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New citizen reflects on ANZAC prize

A junior school captain from Mountain Creek State High School who was a winner of the Premier's ANZAC Prize for 2025 spoke at the Maroochydore Anzac Day service about his experience at the dawn service in Villers-Bretonneux on Anzac Day last year.

Karen Hooshmandi from Mountain Creek State High School was one of 10 winners from across Queensland who went on a tour which included the Somme battlefields in France.

"Winning this prize is very personnel. I just became an Australian citizen which makes me feel responsible for learning more about Australia's culture and history, which this prize gives me the best opportunity to do," said Karen, who came from Iran.

Member for Maroochydore and State Minister Fiona Simpson said: "Karen is part of the next generation carrying forward the legacy of our Anzacs. His reflections on his experience was both moving and insightful, particularly his observation that many of those soldiers 'never thought they'd be a part of history'.

"It is a powerful reminder that remembrance is not just about the past, but about the responsibility we carry to honour their stories into the future." The annual Anzac Prize is conducted by the State Government in conjunction with the RSL.

INSIDE: Karen pictured with officials, Page 8; Plus more coverage of Anzac Day inside.



WW2 VET ON PARADE

CENTENARIAN Elsie Dalzell, 104, braves the pouring rain at Cooroy to join the Anzac Day march. Born and raised in Chinchilla she served in World War Two in several roles in Australia.

LEST WE FORGET ... The first President of the Turkish Republic, Mustafa Kemal Atatürk delivered this message to Australian and New Zealander mothers in 1934: "Those heroes that shed their blood and lost their lives ... You are now lying in the soil of a friendly country. Therefore rest in peace. There is no difference between the Johnnies and the Mehmets to us where they lie side by side in this country of ours. You, the mothers, who sent their sons from far away countries, wipe away your tears. Your sons are now lying in our bosom and are in peace. After having lost their lives on this land they have become our sons as well."



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Note: Monthly Committee Meetings are now held at 1000 hours and the General Meetings at 1100 hours on the third Tuesday.

VETERANS' BREAKFAST: In front of Mooloolaba Surf Club on Thursdays.

RIFLEMENS' LUNCH: First Friday monthly at Mooloolaba Surf Club.

MEMBERSHIP: Life Subscriber option now available for General (\$45) and Associate Members (\$40). A "currently financial" General or Associate Member may upgrade to Life Subscriber by paying a one-off amount of \$25. This option will cease for current financial members on 31 May 2026.

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The Australians and New Zealanders at Long Tan prevailed through the ANZAC Spirit and its qualities of mateship; courage; endurance; and ability," guest speaker Major Michael Sloane (Retd) told the huge crowd at the Mooloolaba Surf Club Dawn Service.

"A Spirit which has been passed from World War One to World War Two; through the Korean and Vietnam War eras; through Somalia, Rwanda, East Timor, Iraq and Afghanistan; and indeed to all our veterans past and present," the former Army commando and military lawyer (right) said.



"Today we remember Long Tan's place in our ANZAC heritage and we reflect on how the ANZAC Spirit is still a part of who we are," he said, recalling how, "60 years ago this year at a place called Long Tan in South Vietnam, 108 ANZACs stood against an enemy force of over 2500."

In 1966, the 6th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, (6RAR), was part of the 1st Australian Task Force at Nui Dat in South Vietnam, Mr Sloane related.

On 18 August, Delta Company 6RAR was patrolling five kilometres to the East of Nui Dat near the village of Long Tan. Delta consists of 105 Australians and three New Zealanders - organised into a Company Headquarters and three platoons of 30 men. The platoons are numbered 10, 11 and 12.

Little did Delta know that a highly trained and heavily armed enemy force of between 2500 and 3000 was moving toward Nui Dat with the intent wiping out the Task Force.

Just after 4pm 11 Platoon comes under heavy fire from rifles, machine guns and rocket-propelled grenades. Five Australians are lost straight away.

It soon becomes apparent that 11 Platoon has run into the entire enemy force. The rest of Delta Company could have withdrawn to safety, but the decision is made not to abandon their mates. All of Delta now joins the immediate fight, while a call is sent out for fire support and reinforcements.

Fire support commences quickly and is coordinated by New Zealand. Over the next three hours, this sees more than 3500 artillery rounds fired from the Task Force area by gun batteries from Australia, New Zealand and the United States.

10 Platoon is sent forward to assist 11 but soon comes under heavy fire. After fighting for an hour and inflicting heavy losses on the enemy, 10 Platoon cannot get to 11 and withdraws back to Company Headquarters.

Two sections, i.e. 20 men, from 12 Platoon now try to reach 11 but they also encounter heavy fire and are pinned down. Corporal, later Sergeant and Australian Cadet Corp Lieutenant, Laurie Drinkwater was the

LONG TAN: ANZAC SPIRIT PREVAILS

Section Commander of one these two sections and he is still a member of Mooloolaba Surf Club. Despite being outnumbered 20 to 1, Laurie and his fellow soldiers in 11 and 12 Platoons keep the enemy at bay for the next hour (photo page 1).

Back in the Task Force area, Alpha Company of 6RAR, in nine armoured personnel carriers of 3 Troop 1st APC Squadron move towards Delta. Bravo Company 6RAR starts heading to Delta on foot.

Two helicopter crews from the Royal Australian Air Force bravely flew in a vital ammunition resupply to the Company Headquarters; three Phantom jets from the US Air Force provided air support but torrential rain made it impossible to identify Delta and they bomb suspected enemy withdrawal routes.

At this point, after two hours of intense fighting, a courageous call is made to drop the artillery right in front of 11 Platoon. This causes the enemy to reposition and creates a window for the remaining men of 11 and 12 Platoons to withdraw to Company Headquarters.

At 6.30pm all of Delta is now back together but reinforcements are still on the way. The enemy has regrouped and now attacks the Company position in large waves - but they are still repelled by Delta's small arms fire and the continuing artillery barrage.

The armoured personnel carriers of 3 Troop are now closing on Delta's position and they too are now encountering significant enemy numbers and taking casualties. However, their roof mounted machine guns are producing an incredible amount firepower and



Travis Fimmel as company commander Harry Smith and Jay Kiriona in the movie, *Danger Close: The Battle of Long Tan* (2019). – photo by Jasin Boland © Danger Close Production.

they keep pressing forward.

About 7pm the enemy is now lining up in 'human waves' for an all-out final assault on Delta before darkness falls. Delta, virtually out of ammunition, shrinks its perimeter to protect the wounded, and prepares for a final stand.

At this crucial juncture, the Armoured Personnel Carriers arrive closer to Delta's position and are continuing their assault into the enemy.

With Delta still not giving up the fight; reinforcements arriving; and darkness descending - the enemy withdraws and Nui Dat will never again come under serious threat.

The outcome is 18 Australians killed and 24 wounded, with estimated enemy losses of over 600. The Australian dead include someone from every State of Australia.

Lest We Forget.

From the President

Hi Everyone,

Hope you are all safe and healthy. We must all be starting to get a bit old and motionless. That is, judging by the attendance at our recent monthly meetings. For some reason we seem to have less and less turning up and on occasions, have only just made it with enough members to form a quorum. Anyway, lets see if we can do a bit better at our next assembly.

Things have been going along pretty well lately. We are still having quite a few members taking advantage of the Life Subscriber's deal that is now on offer, and more are calling in at the office for a chat and a 'cuppa'. It's been wonderful to see some new faces at our door with some interesting stories. Keep rolling up.

I attended both the Maroochydore and Mudjimba Anzac Day ceremonies and had a great day. The speaker at the Maroochydore service was a young high school student and he was nothing short of remarkable.

He told the audience of a scholarship he had won to attend a ceremony held at Gallipoli on an Anzac Day in the recent past, and outlined what his thoughts were at that time. Numerous people approached him after the service to congratulate him, shake his hand and have

photographs taken. I have not witnessed that type of reception to a speaker, let alone a young high school student.

By the time I got to the Mudjimba observance the main procedure had finished but I was there in time to listen to the band, have a few drinks and carry out my normal service, that being as a security officer. Glad to say there were no problems but then again, at Mudjimba there never is an issue and they are a happy and cheerful bunch.

Well, that's all I've really got time for at the moment. As I've said many times before, if you have any ideas, thoughts or suggestions on how we can improve our Association, please make contact. In the meantime, please take care of yourselves, stay happy, healthy and as strong as possible.

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From the Secretary

Anzac Day on the Coast has passed with attendances seemingly larger than ever. I attended a very well organised service at the Mudjimba Cenotaph and accolades must go to the Mudjimba RSL and the local community which turned up to support Australia's most important day.

I even noticed our treasurer, Deb Day, busily moving among the crowd and handing out flags

to the multitude of children in attendance. At the end of the service, a young primary school girl presented me with a postcard.

On the front she had drawn a soldier standing on a hill of poppies beside a cross. The title was: *Lest We Forget*. On the back of the card was printed: *We thank you for your service in the Australian Defence Force and all your sacrifices in war.* She did not manage to spell sacrifices



correctly, but who cares. How wonderful this gesture was from Eva, aged 11. Thanks Eva.

I need to thank Gordon Hurford for representing the Sub-Branch at the Caloundra State High School Anzac service and Graham Spackman for representing us at the Meridan College Anzac service. The presence of veterans at these school services plays an important role in perpetuating the Anzac spirit which defines the real Australia.

I attended the Palmwoods primary school Anzac service which was amazing. Hundreds of little boys and girls sat quietly throughout a very moving service (I had forgotten how small primary school children are). I left the school with a feeling that perhaps the future of the country is not all doom and gloom.

On another note, Vietnam Veterans Day is just over three months away. This year has a special significance, being the 60th anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan. Once again, the ceremony will be at the Cotton Tree Cenotaph, and the luncheon will follow at the Maroochy RSL Function Centre.

Hopefully, lunch tickets will be available from around the first of June. I will advise when the tickets go on sale. Unfortunately, it has been necessary to increase the price of lunch tickets this year. Prices have remained the same for four years, but times have caught up.

Tickets for members will increase from \$45 to \$50 while prices for non-members will increase from \$55 to \$60 — for a three-course meal, drinks and entertainment this is still as cheap as chips on Tuesday thanks to the support of the Maroochy RSL.

That's it from me.

Regards
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GENERAL MEETING, TUESDAY 21 APRIL 2026 ...

(No general meeting held due to lack of quorum)

As a show of respect to the three members who arrived for the April General Meeting, they were informed of the following:

John Cunnington discussed the upcoming special event being held at Caloundra Air Museum and organized by the CAM to honour the 60th Anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan. It is being held on Saturday 15th of August 2026. (This allows Veterans to attend VV Day Services on the 18th etc). Please keep reading emails for updates. (It is to be noted this is separate to the Vietnam Veterans Day organized by VVAASC)

Would Members also please keep checking emails for pricing and relevant information re:

the Luncheon organized by VVAASC for VV Day Tuesday 18th August 2026.

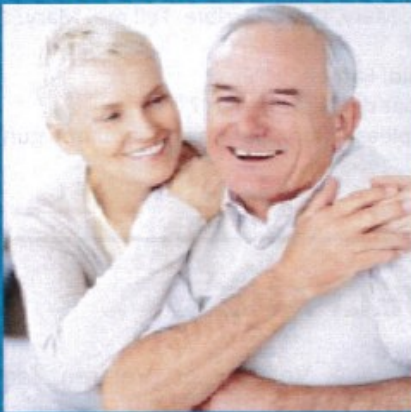
General updates: Win Fowles mentioned a re-union of 2 Transport Platoon RAASC at Warrnambool in 2027, possibly October. More information will be available later.

Chris W advised that Gordon Hall is leaving the Sunshine Coast. Thanks to Gordon for his great efforts for many years fundraising for the Association and as a previous Junior Vice President of the Association.

John C advised the coin tumbler is now at Pomona and there is a possibility of polished coins being available soon. As no one from Digger Hat Keyrings was in attendance please keep reading emails regarding a "DHK Morning" to press pennies at the Maroochydore RSL Sub-branch.

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PICTURED: Karen Hooshmandi with war veterans (from left) Les D'Alton (past president Maroochy RSL), Mick Howe (deputy president Maroochy RSL and President Vietnam Veterans Sunshine Coast) and Battle of Long Tan veteran Laurie Drinkwater (Patron Vietnam Veterans Sunshine Coast). Report Page 1.



RUSTY Perry, son of a veteran, on **Bill** was at Mooloolaba and Maroochydore, helping make Anzac Day such a special.



LEFT: A section of the huge crowd at Mooloolaba.



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ACROSS generations at Noosa-Tewantin on Anzac Day (clockwise from top left) 'younger veterans' at Noosa-Tewantin; a strong line-up parade at Glasshouse; school-children lay a wreath at Beerwah; sharing yarns at Noosa-Tewantin.



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KIWI AND HIS FLAG

CALOUNDRA Catholic priest Fr Josh Whitehead with a New Zealand flag at the Anzac Day parade. He served with the NZ Army for eight years which included deployment to Bamyan Province in Afghanistan in 2005. At the earlier Dawn Service he had recalled a time in Afghanistan with a group of locals: “We all had families we wanted to get home to safely, and we all hoped for peace – just as those who never came home from Gallipoli, and from every war that followed, carried that same hope in their hearts.” He began studying for the priesthood in 2012 in Brisbane and was ordained in 2019.

BELOW: Cadets with the flags at the Caloundra march.



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PART OF the large group that marched at Nambour for Anzac Day.— Sunshine Valley Gazette photo.

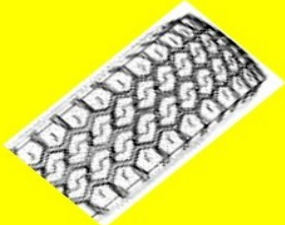


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A new chapter in Gundagai's proud military history is being written, as the local RSL sub-Branch leads the construction and dedication of a memorial to commemorate the Battle of Coral/Balmoral and the extraordinary heroism of Private Richard Norden VC.

This memorial, set to be unveiled on 14 May, the anniversary of the battle, will stand as a lasting tribute to both the largest and most protracted battle fought by Australians in the Vietnam War and to one of Gundagai's own, whose bravery has been recognised with the nation's highest military honour.

Back in 1968, the Battle of Coral/Balmoral was the biggest and longest fight Australians faced in the Vietnam War. For 26 days, around 3000 Aussies held their ground against a much larger enemy force.

It was tough going—26 lives lost, 99 wounded—but their courage and determination made history. In 2022, the government finally recognised their efforts with a Unit Citation for Gallantry.

But for Gundagai, this story is even closer to home. Private Richard Norden, born and raised in town, was just 18 when he joined the Army. On 14 May 1968, in the thick of battle, Norden risked everything to save his mates—dragging his wounded

Section Commander to safety, taking on enemy soldiers, and going back again and again under fire.

His actions were so extraordinary that, more than 50 years later, he was awarded the Victoria Cross for Australia.

After leaving the Army, he joined the ACT Police and was tragically killed in a traffic accident while on duty in 1972. Many of his family still live in the Gundagai area, so it's only fitting that Gundagai is leading the way in honouring his story.

For more information or to offer support, contact the RSL sub-Branch at GundagaiSB@rslnsw.org.au.

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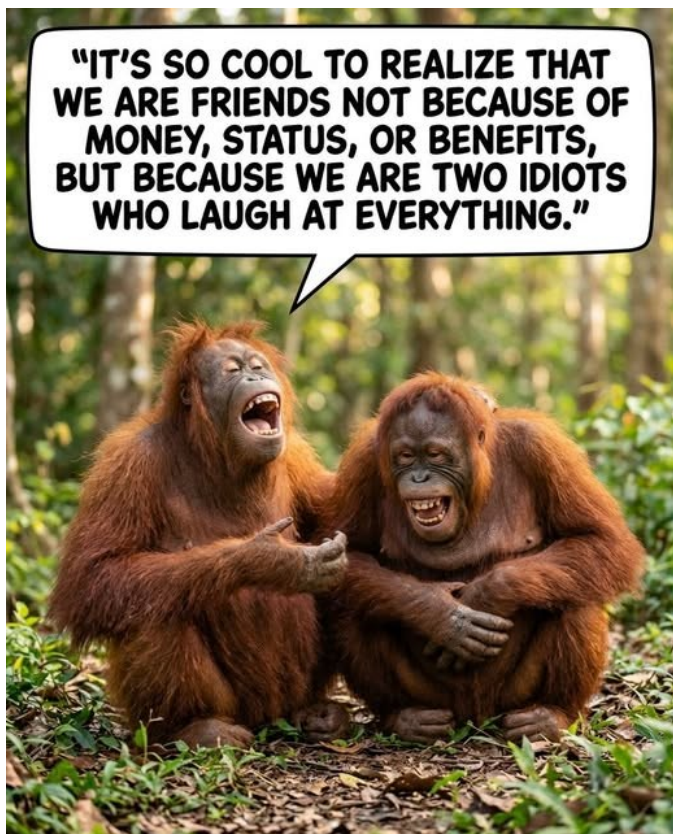
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PRIVATE Richard Norden VC.

‘When you’re laughing, the whole world laughs with you’



An Australian man was having coffee and croissants with butter and jam in a cafe when an American tourist, chewing gum, sat down next to him:

The Australian politely ignored the American, who, nevertheless, started up a conversation.

The American snapped his gum and said. "You Australian folk eat the whole bread?"

The Australian frowned, annoyed with being bothered during his breakfast, and replied. "Of course."

The American blew a huge bubble. "We don't. In the States, we only eat what's inside. The crusts we collect in a container, recycle them, transform them into croissants and sell them to Australia."

The American had a smirk on his face.

The Australian listened in silence.

The American persisted. "Do you eat jam with the bread?"

Sighing, the Australian replied. "Of course."

Cracking his gum between his teeth, the American said. "We don't. In the States, we eat fresh fruit for breakfast, then we put all the peels, seeds and leftovers in containers, recycle them and transform them into jam and sell it to Australia."

The Australian then asked. "Do you have sex in the States?"

The American smiled and said. "Why of course we do."

The Australian leaned closer to him and asked. "And what do you do with the condoms once you've used them?"

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May 1966

Noack, Errol Wayne (4717546), 5 RAR, 21, Pte, Centennial Park Cemetery, Adelaide.

May 1967

Bartholomew, Glen Trevor (2782555), 1 FldSqn, 22, Spr, Memorial Gardens, Lismore NSW.

Brady, Gregory Vincent (2782812), 1 FldSqn, 22, Spr, Goondiwindi Cemetery, Goondiwindi Qld.

Brooks, Dennis Lindsay (3787889), 1 FldSqn, 22, Spr, Garden of Remembrance, Springvale, Melbourne.

Deed, Ramon John Peter (3788300), 1 FldSqn, 21, Spr, Garden of Remembrance, Springvale, Melbourne.

Mathieson, Kenneth Frank (37175), UL S Comd ex 6 RAR, 21, Pte, Fawkner Crematorium & Memorial Park, Melbourne.

O'Hara, John Laurence (2782779), 1 Fld Sqn, 22, Spr, Wollongong Crematorium NSW.

Renshaw, Terrence James (3788172), 1 FldSqn, 22, Spr, Wangaratta Cemetery Vic.

Ruddy, James (214360), Unit Detachment 55 Advanced Engineer Stores Squadron (RAE), 32, Cpl (Temp Sgt), Beresfield Crematorium NSW.

May 1968

Abbott, Dal Edward (2786017), 1 RAR, Pte, 21, Terendak Military Cemetery, Malaysia.

Bailey, Errol John (2786313), 1 RAR, 23, Pte, Beresfield Crematorium NSW.

Brown, Lindsay Noel (3790530), 3 RAR, 22, Pte, Benalla Cemetery Vic.
Constable, George Alfred (235125), 161 Recce Flt, 32, Maj., Frenchs Forest Bushland Cemetery, Sydney.

Cooper, Alan John (4411171), 3 RAR, 20, Pte, Centennial Park Cemetery, Adelaide.

Dawson, Ian Kenneth (215063), 1 RAR, 24, Cpl, Rookwood Crematorium, Sydney.

Desnoy, John Walter (3791033), 3 RAR, 22, Pte, Garden of Remembrance, Springvale, Melbourne.

Durrington, John Thomas (36485), AATTV (Att. RAI), 29, Sgt (Temp. WO2), Garden of Remembrance, Springvale, Melbourne.

Hamersley, Frederick George (54828), AATTV, 38, Sgt, Karrakatta Cemetery, Perth.

Hickey, Robert Bernard (215745), 1 RAR, 24, Cpl, Rookwood Military Cemetery, Sydney.

Lewis, Peter Edward (43423), 3 RAR, 24, Sgt, Centennial Park Cemetery, Adelaide.

Martin, William Henry (1731467), 1 RAR, 22, L/Cpl, Winton Cemetery, Qld.

McNab, Robert Leo (39354), 1 RAR, 20, Pte, Garden of Remembrance, Springvale, Melbourne.

Nisbet, Christopher Robert (1201338), 1 RAR, 20, Pte, Pinnaroo Cemetery and Crematorium, Brisbane.

O'Brien, John Alfred (2786748), 1 RAR, Pte, 21, Macquarie Park Cemetery and Crematorium, Sydney.

Pearce, John Gregory Stinson (2784043), 1 RAR, Cpl, 22, War Cemetery, Rookwood, Sydney.

Sawtell, Christopher James (216970), 12 FldRegt, 19, Northern Suburbs Crematorium, Chatswood, Sydney.

Scott, Ian James (3791583), 12 FldRegt, 21, Gnr, Camperdown Civil Cemetery, Vic.

Sheppard, Laurence (aka Lawrence) Rodney (3790506), 1 RAR, 22, Pte, Springvale Cemetery, Melbourne.

Thomas, William Malcolm (4718911), 3 RAR, 21, Pte, Centennial Park Cemetery, Adelaide.

Trimble, Bevan Maxwell (3791291), 1 RAR, 21, Pte, Bendigo Cemetery, Victoria.

Wallis, Alan John (2787255), 1 RAR, 21, Pte, Sandgate General Cemetery, Newcastle NSW.

Watson, Richard Christopher A (39403), 1 RAR, 20, Pte, Springvale Crematorium, Melbourne.

White, Harry Winston (216009), 1 RAR, 23, Pte, Macquarie Park Cemetery and Crematorium, Sydney.

Whitton, John Hunter (311532), 1 RAR, 28, Garden of Remembrance, Springvale, Melbourne.

Worle, Jeffrey Thomas (3790789), 3 RAR, 21, Pte, Garden of Remembrance, Springvale, Melbourne.

Young, Alexander Henry (1732408), 104 SigSqn, 21, Sig., Pinnaroo Cemetery and Crematorium, Brisbane.

Young, Brian Thomas (1733095), 1 RAR, 21, Pte, Pinnaroo Cemetery and Crematorium, Brisbane.

May 1969

Bramble, Peter John (2789684), 1 FldSqn, 21, Spr, Forster Cemetery, Forster NSW.

Davies, Ronald Edward (38530), 1 FldSqn, 24, Spr, Springvale Crematorium, Melbourne.

Drummond, Andrew (55537), 5 RAR, 27, Pte, Carnarvon Cemetery WA.

Gill, Michael William Thomas (14667), RAS (att. AATTV), Sgt (temp. WO2), Garden of Remembrance, Toowoomba, Qld.

Kerr, James Kelly (218508), B Sqn, 1 ArmDRgt, 19, Trp, Garden of Remembrance, Rookwood, Sydney.

Lee, Errol John (235328), 5 RAR, 22, Lt, Woden Cemetery, Canberra.

Locke, Geoffrey Robert (39161), 9 RAR, 22, 2/Lt, Garden of Remembrance, Launceston Tas.

O'Neill, John Barry (39457), 1 Div. Supply/Transport Workshop, 20, Cftsm, Garden of Remembrance, Springvale, Melbourne.

Reidy, Paul Francis (3793403), 9 RAR, 21, Pte, White Hills Cemetery, Bendigo, Vic.

Shipp, Noel Ervin (R59629), RANHFV, 24, LAC, Frenchs Forest Bushland Cemetery, Sydney.

Yule, Robert James (218491), 9 RAR, 20, Pte, Rookwood Crematorium, Sydney.

May 1970

Ahearn, Alan William (214287), 8 RAR, 25, Sgt, Northern Suburbs Crematorium, Sydney.

Crouch, Noel Valentine (5716239), 7 RAR, 22, Pte, Katanning Public Cemetery WA.

Earle, Philip (45104), 8 RAR, 23, Pte, Centennial Park Cemetery, Adelaide.

Goody, Phillip Raymond (1734847), 8 RAR, 22, L/Cpl, Monto Cemetery Qld.

Neal, Dennis William (1735386), 2 RAR, 22, Pte, Gympie Cemetery Qld.

Tully, Desmond John (2792375), 2 RAR, 21, Pte, Lismore Crematorium NSW.

May 1971

Mills, Noel Reginald (1200423), RAA Chaplains' Dept, no age, Chaplain, died Repatriation General Hospital, Concord NSW (no funeral details).

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