

'Pass the Word'

The Davistown RSL sub-Branch Newsletter

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NEXT MEETING IS **TUESDAY - 14 MAY**

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

**You need to let me know if you
haven't already done so. This is
required each and every year!**

'The Davo' Club Ltd

Congratulations to Mike Fletcher as the
incoming Senior Vice President of 'The
Davo'.

You may like to contemplate in the
next 11 months whether you might like
to throw your hat into the ring for next
year.

Even though 'conflict of interest'
limitations preclude participation in
issues involving matters concerning
the sub-Branch, it is always good to
have a reasonable footprint on 'the
Board'.

Anzac Day 2024

By all reports, the Dawn Service went
very well, with many advising that it's
one of the largest turn outs in recent
years. Thanks go to all our members
and The Davo staff who assisted again
this year.

Apart from no Davo sub-Branch
representative at Copa, I have been
advised that the service went very well!



On the 12th

Handy Links to Peruse

The following Telehealth organisations have passed due diligence in that
they do not charge the Veteran for their services. Each has a different cost
recovery model, some require a Telehealth reference Number (TRN) and
others bill DVA direct or use Medicare, etc. Each have varying times for
service delivery:

- [Medilinks](#)
- [Home - Oztelepsych](#)
- [Australian Veteran Health Services - Navigating Healthcare For Veterans \(avhs.com.au\)](#)
- [Veteran And Military Services – Zed3](#)
- [Veteran Psychologist Australia-wide by telehealth \(veteranspsychology.com.au\)](#)
- [Telecare | DVA](#) - Provides mental health, GP, and Specialist services

There are other links on page 8 that may be of interest to you on a cold
winter's day when there is nothing better to do!!



May {Taurus till 20 May/then Gemini - Emerald & Agate} -

Key characteristics: Smart, ambitious, and trustworthy, Taurus is the anchor of the Zodiac.

Amazing friends, colleagues, and partners, Taureans value honesty above all else and are proud that their personal relationships tend to be drama free. Bulls get the reputation of being stubborn, but they're not always stuck in their ways. This searching sign is willing to see another point of view, but they won't flip-flop on an opinion just to make someone else happy. They will shift their thinking only if they truly have a change of heart. **Zodiac Totem:** The Bull!!

Taurus' Motto: "Nothing worth having comes easy."

Ken Whetton - 3

Sugar Ray Robinson 1921-1989 - Flamboyant prizefighter who was a six-time world champion. He compiled a career record of 173-19-6 and was inducted into the International Boxing Hall of Fame in 1990. **Before fame:** His original childhood dream was to be a doctor. **Trivia:** His amateur boxing record was 85-0.



Dave Halliwell - 6

Stewart Granger 1913-1993 - Swashbuckling actor who appeared in *King Solomon's Mines*. His other films include *The Crooked Road*, *Killer's Carnival*, *The Magic Bow*, and *Gun Glory*. **Before Fame:** He attended Epsom College in the U.K. to pursue a medical degree. **Trivia:** Before he took over the swashbuckling hero role from Errol Flynn, he was in the classic British film adaptation of *Hamlet*.

Joan Brian - 7

Anne Baxter 1923-1985 - Prominent actress who appeared in the 1942 film *The Magnificent Ambersons* and the 1956 film *The Ten Commandments*. She also played a role in the 1946 film *The Razor's Edge*. **Before Fame:** She began working at age 16 when she tried out for the role of Mrs. DeWinter in *Rebecca* and signed a contract with 20th Century Fox. **Trivia:** She was given a co-starring role in the 1950 film *All About Eve* because she resembled Claudette Colbert.



Billy MacLean - 9

Billy Joel 1949 - Grammy Award-winning singer-songwriter and pianist who gained fame for his song "Piano Man" and became the third best-selling solo artist in the United States. **Before Fame:** He learned boxing to defend himself from bullies, and won 22 bouts in the amateur Golden Gloves circuit. He played the piano at bars to help support his mother while in high school. **Trivia:** From 1973 to 2013, he wrote 33 top forty hits, including "Just the Way You Are" which hit #3 in 1977.

John Hughes - 14

Ada Nicodemou 1977 - Three time Logie Gold Award nominee who is known for her role as Leah Patterson-Baker on *Home and Away*. Her first TV credits came on the show *Police Rescue* in 1995 as the character Anastasia Skouras. **Before Fame:** Growing up, she attended the Johnny Young Talent School in Australia, where she learned to sing, dance and act. She made her acting debut with a recurring role on *Heartbreak High* in 1994. **Trivia:** She became the host of the series *Please Marry My Boy* in 2012. In 2005, she competed on and won the 3rd season of *Dancing with the Stars* with partner Aric Yegudkin.



Chris Salakas and Peter Darling - 15

James Mason 1909-1984 - He played Captain Nemo in Disney's *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*. His other films include *The Verdict*, *A Star is Born*, *Julius Caesar*, *Lolita*, and *North by Northwest*. **Before Fame:** He gained a degree in architecture in college and began acting in stock theater companies for fun. **Trivia:** He refused to participate in fighting during WWII 😞

Brian Ward - 18

Miriam Margolyes 1941 - Award-winning actress who became known for role in the 1993 film *The Age of Innocence* and played Professor Sprout in the *Harry Potter* film franchise. **Before Fame:** Before gaining recognition, she worked as a voice over actor for Japanese television shows. **Trivia:** She provided the voice for Aunt Sponge in the 1996 film *James And The Giant Peach*.



John Shaw - 27



Louis Gossett Jr 1936-2024 - American actor best known for his Academy Award-winning role in *An Officer and a Gentleman*. He gained further fame for his Emmy Award-winning role as Fiddler in the miniseries *Roots*. He has also had prominent roles in *A Raisin in the Sun*, *Iron Eagle*, and *The Punisher*. **Before Fame:** He turned down the chance to play basketball for New York University to concentrate on theater. **Trivia:** He wrote the famous Richie Havens song, "Handsome Johnny."

June Birthdays

Charles Lindstrom - 1

Barry Price - 2

Doug Hair - 6

Steve Laing - 9

Barry Waite - 10

Graham Moss - 12

Stan Morton - 14

Colin Pollard - 21

Paul Osborn - 23

Jock Dalgarno - 25

Steve Tobin - 26

John Syer - 30

Pearl Harbor and Coral Princess Anzac Dawn Service 2024

As some of you may be aware, both myself and Chris Salakas weren't here for the last month. My wife Janine, Chris, and his wife Janette embarked on a cruise of the South Pacific, and a little of the North Pacific. I have a very large powerpoint slide show that you're welcome to view if you wish. Remember the old 'slide nights' that many families had to endure? Well, I'm trying to bring them back!! Just a taste can be found below.....



You know your mates!!



Victoria Cross Awards for May:

6 May 1917 - Corporal G.J. Howell, 1st Battalion originally of Enfield, NSW, performs the action for which he was awarded the Victoria Cross in fighting near Bullecourt.

6 & 11 May 1969 - Warrant Officer Class 2 R.S. Simpson, Australian Army Training Team Vietnam, originally from Chippendale, NSW, performs the action for which he was awarded the Victoria Cross in fighting in Kontum Province, South Vietnam.

12 May 1917 - Lieutenant R.V. Moon, 58th Battalion, of Bacchus Marsh, Victoria, performs the action for which he was awarded the Victoria Cross in fighting at Bullecourt.

12 May 1945 - Corporal J.B. Mackey, 2/3rd Pioneer Battalion, originally from Leichhardt, Sydney, performs the action for which he was awarded Victoria Cross in fighting on Tarakan. It was a posthumous award.

15 May 1945 - Private E. Kenna, 2/4th Battalion, originally from Hamilton, Victoria, performs the action for which he was awarded the Victoria Cross in fighting near Wewak, New Guinea.

16 May 1901 - Lieutenant F.W. Bell, 6th West Australian Mounted Infantry, of Perth, Western Australia, performs the action for which he was awarded the Victoria Cross in fighting at Brakpan, South Africa.

19 May 1918 - Sergeant W. Ruthven, 22nd Battalion, originally from Collingwood, Victoria, performs the action for which he was awarded the Victoria Cross in fighting at Ville-sur-Ancre, France.



19-20 May 1915 - Lance Corporal A. Jacka, 14th Battalion, originally of Winchelsea, Victoria, performs the action for which he was awarded the Victoria Cross in fighting at Courtney's Post, Gallipoli. Jacka's was the first VC to be awarded to an Australian in WWI. He also went on to win the Military Cross and Bar.

24 May 1969 - Warrant Officer Class 2 K. Payne, Australian Army Training Team Vietnam, originally from Ingham, Queensland, performs the action for which he was awarded the Victoria Cross in fighting in Kontum Province.

The Victoria Cross is the highest award for acts of bravery in wartime. It was instituted in 1856 by Queen Victoria and made retrospective to 1854 to cover the period of the Crimean War. It is possible for any serving member of the armed forces to obtain this award.

The Victoria Cross was designed, according to the original warrant for the award, to be in the form of the "Maltese Cross". Its shape, however, more closely resembles a cross pattée. In the centre of the medal is a lion guardant standing upon the Royal Crown. The words "For valour" are inscribed below. The Victoria Cross is suspended from a crimson ribbon. On the reverse of the cross the date of the act of bravery is inscribed, along with the name, rank, and unit of the recipient.

The Victoria Cross for Australia is identical to the original design. It is a "cross pattée" 41mm high, 36mm wide. The arms of the Cross have raised edges. The obverse bears a Crowned Lion standing on the Royal Crown with the words 'FOR VALOUR' inscribed on a semi-circular scroll below the Crown. The reverse bears raised edges on the arms of the cross and the date of the act for which the Cross is awarded is engraved within the circle in the centre. The inscription was originally to have been 'FOR BRAVERY', until it was changed on the recommendation of Queen Victoria, who thought some might erroneously consider that only the recipients of the Victoria Cross were brave in battle. The decoration, suspension bar, and link weigh about 27gms (0.87 troy ounces).

The cross is suspended by a ring from a seriffed "V" to a bar ornamented with laurel leaves, through which the ribbon passes. The reverse of the suspension bar is engraved with the recipient's name, rank, number and unit. On the reverse of the medal is a circular panel, on which the date of the act for which it was awarded is engraved in the centre. The ribbon is crimson and is 38mm (1.5") wide. Although the warrants state the colour as red, it is defined by most commentators as "crimson" or "wine-red".



This Month in History (Repeated):

3 May 1917 - Second battle of Bullecourt begins. Operations against the Hindenburg line at Bullecourt were aimed at protecting the British flank during operations at Arras. After a disastrous first attempt on 11 Apr, a second involving the 2nd Australian Division was made. That attack succeeded, but fighting continued over the following two weeks, drawing in troops from the 1st and 5th Australian Divisions. Bullecourt was finally captured at a cost of about 7,000 British and Australian casualties.

5 May 1915 - Australians and New Zealanders on Cape Helles. The 2nd Australian Brigade and the New Zealand Brigade were redeployed from Anzac Cove to Cape Helles to assist British and French troops in their attempts to capture the dominating heights known as Achi Baba.



10 May 1900 - New South Wales Mounted Rifles in action at Zand River, South Africa.

11 May 1945 - Wewak was captured by the 6th Division in a combined land and amphibious operation. Its fall marked the beginning of the end of the Aitape-Wewak campaign, the last major campaign on mainland New Guinea in the Second World War.

14 May 1943 - The hospital ship *Centaur* was sunk by a Japanese submarine off the south Queensland coast. Only 64 of the 333 on board survived.

20 May 1941 - German airborne forces begin their invasion of Crete on 20 May. Though outnumbered by Allied troops, they were better equipped and better organised. After less than two weeks of fighting allied troops began to evacuate the island.

22 May 1940 - Decision to form 8th Division made. Most of the 8th Division was lost in the fall of Singapore in Feb 1942. The Division never took the field as a complete Division because the battalions of the 23rd Brigade were sent to Ambon, Timor and Rabaul.



24 May 1966 - Private Errol Noack killed in Vietnam. Private Noack, 5th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, was the first Australian national serviceman to be killed in the Vietnam War.

28 May 1968 - D company, 6th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, receives citation. Award of United States Presidential Unit Citation to D Company, 6th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, for the Battle of Long Tan.



31 May 1942 - Of the three Japanese submarines that attacked Sydney Harbour, two were destroyed or disabled during the raid; the third disappeared and was located off Sydney's northern beaches by a group of amateur divers in Nov 2006. Little material damage was caused by the attack, but 21 sailors were killed when the depot ship HMAS *Kuttabul* was torpedoed.



More Funnies....??



Welfare Contacts

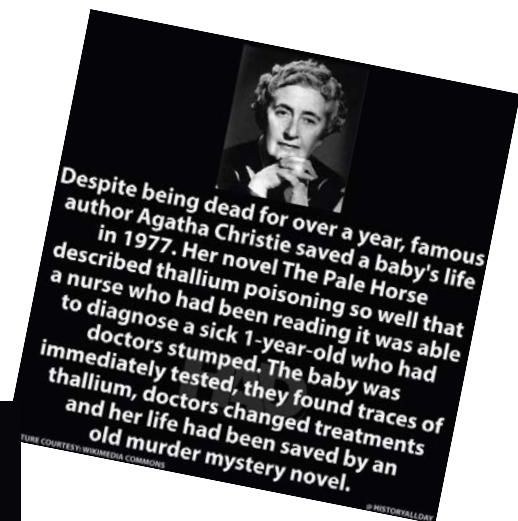
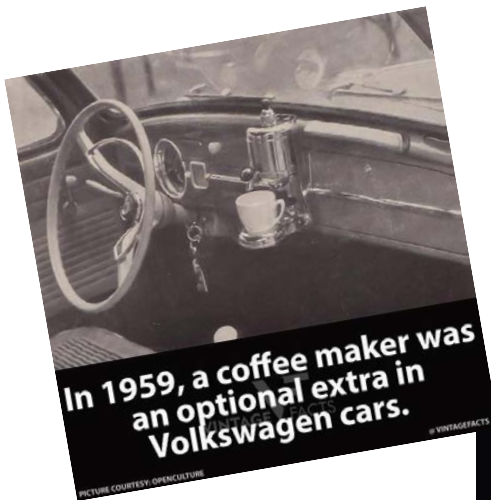
Club Ltd - 4363 0199 (ask them to contact the sub-Branch for you), or

Welfare Support Officer:

Paul Osborn - 0418 645 715

Secretary:

Pete Grothen - 0412 702 700



Fun Days:

3rd is **No Pants Day** - No Pants Day is an unofficial holiday that occurs on the first Friday of May. Celebrated mostly in the United States, it calls for participants to spend their day without wearing pants in public. Participants are encouraged to act as if not wearing pants is a normal thing to do. **How to celebrate:** 1. Spend the day wearing no pants, or 2. Appear in public without your pants on. If you are uncomfortable going out without your pants on, what about wearing a skirt, dress or a kilt? **Did You Know...** that the word pants is derived from the term pantaloons, which in turn comes from pantalon, an Italian term used to describe a man who wears tight trousers? Pantalon in turn came from the name of San Pantaleone, a Christian saint, who survived 6 execution attempts. San Pantaleone meant *all lion* and later the term came to be used to refer to a foolishly brave person represented in comedy as someone wearing tight trousers.



19th is **May Ray Day** - According to meteorologists, the month of May is the last month of spring in the Northern Hemisphere. It is when the temperatures start raising and the anticipation of summer is evident all around us - in stores with summer clothing and agricultural produce, in nature with summer flowers and plants getting ready to bloom, and in our schools where students are getting ready for the upcoming summer vacations. This makes it the best time of the year to get some sunshine and enjoy the Sun before it gets too hot.

In the Southern Hemisphere, May is the last month of fall (autumn). If you live below the Equator, then celebrate May Ray Day by spending some time under the Sun before the temperatures fall.

Did You Know... that the month of May is named after Maia, the Greek goddess? In Greek mythology, she is the eldest of the 7 Pleiades and the mother of Hermes.

May Phacts (Repeated):

In other Languages: French - mai, Greek - Μάιος (Máios), Maori - Haratua, Polish - maj, Spanish - mayo, Ukranian - травень (traven')

3 May 1840 - New Zealand is officially proclaimed a separate colony from New South Wales.



5 May 1998 - Four Royal Australian Navy sailors die from carbon monoxide poisoning after a fire aboard HMAS Westralia.

9 May 1901 - The first Parliament of Australia opened in the Royal Exhibition Building in Melbourne.

9 May 1927 - The federal government moved to Canberra from Melbourne with the opening of the Provisional Parliament House.

13 May 2012 - A resident of Old South Head Road, Sydney, Don Ritchie, who successfully intervened in at least 160 suicide attempts at The Gap, dies aged 86.

17 May 1928 - The Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia makes its first official flight from Cloncurry to Julia Creek.

19 May 1942 - The prototype CAC Boomerang, an Australian designed and built fighter aircraft, takes to the air for the first time. The Boomerang was rapidly designed as to meet the urgent demands for fighter aircraft to equip the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF). It was the first combat aircraft designed and constructed in Australia.



WE ARE A GENERATION THAT WILL NEVER COME BACK.



A generation that walked to school and then walked back.

A generation that did their homework alone to get out asap to play in the street.

A generation that spent all their free time in the streets with their Friends.

A generation that played hide and seek when dark.

A generation that made mud cakes.

A generation that collected sports cards.

A generation that found, collected and washed & returned empty coke bottles to the local grocery store for 5c each, then bought a Fanta and a macca with the money.

A generation that made paper toys with their bare hands.

A generation who bought vinyl albums to play on record players.

A generation that collected photos and albums of clippings of their life experiences as a Kid.

A generation that played board games and cards on rainy days.

A generation whose TV went off at midnight after playing the National Anthem.

A generation that had parents who were there.

A generation that laughed under the covers in bed, so parents didn't know we were still awake.

A generation that is passing and unfortunately it will never return no matter how hard we try.

We lived it. We surely loved it.

Veteran Assistance - Other links mentioned on page 1 for that cold winter's day:

[Scenarios for Single Ongoing Act Consultation | Department of Veterans' Affairs \(dva.gov.au\)](#)

[Statistics about the veteran population | Department of Veterans' Affairs \(dva.gov.au\)](#)

[Notes for General Practitioners \(dva.gov.au\)](#)

[ADF post-discharge GP health assessment: Quick reference guide \(dva.gov.au\)](#)

[D0568 Application for Crisis Payment - Extreme Circumstances and Domestic or Family Violence \(dva.gov.au\)](#)

[Vets Hub \(csc.gov.au\)](#)

THE FACTS ABOUT VAPING



Many vapes
contain nicotine
making them
very addictive

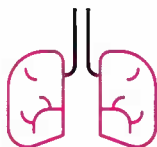


The nicotine
in 1 vape can

= 50
cigarettes



If you vape you
are **3 times** as
likely to take up
smoking cigarettes



Vaping has
been linked to
**serious lung
disease**



Vape aerosol
is not
water vapour



Vapes can contain
the same **harmful
chemicals** found in
cleaning products, nail
polish remover, weed
killer and bug spray.



Vapes can have the same harmful chemicals like in
cleaning products, weed killer, bug spray and nail
polish remover. They just don't put it on the pack.

Get the evidence and facts at health.nsw.gov.au/vaping



Calendar:

May	Tuesday	7	Committee Meeting	1400
	Tuesday	14	General Meeting	1100
June	Tuesday	4	Committee Meeting	1400
	Tuesday	11	General Meeting	1100
July	Tuesday	2	Committee Meeting	1400
	Sunday	14	General Meeting	1100



Editor's Note: Any comments, complaints, suggestions 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 apologise for some repetition the last couple of months, but I've been somewhat stressed and ran out of time.

I am especially keen for members to provide any interesting facts/stories of a military nature which could 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

