

SHOW NOTES

'The Sudden Storm: The AANS sisters of Singapore + Radji Beach'

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This podcast has been made on the traditional lands of the Kurna people, Wurundjeri Woiwurrung people and the Seven Tribes of the First Peoples of the River Murray and Mallee Region of South Australia. We pay our respect to elders past, present and emerging.

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Les Webb	Jack Fran	LTCOL Karl Haas Ret. (Banka Day MC)	

Vocal Actors:

Annie Hastwell	Sienna Bigg	Heath Bigg	Sharyn Roberts
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Shakuhachi

Performed by [Dr. Yuki Tanaka](#) and recorded by [Rod Waterman](#): *Honshirabe* (Prayer), *Tamuke* (Requiem) and *Takiochi* (Cascade).

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Selected tracks from [The Diggers' Requiem](#): arranged, curated and conducted by Christopher Latham (musical artist in residence, Australian War Memorial) with soloists, orchestra and choir.

The Silent Field by Elena Kats-Chernin, performed by soloists & orchestra.

Pie Jesu: MT ST QUENTIN / PERONNE by Graeme Koehne, performed by soloists & orchestra.

Requiem Aeternum by GF Handel (arranged by Latham) with *Dead March from Saul* for accordion (played by David Novak); choir, soloists & orchestra.

Kyrie/ Lord Have Mercy by FS Kelly (arranged by Latham) with *The Somme Lament*, bagpipes (played by Jordan Aiken). Performed by bagpipes, soloists & orchestra.

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Largo from the 'New World Symphony' by Antonín Dvořák. Sung by the [Peninsula Women's Chorus](#) and arranged by Margaret Dryburgh/Norah Chambers, director Patricia Hennings (1998), from CD '[Songs of the Spirit](#)' (1998).

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[‘Vivian Bullwinkel and the Banka Island Massacre: 80 Years On’](#), annual regional History Council of South Australia lecture by Dr. Melanie Oppenheimer.

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[‘Magnificent, untiring service’](#); 2021 International Women’s Day AANS Lecture by Dr. Madonna Grehan for the Shrine of Remembrance.

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This podcast is dedicated to the 65 nurses of the Vyner Brooke and their families - those nurses who made it home, and those who didn't, killed on Radji Beach or perishing as prisoners-of-war. Also to Mrs Carrie Betteridge, the elderly civilian woman who died alongside the 21 nurses on the Radji Beach. It is also dedicated to all nurses and women of service.

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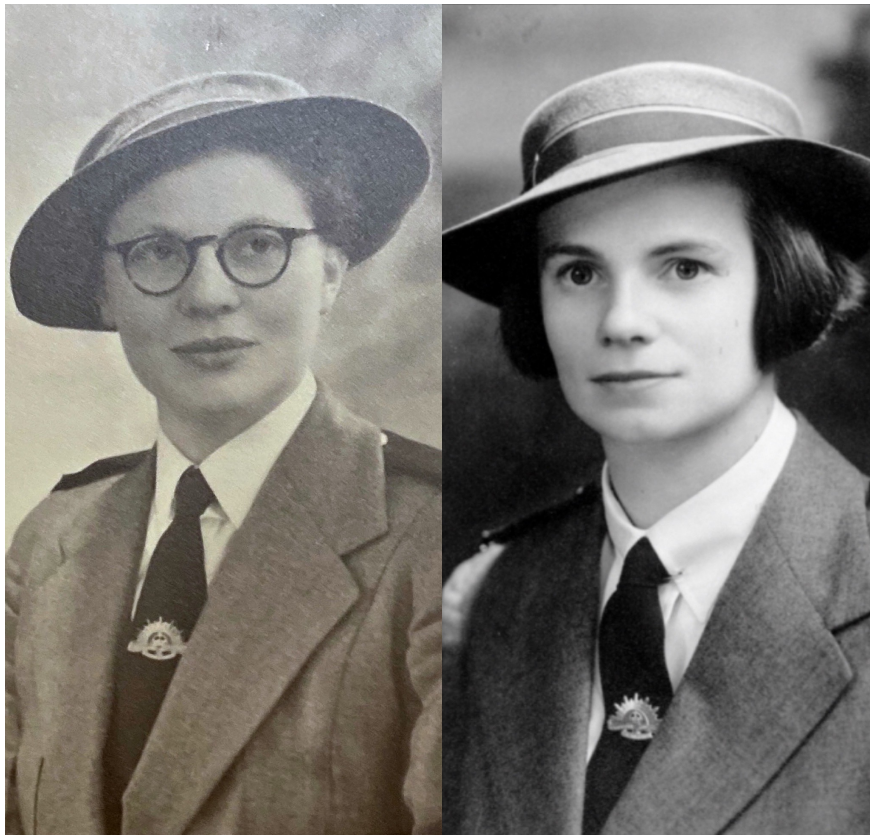
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