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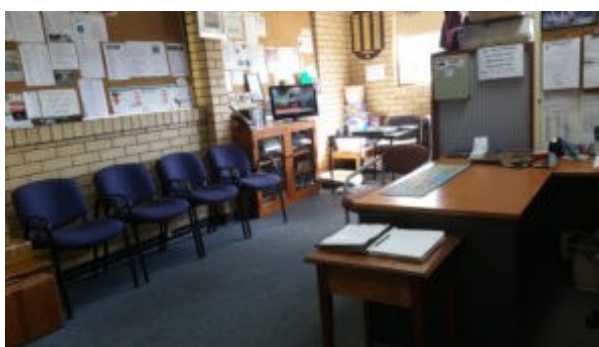
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A life of service R.I.P. E^{II}R

Queen Elizabeth II
late in her 70-year
reign and as a Prin-
cess serving in
World War Two
(left) . See page 16.

Marking 75 years of peacekeeping

The 75th anniversary of Australia's involvement in international peacekeeping efforts was commemorated on 14 September..

Four Australians were deployed in the world's first peacekeeping operation as military observers on a United Nations (UN) Consular Commission to Indonesia in September 1947.

Over the intervening 75 years tens of thousands of military and civilian operatives have been on station around the world.

Since then, not a day has passed without Australians serving somewhere in the world on an international peacekeeping operation. In that time Australian defence personnel, police and civilian staff have contributed to more than 60 peacekeeping operations in more than 30 countries and disputed zones.

Australians are currently serving in the Middle East (UN Truce Supervision Organisation, UNTSO) and in Cyprus (UN Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus, UNFICYP).

Australian personnel are also currently deployed to the UN Mission in the Republic of South Sudan (UNMISS) and the UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA).

Australia has also assisted in peacekeeping within our own region, including missions in Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste and Bougainville, Papua New Guinea. Australia was also instrumental in the diplomacy that led to the Cambodian Peace Settlement and contributed to the UN Transitional Authority in Cambodia, includ-

ing sending the first military contingent and providing the commander of the military component of the mission.

The 75th anniversary was marked by a Last Post Ceremony at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, commemorating the service and sacrifice of the 16 Australians who have lost their lives on UN peacekeeping operations: 10 members of the Australian Defence Force whose names are listed on the Roll of Honour, and six members of the Australian Federal Police.

BELOW: Captain Stephanie Palfrey-Sneddon, with the United Nations Mission in South Sudan, and school children look at a copy of *Young Voices of South Sudan*



From the President

Hi everyone, hope you are all well. It's been a very busy time at the Drop-In Centre of late. We have had a new roof put on the building, new blinds in the office area, a new TV set and a transformer for the TV aerial. Best news is that we only had to pay the sum of \$200 for the lot, thanks to the City Council.

Some may have heard the news that our long-suffering Treasurer has been admitted to the Buderim Private Hospital. Of recent times he has had a fair bit of trouble with both his legs and neck. Went into Hospital for an operation and you guessed it, things seemed to have become worse.

At present (27 September) he is having a number of tests conducted to ascertain just what has happened during/after his surgery and although trapped in bed at the hospital, he is

still carrying out his treasurer's duties on behalf of our association.

It can be truly said that Glen has had an absolutely lousy year. His wife, Winnie, has been very ill for some time now and it has been up to Glen to care both for her and himself. Mate, we all hope you both recover soon and our well wishes are with you and Winnie at this time.

We will be hosting a number of 'Sappers' during the early week of October. The group is having a reunion on the Sunshine Coast and have requested our assistance in arranging a lunch and breakfast during their stay. We were most happy to oblige and your committee will be making arrangements to ensure that they have a memorable stay.

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.

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President.**



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From the Secretary

This month will be quite busy as we have two functions to commit to.

The Sappers Reunion will be on the coast soon and we are providing lunch on Sunday, 9 October, at Mudjimba RSL, and then breakfast on the Monday morning at Mooloolaba Surf Club.

We will obviously require volunteers for this event, so I will keep you posted. Final numbers will be supplied on Friday, but we envisage lunch maybe 65-70 and breakfast about 50. This will be a handsome fundraiser for the association for 2022.

I have also had correspondence from Padre Arthur Fry regarding the service at the Air Museum for Remembrance Day, which we previously attended prior to the Covid lockdown. This will be discussed at the next committee meeting.

As you would probably be aware, Glen Preston is in Buderim Private not travelling that well at present. He is on level 2, room 26 for those able to visit.

Ladies Day has been locked in and Jack Cunnington has been hard at work to ensure another successful event. This year it will be on Thursday, 8 December. (See notice on next page)

The new blinds were installed in the DIC on Monday, 26 September and it has added to the ambience of the office. All we need now is a clean-out of junk we have accumulated over the years. This task will be on the agenda very soon.

The Posh ladies surprised Joan Parkin with a potted lily as a gesture to signal her recent loss.

I may have mentioned in previous reports that I have submitted a request for another Bunnings BBQ and again that could pop up in the near future.

When we are advised re the BBQ, we will require two teams of five to effectively manage the day. So again I will be looking for volunteers.

Hope to see a few of you at Riflemen's Friday, 7 October.

Go well and take good care.

Kind regards

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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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Husband and wife served on board together

IN 1984-85, the inaugural year of our organisation, the Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia Sunshine Coast Sub-Branch, Brian Black was vice-president and his wife, Denise, was secretary.

Bill Edwards was president, but during the year he stepped down because of ill health, leaving Brian as president.

Brian became president again in 1987-88 and in 1997 and 1998 the couple **(pictured)** again became president and secretary (Our current patron, Laurie Drinkwater, was president in 1988 and 1989).

The Blacks visited the Drop-In Centre recently and recalled the early years: "The sub-branch started when the Agent Orange Royal Commission came into being and later we fought to get PTSD recognised as war-related as was cancer.

"We had five advocates at one stage. We worked closely with DVA and also with police because a lot of things were happening (with veterans). It was all about welfare."

They were very proud of the sub-branch receiving a certificate for the success in getting TPI pensions for members.

A highlight of their time was organising a busload of veterans to the Welcome Home March in Sydney in 1987.

"When we did the constitution, we voted to have equal rights for women, that is for partners, of male veterans, the only one doing so at the time.

The board was the only one of its kind to have a female member (Denise).

They used a Gestetner duplicating machine to print the newsletter, then called 'O Group'.

Brian served as a Nasho in South Vietnam in 1969-70 with 3 Cav Armoured Corps, initially as a driver and later as a crew commander. He initially had replaced pop star Normie Rowe.

After Nasho he became a plumber. He and Denise have been married for 51 years and now live at Beerwah.





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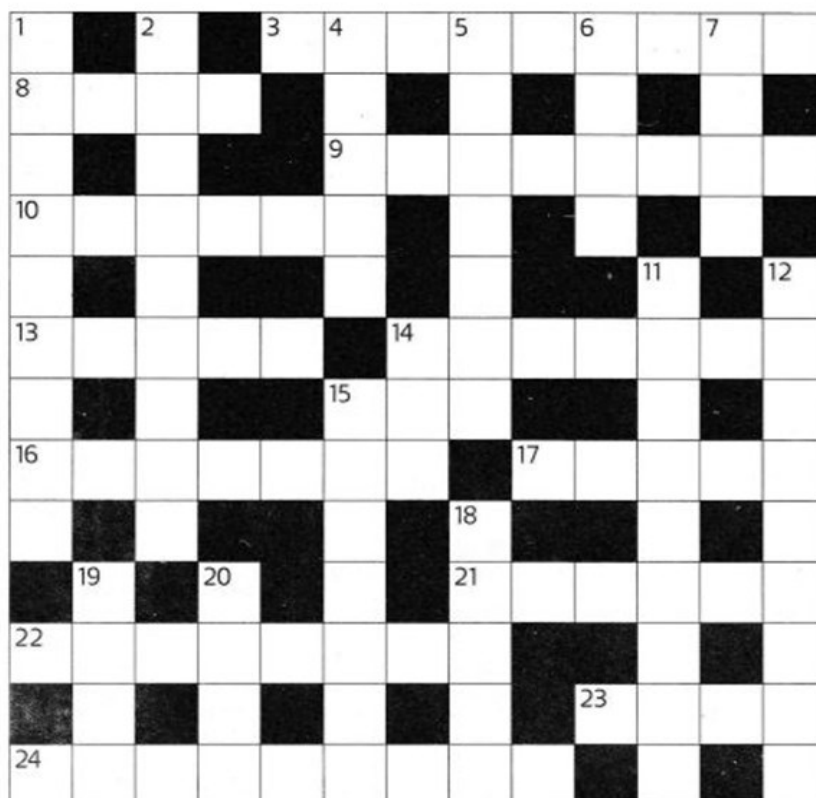
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Queen Elizabeth Has Fun When Mistaken For A Commoner

It seems unthinkable that one of the world's most famous women could have gone unrecognised – but in the rare instances the Queen was mistaken for a commoner, she seized the chance to have some fun.

Artist Juliet Pannett recalled an anecdote Her Majesty had told her about going unrecognised while shopping for cake in Sandringham.

"As she came out of the shop, an elderly lady said 'Good heavens, you look just like the Queen'," Pannett, who painted the Queen during the '90s, told the BBC.

Her Majesty, who was wearing a headscarf at the time, simply replied, "How reassuring" and went about her day.

She was similarly cheeky when a group of American tourists crossed her path near her Balmoral estate, unwittingly asking whether she'd ever met the Queen.

The incognito monarch, who was dressed again in a headscarf, simply gestured to her protection officer and replied, "No, but he has."

Royal Trivia for October

1. What country was Prince Phillip born in?
2. What are the names of Prince Charles' five grandchildren?
3. What is the royal family's real name?
4. Which British royal was known for being a rebel when they were young?
5. What were Queen Elizabeth's two middle names?
6. Who designed Princess Diana's wedding dress?
7. What breed of dog is commonly associated with Queen Elizabeth II?
8. What year did Prince Harry and Meghan Markle get married?
9. Which month of the year does Trooping the Colour normally take place in?
10. How did Prince William and Kate Middleton meet?
11. Who was the Queen Elizabeth II's oldest grandchild?
12. Which British Princess has a child named Sienna Elizabeth?
13. How old was Queen Elizabeth II when she became monarch?
14. Where do the royal family traditionally spend Christmas?
15. Which sport does Zara Tindall have an Olympic medal in?
16. Where did Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Phillip get married?
17. What hobby does Kate Middleton have?
18. How many grandchildren did Queen Elizabeth II have?
19. Which royal wedding had to be postponed due to the pandemic?
20. Where did Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Phillip live as newlyweds?
21. Why did Queen Elizabeth II wear green at Prince Phillip's memorial service?
22. Who played Princess Diana recently in a movie titled *Spencer*?
23. What popular TV show was Meghan Markle in before she married Prince Harry?
24. In 1998, Sarah Ferguson made a cameo appearance in which popular TV series?
25. What is the official Platinum Jubilee pudding?
26. What football team do Prince William and Prince George support?

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Diggers young and old



MORE than 100 at the September Riflemen's Lunch included 65 currently serving Diggers from D Company, 6RAR. Company commander from Long Tan Harry Smith was with company 2IC Josh Bennetts (left) and "senior" attendees (from left) Peter Stammers, Steve Jerome, Garry Jensen and Bill Liquorish; and (below) some of the young Diggers. Staff at Mooloolaba Surf Club did a sterling job, said organiser Kev Lynch.



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Being patient ...

NOT long after the new Federal Government came in I emailed the new Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Mat Keogh, about earlier correspondence from *Ricochet* regarding the anomaly regarding funeral benefits for war veterans.

It was pointed out that before the previous federal election in 2019, then Opposition Leader Bill Shorten in conjunction with then Labor Veterans Affairs spokesman Shayne Neumann, made it policy that the anomaly would be addressed.

Nothing has been heard, but I note that the new Labor Federal Government has been going through all sorts of reviews of spending before a budget in late October.

So, we should not have high expectation about anything to do with veterans' affairs except perhaps, the pledge to do something more about the huge waiting list for claims from veterans.

This has also been raised as a major issue in the veteran suicide inquiry.

As your newsletter editor, I would be interested in receiving comments from you about dealings with DVA — they can be treated anonymously of course. Positive comments are welcome. I know many of us have had nothing but positive experiences with DVA.

A comment following the sad passing of Queen Elizabeth II: new Prime Minister, Anthony Albanese had previously made an unprecedented appointment of a Minister for the Republic, who also happens to be Assistant Minister for Veterans Affairs, Matt Thistlethwaite.

— by Editor Kerry White

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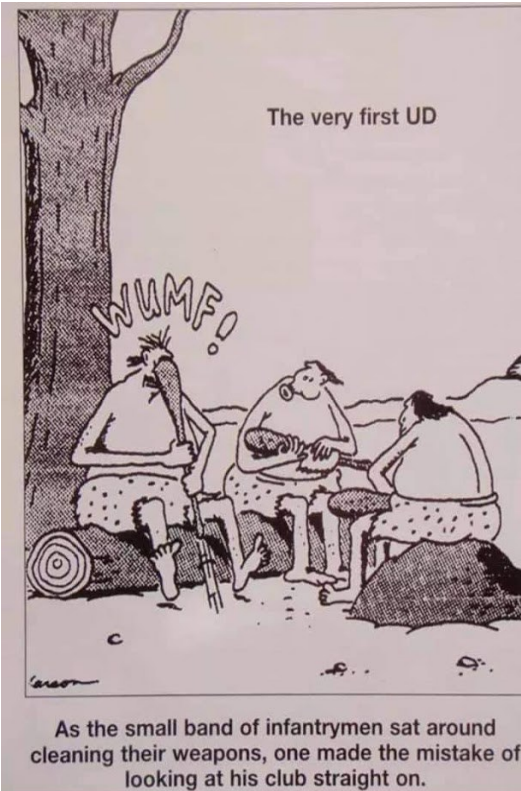
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October Timeline — First uni to first royal visit

1 October 1850: University of Sydney Established. It was Australia's first university and among the first public, non-denominational secular universities in the British Empire.

4 October 1913: A fleet of seven brand-new grey-painted warships steamed out of the sea mist and through the Heads into Sydney Harbour. The Royal Australian Navy's new 'fleet unit' – a battlecruiser, three cruisers and three destroyers – had arrived. The ships were a sign of the new Australian Commonwealth's maturity as a nation.

4 October 1993: Russian tank-soldiers loyal to President Boris Yeltsin shelled the Russian White House, crushing a hard-line Communist rebellion.

6 October 1981: Egyptian President Anwar Sadat (1918-

was assassinated in Cairo by Muslim fundamentalists. He had shared the 1978 Nobel Peace Prize with Menachem Begin of Israel.

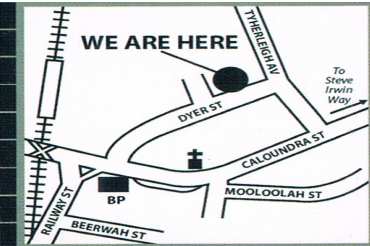
12 October 2002: Three bombs were detonated in Bali, two in busy nightspots – the Sari Club and Paddy's Bar – and one in front of the American consulate. The explosions killed 202 people, 88 of whom were Australian, and wounded hundreds more. It was carried out by terrorist organisation Jemaah Islamiyah.

14 October 1968: John Zarb is the first person to be found guilty of having failed to comply with his call up notice during the Vietnam War. He is convicted in Melbourne and sentenced to two years gaol. He loses his appeal to the full High Court on 25 November 1968. He is released on compassionate grounds in August 1969 after serving 10 months and seven days in Pentridge Prison.

16 October 1971: Australian forces hand over control of the Australian base at Nui Dat to South Vietnamese forces. On 9 December, 4 RAR, the last Australian infantry battalion in South Vietnam, sails for Australia on board HMAS Sydney.

17 October 1917: Stretching across 1693km of Australia's driest and most isolated terrain, the Trans-Australian Railway was completed, providing a link between the eastern states and Western Australia.

20 October 1973: Opening of the Sydney Opera House, one of the 20th century's most iconic buildings. It has become a symbol the world immediately associates with Sydney and Australia. - continued next page.



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October Timeline — First uni to first royal visit

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22 October 1962: US President John F. Kennedy appeared on television to inform Americans of the existence of Russian missiles in Cuba, demanded their removal and announced a naval "quarantine" of Cuba. Six days later, the Russians announced they would remove the weapons. In return, the US later removed missiles from Turkey.

24 October 1889: NSW Premier Henry Parkes delivered a speech at the Tenterfield School of Arts on the need for the Australian colonies to federate into one nation. The Tenterfield Oration is significant because, although politicians had been discussing federation for some time, this was the first direct appeal to the public.

24 October 1945: The United Nations was founded. As World War II was about to end in 1945, nations were in ruins, and the world wanted peace. Representatives of 50 countries gathered at the United Nations Conference on International Organization in San Francisco, California from 25 April to 26 June 1945. For the next two months, they proceeded to draft and then sign the UN Charter, which created a new interna-

tional organisation, the United Nations, which, it was hoped, would prevent another world war like the one they had just lived through.

20-23 October 1966: US President Lyndon Johnson visits Australia. Large crowds welcome him in Sydney and Melbourne, although some demonstrations take place; images of protesters throwing eggs at Johnson's car are later sent worldwide. **Photo: Johnson with Prime Minister Harold Holt.**



26 October 1985: A ceremony to hand-back the title of Uluru (Ayers Rock) took place at the base of the rock. Hundreds of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people looked on as Governor-General Sir Ninian Stephen passed over the title deeds. The

traditional owners have leased the park back to the Australian National Parks and Wildlife Service for 99 years.

31 October 1867: Prince Alfred, second eldest son of Queen Victoria, landed in Adelaide, the first member of the British royal family to visit Australia.

Sources include:

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VCs in London to farewell Queen



KEITH Payne attended the Queen's funeral along with other VC recipients Mark Donaldson, Ben Roberts-Smith and Daniel Keighran. Keith was awarded the VC by the Queen on board the Royal yacht Britannica in Brisbane in 1969 (above). In London he was photographed with Ben after the funeral.



BREAKFAST of champions ... or champions of breakfast. Chefs Jeff and Johnno on the job at Thursday breakfast at Mooloolaba Surf Club.

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I had an occipital stroke just over nineteen years ago, which brought closure to my (paid) working days in a nursing home and in the church. We moved to the Sunshine Coast where the VVAASC conferred upon me the honorary title of Chaplain.

God allowed me the privilege to serve in many areas, not only with you, but as the Chaplain of the Caloundra RSL, and as Chaplain of No. 1 Australian Task Force (Vietnam) Association (HQ 1 ATF). In these honorary roles, I have had the privilege and pleasure of officiating at many military services, as well as conducting funerals and memorial services for my fellow ex-servicemen and women at their passing.

Standing out among the many services I have officiated at are the annual services to remember those who lost loved ones on the AHS Centaur on 14 May 1943. It has been an honour to commemorate those who were tragically drowned that morning.

I have met and made many friends among the descendants of those whose parents, grandparents, uncles and aunts were killed or had survived the atrocities by Lt. Commander Nakagawa's hideous crime of sinking a brightly marked Australian Hospital Ship.

Another highlight was when the family of Major David Sharp requested then President of the Caloundra RSL, Pat Horgan, if we would conduct a memorial service for their uncle at the same time as his funeral in London as it could be a heavy cost for his whole extended family to travel to England. David had no immediate family. Pat agreed and I was asked to conduct the solemn service so far away from his actual funeral in England.

Fireside with the Padre



David had been captured in Korea not long after his arrival and spent the remainder of the Korean War in a North Korean prison. He and a British officer were tied to a tree. The officer was shot but David, then a Sergeant, was spared. He was on the last truck to be repatriated after the end of the 1953 truce, and assured he was the last British prisoner-of-war to leave the truck so that he would be known as the last POW out of Korea.

The other great honour I will always remember was when the current President of the Caloundra RSL, Heather Christie, invited me to officiate at the memorial service on 17 September just passed, to honour the life of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth the second.

In my prayer, I stated what a wonderful, loyal and faithful servant Her Majesty was to her people, and as Defender of the Faith, like many Christian people, who are waiting to hear the words of our Lord when their life passes, Her Majesty would have heard, when the Queen of England, the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth met the King of Kings in Heaven, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter into the joys of your Lord."

Vale, our most gracious, and long serving Majesty.

Arthur Fry
Honorary Chaplain

Answers from page 9



ROYAL TRIVIA

1. Corfu, Greece
2. George, Charlotte, Louis, Archie and Lilibet
3. The House of Windsor
4. Prince Harry
5. Alexandra Mary
6. Elizabeth and David Emanuel
7. Corgis
8. 2018
9. June
10. At university
11. Peter Phillips
12. Princess Beatrice
13. 25
14. Sandringham
15. Equestrian
16. Westminster Abbey, London
17. Photography
18. 8
19. Princess Beatrice and Edoardo Mapelli Mozzi



OUR late Queen with Corgis. RIP.

20. Clarence House
21. It was Phillip's official livery colour
22. Kristen Stewart
23. Suits
24. Friends
25. Lemon and Swiss roll amaretti trifle
26. Aston Villa

CROSSWORD

Across: 3. Chauffeur, 8. Loud, 9. Rhapsody, 10. Update, 13. Herod, 14. Ferrous, 15. Wad, 16. Emperor, 17. Total, 21. Aldrin, 22. Marathon, 23. Held, 24. Decompose.

Down: 1. Slaughter, 2. Guide rope, 4. Harem, 5. Unaided, 6. Fast, 7. Urdu, 11. Couturier, 12. Esplanade, 14. Far, 15. Worship, 18. Yanks, 19. Fake, 20. Sago.

"SWITZERLAND?" The young woman driving our mini-bus exclaimed, as one of the passengers mentioned where he is from.

"Whereabouts?" she asked. "Lausanne," he said. "Really?" the driver, also a chopper pilot, replied, "Same here, and my parents are still there."

We are at Uluru, on our way to survey this stunning landscape from the air. But the conversation exemplified another feature of this special place: the variety of people and their cultures.

From the difference among even the Indigenous people around here to the staff comprising "locals", Aussies from all over, and backpackers from India, Asia, Europe and South America, diversity is everywhere, not to mention in the landscape itself.

Adding to it is the arrival of 160 Fijians, flown in to help address a labour shortage.

No doubt we have grown up with images of Ayers Rock,

Swiss meet up at Uluru

now called Uluru. From social studies and geography to films, to paintings by Albert Namatjira, to later stories about Lindy Chamberlin and her baby, and all that, but it certainly feels like the heart of Australia whether you have been here or not.

Flying in over 'The Rock', the first thing that strikes you is how it utterly dominates the landscape. From the airport – still called Ayers Rock – it is a short coach ride into the township of Yulara, a town spread out in a rough circle around a large park including Imalung Lookout.

Even though it is about 21km to Uluru (in Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park), 'The Rock' is still awe-inspiring. We learn Uluru is taller than the Eiffel Tower at 348m above the surrounding plane; it is 3.6km long and 1.9km wide, with a total circumference of 9.4km.

Traditional owners the Anangu people lease the land to the government as Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park. Closer to the base of Uluru is Mutitjulu, a closed community of local Indigenous people where access is by permit or permission only.

Plenty of activities are on offer and most can be arranged beforehand, for example, sunrise and sunset tours to Uluru and the spectacular range of Kata Tjuta; Indigenous art; "Field of Light", "Dinner Under the Stars" or camel and chopper rides, segway tours, drinks and cheese at sunset taking in the changing colours of the rock.

Do yourself a favour and visit Uluru. Not that it is going away – Uluru and Kata Tjuta started to form about 550 million years ago. – **by Kerry White (below in a chopper with Uluru in the background).**

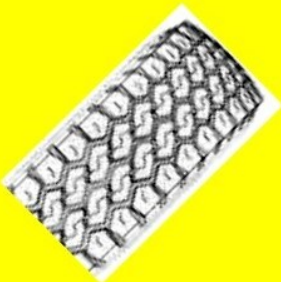


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At lunch on Vietnam Veterans Day ...

AT THE Vietnam Veterans Day lunch at Maroochy RSL were (left) Gretchen and Brian 'Chips' Ross and (above, from left) Peter Spindler, Mike Sheahan and Alan Raabe who served together with 17 Construction Squadron RAE out of Nui Dat in 1969.

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING, TUESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 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: Pieter Reus will continue as Membership Officer until AGM next year. Cherry picker will be available to remove sign, liaise with Council to facilitate loading to Mal's ute. Blinds not installed. Susan from Council to follow up.

Correspondence/ Secretary report: read by Garry King.

Eumundi Yandina RSL invitation to attend open day – declined participation due to many other commitments.

Reminder Sappers Reunion, volunteers required – Email to be sent.

Ironman fundraising \$2200.

Moved Garry King, Seconded John Huxham. Business arising from Correspondence/Secretary Report: nil. Carried

Treasurer's Report: no report available

Membership Report: no report available

Ricochet Report: no report available

Merchandise Manager Report: Missing from Drop In Centre, 2 green polo shirts ordered last year. Discussion re: BBQ shirts for new BBQ Volunteers.

Moved Johnno, Seconded David Oliver. Business arising

from Merchandise Report: nil. Carried.

Office Manager Report: read by John Huxham. Office tidy up continues. Blinds to be followed up. Moved John Huxham, seconded Garry King. Carried. Business arising: nil.

Digger Hat Jewellery Report: read by Graeme Scott. Four attendees at this month's DHJ day. New drills purchased at Bunnings with spare battery to ensure efficient work, reimbursement to be organised. Moved Graeme Scott, seconded Dave Oliver. Carried, Business arising: Low supply of pennies.

Sub-Committee Report: read by John Cunnington: VV Day a great effort by all. First Civil Affairs Secretary presented shield today as thanks for a great day and have indicated will return for VV Day. Ladies Luncheon 8 December, Ricochet and emails to advise. Moved JC, seconded John Huxham. Carried, Business arising: NIL.

General Business:

Chips Ross advised Volunteers' Barbecue to be his "Living Wake". Intends to pay for 50 per cent of the cost of Volunteers' Barbecue on Wednesday 16 November, 1200hrs at Cotton Tree.

Scottie enquired re receipts for VV Day buses and chairs.

Garry King advised Certificates of Appreciation for two IGA stores in Maroochydoore: Wises Rd and Maud St stores, and Councillor Ted Hungerford.

Meeting was closed at 1130hrs. Next meeting 1100hrs Tuesday 18 October 2022.

Roll of Honour – Vietnam, October 1962-75

October 1965

Field, Ronald Eric (214479), 22, 1RAR, Pte, War Cemetery, Rookwood, NSW.

Hansen, Allan Robert (214329), 25, 1 RAR, Pte, Crematorium, Rookwood, NSW.

Ross, Thomas (212612), 25, 1 RAR, LCpl, War Cemetery, Rookwood, NSW.

October 1966

D'Antoine, Gordon Henry (54865), 20, 5 RAR, Pte, Karrakatta Cemetery, Perth.

Warburton, Graham Francis A (3786978), 21, Pte, 5 RAR, Warnambool Cemetery, Vic.

Womal, Norman James (15170), 28, 5 RAR, Cpl, Bowen General Cemetery, Qld.

October 1967

Freeman, John William (2226078), 21, 1 DivIntel Unit, Pte (Temp. Cpl), Northern Suburbs Crematorium, Sydney.

Harald, Noel Stuart (16141), 30, 2 RAR, Pte, Yeppoon Cemetery, Qld.

O'Shea, Geoffrey (18490), 20, 1SqnSAS, Mulumbimby Cemetery, NSW.

October 1968

Brewer, Kevin Frederick (6708915), 22, 4 RAR, Pte, Ulverstone Cemetery, Tas.

Byrne, Basil Eric (53741), 32, AFV Amenity & Welfare Unit (RA INF), Cpl (TempSgt), Karrakatta Cemetery, Perth.

Davidson, Barry Norton (2788283), 22, 3 RAR, Pte, Northern Suburbs Crematorium, Sydney.

Evans, Paul (1732701), 22, 1 RAR, LCpl, Pinnaroo Cemetery and Crematorium, Brisbane.

Houston, Kenneth Raymond (2787776), 23, 3 RAR, Pte, Garden of Remembrance, Rookwood, Sydney.

McInerney, Neil Anthony (217514), 20, 1 RAR, Pte, Gundagai Cemetery, NSW.

Shaw, Keith Charles (55358), 21, 4 RAR, Pte, Karrakatta Cemetery, Perth.

Slattery, John Michael (2787079), 22, 1 RAR, Pte, Garden of Remembrance, Rookwood, Sydney.

Stahl, Donald Matthew (21934), 44, RAE, att AATTv, 1965-66, died PNG 1968, WO1, Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Leppington, NSW.

Thomson, Ian James (2786038), 22, 3 RAR, Pte, Thirlmere Cemetery, NSW.

Tinkham, John Richard (3791207), 21, 4 RAR, Pte, Garden of Remembrance, Springvale, Melbourne.

Van Rijsewijk, Paul Richard (5715180), 21, 3 RAR, LCpl, Karrakatta Cemetery, Perth.

October 1969

Binder, Bernd George Fritz (134994), 21, 9 RAR, Pte, Wangaratta Cemetery, Vic.

Casey, Albert Lesley (218715), 20, 3 CavRegt, Trp, Batlow Cemetery, NSW.

Connors, Ronald Francis (218554), 26, AACC (Att 5 RAR), Rookwood Necropolis, Sydney.

Duncuff, Alan Leslie (5716228), 21, 1 FldSqn, Spr, Allambie Park Cemetery, Albany, WA.

Hansen, Peter Roy (511317), 23, 6 RAR, Pte, Karrakatta Cemetery, Perth.

Holloway, John Wallace (3794544), 22, 9 RAR, Pte, Springvale Crematorium, Melbourne.

O'Neill, Allan Leslie (36547), 22, Cpl, 2SqnSAS (RA INF), Karrakatta Cemetery, Perth.

Prior, Kevin John (1734329), 22, (RAR, Pte, Rockhampton Crematorium, Qld.

October 1970

Davies, Rex William (422514), 25, 7 RAR, 2Lt, Stirling North Garden Cemetery, Port Augusta, SA.

October 1971

Hall, John (243015), 30, 12 FldRegt, SSgt, Garden of Remembrance, Rookwood, Sydney.

Parker, Roderick Thomas Ross (218346), 27, 12 FldRegt, Sgt, Garden of Remembrance, Rookwood, Sydney.

Scott, Terence Ronald (38649), died 18 Oct 1971 aged 24, served 7 RAR 1967-68, Springvale Botanical Cemetery, Vic.

Schuit, Martinus Jacobus M (4720852), 23, 17 ConstSqn, Spr, Centennial Park Cemetery, Adelaide.

Willoughby, Garry Ian (3797671), 22, 2 RAR, Pte, Lilydale 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 ...'