



# “Shitrep, Over!”

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**Guess where this building is?**



It may not look like much at the moment, because it's only in the drawing/planning stage, but this exciting building will benefit a large number of our members. [Read about it in the Editorial on Page 6](#)

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## RSARA President to run for Senate

Rodney Beames has thrown his hat into the ring and has nominated for the Federal seat of Barker which covers the Murraylands and most of the farming areas down to the South East of SA. Rod said his platform was to wrestle back farming land that had once been productive, but had since been taken over by Defence at places like El Alamein and Cultana. He is throwing his weight behind Clive Palmers Australia Party and has had his nomination is accepted.

**WATCH THIS SPACE**



RSAR Association HQ Admin Building Keswick (Artists Concept)

# MAJOR UNIFORM CHANGES for ADF

In a first for the ADF, frontline soldiers as well as those working in Barracks will be permitted to grow full beards, and wear those beards whilst in uniform. The Chief of Army Dress Standards Major General Thomas Johnson says the Australian Army has been behind the rest of the civilised world for many years, citing Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Finland as permitting their warriors to grow facial hair for some 40 years. MAJGEN Johnson says he is happy to sign off on the new section of ASODs (Army Standards of Dress) which came with the full support of the Federal Government.

MAJGEN Johnson said that female soldiers, sailors and airwomen would be given a similar freedom by allowing them to wear false eyelashes, nose piercings as well as eyebrow piercings, as long as the jewellery was removed prior to any member engaging in warfare-type training.

He understands there would be some opposition from what he called “the Old School of the military” but said these people needed to get with the times and allow our fighting men and women some freedom as they go about their daily tasks of defending our freedom and democracy.

Any ADF member who wishes to grow a full beard or wear extravagant jewellery must first apply through their usual chain of command (Sect Comd up) to ensure the correct details are entered onto their PMKeys records. Members should also be prepared to suffer the wrath of all RSM's, who had made their opposition known when the idea was first suggested.

Source: [www.defencedress.gov.au](http://www.defencedress.gov.au)





## Corporal Numbnutz Funnies.

Working people frequently ask retired people what they do to make their days interesting.

Well for example, the other day June and I went into town and went into a shop on Grenfell Street. We were only in there for about 5 minutes. When we came out, there was a traffic cop writing out a parking ticket.

We went up to him and said, "Come on mate, how about giving a senior citizen a break?" He ignored us and continued writing the ticket.

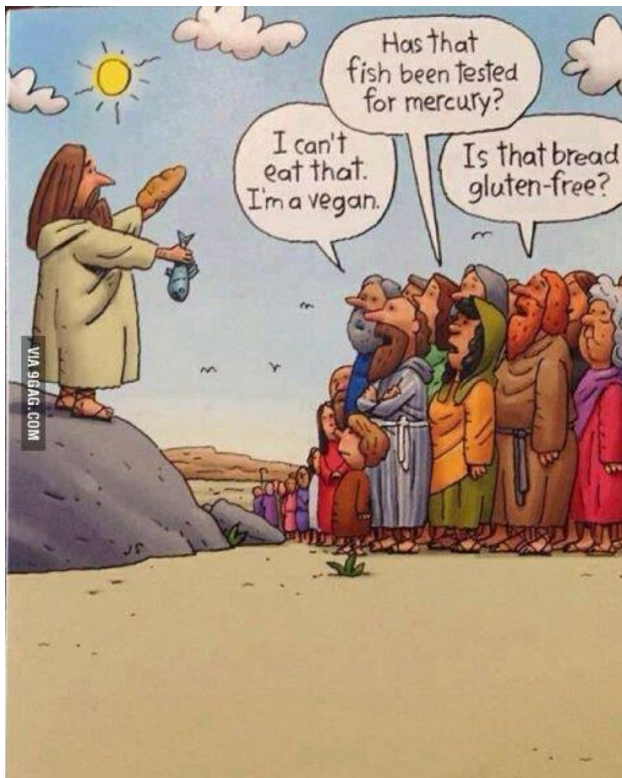
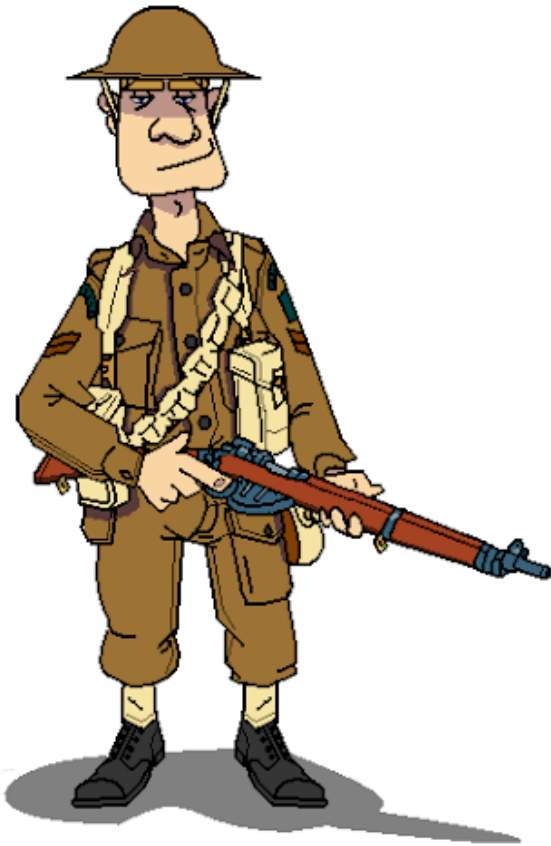
I called him a Nazi mongrel. He glared at me and started writing another ticket for having bald tyres.

So June called him a dickhead. He finished the second ticket and put it on the windscreen with the first. Then he started writing a third ticket.

This went on for about 20 minutes. The more we abused him, the more tickets he wrote.

Personally, we didn't care, because we came into town by bus.

We try to have a little fun each day now that we're retired. It's important at our age.



**BEER. BECAUSE NO GREAT STORY EVER BEGAN WITH SOMEONE EATING SALAD.**







When you realize that  
1970 and 2022 are as  
far apart as 1970 and  
1918 ..... I'm just  
going to need a  
minute .....

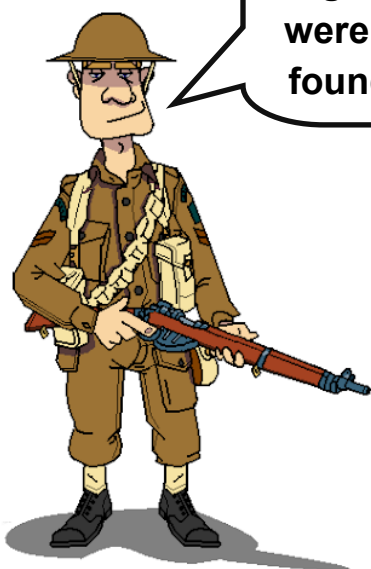
I'M SO HAPPY TO SEE YOU,  
I WAS SITTING ON THE COUCH



WHEN "BANG" THE CUSHIONS  
EXPLODED, I COULD HAVE DIED



By replacing your  
morning coffee with  
green tea, you can lose  
up to 87% of what little  
joy you have left in your  
life. 😊



She says I keep pushing her buttons. If that were true I would have found "mute" by now!

**The closest I ever got to a 4.0 in High School was my blood alcohol content.**

If stupid could fly,

you'd be a jet

**THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A GROUCHY OLD PERSON. THE TRUTH IS, ONCE YOU GET OLD, YOU STOP BEING POLITE AND START BEING HONEST.**

**I'm going to quit my job and travel the world until I run out of money. By my calculations I'll be home by about 9 pm tonight!**

**BEER IS NOW CHEAPER THAN PETROL.  
DRINK, DON'T DRIVE!**



# EDITORIAL

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**A**s this month arrives, we have great pleasure in announcing our application for a grant from the Federal Government has been approved, and Rod Beames is flying to Canberra ACT on April 1st to formalize the official receipt of the finances.

**P**rior to December last year we had worked with our solicitors, who thankfully provided their services Pro Bono, and the necessary forms were filled out with all i's being dotted and t's being crossed, and the documents were stamped and sent to Canberra by registered mail.

**R**od contacted me nearly two months ago but asked me to keep the whole procedure to myself, until the documents had been lodged and ratified, and we had received a reply from the government, either for the negative or the positive.

**I** can now reveal the basis of our application, and that was to build an office/clubrooms/car park complex on land currently occupied by the Department of Defence at the rear of Keswick Barracks, where the 10/27 Battalion HQ building currently stands.

**L**and previously earmarked for "future development" was the point that made our application so successful, as we all know that nothing much has changed at Keswick Barracks since the 2nd World War.

**F**or everyone's information, the amount applied for was \$A2 million, but you can imagine how surprised we all were when the amount granted and guaranteed was over 3 times that amount, coming in at \$A6,050,000.

**O**f course, the current 10/27 HQ building, which was built in 1967 and upgraded in 1987 will be demolished to make way for our magnificent Association HQ, and some necessary areas will be leased back to the ADF at nominal rates.

**O**ur new building will be as per the drawing on Page 1, and feature a 3 storey structure which will house an 8 office Admin Area plus spacious bar and lounge on the ground and first floor, with a Merchandise Shop and spacious Padre's Office (with Bar) on the second floor

**L**imited space will be given to 10/27 Bn cadre staff, as the work they do only requires minimal desk area. Exciting times ahead. Watch this space!

That's what I think.

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# Army to be Privatised

Coming Soon

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In line with Federal and State Government policies governing outsourcing of certain sectors of industry, manufacturing and logistics, the Minister for Procurement, the Honorable Simon Manchester MP has announced a new round of bids and quotes for private industry to take over Australia's Armed Forces. It is envisioned that \$AU40 Bn could be amassed by state and federal agencies by selling off the Army, Navy and Air Force.

Current frontrunners in the bidding battle are Aeolis-Downer, who currently run bus and train networks throughout Australia, Bae (Aust) Systems, who supply defence materials to outside agencies, and Telstra Australia/Optus who provide communications network infrastructure across South East Asia.

CEO Telstra Australia Mr Mal Blunt said if his conglomerate won the contract they would most likely import soldiers from countries like India, the Philippines and South Korea, where the majority of their call centres are stationed. This would be a definite saving to shareholders, as the workers from third world countries are paid lower wages and would be happy to live in old military barracks that Australian personnel had earmarked as being unfit for occupation.



Indian private soldiers currently in training in Townsville Queensland

Brigadier Shardeep Parma, head of Defence Outsourcing said "Costs of training kept increasing in the absence of simulation techniques while the expansion of cultivation reduced space for collective training. Clamour over budget reduction reached a crescendo and began to tell upon modernisation programs, debates pitched for reduction of manpower, sale of defence land and reduction of pension bills rather than looking at ways to increase our income while gainfully utilising the large numbers of disciplined and well trained/skilled manpower of the Armed Forces."

In an effort to reduce costs and generate revenue, veterans need to be encouraged to form corporate companies, various services could then be outsourced to cut costs & generate employment in the areas mentioned below:-

- Take on the responsibility of supply chains
- Undertake stocking and manage Ordnance Depots and move some to supermarkets
- Provide security to military establishments and have soldiers work as security guards
- Take over and run Base Workshops being privatised and sold to operators like Elizabeth Toyota
- Take over and run Command Battle Schools using existing Primary Schools
- Set up training establishments in friendly foreign countries
- Undertake joint training with friendly forces
- Increase participation in UN Peace Keeping although this has been less successful in the past.
- Reduce civilian's numbers in DRDO, Ordnance Factories, and MES by transferring human resources from concerned supporting arms/services to soldiers.

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# PADRES PONDERINGS

By Corporal Paul Ghanem

So this month I say to you, fear not the news you seek, but listen to the voices coming from your neighbours! They are the closest people to you in times of stress and you never know, they may even wish to help you seek forgiveness.

I have a prime example!

My neighbour banged loudly on my door the other morning at 2 o'clock.

Can you imagine that? 2 o'clock?

Lucky I was up playing my drum set!





# Murray Bridge Army Range

**SOLD**

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**FACT:** The Murray Bridge Training Area (also called Murray Bridge Army Training Area) is an Australian Army training area located in South Australia in the locality of Burdett about 7 kilometres (4.3 miles) east of the city of Murray Bridge and about 70 kilometres (43 miles) east of the centre of the city



of Adelaide. The training area was established prior to 1970. As of 2011, the training area contained shooting ranges for use with small arms for distances up to 800 metres (2,600 feet), space for the training of subunits from Australian Army units located within South Australia and support facilities such as a “vehicle maintenance compound.” An area of about 71 hectares (180 acres) within the training area was developed as an artificial wetland in 1992 for the purpose of treating effluent that would otherwise have been discharged into the Murray River. This wetland has been listed as a wetland of national importance since at least 1995.

**FACT:** Colonel Trent Burnard, Senior Staff Officer Logistics, Planning & Infrastructure 9 Brigade said the range had outlived its use as a military training area, and it was now time to hand it back to the people of the Rural City of Murray Bridge. He said the range was initially taken over by Defence in 1960 and a “peppercorn fee” was paid to the land owners in compensation for some livestock being “damaged” during a live mortar exercise. The fee was believed to be around £100, therefore handing it back for a fee of \$1,000,000 seemed to be the right thing to do.

**FACT:** Defence sources in Canberra ACT recently stated the costs of firing live ammunition during training exercises was prohibitive in today's current economic situation, and other training using WTTTS systems was far cheaper and more cost effective.

**FACT:** Mayor of the Rural City of Murray Bridge Mr Brenton Lewis said he was delighted the area was to be opened up for housing and a new shopping precinct, and he expected developers would be planning to build at least 12,000 houses and 4 new shopping centres around the new suburb, which would be named “**Burnard**”, creating more than 400 jobs during construction. The fact the area already contained wetlands and areas of scrub were ideal to place new housing and infrastructure. Only 2 kms from the River Murray near Montieth, Mayor Lewis said a new transport hub was planned between Burnard and Montieth, as a rapid transit centre to allow transport to Adelaide or Melbourne utilising the current Melbourne / Adelaide railway network. Mayor Lewis said these were exciting times for the Murraylands and thanked Defence for “gifting” the area back to the community.

Source: <http://www.murrayvalleystandard/MUTAsale>

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ФАКТ: Учебный полигон Мюррей-Бридж (также называемый

Армейским учебным полигоном Мюррей-Бридж) — это полигон австралийской армии, расположенный в Южной Австралии в районе Бердетт, примерно в 7 км (4,3 мили) к востоку от города Мюррей-Бридж и примерно в 70 км (43 мили) к востоку от центра города Аделаида. Учебный



полигон был создан до 1970 года. По состоянию на 2011 г. на полигоне находились стрельбища для стрельбы из стрелкового оружия на дистанции до 800 метров (2600 футов), места для тренировок подразделений австралийской армии, расположенных в Южной Австралии и вспомогательные объекты, такие как «комплекс по техническому обслуживанию транспортных средств». Участок площадью около 71 гектара (180 акров) в пределах учебного полигона был создан как искусственное водно-болотное угодье в 1992 году с целью очистки сточных вод, которые в противном случае сбрасывались бы в реку Мюррей. Это водно-болотное угодье было внесено в список водно-болотных угодий национального значения как минимум с 1995 года.

ФАКТ: Полковник Трент Бернارد, менеджер по логистике, планированию и инфраструктуре 9-й бригады, сказал, что полигон изжил себя как военный полигон, и теперь пришло время вернуть его жителям сельского города Мюррей-Бридж. Он сказал, что полигон первоначально был передан Министерству обороны в 1960 году, и землевладельцам была выплачена «плата за перчинку» в качестве компенсации за «повреждение» некоторого скота во время учений с боевыми минометами. Считалось, что гонорар составляет около 100 фунтов стерлингов, поэтому вернуть его за 1 000 000 долларов казалось правильным.

ФАКТ: Источники в Министерстве обороны Канберры недавно заявили, что затраты на стрельбу боевыми патронами во время учений были непомерно высокими в нынешней экономической ситуации, а другое обучение с использованием систем WTTS было намного дешевле и более рентабельно.

ФАКТ: Мэр сельского города Мюррей-Бридж г-н Брентон Льюис сказал, что он рад, что этот район будет открыт для жилья и нового торгового центра, и он ожидает, что застройщики планируют построить не менее 12 000 домов и не менее 4 магазинов. центры вокруг нового пригорода, который будет называться «Бернارد», создавая более 4000 рабочих мест во время строительства. Тот факт, что в этом районе уже были водно-болотные угодья и участки кустарника, идеально подходил для размещения нового жилья и инфраструктуры. Мэр Льюис сказал, что всего в 2 км от реки Мюррей недалеко от Монтиета планируется создать новый транспортный узел между Гудвином и Монтиетом в качестве центра скоростного транспорта, который позволит добраться до Аделаиды или Мельбурна с использованием существующей железнодорожной сети Мельбурн / Аделаида. Мэр Льюис сказал, что это были захватывающие времена для Мюррейлендса, и поблагодарил Министерство обороны за «подарок» района сообществу.

Источник: <http://www.murrayvalleystandard/MUTAsale>



# Mò lǐ qiáo lùjūn bǎichǎng

Mài

Shìshí:Murray Bridge  
xùnliàn qū (yě chéng  
wèi Murray Bridge  
lùjūn xùnliàn qū) shì  
àodàliyǎ lùjūn xùnliàn  
qū, wèiyú nán àodàliyǎ  
Burdett dìqū, jùlǐ Mur-  
ray Bridge shì yǐ dōng  
yuē 7 gōnglǐ (4.3  
Yīnglǐ), yuē 70 gōnglǐ (ā  
dé lái dé shì zhōngxīn  
yǐ dōng 43 yīnglǐ).



Xùnliàn qū jiàn yú

1970 nián zhīqián. Jiézhì 2011 nián, xùnliàn qū bāohán yòng yú xiǎoxíng wǔqì de shèjí chǎng, jùlǐ kě dá 800 mǐ (2,600 yīngchǐ), yòng yú xùnliàn wèiyú nán àodàliyǎ hé àodàliyǎ jìngnèi de àodàliyǎ lùjūn bùduì de zǐ dānwèi. Zhīchí shèshī, lǐrú “chēliàng wéixiū zhōngxīn”. Xùnliàn qū nèi yuē 71 gōngqīng (180 yīngmǔ) de miànjī yú 1992 nián bèi kāifā wéi réngōng shīdì, mùdì shì chǔlǐ běn yìng pái rù mò lèi hé de wūshuǐ. Zhìshǎo cóng 1995 nián qǐ, zhè piàn shīdì jiù bèi liè wèi guójiā zhòngyào shīdì.

Shìshí: Dì 9 lǚ hòuqín, guīhuà hé jīchǔ shèshī jīnglǐ Trent Burnard shàngxiào biǎoshì, gāi bǎichǎng yǐ bù zài yòng zuò jūnshì xùnliàn qū, xiànzài shìshíhòu jiāng qí jiāohuán gěi Murray Bridge nóngcūn chéngshì de rénmenle. Tā shuō, gāi fànwéi zuìchū yú 1960 nián bèi guófáng bù jiēguǎn, bìng xiàng tǔdì suǒyǒu zhě zhīfùle “hújiāo fèi”, yǐ bǔcháng zài shídàn pò jí pào yǎnxí zhōng “shòu sǔn” de yīxiē shēngchù. Gāi fèiyòng bèi rènwéi yuē wèi 100 yīngbàng, yīncǐ yǐ 1,000,000 měiyuán de jiàgé tuìhuán sìhū shì zhèngquè de zuòfǎ.

Shìshí: Kānpéilā ACT de guófáng xiāoxī rénshì zuìjìn biǎoshì, zài dāngjīn de jīngjì xíngshì xià, zài xùnliàn yǎnxí zhōng fāshè shídàn de chéngběn líng rén wàng'érquèbù, ér shǐyòng WTTS xitǒng de qítā xùnliàn chéngběn gèng dī qiè gèng jù chéngběn xiàoyì.

Shìshí:Murray Bridge xiāngcūn chéngshì shì zhǎng Brenton Lewis xiānshēng biǎoshì, tā hěn gāoxìng gāi dìqū jiāng kāifāng zhùfáng hé yīgè xīn de gòuwù qū, tā yùjì kāifā shāng jiāng jìhuà jiànzào zhìshǎo 12,000 tào fángwū hé zhìshǎo 4 gè gòuwù qū yǐ xīn jiāoqū wéi zhōngxīn, gāi jiāoqū jiāng bèi mìngmíng wèi “Burnard”, zài jiànshè qíjiān chuàngzàole 4000 duō gè gōngzuò gǎngwèi. Gāi dìqū yǐjīng bāohán shīdì hé guànmù cóng qūyù de shì shí fēicháng shìhé fàngzhì xīn de zhùfáng hé jīchǔ shèshī. Shì zhǎng liúyìsī shuō, jùlǐ méng dì sī fùjìn de mò lǐ hé zhǐyǒu 2 gōnglǐ, jìhuà zài gǔ dé wēnhé méng dì sī zhī jiān jiànli yīgè xīn de jiāotōng shūniǔ, zuòwéi kuàisù jiāotōng zhōngxīn, yǔnxǔ liyòng dāngqián de mò'ěrběn/ ā dé lái dé tièlù wǎngluò qiánwǎng ā dé lái dé huò mò'ěrběn. Shì zhǎng liúyìsī shuō, zhè duì mò lǐ lán lái shuō shì jīdòng rénxīn de shíkè, bìng gǎnxiè guófáng bù jiāng gāi dìqū “zèngsòng” huí shèqū.

# FREE BEER

This is an imitative of the new South Austrian **Labour** Government, in their pledge to get people off their backsides and back onto the streets.



**WHERE:** Building 34A Keswick Barracks  
ANZAC Highway Keswick

**TIME:** 0800 hrs - 2300 hrs

**TO WHO:** Everyone over the age of 18

**WHEN:** Tomorrow