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

## REMEMBRANCE FOR YOUNG AND OLD

REMEMBRANCE Day means many different things to different people whether you are a veteran thinking of a mate who didn't make it, or had a grandfather who served in World War One, or whether your heroism, serving with mates in a recent war, was recognised.

Like Victoria Cross recipient Daniel Keighran (pictured below), who said Remembrance Day was an opportunity to reflect with his grandfather who fought in World War II and served as a father figure for him.

"A number of family members had served previously, and without a doubt without my grandfather's guidance and commitment to ensure that I turned out to be a good young man – who knows where I would have ended up," he says.

"We used to reflect on his service, what he'd been through. Now, I remember those special, special moments with him certainly."

The decorated army corporal, who spent his early years in Nambour and later in central Queensland said he didn't grow up with much. Aged 17 he felt he had three options: grow dope, continue school, or join the Army, he told RSL News.

So began his long journey to becoming one of only four soldiers in Afghanistan to receive the Victoria Cross for Australia after he deliberately drew ene-



LOCAL Gilvear Family after World War One — their story, Page 3. More Remembrance Day photos, pages 3,8.

my fire on to himself in 2010.

"It's about understanding the sacrifices that have been made for the freedoms that we so readily enjoy today," he said of Remembrance Day.

In 2012, Corporal Daniel 'Dan' Keighran was awarded the Victoria Cross for Australia – the highest award in the Australian honours system – for his actions in the Battle of Derapet in Afghanistan in 2010.

He was only the third soldier, and the first member of the Royal Australian Regiment (RAR), to receive the Victoria Cross for Australia since the award's introduction in 1991.

"For me, military service was a way out of where I was at that point in my life." Dan was deployed on multiple operations.



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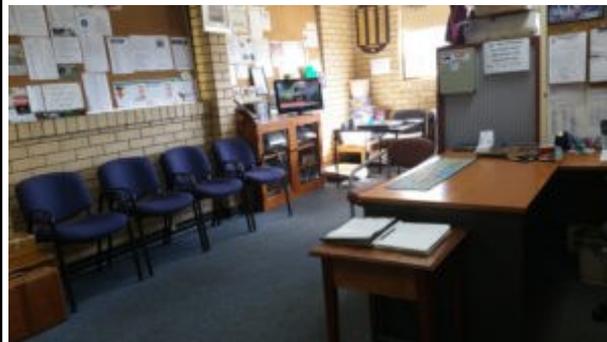
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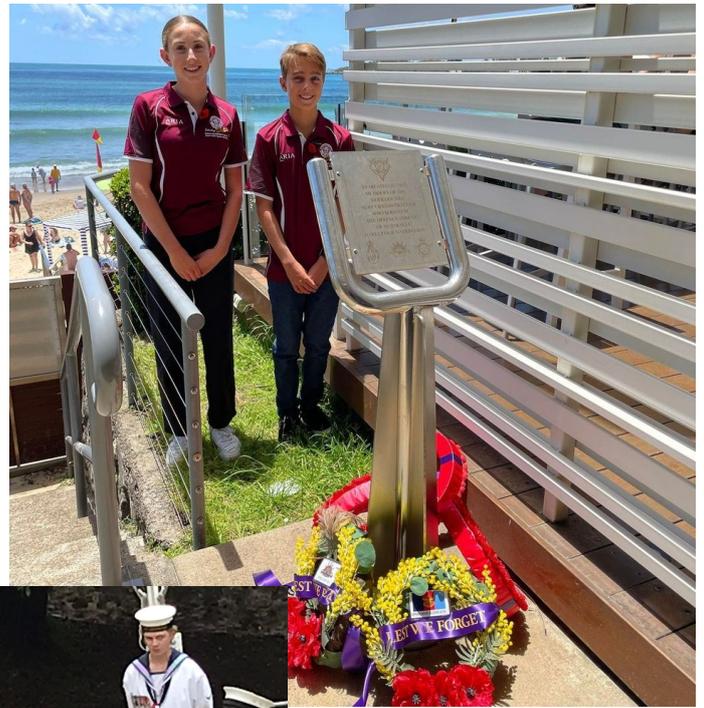
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## REMEMBERING

*SUNSHINE Coast Remembers at well-attended services ... (clockwise from top left) piper at Maroochydore; Nippers laid wreaths at Mooloolaba Surf Club service; Navy cadets on catafalque duty at Maleny; and a veteran pays tribute to a mate at Tewantin-Noosa. – photos from various Facebook pages. More photos, pg 8.*

## YOUNG MEN FROM LOCAL FAMILY REMEMBERED

Local men and women from the Sunshine Coast were among those remembered at services on 11 November, Remembrance Day.

“The people of our region grieved for the loss of many fine young Australians during the Great War,” *Ricochet* editor Kerry White said in an address to a luncheon at Mooloolaba Surf Club.

“Several of those young men came from the same family – the Scottish-born Gilvear family of Glass House Mountains.

“Before war was declared, Thomas Gilvear ran a banana farm with his wife Christina and six older sons. In May 1916, he signed up at the age of 43 with six of his sons and they went on to fight at the front.

“Christina cared for the remaining four children and managed the farm. The depth of sorrow felt by Christina

as she received telegrams with the news that three of her sons had been killed on the battlefields of France no doubt stayed with her for the remainder of her life,” he said, recounting information from the Sunshine Coast Regional Council website on heritage.

“Let us remember all who have served Australia in conflicts. The Australian War Memorial has a long list of conflicts in which Australians have been involved including of course two World Wars, the First in which we lost 61,665 and the Second 39,656.

“There are 32 in total also including the South African Boer War (592), Korea (340), Vietnam (523) and Afghanistan (45). Our total military losses in wars have been 103 thousand and 10.”

– *Page 1 photo shows remaining Gilvear family members after the war in 1918 — from Sunshine Coast Regional Council heritage website.*



## 9 RAR has reunion on Coast

*A REUNION for 9 RAR Association was held recently on the Sunshine Coast. President of the association is VVAASC member Kevin Lynch. A parade was held at the Cenotaph in Cotton Tree followed by a luncheon at Maroochy RSL Club (a group who attended above). While 250 attended the service a total of 400 attended the four-day reunion with seven different events.*



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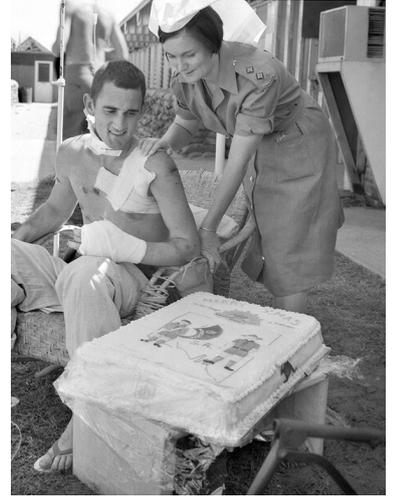
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## CHRISTMAS IN 'NAM

*Remember Chrissy in 'Nam? .... (clockwise from left) handing out goodies to local kids; a wounded Digger and nurse share a cake; Diggers enjoy goodies from home; and a service at sea. More at <https://anzacportal.dva.gov.au/wars-and-missions/vietnam-war-1962-1975/events/christmas>*



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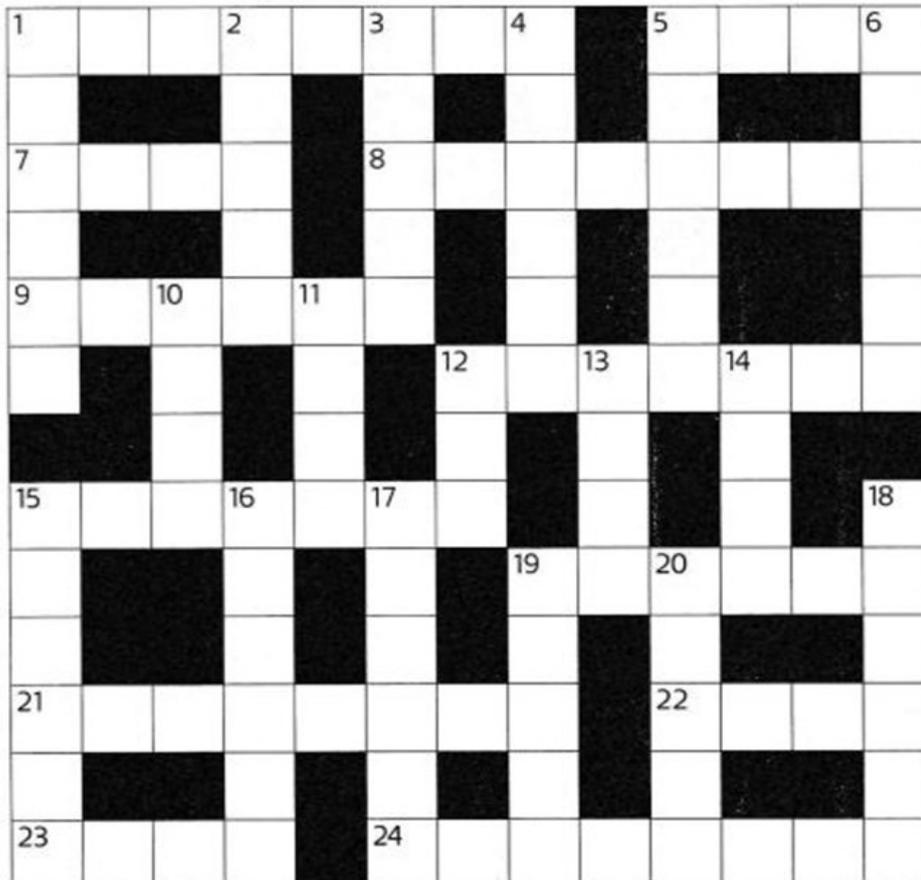
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# JC's BEFUDDLEMENT PAGE ....



**ACROSS**

- 1. Garden meal? (8)
- 5. Breaking waves (4)
- 7. Hit by a bullet (4)
- 8. Nickname of WWI pilot Richthofen (3,5)
- 9. Stroke (6)
- 12. Health check (7)
- 15. Yellow sauce (7)
- 19. Turn down (6)
- 21. Mystifying (8)
- 22. Steinbeck novel, *Of \_\_\_ and Men* (4)
- 23. Pour down (4)
- 24. Gas, symbol N (8)

**DOWN**

- 1. Cut in two (6)
- 2. Swim (5)
- 3. Ringlets (5)
- 4. Tolerate (6)
- 5. Prawn dish (6)
- 6. Ship's chimney (6)
- 10. Spare bones? (4)
- 11. Type of bean (4)
- 12. Sludge (3)
- 13. Hill of sand (4)
- 14. Snack bar (4)
- 15. Gary \_\_\_\_, star of *High Noon* (6)
- 16. The ape man! (6)
- 17. Stand down (6)
- 18. Scattered around (6)
- 19. Correct (5)
- 20. Large jet airliner (5)

**Christmas Trivia**

1. If Elvis isn't going to have a white Christmas, what type of Christmas is he going to have?
2. What famous Christmas carol became the first song ever broadcast from space?
3. Which country came up with the dessert "White Christmas" made from coconut oil and dried fruit?
4. Which fairy tale served as an inspiration for the first gingerbread houses?
5. Which country usually begins the festive season with a glass of Bombardino, a mixture of brandy and advocaat?
6. Which country started the tradition of putting up a Christmas tree first?
7. Which reindeer is named after thunder?
8. What year was Santa born?
9. What's the highest grossing Christmas movie of all time?
10. In the song "Twelve Days of Christmas," what is given on the seventh day?
10. What is the first name of Scrooge, the principal character of the novel, *A Christmas Carol*?
12. Who was the author of *A Christmas Carol*?
13. What was the name of the animated Christmas movie featuring Tom Hanks?
14. Who created Rudolph, the most popular reindeer of Santa Claus?
15. How many reindeer drive Santa Claus' sleigh (counting Rudolph)?
16. Who once stole Christmas?
17. If you decorated your house with some *Ceratopetalum Gummiferum* - what would you use?
18. In the Australian version of "Jingle Bells" what mode of transport is used instead of the one horse open sleigh?
19. Where did the word Christmas come from?
20. What century was the first written use of "Xmas"?

**Christmas Funnies**

**Did you hear that K Mart is giving away dead batteries for the holidays?**  
They're free of charge!

**Did you hear about the man who stole an Advent calendar?**  
He got 25 days.

**Why did the scarecrow get a big Christmas bonus?**  
Because he was outstanding in his field.

**What did the bald man say when he got a comb for Christmas?**  
"I'll never part with it!"

**What did Santa and his wife do when they wanted to split up but couldn't find a divorce lawyer in the North Pole?**  
They got a semicolon instead. They're great for separating independent Clauses.

• **ALL ANSWERS PAGE 17.**

# Chips hears his 'Eulogy'



**DRESSED** for the part (left), John Cunningham delivers a 'eulogy' for Chips Ross, our senior member, who wanted to use the recent Volunteers Lunch as a 'wake'. "I am in my 90s," he said, "and I just want a family funeral." Pictured above are some who attended helping themselves to the sumptuous spread committee members organised for the lunch.

**BELOW:** Chips demonstrated his dry sense of humour by bringing along a decorated miniature coffin. Chips, aka Bryan Walter Ross (13065) served with 102 Field Workshop in Vietnam and reached the rank of Sergeant. May he live a good life for a few more years and then RIP. He said he sponsored the event in appreciation of what the association has done for him over 17 years.



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### Line up for Nine

*NINE from Nine ... by coincidence, that number was on hand at the recent Riflemen's lunch before a major Battalion reunion on the coast.*

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*OUR secretary Garry recently presented a plaque to Maud Street Grocer (IGA) owner Rob Cook and staff Casey (left) and Laurie with thanks for their support supplying items for functions.*



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

When four of Santa's elves got sick, the trainee elves did not produce toys as fast as the regular ones, and Santa began to feel the Pre-Christmas pressure.

Then Mrs. Claus told Santa her Mother was coming to visit, which stressed Santa even more.

When he went to harness the reindeer, he found that three of them were about to give birth and two others had jumped the fence and were out, Heaven knows where.

Then when he began to load the sleigh, one of the floorboards cracked, the toy bag fell to the ground and all the toys were scattered.

Frustrated, Santa went in the house for a cup of apple cider and a shot of rum. When he went to the cupboard, he discovered the elves had drunk all the cider and hidden the liquor. In his

frustration, he accidentally dropped the cider jug, and it broke into hundreds of little glass pieces all over the kitchen floor. He went to get the broom and found the mice had eaten all the straw off the end of the broom.

Just then the doorbell rang, and an irritated Santa marched to the door, yanked it open, and there stood a little angel with a great big Christmas tree.

The angel said very cheerfully, 'Merry Christmas, Santa. Isn't this a lovely day? I have a beautiful tree for you. Where would you like me to stick it?'

And so began the tradition of the little angel on top of the Christmas tree.

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A woman has a problem with her wardrobe door in the bedroom. Every time a bus passes outside the house, the door of the wardrobe, would fall off.

She called a repairman to try and fix the problem.

The repairman comes, and he sees that indeed the door did fall off every time a bus passed by.

"Okay!" said the repairman, "I'm going to step inside the wardrobe, you close the door behind me, 'til I see if I can detect what the problem is, and he steps into the wardrobe. The wife closes the door behind him.

At this point the husband suddenly arrives home, and find his wife in the bedroom talking to somebody. He rushes upstairs, and opens the wardrobe door, see's the repairman, and shouts, "What the hell are you doing in there?"

The repairman meekly replies, "Well believe it or not, I'm waiting for a bus!"



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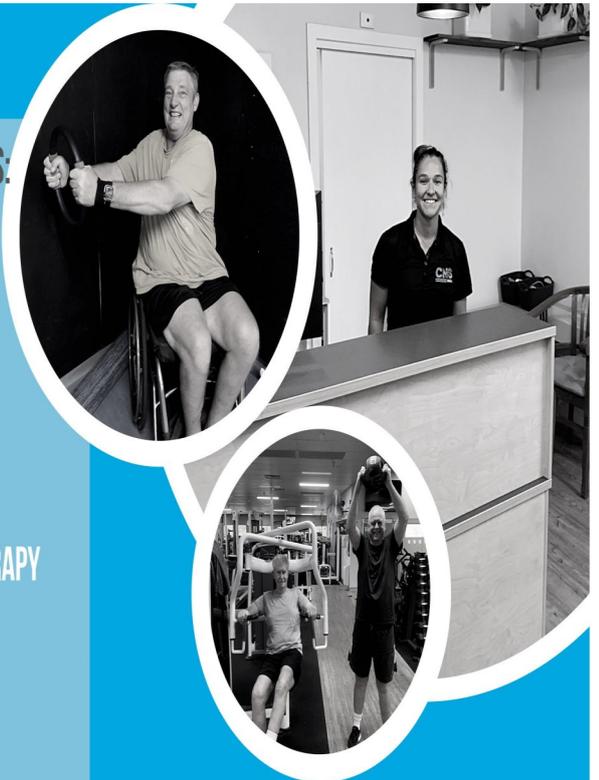
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DURING World War II, my father often found himself stuck with KP duty.

One day, convinced he could improve things, he told the head cook, "If you give me a paring knife, I could peel these potatoes faster."

The cook turned slowly to my father and said, "Son, you're in the Army. You have plenty of time."

I TRIED having my mother's phone disconnected, but the customer-service rep told me that since the account was in my dad's name, he'd have to be the one to put in the request.

The fact that he'd been dead for 40 years didn't sway her.

Then a solution hit me: "If I stop

paying the bill, you can turn off the service, right?"

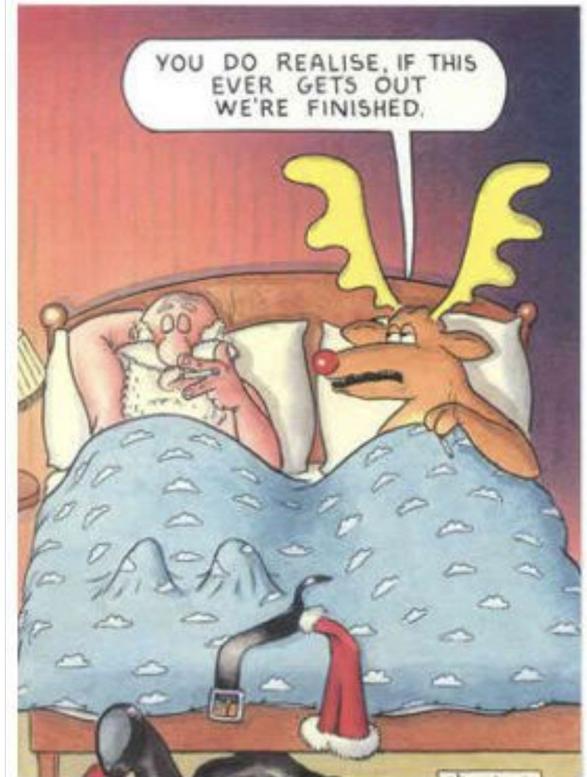
"Well, yes," she said reluctantly. "But that would ruin his credit."

ONCE there was a guy named Bill who wanted a horse. On Craigslist, Bill saw a Christian horse so he went to check it out. When Bill got to the ranch, the horse's owner said "It's easy to ride him.

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"Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, praise the Lord" and the horse is running.

Now Bill sees the cliff and says: "AMEN." The horse stops: "Whew! Praise the Lord!"



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**2 December 1911:** Douglas Mawson led the ill-fated Australasian Antarctic Expedition (AAE) which sailed from Hobart for Antarctica in the Aurora with a view to returning in early 1913. Mawson lost three colleagues, Belgrave Edward Ninnis and Xavier Mertz.

**3 December 1854:** Early on the morning of Sunday 3 December 1854, government troops attacked the Eureka Stockade. At least 22 diggers and six soldiers were killed. Miners who were disgruntled with the way the colonial government had been administering the goldfields, had built the stockade.

**7 December 7:** The US Naval base at Pearl Harbor was attacked by nearly 200 Japanese aircraft in a raid that lasted just over one hour and left nearly 3000 Americans dead.

**9 December 1971:** 4 RAR, the last Australian infantry battalion in South Vietnam, sails for Australia on board *HMAS Sydney*.

**12 December 1959:** At the US Grand Prix Jack Brabham became the first Australian to win a Formula One World Championship. He won again in 1960 and 1966.

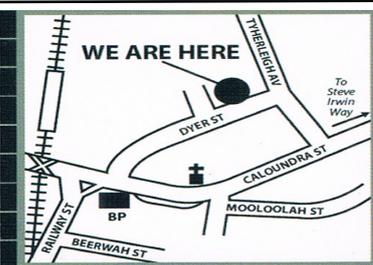
**18 December 1964:** In response to requests from the US president and South Vietnam prime minister for another 200 advisers, the Australian Government offers to send ground troops to South Vietnam.

**25 December 1974:** Cyclone Tracy hit Darwin in the small hours of Christmas Day 1974, killing 71 people and devastated 80 per cent of the city. In the days and weeks following the disaster, most of the traumatised population left the city.

**26 December 1906:** *The Story of the Kelly Gang* opened at the Athenaeum Theatre in Melbourne. It was the first multi-reel, feature-length film ever produced in the world.

**26 December 2004:** An estimated 230,000 people were killed and 1.5 million left homeless when a magnitude 9.3 earthquake on the seafloor of the Indian Ocean set off tsunamis that smashed into a dozen countries.

**29 December 1928:** Don Bradman scored his first international test century. It was against England at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) in the third test of the 1928–29 Ashes series. **- continued next page**



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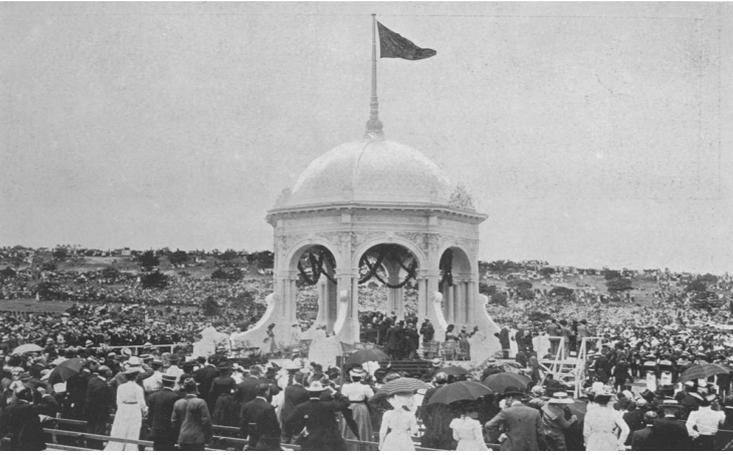
## December/January Timeline

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**1 January 1901:** Australia became a nation when the British Parliament passed legislation enabling the six Australian colonies to govern in their own right as the Commonwealth of Australia (**Federation Day 1901 below**).

**9 January 1868:** The convict transport *Hougoumont* arrived at the port of Fremantle with 269 convicts, the last to be sent to Western Australia. It was also the end of 80 years of continuous penal transportation to the Australian continent.

**10 January 1920:** The League of Nations officially came into existence with the goal of resolving international dis-



putes, reducing armaments, and preventing future wars.

**19 January 1900:** The first case of bubonic plague in Australia was reported in January 1900. Bubonic plague is one of the deadliest diseases humanity has ever faced.

**22 January 1931:** Sir Isaac Alfred Isaacs became our first Australian-born governor-general. He proved that a 'local man' could hold the office as competently as the British aristocrats who had preceded him.

**26 January 1938:** The first Aboriginal Day of Mourning – the Indigenous response to Australia's sesquicentenary in 1938 – was commemorated in Sydney. It was the first national gathering of Indigenous people.

**28 January 1986:** The US Space Shuttle Challenger exploded 74 seconds into its flight, killing seven, including Christa McAuliffe, a teacher who was to be the first ordinary citizen in space.

**30 January 1968:** Tet Offensive is launched. It was a major escalation and one of the largest military campaigns of the Vietnam War. It was a campaign of surprise attacks against military and civilian command and control centres throughout South Vietnam.

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)

<https://www.historyplace.com/specials/calendar>

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# CEREMONY FOR 80th ANNIVERSARY OF HEROIC KOKODA CAMPAIGN

The 80th anniversary of the historic Kokoda campaign was marked recently with ceremonies in Australia and Papua New Guinea.

At Kokoda Village in Oro Province inland from Port Moresby, a flag was raised to mark a similar event 80 years ago during the Kokoda campaign.

Aussie Diggers including many from the Sunshine Coast fought in mud and dense jungle in one of the most grueling World War Two actions.

Maroochy RSL Board president and Vietnam veteran Len Thompson was at the Kokoda Village Memorial ceremony alongside Australian and PNG representatives and members of the Kokoda Memorial Foundation.

“It was a very moving ceremony,” Len said. “The local school children attended and stood for a very long time in the heat before they very sweetly sang the National anthems of both Australia and Papua New Guinea.

“It was amazing to see so many people paying their respect including descendants of the ‘Fuzzy Wuzzy Angels’ and World War Two Diggers who pushed back the enemy and reraised the Australian flag on this very site on November 3 1942”.

The group of volunteers of the foundation regularly visit the Kokoda track assisting in many projects including clean water infrastructure and building war memorials. Al-



**VETERANS of the Kokoda Campaign who attended the 80th anniversary commemoration (from left) David Trist (aged 98), Bruce Robertson (102), Reg Chard (99) and Les Thompson (99, no relation of Len Thompson).**

so attending with a crowd of 600 including 200 schoolchildren, were the Australian Assistant Minister for Defence and Assistant Minister for Veterans’ Affairs, Matt Thislewaite, and the NSW Minister for Transport, Veterans and Western Sydney, David Elliot.

Mr Elliot officially launched a digital honour roll, which is now a permanent fixture at the Education Centre. The roll is projected onto the windows of the Education Centre and features the names of more than 600 Australians killed during the campaign.



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It only seems like yesterday that we were wishing each other Happy New Year at midnight on 1 January 2022. So, we could well ask, "Where did 2022 go?" We were sliding out from under the COVID blanket that had covered us for too many years, but had to be wary because we cannot kid ourselves it has gone.

We have farewelled several long-time good friends. Some have welcomed new infants into our wider family. There were certainly highlights such as our wonderful day we enjoyed at the Maroochydhore Cenotaph and later at the Maroochydhore RSL for our first Vietnam Veterans Day gathering for a few years.

Our committee kept the Drop-in Centre running with volunteers, and the occasional events, thanks to a handful of the devoted few. The rest of us are looking at the calendar and disbelieve that the classification, 'Octogenarian,' is either approaching, or we have already passed that point. Some of our members are knocking at the 'Nonagenarian' door.

Christmas is upon us with the many parties that call us to celebrate the Festive Season. But as you will have heard me say every year, Christmas is more than the excess of food and drink that we consume; it is more than the gathering of friends and families; it is more than giving and receiving presents, and all the other bells and whistles that constitute a great Christmas.

It is about a little child who came into this world under most unusual circumstances. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit. He was born of a virgin to save the peoples of all generations in the world. His name was Jesus.

## ***Fireside with the Padre***



So, as important as this little baby is, when even the Gregorian Calendar was introduced to acknowledge his birth date, His followers are found all over the earth. But you know the story.

I will just repeat my regular encouragement that you pop along to a church of your choice this Christmas and hear the Pastor or Priest re-tell this story of His birth and refresh your memory about what a profound influence this little baby has had on millions all over the world, especially on the reader as you read this article.

Many of you have already come out from under the COVID cocoon. Travel, including cruising, has regained our attentions. Annette and I cruised off to Cairns in late November, just to feel the sea air in our nostrils again, after the cancellation of our cruise from Mauritius to Venice. We had settled into a life of luxury aboard the 'Costa Mediteranea' in St. Louis' Harbour, but ignominiously were booted off that ship and finally found our way home via Melbourne at the beginning of the COVID turmoil. Cairns was a substitute to whet our cruising appetites again.

Annette and I wish all members and their families a most blessed Christmas, and a Happy and prosperous New Year for 2023.

***Arthur Fry  
Honorary Chaplain***

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### TRIVIA

1. Blue Christmas.
2. "Jingle Bells".
3. Australia.
4. Hansel and Gretel.
5. Italy.
6. Germany.
7. Donner (the German word for "thunder").
8. 270 AD
9. The Grinch Who Stole Christmas.
10. Swans a-swimming.
11. Ebenezer (pictured right)
12. Charles Dickens
13. The Polar Express
14. Robert L. May created Rudolph in 1939, when he wrote a Christmas-themed story-poem to attract customers in his department store.
15. Nine



16. The Grinch
17. Christmas Bush
18. A rusty Holden ute
19. The name 'Christmas' comes from the Mass of Christ.
20. The letter "X" has long been used as an abbreviation for Christ since the 16<sup>th</sup> Century, the Greek word for Christ begins with what looks like an "X".

### CROSSWORD

**Across:** 1. Barbecue, 5. Surf, 7. Shot, 8. Red Baron, 9. Caress, 12. Medical, 15. Custard, 19. Reject, 21. Puzzling, 22. Mice, 23. Rain, 24. Nitrogen.

**Down:** 1. Bisect, 2. Bathe, 3. Curls, 4. Endure, 5. Scampi, 6. Funnel, 10. Ribs, 11. Soya, 12. Mud, 13. Dune, 14. Cafe, 15. Cooper, 16. Tarzan, 17. Resign, 18. Strewn, 19. Right, 20. Jumbo.

## MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING, TUESDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2022

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

**Attendance:** 15. **Apologies:** 3

**Previous Minutes read by:** Mick Howe, moved: Mick Howe, seconded: Garry King, carried. Business arising from minutes: Kerry White to be reimbursed for expenditure on website.

**Correspondence/Secretary Report:** Thank you to all the volunteers for Remembrance Day fundraising. Information regarding a bequeath from a deceased member. There will be a BBQ at Cotton Tree Meats Saturday, 19 November, all provisions provided by CTM. Nomination forms for next year to commence in December. A list of deceased members requested by State. Moved Garry King, seconded Gordon Hall, 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 the next folding day is 8 December, as a few regular "folders" will be away extra volunteers required please. Kerry attended Mooloolaba Surf Club on 11 November, noted that Courier Mail and Sunshine Coast Daily online appeared to have no content referring to Remembrance Day Services. Moved Kerry White, seconded Mike Gaye, carried. No business arising.

**Office Manager:** John Huxham updated the Christmas hours of the Drop In: Closed from 1200hrs Friday 16DEC22 to re-open 0900hrs Monday 09JAN23. Moved John Huxham, seconded Johnno, carried. No business arising.

**Sub-Committee:** John Cunningham informed the Meeting a minimum of 30 attendees required for Ladies Luncheon, however seven more attendees required, email to be sent out to members as a reminder. Moved John Cunningham, seconded Garry King, carried. No business arising.

**DHJ:** Scotty told the Meeting that there were four attendees to this Month's DHJ. The hosts of DHJ to attend Volunteers BBQ. Order for Bendigo RSL posted. Moved G. Scott, seconded Mark Doolan carried. Business arising: No business arising.

**General Business:**

**Mick Howe:** VVAASC member Lou Pattel passed away on 11NOV22, after a long illness. RIP.

**Chips Ross:** The informed the Meeting that the intention of the "living wake" is to say thank you to Members of VVAASC for 17 years of friendship and the Volunteers BBQ will be the event also he intends to pay 50% of the cost.

**Mike Gaye:** an enquiry regarding funding of Veteran enterprises, VVAASC is not Government Funded.

**Mal O:** The VV sign is completed however the following will be required: 4 to 6 people to help attach to the building, help loading into his ute as it measures 6m x 900mm, Saturday 26NOV22 cherry-picker to be collected from Coates Hire, Sunday 27NOV22 meet at VDIC to put sign in place. A key to gate on stairs to be obtained by John Huxham to ensure access to roof. Financial reimbursement required for sign. The sign looks great and fantastic job done. All present thanked Mal for his hard work on this project.

**Bob Johnson:** Enquired if volunteers needed for BBQ at Cotton Tree Meats Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>, volunteers organised.

**Kerry White:** Requested photos to be taken of the replacing of the sign on the 27<sup>th</sup> November as he will not be able to attend.

Meeting closed at 1155hrs.

**NEXT MEETING TO BE ADVISED.**

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## Roll of Honour – Vietnam, December/January 1962-75

### December 1965

Fotheringham, Alexander Henry T (36543), 28, 1RAR, Cpl, Inverell Cemetery, NSW.

Simpson, Thomas (36205), 27, 105 FldBtry, Gnr, Terendak Military Cemetery, Melaka, Malaysia.

### December 1966

Lithgow, Colin Thomas (214752), 27, 6RAR, LCpl (TempCpl), Rookwood Crematorium, Sydney.

Sullivan, Paul Charles (3786696), 21, 5RAR, Pte, Garden of Remembrance, Springvale, Melbourne.

### December 1967

Birse, Robert Graham (215349), 23, 4FldRegt, Lt, Lawn Cemetery and Memorial Park, Palmdale, NSW.

Fewquandie, Francis John (1411181), 23, 2RAR, Pte, Walkerston Cemetery, Walkerston, Qld.

Henderson, Malcolm Austin (51286), 36, AATTV, WO2, Karrakatta Cemetery, Karrakatta, Perth.

Hyland, Francis Arthur (6708488), 22, 2RAR, Pte, Wynyard Cemetery, Tas.

Robertson, Arthur James (2411510), 30, AATTV (Att.RAI), Sgt (TempWO2), Frenchs Forest Bushland Cemetery, Sydney.

Seiler, Ronald (212909), 28, AATTV (Att.RAI), Sgt (TempWO2), Rookwood Military Cemetery, Sydney.

### December 1968

Cox, Raymond John (2787020), 22, 1RAR, Pte, Goulburn Cemetery, NSW.

Gaffney, Ronald James (3793157), 21, 9RAR, Pte, Mudgee General Cemetery, NSW.

Garrigan, John (310089), 40, RAA (Att AATTV), WO2, Sale War Cemetery, Vic.

Hannaford, Michael John (3791920), 21, CSqdn, 1ArmRegt), Trp, Garden of Remembrance, Springvale, Melbourne.

Kalma, John Henry (215637), 22, 1RAR, LCpl, Garden of Remembrance, Rookwood, Sydney.

Rands, John Milton (2787069), 22, 1RAR, LCpl, Temora General Cemetery, NSW.

Roost, Christopher William (5715153), 22, 4RAR, Pte, Karrakatta Cemetery, Perth.

### December 1969

Brown, Allen Roy (3794895), 21, 6RAR, Pte, Springvale Crematorium, Melbourne.

Buchan, Robert (55613), 22, 6RAR, Pte, Garden of Remembrance, Perth (Ashes later sent to relatives in in Scotland).

Cassano, "Nick" John (5716427), 22, 5RAR, Pte, Karrakatta Cemetery, Perth.

Donald, Barry Creig (29745), 29, 161 (Ind) RecceFlt, Capt., Ipswich, Qld.

Evans, Thomas Arthur (3794256), 21, 1ATF, Pte, Woronora Crematorium, Sutherland, Sydney.

Fitzpatrick, Bryan Francis (A34167), 37, 2SqnRAAF, Cpl, Fawkner Crematorium & Memorial Park, Melbourne.

French, Vivian Albert (1202185), 19, 3CavRegt, Trp, Mount Gravatt Cemetery, Brisbane

Gould, Eric George (55890), 22, 8RAR, Pte, Garden of Remembrance, War Cemetery and Annex, Perth.

Greene, John Gerard (2791447), 21, 1FldSqn, Spr, Woden Cemetery, Phillip, Canberra.

Jellie, Alan Douglas (39510), 22, 161 (Ind) RecceFlt, 2Lt, Centennial Park Cemetery, Adelaide.

Marks-Chapman, Peter Robert (38801), 25, 6RAR, Lt, Garden of Remembrance, Springvale, Melbourne.

Robertson, Malcolm Robert (3793978), 21, 1ALSG, Pte, Lilydale Cemetery, Melbourne.

Stanford, Gregory Ian (2790070), 22, 6RAR, LCpl, Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Leppington, NSW.

Voyzey, Douglas James (2137680), 22, 3CavRegt, Trp, Evergreen Memorial Park, Tamworth, NSW.

Woolley, Ivan Alfred (A118435), 22, 2SqnRAAF, AC, Mount Gravatt Cemetery and Crematorium, Brisbane.

### December 1970

Galvin, Wallace James (214101), 32, Hq 26 CoyRAASC, Sgt, Eastern Suburbs Memorial Park, Matraville, Sydney.

Knight, Peter Raymond (A318937), 36, 10SU, LAC, Brighton General Cemetery, Melbourne.

Lloyd, Allan (3797086), 20, 7RAR, Pte, Traralgon Cemetery, Vic.

Moss, Allan Brian (4410968), 22, Det52, SuppPlt (RAASC), Cpl (TempSgt), Evergreen Memorial Park, Enfield, Adelaide.

Nichols, Raymond Kevin (1797), 39, 106 FldWksp, Springvale Crematorium, Melbourne.

Luff, Neville Francis (28325), 36, 3CavRegt, Pinegrove Memorial Park,

Minchinbury, Blacktown City, NSW.

### January 1966

Bade, Kenneth Wilfred (17071), 27, 105FldBtry, Capt, Mount Thompson Crematorium, Brisbane.

Bowtell, Robert Walter (213151), 33, 3FldTrp, Cpl, Macquarie Park Cemetery and Crematorium, Sydney.

Clark, Christopher (215214), 20, 1RAR, Pte, Woden Cemetery, Phillip, Canberra.

Coxon, Ronald Edward (38012), 27, 1RAR, LCpl, Shepparton Cemetery, Shepparton, Vic.

Home, Neville Wayne (215217), 19, 1RAR, Pte, War Cemetery, Rookwood General Cemetery, Sydney.

Lees, Ronald Victor (26182), 37, RAA (AttAATTV), Sgt (TempWO2), War Cemetery, Rookwood General Cemetery, Sydney.

Penn, Desmond Hugh (5411479), 26, 1RAR, Pte, Karrakatta Cemetery, Perth.

Petersen, Bror Ola (5411305), 25, 1RAR, Pte, Karrakatta Cemetery, Perth.

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## Roll of Honour – Vietnam, December/January 1962-75

Wilson, Mervyn Arthur F. (213780), 29, 1RAR, Pte, War Cemetery, Rookwood General Cemetery, Sydney.

*January 1967*

Tweedie, Geoffrey Lawrence (3787416), 21, 6RAR, Pte, Garden of Remembrance, Springvale, Melbourne.

*January 1968*

Bell, Alec Ernest James (5714453), 21, 7RAR, Pte, Karrakatta Cemetery, Perth.

Binning, Raymond Paul (4410704), 21, 2RAR, Pte, Centennial Park Cemetery, Adelaide.

Davison, Walter Johnston (311546), 27, 8FIdAmb (att.2RAR), Pte, Garden of Remembrance, Springvale, Melbourne.

Morrison, Dayle William (1732186), 22, 2RAR, Pte, Pinnaroo Cemetery and Crematorium, Brisbane.

Norley, Graham Leonard (43058), 23, 2RAR, LCpl (Temp.Cpl), Centennial Park Cemetery, Adelaide.

Trzecinski, Paul Zigmund (216115), 21, 7RAR, Pte, Rookwood Military Cemetery, Sydney.

*January 1969*

Cock, John Raymond (42564), 29, 9RAR, Sgt, Centennial Park Cemetery, Adelaide.

Duroux, Jeffrey Max (15230), 28, 9RAR, Sgt, Centennial Park Cemetery, Adelaide.

Graham, Allan Walter (43528), 22, 9RAR, Cpl, Garden of Remembrance, Centennial Park Cemetery, Adelaide.

Graham, Samuel (2787716), 22, 4RAR, Pte, Woden Cemetery, Phillip, Canberra.

Harris, Ronald Arthur (5410968), 26, 2SASSqdn, LCpl (Temp.Cpl), Karrakatta Cemetery, Perth.

Huelin, Antony Jeffrey (O27710), 25, RAN HelFit, A/SubLt, Pinnaroo Cemetery and Crematorium, Brisbane.

Key, Robert MacDonald (39493), 21, 9RAR, Pte, Springvale Crematorium, Melbourne.

Malone, Peter Anthony (215983), 21, 3CavRegt, Trp, Liverpool Cemetery, Sydney.

Meredith, Thomas Frederick (2788798), 22, 9RAR, Pte, Rookwood Necropolis, Sydney.

Musicka, Harold Robert (4717754), 23, 9RAR, Cpl, Centennial Park Cemetery, Adelaide.

Nagle, George (39565), 23, 9RAR, Pte, Garden of Remembrance, Springvale, Melbourne.

Phillips, Reginald Arthur (4719545), 21, 9RAR, Pte, Murray Bridge Cemetery, SA.

Plane, Bruce James (4719981), 21, 9RAR, Pte, Ardrossan Cemetery, SA.

Ramsay, Joseph Steven (1733037), 22, 4RAR, Pte, Pinnaroo Cemetery and Crematorium, Brisbane.

Smith, Peter Charles (2788912), 24, 9RAR, Pte, Rookwood Crematorium, Sydney.

Sykes, Arnold (55431), 25, 9RAR, Pte, Bunbury General Cemetery, WA.



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*January 1970*

Clifford, Laurence Ian (42132), 39, ASqdn3CavRegt, Centennial Park Cemetery, SA.

Engstrom, Ronald John (18797), 22, 1FIdSqn, Cpl, Pinnaroo Cemetery and Crematorium, Brisbane.

Hollis, Anthony Edward (2786682), 23, 1FIdSqn, Spr, Woronora General Cemetery, Sutherland, Sydney.

Stevens, John George (313122), 21, 5RAR, Pte, Woden Cemetery, Phillip, Canberra.

Wagstaff, Victor Neil (312756), 20, 8RAR, Pte, Maryborough Cemetery, Vic.

*January 1971*

Clark, Ross Tasman (3793971), 24, 1FIdSqn, Fawkes Memorial Park, Melbourne.

Craig, Peter (2782049), 5RAR, 25, 5RAR, Pte, Wagga Wagga Lawn Cemetery & Crematorium, NSW.

Dufty, Milton Raymond (2792150), 22, 7RAR, Pte, West Kempsey Cemetery, West Kempsey, NSW.

Halkyard, Eric (311620), 27, 7RAR, LCpl, Garden of Remembrance, Springvale, Melbourne.

Hartney, Gilbert John (34854), 39, 102FIdWksp, WO2, Garden of Remembrance, Springvale, Melbourne.

Sheriff, Peter James (A119739), 20, 1OpSptUnit (att.9SqnRAAF), Drayton and Toowoomba Cemetery, Toowoomba, Qld.

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