Airlie Beach Whitsunday RSL Sub Branch



PARADISE POST







What's on

Next Members Meeting:

Wed 7th February

@ 7pm. Reef Gateway

Hotel. Cold drinks and tucker

7th February 2018

1st meeting for the New year

7th March

2018 RSL AGM

Badge sales

We still need members to assist with the badge and raffle sales. Please contact Bill on 49464486

Your Sub Branch needs

YOUR HELP

Support RSL

We are always seeking people who want to assist us in providing support to our current and former servicemen and women. There are many ways you can get involved:

BUY A BADGE

Show your support to our veterans and those currently serving by buying a badge from an RSL representative and wearing it with pride on ANZAC or Remembrance Day.

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....

While I was in the outfit I was sent to the language school at Point Cook RAAF base in Victoria.

As you are probably aware the only language I'm goof at is "BAD". Anyway I was there to learn pidgin English, so as to communicate with the PNG Defence personell, who had been sent to Australia to study engineering. I was having a lot of difficulty in picking it up. The instructor took me aside and said "You'll know you're really beginning to get it when you start dreaming in Pidgin", In a couple of days I sauntered up to the instructor and said "Sir, I was dreaming last night and it was all in pidgin" "great Bill "he said "and what was the conversations all about?" "I don't know" I replied "I didn't understand a work of it".

Just a Thought: I am going to stop procrastinating, once I get around to it.

When the kids were little, and I guess yours were the same, you know, "I want this, I want that and I want one of those" So I thought it would be a good lesson in life when one Christmas I bought a box of batteries, wrapped them up with a note inside saying "Toys not included"

Just a thought: No wonder earth is in so much strife, It's the only one not named after a God.

One morning I observed Joan making breakfast. It fascinated me. After a few days watching her and her routine, I determined what was slowing her down and suggested some ways to speed up the process. Did it work?

It certainly did, now instead of it taking thirty minutes for her to cook my breakfast it only takes me thirty,

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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

AMONG hundreds of proud cadets leaving the Afghan National Army Officer Academy on November 23 was the 100th female graduate, marching off the parade ground and into her country's defence against the Taliban and other threat groups.

It was the 10th graduation held at the academy since it opened in 2013 and featured cadets who had been instructed in mixed male and female classes. Capt Gabrielle Taylor, a mentor at the academy, said the integration of female offi-



cers into the Afghan Army is evolving well. "When we're out on site delivering theory lessons and assessing them on their tactics, often you'll see male cadets come up to the female cadets to ask questions and see what their plans are," she said. "They often take on board the female cadet's work on board." Newly commissioned Afghan Army Lt Somaiya received the Duntroon Sword of Honour for best overall cadet and was selected to attend officer training at Sandhurst in the UK. "The training is very hard for the cadets, especially Afghan girls, because we are in a traditional society," she said. "For our people, unfortunately it can seen as a shame for girls to be outside of the house and working with the men. "But now I can say this is no longer a shame. We are all responsible to the and we must help each other." Sgt Chris Wainwright, a mentor with nine months service at the academy, said Afghan staff were pleased with how some more sceptical male cadets were surprised by how the females performed. "Listening to a female deliver a good set of orders and coming up with different ideas to the men really opens their eyes," he said. "If there is any reluctance from not being used to seeing females around, it's quickly quashed." The academy's senior mentor, British Army Brig David Colthup, said a number of Pashtu female cadets had now entered training. "The majority have been from the Hazara tribal background that has a more liberal approach to the employment of women," he said. "It is great that we are now seeing women of different tribal backgrounds taking their place in the Afghan Army." The Afghan Army aims to have women as 10 per cent of its numbers by 2020. Brig Colthup said the academy was contributing about 100 females in training across three terms. Lt Somaiya is now one of more than 3000 male and female cadets who have graduated from the academy. "I'm really happy today; I never thought the day would come when I'd take this commission," Lt Somaiya said. "They thought we girls can't do these activities, but we showed them we can and we are not less than them. "This is a good opportunity for me and every Afghan girl to live on their abilities and join the army - to be useful to our country."





Army News



Commanding General Combined Joint Task Forces -- Operation Inherent Resolve Lt-Gen Paul Funk II receives the Toki during the Powhiri at the Taji Military Complex.

IN AN historic visit to the Taji Military Complex, Lt-Gen Paul Funk II (US), Commanding General Combined Joint Forces -- Operation Inherent Resolve, has paid tribute to the personnel of Task Group Taji.

The Commanding General was welcomed to the task group by the pipes and drums of 3RAR before

receiving a powerful haka by the New Zealand contingent. Lt-Gen Funk then spoke to the task group about the work it had undertaken with the Iraqi Security Forces.

"Your countries decided you were going to build partner capacity and you have done it in magnificent style," he said. "Your fierceness, your absolute ability to train these Iraqis has turned the tide of this fight. "We have the enemy on the run, we have the upper hand and the Iraqis are giving it to Daesh every day, and this is directly because of your efforts. "You've got to be immensely proud of your contributions to this fight and the winning warrior spirit you display every day." WO1 Graeme Hunter said he was proud of the task group and the visit was particularly well received by the troops. "The General really took an interest in what we are doing here and how we do it," he said.

Cpl Paul Clayton with wife Sue Neal, and 1CSR mascot, Sig Betty Black. Photo: Cfn Priyantha Malavi Arachchi

Despite serving in the steaming tropics of the Asia -Pacific and the harsh deserts of Iraq and Afghanistan, it was a trip to the freezing Antarctic that sticks in the mind of recently retired soldier Cpl Paul Clayton. "There are so many good moments, but I



would have to say that my trip to Antarctica was up there," he said. "It was a once in a lifetime experience. Looking back, I don't have a worst moment; sure there were negative experiences, but I'm not one to dwell on the bad stuff. I try to take the bad and see something good." After 41 years with the regular Army, Cpl Clayton retired from 17 years with 1CSR, a posting which has seen him serve in Cambodia, East Timor (twice), Solomon Islands, Iraq and Afghanistan (twice). Cpl Clayton said much had changed since he joined more than four decades ago. "I remember when I first joined Kapooka, I was called gorgeous by the instructors because of my long hair," he said. "Them cutting it off was the only thing I was really afraid of when joining, it took a long time to grow.' After many operational deployments, Cpl Clayton said he was proud to have served with the Australian Army. "The Australian digger is just as respected and hard working as always, it shines through when we are overseas and working," he said. "We are respectful towards what we do and each other and everyone knows not to mess with an Aussie."

AIR FORCE



SGT Mark Goalder, an Avionics Technician by trade whose Air Force career spans 20 years, has embraced the opportunity to transition to a safetyfocused role at the Defence Science and Technology Group at RAAF Base Edinburgh.

SGT Goalder is the Unit Safety Advisor and Deputy Unit Security Officer for the Joint Electronic Warfare Operational Support Unit (JEWOSU).

Previously, the Unit Safety Advisor position was only a secondary duty that was shared between two members, but SGT Goalder's commitment to enact cultural change in relation to safety promptly led to his appointment.

"It's a good feeling knowing I work for an organisation

that takes safety seriously," SGT Goalder said.

"From the apron to the office, ensuring our health and safety is protected, is paramount.

"The main challenges are the unknowns and sudden incidents that you need to rectify straight away."

He said he enjoyed the face-toface communication and often walked around the unit to engage with personnel.

"With JEWOSU being so militarily diverse [triservice, APS and civilian contractors], it's important to engage with people to help identify potential issues before they become hazards," he said.

"Being familiar and informed of the inner workings of the unit certainly helps build that safety-first culture.

"To see people's attitudes change and approach potential hazards differently and more safely, tells me that I'm doing my job right. It's truly satisfying."

Family man SGT Goalder said fatherhood was essentially teaching him things that actually made him a better safety advisor as he strides toward a WOE position.

"Having a young family, I understand the importance of ensuring all of our people work in a safe environment and return home to their families every night," he said.

"At JEWOSU we are committed to the health, safety and wellbeing of all personnel involved in achieving the Air Warfare Centre mission.

"Protecting the AWC team health and safety is a priority and responsibility for all of us."

From humble beginnings, SGT Goalder said money was tight in the family so university was out of the question.

"Air Force offered me not only an education and diverse training opportunities, but the ability to serve my country."





RESERVISTS now have an unprecedented level of protection while absent from their civilian workplace to complete their military duty. This follows changes to the Defence Reserve (Protection) Act 2001 that took effect on November 27. Head Reserve and Youth Division RADM Bruce Kafer said one of the biggest and most pleasing changes was the protected classification of all reserve service. "These provisions will enable reserve members to undertake their ADF reserve service more freely and with greater protections," RADM Kafer said. "It will also allow greater certainty in workforce planning of military activities, as reservists will be able to commit to ADF service knowing they have the full weight of the law behind them to protect them when they are absent from their workplace or education institution." Education providers will be required to make



reasonable adjustments to accommodate the absence of reserve members on Defence service. "Reservists are integral to the ADF's workforce capability, and these changes will enhance the support provided by the reserve component of our workforce," RADM Kafer said. Further information on the changes to the Defence Reserve (Protection) Act 2001 can be found at defencereservessupport.gov.au



Master of the Honourable Company of Air Pilots CAPT Chris Spurrier, front centre, and Australian chairman of the company Mike Cleaver, present the Grand Master Australian Medal to Roulettes team members, from left, FLTLT Des Hales, FLTLT Charles Manning, SQNLDR Jay Tuffley (Roulettes Leader), FLTLT Ashley Kissock, FLTLT Owen Rose, and FLTLT Allister Berryman.

MORE than 45 years of formation aerobatics displays by the Air Force Roulettes has been recognised an international organisation. The Honourable Company of

Air Pilots has bestowed its 2017 Grand Master's Australian Medal on the Roulettes. The award was presented at a ceremony at RAAF Base East Sale on November 21. The Grand Master's medal is awarded to an individual, group or organisation involved in any branch of aviation in the Australian region that has made a meritorious contribution to aviation. The company's Master, CAPT Chris Spurrier, presented the award to the Roulette team in front of several former Roulette members. CAPT Spurrier said the award recognised the efforts of all Roulette pilots and staff since the team formed in 1970. Current Roulette leader, SQNLDR Jay Tuffley, accepted the award on behalf of the Roulettes team. He said the medal highlighted the achievements of almost five decades. "The award serves as recognition of the high level of personal dedication and airmanship displayed by all members of the Roulettes, both past and present," SQNLDR Tuffley said. The low-level formation aerobatics performed by the Roulettes requires a high degree of technical skill and teamwork. The Roulettes maintain this high degree of expertise while also performing their duties as instructors at the Central Flying School. Each Roulettes team passes on its high standards to the next one and continues to develop – the current team is now preparing to transition to the new PC-21 aircraft. The team continues to showcase Air Force values to the public, both through their highlyskilled flying and their ground interaction at regular events. The Honourable Company of Air Pilots, based in London, England, draws its lineage from the Guild of Air Pilots and Navigators formed in 1929 to foster and improve the professional status of aviation worldwide.

Navy News



ABATA Theo Honing-Wassenburg, left, and ABBM Jarrod Macumber, of Australia's Federation Guard, prepare to rest on arms during the HMAS Armidale I 75th anniversary commemorative service in Central Park, Armidale. Photo: LSIS Kayla Hayes

ON the 75th anniversary of the final action of HMAS Armidale I, Navy paused to mark the loss of 100 servicemen. During evacuation operations in WWII, the Bathurst-class corvette was sunk in action by Japanese aircraft in the Timor Sea on December 1, 1942, with the loss of Australian and Dutch lives. In an extraordinary feat of survival, and despite continuing attacks from the Japanese bombers, 49 men survived for up to eight days at sea before being rescued. Representing CN at the commemorative service in Armidale, NSW, CAPT Ainsley Morthorpe said the loss was an important episode in Australia's wartime

history. "The story of Armidale is one of bravery, sacrifice, and endurance," CAPT Morthorpe said. "These are qualities which have very much shaped the Navy's values and the Australian identity today." XO of the current Armidale, a patrol boat, LEUT Eleanor Snelling, said the fate of Armidale I was an important reminder of the sacrifices made by service men and women in defence of Australia. "It's very important to me and my ship's company that we remember and honour the legacy of our forebears," LEUT Snelling said. "We aspire to the actions of those who came before us every day on operations around Australia. "Although we may never live up to their valour, we carry the name with a great deal of pride." For information about HMAS Armidale I, visit: www.navy.gov.au/hmas-armidale-i Imagery of the commemorative service in Armidale is available at images.defence.gov.

AS WELL as carrying out his usual duties as a maritime surveillance adviser (MSA), LCDR Paul Ryan has been presiding over significant improvements in Tonga's Masefield Navy Base, funded under the Defence Cooperation Program through the International Policy Division. LCDR Ryan, who has been in Tonga for eight months, said the improvements were being carried out to support the arrival of Tonga's two new Guardian-class patrol boats, which are due in mid-2019 and 2021, respectively. "There have been extensive works carried out here over the past few years, including new accommodation spaces on the western side of the base," he



LCDR Paul Ryan at Masefield Navy Base in Tonga. Photo: SGT Dave Morley

said. "Currently, we're constructing new roads, guttering and civil works, as well as increasing the hard standing to the west of the base. "The end result will be a new HQ and Navy base, all supported by the Australian Government, but carried out by a combination of local Tongan contractors and the Regional Development Unit, the engineering arm of His Majesty's Armed Forces (HMAF)." LCDR Ryan said the project showed Australia's commitment to increasing Tonga's capability. "I'm quite happy with the progress so far. We've employed a former Army WO as the project manager and he's been here for several years overseeing the works," he said.

"Every schedule has been met and, in some cases, work has been finished before schedule, so I expect to see all the works I'm currently managing completed during my tenure.

"Masefield Navy Base will end up being a showpiece for HMAF in Tonga and, to top it off, they'll have the new patrol boats and an LCM in a highly capable facility."

Navy News

HMAS Newcastle returned to her home port of Fleet Base East, Garden Island, on December 3 after a six-month deployment to the Middle East region (MER).

The deployment included counter-terrorism and counter-piracy patrols as part of the Combined Maritime Forces, and a two-week attachment with the US Navy's Fifth Fleet in the Arabian Gulf.

Defence Minister Senator Marise Payne welcomed the 230 members of the ship's company.



Senator Payne said Newcastle's company had continued Australia's reputation for professionalism and cooperation with international partners.

"Newcastle has maintained Australia's high standing in the Combined Maritime Forces, proving our ongoing commitment to the security of the MER," she said.

"The RAN has again proven a potent and capable asset in the fight against terrorist operations and the illegal activities that fund them.

"This deployment included the first simultaneous operation of manned and unmanned aircraft in Operation Manitou, with Newcastle's MH60R Seahawk and ScanEagle unmanned aerial system employed on a concurrent surface search tasking in the Gulf of Oman.

"The cooperative employment of both aviation platforms provided a strong deterrence against illegal activity."

Newcastle's return home signified the last deployment of an Adelaide-class guided missile frigate to the region, with future rotations to be fulfilled by the new Anzac-class helicopter frigates.

CO Newcastle CMDR Mark Sirois said he was proud of the ship's achievements.

"The men and women in Newcastle have shown determination and diligence in each and every task, through a variety of maritime security activities, they have demonstrated enthusiasm and professionalism and upheld the finest traditions of the RAN," CMDR Sirois said.

"It's not easy to be away from family and friends for any length of time, and I thank all of our families for their ongoing support." To see more photos, go to images.defence.gov.au/S20172940





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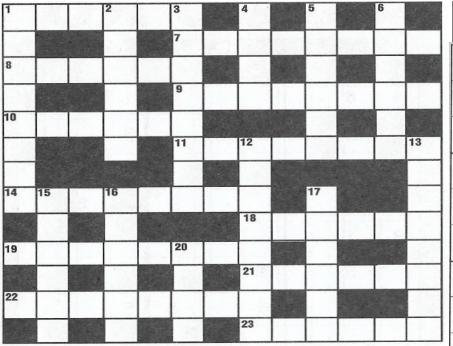
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A nice, calm and respectable lady went into the pharmacy, walked up to the pharmacist, looked straight into his eyes, and said, "I would like to buy some

The pharmacist asked, "Why in the world do you need cyanide?"

The lady replied, "I need it to poison my husband."

The pharmacist's eyes got big and he exclaimed, "Lord have mercy! I can't give you cyanide to kill your husband. That's against the law! I'll lose my license! They'll throw both of us in jail! All kinds of bad things will happen. Absolutely not! You CANNOT have cyanide!"

The lady reached into her purse and pulled out a picture of her husband in bed with the pharmacist's wife.

The pharmacist looked at the picture and replied, "You didn't tell me you had a prescription."

Word Puzzle

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

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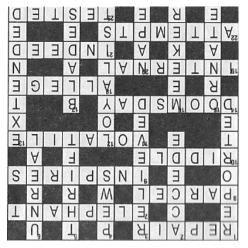
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