

Airlie Beach Whitsunday RSL Sub Branch



PARADISE POST



December 2017

What's on

Next Members Meeting:

Wed 6th December

@ 7pm. Reef Gateway

Hotel. Cold drinks and tucker

12th Dec

RSL Xmas Dinner @ RGH.

7th February 2018

1st meeting for the New year

7th March

2018 RSL AGM

Badge sales

We still need members to assist with the badge and raffle sales. Please

contact Bill on 49464486

Your Sub Branch needs

YOUR HELP

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.

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

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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....

During a stint in the outfit, I was posted to HMAS Creswell. This is a real out of the way place hidden in the bush around Jervis Bay. It was really self contained, so we hardly ever went to the big smoke for anything, Food, Post office, sports, hospital etc. Anyway service life went on as usual. I was doing my annual physical check up and the medical officer asked me about yesterdays activities. "Well" I said "Yesterday I waded right around the edge of the lake, outran some wild dogs in heavy bush, drank a couple of beers, relieved myself behind a large gum tree, jumped away from an aggressive red bellied black snake, climbed up and down several rocky hills, walked into a patch of stinging nettles, crawled out of quicksand, drank some more beers, relieved myself again behind another big tree, then walked home." Inspired by my story the M.O said "you must be one hell of an outdoors man" "Nope" I replied " I am just a lousy golfer"

Just a thought: You know I started with nothing and still have most of it.

"Hurry up" I yelled to my daughter, we were late leaving home for the movies and she hadn't yet got in the car. " It's better to be late than not at all" She chided "That's great advice " I said to her "Did your mother teach you that ? " "No" says Miss 5 "Thats what the policeman told mummy last week when he pulled her over for speeding"

Just a thought: Even fish could stay out of trouble if they kept their mouth shut.

One of my nieces, a musical wiz kid, invited me to be M.C at her wedding. I accepted. However she had this desire, as a part of the reception, to play a number on her violin. As luck would have it just before the event a string snapped. With more luck there was no replacement. I had to make the sad announcement "Suzie will not give us a performance today as her G string broke" I never got that job again.

Have fun you mob, whatever you do and have on for me.

Yours aye, Bill.

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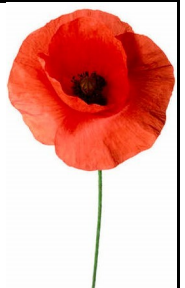
Age shall not weary them

Or the years condemn

At the going down of the sun,

And in the morning

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.



Army News



Prime Minister of Australia Malcolm Turnbull attended an urban close-combat demonstration given by soldiers from the Australian Army's Joint Task Force 629 and Filipino soldiers from the 2nd Infantry Division of the Philippines Army. The demonstration, on Monday 13 November 2017, was held at the Armed Forces of the Philippines Headquarters in Manila, Philippines. Filipino soldiers had just completed a three-week course in urban close combat

run by an Australian Defence Force Land Mobile Training Team deployed to the Philippines as part of Operation Augury. Operation Augury is part of a whole-of-Australian-government effort to work closely with the government of the Philippines in its fight against terrorism, and supports its determination to defeat Daesh-affiliated groups in the southern Philippines. The urban close-combat demonstration gave Prime Minister Turnbull an opportunity to observe the new urban close-combat skills taught to the Filipino soldiers by Joint Task Force 629. Mr Turnbull also took time to speak with soldiers from both countries after the demonstration. The Australian Defence Force expanded its assistance to the Armed Forces of the Philippines to strengthen its long-term ability to combat terrorist threats and prevent the spread of Daesh to our region. Minister for Defence Marise Payne announced that ADF mobile training teams would provided urban-warfare counter-terrorism training in the Philippines shortly after five months of fierce fighting in the southern Philippines city had officially ended. Marawi was seized by Daesh-aligned terrorists in May this year. Many of the soldiers now under Australian tutorage are veterans of the fight to re-take Marawi.

Australian soldiers, mainly from Townsville's 1RAR, were deployed to the Philippines late last month to train Philippine soldiers in advanced counter-terrorism and urban-operations war fighting. Deployed under Operation Augury as Task Group 629 the soldiers are led by 1RAR commanding officer Lieutenant Colonel Benjamin McLennan. Operation Augury is the Australian Defence Force's contribution to a whole-of-Australian-government effort to counter terrorism and violent extremism in the



domestic, regional and global context. Joint Task Group 629's mission recognises that the Armed Forces of the Philippines already has significant counter-terrorism and counter-violent-extremism capabilities, so the training being delivered by the ADF is designed to enhance the capabilities of Filipino soldiers to fight in urban environments. The Australian Defence Force expanded its assistance to the Armed Forces of the Philippines to strengthen its long-term ability to combat terrorist threats and prevent the spread of Daesh to our region. Minister for Defence Marise Payne announced that ADF mobile training teams would provided urban-warfare counter-terrorism training in the Philippines shortly after five months of fierce fighting in the southern Philippines city had officially ended. Marawi was seized by Daesh-aligned terrorists in May this year. Many of the soldiers now under Australian tutorage are veterans of the fight to retake Marawi.

2nd Cavalry Regt recruits new mascot

Following the sad loss of their unit mascot, Warrant Officer Class Two Courage, on 15 October, 2nd Cavalry Regiment in Darwin has recruited a most suitable replacement. Trooper Courage, who is currently attending IETs – and performing well, thanks to previous life experience – will officially take up her duties as unit mascot and march into the unit in January next year. Trooper



Courage is a mature-aged recruit, at 12 years old. However a unit Facebook post says she is well disciplined and keen to carry on the legacy of her much-loved predecessor. On 28 October, at a memorial service to officially farewell the former mascot, 2 Cav Regt said goodbye to Warrant Officer Class Two Courage and posthumously promoted him Warrant Officer Class One. Today's Facebook post said Trooper Courage, another wedge-tailed eagle, was also very excited about serving her country – and suggested that she was off to a good start in filling her predecessor's 'shoes'.

“Trooper Courage weighs in at 3.8kg compared to WO1 Courage's 2.5kg. “The regimental bird handlers will be undergoing strength and conditioning training to accommodate the extra weight,” the Facebook post said. “We look forward to your arrival in 2018 Trooper Courage.” WO1 Courage hatched on 14 August 1987 at Taronga Park Zoo and was presented to the 2nd Cavalry Regiment on 15 October 1987 – 30 years to the day in service as regiment's mascot, making him the longest-serving and most senior mascot in the Australian Army. The badge of 2nd Cavalry Regiment, specialists in battlefield reconnaissance, is the wedge-tailed eagle with its ferocity and incredible visual acuity, holding a lance and pennant – the weapon and symbol of mounted soldiers – signifying its ability to roam over the battlefield, seeking out its prey and striking where necessary.

Defending our soldiers

GREAT advances have been made in the body armour we use. It was only a few years ago deployed soldiers were using the heavy and bulky MCBAS system, which significantly reduced mobility. The current issue SCE is definitely a step in the right direction, giving the wearer a high level of protection, as well as mobility, but reducing the weight of a soldier's equipment can never hurt. DefendTex has come up with a new form of low-profile armour plates, moving away from the composite and ceramic plates currently in use. The low-profile plates measure in at around half the thickness of traditional plates, but due to a combination of extremely high-hardness steel and new composites, they offer the same protection as ceramic plates, but are rated for double the number of strikes. The plates DefendTex had on show weighed in at 1.8kg and because of their hardness, weren't damaged due to drops or heavy impacts.



\$659 million for new Poseidon infrastructure at RAAF Edinburgh

Minister for Defence Marise Payne and Minister for Defence Industry Christopher Pyne today announced \$659 million in funding at RAAF Base Edinburgh to support the new anti-submarine and surveillance plane, the P-8A Poseidon. Defence will invest \$250 million in a Boeing training simulator system at the base, and \$409 million to improve base facilities, including runway



extensions, estimated for completion by early 2019. Minister Payne said the high-tech training systems would enable the Royal Australian Air Force to better prepare pilots and Defence Force personnel for real-life scenarios. “Poseidon will provide strong and valuable support to Australia’s maritime security well into the future,” Minister Payne said. “Its simulator will be a part of a broader investment at RAAF Edinburgh to make it ‘Poseidon ready’ by extending the runway and building new state-of-the-art maintenance hangars and facilities.” Minister Pyne only talked about jobs and local-area investment. Both Ministers for some reason congratulated Defence’s program partners, the United States Navy and Boeing, “on the significant achievement” – though CONTACT is bemused as to why either of these entities need congratulating over an Australian-government infrastructure-spend-commitment announcement.

Mastery bred of friendly dogfights

EIGHT F/A-18 Hornets from No. 75 Squadron and seven F-16 Fighting Falcons from Tentara Nasional Indonesia-Angkatan Udara (TNI-AU) joined forces in the Northern Territory for Exercise Elang AusIndo last month. The two-week, bilateral air training exercise aimed to enhance, develop and promote engagement between TNI-AU and RAAF. CO 75SQN WGCDR Michael Grant said the flying aspects of the exercise, which ended on October 27, involved a building-block approach. “The first week of the exercise entailed air combat manoeuvring – starting with one-on-one dogfighting and then increasing in complexity to one-on-two in order to challenge our pilots,” WGCDR Grant said. “During the second week, our pilots coordinated during beyond-visual range integrated missions. “Instead of one-on-one or one-on-two, we progressed to four aircraft versus an unknown number of simulated adversaries.” WGCDR Grant said training with dissimilar aircraft and learning with TNI-AU paid off for 75SQN. “The squadron was able to build a more powerful, stronger and knowledgeable team, as such exercises facilitate opportunities to enhance our tactical mastery.” WGCDR Grant congratulated TNIAU personnel on their performance during the exercise and said they were outstanding in terms of capability, professionalism and tactical execution. “I’ve been quite impressed by the Indonesians. They’re crisp in their ground operations and have been professional during their briefs, debriefs and tactical execution,” he said. WGCDR Grant said the exercise helped develop Air Force’s international relationships to “ensure that we are prepared to operate with TNI-AU in the future”.

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Taking the plunge

THE airdrop talents of No. 36 Squadron have raised more than \$30,000 for Legacy, and drawn attention for women in aviation. On November 2, a C-17A from 36SQN carried 83 female skydivers for the Women in Adventure Sports initiative, making two drops to RAAF Base Amberley. Two days later, a C-17A delivered about 200 skydivers to Toogoolawah drop zone, northwest of Brisbane. Officer Commanding No. 86 Wing GPCAPT Adam Williams said skydivers donated money to Legacy for the opportunity to participate in the jump.

“This is our second year partnering with the skydiving community to support Legacy with a C-17A event,” GPCAPT Williams said. “It’s allowed us to bring attention to the work conducted by this organisation, and raise money in support of its charity work.” The Legacy jump on November 4 also provided an opportunity for five Legacy youths to make a rare jump from a C-17A. Legacy youth ambassador Brianna Anderson lost her father in 2014, and said the jump offered an insight into his experiences. “One of my dad’s favourite things to do when he was in the Special Air Service was parachuting,” she said. “I felt nervous and excited, and absolutely thrilled to be able to jump out of a C-17A. “The exhilaration and rush I felt was phenomenal, and I can now see why my dad loved jumping out of ‘perfectly good aeroplanes’.” For an ultimate ‘bucket list’ item, Ms Anderson said she couldn’t contain her excitement when she was chosen as one of five Legacy Brisbane youth leaders to participate in the event. “I am so grateful for this once-in-a-lifetime experience and I would like to say ‘thank you’ to the RAAF, GPCAPT Adam Williams, Legacy Brisbane, Ipswich Legacy, Ramblers Skydivers and to everyone else who made this incredible day possible,” Ms Anderson said. GPCAPT Williams said supporting the Women in Adventure Sports program had allowed “us to showcase the opportunities available to women in aviation, whether that be with a career or through their pastime”. Women make up around half of all first-time skydivers, but on average only about 14 per cent of those take it up as a sport. Through the Women in Adventure Sports initiative, the Australian Parachuting Federation is seeking to shift this imbalance, as parachuting is one of the few sports where men and women are able to compete on equal footing.



Supported by Defence personnel, skydivers from the Women in Adventure Sports initiative jump out of a 36SQN C-17A Globemaster above RAAF Base Amberley.
Photos: CPl Ben Dempster

A passion for safety

COMBAT Support Group’s Base Aviation Safety Officer (BASO) at RAAF Base Darwin played a vital role in the safe operation of Exercise Elang AusIndo 17.

No. 13 Squadron BASO SQNLDR David Anderson is passionate about ensuring nothing threatens the safety of flight or an individual.

“The BASO has broadly two main roles – the first is a responsibility to ensure a safe operating environment airside for all operators,” he said.

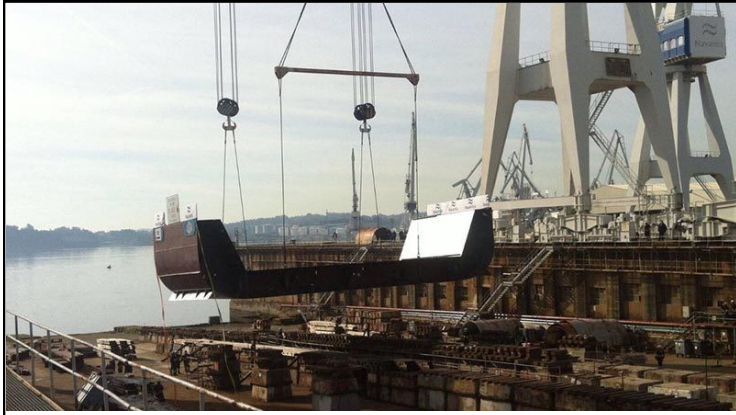
“It involves being the link for air traffic control at Darwin and working closely with Darwin International Airport staff, ensuring their operations are not impacted by military aviation activities or vice versa.

“The second role is to respond as the incident site commander for all military aircraft incidents and the Air Force forward commander for civilian aircraft.”

He said his role as BASO during the exercise was challenging.

“With a foreign nation operating at the airfield, it was important that any differences we have in safety standards were identified early and a mutual position was reached.”

Navy News



Future support ships named – first keel laid down

The names chosen for the Royal Australian Navy's two future support ships were announced yesterday – and the first-keel-laying ceremony conducted.

The new ships will be named *Supply* and *Stalwart*. *Supply* will be the second vessel in the Royal Australian Navy to bear the name that has its origins with the armed tender ship that accompanied the First Fleet to Australia. *Stalwart* is named after two

previous Australian Navy vessels, one a destroyer that served between 1920 and 1925 and the second destroyer tender served from 1968 to 1990. The ships will be known as auxiliary oiler replenishment (AOR) vessels and will replace the current HMA Ships *Success* and *Sirius*. Minister for Defence Marise Payne said great care was taken when naming vessels. “In considering names for classes and ships, the Navy chose names with deep historical roots or names that are uniquely Australian,” Minister Payne said. “For these ships, we have been able to achieve both. “*Supply* was instrumental in establishing the British colony and *Stalwart*, like the Australian Navy itself, has its origins in the Royal Navy and subsequently two Australian ships.” Chief of Navy Vice Admiral Tim Barrett conducted the tradition placing of a coin in the ship at the keel laying at the Navantia shipyard in Ferrol, Spain. *Supply* will be built in two years, with full operational capability scheduled for 2022. The previous HMAS *Supply* was built by Harland & Wolf in Belfast, Northern Ireland. She was laid down on 5 August 1952, launched on 1 September 1954 and decommissioned on 16 December 1985.

HMAS *Stalwart* (I) was an S-class destroyer commissioned into the Royal Navy as HMS *Stalwart* in April 1919. A year later, *Stalwart* and her sister ships, *Success*, *Swordsman*, *Tasmania* and *Tattoo*, along with the flotilla leader, *Anzac*, were gifted to the Royal Australian Navy as replacements for obsolete River-class destroyers. The keel for HMAS *Stalwart* (II) was laid at Cockatoo Island Dockyard, Sydney, on 23 June 1964. HMAS *Stalwart* (II) was fitted as a mobile base facility allowing vessels to come alongside and ‘shut-down’ to have repairs carried out as if in a shore base. *Stalwart* was able to supply essentials such as fresh water, steam, electricity and telephone services. She was the largest naval vessel wholly designed and built in Australia. *Stalwart* was decommissioned on 9 March 1990

\$500,000 grant to find submarine AE1

Minister for Defence Marise Payne today announced the government would match private investment to fund an expedition to search for the First World War submarine HMAS AE1. Minister Payne said the government would provide \$500,000 to allow Find AE1 Limited to proceed in its attempt to find the submarine and its crew. “HMAS AE1 is one of the world’s great maritime mysteries and this expedition will be one of the most comprehensive searches for the submarine,” Minister Payne said. The submarine was lost without trace on 14 September 1914 while patrolling waters off then German New Guinea. The cause of the disappearance is not known. “We owe it to the men of AE1, their descendants and the entire navy community to continue to look for those who are forever on patrol,” she said. “It is a story that captivates the maritime community, and the government is proud to join The Silentworld Foundation, Australian National Maritime Museum and Fugro Survey in supporting Find AE1. “We are also grateful for the cooperation of the Papua New Guinean government for allowing the expedition in their waters. “Retired Rear Admiral Peter Briggs and the Find AE1 team have been working tirelessly to unravel the events and to narrow search areas so that we might learn what happened to the brave men who gave everything to protect our country. “We are hopeful this expedition will find the vessel so we can properly commemorate her loss and preserve what remains.”

Frigates to get Nulka upgrade

THE upgraded Nulka system will be installed in all Navy frigates and Hobartclass destroyers and introduced for the first time on the Canberra-class LHDs. Nulka has been protecting Australia's major surface fleet units since its development and this upgrade will ensure the system remains at the cutting edge into the future.

Nulka is a rocket-propelled active missile decoy designed to entice hostile radio frequency guided anti-ship missiles away from a ship.

The government announced on November 3 a \$207 million boost to the Nulka program in order to keep pace with anti-ship missile technologies and ensure our sailors have the best available protection at sea. Nulka was devised by Defence scientists and developed in Australia by BAE Systems and is a great success story for Defence and Australian Industry working together. The investment of \$207 million to upgrade the Nulka system will occur over the next 20 years.



Melville answers call

AT THE request of the Papua New Guinean Government, HMAS Melville has been surveying the Port Moresby harbour and approaches in the lead-up to the 2018 Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation summit.

The hydrographic ship and her crew of 60 left HMAS Cairns for a three-month deployment in September, and were surveying the harbour infrastructure and anchorages to increase maritime safety in the area for the summit, from November 12-18.

APEC is expected to draw between 7000 to 10,000 visitors to Port Moresby.

The Navy has a long and close relationship with Papua New Guinea, particularly as Australia holds navigational charting responsibility for its closest neighbour.

Melville is the latest of our vessels to improve interoperability and strengthen the bonds between the two countries.

Between laying tide gauges, deploying survey motor boats and surveying, White Crew have enjoyed some of the sights of Madang during a port visit, with a second visit to the picturesque town of Alotau planned.

CO HS White Crew LCDR Richard Mortimer said Melville was the perfect unit to undertake the operation. "The HS ship is a specialist capability not held by the PNGDF, so Australia is able to continue support to the PNG Government through the longstanding survey and charting arrangement," LCDR Mortimer said.

"The data gathered from the survey, which will be continued by HMAS Leeuwin into December, will be made available to APEC member nations who wish to use the harbour during the APEC summit."

Local News

Just some info on what is happening over the festive period and New year. Our December meeting will be the last of the year. 6th December. Muster 18:30 (6:30pm for the RAAF) so being the final one for the year come on down and make it a social event.

On Tuesday the 12th December we will be holding a Christmas get together in the bistro of the Reef Gateway Hotel. Meal will be off the menu so you can choose your tucker.

Ladies bring a gift for the blokes and the blokes bring a pressie for the ladies. Put no names on the pressies- \$10.00 limit on the gift so make it cheap and ugly. Children are welcome if you bring a gift for them please put their name in BOLD letters so blind silly old Santa can read them.

Muster time will be 6:30pm at RGH, a table will be reserved for us so please call Bill with your numbers and reserve a place for seating purposes before 4pm 11th Dec. Bills number is 49464486.

Our first monthly meeting for 2018 will be held on the 7th February @18:30 in the clubroom of the Reef Gateway Hotel

Our 2018 AGM will be held on Wednesday the 7th March.

All committee positions will be up for election. Nomination forms are available from the committee during our December meeting or by contacting John Schweitzer on 0438264114

Rod Davies 0499730316

Bill Rose 49464486

Don't be backwards in coming forward. A couple of your committee have done the hard yards and they will always be available to assist a new president or any other committee members that may need a hand. New blood is a good thing in an organisation like ours, so don't be shy and lets have a yarn and put yourself forward to progress the club even further.

Subs for 2018, still only \$20.00 P.A, are now due. They must be paid up before Wednesday the 28th February 2018. We are sorry to tell you that if subs are not paid by the due date you will have to apply to rejoin. (A lot of work for the membership officer) Ensure you get a receipt as it will cover you until you new card arrives.

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ADF commemorates Re- membrance Day around the world

Australian Defence Force personnel at home and abroad pause in memory of all those who have died in all wars on the 99th anniversary of the Armistice today. Chief of the Defence Force, Air Chief Marshal Mark Binskin attended the Remembrance Day National Ceremony at the Australian War Memorial where Australia's Federa-



tion Guard and the Royal Military College Duntroon Band were on parade along with members of the local veterans' community. Today also signals the start of the final year of the Anzac Centenary. "Throughout 2017 we have commemorated the 100th anniversary of significant World War One battles and the terrible losses on the Western Front," Air Chief Marshal Binskin said. "We have also marked 75 years since major World War Two battles in the Pacific. "On Remembrance Day, we remember the sacrifice of more than 102,000 Australians whose names are recorded on Australia's Roll of Honour and we acknowledge the ongoing suffering of those who returned. "It is also a day to recognise all those who have served in historic and contemporary conflicts as well as those on operations today. "Almost 2,300 Australian Defence Force personnel are currently deployed on operations around the world. "They remind us that service and sacrifice are not confined to past generations, but continue with the current generation of service personnel. "Over the next year we will continue to honour our World War One servicemen and women, but Australians can also be proud of the work our sailors, soldiers, airmen and women conduct on behalf of our nation today. "Like those before them, this generation is widely respected for its skill and professionalism, even in the most difficult circumstances."

Jack Payne. (1920-2017)

Jack was born on the 16th December 1920 and passed away Saturday morning the 18th November 2017. Jack fought alongside many Australian soldiers during his time serving Australia on the Kokoda Track during World War II. Jack was part of the 39th Battalion and went to New Guinea in 1942 where he remained until six months after the war had finished. Jack was one of the original members of the RSL. Jack's funeral will be held Friday 24th November at St Martins Church Cannonvale at 3pm. Check the Whitsunday Times or call the Directors on 49453448 for more details. Dress is neat casual with Medals if available.



R.I.P Jack, Your job is done and done well. Lest we forget.

Remembrance Day 2017

Again we had another good turnout for Remembrance day 2017. We stopped to remember those that have fallen, injured or served in WW1 and subsequent conflicts and engagements. The day was attended by Politicians, members of the various community organisations and public in general.



Reel view of war

MORE than 200 films were screened at the Australian War Memorial and ADFA for the Veterans' Film Festival (VFF) last month.

The judging culminated in the award of Red Poppy trophies and prize money to a number of films from around the world.

The concept of the VFF was born when director Tom Pappas organised a competition at another film festival focusing on a different subject.

"It originated as a short film competition about homelessness in 2013," Mr Pappas said.

"One of the themes for the film-makers was veterans. One quarter of the 220 films entered were made about veterans, and all the prize winners were about veterans, including some from Iran and Lebanon.

"The winning entry was the true story of an Australian peacekeeper who deployed to Somalia, and how his service affected him and caused him to become homeless. It has been turned into a feature film. "We had such an amazing response from the audience it gave birth to the Veterans' Film Festival." VCDF VADM Ray Griggs said the ADF attended the festival last year as an observer, and after speaking with Mr Pappas believed that if it remained a single-venue event it could not expand. "We have entered into an agreement to provide support such as using ADFA as a venue to expand the festival's footprint," VADM Griggs said.

"We would like to see it grow, and there is enough content in the festival for it to be a true multi-venue event in Canberra." Mr Pappas said entries to the VFF came from all over the world, with a significant number from Iran. "We have the broadest perspectives on which films we'll accept. While we want them to be provocative, we don't want them to cause significant offence," he said. The Australian debut of the featurelength movie, *The Darkest Hour*, about the difficult first weeks of Churchill's prime ministership when Britain stood alone against Hitler, was given to the VFF. Not due for release until January, it was a coup for the VFF and movie-goers, who were treated to the exclusive viewing. VCDF said the most emotionally confronting film was the Australian movie *Miro* about an Aboriginal man who enlisted during WWII. He returned to find his family taken and the respect shown to him as a soldier vanish in 1945 Australia. "It was very powerful," VADM Griggs said. "In light of what we're trying to achieve with Indigenous members of the ADF, it's a great reminder of some of the more painful elements of our story in the past." To see the awards list, go to <http://veteransfilmfestival.com/australian-red-poppy-award/>



Gary Oldman
in a scene from
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<http://at-ease.dva.gov.au/professionals/files/2016/02/Trauma-Recovery-Programs-Feb-2016.pdf>.

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

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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

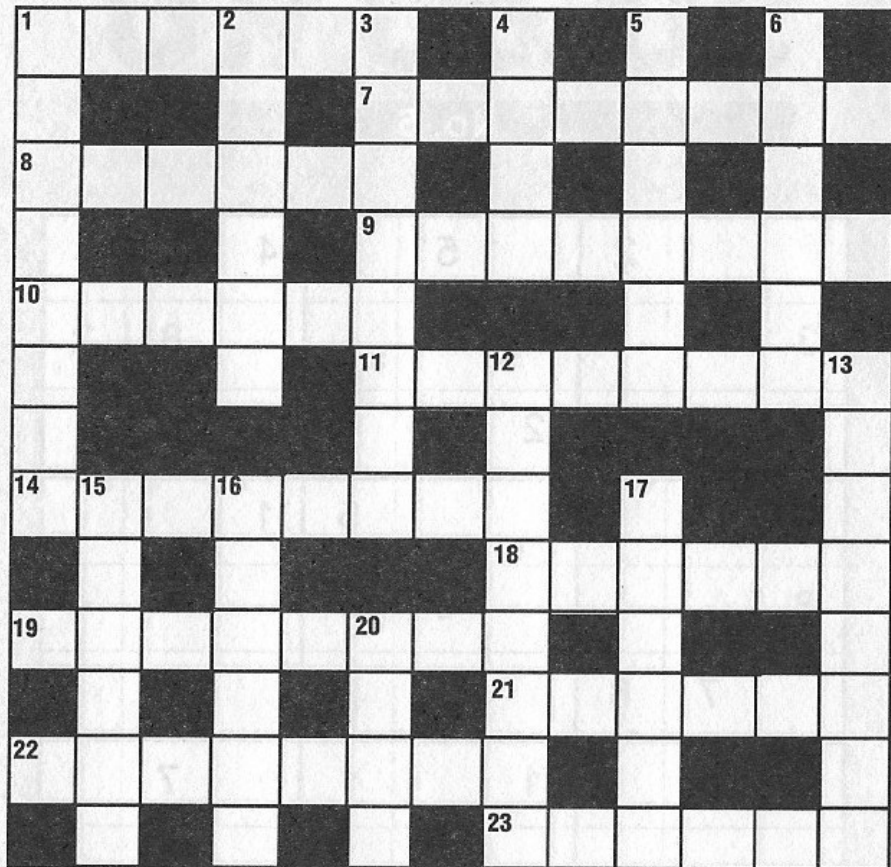
Visiting the sick, injured and lonely in hospital and/or at their homes

<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



ACROSS

- 1. Hits
- 7. Ultimate
- 8. Enclose
- 9. Ideas
- 10. Strident
- 11. Cheeky
- 14. Violent Raider
- 18. Spite
- 19. Dreary Sound

DOWN

- 1. Single Lady
- 2. Long Essay
- 3. Sorting Out
- 4. Brave Man
- 5. Produced A Play

Bob, a 70 year old, extremely wealthy widower, shows up at the Golf Club with a breathtakingly beautiful and very sexy 25 year old blonde-haired woman who knocks everyone's socks off with her youthful sex appeal and charm, and who hangs over Bob's arm and listens intently to his every word. His buddies at the club are all aghast.

At the very first chance, they corner him and ask, "Bob, how'd you get the trophy girlfriend?"

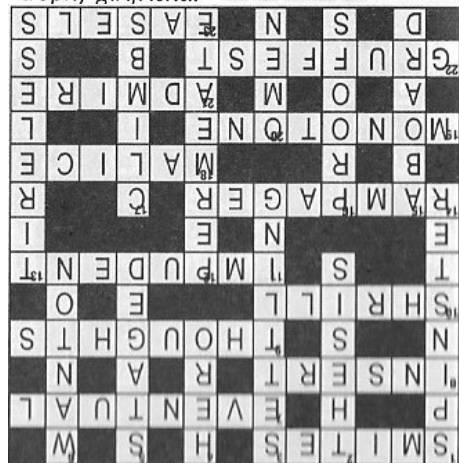
Bob replies, "Girlfriend? She's my wife!"

They are knocked over, but continue to ask, "So, how'd you persuade her to marry you?"

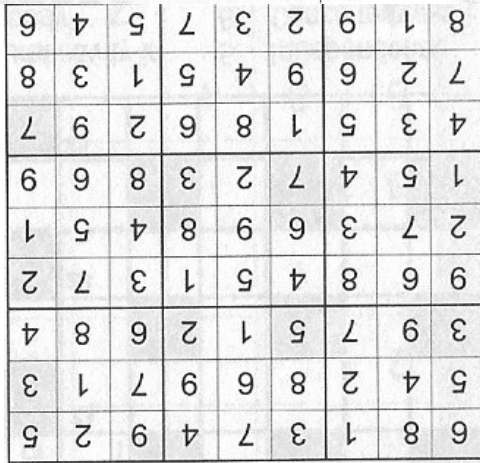
"I lied about my age," Bob replies.

"What, did you tell her you were only 50?"

Bob smiles and says, "No, I told her I was 90."



Word puzzle solution: RAVE



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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 four letter word that will fit in all of these to complete another word.

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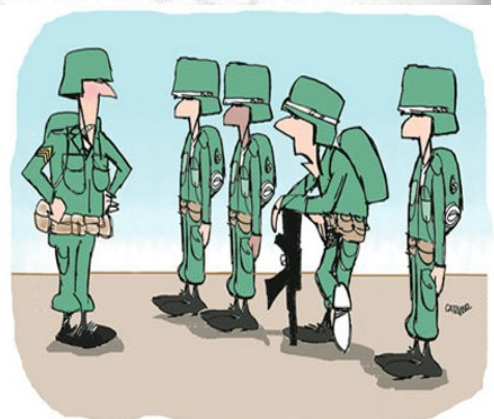
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"I've got attention disorder Sarge"