

Airlie Beach Whitsunday RSL Sub Branch



PARADISE POST



JUNE 2018

What's on

Next Members Meeting:

Wed 4th July: @ 7pm. Reef Gateway Hotel. Cold drinks and tucker

18th August: Vietnam Veterans Day

1st Sept: Annual RSL Dinner

Badge sales

Badge sales 2nd August to Fri 17th August

We still need members to assist with the badge sales also meat tray raffle sales 1st and last Friday of the month at Reef Gateway.

Please contact Bill on 49464486

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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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Life as Bill see's it....

The cops pulled me over the other week whilst on my way to Townsville. He really did me over and as things were, my car was registered and insured, It wasn't stolen or had any defects. There were no stolen items or drugs in the car. All the tyres were in good nick , including the spare. My drivers license was valid and I was sober with no sign of drugs in my system. So the bugger fined me \$150 for wasting police time.

Just a thought: There is no doubt that fiction makes a better yarn that the truth.

My old mate was having dinner in a fine restaurant with his second wife when he notices that his wife is watching a very drunken man making a complete fool of himself at the bar. "you've been watching that bloke for a while" said Ron "do you know him?" "yes" she replied " He's my ex husband, do you know he has been drinking like that since I left him seven years ago?" "remarkable" says Ron " I didn't know someone could celebrate that long"

Just a thought; you know when you're on top there's only one direction you can go.

I walked into the bar at the Reef gateway sometime back when Ron was still living here and overheard him and another bloke having a yarn about their fishing prowess. The other bloke said "I was fishing off the beach at Fraser Island and caught a barra that was six foot long and Weighed 35kg." Ron came back with " I was wetting a ling out on the Barrier Reef the other day and pulled up a lantern from the Endeavour and the wick was still alight." "Oh bull, as if" the other bloke replied. "fair enough then" says Ron " you take 3 feet and 15kg off the barra and I will blow out the lantern."

Have fun, life's too short not to.

And don't be like some people I know that appear to have one foot in the grave and the other on a banana skin. Bill.

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As we that are left grow
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Age shall not weary them

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At the going down of the sun,

And in the morning

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.



Army News

Personnel on one of the landing craft return to HMAS Canberra after completing training activities. Photos: Pte Cameron Sykes

ARMY'S amphibious focus shifted into top gear early in June with two task groups deployed across the region. While the Indo-Pacific Endeavour task group continued its successful deployment in the south-west Pacific, a major exercise concluded off the north Queensland coast. Exercise Sea Explorer was one of a series of exercises Army and

Navy participate near the town of Bowen. Amphibious operations are among the most complex, required for humanitarian assistance and disaster relief, non-combatant evacuation, and joint combat operations. Sea Explorer was held during the anniversary of the D-Day landings which took place on June 6, 1944, on the coast of France. Exercise Sea Explorer also involved significant efforts ashore. The Amphibious Task Group was based at Fleet Headquarters in Sydney. An integral part of the Fleet battle Staff in the COMWAR branch, the ATGHQ typically comprises a standing staff of 60 from across Army, Navy, and Air Force with a diverse array of ranks and specialisations.

Command amphibious task group Capt Paul O'Grady said they were permanently on 48 hours' notice to move for a range of situations.

"Our staff can double in size to well over 100 for activities such as the Sea Series and major exercises such as Talisman Sabre.



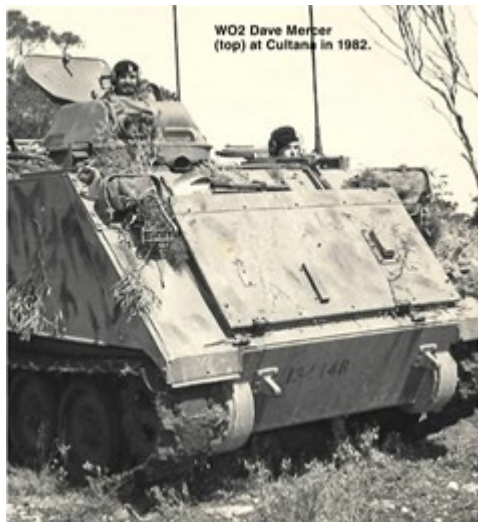
Command Australian Contingent Lt-Col Karen Such, aboard USNS Mercy for Pacific Partnership, reads the history of Anzac Day during the remembrance ceremony held at the Commonwealth War Graves in Tincomalee, Sri Lanka. Photo: MC2 Kelsey Adams

AS COMD Australian Contingent for Pacific Partnership, Lt-Col Karen Such has been responsible for the management of the 21 ADF members involved, as well as working as the dental officer for community health events.

Lt-Col Such said every day was different. "My days have generally varied depending on the activities on the ship," she said. "Some days I arranged visits, movements or events such as the Anzac Day service and the ADF Parliamentary Program. "Other days I have had the opportunity to work as a dental officer with the multinational dental team in local communities and hospitals as well as be involved in community relations activities visiting schools and spending time with the locals." For Lt-Col Such, the opportunity to work across all different levels of military and community engagement has been the most enjoyable part of the experience. "I had the opportunity to learn about the depth of specialist medical expertise in the US Navy, the importance of the diplomatic role of defence advisers in each country and the different approaches to dental care for each of our partner nations," she said. "Pacific Partnership was a great activity to learn about preparing for HADR missions, not just for our health personnel, but also our operations, engineering and planning staff."



Army News



WO2 Dave Mercer (top) at Cultana in 1982.

A WELL-known Adelaide-based WO2 reached a goal few other soldiers will ever achieve when he was presented with his third Federation Star, for 50 years' service, on May 12.

Quality assurance officer – safety, with Army Compliance Assurance Unit (ACAU), WO2 Dave Mercer received the award from Adjutant-General – Army, Brig David Thomae, in the Sergeants' Mess at Keswick Barracks in front of family, friends and detachment members.

WO2 Mercer began his military career in the British Army as boy soldier with the Royal Engineers in 1965.

He immigrated to Adelaide in 1966 and aged 18, enlisted in the Citizen Military Forces (now Army Reserve) in September, 1967.

"I quickly got a job with Coles Supermarkets as a trainee manager, but I also missed army life so I decided to enlist in the CMF and join

3/9SAMR to make new friends and integrate into the Australian way of life," he said. "Because I still had a strong northern English accent, my nickname soon became 'Pom' and I am still called that by many mates I served with, who are still my lifelong friends, and who have long since retired or discharged from the CMF or ARes." WO2 Mercer said the biggest single highlight of his Army career was being in the Guidon party (9LHR Guidon) on the Army's 100th Birthday parade in Canberra.

"I've also enjoyed the comradeship, learning new skills, and personal development such as leadership and self-confidence," he said.

"Most importantly knowing I have an Army 'family' I can always rely on in times of need." WO2 Mercer's advice for young diggers joining the Army Reserve was make sure they had a loving, caring and supportive partner that was prepared to standby them in their Army life.

"I would say that without the support of my wife Sandra for the past 36 years I would not have been able to serve as long as I have," he said.

SO2ofaQAcellatACAUMaj David Fagan said WO2 Mercer was an easy going, amenable bloke.

"He basically had three lives in the Australian Army, first kicking off in RAAC and working his way up from trooper to SSM," he said.

"He was then picked up in the training space as an instructor and a highlight of this was setting up the HQ 9 Bde Pre-Recruit Training Centre.

"This was regarded as par excellence and replicated throughout the other reserve brigades, and WO2 Mercer was awarded a commendation from Comd 2 Div for his dedicated service in his role as OIC.

"In his third life he morphed into a role as a safety auditor undertaking WHS audits of Army units."

Maj Fagan said WO2 Mercer was passionate about this role and ensured every aspect of the audit was thoroughly reviewed and the results confirmed.

"It has been a pleasure to have him on the team and he has thoroughly deserved his long career in the Australian Army," he said.

ADF members applying for home loan subsidy assistance through the Defence Home Ownership Assistance Scheme (DHOAS) will have access to an increased assistance amount during the 2018-19 financial year. As of July 1, 2018, the primary index used by the scheme has been set at \$741,603. Acting Director Military Conditions and Housing Policy Derek Cox said this was an increase of \$41,286 from the 2017-18 figure. "Taking account of the movement in house prices each year is one of the strengths of DHOAS," Mr Cox said. The primary index for DHOAS is the average house price which covers house prices across Australia during a 12-month period. This is used to calculate the subsidised loan amounts under the scheme and is derived from Australian Bureau of Statistics published data.

The three home loan subsidy values under the scheme are based on a percentage of the average house price as follows:

Tier 1 - 40 per cent.

Tier 2 - 60 per cent.

Tier 3 - 80 per cent.

The Department of Veterans' Affairs remains the administrator of the DHOAS.

More information on scheme information and tier subsidy levels is available at

dhoas.gov.au/calculate-subsidy.html

Main: FLTLT Duncan Herbert, of 76SQN, next to a Hawk 127 Lead-In-Fighter. Inset: Army M1A1 Abrams tanks fire at targets during Exercise Chong Ju at Puckapunyal training area. Photo: CPL Nunu Campos

AIR FORCE flexed a bit of muscle to help out Army personnel during an impressive live firepower display at Exercise Chong Ju in Puckapunyal. Hawk 127 Lead-In-Fighters from No. 76 Squadron at RAAF Base Williamstown dropped in to target critical features, clearing the way for Army to commence its “assault” in the live-fire scenario on May 17.

Hawk 127 pilot FLTLT Duncan Herbert said the bombing run was a “really good opportunity” for the unit.

“We don’t do these exercises all that often at 76SQN because we’re a training unit, so our core role is training pilots to go on to the Hornet and JSF (F-35A),” FLTLT Herbert said.

“It was a bit of a special occasion for us.” FLTLT Herbert, whose background is flying Classic Hornets, said careful consideration went into every run. “We use advanced mission planning software to put the trips together,” he said.

“This trip involved airspace planning, putting target and route details into our avionics kit, and designing a pass – a weapons attack profile for our target. “Then we got clearance, and coordinated with Army units in the area.” The payload in this exercise was two MK.82 general purpose bombs (500lb), which are used throughout Air Force inventory and are a weapon Hornets can drop. FLTLT Herbert said hitting the target on time assured de-confliction from other airborne assets. “Dropping outside of that window could have had serious safety implications,” FLTLT Herbert said. “Knowing we’re bombing the right target; that we’re not going to run into anyone, and we’re going to land with enough fuel at the other end – these are all part of the planning and execution process. “There were helicopters holding in an area until after we’d cleared the range. They were waiting to go in after us to do their thing so if we were late, there might have been a chance to run into them.” FLTLT Herbert said the best part of the run was hearing that the mission was a success. “The best part of the day was delivering the weapons and hitting the target. All the planning came together to equate to mission success,” he said.

After instructing on the Hawks for two years, FLTLT Herbert said he was looking forward to playing with some new kit in the future: “I hope to be able to fly the Joint Strike Fighter,” he said.



Group Commendation Badges can be requested for those who received group commendations from September 1, 2010-June 20, 2014. This retrospective issue includes all level-three group commendations awarded by CDF, Secretary, ADF, Navy, Army, Air Force and Defence Support Service. Eligible personnel can be sent one group commendation badge set, provided the recognised achievements panel in PMKeyS reflects the award. Anyone eligible can request a badge set by emailing honours.awards@defence.gov.au with their full name, PMKeyS number and postal address. Military Police is targeting outlaw motorcycle gang (OMCG) associations. Members who associate with OMCGs are likely to undermine the integrity and reputation of the ADF, according to an MP information bulletin issued late April. The bulletin differentiates between Military Motorcycle Clubs and OMCGs. ADF personnel are expected to avoid associating with groups advocating extremist views or engaging in criminal activity. Contact made by OMCGs can be reported by visiting a Military Police Station or at <http://drnet.defence.gov.au/JCG/JMPU/Pages/JMPUHomepage.aspx>.

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Pacific Partnership is a great opportunity to build relationships with partner nations, and to get an understanding of the host nations in the Pacific and the challenges they face.

LTCOL Karen Such,
Commander Australian Contingent

Health care support was one key focus for ADF personnel participating in Exercise Pacific Partnership from March 17 to June 16. Conducted in the Indo- and Asia-Pacific regions, Australians worked alongside more than 1000 military personnel from the United States, Canada, France, United Kingdom, Japan, the Philippines, Singapore, Peru and Chile. They conducted medical engagements and subject matter expert exchanges, engineering projects, community relations and band performances in a major HADR (humanitarian assistance and disaster relief) readiness mission. Commander Australian Contingent, LTCOL Karen Such, said the ADF's ongoing support to Pacific Partnership was about building cooperation with our regional neighbours. "Pacific Partnership is a great opportunity to build relationships with partner nations, and to get an understanding of the host nations in the Pacific and the challenges they face," LTCOL Such

said. Chief of Staff to the Mission Commander, CMDR Tammy Thomas, said Pacific Partnership was the largest multilateral HADR preparedness mission in the region. "By working with our partner nations, Pacific Partnership enhanced interoperability and knowledge across our militaries," CMDR Thomas said. "Our multinational medical team of audiologists, veterinarians, primary care physicians, medical technicians, dentists, dental technicians and nurses conducted health care support and education seminars for countries in the region." Pacific Partnership involved 21 ADF personnel, including specialist doctors, nurses, dentist, pharmacist and environmental health officer, as well as a gender advisor, command and admin team, and musicians. ADF personnel were on board USNS Mercy and USNS Brunswick for the duration of Pacific Partnership, visiting the Federated States of Micronesia, Palau, Indonesia, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Vietnam and Thailand.

A SMALL contingent of No. 79 Squadron personnel returned to the unit's "birth place", Woolloomanata Station in Victoria, to mark its 75th anniversary. CO 79SQN WGCDR Graham Williams presented station owners – John and Marylyn Pettit – with a plinth acknowledging the squadron's history and its past and present members. "We are extremely grateful to John and Marylyn for both the invite and for their dedication in preserving the squadron's heritage," WGCDR Williams said. The couple have preserved much of the squadron's record at Woolloomanata, such as the graffiti in the temporary lock up which was converted from the station's meat cool room, and the navigation chart used by the pilots. They have also incorporated the squadron's coat of arms in a window of the homestead. Mr Pettit said he felt it was important to preserve and acknowledge the squadron's heritage. "The local area around Geelong played a significant part in the war effort, including aircraft production, and 79SQN was a very important part of that effort," Mr Pettit said. "A number of local men joined 79SQN at Woolloomanata, and although the squadron formed in secret, we must keep our local history and broader RAAF history alive for the current younger generation, and for generations to come." 79SQN was formed on April 26, 1943 at Laverton moving to Woolloomanata three days later. Woolloomanata was used by both Army and Air Force during the WWII. The Australian government was determined to ensure that the Japanese had no notion that the RAAF were to be equipped with Spitfires. At the time 79SQN was moved to what was considered a secret airfield – Woolloomanata for the introduction of the Spitfire MKVs into RAAF service. "It is both humbling and moving to be in the place where the squadron was formed 75 years ago at the height of WWII," WGCDR Williams said.

79SQN currently flies the Hawk 127 in the Lead-in-Fighter role.



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Navy News



THE crew of HMAS Ararat II celebrated 75 years of association with its city namesake recently by exercising its right to Freedom of Entry to Ararat, Victoria.

It was the first time the city had granted Freedom of Entry to Ararat and despite a cold and cloudy day the locals turned out in their hundreds to give a warm welcome to the Darwin-based crew.

CO Ararat LCDR Fiona Simmonds said the officers and sailors were honoured to be part of the vessel's history and to tell the story of her career representing the people of Ararat and Australia with distinction.

"She is a fine boat and a hardworking, professional crew that has served Australia well," LCDR

Simmonds said. "All of the ship's company are excited to thank the city that has been so kind to us over so many years." Ararat Rural City Council Mayor Gwenda Allgood said granting permission to a body of armed men and women to enter the city was a mark of trust and confidence.

"It is the highest accolade a city can bestow upon a group, and it's not something that is readily won or lightly given, more today than it was centuries ago," Mrs Allgood said. "This was a rare opportunity to see a Freedom of Entry ceremony and a piece of Ararat history that our community came along and supported." The march was LCDR Commander Simmonds' last event as CO of Ararat. Ararat I was one of 60 Australian minesweepers built during World War II. Ararat II, the second Navy vessel to carry the name, was commissioned on November 10, 2006. She and her 11 sister Armidale-class patrol boats are Navy's principal contribution to Operation Resolute.

HMAS Creswell has graduated 140 officers from the Naval College after their successful completion of 20 weeks' initial training. CN VADM Tim Barrett, who reviewed the parade, said Navy's newest officers would be a welcome addition to the Fleet. "This graduating class has demonstrated their ability to quickly adapt and learn new skills," VADM Barrett said.

"These skills will serve them well as they continue throughout their careers and bring online all of Navy's new capabilities.

"This class is entering Navy on the cusp of our greatest capability renewal in a generation and will serve our nation well as they deliver this capability for decades to come." CO Creswell CAPT Charles Huxtable said the members of the graduating class were motivated professional men and women, who exhibited Navy values and signature behaviours throughout their training.

"This class follows in a great tradition of high-calibre members joining Navy through the Naval College," CAPT Huxtable said.

"The trainees performed well during the intensive practical and theoretical instruction and are now prepared for their entry to the Fleet.

"They have each grown significantly as individuals as well as coming together as a team in the finest traditions of the Royal Australian Navy." The course includes instruction in physical fitness, weapons instruction, firefighting and ship damage repair and all graduates become qualified in first aid.

Graduates will now progress to specialised training in aviation, engineering, maritime warfare, maritime logistics, intelligence, law, training systems, medical and nursing.



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Navy News

THE Indo-Pacific Endeavour task group completed its first major training evolution on June 5 when HMAS Success conducted a RAS with HMA Ships Adelaide, Melbourne and Toowoomba. During the refuelling, the crews of Adelaide's embarked MRH-90s took the opportunity to practise vertical replenishments with Success and Toowoomba. Commander Joint Task Group 661.1 CAPT Jim Hutton said ensuring the task



group had a long reach, through its integrated tanker Success, was vital to achieving its outcomes. "As a task group, we need to be able to respond to incidents at short notice, over long distances, when we are asked to by the Australian Government," CAPT Hutton said. "We were able to integrate some of the partner nation personnel who we have on board into the RAS, giving them a further insight into how we work at sea." Republic of Fiji Military Forces LS Jolame Bera had the opportunity to shoot a messenger line between Adelaide and Success during the RAS. "I've never shot a line like that, so it was a good experience," LS Bera said. "The Australians were really helpful throughout the whole process: aiming, shooting and recovering the line." While a RAS might be commonplace for some of the Navy personnel aboard Adelaide, Army LT Nicola Hribar, who is aboard a Navy vessel for the first time, said it was quite spectacular. "It was cool to be able to see the RAS because I didn't know it was something the ships were able to do – be on track, moving, and refuelling at the same time," LT Hribar said. "It's quite a neat capability, and one you never really get to see as a soldier." More than 1230 ADF personnel are deployed on Indo-Pacific Endeavour aboard HMA Ships Adelaide and Melbourne, which are visiting Fiji and Tonga, and HMA Ships Success and Toowoomba, which are visiting Vanuatu and Samoa, before continuing on to Exercise Rim of the Pacific in Hawaii, then returning to Australia via Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands.

DEFENCE Minister Marise Payne has announced HMAS Warramunga is returning to Australia after a highly successful deployment to the Middle East region. Senator Payne said that during the seven-and-a-half-month deployment, the Australian warship intercepted 16 vessels carrying illicit narcotics, seizing a total of about 31.8 tonnes of hashish and two tonnes of heroin valued at about \$2.17 billion. "This is the largest cumulative total ever seized by an Australian Major Fleet Unit," Senator Payne said. "I would like to thank the men and women of the RAN for their contribution to making a significant global difference to the distribution of unlawful drugs and illicit narcotics and protecting Australia's national interests abroad." Outgoing CO Warramunga CMDR Dugald Clelland said the Anzac-class frigate's contribution in disrupting narcotics smuggling in the region was significant. "It has been a very successful deployment and the ship's company is enormously proud of its achievements," CMDR Clelland said. "Since arriving in the Middle East, our tasking has included counter-smuggling operations and working with our coalition partners to improve maritime security throughout the region." During the deployment Warramunga also participated in exercises with French Navy and US Navy ships, and conducted an information exchange with the US Coast Guard. Operations with the US Fifth Fleet as part of Task Force (TF) 50 and TF 55 included escort duties through the Strait of Hormuz and for US Ships Theodore Roosevelt and America during activities in the Gulf.



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Former Women's Auxiliary Air Force Telegrapher, Mavis Obst, left, with CO 23SQN WGC DR Rosemary Dyke at RAAF Base Amberley's Officer's Mess during the Bomber Command commemorative service. Photo: CPL Colin Dadd

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ALTHOUGH there are many significant events to remember those who have served our nation, none are as special as RAAF Base Amberley's annual Bomber Command commemorative service, according to 85-year-old Ted Vowles. Mr Vowles, who served in Citizen's Air Force in 1951 and again in the Queensland University Squadron in 1956 to 1970, said attending his 10th commemorative service in a row was important to himself and his family. "I was eager to ensure that we remembered Bomber Command in Queensland, so a decade ago I worked with my colleagues at the Queensland University Squadron Branch to start a local event each year," Mr Vowles said. "We

always say that no nation can repay the debt owed to those who served in Bomber Command. I can proudly say that their devotion to duty laid the foundation for D-Day and preserved for us, the liberal democratic society, which we enjoy today. "This is a wonderful service as it provides an opportunity to express gratitude to those who served in Bomber Command and remember those who we lost." SADFO Amberley AIRCDRE Ken Robinson said the service, hosted by the Queensland University Squadron Branch of the Australian Flying Corps and RAAF Association Queensland Division, was one of the largest held on any Air Force base. Hundreds of people attended the event on June 3 that was also supported by cadets from No. 208 AAFC Squadron. "It was an honour to have the Governor of Queensland Paul de Jersey with us for this service and we were blessed with the attendance of Laurie Woods DFC, who is a WWII veteran having served in No. 460 RAAF Squadron. "Mr Woods, who is an accomplished author, reflected on his time at RAF Station Binbrook – such a memorable speech that was so well received." Mr Vowles said it was essential our nation continued to remember the brave acts of Bomber Command, especially the 10,000 Australian men who served. "Night after night after night, young men from most parts of the British Empire, France, Belgium, The Netherlands, Norway, Poland and Czechoslovakia climbed into their bombers to take the war to the axis powers," he said. "The bomber crews faced the greatest risk of death of any serving on the side of the Allied powers in this war. The chances of getting out of a crashing bomber were slim. The G-forces caused by the aircraft spinning out of control towards the ground trapped many airmen inside. "Laden with bombs and fuel, bombers were also prone to explode instantly when hit by anti-aircraft fire."

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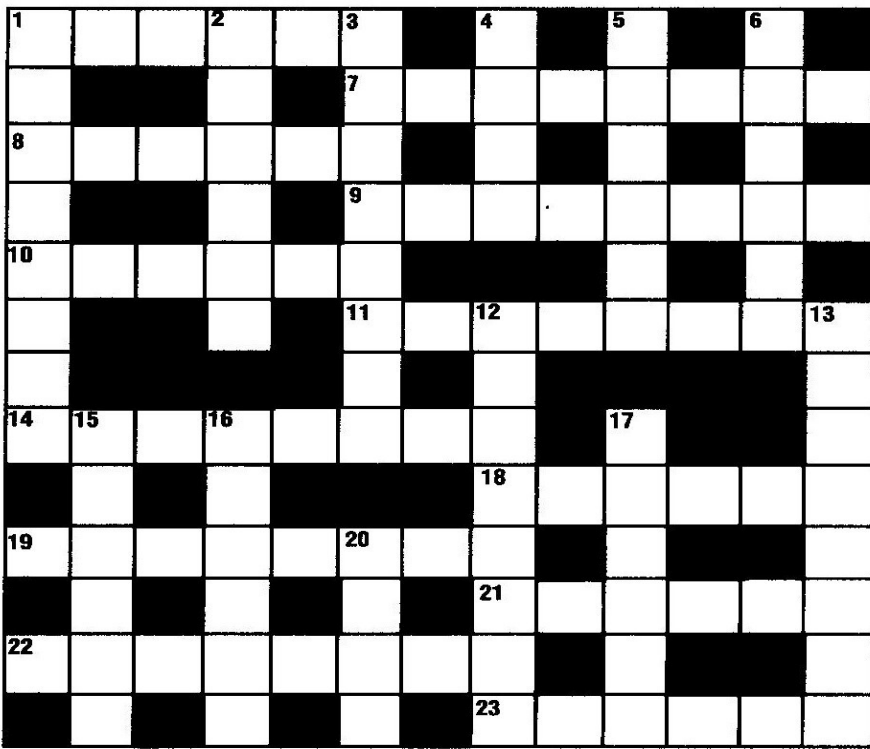
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<https://www.rslqld.org/ADF-Community/Mental-Health-Support>

Short term crisis accommodation

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Subsidised longer term housing solutions



ACROSS

- 1. Kidnap
- 7. Deeds
- 8. Samples
- 9. Gently
- 10. Small Animal
- 11. Riot
- 14. First There
- 16. Logic
- 18. Term For Imprisonment

- 21. Fill With Air
- 22. Fragrant
- 23. Type Of Verse

DOWN

- 1. Guile
- 2. Speaks
- 3. Small Tube
- 4. Bridge
- 5. Envelops

- 6. Taken Illegally
- 12. Goes Back
- 13. Greatest
- 15. Rocky Ridges
- 16. Skin Cream
- 17. Arid
- 20. Want

A man took his German Shepherd dog to the vet because he thought the dog was cross eyed. The vet lifted him up to eye level to inspect.

I am going to have to put him down the vet said. The man said what just because he is cross eyed and the vet said no because he's heavy.



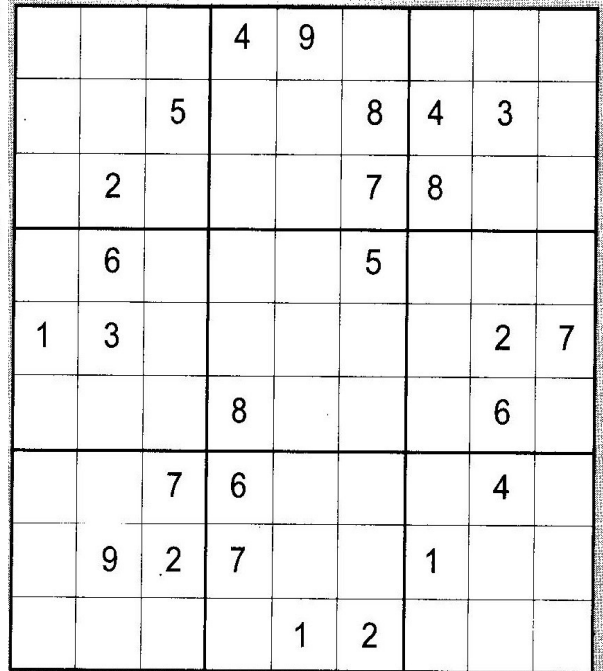
During a visit to a doctor a chap asked, "How do you determine whether or not an older person should be put in an old age home?"

"Well," he said, "we fill up a bathtub and then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the person to empty it."

"Oh," the chap said, "a normal person would choose the bucket."

"No," the Dr said, "a normal person would pull the plug. Do you want a bed near the window?"

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Word Puzzle

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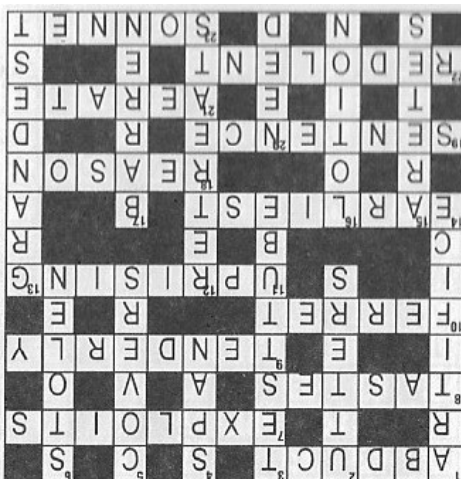
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Word puzzle solution. : TAIL

