

'Pass the Word'

The Davistown RSL sub-Branch Newsletter

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NEXT MEETING IS **SUNDAY - 14 APRIL**

Our AGM 2024

The 2024 AGM was held on Sunday 10 Mar with no changes to the Management Committee as you're stuck with us until Mar 2026.

'The Davo' Club Ltd Elections

Voting is scheduled for 2-8 Apr 24. If you're able to do so, please ensure you vote for any of your favourite members. One of these might be Cheryl Jones who is standing for a director position. There will be voting for Directors as there were five (5) nominations for only four (4) positions.

The only sub-Branch member standing this year is Mike Fletcher, and I would like to congratulate him in his new position as Senior Vice President. This is possible as there was only one nomination for this position.

'The Davo' Club Ltd AGM is scheduled for Wed 14 Apr @ 1900.

Do you want to stay an 'Active' Member for 2024?

**You need to let me know if
you haven't already done
so.**



ANZAC DAY 2024

**Our Dawn Service will take place at 0555 on Thu 25th April
at the Memorial Wall adjacent to 'The Davo'.**

Please note that carpark access for vehicles will be closed at approx. 0540. If you arrive after that you will have to park elsewhere and walk in.

Sub-Branch members will be able to obtain one (1) bacon & egg roll (via a ticket), along with the usual tickets for beverages. Please note that the bacon & egg roll is only for members, and does not include guests!

Copacabana

There will also be a Copacabana Dawn Service held on 'The Green' adjacent to the SLSC, commencing at 0530. The service is conducted by David Ferry (Central Coast District Council VP/Sec) under the banner of Davistown RSL sub-Branch.

Anzac Day Fundraising

If you're at a loose end with nothing to do in either the AM (0900-1200) or PM (1200-1500) then please see if your services can be put to good use in one of our five (5) fundraising areas on Fri 19 Apr. Please let us know at the April meeting, or call Paul O on the number below.



April {Aries until 19 Apr/then Taurus} - **Key characteristics:** impulsive in taking decisions, initiative, courage and determination, dynamism and very competitive spirit. Aries is quite naive but has a good reputation for being trustworthy. **Birthstone:** Diamonds and Clear Quartz **Zodiac Totem:** The Ram!!

Aries traits which make them naturally gravitate toward assuming leadership roles. It probably has to do with Aries' planetary symbol which is the Ram; a determined fighter and a powerful adversary associated with Force, Power, Energy, Drive, Protection, Virility and Fearlessness.

Peter Simpson - 2

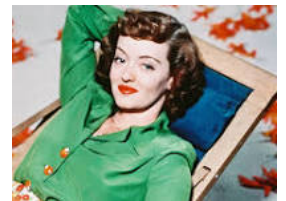


Jack Webb 1920-1982 - Played the role of LAPD Sgt. Joe Friday on the radio and television series, *Dragnet*. He played Artie Green in the classic American movie *Sunset Boulevard*, released in 1950. **Before Fame:** He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force during World War II but filed for discharge to take care of his mother and grandmother. **Trivia:** He founded the production company, Mark VII Limited. In addition to acting, he also directed many episodes of *Dragnet* and other TV series.

David Harris - 5

Bette Davis 1908-1989 - Sultry-eyed actress who many remember for her role in *All About Eve* in 1950. Her performance in the 1935 film *Of Human Bondage* earned her a great deal of critical acclaim. **Before Fame:** She studied dance at the John Murray Anderson School of Theatre.

Trivia: She founded her own production company, BD Productions, and starred in its first film, *A Stolen Life*.



John Brennan & Josephine Schmotz - 12



Shannen Doherty 1971 - Actress who won a 1993 Young Artist Award for her role as Brenda Walsh in *Beverly Hills, 90210*. She was nominated for Saturn Awards for her portrayal of Prue in *Charmed* in 1999 and 2000. **Before Fame:** She won guest roles on shows such as *Voyagers!* and *Father Murphy*. **Trivia:** Her rise to fame began at age 11 when she was cast for the role of Jenny Wilder on *Little House on the Prairie*.

Ken Lord - 17

Sean Bean 1959 - Known for playing Ned Stark in the television series *Game of Thrones* and Boromir in the *Lord of the Rings* trilogy. He also played the villain Alec Trevelyan in the 1995 James Bond film *GoldenEye*. His other film credits include *The Martian*, *Troy*, *National Treasure* and *Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief*. **Before Fame:** He had a desire to become a soccer star but an accident with a glass door prevented him from pursuing it. **Trivia:** He is an acclaimed stage actor and appeared in many plays with the Royal Shakespeare Company.



Errol Gray - 20



Ryan O'Neal 1941-2023 - Starred with his daughter, Tatum O'Neal, in the popular show *Paper Moon*. He has played the recurring character Max Keenan in the TV show *Bones*. He has amassed over 60 on-screen roles throughout his acting career. **Before Fame:** In high school, he trained to become a Golden Glove boxer. **Trivia:** He was in soap opera *Peyton Place* and Stanley Kubrick's *Barry Lyndon*. He played Ryan in Terrence Malick's 2015 film *Knight of Cups*.

Simon Schmotz - 24

Kelly Clarkson 1982 - Pop singer who gained recognition for winning the first American Idol competition in 2002. Her debut single "A Moment Like This" became the song of the year, as well. In 2018, she became the judge on *The Voice*. **Before Fame:** She turned down two full-ride scholarships to the University of Texas and the Berklee College of Music, and later turned down two record deals before winning American Idol. **Trivia:** In 2006, she won a Grammy Award for Best Female Pop Vocal Performance for the hit song "Since U Been Gone." She went on to rank on VH1's list of 100 Greatest Women in Music.



Sean Brooks & Ken Heylbut - 25



Al Pacino 1940 - Had his breakthrough as mobster Michael Corleone in *The Godfather* trilogy and won an Academy Award for Best Actor for his role as Frank Slade in the 1992 film *Scent of a Woman*. He is also known for his starring roles in *Dog Day Afternoon*, *Heat*, *Scarface* and *Serpico*. **Before Fame:** He developed a love for acting at an early age and participated in the majority of his school's productions. As a teenager, he went by the nickname Sunny and developed a reputation as a troublemaker at school. **Trivia:** He earned Tony Awards for his roles in the plays *Does a Tiger Wear a Necktie?* in 1969 and *The Basic Training of Pavlo Hummel* in 1977.

Mervyn Benoit & Dave Targett - 28

Jay Leno 1950 - Born James Douglas Muir Leno, this stand-up comedian hosted *The Tonight Show* from 1992 to 2014 and gained additional fame for his exquisite car collection. **Before Fame:** He graduated from Emerson College with a speech therapy degree and founded his own comedy club. **Trivia:** He provided the voice of Vorb in the 1993 animated film *We're Back! A Dinosaur's Story* and Fast Tony in *Ice Age: The Meltdown*.



Alf Hill & John Wood - 29



Jerry Seinfeld 1954 - Stand-up comedian, producer, actor, and writer who co-created and starred in the sitcom *Seinfeld*, which became one of the most popular television comedies of all time. In 2012, he began the internet comedy series *Comedians in Cars Getting Coffee*, where he chats with other comedians. **Before Fame:** He tried out at an open-mic night at New York City's Catch a Rising Star after graduating from college. In 1979, he played Frankie, a mailman with obnoxious comedy routines, on the sitcom *Benson* until his director fired him. **Trivia:** In the 1990s, he had to rent a hangar at Santa Monica Airport to store his vehicle collection, which

included 46 Porsches.

May Birthdays

Ken Whetton - 3

Dave Halliwell - 6

John Hughes - 14

Peter Darling - 15

Chris Salakas - 15

Brian Ward - 18

John Shaw - 27

Snakes Alive!!

A lady had a pet snake that she loved very much. The snake was about 7' long and one day it just stopped eating. After several weeks of trying everything, the lady still couldn't get the snake to eat. The woman took the snake to the vet and explained her situation. The vet replies, "I see....has your snake been sleeping with you at night or snuggling real close and stretching himself out?"

The woman said, "Yes every day, and it makes me so sad that I can't make him feel any better."

The vet says to the lady, "Ma'am your snake is not sick! It has been preparing to eat you. He's been sizing you up every day, so he knows how big he has to be. He's not eating so he has enough room to digest you."

Moral of the story: Recognise the snakes around you. Everyone's intentions aren't necessarily pure. Just because they seem close to you, doesn't mean their intentions aren't to devour you.

Some people aren't PRAYING for you, they're PREYING on you!!

Credit: Tom Norman

Makes me think of the people who aren't paranoid! Just because they aren't, doesn't mean others aren't out to get them! We need that little bit of paranoia to help us be aware of and to defend ourselves against the many scammers out there!!!

Victoria Cross Awards:

- 2 Apr 1917 - Private Jørgen Christian Jensen, 50th Battalion, AIF.
8 Apr 1917 - Captain James Ernest Newland, 12th Battalion, AIF.
8 Apr 1917 - Sergeant John Woods Whittle, 2nd Battalion, AIF.
9 Apr 1917 - Private Thomas James Bede Kenny, 2nd Battalion, AIF.
15 Apr 1917 - Lieutenant Charles Pope, 11th Battalion, AIF.
7 Apr 1918 - Lieutenant Percy Valentine Storkey, 19th Battalion, AIF.
24-25 Apr 1918 - Lieutenant Clifford William King Sadlier, 51st Battalion, AIF.
13 Apr 1941 - Corporal John Hurst 'Jack' Edmondson, 2/17th Battalion, AIF.
7 Apr 1967 - Major Peter John Badcoe, Australian Army Training Team Vietnam.

This Month in History:

6 Apr 1942 - US 41st Division arrives in Australia. Between Dec 1941 and Aug 1945 some one million Americans were stationed in Australia. Yankee go Home!!!

8 Apr 1918 - Repatriation Department established. Once soldiers were demobilised all tasks aimed at their rehabilitation and return to civilian life became the responsibility of the Repatriation Department.



9 Apr 1968 - HMAS Sydney arrived at Vung Tau. The 1st Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, disembarked and the 7th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, embarked. Sydney made 24 such voyages to Vietnam during the war.

13 Apr 1916 - Jifjaffa. A squadron of the 9th Light Horse Regiment captured this Turkish outpost in the Sinai, about 60 kilometres from the Suez. The encounter, the first engagement for the Light Horse in the Sinai, demonstrated their potential for fighting

in the Middle East.

13 Apr 1983 - Dedication of the Rats of Tobruk memorial. The memorial, on ANZAC Parade, was dedicated by the Governor-General of Australia, the Right Hon Sir Ninian Stephen. The memorial commemorates the Australian and Allied servicemen who died during the siege of Tobruk in 1941.

22 Apr 1941 - Evacuation of Greece begins. The evacuation marked the end of the ill-conceived Greek campaign which lasted only three weeks.



23 Apr 1918 - Ostend and Zeebrugge, Belgium, raided. Eleven volunteers from HMAS Australia took part in a raid that aimed to prevent the Germans using these Belgian ports as a bases for their submarines.

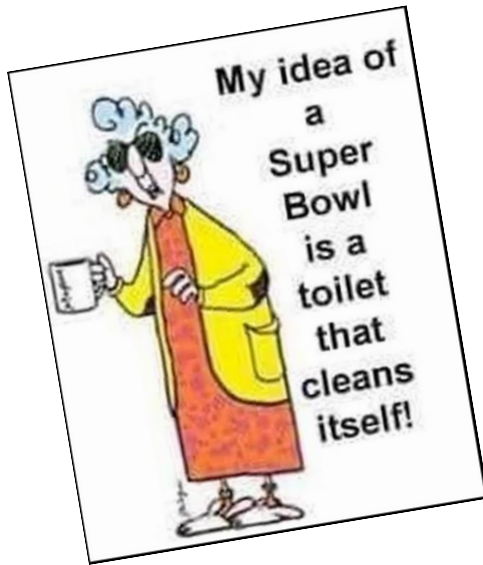
25 Apr 1915 - Landings at Gallipoli. British, French, Australian and New Zealand troops were involved in a series of coordinated landings. Although the Gallipoli campaign was a military failure, the anniversary of the landing has become a national day of commemoration in Australia and New Zealand, and many other

countries around the globe.

28 Apr 1952 - Australia ratifies peace treaty with Japan and official ending of the British Commonwealth Occupation Force (BCOF). From the end of 1948 Australia had taken on the largest role in BCOF. When the state of occupation ended the Commonwealth organisation in Japan was redesignated British Commonwealth Forces Korea and continued supplying and administering Commonwealth forces then fighting in Korea.



Funnies....??



Just picked up my social distance support animal.



Welfare Contacts

Club Ltd - 4363 0199 (ask them to contact the sub-Branch for you), or

Welfare Support Officer:

Paul Osborn - 0418 645 715

Secretary:

Pete Grothen - 0412 702 700

"Jersey of the Year award goes to..."



Fun April Days:



4th is **Tell a Lie Day**. While the name suggests that the holiday encourages people to tell lies all day long, we would like to think that the day is not an actual celebration of lying but an acknowledgment that lying is part of life, and sometimes people have to lie to make others feel better. Such lies are called white lies and are possibly the only form of lying acceptable within most religions, cultures, and societies.

Other acceptable forms of lying include: lying while playing a game (bluffing), lies made for the purposes of amusement of the liar or other people (jocose lies), and untruthful statements made without any malicious intent (honest lie).

Did You Know...that a true or false response to the question *this statement is not true* leads to a contradiction called the Liar's Paradox? If the response to this statement is that it is true, then the statement is false, and if the response to the statement is that it is false, then the statement is true.

10th is **Siblings Day** - All of us who have been lucky enough to have siblings know that sometimes they can be annoying and a pain to be around, but this should not stop you from celebrating what will possibly be the longest relationship in your life.

The unofficial day was created by New Yorker Claudia Evart in memory of her brother and sister, whom she lost early in her life.

Since 1998, US President Bill Clinton and governors of 39 states in the U.S. have officially recognized Siblings Day as an observance.



Did You Know...that siblings who have the same parents share 50% of their DNA, while half-siblings – siblings who have one common parent – possess about 25% similar genetic material?



12th is **Grilled Cheese Day** - Enjoyed today by people around the world as an after school or as a comfort meal, the modern version of a grilled cheese is believed to have originated in the United States during the 1920s when sliced bread and cheese became easily available.

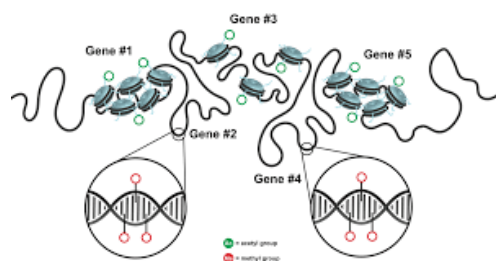
The cheese usually used in grilled cheese is American cheese which is a processed cheese product that has a very low melting point. Hot tomato soup, potato chips, and pickles are common accompaniments of a grilled cheese sandwich.

The British version of a grilled cheese is called a cheese toastie. The cheese of choice for a toastie is cheddar cheese.

Did You Know...that mozzarella is the most consumed cheese in the world?

25th is **DNA Day** - Double Helix April 25 was chosen as the day to acknowledge the contribution of genetics because on this day in 1953, scientists James Watson, Francis Crick, and their colleagues published the double helix structure of DNA in the journal, *Nature*.

Did You Know...that each human cell contains approximately 6.5 feet (2 meters) of DNA?



April Phacts:

In other Languages: French - avril, Greek - Απρίλιος (Aprílios), Maori - Paengawhāwhā, Polish - kwiecień, Spanish - abril, Ukranian - квітень (kviten')

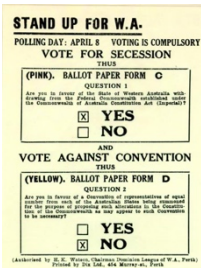
From the Latin word aperire, "to open (bud)," because plants begin to grow in this month. In essence, this month was viewed as spring's renewal (in the Northern Hemisphere anyway!)

1 Apr 1955 - The Far East Strategic Reserve (FESR) begins in response to communist aggression in South East Asia following World War II.

2 Apr 2005 - A Royal Australian Navy Westland Sea King helicopter crashes on the Indonesian island of Nias while providing humanitarian support.

4 Apr 1923 - The *Country Women's Association* (CWA) holds its first annual conference, with a scone cookoff!

*More recently I enjoyed some of their wares at the Royal Easter Show!!



8 Apr 1933 - A secession referendum in Western Australia passes, with 68 per cent voting in favour of secession from the Commonwealth.

14 Apr 1870 - Gold is discovered in Gulgong, New South Wales, sparking a major gold rush in the area.

16 Apr 2003 - The Australian Army's Special Operations Command begins a four-day chase of the North Korean ocean freighter *Pong Su* off the coast of Lorne, Victoria.



19 Apr 1770 - Leut James Cook and the crew of HMS *Endeavour* first sight the Eastern coast of Australia.

25 Apr 1927 - ANZAC Day is uniformly observed in all Australian states for the first time.

28 Apr 1949 - At the 43rd session of the International Olympic Committee, held in Rome, Italy, Melbourne is announced as the host of the 1956 Summer Olympics, defeating bids from Buenos Aires, Los Angeles, and Detroit.

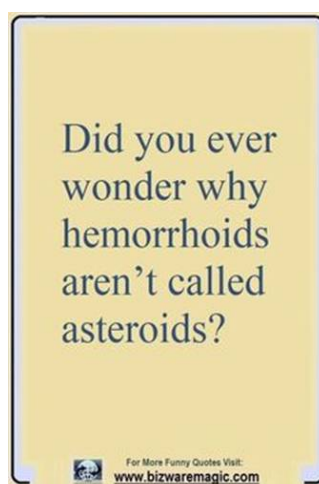
29 Apr 1770 - Leut James Cook arrives and names Botany Bay, aboard HM Bark *Endeavour*.

29 Apr 1952 - The ANZUS Treaty, a military alliance between Australia, New Zealand, and the United States, comes into force.

30 Apr 1988 - World Expo 88, part of the Australian Bicentenary, opens in Brisbane.



More funnies??

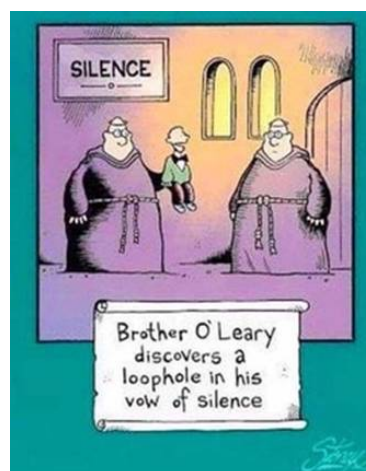


And just like that, the wife and I were banned from the neighborhood cookouts



Calendar:

April	Tuesday	2	Committee Meeting	1400
	Sunday	14	General Meeting	1100
	Friday	19	ANZAC Day Appeal	0900-1500
	Thursday	25	ANZAC Day	0555
May	Tuesday	7	Committee Meeting	1400
	Tuesday	14	General Meeting	1100
June	Tuesday	4	Committee Meeting	1400
	Tuesday	11	General Meeting	1100



A couple were dining at a new restaurant

A couple were dining out when the wife noticed a familiar face at the bar. She recognised him as an old flame.

"Honey," she said to her husband, as she pointed out the man. "That guy at the bar has been drinking like that since I left him seven years ago."

Her husband said: "That's silly, no one celebrates that much!"

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 (from the South Pacific desk)