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Hi everyone. I've had to remove the words search, due to circumstances beyond my control sorry.

I do love it when I can see the end of winter. So much better.

Enjoy the read.

Deb



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Dinner



**Footy Club
Dates**



SEPTEMBER 17TH

OCTOBER 15TH

NOVEMBER 19TH

A wise man to his son: "my boy! When you accumulate the understanding to know why a pizza is made round, to be put in a square box and is eaten in triangles, then my son, you will be able to understand women" 18:21

Wednesday Arvos

1-5pm

Over 80..

drinks are on

US

Sausage in bread?

Yes please

No charge



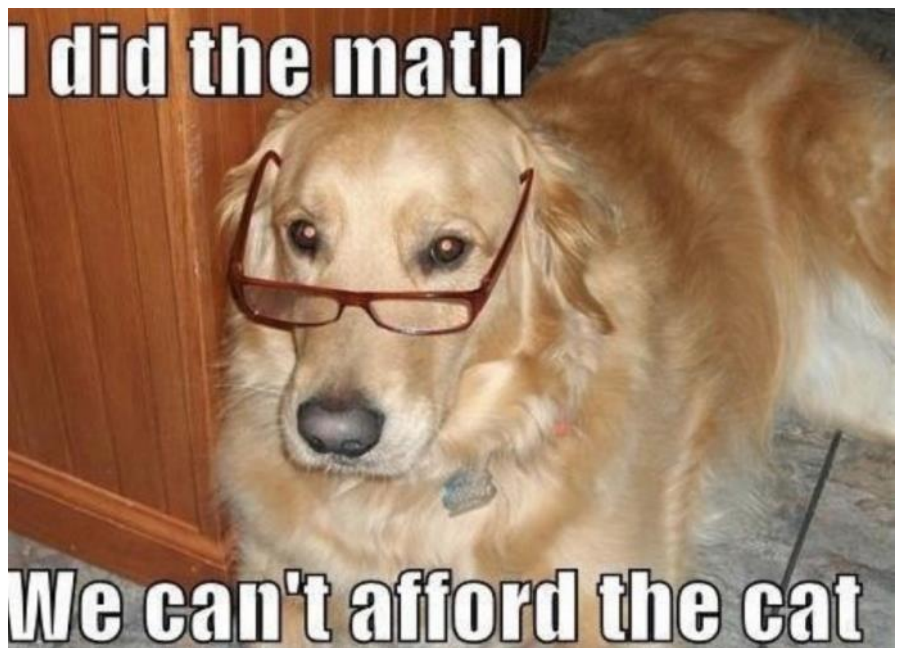
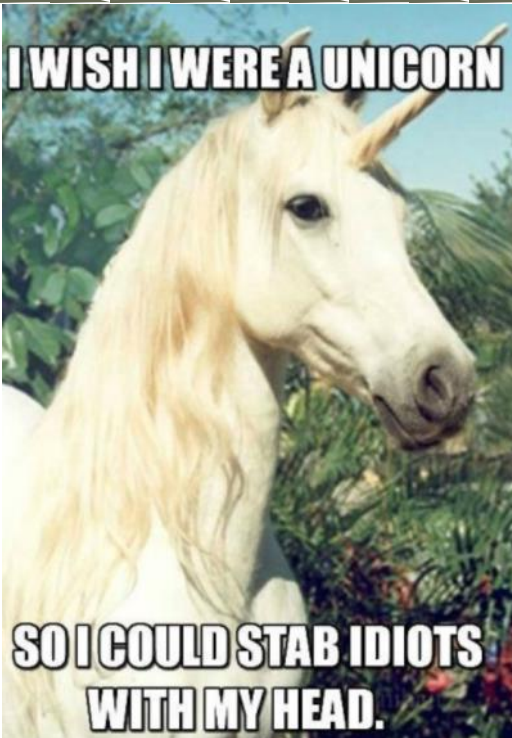
Sunbury Exhaust & Mechanical Centre





31 maybe more members enjoyed an evening at the Footy Club– a meal and chat, laughter etc. What more could you ask for.

The President, Mrs President and our Treasurer are heading overseas for a winter break, I'm sure we all hope they return safe and refreshed.



Australia 1947

Jan

1 Employees under federal awards begin working a 40-hour week.

4 Melbourne tramway employees strike over 40-hour-week rosters, prompting the state government to pass an Essential Services Act (15th).

28 Immigration Minister A. A. Calwell announces that all coloured people who found refuge in Australia during the war must leave the country.

Feb

16 NT Legislative Council sits for the first time.

May

11 Inaugural session of the South Pacific Commission held in Sydney.

18 Legislation enacted for proportional representation in Senate elections.

29 Referendum seeking permanent Commonwealth power to control rents and prices defeated.

Jun

1 Commonwealth pharmaceutical benefits become available.

24 Rationing of meat and clothing ends.

Jul

1 Citizen Military Forces (CMF) re-established

Aug

11 High Court declares much of the Bank Nationalisation Act invalid.

16 Rent control transferred from Commonwealth to states.

31 RAN commissions its first air station, HMAS *Albatross* at Nowra, NSW.

Sep

1 First Holden motor car comes off the assembly line. (Publicly displayed and named on 29 Nov.)

Oct

6 NSW coalminers strike (to 8 Nov.).

Nov

25 Wheat Industry Stabilisation Act provides for a five-year stabilisation plan with a guaranteed price to growers.

Dec

10 Commonwealth Rehabilitation Service comes into operation.

16 RAN's first aircraft carrier, HMAS *Sydney*, commissioned.

- Town of South Coast (later City of Gold Coast), Qld, established.

The VFL Grand Final was a draw with a replay the following week.

*Rimfire, Outsider Wins
Melbourne Cup
In Course Record Time*



Launch of the first Holden

1948 VFL Grand Final				
	Essendon	Melbourne		
	7.27 (69)	10.9 (69)		
	1	2	3	4
Ess	0.6	2.15	6.21	7.27
Mel	3.0	4.5	6.8	10.9
Date	2 October 1948			
Stadium	Melbourne Cricket Ground			
Attendance	86,198			

1948 VFL Grand Final				
	Essendon	Melbourne		
	7.8 (50)	13.11 (89)		
	1	2	3	4
Ess	0.3	5.5	6.6	7.8
Mel	6.2	9.3	11.6	13.11
Date	9 October 1948 (Replay)			
Stadium	Melbourne Cricket Ground			
Attendance	52,226			





Sunbury Sub-branch RSL

Centenary

*There will be a service, an exhibition,
tea/coffee*

Bottle of St Anne's Wine

labeled for Sunbury RSL \$15 __

Sunbury RSL Etched Glasses \$5 __

*We need you to let us know if you would
like to purchase one or both of these items.*

There will be limited numbers

Over the next two or three months you will hear much more about this celebration.. After all a centenary doesn't come around too often.. We have a few things being worked upon.

The wine and the glasses are a very reasonable price. But we do need to have an idea of how many we will require, we don't want to be left with a lot.

St Anne's Winery as many of you will know produce very nice wine.

Just to clarify the RSL will be making no profit from these sales. It is simply a memento of the day.

Please let us know how many you require.





Christmas – In – August 2019

At 0800 on a cold blustery Friday morning on the 9th of August a few hardy souls arrived at the Memorial Hall to begin preparations for this annual event sponsored by our beaut RSL.

Dieter, Cecile, and Harry were joined by Margaret Cassidy and Anna Rees from the Sunbury Women's Shed to set out the tables, chairs, and all the decorations around the hall's main room.

Some 62 affirmative replies were received from the invitations sent to 87 Legacy girls and 26 RSL members. 14 invitees were unable to attend.

With so many enthusiastic helpers participating, the preparations were completed by shortly after 0900hrs, so we enjoyed a cuppa in the RSL. Margaret and Anna left to pursue their busy schedules, while Ben, Geoff and Noela arrived to help. As there wasn't anything left to do in the Hall Geoff went off to watch the "Danger Close" movie at the cinema while Dieter, Harry, and Ben reinstated the meeting room's picture gallery following the installation of the new air conditioners, and Cec and Noela had a quiet chat.

Our guests (Ted Hudson was first) began to arrive at 1100hrs. The hall's heating system had struggled to get to 14 degrees by then, so the official day began. Ann McGovern and Sylvia, both from the Sunbury Women's Shed, joined Geoff, Noela, Ben, Harry, welcomed our guests with a cup of tea or coffee (or orange juice) while Cecile organised name tags in the hallway and Dieter sorted out a few outstanding minor matters. By 1145hrs all guests were seated and getting reacquainted with friends. Many commented favourably on the excellent hall decorations.

The girls from N&M Party Hire set out the serving area for the roast beef/pork main meal, which was served from 1215. The tucker was yummy and there was lots of it. The main course was followed by dessert of Mini Pavlova and/or fruit salad with a dollop of cream. While the dessert was being served, Harry, Ben, and Dieter called up the guests, one by one, to choose their mystery Christmas gifts from the gift wrapped variety laid out on the table by the Christmas tree. And while all enjoyed their desserts Dieter read out a selection of the cringeworthy jokes that came with the Christmas Bon Bon's. Short speeches were given at the close of the function and some guests departed while the weather was still good, with others remaining chatting to friends.

Once again many volunteers made light work of the clean-up of the hall, and it was all done by about 1430 as the hall was booked to another group from 1500hrs.

So many thanks to all our helpers on this successful day!!
See you all for another go next year!!
ta, Cecile and Dieter.





Christmas in August 2019



Movie review2

A veteran friend and I went to watch the movie **DANGER CLOSE** at the Sunbury cinema recently.

This movie is a depiction of the Battle of Long Tan fought by D Company 6 R.A.R ANZAC, and most ably supported by 161 NZ Artillery regiment, 9 SQN RAAF, and 3 SQN RAAC.

The hard-won lessons of the battle was pivotal to future military training methods given by the ADF for a generation of military recruits, and as such, the movie provides the viewer with the most accurate depiction of the noise and the effectiveness of military training and management of available manpower with critical timing when its required most – without stifling individuality.

The movie simply tells the story without fuss or glory while highlighting the separate roles each team member provides to ensure the cohesiveness of the team, be they a section, platoon, company, battalion, and any required support elements that make our Australian Defense Force the best Small Force Projection specialists in the world.

Leaving aside the vision of the Nui Dat tent lines lit up like Kings Cross on mardi gras night I found the rest of the props ok.

The uniforms and equipment used and featured in the movie was accurate right down to the home – made wire hook we used to hook the R/T radio handpieces to our lapels or webbing and the individual styles evidenced on our bush hats.

To me, the only thing missing was the visual effects of Arty ranging shots peculiar to the NZ Arty, in that while an Aussie ranging shot was limited to only one shell impact the Kiwi's gave a ranging shot all three shells at once, which naturally tripled any positive effect while also reducing any forewarning to the Gooks of bad shit about to happen. You can imagine the effect of a Kiwi full regiment ranging shot! (yes, they did happen!!) The effect was stunning on the baddies.

We smiled and remembered when the daily downpours were shown on screen and remembered the tunes of the soundtrack.

I don't know where they found the D model Huey's for the movie (Maybe the RAN Memorial Flight) but who can ever forget the distinctive thump of their approaching rotors, and this is brilliantly reproduced by the cinema's surround sound system.

To sum it up, a thoroughly well presented depiction of the events as historically recorded.

Even though it evokes many unpleasant memories and tears, both my veteran friend and I would thoroughly recommend "DANGER CLOSE" to all veterans and their families.

Dieter.



Vietnam Veterans Dinner Dance



Again this year we were able to join the Vietnam Veterans from Melton to have a great night out .

Remembering the Battle of Long Tan, and those who didn't come home, and also those who have passed since them.



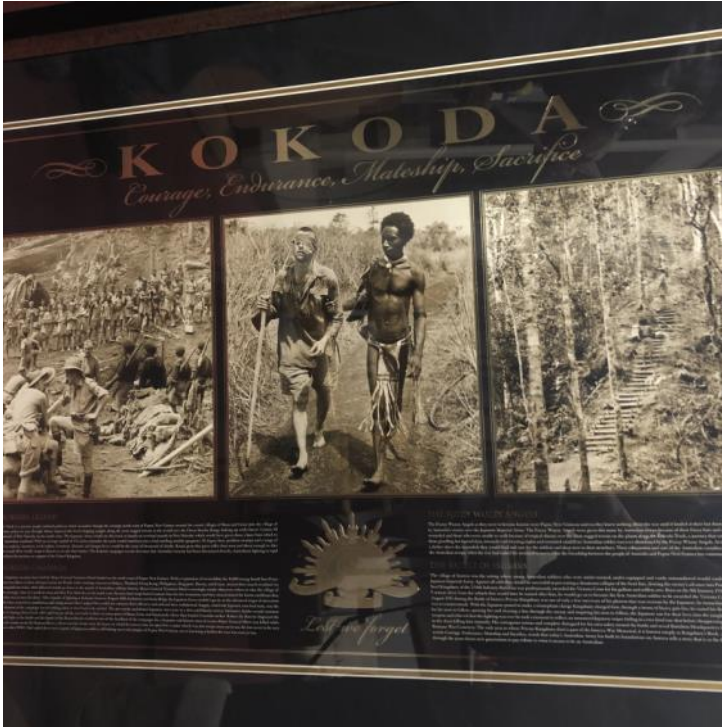


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General Meeting Monday 12th August

14 of us braved the very cold evening to attend the general meeting.

The new heaters are installed and are they efficient? OMG yes they are, Jackie and I were removing our jackets soon after arriving. We had 17 years of good service from the old ones

So money well spent.

The bank accounts are healthy.

We have 211 members.

The Sunbury RSL is 100 years established in November. There are some celebration ideas being worked on, if you have any please see Nola, Dieter, Peter Free or myself, actually, not me.

Phil is getting prepared for Remembrance Day, ordering poppies etc.

This beautiful Kokoda picture was donated to us, we now have the set.



IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THE SUNBURY RSL HAS UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ABOUT YOU

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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Name	_____	Spouse	_____
Address	_____	Suburb	_____
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