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World War 1 (WW1), which is also known as the Great War or First World War, was the first global conflict that originated in Europe. The war started on 27 July 1914 and ended on 11 November 1918.

Australia's involvement in the WW1 began in early August 1914. It was one of the deadliest wars in history. At that time, Australia had less than five million people and in WW1, about 60,000 Australian men were killed and about 156,000 were injured, gassed, or taken prisoner.

Most men who survived the war and went home were. Not only it affected the soldiers, it also affected their parents, friends and children of the soldiers.

There were 600 soldiers from Botany and Mascot, and 168 veterans joined the Mascot RSL. The impact of the war changed everybody in Bayside and Australia.

The life of war veterans would have been hard because of the effect war had on them. Hundreds of thousands of veterans from Bayside and everywhere in the world suffered from physical and psychological trauma. A very common trauma in the war was shell shock. Shell shock is a post-traumatic stress disorder. It is a reaction to the intensity of the fighting that made them panic. As a result of their fear, they were unable to function normally such as inability to sleep, walk or talk.

Ernest Fraser was a war veteran who was both damaged physically and psychologically. He could never remove the memory of his bayonet hitting bone and the body shaking as he was trying to remove his weapon. You might think he is the only soldier that was like this but one soldier can affect the whole community. He acted weird when he came back, so his family and friends would have anxiety. Moreover he would be abusive and start punching and kicking people. He might not seem important, but he is one of the many soldiers in Bayside that were psychologically or physically disabled.

Daceyville was planned to be a happy place with lots of space but since WW1 just finish and they were sending soldiers back, they turned Daceyville into a soldier (and soldier's widow) settlement. New streets, such as Major General Bridges Crescent and Captain Jacka Crescent, were named after Gallipoli heroes. Haig Park was named after the British Commander-in-Chief, and Sergeant Larkin Crescent and Colonel Braund Crescent were named after two members of Parliament who were killed at Gallipoli. They had enrichment groups, employment, and housing for the soldier's and soldier's widow's. In addition they also had over 50 houses for them, a park and in the 1920's they got the flagpole of one of the HMAS (his or her majesty's Australian ship) ship.

WW1 was a treacherous time and everyone in Australia would have been affected either physically or psychologically. Many soldiers from Bayside went and died. If not they would suffer a miserable life even worse than everybody else.

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