

# DISPATCHES 2020



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*From Platypus Press with thanks*

**Images from  
ANZAC Day  
2019**

Hi all, the newsletter is small, but not much is happening. The zoom is still going on Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm, you would be most welcome to join in. Each week there have been the regulars (I'm one of those) but a few new faces, always good.

It seems our isolation time is coming to an end, although I think many of us will wait a little longer than the government says, just to be sure, to be sure, to be sure.

I'm sure sometime soon we will be able to have a sausage and a bevvie together at the RSL.

Thanks to everyone who has sent items for the newsletter, it makes it somewhat easier.

Take care of yourselves and each other until then.



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### Meetings for 2020

	RS1	COM	REG 7
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	

Ollie will continue to maintain lawns, but no extras eg: pruning, weeding.

Im sure you understand we have limited funds and no income from Anzac Day badge sales this year, which normally pays for that.

Thank you for your understanding, be well.

I haven't taken cancelled away, but I'm hoping it's on the way out.

CANCELLED

## Australia 1956

It was interesting this time, trying to find anything that happened in Australia in 1056—[The Olympics](#)

August—The Murray River flooded (the biggest flood in recorded history), affecting many towns near the river.

November —The 1956 Summer Olympics opened in Melbourne. The opening ceremony was held at the Melbourne Cricket Ground with 107,700 people watching.



Host city	Melbourne, Victoria, Australia
Nations	72
Athletes	3,314 (2,938 men, 376 women)
Events	151 in 17 sports (23 disciplines)
Opening	22 November
Closing	8 December
Opened by	The Duke of Edinburgh <sup>[1]</sup>
Cauldron	Ron Clarke <sup>[1]</sup>
Stadium	Melbourne Cricket Ground

### Summer

← Helsinki 1952      Rome 1960

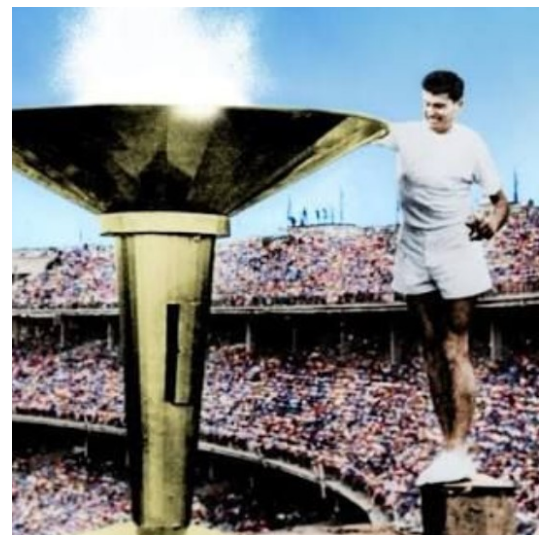
### Winter

← Cortina 1956      Squaw Valley 1960

The 1956 Summer Olympics, officially known as the Games of the XVI Olympiad, was an international multi-sport event that was held in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia from 22 November to 8 December 1956, with the exception of the equestrian events, which were held in Stockholm, Sweden in June 1956.

These Games were the first to be staged in the Southern Hemisphere and Oceania, as well as the first to be held outside Europe and North America. Melbourne is the most southerly city ever to host the Olympics. Due to the Southern Hemisphere's seasons being different from those in the Northern Hemisphere, the 1956 Games did not take place at the usual time of year, because of the need to hold the events during the warmer weather of the host's spring/summer (which corresponds to the Northern Hemisphere's autumn/winter). Australia did not host the Games again until 2000 in Sydney, New South Wales.

The Olympic equestrian events could not be held in Melbourne due to Australia's strict quarantine regulations, so they were held in Stockholm five months earlier. This was the second time that the Olympics were not held entirely in one country, the first being the 1920 Summer Olympics, which were held in Antwerp, Belgium, with some events taking place in Ostend, Belgium and Amsterdam, Netherlands. Despite uncertainties and various complications encountered during the preparations, the 1956 Games went ahead in Melbourne as planned and turned out to be a success. The enduring tradition of national teams parading as one during the closing ceremony



# Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Australian War Memorial Canberra

The tomb of the Unknown Soldier in the Hall of Memory at the Australian War Memorial might seem to the casual visitor the timeless and natural symbolic centre of the memorial. But it was not always so: it was only in 1993 that the body of an unknown Australian soldier was repatriated and entombed here. That fact was highlighted by a 2013 controversy over inscribing Paul Keating's striking eulogy in this sacred space.

So why did it take three-quarters of a century beyond the war for Australians to build a local replica of the powerful memorials inaugurated in London and Paris in November 1920? Those memorials at Westminster Abbey and the Arc de Triomphe spoke to a terrible reality of the First World War: so many of those who had been killed could not be identified, or even found.

These were the "missing": in Australia's case alone, of almost 60,000 deaths on the battlefields, 23,000 have no known grave. In the case of the British Empire, those bodies that were identified remained in more than 1000 cemeteries across the former battlefields.

The tomb of the unknown warrior, in Westminster Abbey, and the nearby cenotaph (literally "empty tomb" in Greek) in Whitehall offered mourners a place to acknowledge their loss and to perform the rituals of bereavement. The cenotaph was widely copied in Australia and across the British Empire; why not the tomb of the unknown?

In an era of expensive and time-consuming travel, Australians and New Zealanders in particular could hardly dream of visiting battlefield graves on the other side of the world. Throughout the inter-war period, relatives and returned soldiers consistently called for the return of a representative body to symbolise the absent dead. They called for the interment of an unknown Australian soldier.

Even as the coffin was being lowered into the grave in London, such calls had begun in Australia. In 1922 the matter came to a head. Some federal ministers hoped that a body might be interred on Canberra's Capitol Hill, while returned soldier groups variously favoured sites in Sydney and Melbourne.

Opposition to the proposal reflected Australians' powerful affections for the British Empire. Opponents pointed to the lessened significance of the Unknown Warrior if the Australian plan went ahead. The "representative Warrior ... in the centre of Empire", one claimed, was:

*... a unique testimonial that would not be improved by repetition in other countries.*

Others worried that such a memorial would tend to re-awaken grief that had begun to settle.

Though the urge to inter an unknown soldier in Australia was defeated by such criticism at the time, the idea persisted,

suggesting that war's wounds had not entirely closed. In 1935, one Melbourne woman claimed that if an unknown soldier were returned it "may be my own son who is laid there".

In the wake of the Second World War, advocates were just as insistent that Australians deserved their own symbolic tomb, arguing it:

*... would hold for us the same meaning as those in Westminster Abbey and the A*

Yet strong attachment to the Empire continued to complicate the venture. As late as 1970, a proposal from within the Returned Services League of Australia (RSL) stalled.

Finally, in 1991, the Australian War Memorial initiated a successful campaign to repatriate the remains of an unknown Australian soldier of the Great War. Referring to previous failures, deputy director Michael McKernan suggested that unlike before, the memorial itself was now "very much in touch with Australia's own history".

The body was exhumed from a cemetery near Villers-Bretonneux, in France, and on November 11 1993 was interred at the Australian War Memorial.

Then-prime minister Paul Keating declared that the Unknown Soldier not only represented more than 100,000 "men and women who laid down their lives for

Australia" in the wars of the 20th century, but that he embodied:

*... a story of bravery and sacrifice and, with it, a deeper faith in ourselves and our democracy, and a deeper understanding of what it means to be Australian.*

*Prime Minister Paul Keating's 1993 speech.*

In 1993, entombing an unknown soldier from the battlefields of the Great War clearly meant something different to what the practice might have meant in the 1920s or 1930s. The survivors of the war were themselves almost all gone, as were those who mourned the dead of 1914-18.

Observer Ken Inglis described the funeral ceremony as "a kind of communal farewell to the Anzacs". That farewell also marked a new beginning, as part of the reinvigoration and recasting of how Australians remember the Great War.

Certainly one element in the creation of the tomb was to assert a more independent national sentiment as Australia moved slowly beyond empire, a theme also reflected in the creation of tombs in Canada (2000) and New Zealand (2004).

Such tombs remain timeless because of their anonymity. Their meanings change as attitudes change and events in our own time affect our understanding of the past. Like the phrase "lest we forget", the tomb of the Unknown Soldier defies precise definition. This is the point.

For grieving loved ones, a tomb could stand for the absent dead and attend to their need for a place of mourning. It also had the capacity to reflect whatever meanings one might ascribe to the war: crusade, triumph, futility or folly.

To the visitor, the unknown identity of the soldier might act as a homage or as a warning; perhaps both. The urge to inscribe more precise meanings on the tomb is understandable, though it works against the potent symbolism of the nameless body. Here, as in our other ceremonies to mark the experience of war, silence speaks more powerfully than words cut in stone.



# 80s TRIVIA

I thought, for a bit of fun, I would include 5 Trivia questions. The answers next month. Check off your answers, DON'T CHEAT might even be a prize for the person with the most correct in September, by Spring, that sounds good to me.

Here we go.....

1 In which city is 'Ghostbusters' set?

- (1) London
- (2) San Francisco
- (3) New York

2 Who fought England over the Falklands Islands in 1982?

- (1) Argentina
- (2) Scotland
- (3) USA

3 Who sang about "a land down under"?

- (1) INXS
- (2) Men at Work
- (3) Olivia Newton-John

4 Who was Steve Martin's co-star in 'Dirty Rotten Scoundrels'?

- (1) Gene Hackman
- (2) Tom Cruise
- (3) Michael Caine

5 What car manufacturer made the 280ZX in the 1980s?

- (1) Ford
- (2) Datsun
- (3) Toyota



## 1080s

A different time—

Less people

Cheap postage

Terrible hair



# JUNE in time

- 1849      1      Western Australia became a penal colony.
- 1859      6      Queensland separated from New South Wales.
- 1927      9      The tenth parliament is formally opened in Canberra, finalizing the move to the new capital.
- 1927      13      Slim Dusty (David Kirkpatrick), country Music Singer and Musician is born in Kempsey, NSW.
- 1928      13      Bert Hinkler makes the first successful flight from Britain to Australia, and Charles Kingsford Smith makes the first flight from the United States to Australia.
- The Shrine of Remembrance is built.
- 1929           Western Australia celebrates its centenary.
- Labor returns to office under James Scullin.
- The Great Depression hits Australia
- 1964           The Beatles' 1964 world tour reaches Australia.
- 1968      24      British comedian Tony Hancock commits suicide in Sydney.
- 1978      24      First Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras
- 1979           Australian women win the right to maternity leave
- Kakadu National Park and the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park are both proclaimed.







*As many of you are aware, I also edit a newsletter for the Gisborne Vintage Machinery Society. This was written by a past president who is a health care worker, (front line). He has given his ok for me to share this with you also.*

What a year it has been so far as a front line healthcare worker it is very different nursing in today's health climate in this country. The start of the year I was put on standby to assist with medical teams for the bushfires, as we all know that was a worrying time for everyone involved over the summer. We just get over the bush fire season and now we are all dealing with covid19, something that 100 years ago was around in the Spanish flu after the first world war. I hope you are all safe and at home, as one of the lucky or not so lucky few professions to be still working each day has its new challenger's. Over the past 6 weeks every day has changes on how we see and deal with covid19 and suspected covid19 patients in the health care. At time of writing this is what I have to put on just while I am at work (photo), there is even more to put on if this is a known covid19 patient. I have never had to do any of this for real until this year, after 20+ years of nursing. I have had to wear the hazmat gear for disaster nursing training but that is about it. I have also done a refresher on working in intensive care which I last did 9 years ago and this is all for the influx of covid19 patients in this country we were expecting to see, a lot of health department and organisational planning. So far we in this country and this state have been very lucky, social isolation, limited activity and the fact that we generally don't live on top of each other, like they do in other countries. But we are far from over this we have a long way to go before we start to see some normality back in our lives as we approach win-

ter this could yet be our most challenging time. Please stay safe and look after each other. Yes it is lonely and isolating but we are all doing much better than other countries in the world with this covid19. Please think of wonderful things and projects that we can do for our vintage machinery society as we move out of these restrictions to further support the club into the future.

Stay safe and healthy, look out for each other.

Many regards

Anthony Davis past president





**UPCOMING EVENTS 2020**

BBQ's every Thursday for the year 2020.

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

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 @ th 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.



Contact your representative to find out what is happening with these

Check closer to time - cancellations



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# COVID HUMOR

> New monthly budget: Petrol \$0, Entertainment \$0, Clothes \$0, Groceries \$2,799.

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> Breaking News: Wearing a mask inside your home is now highly recommended. Not so much to stop COVID-19, but to stop eating.

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> We low-maintenance chicks are having our moment right now. We don't have nails to file and paint, roots to dye, eye-lashes to re-mink, and are thrilled not to have to get dressed every day. I have been training for this moment my entire life!

>

> When this quarantine is over, let's not tell some people.

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> I stepped on my scale this morning. It said: "Please practice social distancing. Only one person at a time on the scale."

>

> Not to brag, but I haven't been late to anything in over 8 weeks.

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> It may take a village to raise a child, but I swear its going to take a vineyard to home school one.

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> You know those car commercials where there's only vehicle on the road? Doesn't seem so unrealistic these days.

>

> They may open things up next month -- I'm staying in until July to see what happens to you all first.

>

> Day 56: The garbage man placed an AA flyer on my recycling bin.

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> Appropriate analogy: "The curve is flattening, so we can start lifting restrictions now. Or could it be....." "The parachute has slowed our rate of descent, so we can take it off now."

>

> People keep asking: "Is coronavirus REALLY all that serious?" Listen all of you; the churches and casinos are closed. When heaven and hell agree on the same thing, it's probably pretty serious.

>

> Never in a million years could I have imagined I would go up to a bank teller wearing a mask and ask for money.

>

> I am home schooling. On the first day I tried to get this kid transferred out of my class.

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> Putting a drink in each room of my house today and calling it a pub crawl.

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> Okay, so the schools are closed. Do we drop the kids off at the teacher's house?

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> For the second part of this quarantine do we have to stay with the same family or will they relocate us? Asking for myself....

>

> And the best one: I was in a long line at 7:45 am today at the grocery store that opened at 8:00 for /\_seniors only\_/ A young man came from the parking lot and tried to cut in at the front of the line, but an old lady beat him back into the parking area with her cane. He returned and tried to cut in again but an old man punched him in the gut, then kicked him to the ground and rolled him away. As he approached the line for the 3rd time he said, "/\_\*If you people don't let me unlock the door, none of you will ever get in to shop.\*\_\*\*\_/

# COVID HUMOR

**When you are bored just think about a few things that don't make sense such as:**

1. If poison passes its use by date, is it more poisonous or is it no longer poisonous?
2. Which letter is silent in the word "Scent," the S or the C?
3. Do twins ever realise that one of them is unplanned?
4. Why is the letter W, in English, called double U? Shouldn't it be called double V? (No..look it up..there is an answer!)
5. Maybe oxygen is slowly killing you and It just takes 75-100 years to fully work.
6. Every time you clean something, you just make something else dirty.
7. The word "swims" upside-down is still "swims".
8. 100 years ago everyone owned a horse and only the rich had cars. Today everyone has cars and only the rich own horses.
9. If you replace "W" with "T" in "What, Where and When", you get the answer to each of them.

Four great confusions are still unresolved:

1. In cinemas, which arm rest is yours?
2. If people evolved from monkeys, why are monkeys still around?
3. Why is there a 'D' in fridge, but not in refrigerator?
4. Who knew what time it was when the first clock was made?

When I offer to wash your back in the shower, all you have to say is yes or no.

Not all this "who are you and how did you get in here?" nonsense.



## SENIOR OBSERVATIONS.....

- \*My luck is like a bald guy who just won a comb.
- \*If you answer the phone with "Hello, you're on the air!"... most telemarketers will quickly hang up.
- \*When one door closes and another door opens, you are probably in prison.
- \*To me, drink responsibly means don't spill it.
- \*When I say "the other day," I could be referring to any time between yesterday and fifteen years ago.
- \*Cop: "Please step out of the car." Me: "I'm too drunk, You get in."
- \*I've had my patience tested. I'm negative.
- \*If you're sitting in public, and a stranger takes the seat next to you, just stare straight ahead and say, "Did you bring the money?"
- \*Sixty might be the new forty, but 9:00 PM is the new midnight.
- \*I finally got eight hours of sleep. It took me three days, but whatever.
- \*I run like the winded.
- \*I don't remember much from last night. But the fact that I need sunglasses to open the fridge this morning tells me it was awesome.
- \*When you do squats, are your knees supposed to sound like a goat chewing on an aluminum can stuffed with celery?
- \*I don't mean to interrupt people. I just randomly remember things and get really excited.
- \*It's the start of a brand new day, and I'm off like a herd of turtles.
- \*Don't bother walking a mile in my shoes, that would be boring. Spend thirty seconds in my head, that'll freak you right out.
- \*The older I get, the earlier it gets late.





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