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PRESIDENT'S REPORT
ST MARYS VIETNAM VETERANS OUTPOST
"WHERE IT ALL COMES TOGETHER"

Last issue, I opened by suggesting amongst other things that, to minimise the risk of infection from **COVID-19** virus, remember to follow the health and safety guidelines put out by our Health Authorities. Reaffirming my previous stance, I take this opportunity to advise all members that, any direction by staff of the Train regarding the Virus and any restrictions must be adhered to. All actions taken by the Train staff is because of the current Government Health Guidelines. You are required to advise the office when you arrive and when you depart. We would really appreciate your help in this matter, we are just following the law of the day.

Moving on, Vietnam Veterans Day was celebrated a little different this year, after planning and replanning for the event to take place at Jack Jewry Reserve, it was finally decided to pre-record the service to be released on the 18 August.

For those who did not get a chance to see the video, I have taken the opportunity to recap my speech for the service below.....

"Councillor Ross Fowler OAM Mayor of Penrith City Council, Distinguished Guests Ladies and gentlemen, girls and boys welcome, to our annual Vietnam Veterans Day Commemorative Service.

In 1962, Australia committed the AATTV, as advisors to the ARVN, the AATTV taught, fought and 33 died. The only VC medals awarded in the Vietnam War were to four members of the AATTV.

In 1965, Australia sent the 1st Bn. RAR and elements of armour to SVN, 1RAR was attached to the US 173rd Airborne.

In May of 1966, 1ATF set up a base camp at Nui Dat. Initially consisting of two Infantry Battalions and later growing to three; 1ATF's mission was to clear Phuc Tuy Province of all Viet Cong activity by continuous patrolling.

In the year 1969-1970, after five years of constant conflict in the Phuc Tuy Province, 1ATF gained the upper hand, and, due mainly to the losses suffered at the 1969 Battle of Binh Ba with 5RAR and elements of Armour. The Viet Cong regulars were forced to withdraw into neighbouring provinces. This had the effect of reducing the work load of our three infantry battalions and supporting units.

Subsequently in November of 1970, Australia reduced its commitment and did not replace 8RAR. De-escalation of Australia's longest war had started.

Still on the subject of wars, I would like to also reflect that the 15th August was the 75th anniversary of VP Day, the end of hostilities in the Pacific, and on the 2nd September it will be the 75th anniversary marking the end of WW11.

In Conclusion, I now draw your attention to the sad fact that, since our last Commemoration service on 18th August 2019, four members of the Vietnam Veterans St Marys Outpost have passed away:-

August 2019, John William CATTON,
October 2019, John Leslie MULHERON,
December 2019, Kevin John DUNNICLIFFE, OAM
December 2019, Clifford Bruce CORNICH,

LEST WE FORGET

Thank you to all who helped get bring this year's V V Day service to fruition."

Tony Mullavey
President

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'OLD' IS WHEN...
Your friends compliment you on your new alligator shoes and you're barefoot!

'OLD' IS WHEN...
A sexy babe or hunk catches your fancy and your pacemaker opens the garage door!

'OLD' IS WHEN...
You don't care where your spouse goes, just as long as you don't have to go along.

'OLD' IS WHEN...
You are cautioned to slow down by the doctor instead of by the police.

'OLD' IS WHEN...
Getting lucky' means you find your car in the parking lot.

'OLD' IS WHEN...
An 'all-nighter' means not getting up to use the bathroom.

AND 'OLD' IS WHEN...
You are not sure these are jokes!

From: "Young at heart" (but slightly older in other places!)

Rifle Volleys and Salutes

A twenty one gun salute at Royal Military College Duntroon, 1946.
AWM 129467

Salutes may be fired with personal weapons, field pieces, or ship's cannons. The origins of such salutes are a little obscure. Making a loud noise has long been regarded as a form of celebration. Another suggestion is that the salute was originally a sign of trust, originating around the 14th century. In the days of muzzle-loading cannons, it took a while to reload a ship's armament once it had been fired. So when a ship was approaching a foreign port or another friendly ship, all the cannons on board would be fired to show that they were empty and posed no threat. It was also a sign of trust that people on land or in the other vessel not to open fire on them. In time, this practice was adopted as a way to honour dignitaries on land as well.

A firing party of Australian infantrymen fire a salute at the burial of Brigadier A.H.L. Godfrey DSO MC ED.
AWM 050015

The salute today is not fired in one large burst of gunfire but rather as a rolling volley, in which one gun fires then another. It's said that this practice originated in less chivalrous, more pragmatic times. By firing one gun after another, a symbolic salute could be fired to honour a VIP, but some guns would remain loaded so as not to leave the vessel wholly defenceless. A specific number of guns is fired to honour VIPs in accordance with their status. Royalty and heads of state receive a 21-gun salute, field marshals, state officials and equivalents receive a 19-gun salute, generals and equivalent ranks receive 17, and so on down to 11 for a brigadier.

To honour the passing of a soldier below the rank of brigadier, or as a general gesture of mourning and remembrance, three rifle volleys are fired; all the rifles are fired in unison, and this is repeated three times. The three volleys are believed to have originally represented the holy trinity. Other sources, however, trace the practice to more ancient origins: at pagan funeral ceremonies to honour dead warriors, their comrades rode three times around the funeral pyre.

Two Irish friends leave the pub. One says to other, 'I can't be bothered to walk all the way home.'
'I know, me too but we've no money for a cab and we've missed the last bus home.'
'We could steal a bus from the depot.' replies his mate.
They arrive at the bus depot and one goes in to get a bus while the other keeps a look-out.
After shuffling around for ages, the lookout shouts, 'What are you doing? Have ye not found one yet?'
'I can't find a No. 91'
Ye t'ick sod, take the No. 14 and we'll walk from the roundabout.

ST MARYS RSL SUB-BRANCH

PRESIDENTS REPORT

I start with a big welcome back to everyone, it's been too long between meetings, with little to do between March and July. I hope we can get back to some sort of normality with no further restrictions from COVID-19.

It is sad to announce the passing of Sub-Branch member Ronald Kirby Farrell. Ron lived at the Newmarch House and it was there he contracted COVID-19 in March and unfortunately passed away. Our thoughts go out to his family.

I also have to advise the members of the passing on the 5th of July of past member Thomas Paine. Tom was heavily involved with this Sub-Branch where he was a Trustee and part of a team that got our school scholarships started. He was also heavily involved in getting the Governor King Day Club up and running - our thoughts also go to Tom's family.

On a lighter note, Vince Strohmayer has had his 4th knee operation and Gary Wright is recovering at home after surgery on the 30th of June, and finally, anyone who is still in contact with Bob McCullum, he was to have surgery in Newcastle's John Hunter hospital in mid-July.

AFOF update – After or packaging of parcels for the troop on the 3rd of March, we have received over 70 cards, emails and letters of appreciation for our efforts - we even received one from a Brigadier who is serving in the Syria and Iraq area. We anticipate the next packing (depending on the COVID situation) to occur in 21 & 22 September.

ANZAC Day Video – Just to let you know our video was downloaded at total of 17,000 times, so worth the time effort and money. Thanks to Frank Lawton - he now considers himself as a movie star. Also, the 6 am Dawn Driveway tributes were well received and attended by Sub-Branch members and their neighbours. Well done everyone.

Phone call welfare checks - were attempted for all members through April, May and June by your Executive, most of you seemed to be coping well, despite the restrictions we were forced to endure. Our records for a large number showed phone numbers that are no longer connected – if you didn't get a call or a voice-mail on your phone, you have likely changed your phone number - please email or tell Tony Fryer so we can update State's records.

During the last month your management committee have been distributing A4 sized posters to all local Doctor's surgeries, Chemists, Physio's, and Gyms. These posters advertise the services available at the Train - in this way we hope to attract all local current and former Australian Defence Force members to attend the Train. Hopefully we will get some new customers.

General Meeting held on the 8th of July, was the first for 4 months and it was pleasing to see 75 members in attendance. Hopefully we will be able to continue with our meetings barring any restrictions. It was also the first day for the new catering staff from the bistro – and of course, the COVID-19 restrictions have complicated things re serving the meals, so members have to bear with us while the new Chef settles in during this trying period. Not having to line up, our meal was served to us at our table. And a big thank you to club CEO Marlene for agreeing to our request to pay 'member prices' for all drinks - so please ensure you take your Club Card to the bar and swipe it as you order; that way you get the reward points, and Ted gets a cheaper bill to pay. If you weren't at the meeting you missed an unbelievably great meal, and the sandwiches were worth writing home about.

We hoped and understood that we'd have our RSL Member Cards by now, but alas, we haven't, they are now expected late July, so we hope to have them to issue at the August meeting and mail the remaining ones thereafter.

On the 16th of July, Tanya Davies Member for Mulgoa attended the Train and had morning tea with members of the Sub-Branch and the Train, she was carrying out a health and welfare check of her constituents, and to give the members a quick run down on what is happening in the Mulgoa area

16th July – *Xmas-in-July* was held in the Northern Room of the St Marys Diggers & Band Club (Mamre Rd), with 57 Sub-Branch members and partners in attendance. Apart from the entertainment not turning up, a very good time was had by all, especially the beautifully prepared 3 course meal, by the club's new Chef and his staff. Once again, we thank our club CEO Marlene Shipley for donating the 2 - $50.00 lucky door prizes, to be used in the Café and Chinese Restaurant. Thank you to Sam Vecchio, Frank Trail and Leanne Morgan for organizing this event.

18th August – Vietnam Veterans' Day Service. I'll leave it for the Train's executive to provide the details for this Service, elsewhere in this edition. But I'd encourage you to keep the afternoon free – come along to Jack Jewry Reserve (located among the cottages between Queen Street and St Marys Senior High School) where Penrith Council have recently completed a very nice upgrade to the Memorial at our request.

Ron Blakely
President March 2020

Man Kills Self Before Shooting Wife
And Daughter

This headline I caught in the "Tribune" the other day and called the Editorial Room and asked who wrote this. It took two or three readings before the editor realized that what he was reading was impossible!!! They put in a correction the next day.

THE BUSHMASTER: FROM CONCEPT TO COMBAT

Brendan Nicholson 12 Dec 2019

When David Nicolson and his fellow soldiers in Combat Team Alpha from the Royal Australian Regiment's 2nd Battalion served in a remote outpost in Afghanistan's Mirabad Valley, there was a standing joke in the unit that 'Mates don't let mates drive Route Whale'.

The rough dirt road ran through the valley, which, in 2011, was Taliban territory and a major insurgent supply corridor.

Route Whale was strewn with so many improvised bombs that it was rare for a convoy to make it home without finding one, or being hit by one.

The combat team was part of Australia's Mentoring Task Force 3 helping train members of the Afghan National Army, which was tasked with blocking the flow of weapons and other supplies to Taliban fighters.

Nicolson recalls a stiflingly hot afternoon when the Australians were tired after a full day of patrolling on foot and climbed aboard three Bushmaster troop carriers. They passed through a small village that was normally full of people, but this time there was no one in sight. That raised anxiety levels.

Abruptly, a petrol bomb was thrown at the last of the Bushmasters and narrowly missed the gunner in his hatch at the rear of the vehicle. A massive directionally focused bomb blasted out of a wall, lifting the 15-tonne lead vehicle onto two wheels. It was poised for a time and then slammed back down.

This was the third time Nicolson had been in a vehicle hit by an improvised explosive device. 'You black out for a second or two', he recalled, 'then you're dizzy, you feel sick and sometimes you spew. Dust is everywhere. In your eyes, nose and mouth, you have that smell and taste of explosives. Your adrenaline is in overdrive.

'While your body is going through all of this, your training kicks in and you're making sure that you're OK, the boys in the back are OK and casualty and damage reports are going out. You're eyeballing the area for signs that this is a complex ambush, for signs of the enemy, the triggerman and lookouts.'

Darkness was descending as the soldiers in the stricken Bushmaster headed back to the patrol base. They moved slowly, with the front tyres shredded by shrapnel and the steering badly damaged. The bomb had demolished the external cargo bins and scarred the vehicle's bulletproof windows, but the 'Bushie' was still drivable.

Before he completed his nine-month posting, Nicolson encountered a fourth bomb. He survived that, too.

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The policy seeds that ultimately produced the Bushmaster were planted in the Hawke government's 1987 defence white paper, "*The defence of Australia*."

This paper raised the possibility of small groups of foreign troops landing in the country's north and identified the need for ADF ground forces to be given the mobility and speed to find and deal with them. That spurred the decision to obtain a large number of lightly armoured and versatile troop carriers.

It was assessed that such raiders would arrive lightly equipped and aim to capture materials to build bombs, which were later to become ubiquitous in Iraq and Afghanistan as IEDs. The Bushmaster's DNA contained echoes of wars past and campaigns on continents far away. Drawing on South African and Rhodesian experiments with landmine-blast-deflecting V-shaped hulls, it was conceived as a lightly armoured truck.

Australian troops on peacekeeping missions in the Middle East and in nations such as Namibia and Cambodia saw both the devastating impact of landmines on the occupants of soft-skinned vehicles like 4WDs and the effectiveness of vehicles designed to defend against them. The peacekeepers brought home with them insights that, much later, informed the Australian defence organisation's planning for the Bushmaster project.

It took a long time for the army to come to love 'this massive thing' that wasn't intended to be a fighting vehicle and was originally sold to government as a simple off-the-shelf acquisition. Instead it became a complex development project that pushed industry and Defence into new and more productive relationships.

Even after its early operational success in Iraq and Afghanistan, the Bushmaster was to be haunted by its association in many army minds with the *'Defence of Australia'* strategy as well as with big cuts to the service's size, funding and role in the years after Vietnam. Some argued that anything with four wheels and no tracks was a truck and was not to be taken seriously; anyway, the tyres of this 'armoured Winnebago' would be chopped to pieces by rocky terrain.

Matters got so bad at one point that, in December 2001, the team charged with overseeing such programs, the Defence Capability and Investment Committee, wrote to Defence Minister Robert Hill recommending that the project be abandoned.

Hill shared the committee's concerns about the project running late and well over budget but says he was persuaded by the Chief of Army, Lieutenant General Peter Cosgrove, to keep it going because troops in future wars would need a high level of protection.

Ultimately, the Bushmaster faced a reality very different from what was envisaged - not a conflict fought on the red soil of northern Australia but a series of brutal battles and running fights in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Events created a desperate need for such a vehicle. Tragedies in Iraq and Afghanistan showed the vulnerability of troops, even the most capable special forces, when operating soft-skinned vehicles against insurgents with the technical know-how to build IEDs and the tactical skill to employ them well.

There was nothing else readily available on the world market. US troops in Iraq were welding additional steel plates onto their own poorly protected vehicles.

The Bushmaster's capability wasn't fully appreciated until it was in action and by then it was seen to be a defining reason why so many Australian soldiers survived IED blasts while British and American lives were lost.

After bombings in Afghanistan, troops sent back technical reports and 'tiger teams' of engineers and scientists were sent to the war zone to examine the damage and to find ways to strengthen the vehicle. The manufacturer, Thales, was able to improve Bushmasters on the production line and in the operational area.

A cheaper, off-the-shelf vehicle from overseas would not have given Australia the flexibility to adapt to changing enemy tactics in Afghanistan. Indeed, the way industry, the army, Defence scientists and others worked so quickly and effectively together to harden the Bushmaster against ever more devastating IEDs is a model of the 'fundamental input to capability' idea that promotes innovative work between Defence and industry.

Ultimately, the Bushmaster proved itself a lifesaver in combat and vindicated those who had faith in it.

Brendan Nicholson is defence editor of *The Strategist*. He is the author of *The Bushmaster: from concept to combat*, the latest volume in ASPI's series of case studies on defence projects, published today. Images courtesy of the Department of Defence and David Nicolson.

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- Texas Hold'em Poker 7 pm

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- CLUB BRASHS–Playing Retro Music 8 pm-12 am

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TWO NEW PROVIDERS OF PTSD DOGS

Veterans with PTSD will benefit from the addition of two new providers to the Psychiatric Assistance Dog Program – the Royal Society for the Blind of South Australia and Integra Service Dogs Australia.

Minister for Veterans' Affairs Darren Chester said this was an important program to help veterans manage their PTSD and the feedback received so far from veterans and their families was that it was making an amazing difference.

"We have seen the positive outcomes from this program with six veterans already sharing a special bond with their psychiatric assistance dogs, making a remarkable difference to their everyday lives," Mr Chester said. "These dogs are specially trained to perform specific tasks to help their owner when experiencing symptoms of PTSD, such as a night terror, and helping veterans to reach their clinical-recovery goals." "Adding two new providers will increase the availability of psychiatric assistance dogs and ensure the growing demand from eligible veterans can be met." "I encourage veterans managing their PTSD and who are interested in this program to contact the Department of Veterans' Affairs to check the eligibility requirements and to apply to get an assistance dog."

Mr Chester said more than 140 applications for psychiatric assistance dogs have been received by the Department of Veterans' Affairs and having two new providers, along with two existing ones, will ensure the program can better support veterans across the nation.

To be eligible for a psychiatric assistance dog, veterans must have a Veteran Gold or White Card, have a diagnosis of PTSD from a psychiatrist and be currently engaged in treatment with their mental-health professional for a minimum of three months.

DVA is continuing to evaluate the effectiveness of psychiatric assistance dogs in the treatment of PTSD through a partnership with La Trobe University, with early feedback from veterans who have trialled the dogs being overwhelmingly positive.

"The current arrangements to source and train psychiatric assistance dogs allows DVA to address the needs veterans are experiencing now, while the La Trobe University research continues to better understand how psychiatric assistance dogs can support the treatment of PTSD for our veterans," Mr Chester said.

For more information about DVA's Psychiatric Assistance Dog program visit the DVA website.

A couple of Aussie veterans with their service dogs. (File Photo.)

Source

https://www.contactairlandandsea.com/2020/08/05/two-new-providers-of-ptsd-dogs/

WIFE VS HUSBAND

A couple drove down a country road for several miles, not saying a word. An earlier discussion had led to an argument and neither of them wanted to concede their position. As they passed a barnyard of mules, goats, and pigs, the wife asked sarcastically, "Relatives of yours?"

"Yep," the husband replied, "in-laws."

Blacktown and Districts TPI Social and Welfare Club

Blacktown and Districts TPI Social and 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.

A Newsletter is also distributed to all members, either by email or by 'snail mail'

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DARWIN AND RETURN APRIL – MAY 2017

PART 11

About 15km from Mt Isa I hit a step in the road approaching a bridge. The trailer bounced on this and the left hand mudguard dropped and tore half of the tread from the tyre. I stopped when I saw the smoke, I thought I might have a puncture. The tyre still had half the tread on its' circumference.

I limped into Mt Isa, found the caravan park where the others were. I gave Ken a ring, he came to see what we could do to the trailer to fix the guard. We took both mudguard off and then went back to his place. He has a good workshop at home, so we made new mounts for both mudguards, raising them by a 50mm in the process.

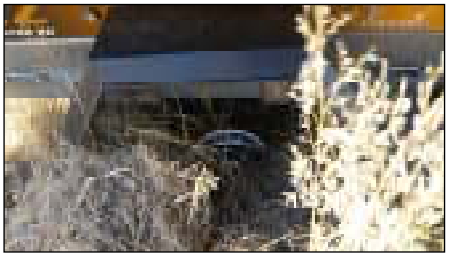
While were doing this, His wife Shirley made me a cup of coffee and some homemade apple pie to go with it.

When the job was finished we went back to caravan park reassembled the guards. Ken said to ring him in the morning to let him know how I was fairing getting new tyres. I assembled my camper, went and had a shower, sat and talked a bit, it was 2100 when we went to bed.

The next morning, Monday 8th May, I told the others to push on and when I got my tyres I would catch them at Winton, which was to be our next nights' stop. It was a cold night at Mt Isa, I used all my blankets. I was packed by 0730, had a cup of soup for breakfast. There are a few tyre places in Mt Isa, I rang a couple of them but no luck. I rode to one of them where Ken joined and we drove to another. After going to a few the best we could do was to have 2 trucked out from Townsville, that would be overnight, which meant I wouldn't catch the others till Longreach on the Wednesday. I had changed my wheels to 10" from 8" when we were planning this trip. I had trouble getting 8" tyres at Alice Springs 3 years earlier, and 10" should have been easier. The larger the wheel the more km the tyres should do.

I am in the NRMA Premium Care, so I rang them explained my position and that my trailer was my accommodation. At first they said they were reluctant to help me, but on pushing the issue they got me a cabin for the Monday night. I was back at the Discover, Big 4 Caravan Park, this time in a cabin. After settling in at the cabin I caught up with all my washing, it was a hot day and it dried in about an hour. It was writing up my diary at a table, and I caught up with naming and dating some of my photos and also I was in a double bed again. If only for 1 night. My tyres turned up at midday on the Tuesday and I was on the road by 1400.

I rode on to Cloncurry where I filled up and topped up my 10 lt spare fuel container. It sits on the draw bar of the trailer and puts another 7kilos on the tow ball.



I stopped for a rest and a cup of tea about 40 km from McKinlay. Checked the trailer then rode on. I passed through McKinlay about 1700; I would stop the night at Kyuna, another 75km. That way I would catch the others at Longreach the next day. 15km south of Mckinlay something went wrong with the trailer and I could hear it dragging along the ground. I was lucky I didn't come off. The left hand side wheel had come off and gone bush. The trailer had rolled along on the hub. I was amazed; the wheel studs were sheared off, nearly level with the hub. I disconnected the trailer and dragged it well off the road, then went back to Mckinlay.

There's no mobile coverage at Mckinlay, but in the United Garage there was area about 2 metres in diameter where there was coverage. I contacted NRMA Premium again, they arranged a truck to come and pick the trailer up but it wouldn't be till the next morning. They booked me a room, a donger, at the Walkabout Hotel, of Crocodile Dundee fame, in Mckinlay. I also rang Ken in Mt Isa, he knew the people who managed the hotel. Also his father helped build it. He couldn't believe I had another problem. He couldn't help this time. I walked 2 blocks from the hotel to the local Police Station and when the door answered by Desi Hanssen. I explained that all my gear was in the trailer and I needed to get some of it. He told me to wait a couple of minutes and he would take me out to my trailer. We loaded all my gear into the police 4 wheel drive. Then with the use of the spotlights we found my wheel. This was another piece of luck, it was 1930 by and pitch black out in the fields. We unloaded my gear outside my room, spare fuel and all. I was lucky because he was on holidays and was going to Cairns that morning to see his daughter, but put it off for a day. After he left me and had gone home I emptied my spare fuel into the bike. I have since sent Desi a thank you letter.

It wasn't a good night, up and down to the toilet, 5 rooms away along the veranda and worrying about how to fix the trailer. I was in the United Garage talking to Don when the flat top truck turned up at 0810. I went with him out to the trailer and helped him winch it onto his truck. The damage to the hub wasn't as bad as I imagined. It was burred over, but that could be cleaned up and the studs could be pressed out and replaced. We went back to the hotel and loaded my gear back into the trailer and I followed him the 110km back to his yard and workshop in Cloncurry.

He said he would clean the hub up and put new studs in. I wanted bigger diameter ones but didn't want to drill the holes in the hub any larger. I thought it would be better if he did the other hub as well. One of the reasons why the studs could have sheared off could be that they were weakened by over- tightening the wheel nuts up with a rattle gun. He said to leave it with him and come back in a hour or two.

I hadn't had breakfast, only some water, so could do with a coffee and something to eat. I was told of the local Bakery and had one with a couple of sausage rolls. Back at his workshop he had finished the job. He put the next size screws in without drilling the holes and used nylock nuts to hold the wheels on without over-tightening them. He had done both sides. He had done the work while the trailer was on his truck, no bending down to work. I paid him $100 which I thought was reasonable for a couple of hours work and 4 screws and nut. I noticed that the left-hand side rubber suspension was starting to collapse, it was lower by 40mm than the right-hand side.

I was on the road again. I fuelled up my container too and was riding out of Cloncurry by 1430.

I passed through Mckinlay then refuel again at Kyuna. The left-hand side swing arm was now resting on the base of the trailer. I checked for damage, but there was none. It was trailing alright so kept going.

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.

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Don't Forget history

JFK'S Secretary of State, Dean Rusk, was in France in the early 60's when DeGaulle decided to pull out of NATO. DeGaulle said he wanted all US Military out of France as soon as possible.

Rusk responded "Does that include those who are buried here?"

You could have heard a pin drop !

EDUCATION PROGRAM REPORT

APRIL 2020

Marking time during the COVID-19 government social isolation directive, well, standing easy really, we (Nancy & Vin Cosgrove) decided to focus on our personal 2020 ANZAC Day Program.

YES! We would of course commemorate the 102,800 plus fallen Servicemen and Servicewomen who have paid the Supreme Sacrifice and the countless other members of our military family who carry the scars of service, through distance participation in the Australian War Memorial Dawn Service delivered from around the Tomb of the Unknown Australian Soldier at 5:30 am. The plan to stand on our balcony beside our Australian Flag at around 6:00 am would complete the commemoration program.

However past years' ANZAC Day involvement NEVER ended at 6:00 am, so what to do to respectfully involve ourselves in socially acceptable ANZAC commemorations within the confines of our home/yard for the remainder of the day?

We always fly the Australian Flag from our balcony on ANZAC Day, it's a treasured flag, having covered the coffins of our parents across the years and therefore has very significant emotional attachment for us as well as our Australian and ANZAC history. The thought came to mind rather quickly that we could mount an ANZAC extravaganza display under our Australian Flag that would help fill the void of the usual ANZAC Day social interaction with family, veterans and the general public. The display would hopefully also catch the eye of the many walkers, joggers, bike riders and general traffic that pass our home each day.

Across 15 years the VVAA St Marys Outpost Education Program has mounted several major 'Vietnam Military Memorabilia' displays as well as smaller interactive displays in school settings as part of their Vietnam War Topic presentations, so getting a display together wasn't all that difficult. Hanging items of interest from our balcony became the challenge. A couple of days working out how to display memorabilia in an attractive way and then a day to construct and mount the final ANZAC Extravaganza Presentation kept us busy.

2020 ANZAC Driveway Display.

Setting up loud speakers behind the display allowed us to play Vietnam Era music as well as Lee Kernaghan's *'Spirit of the ANZACS'*, was an effective finishing touch and brought welcome comments from passers-by as they took in our creation.

The final outcome was far better than we had imagined and most certainly achieved our aim of observing all of ANZAC Day in a meaningful way given the COVID-19 constraints.

Leaving aside the number of vehicles that honked their horns on passing, and the number of vehicles that stopped to look at the display from a distance, 80 plus people, mostly post baby boomer generation, walked up our driveway to observe the display and ask questions or give comments. These individual engagements commenced around 6.30 am and continued across the day until dusk. A very busy and enjoyable ANZAC Day indeed and one that provided

many opportunities to promote the ongoing work of the VVAA St Marys Outpost regarding its Veteran advocacy and support, welfare provisions and the education of our future citizens regarding Australia's involvement in the Vietnam War and the impact of that war on Veterans and their families.

Other outcomes across the day worthy of special mention - Steve, a Scottish piper, got wind of our display from a passer-by and turned up, dressed in full regalia requesting permission to play in front of the display. Apparently Steve usually has many engagements around the ANZAC period and was keen to do his usual good work this year. A socially distanced crowd of 10 applauded Steve's piping! Bagpipes engender emotion and emotion engenders tears. Both were evident in the assembled onlookers. Simply beautiful, thanks Steve!

Steve 'The Piper' attracts a crowd of 10

The local press, The Hawkesbury Independent, also showed up while doing the rounds, documenting district ANZAC happenings. A photo and report of our exhibit was posted in their May publication.

Post-ANZAC Day media discussions and comments suggest that 2020 community activities may herald a change in future observance and commemoration habits ie more individual/ family acts of remembrance and less mass gatherings around traditional venues with military parades and Veteran/family marches.

No doubt 2021 ANZAC Day will answer these questions!

Vin Cosgrove OAM
Co-ordinator,
Vietnam Veterans Outpost Education Program

Who am I?

I used to think I was just a regular person, but I was born white, which now, whether I like it or not, makes me a racist.

I am a fiscal and moral conservative, which by today's standards, makes me a fascist.

I am heterosexual, which now makes me a homophobe.

I am mostly non-union, which makes me a traitor to the working class and an ally of big business.

I was christened by my parents, which now labels me as an infidel.

I am retired, which makes me useless.

I think and I reason, therefore I doubt much of what the mainstream media tells me, which must make me a reactionary.

I am proud of my heritage, which makes me a xenophobe.

I value my safety and that of my family, and I appreciate the police and the legal system, which makes me a right-wing extremist.

I believe in hard work, fair play, and fair compensation according to each individual's merits, which today makes me an anti-socialist.

I (and most of the folks I know), acquired a fair basic education without student loan debts and little or no debt, which makes me some kind of an odd under-achiever.

I believe in the defence and protection of my country and I honour those who served in the Armed Forces, which now makes me a right wing-militant.

Please help me come to terms with the new me. . . . . because I'm just not sure who the hell I am anymore!

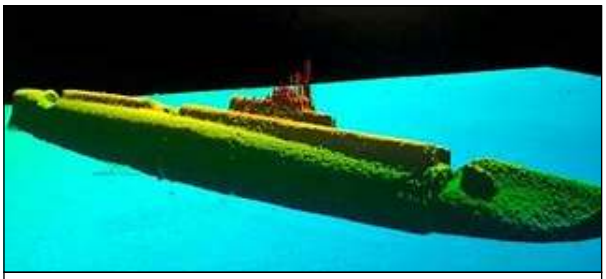
Funny . . . . All this has just taken place over the last few years!

As if all this wasn't enough to deal with . . . . now I'm not even sure which toilet I am allowed to go into!

DATA REASSESSMENT FINDS MISSING US SUBMARINE

A missing World War II submarine that spent much of the war in Western Australia has been found in Japanese waters, 75 years after it sank with 80 US sailors on board, under a US program called 'The Lost 52 Project' to find the 52 US vessels lost in that war.

In November, the US Navy officially verified the discovery of the USS Grayback after a team dedicated to surveying lost submarines made the find off the coast of Okinawa in June. The USS Grayback went down in the East China Sea during its 10th patrol mission in February 1944 and, according to Japanese reports, "exploded and sank immediately". But a translation error in 1946 placed the submarine 160km from its true final location. The expedition's Japanese historian and researcher Yutaka Iwasaki re-translated the original documents and discovered the mistake, giving the team a new area to focus on.



USS Grayback wreck

Tim Taylor, who founded the Lost 52 Project behind the mission, said the incredible find was made after one of the team's robotic vehicles had technical problems and was forced to return.

"It was amazing; the team had resigned to the fact that we're headed back to port and would not complete the total search area this year," Mr Taylor said. "As the team was viewing the last bit of this data roll across the screen, you could feel everyone shuffling and getting ready to shift gears to secure the ship for getting underway." "The next thing we see in the last quarter of the last line of data is the USS Grayback roll across the monitor."

USS Grayback (SS-208) was launched in Connecticut in January 1941 and commissioned on June 30 1941 with Lieutenant Willard A Saunders in command. She was attached to the Atlantic Fleet but with the United States's entry into the war, Grayback was repositioned to Pearl Harbour in February 1942. On June 22 she arrived at Fremantle, WA. Australian waters would remain her home region for much of the war.

On 5 January 1943 Grayback served as beacon ship for the bombardment of Munda Bay in the Solomon Islands and also engaged in rescue work. Lying off Munda early on January 5, she received word that six survivors of a crashed bomber were stranded on the island. Grayback sent two men ashore, then submerged at dawn to avoid enemy aircraft. The submariners located the downed aviators, three of whom were injured, and hid out with them in the jungle. As night fell, Grayback surfaced offshore and by coded light signals directed the small boat back with the rescued aviators. For this action new skipper Edward Stephan received the Navy Cross and the US Army's Silver Star.

Grayback continued on patrol, torpedoing and damaging several Japanese ships. On January 17 she attacked a destroyer escorting Japanese merchant ships. The destroyer evaded her torpedoes and dropped 19 depth charges which damaged Grayback. Leaking seriously, Grayback was ordered back to Brisbane for repairs. Departing Brisbane in April, Grayback intercepted a Japanese convoy sinking two cargo ships and seriously damaging a destroyer and two other cargo ships. Soon after she was directed to San Francisco for a much-needed overhaul and modernization.

Grayback's tenth patrol, her most successful in terms of tonnage sunk, was also to be her last.

She sailed from Pearl Harbor on January 28,1944 for the East China Sea, sinking three ships and damaging three. With only two torpedoes remaining, she was ordered home from patrol. Due to reach Midway on March 7, Grayback did not arrive. On March 30 she was listed as missing and presumed lost with all hands.

Captured Japanese records revealed that in late February, Grayback used her last two torpedoes to sink the freighter Ceylon Maru, before being spotted by a Japanese carrier-based plane on the surface and attacked. Japanese reports stated that the submarine "exploded and sank immediately", but anti-submarine craft were called in to depth-charge the area, clearly marked by a trail of air bubbles, until at last a heavy oil slick swelled to the surface. Grayback's last patrol cost the enemy 21,594 tons of shipping.

Grayback ranked 20th among all submarines in total tonnage sunk with 63,835 tons and 24th in number of ships sunk with 14 kills.

An excerpt from THE GALLIPOLI GAZETTE, the Official Organ of the Gallipoli Memorial Club Ltd Vol. 49 No 4 (New Series) Spring 2019.
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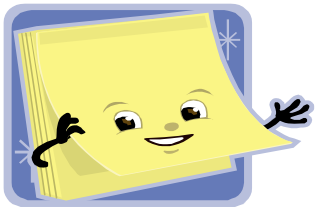

IMPORTANT MESSAGE REGARDING DAYS OF OPERATION FOR PENSIONS AT THE ST MARYS VETERANS CENTRE

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.

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A husband read an article to his wife about how many words women use a day... 30,000 to a man's 15,000.

The wife replied, "The reason has to be because we have to repeat everything to men...

The husband then turned to his wife and asked, "What?"

St Marys RSL Bowlers Club

The bowlers 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	*Free Coaching*	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

A waiter asked the customers what they wanted to drink: "Tea or coffee, gentlemen?"
The first man said: "I'll have tea."
The second man answered: "Me, too - and be sure the cup is clean!"
The waiter nodded and ran off to the kitchen.
He returned quickly holding a tray with two cups.
He looked at the customers and said: "Two teas. Which one asked for the clean cup?"

LEST WE FORGET

FOR OUR YOUTH- A TIME TO REFLECT- A TIME TO LEARN- A TIME TO STAND TALL.

At the beginning of World One, a very young Australia was still struggling for identity with an old world which possessed a long and rich history, culture, traditions and influence. Europe still yawned when there was mention of that remote and far distant continent of no significance.

Yet, despite being isolated from the old world, (apart from slow steamers and sailing ships plus a newly laid under-sea cable,) our nation was maturing and growing tall at a rapid rate. The harsh isolation of the outback and the cruel tantrums of mother nature became a good breeding ground for toughness and strong resilience. There was an accepted and established code of mateship, independence, egalitarianism and an unwritten law of a "fair go for all." All of which had been conceived with the arrival of the First Fleet, and nurtured mid the pain of the lash, clanking chains, the Eureka Stockade, the Great Depression and other trials until this very day.

Such characteristics became the signature of our nation. Long held dreams became alive in every region; from crowded cities to towns, big and small; on dirt tracks in the outback via swagman, horse, dray and puffing train. These powerful strengths breathed life and confidence into the crowded cities, country towns, shearing sheds, drover's camps, goldfields, farms and beyond the loneliest of barked huts with dirt floors and dim flickering lanterns.

In 1914, after an uninvited God of War knocked on our nation's door, the qualities I have mentioned and more were carried to Gallipoli and beyond in every kitbag and haversack of those men and women who had stepped forward to serve. These assets remain a very powerful weapon in our armoury which can be used to master the unknown challenges that will face us.

The qualities of the ANZAC, bred from generations before them are there in our history books to read, understand and pursue. Page after page of proud deeds tells of their courage, love of country, and the price they paid willingly so that you, me, and future generations can enjoy such a precious way of life.

To ensure such freedom, you must continue to emulate their example. Above all, never falter. You must maintain self- discipline and endure when all seems lost. If you fail; learn from your mistakes, get up and try again. The ANZACS did.

You have been gifted with a freedom forged in times of peace and war with blood, sweat and tears. The ANZAC legacy is so precious and must be protected at any cost. Carry the torch high and in time, pass it on to those who will take your place. Always stand tall, and shout with loud voice for the world to hear **"I am, you are, we are Australian."**

George Mansford, October 2019

STRONG GENES IN A COUNTRY TOWN

Inspired by an old soldier, Richard Barry from Narrabri and his fellow citizens from all those yesterdays'

When you awake to see a new dawn so clear
Picture our many heroes who once lived here
A small sleepy town blessed with love, laughter and fun
Youth with so many wild dreams to pursue in years to come
Then came the news of an angry God of Mars
Poisoning peace with hate and misery in an old world afar

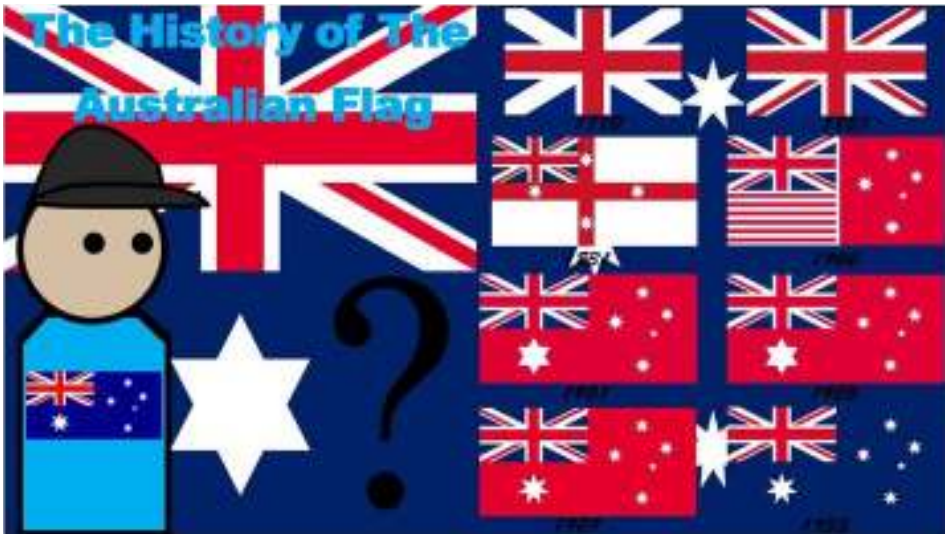
Listen and you will hear the sound of bugles and drum beats
Cheering crowds and the rhythmic tramp of marching feet
Mid a sea of waving flags, see kin and sweethearts holding back tears
As the column leaves to fight a war for months or even years
Imagine special dreams now stored in lonely cupboards next to empty beds
Footballs, racquets and bats swapped for rifles with bullets of lead

Long bitter years passed by, and many black dresses to be seen
Empty chairs where loved ones had once been
Yet always the hope and faith that peace would reign
Then soon or late, long absent smiling faces would be seen again
A terrible price to protect a precious free way of life
An unpayable bill of misery and strife

Since such angry times, white doves returned to roost once more
The District still well known for its hospitality and an open door
The old school has been expanded again and again
Tears of grief have dried while proud memories remain
In our space age, regional pride with an ever-burning flame is the same
Fresh flowers guarding the town's stone tribute etched with names

We can best honour the fallen who gave all, for us to stay free
If we remain alert to greed, ignorance, apathy and disunity
To understand our past and learn the lessons from what has been
To carry the torch and teach those yet to be born what freedom means
The flame will be yours to keep, to pass to those who will know what to do
Go now; live a life to make past and future generations proud of you

NOTE. The above could be your town, your district, your school, no matter where.
Be rest assured the spirits of the ANZACS and those who followed them are with you, and very much alive.
Keep it so~~. *George Mansford, October 2019*



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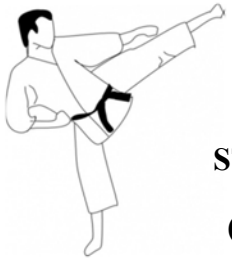

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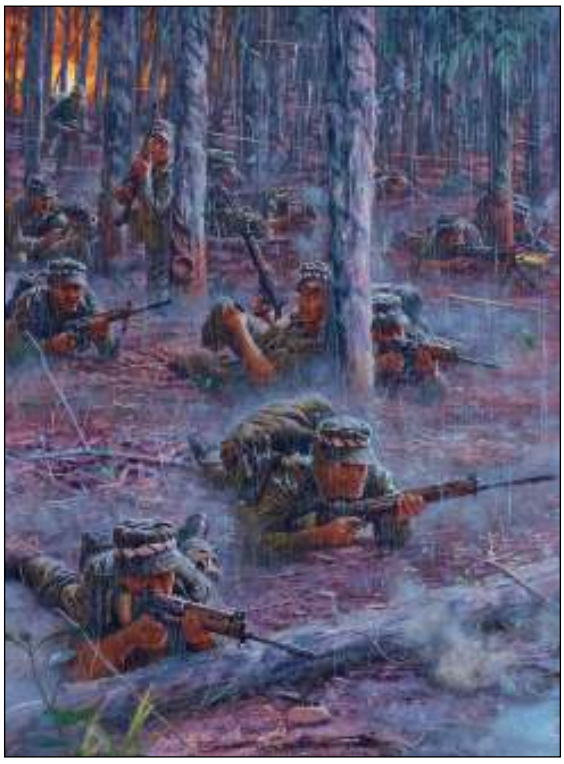
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