

Airlie Beach Whitsunday RSL Sub Branch



PARADISE POST



November 2018

What's on:

Next Members Meeting:

Wed 5th December:

@ 7pm. Reef Gateway Hotel.
Cold drinks and tucker

1st December:

Xmas Dinner @ RGH 18:00

Meat tray raffles. @RGH. from 4pm

7th December:

Meat tray raffles. @RGH. from 4pm

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Your Sub Branch

NEEDS YOUR HELP

This years Christmas party is on the 1st December at the REEF GATEWAY HOTEL BEER GARDEN AT 18:00 (6PM)The sub branch will pay for the dinner but buy your on drinks. Secret Santa, so bring a pressie to the max value of \$10. girls for men and men buy for the girls. If for a child ensure the name is written in large writing so Santa can read it.

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2019 Subs are due and must be paid prior to the end of February. Please call membership officer John on 0438364 114 or Bill on 49464486.

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LIFE, AS BILL SEES IT.

MANY YEARS AGO I WAS LUCKY TO GET A POSTING TO THE ROYAL YACHT BRITANNIA. (I KID YOU NOT) DURING THE CRUISE I BECAME A MATE OF ONE OF THE ROYAL MARINES. WE RAN ASHORE, DRANK GROG, ETC, ETC. I RECEIVED A LETTER FROM HIM WHEN I GOT BACK TO OZ, SAYING HE HAD A LOT OF LEAVE AND WAS COMING OUT HERE TO SPEND SOME OF IT. SO I MET HIM AT MASCOT AND WAS STANDING AT THE CUSTOMS GATE. THE CONVERSATION BETWEEN HIM AND THIS POWER CRAZY CUSTOMS BLOKE WENT LIKE THIS. THE OFFICIAL SNAPPED "NAME," "BRIAN WHITE" SAID MY MATE. HE WAS THEN ASKED "WHY ARE YOU TRYING TO ENTER AUSTRALIA?" "HOLIDAY," SAID BRIAN. "DO YOU HAVE A CRIMINAL RECORD?" SNAPPED THE BLOKE STARING DIRECTLY AT BRIAN. BRIAN STARED DIRECTLY BACK AND SAID "S--T, MATE, I DIDN'T KNOW THAT WAS STILL COMPULSORY." WE HAD A BLOODY GOOD LEAVE, AND I TRIED MY UPRDST TO GET HIM THAT RECORD.

JUST A THOUGHT: IF WE AREN'T MEANT TO EAT ANIMALS; WHY DID GOD MAKE THEM TO TASTE LIKE MEAT?

BEING A PARENT IS SOMETIMES HARD; AINT IT? MY DAUGHTER WAS FIVE AND JUST STARTING SCHOOL, AND HER TEACHER RANG ME. IT TURNED OUT THAT DURING AN ENVIRONMENTAL LESSON SHE ASKED THE KIDS "WHAT IS THE HARMFUL EFFECT OF OIL ON FISH?" OUR DAUGHTER WAS FIRST WITH HER HAND UP, SO THE TEACHER ASKED HER TO TELL THE CLASS. "WELL," SAID MY KID, "WHEN MY MUM OPENED A TIN OF SARDINES LAST NIGHT IT WAS FULL OF OIL AND ALL THE LITTLE SARDINES WERE DEAD."

JUST A THOUGHT: I REALLY DON'T THINK ANYONE WILL BUILD A DISO/BAR ON MARS, I'M SURE IT WOULD HAVE NO ATMOSPHERE.

HAVE A GREAT CHRISTMAS AND MAY 2019 BE A YEAR OF LOVE, GOOD HEALTH AND HAPPINESS. YOURS AYE *Bill & Joan*

This past year

We have had a good year to date and the commemorative services held have been as usual of a high a standard and great turnout and support from the public, from Anzac Day with the attendance of 36Sqn to Remembrance day with many from out of town attending. We would like to thank all that have supported us this last year and given their time to fundraise for the club. The last badge sales raised \$5229 with the help of Shane & Jacquie Matthews, Jan & Ken Patterson, Kay Bull, Phil Smailes and Diane Trueman, so a big thanks to you folks and to the other members that allowed Joan to stretch her legs or grab a feed whilst doing badge sales.

THE ODE

They shall grow not old,
As we that are left grow
old,
Age shall not weary them
Or the years condemn
At the going down of the sun,
And in the morning
WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.



Army News



Special Operations Task Group soldiers with military working dog Kuga prepare for a patrol in Tarin Kot

WE INSERTED by helicopter and I was on the left-hand flank with Kuga.

It wasn't really long after we'd inserted – a couple of hundred metres into the patrol – that he gave a strong indication and pushed off into a creek, where I lost sight of him.

Once Kuga gave that strong change in behaviour, I knew straight away he had detected someone, so I started to push up a little bit faster.

As I was closing that gap, I saw him enter the river and start to swim across.

That's when the first burst of automatic gunfire came in around him.

I could see the rounds kicking up around the water, but I couldn't observe where they were coming from, so I just tried to close the gap as quickly as I could to try and provide him some cover.

Kuga took rounds as part of his job, he was trained to do it and he certainly didn't shy away from it.

He kept swimming and closing the gap to the other side and then charged the tree-line, forcing the insurgent to step out into the open.

Kuga was trying to apprehend him at that point.

As Kuga made his final approach and was trying to bite his arm, the insurgent managed to get a shot onto him, forcing him to let his grip go.

The insurgent managed to get in behind cover and flee the area.

Kuga was sort of sitting there.

I could see his leg was broken, so I called him and tried to coax him across.

He moved a little bit and then sat back down. With a little bit more encouragement, he hobbled down on three legs back into the water and then swam back across towards me.

He was shot five times as a result of what he did. He had shrapnel down his back, several shots through his face and ears and one that went through his chest and out his shoulder, which broke his upper left leg.

He was in a bad way at that point.

Another team member had pushed up to cover me, so I provided that immediate first aid we're trained to do.

I grabbed him and carried him to the rest of the patrol, who provided more first aid, then we got back onto the helicopter and travelled back to the Role 2 Hospital at Tarin Kot, where vets were standing by to treat him.

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Army News

ABOUT 300 soldiers have begun departing for Operation Okra after receiving a warm send off at Gallipoli Barracks.

The parade consisted of 285 personnel drawn from 37 units – forming part of Task Group Taji (TGT)-8 – on October 19, allowing the partners, family and friends to show their appreciation. Bdr Andrew Smart, of 1 Regt, RAA, said the guests received a lot from the day.

“I think it’s important for the TGT-8 family members and friends to see their loved ones out on parade getting their recognition before they leave on their deployment,” Bdr Smart said.

“I think the family and friends of TGT-8 enjoyed it.

“There were a lot of people on the side as we marched past and it was great hearing how loud they were clapping as we went through.” TGT-8 will be the second deployment for Bdr Smart.

“I’m on training team Victor, I’ll be training the Iraqi Security Forces,” he said.

“There’s a little bit more training for us to come, but we’re excited to get over there and impart our knowledge to the Iraqi Security Forces.” Cpl Skye Buckley, also of 1 Regt, RAA, said the parade was a “big thrill”.

“Being part of a farewell parade for TGT-8 was a great experience; it was good to represent my unit, 1RAR, here today and to close off months of hard work,” Cpl Buckley said.

“It kind of came to a close today for us to head overseas.” Cpl Buckley will fulfil the role of administration clerk.

“I think this deployment is going to be a really good experience for me, I think it’s going to help further my knowledge within my job role,” she said.

“I think it will also expand my network with members all over Australia and from other countries.” Comd TGT-8 Col Jason Groat said he was relishing the upcoming challenge.

“The TGT-8 training mission is a very important one,” Col Groat said.

“We’re over there to advise and assist the Iraqi Army.

“We’re also up there to assist with the training of the Iraqi Security Forces and the soldiers on parade have been training very hard with that mission in mind.” Since establishment in 2015, Task Group Taji has trained more than 37,000 members of the Iraqi Security Forces.



PAST, present and future generations of SASR soldiers recently gathered at Campbell Barracks for the SASR beret parade. CDF Gen Angus Campbell and CA Lt-Gen Rick Burr were joined by Head Military Strategic Commitments Maj-Gen Gus Gilmore and 32 other SASR graduates from the 1958, '68, '78, '88, '98 and 2008 intakes to present new SASR graduates with their sandy berets. The group was led

out by Tony Thorpe, a long-serving 1 SAS Coy and SASR graduate from the unit’s 1958 intake. “While affectionately known as the sandy beret and the winged dagger, these symbols represent more than cloth and tin,” CO SASR Lt-Col J said. “These symbols represent the SAS DNA – quiet professionals, small teams, discreet actions – we are all equal under this beret.” The parade presented an opportunity for the current SASR personnel to connect with those generations of officers and soldiers who have previously served in the unit. “When we drink from the well we remember those who dug it,” Lt-Col J said. “We witness the strength of the bond between these generations – our past – and this generation, our future. “These officers and soldiers have been selected not just for their physical fitness, but also for their intellectual, ethical and moral fitness. “They are on a daily renewable contract where the relentless pursuit of excellence is a deep personal commitment.” Relatives and friends present were also embraced by the regiment. “We throw our arms open to each of you and say, ‘You are all members of the SAS family’,” Lt-Col J said. SASR soldiers are drawn from all three services and must successfully complete the SASR selection course before undertaking a period of specialist training.



REFUELLING trials with the US Air Force (USAF) will clear No. 33 Squadron's KC-30A Multi-Role Tanker Transport aircraft to work with the advanced F-22 Raptor fighter. Eight test flights between the two aircraft were conducted from Edwards Air Force Base in California in August and September. The data is now being assessed to complete the standard procedures for refuelling activities involving both aircraft. Serving as an air dominance

fighter for the USAF, the F-22 combines stealth technology with advanced manoeuvrability and high-speed performance. It has an internal fuel capacity of 8.2 tonnes, and can supplement this load with air-to-air refuelling and by carrying external tanks underneath the wings. The KC-30A, which has a fuel capacity of more than 100 tonnes, can use its 15-metre-long advanced refuelling boom system to connect with the F-22. Commander Air Mobility Group AIRCDRE William Kourelakos said the refuelling trials were an important step towards future exercises and operations between Air Force and USAF. "We've seen the F-22 deploy to Australia in the past, whether it's been for the Enhanced Air Cooperation program or to the Australian International Air Show," AIRCDRE Kourelakos said. "Being able to refuel the F-22, whether it's in Australia or elsewhere, increases our interoperability and enhances the reach and mobility of these aircraft. "The KC-30A already has refuelling clearances for a number of unique USAF aircraft, such as the B-1B Lancer." A flight test team from the RAAF's Aircraft Research and Development Unit (ARDU) worked with its USAF counterparts to plan the trial and collect data during flights. Jeremy Sequeira, the Flight Test Lead with ARDU at RAAF Base Amberley, said the trial posed few challenges aside from the highly sensitive nature of the F-22's security. "Overall, there were few real issues as the KC-30A and F-22 are fairly mature platforms for aerial refuelling," Mr Sequeira said. "Much of the lead-up to the trials was spent planning to ensure we only hit the essential points in the trial to minimise the impact on the high-tempo KC-30A fleet." Refuelling test programs ensure the performance of the KC-30A and receiver aircraft are not adversely affected as they "couple" in flight. The trials test whether both aircraft can safely manoeuvre together while connected and with the receiver aircraft carrying different payloads. "Data from other F-22 refuelling trials gave us a good expectation of how it would perform, and the aircraft met our expectations during the eight flights we conducted in this trial," Mr Sequeira said. "The KC-30A's boom handled very well and the F-22 pilots consistently enjoyed flying with our tanker. "We had a very good team behind us – the engineers at home who gave technical clearances for the test, the ARDU and USAF test teams, our contractor air refuelling officers and the technicians who got us airborne. "It was a great trial to be a part of, and demonstrated the RAAF's ability to conduct safe and efficient tests to deliver an operational capability."



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→ Joint Warfighting



Special Operations Training and Education Centre trainees, including Army, Special Forces, and Air Force, are seen during a parachute load-follow exercise.

A SMALL number of airmen bucked the trend of staying in the aircraft to jump from a C-130J Hercules with inflatable boats. The activity, known as a parachute load-follow (PLF), involved Special Operations Training and Education Centre (SOTEC) trainees following F-470 Zodiacs out of the Hercules.

A PLF can be employed to insert equipment such as boats, vehicles or stores with special forces, and is one of many techniques that commandos may employ to achieve an effect in support of a joint task force. Parachuting alongside the crowd of soldiers on September 27 was LAC L, who said the PLF was

one of multiple insertion techniques commandos were trained in as part of their reinforcement training cycle. “It was a really good jump,” LAC L said. “It was a bit stormy and rainy and the ocean was a bit lumpy, but everything went to plan and for our first PLF, it was pretty successful. “We’d done quite a few jumps by that stage, but it never really gets any easier. There’s a sense of doing something foreign, or unnatural, when you’re jumping out of a plane. “But as soon as you take the first step off the plane and your chute deploys, it’s job on as usual and all the actions become second nature because you’ve been over it so many times. “You don’t really have to think about it, you just do it.” The amphibious operations component is a small part of the 14-month reinforcement cycle, which covers skills for prospective combat controllers and commandos. “All of the training modules flow into each other quite smoothly; when you come off selection, you learn insertion skills and an extensive array of special forces weapons, then roll straight into commando team tactics, which then moves onto the precision strike and direct action recovery suite of courses,” LAC L said. “Selection is in the forefront of everyone’s mind – it’s seen as the biggest hurdle from the outside looking in – but the reinforcement cycle is 14 months of constant assessment and performing at the highest level. “It doesn’t cut the mustard to be just average, but it makes it a lot easier to stay motivated and keep going when you’re surrounded by a good team who have the same mentality and mindset.” Commando reinforcement training is one of a range of courses run by SOTEC, which functions as the SOCOMD schoolhouse.

PREPARATIONS are now under way to ready the Air Force team for the Australian Army Skills at Arms Meet (AASAM) 2019. After competing at AASAM for the past two years, LACW Rebecca Roach, Medical Assistant from RAAF Base Amberley, said she couldn’t wait to go back. “I have been incrementally building my basic marksmanship skills on the F88 and Browning since joining the team two years ago,” LACW Roach said. “I’ve competed in a few marksmanship competitions while at the Army School of Health and take every opportunity I can to do the same at Amberley. “I am lucky enough to be a part of Joint Health Unit South Queensland, my CO LTCOL Corkeron, has been very supportive of my shooting and being Army, managed to get me qualified on the new EF88 which is not standard issue for Air Force.” The Air Force Marksmanship Team team is made up of shooters from a diverse array of musterings who come together as a team due to their enjoyment of marksmanship as a core skill to the Profession of Arms. “The best thing about competing at AASAM is of course the friendships you make,” LACW Roach said. “You get pretty close to your team mates during the lead up and competition, as well as the other competitors you meet. We tend to stick together particularly well and help each other out.” With stand-down looming and nominations for AASAM open, the RAAF shooters are looking forward to 2019. “The kind of shooting done at AASAM, particularly the combat shoots, are unlike anything you are likely to find anywhere else. Particularly among Air Force,” LACW Roach said.



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Navy News



Republic of Korea Ship Wonsan leads the other mine warfare vessels in formation at the end of the exercise.

AFTER completing the longest transit by Australian minehunters, HMA Ships Gascoyne and Huon contributed to Multi-National Navy Mine Warfare Exercise 2018 (MNMIWEX) in South Korea.

The contribution to the exercise at the end of October was a key component of the minehunters' north-east Asian deployment.

It is the furthest north RAN minehunters have deployed and the first time units of this type have visited South Korea. The visit of the minehunters to the region follows the recent RAN contribution of HMAS Melbourne attending the Republic of Korea Navy International Fleet Review.

Gascoyne and Huon conducted a lengthy transit of more than 4000nm to the exercise via stops in Darwin and Subic Bay. The transit presented an opportunity for both units to conduct navigational training in confined waters while conducting in-company force protection drills. The first element of MNMIWEX was a mine warfare symposium, where 13 nations gathered to share mine countermeasure warfare knowledge. The symposium culminated in 'table-top' exercises and scenarios of shared skills and experiences to further build on multinational mine warfare interoperability. It provided an opportunity to gain an insight into the Korean and US minehunting communities and develop an understanding of the role, tactics and capabilities of the United Nations Sending States Mine Hunting Force. CO HMAS Gascoyne LCDR Richard Brickacek said minehunting conditions in the exercise area posed a challenge to both the mine warfare and clearance diving departments in Gascoyne and Huon. "The local environment was significantly different to those typically experienced in Australian waters," LCDR Brickacek said. "This included minimal underwater visibility, deep mud and varying weather. "Additionally there was high shipping traffic density and foreign seabed conditions with numerous underwater hazards." Both units quickly adapted and overcame challenges, with Gascoyne locating and identifying the first mine of the exercise and Huon identifying the first mine by clearance divers.

Success for the Australian minehunters continued, with both units clearing designated search boxes within allocated time to a clearance rate of 85 per cent.

"This exercise demonstrated how all nations have worked hard and strived to understand each other's capabilities and limitations in a new and unfamiliar environment," LCDR Brickacek said. At the conclusion of the exercise, units from the South Korean Navy, US Navy and RAN formed up in company for photographs in the waters cleared by the MNMIWEX that week. Republic of Korea Ship Wonsan led the other mine warfare vessels and two aircraft, forming the largest formation of mine countermeasures capability in the history of the exercise.



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CO HMAS Hobart CAPT John Stavridis on the destroyer's bridge. Photo: LSIS Nicolas Gonzalez

IN a first for our respective navies, HMAS Hobart III has successfully tested a communications capability with the USS John Finn. The test proved Hobart's ability to share sensor information and real-time combat system data with the US Navy. During training and testing near Hawaii, Hobart established secure data links with John Finn and shared tracking and fire control data. Defence Minister Christopher Pyne said the trials were a significant milestone in the testing and qualifying of Hobart's combat and weapons systems. "These trials are the culmination of 12 months of preparations and demonstrate Hobart's formidable capability," Mr Pyne said.

"Australia is the first country outside the US with cooperative engagement capability, so this demonstration marked the first time this capability was proven between two navies."

CO Hobart CAPT John Stavridis said the training proved how closely the Australian and US navies can work together. "Connecting and sharing data with the US Navy like this is an important step in increasing our interoperability with them, especially during linked task group operations at sea," CAPT Stavridis said. "Sharing information like this between ships at sea means that ships in a task group can know and respond to what is going on, including sharing tracking and targeting data. "It means a ship can detect and, if needed, engage a threat identified by another ship or aircraft, creating greater flexibility and better protection for all the ships involved."



HMAS Success on return to Fleet Base East in August after her five-month deployment through South-East Asia and the Pacific. Photo: LSIS Peter Thompson

HMAS Success II completed her final external maintenance period (EMP) alongside Fleet Base East in October before her planned decommissioning in 2019. After extended deployment to SouthEast Asia, Indo-Pacific Endeavour and Exercise RimPac, the crew of Success enjoyed some well-earned respite upon their return on August 24 before going into EMP. The six-week

process included a significant amount of corrective maintenance, which allowed the ship to return to sea. Liquid Cargo Officer LEUT Daniel Khayat said the successful EMP was achieved through the combined efforts of contractors and ship's staff.

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MIDN Ayla Williams

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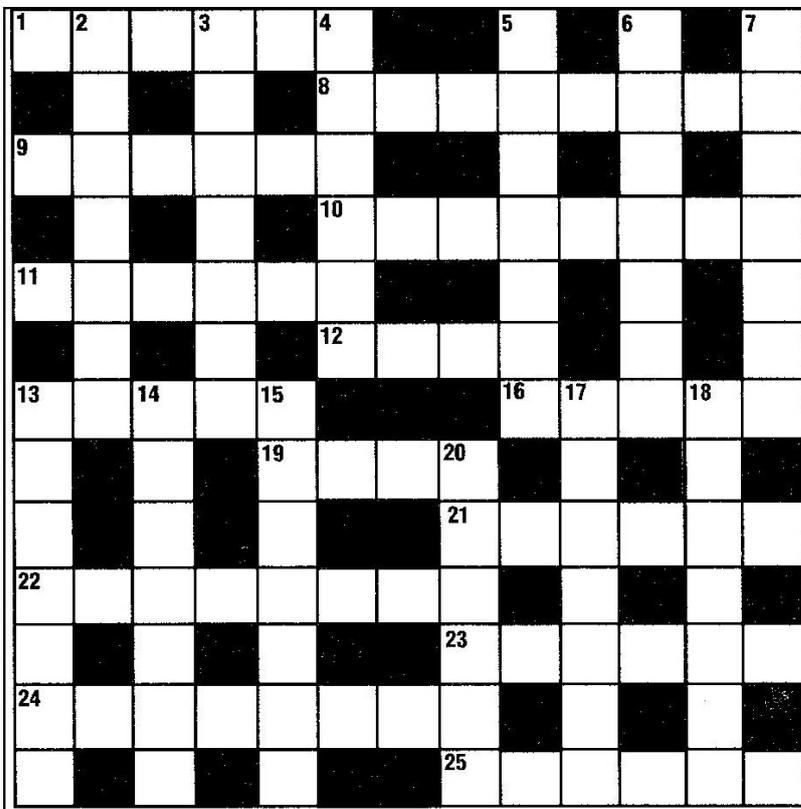
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 - 19. Measurement.
- DOWN**
- 21. Estimate.
 - 22. Predict.
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 - 24. Remake.
 - 25. Ran.
- ACROSS**
- 6. Not found.
 - 7. Basic quality.
 - 13. A blast to start.
 - 14. Hug.
 - 15. Tied up.
 - 17. Replies.
 - 18. Offensive.
 - 20. Strong dislike.

Miss Beatrice, the church organist, was in her eighties and had never been married. One afternoon the pastor came to call on her and she showed him into her quaint sitting room. She invited him to have a seat while she prepared tea. As he sat facing her old Hammond organ, the young minister noticed a cute glass bowl sitting on top of it. The bowl was filled with water, and in the water floated, of all things, a condom!

When she returned with tea and scones, they began to chat. The pastor tried to stifle his curiosity about the bowl of water and its strange floater, but soon it got the better of him and he could no longer resist. "Miss Beatrice", he said, "I wonder if you would tell me about this?" pointing to the bowl. "Oh, yes," she replied, "Isn't it wonderful? I was walking through the park a few months ago and I found this little package on the ground. The directions said to place it on the organ, keep it wet and that it would prevent the spread of disease. Do you know I haven't had the flu all winter?"



Word puzzle solution : MISS



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Instructions: The numbers 1 to 9 must appear in each row, column and 3x3 box. Numbers cannot be duplicated

Word Puzzle

Find a four letter word that will fit in all these words to complete another one.

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- AD _____ IBLE
- PER _____ ION
- _____ IVE
- RE _____
- _____ ION
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