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This month has been pretty quiet for me. No holiday, no coach tour.

I thought the weather was improving, then more cold wet rubbish.

I am very grateful to those people who sent me emails, handed me things, and told me stories I could use in Dispatches. I think it makes the publication more yours, and that is a good thing. I am hoping to continue next year, so more harassing of you by me. S%#* happens.

The January issue will be a pictorial of the year that was.

Enjoy the read.

If anyone would like to receive

Dispatches by email please let myself or one of the committee know.

Thanks





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Happening @ Your RSL

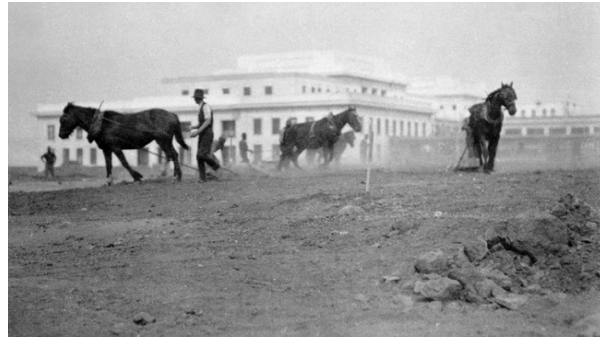
- Nov**
- 7 Melbourne cup
 - 10 Badge sales
 - 10 set up venue
 - 11 Remembrance day Service 10:45am
 - 13 General Meeting 7:30pm
 - 21 RSL Dinner @ Footy Club 6:30pm
 - 22 Region 7 forum Kangaroo Flat
 - 29 Coach Tour Bendigo 9:15 am
 - TBA Nibble Night 7:30pm

- Dec**
- 10 RSL Christmas Break-up Footy Club
 - 11 General Meeting 7:30pm
 - C O M
 - Coach tour (lunch)



Australia in time 1927

- Feb Radio Station 3DB begins broadcasting in Melbourne
- Mar Heavy cruiser HMAS Australia launched in Scotland
- May Duke of York opens Parliament House in Canberra, which becomes the official seat of G'ment of the C'wealth of Australia



- June Charles Kingsford Smith & his copilot6 complete a round-Australia flight in 10 days, five and a

half hours

- Aug Cenotaph in Martin Place, Sydney dedicated by Premier Lang (statues added in 1929)

- Sep C'wealth Parliament begins sitting in Canberra

- Oct Melbourne criminals Squizzy Taylor & Snowy Cutmore die in gun duel in Carlton

Collingwood become Premiers of the VFL Season defeating Richmond 2.13(25) to 1.7(13)

Architecture, building P.B. Hudson & J.H. Wardrop; Melbourne Shrine of Remembrance (-1934)

Estimated population of Australia: 6,251,016

Trivalve wins the Melbourne Cup

Placings: 1st Place *Trivalve*, 2nd Place *Silvius*, 3rd Place *Son O'Mine*

Jockeys: R. Lewis, A. Reed, F. Dempsey

Trainers: J. Scobie, H. Butler, L. Robertson

Winner's Time: 3:24.0

Weight: 47.17kg

Odds: 6/1

Prize money: £13,198



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October/November Bowls Report

The Sunbury RSL Bowlers have played their first game in the North-West RSL bowls Association competition for 2017-2018 against Keilor East Red.

The competition goes to about mid-March and this year is being played at Buckley Park Bowling Club, in Cooper St, Essendon. This is a move from Glenroy BC, where games have been played for many years. Glenroy had to do some unexpected greens maintenance this year which resulted in the delegates voting to change to Buckley Park.

There are 12 teams: from RSL Branches: Keilor East, Pascoe Vale, Essendon, Glenroy, Reservoir, Sunbury, and Melton who has re-joined this year.

Sunbury again has about 20 regular and 6 or 7 occasional members involved in the competition. Member Darryl Campbell drives the team to Buckley Park in the free Sunbury BC Bus.

John East and I are continuing as the delegates to the NW competition and Ron Gill is again the Sunbury delegate for RSL bowls Victoria.

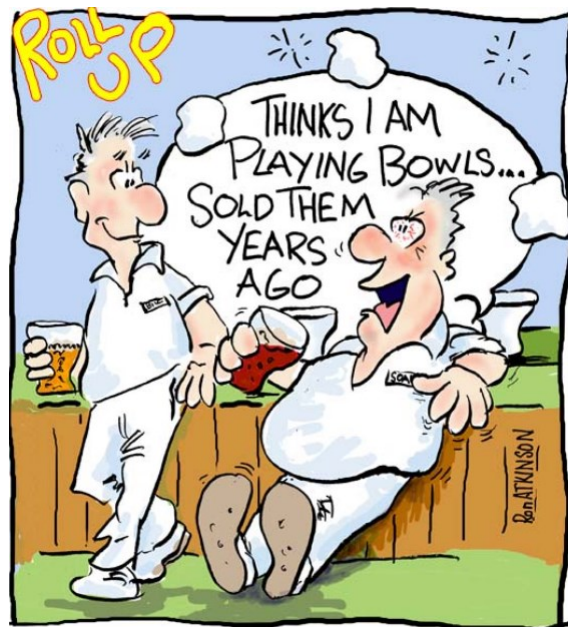
The Edinburgh Shield weekend tournament is on again next year: 7th and 8th of April. The tournament is an annual Victoria – wide event, played at several venues in various parts of the state, most popular venues being the towns on the Murray River. The draw sent us to Bendigo earlier this year.

We have drawn Swan Hill Bowls Club this time, and are currently making early-bird arrangements at the nearby Riverside Holiday park—with six bowls teams in town and school holidays, accommodation is getting tight already. Some of us are booking cabins and others will be taking caravans. Spouses usually come too and we are looking forward to another fun weekend.

John Welsh

Secretary Sunbury RSL Bowler's Group

9/10/2017



@ the meeting

The Sunbury RSL is made up of: 2 Life members
20 Life subscribers
116 Service Members
85 Affiliates
1 Associate

It has been decided Wednesday afternoons: Sausages will be NO charge.

Drinks will be NO charge for members over 80 years of age.

Remembrance Day Appeal: collecting will begin 28th October

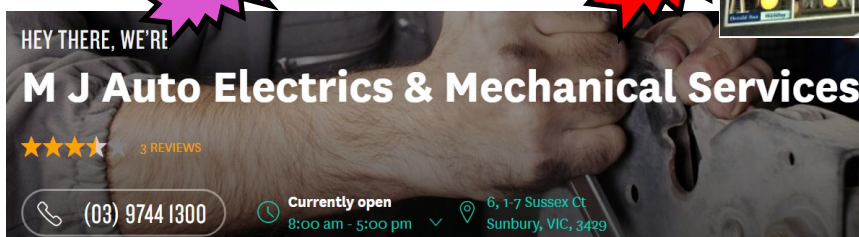


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Tuesday: 8-00 am to 6-00 pm
Wednesday: 8-00 am to 6-00 pm
Thursday: 8-00 am to 6-00 pm
Friday: 8-00 am to 6-00 pm
Saturday: 8-00 am to 6-00 pm
Sunday: 9-00 am to 12-00 midday
Public Holidays: 9-00 am to 12-00 midday



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That's



funny

Spring is an excellent reminder that I was supposed to get in shape before spring.



I BET THE HUMANS TELL US CHOCOLATE WILL KILL US



SO THEY CAN HAVE MORE TO THEMSELVES

I can't believe it's already time to put off my spring cleaning until next year.



I'm ready for flip-flop,
warmer weather,
sunshine,
blooming flowers,
bird singing,
and green grass!



Can u hear me now?

I had to put this one it cause I laughed out loud & I was alone



The Vietnam War

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Replacement medals

Living recipients:

Living recipients of medals are entitled to one replacement set, in circumstances beyond the control of the holder of the medals.

1. Replacement awards will not be provided until a period of two months has lapsed from the date of the loss to allow adequate time for recovery.
- Only awards that can be returned to the Directorate (eg broken or damaged) will be issued as Original. Medals that cannot be returned will be engraved with a 'D' for Duplicate.

Deceased Recipients:

1. Replacements can be requested for losses since 1 December 1974.
 2. Lost or destroyed medals for deceased recipients can be replaced in circumstances beyond the control of the holder of the medals.
 3. Defence will only replace service medals it has authority to issue from within the Imperial and Australian Honours systems.
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Applications

To apply for replacement medals, please complete the [Application for Defence Medals](#) form.

For further information on matters relating to honours and awards, please see contact below:

Telephone :1800 333 362

Email: honours.awards@defence.gov.au



The Solitary Soldier

At the going down of the sun and the dark of night approaching
I stand here in solitary silence, standing to attention, always watching
No more orders to be ready, no more fear and no more fighting
I watch the rain and the snow falling, the wind, the storms, the lightning
I feel no pain or suffering but I remember the times of past
The loss of mates, and family, I prayed this war would pass
The silence of the guns, no more sounds of pain and groans
There are those who did not make it, a few returning home.

In the morning, I feel the light and the warmth surrounds me
Two days a year you come and see me, flags and bugle sounding
Troops and families marching, a pause with silence, remembering
Those soldiers who did not return and sacrificed their life and all
These brave men and women who answered their countries call
My friends are all around me as I do not stand alone
Spend some time, and read their names
Always to be remembered, a memory, forever etched in stone
I stand here, the Solitary Cenotaph Soldier
A reminder of our fallen past.

Lest We Forget



It was decided by the Committee of Management
The Australian Flag should be presented to the
next of kin.

And that it should be appropriately displayed in a
case.

Dieter & Harry took this on board, and after some
time Dave offered some help, this is the finished
product. Thanks to all three for their input and
efforts. Well done boys.



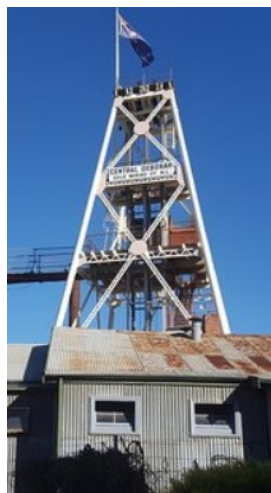
Bendigo here we come 29/11/17



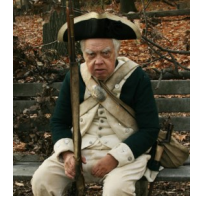
A tourist Day

Central Deborah

Talking Tram



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Drafting Guys Over 60.

I am over 60 and the Armed Forces thinks I'm too old to track down terrorists. You can't be older than 42 to join the military. They've got the whole thing ass-backwards.

Instead of sending 18-year olds off to fight, they ought to take us old guys. You shouldn't be able to join a military unit until you're at least 55.

For starters, researchers say 18-year-olds think about sex every 10 seconds. Old guys only think about sex a couple of times a month, leaving us more than 280,000 additional seconds per day to concentrate on the enemy.

Young guys haven't lived long enough to be cranky, and a cranky soldier is a dangerous soldier. 'My back hurts! I can't sleep, I'm tired and hungry.' We are bad-tempered and impatient, and maybe letting us kill some asshole that desperately deserves it will make us feel better and shut us up for a while.

An 18-year-old doesn't even like to get up before 10 am. Old guys always get up early to pee, so what the hell. Besides, like I said, I'm tired and can't sleep and since I'm already up, I may as well be up killing some fanatical son-of-a-bitch.

If captured, we couldn't spill the beans because we'd forget where we put them. In fact, name, rank, and serial number would be a real brainteaser.

Boot camp would be easier for old guys. We're used to getting screamed and yelled at and we're used to soft food. We've also developed an appreciation for guns. We've been using them for years as an excuse to get out of the house, away from the screaming and yelling.

They could lighten up on the obstacle course however. I've been in combat and never saw a single 20-foot wall with rope hanging over the side, nor did I ever do any pushups after completing basic training.

Actually, the running part is kind of a waste of energy, too. I've never seen anyone outrun a bullet.

An 18-year-old has the whole world ahead of him. He's still learning to shave, to start a conversation with a pretty girl. He still hasn't figured out that a baseball cap has a brim to shade his eyes, not the back of his head.

These are all great reasons to keep our kids at home to learn a little more about life before sending them off into harm's way.

Let us old guys track down those terrorists. The last thing an enemy would want to see is a couple million pissed off old farts with bad attitudes and automatic weapons who know that their best years are already behind them.

HEY!! How about recruiting Women over 50... in menopause!!! You think MEN have attitudes?? Ohhhhhhhhhhhh my God!!! If nothing else, put them on border patrol. They'll have it secured the first night!

Send this to all of your senior friends... it's in big type so they can read it.



And that's how the fight started

One year, I decided to buy my mother-in-law

A cemetery plot as a Christmas gift.

The next year, I didn't buy her a gift.

When she asked me why, I replied,

"Well, you still haven't used the gift I bought you last year!"

And that's how the fight started....

My wife and I were watching Who Wants to be a Millionaire while we were in bed.

I turned to her and said, "Do you want to have sex?"

"No," she answered.

I then said, "Is that your final answer?"

She didn't even look at me this time, simply said "Yes."

So I said, "Then I'd like to phone a friend">

And that's how the fight started....

I took my wife to a restaurant.

The waiter, for some reason, took my order first.

"I'll have the rump steak, rare, please."

He said, "Aren't you worried about the mad cow?"

"Nah, she can order for herself."

And that's how the fight started....

My wife and I were sitting at a table

At her high school reunion, and she kept staring at a drunken man swigging his drink as he sat alone at a nearby table.

I ask her, "Do you know him?"

"Yes", she sighed,

"He's my old boyfriend. I understand he took to drinking right after we split up those many years ago, and I hear he hasn't been sober since."

"My God!" I said, "Who would think a person could go on celebrating that long?"

And that's how the fight started....



To: VVAA - Victoria Sub-Branches
Cc: SKELL George
Subject: CARERS WEEK

LETTER TO CARERS

Hi All,

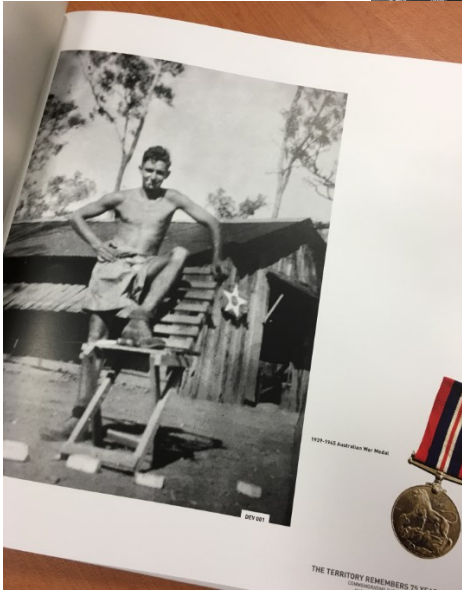
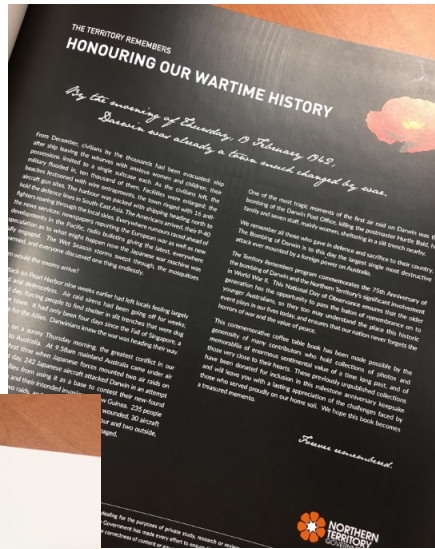
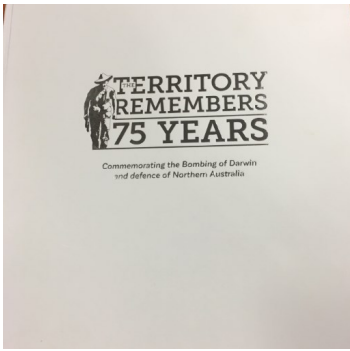
**Attached is a letter from Bob Elworthy acknowledging the care given by
the wives, partners and carers of Vietnam Veterans.**

**Could Sub-Branches who have internal newsletters have this included in their
next edition. News letters or not please pass this on to the carers so we may
say thank you to them for the many years of care given.**

Regards

George





This beautiful book has been gifted to our RSL by the Northern Territory Government.

It will be part of the library, do have a look at it when you are at the RSL.



\$5 available @ RSL

Make an offer



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Save the date



Dinner @ the Footy Club

6:30pm for 7pm

November 14th



25 people enjoyed the meal & company
@ the Footy Club 17/10



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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 _____ Phome _____
Mobile _____ Email _____

Type of membership (circle one) Service Affiliate Associate Social

Armed Forces (circle) Army Navy Airforce

Theatre _____

Time Frame _____

Date Joined R.S.L. __/__/__

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