disbanded but Bill has consented to continue to deliver the Service on behalf of Confederation. Some history follows.

BWRS President Keith Maxwell advises that on the underside of the large boulder that houses our Memorial Plaque is a metallised image of Jack Cummings standing east facing the dawn with his cup of tea. To find Jack you need to start down the western side of the rocks just before the "tin can" for the visitors book. Go past the top of Thommo's Chains and around the next boulder. Jack Cummings died tragically in 2001 when his caravan accidentally ran him over as he was moving it. Jack had been active in the bushwalking movement in many ways.

With his wife, Alma, he had run a very welcome radio checkpoint at a number of Bushwalkers Wilderness Rescue Squad (BWRS) NavShields with a warm fire, good company and plenty of tea. Father and son were part of the early group that established another Volunteer Rescue Association (VRA) squad - NSW Cave Rescue. Like BWRS, Cave Rescue uses experienced volunteers to assist the NSW Police when cavers go 'missing'.

Representatives of the above three VRA Squads carried Jack's coffin at his cremation at Wentworth Falls. His ashes were scattered at Splendour Rock and he is still there to welcome bushwalkers.

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