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# DISPATCHES

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## MEETINGS 2021

### GENERAL MEETINGS

JUNE 14th

JUNE 16th

JULY 12th

AUG 9th

AUG 11th

SEP 13th

OCT 11th

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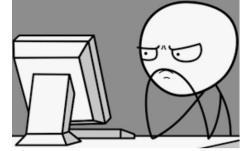
NOC 8th

DEC 13th

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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So here we are back in lockdown. Guess I will be upsetting people again. Anyway we do what we are good at. How could we get back here? No no don't answer that.

I will let you know by email as soon as there is any news of us being allowed to gather again.

WE had a short break in Canberra, I wanted to go to the ANG Botticelli to Van Gogh - Amazing. When I was at art school I dreamed of seeing Van Gogh work.. And I guess now I will only ever see what comes to Australia, and I should be grateful for that. We also visited the war museum wow



deb

## Raewyn Elizabeth Ross



13/06/1945 - 22/05/2021

You will be missed by all  
**members of the Sunbury**  
RSL



RSL Sunbury

We need to up-date our register, this task has fallen behind over the last year. We really need your help. If you could fill in the form below, and return it to the RSL we would appreciate it. We are not getting any younger, and it is important we know where everyone is living so we are able to contact everyone should the need arise.

Please fill in the form below (Print it, fill it in and return if you receive the newsletter by e-mail)

There will be some of the forms at the RSL if that is more suitable to you.

Please help

*Graeme Williams*  
President

**MEMBER**

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Type of membership (circle one)      Service      Affiliate      Associate      Social

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Theatre \_\_\_\_\_

Time Frame \_\_\_\_\_

Date Joined R.S.L.      \_\_/\_\_/\_\_

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## Dinner @ the footy club



June-----15th

July-----20th

August-----17th

September-----21st

October-----19th

November-----16th

December-----21st

22 enjoyed the new menus at the Footy club

As always good company. What a great way to get to know people.



## *Record Sunbury ANZAC Appeal Badge Sales in 2021*

*Due to the very generous Sunbury residents and a dedicated sales team; the Sunbury RSL sub-branch achieved record ANZAC Appeal badge sales in 2021.*

*The target at the beginning of badge sales was to try to better the 2019 result of \$35,500 (2020 was written off as a non-event). Sales started positively and confidence was high after the first week before sales slowed. Phil kept the enthusiasm going with updates of the progressive total and the last few days picked up again, with all sellers reporting a very busy final Saturday.*

*Many thanks go out to everyone who gave up their time to support the appeal and sell badges; often in very cool, windy conditions.*

*The days/excitement/sleep/boredom was often relieved by members of the public who stopped by to chat and voice their support and gratefulness of the veterans; to talk about their own experiences (most especially enjoyed by 'counselor' Jan); or comment on their feelings for the state government and the restrictions for the Dawn Service and march in the City.*

*Daily highlights included Peter's mobility aid races at Big W, Remy having his lunch (seafood of course) hand delivered to his table in Evans St, daily visits by the very colorful 'Bike Doctor', and the team dodging the parking inspectors. Thanks to the efforts of forward observers and the vigorous shuffling of cars, victory is claimed in the battle with the inspectors as, 'to the best of my knowledge', no tickets were issued.*

*The overall support received was typified by the spontaneous feedback to president Graeme one day, when he received a big hug and a prayer from a young blonde in pigtails (she pushed Harry out of the way to get to him).*

*A huge THANK YOU goes out to the businesses, schools and clubs that supported the appeal; especially Geyers, Sunbury Square, Woolworths (Sunbury Central and Rosenthal), Big W, Target, and Bunnings for allowing access for our sales teams.*

*And now; the final total raised by the Sunbury RSL for the 2021 ANZAC Appeal is ... \$52,896.35 ... YA-HOOOOOO!!!!!!*

*The funds raised during the ANZAC Appeal will enable the Sunbury RSL sub-branch to provide on-going aid and support to the local veteran community.*

*On behalf of Graeme, the committee, our veterans, and their families; THANK YOU ALL for a tremendous result that far exceeded expectations.*

*For now, put your feet up, have a well earned drink and we'll see you all again in November.*

*Regards*

*Phil and Gary*



# DESPATCHES 2021



Dear Members, I have been asked to rebook Murray River Holiday Park again for March 2022. Everyone has told me that you all had a great time and that the Caravan Park was very handy to places. The dates I have been able to book are Friday 25th March to Monday 28th March. I have to confirm the booking as soon as possible to hold all of the cabins. I know it is a long way off but when booking for so many cabins you have to do it early. Please get back to me ASAP if you are interested for next year.

Regards Aileen

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## Form your own opinion

*The founder of Dubai, Sheikh Rashid, was asked about the future of his country, and he replied, "My grandfather rode a camel, my father rode a camel, I ride a Mercedes, my son rides a Land Rover, and my grandson is going to ride a Land Rover, but my great-grandson is going to have to ride a camel again."*

Why is that, he asked? And his reply was, "Hard times create strong men, strong men create easy times.

Easy times create weak men, weak men create difficult times.

Many will not understand it but you have to raise warriors, not parasites"

And add to that the historical reality that all great "empires"...the Persians, the Trojans, the Egyptians, the Greeks, the Romans and in later years the British...all rose and perished within 240 years. Each "rotted from within". America has now passed that 240 year mark and the "rot" is visible all around us and now accelerating quickly. We are passed the Mercedes and Land Rover Years and the camels are in our yards. And 75 million Americans demonstrated last November by voting for Biden that they know nothing of history and/or think we should all be riding camels!"



# The Spanner Man



The Spanner Man from Boort, has passed away

Boort artist John Piccoli after contracting polio in 1949, Mr Piccoli carried on farming his third-generation Central Victorian property from a wheelchair before retiring to embrace life as an accidental artist.

Mr Piccoli sourced antique spanners from far and wide to create his many sculptured; eventually, he was convinced to open his farm to visitors.

The tourist attraction welcomed 300 people in its first year, nearly 20 years later, it attracted 100-200 visitors a day.





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IF MY BODY WERE A CAR:

If my body were a car, this is the time I would be thinking about trading it in for a newer model.

I've got bumps and dents and scratches in my finish and my paint job is getting a little dull, but that's not the worst of it. My fenders are too wide to be considered stylish. They were once as sleek as a little M.G. but now they look like an old Buick.

My seat cushions have split open at the seams, my seats are sagging.

Air Bags? Forget it. The only bags I have these days are under my eyes. Not counting the saddlebags, of course.

I have sooooo many kilometers on my odometer. Sure, I've been many places and seen many things, but when's the last time an appraiser factored life experiences against depreciation?

My headlights are out of focus and it's especially hard to see things up close.

My traction is not as graceful as it once was. I slip and slide and bump into things even in the best of weather.

My whitewalls are stained with varicose veins. It takes me hours to reach my maximum speed. My fuel rate burns inefficiently.

But here's the worst of it, almost every time I sneeze, cough or splutter ...

my radiator leaks!



At lunch time, sit in your parked car with sunglasses on and point a hair dryer at passing cars. See if they slow down.

Page yourself over the intercom. Don't disguise your voice.

Put decaf in the coffee mak-

er for 3 weeks. Once everyone has gotten over their caffeine addictions, switch to espresso.

Finish all your sentences with "in accordance with the prophecy."

As often as possible, skip rather than walk.

Sing along at the opera.

Go to a poetry recital and ask why the poems don't rhyme.

When the money comes out the atm, scream "I won! I won!"

Tell your children over dinner. "due to the economy, we are going to have to let one of you go."

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## Winter Word Search

### Never a truer word spoken

The founder of Dibai, Sheikh Rachid, was asked about the future of his country, and he replied, "My grandfather rode a camel, my father rode a camel, I ride a Mercedes, my son rides a Land Rover, and my grandson is going to ride a Land Rover, but my great-grandson is going to have to ride a camel again."

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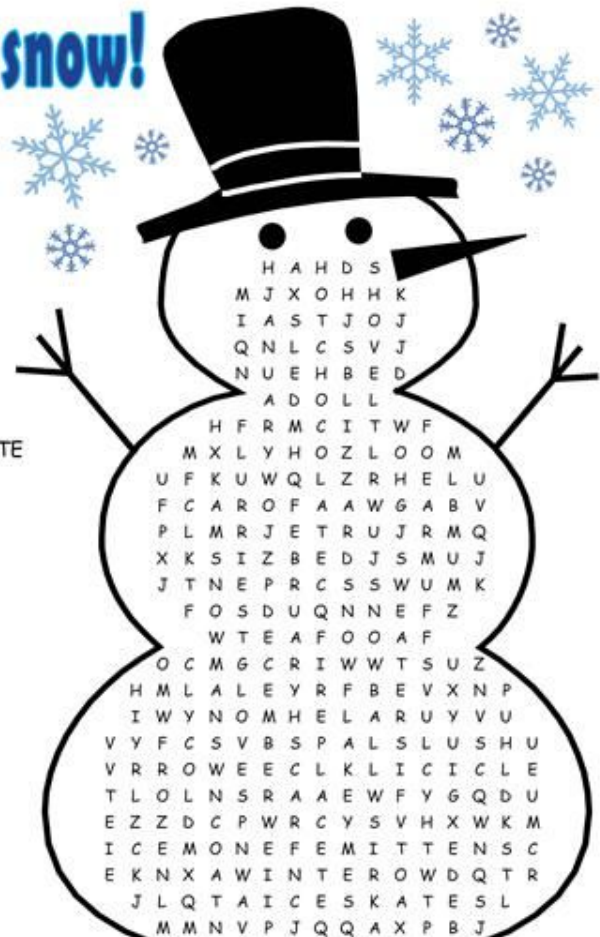
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| BLIZZARD | FIREPLACE | PLOW     |
| BOOTS    | FROSTY    | SCARF    |
| COAT     | HAT       | SHOVEL   |
| COCOA    | ICE       | SKIING   |
| COLD     | ICICLES   | SLEDDING |
| DECEMBER | JANUARY   | SNOW     |
| EARMUFFS | MARCH     | SWEATER  |
| FEBRUARY | MITTENS   | WINTER   |



### Let it snow!

- BLIZZARD  
 COAT  
 COLD  
 DECEMBER  
 EARMUFFS  
 FEBRUARY  
 FIREPLACE  
 FLURRIES  
 FROZEN  
 GLOVES  
 HOT CHOCOLATE  
 ICE  
 ICE SKATES  
 ICICLE  
 JANUARY  
 MITTENS  
 SCARF  
 SHOVEL  
 SLED  
 SLUSH  
 SNOWBALL  
 SNOWFLAKE  
 SNOWMAN  
 SWEATER  
 WINTER



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## *The Solitary Soldier*

*At the going down of the sun and the dark of the 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 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**

John McCosker 2016

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# Australia 1967

- January The Prime Minister of South Vietnam Nguyen Cao Ky begins a controversial visit to Australia.
- February First student intake at Macquarie University
- 3 Ronald Ryan becomes the last man hanged in Australia; he was executed for the murder of prison warder George Hodson while escaping from Pentridge Prison on 19 December 1965
- 7 Black Tuesday in Tasmania—massive bushfires in and around Hobart.
- 8 Gough Whitlam defeats Dr Jim Cairns and Frank Crean to replace the retiring Arthur Calwell as leader of the federal Australian Labor Party.
- March 1 The Royal Australian Navy replaces the British White Ensign flag on all its ships with the Australian White Ensign.
- Duke of Edinburgh visits Australia
- 8 La Trobe University is officially opened.
- April 4 The Australian government announces it will not ban the oral contraceptive pill, maintaining the risk of thrombosis is 'very slight'
- 29 The new Australian 5-dollar note goes into circulation
- July 1 The postcode system of postal address coding is introduced throughout Australia.
- August 1 Qantas Airways drops the word 'Empire' from the name.
- September 28 Amendments to the South Australian Licensing Act came into effect ending the era of the Six o'clock swill in Australia
- November 27 John (Jonny) Farnham releases Saidie (the cleaning lady) It was his first number 1
- December 17 Prime Minister Harold Holt disappears while swimming in heavy surf at Cheviot Beach, near Portsea, Victoria

GMH exports its 100,000th car and launches its first compact sedan, the Torana.

Bomber aircraft from No.2 Squadron RAAF Canberra are deployed to Phan Rang airbase in South Vietnam

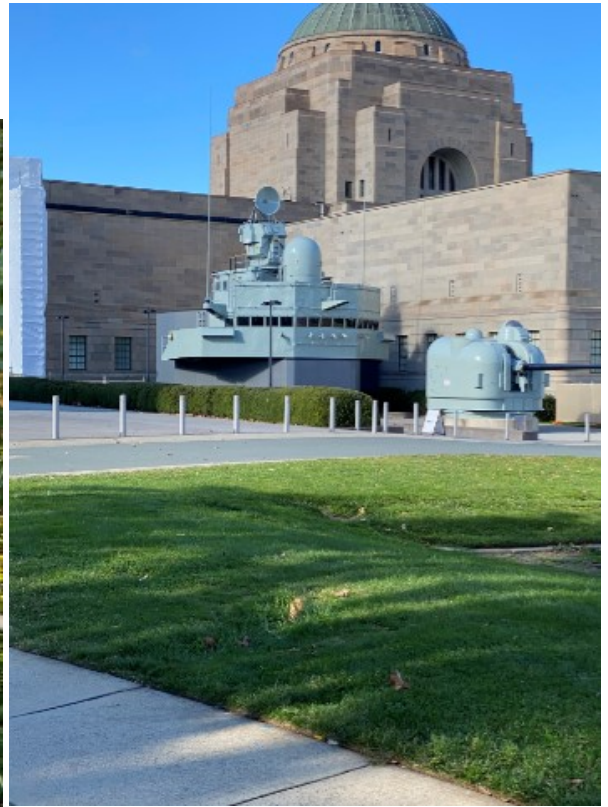
Australia Square Tower, Australia's first true skyscraper, is completed.

Health authorities begin the first national polio immunization campaign using the new Sabin oral vaccine developed by Dr Jonas Salk.

Richmond defeated Geelong in front of 109,396 people to win the Grand Final

Red Handed won the Melbourne Cup

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We had a wonderful long weekend in Canberra.

Went to the National Gallery OMG so so good

The War Memorial needs so much more than the 3 hours we had, but I am going back soon.

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**30 Years Entertaining The People of Canberra**  
The Civic Merry-Go-Round was originally located on St Kilda Esplanade in Melbourne, where it commenced operation in 1915.  
In 1973, the Merry-Go-Round was purchased at public auction for the people of Canberra for \$40,000.  
After extensive restoration it began operating in Civic on 13 March 1974.  
Plaque unveiled to mark the 30th anniversary of the Canberra opening by Minister for Arts and Heritage, Bill Wood MLA  
12 March 2004



*I loved Canberra Just the gallery and the war memorial would have been enough, but there is some amazing fun art around the place, well where we were. Can't wait to go back to look at some more.*



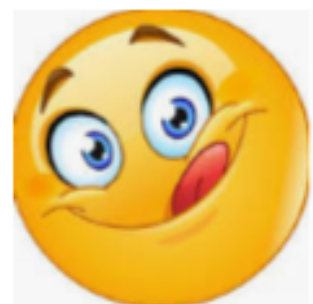
## Try me



### Method

1. Preheat oven to 200C/180C fan forced. Place [pumpkin, cut side up, on baking tray. Use sharp knife to deeply score the pumpkin flesh, leaving a 2-3cm border. Drizzle with 1 tbs oil, Bake for 50 minutes or until tender.
2. Meanwhile, place the stock in a saucepan over high heat. Bring to the boil. Reduce heat to low. Hold at a gentle simmer.
3. Heat remaining oil in a saucepan over medium heat. Cook onion and garlic, for 5 minutes or until soft. Stir in the rice for 1 minute or until toasted. Add wine and cook, stirring, until liquid is absorbed. Add enough stock to just cover the rice. Stir until absorbed. Continue adding stock to just cover rice, stirring constantly and allowing liquid to absorb before adding more. For 18 minutes or until the rice is firm to the bite.
4. Use a large metal spoon to remove the cooked pumpkin flesh, leaving the 2-3cm border. Coarsely chop and stir into the risotto with the parmesan and basil. Season.
5. Fill pumpkin halves with risotto and sprinkle with the mozzarella. Bake for a further 20 minutes or until golden and melted

1. 8kg butternut pumpkin, halved, deseeded
2. 2 tbs extra virgin olive oil
3. 750ml Chicken liquid stock
4. 1 brown onion, finely chopped
5. 2 garlic cloves, thinly sliced
6. 220g Arborio rice
7. 160ml white wine
8. 70g parmesan, finely grated
9. 1 cup fresh basil leaves, chopped
10. 100g mozzarella, coarsely grated



# What will I do during June?

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