

Wounds of war are not just physical

The Anzacs had enormous pressure placed on them to be stoic — to bury feelings of despair and distress, Queensland Governor Dr Jeannette Young said in her Anzac Day address.

“This day allows us to consider that the wounds suffered in combat are not only physical; they can be deeper and far more insidious,” she said.

“Our first Anzacs endured unimaginable horrors on the battlefields and in the trenches. “They saw friends killed beside them. They lived with the dark and ceaseless thought that this day could be their last.

“ ‘Shell shock’ – as Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) was then referred to – was largely misunderstood, misdiagnosed and mistreated.

“While we have come a long way since the last shots were fired in that War, I know, as a former doctor, that constantly enhancing our knowledge of mental health resilience will deliver better outcomes for all mental health conditions, and not just for PTSD.

“One hundred and seven years ago today, in the misty dawn of Gallipoli, the first wave of Australian soldiers

began their landing on the beaches at Anzac Cove. The first man ashore was with Queensland’s 9th Infantry Battalion. By the end of the campaign, more than 8000 Australians would never make it home.”

“But from this tragedy was born an enduring symbol — one that continues to demonstrate that in the face of adversity, optimism is generated by courage, and tremendous strength is built on unity.

“The qualities of mateship, bravery and resourcefulness — bolstered by a ready willingness to laugh and to dare — shaped our infant nation’s perception of self and helped make sense of an event that caused immense loss and heartache.

“Today, at commemorations throughout our State and much further afield, we stand together to reflect on this important legacy — one that does not seek to glorify, but instead solemnly honours those who lost their lives that day, and those who have served our country in conflicts and peace-keeping missions since ... Lest we forget.”



Centenarian and World War Two Army veteran Adrian Nall was at Kawana Waters RSL sub-branch with his grandson Christopher Mullins, who served in the Navy. Huge crowds attended Sunshine Coast services. More photos are on pages 3, 7, 8, 18.

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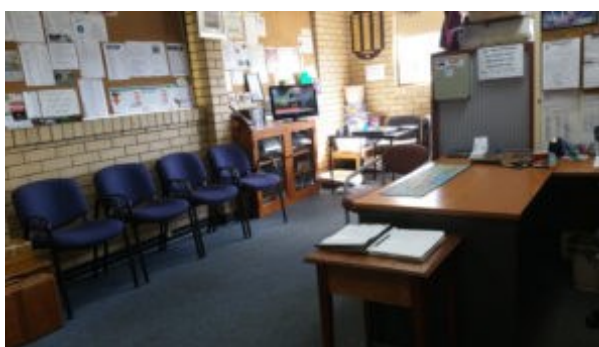
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MARCHING in the Anzac Day parade at Buderim were these Sienna students. Many students took part in the commemoration activities there and across the coast. – photo Patrick Woods, Courier-Mail. **BELOW:** At Coolum-Peregian a Bushmaster and crew were involved. They are from 12/16 Hunter River Lancers, Caboolture. More photos pages 7, 8, 18.



Anomaly remains on funeral benefit

In the recent Budget no action was taken to address the anomaly of around \$10,000 between a maximum funeral benefit for a younger veteran and for an older veteran.

The difference relates to those who have been covered under the Veterans Entitlement Act and the later Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004.

A recommendation to address the discriminatory situation was included in a 2019 Productivity Commission report, *A Better Way To Support Veterans*, referring to a payment of up to around \$12,000 for MRCA veterans compared with \$2000 for VEA veterans.

In 2020, then Veterans Affairs Minister Darren Chester said the recommendation was being considered by the government in the “budget context”. It seems it is now delayed until after the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide concludes.

Information was sought from the Department of Veterans Affairs and Member for Fairfax (which covers much of the Sunshine Coast) Ted O'Brien, but no response was received.

Remembrance far from home

SUNSHINE Coast veteran Tex Weston was in Birdsville for Anzac Day catching up with his forward scout from Vietnam, Greg Gardner (both pictured left). They were the only two veterans and locals made a fuss with horses and riders, of course, from local properties taking part (some below with Tex).



From the President

Hi Everyone,

There we all were, it was approximately 0645 hours when the explosion occurred on the beachfront. Everyone scrambled for cover, Chips Ross dropped his honey laden toasted crumpet and yelled out, "Where did it land; check for the injured".

Les D'Alton immediately tore the sleeves from his shirt, tied a bandana around his forehead and armed himself with a butter knife; "I'm ready, let them come," he screamed.

Johnno tore Scotty's shrapnel riddled 'T' shirt from his body and tied it to a stick. When last seen, he was attempting to paint the shirt white in readiness for things to come. Buddy was running rampant telling everyone that it was quiet okay to panic, while Acko and Rick busied themselves on the lawn area digging slit trenches.

Then, a quiet lull in proceedings whilst everyone regained their composure. Was it war, people were asking? Suddenly the group's gaze drifted to our illustrious breakfast chef, Geoff, the only man still standing with a bemused look on his face.

It appears that Geoffrey had attempted, for about the tenth time, to light the breakfast BBQ with the gas running continually. The rest is now history.

A small group formed at the end of the bench and were discussing what was needed to now up-date their respective claims for PTSD, while others deliberated on a civil class action against the chef.

It all finished with good old Chips cussing that everyone present was a wimp (while changing his underpants) and that this sort of thing would never happen at Puckapunyal.

You too can enjoy all of the above activities, and more, should you wish to attend our regular Thursday morning breakfast at the famous Mooloolaba Surf Club (of note: chef has since been re-trained and is now considered 'Fair' in his ability to re-light/start BBQ's).

Well Anzac Day has been and gone. I would like to thank the volunteers who manned our stalls over the three-day period. Sales were excellent with booths virtually selling out of all stock on hand. For one reason or another there seemed to be a 'rush' on Anzac memorabilia this year and for that, we are grateful, as is the Treasurer.

Planning is well under way for this years Vietnam Veterans Day with all Council and RSL approvals being granted. We expect this year's event to be one of the biggest yet and are receiving a number of requests from various veteran groups to be permitted to attend on the day, so when tickets go on sale, I suggest you get in early.

That's about it for now, I sincerely hope that you and yours all remain well.

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Two Oakey-based army helicopters overcame failing equipment and appalling weather conditions to rescue almost 80 people during the flood emergency in Queensland and New South Wales, the Australian Defence Force (ADF) has revealed.

Inquiries in both states will examine the preparedness and response to the flooding, including how well government agencies worked together.

In March the ADF was criticised for the speed of its response in northern NSW, prompting it to apologise to people who felt they had not been supported.

Reflecting on its efforts two months on, Oakey Army Aviation Training Centre commandant David Lynch said the ADF had made a decision not to take risks in the weather, especially after rescuing survivors *(photo ADF)*.



"Once we had a survivor on board, we believe we had a contract with them to take them back by the safest means possible,"

Colonel Lynch told the ABC.

"That made the

Choppers challenged

operation a little bit less efficient, but it made it safer for the individuals."

Colonel Lynch said pilots flew in treacherous conditions, with low clouds forcing them to rely on their equipment and navigation instruments.

"There was an absolutely really good reason why there weren't many aircraft flying," he said.

Colonel Lynch said crews also had to deal with equipment failures and that on the first night of operations on February 25 some aircraft systems stopped functioning.

"We did lose the digital mapping system and forward-looking infrared sensor [that night]," Colonel Lynch said.

He said two helicopters from southern Queensland were the first Army assets in the air during the floods following a call for help from the Queensland Police Service (QPS).

The Oakey-based pilots rescued 39 people in Queensland and 40 in New South Wales from February 25 to March 1. In total, helicopter missions plucked 113 people to safety during the flood event. — from ABC

NOTE: No column on this page this month from the Secretary but he has advised that the May general meeting will be on the third Tuesday in May (17th).



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Vietnam Veterans Day Raffle

Enclosed in this edition of *Ricochet* is a book of raffle tickets, the proceeds of which assist in subsidising the cost of the Vietnam Veterans Day Commemorative Service and the Luncheon.

The tickets this year are \$2 (book of 10 is \$20).

There will be four prizes consisting of amazing Patchwork quilts/wall hangings, hand crafted by Wendy Turner. Each quilt has a military theme and is valued at \$500. (one pictured).

The prizes will be drawn at the Vietnam Veterans Day Luncheon on 18 August.

Images of the quilts will appear in *Ricochet*, and can be viewed at the Drop-In Centre on a Thursday.

It would be appreciated if members could embrace this once a year fund raiser and return money and butts as soon as practicable.

After Vietnam Veterans Day commemorations were cancelled in 2020/2021, it is anticipated that this year's event will be BIG.— from JC.



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READY for the Caloundra RSL service (above) and young New Zealand veterans Gary Mohi (left) and Guy Bridson relax after the Anzac Day parade at Nambour (below).

VETERANS at Buderim on the march. — photo Patrick Woods, Courier-Mail. Below: Two-up time at Tewantin-Noosa RSL (coins circled) . **MORE** photos next page and page 18.





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PARADES at Nambour (above) and at showery Maroochydhore (below).



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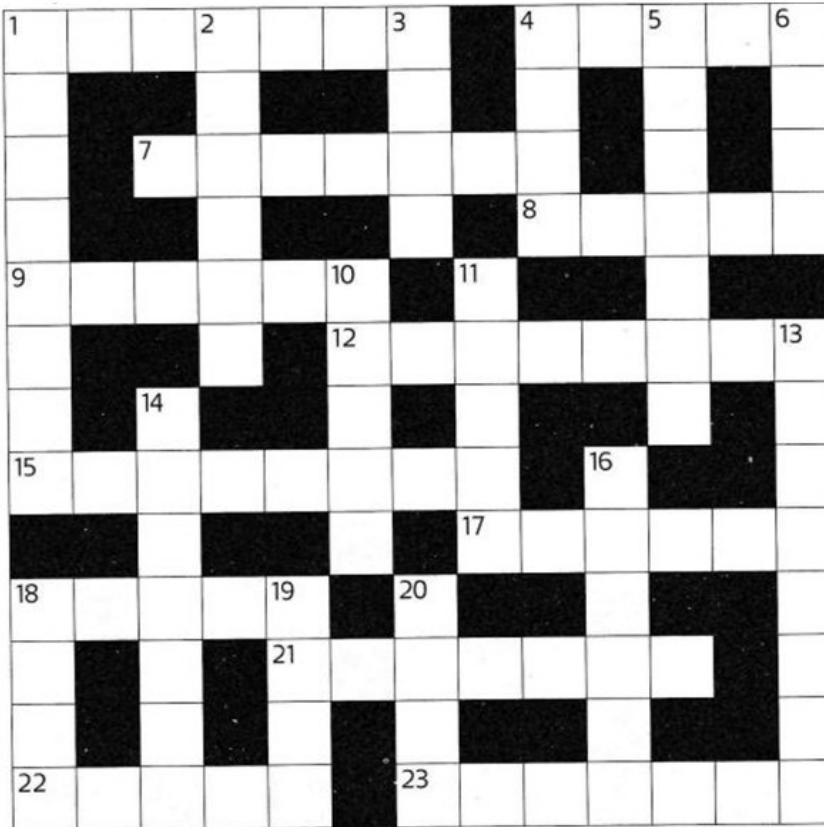
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4. Exposed (5)
7. Evergreen tree (7)
8. Pool of money (5)
9. Frantic (6)
12. Police restraint (8)
15. Theatrical (8)
17. Cat (6)
18. Sultry (5)
21. Speech (7)
22. Fake (5)
23. George ____, heavyweight boxer (7)

DOWN

1. Type of herring (8)
2. Summer wear (6)
3. Filter (4)
4. Yelp (4)
5. Speaker's platform (7)
6. Disclaim (4)
10. Sloping channel (5)
11. Quick meal (5)
13. Jet of water (8)
14. Injurious (7)
16. Go hungry (6)
18. Ungulate's foot (4)
19. Concluded (4)
20. Young elephant (4)

Did You Know?

1. What is the history of the Menin Gate?
2. What was the AE2?
3. Why do organisations like the ANZAC Day Commemoration Committee of Queensland and the Returned & Services League of Australia believe that ANZAC should always be written in upper case letters?



ANZAC TRIVIA

1. In which country did the Australians do their training before embarking on the ships that transported them to Gallipoli?
2. What was the name of the only Australian pilot to be awarded a Victoria Cross in WW1?
3. How many ANZACs were killed on the first day of the Gallipoli battle, 25 April 1915?
4. What were some of the names Simpson gave to his donkeys?
5. Why were Australian soldiers called 'Diggers'?
6. When is the Australian Flag flown at half-mast?
7. Who wrote the poem In Flanders' Fields?
8. When did World War 1 end?
9. When did the ANZACs leave Gallipoli?
10. Which WW1 Victoria Cross recipient later became Mayor of Melbourne?
11. Who was the Commander of the Turkish 19th Division during the Gallipoli Campaign?
12. The first Royal Australian Navy battle occurred on 9 November 1914. What ship was sunk by HMAS Sydney during that battle?
13. What was a Maurice Farman Shorthorn?
14. When was the 'Unknown Soldier' buried in the Australian War Memorial? In which war and where was he killed?
15. What is a 'Waler'?
16. In the Battle of Lone Pine, Gallipoli, 7-9 Aug 1915 saw a large number of Victoria Crosses awarded to Australians. How many?
17. Captain Neville Howse received Australia's first Victoria Cross. Where did he earn it, and what unit did he belong to?



• ALL ANSWERS PAGE 17

Delta Company 6RAR's commander Harry Smith pulls no punches in his book, *Long Tan: The start of a lifelong battle*, with his account of 'Battling the brass: Australia's shame exposed', as chapter 13 is titled.

He recounts how his company returned after the battle to Nui Dat on 21 August, 1966 and being called at midnight by his Commanding Officer Colin Townsend asking for "urgent recommendations for awards, said to be required by Canberra".

"I do not wish to unnecessarily demean former 1966 senior officers, all now deceased, but the facts need to

Behind the glory of Long Tan ...

be told," he writes.

"Half the 16 men I cited for Imperial awards were scrubbed and some of the other half of the awards I recommended were downgraded. But Brigadier Jackson (Task Force Commander) was cited, in addition to meritorious service as having 'personally directed the battle' and he was awarded the DSO in December 1966 ... Incredible his citation included: ... His able personal direction was a decisive factor in obtaining an extremely outcome in

very difficult circumstances.

"He gave me no direction and neither did my Commanding Officer Townsend and frankly, throughout the Battle of Long Tan, Delta Company was pretty much alone out there and we accordingly acted as though we were alone, and organised ourselves and the support that was very reluctantly made available to repel the hordes."

Col. Townsend's citation claimed he had moved out immediately and taken over command from Major Smith, who recounts: "Frankly, that is a serious porky that has been allowed its legs for far too long. >>>>

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... and recognition misdirected

“Given that he did not move out immediately and arrived after the enemy had left the battlefield, and that Jackson did not direct the action, I believe the citations were written for these two men by their senior officers after listening to the recipients’ versions of what they claimed to have done, and can be considered very inaccurate.”

He went on to comment that “Brigadier Jackson had delegated control to CO 6RAR and gone to his tent, literally head in hands top bemoan his future at the possible loss of a company and an attack on his base by 274 Regiment in the North, he did not know just what Colin Townsend did.

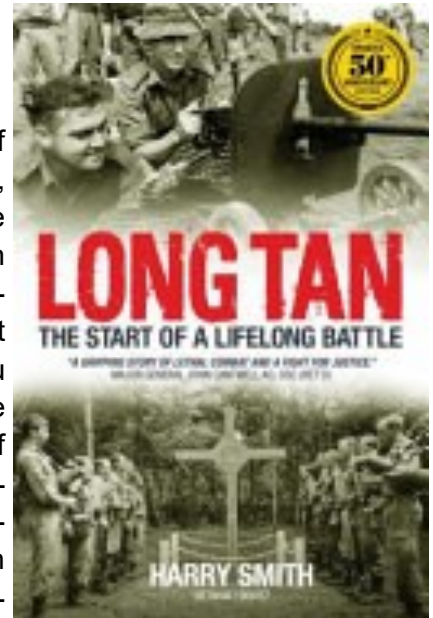
“Jackson was happy to believe Townsend went out immediately and took command from me and fought the battle to an end. This insults the courage and sacrifice of so many men on that day.”

The author (left) has

also been scathing of the awards system, how “administrative units like the HQ AFV in Saigon and the Australian Logistic Support Force at Vung Tau were able to get the same percentage of awards, albeit for meritorious service, as Infantry battalions which fought the combat actions on the front line.

“... inexplicably, not one Victoria Cross was awarded in the 16 Australian battalions who fought in Vietnam over 10 years, despite major actions like Long Tan, Coral-Balmoral and Binh Ba with many individual acts of outstanding gallantry and heroism.”

— **More next month. ‘Long Tan: The start of a life-long battle’ by Lt Col Harry Smith SG MC (retired) was first published in 2015 by Big Sky Publishing, Newport NSW. It is available online.**



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

Lots of jokes about blonde females float around the internet but some may be surprised that there is a whole group of jokes about men that many do not see, says Mick Howe. Enjoy this other side of the coin.

A woman reported: One day my housework-challenged husband decided to wash his sweatshirt. Seconds after he stepped into the laundry room, he shouted to me, "What setting do I use on the washing machine?" "It depends," I replied. "What does it say on your shirt?" He yelled back, "Brisbane Broncos!" And they say blondes are dumb...

A couple is lying in bed. The man says, "I am going to make you the happiest woman in the world..." The woman replies, "I'll miss you....."

"It's just too hot to wear clothes today," Jack says as he stepped out of the shower. "Honey, what do you think the neighbours would think if I mowed the lawn like this?" "Probably that I married you for your money," she replied.

"Dear Lord, I pray for Wisdom to understand my man;

Love to forgive him; and Patience for his moods. Because, Lord, if I pray for Strength, I'll beat him to death. Amen."

Q: What do you call an intelligent, good looking, sensitive man?

A: A rumour.

Q: Why do little boys whine?

A: They are practising to be men.

Q: What do you call a handcuffed man?

A: Trustworthy.

Q: What does it mean when a man is in your bed gasping for breath and calling your name?

A: You did not hold the pillow down long enough.

Q: How do you keep your husband from reading your e-mail?

A: Rename the email folder "Instruction Manuals".

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It happened at a New York Airport. This is hilarious. I wish I had the guts of this girl. An award should go to the United Airlines gate agent in New York for being smart and funny, while making her point, when confronted with a passenger who probably deserved to fly as cargo. For all of you out there who have had to deal with an irate customer, this one is for you.

A crowded United Airlines flight was cancelled. A single agent was re-booking a long line of inconvenienced travellers.

Suddenly, an angry passenger pushed his way to the desk. He slapped his ticket on the counter and said, "I HAVE to be on this flight, and it has to be FIRST CLASS."

The agent replied, "I'm sorry, sir. I'll be happy to try to help you, but I've got to help these folks first; and then I'm sure we'll be able to work something out."

The passenger was unimpressed. He asked loudly, so that the passengers behind him could hear, "Do you have any idea who I am?"

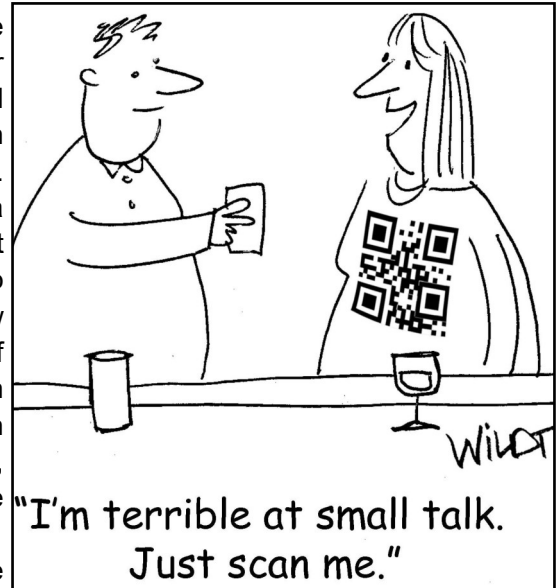
Without hesitating, the agent smiled and grabbed her public address microphone. "May I have your attention,

please?", she began, her voice heard clearly through the terminal. "We have a passenger at Gate 14 who does not know who he is. If anyone can help him with his identity, please come to Gate 14".

With the folks behind

him in line laughing hysterically, the man glared at the United Airlines agent, gritted his teeth, and said, "F*** You!"

Without flinching, she smiled and said, "I'm sorry sir, you'll have to get in line for that, too."



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Soldiers save flag

Soldiers conducting flood relief tasks in Ipswich noticed a familiar looking flag among the flood debris and refused to let it go to landfill.

Discovering a damaged and dirty double-stitched Australian national flag and understanding its significance, Sergeant Brad Wilson and his team saved the flag.

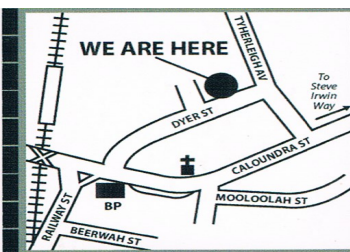
They arranged for it to be restored and mounted into a frame.

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CELEBRATING a special occasion in Vietnam in 1970 were these members of the Australian Army Training Team Vietnam (AATTV) who had become entitled to wear two United States Unit Citations. They had just been at a parade where a citation was presented to the team. They were also with 3rd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment (3RAR), at the Battle of Kapyong (22-25 April 1951) in the Korean War where it won the United States Presidential Unit Citation. They are (from left) Warrant Officer Class 1 (WO1) Brian Lawrance, WO1 Ray Deed, WO1 Bill Eade, Captain Len Opie and WO1 Reg Bandy, then Regimental Sergeant Major of 7RAR at Nui Dat. Ray Deed was awarded a British Empire Medal for his service in Korea as a Sergeant Platoon Commander during the Battle of Kapyong. — from 31 Infantry Battalion Association/ RSL News Qld websites.



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May Timeline — from Bin Laden to HMAS Sydney

2 May, 2011: US Special Forces killed Osama bin Laden in a raid on his secret compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan. Bin Laden had ordered the coordinated aerial attacks of 11 September, 2001.

6 May, 1969: In Kon Tum Province, Vietnam, Warrant Officer Ray Simpson (*on left*) rescues a wounded fellow warrant officer and carries out an unsuccessful attack on a strong enemy position; and on 11 May, he fights alone against heavy odds to cover the evacuation of casualties. He is later awarded the Victoria Cross.

8 May, 1942: Start of the Battle of the Coral Sea in which Japan would suffer its first defeat of World War Two.

10 May 1994: Former political prisoner Nelson Mandela was inaugurated as president of South Africa after the country's first free election.

12 May, 1949: Soviet Russia lifted its Berlin blockade which began on 24 June, 1948 and resulted in the Berlin airlift. For 462 days American and British planes flew about 278,000 flights, delivering 2.3 million tons of food, coal and medical supplies to two million isolated West Berliners.

13 May, 1968: Battle of Coral–Balmoral takes place and becomes the bloodiest engagement for Australians in Vietnam when 25 Australians are killed and nearly 100 wounded during 26 days of fighting north-east of Saigon. The operation lasts till 6 June, 1968.



16 May, 1868: the first Australian cricket team arrived in England for a series of matches. The team consisted of 13 Aboriginal men from the western district of Victoria.

17 May 1932: The ABC was founded. While it has occasionally attracted controversy, it remains Australia's only advertisement-free public broadcaster, and is seen by many as an essential part of Australian society.

22 May, 1972: President Richard Nixon became the first American president to visit Moscow. Four days later, Nixon and Soviet Russia's leader Leonid Brezhnev signed a pact pledging to freeze nuclear arsenals at current levels.

24 May, 1962: Minister for Defence Athol Townley announces that Australia will send 30 Army advisers to South Vietnam.

24 May, 1969: Also in Kon Tum Province, Vietnam, Warrant Officer Keith Payne (*right*) shows outstanding courage and leadership in saving the lives of many of the soldiers under his command. He is awarded the Victoria Cross.

27 May, 1965: 1st Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, leaves for South Vietnam on HMAS Sydney., first of many such voyages.

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

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Just a reminder that the Caloundra RSL will hold a service at 11 a.m. on Saturday, 14 May at the Centaur Memorial on the Caloundra headland, to recognise the 79th anniversary of the brutal sinking of the Australian Hospital Ship 'Centaur' by Lieutenant Commander Nakagawa of the Imperial Japanese Navy in his submarine off the coast of Caloundra. I will be officiating, and trust that our Naval members will attend in large numbers.

Other military news is that the Principal Air Chaplain, Air Commodore (Chaplain) Mark Willis, has concluded his long military service and like his brother, retired Army Chaplain Peter, is hoping for a church pastorate to continue his ecclesiastical calling from behind a pulpit.

We are most fortunate that Peter chose our church to serve as Lead Pastor in after he retired from full time Army duties, but we lose him a few times a year in his Army Reserve role.

I know you are as irate as I am about the situation in Ukraine, but seeing the ADF will not raise the recruiting age to 85, nor eliminate the medical requirements for we old guys who have served in the fifties and sixties, not to mention the fact that although I was a dual language linguist in the military, I don't speak Russian, you and I would have been down at Recruiting Centre in Brisbane, offering our services, to assist the people of



Ukraine in the senseless invasion, and the absolute desecration of their homeland.

Therefore, as I am sure the ADF will not amend its recruiting rules to

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meet our desires, we will have to be content to earnestly pray that God will intervene and reverse the thinking of those tyrants who have recklessly abandoned all decency and regard of the rules of war, set up under the Geneva Convention.

This month, we all must cast a vote for the future of our nation. The general rule in Messes, and similar places, was that one should never talk about three subjects. Religion and politics are two of those three rules.

But because of the tensions in our region, the difference in policies sprouted by many politicians and would-be candidates, I would urge you who offer up prayers to our Holy God, no matter from which denomination we may adhere to, to pray consistently for those who seek the privilege of governing our country, to accept the portfolio that may or may not come their way, to keep Australia the land of the free with liberty and freedom such as we have enjoyed for many years, as its goal. We do live in 'the lucky country'!

There, no proselytising, but a request for another 'P' – prayer. Until next month, God bless us and our nation, as we watch the situation in Ukraine cease, and the election process in Australia moves to select God's chosen leaders.

Arthur Fry
Honorary Chaplain

PICTURED: Chaplains Mark (right) and Peter Willis in Afghanistan.

ANSWERS FROM J.C.'s BEFUDDLEMENT PAGE

Trivia Answers

1. Egypt
2. Lt Frank McNamara
3. 2000
4. Murphy, Abdul and even Queen Elizabeth but his favourite name was Duffy.
5. The nickname "Digger" is attributed to the number of ex-gold diggers in the early army units and to the trench digging activities of the Australian soldiers during WW1. The actual origin of the name has been lost in time,
6. Flags are flown at half-mast on ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day and as a sign of mourning.
7. John McCrae
8. At 11.00am on 11 November 1918.
9. 20 December 1915
10. Albert Jacka
11. Kemal Ataturk
12. The German cruiser Emden
13. A plane flown by pilots of the Australian Flying Corps during WW1.
14. 11 November 1993. He was killed in France in WW1. His remains were exhumed from a military cemetery in France.
15. A 'Waler' is a horse. Short for New South Walers, these stock horses were used by the Australian Light Horsemen in WW1.
16. 7
17. South Africa - N.S.W Army Medical Corps, 24 July 1900. (Boer War).

Across: 1. Possess, 4. Bared, 7. Conifer, 8. Kitty, 9. Hectic, 12. Handcuff, 15. Dramatic, 17. Kitten, 18. Humid, 21. Oratory, 22. False, 23. Foreman.
Down: 1. Pilchard, 2. Shorts, 3. Sift, 4. Bark, 5. Rostrum, 6. Deny, 10. Chute, 11. Snack, 13. Fountain, 14. Harmful, 16. Starve, 18. Hoof, 19. Done, 20. Calf.

Crossword

'Did You Know' Answers

1. Menin Gate is a war memorial in Leper (Ypres), Belgium. This memorial to the missing contains, inside and out, huge panels into which are carved the names of the 54,896 officers and men of the Commonwealth (6,209 Australians) who died in the Ypres Salient area during WW1 and who have no known grave.
2. The Australian submarine AE2 played a dramatic role in the Gallipoli campaign, penetrating the 'Narrows' and sinking an enemy cruiser. She was eventually scuttled by her crew after suffering battle damage. The crew members were captured and spent the next three and a half years in a Turkish prison camp. Four died while prisoners.
3. ANZAC stands for Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. If Australia is entitled to a capital A then surely New Zealand should be written NZ. The two countries share the ANZAC legend so should be acknowledged equally.



ON ANZAC DAY at Mooloolaba (from left) Buck Rogers and Ian Warburton; Chantelle Minter and Johnno Johnston; and June Sheahan on a pre-Anzac Day stall at Aldi, Brightwater.

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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 ArmRgt, 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 Valintine (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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