

# 'Pass the Word'

The Davistown RSL sub-Branch Newsletter

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**N.B**  
**NEXT GENERAL**  
**MEETING**  
**TUESDAY 10 SEP 24**

**Lest We Forget!!**

*John Mathers - 1 August*

*Chris Jones - 3 August*

*Oliver Burt - 19 August*

**Reachout!!**

**Must Have Apps**

**Emergency Plus**

The Emergency+ app uses a smartphone's GPS functionality to help a triple zero (000) caller provide the critical location details needed to mobilise emergency services

**Hazards Near Me**

This App displays emergency information and warnings (i.e. floods, fires, famines, etc) including locations in real time. You can set a watch zone and receive alerts when an incident starts near you.

**The Hazards Near Me NSW app replaces the former Fires Near Me NSW app. If you've previously downloaded the app onto your device the change will be applied when the app is updated.**

**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.**



**Father's Day**

Father's Day is a holiday honouring one's father, as well as fatherhood, paternal bonds, and the influence of fathers in society. The holiday complements similar celebrations honouring family members, such as Mother's Day and, in some countries, Siblings Day, and Grandparents' Day.

"Happy Father's Day to all the dads, the not yet dads, the stepdads, the moms who are dad, the adoptive dads, the grandads, and the dads who are no longer with us." - Unknown

**Coming to Grips with the IT World**

I know there are many of you who are already there! For the others, and some who need more I would like to introduce you to an easy way of getting that grip.

There is a group called Digital Connect Central Coast who are there just for you and me. You only need to be over 50, with many of us meeting that criteria, and have about an hour or two every second week. The one that I use is 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at Central Coast Leagues Club, from 1030 to 1300. You may check out the other options at the following link:

<https://digitalconnectcentralcoast.com.au/workshops/locations/>

The program goes over about a 12mth period, and they cover many topics, currently addressing scams and security. Although they cover all devices, the greatest focus is on mobile phones. The meeting involves a 1-hour spiel on the monthly topic, followed by a workshop where help is provided by volunteers on any problem you may be having with any device, i.e. phone, tablet, laptop, etc.

Another very important site to become friends with is: [www.scamwatch.gov.au](http://www.scamwatch.gov.au)

Scamwatch, led by the National Anti-Scam Centre, has your back. We'll show you the warning signs of a scam and scammer tactics so you can stay one step ahead.

Scammers are criminals. There's no shame in getting scammed. It can happen to any of us. At Scamwatch, we'll guide you through it with the information and connections you need.

The more we talk, the less power scammers have. Let's build our defence with more scam sense.

I'll see you at CCLC next week on 5 Sep, as I've learnt heaps over the past couple of months.

## September {Virgo until 22 Sep/then Libra - Blue Sapphire & Opal}

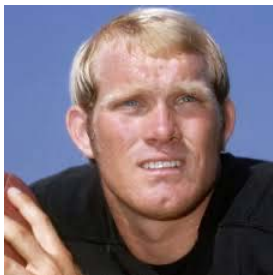


### Pete Grothen - 1

Yvonne DeCarlo 1922-2007 - Exotic movie actress who played Lily Munster on *The Munsters*. She also starred as Sephora in *The Ten Commandments*. **Before Fame:** She was deported to Canada while working as a dancer in Los Angeles. **Trivia:** In 1945, she played a role in *Salome Where She Danced*.



### Mick Allen - 2



Terry Bradshaw 1948 - Legendary Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback who led the team to 4 Super Bowl Championships after the team selected him first overall in the 1970 NFL Draft. He became a widely popular Fox sports analyst after retirement. He'd also appear on *The Masked Singer* in 2019. **Before Fame:** He set a high school record for the javelin throw at 245 feet. **Trivia:** He was named NFL MVP in 1978 and took MVP honours at Super Bowl XIII and Super Bowl XIV.

### Mike Fletcher - 11

Kristy McNichol 1962 - Actress who grew up starring on the TV drama *Family* from 1976 to 1980. She became known for playing Barbara Weston on the sitcom *Empty Nest*. **Before Fame:** She made guest appearances on *Starsky and Hutch*, *The Love Boat* and *The Bionic Woman*. **Trivia:** She retired from acting at 32 when she was diagnosed with bipolar disorder



### Mac McLarty - 17

Anne Bancroft 1931-2005 - Best known for playing Mrs. Robinson in the classic 1967 film *The Graduate*, she also won a Best Actress Academy Award for her role as Annie Sullivan in *The Miracle Worker* and appeared in 1980's *The Elephant Man*. **Before Fame:** Her big screen debut was in the 1952 film *Don't Bother to Knock*. **Trivia:** Late in her career, she played roles in the films *Keeping the Faith* and *Heartbreakers* and appeared as herself in a 2004 episode of the HBO series *Curb Your Enthusiasm*.

### Catherine Lincoln - 21

Liam Gallagher 1972 - Musician, singer, and songwriter who became known for his combative attitude as the frontman of Oasis, a rock band that has won over 60 music awards. **Before Fame:** He was expelled from school for fighting and had a penchant for stealing bicycles. When he was in his late teen years, he began taking an interest in music. **Trivia:** He and his brother Noel would fight publicly until Liam broke Noel's guitar backstage at a concert in 2009, signalling the end of the band. Late mail: They're going to tour again in 2025.

### Doug Ramage - 30

Jenna Elfman 1971 - Actress who received a Golden Globe Award for Best Actress for her role as Dharma Montgomery on TV's *Dharma and Greg*. **Before Fame:** She became a classically trained dancer, eventually going on to star in various music videos as a dancer. **Trivia:** She had a supporting role in the feature film *Friends With Benefits*.



## October

Les Westbrook - 7

Doug DeFreitas - 12

Mike Mattatall - 18

Richard Thornton - 26

Colin Yates - 27

## *V.C. Awards:*

1 Sep 1900 - Trooper John Hutton Bisdee (1869-1930)  
1 Sep 1900 - Major Guy George Egerton Wylly (1880-1962)  
1 Sep 1918 - Corporal Alex Buckley (1891-1918)  
1 Sep 1918 - Private William Currey (1895-1948)  
1 Sep 1918 - Sergeant Albert 'Alby' Lowerson (1896-945)  
1 Sep 1918 - Robert Mactier (1890-1918)  
1 Sep 1918 - Private Edgar Towner (1890-1972)  
1-2 Sep 1918 - Corporal Arthur Hall (1896-1978)  
2 Sep 1918 - Corporal Lawrence Weathers (1890-1918)  
3 Sep 1915 - Temporary Lieutenant William Dartnell (1886-1915)  
4 Sep 1942 - Corporal John French (1914-1942)  
13 Sep 1943 - Private Richard Kelliher (1910-1963)  
18 Sep 1918 - Sergeant Maurice Buckley (1891-1921)  
18 Sep 1918 - Private James 'Jimmy' Woods (1886-1963)  
20 Sep 1917 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Frederick Birks (1894-1917)  
21 Sep 1918 - Corporal Reginald Roy Inwood (1890-1971)  
26 Sep 1917 - Sergeant John James 'Jack' Dwyer (1890-1962)  
26-28 Sep 1917 - Private Pat Bugden (1897-1917)  
29 Sep - 1 Oct 1918 - Lieutenant Blair Wark (1894-1941)  
30 Sep 1918 - Private John Ryan (1890-1941)

*We Will Remember Them!! Lest We Forget!!*

## *This Month in Military History:*

1 Sep 1951 - The ANZUS Treaty between Australia, New Zealand and the United States is signed in San Francisco.

6 Sep 1990 - Royal Australian Navy commenced contributions to Operation Damask in the 1991 Gulf War. On 3 December 1990, HMAS *Brisbane* and HMAS *Sydney* relieved HMAS *Adelaide* and HMAS *Darwin*. The deployment also included HMAS *Westralia*.

14 Sep 1914 - HMA Submarine *AE1* lost off New Guinea. The *AE1* and *AE2* were the first submarines to serve with the Royal Australian Navy. The *AE1* disappeared without trace during operations for the capture of German New Guinea, after less than seven months in service. Search missions attempting to locate the wreck began in 1976. The submarine was found during the 13<sup>th</sup> search mission near the Duke of York Islands in Dec 2017.



21 Sep 1971 - Battle of Nui Le, South Vietnam. Soldiers of B Company and D Company, 4RAR/NZ, fought an intense battle against a large enemy force from 33 North Vietnamese Army Regiment in the north of Phuoc Tuy province. The enemy defended their well-constructed bunker systems and then attacked D Company for several hours. Five Australians were killed in action, and 24 were wounded in this battle, which was part of Operation Ivanhoe. This was the last battle fought by Australians in South Vietnam before the final withdrawal of the task force in early Dec 1971.



## September Phacts:

3 Sep 1901 - the Flag of Australia and Australian Red Ensign are adopted by the Government of Australia as official flags, following a national design competition. The flag was first flown from the Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne.

6 Sep 1905 - Last sighting of the Clipper ship *Loch Vennachar* which sinks off Kangaroo Island, killing 32. Only one body was found.



16 Sep 1913 - The Washington Navy Yard (WNY) shooting occurred on September 16, 2013, when 34-year-old Aaron Alexis fatally shot 12 people and injured three others in a mass shooting at the headquarters of the Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) inside the WNY in southeast Washington, D.C. The attack took place in Building 197, it began around 8:16am EDT and ended when police killed Alexis around 9:25am. Editor's note: Bldg 197 is where I worked - but thankfully I was not there that day, as I was on a junket to Bath Iron Works in Maine. Our group was at Reagan Airport watching the action unfold across the Potomac.



19 Sep 2003 - Construction of Alice Springs to Darwin rail link is completed.

25 Sep 1793 - Australia's first church is opened in Sydney.

26 Sep 1983 - Australia II wins the America's Cup ending the New York Yacht Club's 132-year domination of the race.

## Funnies....??



## Welfare Contacts

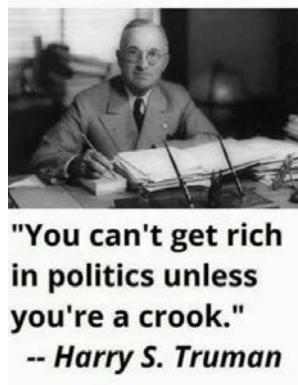
**Club Ltd** - 4363 0199 (ask them to contact the sub-Branch for you), or

### Welfare Officer(s):

Paul Osborn - 0418 645 715

### Secretary:

Pete Grothen - 0412 702 700



## Fun September Days:

7<sup>th</sup> is **Salami Day** - is an annual holiday that honours the delicious and spicy cured Italian sausage that is a perfect wine and cheese accompaniment. Typically made out of fermented and air-dried meat, the salami is plural of the Italian word *salame* and originates from the Italian word for salt. Salami is traditionally made from beef or pork which is mixed with spices like pepper, garlic and wine, though many regional variations exist.

**Did You Know...**that the salami is cased in animal intestines, usually the same animal from which the meat comes from. Yumm!!!



16<sup>th</sup> is **Guacamole Day** - celebrates the delicious Mexican side-dish or dip made of avocados. Usually eaten as a side-dish, guacamole has been a part of traditional Mexican cuisine since the time of the Aztecs. Today, the dip, whose name comes from an Aztec dialect Nahuatl and means guacamole sauce, is a popular side-dish, salad addition and party dip all around the world. Avocados are fruit native to Mexico and Central America and are a good source for Vitamin K and some types of vitamin B. **Did You Know...**that avocados are also known as alligator pear owing to the texture of its skin?

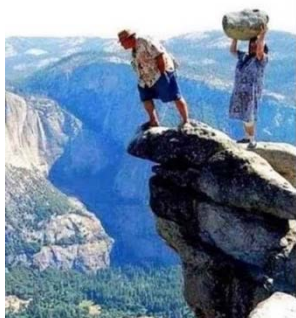
28<sup>th</sup> is **Ask a Stupid Question Day** - the day that is devoted to all stupid and silly questions out there. Originally an unofficial American holiday, the date coincides with the last day of school in September (US of course). The day encourages students to ask more questions in classrooms. **Did You Know...**that the question mark (?) originated as a contraction of the Latin word *quaestiō*, meaning question? According to this theory, people in the Middle Ages, contracted the q and o by putting the o under the q. Over time, the q and the o turned into the question mark (?) we know today.



## sub-Branch Event Calendar:

<b>September</b>	Tuesday	3	Committee Meeting	1100
	Tuesday	10	General Meeting	1100
<b>October</b>	Tuesday	1	Committee Meeting	1100
	Tuesday	8	General Meeting	1100
<b>November</b>	Tuesday	5	Committee Meeting	1100
	Friday	8	Poppy Day Appeal	0900-1500
	Sunday	10	General Meeting	1100
	Monday	11	<b>Remembrance Day</b>	1055

Behind every great man  
there is a great woman 🤔



A PESSIMIST sees a dark tunnel  
An OPTIMIST sees light at the end  
of the tunnel  
  
A REALIST sees a freight train  
  
The TRAIN driver sees 3  
idiots standing on the tracks.



## **A teenager wanted to earn some extra money**

A teenager wanted to earn extra money, so she decided to do odd jobs for her wealthy neighbours. At the first house, the owner said: "Well, you can paint my porch. How much will you charge?" "\$50," she replied.

The man agreed and gave her the paint and brushes and went back in the house. The man's wife overheard the conversation and asked him if she had realised that the porch goes all around the house. "She should have. She was standing on it."

A short time later the teenager came to the door to collect her money. "You've finished already?" the man asked. "Yeah, and I had paint left over so I gave two coats."

Impressed the man reached for the money. "And by the way," the teenager added. "It's not a Porsche. It's a Lexus."



**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](mailto: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

