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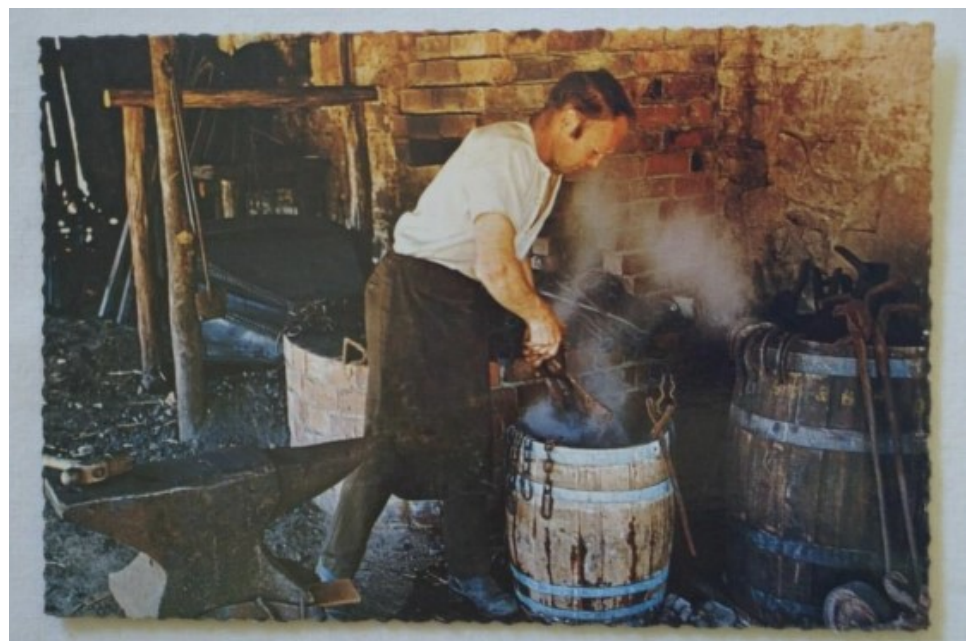
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Ted hard at it, Emu Bottom.



DATES TO REMEMBER 2022

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General Meetings

July	11th
Aug	8th
Sep	12th
Oct	10th
Nov	8th
Dec	12th

Committee of Management Meetings

The Committee of management meetings will now be held at 1830 hours / 6:30pm. Just before the general meeting

Region 7

28 Sep Sunbury
23 Nov L'wood/B'water

If you have queries/questions/ideas please give in writing to a committee member or send a email or come to a meeting

Wednesday Arvos



You will always be welcome at the RSL on Wednesday arvos.

Nola will have hot sausages in bread ready for you and a cold Beveridge should you require it.

Come see us.

FOOTY CLUB DINNER

Please keep an eye on your email as you would be aware we had to move July due to covid removing the chef I will keep you informed if it should happen again



Sep 20th

Sunbury RSL Bowls Newsletter 28/8/2022

Edinburgh Shield next year is at Rich River Bowls/Golf Club, weekend Friday 14th to Sunday 16th April 2023.

We decided that it is best to organize accommodation as early as possible. Winbi resort was investigated but they don't have caravan sites. The most popular suggestion was NRMA Echuca Holiday Park where we had a good time in 2020. So, I have made a provisional group booking for:

3 Standard cabins (1 bedroom), 3 Banksia cabins (2 bedrooms), 3 Acacia cabins (2 bedrooms) and 2 powered drive-through caravan sites.

See details on the Park's website. Only 3 standards were available; but more Banksias and Acacias are available, and bigger cabins and more caravan sites if needed. Provisional booking is for 3 nights (Friday - Sunday), but this can be varied if you like.

We get 10% discount with the group booking, so quote "booking number 297731 for Sunbury RSL Bowlers". Bookings will be confirmed when we make our own individual reservations. So phone the Park ASAP. Tarriffs quoted, including the 10% discount are: Standard: \$125.70/night, Acacia & Banksia: \$169.20/night, powered drive-through sites: \$54/night. Please let me know when you have made a booking.

John Welsh

Secretary Sunbury RSL Bowlers.

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Wednesday Arvos



A very special Wednesday Arvo:
We said "Good-bye" to Remmy
In the picture above is Remmy's son
and daughter and two of his grand-
children. It was a lovely couple of
hours a fitting farewell to a long time
member of Sunbury RSL



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Who is saying
WHAT?



*Fun pics from
Footy club*

OMG look at
that





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Dinner with Melton Nashos





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Unfortunate events

After the last general meeting I made a date with Noel to get a story from him—after he prepared it. I was quite excited to get an article from a member. His story sounded excellent.

He rang me the following week to make a date to collect said article. I however had a cold and not wanting to pass that on to him, a meeting date was set for the following week.

I was at Wednesday Arvo, asked Dave where Noel lived, Dave told me “up the hill, a beautiful garden”

I believed he lived at 159 Aitken Street Sunbury. I headed off to meet Noel—I could not find 159. So completely confused, I rang the number I believed was the number Noel rang me on, was answered by a vaguely familiar voice, who after I asked where in Aitken street was told “Gisborne” So again I made a date to meet.

Upon arriving to the given house in Aitken Street Gisborne, I realized it was the home of a mate in the Steam Club. I did have a lovely visit with him, and turns out he knows Noel .

And so consequently, I have not met Noel, I do not have his article, and he probably thinks I am a horrible person. (he may be correct there)

Noel, I am so sorry

Deb

Ps I found the piece of paper Harry wrote Noels info on but I felt too bad to contact him yet



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From a member of the RSL. The attached pages are extracts taken from the ships captains monthly report of proceedings for 1971, H.M.A.S Sydney III (Vung Tae ferry) had a busy year.

I was a member of the crew from Nov 70 to Sept 73 as a ABME (a stoker) this is about the ship. Hope you can use it in the News letter

Regards

Noel Le Lievre

H.M.A.S Sydney III movements of the ship, extracts taken from the captain's monthly report for all of 1971

Jan From the 1st until 27th the ship remained alongside the oil wharf Garden Island completing self-maintenance and leave period. During this period some 49% of complement billings were changed over during this time.

Jan 27th H.M.A.S Sydney cast off to proceed to Melbourne. During passage to Melbourne the ship escorted H.M.A.S Anzac who was on passage to Williamstown for urgent mechanical repairs.

Jan 29th H.M.A.S Anzac was detached to Williamstown and Sydney berthed at Station Pier.

Jan 31st The ship was open to visitors where some 7,500 members of the public came on board, an 80-year-old visitor collapsed on board and later died in hospital.

Feb 1st Command of the ship was officially handed over to Captain R Scrivenor.

Feb 3rd The ship cast off for passage to Tasmania.

Feb 4th The ship anchored in Darlington Harbour for handling training on LCM, s and cargo equipment in preparation for the fore coming Vung Tae operation.

Feb 5th H.M.A.S Sydney berthed at Oil Wharf Hobart.

Feb 9th The ship cast off and proceeded to the Hobart Regatta anchorage with H.M.A.S Onslow, USN Goldsborough and USN Lynde McCormick.

Feb 10th Weighing anchor the ship proceeded from Hobart to Adelaide.

Feb 12th On reaching the Outer Harbour Port Adelaide no tugs were available due to the ship declared 'black' by the local union. The ship berthed using the ships LCM, s and main engines. The purpose of the visit was to embark 3rd Battalion Royal Australian Regiment and their equipment. Cargo included 140 pallet loads and 45,000 rounds of small arms ammunition.

Feb 15th Embarkment of 3rd battalion which included 495 officers and ranks. The ship cast off to the farewells of some 2000 family and friends.

Feb 18th Rendezvous with H.M.A.S Acute north of Rottneest Island for transfer of mail and personnel by Gemini. The ship then proceeded across the Indian Ocean.

Feb 21st East of Christmas Island and through the Sunda Strait and Gasper Strait on the 23rd.

Feb 23rd South of Anamba Islands a rendezvous with H.M.A.S Yarra and a jackstay transfer of personnel, mail and stores. Yarra remained in company as escort to Vung Tae.

Feb 24th Rendezvous with Royal Fleet Auxiliary Olwen where both Sydney and Yarra fuelled underway.

Feb 25th Yarra preceded Sydney to anchorage in Vung Tae Harbour. Personnel of the 3rd battalion off loaded by Chinook helicopter. The 7th Battalion Royal Australian Regiment and equipment embarked which consisted of 506 officers and ranks, 8 large containers, 8 pallets and 24 small containers. Sydney and Yarra weighed anchor and proceeded from Vung Tae Harbour for return passage to Australia.

Feb 26th H.M.A.S Yarra was fuelled underway from H.M.A.S Sydney and after a jackstay transfer was detached from her escort duties.

Mar 4th The ship berthed Fremantle Harbour where 80 members of the 7th battalion from West Australia and South Australia proceeded on leave. The ship refuelled and 24 hours leave for most of the ships company.

Mar 5th Cast off and proceeded from Fremantle to Sydney. During the afternoon some 200 cases of diarrhoea (Shigella Sonnei Dysentery) cases were reported and the ship divert to Adelaide for antidote drugs as limited supplies held onboard. The ship increased speed to 21 knots.

Mar 8th A rendezvous with a pilot boat south of Adelaide where additional medical supplies embarked.

Mar 9th A quarterly full power trail was carried out between Wilson Promontory and Gabo Island.

Mar 10th H.M.A.S Sydney entered Sydney heads and berthed at Garden Island, the remaining members of the 7th battalion, equipment and cargo off loaded.

Mar 25th Once again H.M.A.S Sydney was at the Outer Harbour Port Adelaide.

Mar 26th A total of 100 trucks and associated stores embarked the ship cast off and proceeded from Port Adelaide for passage to Vung Tae.

Mar 29th Rendezvous with H.M.A.S Acute north of Rottneest Island for mail and personnel transfer.

Apr 1st The ship past Christmas Island.

Apr 2nd A rendezvous with H.M.A.S Vendetta where a mail and transfer by Gemini occurred after the Sunda Strait.

Apr 4th A rendezvous with H.M.A.S Duchess and RFA Green Rover for fuelling of both H.M.A.S ships whilst underway Duchess remained as escort to Vung Tae.

Apr 5th Sydney and Duchess anchored in Vung Tae. Loading of trucks and associated spares was completed by 1430 both ships weighed anchor and for passage to Hong Kong.

Apr 8th After exercising with Duchess both ships berthed at Victoria Basin Hong Kong.

Apr 12th Sydney cast off after rest and relaxation for passage to Sydney via the north of the Philippines and across the Pacific Ocean.

Apr 13th Due to compassionate reasons the ship altered course to the south of Manila where a rendezvous with a SAR craft off Corregidor Island for transfer of the senior sailor.

Apr 18th North of Manus Island a rendezvous with H.M.A.S Ladava for mail transfer by Gemini.

Apr 23rd H.M.A.S Sydney entered Sydney Harbour and berthed at the Oil wharf Garden Island where the ship remained for the rest of the month.

May 10th Prior to departure 114 trucks which were part of the aide for Cambodia consignment were loaded between the 1st and 6th of May. The ship cast off to number 3 buoy to embark AWB 4004 for transportation to the Darwin area and ammunition. Slipping the buoy, the ship proceeded from Sydney for passage to Townsville.

May 13th The ship anchored in Cleveland Bay of Townsville. The 4th Battalion Royal Australian Regiment and equipment was embarked by the ships LCM, s a total of 506 personnel and stores embarked. The ship weighed anchor and proceeded on route through the Great Barrier Reef.

It was reported at 2245 by the watch on deck that a man overboard was suspected, acting on this report the ship reversed to conduct a search. The ship being some 10 miles from Cairns.

May 14th At 0025 a small light was sighted and the Gemini sent to investigate. The man was unconscious but alive thanks to the functioning light on the life jacket. The man who was attempting to swim ashore was placed under observation in the sick bay. The ship continued its passage through the Great Barrier Reef.

May 16th The stopped northwest of Bathurst Island and the AWD 4004 was lowered. The ship then made rendezvous with H.M.A.S Assail for mail transfer. Passage then continued towards Vung Tae.

May 21st Rendezvous with H.M.A. Ships Duchess and Parramatta and RFA Olwen, all ship replenished with fuel whilst underway.

May 22nd H.M.A.S Duchess and Parramatta preceded Sydney to anchorage position in Vung Tae Harbour. Unloading of trucks and offloading of 4th Battalion Regiment and equipment began at 0730. At 1300 backloading of 2nd Battalion Regiment and stores this being completed by 1900. Due to local threat, it was decided to proceed to sea for the night.

May 23rd The Sydney and Duchess returned to Vung Tae. Embarkation of 2nd Battalion and disembarkment of 7th Battalion by Chinook helicopter, all troop movements completed both ships weighed anchor and departed Vung Tae. H.M.A.S Parramatta was detached during the night.

May 24th H.M.A.S Duchess was detached after a jackstay transfer of personnel Sydney preceded on passage to Townsville.

May 28th South of Bathurst Island for rendezvous with H.M.A.S Attack for mail transfer and custom officers embarked.

June 1st Anchored of Townsville to disembark 2nd Battalion Regiment on completion passage to Sydney continued.

June 4th H.M.A.S Sydney berthed at Oil wharf Garden Island where the Sydney remained until the 15th of the month.

June 15th Cast off in company with H.M.A.S Queensborough for passage to Honolulu. Passage from Sydney to the Fiji Island area was hampered by poor weather effecting the associated exercise programme.

June 18th Near Hunter Island the Queensborough was detached to Suva to collect mail.

June 19th Transfer with Queensborough for mail then Queensborough detached to Pago Pago.

June 21st The Sydney passed Phoenix Island and preceded direct toward Pearl Harbour.

June 25th H.M.A.S Sydney berthed Pearl Harbour naval base.

June 28th The Sydney proceeded from Pearl Harbour on passage to San Diego. Two sailors and one private from the ship's army staff were absentees on sailing from Honolulu.

July 2nd – 3rd Began with the loss overboard of an ordinary seaman. During the forenoon watch it was revealed a 20-man inflatable life raft missing. A search by Sydney and local USN Authorises failed to find missing sailor, the ship was 200 miles from San Diego. The sailor was miraculously recovered two and a half weeks later by a merchant ship.

July 4th H.M.A.S Sydney berthed late afternoon at San Diego missing most of the 4th of July celebrations. Aboard of enquiry assembled to investigate the circumstances into the disappearance of the ordinary seaman.

July 7th The ship was cold moved by tugs to a different berth where the Skyhawk Aircraft were embarked.

July 9th Sydney cast off and proceeded from San Diego to San Francisco.

July 10th The Sydney sailed under the Golden Gate Bridge before berthing.

July 13th Due to a longshoreman's strike the ship cast off and proceeded down harbour to anchor in Hunters Point ammunition anchorage. Free freight and ammunition were embarked, this continued for 30 hours.

July 14th Weighing anchor and proceeded from San Francisco for Esquimalt Vancouver Island Canada.

July 16th The Sydney berthed Esquimalt.

July 19th The ship cast off and moved out of Esquimalt Harbour to anchor in Royal Road anchorage in preparation for British Columbia Centenary sail past.

July 20th Anchor was raised and Sydney took up position number two in a column of 22 ships from four nations in the sail past. On completion of sail past Sydney proceeded to Vancouver Harbour berthing at 1730.

July 21st Message was received with news the ordinary seaman was recovered 400 miles from the search area.

July 24th The ship proceeded out of Vancouver Harbour for passage to Pearl Harbour.

July 30th Sydney berthed at Pearl Harbour to refuel.

July 31st H.M.A.S Sydney proceeded from Pearl Harbour for return passage to Australia.

Aug 7th Sydney entered Suva Harbour to land and pick up mail.

Aug 11th Arriving at Jarvis Bay NSW and anchoring in preparation to disembark Skyhawk Aircraft.

Aug 12th On completion of the Skyhawk Aircraft being off loaded the ship weighed anchor and proceeded to Sydney. A full power trial was successfully conducted on passage to Sydney where the ship secured to number two buoy.

Aug 13th – 18th The ship remained at number two buoy discharging the 608 tons of ammunition and explosive stores and ex USA free freight.

Aug 18th The ship was cold moved to the Oil wharf Garden Island where the remainder of free freight consisting of 35 tons of torpedoes 5 vehicles and 300 cubic tons of general stores. Due to future operational commitments a refit was deferred and a short leave period substituted.

Aug 19th H.M.A.S Sydney was cold moved from Garden Island to Cockatoo Island Sutherland dry dock for necessary work on the port shaft.

Aug 27th After a successful docking period the ship was cold moved back to Garden Island Fitting out wharf where the ship remained for the rest of the month.

Sept 15th – 16th 154 Army vehicles and freight were embarked.

Sept 20th The ship cast off to number three buoy for ships ammunition and 96 pallets of redundant ammunition for dumping. The ship proceeded for passage to Singapore, the redundant ammunition was dumped in a depth of 550 fathoms.

Sept 23rd North of Turtle Island an electrical blackout caused by a turbo generator failure necessitated anchoring for 15 minutes until power was restored.

Sept 25th A rendezvous with H.M.A.S Advance for mail and personnel transfer.

Sept 30th The ship berthed Singapore Naval Dockyard, on arrival the heavy Army vehicles were of loaded.

Oct 4th Departed Singapore for Vung Tae.

Oct 5th A rendezvous with H.M.A.S Swan and RFA Tidepool where both Sydney and Swan refuelled whilst underway.

Oct 6th H.M.A.S Swan and Sydney entered Vung Tae Harbour and anchoring. Embarkment of 3rd Battalion Royal Australian Regiment by Iroquois helicopter where 518 men embarked and 3886 cubic tons of vehicles, containers and palletised stores.

Oct 7th H.M.A.S Sydney and H.M.A.S Swan weighed anchor and proceeded from Vung Tae, after a jackstay transfer Swan was detached and Sydney proceeded to Adelaide.

Oct 12th A rendezvous with H.M.A.S Acute north of Rottneest Island where mail, stores and some Army personnel were transferred.

Oct 13th During passage around Cape Leeuwin in heavy weather two ten-ton steel containers slipped a few feet to the edge of the flight deck, but were brought under control and resecured. At about the same time a two-ton Conex broke loose and slid across the hanger into a Landrover and another Conex. The shifting cargo was resecured after two hours.

Oct 16th H.M.A.S Sydney berthed at the Outer Harbour Adelaide where the disembarking of 3 RAR troops and stores began.

Oct 17th H.M.A.S Sydney cast off and proceeded from Adelaide to Sydney.

Oct 19th The ship berthed at the Fitting out wharf Garden Island. Disembarking the remaining members of the 3rd Regiment and stores.

Oct 25th The ship was cold moved to number three buoy where 10 pallets of inert RAAF practice bombs and 120 pallets of redundant ammunition were embarked for dumping.

Oct 26th Sydney slipped the buoy and proceeded to Vung Tae. All redundant ammunition dumped in at least 550 fathoms.

Oct 31st A mail transfer with H.M.A.S Bayonet near Bathurst Island.

Nov 4th A rendezvous with RFA Olna where the ship replenished with fuel. The ship then proceeded into the South China Sea.

Nov 5th H.M.A.S Derwent rendezvous with Sydney for a jackstay transfer of mail personnel and stores, then both ships proceeded to Vung Tae.

Nov 6th Both ships anchored in Vung Tae harbour. Personnel embarked by Iroquois helicopter included units of 11th Field Squadron, 104 Signals Squadron, 12th Field Regiment, 17th Construction Squadron and a Squadron of 3rd Cavalry Regiment and a Headquarters component and education staff. In all 410 personnel embarked, also 4629 shipping tons of cargo including 179 various vehicles and stores and equipment.

Nov 7th Sydney weighed anchor and proceeded from Vung Tae with Derwent. After a jackstay transfer Derwent was detached and Sydney proceeded on return passage to Sydney.

Nov 13th The ship anchored in the western approaches to Prince of Wales Channel and H.M.A.S Paluma was secured along side to replenish with fresh water. The Sydney weighed anchor and proceeded south through the Great Barrier Reef.

Nov 15th Arriving and anchoring of the entrance to Townsville Harbour where 29 Army personnel were landed. The ship weighed anchor and proceeded to Sydney.

Nov 18th H.M.A.S Sydney entered Sydney Harbour and berthed at the Fitting out wharf Garden Island. Army personnel and a ship contingent of 61 were landed to take part in a combined services Vietnam march.

Nov 19th All Army cargo was disembarked.

Nov 22nd Seven shipping tons of Naval armament stores were loaded for Singapore.

Nov 23rd Tugs cold moved Sydney to number 3 buoy where 82 tons of redundant ammunition for dumping was embarked.

Nov 24th Sydney slipped number 3 buoy for final voyage before Christmas. The ship cleared harbour for passage to Singapore dumping redundant ammunition in 550 fathoms.

Nov 29th A rendezvous with H.M.A.S Attack north of Melville Island for mail and stores transfer.

Dec 3rd The ship berthed at Sembawang Naval Dockyard Singapore. Nine tons of free freight were discharged for the Anzuk Force.

Dec 6th Departing Singapore with H.M.A.S Swan for Vung Tae. A Reservist Officer under training for the voyage collapsed and died of a heart attack at dinner.

Dec 8th Both Sydney and Swan anchor in Vung Tae harbour. The advance party of 4 RAR, 104 Field Battery, 9th Squadron RAAF arrived onboard by helicopter, 365 troops embarked, 16 Iroquois helicopters and 4 RAR and 104 Field Batter cargo and stores embarked. Total

volume of cargo and stores included 108 vehicles and 73 cubic tons of stores.

Dec 9th The ships weighed anchor and departed Vung Tae harbour. H.M.A.S Swan was detached shortly after to proceed to the Philippines, Sydney continued passage to Australia.

Dec 13th A transfer of mail, stores and personnel with H.M.A.S Attack north of Melville Island.

Dec 17th The ship anchored of Cleveland Bay Townsville where 9 conexes off loaded and the disembarking of 4 RAR and 104 Field Battery after completion the ship anchor.

Dec 19th The ship anchored of Mooloolaba and commenced flying off the 16 Iroquois helicopters of 9th Squadron. All helicopters clear Sydney weighed anchor and proceeded to Sydney.

Dec 20th Arriving Sydney harbour H.M.A.S Sydney berthed at the Fitting out wharf. The remaining members of 4 RAR and 104 Field Battery and Army cargo and stores where disembarked. Majority of ships company proceeded on leave for Christmas. The ship remained at this berth for the rest of the year.

Statistics for the year –

Distance steamed-	79,337 miles
Hours underway	4,311
Average speed	18.4 Knots
Steam on Main Engines	5,112 hours
Total days at sea	182.6
Total days in Sydney	128.4
Total days at Vung Tae	4.5
Total days in other Ports	54
Total fuel consumption	30,753 tons
Troops	3328
Vehicles	845
Aircraft (Skyhawks)	10
Helicopters	16
Cargo	15,571 Shipping tons



I have acquired this history of our RSL thanks Harry & Peter

And thought it may be of interest I will add a little each month I hope you enjoy it

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Sunbury RSL

Sunbury News Saturday 6th May 1916.



The memory of the deeds of the Australian soldiers at the famous land- ing at Gallipoli on 25th April 1915, was honoured by the students of the Sunbury State School on Thursday 25th April, ANZAC Day, so full of glorious memories of noble deeds, that have made history for Australia and her name to ring as a nation of honour throughout the world was celebrated with a appropriate program under the direction of head teacher Mr Jamieson and his staff. The children sang 'Lest We Forget', The National Anthem and other items and saluted the flag, followed by an interesting address by Mr Jamieson. At the conclusion he thanked the speakers and parents for their presence. A letter from Private T. Foley of Sunbury, was read and was received with applause.

Sunbury News Saturday 19th July 1919

Sir Rupert Clarke will erect costly soldier's memorial in Sunbury

At the invitation of Sir Rupert Bart members of the Bulla Shire Memorial Committee and several others visited 'Kismet' on Saturday last, when Sir Rupert and Lady Clarke were on a visit to Sunbury. Sir Rupert explained that he wished to erect monument in Sunbury to the memory of his cousin Lieutenant Keith MacDonald, who was killed in France. His intention was to place the names of all the district soldiers, whether they enlisted from the shire or not, on marble tablets on the base of the monument, which he estimated would be about forty feet square. This would be surmounted by a marble statue of Earle Kitchener, or some other noted general in the war which he would have executed in England by one of the best sculptors. Sir Rupert said he had selected Sunbury for the monument because it had been the home of the Clarke family.

William Alexander MORTON

[From The Medical Journal of Australia]

Dr William Alexander Morton died on May 9th, 1928, aged 58 years, at Sunbury, Victoria, where he had practiced since his return from the war. He was the son of the late David Murray Morton and brother of Dr. J.C. Morton of Melbourne.

William Alexander Morton was at Christian Brothers College, East Melbourne, and entered The Melbourne University in 1890. Here he excelled at sport, being a good footballer and runner.

He graduated in 1895 and commenced practice in Outrim, Victoria. He later moved to Merino, Where he practiced for about 20 years.

On the outbreak of War, he relinquished his practice and joined the A. I. F. as a captain in The Army Medical Corps. He was abroad for four years. For three years, Medical Officer to the Third Field Artillery Brigade.

His military service was a record of great gallantry and devotion; he refused promotion in order to remain with his brigade and few, if any Australian Medical officers had longer continuous service in the field.

He was promoted to the rank of Major and was awarded the Distinguished Service Order He was three times mentioned in dispatches. He was gassed and this with other hardships in the field, affected his health and indirectly hastened his death,

His war service was not necessary to prove his courage and self-sacrifice for, when as a young man in Outrim, he was riding on horse back passed a cottage; he was stopped and told a child had fallen down a well. He immediately dismounted, stripped and dived into the well, he recovered the child brought him to the surface, and following his efforts by applying respiration which, after a long time was stressful, and the child recovered.

The incident was recognised by the presentation to him of an illuminated address by the people of Outrim, such a man was William Alexander Morton, quite uncommercial and leaving behind him Little of worldly goods but much love and gratitude and an example which was a credit to his Profession and his country.



AUSTRALIA 1981

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February

10 February – Townsville International Airport opens in Townsville

14 February – Australia withdraws recognition of the Pol Pot regime in Cambodia.

17 February – A funnel-web antivenene, developed over 22 years, is used for the first time in Sydney.

20 February – Alice Springs coroner Denis Barritt finds that Azaria Chamberlain was killed by a dingo.

March

11 March – Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser informs Parliament that US B-52 bombers will be allowed to land at Darwin from their base at Guam.

19 March – The South Australian Parliament passes the Pitjantjatjara Land Rights Act.

April

15 April – Minister for Industrial Relations Andrew Peacock resigns from cabinet accusing the prime minister of gross disloyalty.

16 April – The New South Wales Government's controversial election funding Bill is introduced into Parliament, provoking strong Opposition criticism. The Bill imposes stringent declaration conditions with political donations of more than \$200, requiring a statement giving the name and address of donors.

26 April – First tethered flight of Defence Science and Technology Group's Hoveroc rocket is carried out at Port Wakefield, South Australia. [1] It was the world's first practical hovering rocket.

29 April – A fire at the Pacific Nursing Home kills 16 in Sylvania, a suburb of Sydney.

30 April –

The Federal Government's Committee of Review into Government Functions, nicknamed "The Razor Gang", releases its final report and begins a series of cuts in spending on public services and instrumentalities.

May

7 May – Alleged crime boss, Robert Trimbole, leaves Australia.

Three engineering companies make agreements for shorter working weeks with metal trade union representatives in Sydney, giving a major boost to the ongoing campaign for a 35-hour week.

9 May – Assisted passage to Australia is now restricted to refugees.

26 May – Foreign Affairs Minister Tony Street announces that the United States has asked Australia to send peacekeepers to the Sinai Desert.

June

18 June – The 4 millionth Holden car leaves the GMH assembly line.

23 June – The Queensland Government approves sand mining on Moreton Island.

July

17 July – A truck drivers' strike in most states causes the Queensland Government to declare a state of emergency.

30 July – The ALP National Conference rewords its Socialist Objective and endorses affirmative action.

31 July – The Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Commission decides to end wage indexation, a system which has been established in April 1975. President Sir John Moore stated that the guidelines indexing wage adjustments to inflation would no longer be applied to cases before the Commission. Each case will now be decided on individual merit.

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August

24 August – The Church of England in Australia is renamed the Anglican Church of Australia.

September

1 September – Further changes are made to the Medibank health scheme and free treatment of uninsured people in standard hospital wards is abolished.

Northern Territory Chief Minister Paul Everingham orders the police to re-open the investigation into Azaria Chamberlain's disappearance.

21 September – Seven people are killed when a Cessna 206 aeroplane crashes at Charleville.

October

1 October – The National Bank of Australasia and the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney amalgamate to create the National Australia Bank.

November

2 November – The Bank of New South Wales and the Commercial Bank of Australia Limited merge to form a new bank which commences trading under the name of Westpac twelve months later.

12 November – The Federal Government declares the Cairns section of the Great Barrier Reef a marine park, overriding the Queensland Government.

20 November – Alice Springs coroner Denis Barritt's findings in relation to Azaria Chamberlain are quashed by Mr. Justice Toohey of the Supreme Court of the Northern Territory. A new inquest is ordered and begins on 30 November.

December

12 December – A referendum is held in Tasmania to vote for whether or not the Franklin Dam should be built. 47% vote for the original proposal, 8% vote for the compromise solution & 45% vote informally. It is estimated that up to one-third of all votes were for 'no dams', which was not a sanctioned option.

31 December – New South Wales abolishes death duties.

1 February – Trevor Chappell bowls underarm in the final delivery of the game against New Zealand at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG). The delivery leads to the banning of underarm deliveries in cricket.

6 June – Kevin Bartlett becomes the first player to play 350 Victorian Football League (VFL) games, celebrating as Richmond Football Club beat Melbourne 20.16 (136) to 14.10 (94)

29 July – The VFL board announces that South Melbourne will play 11 games in Sydney in 1982

26 September – Carlton 12.20 (92) defeat Collingwood (10.12 (72)) to win the 85th premiership. It is the last time Collingwood would feature in a grand final until 1990.

3 November – Just A Dash wins the Melbourne Cup.



JUST 4 FUN

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THE MAN said to the dentist, "Doc, I'm in one heck of a hurry. I have two buddies sitting out in my car waiting for us to go play golf, so forget about the anesthetic, I don't have time for the gums to get numb. I just want you to pull the tooth, and be done with it! We have a 10:00 am tee time at the best golf course in town and it's 9:30 already . . . I don't have time to wait for the anesthetic to work!"

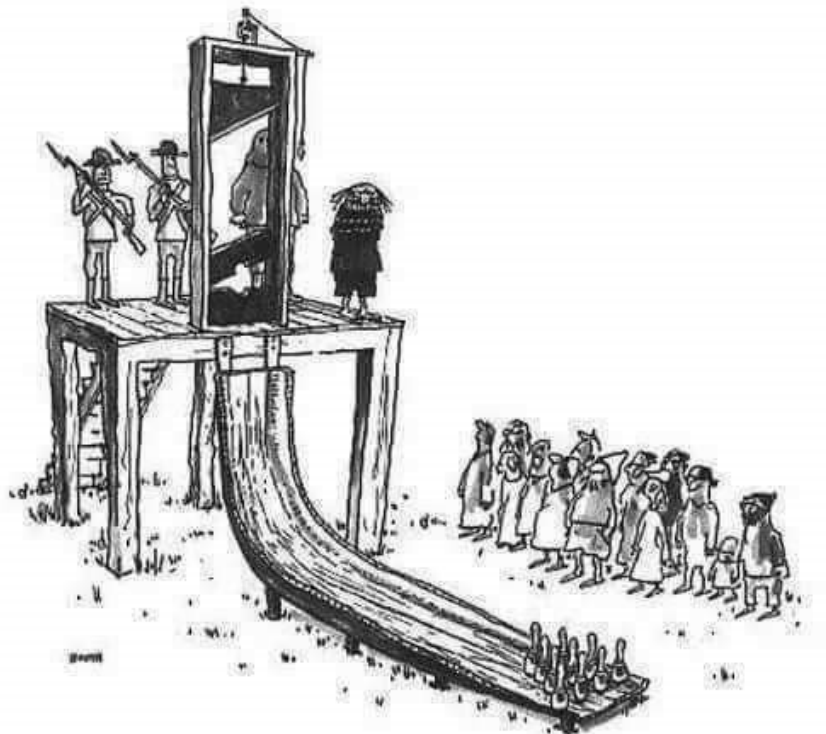
The dentist thought to himself, "Well, well, how about that, at last a golfer with real courage!!" So the dentist asked him, "Which tooth is it, sir?"

The man turned to his wife and said, "Open your mouth, honey, and show the dentist."

Women hate that men can just stand around like this for hours and be happy



No matter what your job is, always try and make it interesting



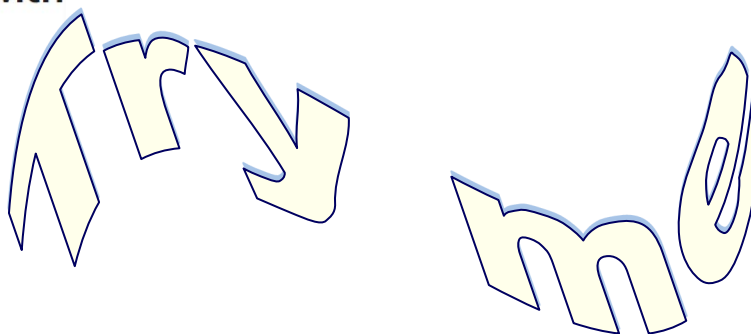


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One-pan sausage and bean stew with crispy hash brown topping

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 tbs extra virgin olive oil
- 400g beef sausages
- 1 brown onion, finely chopped
- 2 carrots, halved, sliced
- 1 celery stalk, sliced
- 1 tsp finely chopped fresh thyme leaves, plus extra sprigs to serve
- 400g can diced tomatoes
- 400g can cannellini beans, rinsed, drained
- 1/4 bunch kale, stems removed, leaves roughly chopped
- 1/2 750g packet frozen hash browns, thawed, chopped
- Extra virgin olive oil spray



Method

- 1 Heat oil in a large, 7cm-deep 24cm round (base) ovenproof frying pan over high heat. Remove sausages from casings. Tear meat into small pieces. Add sausage meat to pan. Cook, stirring, for 3 minutes or until browned. Reduce heat to medium. Add onion, carrot, celery and thyme. Season with salt and pepper. Cook, stirring occasionally, for 6 minutes or until browned.
- 2 Add tomato, beans and 1/4 cup water. Stir to combine. Bring to the boil. Cook, covered, for 10 minutes.
- 3 Preheat oven to 220°C/200°C fan-forced.
- 4 Add kale to pan. Stir to combine. Top with hash brown. Spray with oil. Bake for 15 minutes or until golden. Serve sprinkled with extra thyme.

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