



Remembering Garry King RIP

4 April 1947 — 31 December 2023

The death occurred on New Years Eve of our secretary and senior vice-president, Garry Ernest King (2787445), aged 76. He was also a director of Maroochy RSL.

Born on 4 April, 1947 in Sydney, he served with infantry in Vietnam with 1 Australian Reinforcement Unit from 4 June 1968 before being posted to 3 Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, until 28 November 1968.

He was married to Kathryn and they had two daughters, Jihaan and Tara.

"Returning home from Vietnam, Garry joined the Victoria Carpet Company, ascending to the position of State Sales Manager over a distinguished 30-year career," family friend Lynn Levitt said in a eulogy.

"It was during this time that Garry met the love of his life, Kathryn.

Their inseparable bond created a life filled with love, laughter, and cherished moments with friends and family.

Relocating for work from Sydney to Melbourne to Kathryn's hometown, Frankston, where they married and were delighted to welcome their beautiful daughters Jihaan and Tara.

In 1986 Garry accepted a transfer to the Queensland office."

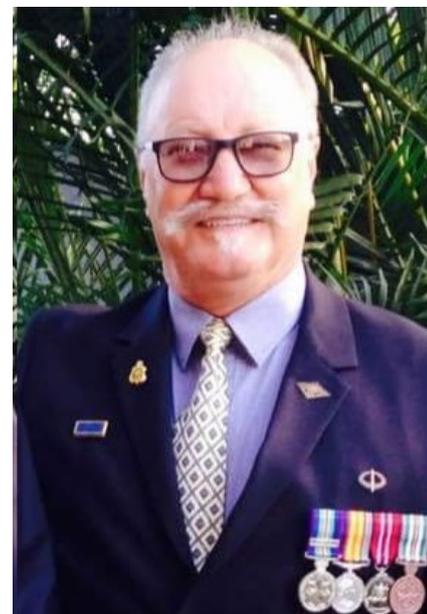
He became involved with Sunnysbank Rugby Club who posted a tribute on their Facebook page: "It is with broken hearts we share the news of Garry King's passing, beloved husband to Kathryn and Dadda to Jihaan and Tara. Gaz was a large part of many people's worlds."

Our president Mick Howe also gave a eulogy: "His overall commitment to veteran welfare, together with his unwavering dedication to serving his community has left an indelible mark on all who had the privilege of knowing him.

"Over all the years that I knew him, Garry was one of the few veterans I have ever met who never complained, criticised, argued or remonstrated against anything or anyone. In essence, he was a true gentleman, and the world is a much lesser place due to his passing. We will all miss him very much."

A funeral service was held at Maroochy RSL with a Poppy Ceremony conducted by John Enchong.

PICTURED: Garry takes time out in Vietnam in 1968 and, more recently (top), with medals. On Page 7, a pictorial tribute.



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Legendary veteran of two wars dies

The Royal Australian Regiment has paid tribute to legendary soldier Norm Goldspink who died aged 96 on 10 January in Canberra.

The Regiment “is saddened at the passing of a revered warrior and tribal elder whose influence on so many soldiers (recruits, cadets, all ranks, NCOs and officers) was positive and respected,” the tribute on the association website reads.

“Norm enlisted in 1951; he deployed to Japan, Korea and Japan again, during 1952-54. He served with 1 RAR twice, in Korea and Australia before being posted to the Australian Military Mission in Washington, USA, in 1964.

“In Vietnam he joined 5 RAR in January 1967 as CSM Charlie Company and later commanded 4 Platoon, Bravo Company, and then posted as CSM of 1 ARU, to complete his tour.

“Norm had many postings including RSM at the Royal Military College-Duntroon (three times), Infantry Centre and Army Apprentices’ School. He retired in 1982 with the rank of Captain.”

Military columnist Ross Eastgate related how Goldspink was a drill sergeant at both Duntroon and Scheyville officer training units before Vietnam.

“As CSM C Company, 5 RAR, he distinguished himself on February 14, 1967 when a mine wiped out company HQ,” he wrote. “He took temporary command of the company and supervised casualty evacuation.

“On return to Australia he was appointed RSM, Duntroon, then the most prestigious warrant officers’ appointment in the army.

Norm Goldspink directing casualty evacuation after the C Company 5RAR mine incident in 1967.



“In his four years as RSM, seven classes passed through, and in April 1970 he choreographed the presentation of new colours to RMC by the Queen. He was appointed a Member of the Order of the British Empire.

“His influence was evident in many cadets who rose to high rank, including General Sir Peter Cosgrove.

“He later returned to RMC on promotion to captain to be the director of all the college’s ceremonials.

“His wife Lois predeceased him and he is survived by his children and grandchildren, and thousands of fellow soldiers who remain ever grateful for having been privileged to have known and served with him,” wrote Eastgate, a RMC graduate.

(Re 5RAR reference, Editor Kerry White notes: Killed in the incident on 14 February 1967, were the company commander and his 2 IC, as well as an attached New Zealand forward artillery officer. A week later 5 RAR’s B Company lost another commander (died of wounds 5 March) and a platoon commander as well as five Diggers in a double mine incident. I was with B company at the time).



ADF helps out after floods

HELPING with flood recovery in Far North Queensland, farm worker Private Ron Saunders (left) joined other Reservists from 51 Battalion, FNQ Regiment, in Wujal Wujal; and (right) from the RAN, Warrant Officer Christopher Bell, Able Seaman Kimberly Hurst and Able Seaman Nathan Tootell . — ADF photos.

From the President

Hi Everyone,

Hope you are all safe and healthy. Judging by the committee nominations for 2024 (and subject to our AGM on 20 February), it is likely that I will be your president again, even though at last year's AGM, I stipulated that I would not be standing. I think it is a simple matter of not having a choice.

Anyway, we will push forward, and I'm more than happy to say that nominations indicate that we have been able to hold on to all of our committee, that is, with the exception of Garry King.

As you would mostly be aware, Garry passed away at 8.30pm on New Years Eve. Unfortunately, he had contracted the Covid bug some weeks prior to his passing and just couldn't shake it. As a result, the infection moved to his heart, then kidneys and liver. He was again hospitalised, and expired some two days later. Garry was a great friend, confederate and colleague to all Association members and will be very sorely missed by all who had the benefit of working with over the years.

John Cunnington has daringly stepped forward to of-

fer his services in Garry's stead, and both the committee and I offer our utmost thanks to John for undertaking to take on the role.

Garry's funeral service was conducted at the Maroochydore RSL Club on Tuesday, 9 January this year and a special 'thank you' to the CEO of the Club, Jason Scanes, for his tireless effort in ensuring that the whole of the ceremony proceeded without any problem or hinderance whatsoever.

We all offer our utmost condolences to Garry's immediate family at this most sorrowful period of time, and will endeavour to offer any and all assistance possible to his loved ones in the forthcoming weeks/months ahead.

Rest in Peace Garry King.

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From the Secretary

The last thing I ever expected to be doing was writing this column. The sudden passing of Garry King has been a shock to us all.

Gaz was a mate, a great family man and a stalwart and tireless supporter of this Sub-Branch. I extend my sincerest condolences to Kath and his two daughters, Jihaan and Tara. Gaz left this world too early and I am, but one of many, who will miss regular chats and his quintessential humour.

The large attendance at his funeral is testament to the high regard in which he was held. It is a privilege to step into the secretary's position and I will endeavour to continue the work that Gaz has done so professionally over many years.

The AGM will be held on Tuesday, 20 February commencing at 1030 hours. Hopefully, as many members as possible will attend. Only financial members are permitted to vote, so if you haven't yet renewed for 2024, please do so as soon as possible.

I understand that a number of members have al-

ready taken advantage of the Life Subscriber renewal. The \$65 subscription is a once-only payment and guarantees life-long membership of the Sub-Branch.

I will be looking for volunteers for the Mooloolaba Triathlon on Sunday, 11 March. It is a significant money-earner for the Sub-Branch and hopefully the usual suspects will once again put their hands up.

Please, if you can spare 4-5 hours on a Sunday morning to help out, it would be greatly appreciated. You can contact either Mick or myself to get involved. Shirts, hats and snacks will be provided. Just bring a chair and a drink.

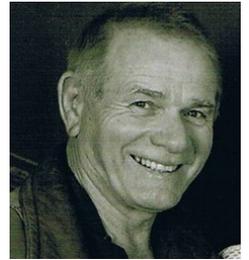
I will end with Gaz's usual sign off phrase: *Stay safe and well.*

Regards

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If you have already paid your annual renewal for 2024, or you have had credit for this year you may wish to take up the LS for the difference which is \$40. Only two existing members have a conversion value of less than that. Please call the DIC to verify.

Note: The annual renewal has not changed and is still available should you continue to renew annually.

Capitation fees per Membership are applicable each year regardless of the type of renewal taken and are a requirement under the VVAA constitution. These will be paid by the sub branch under the LS arrangement for each individual Ordinary Membership.

To remain as you are no action is required.

To take up the option of LS this year using your 2024 renewal as credit please contact the DIC to confirm and pay the conversion value, in all but two cases, of \$40.

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Tribute to Garry King

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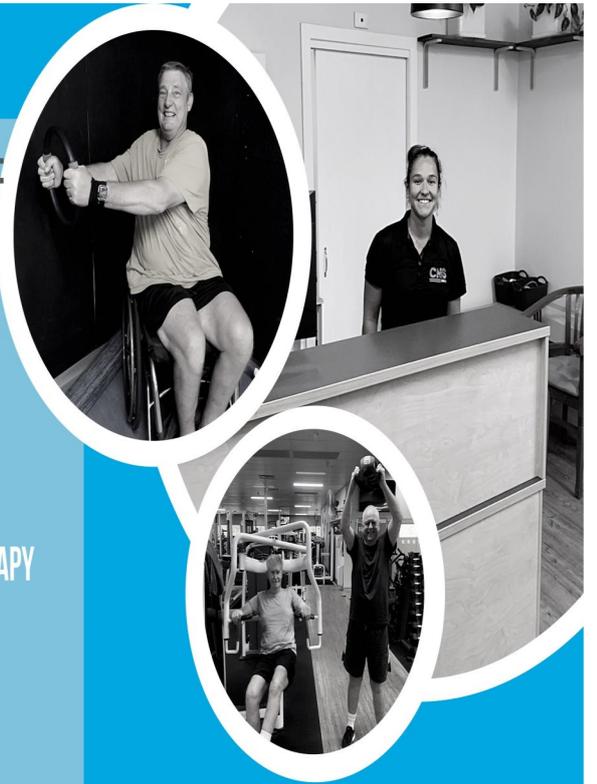
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Aussie symbols on show in the US

REMEMBER Jason Swain, whose portrait of fallen Digger Glen Hagan was presented to members of his family at a vets' breakfast three years ago. Well, he has gone all out on Australiana. An Aussie took this shot of Jason's trailer in the US. He takes the trailer around to fairs and shows with his art. Check out his Facebook page Jason J. Swain Art Gallery. He is visiting the Sunshine Coast again soon.

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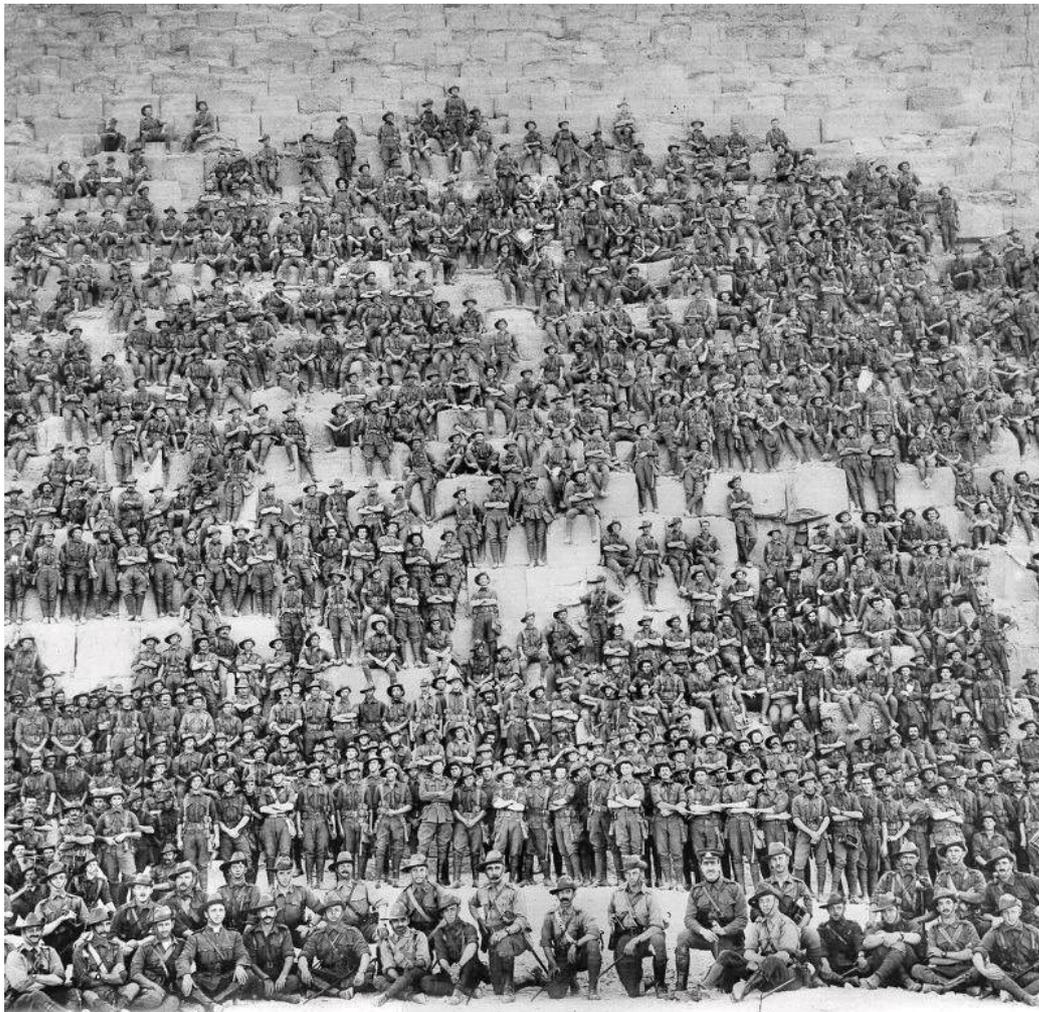
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Marking their place in history

AUSTRALIAN soldiers from the 11th Battalion, 1st AIF, 109 years ago – posing for a photograph with the Great Pyramid of Giza on 10 January 1915. It shows 703 Australian soldiers posing with the Great Pyramid of Giza in Egypt, where the battalion had just arrived in December 1914.

The Australian battalion spent five months in Egypt training before being deployed to Gallipoli for the first land invasion on April 25, 1915.

In the first five days of the Battle of Gallipoli, the 11th Battalion suffered a staggering 378 casualties; over 1/3 of its total strength. By the end of the Gallipoli Campaign, the battalion had 353 deaths and many hundreds wounded or ill disease.

Following the Battle of Gallipoli the battalion was deployed to the Western Front. By the end of the First World War, over 9000 men had served in the battalion, with 2424 wounded and 1115 killed in the conflict. – from Facebook page: WW1 Photos & Info.

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Brigadier takes front seat

The new Commander of 16th Aviation Brigade, Brigadier Fern Thompson, (pictured) showed what it means to lead by example during flood recovery efforts in Queensland.

It's not every day you see a brigade commander flying a Chinook, but Brigadier Thompson jumped in the cockpit of a CH-47F Chinook to support her crews as they worked across the Christmas and New Year break.

"I'm a commander, but I'm also a Chinook pilot, so by employing myself in that profession I can stop people being recalled from leave and help to give them some respite," Brigadier Thompson said.

"It's great to keep up my skills by flying with these young men and women, who are at the sharp end of the profession, and I'll keep flying as long as they'll have me."

The CH-47F Chinook fleet played a vital role in the aftermath of Ex Tropical Cyclone Jasper, evacuating people from vulnerable communities and deliv-

ering vital stores and equipment to isolated areas across Far North Queensland.

Brigadier Thompson began her career at the Townsville-based 5th Aviation Regiment as a Blackhawk pilot in 1999, where she soon deployed on her first tour of East Timor.

With the aviation brigade headquarters relocated to Townsville, Brigadier Thompson's career has come full circle.

"When I first posted into the 5th Aviation Regiment (5AVN), I deployed to East Timor around two weeks after I arrived, so each time I arrive at 5AVN we seem to deploy not long after," she said.

Despite time away on operations and postings across the country, Brigadier Thompson said there was something about Townsville that made it feel like home after so many years.

"It's like I'm coming home to the north of Queensland," she said. "I'm very privileged to command, to be given such responsibility and opportunity."



With a lengthy deployment history, dual Masters Degrees and extensive service experience, it is no wonder Brigadier Thompson was appointed to lead the brigade as it enters a new era of aviation.

"The brigade is modernising with new airframes, including the Apache and Blackhawk, as well as new uncrewed aerial systems coming into service," she said.

"It's a recapitalisation of Army aviation, generating the capability that we need moving forward, so it's a really exciting time." — from **ADF News**.



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SVN flag re-appears

Fifty-five years after a 17th Construction Squadron flag supposedly 'blew off' a flagpole in Nui Dat, at the 1st Australian Task Force base in Vietnam, the flag was returned to its rightful home at Zabal Lines, RAAF Base Amberley, Ipswich, in November.

During the Vietnam War, 17th Construction Squadron was primarily located at Vung Tau and Nui Dat, where the squadron delivered engineering tasks, including base development, land clearance, bridge and road construction, and civic-action projects.

While celebrating the squadron's 21st birthday on September 20, 1970, the squadron adopted an easily recognisable blue bear logo along with the motto 'A little bear will fix it'.

Shortly afterwards, intelligence reporting indicated the North Vietnamese Army had issued a decree that anyone wearing the bear logo was not to be targeted as the squadron was highly regarded for delivering infrastructure in support of the people of Vietnam.

Fifty years later Major General Stephen Day was approached in Warwick and given a shoebox with the flag and told a story of how the flag came to 'disappear', found in Vung Tau and ended up in Sydney via Saigon in 1969.

PICTURED: Officer Commanding 17th Construction Squadron Major Lincoln Barbare, flag orderly Sapper Jack Miles, Major General Stephen Day and Squadron Sergeant Major 17th Construction Squadron Warrant Officer Class Two Taj Whelan with the returned flag at RAAF Base Amberley. — photo WO2 Kim Allen, story Capt Evita Ryan.

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3. How many time zones are there in Australia?
4. In 1977 a referendum to choose the National Anthem, "Advance Australia Fair" won with 3 million votes. Which iconic tune came in second?
5. Which 1986 movie is the highest-grossing Australian movie of all time?
6. What fence in Australia is longer than the Great Wall of China?
7. Which 2 Australian mammals are the only 2 mammals in the world to lay eggs to birth their young?
8. How many hectares of Australia is rainforest? 2.6 million, 3.6 million, 4.6 million, 5.6 million
9. What was the capital city of Australia before the transition to the ACT in 1927?
10. What state has no passenger trains, only freight trains?
11. What state is considered to be the driest in Australia?
12. What is the second largest National Park in Australia? [Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park, Karijini National Park, Whitsundays National Park, Litchfield National Park]
13. Which one is further north? Mackay, Airlie Beach, Bowen, Bundaberg
14. What was the first national park in Australia? Royal National Park, Lamington National Park, The Grampians National Park, Springbrook National Park
15. Which one of the following people became Prime Minister first? Kevin Rudd, Malcolm Turnbull, Julia Gillard, Tony Abbott
16. How much of Australia's population lives on the coast? 25%, 45%, 65%, 85%
17. When did the Gold Rush start in Australia? 1781, 1821, 1851, 1911
18. Who named New South Wales as such? Abel Tasman, Captain Cook, Captain William Bligh, King Henry VIII
19. In which Aussie town would you find the Big Potato?
20. What song did The Wiggles cover for Triple J's Hottest 100 in 2021?
21. Which Australian city has the largest Greek population outside of Athens?
22. Which bank note is Mary Reibey featured on?
23. In 2000, Cathy Freeman won a gold medal for which event?
24. What is Australia's oldest chocolate bar?
25. Which flower gives Australia our Green and Gold identity?
26. Which artist performed for Australia's debut in the Eurovision Song Contest?
27. Former Australian Prime Minister, Bob Hawke (pictured), set a beer drinking world record in which year? 1952, 1954, 1956, 1958
28. Why is a kangaroo and an emu featured on the Australian coat of arms?
29. In which Australian state would you find the towns of Eggs And Bacon Bay, Milkshake Hills, Trousers Point, Granby's Gut, Satan's Lair, Lovely Bottom and Stinkhole?
30. Akubra hats are made from kangaroo pelts. True/False
31. Iconic Aussie movie, The Castle, is based on a true story. True/False?
32. The world's first feature-length film was shot in Melbourne. True/False?
33. The Great Barrier Reef has its own post office box. True/False?
34. Mungo National Park is Australia's oldest National Park. True/False?
35. In which State was Mick Howe a former police officer? Victoria, South Australia, Tasmania, New South Wales.



JANUARY RIDDLES

1. Why did the skeleton not go to the party?
2. I travel all around the world, but never leave the corner. What am I?
3. What kind of room has no doors or windows?
4. What fruit can you never cheer up?
5. Why is England the wettest country?
6. How can you drop a raw egg from a height onto a concrete floor without cracking it?
7. What is 3/7 chicken, 2/3 cat, and 2/4 goat?
8. What building has the most stories?
9. What month of the year has 28 days in it?
10. Where is the only place where today comes before yesterday?

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

An elderly man rear-ended a guy driving an expensive European sports car. Enraged, the guy hops out and confronts the old man. He yells,

"Look what you did to my car! You're going to give me \$10,000 right now or I'm going to beat you to a pulp!"

"Oh my..." the old man said nervously. "I don't have that kind of money. Let me call my son." he said with hope. "He trains dolphins and he will know what to do."

"Dolphins!" the other driver huffed, while rolling his eyes.

The old man pulled out his phone, dialed his son, and just as his son answered, the irate man snatched the phone away from the old man.

"So, YOU'RE a dolphin trainer, huh?" The irate man yelled, "Well, your old man here just rear-ended my car and I need TEN GRAND right now, or I'm going to beat you AND your old man to a pulp!"

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him in a heap on the side of the road. When he finished, he walked over to his father and said,

"For the last time dad, I train Seals... Navy Seals. NOT dolphins!"

As A.J. and his platoon of recruits were marching, their sergeant slipped and tumbled down a ravine.

The irate sergeant scrambled back up amid guffaws and barked, "Those who laughed, get down and give me 20!"

A.J. and some others fell to the ground quickly and did their push-ups.

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I know you have all been waiting expectantly to hear how our marvelous (?) Mediterranean cruise went. The same as before it started.

There were lots of cancelled ports and it was mostly a sea cruise without any of the ports.

Well, I stayed on the ship due to mobility problems in all but Alexandria, where we had an enjoyable day visiting Cairo and sailing on the Nile, and our wives rode camels around the pyramids.

Other than that, we had a lovely cruise on board the ship, which could have just been out in the South Pacific.

Annette never saw an inch of the Holy Land, so that pleasure is yet to come. But she did get to go to Ephesus where Paul preached, and so felt her trip was not totally wasted.

I was no sooner home than I suffered a stroke and spent the next week in SCUH. The service was excellent and once they discovered that I had a stroke that affected my balance, but no other usual symptoms of a stroke, I was allowed to come home, and practice my every-day mobility again.

I hope to be 100 per cent by August and able to join with you at our annual Vietnam Veterans Day parade in Maroochydore.

In the meantime, I will continue to publish this worthy

Fireside with the Padre



article each month, as the one thing I can do is write.

So here is a bit of free advice I can give to my colleagues who have had a stroke, Do not give up, keep going, and look to the future. There is always something you can do.

In fact, the same night I had my temporary mishap, I was talking on the phone with an old RAAF mate in Canberra, who reminded me that I still have a lot to give to others, little knowing I was about to fall foul of one of the most silent and insidious attacks on the human body,"

So, until we catch up in Maroochydore or sooner if you see me, keep well, and keep giving thanks for each day that we wake up on the green side of the grass.

Oh, and as your Chaplain, I encourage you to visit your local church.

**Arthur Fry
Honorary Chaplain**

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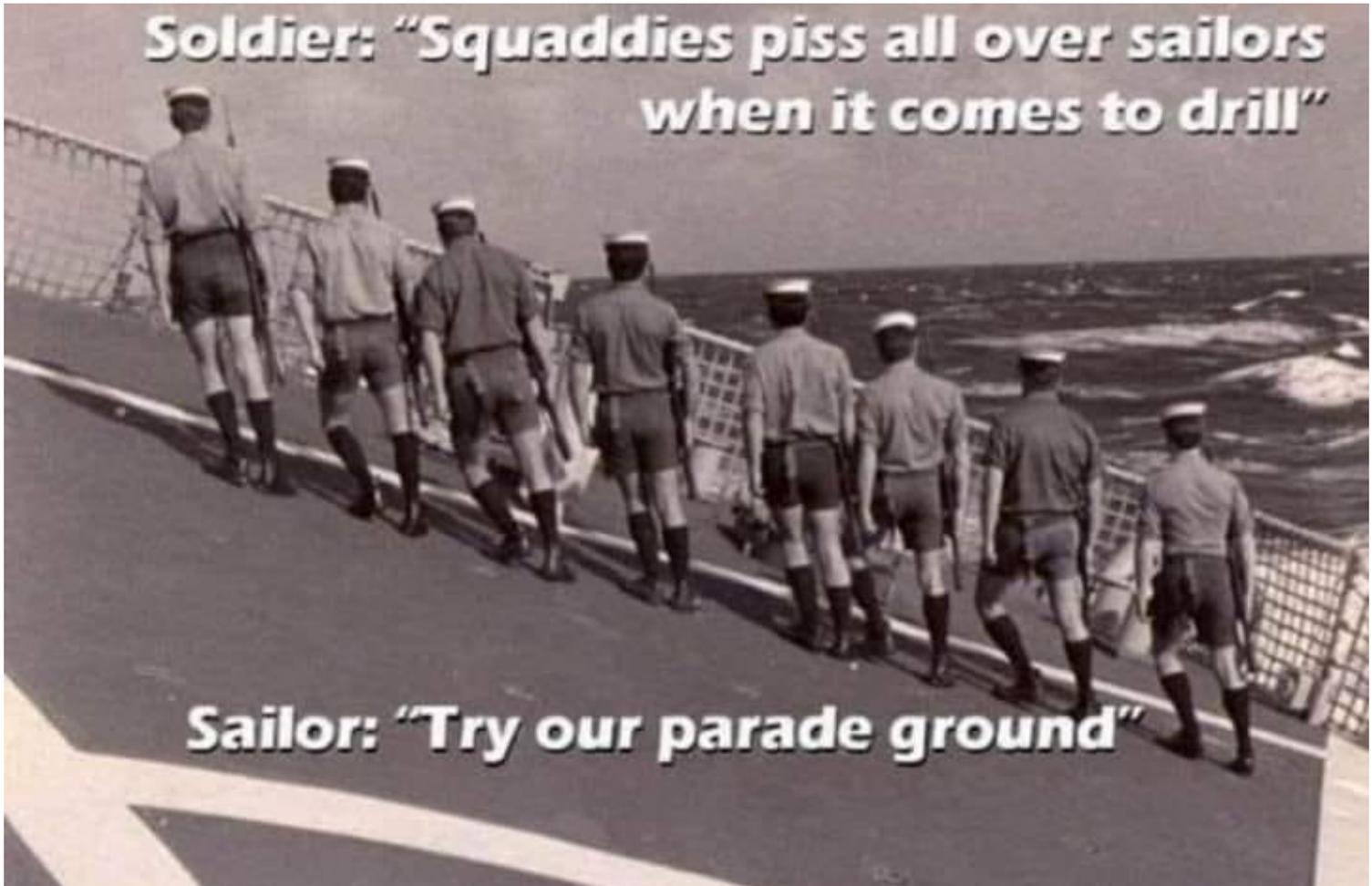


TRIVIA

1. 3 per cent
2. 11 ships
3. 3 – Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST), Australian Central Standard Time (ACST), and Australian Western Standard Time (AWST)
4. Waltzing Matilda
5. Crocodile Dundee
6. The Dingo Fence (5,600km long)
7. Echidna and Platypus
8. 3.6 million
9. Melbourne
10. Tasmania
11. South Australia
12. Karijini National Park
13. Bowen
14. Royal National Park
15. Kevin Rudd
16. 85%
17. 1851
18. Captain Cook
19. Robertson NSW
20. Tame Impala's Elephant
21. Melbourne
22. \$20.00 note
23. 400 metres
24. Cherry Ripe – first introduced in the 1920s
25. The Golden Wattle
26. Guy Sebastian
27. 1954
28. They can't walk backwards. (To symbolise we are always moving forward)
29. Tasmania
30. False. They are made from rabbit fur
31. False
32. True. In 1906, The Story of the Kelly Gang was the first multi-reel, feature length film ever produced.
33. True
34. False. Royal National Park in Sydney's South is. It also lays claim to being the second oldest National Park in the world, after Yellowstone National Park.
35. New South Wales

RIDDLE

1. Because he had no body to go with.
2. A stamp.
3. A Mushroom
4. A blueberry
5. Because the queen has reigned there for years!
6. Concrete floors are very hard to crack.
7. Chicago!
8. A library.
9. All of them.
10. The dictionary.



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TIMELINE FEBRUARY

1 February 1961: The release of the oral contraceptive pill 'Anovlar' in Australia ushered in a momentous change in women's lives. Initially available only to married women, and burdened with a 27.5 per cent luxury tax, the pill gave women the freedom to avoid unwanted pregnancies and to plan parenthood.

1 February 1984: The highly controversial Medicare system was introduced, establishing basic health care for all Australians. Prime Minister Robert Hawke said: "With this historic initiative, all Australians now have a new, simpler and fairer health insurance system."

2 February 1942: First Japanese air attack on Port Moresby. The Japanese had hoped to occupy Port Moresby as a base from which to cut off shipping to Eastern Australia. Their defeat in the Battle of the Coral Sea thwarted the planned naval attack and invasion against Port Moresby.

2 February 1968: In South Vietnam 3rd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, recaptured Baria after the Tet offensive. The battle resulted in 19 Australians being wounded, the deaths of 40 enemy and the wounding of at least 14 more. Three more Diggers were subsequently lost. **PICTURED: Damaged Baria theatre.**

3 February 1954: Visit of Queen Elizabeth II, the first by a reigning monarch. Her tour met with phenomenal success. About 75 per cent of Australia's nine million people glimpsed her in person at least once.

6 February 1851: On 'Black Thursday' European settlers in Victoria faced their first catastrophic bushfires, which burnt a quarter of the colony, with temperatures

up to 43.3C in the shade. Remarkably, there were only 12 known deaths – owing no doubt to the relatively small population in 1851.

6 February 1952: King George VI of England died and his daughter Princess Elizabeth became Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. - *Continued next page.*



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TIMELINE FEBRUARY

7 February 2009: Black Saturday bushfires in Victoria caused widespread devastation and the greatest loss of life from fire since colonisation – 173 lost their lives, 414 were injured, more than a million wild and domesticated animals were lost and 450,000 hectares of land were burned.

14 February 1954: What is now the Australian national flag was created soon after Federation in a competition in which nearly 33,000 people took part. However, for the next 50 years Australia's official flag was the British flag, the Union Jack. This changed in 1954 when the Flags Act came into effect.

14 February 1966: Australians woke to a brand-new currency. The decision to change from the Australian pound (with its awkward shillings and pence) to a decimal currency – the Australian dollar – was a pragmatic, economic one.

15 February 1823: The first officially recognised gold find in Australia by assistant surveyor James McBrien at Fish River, between Rydal and Bathurst, New South Wales.

15 February 1942: Japanese Army invaded Singapore.

British commander Lieutenant General Arthur Percival surrendered and more than 130,000 Allied troops were taken prisoner.

15 February 1989: Soviet Russia completed its military withdrawal from Afghanistan after nine years. Over 15,000 Russian soldiers had been killed in the fighting.

19 February 1942: First Japanese air raid on Darwin. The city was bombed 64 times between February 1942 and November 1943.

21 February 1907: The first surf lifesaving club was founded at Bondi in and several others were established soon after.

27 February 1902: Just before the end of the Boer War, lieutenants Harry 'Breaker' Morant (**PICTURED**) and Peter Handcock were executed by firing squad for murdering 12 Boer prisoners of war.



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February 1966

Andrews, John Harker (211090), 40, AATTV (att. RAI), Sgt (Temp. WO2), Albany Creek Crematorium, Brisbane.

Belleville, Graham Rhodes (54956), 32, AATTV (att. RAI), Lt (Temp. Capt.), Karrakatta Cemetery, Perth.

Grills, Edward Anthony (215418), 20, 1RAR, Pte, Stroud Cemetery, NSW.

MacDonald, James Alexander (53283), 27, RAE (att. AATTV), Sgt (Temp. WO2), Garden of Remembrance, Rookwood, Sydney.

Seipel, Raymond Douglas (15985), 24, 1RAR, Cpl, Mount Thompson Crematorium, Brisbane.

Suter, Thomas (17665), 20, 1RAR, LCpl, Garden of Remembrance, Pinnaroo Cemetery and Crematorium, Brisbane.

February 1967

Arnold, Peter John (2781363), 21, 6RAR, Pte, Inverell Cemetery, NSW.

Birchell, Michael James (2781899), 21, 6RAR, Pte, Evergreen Memorial Park, Tamworth, NSW.

Bourne, Donald Mackenzie (23916), 35, 5RAR, Maj., Woden Cemetery, Phillip, Canberra.

Carruthers, John (36911), 28, 5RAR, Lt (provisional), Garden of Remembrance, Springvale, Melbourne.

Clark, Donald Murray (5713804), 21, 5RAR, Pte, Garden of Remembrance, Perth War Cemetery and Annex, WA.

Cliff, Richard William (1411047), 21, 1FldRegt, Gnr, Pinnaroo Cemetery and Crematorium, Bridgeman Downs, Brisbane.

Green, George Bruce (2782127), 21, 5RAR, LCpl, Pinegrove Memorial Park Cemetery and Crematorium, Sydney.

Hanley, Maxwell Powell (43593), 31, AUSINT, Cpl (Temp. WO2), Centennial Park Cemetery, Adelaide.

Kelly, Barry Walter (6410158), 22, 6RAR, Pte, Cornelian Bay Public Cemetery, Hobart.

Kirby, John William (27758), 31, 6RAR, Sgt (Temp. WO2), Mount Thompson Crematorium, Brisbane.

Milligan, Robert Bruce (29635), 30, 5RAR, Lt (Temp. Capt.), Macquarie Park Cemetery and Crematorium, Sydney.

Mitchinson, Kevin Leslie (4717751), 21, 3Cav.Regt, LCpl, Garden of Remembrance, Centennial Park Cemetery, Adelaide.

Pomroy, Victor Ian (3786644), 21, 3Cav.Regt, Trp, Springvale Crematorium, Melbourne.

Poole, Michael Damien (342916), 20, 5RAR, Pte (Spec. List Bandsmen), Dromana Cemetery, Mornington Peninsula, Vic.

Powter, Douglas Roy J (2782783), 21, 6RAR, Pte, Parkes General Cemetery, NSW.

Rich, Adrian William (38728), 21, 6RAR, Pte, Hazelwood Cemetery, Vic.

Riley, Wayne Maurice (5411599), 19, 6RAR, Pte, Karrakatta Cemetery, Perth.

Rooney, Kerry Michael (15561), 24, 6RAR, LCpl, Pinnaroo Cemetery and Crematorium, Bridgeman Downs, Brisbane.

Sadow, Richard Wayne (43496), 20, 5RAR, Pte, Albany Creek Crematorium, Brisbane.

Waters, Brian David (5713981), 22, 6RAR, Pte, Tambellup Cemetery, WA.

Webster, David Raleigh (5713986), 21, 6RAR, Pte, Garden of Remembrance, Perth War Cemetery and Annex, Perth.

Webster, James Clifton (5713751), 22, 5RAR, Pte, Karrakatta Cemetery, Perth.

Wilson, Robert Peter (4717841), 21, 3CavRegt, Trp, Centennial Park Cemetery, Adelaide.

February 1968

Ayres, Marvin Walter (216920), 23, 7RAR, Pte, Rookwood Military Cemetery, Sydney.

Baines, George Terence (214230), 28, 1Sqn SAS, Sgt, Woronora Crematorium, Sutherland, Sydney.

Caston, Robert John (4719003), 21, 3RAR, Pte, Centennial Park Cemetery, Adelaide.

De Vries Van Leeuwen, Thomas J. (4718756), 22, 3RAR, Pte, Mount Barker Cemetery, SA.

Doherty, John Alexander (3789770), 23, 3RAR, Pte, Garden of Remembrance, Springvale, Melbourne.

Garrett, John Edgar (1200473), 20, 1FldSqn, LCpl, East Ballina Cemetery, Ballina, NSW.

Godden, Guy Richard (6708763), 21, 3RAR, Pte, Garden of Remembrance, Carr Villa Cemetery, Launceston, Tas.

Grose, Thomas Joseph (61582), 20, 2RAR, Pte, Cornelian Bay Public Cemetery, Hobart.

Mathews, Geoffrey Francis (5714739), 21, 3RAR, Pte, Karrakatta Cemetery, Perth.

McLachlan, Colin William (13053), 38, 1FldSqn, Sgt, Canungra Cemetery, Qld.

McMillan, Ross Charles (2785033), 22, 7RAR, LCpl, Uralla Cemetery, NSW.

Menz, James Leslie (38838), 22, 1DivLocBtry, LBdr, Marysville Cemetery, Vic.

Parrello, Antonio (36337), 30, AATTV (att RAI), Sgt, Botany General Cemetery, Botany, Sydney.

Pattison, Allan Graham (44042), 19, 1FldSqn, Spr, Kadina Cemetery, SA.

Perrin, Robert Graham (3789447), 22, 7RAR, Pte, Garden of Remembrance, Springvale, Melbourne.

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Rogers, John (4718449), 22, 2RAR, Pte, Garden of Remembrance, Centennial Park Cemetery, Adelaide.

Steen, David John (4719232), 21, 1FldSqn, Spr, Penola New Cemetery, SA.

Taylor, Leonard Alexander (3787987), 22, 3RAR, 2Lt, Box Hill Cemetery, Melbourne.

Vickers, Patrick John (O1622), 32, RAN HFV, LtCdr, Queensland Garden of Remembrance, Pinnaroo Cemetery and Crematorium, Brisbane.

Wilson, Kevin Ronald (3411951), 22, 2RAR, Pte, Garden of Remembrance, Springvale, Melbourne.

February 1969

Archer, Gary Alex (2788583), 22, 9RAR, Pte, Sydney War Cemetery, Sydney.

Byrne, Robert Alan (2786525), 22, 4RAR, Pte, Northern Suburbs Crematorium, Chatswood, Sydney.

Chant, Peter Allan (44265), 239, 9RAR, LCpl, Centennial Park Cemetery, Adelaide.

McConachy, Malcolm Ross (1201200), 21, 9RAR, LCpl, Belgian Gardens Cemetery, Townsville, Qld.

McGuire, Raymond Alfred (2787478), 23, 4RAR, Pte, Garden of Remembrance, Rookwood, Sydney.

Petersen, Victor Neils (1733375), 23, 4RAR, Pte, Queensland Garden of Remembrance, Pinnaroo Cemetery and Crematorium, Brisbane.

February 1970

Baker, Douglas Alfred (43555), 27, 8RAR, Sgt, Happy Valley Cemetery, Happy Valley, SA.

Barrett, James Joseph (1200097), 24, 8RAR, LCpl (tempCpl), Mount Gravatt Lawn Cemetery, Brisbane.

Carlyle, Hugh (43941), 21, 3CavRegt, Trp, Centennial Park Cemetery, Adelaide.

Hoban, William Joseph (15400), 39, 8RAR, Sgt, Queensland Garden of Remembrance, Pinnaroo Cemetery and Crematorium, Brisbane.

Hubble, Rodney Noel (55566), 19, 1FldSqn, Spr, Perth War Cemetery and Annex, WA.

Jackson, Robert James (2783512), 25, 8RAR, Cpl, Greta Cemetery, NSW.

MacLennan, Larry James (3795935), 21, 8RAR, Pte, Keilor Cemetery, Melbourne.

Maza, Reginald Nelson (15142), 39, 32SmlShpSqn, LCpl, Botany General Cemetery, Sydney.

Munday, Barry John (3795712), 22, 8RAR, Pte, Springvale Cemetery, Melbourne.

Pesonen, Timo Esko A (7154), 20, 8RAR, Pte, Queensland Garden of Remembrance, Pinnaroo Cemetery and Crematorium, Brisbane.

Richter, Philip Mackay (3796110), 21, 8RAR, Pte, Woden Cemetery, Phillip, Canberra.

Thompson, Barry John (2789920), 22, 5RAR, Pte, Gunning Cemetery, Gunning, NSW.

West, Garry Maxwell (61912), 19, 8RAR, Pte, Garden of Remembrance, Comelian Bay Public Cemetery, Hobart.

Whiston, Barry John (1202024), 23, 3CavRegt, LCpl, Mount Thompson Crematorium, Holland Park, Brisbane.

February 1971

Kowalski, Peter Francis (1735712), 23, 2RAR, Pte, Nudgee Cemetery, Brisbane.

Lyddieth, Trevor (26832), 38, RAASC (at AATTV), WO2, Northern Suburbs Crematorium, Chatswood, Sydney.

Lyon, Terance Edward (52503), 35, 2AOD, WO2, Springvale Cemetery, Springvale, Melbourne.

Patten, Raymond Brian (2141115), 20, 7RAR, Pte, Rookwood Necropolis, Rookwood, Sydney.

Ross, Grant Stuart (17101), 27, HQ AFV RAAOC, Capt., Queensland Garden of Remembrance, Pinnaroo Cemetery and Crematorium, Brisbane.

Talbot, Alan (3797623), 21, 7RAR, Pte, Fawkner Crematorium & Memorial Park, Melbourne.

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