



ON A STRING: They'll be talking about Eugene 'Hideway' Bridges' performance at the Workers Club for years. The famed US musician's (pictured) masterful and distinct blend of soul, gospel and blues kept the Saturday night audience (which included Australian music journalist Glenn A Baker) enthralled and entertained. This year's Blues Festival has been hailed as a success, according to organiser Geoff Bell, with the number of venues, buskers and official performers up on previous years.

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Photo: Darryl Fernance

Back to the hill in 2013

By LEIGH BOTTRELL

ROCKY Hill, spiritual home of Goulburn's Anzac Day Dawn Service, won't echo to the evocative bugle notes of the Last Post this year.

Instead, the service will again take place in Belmore Park – thus making it five years since it last was held at the War Memorial.

This is despite the personal views of Goulburn RSL sub-branch president Gordon Wade, who last May confidently asserted the Dawn Service would "definitely go back to the War Memorial."

Why this about-face that will disappoint many people who regard Rocky Hill as the most moving Dawn Service site anywhere in Australia?

Part misunderstanding between the sub-branch and Goulburn Mulwaree Council, part to meet the

wishes of a majority of sub-branch members – not all of them elderly – who balk at the prospect of tackling that last steep pathway up to the memorial from the car park.

But there's good news for everybody. The Dawn Service will, definitely and for sure, take place at Rocky Hill for Anzac Day, 2013.

And, no matter what, that's where the centenary of Anzac will be marked in 2015.

Any moves to forestall the move back to Rocky Hill by pro-Belmore Park sub-branch members is likely to draw young currently serving Australian Defence Force personnel into the issue.

Mr Wade, who has a son in the ADF, says: "Young blokes who've experienced the Dawn Service at the Rocky Hill War Memorial are keen to see it return."

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