

'Pass the Word'

The Davistown RSL sub-Branch Newsletter

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NEXT MEETING IS
TUESDAY 11 JUNE

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.

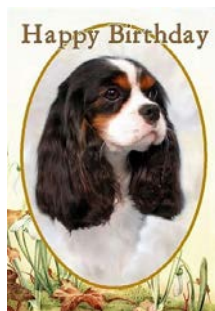
New Members

Since January we've welcomed the following to our ranks: Dean Woodruff, Sharon Monck, Rick Monck, Gwyn McMillian, Bill MacLean, and Mark Freeman, and Ken Heylbut who transferred from City of Parramatta.

Matelots Lawn Bowls Tournament 2024

This year's event (singles, pairs, & fours, and an optional Scrounger's comp) was held at Forster and Pacific Palms Bowling Clubs between 19-23 May (inclusive). Attendees were Steve Laing, Mick Allen, and The Editor! The Editor came home with a Fours Championship trophy. Have I ever told anyone, how easy this game is!! Mind you, I did make it very difficult for the other 3 team members.....:-(Next stop, Dubbo Diggers in Sep!! Which is open to the other services 😊

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June Long Weekend 2024

King Charles' 'real' birthday is November 14th, but will be celebrated this year on June 10th here in the colonies!

Social Futures – Veterans Connect

Veterans Connect supports veterans, their families, and carers in the Central Coast. We help to improve their mental health and wellbeing by setting personalised goals, building resilience and linking them to local, health, social and community services. Please see a Veterans Connect flyer in some of the following pages.

Brief: I had an interview with them this week, and I must say, both Abby and Eleanor were very helpful and understanding. Their assistance will allow me to further my current DVA claims which are being appealed. Even if you've had claims rejected, it may be worth the effort to resurrect them, as DVA assessment criteria has changed over the past several years, which may mean a different outcome. In any case, it is always recommended to have your claims reviewed, as your situation/health usually changes over time, and not usually for the better.

***To contact Veterans Connect on the Central Coast
call 1800 719 625***

If you need immediate support call Lifeline Australia on 13 11 14

Military Slang/Terms:

'Duty First' - The motto of the Royal Australian Regiment. It was selected because, "The unhesitating and unquestioning performance of his duty is the fundamental requirement of a soldier."

'Limers' - Navy term for cordial fruit drink

'Maccas' - Chips, crisps, chocolate bars and other food sold in canteens or messes

'Muppet' - an un-coordinated or unintelligent individual. Usually used in terms of "fn muppet" or "Bloody Muppet". Also an old apprentice Neumonic - "Most Useless Person Pussers Ever Trained"



June (Gemini until 20 Jun/then Cancer - Emerald & Agate)

Key characteristics: Multi-talented, thinker, talkative, social, scattered, diverse interests, loves variety and excitement. Gemini's have the most amazing mind and people can be fascinated by the way you can switch from one thing to the other without missing a beat. Your interests are so diverse that it sometimes seems that you are superficial in taking a little bit of this and a little bit of that and matching them up so that they come together as a wonderful idea. *You constantly try to challenge your mental abilities and will make extra efforts to understand anything you put your mind to.* **Zodiac Totem:** The Twins!! **Key Life Phrase:** "I think!"

Charles Lindstrom - 1

Cleavon Little 1939-1992 - He played the black Sheriff Bart in the classic Mel Brooks film, *Blazing Saddles*. His other credits include *ALF*, *The Love Boat*, *Fantasy Island*, and *Greased Lightning*. **Before Fame:** He was classically trained he studied at Julliard and acted off-Broadway in *Purlie*, which earned him a Tony Award. **Trivia:** Societal racism barred him from making the leap to important roles in Broadway and he had to settle for comedy roles.



Barry Price - 2

Wayne Brady 1972 - Actor and singer best known for being an improvisational comedian on *Whose Line is it Anyway?* He later hosted his own daytime talk show, as well as the game shows *Don't Forget the Lyrics* and the 2009 revival of *Let's Make a Deal*. In 2017, he played Aaron Burr in the Chicago production of *Hamilton*. **Before Fame:** He began performing at age 16 in local theaters and with an improv group from Orlando. He took up acting to help himself build confidence after being shy and stuttering in high school. **Trivia:** He was the season two winner of the series *The Masked Singer* in 2019.



Doug Hair and Cheryl Jones - 6

Gary Graham 1950-2024 - Guest-starred on both *Star Trek: Enterprise* and *Star Trek: Voyager*. He also became famous for playing Detective Matthew Sikes on the short-lived Fox series *Alien Nation*. He had amassed over 100 different acting credits throughout his long career. **Before Fame:** After taking acting classes at the University of California, Irvine, he was cast alongside George C. Scott in the 1979 movie *Hardcore*.

Steve Laing - 9

Robert Cummings 1910-1990 - Comic actor who appeared in the comedy films *Princess O'Rourke*, *The Bride Wore Boots*, and *The Devil and Miss Jones*. He also starred in the NBC sitcom *The Bob Cummings Show*, which became known as *Love That Bob* in reruns. **Before Fame:** He learned to fly while in high school and often gave plane rides to his classmates. **Trivia:** He was honored with two stars on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, one for his film career and the other for his accomplishments in TV.



Barry Waite and Mark Freeman - 10

Judy Garland 1922-1969 - Movie icon who played Dorothy in *The Wizard of Oz* and became the youngest winner of the Cecil B. DeMille Award for lifetime achievement at the age of 39. She was nominated for Academy Awards for her roles in the films *A Star is Born* and *Judgment at Nuremberg*. In 1969, at the age of 47, she died of a drug overdose. **Before Fame:** She began performing vaudeville at the age of two and a half. **Trivia:** She received a Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award posthumously in 1997. She was born as Frances Ethel Gum.

Graham Moss and Greg Adams- 12

Anne Frank 1929-1945 - Jewish Holocaust victim whose diary describes her family's evasion of the Nazis during the World War II-era German Occupation of the Netherlands. Her *Diary of a Young Girl* (The Diary of Anne Frank) gives a full account of her life in hiding from June 1942 through early August 1944. **Before Fame:** She was born in Frankfurt, Germany, and was raised primarily in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. She received a blank book for her thirteenth birthday that she soon transformed into her now-famous diary. **Trivia:** She gained posthumous fame for her diary after her family was betrayed and she died of typhus in the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp.



Stan Morton - 14

Gene Barry 1909-2009 - Dapper star who picked up fame on TV's *Bat Masterson* and *Burke's Law*. **Before Fame:** He received a scholarship for Chatham Square School of Music for his vocal abilities. **Trivia:** In 1953, he played a leading role in the film, *The War of the Worlds*.

Paul Osborn - 23

Bryan Brown 1947 - Emmy-nominated actor who gained fame for his roles in *The Thorn Birds* and *Along Came Polly*. His performances in *Two Hands* and *Breaker Morant* earned him Australian Film Institute Awards for Best Actor in a Supporting Role. **Before Fame:** He debuted in the 1977 film, *The Love Letters from Teralba Road*. **Trivia:** He was added into the Australian Logie Hall of Fame in 1989.

Jock Dalgarno - 25

June Lockhart 1925 - Actress who played a motherly figure on the television series *Lassie* from 1954 to 1973 and *Lost in Space* from 1965 to 1968. **Before Fame:** She made her film debut in *A Christmas Carol* opposite of her actor parents. **Trivia:** She originally started in theater.



Stephen Tobin - 26

Chris Isaak 1956 - Rock 'n' roll singer and sometimes actor who sang "Wicked Game" and "Blue Hotel." He released the #7 charting *Heart Shaped World* in 1989. **Before Fame:** He grew up listening to Elvis and Roy Orbison records, which later inspired his own music. **Trivia:** He uses a one-of-a-kind Gibson guitar to perform.

John Syer - 30

Vincent D'Onofrio 1959 - Best known as Detective Robert Goren in *Law and Order: Criminal Intent*. He also starred in the classic war film *Full Metal Jacket* and he was cast as Vic Hoskins in 2015's *Jurassic World*. He garnered attention for playing the villain Wilson Fisk in the Marvel series *Daredevil*. **Before Fame:** While pursuing his acting career in New York, he was also employed as the bouncer at the Hard Rock Cafe. **Trivia:** His character in *Law & Order* was based on Sherlock Holmes. He reprised his role of Wilson Fisk in the Disney series *Hawkeye* in 2021.

July

Brett Davies - 1

Colin Nuss - 5

Roy Garner - 6

Marion Love - 7

Wes Weir - 14

Sharon Monck - 20

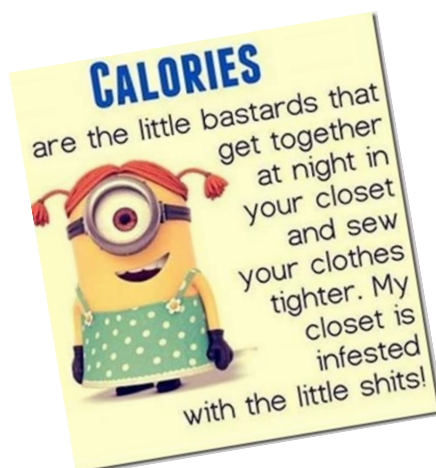
Patrick Maquire - 21

Stephen Hogg - 25

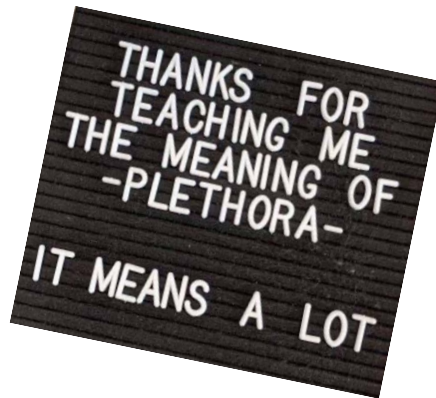
Dennis Elliott - 29

Kevin Conroy - 31

Funnies?



More Funnies....??



Three war veterans were getting compensations...

Three war veterans were getting compensations for their years in the service. This time the compensation system was quite untraditional: they were told that they should choose two points from their bodies, and the distance (in cm) between them would be multiplied with 100 and converted into dollars. A licensed doctor was asked to do the official measuring.

The first man says: "Measure me from head to toe!" The doctor does as he is told and the first veteran, who was 183 cm tall, receives \$18,300 and walks away happily.

The second veteran lifts his hand high up in the air and says: "Measure me from the tip of my finger to my toes!" He leaves over \$23,000 richer.

The last veteran says: "Measure me from the tip of my penis to my balls." The doctor laughs and asks if he's certain about this. Confidently, the man pulls down his pants.

"My God!" gasps the doctor. "Where are your testicles?"

"In Vietnam."

Welfare Contacts

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

Welfare Officers:

Paul Osborn - 0418 645 715

Secretary:

Pete Grothen - 0412 702 700

Fun June Days:

4th is **Hug Your Cat Day** - On this unofficial holiday, go give your feline friend a big hug. You never know, the hug might just be the thing to stop them from plotting against you! Hugging cats can also have health benefits. Studies have shown that giving your cat a cuddle can reduce stress and help you relax. Signs of affection: Unlike dogs, cats do not show affection towards humans through loud, obvious gestures. This can lead people to believe that cats do not love their humans as much as dogs so. The truth, however, is far from it. According to animal behaviorists, cats are independent creatures who show love in subtle ways. They may purr at you or just spend time hanging with you to show you their love and appreciation. Bumping heads on their humans is another way cats reveal their affection. **Did You Know...**that cats have 5 toes on their front paws, but 4 toes on their back paws?



19th is **Sauntering Day** - The holiday is the brainchild of W.T. Rabe, who created it at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, Michigan in the late 1970s. Rabe invented Sauntering Day as a response to the rising popularity of jogging, and to inspire people to slow down the pace of their lives and unwind. **Did You Know...**that for average walkers, walking 1 mile or 1.6 kilometers can burn up to 100 calories? So, why not saunter your way to health?



Apparently, it's only appropriate to say "Look at you! You got so big!" to children. Adults tend to get offended.



Victoria Cross Awards:

7 Jun 1917 - Robert Grieve (1889-1957) from Brighton, Victoria won the Victoria Cross in his battalion's first big action.

7-10 Jun 1917 - Jack Carroll was born in Brisbane but grew up in WA. Over the period of 7-10 Jun, during the battle at St Yves (near Messines), Carroll was outstanding: he rushed an enemy trench and killed four Germans; assisted a soldier in distress and killed another German; attacked a machine-gun team, killing three men and capturing the gun; then extracted comrades buried in a shell hole while under heavy fire. His citation declared: "his magnificent example of gallantry and devotion to duty inspired all ranks in his battalion".

Carroll was awarded the Victoria Cross, war service medals, and coronation medals for King George VI and Queen Elizabeth II.

15 Jun 1901 - Sergeant James Rogers was born at Moama, New South Wales. In 1900 during an ambush by about 60 Boers, near Thaba 'Nchu, Orange Free State, he rescued soldiers who had lost their horses on three separate occasions, each time while under heavy fire.

Rogers received the Victoria Cross, the Queen's and the King's South Africa Medals, three medals for service in the First World War, and coronation medals for King George VI and Queen Elizabeth II.

19 Jun – 6 Jul 1941 - Arthur Roden Cutler, Victoria Cross winner, diplomat and later Governor of New South Wales, was born at Manly on 24 May 1916. Cutler joined the AIF on 1 May 1940 and was posted to the 2/5th Field Regiment of the 7th Divisional Artillery. His unit left Australia on 20 Oct 1940 for the Middle East. Cutler's first experience of combat came against the Vichy French in Syria in Jun 1941. At Merdjayoun, Cutler proved himself to be a courageous soldier and for his actions over 18 days of fighting that culminated in his wounding and the subsequent amputation of his leg, he was awarded the Victoria Cross.



25-26 Jun 1916 - Born in Heidelberg Victoria, an under-age Private John William Alexander Jackson (1897-1959) enlisted in early 1915. He saw service on Gallipoli before shifting to France early the following year. While in the sector around Armentières, he was part of a fighting patrol that broke into the enemy lines. On withdrawing, the patrol came under intense fire and suffered casualties. Although he had got back safely, Jackson insisted on returning to recover wounded men until he too was badly hit, resulting in the amputation of his arm.. After a variety of jobs, he moved to Melbourne in 1953. He died in the Repatriation Hospital, Heidelberg, aged 61.

28 Jun 1918 - Corporal Phillip Davey was born at Unley, Adelaide, and was a horse driver before enlisting in the 10th Battalion in Dec 1914. At Merris, on 28 Jun 1918, Davey's platoon came under heavy fire and the commander was killed. Survivors sheltered in a ditch under almost point-blank fire from a German machine-gun. Davey launched a solo attack on the enemy until forced to return for more grenades. Attacking again, he killed the crew and captured the gun, then used it to mount a successful counterattack until he was wounded.

Davey was awarded the Victoria Cross, the Military Medal, service medals for the First World War, and coronation medals for King George VI and Queen Elizabeth II.



28 Jun 1945 - Private Leslie Thomas (Tom) Starcevich (1918-1989) was a quietly-spoken Western Australian veteran of the fighting in Egypt - he was wounded at Tel el Eisa in Jul 1942 - and New Guinea before gaining the Victoria Cross in North Borneo. In the capture of Beaufort he attacked Japanese machine-gun positions, fearlessly firing his Bren gun from the hip.

This Month in History:

1 Jun 1918 – First use of aircraft in combat by ships of the Royal Australian Navy in the Heligoland Bight. Aircraft were launched from HMAS *Sydney* and *Melbourne* to intercept two German aircraft.

2 Jun 1967 – Vietnam – First Tour. 2 RAR remained at Enoggera until it embarked for operational service in South Vietnam on 19 May 67.

6 Jun 1969 – **Battle of Binh Ba**, located 6 kilometres north of the Australian base at Nui Dat was the site of a battle between an Australian Ready Reaction Force and a combined force of Viet Cong guerrillas and North Vietnamese Army troops who had occupied the village. The enemy were driven off after more than a day's fighting.

10 Jun 1944 – Flight Lieutenant Baker pursued and shot down a Japanese dive bomber, making it the last Japanese aircraft shot down by the RAAF in the New Guinea campaign.

14 Jun 1966 – 6 RAR arrive in South Vietnam. The deployment formed part of Australia's build up of forces in Phouc Tuy province in the mid-1960s. D Company from this battalion became involved in the Battle of Long Tan on 18 Aug 1966.

16 Jun 1942 – HMAS *Nestor* was in the Mediterranean, north of Tobruk, when she was bombed and sunk.

18 Jun 1953 – Australian prisoners of war of the Korean War released at Panmunjon. Thirty Australians were taken prisoner in Korea; one of these died while in captivity.

21 Jun 1864 – Australians in action at Te Ranga, New Zealand. More than 2,500 men from the Australian colonies crossed the Tasman to fight in the New Zealand wars. The British victory at Te Ranga ended Maori resistance in the Tauranga campaign.



20 Jun 1943 – Darwin was bombed by Japanese aircraft 64 times during the Second World War.

22 Jun 1945 – Japanese resistance on Tarakan ends. Codenamed Oboe 1, the landings at Tarakan, were primarily aimed at establishing a fighter airfield, though in the end this was not done.

27 Jun 1911 – The Royal Military College (RMC), Duntroon, was created at the suggestion of Field Marshal Lord Kitchener; its first commandant was Colonel W.T. Bridges, who later died of wounds received on Gallipoli.

30 Jun 1941 – HMAS *Waterhen* was sunk on the Tobruk run. As darkness fell, *Defender* took *Waterhen* in tow, but it was soon apparent that she could not be saved and the working party was taken off. At 1:50am on 30 Jun 1941 the 23-year old '*Chook*', as she was affectionately known to her crew, rolled over and sank. She was the first ship of the RAN to be lost by enemy action in World War II.



30 Jun 1950 – Prime Minister Menzies announced that No. 77 Squadron, RAAF, was to be committed to combat duties in Korea. This was the first Australian unit sent to the war in Korea; they were equipped with P-51 Mustangs.



June Phacts:

June in Other Languages Chinese (Mandarin) - liùyuè, Danish - juni, French - juin, Italian - giugno, Latin - Iunius, Spanish - junio

June is named after Juno, the Roman goddess of youth and protection. Her name (Latin *Iūnō*) comes from the root word for "young" (*Iuuen*) and goes back to the idea of **vital energy** and **fertility**.



3 Jun **1937** - The Duke of Windsor married Wallis Warfield Simpson in Monts, France. As King Edward VIII, he had abdicated the British throne in December of 1936 amid tremendous controversy to marry Simpson, an American who had been divorced. Following the wedding, the couple lived in France and had minimal contact with the British Royal family. The Duke died in Paris on May 28, 1972, and was buried near Windsor Castle in England.



5 Jun **1968** - Robert F. Kennedy was shot and mortally wounded while leaving the Hotel Ambassador in Los Angeles. The shooting occurred after a celebration of Kennedy's victory in the California presidential primary. He died at 1:44 a.m., June 6, at age 42, leaving behind his wife Ethel and eleven children, the last one born after his death. President John F. Kennedy had named his brother and campaign manager, Robert Francis Kennedy, to the post of U.S. Attorney General in 1961. Robert served as the president's closest confidant. After the assassination of JFK, Robert remained as Attorney General until 1964, when he resigned to make a successful run for the U.S. Senate from New York. Allied with the plight of the poor and disadvantaged in America, he spoke out against racial discrimination, economic injustice and

the Vietnam War. In March of 1968, he had announced his candidacy for the presidency. And with the win in California, appeared headed for the nomination.

22 Jun **1941** - Starting at 3:15 am, some 3.2 million German soldiers plunged headlong into Russia across an 1800-mile front, in a major turning point of World War II. At 7 am that morning, a proclamation from Hitler to the German people announced, "At this moment a march is taking place that, for its extent, compares with the greatest the world has ever seen..."

25 Jun **1876** - General George A. Custer, leading 250 men, attacked an encampment of Sioux Indians near Little Bighorn River in Montana. Custer and his men were then attacked by 2000-4000 Indian braves. Only one scout and a single horse survived 'Custer's Last Stand' on the Little Bighorn Battlefield. News of the humiliating defeat infuriated Americans and led to all-out war. Within a year, the Sioux Indians were a broken and defeated nation.

28 Jun **1914** - Archduke Francis Ferdinand, Crown Prince of Austria and his wife were assassinated at Sarajevo, touching off a conflict between the Austro-Hungarian government and Serbia that escalated into World War I.



30 Jun **1997** - In Hong Kong, the flag of the British Crown Colony was officially lowered at midnight and replaced by a new flag representing China's sovereignty and the official transfer of power.



BET THAT'S THE LAST TIME YOU SAY YOU WANT TO SEE SPARKS IN THE BEDROOM!!!!

Calendar:

June	Tuesday	4	Committee Meeting	1400
	Tuesday	11	General Meeting	1100
July	Tuesday	2	Committee Meeting	1130
	Sunday	14	General Meeting	1100
August	Tuesday	6	Committee Meeting	1130
	Sunday	11	General Meeting	1100
	Sunday	18	Vietnam Veterans Day	1055



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



Free service supporting veterans and their families on the NSW Central Coast. Linking you to support networks including health, social and community services.

You will meet your Care Coordinator, who will listen to your story and identify needs. We will then either directly assist or connect you to the right services.

Who is Eligible?

Any ADF veteran, reservist or their family member residing within the Central Coast Local Government Area.

How do we help?

If you are struggling to navigate the services, your Care Coordinator can help find a way forward with support and referrals. They will act on your advice and provide choices.

We can offer help in the following areas:

- connection with physical and mental health services such as GPs, Allied Health Professionals (Physio, Podiatrists etc.)
- connection with social and community services
- increase understanding of your overall health and wellbeing

 **Veterans Connect 1800 719 625**
veteransconnect@socialfutures.org.au

IDENTIFYING NEEDS

Linking you in with services that will support you
across multiple aspects of your life

FINANCIAL

- ▶ Financial Assistance
- ▶ DVA Advocacy
- ▶ NDIS/DVA Access

SOCIAL & COMMUNITY

- ▶ Community Groups
- ▶ Sports clubs
- ▶ Special interest groups

EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT

- ▶ Skill Development
- ▶ Employment
- ▶ Volunteering

SPIRITUAL & CULTURAL

- ▶ Connection to Culture
- ▶ Connection to faith
- ▶ Personal Identity

MENTAL HEALTH

- ▶ Psychiatrist
- ▶ Psychologist
- ▶ Counselling

HOUSING

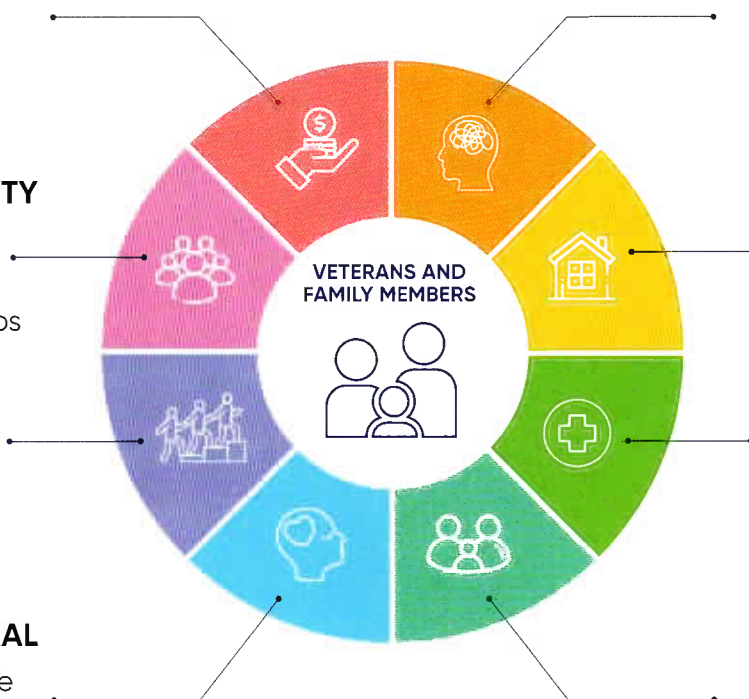
- ▶ Homelessness Support
- ▶ OT Home Safety

HEALTH & WELLBEING

- ▶ Physiotherapy
- ▶ Rehabilitation
- ▶ General Health

FAMILY WELLBEING

- ▶ Family Support
- ▶ Children of Veterans
- ▶ DV Support



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Everybody's needs are different, so we tailor
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We can assist with complex cases that require extensive support,
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