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Region 7 Meetings 2023

Nov 22nd Woodend

General Meetings

Nov- 13

Dec-

Committee of Management meetings will be 6:30pm even months



dinner Dates



Who's making all that noise?

I missed the October meeting, so there are no “Not the minutes” this newsletter.

Just one more newsletter for 2023. The years are really moving along—when we are young we can’t wait to get old, when we are older we wish time would slow. But here we are, so much luckier than others.

The end of the year is almost upon us, once Remembrance Day is done.

Nola sent me the flyer for the veterans weekend away. I’m sure it will be a hit with everyone.

The flyer is all the information I have for more you will have to contact Nola - 0417 296 411

November lunch will be at the Riddelles Creek Hotel—we have been there before—it is a great meal and a nice atmosphere

Please wear something Christmassy as this will be the last for this year



Wed Arvo	Monthly lunch	Welcome Friday	General Meeting	Monthly Dinner	COM	Reg 7
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November 2023

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

Veterans Welfare Weekend break

to Phillip Island

2nd & 3rd December

Service, Widows and Carers

Leaving the RSL at 9am Sat and returning Sunday arvo.

Visiting the Vietnam Veterans Museum and
Chocolate Factory

**Bus, Motel accommodation and Saturday night
dinner, provided by the Sub Branch**

Max 46 spaces available

RSVP- ASAP

Please contact Nola on

0419 296 411

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Wednesday Arvo

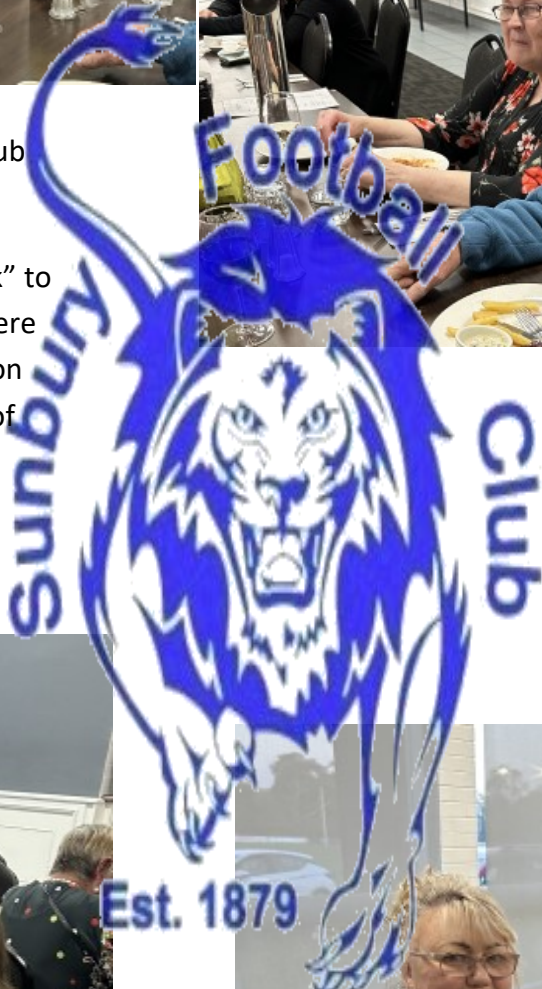
*Do you remember the old dances?
The men outside sneaking a drink or
a smoke, and the women inside talk-
ing about other women!!!!!!!*





Another great evening at the Footy club

20 members “Hello, & welcome back” to Veronica and John. Carol and Tim were missed, as was Terrie, but her grandson gave us great service, with a little bit of lip which we enjoyed.



Thanks for sharing Noel

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CHRISTMAS LUNCH

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CLUB SUNBURY

10-12-2023

**Please contact
Nola ph: 0419 296 411
with numbers
We hope you will join us**



Vale

Ted Hudson

Local identity Ted passed away on the 2nd October, 2023

In his younger days Ted was a proud servicemen, serving in the Royal Australian Navy during the Korean War as well as the Far East.

Ted moved to Sunbury in 1970 and worked as the blacksmith at Emu Bottom, Homestead



Poppy Appeal Update – Nov 2023

Welcome to the November Update

As I write this update, we have just completed day 1 of the 2023 Poppy Appeal. Despite cool and windy conditions (where was the promised 23deg Jane) we had a good return for the day. We hope all goes well for the remainder of the sales but as we know, things can change at a moments notice. The weather forecast is looking decidedly cool for the next week so stop by and support our sellers if you are in their area.

Appeal Roster

Thank you to those volunteers who have already booked their spots.

We are missing some of our regular sellers and have a number of gaps in our roster; so if you have some time avail give Gary (0411 111 630) or Phil (0408 994 594) a call and we will find you a suitable spot. The 2023 Poppy Appeal goes through to Fri 10 Nov; with the Remembrance Day Service being conducted at the memorial at 10:30am on Sat 11 Nov

EFTPOS Machines

As feared, we have already had some issues with EFTPOS battery life and the new Power Packs have been utilised with success. This will enable uninterrupted service (fingers crossed) throughout the appeal. The Power Packs did not come with any user instructions, so we have written our own. Feedback on all our instructions are welcome so we can provide continual improvement. For those that have not seen/used the Power Packs, I have included a copy of our instructions below for your reading pleasure.

See you all soon.

Regards

Phil and Gary



THE GLADSTONE BAG.

Back in 2022 I spotted an old Gladstone Bag on a Facebook Giveaway group in Sunbury.

The owner had bought the bag for a few dollars and for some reason was under the impression that the previous owner was a Railway employee.

The original owner had written his name on the side and a quick Google check gave me all the information I needed. Why the other fella never did this I have no idea.

The information I was able to find online gave an insight into the man who once used that bag in his daily life.

His name was Norman KOETSVELD. He was born in 1914 in Melbourne and he became an AirForce legend. (my description) Prior to joining he was a Sales Manager.

Norman enlisted as a trainee mechanic & then became an Armourer & subsequently Air Crew in 1942 completing training in the UK in 1943.

He commenced flying ops to Italy in 1944 with 142 (RAF) Squadron operating from Amendola, in Italy.

There were 2 amazing stories associated with his flying during WW2.

FOUR HUNDRED MILES ON ONE ENGINE.

With only one engine and one wheel, and part of the mainplane damaged, a Wellington bomber flew 400 miles across the sea and made a safe landing.

The Wellington, piloted by Flying Officer Norman KOETSVELD, of the Royal Australian Air Force, was being flown from England to North Africa.

“We were at 5000 feet when the starboard engine overheated”, said KOETSVELD. “It blew the starboard tyre, and one cowling and part of the fabric on the mainplane. Then the engine packed up. I opened up the port engine and we just managed to maintain height on the one engine, but we still had 400 miles of sea to cross. I contacted the station by radio, and had the landing field cleared, but I managed to land safely on one engine and one wheel”.

But this Wellington’s adventures were not yet over. Five days later, when it took off on an air test, both rudders and elevators jammed. KOETSVELD managed to free the elevators, and flew around for an hour and a half while a fitter cut holes in the fabric and tried unsuccessfully to free the rudders. Then the starboard engine failed but the pilot made a landing on one engine with the rudders jammed.

(the above was released to Australian Press from Middle East)

Unfortunately as is often the case in War his luck would not last.

Norman died of injuries when his Wellington bomber XHF537 crashed into high ground near Casteinuovo.

The crew were detailed to attack the Daimler Puch AG Aircraft works in Steyr, Austria.

On that fateful night there were 3 other Wellington Bombers to suffer a similar fate.

Wellington HE584 was abandoned over Corsica, returning from Steyr Austria.



Wellington HE815 crashed in Italy, 3 killed 2 hospitalised.

Wellington HF537 (the subject of this article) crashed in Italy, F/O N KOETSVELD & SGT FOSTER were injured but F/O RUTTER, SGT HOWARD & SGT CHURCHER were killed.

F/O KOETSVELD died of his injuries on 4th of March 1944.

All the fatalities were buried in Bari War Cemetery.

The target of the raid was Daimler Puch in Styr, this company used slave labour from concentration camps. War time production included small arms, assault rifles, machine guns & aircraft engines.

Once I was aware of the importance of this Gladstone Bag I contacted the RAAF base in Point Cook Victoria.

I received the following reply to my enquiry:

The bag would most certainly be a welcome addition to the Air Force Heritage Collection.

'I commend your generosity & intent to donate the bag to a National Collection for the greater benefit of visitors & researchers alike, as well as in memoriam to the greater sacrifice of FLGOFF KOETSVELD'

A rep came to the house and collected the bag, due to covid the museum was closed so I am yet to see if it has a home here or in the National Collection.



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Dave White.



Sunbury RSL Bowls Newsletter 24/10/2023NW RSL Friday Pennant

Fridays at Clifton Park (Aberfeldie CBC), 7B Batman St Aberfeldie.

Park at rear of Club, enter at rear gate adjacent green 2, meet in the bowlers' room 7.50am

Leave Sunbury about 8.10am, Ode at 9.15, commence play 9.30, finish about 1.00pm

Remember to bring (i) \$10 cash for green fees, payable to manager at Sunbury before we leave, (ii) \$5 cash for raffle at ACBC and (iii) three bowls in case we are short of players and you are in a rink of three.

Draws available from JW. Results:

R.1 Essendon Red 16/75 d Sunbury 0/29

R.2 Sunbury 14/64 d Keilor East Red 2/52

R.3 Keilor East Blue 16/74 d Sunbury 0/40

Round 4, 27th October 2023, Sunbury v Essendon Black, rinks 13, 14, 15

Leads	Seconds	Thirds	Skips
Neville Bruce	Margaret Lang	Ian Hinds	Neil Coker
Val Taylor	Lynne McKenzie	John Welsh	Paul Zarb
Lawrence D'Lima	Bruce Thompson	Trish Thompson	Paul King

Round 5, 3rd November 2023, Pascoe Vale 2 v Sunbury, rinks 4,5,6

Leads	Seconds	Thirds	Skips
Lawrence D'Lima	Margaret Lang	David Barton	Paul Cullis
Lynne McKenzie	Val Zarb	John Welsh	Paul King
Pauline Baba	Dan Gavaghan	Joe Zarb	Richard Radford

Brief notes on play:

1. On the green @ 9.30. Bell @ 1.00.
2. No pre-game roll-up.
3. No dead ends. Jack positioned on "T".
4. For rounds 1-18, the home team gets the mat. On the distributed fixture rounds 1-9 are correct. Rounds 10-18 teams need to be reversed.
5. If the lead does not legally roll the jack, the opposition skip spots the jack in a legal position and chooses the position of the mat.
6. 3 players - lead and 2nd have 3 bowls, skip has 2.
7. In the event of inclement weather, 36 completed ends constitutes a game. If 36 completed ends are not achieved, game points will be split.

Transport: unfortunately no agreement was reached with Club Sunbury re use of the bus; so we'll be taking cars. (Thanks to those members who attended our pre-season meeting to discuss this issue). Green fees will be waived for car drivers with 3 or more in the car, from Sunbury to Clifton Park.

Edinburgh Shield 2024

Dates: 12-14th April 2024.

Venue: City of Echuca BC. Section 7, versus: Waverley 2, Glenroy, Portsea/Sorrento, Noble Park and Taralgon White.

Accommodation: NRMA Echuca Holiday Park, 8 Crofton St, Echuca Victoria 3564

Phone: 03 5482 2157, Email: echuca@nrmaparksandresorts.com.au.

Provisional group booking has been made for: 4 Standard cabins (1 bedroom) and 4 Acacia cabins (2 bedrooms). Powered drive-through caravan sites are available. See details on the Park's website. (Only 4 standards were available for the group). 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 298953 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, for 3 nights, two people, are: Standard: \$405, Acacia: \$548.10. An extra person is \$20 per night; this works out, for 3 nights, 3 people in an Acacia, at \$602.10. Please let me know when you have made a booking.

RSL Subscriptions

Members must be financial for NW RSL bowls and the Edinburgh Shield. Head office usually sends a reminder if you need to renew your subscription. One year is \$30 or \$75 for three years. However, Sunbury RSL Sub-Branch prefers that we don't renew on-line, but that we make the payments to Sunbury RSL. If you get a reminder letter from the Sub-Branch, it will include BSB and account numbers for direct bank-bank transfer. Alternatively, I can facilitate payments by either (i) paying me cash or (ii) by direct bank transfer, and I will transfer the payments to the Sub-Branch. Phone or text me for Account details. If you use the bank-bank transfer please let me know when you have made the payment.

John Welsh

Secretary Sunbury RSL Bowlers

Ph: 04 0770 3869, email: j7welsh@bigpond.com

70 YEARS ON FROM THE KOREAN WAR

On 27th July, Korean Veterans' Day, we paid tribute to the service of Australians who fought in the Korean War, and marked 70 years since the Armistice was signed to effectively end the conflict.

The Korean War began on 25th June, 1950, when North Korea (People's Democratic Republic of Korea) launched an invasion of South Korea (Republic of Korea) in an attempt to unify the country under its communist government.

Popular public opinion is that only the Army fought in Korea.

Nine Australian Ships altogether were sent to the operational theatres in Korea – *Anzac*, *Tobruk*, *Bataan* and *Warramunga* each having two tours of duty, while *Sydney*, *Culgoa*, *Condamine*, *Murchison* and *Shoalhaven* each made an operational tour.

R.A.N. Ships steamed some 463,000 miles and their main armament fired more than 26,000 rounds. R.A.N. Aircraft dropped about 1000 bombs, fired over 300,000 rounds of 20mm. shells and launched many thousands of rockets. A total of 311 Officers and 4196 Sailors served in the area, and thirty-two were awarded decorations.

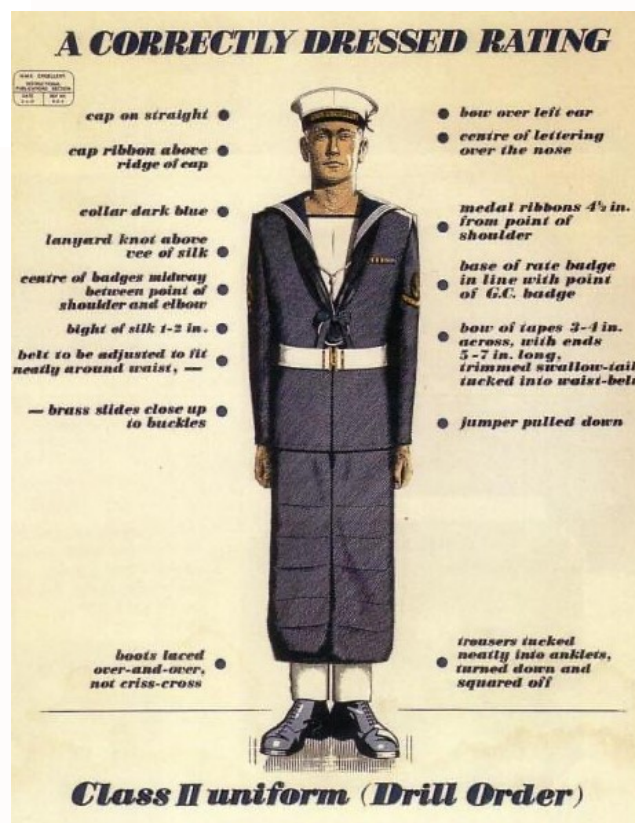
In October 1951, Australia's first Aircraft Carrier HMAS *Sydney* arrived in Korean waters for a difficult three-month tour of duty through a harsh winter. She carried two squadrons of Sea Furies – 805 and 808 Squadrons RAN and 817 Squadron RAN, equipped with Fireflies. Operating off the East Coast in appalling weather, and launching her aircraft by catapult, *Sydney* survived a typhoon and dispatched 2,700 strikes against North Korean targets in one month for the loss of nine aircraft.

Taken from Broadside

Official Newsletter of Navy Victoria Network

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Thanks Noel



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James Crane worked on the 101st floor of Tower 1 of the World Trade Center ... He is blind so he has a golden retriever named Daisy.

After the plane hit 20 stories below, James knew that he was doomed, so he let Daisy go, out of an act of love.

She darted away into the darkened hallway. Choking on the fumes of the jet fuel and the smoke James was just waiting to die. About 30 minutes later, Daisy comes back along with James' boss, Who Daisy just happened to pick up on floor 112 on her first run of the building, she leads James, James' boss, and about 300 more people out of the doomed building.

But she wasn't through yet, she knew there were others who were trapped. So, highly against James' wishes she ran back in the building. On her second run, she saved 392 lives. Again she went back in. During this run, the building collapses.

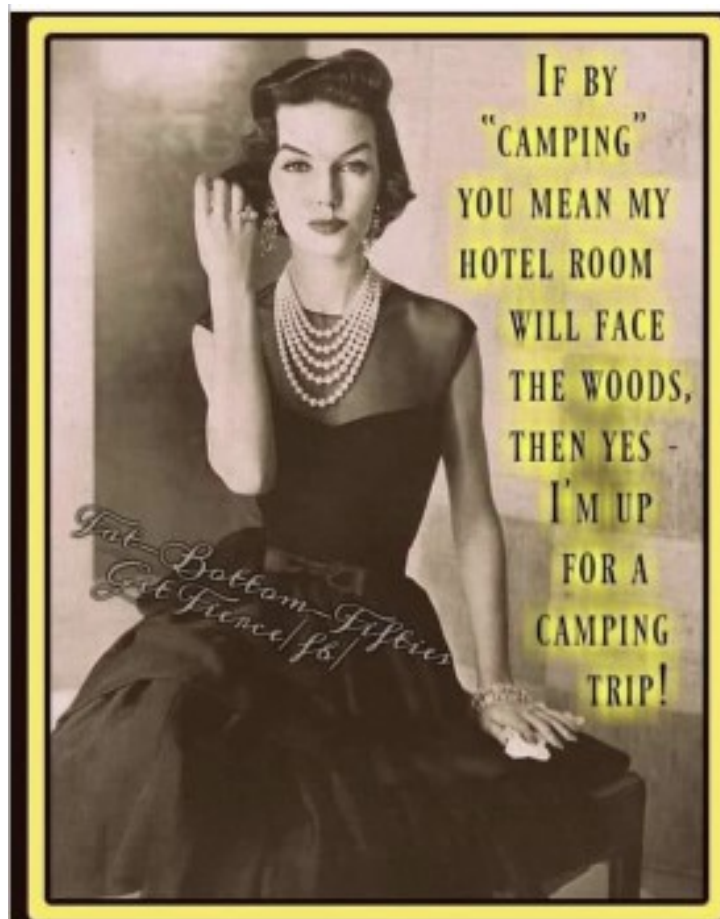
James hears about this and falls on his knees into tears.

Against all known odds, Daisy makes it out alive, but this time she is carried by a firefighter. "She led us right to the people, before she got injured" the fireman explained.

Her final run saved another 273 lives. She suffered acute smoke inhalation, severe burns on all four paws, and a broken leg, but she saved 967 lives.

Daisy is the first civilian Canine to win the Medal of Honor of New York City.

Pass it on to all animal lovers.



WHEN I AM OLD

When I am old...
 I will wear soft gray sweatshirts...
 and a bandana over my silver hair...
 and I will spend my social security checks
 on my dogs.
 I will sit in my house on my well-worn chair
 and listen to my dogs breathing.
 I will sneak out in the middle of a warm
 summer night
 and take my dogs for a run, if my old bones
 will allow...
 When people come to call, I will smile and
 nod
 as I show them my dogs...
 and talk of them and about them...
 ...the ones so beloved of the past
 and the ones so beloved of today...
 I will still work hard cleaning after them,
 mopping and feeding them and whispering
 their names
 in a soft loving way.
 I will wear the gleaming sweat on my throat,
 like a jewel, and I will be an embarrassment
 to all...
 especially my family...



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who have not yet found the peace in being
 free
 to have dogs as your best friends...
 These friends who always wait, at any hour,
 for your footfall...
 and eagerly jump to their feet out of a
 sound sleep,
 to greet you as if you are a God,
 with warm eyes full of adoring love and
 hope
 that you will always stay,
 I'll hug their big strong necks...
 I'll kiss their dear sweet heads...
 and whisper in their very special
 company...
 I look in the mirror... and see I am getting
 old....
 this is the kind of person I am...
 and have always been.
 Loving dogs is easy, they are part of me.
 Please accept me for who I am.
 My dogs appreciate my presence in their
 lives...
 they love my presence in their lives...
 When I am old this will be important to me...
 you will understand when you are old,
 if you have dogs to love too.



Author unknown



Sunbury Residents Association, of which Harry, Graham & Deb are members of have distributed 1,500 small shrubs/trees to the kinda kids in Sunbury this past week as a way of helping green Sunbury,
 The SRA is open to all/any residents, \$10 membership and we meet once a month, our objective is to make council and state government aware of our needs and to make Sunbury better for all who live here.



The Goodwill Gardener

Garden Maintenance
Lawn-care
Garden Restoration

0483 235 732

WHO ARE WE?
We make a difference in people's lives

HOW?
We employ people with diverse abilities and give them valuable life experience

Want to be part of our journey?
Let us cut your grass and maintain your gardens

Follow us Follow us

a diverse ability enterprise by
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THIS IS SAME NIGHT AS OUR MEETING—THEREFORE IT WILL NOT GO AHEAD FOR NOVEMBER—WILL TRY AGAIN NEXT YEAR



FYI Available this year from limited suppliers –laugh or cry it is what it is



OMG You must try this

Zucchini Slice



RECIPE

Convert to Imperial

375 g	Zucchini (finely grated)
1	Large Onion (finely chopped)
3 rashers	Bacon (finely chopped)
237 mL	Cheddar Cheese (grated)
237 mL	Self-Raising Flour
118.5 mL	Vegetable Oil
5	Eggs
add	Salt (pepper)
add	Parsley Sprig (to garnish)

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 180°C (160°C fan-forced).
2. In a large bowl, combine zucchini, onion, bacon, cheese, sifted flour, oil, and lightly beaten eggs. Season with salt and pepper.
3. Pour into a well greased lamington tin (16cm x 26cm).
4. Bake for about 30-40 minutes, or until well browned.
5. Cut into squares and garnish with parsley, if desired, before serving