

"Sitrep, Over!"



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ANZAC DAY IN ADELAIDE

Member Chris Acton sent in some shots of the Association forming up on April 25th. We would like more pics if anyone took some. Please send to davidlaing49@bigpond.com



Beamsey and the Boys!



'Morning David,

Thank you for another great read in this month's Newsletter. In particular the obits. on Andy Glover. He was indeed a great soldier. I remember his time as Assault Pioneer Sgt. For quite a few months in that role he sported a full beard which he kept until the CO tired of it, and ordered its removal. For many years Andy was my neighbour (we shared the same back fence) and I got to know him and his wife and two children quite well. He was indeed a character both in the CMF and as a civilian.

Thank again for the effort you put into being Secretary and editor of the newsletter.
Regards,

Geoff Attenborough

New Addition to Murray Bridge RSL Museum

When member Don Phillips passed away, some of his uniforms, including Summer & Winter Mess Kits were handed to Geoff Lawrie to find a suitable resting place. Ultimately, all items were taken to the Murray Bridge RSL and donated to their "Bob Channon RSL Museum," where they will remain in perpetuity.

Museum Curator Bob Perkins and RSL Vice President David Laing took possession of the equipment recently, when Geoff and his wife Helen travelled there for the occasion. Geoff also donated two excellent books to the Murray Bridge RSL, "Vietnam Remembered" by Barry Newman and "Roundshot to Rapier" from the Royal Australian Artillery.

Both books will find their place with other military publications in the Museum.

Right: Geoff Lawrie hands over LTCOL Don Phillips Mess Dress and Service Dress to Murray Bridge RSL Curator Bob Perkins, also an RSARA member.

The MB RSL wishes to thank Geoff Lawrie for passing on these valuable items to the Museum, where they can now be viewed by thousands, rather than be locked away and forgotten forever.



LT COL Don Phillips Winter Mess Dress and miniatures, now have a place of honour in the "Bob Channon RSL Museum" at the Murray Bridge RSL.



Above: Norm Rathmann and his great, great grandfather Alex Klopff wearing non-regulation tie. We'll donate an RSARA tie for next year, Alex!



Below: Is that Col Abel in there, and Howard Parslow, and Peter Salamon, and Max Bloomfield and Don McCulloch?

If you took any
photos of YOUR
ANZAC Day,
please send them
in for publication.
Editor.



*I first met Scott Jeffrey when he was Chief Clerk at 10/27 Bn RSAR a few years ago, and since leaving the Army Scott has pursued a part time career as a Welfare Advocate for veterans, and is based at the Payneham/St Peters RSL. There is no requirement to be a member of the RSL or any other ESO to have access to this service. I am pleased to help Scott pass the word, and after reading the article below, you can also pass the word. **Editor***

David, I would like to pass on to our membership the creation of the Payneham RSL Ex-Service/Veterans Community Hub.

I am also not creating another 'Splinter' group, but just merely bring all services available to the Ex-Service Community into one place, so they don't have to travel to different locations. Also I have a big interest in how I can still help the Army Reserve here in SA.

Currently there is not a focus on the Army Reserve, and once again they are left as the poor cousins of the ARA. I want to ensure that this does not continue.

Payneham RSL has begun an ex-service/veterans' community hub.

The idea of this hub is to consolidate all services that are out in the ex-service/veterans' community, and have trained advocates in location to assist. You do not have to be a member of the RSL, or any ESO or association, to have access to this free service, but as this is run by volunteers, it does help if you do become a member of the any RSL sub-branch, not particularly Payneham.

The current opening timings are 0900 till 1200 Tuesday to Thursday, however these days might extend out to all week, depending on the numbers of people who use the facility. This facility is run by Ex-Service members and Veterans from various backgrounds so there would be a person who would be able to help. This is also a place of refuge for when you feel down and out, and you simply want a place to come to and have a quiet brew and not be judged by society, and chat to other members of the Ex-Service community.

The following services that the ex-service/veterans' community hub provides are:

1. Advocacy services. This includes that initial interviews completed by a qualified advocate.
2. Completion of claims for submission to DVA.
3. Complete requests for access to all service and medical documents from Defence archives.
4. Family friendly location. There is access to the clubs Wi-Fi, and gaming consoles for the Children.
5. Coffee and tea facilities free of charge.
6. A qualified welfare officer in location for advice.
7. A safe location for the ex-service community can come and be around similar people, and simply just have a chat.
8. Small but growing library for the attendees can use at their pleasure
9. A quiet place where you can sit and just simply think through issues, and know that you will not be judged.
10. Modern interactive equipment and up to date media facilities.
11. Access to State and Commonwealth agencies when required, such as DVA, SA Health, Child Psychologist, VVCS etc
12. Provide advice on how the Discharge process works and what the different modes of discharge mean. That being the difference between Administrative and Medically discharge.
13. Provide some guidance on Centrelink services, on an as required basis.

This facility is for all service/ex-service/veterans' and their families to use.

Mate if you could please spread the word it would be great. It just seems that no-one really knows what to do and unfortunately we are seeing more and more of our brothers and sisters committing self-harm. In the last 14 Months I have personally talked 17 out of self harm or suicide.

Kind Regards

Scott Jeffrey (Jeffro) (10/27 RSAR 99-01, 11-12)

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The article below was sent in by colleague David Mercer from SAMRA.

Anzac Day speech 2017 at Adelaide's Light Horse memorial

By Brigadier Ellis Wayland AM RFD ED (R'td)

My Lord Mayor – Federal and State Ministers, Army mates, Ladies and Gentlemen - boys and girls

On previous Anzac Days, when I have had the privilege of giving this commemorative address, I have reminded my audience that they should not focus on the battles engraved on these pillars and slabs of granite - as important as they are in the annals of our nation's history. Rather should we focus on the spirit of the men who fought those battles whether they were mounted on horses, in tanks, or other armoured fighting vehicles, or even as one of our Light Horse regiments did in World War 1, on bicycles.

We in the cavalry always remind new recruits to our regiments that it is not what you are mounted on or in, it is what you see in your eyes and what you feel in your hearts and minds, and in your resolve to do what it takes to strive for success whilst never failing in your loyalty to your regiment and your mates.

Mateship! Now there's a word currently in the midst of an intense and bitter debate as a covey of sinecured bureaucrats - in of all places the Department of Environment – have determined that the word mateship on an Australian war memorial must be replaced with the word 'friendship' in homage to politically correct ideology.

Only some elitist who could not possibly even imagine what it was like to ride stirrup to stirrup into action in a four man Light Horse section or sweat inside a tank in a four man crew could have the temerity to prosecute this piece of politically correct humbug. Let me assert without any qualification that the word 'mate' in the military context is a quintessentially unique idiom. And, it is one which has no equal in the modern day Australian vernacular.

It is a word forged in conditions of adversity - not only in war but also in peace where soldiers team together to forge a brotherhood of arms - in cohorts redolent with centuries of feats of mateship which are obviously beyond the ken of public servants in the corridors of power in Canberra.

This year is the 100th anniversary of one of the greatest feats of mateship in one of the most celebrated cavalry charges in history at a town redolent in military history called Beersheba. Is it not ironic, therefore, that as a product of mateship in arms, Australia has etched its name in history at a town whose history dates back seven thousand years and has been conquered by the Persians, Romans, and Ottomans. And - then in 1917 was conquered by the Australian Light Horse.

Let us, therefore, stand this morning in front of these memorials and resolve to have the courage to stand resolute, and pledge to proudly protect the mystique of that ethereal military ethos - mateship.

I conclude my address with the last verse of a war memorial poem:

*Remember us, Remember us
Although we're truly gone
Remembers us as the mates we were
And not just our names in stone*

Thank you!



RSARA Member Des Hawkins was lucky enough to spend some time in the NT around ANZAC Day, and as well as visiting a number of military museums with his wife Lynn, attended the Dawn Service and the Darwin ANZAC Day march, which although much shorter than Adelaide's march, featured a large military presence, including a few hundred US Marines who are based in Darwin. Thanks for the update and the photos Des.



US Marines march as part of the ANZAC Day commemorations in Darwin.

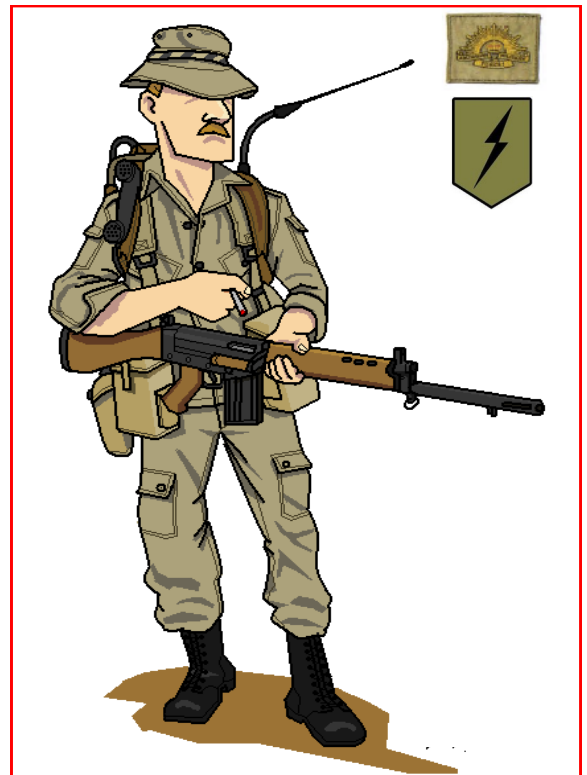
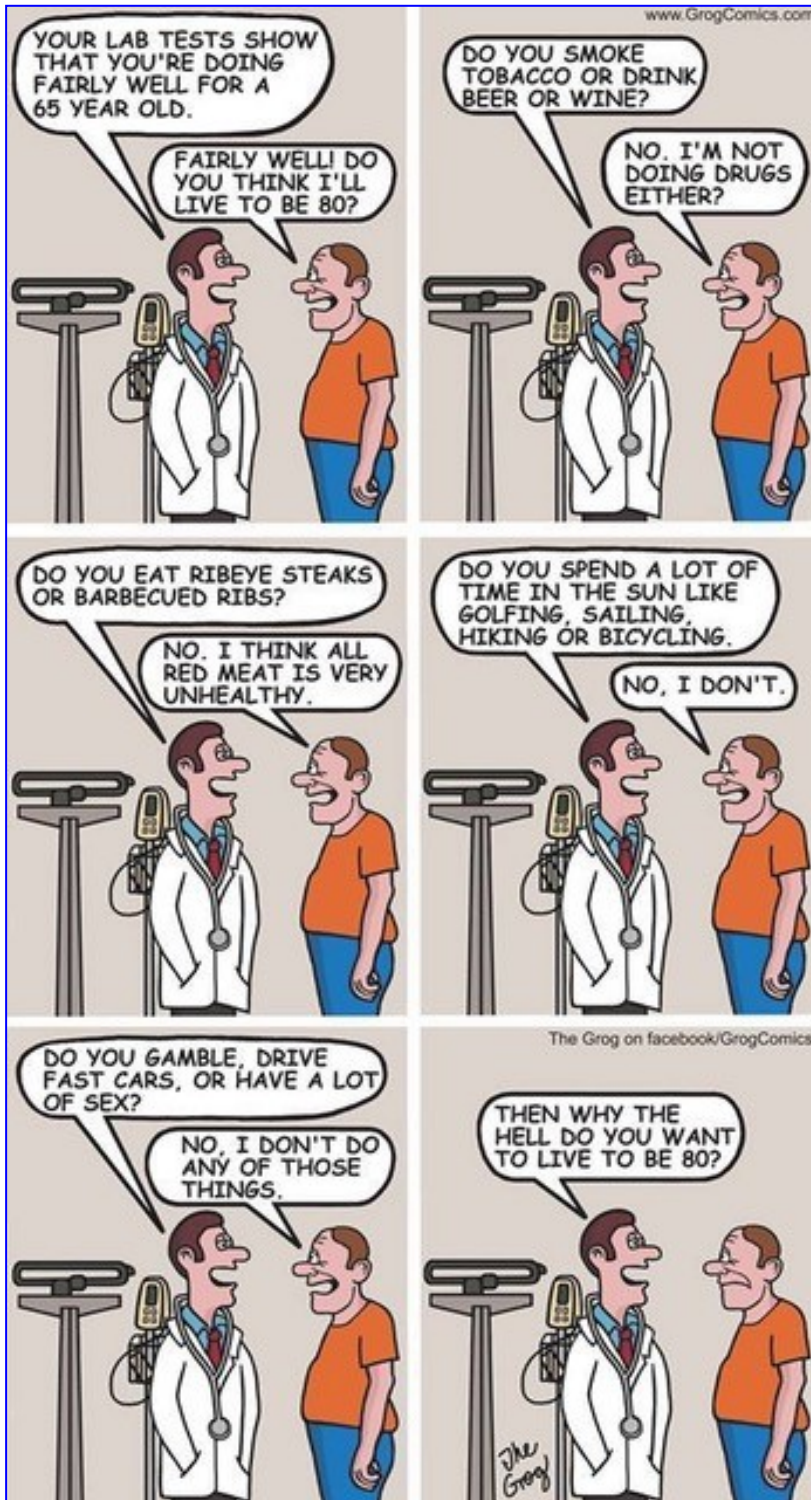




Some of the 2,000 locals and visitors who attended the Murray Bridge Dawn Service at Sturt Reserve on ANZAC Day 2017. The service was conducted in chilly but dry conditions, with nearly 1,200 folks enjoying the traditional Gunfire Breakfast afterwards.



Murray Bridge RSL Vice President David Laing was MC at the Dawn Service, and was well supported by the RSL and the Murraylands community, including the Murray Bridge Town Band and Cadets from 45 Army Cadet Unit– Murray Bridge.



**CPL Davos'
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**MAXINES THOUGHTS
FOR YOU TO PONDER**

Why do they put pictures of criminals up in the Post Office? What are we supposed to do, write to them? Why don't they just put their pictures on the postage stamps so the mailmen can look for them while they deliver the mail?

Is it true that you never really learn to swear until you learn to drive?

If a cow laughed, would milk come out of her nose?

If lawyers are disbarred and clergymen defrocked, then doesn't it follow that electricians can be delighted, musicians denoted, cowboys deranged, models deposed, tree surgeons debarked, and dry cleaners depressed?

I thought about how mothers feed their babies with tiny little spoons and forks, so I wondered what do Chinese mothers use, Toothpicks?

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Hi David,

Here's a photo of the 10RSAR Colour Party which participated in the Silver Jubilee Parade for Her Majesty, The Queen, in Canberra on 8 March 1977.

The Colour Party, left of photo, consisted of

Sgt Ron Blake, closest to camera

Sgt Jeff Ayles,

Lt David Harris, Queens Colour, closest to camera, front rank

RSM WO1 Thomson (I think?) (Actually WO2 Ken Knowles, according to Jeff Ayles.)

Lt Bruce Lakin, 10RSAR Colour

On the band side of the 10RSAR party was 9RQR.

A great occasion!

Thanks again for keeping the Spirit alive!

With my best regards,

Bruce Lakin



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 Band member

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If you change your address or any other contact details, please let us know so we can continue to stay in touch.

We can only update our records if you tell us!