

# Airlie Beach Whitsunday RSL Sub Branch



## PARADISE POST



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### What's on in October

#### Next Members Meeting:

Wednesday 4th October  
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#### Badge sales

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08:00 – 16:00 Mon 30th October until  
Friday 10th November.

##### Whitsunday Plaza

08:00 – 16:00

Friday 3rd November until  
Friday 10th November

We still need members to assist with the sale. 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.

#### 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.....

HMAS Creswell is really hidden in the sticks. About 40kms from the town of Nowra. We made most of our own entertainment, for example, street BBQs, boat races, beach parties etc. Movies were run in the messes, you, remember reel to reel. Anyway one night we had a really good flick on, however 2 of the blokes wives were sitting in front of me, nagging away, and I couldn't hear the dialogue. So I finally tapped one of them on the shoulder "Excuse me" I said "I can't hear. "I should hope not" She said "We were gossiping about all the other wives"

**Just a thought:** I reckon anything is good if it made of chocolate.

We had a Warrant Officer Wran down at Flinders Naval depot years ago. She was a good Sheiler and a good sailor. Anyway one of her jobs was to indoctrinate the new entry girls- you know proper dress code, Musters etc, right down to ,marks of respect. She stressed to the girls to stay out of trouble, say "yes sir," and " no sir" all night.

**Just a thought:** .The mind is like a parachute, it doesn't work if it is not open.

One of my old mates was a sick berth attendant (SBA in Navy talk) Medic by others. As outfits go we often got sent on civvie courses, and one day we were yarning about them. He told me about an elderly bloke was bought in to hospital he was working in. He had a thick accent and was hard to understand. It took a while to find out he was a WW2 Veteran, So I had taken him to Greenslopes for DVA assistance. The next day he was back along with a note from DVA SAYING HE WAS A Veterran allright. But said right war wrong side.

Have fun folks  
Bill.

### Performance Appraisal Terms

Not sure what your performance appraisal really means?

Here's a handy (tongue in cheek) guide to the real common appraisal terms:

Outgoing personality:-Always out of the office.

Great presentation skills:-Able to spin tall tales.

Good Communication skills- Spends lots of time chatting on the phone.

Exceptionally well qualified- Made no major blunders yet.

Independent worker- Nobody knows what you really do at work.

Quick thinking- offers plausible excuses.

Career minded- Buys drinks for managers.

Shows improvement- Couldn't get any worse.

Uses Logic- Gets someone else to do it.

Meticulous attention to detail- Nit picker

Has leadership qualities- Is tall or has a louder voice.

Exceptionally good judgement- Lucky

Of great value to the organisation- Gets to work on time.

Relaxed attitude- Sleeps at desk.

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## 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.



**For countries torn apart by war, the appearance of the United Nations, (UN) Blue Berets is a sign that the first tangible steps have been taken on the road to peace.**



PEACEKEEPERS are sent in to some of the most dangerous parts of the world, tasked with bringing peace and stability to regions that have been torn apart by war. While the conflict may have ceased, the danger often remains. On September 14, a new Australian Peacekeeping Memorial will be dedicated in Canberra, marking 70 years since four Australian military officers became the first UN peacekeepers in the world. Since these four officers were deployed to the United Nations Good Offices Commission in the Dutch East Indies (now Indonesia) in 1947, Australia has contributed more than 66,000 personnel to 73 peacekeeping

### **AUSTRALIAN PEACEKEEPER AND PEACEMAKERS VETERANS ASSOCIATION CELEBRATES 20 YEARS**

As well as celebrating 70 years of international peacekeeping operations, the Australian Peacekeepers & Peacemakers Veterans Association will celebrate its 20th anniversary this year. APPVA was formed at the Pine Rivers RSL Sub Branch in September 1997. It aims to promote fellowship among ADF and Police personnel who have served in peacekeeping and peacemaking operations, and to raise the profile of the contribution of its members to world peace and security

### **75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF MILNE BAY**

The battle is often described as the first major battle of the war in the Pacific in which Allied troops decisively defeated Japanese land forces. Although Japanese land forces had experienced local setbacks elsewhere in the Pacific earlier in the war, unlike at Milne Bay, these actions had not forced them to withdraw completely and abandon their strategic objective. Nor did they have such a profound impact upon the moral aspect of the war. Milne Bay showed the limits of Japanese capability to expand using relatively small forces in the face of increasingly larger Allied troop concentrations and command of the air. As a result of the battle, Allied morale was boosted and Milne Bay was developed into a major Allied base, which was used to mount subsequent operations in the region.

Historic Navy Statue Unveiled An imposing two-metre bronze sailor now takes pride of place at Brisbane's Southbank. Rudi Bianchi CHIEF of Navy Vice Admiral Tim Barrett unveiled the first free-standing sailor statue in Queensland on May 27 in the presence of Queensland Governor His Excellency Paul de Jersey AC, dignitaries and a crowd of nearly 500 people. It was a proud moment for the naval community, who have bemoaned the lack of a statue for years. Some time ago, members of the Far East Strategic Reserve Association (Navy) Queensland made it their mission to address the matter. The association approached Brisbane City Council and the Lord Mayor gave his blessing. At his suggestion, the project came under the banner of the Naval Association of Australia (Queensland Branch), given that it is the state's most senior naval ex-service organisation. Various sites were examined and Council offered the unused octagonal plinth in the South Brisbane War Memorial Park at Southbank. This proved ideal as it overlooks HMAS Diamantina, now located in South Brisbane Dry Dock. The bronze statue is two metres high and the sailor wears the distinctive bell-bottom trousers that have long been associated with the Navy. Standing beside his well-worn kit bag and waving goodbye to family and friends, he is an imposing sight. The front panel of the plinth features a blue/grey granite plaque bearing the Royal Australian Navy (RAN) insignia and the Naval Ode. The remaining six plaques carry all the conflicts the RAN has been involved in since its formation. The ship names that participated are also featured. Due to the substantial number of ships involved in WWII, the plaque only features the battle honours. The Far East Strategic Reserve Association thanks Brisbane City Council, whose assistance has been appreciated, and is confident the site will be used for many future naval ceremonies.



## Defence News.

MAJ Cameron Jamieson reveals the importance of a steadfast approach to unity. AUSTRALIAN Defence personnel have contributed to developing the role of the United Nations Command in the defence of the Republic of Korea (ROK) during this year's Exercise Ulchi Freedom Guardian (UFG). Twenty-five representatives of all three services and Defence civilians joined two permanently assigned ADF officers at bases across ROK and Japan for the complex computer-simulated defensive exercise. Named after the famous 7th-century Korean GEN Eulji Mundeok, who defended the Kingdom of Goguryeo from the invading Sui Empire, UFG is designed to enhance the readiness of the ROKUS Alliance, supported by

United Nations Command (UNC) Sending States permanent staff and augmentees. This year, Australia, Canada, Columbia, Denmark, New Zealand, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom attended UFG, while representatives of the Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission observers monitored the exercise to ensure its compliance with the Armistice Agreement of 1953. The UNC also featured US military leadership and staff, as the UNC remains a US-led multinational force in accordance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 84. CAPT Bernard York, RAN, Commander Australian Contingent, said the UNC reflected the global support given to the protection of South Korea. "The membership of the UNC still contains nations which stood by South Korea during the devastating 1950-53 war," CAPT York said. "This exercise allows us to continue to work together as a coherent multinational force to assist in the maintenance of the armistice on the Korean Peninsula." CAPT York said the ADF participation helped to develop Australia's regular and long-standing bilateral defence engagement with the ROK. "South Korea is a major trading partner with Australia, and our defence ties go back to the Korean War," CAPT York said. "The security of Korean Peninsula is critical to the stability of north-east Asia, where Australia has significant involvement and interests. "The exercise also highlights the contribution of Japan, which for decades has agreed to provide the UNC-Rear component access to US bases in Japan for the logistical movement of forces and material to aid South Korea." Australia initially sent three personnel to UFG in 2010 and, like other Sending States, has progressively grown its contribution. This participation provides ADF personnel an opportunity to exercise combined planning, command and control operations, military intelligence, logistics and personnel procedures. UFG allows the Sending States to shape the UNC as an integrated headquarters, developing its roles and responsibilities in case of a security crisis on the Korean Peninsula. The UNC's first role would likely be to assist in the non-combatant evacuations of the hundreds of thousands of foreign nationals living in South Korea, which would allow the ROK Government to focus on the safety of its own citizens. The second role relates to the defence of South Korea, where UNC Sending States and the ROK-US Alliance would discuss what contributions the Sending States could make, with the understanding that none of the Sending States have standing obligations to do so. UNC Deputy Director of Operations, LTCOL Jim Follwell (Canada), said the UNC's contribution highlighted the international resolve to deter future aggression against the ROK. "The Sending States, through their commitment to the UNC, represent the world's continued commitment to peace and security in north-east Asia," LTCOL Follwell. "The ROK is an important security partner for Australia in the region and we seek to work together to address shared security challenges."

The Australian memorial at the United Nations Memorial Cemetery in Korea, which is in Busan (formerly known as Pusan), South Korea.  
Photo: MAJ Cameron Jamieson  
Below: RAAF Pilot III William Harrop, of 7750N, being laid to rest at the cemetery on January 18, 1951.  
Photo: RAAF  
Bottom left: PLT Harrop's tombstone.



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## Army News

### Capt Michael Trainor

THE Iraqi Army's 53rd Brigade recently rolled through the Taji Military Complex in an impressive display of firepower as it readies for the next fight against Daesh. The Combined Arms Training Activity held at the Taji Military Complex was the culminating activity in the 10-week period of instruction delivered by trainers from Task Group Taji – Rotation 5 (TGT-5). Commander TGT-5 Col Steve D'arcy said the professionalism and skills demonstrated during the CATA by the Iraqi brigade demonstrated the ability of the Iraqi Army to use combined arms within the battle-

space. "The 53rd Brigade is a well-led formation. They are fit and they are committed to the fight," he said. "The skills we have been able to impart on our Iraqi partners have been well received and adapted into their operating procedures. "The successful application of those skills using combined arms has been clearly evident." During the CATA members of the 53rd Brigade demonstrated a break-in to an enemy position, the use of support by fire, breaching techniques and incorporating a range of assets into the fight. CO Training Task Unit Lt-Col Giles Cornelia said the skills and training imparted by the Australian and New Zealand instructors from Task Group Taji would equip the 53rd Brigade to be successful in the future fight against Daesh. "What we saw was a combined arms attack incorporating infantry, artillery, armour and engineers which tested and confirmed the fighting knowledge, skills and attributes of 53rd Brigade," he said. Soldiers from the 53rd Brigade will soon return to operational service after a short period of well-earned leave.



Pte Ashley Watts, of Australia's Federation Guard, is looking forward to being part of the commemorations of the Battle of Polygon Wood in Belgium. Photo: Cpl Kyle Genner

A GAP Year soldier who liked the Army so much she signed on for more will travel to Belgium to take part in commemorations marking the centenary of the Battle of Polygon Wood on September 26. Pte Ashley Watts, who joined the Army from Mansfield in Victoria in September 2013, was posted to Australia's Federation Guard in January this year.

She said one of the things she loved about her job with the Guard was having the opportunity to take part in commemorations and to honour those who had fallen. "My role during the Polygon Wood commemorations is to take part in a catafalque party at the Menin Gate ceremony," she said. "I will also be doing a reading named 'Spirit of Place' at the commemorative dawn service on September 26.

"It is an honour and privilege to represent the Army and the ADF in Belgium and take part in the commemorations, and show our respect to those who made the ultimate sacrifice." Pte Watts recently discovered her great-grandfather served in Belgium and France during WWI, and is presently trying to learn more about him. Pte Watts said one of the highlights of her career was deploying to Fiji in 2016. "I spent two months over there to provide humanitarian aid to the areas worst hit by Cyclone Winston," she said. "There are many great opportunities in the Army, whether it be changing jobs or going on a trip overseas or within Australia, you meet great people and get to participate in exciting events."

THEATRE Communications Group 4 personnel in the Middle East region have smashed through the 700,000 push-up mark and are quickly approaching 900,000, with under a month left on their deployment. Because fitness is an important part of being a soldier, especially on deployment, the soldiers of TCG-4's Taji Communications and Information Systems Node set their individual push-up goals to maintain during their long deployment. According to Sig Connor Seydel, the challenge is important for building and maintaining physical fitness and great for team building while on deployment. "I've seen an increase in strength and the amount of push-ups and pull-ups I can do, as well as increasing my mid-line stability," he said. "After my last basic fitness assessment, I set a goal of being able to do 50 push-ups without a rest. "It felt great to be able to beat my goal, but it only made me more determined to set a new goal of doing 100 push-ups without a rest." Sig Colby Jacobs set his goal of 6500 push-ups over his deployment as it seemed like a difficult number which would require constant involvement and motivation to achieve. "The challenge has allowed us all to physically push our strength and endurance over an extended period of time in a repetitive fashion," he said. "My goal was surpassed and my total count is into the 7000s. "Passing 6500 was both mentally and physically rewarding, at the cost of sore arms." The TCG-4 personnel have about 150,000 push-ups to complete before they return to Australia. As well as raising their physical fitness, they are completing the challenge to raise awareness of Mates4Mates, a charity which supports ADF veterans.



Republic of Singapore Ship *Resolution*, in the background, conducts concurrent landing craft operations with HMAS *Adelaide*, as an MRH90 returns to *Adelaide* to refuel while replenishing ships in the Indo-Pacific Endeavour task group sailing off the coast of north Queensland.  
Photo: L.SIS Peter Thompson

HMAS *Adelaide* conducted aviation training with the USS *Bonhomme Richard* off the east coast of Australia earlier this month. It was the first international engagement activity of the deployed ADF Joint Task Group as part of Indo-Pacific Endeavour. The training involved an SH60S Seahawk and a US Marine Corps MV22 Osprey tiltrotor, with a focus on flight deck familiarisation for the Marine Corps aircrew and currency training for *Adelaide*'s aviation support sailors. Commander Joint Task Group CAPT Jonathan Earley, who is also CO *Adelaide*, said the activity highlighted the continued enhancement of interoperability between the two militaries. "It is important that we take opportunities like these to work with our United States partners to enhance

our understanding and processes for operating with this unique capability," CAPT Earley said. "The training, both for the aircrew and our flight deck teams, went really well, and our crew was able to get some hands-on exposure to the processes associated with landing United States assets. "These activities have further developed the skills in *Adelaide*'s crew, and broadened the capability our amphibious assault ships provide." Running until November 26, Indo-Pacific Endeavour is focusing on enhancing military cooperation with some of Australia's key regional partners including Brunei, Cambodia, the Federated States of Micronesia, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand, and Timor-Leste. More than 1200 ADF personnel are participating in the exercise, which is being led by *Adelaide*. She is being accompanied, at various stages of the deployment, by HMA Ships *Melbourne*, *Darwin*, *Toowoomba*, *Parramatta*, and *Sirius*, making it the biggest coordinated Australian task group deployment since the early 1980s.

### CMDR Fenn Kemp

AUSTRALIA'S focus in the Asian region and on improving defence ties with Indonesia was recently highlighted with two visits from Australian Navy leaders in a week. CN VADM Tim Barrett began the series of meetings as a guest of honour at the International Maritime Security Symposium in Bali. Working together for good order at sea was the theme of this year's conference, which was hosted by Indonesia's Navy Chief, ADML Ade Supandi, and attended by other chiefs from a host of regional nations. VADM Barrett told the conference no country could truly expect to act alone to solve the maritime challenges faced in the region. "Whether those challenges arise from terrorism to transnational crime, or to environmental damage, or to marine resource exploitation, we all have a shared interest in good order at sea," VADM Barrett said. A meeting with the Indonesian chief provided a further chance to discuss future activities. Less than a week later, these sentiments were reinforced by DCN RADM Mike Noonan, who spent two days in Jakarta for Navy-to-Navy talks with the Indonesian Assistant Chief of Operations, RADM Ary Atmaja. "Our Government has made it clear that our focus will increasingly turn towards maintaining security across the Asian region," RADM Noonan said. "I came away extremely confident that our friendship is in very good shape. "I was also struck both by the warm welcome we received and by the genuine enthusiasm for further joint activities. It is after all in both Australia and Indonesia's interests to protect our neighbourhood."

### SGT Dave Morley

A MEMORIAL to honour the work of more than 80,000 ADF members, police and civilian peacekeepers, was dedicated by Governor-General GEN (ret'd) Sir Peter Cosgrove on Anzac Parade, Canberra, on September 14. The dedication coincided with the 70th anniversary of the deployment of the first Australian peacekeepers to the UN Good Offices Mission to Indonesia, then the Dutch East Indies, in 1947. Sir Peter said it was natural to desire peace. "It's about the absolute importance of humanity and compassion," he said. "It's much harder to achieve peace and to actually protect the vulnerable and the dispossessed. "It seems part of the human condition to want it with every fibre of our being, but never to attain perfect peace. "Well, for 70 years Australian peacekeepers have served and sacrificed in the name of peace and this continues to this day." Sir Peter said in missions right across the world, from the Middle East to Africa, from Asia to the Pacific, Australian peacekeepers were distinguished by their dedication and courage. "Protecting children from abuse and exploitation, freeing others from a life as child soldiers, supporting democratic elections that are free and fair, stepping in in times of crisis and conflict," he said. "They do so to make the peace, to keep the peace, and honour those before them. "In their blue berets, peacekeepers are a symbol of hope, they save lives, they change lives, they restore order, and bring security and stability." Chairman of the Australian Peacekeeping Memorial Project Committee MAJGEN Tim Ford (ret'd) said he was proud of the magnificent record of Australian peacekeepers (military, civilian and police), who were being recognised with the memorial.



THE Initial Operating Capability (IOC) for the Hawk Lead-In Fighter Capability Assurance Program (LIFCAP) will deliver an upgraded fleet of Hawks coupled with three modern, full mission simulators that will provide enhanced training capabilities for aircrew. OC No. 78 Wing GPCAPT Ian Goold said the progression of the upgrade required critical analysis and testing from an aircrew perspective. “SQNLDR Dougal Dow, a qualified Test Pilot, witnessed the conduct of developmental and acceptance testing on behalf of the Commonwealth to ensure the aircraft met requirements,” GPCAPT Goold said. “After two years of testing in the aircraft itself in collaboration with BAE UK test pilots, No. 76 Squadron aircrew instructors based at RAAF Base Williamtown assisted in running operational tests and training missions to conduct an ‘end check’.

“This skill base as well as the combined knowledge base from aircrew from aircraft across other Air Force platforms contributed to the development of a test and evaluation team – to ensure the aircraft was effective and ready for the training environment. “ Additionally, this skill pool assisted in the refinement of simulator software which was tested and reworked over an 18-month period. SQNLDR Dougal Dow said the effort had delivered an important training tool for new pilots. “Teaching basic fighter manoeuvring requires really good visuals and handling qualities which we now have as result of the upgrade,” SQNLDR Dow said. “Additionally, the new simulators deliver a whole lot of efficiencies. For example, if someone has a challenge in the aircraft – instead of launching flight after flight in a scenario which may require multiple aircraft to conduct a particular training mission, we now have the ability to run the same scenario in the simulator over and over again to ensure the trainee aircrew have addressed the challenge before getting into the jet again. “Holistically, it aligns well with the refined Air Combat Group training model under the Performance Enhancement Program, which focuses on trainee aircrew strengths while methodically addressing individual challenges to increase the opportunity for success.” SQNLDR Dow said the first LIFCAP course was already under way at No. 79 Squadron (RAAF Base Pearce), with “some great reports from the sim already which is very encouraging”.

## FLTLT Barrie Bardoe

AIRWORTHINESS Boards (AwBs) have long provided Defence with a holistic approach to military aviation safety by drawing upon the extensive experience provided by both senior Air Force aircrew and engineers. Following the roll out of the new Defence Aviation Safety Regulation (DASR) in September last year, the boards continue to play a major role in the assurance of aviation safety. In July 2017, board members and key stakeholders met in Canberra to discuss the new regulatory suite and the role that the boards take within the new regulatory framework. The gathering also gave board members the opportunity to identify issues of concern with the aviation fleet and discuss safety concepts and methodologies. Participants said the meeting was a success as they had left with a greater understanding of the role and the functions of the boards and the regulations. AVM Robert Treloar said: “Airworthiness Boards provide an executive review of the management of Defence Aviation Safety matters for aircraft and aviation systems, reporting to the Defence Aviation Authority. “The board process continues to be a cornerstone of the Defence Aviation Safety Framework,” AVM Treloar said. “The reduction of aircraft accidents and serious incidents over the past 20 years can be attributed in no small way to the activities of the airworthiness system and the ongoing conduct of Airworthiness Boards, enabling the ADF to effectively conduct air operations.” AVM Robert Treloar said the boards continued to provide a valuable service supporting Defence Aviation Safety for the foreseeable future. AIRCDRE Noel Schmidt said he was pleased to see continuation of Airworthiness Boards under the new DASR regulatory suite. “This continues the important role identified when the first Airworthiness Board was setup more than 25 years ago in 1991, providing the Chief, in his role as the Defence Aviation Authority, a rigorous and independent review of the operational and technical elements of each aircraft platform,” said AIRCDRE Schmidt. “The Airworthiness Boards form an important part of the assurance process for the conduct of safe flying operations and represent continuation of a key element of the old regulatory suite to the new.” The retention of Airworthiness Boards continues the executive review of the safety management of aircraft and aviation systems. The boards will also provide an opportunity to formally review the effectiveness of FEGs (Force Element Groups) while providing feedback to the Defence Aviation Authority. As a cornerstone of the Defence Aviation Safety Framework, Airworthiness Boards will continue into the future.



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CO 462SQN WGCDR Michael Reidy, third right, and FSGT Drew Bennett congratulate FSGT 'Reg' Archer and his partner, Enid, after he was presented with the French Legion of Honour. Photo: SGT Rob Hack

A FORMER Lancaster rear gunner who took part in 460SQN's final raid during WWII has received a special honour at the age of 92. FSGT William Charles Reginald Archer (retd) – known as Reg – served with Bomber Command from 1943-45, surviving seven missions over Europe, including the bombing of Berchtesgaden on April 25, 1945. Twenty Lancasters from 460SQN joined more than 300 Lancasters and 16 Mosquitos from Bomber Command for the brazen Anzac Day attack on Hitler's Bavarian mountain retreat. It was 460SQN's final raid of the war, and also marked the end of FSGT Archer's WWII service. More than 70 years later, FSGT Archer has been bestowed the French Legion of Honour in recognition of his part in the Liberation of France while serving with Bomber Command during the war. In a special ceremony at the Gawler West RSL on July 19, FSGT Archer was presented with his medal by CO 462SQN WGCDR Michael Reidy, of RAAF Base Edinburgh. WGCDR Reidy said he was honoured for the opportunity to attend, along with Squadron Warrant Officer, FSGT Drew Bennett. "462SQN is sister squadron to 460SQN, and indeed, we have a close relationship with our veterans, so it was a real honour to be invited to present this special award to William," WGCDR Reidy said. "William was a 460SQN member and with 460SQN being one of those Bomber Command units that went through some horrendous losses during the war, it means a lot to see some of the few who made it through get awarded now for their bravery. "This is important not only to recognise our history in that area but also for those members who serve now to look back and acknowledge that sacrifice." FSGT Archer said he was surprised but thrilled to receive the prestigious French decoration. "I feel excited and very honoured," he said. "I didn't expect anything like that, you know. It all came out of the blue. "It's very rare to get an award like this and I'm very grateful to everybody concerned, especially the RSL. I'm quite overwhelmed with it all." FSGT Archer, whose father was born in Tasmania and served with the Australian Imperial Forces in WWI, joined his local RSL after emigrating to Australia from England 26 years ago with his partner Enid, settling in Gawler, north of Adelaide. He said he will always remember his Bomber Command service fondly. "We had two Aussies on our crew and it was a good crew," he said. "We all stuck together and always tried to see the funny, lighter side to everything, even in dire circumstances. There was always laughter – most of the time anyway."

### Have your say

MEMBERS of the ADF and APS are encouraged to take part in this year's Unacceptable Behaviour Survey, from September 18-October 13. The annual ADF/APS survey measures experiences of and attitudes towards unacceptable behaviour in Defence. It will be distributed by email to a random selection of 50 per cent of the Defence workforce. Deputy Secretary Defence People Roxanne Kelley encouraged those invited to participate in the survey to do so, saying their feedback provided Defence's leadership with a better understanding of people's views on unacceptable behaviour. "The survey takes about 20 minutes to complete. Every response counts and helps to inform action to make our workplace one where everyone is respected and valued, and poor behaviour is called out," Ms Kelley said. "By participating in the survey, you can directly influence the environment that we all work in." Responses to the unacceptable behaviour survey are anonymous. Some of the questions contained in the survey are personal and sensitive in nature. Participants can choose to complete the survey away from the workplace by forwarding the email they receive to their personal email and may choose to opt out at any time. For further information regarding the Unacceptable Behaviour survey or Unacceptable Behaviour Research Program, contact the Unacceptable Behaviour survey team at [UB.Survey@defence.gov.au](mailto:UB.Survey@defence.gov.au)

**I ASK her if it was hot when she found Charlie. “Have you ever been to Charters Towers?” she says. Yeah. Stupid question.**



It was in the high thirties and she'd been out in the paddock for hours. She only had one bottle of water and a stick she'd picked up off the ground to dig with. That, and a few house bricks and a couple of little Australian flags she'd thrown in the back of the car – just in case. All she had to go on was a list of names and numbers, and a rough idea of where he might be, which turned out to be wrong anyway. “I wasn't looking in the right place at first,” she says. “I'd been there half a day, at least. I was digging away in the dirt, my stick was breaking. It was bloody hot. There was only one tree, and that was a long way off ...” Finally she pulled away a few tufts of grass and scraped away the dry red soil on the top of a stone plaque, just as she had scraped dozens of other stone plaques, many -broken and chipped by the slashers that come through every few months. One by one the numbers became -clearer. A one, a three and a six, then a two, and finally an eight ... she finished brushing the stone off with her hand, looked down at her list, then back to the dusty plaque. It was like checking Lotto numbers. She'd won the jackpot. There below her feet lay the remains of Lance Corporal Charles Tednee Blackman, serial number 2584A, B Company, 9th Battalion, 3rd Brigade, 1st Division, AIF. Buried and forgotten for 50 years. She stood there for a while, not really knowing what to do next, then went back to the car and got the bricks and the flags. She put the bricks around the grave, then placed a plastic flowerpot on top and stood the flags upright inside it. Then she sat down for a chat. “Oh, Charlie,” Suzanne said, the tears starting to flow. “I've been looking for you a long time.” Suzanne Murdoch, her daughter Carmen, sister Kaye and brother-in-law Chris Bull weren't the only people searching for Charlie Blackman. Far from it. The story of the three Blackman brothers, Charles, Alfred and Thomas, all of whom fought in World War I, has fascinated -researchers since the surge of interest in the contribution made by indigenous soldiers in the Great War began in the 1970s. In fact, as “half-caste” Aborigines, and prodigious letter-writers, the Blackmans have for years been something of a “go-to” family for historians seeking examples of indigenous life and military service in the early 1900s. Removed from their mother as children in 1902 under the Aboriginal Protection Act and placed in the settlement of Barambah – later renamed Cherbourg – 250km northwest of Brisbane, the three brothers volunteered to serve in the AIF in World War I on the front line in Flanders where Alfred, the eldest, was killed during the Battle of Passchendaele in October 1917. Charles and Thomas survived and at war's end returned to Australia believing their military -service would improve their status in the eyes of the authorities. Instead, they both ended their days as “inmates”: Thomas back at Cherbourg and Charles in an asylum at Charters Towers “They are case studies,” says historian Philippa Scarlett, author of *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Volunteers for the AIF: The indigenous Response to World War One*. “They encompass all elements of the Aboriginal experience of that time.” Scarlett, who has referred to the Blackman brothers in several of her published articles, is one of numerous researchers who have delved into some aspect of their lives, each adding a link in the chain that led all the way to that dusty paddock at Charters Towers. All have had their own motivation; most have never met each other, but all for their own purposes have helped uncover the story of this ordinary yet remarkable family.

Article from the Courier Mail Mike Colman April 23, 2017

There will be a Burial Service grave dedication held for Lance Corporal Charles Tednee Blackman, in Charters Towers on the 12th of October. If you would like to attend our RSL is running a bus to and from, leaving Wednesday 11th Oct returning 13th Oct. There are several places you can arrange your own accommodation ,Big 4 or local hotel. For more information or to book your seat please call Bill on 49464486

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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

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

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Monday to Friday (except for ACT public holidays)

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GPO Box498  
Brisbane, 4001  
Or Phone 1300 552 662

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## Useful web Links.

Veteran Affairs

[www.dva.gov.au](http://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](http://www.my.gov.au)

Vietnam Veterans

[www.vvaa.org.au](http://www.vvaa.org.au)

Defence Force

[www.defence.gov.au](http://www.defence.gov.au)

Comsuper,DFRDB.

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

Email: [members@dfrdb.gov.au](mailto:members@dfrdb.gov.au)

Email: [pensions@dfrdb.gov.au](mailto: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

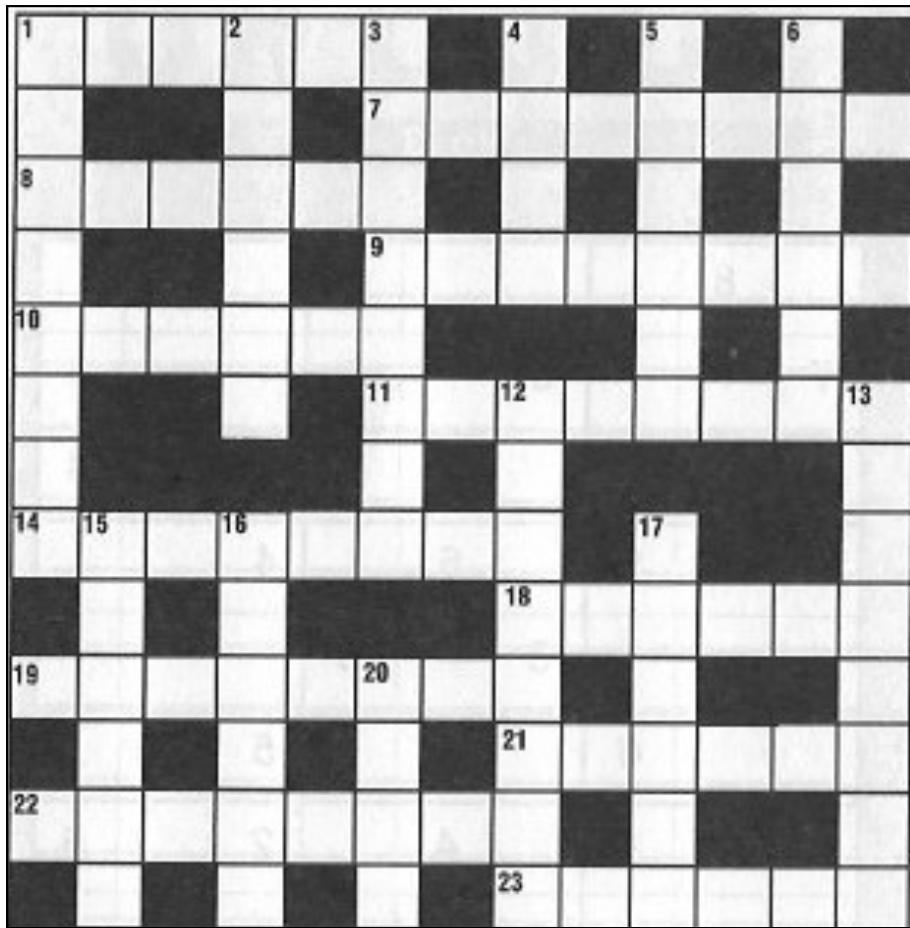
Visiting the sick, injured and lonely in hospital and/or at their homes

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

Short term crisis accommodation

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Subsidised longer term housing solutions



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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.

**ACROSS**

- 1. Chaos
- 7. Cloudy
- 8. Expelled Cargo
- 9. Overseas Trader
- 10. Fabric
- 11. Mockery
- 14. Member of a Closely Knit Group
- 18. Vanity

**DOWN**

- 19. Amassing
- 21. Shade Of Red
- 22. Debased
- 23. Vigour
- 1. Imperial
- 2. Boarding Place
- 3. Impetus
- 4. Ooze

**DOWN**

- 5. Sparse
- 6. Declare
- 12. Renounce
- 13. Force Of Farmers
- 15. Servant
- 16. Regular
- 17. Devour
- 20. Thought

An elderly man wanted to plant his annual tomato garden, but it was very difficult work, as the ground was hard. His only son, Vincent, who used to help him, was in prison. The old man wrote a letter to his son.

Dear Vincent,

I am feeling pretty sad, because it looks like I won't be able to have a tomato garden this year as it's too difficult for me to dig.

Love, Papa

A few days later he received a letter from his son.

Dear Pop,

Don't dig up that garden. That's where the bodies are buried.

Love, Vinnie

At 4 a.m. the next morning, FBI agents and local police arrived and dug up the entire area, but without finding any bodies. They apologised to the old man and left.

The next day the old man received another letter from his son.

Dear Pop,

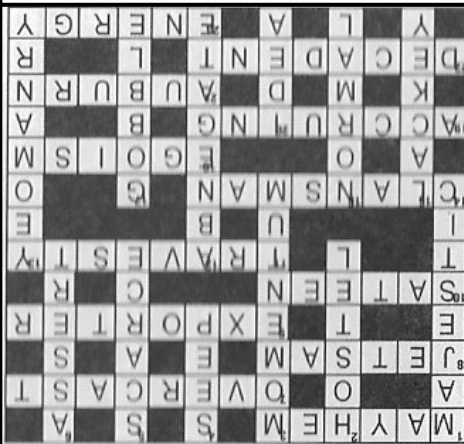
Go ahead and plant the tomatoes now. That's the best I could do under the circumstances.

Love you,  
Vinnie.



**Word Puzzle**  
Find 4 letter word that will fit in these to complete another word

- ARE \_ \_ \_ \_
- \_ \_ \_ \_ URE
- STRI \_ \_ \_ \_
- RO \_ \_ \_ \_
- IN \_ \_ \_ \_
- TRI \_ \_ \_ \_
- \_ \_ \_ \_ ED
- \_ \_ \_ \_ TY
- \_ \_ \_ \_ AL
- PRU \_ \_ \_ \_



Word puzzle solution: DENT

3	1	9	7	4	2	5	6	8
4	6	7	5	8	9	2	1	3
8	5	2	1	3	6	4	9	7
2	7	5	9	6	3	8	1	4
6	9	8	4	1	5	7	3	2
1	4	8	3	6	9	5	7	1
9	5	6	7	2	8	3	4	1
6	7	3	1	9	2	4	8	5
4	2	9	8	5	6	1	3	7
5	8	1	4	7	3	6	2	9

