

# DISPATCHES

Sunbury RSL Sub Branch





Cover pic internet, but that's how I thought I would finish for some of February

I owe everyone an apology, but I'm not taking all the blame..... **NBN...no bloody network.**

It seems to be sorted now, but for How long? Who knows.

Anyway, I'm ready for a brand new year, full of **great fun, good company, interesting stories, yummy food, and exciting places to visit.**

**BRING IT ON**



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# Happening this month



<b>FEB 13</b>	AGM/GM	<u>7:30pm</u>
<b>15</b>	C.O.M.	<u>2pm</u>
<b>TBA</b>	Bus Tour	
<b>21</b>	RSL Dinner @ Footy Club	<u>6:30pm</u>
	Nibble Night @ RSL	<u>7:30pm</u>

<b>Mar 12</b>	Labour Day	
<b>13</b>	General Meeting	7:30pm
<b>21</b>	Dinner @ Footy Club	6:30pm
<b>22</b>	Region 7 Forum	Castlemaine
	Nibble Night	7:30pm



Every Wednesday afternoon @ RSL from  
1pm



**@ The R.S.L. in Sunbury**

Refreshments, & great company every Wednesday arvo.

And last Friday of the month, evening nibbles & refreshments

**@ The Shrine**

**In A Green Uniform 7 March  
2017**



Established in the 1980s, the Regional Force Surveillance Units (RFSUs) differ in many ways from the rest of the Army Reserve. First, their area of operation is vast: NORFORCE, the most famous regiment, covers all of the Northern Territory and the Kimberley. Second, their activities include military surveillance, border protection and detection of environmental threats. Third, they have a high level of Indigenous membership with Indigenous servicemen accounting for over 30 per cent of NORFORCE. Richard will discuss the value placed by Indigenous soldiers on their participation in the RFSUs, what this means for Australian defence policies and its influence on the reconciliation process in Australia.

To make a booking

go to "What's on at the Shrine \$5 pp



# AUSTRALIA 1918

compiled by Harry Beckwith



- FEB Anzac Mounted Division captured Jericho
- MARCH Aust. Forces in France stop the German advance at Demancourt
- APRIL Aust. Troops in France recapture Villers-brettonneux  
Repatriation commission set up
- MAY Lt-General John Monash takes over the Aust Corps in France with Brig-General T.A. Blamey as Chief of Staff
- AUGUST Australia House in London officially opened by King George V  
Aust. & Canadian troops break through on the Somme
- SEPT Desert Mountain Corps, led by Gen. Harry Chauvel, begins its great ride around the enemy's rear in Palestine



- First direct wireless message transmitted from Britain to Aust—(from Marconi's Station in Carnarvon, Wales) received by Ernest Fisk of A.W.A. at his home in Wahroona, Sydney
- Anzac Mounted Division captures Amman
- OCT Aust. Light Horsemen enter Damascus, having cut off the enemy retreat and taken 4,000 prisoners  
Turkish Armistice ends fighting in Palestine
- NOV Armistice concluded B/w Allies & Germany  
(news received in Aust. @ 6PM 11/11/1918)



Total number of troops raised in Aust for WW1  
*416,809 of whom 331,781 were sent overseas*  
*59,342 killed*  
*166,819 wounded*  
**Australia population 5 million**  
**Nightwatch wins the Melbourne Cup**

# If My Body were a car



If my body were a car, this is the time I would be thinking about trading it in for a newer model.

I've got bumps and dents and scratches in my finish and my paint job is getting a little dull, but that's not the worst of it.

My headlights are out of focus and it's especially hard to see things up close.

My traction is not as graceful as it once was.

I slip and slide and skid and bump into things even in the best weather.

My whitewalls are stained with varicose veins.

It takes me hours to reach my maximum speed

My fuel rate burns inefficiently.

But here's the worst of it –

**Almost every time I sneeze, cough or splutter....either my radiator leaks or my exhaust backfires!**



# No Offence intended



Recently I bought a new Lexus 350, but I had to return it to the dealer the next day because I couldn't get the radio to work.

The car salesman explained that the radio was voice activated and demonstrated this brilliant feature.

"Nelson" the salesman called to the radio.

The radio responded "Ricky or Willie?"

"Willie!" he called back and immediately the radio burst into song "On the road again".

Then the salesman calls "Ray Charles," and in an instant "Georgia on my Mind" immediately replaces the Willie Nelson song.

I drove away very happy, and for the next few days, every time I'd say, "Beethoven", I'd receive beautiful classical music for the afternoon.

Then I'd say "Beetles", and I would hear a multitude of those great awesome songs from the 60's-80's.

It was fun and even my girlfriend got into it too.

"Billy Joel" and up came "The Piano Man"

"Rolling Stones" and up came "Jumping Jack Flash" plus many other Stone's hits.

But yesterday, I had the best experience of all.

A couple tried to run a red light and I nearly creamed my car, but luckily I managed to swerve in time to avoid hitting them.

I immediately yelled in anger, "Arse Holes!"

Guess what?

Immediately up came the song " Good old Collingwood for ever..."

Damn it, I just LOVE this new car!





# Dinner @ the Footy Club

## Dates:

February 21<sup>st</sup>

March 21<sup>st</sup>

April 18<sup>th</sup>

May 16<sup>th</sup>

June 20<sup>th</sup>

July 18<sup>th</sup>

August 15<sup>th</sup>

September 19<sup>th</sup>

October 17<sup>th</sup>

November 11<sup>th</sup>

*All things being fair and reasonable these dates are locked in at the footy club and in my calendar, so write them in yours. If for any reason one has to change I'll send a email (provided I have internet)*

