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ST MARYS VIETNAM VETERANS OUTPOST

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

VIETNAM VETERANS DAY, AUGUST 18th 2017

The 45 kilometre Westerly winds certainly took a toll on our VV Day planned activities, nonetheless, I am pleased to say that every able bodied person pitched in to do an ultra-fast relocation once the decision was made. The RSL Club Limited also did a quick re-organisation of their facilities; many thanks to all involved. I also received many thankful comments about the service being moved indoors.

The formalities of the evening went off quite well; this year's theme was The 50th Anniversary of the Battle of SUOI CHAU PHA, and in particular the remembrance of the six Australians who died in this Battle on 6th August 1967.



As a first for the St Marys Outpost, Vietnamese Community Members played an active part in our service and expressed sincere gratitude at the recognition that was given to the ARVN Association.

Our guest speaker Colonel Vo Dai Ton, formally of The Army of the Republic of Vietnam, gave a very emotion charged speech that had the entire audience hanging off his every word. At the conclusion of his speech he was given a hero's acclamation. During Colonel Vo's speech two Vietnamese Ladies in colourful traditional Au Dai's stood by the ANF and the SVN flags.

His wife Mrs Tuyet Mai Vo assisted with the lighting of the ceremonial candles and in timing with the sounding of Rouse; Mr Al Houn, VP ARVN Association raised the SVN Flag whilst Mr Kenneth Ward representing 7RAR raised the Australian National Flag.

The Catafalque Party were turned out well and did an excellent job, standing still for an hour as you all know, is no easy feat. -Well done!

On The Social Side

The ST MARYS RSL auditorium was filled to capacity and buzzing with cross talk, the buffet was well organised with no shortage of food, our auditorium co-ordinators Frank Lawton, John Foeken, Reno Ciantar and Geoff Perry did a splendid job of controlling the tables and conducting a very well supported raffle. Many thanks go to the anonymous raffle prize donors, and, to the Management of the (RSL) Fortune Restaurant. The Suoi Chau Pha place mats had the desired sobering affect, people were asking for extra copies to keep as mementoes.

Thanks must go The Band of the 1st /15th RNSW Lancers who as usual did a great job, we are also thankful to the Sunset Singers for their repertoire and professionalism.

Thanks also go to the ARVN Association for loan of the "Cyclo" and the various owners of the Ex-Military and other display vehicles.

This year Veterans Day Celebrations carried over into the 19th and 20th, on Saturday 19th We were well represented at the NSW Premier's Luncheon, unfortunately the winds were still prevalent; consequently the guests were crowded into the ball room for the formalities, then out into the garden for ample drinks and nibbles.

Sunday 20th George Perrin represented the Train at an ARVN wreath laying ceremony and Kenneth and Betty Ward represented the Train at the ARVN dinner.

On a sad note:

Vale; Terry Blackburn, one of our long time members, train washer and fisherman. RIP Terry.

In closing, my sincere thanks go to all who make this great place function.

Tony.Mullavey
President



COMPUTER TRAINING CLASSES

Computer Classes are conducted at the Vietnam Veterans Train situated at the St Marys RSL Club in Mamre Road St Marys as follows:

Tuesday:	9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Wednesday:	9:00 am - 12:00 pm (LadiesClass)
Thursday:	9:00 am - 11:00 am

Thursday classes teach Digital Photo manipulation using Photoshop Elements 5, only 5 students at a time **Bookings essential.**

The Tuesday and Wednesday classes are informal and we teach mixed classes from the 'beginner' to the more experienced and retired seniors wanting to familiarise with current software and learn to use the Internet to send E-Mails and carry out research & other technology related issues.

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email vietvet@tpg.com.au**

I feel like my body has gotten totally out of shape, so I got my doctor's permission to join a fitness club and start exercising.

I decided to take an aerobics class for seniors. I bent, twisted, gyrated, jumped up and down, and perspired for an hour.

But, by the time I got my leotards on, the class was over.



BATTLE OF FIRE SUPPORT BASES CORAL AND BALMORAL

50TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIONS

REPORT BY THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT

1 SEPTEMBER 2017



The 50th anniversary of the Battles of Fire Support bases Coral and Balmoral in South Vietnam will be acknowledged in Canberra with a National Commemoration service on the 13th May 2018.

The Department of Veterans Affairs has formed a committee to prepare a plan for the commemorations and as the National President I represent the VVAA on that committee. The first meeting was held in Canberra on 31 August 2017, with regular meetings scheduled for the rest of 2017.

Key points noted from the first meeting were.

Overall DVA budget for this commemoration is \$590,000.00 of this \$150,000.00 is earmarked for regional commemorations

I have suggested that the VVAA will be looking to do significant commemorations in all capital cities and key regional areas. To assist in planning and earmarking funds details of VVAA state and regional requirements should be forwarded to me for discussion at the committee, there will not be a formal grants process. Ideally I would like to have at least draft proposals by 1 October but certainly by the time of the next National Council meeting later in October.

Concept at this stage is possibly a dawn service at the Australian War Memorial on 13 May, followed by a service at the Vietnam War memorial site on ANZAC parade at either 10 or 11 am.

A lunch time reception is planned in Canberra for, veterans of the battle, their partners and official guests, this reception may be changed to the evening of the 12th May.

Veterans of the battles wishing to attend the services and reception are invited to send me their details (Names and mailing address as a minimum) to ensure invitations are available to them, there will be alternative registration processes available.

I have confirmed that VVAA National Council members can be included in the VIP list with partners, I would appreciate details of those wishing to attend (names and mailing address) again by the October National Council to ensure they get invitations.

The Australian War Memorial last post service on 13 May 2018 and 26 May 2018 will focus on Coral / Balmoral war dead and commemoration.

More details in the future as they come to hand. Please distribute to all members particularly those that may be involved.

Greg Cant

Quote of the decade ...

"A liberal's paradise would be a place where everybody has guaranteed employment, free comprehensive healthcare, free education, free food, free housing, free clothing, free utilities, and only law enforcement has guns. And believe it or not, such a place does indeed already exist: It's called prison."

Sheriff Joe Arpaio - Maricopa County, Arizona.





ST MARYS RSL SUB-BRANCH REPORT

Once again, our best wishes go out to all sub-Branch Members and their families.

Our condolences to the families of Sub-Branch Members Terry Blackburn, Don Watters and Owen Hanson, who passed away in September/October and to Associate Member, Martin Reilly who sadly passed away in July.

It's been a bit more quiet this period but we have been involved in some significant events:

- Attending the local schools' performing arts concert at Cambridge Park High School. Twenty-five acts involving hundreds of enthusiastic and talented children from junior primary to senior high.
- Members attended the Springwood Vietnam Veterans Service on Sunday 13th August where Dr Brendan Nelson AO delivered a splendid address.
- Attending VP Day (Victory in the Pacific) at the Kokoda Track Memorial Walkway on 15th August, where we laid a wreath on behalf of our sub-Branch members.



Ron Blakely with Jennifer Collins (former DVA NSW Commissioner) and Rhonda Vanzella OAM (President War Widows Association).

- Conducted the Vietnam Veterans Day Commemorative Service at our RSL War Memorial on Friday 18th August – report and photos appear elsewhere in this Newsletter.
- We were able to attend the 5 Engineer Regiment inter-squadron sports day on Saturday 19th August at Holsworthy and the presentation on awards the following day. Congratulations to the Regiment on a great day in their fantastic facilities on Base.
- The sub-Branch commenced action to have the dilapidated Munitions Memorial (in Carinya Ave., St Marys) restored as an appropriate War Memorial (see article page 26).
- The 'Armistice Day Centenary 2018' committee is making steady progress in

developing the agenda and content for this grand event for next year. The committee comprises representatives from our sub-Branch as well as Penrith and Glenbrook-Blaxland sub-Branches and have secured the Paceway for this event on Sunday 11th November 2018 (i.e. next year).

At our monthly meetings we have had presentations on topics and issues that have been of some interest to members. Graeme Davis spoke on the products available through Defence Health; Kelly Morgan (a solicitor and daughter of our member Bob Morgan) has now kindly assisted a growing number of members to get their affairs in order with wills, powers of attorney and guardianship; Colman Young spoke of the great work Probus do in our local community.

At our August meeting, we were able to combine with the VVAA St Marys Outpost in presenting the recently retired Dr Daryl Chamberlain with gifts to demonstrate the appreciation that all our members have for the 50 years of dedicated service as a supporting and available GP in the St Marys/Colyton district when members need such assistance. Many of us are indebted to Daryl and we all wish him and his wife Judith a very happy retirement. Thank you Daryl.

We have more talks planned over coming months, with Rotary to tell us about their excellent contributions to the local community and Robyn Collins (General Manager RSL DefenceCare) to provide awareness of the services and assistance that could be of interest and benefit to members.

Grenfell sub-Branch, who we assist each year, have invited members to their Dining-in Night on 11th November. Fourteen from St Marys will be attending and are looking forward to a great evening in Grenfell.

An important reminder regarding our local Remembrance Day Commemorative Service this year.

Instead of being conducted at our War Memorial, we will be doing so at Kokoda Park, located adjacent to the St Marys Village Shopping Centre (near Target end), corner of Charles Hackett Drive and Carinya Ave., commencing at the usual time 10.40 am. We will commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Kokoda Track Campaign.



If you are planning a stint in hospital, please remember to let us know at the sub-Branch so we can call on you and provide a 'cheer-up' fruit basket or book voucher.

In the meantime, take care of yourself and your family. I encourage you to take time on the 2nd Wednesday each month, to come along and join your sub-Branch mates at our monthly General Meeting at 6.00pm ... and share a meal while you jointly resolve the worries of the world.

Regards
Ron Blakely, President



WELCOME TO THE FLEET

HMAS HOBART III



HMAS *Hobart* is the first of three ships of the Hobart Class guided missile destroyers. Her sister ships will be *Brisbane* (III) and *Sydney* (V). The keel of *Hobart* was laid down on 6 September 2012 and the ship was launched on 23 May 2015.

Hobart is based on the Navantia designed F100 frigate and is coupled it with the Aegis Combat System. *Hobart* was constructed in Australia by the Air Warfare Destroyer Alliance.

Hobart will provide air defence for accompanying ships in addition to land forces and infrastructure in coastal areas, and for self-protection against missiles and aircraft. The Aegis Combat System incorporating the state-of-the-art phased array radar, AN/SPY 1D(V), in combination with the SM-2 missile, will provide an advanced air defence system capable of engaging enemy aircraft and missiles at ranges in excess of 150km.

Hobart will carry a helicopter for surveillance and response to support key warfare areas. The surface warfare function will include long range anti-ship missiles and a naval gun capable of firing extended range munitions in support of land forces.

Hobart will also conduct undersea warfare and be equipped with modern sonar systems, decoys, surface-launched torpedoes and an array of effective close-in defensive weapons.

These capabilities ensure that the Hobart Class guided missile destroyers have the layered defensive and offensive capability required to counter conventional and asymmetric threats.

HMAS *Hobart* was commissioned in a ceremony at Fleet Base East on 23 September 2017.



A WONDERFUL GESTURE

In August 2017 my husband, Don Payne, and myself were on an "Insight Vacations" Canadian

Rockies and Pacific Northwest Tour. This day we were in Seattle. Our tour leader was a wonderful lady by the name of Nancy Wanstall.

On 17 August Canadian time, 18 August Australian time, my husband was proudly wearing his 35 Squadron Vietnam Veterans shirt. There was one Australian and two American Vietnam veterans and one Korean veteran on our tour.

I wrote a note to Nancy in the following terms:

"Dear Nancy,

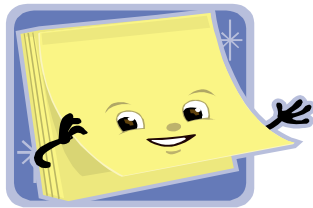
Today 17 August, is already. tomorrow 18th August in Australia. This day is our Vietnam Veterans Day. I am wondering if we might take time to reflect on the sacrifices made by service personnel of all conflicts and their families, to help make the world a much safer place and for us to be able to enjoy the freedom that we are enjoying today.

Lyn Payne."

Nancy was only too pleased to announce this and asked us all to give a minute's silence which everyone did.

Regards

Lyn Payne



IMPORTANT MESSAGE REGARDING DAYS OF OPERATION FOR PENSIONS AT THE ST MARYS VETERANS CENTRE

Pension claims at the 'Train' are now carried out on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday between the hours of 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, however, these timings are flexible depending on availability of Pension Officers.

Anyone wishing to see a particular Officer should phone the office first to ensure they will be in attendance.

Veterans attending the 'Train' for the first time to start a claim should allow for at least two hours for the interview as initial interviews can be time consuming.

Interviews are carried out on a 'first in first served' basis

VVAA ST MARYS OUTPOST EDUCATION PROGRAM REPORT

VIETNAM VETERANS DAY REMEMBRANCE SERVICE AUSTRALIAN VIETNAM FORCES NATIONAL MEMORIAL ANZAC PARADE, CANBERRA - 2017

*The weather was favourable although rather cold, with the wind chill factor ensuring all present were conscious of Mother Nature's presence. The service commenced at 10.00 a.m. sharp with a rather low flyover of a RAAF F18 Jet Fighter that then disappeared in a vertical climb with after burner aglow high over the Australian War Memorial. Memories of Vietnam flooded back for those who had experienced the use of various aircraft in combat situations previously.

The deafening roar of the jet pass over no doubt captured the attention of all those attending the service who were, as one, quickly focussed on the jet disappearing skyward. As the assembly regathered its focus on the mounting of the Catafalque Party the resident flock of sulphur crested cockatoos which inhabit Anzac Parade gum trees and the Australian War Memorial (AWM) grounds squawked their obvious displeasure at being spooked by the sudden ROAR from the F18 jet as it powered skyward under full throttle.

The introduction and welcome address was given by Ian Thompson, President Vietnam Veterans and Veterans Federation ACT, 9 Squadron RAAF 1969-1970.

The address on behalf of the Australian people was given by His Excellency, The Hon General Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Rtd) 1ARU, 9RAR, HQ1ATF 1969-1970. His address was very well received by the assembled veteran family.

The address on behalf of Vietnam Veterans was given by Major General, The Hon Michael Jeffery AC, CVO MC (Rtd) 8RAR 1969-1970. Part of his address focused on the reasons why Australian forces were committed to the Vietnam War and why those who served in Vietnam can feel proud of their service.

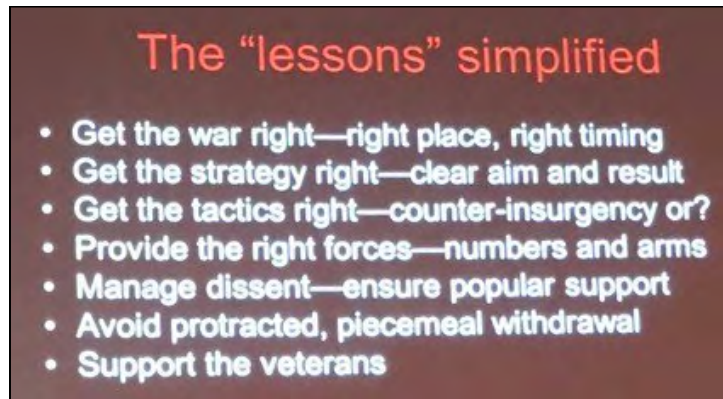
I requested and received a copy of this particular address from the former Governor General for future use in Outpost Education Program presentations. The question of why we (Australia) served in Vietnam (with distinction) is regularly asked by senior students endeavouring to understand our past and current military involvement overseas.

VIETNAM VETERANS DAY IN CANBERRA also afforded the unique opportunity to attend a two hour presentation at the AWM by Ashley Ekins, Head of Military History in Vietnam and co-author with Ian McNeill, of The Official History of Australia's Involvement in South East Asian Conflicts 1948-1975, Their book: "Fighting to the Finish, The Australian Army and the Vietnam War 1968-1975", is a compelling read.



Vietnam Veterans Day National Capital 2017

Ashley Ekins' presentation was titled: "Vietnam: Lessons from a Long War". The Vietnam Topic continues to be a popular area of study and research in schools. Questions from students regularly cover: Why did the US and its allies lose in Vietnam? Was there an alternative strategy that might have made the war winnable? What were the constraints on achieving victory in a limited war?



The presentation was attended by over 150 people and generated a wide range of questions, discussion and viewpoints from the audience. Obviously there were a number of arm-chair generals and amateur historians in the audience!

THE LAST POST CLOSING CEREMONY at the AWM (4.50 p.m.) concluded the VV Day Commemorations in Canberra. The weather had improved a little since the morning service with the surrounds of the Roll of Honour cloisters affording some protection from the elements. Sgt B Smith, 5RAR, KIA 1969, South Vietnam, was honoured at the ceremony. His biography outlined his service to country and sacrifice for our nation.

5RAR 1969, then Lt Col Colin Kahn, whose distinguished leadership ensured Australian victory and successful outcomes against a determined VC/NVA enemy at the Battle of Binh Ba, led the wreath laying party at the Pool of Reflection. Colin Khan was, in Vietnam and is still now, an inspirational and experienced soldier who always speaks with great admiration for the Australian infantryman in Vietnam. It was a pleasure to be in his company.



75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF MILNE BAY EXHIBITION AT THE AWM.

A series of displays showing Australian and Japanese equipment, weapons, uniforms etc have been mounted for public information and viewing. The displays show the Japanese soldier was much better equipped and trained for jungle warfare than our early militia troops and the Second AIF soldiers on arrival in PNG. Interestingly some of the Japanese Infantry wore rubber soled 'tabi' canvas boots, more suited to the tropics than Australian 'hobnail boots', and had armour plates inserted in their battle vests – an early version of bullet proof vests.

Pilot Officer, Bruce 'Buster' Brown's (DFC and Bar) Kittyhawk plane named 'Polly' after his wife is another Milne Bay conversation piece. I was privileged to have served as a Legatee for



RAAF 75 Squadron Milne Bay 1942

over twenty years in Hawkesbury Legacy Group with Buster Brown and heard first hand many stories over a few drinks after Legacy meetings of his squadron's missions against Japanese positions and forces in the Milne Bay area.



75th Anniversary of Battle of Milne Bay Display - a closer look required

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF KOKODA. In November my wife and I will visit Kokoda and experience other notable places on the Kokoda Track as well as Milne Bay, Gona, Buna and Sananda. The focus of our PNG tour will be to visit the gravesites at Bomana Commonwealth War Cemetery of two uncles KIA during the Kokoda/Milne Bay Campaign.

The OUTPOST EDUCATION PROGRAM has been rather busy with a full calendar of school/college visits. The recent annual Outreach visit to Monaro High in Cooma and associated AWM tour of the Vietnam Gallery, as always, a memorable occasion. Accompanying students into the Hall of Memory for a short service around the Tomb of the Unknown Australian Soldier was of particular significance. Assisting a student to locate her relative's name on the Roll of Honour another most pleasing event.

LEGACY WEEK – BADGE DAY 2017



Monaro High Role Play



Legacy Badge Day 2017
Bede Polding Students with Vin & Nancy Cosgrove

The recent visit to the AWM with Monaro High students coincided with the launch of Legacy Week in the National Capital. His Excellency, The Hon General Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Rtd) addressed the gathering along with Dr Brendan Nelson AO, Director of Australian War Memorial. On Friday 1st September my wife and I accompanied students from Bede Polding College selling badges in our local Hawkesbury area. The Outpost Education Program has been visiting Bede Polding College across 12 years. This year 23 students from 'Bede' volunteered for Legacy badge selling - congratulations and thank you to those young people.

Vin Cosgrove OAM JP



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DARWIN AND RETURN APRIL – MAY 2017

PART 2

*An adventure by Ross Pearson, known to you all as a member of the Veterans Outpost,
St Marys RSL Sub-Branch and a member of the Ulysses M/C.*

It is a good run from Port Augusta, passing salt lakes and the scenery of the Flinders off to the right. It's about 180km from the Port to the first Roadhouse, Pimba, but about 10 km south of it is one of the best lookouts on the stretch. After climbing a reasonable hill the lookout is on the left overlooking Island Lagoon, a large salt lake with a hill in the centre. This hill has nothing growing on it because of the salt so is brown in colour. My description of it and said many times it looks like a person's nipple because of the colour and surrounded by the white salt of the lake.

I caught up with the others and fuelled up. We discussed having lunch there, I suggested moving further north to Lake Hart which is another salt Lake with a rest area. Over ruled we had lunch at Pimba, I had my usual, hot tea and peanut butter on a biscuit.

Glendambo is the next roadhouse 120km north. The scenery changes after lake Hart, even though there are some salt lakes they are less frequent. We had to pull off the road to let 2 wide loads pass coming the other way. They looked like they were gigantic bulldozers to be used in the mine at Roxby Downs, east of Pimba and Woomera.

Glendambo boasts on a sign as you go off the Highway, population 30, 22,500 sheep, (photo) 2,000,000 flies. Even though it is only a roadhouse there are two garages there, unusual.

It was necessary to put as much fuel in the tank as is possible at Glendambo because the place Coober Pedy is 260km away, and if there is a headwind fuel economy drops alarmingly. As it was I used only 19 lt for that section.

At Coober Pedy Richard and I stayed at the underground accommodation while Don and Col camped. The place we stayed was the Opal Cave, 3 specially built tunnels with offshoot room with 2 double bunks in each room, there is also a shower and a basic kitchen also, very basic, but at \$25 a night it is good clean living quarters. I have stayed there many times over the years, first time on the way to the Alice AGM in 1994. I also stayed there in 2014 on the way to the Alice AGM again.



Don recommended pizza for tea that night because he'd had one there 3 years ago while on his way to the Alice AGM. A good choice as the pizza was very good.

The day had been very warm; we were heading north so it was to be expected. The caves are a constant temperature, so were good to sleep in. Not cold but also not hot.

The next day was a lazy day, Richard hadn't been there before so wanted to look around. I did a bit of work on my trailer; the zipper was playing up so I did some running repairs on it. Being Sunday nothing much was open, not even the Bakery so I couldn't have a cappuccino there. A bit disappointing as it is a good Bakery with plenty of goodies. Kim Kennerson and I had one there 3 years ago on our way to Alice Springs. Don and Col came over to our place that night and we had a cook up for tea. Richard had bought some rissoles from the IGA and I had some dried peas and powdered potatoes to go with them. Not a bad meal.

That second night there the security light outside kept coming on, thinking some of the locals might be about I went and checked our bikes, couldn't see anything, a large moth was flying around so it could have been that. Best to be sure and check on things.

A bit of a change for breakfast, Richard had bought some bananas, so I had Weet-Bix with one.

The Monday morning we had arranged to meet at the Shell garage at 0800, and we were on our way again by 0815. We stopped at Cadney Homestead and topped up again then rode on to Marla, the last Roadhouse in South Australia. We stopped for photos at the NT/SA border then stopped again at Kulgera, we had done about 260km and we had lunch there. At the Border we had a bit of drizzle, not much. The others bought a pie and drink while I had my usual. We had only another 140km to go that day before we reached Erldunda, the branch road that goes to Ayres Rock and if be, to WA via the Olgas.

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IF YOU, OR A VETERAN YOU KNOW, IS FEELING



**THEN IT'S TIME FOR A CHAT WITH OUR WELFARE OFFICERS
VISIT THE VETERANS CENTRE, LOCATED IN**

“THAT TRAIN”

CNR MAMRE ROAD & HALL STREET ST MARYS



THE BEST TIME TO ACT IS NOW!

It rained a bit again before Erldunda but we set up camp on the lawn opposite the camp kitchen. The rain was just a passing shower. Not much of a kitchen but at least there was seating and undercover with power.

We went up to the Roadhouse and sat in the Bar having a drink, a bit wet outside on the seats, we bought tea, I had a roast beef roll and some chips. We sat under the cover after tea, Col went to bed, Don and Richard sat reading while I caught up naming and numbering my photos on my laptop.

It rained again during the night, not that heavy, but enough to dampen the tent. I was up about 0600 and walked up to the Roadhouse and bought 4 coffees. Three years ago the shop had run out of milk and I asked when I bought the coffees and they had run out again.

We split up at Erldunda, the others were going to the Rock, I had been there 4 times so wasn't interested in going again, so pushed on to Alice. I found out later that they had a downpour there camp at the Rock. Not good camping in the mud. I didn't have any more rain and the weather cleared up.

I booked into the YHA at Alice for the night. I got there about 1100, so had lunch there. A good thing about the YHA they let you bring your bike and trailer into the grounds which are permanently locked. I went over to Woolies and did some shopping and then to Target and bought a cushion. My self-inflating pillow had to be replaced with something a little better. I only stayed the night in Alice; I was on my way to stay at Wycliffe Well, where I planned to stay 2 nights.

Leaving Alice about 0800, I stopped at the Cairn that marked the highest elevation between Adelaide and Darwin. The Tropic of Capricorn is about 15km north of Alice so I stopped there too for more photos. I usually stop there; I have crossed the Tropic on all the main roads in Australia.

I didn't worry about stopping at Aileron, 135km from Alice, I was going to Ti Tree which was 194km and was intending to get fuel there. About 50km from Ti Tree I stopped for 4 girls on the side of the road in a 4 wheel drive. They were trying to undo the wheel nuts on the rear right hand side. The tyre was completely destroyed. They were 4 Dutch girls, bought the vehicle second hand, and were travelling to Darwin and beyond. They couldn't find the jack, I carried one on my trailer but I doubted whether it would lift the car. Another couple stopped that were towing a van and they had chocks of wood that would help and a stronger jack. Then another vehicle stopped a couple of local women who worked at Alice but were going to Tennant Creek, they had a good hydraulic jack. The problem then was trying to undo the wheel nut which must have been done up with a rattle gun. There was no way the girls could have undone them, I had a #17 socket and luckily the caravan owner had a bit of pipe.

It was hot work and there was a few flies about. I would have drunk half my 2 litre thermos there. The girls did all the work themselves, they knew what to do and when the spare was on and tightened, I told them I would follow them to Ti Tree. Hopefully they got a spare tyre there. I never saw them again.



Part 3 in the next issue

Low Battery: A man saved his girlfriend's phone number on his mobile as 'Low Battery'. Whenever she calls him, in his absence, his wife takes the phone and plugs it into the charger. Give that man a medal.



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REPLACEMENT WINDOWS. Last year I replaced all the windows in my house with those expensive, double-pane, energy-efficient kind.

Today, I got a call from the contractor who installed them. He complained that the work had been completed a year ago and I still hadn't paid for them.

Helloooo! just because I'm blonde doesn't mean that I am automatically stupid.

So, I told him just what his fast-talking sales guy told me last year, that these windows would pay for themselves in a year. Well, it's been a year, so they're paid for, I told him.

There was only silence at the other end of the line, so I finally hung up. He never called back.

I bet he felt like a right idiot.



VETERANS' HEALTH WEEK

Physical Activity 24 October 2017

AN AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT INITIATIVE



Activity: Dietitian from Ripples.
Exercise Physiologist.
Free Healthy BBQ.

Date: Tuesday 24 October 2017

Time: 10am - 2pm

Place: Vietnam Veterans, St Marys Outpost
(The "Train")
Cnr Mamre Rd & Hall St St Marys
(Ample FREE parking in RSL carpark)

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Got a new Jack Russell pup today. He's mainly black and brown with just a small white area.
I've called him England.





Blacktown and Districts TPI Social and Welfare Club

Blacktown and Districts TPI Social & Welfare Club meets on the First Thursday of each month (except January) at the Blacktown RSL Club. Meetings start at 1:00 pm

The Club is open to all TPI Veterans (including Veterans under the MRC receiving the Special Rate of Disability Pension), and welcomes their Carers and Friends.

To join the Club a Veteran must be a subscribing member of the TPI Association of NSW Ltd.

Apart from the Monthly Meetings the Club arranges at subsidised cost, a function, generally each month, which could be a Bus Trip, Luncheon, BBQ.

The Club's Welfare Officers also keep in contact through Hospital and Home visits to those who cannot make the Meetings.

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THE ODD COUPLE - ALL AT SEA



The promulgated sea voyage of the Odd Couple came to fruition on Monday 7th August 2017 when we boarded the Pacific Explorer for a 12 night cruise of adventure and frivolity and expectations.

After the customary customs check and navigating the brow we were ushered to our two berth cabin with a balcony. We left the unpacking till later. With the expertise of a forward scout my mate found the dining room. We were met by an entourage of waiters we gave our room number and were shown to our table. Me opo was awed by the ambience of the surrounds something he had never anticipated. We were greeted with crisp white linen table clothes with matching napkins together with shining drinking glasses and an array of fine cutlery. My mate looked bewildered but I assured him that every -thing was good I said when the waiter picks up the napkin to place it on your lap; he is not groping you it is etiquette to place the napkin for you. The cutlery is set for you and you just have to work from the outside inward.

We perused the menu we were spoilt for choice. After careful selection we decided on what to savour my mate could hardly wait, he said he was ravenous. He sipped a glass of white while I quaffed a nice red to compliment the cuisine. When he had finished his meal it was a sight to behold the plate looked as though it had been washed had we been anywhere else I am sure he would have licked the plate. With epicurean passion he was able to devour each course set before him. It was a delight to observe his appetite it would give the most fastidious Chef a great deal of satisfaction.

After burping a few times we removed ourselves from the dining room. When we stood up and walked towards the exit, he remarked the ships got a bit of a roll, I said we are still alongside the wharf.

On return to our cabin we unpacked and settled in to what was going to be a daily routine to reconnoitre the ship and the entertainment for each day and of course the expected talent. My mate didn't take long to get into the swing of things. The pool was topside and he chose his recliner at the pool side with vision. He didn't want anything to obstruct his view. With hat sun-tan lotion, towel and the customary dark sun glasses he was all set up. The bar was close by where he decided beer was for the plebeians and chose instead, CinZano, ice and a dash of coke in a small glass and an occasional Drambuie he was becoming quite a connoisseur.

Each day we would be up early for a daily routine of the well appointed Gym. Gentle exercising before getting into the nitty gritty, then it was the Treadmill. We had to do something to eradicate the amount of food we were consuming not to mention the alcohol. However, I would venture to mention the queer (is that politically correct?) looks we got from some passengers as we strode together around the decks, and wondering what thoughts were going through their minds especially with the print and electronic media reporting on same sex marriage. But unperturbed we went our merry way, we can handle it.

But alas after all the daily activity my mate got tired and had to retire to bed at the unearthly hour of 8 30 pm. He needed the rest to cope with the next day's activities and so it goes. His routine was consistent however he showed some prowess with the table tennis bat and proved himself a worthy opponent when he was challenged. He took on all comers, he did himself proud.

The entertainment was varied and catered for everyone. There were things to do on the hour every day. It would have been reasonable for us to share with another couple male or female but it never eventuated, it wasn't for the wont of trying. I mean I dressed for the occasion

being charismatic with a semblance of dress code however, me mate a Fair dinkum knock about bloke had no such thing, thongs sandals with long trousers or shorts was the go. I ask you? One morning I was refused entry to the dining room for breakfast because I had a tailored white singlet with the usual monogram, this was forbidden. I returned in suitable attire, I might have been overdressed. There was no dress sense in the dining room, baseball caps were the go. The Stetson proved popular while the female gender dressed in an array of colour of all designs and tattoos were prevalent. One lady came to breakfast draped in a pool towel the mind boggles.

Breakfast in the Pantry was the go, there was no stopping him, and he was right into it. There was an abundance of delights and was difficult to choose, but not for my side-kick he knew what he wanted his reputation preceded him. I was made aware about his prowess when food was on the agenda. He didn't disappoint. His sweet tooth came to the fore. I would sooner keep him for a week than a fortnight. We will certainly be attending Ripples on our return.

The cruise was a delightful experience one that I would recommend. It is a relaxing holiday and we are going to encourage members of the train to think about getting a group together and book for a seven of 12 day cruise sometime in the coming months. Give it some thought.

Yours Aye



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I bought a AM Radio yesterday afternoon.
It was a bit boring sitting here in the silence as there is nothing on it after 12 noon.





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Just a heads up in case this happens to you. A lady failed the written driving test 4 times. At the fifth attempt, she was determined to pass.

But the test had the same question : "You are driving at 60 mph. On your right is a wall, on your left is a cliff. On the road, you see an old man and a young man. What will you hit?"

The woman walked up to the examiner and said, "I've answered this question all four ways.....wall, cliff, young man, old man. Yet I failed all four times. How is this possible? What am I supposed to hit?"

Examiner : "The brakes!"

.....Don't laugh!!!



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An assortment of high powered weapons and a stash of drugs, including cocaine, heroin and ecstasy have been found behind the Job Centre in Redfern. Locals were in shock as they had no idea they had a Job Centre !!!



Allan Duncan is a retired detective sergeant and qualified negotiator with 23 years experience in the NSW Police Force. He is also the co-founder and present councillor of the Hawkesbury Police and Emergency Services post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) support group. Having been a resident of the Hawkesbury for 45 years, Allan is familiar with the local area and since entering real estate has sold millions of dollars worth of real estate. He recently achieving equal first in a major sales competition in NSW.

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ST MARYS RSL BOWLING CLUB

The bowling club invites all members and visitors to utilize the excellent facilities available with our two greens, spacious bowls lounge and function room. We have a great social bowls programme and free coaching for those interested in starting out. Bowls are available from the club, so there is no cost outlay to start your new pastime.

We also have a strong representation in both male and female pennant teams (representative) which is available to any member to enter. You don't have to be a champion bowler to play pennants. So come along and join in the fun.

Social Bowls Programme

Tuesday	Any Pairs	9.30am Start
Wednesday	Any Pairs	10.30am Start
Thursday	Ladies Bowls	9.30am Start
Friday	Mens Pairs	1.00pm Start
Saturday	<u>Free Coaching</u>	10.00am – 12 noon
Saturday	Any Pairs	1.00pm Start
Sunday	Turkey Trots (mixed Bowls)	9.30am Start

Contact the Bowls Office via Club Reception on 9623 6555



Bowling Club Greens and Function area.

What is Celibacy? Celibacy can be a choice in life, or a condition imposed by circumstances. While attending a 'Marriage Weekend,' my wife and I, listened to the instructor declare: "It is essential - all husbands and wives should know the things which are important to each other."

He then addressed the men, "Can you name and describe your wife's favorite flower?"

I leaned over, touched my wife's hand gently and whispered, "Self-raising, isn't it?"

... and thus began my life of celibacy.





RETURNED AND SERVICES LEAGUE RSL AUSTRALIAN FORCES OVERSEAS FUND



Force and Australian Police serving overseas. AFOF Relies on volunteers who give so freely of their time to assist in the preparation of the packages.

The Returned & Services League of Australia (RSL) manages the Australian Forces Overseas Fund (AFOF). The purpose of RSL AFOF is to provide care to those serving overseas and remind them that the thoughts of all Australians are with them, through what can be a difficult time. RSL AFOF was formally established on 26 January 1966 at the Sydney Town Hall, amalgamating the earlier fund established by RSL NSW and the Lord Mayor's Comfort Fund. The three major programs delivered by RSL AFOF are Care Packages, Support Packs and Operation Care.

RSL AFOF organizes the delivery of care packages in the middle of the year and around Christmas, to Australian Defence (ADF) and Australian Federal Police personnel, posted overseas. The work of RSL AFOF is assisted by the many donations received from Australians and corporate partners. Twice a year, volunteers from RSL State and sub-Branches and civilians from ADF and Department of Veterans Affairs, join with service members of the Deployed Forces Support Unit (39th Battalion) at Randwick Barracks to pack parcels for shipment overseas. Typically 2,500 care packs are prepared, boxed and sealed and palletted – one every 6 seconds (refer photo of the production line). *(St Marys sub-Branch has been a major supplier of volunteers over the past year – 14 volunteers had a splendid day out for the September packing, being bussed by our Treasurer/driver Ted Fish in the Penrith Council bus, and finishing with a delicious lunch at Maroubra Seals Club)*



Since 2010, RSL AFOF has worked through the Chief of Army to provide a Simpson Pack to soldiers injured on operations. The Simpson Pack contains items such as a track suit, t-shirt, shorts, cap, toiletries and a telephone card. RSL saw the need to provide a more extensive pack for those ADF members who are seriously wounded on overseas service and require longer periods of hospitalization. The identification of this need led to the creation of the RSL Support Pack. This is an airline style cabin bag with a broader range of toiletries, clothing and other useful items to support a longer hospital stay. First at the NATO medical facilities in Germany and sometimes for another hospital stay when the member arrives back in Australia.

Operation Care is run in a partnership between two separate entities, RSL and the RSL & Service Clubs Association. The program provides up to one week's rest and recuperation at sites throughout Australia for selected ADF personnel and their family.

Those selected are service members that have been repatriated to Australia as a consequence of wounds received in combat operations. The aim of Operation Care is to assist these personnel and their immediate family, to recover from the physical scars incurred from combat, by providing the family some quality time together in a relaxing environment.

St Marys sub-Branch was proud to donate \$9,000 (see photo of) towards the AFOF coffers to assist them in their vital programs.

All contributions to RSL AFOF are appreciated, including donations of time and/or money or items that can be put into the Care Packages. You can make a donation (visit: <http://rslnational.org/support/australian-forces-overseas-fund/>) that will go into the RSL AFOF account and will be used to deliver one of the AFOF programs to assist service members and their families that are deployed overseas.



Ron handing over the cheque



DVA facts made easy

RECEIVE THE BENEFITS YOU DESERVE

THAT TRAIN Have you ever thought, what is the real function of "That Train", just sitting there on the Corner of Hall Street and Mamre Road, St Marys?

The brainchild of a small but dedicated group of Vietnam Veterans in association with St Marys RSL, saw a need to establish an All Services Welfare and Drop In Centre staffed by qualified non government consultants who could assist and advise all veterans and dependents with the very confusing formal applications that are required by DVA.

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- * Social Events
- * Computer Classes
- * Outings

Why not drop in and have an informal chat about your needs and concerns.

WOMEN'S REVENGE

'Cash, cheque or charge?' I asked, after folding items the woman wished to purchase.

As she fumbled for her wallet, I noticed a remote control for a television set in her purse.

'So, do you always carry your TV remote?' I asked.

'No,' she replied, 'but my husband refused to come shopping with me, and I figured this was the most evil thing I could do to him legally.'



Where is St Marys' Third **REGISTERED WAR MEMORIAL?**

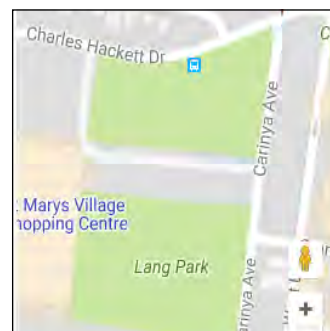
According to the NSW Government Register of War Memorials, there are three such locations in the St Marys district.

One is the great bandstand rotunda in Victoria Park on the Great Western Highway – we secured a \$70K Commonwealth Government grant for Council to restore that in 2015;

A **second** is our RSL War Memorial at the Guns at the end of the Train at St Marys RSL – we secured a \$22K State Government grant to upgrade this last year (completed in August this year); and

The third is a 'bare-bones' park adjacent to Target at the St Marys Village Shopping Centre (cnr Charles Hackett Drive and Carinya Ave), called Kokoda Park.

But there is another War Memorial in St Marys ... small and unassuming not 100 metres from Kokoda Park ... now not listed in any official Register. It's one that's been left to decay for 20+ years. It's a memorial to those munitions workers who filled the casings and shells at the St Marys Munitions Factory during and beyond World War 2, many of whom lived in some of the 'Duration Cottages' that were situated in that area (including the area of Kokoda Park).



In 1995, during the 'Australia Remembers 1945-1995' commemorations, Penrith City Council (PCC) saw fit to, quite appropriately, construct a memorial to honour those men and



women who at great risk to themselves, expertly prepared the munitions that our fighting troops needed to protect Australia and win the War against Japan. A trolley with four 500lb shell casings together with a cash donation by, the then-called, Australian Defence Industries (ADI) enabled a significant centrepiece to the Memorial. An plaque that once explained the significance of the edifice is missing ... leaving the sorry state of

the metal plinth on which it once rested. Mayor of the day, Ald Pat Sheehy, officially opened the Memorial.

It is sited in NE corner of the block of land now known as Lang Park, is owned by PCC. In our August sub-Branch meeting, members voted to approach PCC, requesting that the Memorial be restored as soon as possible and that it be registered as a War Memorial. Also, if it is not appropriate to restore in-situ, then we ask that the trolley and shells together



with a new explanatory plaque be sited within the Kokoda Park War Memorial, thus providing a military-related rationale to the Park remaining on the Registry of War Memorials ...

As at end-August, we await Council's response ...



ST MARYS RSL WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

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12 September 2077

Vietnam Veterans. Association

Thank you for your continuing support of the Women's Auxiliary of the St Marys RSL Club.

Your assistance in the selling of our raffle tickets for our 2017 Fathers Day Raffle was a tremendous help in our achieving a great result. The dedication shown by all your members (especially Reno who sold 8 books, bless him) to get the best outcome for the Auxiliary, in light of the situation we all find ourselves in, was amazing.

We cannot thank your Association members enough.

The Committee and members of the Women's Auxiliary would like to express their sincere appreciation for your commitment to our endeavours.

Yours sincerely

Kerry Squires

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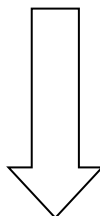
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WHO DOES WHAT

A man and his wife were having an argument about who should brew the coffee each morning. The wife said, 'You should do it because you get up first, and then we don't have to wait as long to get our coffee.'

The husband said, 'You are in charge of cooking around here and you should do it, because that is your job, and I can just wait for my coffee.'

Wife replies, 'No, you should do it, and besides, it is in the Bible that the man should do the coffee.'

Husband replies, 'I can't believe that, show me.'

So she fetched the Bible, and opened the New Testament and showed him at the top of several pages, that it indeed says 'HEBREWS'



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