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Monthly newsletter of VVAA Sunshine Coast Sub-Branch Inc. NOVEMBER 2022



On Armistice Day — the eleventh hour on the eleventh day of the eleventh month, we pause.

We will remember them. The Armistice, an agreement to end the fighting of the First World War as a prelude to peace negotiations, began at that time on 11 November 1918. Communities around the world continue to mark the Armistice anniversary each year.

However, following the Second World War, it was agreed that the focus should be on all those who died in service of their country (not just the servicemen of the First World War). The day was subsequently renamed Remembrance Day, but its traditions were largely unchanged.

The anniversary's significance was reiterated in 1997, when Governor-General Sir William Deane issued a proc-

## TO REMEMBER ... ALWAYS

lamation urging Australians to "...observe, unless impracticable, one minute's silence at 11am on Remembrance Day each year to remember the sacrifice of those who died or otherwise suffered in Australia's cause in wars and war-like conflicts."

Many will recognise the blood-red poppy as a symbol of remembrance, particularly on Remembrance Day.

This tradition has its origins during the First World War inspired by the fields of poppies that grew in the battle-ravaged fields of the Western Front.

Find a service near you to remember. Lest We Forget.

— ABOVE: A Frank Hurley photo from World War One



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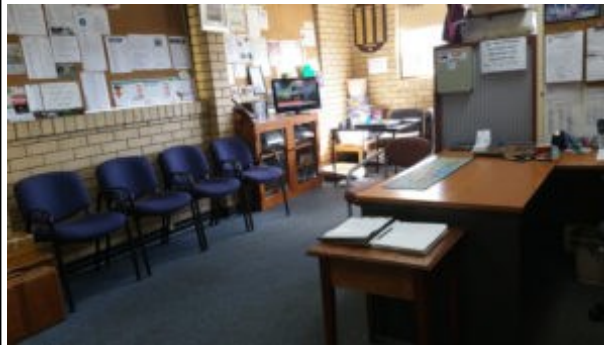
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# FOCUS OF WAR MEMORIAL 'SHOULD REMAIN ON A.D.F.'

The Australian War Memorial should be exclusively to honour Australian Defence Force personnel who have survived in wartime theatres of conflict including peacekeepers, the Returned Services League has said. That applies to all war memorials and cenotaphs around the country.

The RSL said it supported the establishment of memorials to mark those killed in frontier conflicts, but they should be separate from the Australian War Memorial and the Cenotaphs located around Australia.

RSL Australia President Greg Melick said the Australian War Memorial in Canberra and the Cenotaphs honoured all Australian Defence Force personnel, as well as peacekeepers who served our nation in wars and conflicts overseas.

"This includes First Nations' personnel who served in our armed forces with courage and honour, as well as servicemen and women of all backgrounds," he said.

"The frontier conflicts are an entirely different matter and are a significant part of our history that would be more appropriately told in the National Museum or a specific national memorial.

"While some frontier conflicts have been featured in Australian War Memorial galleries and touring exhibitions, these have been mounted to provide some context to the subsequent service of First Nations' people in the ADF.

"Surely, the soon to be established, and publicly funded Ngurra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Precinct in the heart of Canberra, between Parliament House and the Australian War Memorial, could provide an opportunity for national recognition of the frontier conflicts.

"The Australian War Memorial honours the sacrifice of those who have served our nation in armed conflicts and peacekeeping operations, and it is right and appropriate that this is exclusively maintained."

Recently, War Memorial Council chair Dr Brendan Nelson said: "The council has made the decision that we will have a much broader, much deeper depiction and presentation of the violence committed against Aboriginal people, initially by British, then by pastoralists, then by police and by Aboriginal militia."

As The Australian reported, "But to many on both sides of this debate, Nelson's words were interpreted as a fundamental shift in the role of the War Memorial and an official recognition that frontier conflicts were a central part of Australia's war history."

Mr Melick says the portrayal of frontier wars within the Memorial should be a limited one because other institutions should be telling that story.

An extensive article in the Weekend Australian Inquirer by Cameron Stewart is available on the Royal Australian Regiment website at <https://www.rarnational.org.au/war-memorial-caught-in-the-crossfire/>



## BUDGET:

# DVA to address claims backlog

The recent Commonwealth Budget included some increases for Department of Veterans Affairs including 500 new frontline staff to address the compensation claims backlog and deliver faster decisions for veterans and families.

However, there has been no action to address the anomaly between the funeral benefits for older and younger veterans, that is, those covered by the previous Veterans Entitlement Act such as Vietnam veterans, and later legislation.

Apparently, the commitment made by Labor in 2019 to address the issue has not been continued, given that the later Coalition government did not either.

The VEA entitlement is a maximum \$2000 and under the later Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004 it is up to \$13,000; but both have varying bereavement entitlements

The Australian Government is investing \$537.5 million to DVA in the 2022-23 October Budget. In 2022-23, \$11.5 billion will be allocated to the veteran support system.

The additional staff to handle claims is one of several measures in response to the Interim Report from the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide.

Other budget measures include:

Modernising DVA's IT systems and improve the administration of the claims processing system and veterans' services;

Further support for the health and wellbeing of veterans and families, including establishing 10 more Veterans' and Families' Hubs;

A new Veteran Employment Program;

An increase to the Totally and Permanently Incapacitated (TPI) Payment to support around 27,000 of our most vulnerable veterans.

More information on the DVA website.

## From the President

Hi Everyone,

Hope you are all safe and well. Once again, we have been very busy at the Drop-In Centre.

Our Treasurer, Glen Preston is still on sick report and is expected to return to hospital in the next few weeks for further surgery on his back. We all wish you a speedy recovery Glen and hope you return to the fold soon, both fit and well.

The 'Sappers' lunch at Mudjimba RSL Sub-Branch was amazing with the rain managing to hold off until late in the afternoon. The breakfast was also very well attended after, which the organising committee showed their tribute to our volunteers for their efforts over the two-day period by bestowing upon us an extremely well-presented wall plaque, which is now held at the Drop-In Centre.

Although a fair bit of organising was involved to undertake the two functions, it was an absolute delight to host the group and once again, our committee and its volunteers have risen to the occasion. So; to those who assisted at either or both of the functions, I say a heartedly 'well done and thank you once again.'

Speaking of volunteers, we have a very busy No-

vember coming so will you please remember to check your e-mails for 'Heads-Up' messages requesting assistance at various venues in the very near future.

An e-mail will shortly be sent to our volunteers from Garry King, which will detail the information you require to attend our 'Volunteers Lunch.' The committee hopes to see both you and yours at the gathering and as we have been unable to hold this event over the past couple of years due to Covid issues, we can assure you that we plan to make up for it this year.

Well, that's about it for the moment. Remember, if you have any ideas or thoughts on how we can improve our Association, drop us a line or give us a call at the office. We welcome all feedback, good or bad.

**Best Regards,  
Mick Howe,  
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## From the Secretary

Well here we are in the month of November and left wondering where the year went. Soon all the talk will be Melbourne Cup and Christmas.

We also have the volunteers BBQ in November and a busy lead up to the end of the year.

Mick Howe has locked in a BBQ with Cotton Tree Meats (**below**) on Saturday, 19 November, one which I am unable to attend. Mick will be looking for three or four volunteers

for about six hours in King Street, Cotton Tree. Should be fun.

We have had a successful past month attending to the Sappers luncheon at Mudjimba RSL and the following morning breakfast at Mooloolaba Surf club in somewhat trying conditions. Needless to say, all went extremely well on both occasions.

You would probably have received my email regarding Australia Zoo and the annual Veterans Day on 3 November.

Veterans are admitted free with a partner, on showing a record of their service.

Our treasurer remains on duty working from home and we wish him luck for the coming weeks when he will be back in hospital to get the original problem sorted.

Remembrance Day sales start on 8 November at our usual three sites. If you can lend a hand give myself or the DIC a call to arrange times and dates available.

Mal Overend has the DIC sign in hand and will advise progress as to when we need a cherry picker to re-align the sign to it's original position.

Ladies Day luncheon plans are well underway and the book to register your intention to attend is on the Duty Officer's desk.

I trust this report, when received, finds you well and happy and ready to face the oncoming festive season.

*Kind regards  
Garry King*



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# NOTICE TO MEMBERS

## LADIES DAY LUNCH

This year's Ladies Day Lunch will be held in the upstairs

Function Room of the Maroochy RSL Club on Thursday, 8 December, 2022 from noon to 3 pm.

This function is completely free of cost and will include a three-course meal, wine, soft drink and tea and coffee. There will be live entertainment and you are guaranteed a great day out..

The occasion is once again to say 'Thank You' to our long-suffering partners who have been forced to endure anxiety and strain over the years, simply because they are the spouse of a veteran.

The Lunch is open to current financial Association Members (Ladies only), Partners and Widows of Association Members

**Important: If you plan on attending the gathering, you must register by contacting the Duty Officer at the Drop-In Centre on 54794552. Your details will be recorded.**

**Please register by 24 November to allow for catering purposes. If you have any dietary requirements please advise the nature of such when registering.**

I hope you all have a wonderful day. — Mick Howe, President



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Scotaville 2022 was very successful in raising \$25,000 for Legacy. We intend to do it all again next year, though in 2023 we hope to raise substantially more for our favoured Charity - Legacy.

This year we positively proved that a small engine scooter would no way be able to complete the journey, it might be a great little commuter, but it's definitely not a road bike.

About a month out, fate and Murphy stepped in and we rode Honda CB-125 bikes instead of the planned Mopeds but they too lacked the necessary punch when called upon - so we've decided to go a bit bigger.

We're looking at a Kymco Agility 200 scooter which we feel will be perfect but we need to test one. We've

decided to raffle our trusty little 50cc Moped and buy a 200 and give it a thorough test.

Please get behind this raffle, it's all for a good cause, to raise funds for Legacy and you could win yourself a great little commuter.

You'll find info on the raffle and how to get some tickets here. <https://radschool.org.au/raffles/Kymco/Moped2.htm>

Thank you,  
Trev Benneworth, organiser

**ABOVE: Scootervillers who took part in the ride included our member Arthur Reeves. Good on you Arthur.**



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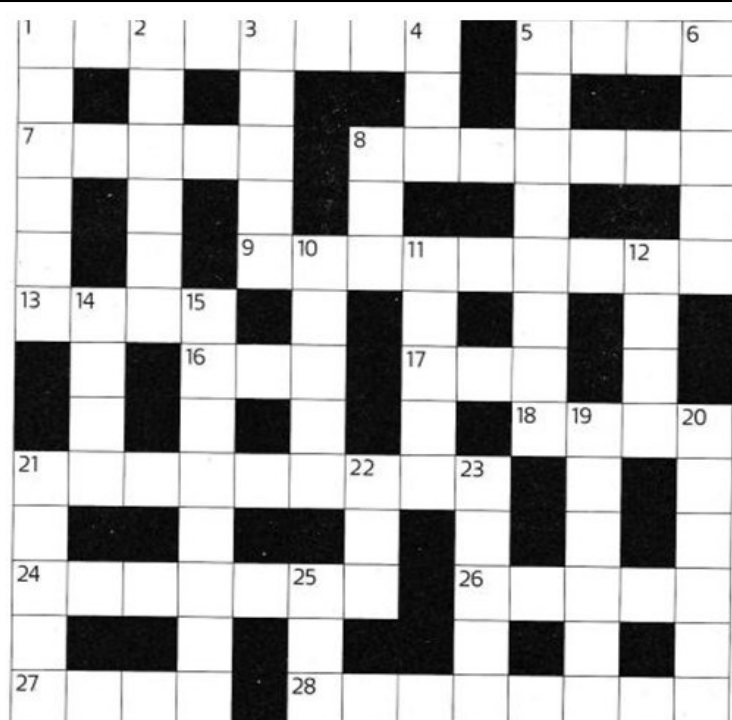
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# JC's BEFUDDLEMENT PAGE ....



## Aussie Trivia

1. During which year of the 1980s was it first possible to spend a \$1 coin?
2. Which Australian City was the first to host a Summer Olympics?
3. Which Australian university became the first in Australia to admit women as student on equal terms back in 1881?
4. In 1968, which US fast-food chain became the first to open a branch in Australia? opening a branch in the western Sydney suburb of Guildford.
5. Name the first horse to be a three-time winner of the Melbourne Cup?
6. Who in 1984 became Australia's first female heart transplant recipient?
7. What was the name of the first full-length feature film made entirely in an Australian Aboriginal language, released in 2006?
8. Racehorse Delta Blues, winner of the Melbourne Cup in 2006, was from which country?
9. Charles Kingsford Smith made the first Tasman air flight in September 1928 when he flew 14 hours from Richmond Airport in Sydney to which New Zealand city?
10. On what occasion was Advance Australia Fair first played internationally as the national anthem?
11. Australia has some spectacular waterfalls, which state is home to the highest permanent single drop waterfall? .
12. Many Aussie road trippers have a visit to Poeppel Corner on their wish list. Where exactly in Australia is Poeppel Corner?
13. The wine-growing region of Swan Valley is a popular day trip from which Australia city?
14. In which state is Australia's deepest lake, Lake St Clair?
15. You will find the SS Maheno Shipwreck on the beach on which Australian Island?
16. How many years after we elected the first women politicians was a toilet for women made available to them? Was it 9 years, 22 years, 31 years?
17. Who was the first indigenous Australian to sit in the Parliament of Australia?
18. Who was the first Australian woman to win a Wimbledon singles title?
19. Who is the only Australian woman to compete in both the summer and winter Olympics?
20. Who won the Gold Logie 4 consecutive years from 1997 to 2000?

### ACROSS

1. Uncommunicative (8)
5. Recompensed (4)
7. Ugandan president ousted by Amin (5)
8. Kilt-pouch (7)
9. Schedule (9)
13. Imperial measurement (4)
16. Anger (3)
17. Fall ill (3)
18. Sword (4)
21. Administration group (9)
24. Violent windstorm (7)
26. Australian town, \_\_\_ Springs (5)
27. Bee colony (4)
28. Structural support (8)

### DOWN

1. Cup (6)
2. Common pasture plant (6)
3. River of central England (5)
4. Pinch (3)
5. Easily moved (8)
6. Numbskull (5)
8. Total (3)
10. Clumsy (5)
11. Dodge (5)
12. Dwell (4)
14. Frizzy hair style (4)
15. Shimmering fabric (8)
19. Extol (6)
20. Walks in (6)
21. Haul (5)
22. Pair (3)
23. Accurate (5)
25. Flatfish (3)

## November Conundrums

1. What is unusual about the following words: revive, banana, grammar, voodoo, assess, potato, dresser, uneven?
2. Where does today come before yesterday?
3. What is black when it's clean and white when it's dirty?
4. What is cut on a table, but is never eaten?
5. A man describes his daughters, saying, "They are all blonde, but two; all brunette but two; and all redheaded but two." How many daughters does he have?
6. Guess the next three letters in the series GTNTL.

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# Lunch is popular

*OCTOBER Riflemen's Lunch carried on the popularity of the event at Mooloolaba Surf Club, on the first Friday monthly. — photos by Steve Jerome.*



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# When you're laughing, the whole world laughs with you

From a book called *Disorder in the American Courts*, what was actually said in court, word for word, taken down and now published by court reporters that had the torment of staying calm while these exchanges were actually taking place.

ATTORNEY: What gear were you in at the moment of the impact?

WITNESS: Gucci sweats and Reeboks.

A: This myasthenia gravis, does it affect your memory at all?

W: Yes .

A: And in what ways does it affect your memory?

W: I forget.

A: You forget? Can you give us an example of something you forgot?

A: Now doctor, isn't it true that when a person dies in his sleep, he doesn't know about it until the next morning?

W: Did you actually pass the bar exam?

A: The youngest son, the twenty-year-old, how old is he?

W: He's twenty, much like your IQ.

A: Were you present when your picture was taken?

W: Are you shitting me?

A: So the date of conception (of the baby) was August 8th?

W: Yes.

A: And what were you doing at that time?

A: She had three children, right?

W: Yes.

A: How many were boys?

W: None.

A: Were there any girls?

W: Your Honour, I think I need a different A. Can I get a new A?

A: How was your first marriage terminated?

W: By death.

A: And by whose death was it terminated?

W: Take a guess.

A: Can you describe the individual?

W: He was about medium height and had a beard.

A: Was this a male or a female?

W: Unless the circus was in town, I'm going with male.

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A: Is your appearance here this morning pursuant to a deposition notice which I sent to your A?

W: No, this is how I dress when I go to work.

A: Doctor, how many of your autopsies have you performed on dead people?

W: All of them. The live ones put up too much of a fight.

A: ALL your responses MUST be oral, OK? What school did you go to?

W: Oral.

A: Do you recall the time that you examined the body?

W : The autopsy started around 8:30 p.m.

A: And Mr. Denton was dead at the time?

W: I believe so. If not, he was by the time I finished.

A: And the best for last:

A: Doctor, before you performed the autopsy, did you check for a pulse?

W: No.

A: Did you check for blood pressure?

W: No.

A: Did you check for breathing?

W: No.

A: So, then it is possible that the patient was alive when you began the autopsy?

W: No.

A: How can you be so sure, Doctor?

W: Because his brain was sitting on my desk in a jar.

A: I see, but could the patient have still been alive, nevertheless?

W: Yes, it is possible that he could have been alive and practicing law.

— from Mick Howe.

Eleven people were hanging on a rope, under a helicopter.

10 men and 1 woman.

The rope was not strong enough to carry them all, so they decided that one had to leave, Because otherwise they were all going to fall.

They weren't able to choose that person, until the woman gave a very touching speech.

She said that she would voluntarily let go of the rope, because, as a woman, she was used to giving up everything for her husband and kids or for men in general, and was used to always making sacrifices with little in return.

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## November Timeline — Diem to Holden

**2 November 1963:** Ngô Đình Diệm, South Vietnam's first President (1955–63), and his brother, Ngô Đình Nhu, are assassinated in a successful CIA-backed coup d'état led by General Dương Văn Minh of the Army of the Republic of Vietnam (ARVN).

**4 November 1930:** Phar Lap won the Melbourne Cup, winning 37 races from 51 starts, becoming a legend of Australian sporting history. His sensational rise from humble beginnings captured the public's imagination during the difficult years of the 1930s Great Depression. His death in the United States in 1932 prompted an outpouring of anger and grief.

**8 November 1965:** 1RAR fights one of the first set-piece

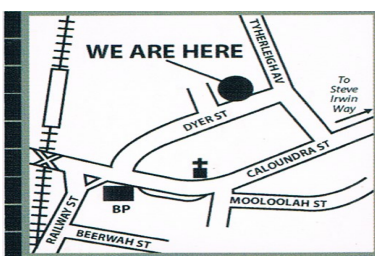
engagements of the war between Australian forces and the Viet Cong at the Battle of Gang Toi. Two servicemen, Private Richard Parker and Private Peter Gillson, are posted missing believed killed during the fighting. Their bodies are recovered more than 40 years later, and returned to Australia for burial.

**10 November 1964:** Selective conscription is introduced for 20-year-old males by ballot under the National Service Act (1964). Between 1964 and 1972, around 804,000 men registered for national service, of whom more than 63,000 were called up to serve in the Army where many were integrated into regular units that served in Vietnam. The Australian Government announced the withdrawal of troops from Vietnam in 1971, followed by the termination of the scheme in December 1972.

**11 November 1918:** At 5am, in Marshal Foch's railway car in the Forest of Compiègne, the Armistice between the Allied and Central Powers was signed, silencing the guns of World War I effective at 11am – the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month.

**11 November 1975:** After a series of dramatic events including a 1974 double dissolution and a budgetary supply crisis, the Gough Whitlam-led federal Labor government became the first (and only) government in Australian history to be dismissed by the Governor-General.

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## November Timeline — Diem to Holden

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**12 November 1894:** Lawrence Hargrave, Australian inventor, astronomer, explorer and historian, connected four box kites of his own design. Having added a seat, he flew with the kites 16 feet (4.8 metres) off the ground, thus proving to the world that it was possible to build a safe, heavier-than-air flying machine.

**13 November 1942:** Five Sullivan Brothers from Waterloo, Iowa, were lost in the sinking of the cruiser USS Juneau by a Japanese torpedo off Guadalcanal during World War II in the Pacific. Following their deaths, the US Navy changed regulations to prohibit close relatives from serving on the same ship.

**13 November 1965:** Warrant Officer Class Two Kevin Arthur Wheatley dies while defending a wounded comrade. He is posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross for his gallantry.

**16 November 1920:** W. Hudson Fysh, Paul McGinness



and Fergus McMaster established the Queensland and Northern Territory Aerial Services Ltd with two open-cabin biplanes. Today Qantas is the second oldest airline in the world and the company and its flying kangaroo livery are Australian icons.

**22 November 1963:** Lyndon B. Johnson becomes US president after the assassination of John F. Kennedy. Johnson announces that the US will continue support of South Vietnam. By the end of 1963, 15,000 US advisors are serving in Vietnam; the US gives \$500m in aid to Vietnam that year.

**29 November 1948:** Launch of Australia's first locally made mass-production car was a milestone in Australian manufacturing. The FX (pictured) was an immediate success. The Holden transformed suburban Australia, boosted national pride and quickly become a national icon.

Sources include:

<https://www.nma.gov.au/defining-moments/defining-moments-timeline>

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Military\\_history\\_of\\_Australia\\_during\\_the\\_Vietnam\\_War](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Military_history_of_Australia_during_the_Vietnam_War)

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# Sapper rewarded for years in fire service

MEMBER Mal Overend finished his National Service as a Sapper after a tour of duty in Vietnam, and a few years later he became a Captain with the Queensland Fire and Rescue Authority.

In 1999, as Fire Services Chief (**right**) he was rewarded for 30 years voluntary service with the authority in his hometown of Oakey west of Toowoomba – and home of Army Aviation.

Mal's father served in the RAAF in World War Two and discharged at Oakey, where he stayed and set up a painting and signwriting business. Mal finished a five-year apprenticeship with him before being called up as a 20-year-old.

He served with 17 Construction Squadron in Vietnam from September 1969 to August 1970 (**below right**).

He and wife Kaye took over his father's business in 1986. They have had some tough times along the way – Mal's sister died just before he went to Vietnam and they lost a son at the age of 31.

They also have a daughter who has given them three grandchildren.

Mal is a keen lawn bowler, but has been busy the last few weeks, coming out of retirement to refurbish the Drop-In Centre sign that overlooks his bowls club.



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As we approach Armistice Day, or as it is now called, Remembrance Day, we sadly acknowledge that all troops and nurses who served in the 1914 to 1918 war, termed 'The Great War, World War 1 or 'The War to End All Wars' are no longer with us.

I have the honour of yet again officiating at the Caloundra RSL to remember those who paid the supreme sacrifice; as well as those who came home broken in body and spirit, suffering from what we now call PTSD, but in those days, 'Shell Shock'.

On Remembrance Day we will remember those who without the modern communications we have today of iPhones, iPads, and much faster mail services, lived lonely lives in the trenches and waited for letters from home to hear of the two-month stale news.

Dysentery and scurvy were rife among the troops on the battlefield, further irritated by the heavy material in their uniforms, the irregular availability of showers, unpalatable rations and lack of fresh meat and vegetables.

Rupert Murdoch had visited the troops in the field and reported their appalling conditions to Lloyd George who promised to pass the plight of the Australian soldier in the battlefield on to Australia's Prime Minister, the Hon. Billy Hughes.

No matter how we polish up the stories of our men in battle, they lived in atrocious conditions.

But out of that terrible situation sprang a new type of English language.



Something that did not work as it should, became a 'dud,' not hitherto given that title before the Great War.

And then there was the exaggerated story which became known as 'a furphy.' Most of you know how that word came into being but allow me to tell you.

## Fireside with the Padre



John Furphy built a foundry in Kyneton in Victoria, before increasing his business to Shepparton. There the foundry built water carts for Australian farmers.

Furphy water carts first appeared in the Broadmeadows Army Barracks as Australian troops gathered and trained there prior to embarkation overseas to assist the British in their war effort.

Once on the battle fields of Europe, the Furphy water carts provided fresh water to quench the thirst of war weary 'Diggers'. Soldiers collected their mail from home around the Furphy water carts. It became a place to while away their rest breaks, with a cup of water and a cigarette. It was a place to relate their yarns, both of home and of the battlefield. The stories became more exaggerated as time passed by and far exceeded the original telling of the yarn.

The plate on the rear of the water cart, (see photo of same from my Commanding Officer in Hong Kong) became collector's items.

I trust all our members will attend a Remembrance Day service somewhere along the Coast and share your yarns that were told at the rear of the Furphy water carts.

Until next month, have a blessed time and keep well.

**Arthur Fry**  
**Honorary Chaplain**



## Answers from page 9



### AUSSIE TRIVIA

1. **1984**, May 14 to be exact!
2. **Melbourne** hosted the Summer Olympics in 1956.
3. **The University of Adelaide** was the second in the world to admit female students on equal terms in 1881.
4. **KFC** was the first US fast-food chain to open in Australia,
5. **Makybe Diva** won the Melbourne Cup in three consecutive races in 2003, 2004 and 2005.
6. **Fiona Coote**, at the age of just 14 years, in April 1984.
7. **Ten Canoes**, set in Arnhem Land,
8. **Delta Blues** was the first Japanese horse to win the Melbourne Cup.
9. Kingsford Smith flew from Richmond in Sydney's west to **Christchurch**
10. **Los Angeles Olympics 1984** – Advance Australia Fair, national anthem of Australia, adopted on April 19, 1984.
11. **Wallerman Falls in Queensland** is the highest single drop waterfall.
12. It is the **spot where the borders of NT SA and QLD**

**meet.**

13. The Swan Valley is 25 minutes northeast of **Perth** and home to over 40 wineries.
14. **Tasmania**, Lake St Clair has an area of approx 45 square km (17 sq mi), and a maximum depth of 215m (705 ft), making it Australia's deepest lake.
15. The SS Maheno can be found near Happy Valley on 75 mile Beach on **Fraser Island**.
16. The first toilet opened in 1974, **31 years** after the first women politicians were elected.
17. **Neville Bonner**. Bonner represented Qld and the Liberal Party in the Upper House from 1971 to 1983.
18. **Margaret Court**. She went on to win 24 Grand Slam women's singles titles.
19. **Jana Pittman** competed in athletics at the Sydney 2000 and Athens 2004 and women's bobsleigh at the Sochi 2014.
20. **Lisa McCune** for her role in cop show Blue Heelers.

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## Sappers get together

*SOME of the sappers from 14 Troop, 17 Construction Squadron RAE (Namibia) who got together recently at Camp Gregory Retreat. It was up to 30 years since some had caught up. They were greatly appreciative of the hospitality at Camp Gregory. Our sub-branch also recently catered for a group of sappers at Mudjimba RSL.*

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### CONUNDRUMS

1. Take the first letter of each word and place it at the end. It will spell the same word backward
2. The dictionary
3. A blackboard
4. A deck of cards
5. Three. A blonde, a brunette and a redhead
6. I, T, S. The complete sequence is the first letter of every word in the sentence.

### CROSSWORD

**Across:** 1. Taciturn, 5. Paid, 7. Obote, 8. Sporan, 9. Timetable, 13. Yard, 16. Ire, 17. Ail, 18. Epee, 21. Committee, 24. Tornado, 26. Alice, 27. Hive, 28. Buttress.

**Down:** 1. Trophy, 2. Clover, 3. Trent, 4. Nip, 5. Portable, 6. Dunce, 8. Sum, 10. Inept, 11. Evade, 12. Live, 14. Afro, 15. Diamante, 19. Praise, 20. Enters, 21. Catch, 22. Two, 23. Exact, 25. Dab.



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**NEVER** know when we will need it ... Mooloolaba Surf Life Saving Club captain John Lowe presents a defibrillator to our President, Mick Howe, at a Thursday breakfast.



**AROUND** first Thursday each month a few volunteers turn up prepare our Ricochet newsletters for Australia Post mailout. Last month they included Gordon, Garry, Bob and JC (and someone hanging around the fridge).

## MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING, TUESDAY 18 OCTOBER 2022

**Meeting opened at 1105hrs.** *Ode to the Fallen* recited by Garry King.

**Attendance:** as per book. **Apologies:** as per book.

**Previous Minutes read by:** Mick Howe, moved: Mick Howe, seconded: Athol Johnston. CARRIED. Business arising from minutes: Approval given to costing of the VV sign to be repainted and repaired. The missing shirts had been located. Volunteers shirts to be purchased for Johnno's daughter and grandson who volunteered at the Sappers Re-union.

**Correspondence/Secretary:** Inwards from Arthur Fry; VVAASC not participating in Remembrance Day at Caloundra Air Museum. VV Day acquittal \$2130. Sappers Lunch thank you to the volunteers and the volunteers for the breakfast on the Monday in atrocious weather. Plaque received from Sapper's in appreciation. Thanks to IGA Maud St Maroochydore for \$150 donation where the food for the functions was obtained. A Certificate of Appreciation to be organised. Moved Garry King, seconded Bob Johnson, carried. No business arising.

**Treasurer's Report:** Basic information read by Mick Howe. More details available upon request. Moved Mick Howe, seconded Gordon Hall, carried. No business arising.

**Membership:** Garry King advised NTR.

**Ricochet:** Kerry White informed the Meeting that the VVAASC website had been off-line for one week due to the Domain Name Hosting non-payment; he rectified the situation with payment. Moved Kerry White, seconded Mal Overend, carried. No business arising.

**Sub-Committee:** John Cunningham advised the Ladies' Lunch in progress, names to placed in book on desk in the VDIC, usual rules apply for attendance. Moved John Cunningham, seconded John Huxham, carried. No business arising.

**Merchandise:** Johnno advised the Military Shop sales items have arrived. Sales points to be at Sippy Downs, Buderim and Spotlight Maroochydore. Poppies on order from the ANZAC Day Memorial Fund. More items to be ordered from Military Shop. Move Johnno, seconded Mike Gay, carried. No business arising.

**DHJ:** Scotty told the Meeting that there were four attendees to this Month's DHJ. An order to WA cannot be processed due to low supply, order to Newcastle of 50 pennies fulfilled. Queried any new source of pennies found? The hosts of DHJ invited to Volunteers Day. Moved Scotty, seconded David Oliver, carried. Business arising: More pennies needed, plenty of half pennies but low stock of pennies.

### General Business:

**G.Hall:** Volunteers required for Remembrance Day. Email to be sent out. Sippy Downs the exception with four days of sales: Sippy Downs: MON/TUE/WED/THU. Buderim and Spotlight Maroochydore: TUE/WED/THU.

**Mal O:** when replacing the refurbished VV sign a cherry picker capable of a 7 metre reach be obtained.

Meeting closed at 1130hrs.

**NEXT MEETING 1100HRS (11am) TUESDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2022**

# Roll of Honour – Vietnam, November 1962-75

## November 1965

Gillson, Peter Raymond (37857), 20, 1RAR, Pte, Faw-kner Crematorium & Memorial Park, Melbourne.

Hillier, Reginald Hedley (42774), 26, 1RAR, Cpl, Adelaide River War Cemetery, NT (originally Terendak, Malaysia).

Parker, Richard Harold J (213963), 24, 1RAR, LCpl, Woden Cemetery, ACT.

Swanton, Ronald James (13841), 29, AATTV (attached RAI), Sgt (TempWO2), Mount Thompson Crematorium, Brisbane.

Wheatley, Kevin Arthur (29890), 28, AATTV (attached RAI), Sgt (TempWO2), Garden of Remembrance, Rookwood, Sydney.

## November 1966

Hendle, Terence Edward (18256), 20, 6RAR, LCpl, Pinnaroo Cemetery and Crematorium, Brisbane.

Kirkwood, John Lynden (A113169), 19, Base Squadron Ubon (RAAF), AC, Ipswich, Qld.

Nilsen, Erald Herman (1200083), 20, 5RAR, Pte, Dunwich Cemetery, Qld.

Pracy, Noel Arthur (216044), 20, 5RAR, Pte, Garden of Remembrance, Rookwood, Sydney.

Watson, Bryan Phillip (5713748), 21, 5RAR, LCpl, Karakatta Cemetery, WA.

## November 1967

Allen, Norman George (2784699), 21, 7RAR, Sydney War Cemetery, Rookwood, Sydney.

Bell, Ronald John (5714249), 22, 2RAR, Pte, Allambie Park Cemetery, Albany, WA.

Cullen, Bryan Thomas (217314), 20, 7RAR, Pte, Garden of Remembrance, Rookwood, Sydney.

Fallon, Barry Edmond (216906), 31, 7RAR, Pte, Southport Cemetery, Qld.

Hawker, Norman Victor G (3789232), 22, 7RAR, Pte, Kaniva and Lillimur Cemetery, Vic.

Hutchison, Maurice John (1200455), 28, 1FldSqn, Spr (TempCpl), Pinnaroo Cemetery and Crematorium, Brisbane.

Moore, Barry John (242811), 30, 1 ED Sqn (RAE), SSG (TempWO2), Urunga Cemetery, NSW.

Pettitt, Noel Charles (3790094), 21, 2RAR, Pte, Merbein Public Cemetery, Vic.

Rivett, Jeffrey Clive (4410710), 24, 2RAR, Pte, Murray Bridge Cemetery, SA.

Tregear, Barry (2412508), 29, 4FldRegt, Gnr, Rookwood Military Cemetery, Sydney.

## November 1968

Annesley, Frederick John (2784162), 22, 1RAR, Cpl, Eastern Suburbs Crematorium, Botany, Sydney.

Donnelly, William Wayne (217898), 19, 1RAR, Pte, Rookwood Necropolis, Sydney.

Gibbs, Ian James (5715657), 21, 1RAR, Pte, Wandering Cemetery, WA.

Hughes, Rodney Donald (1201350), 20, 1RAR, Pte, Bowen, Qld.

Langlands, Terrance Edward (2786939), 23, 1RAR, 2Lt, Garden of Remembrance, Rookwood, Sydney.

Quigley, Anthony Vincent (4719160), 21, 3RAR, LCpl, Centennial Park Cemetery, Adelaide.

## November 1969

Bink, Martin (2275420), 25, 9RAR, LCpl, Woden Cemetery, ACT.

Convery, Robert Tom (38627), 22, 9RAR, Lt, Fawknor Memorial Park, Moreland City, Vic

Linton, Matthew Philip (1734491), 21, 5RAR, Pte, Mount Thompson Crematorium, Brisbane.

Lisle, Anthony (2791437), 23, 1 FldSqn, Spr, Rockhampton Cemetery, Qld.

Suttor, Henry Edward (218006), 26, 5RAR, LCpl (TempCpl), Canobolas Orange Crematorium, Orange, NSW.

Troy, Kevin John (22696), 47, AATV (attached RAI), WO2, Garden of Remembrance, Rookwood, Sydney.

White, Michael Paul (217191), 20, 5RAR, LCpl, Dawson Cemetery, Taree, NSW.

## November 1970

Carver, Robert Charles (O119223), 24, 2Sqn RAAF, Pilot Officer, (remains retrieved 2009) Pinnaroo Cemetery, Brisbane, Qld.

Herbert, Michael Patrick John (O44310), 24, 2Sqn RAAF, Flying Officer, (remains retrieved 2009) Centennial Park Cemetery, Adelaide.

Fleming, Robert (38129), 24, 1ARU, Sgt, Rookwood Memorial Gardens and Crematorium, Sydney.

Black, Barbara Frances (F35135), 25, 1Field Hospital (RAANC), Lt, (died of illness in Australia), Burwood General Cemetery, Melbourne.

- Information and photos from Australian War Memorial, Roll of Honour; Department of Veterans Affairs; Virtual War Memorial, Australia; Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund Wall of Faces; Find A Grave.

**‘At the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them ...’**