

Airlie Beach Whitsunday RSL Sub Branch



PARADISE POST



September 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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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.

[What's on in August](#)

Next Members Meeting:

Wednesday 6th Sept
@ 7pm. Reef Gateway
Hotel.

Cold drinks and tucker

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John O'Neil	0418776606
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Life as Bill see's it.....

I was walking past a pub in Sydney, when I saw Ron through the window downing a shot after shot like a man possessed. Thinking the worst I went in and sat next to him and asked him "What's happened mate" "It's my wife, Bill, She's run off with my best mate." So I thought for a moment and then said "Hang on a second mate, I thought I was your best mate." Ron looked up at me and with a smile "you're not my best mate now, He is."

Just a thought: A person who says it cannot be done should not interrupt the person doing it.

When our Daughter, Jo got into high school, she joined an animal rights group and became very active in it. One day she returned home from a field trip and was shocked to see Joan wearing a pricey fur coat. "don't you realise some poor defenceless animal had to suffer for you to get that coat" Jo asked impassioned. "Don't talk about your father like that again" came the reply.

Just a thought: Volunteer for the job you want before someone volunteers you for something they don't want.

After WW2 A lot of returned Serviceman took up the Federal Governments offer of a lump of land to become farmers. A couple of brothers got a grant of dirt and started to work. Good Blokes, but a bit slow at times. Anyway the older brother asked the young gun "If he had seen the beautiful girls in the David Jones catalogue." "Yep they are beautiful" he replied. "but" said the the older brother "look at the price, I am going to send for one right now." "Good idea." said the younger brother "order one and if she is alright, I will get one too." After about a month the young brother asked "How is it going with the girl?" The old buck says "it shouldn't be too long now, I got her clothes yesterday.

Just a thought: Mistakes are just proof that you are trying

Have fun folks
Bill.

Memorabilia sales

The outcome of the memorabilia sales, regarding only being able to run one sales point at the Whit-sunday Shopping Centre On that one stall alone
Joan raised \$2366.75.

So, well done to Joan for her outstanding effort.

Joan would like to pass on her thanks to the people (some non members) for allowing her to stretch her legs.

Our sales teams are getting a bit thin on the ground and we are urgently seeking people to help the team through out the year.. Badge sales are done 3 times a year for a week. 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.



Army News

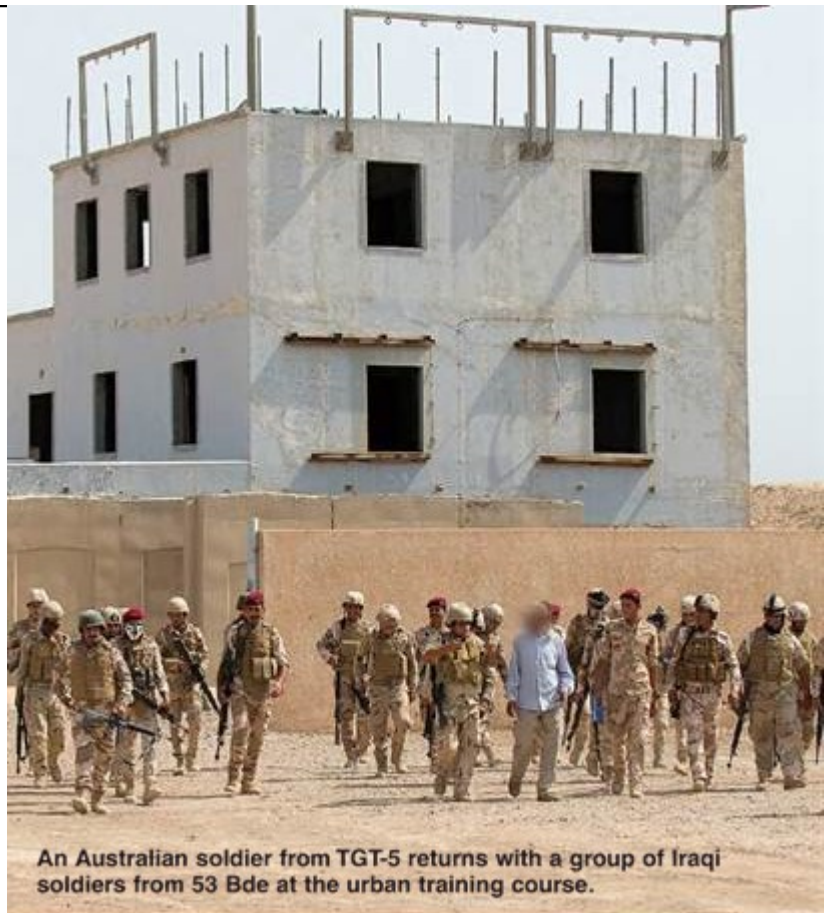
URBAN combat training may seem routine for an Australian soldier, but for Iraqi soldiers it's a combat skill set that saves lives on the battlefield in the fight against Daesh.

Soldiers from the Iraqi Army's 53 Bde recently completed an urban combat training course on Operation Okra with Australian and New Zealand instructors from Task Group Taji (TGT) 5. TGT instructor Lt Andrew Pham said Iraqi soldiers understood the value of urban combat training particularly because the primary battlespace in Iraq has been in urban environments such as Mosul.

"Urban combat training is an essential skill that will increase the Iraqi Security Forces' capability to defeat Daesh," Lt Pham said.

"This course has focused on company-sized operations to assault and defend positions in urban terrain. This includes manoeuvring to the objective using concealment, utilising support by fire and breaching methods."

Throughout the course trainees were instructed on technical components of urban combat including how to manoeuvre tactically and safely through built-up areas and how to engage the enemy at close range. Also instructing on the course was Cpl Zachary Dawes who said that it was a rewarding experience to be able to pass on tactical training that will have real impact on combat operations. "Some of the more technical key skills and drills I was able to pass on included how to tactically move around corners, down hallways and manoeuvring up stairways," Cpl Dawes said. "The Iraqis were happy to learn from us and they had no problems putting the lessons into practice."



An Australian soldier from TGT-5 returns with a group of Iraqi soldiers from 53 Bde at the urban training course.

SINGLETON range appeared from the darkness in the blue light of the Army's new night-vision devices as sections from each battalion of the Royal Australian Regiment battled for the coveted Duke of Gloucester Cup from August 6-11. Dusk-'til-dawn, night ops tested fatigued sections over five days and sunrise brought little relief with soldiers digging-in at a defensive position during daylight hours. The final night gave way to an endurance march and from the final obstacle course, 2RAR emerged as winners. Leading the lads from 2RAR was sniper and four-time DoG Cup veteran Cpl Liam Kiernan. "In the final few days we all just wanted to get through the last bit," he said. "We thought we'd done well in a few things but we were never 100 per cent sure. "It didn't really matter how well we did, it mattered how well everyone else had done. "We were feeling pretty nervous until the ceremony and the boys were pretty excited when the winners were announced." Apart from the overall title, 2RAR picked up trophies for best foundation warfighting and best overall shooting. Cpl Kiernan was named best individual soldier and best section commander

Duke of Gloucester Cup results

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1st – 2RAR
2nd – 1RAR
3rd – 7RAR
4th – 3RAR
5th – 8/9RAR
6th – 6RAR
7th – 5RAR

Sir Arthur MacDonald Trophy, best section in foundation warfighting
1st – 2RAR

2nd – 1RAR
3rd – 3RAR

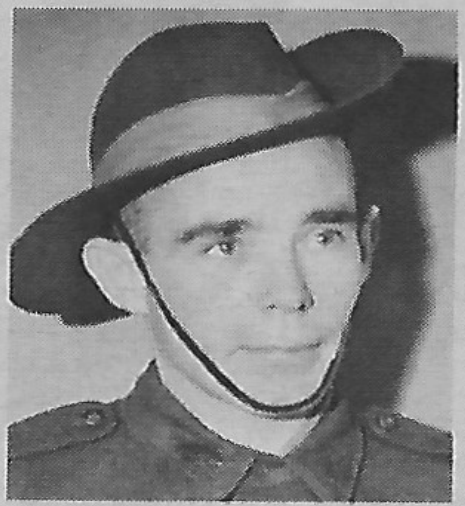
Ghurkha Trophy, best section for overall shooting
1st – 2RAR
2nd – 5RAR
3rd – 1RAR

Royal Ulster Rifles Trophy, best falling plate shooting result
1st – 6RAR
2nd – 8/9RAR

3rd – 3RAR

OSCMAR Trophy, best endurance
1st – 1RAR
2nd – 2RAR
3rd – 8/9RAR

DSM Roche CSC Memorial Cup, best individual soldier
1st – Cpl Liam Kiernan (2RAR)
2nd – Pte Tom Florence (2RAR)



Name: Private Richard Kelliher
Unit: 2/25th Battalion, 25th Brigade, 7th Division
Action: 13 September 1943, near Nadzab, New Guinea (now Papua New Guinea)

Kelliher, 33, was court martialled for cowardice, with claims he ran from the front saying "it's too bloody hot for me, I am not a bloody fool". He claimed his platoon commander had sent him back for information but the commander had been killed and Kelliher had no witnesses.

He got off the charge but admitted after he rejoined his unit he wanted to prove he wasn't a coward. He got his chance when his platoon came under heavy fire from a machine-gun post. The platoon lost five killed, three wounded including the section commander, Corporal William Richards. Kelliher told a mate "I'd better go and bring him in".

The citation says: "Kelliher suddenly, on his own initiative, and without orders, dashed towards the post and hurled two grenades at it, killing some of the enemy, but not all. Noting this, he then returned to his section, seized a Bren gun, again dashed forward within (30m) of the post, and with



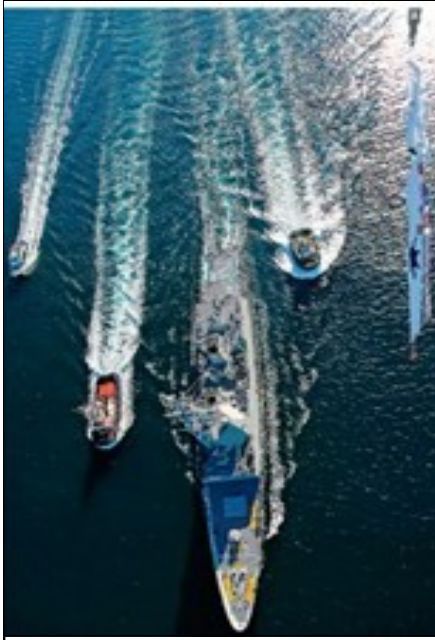
accurate fire completely silenced it. Returning from his already gallant action, Private Kelliher next requested permission to go forward again and rescue his wounded section leader", which he managed despite heavy rifle fire. Richards was awarded a Military Medal for his actions.

One of our local members has a relative that was awarded a V.C. in WW2 and thought would share a part of his story

DID YOU KNOW. During the Second World War, Australian troops at Tobruk in Libya experienced heavy shelling and aerial bombardment from German and Italian forces.

This dummy anti-aircraft position was built to deceive the enemy about the location and strength of Allied defences.





Hobart, accompanied by two tugs and other vessels, arrived in Sydney this month for the first time as the Australian White Ensign was flown overhead by a Navy Seahawk. Photo: LSIS Justin Brown. NAVY'S newest ship, the guided-missile destroyer Hobart (DDG 39), arrived in her home port of Sydney for the first time on August 9, ahead of her commissioning next month. She is the first of three Hobart-class destroyers being built and integrated by the AWD Alliance, which comprises the Department of Defence, Raytheon Australia and ASC, with support from Navantia. Over the past year, Hobart has successfully completed builder and acceptance trials to test the ship's handling, equipment and systems to ensure they conform to the design and build specifications. The shipbuilders and Navy personnel have also been testing propulsion and manoeuvring systems, steering and ship stabilisation, navigation and communication, and other auxiliary systems.

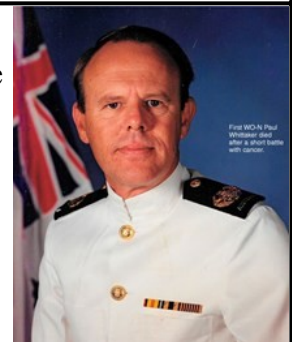
Wreath laid in memory of tragic loss

A SQUALLY Careening Bay buffeted past and present members of the Navy family, who stood shoulder to shoulder to mark the 30th anniversary of the loss of two Australian submariners lost at sea while serving in HMAS Otama. On August 3, at the fin of the former HMAS Orion in Rockingham Naval Memorial Park, Western Australia, pictured, past and present Navy members laid a wreath to remember AB Underwater Control



Hugh Markcrow and SMN Underwater Control Damien Humphreys. In the opening address, Commander Australian Submarine Force CAPT Geoff Wadley said the deaths were a stark reminder of how unforgiving an environment the ocean can be, and the cost that can be paid when things go wrong. "You would be hard-pushed to find a more appropriate place to have this memorial service than in front of an Oberon-class submarine fin – a fin that was sadly Hugh and Damian's last refuge from the terror that lay in front of them," CAPT Wadley said.

A trailblazer remembered . OUR first Warrant Officer of the Navy recently passed away after a brief battle with cancer. In January 1965, Paul Whittaker joined the Navy at the age of 15, through the Junior Recruit Training Establishment HMAS Leeuwin in Fremantle, where he was awarded the Governor's Prize for his endeavour. In 1966 he was posted as an Ordinary Seaman to HMAS Sydney, where he served during several voyages to Vietnam. On completion of his training as a SMN and Radar Plotter, postings followed to HMA Ships Platypus, Nirimba, Watson, Derwent and the aircraft carrier Melbourne. These were punctuated by promotions to LS and PO, after which he served as an instructor in what is now the Combat Systems Operator Faculty. From that point there were several postings as a CPO to HMAS Watson HMAS Hobart. Promotion to WO came about during his last sea posting in 1986 and he was awarded a Flag Officer's Commendation in 1989. He held a number of senior career management positions before he was appointed as the first WO-N on December 13, 1993. That newly created role was, and remains, the most senior ranking sailor in the Navy. He retired in 2010 after 45 years' service, attaining the rank of LCDR. LCDR Whittaker passed away in a palliative care unit in Gordonvale, Queensland, at colours, at precisely 8am, on June 7. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Marylynne, his two children, Troy and Sally, and four grandchildren.





New era to unfold The Air Training Wing will transition to the Aviation Academy in 2019. Photo: FLTLT Charles Tomlinson. New era to unfold with Air Force's Aviation Academy less than 18 months away, the team assigned with the implementation is working hard to ensure it meets the deadline. In January 2019, Air Training Wing will transition to the Aviation Academy as part of Plan Jericho Project 16. Officer Commanding Air Training Wing GPCAPT Mark McCallum said the reason for the transition was to streamline aviation training. "The Aviation Academy will allow Air Force to centrally manage aviation training and better integrate training methodologies," he said. The key objectives of the Aviation Academy

are to support future force structure; deliver a quality officer aviation workforce; minimise candidate flow inefficiency; and optimise human resource management across the continuum. Director of the Aviation Academy Transition Office WGCDR Dion Wright said enhanced instructional methods would lead to the development of a broader talent pool through the increased participation of people from varied demographics. "We want to ensure that women and those from more diverse backgrounds are well supported in pursuing these specialisations," he said. "At the same time, we want to ensure that every candidate has the opportunity to reach their potential and achieve the required standards." Commander AFTG and Aviation Academy Steering Group Chair AIRCDRE Geoffrey Harland said the Academy would ensure a more effective partnership between Defence Force Recruiting, Personnel Branch and Air Force Training Group. "We're working to deliver a holistic aviation recruitment and training continuum, resulting in personnel being better prepared for their aviation careers," he said. "This is an exciting change with significant opportunities to enhance aviation training to align with future war-fighting concepts and force structure requirements." Information on the Academy is available at: <http://collab.defence.gov.au/Raaf/Comd/HQAC/AFTG/ATW/AA/SitePages/Home.aspx>

At Amberley, No. 23 Squadron supported more than 400 visiting US personnel and nine different US aircraft types including E/A-18G Growlers, F/A-18E/F Super Hornets, C-2 Greyhounds, V-22 Ospreys and AV8-B Harriers. More than 280 individual aircraft sorties were supported by a wide range of 23SQN personnel. Due to the assistance provided by 23SQN, the visiting US Navy Squadron, VAQ132 "Scorpions", achieved a 100 per cent sortie completion rate encompassing 146.4 flight hours during which they were responsible for providing ground forces with Close Air Support. CO 23SQN WGCDR Karen Breden said even though the squadron was familiar with high flying rates of our own aircraft on a day-to-day basis, ramping up for the exercise was challenging. "Working with different aircraft types and other international forces can always bring challenges with different procedures and expectations from Airbase Operations, but the personnel at 23SQN really did well, working through difficulties they came across," Townsville catered for up to 712 personnel, reducing to a constant of 432 personnel from the US Army, US Navy, and RNZDF, along with RAAF and Australian Army aviation elements. Townsville supported maritime patrol, tactical and strategic air mobility assets, including: C-12 Huron; AP-3C Orion; C-2 Greyhound; P-8A Poseidon; and LJ35 Learjet aircraft. Rotary wing aircraft also had a large presence at Townsville during the exercise and included CO 27SQN WGCDR Phil Godfrey said Talisman Sabre was the major exercise focus for 27SQN personnel this year. "We had to come up with innovative ideas to accommodate the 712 personnel on base," he said.

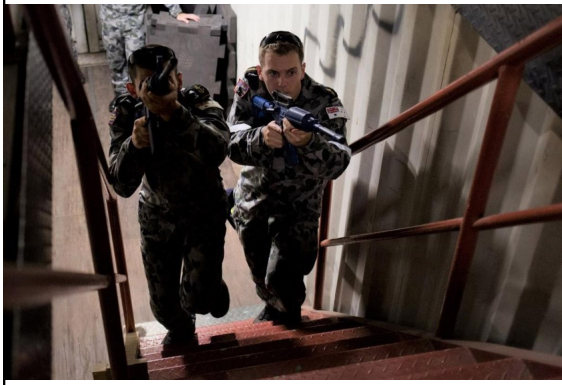
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HMAS Newcastle boarding team trains with United States Coast Guard. HMAS *Newcastle*'s boarding party has taken the rare opportunity to train with the United States Coast Guard during the ship's first port visit while deployed on Operation Manitou. Boarding party personnel completed a five-day course delivered by the United States Coast Guard at the Naval Support Activity in Bahrain which was supported by Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) agents. Lieutenant Jonathan Brunsten, one of *Newcastle*'s Boarding Officers, said he found the training

invaluable in preparing for his forthcoming mission. "Learning from NCIS and the US Coast Guard was a rewarding experience as they are world leaders in counter narcotics and boarding operations," LEUT Brunsten said. "The knowledge and practical skills gained over the past five days have given our teams increased confidence to conduct our mission successfully, professionally and safely - everyone's ready and eager to do our job." The training covered the latest in search techniques and the use of specialist search equipment, giving *Newcastle*'s boarding party the means to find any hidden cargo when boarding suspect vessels. The NCIS training focused on investigation techniques and the collection of evidence. The new skills learnt will help the Boarding Party members collect information about criminal and terrorist organisations that smuggle drugs and arms in the Middle Eastern region. Able Seaman CIS Lauren McAuliffe said she enjoyed the hands on aspect of the training. "The training was extremely helpful, especially the hands on opportunities to search an actual fishing dhow and build on the skills and training gained from workups," she said. Australia is one of 31 nations contributing to the Combined Maritime Force whose mission is to defeat terrorism, prevent piracy, encourage regional cooperation, and promote a safe maritime environment. Having arrived in the Middle East in mid July, *Newcastle* is already operating in support of the mission, and now her boarding party has further high level training to put into action.

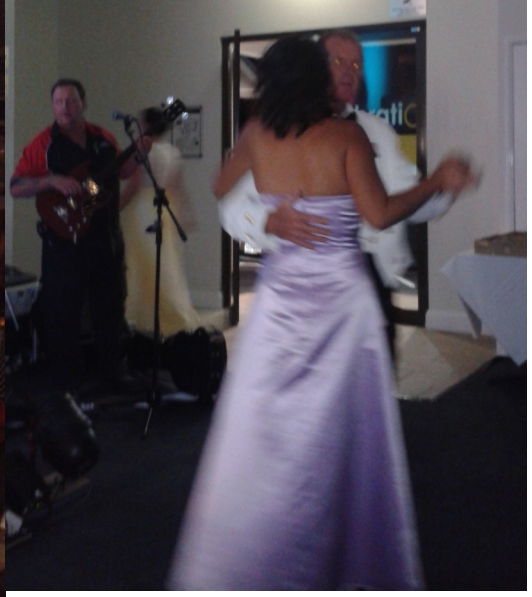
Australia's pre-eminent tri-service military training institution, the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA), will once again open its doors to prospective students and the local community on Saturday 26 August 2017. Held annually on the last Saturday in August, ADFA's Open Day provides the opportunity for secondary school students and their families to gain an insight into life as a Midshipman or Officer Cadet at the Academy as well as the military training and academic programs on offer. The Commandant of ADFA, Brigadier Cheryl Pearce, said the Open Day is an excellent opportunity for students to discover what their future may hold if they're equipped with a world-class degree as a member of the Australian Defence Force. "This occasion offers potential applicants and their families a chance to have their questions answered about study and life at the Academy,"



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Saturday the 19th was also the 1st night we held a function in the new Airlie Beach Whitsunday RSL Club room. After our move from the previous room there was a delay in getting into the new room at the RGH after Cyclone Debbie made her presence felt. Work had to be undertaken before the move could go ahead, But again the Reef gateway pulled out all the stops to ensure we were able to have the room ready for the night. This also included our members being there in the week leading up to the the 19th installing our memorabilia on the walls and into our new cabinets, which they did a great job and looks fantastic.



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The Annual RSL Sub Branch dinner was held on Saturday 19th of August. If you attended then you know how successful and a great night it was. The number of people attending was a true sign of the support the RSL has in the local community. The night was attended by members of the local police ambulance and other community groups and people from Leader group, Whit-sunday Law who support us. Also The district President Mr Bill Whitburn came down from Townsville to attend. The evening started with greeting everyone and the ladies receiving a cor-sage. At this time we also had pre dinner drinks then proceeded to a fantastic 3 course meal, cooked and served by the RGH staff. With a speech or 2 and some odd bit of ribbing during the meal everybody appeared to enjoy their time. After dinner entertainment was provided by the Cadillacs, who again never fail to belt out some great tunes and get the floor rocking, Thanks to the boys for their continued support. The RSL would also like to thank the Reef Gateway hotel and staff again for the support and donations they provide to the club, Without them events like this would not be as successful. as they are. And also James Muller our bus driver who got people there and home safely, Thanks James. If you didn't get to attend this year we hope that you keep a date in the diary for next year and hope to see you there



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Drawn Friday 27th October - 9pm at Reef Gateway Bistro

REEF GATEWAY CANNONVALE - AIRLIE BEACH

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WELFARE

Our area contact for Welfare, DVA, etc,
By state and District representatives'
are,

Tracy Victor (Mackay) 31283275

Frank Radford (Townsville) 4759 9517

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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

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DVA	133 254
country areas (Freecall)	1800 555 254
VVCS	1800 011 046.
Beyond blue	1300 22 4636

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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

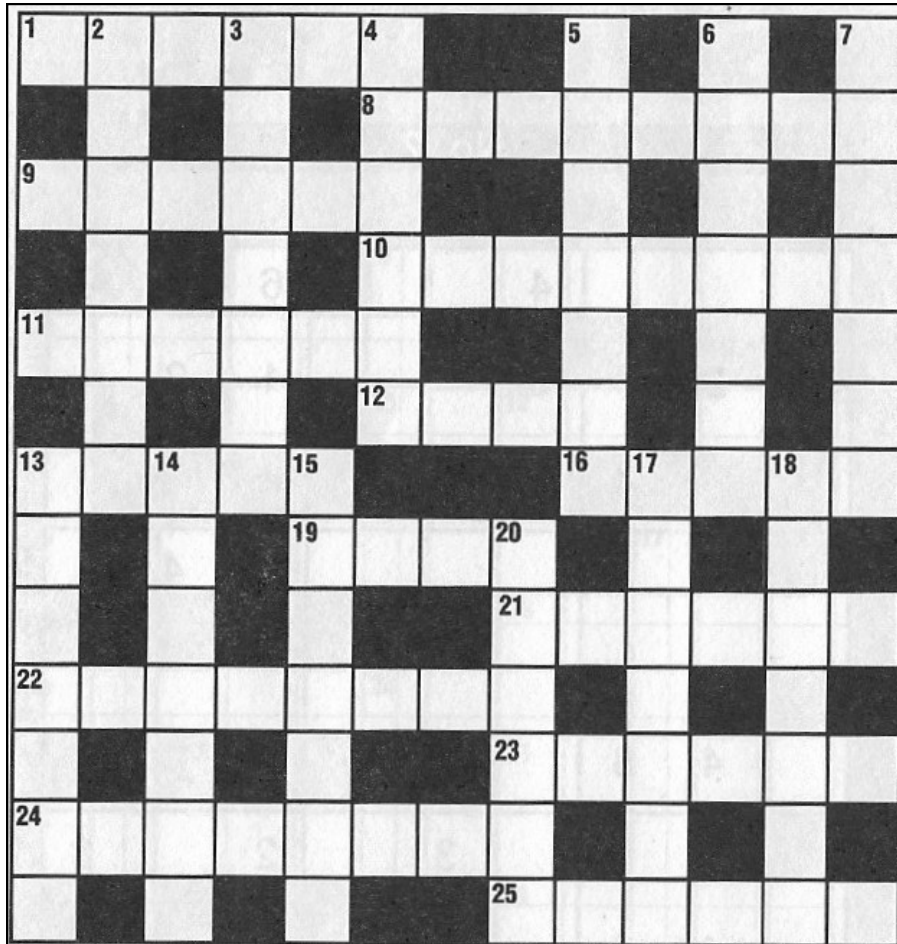
Visiting the sick, injured and lonely in hospital and/or at their homes

<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



ACROSS

- 1. Gain
- 8. Deeds
- 9. Heavenly Body
- 10. Hood
- 11. Limited
- 12. Annoy
- 13. Saying
- 16. Vista
- 19. Destroy

DOWN

- 21. Ample
- 22. Treaty
- 23. Vacillate
- 24. Felon
- 25. Incidents
- 2. Recovered
- 3. Locating
- 4. Tie Up

ACROSS

- 5. Toboggans
- 6. Sickness
- 7. Impute
- 13. Progress
- 14. Praise
- 15. Unstable
- 17. Laugh
- 18. Disregard
- 20. Harass

A Texan farmer comes to Australia for a holiday. He meets an Aussie farmer and gets talking. The Aussie shows off his big wheat field and the Texan say "oh we have wheat fields that are twice as big." Then they walk around the farm a bit and the Aussie shows off his herd of cattle. The Texan immediately says "We have Longhorns twice as large as your cows.". The conversation has almost died when the Texan sees a herd of Kangaroos hopping through the field. He asks "What are they?" The Aussie replied with an incredulous look "Don't you have any grasshoppers in Texas?"



Word puzzle solution. :PORT



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No. 1

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8	1	9		3			6

Instructions: The numbers 1 to 9 must appear in each row, column and 3 x 3 box. Numbers can not be duplicated.

Word Puzzle

Find a 4 letter word that fits in all these words to complete another word.

- RAY
- ABLE
- ENT
- RE---
- TRANS---
- DE---ED
- RAP---
- ION
- S---
- SUP---



"Half of it's good."