

# DISPATCHES

Sunbury RSL Sub Branch



*Cover pic by Deb:*

*Jim (poser) @  
Ambulance Museum*



Hello, well life is normal, or as normal as it gets.

We had a great bus tour to the Ambulance Museum, really interesting place, and the gentlemen there were lovely, full of fun stories of their time as ambulance personnel. Looking at what they had to work with it is a wonder we survived, or maybe we are just so over-the-top these days.

Lunch at Ringwood RSL was really nice. And for those who like adventure, getting the coach into out of the car park was adrenalin pumping stuff.

That's enough nonsense. ANZAC Day is fast approaching, and I'm sure Phil will be looking for sellers, please if you can help for any time, no matter how small, it will be appreciated.

I hope you enjoy the read. Deb



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Barney (6/8/1931-25/3/2017)

50 Shades

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# Happening @ Your R.S.L.



<b>April 10</b>	General Meeting	7:30pm
12	C.O.M.	2pm
14	Good Friday	
15	ANZAC Day sales commence	
<b>21</b>	<b>Dinner @ Footy Club</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>
24	Set up venue—sales finish	
25	ANZAC Day March	10am
	ANZAC Service	10:45am
<b>28</b>	<b>Nibble Night</b>	<b>7:30pm</b>



<b>May 8</b>	General Meeting	7:30pm
<b>18</b>	<b>Dinner @ Footy Club</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>
22	Region 7 forum	Inglewood/Bridgewater
<b>26</b>	<b>Nibble Night</b>	<b>7:30pm</b>



<b>JUNE 12</b>	(Mom) Queen's birthday	
13	General Meeting	7:30pm
14	C.O.M.	2pm
	Coach Tour (Date & Destination TBA)	
<b>20</b>	<b>RSL Dinner @ Footy Club 6:30</b>	
	<b>Nibble night</b>	

# Australia 1920

Thanks Harry



**Jan** League of Nations comes into force, with Australia an original member.

**March** David Fletcher Jones establishing his tailoring company, in Warrnambool, Vic.

**May** Prince of Wales (later King Edward VIII) Arrives in HMS Renown to begin a all States tour.



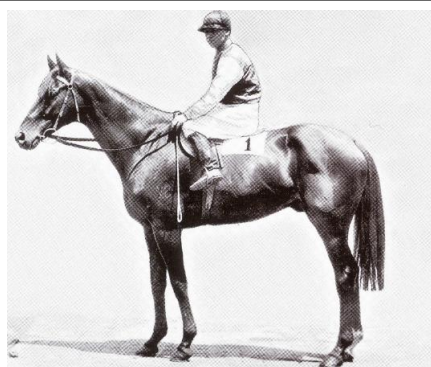
**Sept** Flinders Naval Base (Depot from 1921) Officially opened.

**Dec** Commonwealth Banks take over the issuing Of banknotes from treasury.



## 1920 in Australia

**Monarchy** George V  
**Governor-General** Ronald Munro Ferguson, then Henry Forster  
**Prime minister** Billy Hughes  
**Population** 5,360,462  
**Elections** New South Wales, Queensland, Victoria



**POITREL 1920**

JOCKEY: Ken Bracken Wt: 53.5kg TRAINER: H. Robinson

**Poitrel Melbourne Cup  
winner**

# That's Funny



Some things are too cute to not include



Some things are too silly



I know this dogs owner

## @ The R.S.L. in Sunbury:

**Wednesday afternoons:** Refreshments, & great company from 1pm ish.

Sausages in bread usually available \$1.



**Last Friday of the Month:** From 7:30pm refreshments available. Please bring nibbles to share. This is a very informal evening, sitting around the table enjoying the company.



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>

**Dinner at the Footy Club:** The dates for this are listed in this newsletter. This evening can be as late or as early as you choose. Senior meals are available, we have the small room. It is a very pleasant evening and not having to cook makes it even better.

## Bus Tour:

29/03/17 The Ambulance Museum





**Stan** was very much a regular at our RSL

The following was passed on to me by Dieter, I found it very interesting and thought you might enjoy reading a bit more about Stan.

Stan was born in England, Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex. April 1932.

Despite the war, Stan did well at school and passed the scholarship exam, at age eleven that allowed him to go to Harrow Boy's County Grammar School. He studied the science stream of subjects. He obtained his London University General Schools Certificate in 1949 with high marks in English and grammar.

He developed an interest in photography and interest he shared with his father and was able to land a job at the Air Ministry, London, working initially in the darkroom and playing with chemicals.

But later field work such as the Royal Farnborough Air Show being one of his first assignments.

His time in the RAF was filled with adventures including coming under bandit fire while on a train from Singapore to Butterworth. The train was stopped and they had to get out and scramble underneath the train and return fire.

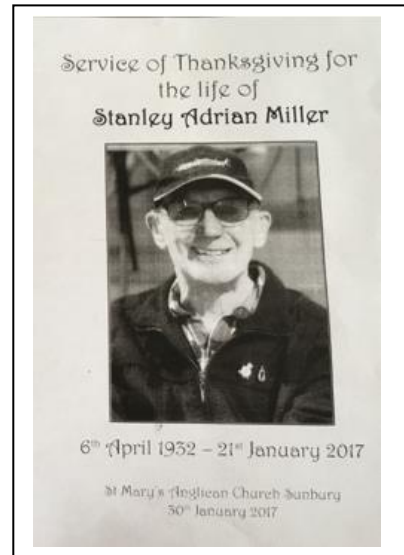
Stan's working life post RAF was initially selling shoes and learning the ins and outs of running a retail shoe business.

He soon secured a job at Elliot Brothers as a Technical Industrial Photographer and then in 1960 started work at Kodak where he worked until migrating to Australia in 1967.

It was a big move to pack up, leave family and friends and the country of birth to go to the other side of the world. But Stan was unhappy with the current Government under Harold Wilson and didn't like the way the country was going so he saw emigrating a chance for a better life, particularly for his three children.

Arrived in Melbourne on 24<sup>th</sup> February 1967 with temporary accommodation arranged at Broad Meadows. He was a bit shocked at first as Broadmeadows seemed to be the end of the earth surrounded by paddocks filled with thistles for as far as the eye could see.

The family soon settled down with Stan working for Kodak Australia and buying a house in a new estate called Bundoora.



That house was the family home until 199 when they moved to Sunbury.

In line with his photographic work, Stan had to provide technical documentation, something he excelled at due to his strong knowledge of English and Grammar.

This allowed him to look beyond Kodak, he found work as a Technical Writer and Photographer initially at CIG, then Australian Industrial Publications from 1970 to 1977, then at Olex Cables in Tottenham, 1977-79. In 1979 he secured a job at RMIT as the publications officer, which was his last job before retirement in 1990.

It was also at RMIT where Stan learnt of the Apple Macintosh publication system and was successful in introducing it to the RMIT publication Department. The machine at the time cost around \$40,000. And so began his love affair with Apple Mac's and his discontent for Microsoft Windows.

Stan retired in 1990, the age of 58, he loved retirement, played lawn bowls, both Stan and his wife. They would often spend a good part of winter on the Gold Coast bowling.

Retirement afforded them the opportunity to travel and while they spent a lot of time in England, with stopovers in Penang, they also travelled to Europe, Thailand, America, Canadian Rockies, Scandinavia and New Zealand.

While Stan lived in and loved Australia there was always a part of him that never left England. He thought the English Beers, Real Ale as he called it, were better, and you couldn't get real cream or custard in Australia. Nor did they (Australians) know how to build proper freeways.

*Eulogy of Stan Miller*

*Born: 6<sup>th</sup> April, 1932*

*Died: 21<sup>st</sup> January 2017*

The year





Some of the crew who gather Wednesday afternoons. And ladies Nola and I are almost always there keeping an eye on them. **Everyone is welcome**



# What's on at the Shrine?



## Australia's Field Marshal The leadership of Sir Thomas Blamey 23 July 2016 - 30 July 2017

General Thomas Blamey 1944

by William Dargie (1912 - 2003)  
charcoal, heightened with white with black and red washes on paper  
Reproduced courtesy of the Australian War Memorial [ART26660](#)

### CURATOR TOUR

Neil Sharkey will lead a curator tour of the exhibition on Thursday 19 January, 11.00am

#### Bookings essential

No Australian military commander has ever shouldered more responsibility, nor so divided public opinion, than Sir Thomas Blamey. Detractors describe him as ruthless, self-seeking and egotistical and point to personal scandals, and the damaged careers of the many capable soldiers who stood in his way. Supporters speak of a man who understood, better than any other Australian leader, the wider nature of war—the political implications of action and inaction, the importance of sea and air power, of logistics, intelligence, and troop training. This exhibition will tell his story and let visitors make up their own mind. *'... he possessed a mind cultured far above the average, widely informed, alert and prehensile. He had an infinite capacity for taking pains.'*

General Sir John Monash (1865 – 1931)

Commander, Australian Corps

*'... a sensual, slothful and doubtful moral character but a tough commander likely to shine like a power-light in an emergency. The best of the local bunch.'*

General Douglas MacArthur (1880 – 1964)

Supreme Commander, Southwest Pacific Area

*'...a slow-thinking churl who hates nothing so much as a soldier'*

Prime Minister Benjamin Chifley (1885 – 1951)



# SUNBURY R.S.L. GENERAL MEETING

13<sup>th</sup> February 2017

**MEETING OPENED:** By the President @ 1950 hours. This meeting followed the AGM

**ODE:** As directed by the President

**ROLL CALL/APOLOGIES** As recorded in Attendance Register.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

The minutes of the previous meeting dated 12<sup>th</sup> December 2016, were read.

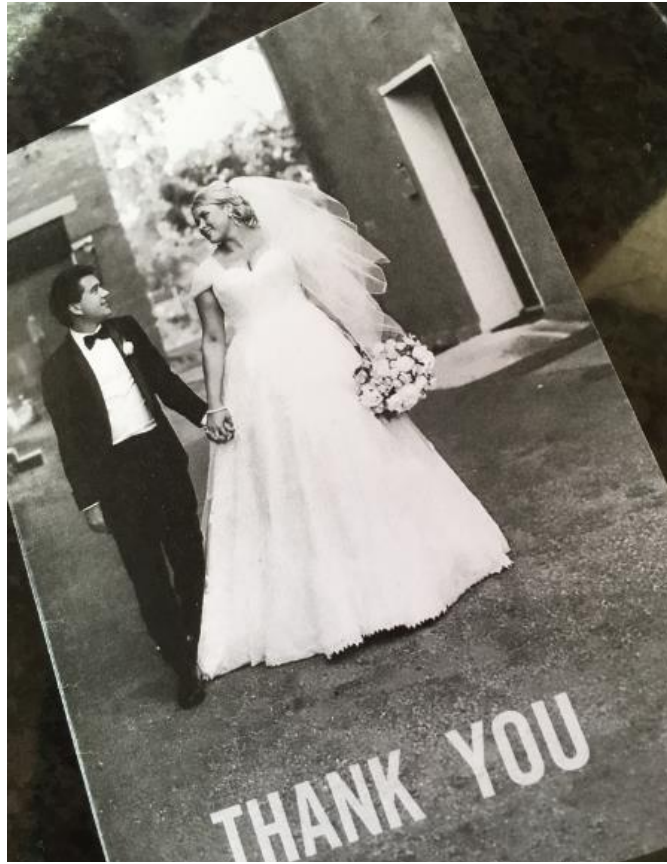
Moved, seconded, and carried.

**REPORTS:** Treasurer Phil pricide4d a detailed report of club finances.

<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>	Life Subscribers	26
	Service Members	64
	Affiliate Members	63
	Associate	1
	Comm/Social	3
	Total	13

**GENERAL BUSINESS LONE PINE** the Council has assured the RSL that a replacement Lone Pine Tree is forthcoming all being well we will have it by Anzac Day.

Meeting closed at 2045 hours.



We wish Josh and Jasmin a life time of love, fun, friendship.

And also to say Thank you to Josh, for printing our newsletter each month, it is a great help to us.





It is always nice to receive a “Thank You”

*Dear Members,*

*I would like to thank the Sunbury RSL for their help in keeping my garden in order, it means a lot to me that I can call on your generous members, it makes staying in my home much easier.*

*I thank you once again.*

*Congratulations to those members who got “Australia Day Awards.”*

*Yours sincerely*

*Nancy Mead*



## RSL Sunbury

The RSL needs to keep the details of members up to date (securely retained).

There have been instances in the past when members are recouping from matters but not knowing their whereabouts, we the RSL are unable to contact them.

Please complete the following details and return to the Secretary

Thank you.

### MEMBER

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Suburb: \_\_\_\_\_  
Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mobile \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Membership (circle One)      Service      L/S      Affiliate      Associate      Social  
Armed Forces (circle)      Army      Navy      Air Force  
Theatre \_\_\_\_\_  
Time Frame \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Joined R.S.L.      \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

### NEXT OF KIN

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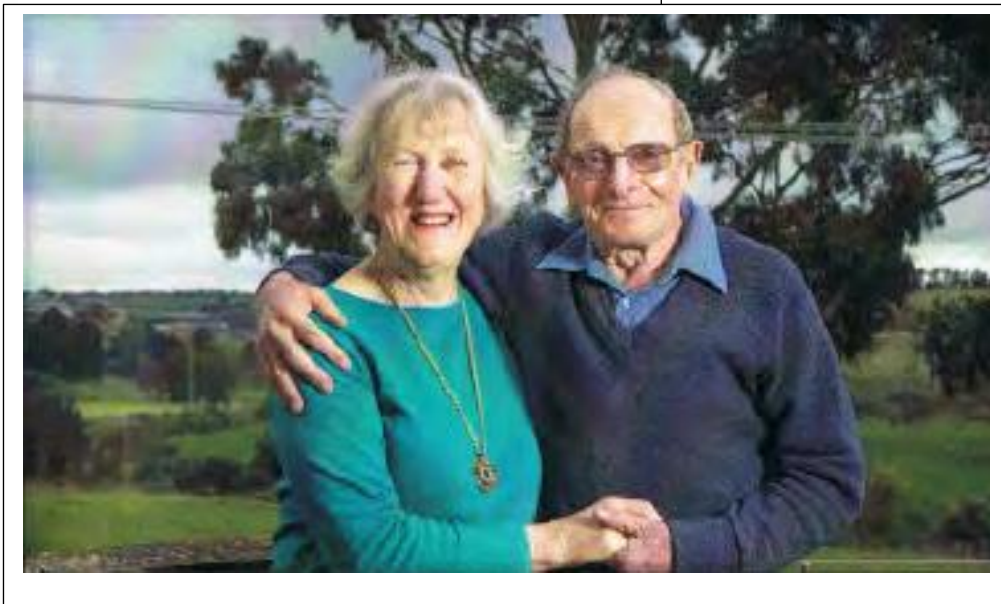
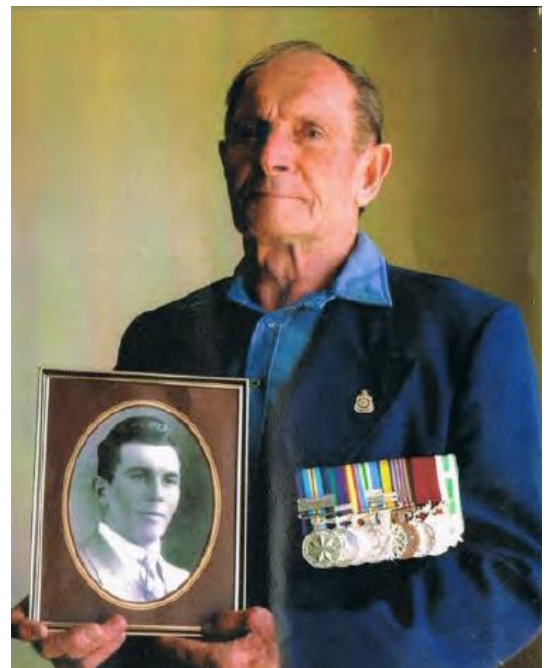



In loving memory of  
 Clifford Edwin Collett  
 "Barney"



6<sup>th</sup> August 1931 - 26<sup>th</sup> March 2017

*Barney will be very much missed on Wednesday Afternoons, but I'm sure we will be able to raise a glass to him.*






The missus bought a paperback,  
down Shepton Mallet way;  
I had a look inside her bag...  
T'was "Fifty Shades of Grey".

Well I just left her to it,  
And at ten I went to bed;  
An hour later she appeared,  
The sight filled me with dread.

In her left hand she held a rope,  
And in her right a whip!  
She threw them down upon the floor,  
And then began to strip.


Well fifty years or so ago,  
I might have had a peek,  
But Mabel hasn't weathered well;  
She's eighty four next week!!

Watching Mabel bump and grind,  
Could not have been much grimmer,  
And things then went from bad to worse;  
She toppled off her Zimmer!



She struggled back upon her feet,  
A couple minutes later,  
She put her teeth back in and said  
"I am a dominator!!"

Now if you knew our Mabel,  
You'd see just why I spluttered;  
I'd spent two months in traction  
For the last complaint I'd uttered.



She stood there nude and naked,  
Bent forward just a bit;  
I went to hold her, sensual like  
and stood on her left tit!

Mabel screamed, her teeth shot out,  
My God what had I done!  
She moaned and groaned then shouted out,  
"Step on the other one!!"

Well readers, I can tell no more  
Of what occurred that day.  
Suffice to say my jet black hair,  
Turned fifty shades of grey!!

*Thank you so much for these*

The RSL would like to thank these companies for their financial contributions towards the cost of distributing 'Dispatches' to the Sub-Branch members.



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1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

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