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The obverse design will feature the Commonwealth Coat of Arms with 'Vietnam War' inscribed at the top and "Australia remembers" at the bottom. The medallion reverse design will feature words of thanks at the bottom with the years 1962-73 inscribed at the top to represent the years in which Australia was involved in the Vietnam War. The medallion also features a UH-1 Iroquois "Huey" Helicopter, a depiction of HMAS Sydney (III) "Vung Tau Ferry" and an Australian soldier holding an SLR.

The medallion will be presented in a display case and will include a card that explains the design and contains a brief expression of thanks (**Pictured**).

The design of the commemorative certificate will

complement the medallion. The design includes the Commonwealth Coat of Arms, 'Australia Remembers' wording and includes the signature of both the Governor-General and the Prime Minister.

The certificate will be contained within its own folder that will allow for independent display, framing and mounting.

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Official war correspondent Charles Bean visited the Australian troops on the day of the landing at Anzac. His account of the battle wasn't made publicly available until 17 May. It had been held up by British staff at General Headquarters in Egypt and released subsequently by Prime Minister Andrew Fisher. Here is a small part of his account:

Gallipoli (One).—The Australians and Maorilanders landed in two bodies, the first being a covering force to seize the ridges around the landing [which took place] about an hour later. The moon that night set about an hour and a half before daylight. This just gave time for the warships and transports of the covering force to steam in and land the troops before dawn.

The covering force was taken partly in four of our own transports, partly in three battleships. The night was perfect; about three o'clock the moon set, and the ships carrying the troops, together with the three warships which were charged with the protection of the flanks, stole in towards the high coastline. It was known that the coast was fortified, and that a battery on a promontory 2 miles [3km] southwards, and several other guns amongst the hills inland covered the landing place. The battleships and transports took up a position in two lines. The troops were transferred partly to the warships' boats, and partly to destroyers, which hurried in shore, and re-transferred their occupants to boats, which then made by the shortest route for the beach.

It was eighteen minutes past four on the morning of Sunday, 25th April, when the first boat grounded. The men leapt into the water, and the first of them had just reached the beach when fire was opened on them from the trenches on the foothills which rise immediately from the beach.

The men did not wait to be hit, but wherever they landed they simply rushed straight up the steep slopes. Other small boats which had cast off from the warships and steam launches which towed them, were digging for the beach with oars. These occupied the attention of the Turks in the trenches, and almost before the Turks had time to



WORLD War One veterans at an Anzac Day march in 1944. – AWM photo.

Charles Bean reports from Gallipoli assault

collect their senses, the first boatloads were well up towards the trenches. Few Turks awaited the bayonet.

It is said that one huge Queenslander swung his rifle by the muzzle, and, after braining one Turk, caught another and flung him over his shoulder.

The Third Brigade went over the hills with such dash that within three quarters of an hour of landing some had charged over three successive ridges. Each ridge was higher than the last, and each party that reached the top went over it with wild cheers. Since that day the Turks have never attempted to face our bayonets. The officers led magnificently, but, of course, nothing like an accurate control of the attack was possible.

It is impossible so say exactly how many of the enemy were holding this particular portion of the coast; perhaps 500 to 1000. One boat, just as it landed, had the bottom blown out without a single man in it being hurt. Our men landed in very heavy kits and an accident in the boats might have been serious. It is believed that some men were drowned in one or two boats of the covering force but, except for these, the hundreds of boats which came to that beach under shell fire during the day suffered scarcely at all.

By the time the first part of the main body was forming up on the beach the Turks had brought up their troops from the other side of the peninsula, and a fierce attack began, which lasted all day. As fresh troops arrived on the beach they were in most cases sent straight into the firing line, either on one flank or the other of the covering force. These troops went straight into the firing line, where the Turks were already attacking in force too great to allow of the digging of trenches. The only possibility was to hold on in the scrub on the line which they wished to hold and dig in after dark.

During the night our lines were straightened. Men dug themselves in as best they could. Finally, over the ridge would come a line of figures shouting "Allah! Allah!" Our troops waited till the enemy were within about 70 yards, then jumped out of the trench with bayonets fixed, and charged. The Turks have never once waited, but so far have always turned immediately, or flung themselves flat and allowed the machine guns to fire over their heads at our men.

The issue cannot be in doubt, but one knows that, even if it were, nothing could take away from the Australian and New Zealand Infantry the fame of last Sunday's fighting.

The complete version can be read at <https://anzacportal.dva.gov.au/wars-and-missions/ww1/where-australians-served/gallipoli/landing-anzac-cove/beans-first-report> Page 19: Local Anzac Day details.

From the President

Hi Everyone, Hope you are all safe, happy and healthy. Well we are well and truly back into it with the months slipping by all too quickly.

I was interstate for the last Mooloolaba Tri series, but I understand that all went extremely well and I would like to thank those who volunteered as road marshals for the event.

As you are all aware, we have lost our esteemed Treasurer, Glen, and managed to snag Deb Day to take over. She has slipped into the fold exceptionally well and has already changed certain procedures we had in place regarding the Association's financial systems.



If you are reading this issue backwards, you will note that Garry has mentioned that we are now also seeking a new Association Membership Officer.

Come on people, we require your assistance to run this place effectively. The position only requires a few hours a week at the Drop-In Centre and I'm pretty sure that there is at least one of

MEMBERSHIP OFFICER REQUIRED

you out there who has a few hours each week to spare rather than sitting on your bum at home, doing nothing, and letting everyone else do the job for you!

Anzac Day is fast approaching and pretty soon, Garry will be looking for volunteers to man a couple of the stalls where sell military memorabilia merchandise. Once again, it's only a couple of hours of your time on a day to be nominated; it's not that hard!

Let me say this; if you people don't start assisting this Association, then it won't be too long before you don't have a committee to run it.

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

Best Regards,
Mick Howe,
President.



PICTURED LEFT: Volunteer Rusty and friends at Mooloolaba Tri.



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From the Secretary

Where has the year gone? Our recent participation in the Mooloolaba Triathlon was a great success and a huge thank you to all those that volunteered.

We are currently in the process of organizing casual leasing for Anzac Day sales points and I am having difficulty confirming positions for Chancellor and Buderim Marketplace. Despite having contacted management sites from past years, it seems centre management in both instances have been outsourced and contacting these new agents has now become very difficult.

I continue to search!

Our plan to source a replacement for long time membership officer Pieter Reus has hit a hurdle. Our favoured replacement has had to decline for health reasons which we fully understand.

We therefore require a volunteer to replace our membership officer, who has agreed to stay on until we can find a suitable replacement.

So here we are once again seeking someone to put their hand up and assist your association in a part-time roll of membership officer.

Our new treasurer has made her presence felt very quickly along with plans to make our association run in a more efficient manner day to day. Again we thank Glen Preston for his efforts over many years and hope his health is back on top as soon as possible.

As you would be aware, we have had to tighten security at the DIC because of security of staff at both our office and the library building itself.

There will be more deterrents to come concerning security in the ensuing months.

Michael Howe and myself will be signing a new lease agreement in the coming weeks, after some final touches are applied and agreed to.

I must also congratulate Chriss Wessels on the efficient manner in which she resides over the minutes of our meetings and the prompt manner she transfers same to Kerry White and myself for publication in Ricochet.

Again I reminded the normal suspects they would be required for folding on 6 April (Of course that would be done by the time you read this, but usually happens on the first Thursday each month).

That's all from me this month. Stay safe and well.

Kind regards
Garry King



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MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING, TUESDAY 21 MARCH 2023

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

Attendance: as per book.

Previous Minutes read by: Mick Howe, moved: Mick Howe, seconded: John Huxham carried. Business arising from minutes: There will be a Function for attendees of the 2023 AGM to be held at the Bowls Club adjacent the DIC. For future reference there will be two Functions per year, the other being for Volunteers at the end of 2023. Moved Mick Howe, seconded Mal Overend. Carried.

Correspondence/Secretary Report: Thank you to all the volunteers for the Triathlon on Sunday. The Acquittal per volunteer is \$100, thus \$2200 was raised. AN-ZAC Day sites are: Chancellor Park, Spotlight Maroochydore and Buderim Market Place. The days that the fundraising will take place are: Saturday 21 April, Sunday 22 April and Monday 24 April. This year there will be only Remembrance Day Sales at Chancellor Park. Gordon Hall will be organising this stall. The Public Liability Insurance will be inclusive of VV Day via a notation to the policy. Moved Garry King, seconded Gordon Hall. Carried. No business arising.

Treasurer's Report: Mick Howe gave an informal address to the Meeting regarding the changes happening in lieu of a report from the Treasurer Deb Day who was unavoidably absent.

Membership: Pieter Reus advised there are currently 172 financial members. Moved John Huxham, seconded Margo Christie. Carried. No business arising.

Ricochet: Kerry White informed the Meeting the next folding day will be Thursday morning 6 April and asked for an email to be sent to all members to advise them of the date. Moved Kerry White, seconded Bob Johnson. Carried. No business arising.

Office Manager: John Huxham welcomed Brian Earp to the Duty Officer Team. Moved John Huxham, seconded John Oxenham. Carried. No business arising.

Sub-Committee: John Cunningham informed the Meeting that the Maroochydore RSL is booked for Vietnam Veteran's Day 2023. Council permits, paperwork has commenced and an extension to the Public Liability Insurance by way of a notation being organised. Buses and chairs are to be organised in April. Much discussion re: a Fly past at the VV Day Service – especially as it is 50 years since the withdrawal of Australian troops; this will be investigated. Moved John Cunningham, seconded Mal Overend. Carried. No business arising.

DHJ: Scotty told the Meeting that there were two attendees to this Month's DHJ. New orders have been posted. Moved G. Scott, seconded Gordon Hall. Carried. No business arising.

General Business:

Garry King: There will be a gateway at the bottom of the stairs at the back of the DIC. This is to maintain safety of the area out of hours. He also confirmed he will send an email reminder re: folding of Ricochet on Thursday 6 April, 2023.

John Huxham: Sometime soon the fridge in the DIC will be re-stocked with cool drinks and water.

Scotty: He attended the Maroochydore RSL Sponsors Day as requested, however he was given the incorrect time and enquired why no one else attended. Discussion ensued.

Brian Earp: Apologised for non-attendance in previous years, whereby he was warmly welcomed back by all attendees.

Chris W: Clarified when the 2023 AGM attendees would have a function as there seemed to be some confusion within the Meeting. It was then suggested by Mick Howe that "finger food" and drinks would be held after the next Meeting at the Maroochy Bowls Club. The date is 18 April. Discussion then took place regarding the organising of the event.

There being no further business the Meeting was closed at 1140hrs.

The next Meeting is Tuesday 18 April.



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WHAT FUTURE FOR TANKS ... ?

One of the most used quotes in support of the argument that the Australia Defence Force has no need for tanks in future structures is that they're surplus to requirements because, in part, they haven't been deployed since the Vietnam War.

This is an oft-repeated line run by commentators in two of our major newspapers, the Sydney Morning Herald and The Australian. It is also a factoid employed in articles hosted by SBS and a range of other media outlets.

At its heart though, it is a nonsensical argument. If we were to use the 'hasn't been employed since Vietnam' as the metric for the utility of defence platforms, there are a whole raft of other ones whose continued relevance would be open to discussion.

An anniversary marked this week provides a particularly good example of

why the Vietnam metric is so lacking in intellectual rigour. Seventy years ago, on 27 March 1953, was the last time an Australian military aircraft was involved in air-to-air combat. If the half-century since an Australian tank fired a shot in anger is considered Exhibit A in the case against them, what are we to make of the seven decades and billions of dollars that we've spent on an air-to-air combat capability that we've never had to use?

And taking the 'use it or lose it' argument to its logical conclusion, what should the general public think about the eye-watering cost of our new nuclear submarines come April when it will be 108 years since a Royal Australian Navy submarine last launched a torpedo in anger? Yes, you heard correctly—108 years.

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Of course, I'm not questioning the utility of submarines or combat aircraft or tanks as part of a robust ADF. Rather, this is an appeal to those who seek to influence public debate to avoid the pitfalls inherent in declaring capabilities obsolete simply because they were last used in the Vietnam War. Australian artillery hasn't fired a shot in anger since Vietnam (although Australian gunners served with UK gun batteries in Afghanistan), yet the US's use of artillery to support the Syrian Democratic Forces in defeating Islamic State in Syria and the difficulties in keeping up the supply of ammunition to Ukraine shows how critical tubed artillery remains on the modern battlefield.

Time alone doesn't consign a capability to the scrapheap. Technological advances may do so, or the nature of conflict itself. But often those facts are only known once a conflict has commenced and the adversaries' capabilities become known. Which is why predicting the obsolescence of a capability is so difficult, and why the various sages

who seek to do so would do well to buttress their arguments with a deeper level of analysis about scenarios in which capabilities are, or are not, likely to be used. Of all the arguments as to why a capability is no longer required, temporal distance from the last time it was used is often the weakest.



Centurion tank in Vietnam

So, when the defence strategic review is published and the impact on the defence budget of the AUKUS submarine project is better understood, it would be good if the commentariat could discuss the pros and cons of various capabilities that the ADF may require in the future without referencing the Vietnam War. Some capabilities, after all, retain their utility regardless of when they were last used.

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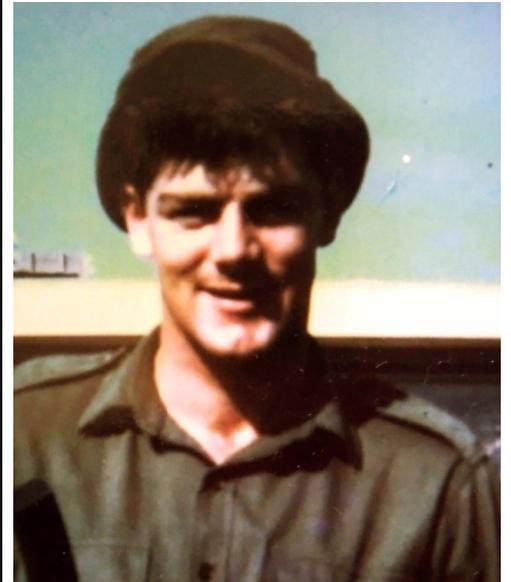




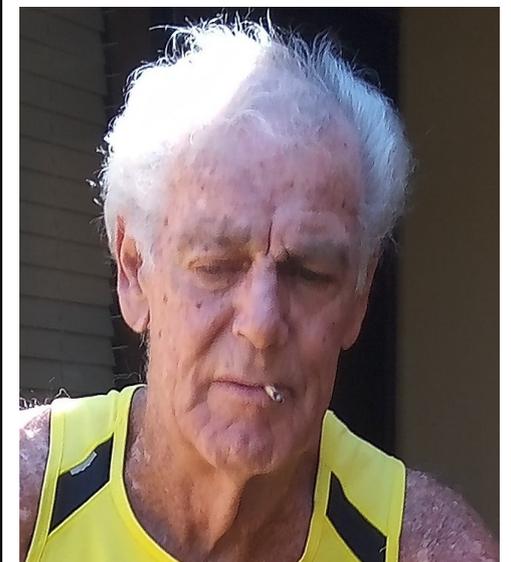
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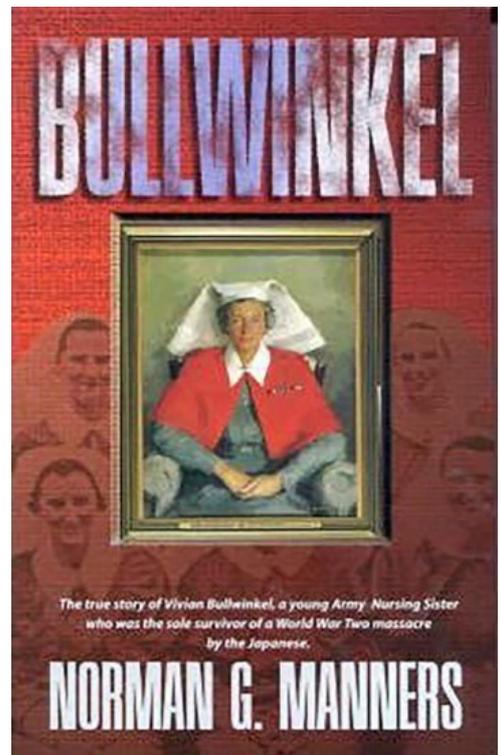
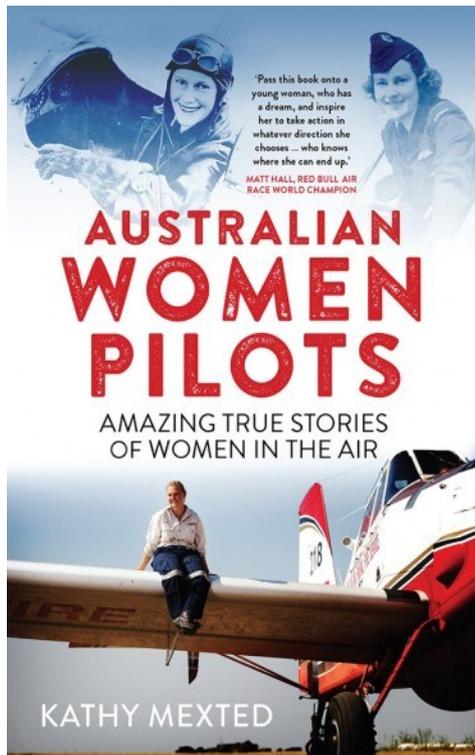
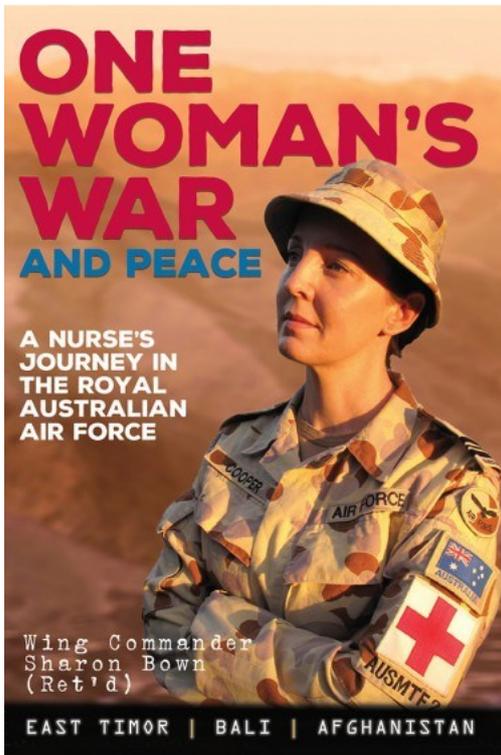
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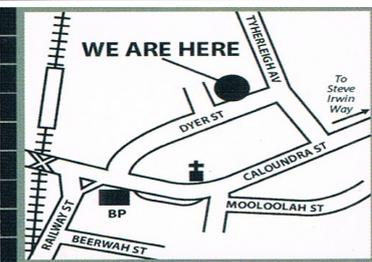
The Australian Hospital Ship *Centaur* (pictured) was torpedoed and sunk by the Japanese submarine I-177 on 14 May 1943, eighty years ago, off Queensland's Moreton Island in an act of inexcusable wartime bastardry.

With its white hull properly lit and marked in accordance with Article 5 of the Geneva Convention dealing with maritime warfare, *Centaur* was considered immune from attack. But its immunity was a myth that cost the lives of 268 of the 332 souls on board. Only 64 survived, and that was after some 35 hours in waters that all Australians know are treacherous in every sense of the word.

Just one of *Centaur's* 12 nursing sisters survived. Sister Ellen Savage's life story is well known, but her qualities may be summed up by her award of the George Medal – only the second Australian woman so honoured – for her heroic work helping other survivors despite her own significant injuries. Ellen Savage died aged 72 on ANZAC Day 1985, almost 42 years to the day after the *Centaur* tragedy.

Less well known are the other casualties. The ship's merchant crew was 75 strong. Just 30 survived. So did 20 of the 64 members of the ship's medical staff. Those losses are horrifying enough.

But the 2/12 Australian Field Ambulance lost 138 of its 149 members, and of the 44 Australian Army Service Corps members (mainly drivers) attached to the 2/12th just three survived.—continued next page



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Caloundra memorial near ship's final resting place

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The lost 41 AASC members are remembered on a bronze plaque at Caloundra's *Centaur* memorial alongside plaques to other victims. The memorial is located on a peaceful headland looking across the waters to Moreton Island.

The *Centaur* atrocity sparked a wave of revulsion and outrage across Australia and internationally. Posters urged citizens to "Avenge the Nurses", a campaign remembered to this day. Less well known is that a number of nurses on the hospital ship *Manunda* – itself bombed in Darwin Harbour on 19 February 1942 – knew *Centaur* nurses and felt their loss deeply. So did many from the large Dutch hospital ship *Oranje*; 27 of their colleagues had moved to *Centaur*. The effects on the family members of all those lost are unimaginable.

Centaur was not a large ship. She was just 96m long, shorter than a rugby field. Built in 1924, the 3200t Blue Funnel vessel carried passengers and freight before its conversion to a hospital ship in March 1943. Notably, *Centaur* had rescued survivors of Germany's *Kormoran* off Western Australia in November 1941 after *Kormoran*'s battle with HMAS *Sydney*.

Memorials to those lost on *Centaur* are located across Australia. Services are held annually on 14 May at many of these memorials including at Caloundra (pictured), a close mainland location to *Centaur*'s final resting place some 2000 metres beneath the sea.

One now-elderly man who regularly attends each year's

Caloundra service is the son of one of those lost. He was born a few months after his father was gone forever.

Centaur is gone but not forgotten. Lest we forget.

– by Win Fowles.

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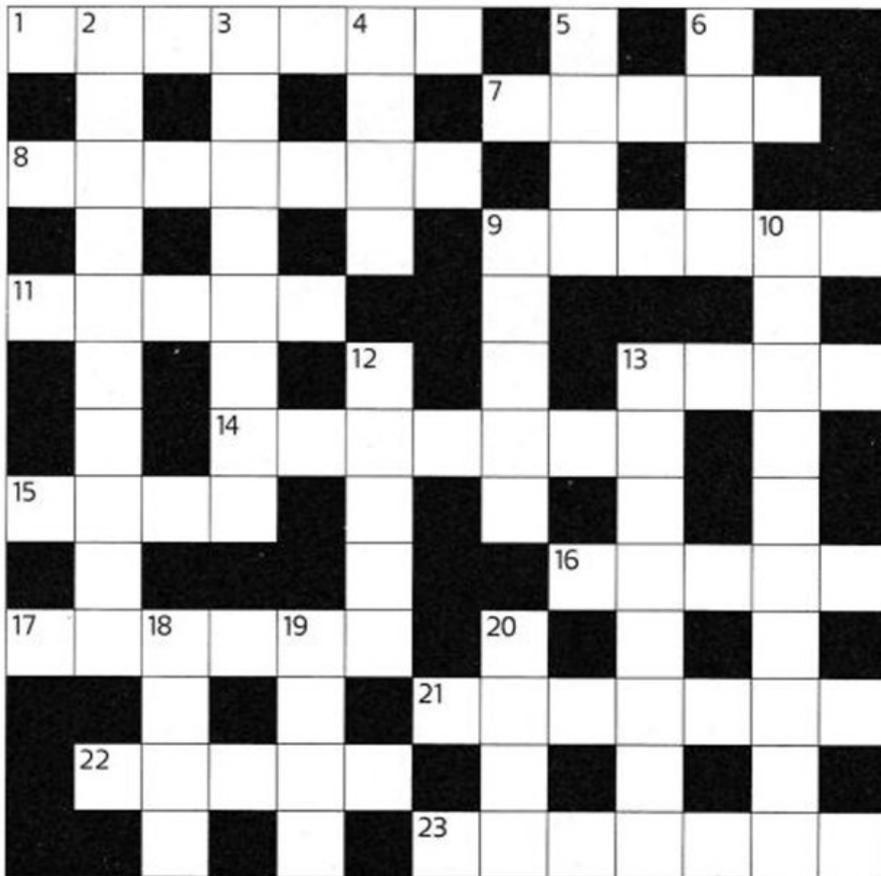
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JC's BEFUDDLEMENT PAGE



Trivia for the True Sportsperson

1. Who won the first Rugby World Cup, in 1987?
2. Who is said to have invented the game of rugby as a school-boy?
3. Which Australian rugby player was the first player to score fifty international tries?
4. Which 'set piece' is used in Rugby Union but does not feature in Rugby League?
5. The Calcutta Cup is contested between which two countries?
6. Who was the first player to score fifteen tries over a single Rugby World Cup?
7. Which international rugby team has the nickname Los Pumas?
8. Which England Rugby Union World Cup winner has the middle names Bruno Nero?
9. Which swimmer won seven gold medals in the 1972 Olympics?
10. What are the five colours of the Olympic rings?
11. Who won four golds in front of the furious Führer?
12. Who lit the Olympic Torch at the Opening Ceremony of the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta?
13. What is the name of Greece's highest mountain?
14. Who won the 100 metres, 200m, long jump and 4x100m relay at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics?
15. In 1976, gymnast Nadia Comaneci had notable performance in the uneven bar discipline and the scoreboard displayed a score of 1.00. What had happened?
16. What was pioneering about the gold medal winning high jump performance of 1968?
17. After winning a gold in Atlanta, who declared "If anyone sees me go near a boat, you've got my permission to shoot me", before going on to win a gold at the next Games?
18. Which woman, who won the 400m at the same Olympics, lit the torch at the Sydney Olympics?

ACROSS

1. Crush (7)
7. Female fox (5)
8. Gather crops (7)
9. Conclude by reasoning (6)
11. Indiscretion (5)
13. Eat (4)
14. Energy food (7)
15. French Riviera resort (4)
16. Striped animal (5)
17. Man's hat (6)
21. Root vegetable (7)
22. Chuckle (5)
23. Author of *The Day of the Triffids* (7)

DOWN

2. Period of enforced isolation (10)
3. Imagine (8)
4. Gusto (4)
5. Citrus fruit (4)
6. Actor, --- Bridges (4)
9. Dummy bird (5)
10. Small accordian (10)
12. Allocation (5)
13. Dead (8)
18. Twofold (4)
19. Fury (4)
20. Madcap (4)

Can You Guess Kim's Response?

Joe took his blind date to the Brissie Exhibition. "What would you like to do first, Kim?" asked Joe.

"I want to get weighed," she said.

They ambled over to the weight guesser. He guessed 63 kilos. She got on the scale; it read 60 and she won a prize.

Next the couple went on the ferris wheel. When the ride was over, Joe again asked Kim what she would like to do.

"I want to get weighed," she said. Back to the weight guesser they went. Since they had been there before, he guessed her correct weight, and Joe lost his dollar.

The couple walked around the carnival and again he asked where to next.

"I want to get weighed," she responded.

By this time, Joe figured she was really weird and took her home early, dropping her off with a handshake.

Her roommate, Laura, asked her about the blind date, "How'd it go?"

Go to page 15 to see Kim's reply.

• ALL ANSWERS PAGE 15.



‘Tis such a land of contrasts ...

OUTBACK almost as far as you can go — or would want to — Ed Robinson got this shot of a visitor to the Advale Veterans Retreat, with a piece of water pipe for effect. Meanwhile, members of the 6RAR crew were doing it tough back on the coast. As the sign in the background says, “Just Holler”. For vets retreat: <https://www.advaleveteransretreat.org/> Also on Facebook.



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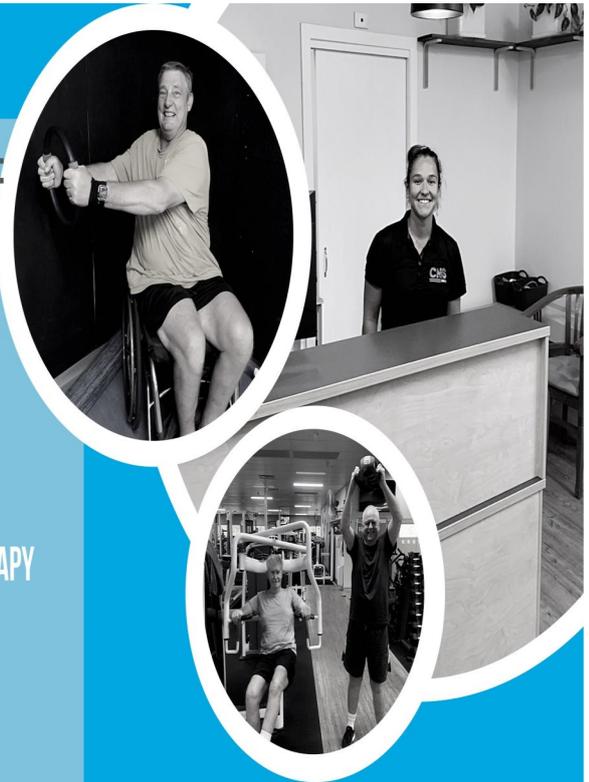
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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE.—The Turkish artillery is requested to refrain from wasting ammunition whilst our meals are being served.

PUBLIC NOTICE.—The Electric Elevator will not be working up the gullies for a while. Some cook stole the current to make a pudding.

KABA TEPE MUSEUM.—Come and see! A piece of long extinct Australian butter now being exhibited.
Admission.—One slice of bread.

BENEVOLENT HOME.—The Editor has established a home for lost newspapers and books. Any books or papers may be left there and no questions asked.

MEDICAL.—Men suffering from a feeling of fullness after eating, are requested to state where they got the extra rations from.

WARNING.—Men are advised to keep their eyes open for an individual wearing pink pyjamas, green glasses, straw hat and khaki mackintosh. It is thought that this is a spy in disguise.

PERSONAL, MISSING FRIENDS, etc.

LAST seen two months ago in Scotland, at the Duke of Buckingham's grouse shoot. Pte. Bert Backblocks. Left Gallipoli with serious wound in fingernail early in May. Any information as to present whereabouts of above will be gratefully received by Adjutant, 101st Batta.

CHARLIE.—Come back, dearest. A warm welcome is prepared for you. Loving arms will enfold you.—SERG.-MAJ. BAWLER.

Oll how we missed you, dearest Bill,
On that famed August nine,
We think about you, Billie, still
In Cairo drinking wine.

MISSING.—A little tot. It's rum where it's got to.

MISSING FRIENDS, ETC.—Will the girl who smiled at William Tomkins last Boxing Day please write to him at once?

LOST BY A POOR PERSON.—A strong pipe, last smelt in someone's pocket up Monash Gully.

LOST.—Pair of field glasses. Finder please return same to our Champion Optimist.

WANTED

WANTED.—The address of a good barber. One able to cut hair and shave preferred. Apply any platoon.

WANTED.—Section commander requires pair of good field glasses to find his men when there is shrapnel about.

Q.M.S. requires a man who can even partly satisfy mess orderlies.

EXCHANGE.—Corporal would exchange a wristlet watch (not going) for a spring mattress or a tin of MacConochie's Rations.

WANTED.—Some nice girls to stroll with on the Engineers' North Pier.

WANTED.—Fifty thousand Turkish prisoners for wharf-lumping, road-making, and building officers' dugouts. Plenty of permanent work for men of right stamp. Apply any beach fatigue party—Australian N. Z. Army Corps.

FULL private wishes to buy guide book to London. Places safe from Zeppelin to be marked with a cross.

TO LET.—Nice dugout on the skyline. Owner leaving for field hospital.

MISCELLANEOUS

MAN with good memory would like the job of taking messages from the troops to friends in Cairo.

WANTED TO BUY.—The 2nd Brigade will buy large or small quantities of old beer. Fresh beer not objected to.

READ Prof. Fire Trench's book on the killing of insect pests with a shovel.

BUSINESS FOR SALE.—Mess orderly will sell goodwill of a flourishing business for a box of fags.

COMPLETE SPY OUTFIT FOR SALE.—Including pair of blucher boots, sombrero hat, two cutlasses and a yashmak. Owner having failed to be discovered for two days is going out of business.

SERG. NOONAN, 6TH BATTN.

Easter is upon us yet again. For most people it is a time for a four-day break or an opportunity for travel, but to Christians throughout the world of all denominational persuasions, it is a time to observe the death upon a cruel cross of the One we follow spiritually, and who is the Son of God, the Maker and Creator of this world and all that is in it.

We revere our Lord and Saviour on Good Friday as we celebrate this as a day of mourning. I will not push my theory, but after careful study of the Holy scriptures, I concluded that Christ was crucified on a Wednesday. However, the indisputable fact is that Jesus Christ was crucified, although He was innocent of the trumped-up charges against Him.

For those members who will be attending a church this Easter, you will hear how the prophets foretold that this Messiah would lay in the grave three days: Wednesday night before 6 pm, all day long on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

Sometime on the Sunday morning, His disciples found he was missing from the borrowed grave He had been placed in that had been sealed by a heavy stone, but had been rolled away. He had been placed in the grave on Friday, three days later would have been Monday. Think about it!

But Easter is a joyous occasion because our Lord said that after He was crucified, He would rise again after three days, and that He did. Because He rose again,

He can offer forgiveness for all our misdemeanours (which you will hear priests and Pastors refer to as 'Sins,') and He gives eternal life to all believers in Him. So, Christians everywhere, while sad at His crucifixion,

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rejoice in His resurrection, at this special time of the year.

Just before my stepfather died, we had an interesting discussion on my faith and his abandoned faith earlier in his life. The debate centred on the fact that if he is correct, when we pass, we will leave a legacy of kindness and high morals and great achievements. My stepfather rose to the top of his profession and was feted long after his retirement and nicknamed, 'the Mighty Atom', in which he deservedly revelled.

On the other hand, I argued, if my life of faith is correct, I will enter eternal life with my Lord, while my stepfather, sadly, will enter a Christ-less eternity. I came back downstairs, and my mother pounced on me and asked why I had upset my stepfather, who had taken our discussion badly. I remarked, "Mum, it was just two people having the greatest debate anyone can ever have." This Easter, many people will hear that important challenge to their future after death, yet again.

To all, a happy and blessed Easter. (And please debate with your Priest or Pastor if we should or should not be enjoying a Public Holiday for 'Good Wednesday').

Arthur Fry

Honorary Chaplain

Answers from page 12



Crossword Solutions

Across: 1. Squeeze, 7. Vixen, 8. Harvest, 9. Deduce, 11. Lapse, 13. Dine, 14. Glucose, 15. Nice, 16. Zebra, 17. Fedora, 21. Parsnip, 22. Laugh, 23. Wyndham.

Down: 2. Quarantine, 3. Envisage, 4. Zest, 5. Lime, 6. Beau, 9. Decoy, 10. Concertina, 12. Quota, 13. Deceased, 18. Dual, 19. Rage, 20. Zany.

- Kim's Response : "Oh, Waura, it was wousy."

Trivia Answers

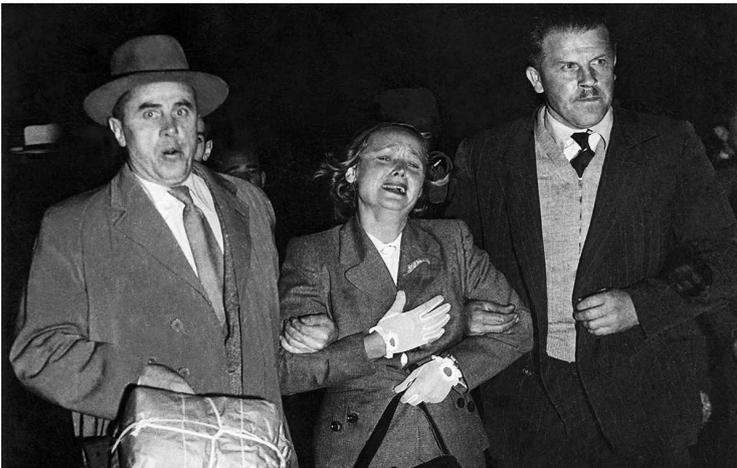
1. New Zealand.
2. William Webb Ellis.
3. David Campese.
4. Lineout.
5. Scotland and England.
6. Jonah Lomu.
7. Argentina.
8. Lawrence Dallaglio.
9. Mark Spitz.
10. Blue, yellow, black, green and red.
11. Jesse Owens (**pictured**).
12. Muhammad Ali.
13. Olympus.
14. Carl Lewis.
15. She had actually been the first person to gain a perfect score of 10 and the scoreboard couldn't cope.
16. Dick Fosbury demonstrated the new technique of going over the pole horizontally with an arched back. It was named the Fosbury Flop.
17. Steve Redgrave.
18. Cathy Freeman.



April Timeline

1 April 1901: Miles Franklin's first novel, *My Brilliant Career*, was published. She was 21 years old. The struggle of protagonist Sybylla Melvyn to free herself from the impositions of 19th century rural life reflected the emerging women's movement. The book also beautifully captured the mood and spirit of the bush and helped shape Australia's perception of itself at a turning point in its history.

2 April 1982: The beginning of the Falkland Islands War as troops from Argentina invaded and occupied the British colony located near the tip of South America. The British retaliated and defeated the Argentinians on June 15,



1982, after ten weeks of combat, with about 1000 lives lost.

3 April 1848: German explorer Ludwig Leichhardt disappears on his third Australian expedition, this one to Perth from the Darling Downs. He and his companions were never seen again – one of the enduring mysteries of Australian exploration.

3 April 1954: Vladimir and Evdokia Petrov, Soviet spies who were masquerading as diplomats in Canberra, defected to Australia. The defection and the information that the Petrovs passed onto Australian authorities had global implications, through the identification of spy networks around the world. They settled in Australia, where they died. **PICTURED: Mrs Petrov "escorted" from a plane.**

5-10 April 1896: The first Olympic Games of the modern era were held in Athens. Competing was Edwin Flack, considered Australia's first Olympian. He won the 800m and 1500m in athletics, took part in the marathon and won a bronze medal in doubles tennis.

8 April 1918: Repatriation Department established, now the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

20 April 1915: First half-flight, Australian Flying Corps, sailed for the Baghdad expedition. It was the first use of Australian aircraft and aircrew in war.

- Timeline continued next page.

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April Timeline

23 April 1951: Battle of Kapyong, the most well-known Australian action of the Korean War, involved the 3rd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment (3RAR). The unit was awarded a United States Presidential citation for its part in the battle, in which it lost 32 men killed, 59 wounded and three missing (taken prisoner). The Australians had helped hold up the Chinese 60th Division and inflicted heavy casualties which totalled more than 500 killed.

25 April 1809: The Australian colonial government appointed Isaac Nichols to the position of Postmaster. Nichols, a former convict, took control of the distribution of mail within the colony and set up the first post office in his home.

25 April 1915: Australian soldiers landed at what is now called Anzac Cove on the Gallipoli Peninsula. For the vast majority of the 16,000 Australians and New Zealanders who landed on that day, it was their first experience of combat. By that evening, 2000 of them

had been killed or wounded. The Gallipoli campaign was a military failure. However, the traits that were shown there – bravery, ingenuity, endurance and mateship – have become enshrined as defining aspects of the Australian character.

25 April 1916: On the first anniversary of the Gallipoli landing, Anzac Day was observed around Australia and wherever Australian soldiers were posted. Australians have commemorated the day ever since.

26 April 1976: The first boatload of refugees fleeing Vietnam sailed into Darwin Harbour, heralding a series of arrivals over the next few years.

Most arrived by plane after selection by Australian officials in refugee camps established throughout South-East Asia.

Australia has become home to a thriving Vietnamese community. The 2016 national census showed that 219,357 people in Australia were born in Vietnam.

28 April 1996: 35 people were killed and at least 18 more were injured when a lone gunman went on a shooting rampage in Port Arthur, Tasmania. Within four months of the tragedy, the recently elected conservative coalition government under John Howard had orchestrated a tightening of Australia's state and territory gun laws, which are now some of the strictest in the world.

29 April 1965: Prime Minister Robert Menzies announced in parliament that Australia would send a battalion of combat troops to Vietnam. He said the decision was motivated by a desire to strengthen strategic relations with the United States and to halt the spread of communism in South-East Asia. By the time Australia withdrew its forces almost eight years later, 521 Australian service personnel had been killed.

PICTURED: Menzies followed by demonstrators.

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BLI BLI

0845 for 0900: At new Cenotaph site at Parklakes Drive (opposite local café).

CALOUNDRA

0500: Dawn Service, Kings Beach Amphitheatre
0830-0900: Citizens and Veterans March, Stockland Shopping Centre Carpark to Caloundra RSL Carpark
1000: Wreath Laying Service at Caloundra RSL Memorial Garden

COOLUM-PEREGIAN

0510: Gather entrance to sporting area for march to Cenotaph area
0528: Dawn service commences. There will be no main service

COOROY

0445: Dawn Service commences at the Memorial Triangle, Diamond Street Cooroy
1030: Street Parade, stepping off from the Cooroy Butcher Factory. There will be no main service

KAWANA:

0528: Dawn Service commences at Coopers Point Cenotaph adjacent to the Kawana Waters Surf Club at 99 Pacific Blvd Buddina
1020: Form up, March commences 1035 Cnr of Pacific Boulevard and Weema St Buddina
1050: General Service commences with Wreath Laying

MALENY:

0428: Dawn Service at RSL Maleny cenotaph/hall
0900: Witta Cemetery
0945: Commemoration Service Maleny Soldiers Memorial Hospital
1015: Street March followed by main community service at 1045 at the Hall/Cenotaph

MAPLETON:

0530: Dawn Service at the Village Green, Montville
0845: March commences from Wilga Court to RSL Memorial Park adjacent to the Tavern
0900: Commemoration Service begins. Refreshments available after service

MAROOCHYDORE:

0428: Dawn Service at Cotton Tree Cenotaph on Esplanade
0800: Assembly on Memorial Ave
0830: March commences through Memorial Ave and on to the Cenotaph
0900: Main Service at Cenotaph

MUDJIMBA:

0520: Dawn Service at Power Park Cenotaph
1030: Assembly at corner of Coolabah and Mudjimba Beach Road to march to the Cenotaph, Step off at 1045am
1100: Commemorative Service begins at Cenotaph

NAMBOUR:

0515: Assemble at Nambour RSL Club for march to the wall of Remembrance at Quota Park
0530: Dawn Service to commence
0830: Assemble for March Howard St, Step off 0855.

0915: Main Service commences

TEWANTIN-NOOSA:

0530: Dawn Service commences at the Cenotaph in the Town Square
0630: Anzac Service at the Tewantin Noosa RSL Cemetery
0900: ANZAC Day Main Parade
0930: Main Cenotaph Service of Commemoration including Wreath Laying

WOODFORD:

0500: Dawn Service commences
1000: Assemble at George Street for 1015am march-off
1030: Main Commemorative Service begins at Woodford Memorial Park

YANDINA:

No Dawn Service or March
1100: Main Commemorative Service begins and finishes at approximately 1130am followed by lunch/refreshments at the hall.

[Above provided by RSL Sunshine Coast with information supplied by the responsible organisations]

MOOLOOLABA

0455: Mooloolaba Surf Club car park, ex-service members assemble for step-off at 0455.

New memorial for Bli Bli



WORK under way on the new Bli Bli Memorial which was designed by Cam Crossley, who also designed the Maroochy Cenotaph. The project was funded by the Federal Government through the Sunshine Coast RSL. It is hoped it will be completed by Anzac Day. INSET: Artist impression of part of the memorial. — from RSL News.

Roll of Honour – Vietnam, April 1962-75

April 1967

Ashton, William John (1730888), 6 RAR, 22, Pte, Pinnaroo Cemetery and Crematorium, Brisbane.

Badcoe, Peter John (41400) AATTV, 33, Maj., Terendak Military Cemetery, Malaysia.

Copeman, Russell James (215989), 3 Sqd, SAS, 20, Pte, Wolongong Crematorium.

Lloyd, Richard Edward (2784015), 5 RAR, 21, Pte, Garden of Remembrance, Rookwood, Sydney.

Rinkin, Kerry Patrick (217479), 5 RAR, 21, 2Lt, Dawson Cemetery, Taree.

Stone, John Maxwell (53326), AATTV, 27, Sgt (Temp. WO2), Karrakatta Cemetery, Perth.

April 1968

Danilenko, Anatoly (235250), AATTV (attached RAInf), 24, Lt (Temp. Capt.), Parkes General Cemetery, Parkes, NSW.

Fisher, Roger Leon (4718368), 3 RAR, 23, L/Cpl, Mintaro Cemetery, SA.

Gollagher, Peter James (172377), 1FIdSqn, 22, Staff Sgt, Pinnaroo Cemetery and Crematorium, Brisbane.

Nicholson, Kenneth Roy (2412486), 1FIdSqn, 23, Spr, Rookwood Military Cemetery, Sydney.

Polglase, Garry Robert (38763), 3 RAR, 20, Pte, Garden of Remembrance, Springvale, Melbourne.

April 1969

Black, Trevor Ralph (1734408), 9 RAR, 21, Pte, Bowen, Queensland.

Bond, John Albert (21977), AATTV, 29, WO2, Northern Suburbs Crematorium, Chatswood, Sydney.

George, Barry Randolph (2789508), 9 RAR, 21, Pte, Rylstone Cemetery, Rylstone NSW.

McPherson, Lyall Hugh (5715701), 9 RAR, 21, Pte, Karrakatta Cemetery, Perth.

Petith, Trevor Graham (A319010), 22, AC, Garden of Remembrance, Springvale, Melbourne.

Pike, Geoffrey Anthony (218421), 5 RAR, 26, Pte, Macquarie Park Cemetery/Crematorium, Ryde NSW

Remeljej, Alexander (4719818), 5 RAR, 21, Pte, Centennial Park Cemetery, Adelaide.

White, James Mungo T (5715978) 5 RAR, 21, Pte, Collie Cemetery, Collie, WA.

April 1970

Fitzgerald, Jack (27974) AATTV, 41, WO2, Wagga Wagga General Cemetery, NSW.

Garland, Bernard Anthony (235324), 4 Fld Regt, 23, Lt, Garden of Remembrance, Rookwood, Sydney.

Hughes, Robert Edward (44897), 7 RAR, 19, Pte, Centennial Park Cemetery, Adelaide.

Hurst, Harold Walter (2791326), 1 Fld Sqn, 22, Spr, Garden of Remembrance, Rookwood, Sydney.

Kavanagh, Graham Robert (4720992), 7 RAR, 21, Pte, Centennial Park Cemetery, Adelaide.

McQuat, John Leonard (5716533), 8 RAR, 21, Pte, Allambie Park Cemetery, Albany WA.

Pettit, John Gordon (13824), AATTV, 33, WO2, Mount Thompson Crematorium, Brisbane.

Pothof, Robin Christiaan (235354), 7 RAR, 21, Lt, Woden Cemetery, Canberra.

Poulson, Daryl (3795605), 8 RAR, 21, Pte, Springvale Crematorium, Melbourne.

Smith, Ronald Keith (2257880), 7 RAR, 21, Pte, Rookwood Cemetery, Sydney.

Stanczyk, Henry John (44679), 7 RAR, 21, Pte, Centennial Park Cemetery, Adelaide.

Tognolini, Michael Peter (218453), 3 Cav.Regt, 19, Trp, Garden of Remembrance, Rookwood, Sydney.

April 1971

Blackhurst, Thomas Douglas (19983), AATTV (attached RAInf), 24, Cpl (temp.), Belmont South Cemetery NSW.

Chapman, Rodney Stewart (4721369), 2 RAR, 22, Pte, Centennial Park Cemetery, Adelaide.

Gillespie, John Francis (3170244), 8 FldAmb, 24, L/Cpl, Springvale Botanical Cemetery, Melbourne.

Jones, Brian Richard Alan (55780), 2 SAS Sqn (RAInf), 22, 2Lt, Memorial Cemetery, Alice Springs.

Salzmann, Ronald Wayne (1732899), 3 RAR, 24, L/Cpl, General Cemetery, Bundaberg.

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