

Airlie Beach Whitsunday RSL Sub Branch



PARADISE POST



August 2017

Welcome to this months Paradise Post, we hope you enjoy it, if you have a story or something to contribute please email Secretary@rydav.com
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What's on in August

Next Members Meeting:

Wednesday 2nd August @ 7pm. Reef Gateway Hotel.
Cold drinks and Tucker

Annual Dinner : 19th August :

Vietnam Veterans day

Friday 18th August at Cannonvale Cenotaph. Service 11:00am
Muster 10:45am
OC Reunion at Reef Gateway till 14:00
Cold Drinks and tucker.
Bus will run
Casual dress, gongs worn

Support RSL

We are always seeking people who want to assist us in providing support to our current and former servicemen and women. There are many ways you can get involved:

BUY A BADGE

Show your support to our veterans and those currently serving by buying a badge from an RSL representative and wearing it with pride on ANZAC or Remembrance Day.

DONATE TO AN APPEAL

Donations to our ANZAC and Poppy Appeals enable our Sub Branches to continue to provide welfare and wellbeing services in their local communities.

BECOME A VOLUNTEER

RSL Sub Branches are involved in their local communities, visiting veterans, schools and community groups. Some ways you may be able to assist a Sub Branch include driving members for visits, providing administration or specialist support, or helping to sell merchandise to raise funds around ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day. Contact your local Sub Branch to find out how you can help.

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Life as Bill see's it.....

We had a smart mouthed young sailor in the last ship I was posted to. He was often in strife with the authorities, onboard and ashore.

Anyway he had to appear in court for an indiscretion, and as a Warrant Officer I had to go with him. My main advice to him was to be on good behaviour and don't answer back. But as things go, it went like this.

Judge: "Where do you work?"

Lad " Here and there."

Judge "What do you do for a living?"

Lad " This and that."

Judge "Take him away and lock him up."

Lad: Hey, fair go, when will I get out?"

Judge "sooner or later!"

Needless to say I returned onboard without him.

Just a thought: Many times I wish I looked as good as I feel.

Mullumbimby Bob was having a yarn to me the other day and as things do the subject turned to the state of the world. As we yarned, Bob said to me "I may not be able to fix it , but I sure as hell know what's wrong!"

Just a thought.: If you've never failed at something, it means you never tried.

With all the hoo ha going on in the outfit regarding ones weight. Etc. I decided to do something about my body from the Gods. So I thought I would start by weighing myself. There I was standing naked on the bathroom scales, Joan sprung me and asked "What are you doing?" I explained my actions to her. She then said "Sucking your stomach in is not going to help" "Oh yes it does" I answered back. "Ha no way" She replied. "Sure it does" I said "It's the only way I can see the numbers to know where to start.

Have fun folks and see ya at the Dinner
Bill.

Vietnam Vets Memorabilia

Vietnam Vets Memorabilia will be on sale from the Whitsunday Shopping Centre from 8am-4pm
Monday 7th August, until
Thursday 17th August.

A sales point will be set up at the Whitsunday Plaza (old Centro)
From 8am-4pm Monday 7th August, until
Thursday 17th August

Our sales teams are getting a bit thin on the ground if you can spare a bit of time and help the RSL out, please call Bill on 49464486
Many Thanks for your support.

THE ODE

They shall grow not old,
As we that are left grow
old,

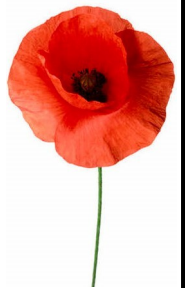
Age shall not weary them

Or the years condemn

At the going down of the sun,

And in the morning

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.



The latest rotation of advisers in Kabul has hit the ground running at the start of a busy and varied deployment, Capt Megan McDermott writes. COMMANDER KABUL Garrison General Command Advisory Team 3 (KGGC AT-3) Col Mark Ascough said recent events in Kabul had “certainly made for an interesting start” to the team’s deployment to Afghanistan. During the team’s handover with AT-2 on June 6, KGGC coordinated one of the largest security operations in support of the Kabul Peace Process – a high profile international forum with representatives from 21 nations.



Despite having little time to ease into its role, AT-3 was looking forward to working with KGGC in coordinating security in the strategically vital ground of Kabul, Col Ascough said. “The opportunity to work with and assist the only corps-level joint headquarters within Afghanistan is a professional experience that I have no doubt will challenge us but also provide a sense of pride for a long time to come,” he said. AT-3’s 11 Army officers are drawn from all over Australia, with representatives from five different corps and four Army reservists, including a former director of the Tasmanian State Emergency Service. The team members have more than 200 years of military experience, including 11 tours of Afghanistan, between them. “Thanks to the outstanding efforts of the two previous advisory teams, the conditions have been set for us to build on the strong relationships with our Afghan and coalition partners and continue their good work,” Col Ascough said. KGGC AT-2 Commander Col Michael Murdoch said the new team was in for a challenging but enormously rewarding deployment. Looking back at his own team’s deployment, he said the breadth of responsibility “has been extraordinary”. “It is not unusual for the team to teach map-reading skills, plan corpslevel military operations, coordinate civil policing across the city or to assist in the provision of advice to the president on a broad range of issues,” he said. He had no doubt the new team would continue the good work because, like AT-2, it had sound professional generalist skills.

New ways of shooting. ARMY’S new style of shooting was put to the test during 7 Bde’s annual shooting competition on June 14-15, with 6RAR taking the overall unit trophy. Event organiser Capt Bryce Turner, of 6RAR, said the competition moved away from the traditional applied marksmanship practices and instead followed the new military shooting continuum being rolled out at training institutions. “Whereas the old style of shooting was more about the static application of fire from various positions, this new style of shooting, under the military shooting continuum, employs lots of shooting from cover, lots of shooting from different positions, as well as a number of individual and collective milestones we’re trying to assess,” he said. The 48-hour competition involved eight of each unit’s best F88 shooters tackling multiple challenges, including LF6 by day and night, rifle standards testing, firing from 600m with a scope and spotter, as well as firing from various items of cover, such as vehicles and walls. “A lot of soldiers haven’t been instructed correctly on how to actually engage targets from cover and from positions other than just the static prone unsupported position,” Capt Turner said. “So it helps these guys get exposure to that and see that it’s not a black art, it’s very simple and it’s how we should be doing our shooting.” Participants also had to complete fatiguing challenges like forced marches, combat movement and agility stands. 6RAR won the competition, followed closely by 8/9RAR and 1 Regt RAA. Pte Lee Anderson, of D Coy, 6RAR, took individual honours after scoring 205/235 on LF6 by night without using optics. “A lot of people would struggle to hit 205 by day using actual optical sights, so 205 by night using just night vision goggles, which don’t have any zoom or enhancement capability, is very impressive,” Capt Turner said.

FAST FACTS

Did you know?

Members of Australia's defence forces wear personal identity tags when on military operations or on armed exercises. The two metal tags are connected to chains and worn around the service man or woman's neck. The tags record the individual's country, identification number, name, religion and blood group. This is an established international custom to help identification of military casualties: one tag stays with the body and one is collected for official records



The kit of Australian soldiers today still serves the same purpose as that of the first Anzacs. Lightweight, technologically advanced clothing, equipment and rations, however, allow them to carry a greater range of items than ever before. And while combat troops still carry a kit weighing up to 58 kilograms, they have a more nutritious diet and a hi-tech backpack to assist them. It remains to be seen what an Australian soldier's kit will include in the future.



The clever design of this can opener made it a light and multifunctional part of the kit provided to Australian soldiers in the Vietnam War. It could also be used as a spoon.

Drip rifle

The drip rifle invented by Lance Corporal William Scurry was a delayed action device which was designed to fire after Anzac troops had evacuated the trenches at Gallipoli. Scurry used a system of weights where water dripped from one tin to another and then triggered the rifle to fire – up to 20 minutes after it was set.



THE United States landing helicopter dock Bonhomme Richard hosted the official opening of Australia's largest military exercise on June 29 off the NSW coast.

Talisman Sabre is being conducted throughout July in the Shoalwater Bay training area, near Rockhampton, and the Mount Bundy training area, near Darwin. Minister for Urban Development Paul

Fletcher, representing the Minister for Defence, and the US Charge d'Affaires, James Carouso, were joined at the opening by the US Pacific Forces Commander ADML Harry Harris Jr and Officer Conducting the Exercise, Australia's CJOPS VADM David Johnston, along with other senior ADF leaders. VADM Johnston said the exercise highlighted the interoperability between the forces. "Talisman Sabre is the premier Australia-US bilateral exercise," VADM Johnston said.

"This year, we are pleased to see personnel from New Zealand, Japan and Canada embedded within Australian and US units." More than 33,000 military personnel are participating.

"The exercise provides invaluable experience to improve combat training, readiness and interoperability, exposing participants to a wide spectrum of military capabilities and training experiences," VADM Johnston said. Focused on mid-intensity, high-end warfighting, Talisman Sabre incorporates force preparation activities, special forces activities, amphibious landings, parachuting, land force manoeuvres, urban operations, air operations, maritime operations and a number of live fire components. "Regular training and exercising between our military forces serves to enhance our combat readiness and interoperability," VADM Johnston said. "This enables our military forces to be prepared and capable of meeting future security challenges in our region and globally."



From left, HMAS Bathurst, USS John S. McCain, and HMA Ships Ballarat and Broome conduct operations off the coast of the Northern Territory. Photo: PDA Marine Inc.



Crew members wearing protective clothing on board HMAS Arunta dispose of 260kg of illegal narcotics seized on June 8 while on patrol in the Middle East region.

Photo: ABIS Steven Thomson

Investment in protective gear

NEW equipment worth up to \$300m will provide ADF members with cutting-edge protection against chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear (CBRN) threats. The project will deliver individual and collective protection from CBRN hazards including detectors, suits, masks, protection tents, decontamination systems, contaminated equipment containers, warning and reporting software and simulation systems. Defence Minister Marise Payne said the investment, announced on July 3, would ensure ADF personnel were better protected against exposure to toxic industrial chemicals and weaponised CBRN agents. "The new equipment enhances the ADF's ability to detect, identify, monitor and warn others of CBRN hazards, protect

personnel from exposure and decontaminate affected personnel and equipment safely," she said. Defence Industry Minister Christopher Pyne said the investment in equipment, facilities and training would enhance protection against current and emerging CBRN threats for Navy, Army and Air Force personnel. "Land 2110 Phase 1B will deliver cutting-edge technology to protect ADF personnel on the battlefield as they encounter new and evolving threats," Mr Pyne said.

Big storm in the kitchen

13SQN cook LACW Sonia Gomez Lopez (right) hands a United States Marine his lunch during Exercise Diamond Storm. Photo: CPL Colin Dadd.



AS THE kitchen is the heart and soul of every airbase, RAAF and Marine Rotational Force Darwin (MRF-D) cooks worked hard to present outstanding food during Exercise Diamond Storm. Throughout June, 10 additional RAAF Combat Support Group and eight MRF-D cooks joined the catering team to feed 1000 hungry members. The catering team served about 2500 meals each day, including takeaway in-flight meals. All catering staff work 10 hour shifts, six days a week. CPL Shaun McGowan complimented the MRF-D cooks and their hard work during Diamond Storm. "They were a great asset to the team. Many hands make light work and they all had a variety of skills to offer, as well as great morale," CPL McGowan said. Only three weeks into his posting to Australia, LCPL Diego Ramirez from MRF-D, compared working with the RAAF to working in the United States. "Back home we have to follow a recipe and under no circumstances can we change the ingredients or experiment, while here you can," LCPL Ramirez said. "I'm enjoying Australia a lot. Working with cooks in the RAAF has been so different but in a really positive way – they're a great bunch of people and great to be around in the workplace," he said. After 27 years in the RAAF, CPL McGowan was proud to be working in the kitchen during Diamond Storm. "Every day is different and we have the freedom to work together and display our personalities and artistic flare in the food we make," he said. At the conclusion of Diamond Storm, 15 cooks were scheduled to go to Williamson Airfield at the Shoalwater Bay Training Area in support of Talisman Saber 2017. As part of Combat Support Group, RAAF cooks are responsible for providing catering services including food ordering, storage of perishable and non-perishable foodstuffs, preparation and cooking and serving of meals.



FLTLT Elise Carey at the Ironman Asia-Pacific Championship. A TEAM of 28 members from the Australian Defence Force Triathlon Club(ADFTC) competed in the Ironman Asia-Pacific Championship in Cairns on June 11. More than 3000 athletes competed in the prestigious event, which has built up the reputation as the Ironman in Paradise. Five Air Force members competed in the 70.3 event which comprised a 1.9km swim, a 90.1km ride and a 21.1km run. FLTLT Kendall Dransfield was the first Air Force and ADFTC member home; he finished in 4hrs 54min and 24 sec. For FLTLT Elise Carey this was her second triathlon, although this was the first over this distance. "I completed my first triathlon in March, and then the race in Cairns," FLTLT Carey said. "Training was a bit all over the place as I was injured and wasn't able to run all through April." FLTLT Carey said she was happy with her overall achievement. "I'm really happy with my swim and my ride, and happy to be able to get to the finish in the run after being injured," she said. Her completion time was 6hrs 26min. She is now concentrating on competing at the Western Sydney 70.3 event in November. Other Air Force members to compete were: SQNLDR Luke Petrini, FLGOFF Madelaine Wood and FLGOFF Alexander Kalfas. Unfortunately, QNLDR Petrini inadvertently missed a penalty stop at the end of the bike leg and was subsequently disqualified from the event. However, he was allowed to continue the race where he recorded a time of 4hrs 45min for the distance.

Allied Forces Defeat Adversary In Major United States-Australia Exercises.

Talisam Saber 2017

The United States (US) and Australian Defence Forces have proven their interoperability in a major land warfare scenario in the Shoalwater Bay Training Area last night with an intense final assault on the 'enemy'. More than 33,000 soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines from Australia, the US, New Zealand, Japan and Canada have spent the past three weeks involved in the realistic, scenario-based military exercise



TALISMAN SABER 2017 (TS17). The exercise took place in Central Queensland, with elements also supporting the mission in Brisbane, Townsville and Hawaii.

Following several weeks of lead in training TS17 ramped up last week when a 33-strong fleet of multi-national warships and submarines, including HMAS *Canberra*—an expeditionary strike group led by the USS *Bonhomme Richard*, and a carrier strike group led by the USS *Ronald Reagan*, moved into position off the coast of Rockhampton.

The Australian Defence Force's Deputy Chief of Joint Operations, Major General Greg Bilton, said the participating nations demonstrated the ability to expertly land thousands of troops ashore by sea and air to support a complex ground warfare mission. "For Australia, this was a unique opportunity to lead an amphibious ready group in landing a significant number of troops from the 2nd Battalion, the Royal Australian Regiment ashore to advance on the enemy

The Australian Defence Force and its international partners are grateful to the people of Rockhampton and Shoalwater Bay for their understanding and continued support of Exercise Talisman Saber 2017.



The Annual Airlie Beach/Whitsunday RSL Dinner will be held at the Reef Gateway Hotel in the Reef Room on the 19th of August from 18:30-23:59

Muster 18:30 for 19:00 start. Corsage for ladies upon arrival.

Music will be provided by the Cadillacs.

Dress is ladies after 6. blokes mess dress, dinner suit black tie.

Cost is \$25.00 per head.

The bus will be running for pick up and drop offs.

The menu is

Entree

Avacado prawns vinegarett

Or cream chicken bouches

Mains

Beef Wellington with champignon sauce

Or baked barramundie with parsley lemon cream.

Vegetables

Roast new potatoes, minted peas, herbed tomatoes, roast pumpkin and sweet potato cubes.

Sweets

Fruit salad pavlova

Or

Vanilla slice, both with Chantilly cream, strawberries and mint leaves.

We hope to see you there for a great night out.

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SATURDAY AUGUST 19

Time: 18.30 for 19.00 Till Midnight

Dress: Ladies after 6 & blokes mess dress
(dinner suit black tie).

Corsage for ladies on arrival.

Music: Provided by "The Cadillacs"
for your dancing pleasure

Cost: \$25 per head

Includes 3 course dinner, pre-dinner drinks,
table wine, bands and dancing

Transport: RSL bus available for pick ups and drop off

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Don't let a problem get you down.

PTSD Group Programs

DVA provides group treatment programs for PTSD in hospitals across Australia. These programs treat current as well as former serving members of the Australian Defence Force and veterans. To find out more you can contact the hospitals directly and speak to the PTSD program coordinators. A list of the programs and relevant contact details are available at:

<http://at-ease.dva.gov.au/professionals/files/2016/02/Trauma-Recovery-Programs-Feb-2016.pdf>.

USEFUL NUMBERS

Emergency	000
Police Whitsundays	49488888
DVA	133 254
country areas (Freecall)	1800 555 254
VVCS	1800 011 046.
Beyond blue	1300 22 4636

COMSUPER/DFRDB

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If you desire to change your house, contents, car, etc insurance. Defence services home insurance is

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Or Phone 1300 552 662

As we age, we find we would like a bit of assistance with battery replacement or check out smoke alarms, electrical safety, First Aid or home help, including home safety check list, Ring "Safe Home" on 1300 369 003

Useful web Links.

Veteran Affairs

www.dva.gov.au

Household Assistance

<http://www.dva.gov.au/health-and-wellbeing/home-and-care/household-assistance>

Government Portal

www.my.gov.au

Vietnam Veterans

www.vvaa.org.au

Defence Force

www.defence.gov.au

Comsuper,DFRDB.

<https://csc.gov.au/>

Email: members@dfrdb.gov.au

Email: pensions@dfrdb.gov.au

Bravery Trust

<https://braverytrust.org.au>

Defence Care

<http://www.defencecare.org.au>

RSL

<https://www.rslqld.org/>

<https://www.rslqld.org/Help-us-Help-Them/Services-Overview>

<https://www.rslqld.org/ADF-Community/ADF-Community>

Mental health support

<https://www.rslqld.org/ADF-Community/Mental-Health-Support>

Emergency financial assistance

<https://www.rslqld.org/ADF-Community/Mental-Health-Support>

Bereavement assistance for Defence families who have lost loved ones

<https://www.rslqld.org/ADF-Community/Mental-Health-Support>

Help with compensation claims through the Department of Veterans' Affairs

<https://www.rslqld.org/ADF-Community/Mental-Health-Support>

Referrals to peer support groups and other specialist services

Visiting the sick, injured and lonely in hospital and/or at their homes

<https://www.rslqld.org/ADF-Community/Mental-Health-Support>

Short term crisis accommodation

<https://www.rslqld.org/ADF-Community/Mental-Health-Support>

Subsidised longer term housing solutions

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Down

1- Cool ___ cucumber; 2- Nerve network; 3- German economist and socialist; 4- Slid; 5- High; 6- Some Art Deco works; 7- Property claims; 8- Trading center; 9- Et ___ (and other men); 10- Milk sugar; 11- Actor Delon; 12- ___ your life!; 13- Make up; 21- Prospector's find; 22- Ring-shaped island; 25- There oughta be ___!; 26- Roman Empire invader; 27- Sitarist Shankar; 28- First name in stunts; 29- Shade of green; 31- Sgts., e.g.; 32- Siouan speaker; 33- Math course; 34- Strong taste; 35- Start of a counting rhyme; 37- Grassy plain; 38- Fitting; 41- Attains; 42- Hard to please; 44- Tantalizes; 45- Intelligence; 46- Pays to play; 47- Swimming holes; 48- Map feature; 49- Grand ___ National Park; 50- "Goodnight" girl; 52- Sleipnir's rider; 53- Corn bread; 54- Writer Sarah ___ Jewett; 55- Tidy, without fault; 59- Prefix with center;

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Why they don't allow fraternization.