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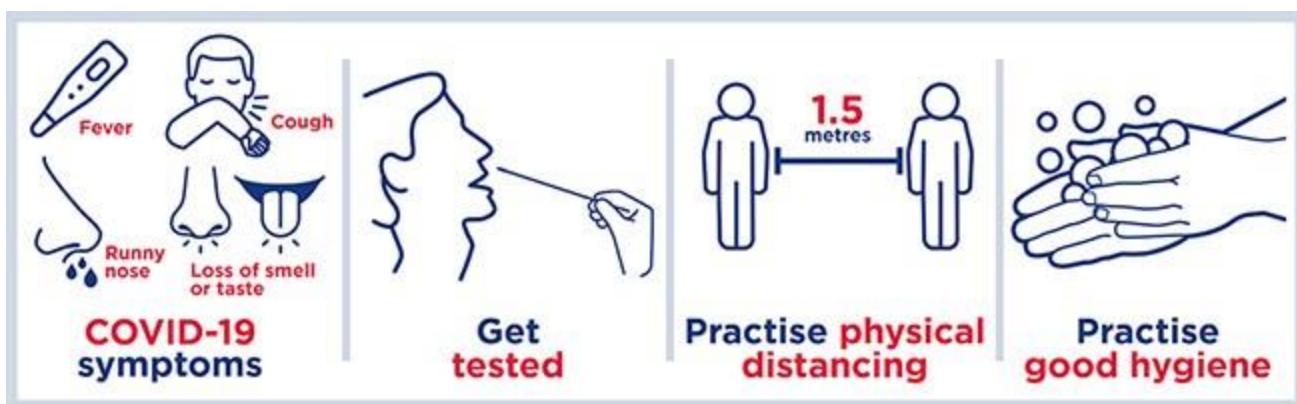
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CARDIFF RSL SUB-BRANCH COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS



- COVID-19 restriction are subject to change without notice.
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Message from Cardiff RSL Sub-Branch President



G'day to all members on the day we're told there's going to be another lockdown due to the Corona Virus.

Sydney, Central Coast and the Illawarra region are already in lockdown. My only hope is that they, the Governments of the day can finally get on top of this situation, because at the moment they have let it get out of control, as there will be many businesses that will go to the wall, and this situation has already cost the taxpayer billions of dollars and now it's going to cost us more. Perhaps until the second half of this century before we get rid of the debt, and remember, we've all got youngsters and even our grandchildren will be in debt before they even start their lives.

I certainly don't have the answer to this latest outbreak, and neither do the people in charge it seems, but however bleak the situation is, we'll get on top of it, mark my words.

The situation in the office hasn't changed with Mick and Ben still holding the office together, we really would be lost without them and their camaraderie. The same goes for our trustees in Paul, Bill and Geoff, who are the best people to have in charge of our money. We are on track for our best year, going forward.

Peter Sneesby and myself have been really busy keeping up with the happenings in the area of Welfare, dealing with the sick people and trying to keep them happy is our goal, which brings a lot of self-satisfaction. I have recently heard about a lot of the patients singling us both with comments, which we do appreciate, thank you. Peter Taylor and Gary Griffith are our two other Wellbeing officers who have helped us out in the Welfare area. I, do hope that it continues as they do a marvelous job for us, also especially in the area of Aged Care, where they are greatly appreciated.

The Women's Auxiliary have also been as active as possible, keeping the card tables full, as have the others with their crocheting and making goodies for us, that is also another area we do appreciate, so keep it up girls.

The Committee which is the engine room, has been coming along nicely as well, so all in all the future is looking good.

Don't forget there's a bus trip to Canberra coming up, thanks to Allana, where there will be so much to see, War Memorial is a must, so in saying all of this, I'm still snarly about these Governments not doing enough to keep us all safe from Covid, so it's up to every one of us to get vaccinated and do it really quick.

So, until next time, when we finally get on top of this damned Virus, I hope you all do the right thing.

Syd Lynch. JP

President



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There is not a lot of activities at the moment but here are some of what we have done.

The ladies sold Anzac emblems at four different shopping complexes also sold at the Anzac football game on Anzac Day 2.00pm at Cameron Park.

Sold emblems in the RSL Club after a wonderful dawn service held by sub-Branch President and Executives.

Our girls lined up at 4.30am to prepare for Anzac Breakfast, and our thanks to all the Scouts who helped the ladies by giving out the meals.

So well organized, they are a credit to their Scout Master.

A good day had by all.

Our trip organizer Allana planned a trip to the Hunter Valley Zoo (Cessnock) and then on to Cessnock Ex Services Club for lunch. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed it. Thanks to Allana.

That's all folks until next time, stay Healthy and safe.

Pearl Abercrombie

Auxiliary President



2021 Anzac Day Services Support to the Community

As usual, Cardiff RSL Sub-Branche received many requests to conduct services to commemorate Anzac Day this year.

Peter Taylor in his usual efficient manner, organised Sub Branch members to assist in meeting the twenty requests. This included services in the area at 13 nursing homes, 3 high schools, 3 primary schools and 1 Australian Football League match. Due to Corona-19 restrictions on public gatherings, the number of services were considerably less when compared to past years.

On Thursday morning, 22 April 2021, Whitebridge High School held an Anzac Assembly at Whitebridge High School for over 900 students. Students conducted the traditional proceedings.

Anzac Day addresses were delivered by Leading Aircraftman Rodney Coote from 1 Security Forces Squadron at Williamtown and Bob Low representing Cardiff RSL Sub Branch.

Sam Mackintosh, a teacher, organised the proceedings. Sam also invited Rodney Coote, Bob Low and Charlie Stevens into his classroom to meet his students.

Topics relating to the Australian Defence Force (ADF) and historical happenings were discussed with the pupils. The recent call out of the ADF in support of the community during periods of drought, fire, flood and corona virus was acknowledged.

Nadene Harvey, the Principal of Whitebridge High School, and the school leaders provided morning tea and made the visitors very welcome.

On Friday afternoon, 23 April 2021, Tingira Heights Care Community, Mount Hutton conducted two Anzac services. The contact person at Tingira Heights Care Community was Elizabeth Michael.

On behalf of Cardiff RSL Subbranch, Charlie Stevens finalised notes for the conduct of the service and a program for the residents. Elizabeth arranged for the printing of the programs for the services.

Cardiff RSL Sub Branch was represented by Bob Low and Des Abberfield at the Top Home with Charlie Stevens and Wal Williams at the Bottom Home.

At the conclusion of the service at the Bottom Home, Charlie and Des spoke to an elderly lady who had tears running down her cheeks during the service. She advised that the service brought back memories of her deceased husband who fought the Japanese on the Kokoda Trail during World War II. She remembered the reports of how cruel the Japanese soldiers were. She advised us that her son would attend an Anzac Day service to commemorate his father.

We also spoke to some residents who were obviously ex-servicemen. On hearing the first notes of The Last Post, three of them had immediately stood to attention. Ex-servicemen always remember their service and the life-long mateship. In their service days these men may have had an efficient RSM.

The Anzac Day Dawn Service at Cardiff RSL Club was well attended and well conducted. Garry (Mick) James, in his usual efficient manner, and his gang of willing helpers ensured that the Cardiff Community were able to gather to commemorate Anzac Day in a fitting manner. Breakfast in the club, the popular two-up and other club activities followed.

It has become a tradition that Cardiff RSL Sub Branch conducts an Anzac Day Service preceding the annual AFL Black Diamond Cup match between Cardiff and Warners Bay. This year the match was played at Pasterfield Oval, Cameron Park which is the home ground of Cardiff. Syd Lynch, Peter Taylor and Peter Sneesby represented the Sub Branch. They were supported by members of the Heritage Re-enactment Group and a Bugler.

On Monday morning, 26 April 2021, Edgeworth Public School conducted their annual ANZAC Service. The contact at the school was Miss Kendall McCallum. Teachers and students organised and conducted the service with approximately 700 students present.

Cardiff RSL Sub Branch was represented by Tich Rundle and Charlie Stevens. Charlie Stevens was the guest speaker. The program was supported by the Heritage Re-enactment Group and a Piper.

After the service, morning tea was provided in the Staff Room for teachers and the official party.

The school principal invited two of her students, Aria and Cleo Ayre, to the morning tea as they are the great granddaughters of Charlie Stevens. Aria and Cleo had a lengthy conversation with Wing Commander Rundle and showed much interest in the RAAF.

Cardiff RSL Sub Branch can be proud of the leading role it plays in the local community in keeping the ANZAC traditions alive.

Charlie Stevens

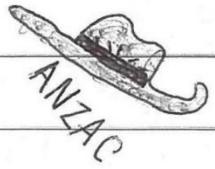
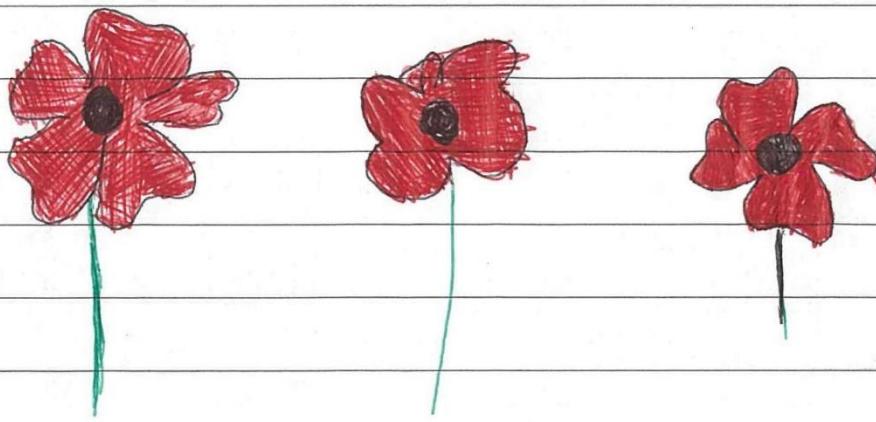
Charlie Stevens OAM



ANZAC Day Reflections
One of the letters from Year 9 Students at Whitebridge High.

My name is Matrige Vischer, I'm a year 9 student at Whitebridge high. During the Anzac Ceremony which was commenced yesterday morning, I felt mixed emotions.

During the sound of the last post I was extremely grateful for the people who sacrificed their lives for the freedom that they wouldn't get to experience but allowed the rest of our nation to experience. In the minute silence I felt sad & thankful for the 16,000 soldiers who ran onto a battlefield risking their lives. It was meaningful hearing Mr Conte's story about his great, great uncles experience in Gallipoli, the men from the RSL were inspiring as well. This is an extremely important & sad part of our history and we should carry these traditions to following generations to remind them why we are all here today, and who we have to thank for that.



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



Great Southern Land

Australians love to travel overseas, especially the under 65s. They get to experience different food, smells, sights, sounds, people and languages, providing them with the kinds of experiences that are more intoxicating, desirable and Instagramable. But with the Covid travel restrictions, a lot of Australians at the present time don't have the same opportunities to travel overseas that were available prior to the pandemic.

After returning from Central Australia, over 10 years ago, I started talking about the trip to some the folk at church. A husband and wife I spoke to, who had done a lot of travelling overseas, soon told me they had never been to Central Australia. But this didn't really surprise me, because Australians who do a lot of overseas travel might take a very long time to getting around to doing any long trips in Australia. But with the present restrictions on overseas travel, now's the time to take advantage of the beauty of our own country by traveling to parts of Australia we've always been meaning to visit.

Personally, I can certainly vouch for the value of taking a trip to the centre of our ancient continent, because, when I was there, I experienced everything from the energetic tiny flocks of zebra finches at the permanent waterhole of Simpsons Gap to the whispering breeze on breath-taking heights of the majestic Kings Canyon.

But it didn't come without its challenges. Our accommodation was at Curtin Springs and when my wife Karen was doing the washing, it wasn't long before she was confronted by an emu standing in the doorway of the laundry. Fortunately, it didn't venture inside and just walked away. But the next day it was rather disconcerting to find the very same emu pecking the weather seal on the open door of our car. I guess it must have liked the feel of the rubber on its beak. I would have liked to have shooed it away; but I think caution was the better part of valor that day.

There were other animals we got to see that were nowhere near as game. For example, the camels and brumbies always kept their distance. And I'd like to say I saw a rock wallaby; but seeing nothing more than its tail probably doesn't count. They certainly live up to their name, it made me wonder if they ever come out from among rocks. But maybe it was just too hot that day.

But animals aren't the only things you get to see in the Outback. Who would want to go to Central Australia without seeing Uluru? Rising 348 metres above the plain and 9 kilometres in circumference, it's the world's largest monolith. The sheer immensity of this great rock and the unusual colouring, which changes from orange to purple at sunrise and sunset, has made it one of the natural wonders of the world. And the

base of the rock is undercut with caves in which the Aboriginals have left galleries of rock paintings in charcoal and ochre.

My experience in the Outback is just a tiny snapshot of what our country has to offer. And the magnificent scenery we find in any country can be thought of as the afterglow of God's glory. So, let's use the opportunity of our present circumstances to take a bit of time to bask in the glow of our country's natural beauty.

Rev Gary Atherton

Rector, Parish of Cardiff



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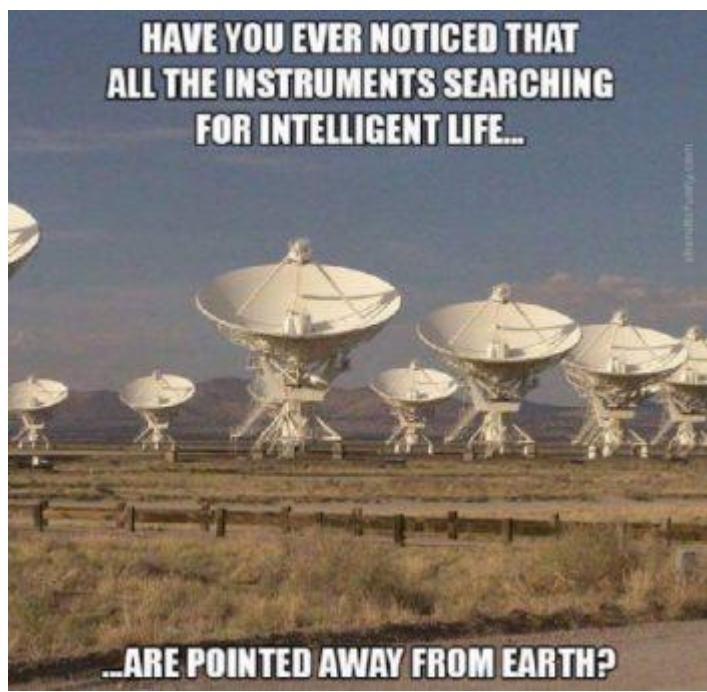
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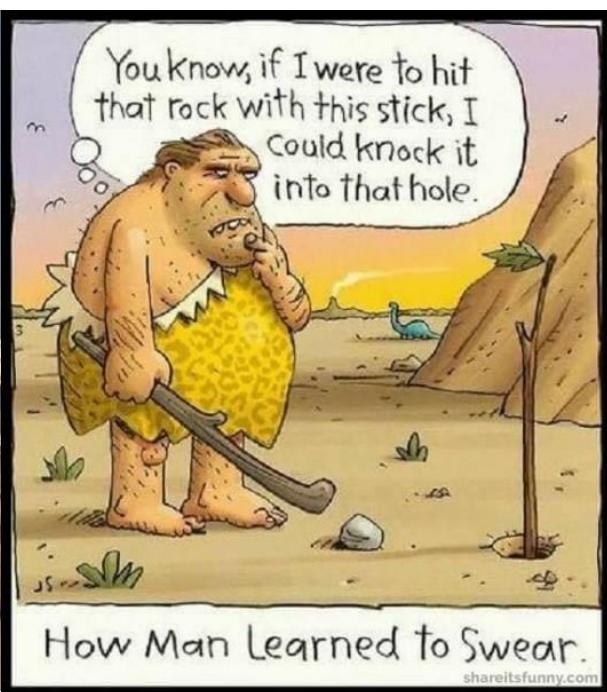
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211 Army Cadet Unit (ACU) Newcastle



211 Army Cadet Unit has done well over this school term. Unfortunately, the field activity we had planned in May was cancelled due to several issue (including COVID).

This Term we recruited twelve (12) new recruits, from literally all over Newcastle & Lake Macquarie. These cadets are doing well & have been issued all the uniforms & equipment. As mentioned in my last Busted Bugle contribution this is no mean feat.

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.

It was great that 211 ACU was able to contribute to the Cardiff RSL Sub-Branch Dawn Service on ANZAC Day. I have been reliably informed that 211 ACU was the only unit in NSW that supplied an Armed Catafalque Party this year. The rules have changed with cadets using weapons in public but I was able to conform to the new regulations & get our cadets Armed for the day. Many thanks to Our QM LT(AAC) Robert Hicks OAM, CPL Anthony Noake & our Brigade Chief of Staff. After the Cardiff parade we took part in services at Valentine Bowling Club & Adamstown Soccer Club Service.



Cardiff Dawn Service

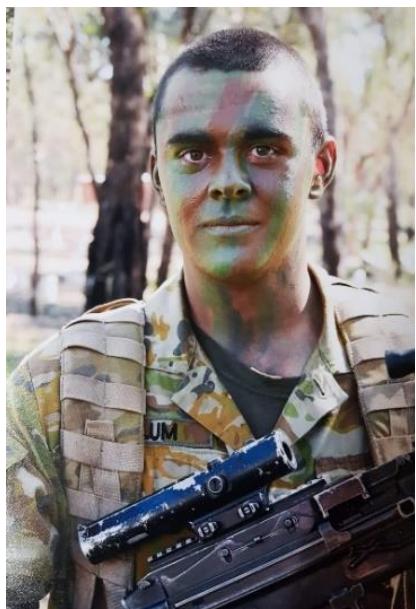


Valentine Bowling Club



Adamstown Soccer Service

In the last Busted Bugle, I mentioned that we had a few ex-211 Cadets join the ADF. EX-CDTSGT Bradley Cullum has completed Basic Training at Kapooka & has moved on the School Training at the School of Armour to learn the subtle of driving a 60t Abrams Tank. CDT Bailey Hull has also completed Basic Training at Kapooka & has gone to Bonegilla to become a Fitter Armourer with RAEME. EX-CDTSGT Bailey Gibson has also completed Basic Training at Kapooka & has gone onto Holsworthy to be trained as a Combat Engineer.



Bradley Cullum



Bailey Hull



Bailey Gibson

Also, pleased to announce that Ex-CDTSGT Mitchell Harter & CDTCPL Alley-Sonter have also joined the Army. Harter is going into the Royal Australia Signal Corps & Alley-Sonter is going into the Royal Australian Engineers



Alley-Sonter



Mitchell Harter

At the end of July, we will be going bush for the first time since the COVID-19 outbreak. The cadets are very keen to get into the field. I shall let you all know the results of this activity in the next Bust Bugle.

In conclusion I would like to thank the Cardiff RSL Sub-Branch for all their on-going assistance. The Sub-Branche generous donation will assist the unit with equipment that the Army does supply us.

Peter Lockwood

Captain (Officer Commanding 211 ACU Newcastle)





Pat Conroy MP

It's been a busy few weeks in Parliament with regards to the COVID-19 pandemic. There have been further outbreaks, this time in Sydney. Frustratingly, at the centre is a frontline worker who wasn't vaccinated.

This is incredibly disappointing. It's also a reminder about how important it is to roll up your sleeve and get the COVID-19 vaccine as soon as possible. Please remain vigilant, listen to the health advice, and stay safe.

This pandemic has laid bare the fact that Australia has lost too many manufacturing jobs and is not self-sufficient. We don't make enough things here anymore.

Australia has a strong history of inventing and manufacturing things, from WiFi technology to polymer bank notes and the aeroplane black box.

A key focus on Australia's economic recovery from COVID-19 should be on jobs – good, secure jobs. Bringing manufacturing home will create so many opportunities. Australia is a country that can and should be making things again.

VETERANS SUICIDE ROYAL COMMISSION FINALLY CALLED

I am pleased to advise the Government has finally announced a Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide. It was long overdue. I made a promise to veterans and their families in the Shortland electorate that I would fight for this Royal Commission, so I am glad it's finally happening.

The veteran suicide rate is nearly twice that of the general population. More than 500 of our veterans have died by suicide in the last 20 years. This is heartbreaking, and we need to get to the bottom of why this is happening and what can be done to stop it.

MOBILE BLACK SPOT CAMPAIGN

Thank you to everyone who has reported a mobile phone black spot in the Shortland electorate. I have been collating the data as it's come in, and it's showing how widespread this issue is.

I want to gather as much information as possible so I can continue to lobby the Government and telecommunications companies for better infrastructure across the electorate. If you live in a mobile phone black spot, please fill out my short form on my website and include who your telecommunications provider is, or call my office.

OFFICE SUPPORT

If you are part of a community group, contact my office to be added to my monthly Grants Newsletter. My office also has Justice of the Peace services and can assist you with congratulatory messages for events like 50th wedding anniversaries.

If you know of an individual or organisation that has achieved something wonderful in the community, please let me know.

I love hearing about the amazing people we have in the Shortland electorate.

Pat Conroy MP

Federal Member for Shortland



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I was in the McDonald's drive-through this morning and the young lady behind me leaned on her horn because I was taking too long to place my order.

"Take the high road," I thought to myself. So, when I got to the first window, I paid for her order along with my own.

The cashier must have told her what I'd done, as she leaned out her window and waved to me and mouthed "Thank you.", obviously embarrassed that I had repaid her rudeness with a kindness.

When I got to the second window I showed them both receipts and took her food too.

Now she has to go back to the end of the line start all over.

Don't honk your horn at old people.

Member for Wallsend



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The year is moving along at a rapid rate and I have been busy with issues across the Wallsend Electorate. COVID-19 vaccines continue to be rolled out and administered to large sections of the community. I have had my first vaccination of AstraZeneca and will have my second dose in September. You should make sure you speak to your GP about what is right for you and get your vaccination as soon as possible.

While the vaccine is bringing a level of calm over the community, it is important to remember that this health crisis is not over yet and we must remain vigilant. Ensuring proper health hygiene is followed, social distancing whenever possible and wearing a mask, where it isn't, is very important. The NSW Budget has just been handed down and there has been some money allocated to large projects across the electorate, such as the Newcastle Inner City Bypass, John Hunter Hospital upgrade and the M1 extension from Beresfield to Raymond Terrace.

Unfortunately, there was very little or no money for important issues like social housing and local traffic pinch points such as the Link Road.

I will keep working on these issues and as always, I will fight for our fair share.

There is a lot going on in our area, so make sure you keep up to date with my social media and my 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 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 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. You can also reach me on Facebook at www.facebook.com/SoniaHornery.

Sonia Hornery MP

State Member for Wallsend

This morning some clown opened the door for me. I thought to myself that's a nice Jester.



Greg Piper MP
Independent Member for Lake Macquarie

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I hope this latest newsletter finds you all well and I hope you're finding your way through the maze of Covid restrictions better than I am!

As I write this, I'm currently at home doing two weeks of isolation. This follows the Sydney outbreak which found its way into the NSW Parliament with Agriculture Minister Adam Marshall being infected with the virus in a Sydney pizza shop after Budget day.

I was later classified as a close contact of the Minister because I sat near him in the Parliament. I was allowed to leave the Parliament on the Thursday and return home. By chance (maybe her good fortune!), Lyn had been babysitting two of our grandchildren at our son's place on Thursday so she had no contact with me, meaning she could choose to stay at our son's home and carry on as normal, or serve two weeks in isolation with me. She chose wisely, and I'm home alone!

So, while I'm wearing out a walking track in the backyard and talking to my bees, I remain grateful that I haven't had to do it as tough as some. It's a wretched virus, and with four million lives claimed around the world, I'm grateful that we've managed to stay on top of it here in NSW. That involves a bit of luck, but also a lot of good management. No response to this pandemic was going to be perfect, but I think you'd agree that it's been managed pretty well by our health agencies and the Berejiklian Government.

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On the down side of all of that, Covid restrictions again played havoc with this year's Anzac Day commemorations.

It was heartbreaking that some services were unable to proceed this year, but those which did were wonderful and well attended.

Just like last year, local people who couldn't attend a service found a new way to commemorate, either in their driveways with candles, or just spending a moment at home to remember our fallen, and all of our returned servicemen and women. The sacrifices, the bravery and honour will never be forgotten, and I know that people will return to these services in huge numbers again next year when things are hopefully back to normal.

Lest We Forget.

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Another thing I was really pleased about, the historic WWII gun emplacements at Wangi are getting some long overdue attention.

A \$50,000 State Heritage grant was secured to allow Lake Macquarie council to clean the site up, plant some new natives and install some signage.

There are four octagonal pits which housed the weaponry and an underground command post which obviously served to protect the nearby RAAF base at Rathmines and the radar station at Catherine Hill Bay from air attack.

If you're ever out at Wangi, take a wander and check them out. I've found that the best way to access them is to drive to the very top of Crescent Rd and then follow the bush track and new signage.

The emplacements are an important reminder of the role our district played during the war, and I'm very pleased the site is now better recognised, maintained and protected. My congratulations go to Wangi Wangi RSL Sub-branch which led the charge on the restoration project, and everyone else involved.

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Finally, I hope everyone received a copy of the annual Anzac Day booklet I put out in April. I know many people like to keep them, and I still have copies at my office which I can send out to you if you want to give me a call.

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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Regards



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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. The battalion received its first baptism of fire in Libya in January 1941, capturing Bardia and Tobruk.

The disastrous campaign in Greece followed. The advance party embarked from Egypt on a Norwegian steamer *Hav* on 16 March 1941 (80 years ago).

The main body of the battalion embarked at Alexandria on 18 March 1941 on the S.S. *Bankura*. This was a complete surprise to the ship's captain who had anticipated a load of 300 mules. The conditions on the '*Bankura*' were lousy. A lot of the men just slept and lived on the deck in the open between the winches and other ships' gear while others were on the bare floor of the open hatches. Meals consisted of tins of corn beef and biscuits for the 4 days on board.

The weather was not the best. The convoy was escorted by one cruiser, two destroyers and two sloops. Being very conscious of anti-aircraft defence the battalion set up all available Bren guns plus two Italian Bredas which had been captured in the desert. At 1600 hours on 21 March, five Italian Caproni bombers appeared and attacked the convoy. A tanker in the convoy was hit and burst into flames. All hands breathed a sigh of relief when the last plane was seen to leave.

The battalion disembarked at Piraeus on 22 March 1941. The Greek countryside of trees and grass was beautiful, and a tremendous contrast to the desert glare and intrusive sand of the Libyan Desert. The Battalion spent five days in Daphni Camp, where they had spectacular views over Athens. The Greek people were glad to see the Australians and treated them like "Kings".

On 26 March 1941, the battalion travelled by train, in crowded cattle trucks, from Athens to Northern Greece. They then proceeded by road transport to a position at Servia Pass where a camp was established.

News came through on 6 April 1941 that an overwhelming German force had crossed the Greek border were getting close. The German force was supported by tanks and air power.

On 8 April 1941, the 2/2nd Battalion was on the move, further north and closer to the Yugoslav border to take up battle stations at Veria Pass.

Here, the troops experienced rough, steep terrain and intense rain and snow. Equipment had to be manhandled up steep tracks. Battalion Headquarters was about 6,500 feet above sea level. Troops suffered fatigue due to the weather conditions as well as the lack of sleep, shelter and proper food.

On arriving near Veria Pass, they were able to purchase some donkeys enabling them to transport their heavier equipment (mortars, ammunition, Vickers guns, etc) up to the higher regions of the pass. With every hour the snow fell heavier and the temperature got lower. Many feet were frozen as their boots had long since worn through their soles.

It was days since they had consumed hot food. The men had been living as they had been taught - out of tins using their pocket-knives and munching biscuits in good old infantry style.

On the second morning the sound of airplane engines could be heard from the north. There were about eight ME109 fighter planes sporting black crosses and swastikas. The Australian men were higher up than the planes.

The transport drivers drove as far as they could into Veria Pass. From that point, the rations and stores had to be manhandled to the forward companies.

There was bad news on 10 April 1941. All the efforts of the battalion had been in vain as the Germans had not come up the Veria Road. They had gone around the battalion to the right and left. The 2/2nd Battalion was ordered to withdraw as they were nearly surrounded and in danger of being cut off.

Orders were given to destroy any equipment which might impede movement. As transport was not available, they were to march some 36 miles (65 kms). Blankets and even some spare Bren gun barrels were discarded. There was an unexpected delay with the men sitting around, shivering in the cold snow.

Dawn was breaking when they reached a summit on 13 April 1941. They could see the Aliakmon River down below.

A small punt was the means of crossing the river, a few men at a time. Some engineers had great urns of tea ready and for some time it was recalled as the greatest cup of tea many of them had ever had. Many drank it out of a '*Carnation Milk*' tin which was the only receptacle they could get their hands on in the nearby dump of freshly opened cans.

The battalion then set off southward, on foot, to new battle positions on Servia Pass. Due to German outflanking tactics, the movement south continued until mid-morning on 16 April 1941, when they took up a new position near Elasson.

Here the Commanding Officer, Colonel Chilton, was told of the plight of 21 New Zealand Battalion in the Platamon Area. He was given orders to proceed at once to Tempe Gorge to the North East of Larisa to delay any German advance long enough to cover the withdrawal of allied forces through the vital Larisa bottleneck.

Colonel Chilton was told by Brigadier Rowell that he would be given one battery of New Zealand artillery, one troop of New Zealand anti-tank guns and a composite carrier platoon from the 2/5th and 2/11th A.I.F. Battalions. The instructions were to move the 2/2nd Battalion to the area South West of Tempe Gorge and hold the western exit for 3 or 4 days. The already tired and weary troops of the 2/2nd Infantry Battalion were quickly dumped off in their various positions in the Valley of Tempe.

Speed was essential because there seemed little doubt that the Germans would arrive very soon. The New Zealand 21 Battalion was left at Tempe to block the rear of the gorge while the 2/2nd Battalion was given the task of covering the exits and the long flanks along the Pinios River.

Defensive positions were occupied on 17 April 1941. Contact was made with German infantry and a tank on the other side of the river in the afternoon. The 2/2nd Mortar Platoon set up one of their mortars where they expected the enemy to come. Next morning, German troops could be seen forming up to cross the river. They were approximately 2,000 yards away and were outside the maximum mortar range of 1,600 yards. Dropping extra charge down the barrel invited a certain amount of risk. If the barrel became too hot the mortar bombs could ignite prematurely. But, with such an excellent target it was decided to take some secondary fuses out of the smoke bombs and drop them down the barrel of the mortar before the high explosive bombs. This did the trick and they were able to plaster the Germans with bombs while they were forming up and crossing the river. The two battalion three-inch mortars definitely delayed the German push across the river for a few hours. The German aircraft could not detect the mortars for they were under a cover of olive trees. The Germans were observed to be mounting one of their mortars and one of the 2/2nd mortars was quickly turned about and engaged them successfully with some direct hits.

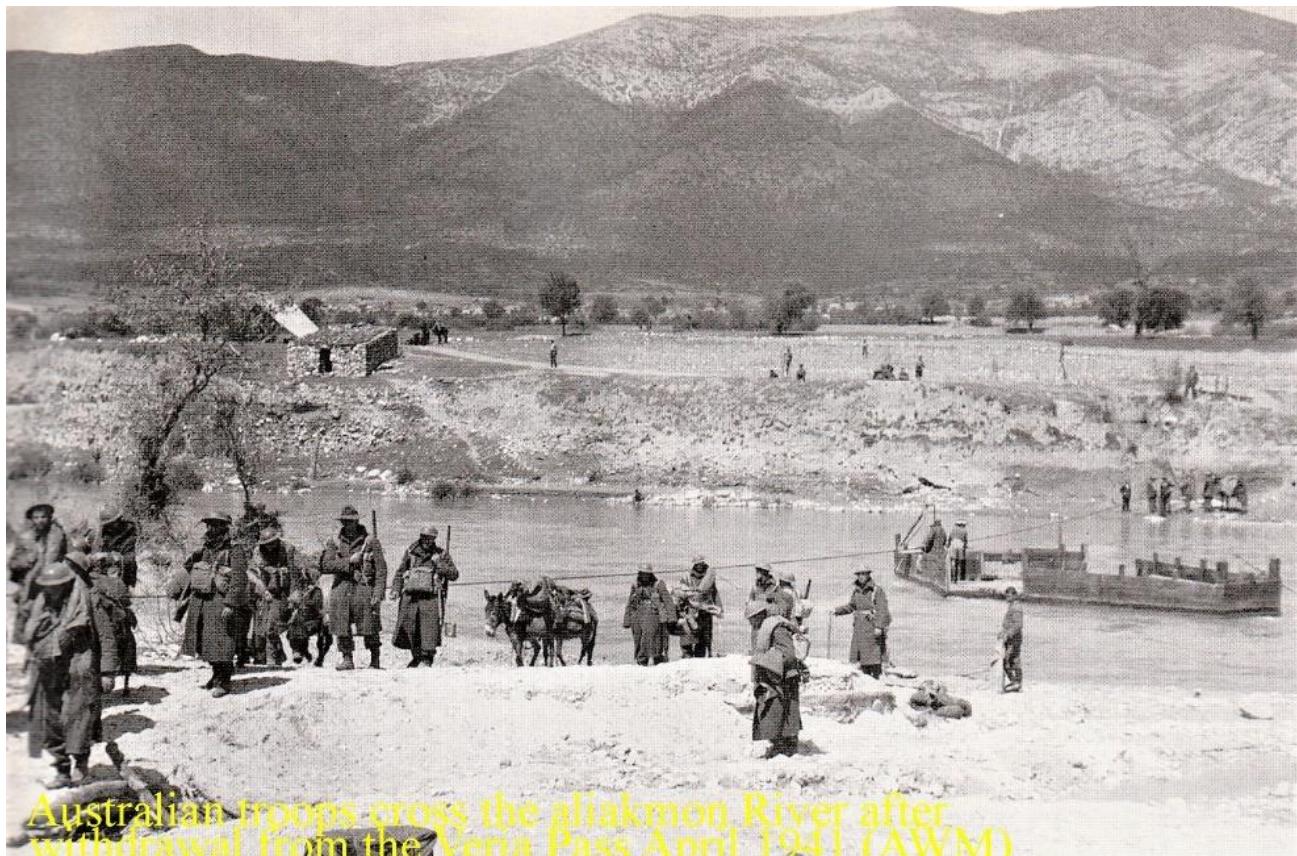
From about 1500 hours, enemy pressure along the river in the centre of the battalion position increased and German troops succeeded in crossing the river near the bend west of Evangelismos. They were held by L.A. and 3-inch mortar fire on the near bank and very heavy casualties were inflicted on them. During this period, the 2/2nd forward companies came under fairly heavy machine gun and mortar fire. A German dive-bombing attack was also carried out, apparently on transport in rear of the 2/2nd Battalion position.

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

The Battle of Tempe Gorge 17/19 April 1941 is a story in its own right. The Battalion fought bravely and well against a much larger and better equipped enemy force. It accomplished its task of delaying the enemy advance. Extremely high casualties were inflicted on the Germans, far greater than those suffered by the Battalion. In the opinion of the Battalion's highly respected Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Chilton, "no unit could have done more".

Many groups from the Battalion made their way back independently and used great initiative to avoid capture and escaped by sea. During the withdrawal 118 men were captured and became prisoners of war for the next four years.

Charlie Stevens



Australian troops cross the Aliakmon River after withdrawal from the Vevia Pass April 1941 (AWM)

The 2/2nd Battalion crossed the Aliakmon River on 13 April 1941

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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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).

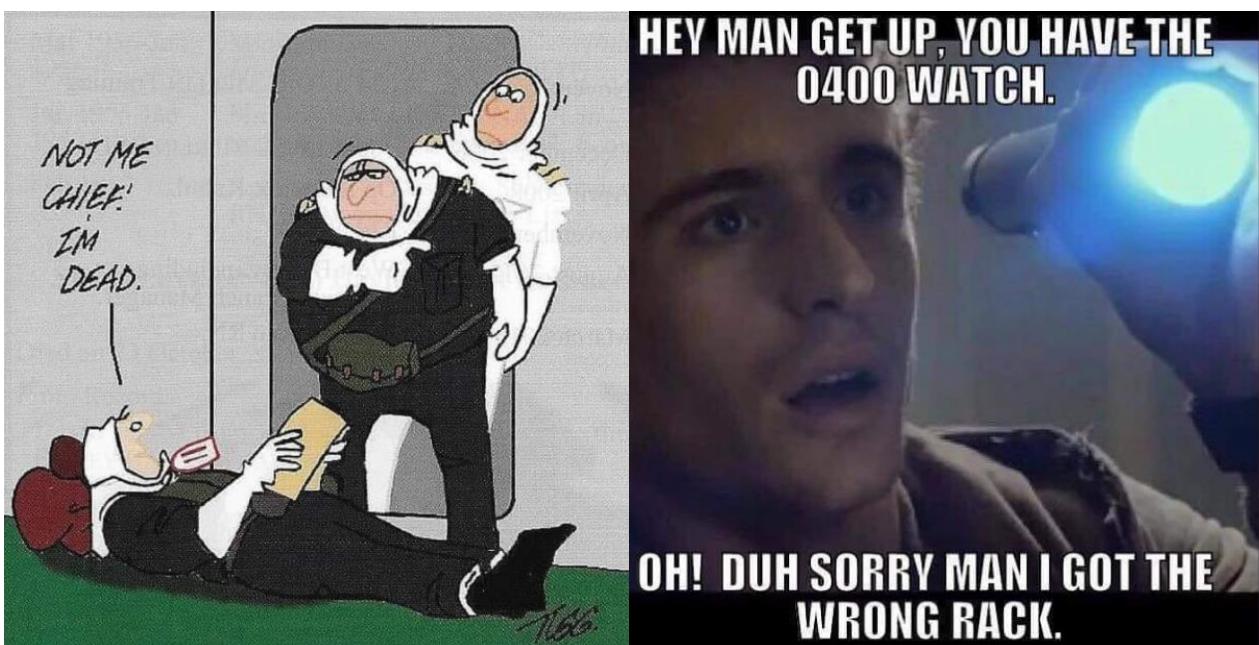
We can assist you to lodge appeals against any decisions by DVA that are not to your liking.

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

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.



Memories: From an easy action station, to a regrettable watch keeping duties.

The Bugle Puzzles

Arrow Words & Sudoku

Item of footwear		Furnishing layout		More or less		Enclosure	Element		Belonging to him		Every or all	
Dairy product							Drink slowly				Molecule	
						Monkey or ape						
						Marine mammal						
Poison		Diplomat							Pig pen			
		Mother of pearl							Secret			
					Long poem						Nothing more than specified	
					Lowest point							Matured
Pouch	Domain						Punctuation mark					
	Sang-Froid											
			Japanesee currency	Small recess							Examine carefully	
Be nosey					Large flatfish		Australian state, initially	Effrontery				
Momentary							Cogwheel					
								Hollow grass				
Flightless bird	Treat carefully							Reckless		Fit		Repair
	Impluse											
			Unwell		Armed conflict				Spoil		Depression	
					The night before							
Corrupt payment						Stroll						
Sylphlike	Handwear						Beauty shop					
							Astute					

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

COOKING

Recipe

Preparation time: 10 minutes
Cooking Time: 10 minutes
Serves: 4



Ingredients

1 teaspoon vegetable oil
1 onion, sliced
2 teaspoons mild curry powder
5 cups vegetable or chicken stock
5 large carrots, washed and chopped
1 large potato, peeled and chopped

Cooking method

Heat oil in a large pot and cook onion till translucent.
Stir through curry powder and cook for 1 minute. Add remaining ingredients and bring to a boil.
Cover, reduce heat and simmer for 10 minutes or until vegetables are tender.
Remove from heat. Puree in a blender until smooth, adding a little water if required.
Return to saucepan and reheat.

Hint

To microwave, reduce stock to 4 ½ cups, place ingredients in bowl and cook on HIGH for 15 minutes or until vegetables are soft.

Serving suggestion

Top with a dollop of low-fat natural yoghurt and sprinkle with chives.

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A photograph of a young woman with blonde hair, wearing a grey long-sleeved top, and an older man wearing a dark suit and a wide-brimmed hat, possibly a veterans' cap. They are both smiling at the camera.

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2. Staggering home drunk.
3. Patiently standing in a queue.
4. Checking if your feet are still there.
5. Covering your ears to make the voices stop.
6. Giving up.

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Family devastated when pet chews up life savings



Pretty Wild
How We Used to
Eat Cake After
Someone Had
Blown on it...
Good times...



Why are the
annoying
servants staying
in my home all
day now?



Answers for Puzzles

Arrow Words Puzzle - Answers

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

Sudoku Puzzle - Answers

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





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HOUR

WEDNESDAY
THURSDAY
FRIDAY
4pm-6pm

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Schooners of
Regular beer

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Schooners of
Premium
Beer

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Saturday

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\$10 Lifeline

EUCHRE

Tuesday & Thursday

Rego: 6:45pm Start: 7pm

10 games with

\$250 Prize pool

PLUS Jackpot & random draw

BINGO

Tuesday & Friday

Books on sale at 10.30am

Eyes down at 11.15am

Win Members Reward Points & Cash Jackpots

Thursday

Books on sale at 5.30pm

Eyes down at 7pm

RAFFLES

Wednesday: Tickets 6pm. Drawn 7pm

Thursday: Tickets on sale at 5.30pm. Drawn 6.30pm

Friday: Tickets on sale at 6pm. Drawn 7pm

Saturday: Tickets on sale at 6pm. Drawn 7.30pm

Sunday: Tickets on sale at 5.30pm. Drawn 6.30pm

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Fri & Sat 5pm to 11pm

Sunday 3pm to 9pm

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email Address		

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