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***'Lest We Forget'***

**Notice of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)**  
**for**  
**Cardiff RSL sub-Branch**

Notice is hereby given that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Cardiff RSL sub-Branch will be held on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at Cardiff RSL Club, 45 Macquarie Rd, Cardiff NSW 2285.

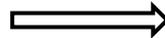
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Cardiff RSL sub-Branch 2021 membership fee are now due, please pay at **Cardiff RSL Club's reception desk**, and you will receive the yearly **business card** indicating that you are financial for 2021.



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Garry (Mick) James  
**Hon, Secretary**

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- All welfare activities have resumed, subject to individual hospital, aged care facility.
- All Pension inquires have resumed.
- Members inquires during the COVID-19 restrictions can use the usual Cardiff RSL Sub-Branch contact details.

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## Message from Cardiff RSL Sub-Branch President



Hello to all our members, hope you all have a wonderful Xmas and New Year. I must take time out to thank you all for your membership and loyalty throughout the COVID crisis. This year has certainly been the worst year of the past century, however you've all come out of it with flying colours and should be congratulated.

The Executive, Committee, Treasurer and all of our helpers have all done a very good job. Keeping in touch with all of you during the year, I do hope that we added that extra bit of spice to you all during our conversations, helped to keep your chins up, that's what our sole purpose of being here means.

Also, it came as a surprise to us when the Club had to close, it was a big loss to us as well, however due to some good work by Gary and his band of merry men and women it wasn't long before they were functioning again, the same sort of thing happened to the Restaurant who are now operating, but not without the loss of some jobs which was sad. But that's COVIDS fault and we have to live with it, I hope not too much more.

Well that's it from me except from being another year older, we all look forward to this New Year 2021. Bring it on.

*Syd Lynch. J P*

**President**



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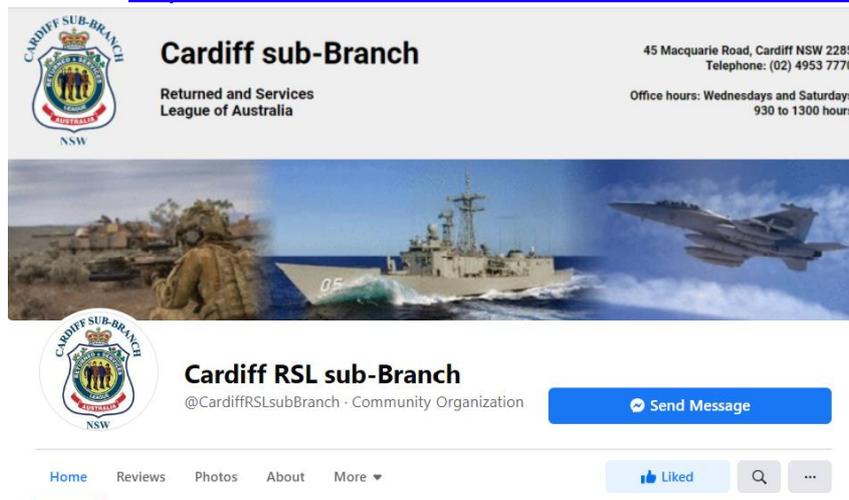
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## Cardiff RSL Sub-Branch RSL Auxiliary



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The Auxiliary Ladies have been meeting on their usual meeting day for morning tea the Ladies play cards every Wednesday and craft ladies come every second Wednesday.

We will return in February 2021 for our next meeting.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*Lee Zeilemen*

**Hon. A/Secretary**

### **Australian Defence Forces (ADF)**

For the latest from the armed services of the Australian Defence Forces (ADF) check out the respective websites.

The sites have a wide range of interesting articles ranging from history to present day.

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[www.army.gov.au](http://www.army.gov.au)

[www.airforce.gov.au](http://www.airforce.gov.au)

## WWII Veterans 75 Year Medallion & Certificate

As in the previous edition of The Busted Bugle, we gave thanks to our World War Two Veterans, of which nineteen are members of our sub-Branch, and due to present COVID-19 restrictions, majority of the Medallions & Certificates were mailed to our Veterans.



President Syd and Vice President Peter were able to present the following sub-Branch members with their medallion and certificates of commendation, (from the left) Neville Hays, Alex White, Carlyle Sellwood and also, Milton Alderson who on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2020, also celebrated his 100 birthday and received a letter from the Queen.



Reginald Petteit was presented his Medallion and Certificate by his family. Reg passed away on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020, he was a Corporal in 'Z' Special Unit in WW2. Lest We Forget.

Also, Syd and Peter were also privileged to present the Medallion and Certificate to an Opal Care veteran at Cameron Park, Ronald Hedley which just turned 100.



Civilians: Such a great movie about family and never growing up.



Veterans: Officer got himself lost, grumpy Staff Sergeant drags clueless private along to find him.

**MESSAGE FROM THE PADRE** **St Thomas Cardiff, Anglican Church of Cardiff**



**Growing in the Light**

"I can see a light at end of the tunnel," said a woman after telling me her troubles. "But think it might be a freight train," she added, trying to lighten the moment with her quick sense of humour. But despite how familiar we are with this old cliché, 2020 was certainly a year in which we

were all waiting for a light at the end of the tunnel. And with the arrival of each crisis - bush fires, Covid-19 and floods - we were always left with the feeling that things just couldn't get any worse. But the resilience we showed as a nation always stood out as a beacon of hope. And amid all the policies, setbacks, criticisms of our political leaders and the verbal abuse of those assigned with the unenviable task of trying to enforce the Covid rules, we always managed to put our best foot forward by working together to tackle some of the year's greatest challenges, bringing light into the darkest places of our nation.

As a child I used to enjoy playing with a small mirror and shining sunlight onto some of the shady areas in our backyard. I think this little game I used to play is a good illustration of how we're called to reflect the light of God's goodness and truth into the world's darkest areas of hardship and despair, through our very own words and deeds. And in the midst of the Covid crisis, this ever-present light continues to shine as people work tirelessly to protect the most vulnerable in our community.

Now, at the beginning of a new year, people are asking how 2020 may have changed the world. But how might 2020 have changed us? For some people, watching healthcare and frontline workers selflessly doing so much for so many people must surely have had an impact on their attitude and approach to life.

In my sunflower garden the first flower to bloom was the tallest - the one closest to the light of the sun. As we continue to walk in the light and warmth of people's good deeds, may we bloom and grow into a better version of who we were prior to 2020.

*Rev Gary Atherton*

**Rector, Parish of Cardiff**

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## 211 Army Cadet Unit (ACU) Newcastle



All at 211 Army Cadet Unit are very pleased that 2020 is nearly over. Our year like so many others has not been great. For the entire year we only had one field activity & one Ceremonial Parade that being the Nasho's parade in Feb20.

On a positive note, Things are looking up for 2021. The Army has supplied us with some new furniture, Signage & window blinds. But more importantly we have Thirteen (13) new recruits already applied to join us next year. Training will hopefully be back to normal next year with cadets be allowed to go bush again.

On the 11DEC20 we were able to carry out our end of year parade again. However, due to COVID-19 we were only allowed one parent to attend where as in the past our cadets bring up to ten people to see them on parade. We were pleased to have President Lynch as an official guest. Who carried out his role as prize presenter very well.



President Lynch in great form



211 marching to Parade Ground



Right Dress

In the last issue of the Busted Bugle, I mentioned that two of our cadets had left us for Kapooka & a career in the Regular Army. I am pleased to announce that both EX-CDTCPL Ellery s and EX-CDTCPL Ashton have passed through Kapooka & are at there Corps Schools learning their desired trades.



**EX-CDTCPL Ellery**



**Ex-CDTCPL Ashton**

I am both glad & upset that we loosing next year a few more of our cadets as they to head off to start a career with the Regular Army. CDTSGT Brad Cullum our current CSM leaves 18JAN21 for the first intake of 2021.

In conclusion I hope that 211 ACU can support the Cardiff RSL Sub-Branch in the way we have been accustomed to next year. Cardiff RSL Sub-Branch's continued support is greatly appreciated by all Cadets & Staff of 211 ACU.

I hope all members of the Sub-Branch & their families enjoy a safe & happy Christmas.

*Peter Lockwood*

**Captain (Officer Commanding 211 ACU Newcastle)**

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After what has felt like the longest year in history, we've made it to the end of 2020. I'm sure we will remember it for the rest of our lives.

I want to thank each and every person for their cooperation during these unprecedented times. This health crisis is not over yet and it has brought uncertainty in many aspects of our lives.

After months of no community transmission in NSW, unfortunately as I'm sure you're aware there has been an outbreak in the Northern Beaches in Sydney. This has caused significant challenges over the Christmas/New Year period with all States and Territories reintroducing border restrictions.

With that said, I hope you are able to have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year with your loved ones. It's been such a huge year and I hope you get the opportunity to have a break and spend some time with your nearest and dearest. Obviously, this outbreak will have changed some plans and my thoughts are with everyone who can no longer have the Christmas they had planned.

Don't forget I'm here to help.

I can provide advice and assistance with issues you have with Federal agencies including:

- Department of Veterans' Affairs
- Centrelink
- Aged care
- National Disability Insurance Agency
- Australian Taxation Office
- Medicare
- Immigration
- Child Support

Merry Christmas and take care.

Pat Conroy MP  
**Federal Member for Shortland**

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Well, what a year 2020 was. I trust that you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

2020 was a long and difficult year for so many. During the difficult times, I think we have rediscovered the big-heartedness for which Australians have been known, and the quiet kindness which

flourishes when we have more time. 2020 gave many of us an opportunity to review our lives and our values, which drive how we respond in crises.

These are the values that we have all seen daily in our front-line workers, those who provide the social glue in communities under great pressure.

Our front-line workers have set a great example to our community and I want express my heartfelt thanks to those who put their lives on the line for the rest of us. COVID-19 has tested us, and you have done the hard yards with strength, patience and resilience.

2021 holds so much hope. With the continued easing of restrictions and the rollout of a COVID-19 vaccine, life should be much more settled and stress free.

I want to thank each and every person for their cooperation during the last 12 months, especially during these unprecedented times.

This health crisis is not over yet but things are looking much brighter.

As always, I will be taking all of our local issues to Parliament and raising them on behalf of the Wallsend electorate. Keep up to date with all of the issues via my website, [www.soniahornery.com.au](http://www.soniahornery.com.au).

There is a lot going on in our area, so make sure you keep up to date with my social media and e-newsletter to stay informed.

Keep in mind that my office also has Justice of the Peace services and can assist you with congratulatory messages for events like 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversaries. We are always looking for new ideas for Questions, Notices of Motion or Community Recognition Statements-short speeches submitted to the Parliament which highlight individuals or organisations who have achieved something of note in the local area.

If you are part of a community group, contact my office to be added to the list for grant opportunities.

If you have an issue with a State Government department, get in touch and we'll see what we can do to help. If there is anything you feel needs to be brought to my attention, contact my office on 4950 0955 or by email at

[wallsend@parliament.nsw.gov.au](mailto:wallsend@parliament.nsw.gov.au). You can also reach me on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/SoniaHornery](https://www.facebook.com/SoniaHornery).

*Sonia Hornery MP*

**State Member for Wallsend**



As many of you may be aware, the Kokoda Track Memorial Walkway in Sydney is a unique tribute to the bravery of Australian troops who fought through atrocious conditions and against vastly superior enemy numbers in the Papua-New Guinea campaign of July 1942-January 1943. With support from the US, the Australians inflicted on the Japanese Imperial Army its first defeat. It was one of the vital elements which saved Australia from invasion in the Second World War.

The Papua campaign, including the Kokoda Track, Milne Bay, Buna, Gona and Sanananda resulted in total Australian and United States casualties of 8546. More than 2000 Australians and 600 Americans were killed. During the four months of fighting in the Owen Stanley Ranges, the Australian infantry lost 607 killed and 1015 wounded.

The Kokoda Track Memorial Walkway covers more than 800 metres from Rhodes Station to Concord Hospital in Sydney's inner-west, and runs along the mangrove-studded shores of Brays Bay on the Parramatta River. The centrepieces are magnificent granite walls bearing photographic images of the campaign. There are 22 stations or plaques along the walkway, each describing a significant place or engagement. It's well worth a visit if you're travelling through that area.

I'm sure none of us want a repeat of 2020 in our lifetimes. Beginning with devastating bushfires and followed by the Covid-19 pandemic, the year had a tremendous impact on all our lives. I'm pleased the Sub-Branches were still able to conduct commemorative services throughout the year but it was unfortunate that our wider community couldn't participate in a more intimate way. I look forward to seeing all of you this year as restrictions relax and, hopefully, we resume our usual way of life.

In local news, we welcome the decision to approve the \$49m plans for Costco to establish its retail warehouse and fuel station on the former Pasmenco site near Boolaroo. This will create hundreds of jobs at a time when we really need them. It also brings with it enormous opportunity. I'm very grateful to the State Government for supporting us and also to Dantia (Lake Macquarie council's business development arm) which helped us get Costco over the line. All going well, Costco is hoping to open the doors in August next year.

Also, few people may have heard of Skyline Aviation Group, but they're a Cardiff company which recently acquired 11 Seahawk helicopters from the Australian Navy. Some are currently being repurposed for aerial firefighting duties. Having this sort of capacity was among the many recommendations handed down by the recent inquiry into last year's NSW bushfires and the subsequent Royal Commission. Having these heavy-lift helicopters based here makes sense, both economically and in terms of meeting the challenges that bushfires create throughout this State and beyond. What they need is a bit of Government support to retain the assets when the fires aren't burning. I've discussed this opportunity with the Government on a number of occasions, and was pleased the Deputy Premier came up to see Skyline's local base first-hand.

If you have concerns about any State issue, don't hesitate to contact me or my Toronto office. Finally, I wish you all the best for a happy and safe 2021.

Regards

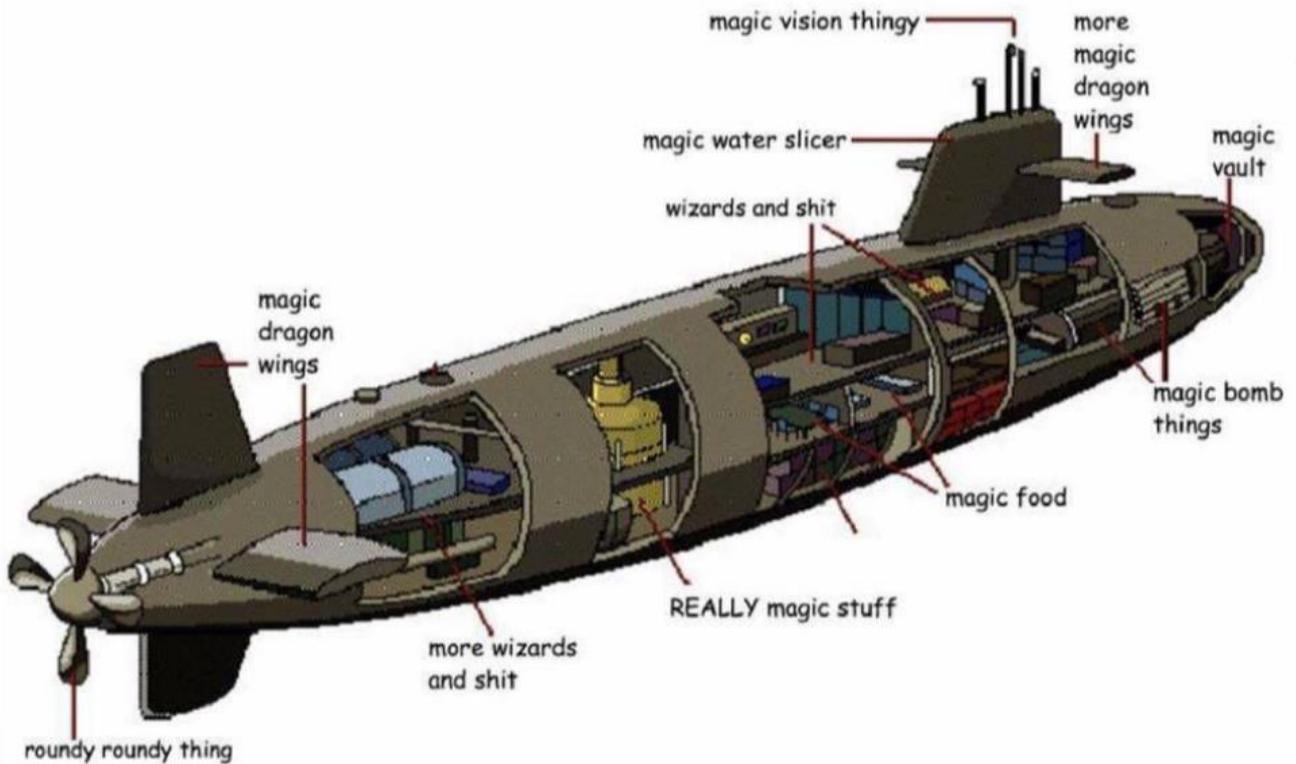
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## Friends of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Battalions

### 2/2<sup>nd</sup> Australian Infantry Battalion A.I.F. World War II – 1939/1945

From *'Purple Over Green,*

*The History of the 2/2 Australian Infantry Battalion 1939-1945'*; and the Internet.

After the outbreak of World War II, the 2/2<sup>nd</sup> Australian Infantry Battalion A.I.F., 16<sup>th</sup> Brigade, 6<sup>th</sup> Division was raised at Victoria Barracks, Sydney on 24 October 1939. The battalion sailed to the Middle East in 1940 and for the rest of the year, trained in Palestine and Egypt in preparation for their first battle.

On 1 January 1941, the battalion was in Libya, overlooking Bardia and about to receive its first baptism of fire. The Battle of Bardia commenced on 3 January and the Fortress was captured that day.

In the lead up to this, their first battle, the Battalion patrolled vigorously, gaining much information about enemy defences. Morale was high, reflecting the long period of training and thorough preparations for the battle.

The Commanding Officer, Colonel Chilton, had a sand map made and briefed each platoon on the impending attack.

On one occasion during this period, a dogfight took place between some allied Gloster Gladiator fighter aircraft and some Italian C.R.42 aircraft. The machine gun fire from some of the planes hit the desert around where the 2/2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion kitchen equipment had been hastily unloaded.

Rum was issued and the men moved to the start line which was marked across the desert with strips of cloth that was issued for cleaning their rifles.

The artillery barrage commenced and the troops moved forward with at least ten paces between ranks (the men felt very lonely).

The artillery fire from both sides was quite intense for some time and after getting through the wire and over the tank ditch the men's job was to go for the Italian gun positions.

The British Matilda tanks were very effective. The men looked like giants as they were dressed in heavy greatcoats covered with leather jerkins, which must have appeared to be some sort of armour (it was extremely cold).

Italian infantry started to surrender very early in the day and they were witnessed streaming out amongst the noise and confusion of the battle, hands raised high. Their artillerymen seemed to be of a higher calibre and many fought right up to the capture of their gun positions.

Soon there were hundreds of Italians streaming back behind the battalion surrendering; there was no way of controlling them and in some cases they had their own officers doing the job. There is no doubt that the presence of the Matilda tanks operated by the British soldiers were a great help.

Further objectives were achieved over the following days and the period of the Battle of Bardia is recorded as 3/5 January 1941. It was a stunning victory for troops facing their baptism of fire.

By the second day it was evident that the Bardia Fortress was in Australian hands. The battalion troops had quite a time scrounging through the ruins of what was left of the tiny town area of Bardia and dressing up in the colourful clothes left behind by some of the ranking Italian officers.

There were quantities of Chianti wine and Cognac among the stores captured. From then on, the bully beef was mixed with tomato puree and biscuits mixed with Nestles condensed milk from the captured Italian stores.

It was still bitterly cold and the men came back to earth with a jolt when working parties of Italian prisoners, under guard, were given the job of cleaning up the battlefield. The sight of lorry loads of dead bodies being taken to burial grounds, with their arms outstretched, frozen with the cold and rigor mortis, had a sobering effect. The huge number of prisoners (in excess of 40,000 men) and the hundreds of trucks and other equipment astounded the 2/2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion men. A lot of this captured gear helped to replace the Australian worn out gear and allowed the next stage of the campaign to succeed.

The problem of feeding and sheltering so many prisoners was difficult and some of their own trucks were used to take them to Egypt, a two hundred mile trip. Many Australians finished up with captured Italian Binoculars and Barreta Automatic Pistols (plus other things).

The Battalion's casualties were 9 officers and 81 other ranks killed or wounded. Soon after, reinforcements were received.

The precise number of prisoners taken at Bardia has been estimated at about 40,000. In addition, the captured equipment numbered 26 coast defence guns, 7 medium guns, 216 field guns, 26 heavy Anti-Aircraft guns, 41 infantry guns, 146 anti-tank guns, 12 serviceable medium tanks, 115 light tanks, and most important of all, 708 motor vehicles to replace the worn-out trucks of Western Desert Force. And, of course, the infantrymen equipped themselves with hundreds of revolvers, compasses and binoculars.

Thus the 2<sup>nd</sup> A.I.F. had planned and fought its first battle of the Second World War. Much has been written about the fighting qualities of the Italian troops in this campaign, but as Noel Park said: "Had the attack on Bardia not been so well planned, had our troops not attacked with such determination, and had the attacking troops not been so magnificently supported by "I" tanks and artillery, then the story of this battle may not have been so triumphant."

Gavin Long in *To Benghazi* pages 204-5 sums up this first campaign as follows: "From the point of view of military theory, the success at Bardia demonstrated that there is no fortress so strong in its engineering that men of determination and cunning, and with weapons in their hands, cannot take it. At Bardia, the decisive work was done by ingenious and resolute foot soldiers moving, at first under cover of darkness, close behind an artillery barrage which drove the enemy to shelter at the critical moment. It was a victory for bold reconnaissance, for audacious, yet careful planning, for an artillery scheme which subdued the enemy's fire at the vital time, and a rapid and continuing infantry assault which broke a gap in the enemy's line. The tanks followed the infantry in, then led them, thus preventing many casualties. The Australians had been thoroughly trained and were in splendid fettle. The Division, particularly the junior staff and the company commanders, still had much to learn, but it is doubtful whether in the succeeding five years any Australian force was fitter for battle than the 6th Division at Bardia."

On 5<sup>th</sup> January, the battalion was relieved in Bardia by the British 16 Brigade and moved back to the area which it had occupied at midday on the 3<sup>rd</sup>.

They remained there clearing the battlefield, resting, taking stock and reorganising for 3 days. Their own dead were collected and buried in the 6<sup>th</sup> Division cemetery at the top of Halfaya Pass, with Padre Read officiating at the ceremony. Padre Youll from Taree was also there, as well as an Italian priest who attended as a mark of respect, which was appreciated. He and Padre Youll conversed in Latin! Many Italian dead were to be disposed of, so 50 prisoners were taken with a truck, and with the help of an interpreter all bodies in the area over which the battalion had fought were collected and buried.

As the 6<sup>th</sup> Division made preparations to attack the next fortress, Tobruk, the troops displayed an air of confidence gained from a knowledge that they had performed well under fire. Bardia had taught them many lessons. They had learned the value of pressing home an attack with speed and determination. The value of armour and the importance of artillery support was appreciated. The British and Australian formations with 13 Corps now had confidence in each other.

On 5<sup>th</sup> January 1941, the battalion was relieved in Bardia by the British 16 Brigade and moved back to the area which it had occupied at midday on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. With little pause, the battalion was withdrawn out of the Bardia area and moved on to the next objective, Tobruk, which was fortified something like Bardia but it had a really serviceable harbour. The enemy garrison was estimated at 25,000. Reconnaissance tasks and night patrols were intensely carried out, in preparation for the attack on Tobruk.

Charlie Stevens

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Bob Argent's role in the Battles of Bardia and Tobruk was transport driver bringing rations and supplies forward to C Company. His British Morris truck was in poor shape and it gave out altogether at Tobruk. Bob then helped himself to an abandoned Italian Lancia. This larger truck had some complexities of design and operation, which were sorted out for Bob by helpful Italian prisoners of war.

The daily truck runs from B Echelon were timed to arrive at the C Company location about dusk.

*(Photo of Bob with his truck "Whining Winnie" which died at Tobruk).* When hot boxes were used, Bob had to wait until they were returned from the platoons and then make his way back during the night. The return journey was made at just above stall speed because the truck headlights emitted only feeble light



through a narrow slit in their metal covering. Navigation was difficult and to stray off the road or track meant increased danger from mines and booby traps. Sometimes it took until well after daylight the next day to complete the return journey.

Faster speed was achieved when there was good moonlight, but the downside of this was that Italian bombers were on the prowl and regarded trucks on the road as suitable targets (Bob Argent OAM later lived in Shortland for many years).

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## Twelve days of hard fighting – The Australians defeat the Japanese at Milne Bay in World War Two (by Paul Feenan)

The Battle of Milne Bay is less known than its sister battle of Kokoda was being fought at the same time but played an equally important role in the Pacific war. Located on the south-eastern tip of Papua, before World War two most of the area's inhabitants were local Papuans, with the only Europeans being a few missionaries and plantation managers. The area came to the attention of senior Allied officers in May 1942; recognition of the strategic value of an airfield, General Douglas MacArthur decided an airbase should be established allowing air patrols over the eastern seaward approaches to Port Moresby and raid Rabaul.

Quickly established by Australian infantry and American engineers supported by Papuan labourers, the base completed could support a strength of 10,000, however its existence was concealed for as long as possible until the Japanese discovered the base and deployed a force to attack.

The environment at Milne Bay was unpleasant and depressing. It rained every day during the construction period, and the few roads became impassable to vehicles. Living in rain-soaked tents on muddy ground, the men felt that *'even Hell would be preferable,'* as at least they would be dry. The area was also one of the worst places in the world for malaria, and many men became infected during the first weeks there, though it would take a couple of months before an epidemic broke out.

While the inexperienced Australian Militia Infantry Brigade that had previously served only in Australia was now reinforced by a veteran Australian Imperial Force (AIF) Brigade that had served in the Middle East to face the expected attack.

Unfortunately, their training in jungle warfare was hindered by the requirement to supply many men to the base construction effort.

On 25 August, 1942 Kittyhawk fighters of 75 and 76 Squadrons RAAF, based at Milne Bay, attacked Japanese barges that had been intended for use in an attack on Milne Bay. In spite of the loss of these barges, on the next night, the Japanese landed a force of some 2,000 marines at Milne Bay in an attempt to seize the airstrips and secure a base from which to provide naval and air support for the battle on the Kokoda Track. Believing that only a few Allied infantry companies protected the area, the Japanese landed just before midnight on 26 August.

They landed east of the Allied airfields and had to advance 11 kilometres to capture them. The Japanese troops overwhelmed and pushed back the 61<sup>st</sup> and 2/10<sup>th</sup> Battalions being the first Australian battalions encountered, but began suffering heavy casualties when the Kittyhawk fighters of 75 and 76 Squadrons began bombing and strafing them. Nevertheless, they continued advancing for a few days and reached the edge of No 3 Airstrip, where the attack was turned back by Australian and American troops who were dug in and armed with artillery, mortars and heavy machine-guns.



A Kittyhawk Landing at No. 1 Airstrip Milne Bay 1942

The Australians then counter-attacked, pushing the Japanese back towards their original landing area. Finally, 12 days after that landing, and bitter fighting along the coastline, the Japanese evacuated their survivors of the attack on the night of 6/7 September.

The Australians had suffered 373 battle casualties, of whom 161 were dead or missing. All captured Australians were killed by Japanese bayonetting. The Japanese death toll was at least 700.

Although the battle was relatively minor in scale, it was a significant morale booster as the first real land defeat suffered by the Japanese. The Allied victory at Milne Bay showed that the Japanese soldier was not invincible.

After the battle, the Allies continued to develop the base at Milne Bay to support the counter-offensive along the northern coast of Papua and New Guinea. Australian dead were buried in a war cemetery behind Gili Gili.

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**Forgotten tragedy at Kapooka – 75 years ago** (by Paul Feenan)

A Memorial erected several hundred metres from the front gate of the Kapooka Recruit Training Centre commemorates the loss of 26 young soldiers killed in a training accident at Kapooka on the 21<sup>st</sup> May 1945.

The area of the memorial is on the side of a country road among rolling hills and open fields and surrounded by 26 planted kurrajong trees commemorating each soldier killed. However, these are our forgotten dead; their fate does not appear in the official histories of World War Two or in the Australian Centenary History of Defence.

About 2.45 pm that Monday afternoon the soldiers, mostly teenage trainee sappers attending the Royal Australian Engineers Training Centre were training for the Pacific campaign and in week four of the sixteen week program, designated as demolition week. They were sitting in an underground bunker being instructed on his 31<sup>st</sup> birthday by Sergeant Herbert Pomeroy on how to set and detonate explosives when the bunker exploded killing 24 soldiers and severely wounding two others who died shortly after.

At the time the bunker contained a large amount of stored explosives comprising 45 kilograms of monobel and about 20 kilograms of gelignite with a large quantity of detonators and fuses.

The Military inquiry from 23 May to 1 June 1945 was presided over by Brigadier A. M. Forbes and relied on the information provided by the only survivor Private Allan Bartlett. He was then profoundly deaf having been found in the bunker in an upright position imbedded in the wall of the bunker by the force of the blast. He described how another instructor Corporal Bill Cousins was holding a number of detonators with blue fuses attached just before the blast, his only memory from then was being dragged out of the bunker.

During the lesson presented by Sergeant Pomeroy, a second Sergeant, Sergeant Kendall left the bunker and was walking away when the blast occurred. He reported that Sergeant Pomeroy had been demonstrating how to cut and crimp safety fuse wire and attach it to a detonator and place the detonator into a tennis ball size lump of monobel. The army inquiry was stunned to become aware that this was a time when having explosives and detonators in the same dugout were routine although it was against all regulations.

The army could find no conclusive reason as to how a detonator came into contact with the explosives, and an assumption that Corporal Cousins might have tripped bringing the fuses into direct contact with the opened explosives.

While it was also found unusual that Sergeant Pomeroy elected to store the explosives in the dug-out, it was found to be a blameless accident that could have been prevented.

While the Australian people were focused on the progress of the war overseas, the tragedy was front page news, enhanced by the army's cover in not allowing the names of the dead soldiers to be published, while not allowing soldiers not involved contacting their loved ones of their well-being.



Semi-trailers conveying flag draped coffins.

Two days after the tragedy the largest military funeral ever to take place in Australia commenced. The cortege led by police motor cyclists followed by a military truck containing wreaths and then four semi-trailers containing the flag draped coffins took some 45 minutes to pass on the way to internment at the Wagga Wagga war cemetery through a guard of RSL members.

The Australian Government released the following statement, "*The sappers have*

*given their lives in the cause of freedom just as assuredly as if they had fallen on the battlefield. We will remember them with gratitude and, by honouring them, honour ourselves" while further vowing that the Kapooka tragedy would never be forgotten.*

Wagga's Daily Advertiser newspaper wrote, "*Once in uniform, a person is a soldier of the King and, should death come swiftly in peaceful surroundings far removed from the battlefield, a life has been given for the King as surely as if the soldier had died in combat.*"

But these were no more than lip service, and memory quickly faded. Unlike those who gave their lives on the Kokoda Track or in the deserts of North Africa, there was no national pride in remembering an explosives accident in rural NSW. It was a tragedy that did not fit the ANZAC narrative. However, in 1946 this tragedy generated brisk discussion in the Returned Service League Congress on the debate whether to allow non-returned service personal with six months service be admitted as members to the RSL that had been denied by the Federal Congress of the RSL.

The change of motion had argued strongly that military personal that had not been ordered overseas should be altered, to give them membership and that the deaths of the 26 Sappers displayed the dangers associated with defence personal who were not deployed. It was harsh to deny men who faced dangers especially aircrew trainees who on routine training exercises were lost almost daily in some part of the continent. There was a death roll at home where instructors including army specialists and trainees faced danger almost every day while still in Australia, was in some way parallel to these front line fighters who stood up to dangers, When it was clear that some of the men who were granted the privilege of wearing the RSL badge had spent their times in safety at base jobs in various parts of the world and never faced any dangers, but because they were not ordered overseas, they were not entitled to membership of Australia's most exclusive ex-servicemen's organisation.

The alternate argument was that the very name of the League made it mandatory that only returned service men could be admitted. With the admission of non-returned soldiers into the Returned Soldiers' League the organisation loses its former meaning. In the past the familiar RSL badge signified that the wearer had been overseas, and, in the majority of cases, had been in the fighting. If non-returned men were admitted to the RSL the fear was the significance of the badge would be lost and the possibility that many men would then prefer to wear the Returned from Active Service badge.

The Kapooka Tragedy appears to have been consigned to history, rather than into our nation's heritage, and this is a shame as the Kapooka victims should occupy a worthy place in our Nation's memory. While this terrible accident remains unknown to many, in recent times a commemoration service has been held each year on the 21<sup>st</sup> May remembering the demise of those young soldiers.

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### **The Australian Matilda II Infantry Tank** (by Paul Feenan)



Matilda tank with grenade protection and improvised armouring.

The infantry tank best known as the Matilda was a British made infantry tank that superseded the Mark I infantry tank by 1940 and is the only British tank serving from the start to the end of World War Two. Making a name in the war in the Western desert as the 'Queen of the Desert', the quickening pace and the increase in mobility and firepower of the Axis power's armour saw the tank withdrawn from desert

action and replaced by a cheaper, faster and better armed Valentine infantry tank.

As the war in the Pacific escalated, and the Japanese advance was such that they could launch aerial attacks on Australia, it was realised the need for tanks was great and a plan for a full Australian armoured division with the possibility of two more was conceived.

A locally designed Australian Cruiser Tank was produced as a prototype, however with Japan now in control of close neighbouring countries, the need for operational tanks was even more urgent.

The middle of 1942 saw 200 British made Matilda Mark II tanks arrive in Australia where 100 were immediately cannibalised to supply spare parts to 100 deployed operational tanks. Additional Matildas were obtained from New Zealand that were fitted with 3 inch howitzers being swapped for two pounder mounted tanks, with the eventual strength of 400 Matildas entering the Royal Australian Armoured Corps. The attack formation for Australian tanks was for the lead tank equipped with a 3 inch howitzer supported by two other tanks fitted with two pounder canon.

The first Matilda tanks deployed to the Pacific were during the battle of Buna and Gona in December 1942, after the Allied Commanders who had believed that mortars and air support would prevail, suddenly realised their error, and initially rushed 19 American M3 Stuart light tanks to the campaign. While these American tanks were able to break through Japanese positions, their greatest flaw was the radios.

Fitted with radios that were incompatible with the infantry, they also lacked external telephone infantry connections forcing soldiers to ride on top of the tank to direct the crew by calling through the tank's pistol ports.

The Australians immediately modified their Matilda's MK19 wireless sets fitting headsets and microphone receivers on the rear deck of the tank, allowing the infantry to talk with the tank crews. These were soon after replaced with a standard infantry phone, before arranging for additional support of the tanks by placing officers on the ground to direct fire using the American produced "Walkie Talkie" radio sets.

Australian Matilda's first action was in October 1943 when landing at Langemak Bay, Finschhafen nine tanks featured in the advance supporting the Australian 26<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion AIF. Becoming a central feature of the Australian advance they were used to strip away jungle foliage with machine gun and High Explosive shells, while teaching the Japanese their anti-tank weapons were too small to kill the Matildas.

However, one weakness in the tank's construction was the ease the Japanese could disable a Matilda by firing Anti-Tank rounds disabling the tank track when hitting the idler wheels at the side of the tank. This first occurred on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December 1943 when a Matilda was called to support pinned down infantry and was hit by a Japanese 37 mm AT weapon. Disabling a track it left the tank vulnerable to a group of 20 Japanese soldiers who advanced throwing anti-tank bombs and grenades. As the tank could not move or depress its weapons sufficiently to protect the tank, a Japanese 75 mm howitzer opened fire on the Matilda. The crew used the escape hatch and crawled back to Australian infantry position. After the attack was repelled, the Matilda's track was repaired and even though it had sustained a total of fifty direct hits, it was driven away.

The value of the Matilda was proven in further advancements across the Huon Peninsula from Finschhafen with the Australians reaching the half way point in just 46 days. The Matildas with their heavy armour and armament were able to accomplish the role that the infantry tank was designed.

In the closing stages of the war the Matildas were faced with tenacious and fanatically, even suicidal attacks by Japanese infantry using magnetic mines and grenades attaching to the back of the tank, where exposing the thinner engine louvers they had the potential of disabling the tank. Again, Australian initiative kept the Matildas operational with armoured regiments immediately producing and fitting anti-grenade screens to the back of the tanks.

On Bougainville Island the Matilda faced coral mud; thick and concrete like sand with coral shards that obstructed the drive sprockets with the potential to break or warp the front idler axles, and saw the Armoured corps adaptation of mud scrapers capable of installation in the field overcome the problem.

The combat activity of the Matilda in New Guinea did expose vision restrictions in the turret dome. The turret had originally been designed by the British that allowed for one rotating periscope when the tank was locked down with the hatch closed. In the Jungle the tanks were prominent targets from concealed enemy positions and good all-round vision was essential. A solution was attempted by designing a new all-round dome featuring eight vision slots manufactured in Melbourne.

However, this failed all tests and was never adopted, likewise a proposal for fitting a smoke generator was discarded due to the Matilda's advanced speed and the maximum time of smoke generation was just over two minutes, it was found completely unsuitable for jungle fighting conditions.

The Matilda tank proved extremely effective in deployment in campaigns fought in New Guinea, Wewak, Bougainville, Borneo at Tarakan and Balikpapan. Lieutenant-General Sir Leslie Morshead tendered a report emphasising the value of the Matilda II tank in jungle operations. He reported that the slow rate of advance under jungle conditions was considered ideal for the low gearing of the Matilda II tank and the heavy armour and effective armament allowed the tanks to easily accomplish the role the infantry tank was designed for; supporting infantry and engaging enemy strong points.

Australia was the last major operator of Matilda II tanks right until the end of the war when they were replaced by the Churchill Tank; hence many Matildas still remain on display throughout Australia.

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### **Victoria Cross awarded to local lad in World War 1** (by Paul Feenan)



Until recent years it was of little knowledge that Lieutenant Joseph Maxwell was from the Hunter Region.

Born in Forest Lodge, Sydney in 1896 he was living at West Maitland with his mother and working as a 3<sup>rd</sup> year Apprentice boilermaker at the firm of J and A Brown at Hexham.

As a member of the Citizens Military Forces, and at the age of 19 he enlisted in the AIF at Liverpool on the 8<sup>th</sup> February 1915 posted to the 18<sup>th</sup> Battalion, his reasoning was the money in the AIF was better than he was receiving. His service number is 607.

The battalion left Australia in early May 1915 for training in Egypt and on the 22<sup>nd</sup> August landed on Gallipoli and was immediately committed for the attack on Hill 60 where they suffered fifty percent casualties. They remain on Gallipoli until they were evacuated on the 20<sup>th</sup> December 1915.

He then proceeded to France in March 1916 and took part in the battle of Pozieres between the 25 July and the 5<sup>th</sup> August. Being promoted to Sergeant in October in the field, he was sent to England in May 1917 to attend an officer training course.

A good soldier, a master storyteller and popular amongst troops, sadly with his own demons, Maxwell turned to alcohol that was to haunt him for the remainder of his life.

In London he managed be accused of stealing a double-decker London bus, and to become involved in a brawl with the civilian and military police, was arrested appearing on West Minister Police Court on the 6<sup>th</sup> July 1917 charged with Drunk and disorderly, obscene language, and assaulting police. He was fined before being returned to France and immediately promoted to Warrant rank as the Company Sergeant Major.

In September 1917 he was involved in the major offensive in Belgium that become known as the Third Battle of Ypres, or Passchendaele, a series of limited and costly offensives undertaken across waterlogged ground.

Maxwell found one of the platoons had lost its officer who was killed in an attack. He immediately took command of that platoon and led it in the attack. He was influential in extricating men from a newly captured position under intense German fire, and bringing them to safety. For this Warrant Officer Maxwell was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal just before his promotion to Lieutenant.

In March 1918 he was leading a scouting patrol near Ploegsteert after his commanding officer was wounded. Completing their task Maxwell ordered his men to withdraw while he covered them. At that stage he saw a large party of German soldiers approaching and recalling his men, engaged the Germans. He then captured a dangerous machine gun position under intense fire, and silenced a second machine gun, before successfully withdrew his men. For this action he was awarded the Military Cross.

In August 1918 in the offensive at Rainecourt, he was the only officer in his company not wounded. Taking command and being preceded by a tank, he led the company into the attack, until the tank received a direct hit. Stunned and shaken, Maxwell rescued the tank's crew before it burst into flames, before continuing leading the company into the attack where all objectives were achieved. For this action Maxwell was awarded a bar to his Military Cross.

Still not finished with his personnel war, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October 1918 Maxwell again took charge of the company as the only officer not wounded, and lead an attack near Estrées. Reaching strong enemy barbed wire he pushed forward under fire and captured another German machine gun post, killing all of the crew, allowing his company to penetrate the wire and take the objective. Shortly after, again single handed he silenced a forward machine gun that was holding up an Australian company on his left flank.

Then with two other men and an English speaking German prisoner, he confronted a post of twenty Germans and convinced them to surrender. In doing so, he was with his men, disarmed and captured by the Germans.

While waiting for further German action, he removed a concealed automatic pistol from his gas respirator haversack and opened fire on his capturers, killing several before he and his men escaped under a hail of rifle fire.

For this action Maxwell was awarded the Victoria Cross.

In just over twelve months Maxwell was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal, the Military Cross and Bar and the Victoria Cross. He was only 22 years old when the war ended.

Maxwell's later itinerant life was a spiral downwards. Although he worked as a journalist, he became a successful author writing the best seller *Hell's Bells and Mademoiselles*. The money he made from sales was soon squandered, and he found himself moving around the State in and out of work and tangling with the law and courts, and spending some time in goal as a result of non-payment of maintenance to his second wife.

His original war medals with the exception of the VC were lost in a launch capsized on Lake Macquarie as he was relocation to the other side of the lake, when his valise fell overboard, and at one stage he claimed a replacement of his VC medal claiming the original was destroyed in a house fire in Brisbane.

Lieutenant Joseph Maxwell VC, DCM, MC and bar, died after collapsing on a Sydney street in 1967 at the age of 71. According to the Australian War Memorial he was the second most decorated Australian soldier in WW1.

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**A few forgotten gems of Australian History  
for Australia Day celebrants** (by Paul Feenan)

**Emus – the enemy.**

In 1932 in Western Australia, Australia deployed soldiers armed with Lewis guns and ten thousand rounds to defeat the estimated 20,000 emus decimating farming land granted to returned WW1 soldiers. The cull was not as successful as first thought as the emus spread into small groups in the bush defeating the military that performed a 'tactical' retreat after one month.

**Rum was once Australia's currency**

For the first 25 years of the colony Rum was the currency of New South Wales due to the shortage of coins circulating. This prevailed until about 1813 when the purchase of Spanish pesos was made and used with their centre punched out, and this become known as a dump. The dump was worth one shilling while the holy dollar that remained was valued at five shillings.

**Australia invented the plastic banknote.**

Plastic notes were developed by the Reserve Bank of Australia, in conjunction with the CSIRO and the University of Melbourne and issued in 1988 during Australia's Bicentenary. The technology was adopted by large number of other countries, and while the United States were initially interested, the population turned against the change of the 'green back'.

**New Zealand was almost part of Australia**

When the federation of Australia was in the process of self-government of the colonies of New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, Tasmania and Western Australia to form one nation, Fiji and New Zealand were originally part of this process, but both declined to join the federation. Shame as we would have then had a better Rugby team.

**Exploits of the Australian Army**

During World War Two the Australian Army was the first to defeat the Germans in Tobruk in 1941 and the Japanese at Kokoda in 1942.

**Woman's Rights**

Australia was the first nation to give women both voting rights and the right to sit in office. South Australia gave voting rights in 1895 with Western Australia following in 1899 while Edith Cowan was elected to the Legislative Assembly in Perth in 1921.

**Fortune Telling**

Up until 2005 it was illegal in Victoria to be a fortune teller, tarot card reader or a witch.

**Australia's size.**

Australia is such a vast country that it has been assessed it would be conceivable to detonate a Nuclear bomb in the inland that few if any occupants of the country would be aware happening.

## **Tamworth**

Electric Street lights replaced gas lights in Tamworth in 1888, to become the first city in Australia and the first in the Southern Hemisphere to use electricity lighting.

## **Daytime swimming illegal**

Until 1902 in Australia it was illegal to beach swim in daylight. This was tested that year when a male entered the water at Manly beach and was arrested, however charges never prevailed and surf swimming became popular.

## **Batmania**

Before being officially names, Melbourne has several names including Batmania, Bearbrass, Bareport, Bareheep and Barehulp.

## **Australian Rules**

Renowned as a Victorian religion, Aussie Rules was invented by a New South Welshman Thomas Willis born in Queanbeyan. After attended Rugby school in England where he played an early form of Rugby he returned to Melbourne in 1856 he amended to rules of the game he knew from England and Australian Rules was born.

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## **The Goldberg brothers**

Here's a little known fact for automotive buffs, or just to dazzle your friends.

The four Goldberg brothers, Lowell, Norman, Hiram, and Maxwell, invented and developed the first automobile air-conditioner. On July 17, 1946, the temperature in Detroit was 97 degrees.

The four brothers walked into old man Henry Ford's office and sweet-talked his secretary into telling him that four gentlemen were there with the most exciting innovation in the auto industry since the electric starter.

Henry was curious and invited them into his office. They declined, and instead asked that he come out to the parking lot to their car.

They persuaded him to get into the car, which was about 130 degrees inside, turned on the air conditioner, and cooled the car off immediately.

Mr. Ford got very excited and invited them back to the office, where he offered them \$3 million for the patent.

The brothers refused, saying they would settle for \$2 million, but they wanted the recognition by having a label, 'The Goldberg Air-Conditioner,' on the dashboard of each car in which it was installed.

There was no way Old Man Ford was going to put the Goldberg's name on millions of Ford cars.

They haggled back and forth for about two hours and finally agreed on \$4 million cash, and that just their first names would be shown...

To this day, all Fords display -- "**Lo, Norm, Hi, and Max**" -- on the dashboard controls.

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Luke and Obi-Wan are in a Chinese restaurant having a meal.

Skillfully using his chopsticks, Obi-Wan deftly dishes himself a large portion of noodles into his bowl, then tops it off with some chicken and cashew nuts.

All this is done with consummate ease you'd expect from a Jedi Master.

Anyway, poor old Luke is having a nightmare, using his chopsticks in both hands, dropping his food all over the table and eventually himself.

Obi-Wan looks at Luke disapprovingly and says, "Use the forks, Luke."

## What is Happening in Cardiff RSL Sub-Branch?

### Hospital Visits by Welfare Officers

Families (Next-of-Kin) are requested to notify the Sub-Branch if a veteran is laid-up in hospital and would like a visit from one of our Welfare Officers.

### Funeral Services for Deceased Veterans

Families (Next-of-Kin) are requested to notify the Sub-Branch of a deceased Veteran and also mention if they wish to have a RSL Service for the member.

### Information on Pensions

We can assist all members of the Australian Defence Force with establishing your eligibility to lodge your claim forms for submissions to the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA).

We can assist you to lodge appeals against any decisions by DVA that are not to your liking.

### Wellbeing Toolbox

The Wellbeing Toolbox is an on-line resource for veterans, former serving members and their families. The wellbeing information and tools are general in nature, so a wide range of people can benefit from them. The website was developed by Australian Centre for Posttraumatic Mental Health (ACPMH) funded by DVA [www.wellbeingtoolbox.net.au](http://www.wellbeingtoolbox.net.au)

### Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) Services & Providers

If you require DVA Service or Provider, contact the Sub-Branch during office hours as detailed on the front page.



'OH GREAT' It's the limpy Skinhead with the 'DEATH OR GLORY' tattoo.

It was a quiet Monday morning in September 2053, when John awoke with a need to go to the bathroom. To John this wasn't just any ordinary day! This was the day he would open the last package of toilet paper his parents bought in the year 2020.

# The Bugle Puzzles

## Arrow Words

|                  |                   |               |                  |         |  |               |                 |        |          |             |             |
|------------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|---------|--|---------------|-----------------|--------|----------|-------------|-------------|
| Molten rock      |                   | Start         |                  | Grade   |  | Spoil         | Chewy candy     |        | Lout     |             | Trap        |
| Photo equipment  |                   |               |                  |         |  |               | Annoy           |        |          |             | Prison term |
|                  |                   |               |                  |         |  | Leave empty   |                 |        |          |             |             |
|                  |                   |               |                  |         |  | Want          |                 |        |          |             |             |
| Street Urchin    |                   | Collect       |                  |         |  |               |                 |        | Healthy  |             |             |
|                  |                   | Landed estate |                  |         |  |               |                 |        | Follower |             |             |
|                  |                   |               |                  |         |  | Test          |                 |        |          | Face        | Bobbin      |
|                  |                   |               |                  |         |  | Lariat        |                 |        |          |             |             |
| Devotee          | Joint             |               |                  |         |  |               | Tightwad        |        |          |             |             |
|                  | Counting device   |               |                  |         |  |               |                 |        |          |             |             |
|                  |                   |               | Greek deity      | Arrival |  |               |                 |        |          |             | Space       |
| Constrictor      |                   |               |                  |         |  |               |                 |        |          |             |             |
| Zealot           |                   |               |                  | Wry     |  | Append        | Vassal          |        |          |             |             |
|                  |                   |               |                  |         |  |               | Gaseous element |        |          |             |             |
|                  |                   |               |                  |         |  |               |                 | Gem    |          |             |             |
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| Public transport |                   | Wear away     |                  |         |  |               |                 |        | Not any  | Light fog   | Merely      |
|                  |                   | Mark          |                  |         |  |               |                 |        |          |             |             |
|                  |                   |               | The night before |         |  | Spanish title |                 |        |          | Light brown | Paddle      |
|                  |                   |               |                  |         |  | Consume       |                 |        |          |             |             |
| Part of a play   |                   |               |                  |         |  |               | Idea            |        |          |             |             |
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| Straight         | Relating to birds |               |                  |         |  |               |                 | Rhinal |          |             |             |
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## Sudoku

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|   | 3 |   | 9 |   |   |   |   | 6 |
|   |   | 1 | 2 |   |   |   | 4 | 8 |
|   |   | 2 |   | 6 | 8 | 5 |   | 3 |
|   | 6 | 7 |   | 9 |   |   |   | 2 |
|   | 5 |   | 8 |   | 2 |   | 9 |   |
| 1 |   |   |   | 5 |   | 8 | 3 |   |
| 7 |   | 3 | 6 | 4 |   | 1 |   |   |
| 2 | 9 |   |   |   | 3 | 7 |   |   |
| 4 |   |   |   |   | 7 |   | 8 |   |

## COOKING

### Prawn and Chorizo Bites with Spicy Apple Dip

Preparation time: 20 minutes

Cooking Time: 15 minutes

Makes: 16



#### Ingredients

- 1 ½ tablespoons extra virgin olive oil.
  - 1 green onion, thinly sliced.
  - 1 teaspoon dried chilli flakes.
  - 250g jar apple sauce.
  - 2 tablespoons honey.
  - 2 chorizo sausages.
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- 16 medium green prawns, peeled (tails intact), deveined.
  - 2 tablespoons chopped fresh coriander, plus extra leaves to serve.

#### Equipment

16 small skewers.

#### Cooking method

1. Heat 2 teaspoons oil in a saucepan over medium heat. Cook onion and chilli flakes for 2 minutes or until onion is softened. Add apple sauce and honey. Cook, stirring, for 5 minutes or until heated through. Remove from heat. Season. Set aside.
2. Trim the ends off each chorizo and discard. Cut each chorizo into 8 slices. Toss prawns in remaining oil to coat. Thread 1 prawn and 1 chorizo slice onto each skewer.
3. Heat a barbecue grill or chargrill pan on medium heat. Cook skewers for 2 to 3 minutes each side or until prawns are just cooked through and chorizo is browned and heated through. Transfer to a platter.
4. Transfer apple sauce mixture to a bowl. Stir in coriander. Serve skewers with apple dip and extra coriander.

### Air Force Kit Inspection 0900 Hrs





**CARDIFF RSL SUB-BRANCH  
2021  
GENERAL MEETING DATES**



**- Office will be closed on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2020 and re-open on Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> January 2021.**

**General Meetings (Sunday), commence 1015hrs**

10<sup>th</sup> January 2021

14<sup>th</sup> February 2021 **(AGM ONLY)**

14<sup>th</sup> March 2021

11<sup>th</sup> April 2021

16<sup>th</sup> May 2021 **(3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday)**

13<sup>th</sup> June 2021

11<sup>th</sup> July 2021

8<sup>th</sup> August 2021

12<sup>th</sup> September 2021

10<sup>th</sup> October 2021

14<sup>th</sup> November 2021

12<sup>th</sup> December 2021 GM & (Xmas Lunch)

**- Office will be closed on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021 and re-open on Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> January 2022,**

**Other important dates for 2021.**

- ANZAC Day – Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2021.
- Remembrance Day – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2021.
- Women's Auxiliary Xmas Luncheon – TBD
- Committee and Trustee Xmas Luncheon - TBD
- Sub-Branch Christmas Luncheon – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

*TBD To be determined*

*AGM Annual General Meeting*

## Answers for Puzzles

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### Memorabilia

If you have any information about the items in our display cases regarding who donated them, please contact the Sub-Branch Office during office hours as we have the items catalogued in an Assets Register and would like to establish ownership details.

**Veterans Wellness Programs**

**DVA Pays**  
for the clinically necessary treatment

Entitled Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) clients may be referred for clinically necessary Exercise Physiology treatment by their General Practitioner on a valid D904 referral form.

**Gold Card Holders** are entitled to clinically necessary treatment covered by DVA's health care arrangements for all health conditions.

**White Card Holders** are entitled to clinically necessary treatment for an accepted disability ie: an injury or disease accepted by DVA as caused by war.

**Start today and experience the benefits...**

- ✓ Increase mobility and balance
- ✓ Reduce and manage age related illness
- ✓ Assist with the management of chronic health conditions, back pain, cardiovascular disease, arthritis, diabetes and more.
- ✓ Exercise Physiology, Occupational Therapy, Dietetic & Physiotherapy services available.
- ✓ Operating out of Gym & Aquatic facilities, also with the option of home visits.

**NJF**  
Exercise Physiologists

**NEW SOUTH WALES**  
NJF operates out of numerous locations, call to find your nearest location.

**1300 890 507**  
or 0449 713 472  
E admin@njfwellness.com.au

[njfwellness.com.au](http://njfwellness.com.au)

## Change of Address

If you have moved house and not updated your details with the Sub-Branch, fill in the Change of Address Notification and either post it (snail mail) or hand deliver it to the Sub-Branch office so your details can be updated. You can also use the form to update your Phone numbers and email address if you wish to do so.

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| <b>Surname:</b>                                                                | <b>First Name:</b>      | <b>Second Name:</b>             |
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| Do you wish to receive email correspondence?                                   |                         | <b>Yes / No</b> (please circle) |
| Consent to photographic and digital images and/or audio and visual recordings. |                         | <b>Yes / No</b> (please circle) |

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Cardiff RSL is open, but some events and promotions are still suspended for now. All events are subject to change at any time with no notice.

For more information regarding club events, please contact the club on 02 4954 0766.

**MEMBERS' WEEKLY** **\$200**

# Cash Draw

Simply **RENEW** your Membership or **BECOME A NEW MEMBER** and you'll automatically go in the draw to win **\$200 cash** drawn every Monday!

The Pride of the Community

# MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2021

|                 |                            |
|-----------------|----------------------------|
| <i>Renewals</i> | <i>New Members</i>         |
| \$5.50 = 1 year | \$6.60 = 1 year            |
| \$22 = 5 years  | \$22 = 5 years             |
|                 | \$77 = Membership for life |

2021 JOIN UP TO RECEIVE ALL THE GREAT MEMBER'S REWARDS ON OFFER

## Easily find our menus contact free

Using a QR code App on your device. Scan the code to view each menu

Alternatively find them on our Facebook Page "Menu" Tab Or at [cardiffrsl.com.au](http://cardiffrsl.com.au)



Eastern Tiger Menu



Cafe 45 Menu



Bluey's Menu



Wine List



Weds-Sun  
12pm - 2pm  
6pm - 8pm (7:30pm Sun)



Tues-Sun  
11:30am - 2pm  
5:30pm-9pm



Open Now  
Hours are subject to change



HAPPY HOUR

Every Wednesday, Thursday & Friday  
4pm to 6pm  
\$3.90 House Wine & Schooners of regular Beer  
\$5.50 Schooners of Premium Beer



BINGO

Tuesday & Friday  
Books on sale at 10:30am  
Eyes Down at 11:15am  
Thursday  
Books on sale at 5:30pm  
Eyes Down at 7pm  
Win Members Reward Points and Cash Jackpots



COURTESY BUS

Thursday to Sunday  
Thurs 5pm to 10pm  
Friday & Saturday 5pm to 11pm  
Sunday 3pm to 9pm  
Covid Restrictions and other conditions apply



ENTERTAINMENT

Live Soloist each  
Friday from 7:30pm  
Saturday from 7pm  
See Reception for gig guide



RAFFLES

Thursday - Tickets on sale at 5:30pm. Drawn 6:30pm  
Friday - Tickets on sale at 6pm. Drawn at 7pm  
Saturday - Tickets on sale 6:00pm. Drawn 7:30pm  
Sunday - Tickets on sale 5:30pm. Drawn 6:30pm  
variety of Vouchers to be won including:  
Cardiff Quality Meats, Coles, Woolworths, Costies Seafood & Cartons of Beer



ONLINE RAFFLE

Join us each Wednesday Draw Live on our Facebook Page 6pm  
Purchase tickets on Facebook or our Website  
Win \$50 or \$30 to spend at Cardiff Quality Meats  
Carton of Beer or \$50 Voucher

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at anytime