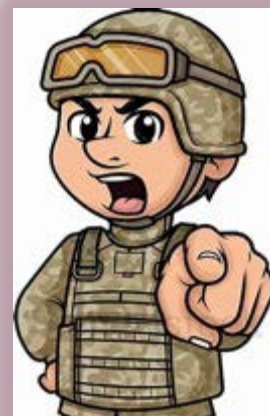


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NEXT MEETING IS
TUESDAY 9 JANUARY

Sub-Branch 'InActive' **Members**

It's so easy to remain 'Active', just reach out and let me know so I can update you for 2024. You call tell me, call me, or email me. I need to update you as 'Active' every 12mths

Kokoda Trek Debrief

Please note that KHS student Mitch Blyton is planned to attend our meeting this month to provide a debrief on the trip we sponsored in conjunction with The Davo. Mitch provided a few short words at Remembrance Day, so the full rendition will be very interesting!

To allow the most exposure to this presentation, members are welcome to bring their partner to this meeting.

In this instance, normal subsidy conditions of \$10pp will be applied for those partaking in a lunch and/or beverages.

See some early pics on Page 5

RSL NSW SB FB

If any of you are Facebook inclined there is an RSL NSW sub-Branches group which can be accessed (after joining) at the following link:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/rslnswsubbranches>



"Hanging in there with all our might for a great time in 2024!"

Member Service Records

It has come to light that some members may not have applied for ALL their Service entitlements under DVA. To start this process, you need a copy of your Service Records. If you don't have them, please read on - Please be advised that you and/or your family may submit requests for copies of your records. Australian Defence Force (ADF) service records are held in Defence custody to assist in the support of ADF members both during and after their service. Types of Service records are classified into two categories: Personnel records documents relating to an ADF member's routine administration, career management and training, and also, Health records which include medical, dental and psychological records. Note, mental health assessments are classified as psychological records pre-2013 and medical records post-2013.

Ex-members, immediate family and advocates may request service records by completing the Ex-member service record request form available at <https://www.defence.gov.au/adf-members-families/service-records/ex-member-service-recordsrequest>

Some More Slang:

'Airy-fairies' - Refers to Air Force personnel, usually used by the Army or Navy. Rarely heard these days, but should be!!!

'Anchor Wanker' - A term of endearment (?) to describe Navy personnel by the members of the other two services. A synonym for Seaweed Sucker.

'APC' - Arm, pits, and crotch, a type of bath taken in the bush with limited water; usually with wet wipes. Is also an Armoured Personnel Carrier.

'Aqua-flage' - The RAN's attempt to design camouflage and make a cameo appearance beside Rihanna in the movie Battleship. Also known as Wet-Cam, Boat-Cam and...actually nobody cares ...it just looks silly.

'AusCam' - An abbreviation of Australian camouflage, the standard camouflage pattern on Australian Military equipment.

'Bait layer' - An Army cook. Refers to a person who drops poison meat to kill dingoes.

January {Capricorn until 19 Jan/then Aquarius}

Key characteristics: Determined, stable, traditional, trustworthy, solemn and matter-of-fact.

Birthstone: Garnet. The Garnet is a precious red gemstone. Garnet's meaning is commitment and creativity.

Lucky days: Wednesday, Friday and Saturday

Zodiac Totem: The Goat

Don Frohmuller & Dave Fergusson - 1



Paul Revere 1735-1818 - Patriot of the American Revolution who warned his fellow patriots, during his legendary midnight ride, that the British were coming.

Before Fame: He ran his family's silver shop during the 1750s. **Trivia:** Poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow wrote a poem about him titled "Paul Revere's Ride."



Col Beveridge - 6

Joan of Arc 1412-1431 - Catholic saint who disguised herself as a man and led the French army to several important victories during the Hundred Years' War. After being captured by the Burgundians, she was burned at the stake for heresy when she was 19 years old.

Actress Ingrid Bergman portrayed her in a 1948 Victor Fleming film. **Before Fame:** She had her divine vision at the age of twelve, claiming to have seen Saint Michael, Saint Catherine, and Saint Margaret. **Trivia:** Twenty-five years after her execution, Pope Callixtus III reviewed her trial, pronounced her innocent, and declared her a martyr.



Gary Audsley & Peter Fokes & Bryan Holborow - 7



Nicolas Cage 1964 - Longtime actor who won the Academy Award for Best Actor in 1995 for his role in *Leaving Las Vegas*. He has also starred in such films as *Gone in 60 Seconds*, *The Rock*, *National Treasure*, *Adaptation* and *Kick-Ass*. **Before Fame:** He sold popcorn at a Los Angeles theater after dropping out of high school at age seventeen. He attended UCLA's School of Theater, Film, and Television. **Trivia:** He briefly appears in the 1982 film *Fast Times at Ridgemont High*, working at a burger shop, but he has no dialogue in the movie. He provided the voice for

Grug in the movie *The Croods*.

John Unicomb - 9

Lee Van Cleef 1925-1989 - Actor who starred as the villainous Angel Eyes in the classic 1966 film *The Good, the Bad and the Ugly*. He also played a villain in *The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance*. **Before Fame:** He had a brief career as an accountant after serving in the U.S. Navy during World War II. **Trivia:** He appeared in many popular westerns, such as *Day of Anger* and *Death Rides a Horse*.



Jeff Browne - 15 (but not Chris S' as reported in last month's newsletter, as his is in May)



Lloyd Bridges 1913-1998 - *Sea Hunt* star who had appeared in over 150 films. He has also played roles on *How the West Was Won*, *Roots*, and *The Blue and the Gray*. **Before Fame:** He graduated from UCLA before starting his acting roles in short features. **Trivia:** He acted as a father to his real son in the movie *Blown Away*.

Stan Burman- 16

Ethel Merman 1908-1984 - Singer and actress who was in many musicals and sang "*There's No Business Like Show Business*," as well as hits like "*You're the Top*" and "*Anything Goes*." **Before Fame:** She was a stenographer after completing college. Her breakthrough was when she replaced Ruth Etting in *Follow the Leader* in 1930. **Trivia:** She sang popular standards for songs like "*I Get a Kick Out of You*" and "*It's De-Lovely*."



Ian Hutchison & Merv Stuckey - 17



James Earl Jones 1931 - Golden Globe-winning actor whose career has spanned over 50 years. He became known for providing the voice of Darth Vader in *Star Wars* and won a Tony Award and a Golden Globe Award for *The Great White Hope*. **Before Fame:** He had a stutter as a child, but overcame it to cultivate his distinctive bass voice. He began his acting career as a stage carpenter at the Ramsdell Theatre in Michigan. **Trivia:** He provided the voice of Mufasa in *The Lion King*. And reprised the role of Admiral Greer (Jack Ryan's boss) in several Tom Clancy movies.

George Garoufalos - 24

Ernest Borgnine 1917-2012 - Burly, Oscar-winning star of the film *Marty* and the series *McHale's Navy* who was awarded a Screen Actors Guild Life Achievement Award in 2011.

Before Fame: He played sports in high school and joined the United States Navy in 1935. He became a gunner's mate 1st class aboard the USS *Lamberton* after re-enlisting in 1941. **Trivia:** When he was 92 years old, he received an Emmy Award nomination for his work on the TV show *ER*.



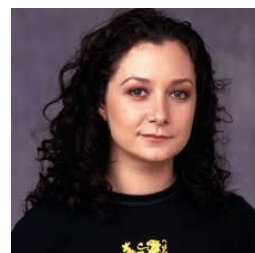
Ron Small - 27



Donna Reed 1921-1986 - Academy Award-winning actress best known for her roles in the 1946 film *It's A Wonderful Life* and the 1953 film *From Here to Eternity* (Best Supporting Actress). From 1958 to 1966, she starred in her own sitcom, *The Donna Reed Show*. **Before Fame:** She participated in Los Angeles City College plays while pursuing a career in film acting. **Trivia:** In 1941, she had her first film roles in the features *The Get-Away*, *Shadow of the Thin Man*, and *Babes on Broadway*.

Mark Colless - 29

Sara Gilbert 1975 - Actress who played Darlene Conner on TV's *Roseanne*. She was nominated for an Independent Spirit Award for Best Supporting Actress for her portrayal of Sylvie Cooper in the 1992 film *Poison Ivy*. **Before Fame:** She decided to become an actress after seeing her older sister receive a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. **Trivia:** Her siblings, Melissa and Jonathan, starred on the TV series *Little House on the Prairie*.



February Birthdays

George Jackson - 8

John Mathers - 9

Bob Gaze - 16

Kevin Summerson - 19

Don Molloy - 21

Roy Lindsay - 22

Mike Byrne - 28

Brian is hired to paint lines on the road



Brian is hired to paint lines on the road. The first day Brian paints 2 kilometres of the road, and the boss is very impressed.

The second day he paints 1km of road, the boss is wondering why it's less than the day before, but gives him a chance.

The third day he only paints 500m of road and the boss is not happy, but he is a forgiving guy and decides to give Brian one more day.

The fourth day he only paints 250m of road and the boss calls him to a meeting.
"Brian, the first day you painted 2km of road, how come you only painted 250m today?"

"Boss, the distance to the paint bucket gets longer and longer every day."

Victoria Cross Awards:



18-22 Jan 1942 - Lieutenant Colonel Charles Anderson, 2/19 Battalion, 8th Division, originally of Cape Town, South Africa, was awarded the Victoria Cross during operations against the Japanese at the Muar River, Malaya

Anderson was promoted to lieutenant colonel on 1 Aug 1941 and took command of his battalion. Five months later Japan entered the war, invading Malaya committing herself to war with Britain on the same day as her forces attacked the United States at Pearl Harbor. British Empire forces began a long series of withdrawals down the length of the Malayan peninsula. Within a month, Japanese forces were in southern Malaya and Anderson's unit was among those conducting defensive operations in the Muar area. He conducted a fighting withdrawal to Parit Sulong during which he and his men were cut off and suffered heavy casualties. Anderson led them through four days of heavy fighting in a bid to reach Allied

lines. For his leadership, his protection of his own wounded men, and for repeatedly risking his own life Anderson was awarded the Victoria Cross.

Lest we forget!!

This Month in History:

7 Jan 1952 - HMAS *Tobruk* (D-37) bombards Chomi Do, Korea. The bombardment on the Haeju Gulf north-west of Seoul, forestalled a North Korean invasion of Yongmae Do, an island about 20 kilometres from Inchon. Later life: In September 1960, *Tobruk* was performing gunnery exercises with sister ship HMAS *Anzac* off Jervis Bay. A malfunction in *Anzac*'s gun direction equipment negated the deliberate 6deg offset of her guns, with the resulting shell hitting *Tobruk* and doing enough damage to the destroyer to make repairs uneconomical. Temporary repairs were made to *Tobruk* in Jervis Bay before the ship limped back to Sydney. Two of *Anzac*'s crew were charged over the incident. *Tobruk* paid off into reserve on 9 Oct 1960. The destroyer was sold for scrap to Fujita Salvage Company Limited of Osaka in Japan on 15 Feb 1972 and departed Sydney under tow on 10 Apr 1972.



12 Jan 1943 - Beginning of allied attack on Sanananda. The Japanese withdrawal from the Kokoda Trail enabled the allies to plan the encirclement of important Japanese positions in the Buna, Sanananda and Gona beachhead. Sanananda was last of the three to fall to the allies after weeks of heavy fighting.

17 Jan 1991 - Commencement of Operation Desert Storm. In Dec 1990, two RAN frigates were replaced by the Perth-class guided missile destroyer HMAS

Brisbane (DDG-41) and the frigate HMAS *Sydney* (FFG-03), which were on-station at the commencement of Operation Desert Storm in the early hours of 17 Jan 1991. They had moved into the Persian Gulf to form part of the screen around the US carrier group, Battle Force Zulu, providing anti-aircraft and anti-ship protection, and controlling fighter air combat patrols. HMAS *Success* provided sustainment and logistical support for coalition vessels in Gulf of Oman until replaced by HMAS *Westralia* on 26 Jan 1991. *Brisbane*'s bridge and a 5"54/Mk42 Gun Mount are on display at the AWM.



21 Jan 1941 - 6th Division begins its attack on Tobruk, Libya. The port city of Tobruk was a well-fortified Italian held strong point held by about 25,000 men.

25 Jan 1952 - Last day of HMAS *Sydney*'s service in the Korean war. HMAS *Sydney* had served in Korean waters since August 1951. The carrier had operated Firefly and Sea Fury aircraft (both types can be seen in the AWM's Aircraft Hall).

27 Jan 1973 - Conclusion of hostilities in Vietnam by United States forces. The United States government announced a policy of 'Vietnamisation' whereby the burden of fighting the war against the communists would be borne entirely by the South Vietnamese.

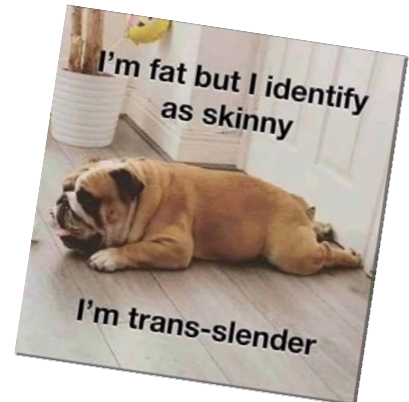
28 Jan 1991 - RAN Clearance Diving Team departs Perth for Kuwait. As part of Australia's commitment to the Gulf War a Royal Australian Navy Clearance Diving Team was dispatched to the Gulf for explosive ordnance demolition tasks.



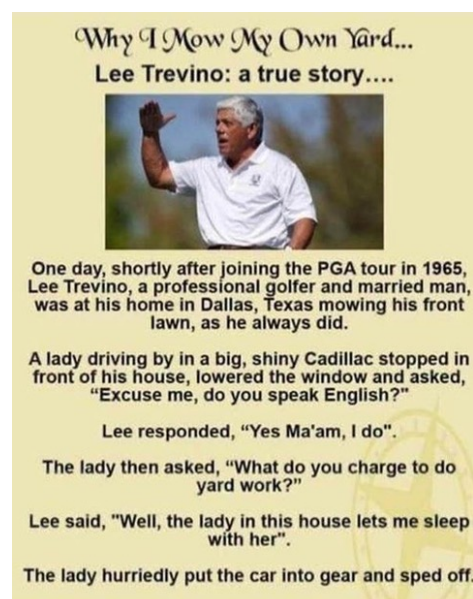
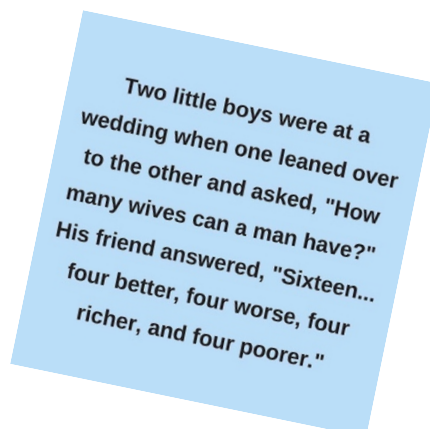
*2023 Kokoda Youth Leadership Challenge Participant
Mitchell Blyton from Kincumber High School*



Thoughts?



Funnies....??



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A man decides to buy his wife a diamond ring

A man decided to buy his wife a massive, beautiful diamond ring for her birthday.

After hearing about this extravagant gift, a friend of his said, "I thought she wanted one of those sporty four-wheel-drive vehicles?"

"She did," he replied. "But where was I going to find a fake Jeep?"

Fun January Days:

17th is **Ditch New Year's Resolution Day** - is popularly thought to be the day when a large number of people abandon their New Year's resolutions. You have done well for the past couple of weeks. You have stuck to your New Year's resolutions. But are now ready to give them up. You are busy, you took on too much, that piece of cake just looks so darn good to ignore. Whatever your reason to break your New Year resolutions, you can do it guilt-free on Ditch New Year's Resolution Day. **Did You Know**...that according to some studies almost 80% of all people who make New Year's resolutions abandon them sometime during the year?



22nd is **Answer Your Cat's Questions Day** - While it is unclear who created this very original, unofficial holiday, some pet organisations and companies view it as a "purr"fect day to spend some time understanding your feline companion. If you don't have a cat, perhaps it is time to visit your local shelter and adopt a cat so you can participate in this awesome holiday? **Did You Know**...that a group of cats is called a clowder, while a group of kittens is known as a kindle?

28th is **Data Privacy Day** is observed every year in the United States, United Kingdom, and many other European countries. Also known as Data Protection Day in Europe, the day celebrates the anniversary of the signing of the Council of Europe's Convention for the Protection of Individuals with Regard to Automatic Processing of Personal Data in 1981. The holiday was first celebrated in 2007 and promotes the need for data privacy. It also helps raise awareness about how people can protect their data and their privacy, online and offline. Shred important paperwork containing personal information that you no longer need. Educate the children and teenagers in your life to be careful about giving out their personal information to strangers. Or maybe have them educate you!!



Data Privacy Types:

- Internet privacy
- Financial privacy
- Medical privacy



30th is **Croissant Day** - wake up and head straight to your favourite bakery to get a croissant for your breakfast, because it is Croissant Day. Contrary to popular belief, croissants are not French in origin. Food historians believe that the Austrian kipferl is the ancestor of the present-day croissant. Legend has it that kipeferl, which is the German word for crescent, was created by some Viennese bakers as a way to celebrate the defeat of Ottoman invaders by the soldiers of Vienna. The bakers according to the story, fashioned their new creation in the form of the crescent they saw on the enemy's flag. It is thought that the pastry was popularised in France by Marie Antionette, the last queen of France. **Did You Know**...that a cronut is both a croissant and a doughnut? The pastry was created by New York Chef Dominique Ansel.

Free Library

Our extensive library (books & DVDs) has been relocated into the sub-Branch Office and will be available Tue PM and Thu AM when Chris S is in attendance. It can also be accessed during our General Meetings.

Calendar for next 3 months:

January	Tuesday	2	Committee Meeting	1400
	Tuesday	9	General Meeting	1100
February	Tuesday	6	Committee Meeting	1400
	Tuesday	13	General Meeting	1100
March	Tuesday	5	Committee Meeting	1400
	Sunday	10	General Meeting (incl AGM)	1100

Editor's Note: Any comments, complaints, or if you would like to provide any items or information for inclusion in future issues of 'Pass the Word', please send an email to: davistownsb@rslnsw.org.au

***I am especially keen for members to provide any interesting facts/stories
of a military nature which can be included***

Disclaimer: While every care is taken to check spelling, dates, facts, information, etcetera, errors will undoubtedly occur. Please accept my apologies in advance, and when errors do occur rest assured that no offence is intended, and I trust none will be taken. Yours aye, Pete G

Yeah, I know the year has already ended, but pretty sure I would've forgot to use it next year!!

