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Not long after getting back from five harrowing days in Mallacoota our Sunbury RSL committee member Lt Ethen Brailsford (Gisborne CFA) was invited to attend the Bushfire fundraiser at Rod Lever Arena and was thrilled to meet many of the tennis stars present that night.

Ethen and other members of the strike team were deployed for five days from late December and were actively involved with asset protection and extinguishing building fires at Mallacoota. The crews in Mallacoota had a tough couple of days with fire conditions worsening with a change that came though, however conditions improved enough in January for them to be transported by chopper to Bendigo from Mallacoota.

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Meetings for 2020

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| MAR | 10 (Tue) | | 25 Woodend |
| APR | 14 (Tue) | 8 | |
| MAY | 11 | | 27 |
| JUNE | 9 (Tue) | | |
| JULY | 13 | | 22 TBC |
| AUG | 10 | 12 | |
| SEP | 14 | | 23 Kerang |
| OCT | 12 | 14 | |
| NOV | 9 | 11? | 25 K'flat |
| DEC | 14 | 9 | |



Called Circling into Sleep, the memorial features 37 paw prints cast in bronze laid out in a spiral, representing the pattern dogs make before they lie down to sleep.

Aussie's remains are interred below a tea-shaped piece of granite, made from an off-cut of a memorial created more than 10 years ago for all animals in war.

The memorial was unveiled to coincide with the National Day for War Animals.

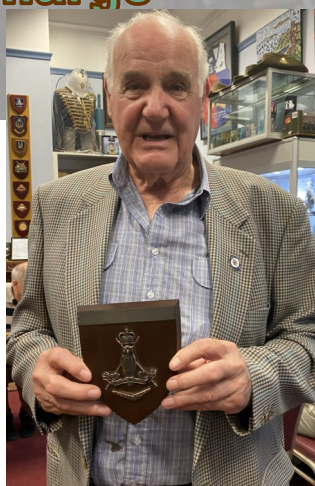
FROM THE EDITOR

Well, not much to say,
Keep those cards & letters
Rolling in.



What's Happening

Wednesday Arvos



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| APRIL | 21 |
| MAY | 19 |
| JUNE | 16 |
| JULY | 21 |
| AUGUST | 18 |
| SEPTEMBER | 15 |
| OCTOBER | 20 |
| NOVEMBER | 17 |
| DECEMBER | 15 |



There is some talk of a Coach Tour a couple of times this year.

The Committee is looking for some feedback and some ideas:

Where would you like to go?

Is there a day that suits better than Wednesday?

The tours are usually from 9:30am until around 3-3:30pm.

There is as much or as little walking as you like.

Always plenty of bathroom stops, as we are all in that age group.

Please talk to a committee member or you can email me: deb@fordbar.com



Australia 1953

MARCH The Television Act is passed by parliament, setting regulations for the broadcast of television in Australia, although television transmission did not commence until 1965.

JUNE The Queen of Australia Elizabeth II's coronation takes place at Westminster Abbey

OCTOBER British Commonwealth Pacific Airlines Douglas DC-9, registration VH-BPE, en route from Sydney, crashes on approach to San Francisco, killing 19 people.



DECEMBER Oil is discovered in the Exmouth Gulf off the coast of Western Australia.



Aerial view of the [Story Bridge](#), 1953

The first town to fluoridate the water supply in Australia was Beaconsfield, Tasmania.

1953 VFL Grand Final

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| |  | |  | |
| | Geelong | | Collingwood | |
| | 8.17 (65) | | 11.11 (77) | |
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| GEE | 2.3 (15) | 3.9 (27) | 5.11 (41) | 8.17 (65) |
| COL | 2.4 (16) | 5.6 (36) | 10.10 (70) | 11.11 (77) |
| Date | 26 September 1953 | | | |
| Stadium | Melbourne Cricket Ground | | | |
| Attendance | 89,149 | | | |



Winner of the Sun Girl Quest at Suttons Beach, 1953

WODALLA Wins the Melbourne Cup



Mr A.E. Underwood receives the Melbourne Cup 1953

MOTOR RACING

The Australian Grand Prix was held at Albert



MARCH in time

- 1788 Lt King took possession of Norfolk Island. British settlement founded,
Two French ships left Botany Bay, and were later wrecked near Santa Cruz
Phillip issued the first government conservation order: that no trees should be cut down within 50 feet of the stream that ran into Sydney Cove.
- 1804 Castle Hill convict rebellion, also known as the second Battle of Vinegar Hill, occurred in New South Wales.
- 1887 The first Test Match is played between Australia and England at the Melbourne Cricket Ground. The first inter-colonial passenger trains began running between Adelaide and Melbourne.
Gold was discovered at Southern Cross, Western Australia.
- 1913 Canberra is officially named as the Capitol of Australia.
- 1921 Edith Cowan becomes the first woman elected to an Australian parliament
The Smith Family Charity is founded.
- 1932 The Sydney Harbour Bridge opens.
The Labor government falls and Joseph Lyons becomes Prime Minister.
- 1943 Australia wins its first Oscar, with cinematographer Damien Parer honored for Kokoda Front Line! Documentary.
2,815 Australian forces engage Japan in New Guinea, Wau, and the Huon Peninsula.
- 1959 Work begins on the Sydney Opera House.
- 1962 Robert Menzies' Commonwealth Electoral Act provided that all Indigenous Australians should have the right to enroll and vote at federal elections, removing remaining restrictions applying in QLD, WA and NT.
- 1971 John Gorton resigns as Prime Minister and is succeeded by William McMahon.
Daylight Saving is introduced to New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia and the Australian Capital Territory.
- 1972 The Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Commission rules that women doing the same job as men have the right to be paid the same wage.
- 1983 Bob Hawke defeats Fraser and leads Labor back to government.
- 1986 Russell Street Bombing in Melbourne.
Crocodile Dundee is released in Australia.
- 1996 Howard Government leads all Australian states and territories agree to introduce uniform gun laws following the deaths of 35 people in the Port Arthur massacre.
- 2006 The Commonwealth Games are held in Melbourne.



Capt Paul John McKay

Paul McKay was a young serving soldier who took his own life as a result of PTSD.

He flew to the USA and went out in blizzard conditions and froze to death. His death made the headlines here for some time, but unfortunately only his family and his mates still remember him and nothing has changed, regarding veteran support after deployment to battle zones.

His parents befriended members of our RSL Club and were impressed by our clubs' attitude to supporting members with mental health issues. Not having any personal connections to RSL Clubs in S.A., they asked if our club might like to have some of Pauls' personal kit, so at least he would be remembered in a place where mates look after their mates.

A flag was flown at the Pentagon in his name and his name has been put on the wall at the Australian War Memorial in the ACT, so he has been honoured to some degree in both his country of birth and country of death. A little town in the USA now celebrates Anzac Day each year and remembers a stranger who was a soldier. Please feel free to come in and see his display and read his story in our rooms.

THE FALLEN SOLDIER

This poem is a tribute to the fallen soldiers and acknowledges that none is forgotten.

*We raise our glass of crimson red,
That symbolizes the blood you shed,
To you the fallen,
These years long dead.*

*We bow our heads in silent pause,
For you the fallen,
Who lay on foreign shores,
You died for a noble cause.*

*We reserve a place for you aside,
For all the fallen,
Who have died.
You walk forever,
by our side.*



From: Brothers in Arms

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St. Paddy's Day

St. Patrick, considered the patron saint of Ireland, was actually born in Banna Venta Bernaine, a town in Roman Britain, some time in the late 300s AD.

He wasn't Irish a

nd his name was not Patrick—it was Maewyn Succat.

He actually had many monikers throughout his life.

His father, Calpornius, was deacon in the early Christian church, but Patrick wasn't much of a believer. It wasn't until he was captured by the Irish pirates at the age of 16 and enslaved for six years as a shepherd that he chose to convert to Christianity.

While in Northern Ireland, Patrick learned the Irish language and culture before attempting to escape back to Britain.

Trying to escape, he was captured again. This time by the French. While in France he learned about monasticism before he was released and sent home to Britain where he continued to study Christianity. Eventually he claimed he had a vision that told him to bring Christianity to the Irish people.

He spread Christian ideologies across Ireland for many years. He baptized thousands of people, ordained new priests, guided women to nunhood, converted the sons of kings in the region, and aided in the formation of over 300 churches.

Folklore also tells of Patrick banishing all the snakes from Ireland, but as bad as that sounds, there were never actually any snakes on the island to begin with.



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St Patrick's Day

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Find the following words:

LEPRECHAUN
ST PATRICK
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RAINBOW
CLOVER
GREEN
MARCH

GOLD
LUCK



**PICKLE
ME GRANDMOTHER**



**THEY KILLED
THE KINGSWOOD**

**The police just pulled me over
and said, "Papers?"**

**I said, "Scissors, I win!" and
drove off.**

**I think he wants a rematch - he's
been chasing me for 45 minutes!**



Bowls Report

North-West Pennant. The Friday mornings' competition has got 5 weeks to go. Grand finals on March 13th. We've had just enough players for the season: about 10 regulars and a few reserves taking turns. After round 13 the 11-team competition was split into two divisions. We were 8th on the ladder, so ended up in the second division. We beat Melton Gold last Friday, still 8th, but with a bit of luck and good form we may be able to finish at the top of the 2nd division.

All matches have been played at Buckley Park again this season; unfortunately though the greens have recently deteriorated. For next season, beginning in October 2020, Glenroy and Deer Park bowling clubs have submitted proposals to have the games played on their greens. And, Sunbury BC is about to submit its own venue proposal. Stay tuned.

The new facility at **Sunbury Bowling Club** is very busy with functions, conferences funerals and the like, and is attracting new bowlers. The facility includes new dining, entertainment and other social facilities near the new under-cover synthetic green.

Sunbury Bowling Club has now issued all its pennant bowlers with new uniforms, so we have collected old uniforms for our RSL Bowlers to wear of a Friday. The coloured strip looks a bit smarter than the plain old whites.

The **Edinburgh Shield** next year is at the City of Echuca Bowling Club, 4th and 5th of April. There is usually plenty of interest shown in this weekend tournament, 19 players have signed up to date. We're making accommodation arrangements already since it soon becomes hard to get the good places. Our first choice is the *NRMA Echuca Holiday Park*.



I received this on condition of a chocolate & zucchini cake, which I faithfully made and delivered, and put a piece aside for grower of zucchini, to be told "I don't eat cake" ahhhhh.



How good does it look?



Guess who had a birthday





UPCOMING EVENTS 2020

First BBQ day back is Thursday 17th January 2020.

BBQ's every Thursday for the year 2020.

Australia Day Sunday 26th January 2020 at the Vietnam Veterans House. \$5 entry fee.

AGM Thursday 13th February 2020,
11am @ the House.

Mulwala Trip 23rd-26th March 2020.

Moama Trip 27th -30th March 2020.

ANZAC Day 25th April 2020.

Long Tan Dinner Dance Friday 14th August 2020 at the Melton Country Club.

We will be conducting a service for Vietnam Veterans Remembrance Day on Monday the 17th August 2020 @ 10am @ the Memorial Precinct on High Street.

Vietnam Veterans Remembrance Day Tuesday 18th August 2020. We will be going into the Shrine of Remembrance for this day. A bus will be provided. Contact your secretary if you wish to attend. More details later.

Lunch @ Galli Restaurant Thursday 15th October 2020.

Melbourne Cup Day 3rd November 2020 @ the Vietnam Veterans House. \$5 entry fee.

Remembrance Day Monday 11th November 2020 10:30am @ the Memorial Precinct High Street Melton.

Children's Christmas Party Sunday 29th November 2020.

Christmas Dinner Dance Friday 4th December 2020 @ the Melton Country Club.

Please contact your Secretary or Treasurer to make a booking to attend any of these events.



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Thank you Peter B



Wednesday Arvos are full
of these little gems



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She is keeping it and reading it whenever she feels depressed.

Obviously, it has been translated directly, word for word from Mandarin to English.

Getting There:

Our representative will make you wait at the airport. The bus to the hotel runs along the lake shore. Soon you will feel pleasure in passing water. You will know that you are getting near the hotel, because you will go round the bend. The manager will await you in the entrance hall. He always tries to have intercourse with all new guests.

The Hotel:

This is a family hotel, so children are very welcome. We of course are always pleased to accept adultery. Highly skilled nurses are available in the evenings to put down your children. Guests are invited to conjugate in the bar and expose themselves to others. But please note that ladies are not allowed to have babies in the bar. We organize social games, so no guest is ever left alone to play with them self.

The Restaurant:

Our menus have been carefully chosen to be ordinary and unexciting. At dinner, our quartet will circulate from table to table, and fiddle with you.

Your Room:

Every room has excellent facilities for your private parts. In winter, every room is on heat. Each room has a balcony offering views of outstanding obscenity! You will not be disturbed by traffic noise, since the road between the hotel and the lake is used only by pederasts.

Bed:

Your bed has been made in accordance with local tradition. If you have any other ideas please ring for the chambermaid. Please take advantage of her. She will be very pleased to squash your shirts, blouses and underwear. If asked, she will also squeeze your trousers.

Above All:

When you leave us at the end of your holiday, you will have no hope. You will struggle to forget it.

Thanks Sylvia

A very small snapshot of what I saw at Ballan Steam Rally



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