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Windfall for WCA!

It was a challenge for the Warrandyte Community Association when local resident Royna Howell-Naismith noticed that there was a sum of \$6,600 in the ASIC unclaimed moneys account.

It was in the name of the 'Warrandyte Civic Association' which had not made a transaction since 1994. Hence its transfer from the ANZ bank to ASIC.

Could this be claimed by the WCA which has very similar aims for the benefit of the Warrandyte community?

The only surviving name associated with the ANZ account was Warrandyte identity John Verrall, previously well known in the Warrandyte Arts Association.

John, now 92, always takes part in the annual RSL ANZAC March.

The problem was that John had moved out of Warrandyte to Edithvale in the 1980's and no records existed to prove that he was one and the same.

Anyone who's met John will know that there could only possibly be one John Verrall, but this was insufficient for the ANZ bank!

Despite a statutory declaration from John, more evidence was needed.

After a lot of fluffing about, former Doncaster Mayor, Jack Scott, came to the rescue and swore on a stack of bibles that John was indeed John!

When the money is transferred to the WCA, a major use will be to support the 'Be Ready Warrandyte' bushfire program.

Photo shows Jack Scott, John Verrall and WCA President Dick Davies celebrating the success on Anzac Day.

Dick Davies President