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THE BUSTED BUGLE



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'Lest We Forget'

Cardiff RSL sub-Branch
ACTIVITIES FOR THE REST OF 2021

(Following dates will be subject to any further restrictions)

The Club anticipates opening on the 11 October 2021, subject to any further restrictions / lockdowns, and operational limitations.

- Cardiff RSL sub-Branch office will be opened Wednesday & Saturday 1000hrs to 1300hrs (10am to 1pm), subject to the Clubs operational hours.
 - **Remembrance Day**, this year falls on Thursday 11 November, will be planned as same as last year with a small service, followed by refreshment for veterans and members, (AGAIN, subject to any further restrictions).
 - **November General meeting**, on Sunday 14 November 2021.
 - **Christmas General Meeting**, on Sunday 12 December 2021, no detailed plan at this stage.
- All other information please contact Cardiff RSL Sub-Branch as follows:
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Garry (Mick) James

Hon, Secretary



Message from Cardiff RSL Sub-Branch President



Good day to all of our members and of course to those people that take the time to read our wonderful and thoughtful bugle.

First of all, I think that most if not all of our readers must be with us in condemning the actions of those Melbourne protesters who through no thoughtful action thought that they could protest at the Shrine of Remembrance.

Let me say that in occupying a war memorial to promote their political views are a disgrace to the nation and must be condemned in the strongest action, we as a nation should not ever have to put up with this ever happening again.

We have seen it happen in Sydney, with those desecrating our own memorials and what happens when they are caught, absolutely nothing, it's time for our Police to be given tougher laws, so that we and our forebears that went before us can finally rest in peace, knowing full well that they have left us behind, a safer place, although you cannot be sure with what's happening in the Middle East.

Those involved in this useless and lawless mob not only dishonor the men and women who fought and some died for our country, they shame themselves, their families and all those involved in the protest, and all of this happens while we are supposedly in lockdown with Covid, another instigator hanging over our heads.

What is it these useless meatheads don't understand?

Anyway, how have you all been coping? We do hope that no-one has caught the virus, but if anyone has any issues, please don't hesitate to give us a call, either Peter Sneesby on 0413049555 or myself on 0437593205, even if it's just to let us know you're in the land of the living. We don't know yet what will happen about Remembrance Day, whether or not if we can even have one, more on that as we get closer to it.

Anyway, that's about it from me, remember help is at hand if you need it.

Keep on keeping on.

Syd Lynch, J P

President

I never thought the comment "I wouldn't touch them with a 6-foot pole" would become a national policy, but here we are!



Cardiff RSL Sub-Branch RSL Auxiliary

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Hi All

The last meeting the Auxiliary had was in July 2021 and since then we have been in Lockdown because of the Covid-19 virus and have been unable to do any Fundraising or anything at all.

The Ladies have been keeping in touch by phone but we are looking forward to meeting in person again.

Lee Zeilemen

Hon. A/Secretary



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



The Need for Communion

A couple of weeks before I wrote this article, I became particularly aware of how lonely some people must be getting during the Covid lockdowns when I heard a man on the news saying how he was getting tired of having cups of coffee with only his dog for company. This showed how important it was for the double vaccinated in NSW to be allowed to gather in parks for picnics in groups of five, because any kind of shared meal among friends is a time when people can say to each other, in a symbolic way, “I’m with you, I share this moment with you, I feel a bond of community with you.” And these are some of the reasons why Holy Communion is so important to some of the people in our community who regularly attend church.

In their latest research, Dr Marlee Bower, a loneliness researcher at the University of Sydney, and sociologist Dr Roger Patulny of the University of Wollongong, found how people were missing their small interactions with others in their communities, which are nearly impossible to have through digital communication. “The ability to just stop, gossip, laugh, joke and all the things that you do outside the meetings – that doesn’t happen when you are meeting online,” says Patulny. “The extra peripheral contact has been lost, and that’s an important loss.”

There is a risk of decay of social networks without these little interactions, he says, as they help to really connect to people. As for whether we can pick these friendships back up post-pandemic, Bower points to recent evidence from the UK suggesting that people who were lonely before Covid were likely to be slightly lonelier afterwards, but others did not experience long-term changes. She expresses some concern, however, that an extended period of loneliness for some people could make little interactions feel more challenging in the longer term.

“We know that people who experience loneliness for extended periods of time start to experience negative persistent impacts on the way they think and act in social situations – they are more hypervigilant of rejection, they are more socially anxious – and these can make those simple interactions more difficult and less likely to go smoothly,” she says.

From what Bower has said, maybe an instant lifting of most of the Covid restrictions would give some of us kind of psychological case of the bends, with the sudden jolt back into a somewhat normal way of life being a bit too much to take in all at once. So, the *gradual* easing of restrictions might have the added benefit of helping some of us to adjust to the post-lockdown conditions that will eventually come. In any case, at the time of writing this article, our society is faced with the future problem of how we respond to an unvaccinated community in a post-lockdown world. But whatever decisions we make, I hope and pray we will always be a society that makes room for anyone who some of us might think of as being different; and that explores new and creative ways of sharing communion with others as we endeavor to strengthen the bonds of our community life.

Rev Gary Atherton

Rector, Parish of Cardiff

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Day 121, at home and the dog is looking at me like, “See? This is why I chew the furniture!”

## 211 Army Cadet Unit (ACU) Newcastle



I must admit that 211 Army Cadet Unit has been doing its best to continue training during the COVID-19 shut down.

The unit along with many other around the state has been training using a program called Discord. This program allows us to break the unit up into sections and platoons to train as close to normal as possible.

We have even managed to sign up a dozen new recruits they come from all over Newcastle and Lake Macquarie.

Our Brigade has done a great job in running online promotion courses. Our unit has been very successful all of the participants have passed & promotions are imminent.

I have been with 211 ACU since 1988, as a result I am the self-appointed historian of 211 ACU. At this point in time in our history we have never had all the senior positions filled by female cadets.



**CUO Rochelle  
Manning  
Cadet  
Commander**



**CUO Keely  
Harris  
Cadet Adjutant**



**CDTWO2 Alexia  
Street  
CSM**



**CDTWO2 Tahlia Dee  
Training SGT**

These ladies are doing a great job in these difficult COVID times. Unfortunately, most will age out at the end of this year but these ladies are assisting the staff in training up their replacements.

I truly hope that we will be able to return to face-to face training this term but this is in the lap of the Gods, or in other words the Chief of Army in Canberra.

In the last Busted Bugle, I mentioned that we had a few ex-211 Cadets join the ADF. EX-CDTSGT Mitchell Harter has completed Basic Training at Kapooka & has moved on the School Training at the School of Signals CDT CPL Alley-Sonter has also completed Basic Training at Kapooka & has gone to Bonegilla to become a Fitter Armourer with RAEME.



**Alley-Sonter**



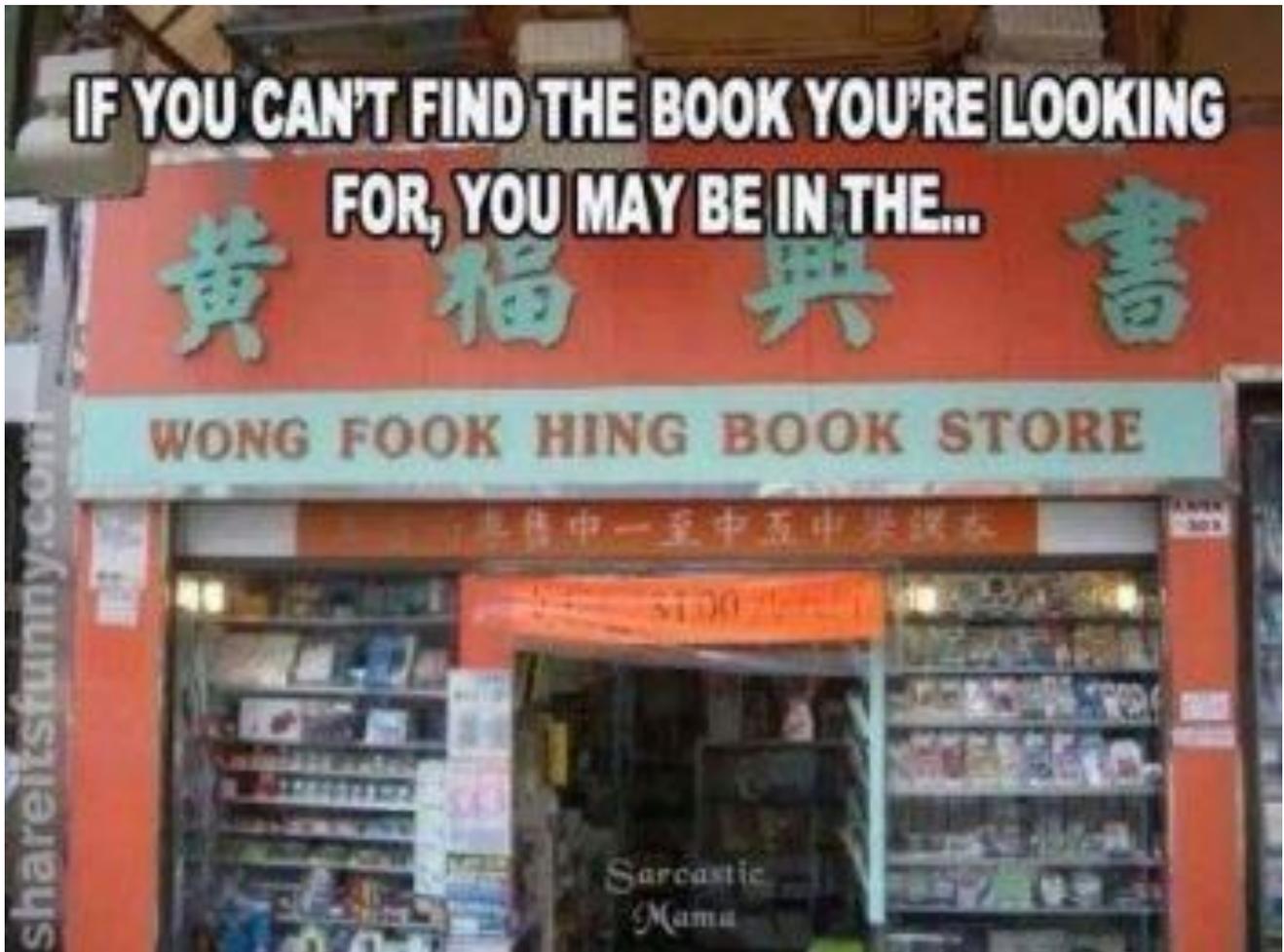
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In conclusion I would like to thank the Cardiff RSL Sub-Branch for all their on-going assistance. The Sub-Branch's generous donation will assist the unit with equipment that the Army doesn't supply us.

*Capt. Peter Lockwood*

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

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In the coming weeks as restrictions are eased and the situation changes, there continues to be an urgent concern that the social isolation, economic pressures, and health anxieties brought about by COVID-19 are taking a heavy toll on the already-fragile mental health of many Australians.

Increased anxiety and other mental health impacts have been observed across all age groups and it is something we need to talk about.

If you need help, please consult with your medical practitioner, or contact Hunter New England's Mental Health line on 1800 011 511.

The Saluting Their Service Commemorative Grants Program is open again. This grant is designed to preserve Australia's wartime heritage and to involve people throughout the nation in a wide range of projects and activities that highlight the service and sacrifice of Australia's servicemen and women in wars, conflicts, and peace operations, and promote appreciation and understanding of the role that those who served have played in shaping the nation.

There are two categories of grants available:

Community Grants - Up to \$10,000 for community-based commemorative projects and activities, including the building of community memorials and the preservation of wartime memorabilia that is significant locally but is not necessarily nationally significant.

Major Grants - Grants between \$10,001 and \$150,000 for major commemorative projects and activities that are significant from a national, state, territory and/or regional perspective. Applications close 22 February 2022. For more information, contact support@communitygrants.gov.au or call 1800 020 283.

Just a reminder that due to the lockdown, my office has ceased face-to-face interactions, however my team and I still here to help you. If you need any assistance, please don't hesitate to contact my office from 9am-5pm on Monday to Friday by calling 4947 9546 or emailing pat.conroy.mp@aph.gov.au.

Till next time,

Pat

Pat Conroy MP
Federal Member for Shortland

Why do they call it the novel coronavirus? It's a long story....



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Here's hoping you're actually reading this column in the RSL club with your families and mates! As I write it, I'm watching the State's Covid vaccination rate climb rapidly towards the 70% double dose target.

If you're not, then we know that having our lives return to some sort of normal is just days away. If you're anything like me, I've missed seeing family, friends and the grandkids the most. Bloody heartbreaking some days.

What an extraordinary battle we've had with Covid-19. Sadly, after holding our own here in the Hunter for so long, our luck ran out in August when outbreaks in the local area were 'seeded' mainly by illegal parties which attracted infected visitors from Sydney.

At the time of writing, we've recorded more than 200 cases in the area over the past week, including 30 in the Morisset and Toronto areas. It's been incredibly frustrating, and I can't tell you the strain this has put on our local health system and frontline health workers. They have done an extraordinary job, day in and day out for 18 months.

Not surprisingly, we've had our share of idiots behaving badly but I don't want to dwell on them when so many people in our community have gone to extraordinary lengths to look after each other over the past few months. It's been a reminder of how lucky we are to live where we do.

So hopefully we're all seeing the light at the end of this very long and dark tunnel and are seeing better days ahead. I've got no doubt that the next few months will still be tough. As we've seen overseas when other countries have reached this point, transmission numbers will still be high, but good vaccination numbers will be keeping most out of hospital. Soon, we'll hopefully be able to treat and live with Covid-19 in the same way we treat other viruses and 'flu.

Enough of that, but I hope you've managed to pull through it all in one piece!

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I have mixed feelings about the decision to move the partly-restored Catalina from its intended home at Rathmines to the RAAF Base at Williamstown.

As I'm sure you're aware, the Rathmines Catalina Memorial Park Association had been trying to gain approval for the historic plane to be displayed at a museum and interpretive centre at Rathmines Park to preserve and promote the historic connections between the town and the role it played as a Catalina base during WWII.

Last month, the association agreed to move the plane to the RAAF base at Williamstown after its long negotiations with Lake Macquarie City Council broke down and the reality of funding shortages hit home.

It's great news that the Catalina will remain in the Hunter Region for display and educational purposes, but a great shame that it won't be at Rathmines. I really feel for Penny and Rob Furner who secured the plane at great personal expense, and for their band of tireless volunteers who have worked on restoring it for many years. Still, I'm glad that none of those efforts have been entirely in vain.

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I just wanted to mention quickly that the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide is now inviting submissions from organisations and individuals that will help inform the inquiry.

The inquiry wants to hear stories from veterans so that it can learn about the issues and situations they may have encountered or be aware of. Please don't hold back, as this is an opportunity to actually do something about addressing this extremely important issue and help support those veterans who continue to struggle post-service.

You can make a submission via the commission's website at:

defenceveteransuicide.royalcommission.gov.au

As always, I hope you're in good health and good spirits. If you require assistance with any State-related issue, don't hesitate to give me a call on 4959-3200.

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Best Regards,



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So many coronavirus jokes out there, it's a pundemic.

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The last 3 months have been consumed by the increasing COVID-19 pandemic in NSW and across the Hunter.

The COVID-19 pandemic is unprecedented, but we in the Wallsend electorate have weathered the storm quite well. I hope you, your friends and your family have kept healthy, and if there is anything myself or my office can do please don't hesitate to get in touch.

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, I want to thank each and every person for their cooperation during these unprecedented times.

Our vaccination rates across the Hunter continue to grow as more Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are distributed to our GPs and our pharmacies.

Increased anxiety and other mental health impacts have been observed across all age groups and it is something we need to talk about.

In the first instance, if you need help you should consult with your local GP. Other mental health support is available.

We don't want our young people or anyone in our community to think that services are overwhelmed and that they won't receive the help they need, if they ask for it.

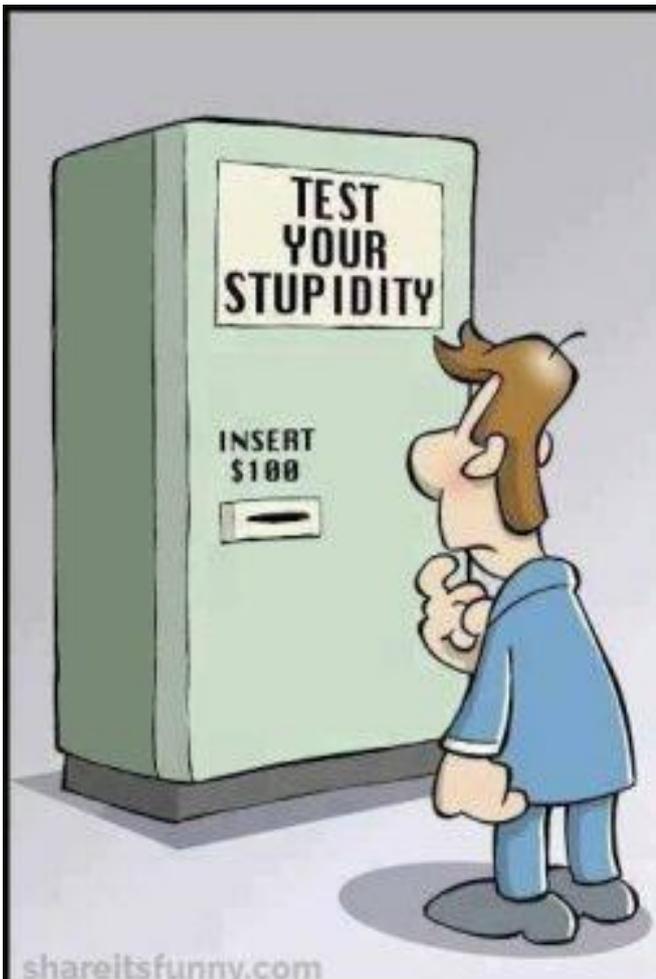
Keep in mind that my office also has Justice of the Peace services and can assist you with congratulatory messages for events like 50th Wedding Anniversaries. We are always looking for new ideas for Questions, Notices of Motion or Community Recognition Statements—short speeches submitted to the Parliament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

If you 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](tel:49500955) or by email at wallsend@parliament.nsw.gov.au. You can also reach me on Facebook at www.facebook.com/SoniaHornery.

Sonia Hornery MP

State Member for Wallsend

This morning I saw a neighbour talking to her cat. It was obvious she thought her cat understood her. I came into my house, told my dog — we laughed a lot.

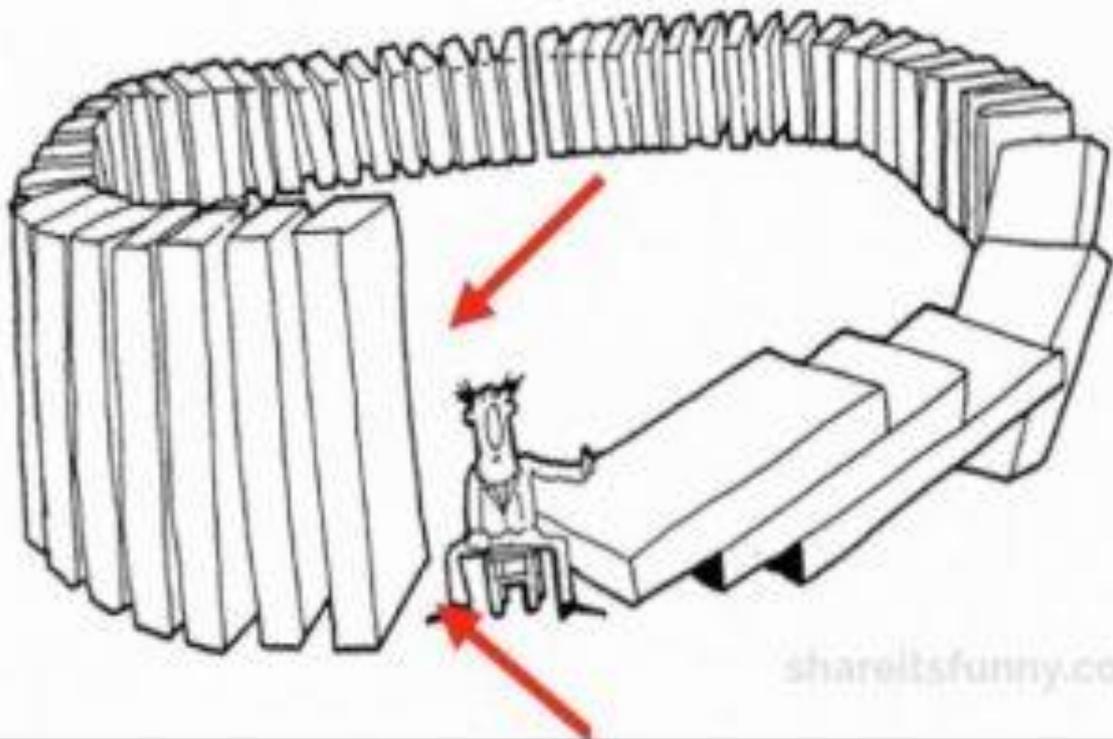


You thought this post would be funny?



I'm a frayed knot

Karma



2/2nd 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 2/2nd Australian Infantry Battalion A.I.F., 16th Brigade, 6th Division was raised at Victoria Barracks, Sydney on 24 October 1939. The battalion sailed to the Middle East in 1940. For the next twelve months, they trained in Palestine and Egypt.

Eighty years ago on 1 January 1941, the battalion received its first baptism of fire in Libya in the successful capture of Bardia and Tobruk. The disastrous campaign in Greece followed.

There has been much criticism of the British decision to launch the Greek Campaign. The Australian 6th Division was forced to evacuate from Greece, and later Crete, and withdraw back to the North African coast. It fought fiercely against overwhelming German Forces, inflicting a great number of casualties. It was said that the troops knew what would happen. They believed that they achieved worthwhile strategic aims by tying up and delaying the advance of German forces, giving valuable time to the allies.

The 2nd Battalion's withdrawal from Tempe Gorge during the night of 18/19 April 1941 was a perilous time. The Battalion was in danger of being cut off and destroyed or captured. With the loss of communications, the Battalion became a number of separate groups and, in effect, disintegrated.

The Battalion's withdrawal plan depended upon the Motor Transport Company but access to the transport was cut off by the German force. Each company commander independently came to the conclusion that the only course was to attempt to get to the coast, and either secure boats or make along the coast with a view to re-joining the British forces at Lamia.

The Mortar Platoon had held the enemy long enough to allow many other troops to withdraw. The Mortar Platoon was told to destroy the mortar sights and get rid of the mortars. This was done by dumping the barrel in a hole nearby and damaging the tripod. The base plate was no trouble, having already been buried in the soft ground through the impact of firing. With this done, they were told to get out, every man for himself.

There are countless stories of 2/2nd men who escaped when the battalion disintegrated and who succeeded in reaching one of the evacuation points or made their way through the Aegean Islands to the coast of North Africa.

The main body of the battalion during this withdrawal consisted of D Company, B Echelon, the R.M.O Captain Armati and his R.A.P. (Regimental Aid Post), elements of the Carrier Platoon and elements of Headquarter Company. On the night of 18/19 April 1941 the R.A.P. moved 15 miles in six hours across country to the Larisa Road. They joined with some New Zealand carriers and traversed an ill-marked road, more mud and water than solid earth. They were lost more times than can be imagined.

As dawn broke on 19 April, they found the southern road and sped as fast as their carriers could go. On the Larisa-Volos Road they met a 2/2nd Battalion truck and continued in its past Volos, through the shattered Lamia and crossed the Thermopylae Pass during darkness.

At first light on 20 April, the battalion main body continued the journey and contacted the 2/2nd Battalion B Echelon some 20 miles south of the pass. At 0930 with B Echelon, they set off and that afternoon reached A Echelon, 20 miles further south.

At dusk on 21 April, A Echelon received orders to move to Gravia Pass on the left flank of Thermopylae, which they reached at 0345 on 22 April.

At 2300 the Battalion withdrew by motor transport to the main road six miles south of Gravia Pass. They carried the bare minimum of equipment, weapons, groundsheets and haversacks (which contained rations only).

At 2240 on 23 April, they embussed in Battalion motor transport for destination Megara, a distance of 80 miles. The difficult nature of the roads forced the convoy to drive with the headlights on. They arrived at Megara at 0645 on 24 April but no shipping was available.

Their flight southwards continued at 2030. They embussed once more for the 80-mile drive to Argos where they arrived at 0630 on 25 April. Once again, they were doomed to disappointment as no ships were available.

The time factor was becoming acutely short. At 2100 they embussed and continued another 80 miles south to Kalamata. It was the most difficult drive yet undertaken, up a steep and narrow dusty mountain road and around hairpin bends with sheer drops of thousands of feet.

It had been an exciting seven-day drive. Every few miles they were forced to take cover as the dive-bombers sought them out. Often, concealment was achieved just before the first plane skimmed the trees above their heads.

It was a great relief to reach Kalamata at 0615 on 26 April 1941. They were soon hidden among the trees. It was now or never for them. They could not drive further south, hence the ships must arrive here or they would be captured.

At 2000 they were formed into groups of 50 on the beach, wondering if the navy would be able to rescue them. At 2200 lights were seen on the ocean and soon two destroyers were at the jetty taking continuous streams of men aboard.

The majority of the 2/2nd Battalion troops were taken aboard the *Dilwarra*. They sailed at 0400 on 27 April and set off speedily to outrange the dive-bombers. During the day they endured five air raids, each of about an hour. In spite of accurate anti-aircraft fire from 30 Brens, many sticks of bombs landed perilously close. One stick was so close that the explosion shattered the lights above the men's heads while the screams of the falling bombs deafened them. During this raid, a neighbouring vessel, the *Costa Rica*, was hit and sunk.

At 0900 on 29 April the 2/2nd Battalion men disembarked at Alexandria. They were fed on the wharf and then entrained for Ikingi Maryut where they received a small clothing issue. On 30 April they arrived at El Kantara and then moved by motor transport to Julis, to the site which the battalion had occupied nine months previously. Journey's End and all slept peacefully and in safety.

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One of the longest journeys back to Palestine was that of Corporal Irvine and three others who got to the island of Skiathos, then to the island of Skopelos and eventually after 14 weeks of adventures in the Aegean Islands, arrived in Turkey on 2 August. After ten days in quarantine, they were sent to Syria.

Lieutenant Jack Blamey of D Company was separated from his platoon when the convoy of trucks was attacked north of Larisa. He passed through Volos and Kreous and reached

Khalkis on the island of Euboea. He caught a train south over the Corinth Canal to Argos and then on to the evacuation point at T-Beach by midnight of 24 April.

The Commanding Officer marched into camp in Palestine five weeks after the battle, having endured all kinds of hardships. He had travelled overland to Euboea; by boat to the islands of Skopelos, Skanduar, Skyros and then to Smyrna in Turkey; by train to Alexandretta; Norwegian tanker to Port Said; and train to Palestine. His party of four had gradually increased to 5 Officers and 43 O.R's.

During the Greek campaign, of the 2/2nd men, there were 11 killed in action, 4 died of wounds, 46 were wounded in action, and 118 became prisoners of war.

Jack Steadman has written a fine story entitled "From Tempe to the Sea", describing how he and a party of ten under the command of Captain Caldwell escaped into the hills to the south-east. They reached a small fishing village on the coast, commandeered a diesel-engined boat, reached the large island of Euboea and came to a railway station some miles from Khalkis, where they boarded the midnight train in the manner of Jesse James with tommy-guns and berettas and forced the train crew to head for Athens. Outside Athens they were picked up by trucks which took them to Argos and then to the evacuation point at Raftis. They embarked on the *Perth* on the night of 24 April. This convoy sailed to Suda Bay in Crete, where they landed on 25 April.

During the evacuation, 9 Officers and 180 O.R's of the 2/2nd Battalion landed in Crete where they served with the 16 Composite Battalion. Of these, 2 were killed and 49 captured and became prisoners of war.

This story would not be complete without a mention of the magnificent Greek people. 2/2nd men, who did make their escape, owe it chiefly to the Greeks. Often the escaping parties had to make cross-country treks to avoid capture, always with a Greek guide. Greek fisherman undertook to take 2/2nd men across long stretches of the Aegean Sea to remote islands.

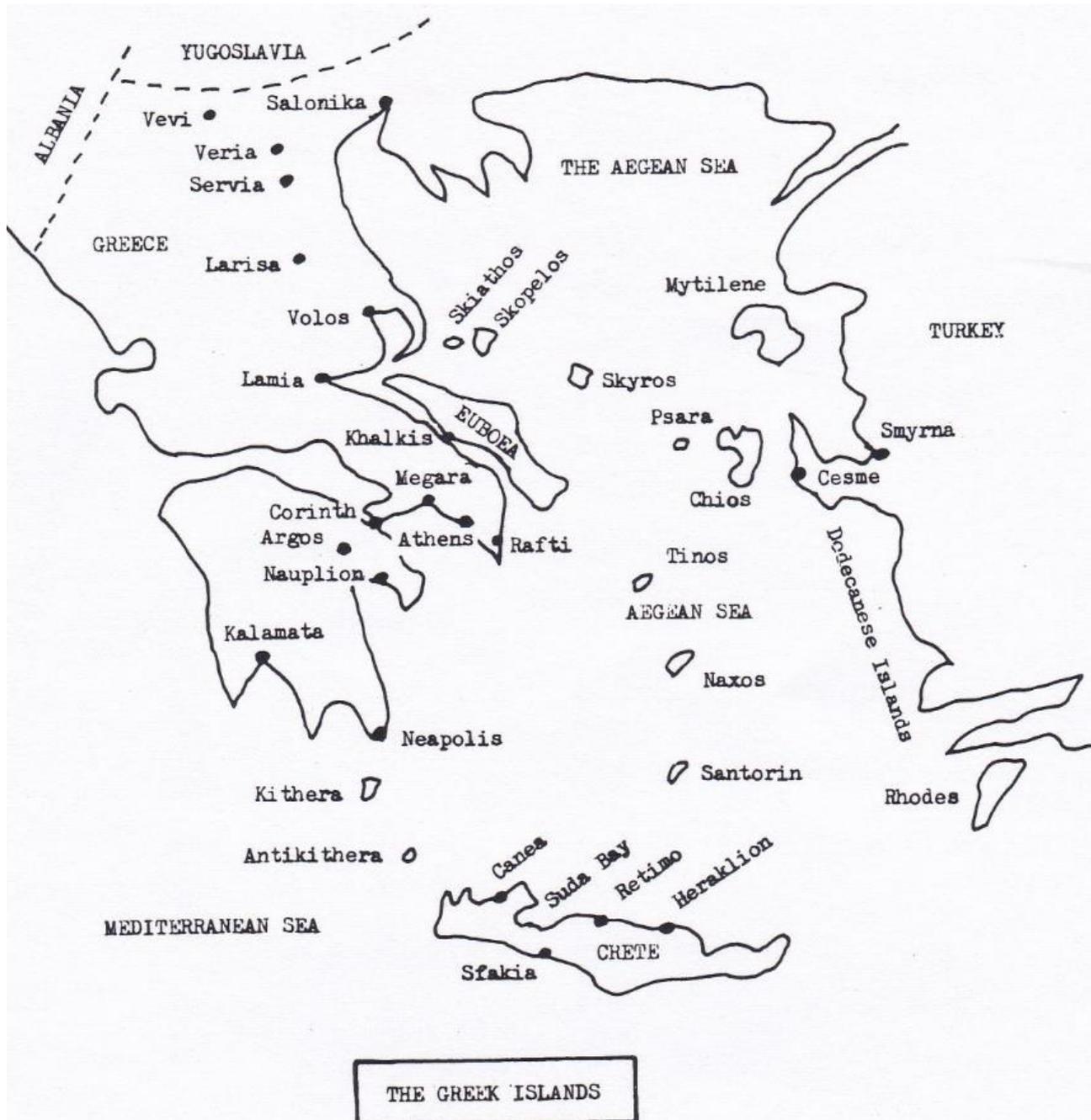


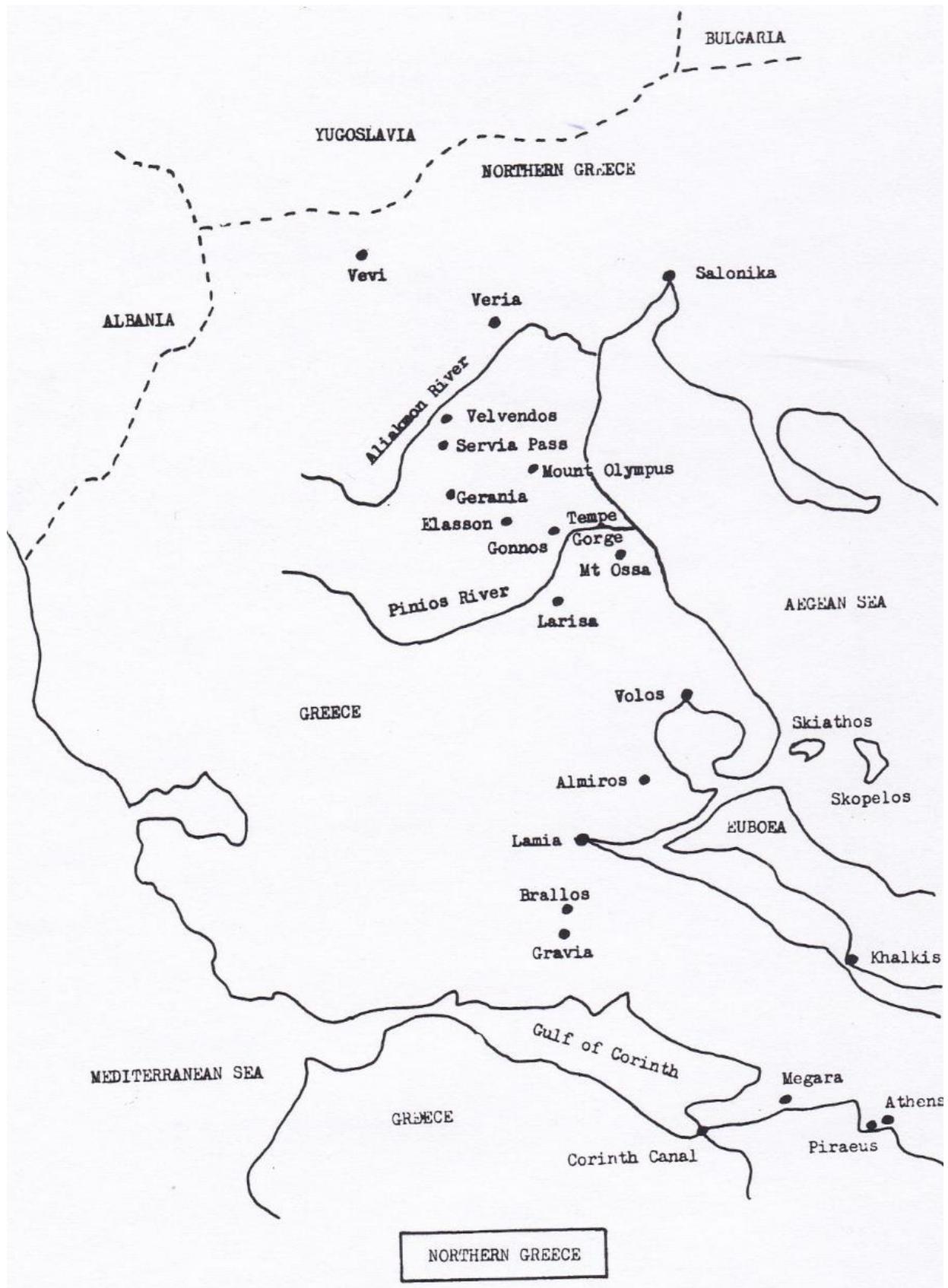
Anzac Escape Party, Euboea Island, Aegean Sea, 1941. Front row, from left: Private J.A.E. Whitton, Sergeant R.C. Smith, Private H.R. Brown, Private W. Schofield. Back row, from left: Private M.J. Sanders, Corporal J.W.H. Fuller, Corporal H.J. Honeywell, Lieutenant Colonel F.O. Chilton, Captain C.H. Green, Captain B. Brock, Lieutenant A.K. Bosgard, Captain A.A. Buckley, Lieutenant Jim Shanahan. AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

The 2/2nd Battalion disintegrated at Tempe Gorge in Greece on 18 April 1941. These thirteen men of the battalion had met on Euboea Island on 27 April and finally rejoined their battalion in Palestine on 24 May 1941.

From Purple Over Green, The History of the 2/2 Australian Infantry Battalion 1939 – 1945

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Research and editorial by Charlie Stevens, OAM

Charlie Chaplin Was Hated and Ridiculed for Not Enlisting in WW1

By Paul Feenan



Charlie Spencer Chaplin was born in London on the 16 April 1889 and regarded as the greatest comedian of his time having started his stage career in 1894 at the age of five years.

At the commencement of World War One on the 28 July 1914 he was 25 years of age, and had been touring the United States since 1913 and having signed a contract to appear in Mack Sennett's Keystone Pictures to make a series of comedy films where for the next few years he was paid in the realms of \$670,000.00 per year, an exorbitant amount of money for that time.



Chaplin's first warning of a storm erupting against him occurred in 1917 when he was ridiculed as to why he had not enlisted to fight in World War One questioning his loyalty to England, his native country, was called into question.

Being called a '*slacker*' an offensive term of that time, because he was a resident of Hollywood while also a British National, it was thought that he should have enlisted in either the United States or the English Military, especially as the United States had entered the war in 1917.

CHARLIE CHAPLIN 1920

This was at a time when Chaplin's character of '*The little Tramp*' was the boom of his popularity and the print media was quick to increase the pressure on Chaplin to the extent that he was continually bombarded with negative newspaper articles, while receiving the white feathers of a coward that literally amounted to thousands.

Back in England the perceived failure of Chaplin to display his loyalty to England was championed by Lord Northcliffe's Daily Mail Newspaper. Ironically this was also at a time when the film industry was in its infancy and movie stars were never billed by their names until 1910, so at the time of World War 1 very few who went into the trenches were household names.

The exception was Charlie Chaplin whose character '*The Tramp*', was his most memorable character hit the screen for the first time in 1914 and who went on to become an icon of world cinema. It did not take long for his character to attract worldwide popularity during the era of silent film.

The commencement of the War coincided with Chaplin's negotiation of film contracts, and contained in his contract was a war clause that states, "*For the duration of the War, Chaplin must not return to Britain*", which attracted more attention from media mogul Lord Northcliffe

in an editorial in his Weekly Dispatch paper, demanding that Chaplin break the contract and return to England to fight.

Northcliffe's bullying was unsuccessful and for the remainder of the War Chaplin, a confirmed pacifist directed his efforts to end the war sooner, especially when he realized how he could utilize his stardom for political purposes. He commenced touring and appearing at war bond rallies raising huge sums of money for the war effort as well as a personal donation of \$250,000.00. Notwithstanding, Chaplin did apply for the United States Military draft but was rejected being under size and underweight.

According to the British Embassy of the time they supported Chaplin's explanation when he said that he was no different to other Brits living abroad, and waiting for the British Government to impose the compulsory services law to apply to ex-pats, a law which never occurred. This helped the 'slacker' attacks to diminish but the white feathers continued to be sent to him for many years after.

The attacks by the newspapers were out of step with the men in uniform and Chaplin's films were used extensively for the moral of the soldiers. It was implied that Chaplin was more use to the war effort by using the film studio and making people laugh that he would have been if he were serving in the trenches.

Chaplin's films were being shown widely to the soldiers and even projected on the ceiling of hospital wards for soldiers who could not sit or stand from their wounds.

The adage that laughter is the best medicine was proven as it helped the soldiers forget the physical and emotional trauma they were suffering, his silent movies crossing the language barrier of the cross section of soldiers from various nations engaged in the War.

In later years, Chaplin was accused of being a communist by Senator Joseph McCarthy, and a file was produced that supposedly detailed his subversive political activities since 1922. His first 'talkie' 'The Great Dictator' in 1940 added heat to this accusation, the film saw Chaplin play a caricature version of Adolf Hitler, which was seen as being in bad taste. Despite this, it grossed over \$5 million and won five Academy Awards. His support in aiding the Russian struggle against the invading Nazis was also scrutinized; leading to the House of Un-American Activities Council issuing a subpoena against him in 1947 but later decided he didn't need to testify.

In 1952, Chaplin visited Europe for the premiere of his film 'Limelight' and was not allowed to return to the US; he settled in Switzerland. He made a film, 'The King in New York', in 1957, which was full of criticism of McCarthy and American society in general.

For the soldiers in the First World War trenches and field hospitals, and for the vast worldwide audience that adored him, the laughter Chaplin's Tramp induced was the antidote to the anxieties and concerns of their lives, and no white feather could poison them against Charlie Chaplin. He passed away aged 88 of natural causes in 1977.



SENIOR CITIZEN TEXTING CODES

ATD	At The Door
BFF	Best Friend Fell
BTW	Bring The Wheelchair
BYOT	Bring Your Own Teeth
FWIW	Forget Where I Was
GGPBL	Gotta Go Pacemaker Battery Low
GHA	Got Heartburn Again
LMDO	Laughing My Denture Out
OMMR	On My Massage Recliner
OMSG	Oh My! Sorry, Gas
ROFLACGU	Rolling On Floor Laughing And Can't Get Up
TTYL	Talk To You Louder

COVID-19 Vaccination Card

Please keep this record card, which includes medical information about the vaccines you have received.



Last Name _____ First Name _____ MI _____

Date of birth _____ Patient number (medical record or ID) _____

Vaccine	Product Manufacturer	Lot Number	Date	Healthcare Provider	Clinic Site
1 st Dose COVID-19			mm dd yy		
2 nd Dose COVID-19			mm dd yy		
Other			mm dd yy		

ANTI-Vaccination Card

Last Name _____ First Name _____ MI _____

Sex _____

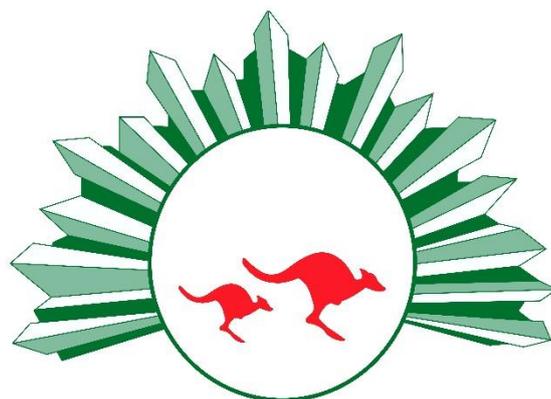
Height _____ Weight _____

DOB _____

Case # _____ DOD _____

Place of Death _____

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What is Happening in Cardiff RSL Sub-Branch?

Subject to the usual Covid-19 restrictions

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.

Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) Services & Providers

Logo onto DVA a website: www.dva.gov.au.

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

We are all looking forward to Christmas.



The Bugle Puzzles

Arrow Words

Flightless bird Rite	Measuring stick	Halo	Tree	Longhand Long fish	Enemy	Albanian currency Stopper	
			Continent Beverage				
Hoarder	Timber Meaning				Moose Come into view		
			Additional Simple seat		Succulent	Finished	
Lodge	Delete Vatican diplomat			Adult insect			
		Perform	Journey			Water barrier	
Country Short account			Mellifluous	Gratuity	Wear away Long poem		
					Cogwheel		
Flange	Bulbous herb Ruminate				Proboscis	Talon	Military
		Nothing		Hold fast Night before		Be indebted to	Epoch
Unit of weight				Ice chest			
Lithesome	Strainer				Teem		
				Margin			

Sudoku

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

Classic Bubble and Squeak

Serving suggestion: 2

Prep: ~7 minutes

Ingredients

- 2 medium potatoes
- 1 dash milk
- 1 tbsp margarine
- 500g of mixed vegetables, may be frozen or leftover cooked vegetables
- 2 tsp mixed herbs
- 20g unsalted butter



Step 1: Peel potatoes and slice into chunks. Fill a medium saucepan with water and bring to the boil. Add potatoes and cook for ~5 minutes or until you can pierce with a fork. Drain potatoes, add milk and margarin and mash until smooth.

Step 2: Add vegetables to mashed potato and mash together. Add herbs and mix through. Mould mash veggies into balls around the same size as a tennis ball.

Step 3: Heat butter in a medium fry pan over medium heat. Add veggie balls and press down lightly with a spatula.

Step 4: Cook for ~5 minutes each side while pressing gently to keep flat. Enjoy with a fried egg and chutney.

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We're at the point in self-isolation where every time I go into the kitchen and rustle any kind of bag or packaging whatsoever, my husband instantly appears and goes "whatcha eatin?"

Answers for Puzzles

Arrow Words Puzzle Answers

	K		R		E			C		F		L	
R	I	T	U	A	L			E	U	R	O	P	E
	W		L	U	M	B	E	R		E	L	K	
M	I	S	E	R		E	L	S	E		U		
		E	R	A	S	E			I	M	A	G	O
I	N	N			T	R	A	V	E	L		V	
	U	S	A		O			E	R	O	D	E	
A	N	E	C	D	O	T	E		G	E	A	R	
	C		T	U	L	I	P		E		M		
R	I	M		L		P	I	N		C		A	
	O	U	N	C	E			C	O	O	L	E	R
		S	I	E	V	E			S	W	A	R	M
S	V	E	L	T	E			L	E	E	W	A	Y

Sudoku Puzzle Answers

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

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CARDIFF RSL SUB-BRANCH 2022 GENERAL MEETING DATES



- Office will be closed on Wednesday 15th December 2021 and re-open on Saturday, 8th January 2022.

General Meetings (Sunday's) start 1015 am

9th January 2022

13th February 2022 **(AGM ONLY)**

13th March 2022

10th April 2022

15th May 2022 **(3rd Sunday)**

12th June 2022

10th July 2022

14th August 2022

11th September 2022

9th October 2022

13th November 2022

11th December 2022 GM & (Xmas Lunch)

- Office will be closed on Wednesday 14th December 2022 and re-open on Saturday, 7th January 2023.

Other important dates for 2021.

- ANZAC Day – Monday 25th April 2022.
- Remembrance Day – Friday 11th November 2022.
- **Women's Auxiliary Xmas Luncheon – TBD**
- Committee and Trustee Xmas Luncheon - Wednesday 15th December 2021.
- Sub-Branch Christmas Luncheon – Sunday 11th December 2022.

TBD To be determined

AGM Annual General Meeting

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.

Surname:	First Name:	Second Name:
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Spouse's / Partner's Name		
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Address:		

Suburb	State	Postcode
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Home Phone No.	Mobile Phone No.	
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email Address		

Do you wish to receive email correspondence?		Yes / No (please circle)
Consent to photographic and digital images and/or audio and visual recordings.		Yes / No (please circle)

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.

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