

## Retiring GG invokes Anzac Legacy

Governor General David Hurley invoked a legacy “to not let the Anzacs down” in his final Anzac Day address before he steps down in July.

He said the response of communities to many challenges had brought comfort and given him optimism for Australia – “a response that I believe draws from the Anzac experience, the Anzac legacy as we often call it.”

“Give us a job to do and we will give it our best. While we are doing the job we will do it in a way that makes you proud.

“While we are doing the job we will

look after our mates and continue to look after them when the job is done.

“It is a legacy that we aspire to embody; a legacy that we at times fail to meet. Yet it is a legacy that we remain determined to try to fulfil. It has helped define our national character.

“I know that members of the ADF hold to this legacy dearly. ‘To not let the Anzacs down’ was a common motivator for my soldiers in my battalion when we deployed to Somalia.

“This being my last Anzac address as Governor-General and Commander -in-Chief, I want to assure our serving

personnel we respect their service.

“They should be proud of the uniform they wear. They are rightful inheritors and protectors of the Anzac legacy. We are proud of them.

“On Anzac Day, we acknowledge those who have chosen to serve in our name and follow in the steps of our Anzac forebears.

“We acknowledge that they and their fam-



ilies disproportionately bear the cost of maintaining our freedoms and way of life.

“We honour them and give thanks. We remember and reflect.”

“Lest we forget our nation’s modern roots and how they can help us as a country today.

“Lest we forget the sacrifice and pain of so many in uniform and at home in our country’s history. Lest we forget.”

*(The Governor-General’s Anzac Day National Address was broadcast on the ABC at 6:55 pm AEST on 25 April.)*

**PICTURED:** Then Lieutenant Colonel Hurley in Somalia in 1993.—AWM photo.



CADETS slow march at Caloundra on Anzac Day.



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# ANZAC DAY AROUND THE SUNSHINE COAST



*Around the Sunshine Coast large crowds representing all ages commemorated Anzac Day at most centres including (from top left clockwise) Glasshouse Mountains, Tewantin-Noosa, Cooroy, Bli Bli, Caloundra and Maroochydore.—photos gleaned from a variety of sources including Sunshine Coast News and Facebook pages. More photos pages 6, 7 and 12.*



## From the President

Hi Everyone,

Hope you are all safe and healthy. Another month slips by but this one was more interesting. Many thanks go to our sales team who manned the stalls at the Sippy Downs/Chancellor Park shopping Centre on 23-24 April, along with others who networked and sold items through other agencies.

Gordon Hall has carriage of the Anzac Day Sales project and once again he has excelled in that duty.

On Anzac Day itself, I attended the Maroochydore RSL ceremony which was conducted at the Cotton Tree Cenotaph.

There was a huge turn-out of both dignitaries and spectators, and of those I spoke to, all indicated that this year's ceremony definitely out-did those of the past. So to all who were involved in the preparation and organisation of the ceremony, I say a hearty congratulations and well done!

At the conclusion of the formal service, the Maroochy RSL, completely free of charge, issued entry tickets to all League, serving and ex-service personnel which gained them entry into the Club for a meal and liquor of the veteran's choice.

As you can imagine, the venue was well populated. In all, it was a great day and enjoyed by all in attendance. A 'well done' to Maroochy RSL Club.

I left the Club at 1230hrs and then attended the Mudjimba RSL Sub-Branch where the 'joint was jumping'. A live band was in attendance and the dance floor was packed.

The outdoor Courtyard area at the Club is a marvel, and well worth visiting. Once again, this year's turn-out of both service and ex service personnel, together with members of the local community were well in advance of previous years.

So it's another 'well done' to those at Mudjimba charged with organising the function.

See you all on Vietnam Veteran's Day.

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## From the Secretary

I remember reading a profound statement on the Australian War Memorial's website some time ago.

It read: "Anzac Day goes beyond the Gallipoli landings in 1915. The spirit of Anzac with its qualities of courage, mateship and sacrifice continues to have meaning for our sense of national identity." The overwhelming support for Anzac commemorations throughout the country on 25 April, clearly demonstrated the truth of this statement.

I attended the Ceremony at the Mudjimba Cenotaph and while not surprised at the number of people that turned out, I was particularly taken by the number of attending children from schools in the area.

After the ceremony, three shy young children approached me and gave me "Postcards of Honour" on which the front had been decorated with the children's artwork. I'd like to share the messages written on the back of the cards.

*I am very thankful to this person who receives this card. Signed Liam, (aged 9).*

*I'm Layla and I think Anzac Day is im-*

*portant because it means we have to honour the people who have died in the war. Thank you for fighting for our country and our people. Layla, (aged 9).*

*My name is Jahnalli. (I'm not sure of the spelling). I hope you never quit your job because your job keeps us safe.*

Jahnalli, (aged 9).

**PICTURED from top: Liam's, Layla's and Jahnalli's 'postcards'.**

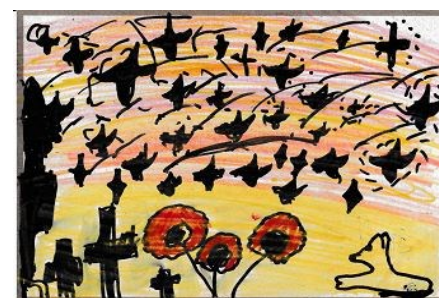
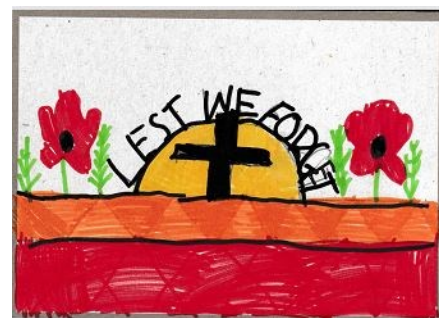
On another note, I'd like to thank those volunteers who manned the Anzac Day sales tables at Sippy Downs and Brightwater:- Gordon Hall, Ann Ginman, Neil Ahern, Mick Howe, Bob Johnson, (who broke a chair when he sat on it), Eileen Cunningham, Mike Sheahan, Kev Lynch, George Somalis and Wayne Lewis.

Selling the merchandise is actually a lot of fun. You tend to meet a variety of interesting and generous members of the public as well as a few characters.

**Until next month, stay safe and well.**

**Regards**

**John Cunningham**



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**ANZAC DAY SPECIAL ... a drone photo of the Dawn Service in front of Mooloolaba Surf Club taken by TRISTAN HAMSON.**



## Special time for generations

RETIRED New Zealand Army nurse Maureen Javes and her granddaughter Catrin at the Kawana Anzac Day service. Former Captain Javes served with 2nd Field Hospital at Vung Tau in Vietnam as a nurse in 1968-69.



AMONG many enjoying fellowship at Maroochy RSL club after the parade on Anzac Day were Michael Gay and Mal Overend.



LEFT: Marchers at the Nambour parade which also attracted a large crowd.



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# KEITH PAYNE BACKS ROBERTS-SMITH

Keith Payne says the Victoria Cross he earned in Vietnam in 1969 was the signal honour of his long and decorated life.

At 90, he is the doyen of Australia's living VC recipients, the soldier's soldier who never doubted where his duty lay.

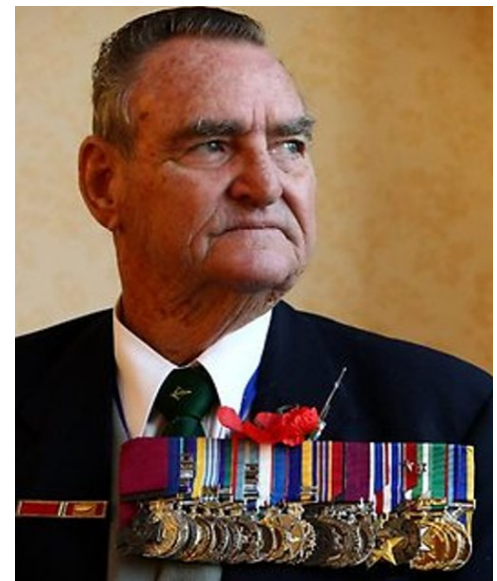
"What happens in war, stays in war," Mr Payne insists, and on this day of days for our veterans and service personnel he has come out with guns blazing in defence of fellow VC holder Ben Roberts-Smith.

Until now, Mr Payne has kept his distance from the claims and counterclaims swirling around Mr Roberts-Smith's conduct in Afghanistan that led to him launching an ill-fated Federal Court defamation case against the Nine newspapers last year and being branded a war criminal by the trial judge. Mr Roberts-Smith is appealing the decision.

While Mr Payne won't be drawn on the detail of the devastating civil finding against Mr Roberts-Smith, he told *The Australian* he wouldn't turn his back on a fellow soldier either, just as he refused to abandon the 40 wounded or cut-off comrades he was credited with saving all those years ago in Vietnam.

"In Ben's case, I am very, very sorry and a little angry that that sort of thing happened to him," he said ahead of a round of Anzac Day appearances in Melbourne.

"Because what happens in war, stays in war. There are many, many things that happened during the First World War, the Second World War and the campaigns since that have never been mentioned because it belongs to war and it should remain in the war."



Asked if he counted Mr Roberts-Smith as a friend, Mr Payne (**ABOVE**) said: "Of course. If I could, I would offer him a job ... I wish Ben all the best of luck."

Contrary to some accounts, Mr Roberts-Smith, 45, is not Australia's most decorated living soldier.

That honour belongs to Mr Payne, who holds four medals for gallantry, including the VC, and 27 other military decorations, against Mr Roberts-Smith's still impressive tally of three bravery awards and 11 decorations.

Mr Payne also holds the distinction of being the last Australian to receive the VC as an imperial honour; the other three surviving VC holders, Mr Roberts-Smith and fellow Afghanistan veterans Mark Donaldson and Daniel Keighran, were awarded the Victoria Cross for Australia, instigated in 1991.

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What does it take to earn the ultimate recognition for bravery in war? A reflective Mr Payne said: "You know, what occurred was pure and simple doing my duty, what I was responsible for. That goes back to a lot of the holders of the Victoria Cross ... as hard as it is, you've just got to do your duty."

Mr Payne remains surprised that he survived that chaotic night in May 1969 when he was on secondment to the US special forces command, leading a company of elite South Vietnamese troops stiffened by Australian and American combat specialists ... confronted on three sides by a vastly superior force of North Vietnamese regulars, most of Mr Payne's men were driven back and separated from the stragglers and wounded. He was determined to reach them.

After organising a defensive perimeter, he spent hours crawling through the jungle to make contact with the 40-odd survivors. He carried some back to safety and organised the rescue of the rest, then led the battered company past the North Vietnamese positions to a nearby US base.

Remarkably, Mr Payne himself was injured: a rocket splinter had slammed into his skull and he didn't want to touch the heavily bleeding wound, reasoning if he didn't know how bad it was, he wouldn't have to worry about it. He was knocked off his feet by a mortar explosion and also hit in a hand and arm.

"A few minutes in there were pretty hairy," he said. "Yes, I was bloody scared. But your concern is not only for yourself, it's for your men and your family in case things don't work out."

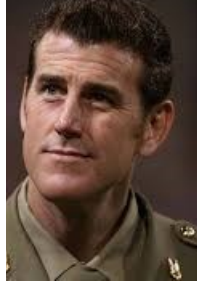
He agrees wholeheartedly with advertising guru John Singleton, who recently issued "an apology ... from a coward" to Mr Roberts-Smith (**pictured right**) in a paid spot in *The Australian*, that people who haven't gone to war shouldn't judge those who have. "That is why things that happen in war, remain in war," Mr Payne said.

Rejecting the contention that the former SAS trooper should be stripped of his VC, he said: "You can't take the action away from the man ... it is not allowable under the record."

Asked what Anzac Day meant to him, Mr Payne said: "It means everything ... a show of respect each year for those who made the supreme sacrifice in carrying out their duty against an enemy of our nation."

"That's why the general public stands and watches the old Diggers marching up the street. It's a day when the country says thank you."

-- **From *The Australian*, 24 April 2024, by Jamie Walker, Associate Editor.**



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"This year we are fortunate to have both Merv Hughes and Ian Healy join us for part of the Queensland trip and our aim is to raise \$100,000.

"This year funds will be divided equally between Legacy which cares for the families of lost or injured service men and women and also the National Body of the Air Force Association which cares for homeless Veterans.

"If you would like to be part of this fun event, there is still time, you can nominate for either the Qld or NSW event, or both. You can come as either a rider or as a supporter, though scooter riders will need a motor-cycle licence.

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University of Adelaide and Oxford University study has discovered asbestos exposure led to a higher incidence of asbestos-related lung cancers in British and Australian naval personnel than in other armed forces.

The data were collected from 30,085 United Kingdom and Australian personnel who served in the '50s and '60s, a time when asbestos-containing materials were present in British and Australian naval vessels.

Three of the four cohorts had previously been studied by the University of Adelaide and the UK Health Security Agency to identify the effects of radiation exposure from British nuclear testing; however, a raised incidence of mesothelioma, a cancer strongly linked to asbestos exposure, was seen in naval personnel in all cohorts.

The University of Adelaide's Dr Richie Gun and Oxford University's Dr Gerry Kendall were prompted by this finding to examine the dataset for the occurrence of lung cancers, which can also arise from asbestos exposure.

The fourth cohort was Australian veterans of the Korean War, which had been studied by the Australian Department of Veterans Affairs and the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare.

"We found the lung cancer rate was higher overall in naval personnel than in the other armed services, and, while smoking remains the dominant cause of lung cancer, it is unlikely the excess could be explained by a higher smoking rate in the navy," Dr Gun said.

"Although actual measurements of airborne asbestos levels were not available, and estimates are difficult, we have concluded that the higher lung cancer rate in sailors was most probably caused by onboard asbestos exposure.

"This conclusion was strengthened by the occurrence of

## Asbestos link for sailors

deaths in sailors from asbestosis, a condition which is non-cancerous but is nevertheless disabling and potentially fatal."

The researchers have estimated that the proportion of lung cancers related to onboard asbestos exposure were of the order of 27 per cent in Australian seamen and 12 per cent in British seamen.

While there is a ban on imports and strict regulatory control of asbestos-containing materials in Australia, they still pose a risk to workers and some householders.

Dr Gun said the effects of asbestos exposure are likely being underestimated unless lung cancer is considered alongside mesothelioma and asbestosis.

"Although it remains true that smoking causes most lung cancers, other agents such as asbestos can contribute to the incidence of cancer in an exposed population," he said.

"Moreover, we know from other studies that the combination of smoking and asbestos exposure has an enhanced influence on lung cancer risk; this interactive effect would have contributed to the observed lung cancer excess."

The discovery of a link between asbestos exposure and a higher incidence of lung cancer is a timely reminder of the need for protections against exposure to other harmful airborne dusts.

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### Minutes of Committee Meeting 16 April 2024

Opening: Meeting opened at 1142 hours. Ode to the Fallen recited by John Cunningham. Attendance/Apologies: As per attendance book.

Previous minutes: The March Committee Minutes had previously been distributed to all committee members for perusal. Moved John Cunningham, in the absence of President Mick Howe that the March Minutes be accepted. Seconded Gordon Hall. Carried.

Correspondence/Secretary's Report: Advice received that the Council would replace the carpets. Application for meeting dates between July and December has been submitted to Council. Alex Chester's report distributed. Moved John Cunningham. Seconded Gordon Hall. Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Deb Day presented the Treasurer's Report. Copies were made available to all committee members in attendance. Deb will be away from 2 May to 26 May, but is contactable via email. Moved Deb Day. Seconded John Huxham. Carried.

Business Arising: It was suggested that the Committee investigate reimbursement for volunteers who incur expenses in performance of their duties.

Membership: There are currently 173 financial members. Numbers have increased since an email was sent to the "unfinancials". As per a previous decision, Life Subscription for General Members will be considered at a later date. Moved Pieter Reuss. Seconded John Huxham. Carried.

Ricochet: No report this month.

Office manager: John Huxham thanked Deb Day for providing the detailed asset list. Moved John Huxham. Seconded Deb Day. Carried.

Sub-Committee: John Cunningham advised that Vietnam Veterans Day planning is in hand. Costs will increase this year due to the event being on a Sunday when penalty rates will apply.

Mick Howe is negotiating with the Maroochy RSL regarding collection of chairs for the V V Day Ceremony. Discussions are ongoing. Bus quotes received and First Aid Volunteers booked. Council has approved a three-year permit for the event. Moved John Cunningham. Seconded John Huxham. Carried.

DHJ: No report.

General Business: Anzac Day Sales - Mick Howe and Bob Johnson will do the full two days at Spotlight. Gordon Hall to organize the sales for Sippy Downs. John Cunningham to assist. Volunteers required for Sippy Downs and John Cunningham to phone around for assistance. A meeting will be organised to discuss an amendment to the constitution in relation to Fair Trading advice that the association's categorization as a small non-profit organization mitigates the need for an independent auditor's report.

Laurie Drinkwater's submission for a grant for 128 ACU Yandina was tabled and will be referred to the Finance Committee.

Closure: There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1224 hours.



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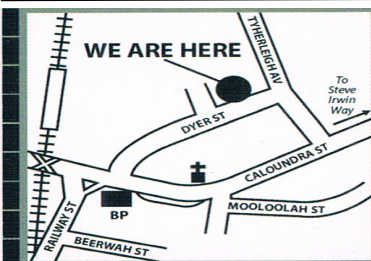


**ANZAC DAY at Mooloolaba (right) and Mudjimba.**



### Your ANZAC quiz ...

1. What do the initials ANZAC stand for?
2. Why do we wear poppies on Anzac Day?
3. Where is Gallipoli?
4. Why do we commemorate Anzac Day on 25 April?
5. Why were Australian soldiers called 'Diggers'?
6. When did the First World War end? (Bonus point if you know the time of day).
7. Where is the Tomb of the Unknown Australian Soldier?
8. What is Bully Beef?
9. Which branch of the armed forces did legendary cricket all-rounder Keith Miller join?
10. Which two AFL teams contest the traditional Anzac Day match at the MCG? - answers page 16



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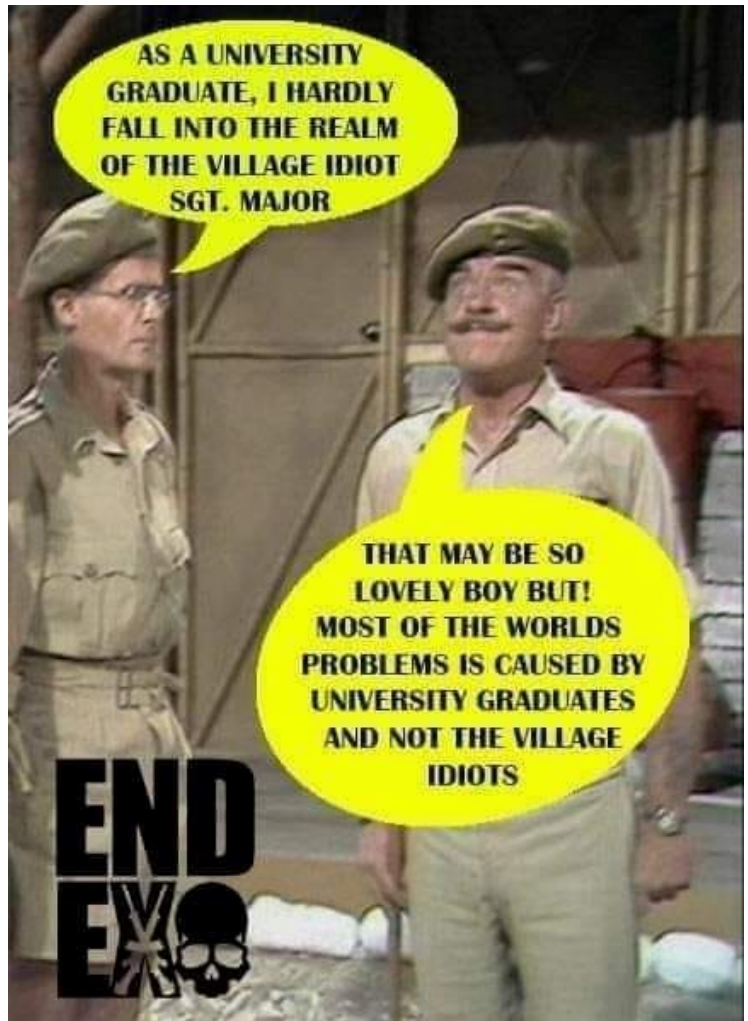
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A chicken walks into a library and up to the desk.

"Buk", says the chicken. So the librarian gives him a book. The chicken leaves with the book and returns five minutes later. "Buk," he says. So the librarian gives him another book. This goes on about eight more times, until finally the librarian leaves the library and goes outside on break in back where there's a pond. The chicken is standing on the edge of the pond tossing the books to a frog on a lily pad. The chicken says "Buk, Buk" and the frog says "reddit, reddit".



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**Two young boys walked into a pharmacy one day, picked out a box of tampons and proceeded to the checkout counter.**

**The man at the counter asked the older boy, "Son, how old are you?" "Eight," the boy replied.**

**The man continued, "do you know what these are used for?"**

**The boy replied, "not exactly, but they aren't for me. They're for him. He's my brother. He's four. We saw on TV that if you use these you would be able to swim and ride a bike. Right now, he can't do either."**



## As time goes by ... enjoying catch-up at April Riflemen's lunch



**SEE you there again on first Friday at Mooloolaba Surf Club.**



Your Chaplain is back at his desk, complete with nine toes! I am getting better, slowly, but still in the care of SCUH Foot Clinic, but now seen only every two weeks. I am slowly getting back into stride, having taken the prayers segment at the Caloundra RSL this Anzac Day.

I am pleased to announce that after praying for a certain situation in New Zealand, since I first reported the story in my column in 'Ricochet' in July 2008, that when we pray to our Heavenly Father, we can expect a reply. Then we prayed that a friend of mine in C924, his Great Uncle Ritz Alexander, had died as a result of his injuries in the Great War, and that his family were advised that he could not be buried in the Military Section at the Kiora Cemetery in Wellington, as he was declared an 'Enemy Alien' at his death.

Ritz had come to New Zealand as an 18-year-old in 1915 from Lebanon, then under the Ottoman Empire. The war was raging in Europe between the Germans, Italians, and his homeland, Lebanon, was occupied by the Turks. Ritz enlisted in the First Expeditionary Force in New Zealand and headed towards the war zone; missing out on going to the battle at Gallipoli, he travelled on to France. While fighting there, Ritz won a meritorious medal for capturing a German gun emplacement and incidentally, he liberated a German officer's sword!

Injured by a gas attack, he was hospitalized and ultimately evacuated to New Zealand where in poor health, he died in 1924. That is when he was buried in the General Cemetery at Wellington. The authorities advised of his new status of 'Enemy Alien'.

His case has been pursued through his grandson in New Zealand,

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

and his great nephew in Australia, Peter, a Caloundra resident. They have appeared on national TV in New Zealand on many occasions to bring Uncle Ritz's case to public notice, without avail.

I spoke with his grandson in New Zealand last year, who said fresh hope is on the horizon in that the RSA, the New Zealand equivalent of our RSL, had taken over the control of the Kiora Military Cemetery, and were re-considering Ritz's case. I met my Caloundra friend, Ritz's great nephew, recently and he told me that the RSA had approved the installation of a headstone in the military cemetery for Ritz Alexander, but that the original grave, now 100 years old, would not be disturbed.

The family can now be assured that closure is near, and Ritz Alexander has been restored to New Zealand citizen status from 'Enemy Alien'. Which also proves that pray works, even if it has taken 100 years, God does answer our prayers, but in His time.

So, let us keep praying to our Heavenly and omnipotent God, for all our needs. Until next month, may God continue to bless you all.

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## ANZAC SCHOOL VISIT

**MEMBER Win Fowles** attended a pre-Anzac Day ceremony at Palmwoods State School along with two RSL representatives. He placed a wreath at the school display (pictured). "The 450 students and staff did a great job and it was an honour to attend," he said. Each class also made a wreath and laid it at the display. Photo by a staff member.

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## Quiz answers from page 12

1. Australian and New Zealand Army Corps
2. They were among the first plants to spring up in the devastated battlefields of northern France and Belgium.
3. Western Turkey
4. The ANZACs landed at Gallipoli on 25 April 1915
5. The nickname is attributed to the number of ex-gold miners in the early army units and to the trench digging activities of the Australian soldiers during WW1.
6. 11am on 11 November 1918
7. In the Hall of Memory at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra.
8. It's the name of a canned meat given to soldiers in the field.
9. The Royal Australian Air Force. He later went on to become part of Bradman's 1948 'Invincibles'.
10. Essendon and Collingwood.

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## TIMELINE MAY

**1 May 1802:** Two years after the arrival of the First Fleet, Aboriginal warrior Pemulwuy began to resist the incursion of white settlers onto his people's traditional lands. Despite being seriously wounded in 1797, he eluded capture until 1-2 June 1802 when he was shot dead.

**2 May 1945:** Soviets take Berlin as the fall of the city signalled the end of the Second World War in Europe.

**7 May 1815:** Establishment of the inland town of Bathurst, which was one of Governor Lachlan Macquarie's many achievements and marked the beginning of the spread of European settlement west of the Blue Mountains.

**13 May 1968:** In Vietnam Australia's Fire Support Base Coral attacked. The partly-constructed base, north of Saigon, was defended by Australian infantry, artillery, and air support when it was attacked by North Vietnamese troops. Eleven Australians were killed and 28 wounded before the attackers were driven back. On **16 May** the base was attacked again with five Australians killed and 19 wounded. On **26 and 28 May**, nearby FSB Balmoral was attacked with the loss of three Australians.

**14 May 1943:** The hospital ship Centaur was sunk by a Japanese submarine off the south Queensland coast. Only 64 of the 333 on board survived.

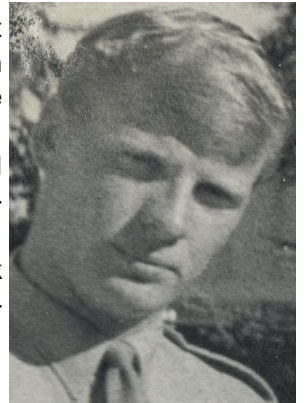
**16 May 1868:** The first Australian cricket team arrived in Eng-

land for a series of matches. The team consisted of 13 Aboriginal men from the western district of Victoria. The tour made headlines in England and Australia and continues to be a significant moment in Australia's cricketing history, racial relations and national identity.

**18 May 1813:** Gregory Blaxland, William Charles Wentworth and William Lawson became the first European settlers to successfully navigate a path across the Blue Mountains.

**24 May 1962:** Minister for Defence Athol Townley announces the intention to send 30 Army advisers to South Vietnam. On 3 August the first members of the Australian Army Training Team Vietnam arrive in Vietnam. As the situation develops, on **27 May 1965**, 1 Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, leaves for Vietnam on HMAS Sydney.

**24 May 1966:** Private Errol Noack (right) of 5 Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, was killed in Vietnam. He was the first Australian national serviceman to be killed in the Vietnam War.



**27 May 1967:** After 10 years of campaigning, a referendum on Indigenous recognition in the Australian constitution was held. The lead-up to the poll focused public attention on the fact that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders were treated as second-class citizens. Nearly 91 per cent of the electorate voted to amend the constitution.

**30 May 1917:** Introduction of soldier settlements during the First World War. The schemes ultimately proved to be a failure and had profound social and ecological effects.

**30 May 1942:** The RAAF took part in the first 1,000-bomber raid which was launched by the RAF. The target was Cologne, Germany.

**31 May 1942:** Three Japanese midget submarines raid Sydney Harbour.

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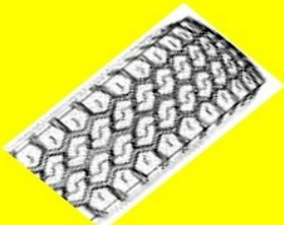
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### May 1966

Noack, Errol Wayne (4717546), 5 RAR, 21, Pte, Centennial Park Cemetery, Adelaide.

### May 1967

Bartholomew, Glen Trevor (2782555), 1 FldSqn, 22, Spr, Memorial Gardens, Lismore NSW.

Brady, Gregory Vincent (2782812), 1 FldSqn, 22, Spr, Goondiwindi Cemetery, Goondiwindi Qld.

Brooks, Dennis Lindsay (3787889), 1 FldSqn, 22, Spr, Garden of Remembrance, Springvale, Melbourne.

Deed, Ramon John Peter (3788300), 1 FldSqn, 21, Spr, Garden of Remembrance, Springvale, Melbourne.

Mathieson, Kenneth Frank (37175), UL S Comd ex 6 RAR, 21, Pte, Fawkner Crematorium & Memorial Park, Melbourne.

O'Hara, John Laurence (2782779), 1 Fld Sqn, 22, Spr, Wollongong Crematorium NSW.

Renshaw, Terrence James (3788172), 1 FldSqn, 22, Spr, Wangaratta Cemetery Vic.

Ruddy, James (214360), Unit Detachment 55 Advanced Engineer Stores Squadron (RAE), 32, Cpl (Temp Sgt), Beresfield Crematorium NSW.

### May 1968

Abbott, Dal Edward (2786017), 1 RAR, Pte, 21, Terendak Military Cemetery, Malaysia.

Bailey, Errol John (2786313), 1 RAR, 23, Pte, Beresfield Crematorium NSW.

Brown, Lindsay Noel (3790530), 3 RAR, 22, Pte, Benalla Cemetery Vic. Constable, George Alfred (235125), 161 Recce Flt, 32, Maj., Frenchs Forest Bushland Cemetery, Sydney.

Cooper, Alan John (4411171), 3 RAR, 20, Pte, Centennial Park Cemetery, Adelaide.

Dawson, Ian Kenneth (215063), 1 RAR, 24, Cpl, Rookwood Crematorium, Sydney.

Desnoy, John Walter (3791033), 3 RAR, 22, Pte, Garden of Remembrance, Springvale, Melbourne.

Durrington, John Thomas (36485), AATTV (Att. RAI), 29, Sgt (Temp. WO2), Garden of Remembrance, Springvale, Melbourne.

Hamersley, Frederick George (54828), AATTV, 38, Sgt, Karrakatta Cemetery, Perth.

Hickey, Robert Bernard (215745), 1 RAR, 24, Cpl, Rookwood Military Cemetery, Sydney.

Lewis, Peter Edward (43423), 3 RAR, 24, Sgt, Centennial Park Cemetery, Adelaide.

Martin, William Henry (1731467), 1 RAR, 22, L/Cpl, Winton Cemetery, Qld.

McNab, Robert Leo (39354), 1 RAR, 20, Pte, Garden of Remembrance, Springvale, Melbourne.

Nisbet, Christopher Robert (1201338), 1 RAR, 20, Pte, Pinnaroo Cemetery and Crematorium, Brisbane.

O'Brien, John Alfred (2786748), 1 RAR, Pte, 21, Macquarie Park Cemetery and Crematorium, Sydney.

Pearce, John Gregory Stinson (2784043), 1 RAR, Cpl, 22, War Cemetery, Rookwood, Sydney.

Sawtell, Christopher James (216970), 12 FldRegt, 19, Northern Suburbs Crematorium, Chatswood, Sydney.

Scott, Ian James (3791583), 12 FldRegt, 21, Gnr, Camperdown Civil Cemetery, Vic.

Sheppard, Laurence (aka Lawrence) Rodney (3790506), 1 RAR, 22, Pte, Springvale Cemetery, Melbourne.

Thomas, William Malcolm (4718911), 3 RAR, 21, Pte, Centennial Park Cemetery, Adelaide.

Trimble, Bevan Maxwell (3791291), 1 RAR, 21, Pte, Bendigo Cemetery, Victoria.

Wallis, Alan John (2787255), 1 RAR, 21, Pte, Sandgate General Cemetery, Newcastle NSW.

Watson, Richard Christopher A (39403), 1 RAR, 20, Pte, Springvale Crematorium, Melbourne.

White, Harry Winston (216009), 1 RAR, 23, Pte, Macquarie Park Cemetery and Crematorium, Sydney.

Whitton, John Hunter (311532), 1 RAR, 28, Garden of Remembrance, Springvale, Melbourne.

Worle, Jeffrey Thomas (3790789), 3 RAR, 21, Pte, Garden of Remembrance, Springvale, Melbourne.

Young, Alexander Henry (1732408), 104 SigSqn, 21, Sig., Pinnaroo Cemetery and Crematorium, Brisbane.

Young, Brian Thomas (1733095), 1 RAR, 21, Pte, Pinnaroo Cemetery and Crematorium, Brisbane.

### May 1969

Bramble, Peter John (2789684), 1 FldSqn, 21, Spr, Forster Cemetery, Forster NSW.

Davies, Ronald Edward (38530), 1 FldSqn, 24, Spr, Springvale Crematorium, Melbourne.

Drummond, Andrew (55537), 5 RAR, 27, Pte, Carnarvon Cemetery WA.

Gill, Michael William Thomas (14667), RAS (att. AATTV), Sgt (temp. WO2), Garden of Remembrance, Toowoomba, Qld.

Kerr, James Kelly (218508), B Sqn, 1 ArmdRgt, 19, Trp, Garden of Remembrance, Rookwood, Sydney.

Lee, Errol John (235328), 5 RAR, 22, Lt, Woden Cemetery, Canberra.

Locke, Geoffrey Robert (39161), 9 RAR, 22, 2/Lt, Garden of Remembrance, Launceston Tas.

O'Neill, John Barry (39457), 1 Div. Supply/Transport Workshop, 20, Cftsm, Garden of Remembrance, Springvale, Melbourne.

Reidy, Paul Francis (3793403), 9 RAR, 21, Pte, White Hills Cemetery, Bendigo, Vic.

Shipp, Noel Ervin (R59629), RANHFV, 24, LAC, Frenchs Forest Bushland Cemetery, Sydney.

Yule, Robert James (218491), 9 RAR, 20, Pte, Rookwood Crematorium, Sydney.

### May 1970

Ahearn, Alan William (214287), 8 RAR, 25, Sgt, Northern Suburbs Crematorium, Sydney.

Crouch, Noel Valentine (5716239), 7 RAR, 22, Pte, Katanning Public Cemetery WA.

Earle, Philip (45104), 8 RAR, 23, Pte, Centennial Park Cemetery, Adelaide.

Goody, Phillip Raymond (1734847), 8 RAR, 22, L/Cpl, Monto Cemetery Qld.

Neal, Dennis William (1735386), 2 RAR, 22, Pte, Gympie Cemetery Qld.

Tully, Desmond John (2792375), 2 RAR, 21, Pte, Lismore Crematorium NSW.

### May 1971

Mills, Noel Reginald (1200423), RAA Chaplains' Dept, no age, Chaplain, died Repatriation General Hospital, Concord NSW (no funeral details).

• *From Australian War Memorial, Roll of Honour; Department of Veterans Affairs; Virtual War Memorial, Australia; Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund Wall of Faces.*

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