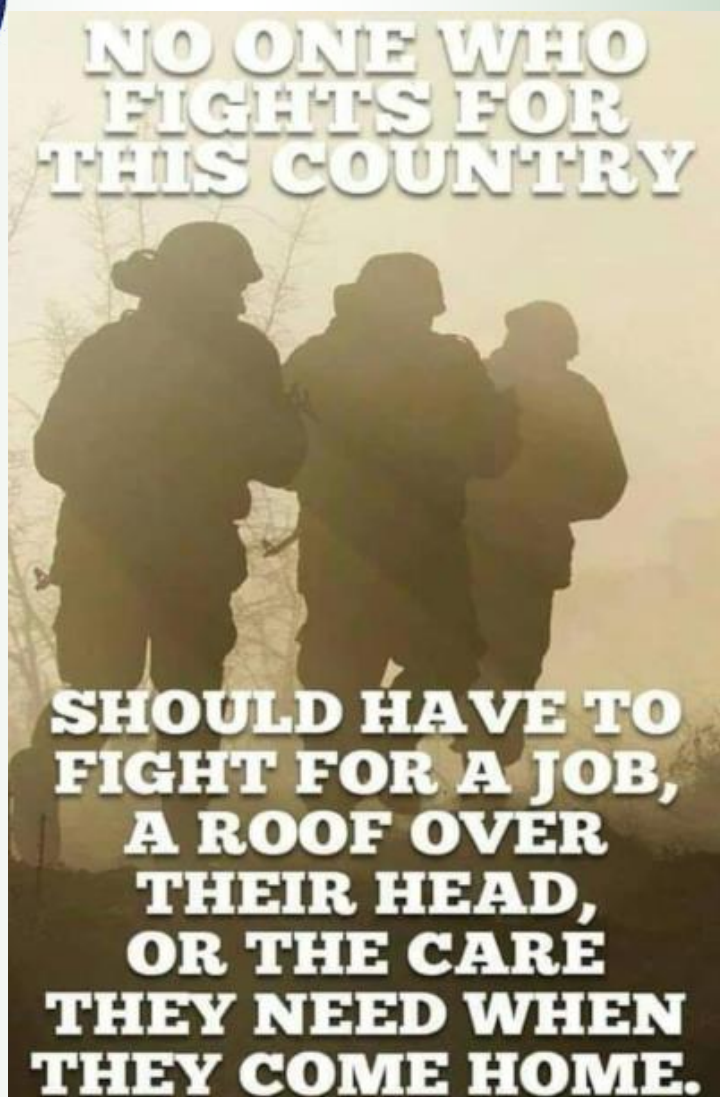




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Well, here we go again,

Everybody in top form? I hope.

*For myself, I had a quiet Christmas,
and new year.*

*But I'm still alive, and kicking, and try-
ing to cause trouble.*

*Enjoy the read, and as always if you
have anything to contribute, it will be
received with thanks . However, if you
just wish to pick faults. Tell someone
who cares, cause that is not me.*

Thank you all until next time

The End





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Dinner @ Footy Club Dates

FEBRUARY 19TH

MARCH 19TH

APRIL 16TH

MAY 21ST

JUNE 18TH

JULY 16TH

AUGUST 20TH

SEPTEMBER 17TH

OCTOBER 15TH

NOVEMBER 19TH



Wednesday arvos

1-4pm

Over 80...the drinks are on us

Sausages in Bread?

Yes please

No Charge



Australia 1941

- Jan Australian Forces (6th Division) capture Bardia, Libia.
Australian Forces capture Tobruk and Enter Derma.
- Mar Heidelberg Repat Hospital, Victoria Officially opened.
Australian Forces capture Giarabub, Libia.
H.M.A. Ships, Perth, Stuart, and Vendetta take part in the Battle of Matapan in which the Italian Fleet suffers a crushing defeat.
ALF 9th Division relieves the 6th Division in Cyrenaica to enable the 6th division to be sent to Greece.
- April Queen Elizabeth, the world's biggest passenger ship arrives in Sydney on a troop-carrying mission.
Women's Royal Australian Naval Service (WRANS) formed.
Siege of Tobruk begins, Pinning down the 9th Division-The "Rats of Tobruk" (relieved, Aug-Nov).
Australian troops withdraw from Greece to Crete.
- May H.M.A.S. Whyalla (Corvette), the first ship built at BHP's Whyalla Ship yard, launched.
British & Australian troops evacuated from Crete, but three battalions, 6th Division are left behind and taken prisoner
- June Allied Forces (including AIF 7th Division) invade Syria
Damascus taken by Allied Forces.
Destroyer HMAS Waterhen sunk off Libyan coast.



Australia 1941 con.

- Aug Australian Women's Army Service formed.
- Nov HMAS Sydney sinks with the loss of 645 lives after a gunnery duel with the German Raider Kormoran (which also sinks).
HMAS Parramatta (sloop) sunk off Tobruk 136 lives lost
- Dec P.M. Curtin announces Australia is at war with Japan following Japanese attacks on Kota Bharu (Malaya), Thailand, Pearl Harbour (Hawaii) Singapore and Guam earlier in the day (Aust. Time) RAAF bombers based in Malaya attack Japanese landing at Kota Bharu.
Single men 18-45 & married men 18-35 called up for full time duty.
Air raid precautions instituted in Sydney. Construction of shelters begin; many move to the Blue Mountains.
Australian War Memorial, Canberra opened to the public.
Child endowment introduced by the C'wealth. ten shillings per fortnight for each child.
Skipton wins Melbourne Cup

1941 VFL Grand Final was an [Australian rules football](#) game contested between the [Melbourne Football Club](#) and [Essendon Football Club](#), held at the [Melbourne Cricket Ground](#) in [Melbourne](#) on 27 September 1941. It was the 45th annual [Grand Final](#) of the [Victorian Football League](#), staged to determine the [premiers](#) for the [1940 VFL season](#). The match, attended by 79,687 spectators, was won by Melbourne by a margin of 29 points, marking that club's fifth premiership victory.

By claiming their third successive premiership, Melbourne joined Carlton and Collingwood as the only clubs to achieve the feat.

Melbourne's team was understrength as they had been depleted by the war. [Syd Anderson](#), [Harold Ball](#), [Ron Barassi](#) and [Keith Truscott](#), who were members of the previous season's premiership, missed the Grand Final as they were serving their country and would all lose their lives.

There were sets of brothers on each team, with the Cordner brothers of Melbourne taking on the Reynolds brothers of Essendon.



December 2018 Bowls Report

North-West Pennant at Buckley Park Bowling Club, Friday mornings.

Current ladder position: last, in the 12-team competition. We're losing some of our best players to: retirement, injury, illness, reluctance to play on Fridays and Saturdays, or disenchantment with the Buckley Park greens which are deteriorating somewhat. There was no interest from Gisborne players to join our group, but the current batch of players are stoically battling it out each week, usually against opposition who play in higher divisions in Saturday pennant. Christmas lunch this Friday at Buckley Park will be a highlight.

RSL Edinburgh Shield bowls tournament will be in Corowa, 12th – 14th April next year. Plenty of interest shown here, we have 18 players to date.

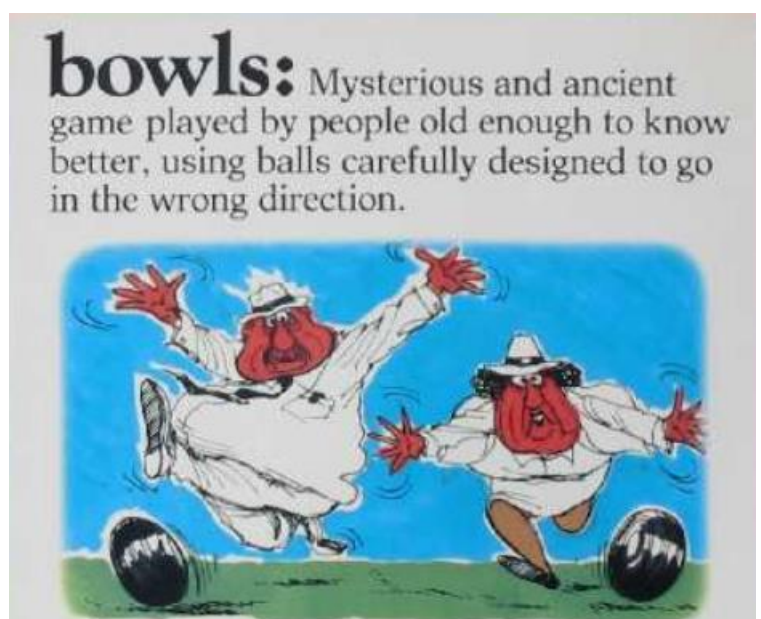
Financial situation is OK, due mainly to income from the bowlers-run RSL BBQ at Bunnings on 20th April, current balance is \$545.

The renovations at Sunbury Bowling Club are progressing as planned and expect to be completed in February 2019. Additional social facilities will be available adjacent the new under-cover synthetic green.

John Welsh

Secretary Sunbury RSL Bowlers' Group

10/12/2018



The Last Post

It's the song that gives us the lump in our throats and usually tears to our eyes;

Reportedly, it began in 1862 during the American Civil War, when Union Army Captain Robert Ellicombe was with his men near Harrison's Landing in Virginia. The Confederate Army was on the other side of the narrow strip of land.

During the night, Captain Ellicombe heard the moans of a soldier who lay severely wounded on the field. Not knowing if it was a Union or Confederate soldier, the Captain decided to risk his life and bring the stricken man back for medical attention. Crawling on his stomach through gunfire, the Captain reached the soldier and began pulling him towards the encampment.

When the Captain finally reached his own lines, he discovered it was actually a Confederate soldier, but the soldier was dead. The Captain lit a lantern and suddenly caught his breath and went numb with shock. In the dim light, he saw the face of the soldier. It was his own son.

The boy had been studying music in the south when the war began. Without telling his father, he enlisted in the Confederate Army.

The following morning, heartbroken, the father asked permission of his superiors to give his son a full military burial, despite his enemy status. His request was only partially granted. The Captain had asked if he could have a group of Army band members play a funeral dirge for his son.

The request was turned down since he was a Confederate. But out of respect for the father, they did say they could give him one musician.

The captain chose a bugler. He asked the bugler to play a series of musical notes he had found on a piece of paper in the pocket of the dead youth's uniform.

His wish was granted. The haunting melody, we now know as "The Last Post" used at military funerals was born



Thanks Peter Mundy, for sharing this story.

While looking around the internet, trying to avoid all the typing, I found another story, look for it next month



Think about this

At the committee of management meeting, Bus tours for 2019 was discussed.

We are at the moment thinking to have trip 4 times a year not every other month. It is not cheap to hire the bus.

The big bus is the same price as the smaller one, unless we have our own driver.

Other points of discussion

1. is Wednesday a good day?
2. Where should we go?
3. Why don't more people attend?

If you have any thoughts, please speak with a committee member, by phone, email or in person.

Nola, and or myself need some feedback as to what you would like, and what you would try to attend.

The Friday night dinner at the RSL, was a lot of work for a few people.

But the nibble night did not seem to work very well.

We thought about going out somewhere in Sunbury, but would like to hear how you feel about this.

Please email

Phone

Or just speak with us

please





Australia Day





Engineer's Cottage

The weatherboard cottage at 91 Jackson Street is of local significance for its historical association with the advent of electricity to Sunbury. Erected in 1909 as a residence for the caretaker- engineer who ran the adjacent Power House, it is substantially intact and is only existing evidence of this significant event in the progress of the Sunbury township.

Description:

A small weatherboard cottage with ashlar blocks profile to the weatherboards on the front facade only. The plan is symmetrically placed about a central front door with one front room projecting forward. The verandah is supported by timber posts and features carved timber brackets. The main hip roof extends without a break, to form the verandah roof, and a hip roof covers the projecting room; this striking roofline, typical of the era, is sheeted with corrugated iron. Brick chimneys feature on either side of the cottage, and double hung windows to the front facade have six panes to the upper sashes.

Sunbury Power Station and Cottage Corner Jackson & Shields Streets



History:

During the first decades of this country, the provision of electricity to Sunbury was a major scheme undertaken by the Council in the face of some opposition, mainly due to cost. Some sort of street lighting for Sunbury had been a matter discussed by Council from early 1893 but it was not until 1st October 1894 that 25 kerosene street lamps were lit for the first time. The light was said to be bright enough to make it 'almost possible to read a newspaper at the other side of the street'. Some years later on 22nd December 1900, Sir Rupert Clarke installed a generator at Rupertswood and 'the brilliant illumination could be readily noticed from the township'. Other businesses apparently followed suit in the installation of artificial light-mainly 'Sunrise' generators.

While the Shire Council soon voted to supply the township with electrical power to supersede the kerosene lamps and fuel stoves it was still some time before electricity came to Sunbury. The Council proposed to borrow 5,000 pounds to fund the scheme. Many of the ratepayers were against this idea and a referendum had to be held. The poll was conducted on 5th



September 1908 and of the 485 voters on the Shire electoral roll only 161 votes were required to prevent this very progressive movement according to the Sunbury News. The paper urged voters to stay away from the polling booths and in the end only 118 people voted against the Council's proposal. Some weeks later at a special meeting held on 1st October 1908, the Council resolved to borrow 5,000 pounds in order to install an Electric Light and Power Plant at Sunbury.

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Soon after, on 27th October 1908, the Council determined that the Councillors for the West Riding be empowered to accept design and order tenders to be called for the Power House and Engineers Cottage in connection with the electric lighting. A tender of 318 pounds from M. Sorensen of South Melbourne for the erection of the Light and Power House only, was accepted by the Council on 16th November 1908. A month later on 21st December, the Council agreed that tenders, returnable at the next meeting, would be called for the erection, near the Power House, of a wooden cottage for the Electrical Engineer at a cost of about 200 pounds. It appears that the designers of the cottage were Messrs Edminston and O'Neill who advertised in the Sunbury News that they would receive tenders at their Melbourne office at the Shire Hall until 18th January; at a meeting on that date the Council accepted the tender of A. McClelland for 209 pounds.



There seems to have been some problems with the building during construction of the cottage, he may have tried to avoid carrying out parts of the specified works, but both the Power House and the Engineer's cottage appear to have been completed before the 'switching on' of the electricity on the 26th May 1909. At 7.00pm that night, the Premier John Murray threw the switch and Sunbury was lit up with over one hundred lights.

The first Engineer appointed to take charge of the plant, and reside in the cottage, was Mr Charles F Werner who was paid a salary of 130 pounds per annum, his accommodation, light and water were free. The SES acquired the works on 1st May 1926 and operated the plant for some two months before deciding to carry a 22,000 volt line from St. Albans to Sunbury.

By Moloney & Johnson

Thanks Peter Free



H.M.A.S. Perth

By : J.J.Jarret (*Late of H.M.A.S Perth*)



We sped into the Sunda straits,
Just on the eve of night,
Eight thousand tons of surging steel,
Eight thousand tons of fight.

As we steamed that stretch of waters deep,
We had a job to do.
For us that night there was no sleep,
We were at the rendezvous,

The alarm was port which came to sight,
And watchful men relaxed.
Took back those deadly shells they'd brought,
And replaced them in their racks.

The next alarm which came starboard,
Found each man staunch and steady.
Those deadly shells were rammed home tight,
And guns brought to the ready.

We send the challenge "what ship", "what name",
The answer " " was wrong .
A split second later "open fire",
The Battle of the Strait was on.

The night was rent with shot and blast,
Made hideous with the din.
The odds were great forty one to two,

What hope had we to win.

As the minutes grew to make the hour,
Trapped in that sinister strait.

Still blazing fourth both shot and shell,
Was eight thousand tons of hate.

But as the second hour wore on,
Odds began to te4ll even through to date
We nailed twelve ships,
And sent those ships to hell.

T'was on the stroke of midnight,
When first the enemy got us,
With torpedoes from a submarine,
Or maybe t'was destroyers.

The battle now was grim indeed,
As twenty ships together
Bore down on us with blazing guns,
A storm we could not weather.

Our decks wer strewn with broken men,
Shattered with ruptured steel.
As enemy shell after enemy shell
Ripped us wide from deck to keel.

The gallant ship still battled on,
Ripped wide from shot and blast.
Her gallant crew still loading guns,
Standing by her till the last.



She slid beneath the waters dark,
Gun barrels glowing red.
The lucky ones got off her,
The rest of them were dead.

So Royal tribute we pay to her,
A fighting ship off birth.
And tribute to her loyal crew,
Off that Australian Cruiser "Perth

*This poem was given to me around 1950 by
a person I worked with.*

*I thought it may be of interest to some of
your members.*

Eileen Mott

Thank you for sharing it with us



HMAS Perth was a modified Leander-class light cruiser operated by the Royal Australian Navy during the early part of World War II. She was constructed for the Royal Navy, where she was commissioned as HMS Amphion in 1936.

Construction started: 26 June 1933

Launched: 27 July 1934

Draft: 5.97m

Motto: Floreat; (latin: "let it flourish)

Aircraft carrier: 1 x seaplane

Builder: HMNB Portsmouth



VALENTINE'S DAY WORD SEARCH



A V U A N G C A N D Y Q E I Y N J E T F
 J R R Z A O C G C S G C B O U Z P A W Y
 T D Y Q C B P M K O J S R U T Q W O P D
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 J S B K O H B W H Z E A R O Y U Y W J K
 O C U D D L E D U X R L C C R E V N O X
 B O W E W R R N G Y K R A O Z N V G H V
 D Y D Z C U O Y E V O L I V H I U W D G
 N G O K Q T V Z L V S K M N S M Y V D S
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 T K F S D N E I R F E K Q X S B X V L V
 A Q U H S X L I C S A B E R Y H C G O U

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|-----------|--------|---------|------------|
| Valentine | Cupid | Be Mine | Pink |
| Candy | Cuddle | Hearts | Red |
| Chocolate | Hug | Card | Roses |
| February | Kiss | Love | I Love You |
| Flowers | Love | Arrow | Sweet |
| Friend | | | |

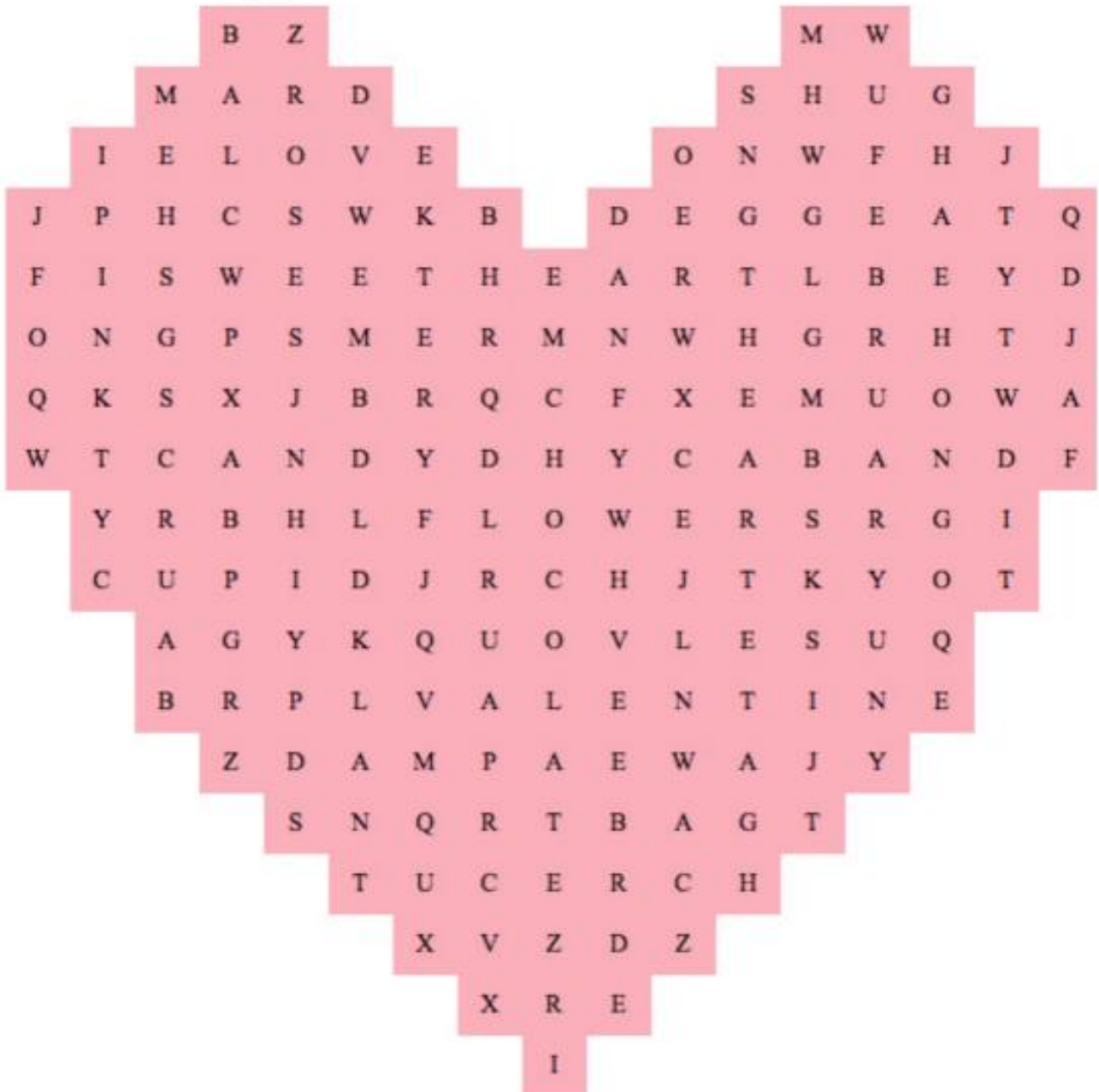


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Valentine's Day Word Search



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ROSES

CUPID
FEBRUARY
RED
HUG
FLOWERS

CANDY
HEART
SWEETHEART
CARD
SWEET





When I was in school I was told:
 PUSSY was a CAT
 SEX meant GENDER
 BITCH was a FEMALE DOG
 DICK was a NAME
 BANG was a SOUND
 RUBBER was an ERASER
 ASS was an ANIMAL
 SCREW was just a TOOL
 HEAD meant a PART OF BODY
 BALLS meant a ROUND TOY
 NUTS meant DRY FRUIT
 69 was just a NUMBER
 & Then I came across all you dirty **people** and my education was ruined.



LOL



YOU ARE DARK AND HANDSOME...



WHEN IT'S DARK YOU'RE HANDSOME



Um, the garbage was like that when I got here.



Hi there! I'm GET-DOWN!-NO!
What's your name?

LOL



ANGER MANAGEMENT



THERE WAS A SPIDER

IT'S GONE NOW



Hi! My name is StopThat...

But sometimes they call me GetBackHere!





These businesses sponsor us, let us return the favour



These businesses sponsor us, let us return the favour



These businesses sponsor us, let us return the favour



These businesses sponsor us, let us return the favour



These businesses sponsor us, let us return the favour



It is very important the Sunbury RSL has up-to-date information about you.

There have been several instances where a member has been missed from the usual gatherings, but we have been unable to contact them because our records are not current.

We can often help with transport, company etc. but we have to be able to find you.

Please fill in the next page, bring it to the RSL when you come, or post it.

We will be very pleased to hear from you.



Sunbury RSL Sub Branch



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 Affiliate Associate Social

Armed Forces (circle) Army Navy Airforce

Theatre _____

Time Frame _____

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

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