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General Meetings 2022

Feb

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COM Meeting

To be at 1830
hours/6:30pm prior to gen-
eral meeting even months

Any questions or queries
please give in writing or
email to any member or you
are as always welcome at the
meeting

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2022 Poppy Appeal Wrap-up



Greetings everyone and welcome to the 2022 Poppy Appeal wrap-up.

The 2022 Poppy Appeal has concluded and what mixed seasons we had. Week one was like living in Antarctica with it being cold and wet and windy. It all changed in week two with the heat and humidity and afternoon storms making it more like living in the tropics. We are happy to report that everyone made it safely to the end and even Dieter has gotten over his sniffles.

Our **GOAL** for the 2022 Poppy Appeal was to **attract more sellers and to have 2 sellers at each table**. This was to provide increased safety, to ensure sellers could take breaks and answer calls of nature as required, as well as redundancy if someone could not attend at the last minute.

Whilst we did attract some new sellers, we did not achieve the goal of having 2 sellers at every table per day.

As expected, we especially noticed the absence of Remy during this time as he was a dedicated seller for many years. Thanks to the efforts of Dennis (and Dell) Parrey and Malcolm Thompson, 'Remy's' table was active in Evans St for most days of the appeal.

There were also several other regular sellers unavailable during the appeal, as well as the usual late cancellations due to illness and other commitments.

STATS (because everyone loves stats)

When allocating available sellers, safety and support was always the first priority.

We had eight tables for the planned 12 days of sales: **96 table days**

We had one instance of a venue closed for the day so that table did not sell: **-1 table day**

We had eight instances when tables did not sell at various locations due to lack of sellers: **-8 table days**

We had one instance of a seller working on a Sun: **+1 table day**

We had 30 instances where we had only one seller at a location: **30**

EFTPOS Machines

EFTPOS machines accounted for **28% of sales**, with the largest individual transaction being \$150.

As a result of feedback from previous appeals an additional EFTPOS machine was located at Target for this appeal. This proved to be very beneficial and Dave and Graham believed it increased their sales significantly.

Serious consideration is now being given to locating EFTPOS machines at every table for future appeals.

Poppy Coins

During the appeal, several of our sellers were asked if we were selling the \$2 Poppy Coins (coin with the poppy in the centre – limited issue by mint) as they have become a collector's item. No we were not!!

Mel Deleo (one of our new volunteer sellers) did some checking and confirmed people were paying various amounts online for the coins. Mel acquired one of the coins and posted an on-line auction with the promise that all proceeds would be donated to the Sunbury RSL.

At the General Meeting on Mon 12th Nov, Mel presented Graeme with a \$321 donation (the winning bid). Mel did not deduct any of her expenses and had the receipt made out to the winning bidder which she will send with the coin.

A big THANK YOU Mel for a great gesture.



Result

Despite many sellers often feeling that sales were slow, a very good result was achieved. The final total (TBC by RSL HQ) raised during the appeal was: **\$43,248.45**

Once again, an example of how generous the people of Sunbury and local area are in supporting the RSL and our veterans and their families. Much of the total raised was because of straight donations (11%) from the public.

Thank you to everyone who assisted with sales, both sellers and their support teams; it can not happen without you. Be proud of your efforts in ensuring Sunbury RSL can continue to provide support to our local veterans and their families.

For now, put your feet up and take a well-earned rest. (but not for too long; people have already started to book their tables for the 2023 ANZAC Appeal 11-25 Apr)

See you all again soon

Regards

Phil and Gary

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Poppy Selling

Graeme and I were selling Remembrance Day material outside Geyers—when a grandmother, daughter and granddaughter stopped. When the granddaughter (approx 4 yrs old) asked what are those men selling mummy. She replied they are selling poppies for the soldiers. Whilst the conversation transpired Graeme put a poppy sticker on the little one—she said “thank you” and mum bought a poppy.

A short time later they returned—the little one handed Graeme the cardboard poppy holder card with her hand written “thank you”

The little one was asking her mother why we were selling - the end result being she will support both Anzac and Remembrance Day for years to come

Thanks Harry



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A visit to see Roy's '57 Ford
292 y block

Near to Roy's heart—the type he
drove.

Oh I wish I had a big shed.

Roy wouldn't tell me how long
he has had the Ford, but I'm
guessing a while — Amazing we
must look after these old truck
they are our history.

I was very pleased to be able to
take some pic and chat with Roy



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WE LOST A LONG TIME MEMBER THIS PAST YEAR



AND WE THANKED THE QUEEN FOR HER SERVICE IN OUR OWN WAY

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I Used To Be A Normal Person

I used to think I was pretty much just a regular person, but I was born white, into a two-parent household which now, whether I like it or not, makes me privileged, a racist, and responsible for slavery

I am a fiscal and moral conservative, which by today's standards, makes me a fascist because I plan, budget, and support myself.

I went to Grammar School and have always held a job. But I now find out that I am not here because I earned it, but because I was "advantaged"

I am heterosexual, which according to gay folks, now makes me a homophobe

I am not a Muslim, which now labels me as an infidel. I am older than 70, making me a useless dinosaur who doesn't understand Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, or Snapchat.

I think, and I reason, and I doubt most of what the 'mainstream' media tells me, which makes me a Right-wing conspiracy nut

I am proud of my heritage and our inclusive culture, making me a xenophobe.

I believe in hard work, fair play, and fair reward according to each individual's merits, which today makes me an anti-socialist.

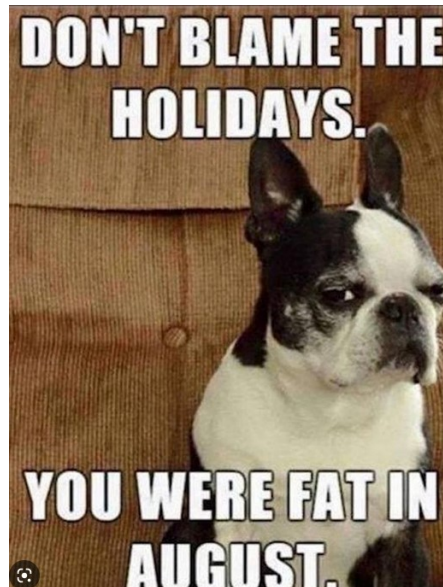
I believe our system guarantees freedom of effort - not freedom of outcome or subsidies which must make me a borderline sociopath.

I believe in the defense and protection of my nation for and by all citizens, now making me a militant

I am proud of our flag, what it stands for, and the many who died to let it fly, so I stand during our National Anthem - so I must be a radical.

Please help me come to terms with the new me because I'm just not sure who I am anymore!

Funny - it all took place over the last decade!



If all this non-

sense wasn't enough to deal with, now I don't even know which toilet to use... and these days I gotta go more frequently!



Australia 1984

January

17 January – Ian Sinclair is elected leader of the National Party of Australia following Doug Anthony's retirement.[1]

26 January – Aboriginal leader Lowitja (Lois) O'Donoghue becomes Australian of the Year.[2]

27 to 30 January – The final Narara Music Festival on the Central Coast of New South Wales features INXS, Simple Minds, The Pretenders, Talking Heads, Eurythmics and Def Leopard.[3][4]

February

1 February – Medicare comes into effect in Australia.[5]

2 February – Melbourne newspaper The Age publishes phone taps incriminating an unknown judge.[6]

14 February – Elton John marries Renate Blauel in Sydney.[7]

March

6 March –

A bomb blast wrecks the home of Judge Richard Gee in the Sydney suburb of Belrose.[8]

High Court Judge, Justice Lionel Murphy is named in Parliament as the judge referred to in The Age tapes published on 2 February.[9]

24 March – Wran Government re-elected in NSW for a 4th term.[10]

26 March – The \$100 note is introduced.[11]

April

April – A 915g jar of Vegemite is the first product in Australia to be electronically scanned at a checkout.[12]

19 April – Advance Australia Fair is proclaimed as Australia's national anthem, and green and gold as the na-

tional colours.[13][14]

May

14 May – The one dollar coin is introduced in Australia.[15]

18 May – In New South Wales gay sex between consenting adult males is decriminalised.[16][17]

July

4 July – Pearl, wife of Justice Ray Watson killed when their home is bombed. It is believed Judge Watson was the target.[18]

16 July – Letters Patent issued for the Royal Commission into British Nuclear Tests in Australia[19]

18 July – National Crime Authority is established.[20][21]

August

August – Brenda Hodge becomes the last person to be sentenced to death by Western Australia, and in the country as a whole, before the complete abolition of capital punishment. Her sentence is later commuted to life imprisonment.

1 August – Australian banks are deregulated.

7 August – Margaret, 35, and Seana Tapp, 9 are attacked and murdered by an unknown man in their suburban Melbourne home.[22] Seana is also sexually assaulted.[23]

21 August – The Federal budget is televised for the first time.[24]

September

2 September – 7 people shot dead and 12 wounded in a bikie shootout between rival bikie gangs the Bandidos and Comancheros in the Sydney suburb of Milperra.[25]

5 September – Western Australia becomes the last Australian state to abolish capital punishment for ordi-

nary crimes (i.e. murder). New South Wales maintained it as a punishment for treason and piracy with violence until 1985†, when capital punishment was finally abolished in Australia.

October

1 October – National Film and Sound Archive (Screensound Australia) opens in Canberra.[26]

November

6 November – In a crime that shocks the city, Melbourne schoolgirl Kylie Maybury is kidnapped, raped and murdered after being sent on an errand to buy a bag of sugar.[27]

26 November –

Former NSW Corrective Services Minister Rex Jackson appears in Court on conspiracy charges for the early release of prisoners.[28]

A good performance by Andrew Peacock in the leaders' televised debate boosts his poll ratings.[29]

December

2 December – Hawke Government re-elected with a reduced majority.[30]

7 December – Andrew Peacock and John Howard retain their respective positions in the Opposition

Australia 1984 cont.

29 September – [Essendon](#) (14.21.105) defeat [Hawthorn](#) (12.9.81) to win the 88th VFL premier-ship^[35]

[Brownlow Medal](#) awarded to [Peter Moore](#) (Melbourne)

6 November – [Black Knight](#) wins the [Melbourne Cup](#)



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The only lovely day we had, the day we arrived



Wednesday Arvo

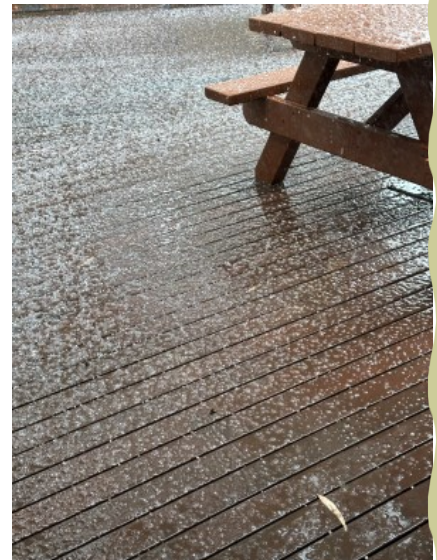
A Visit to Phillip Island



This is our entrance where we don't usually have to worry about hail getting inside



This is the fire pit where we usually sit after dinner with a bevvv



This is the table where we usually have bite of lunch & a bevvv

December 2022

Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun

			1	2	3 Christmas lunch	4
5	6	7 ARVO	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 ARVO	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 ARVO	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 ARVO	29	30	31	

The famous 3 ingredient

Christmas cake this is the basic recipe it can be added to eg. Nuts, booze easy & excellent

Ingredients

- 1 kg (6 cups) dried mixed fruit see recipe notes
- 600 ml (2 ½ cups) iced coffee see notes
- 265 g (2 cups) self-raising flour

Instructions

Place the mixed dried fruit into a very large bowl. Add the iced coffee (or liquid substitute) and mix well. Cover with plastic wrap and place into the fridge overnight.

Preheat oven to 160 degrees celsius (fan-forced). Grease and line a 23cm cake tin with baking paper and set aside.

Stir the self-raising flour through the fruit mixture and pour into the prepared tin.

Bake for approximately 1 hour (see notes) or until the cake feels firm in the middle and a skewer inserted comes out with a few moist crumbs on it.

