

'Pass the Word'

The Davistown RSL sub-Branch Newsletter

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NEXT GENERAL MEETING

SUNDAY 10 NOV 24

Lest We Forget!!

Ken Lord – 17 October

Christine Molloy – 3 November

Reach out!!

to a mate to see how he or she is doing!

'Not Xmas' Luncheon

Don't forget the Veterans (not Xmas) Luncheon will be held on completion of the December General Meeting (which is 8 Dec.

Tickets will be at a cost of \$30 per person. Please note that a member may be accompanied by one guest. Names, numbers, and payment are required to Kerry H **no later than** 29 Nov 24.

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.



Remembrance Day 2024

There will be a commemorative service commencing at 1055 on Mon 11 Nov at the Davo Memorial Wall. Ticketed 2-course lunch (Rissoles, lovingly known as hand-grenades, or Fish n Chips + dessert) for the mouth-watering figure of \$10 on completion.

N.B. There is also a service being held at 'The Green' in Copacabana commencing at 1100. If you are able to help David Ferry out at this service, it would be immensely appreciated.

Member Service Records

It has become very clear that many of our members for any number of reasons have not applied for any entitlements that they may be eligible for under the several DVA acts, such as, VEA, DRCA, and MRCA, and the new one which comes into force sometime in 2026(?). To ensure that any advocate you may use to commence your claims process, or to update existing benefits, you **MUST** have your service and medical records. 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.

Why request service records?

There are some common reasons for requesting service records. The purpose of the request will determine the type of service records that are provided.

Compensation or legal claims where evidence of ADF service and health assessments are required.

Historical research where details of an ex-member's ADF service is being referenced for family or personal research activity.

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-records-request>

November {Scorpio until 21 Nov/then Sagittarius - Topaz and opal}

Key characteristics: Passionate, independent, and unafraid to blaze their own trail no matter what others think, Scorpio signs make a statement wherever they go. They love debates, aren't afraid of controversy, and won't back down from a debate. They also hate people who aren't genuine, and are all about being authentic—even if authentic isn't pretty. **Motto:** "You never know what you are capable of until you try."



Ken Graham - 1

Marcia Wallace 1942-2013 - Actress who played Carol Kester in the 1970s TV show The [Bob Newhart](#) Show and provided the voice of teacher Edna Krabappel on The Simpsons, a role that earned her an Emmy Award in 1992. **Before Fame:** She went to Parsons College on a full scholarship and majored in English and Theater. **Trivia:** She won the [Gilda Radner](#) Courage Award from Roswell Cancer Institute in 2007 for her work in teaching the public about early cancer detection and for being a breast cancer survivor for over 20 years.

David Cameron - 5

Jonathon Harris 1914-2002 - Most remembered for playing Dr. Zachary Smith on the science fiction series, Lost in Space. **Before Fame:** He obtained his degree in Pharmacology from Fordham University in New York in 1936. **Trivia:** Later in life, he transitioned almost entirely to voice-over roles, and lent his talents to programs including Channel Umptee-3, The Banana Splits, Rainbow Brite, Darkwing Duck and Happily Ever After.

Guyen Kent - 14

Nathan Cleary 1997 - Rugby league halfback who became an immediate sensation after joining the Penrith Panthers in 2016. The following season, he led the National Rugby League in scoring with 228 points. He went on to lead the Panthers to win three consecutive Premiership wins from 2021-2023. **Before Fame:** He spent much of his childhood living in Auckland, New Zealand. He played soccer before switching to rugby as a pre-teen. **Trivia:** In 2017, he became the youngest player ever to score 200 points in a season. He is of Croatian descent.



Jim Smail - 15

Beverly D'Angelo 1951 - Actress who gained fame for her role as Ellen Griswold in the [National Lampoon's Vacation](#) film franchise. **Before Fame:** She attended an American school in Florence, Italy. **Trivia:** She received an Emmy nomination for her role in the 1984 TV movie A Streetcar Named Desire.

Cameron Eccleston - 17

Justin Cooper 1988 - Remembered for his childhood roles on the soap opera [General Hospital](#) and in the films Liar Liar and Dennis the Menace Strikes Again, he was nominated in 1998 for a Youth in Film Award for his performance on the ABC series Brother's Keeper. **Before Fame:** When he was just five years old, he appeared in a commercial for Domino's Pizza and also had a guest spot on the popular [Full House](#) television series. **Trivia:** After becoming known as an actor, he pursued a second career as a Fox Sports Radio producer. She has appeared in more than 50 episodes of television throughout her ongoing career.

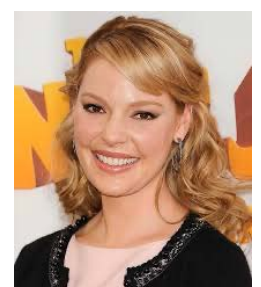


Ted Stilton - 23

Miley Cyrus 1992 - After becoming a child television star playing the title character on the hit Disney series [Hannah Montana](#), she went on to become an international pop star with such hit songs as "[Party in the U.S.A.](#)" and "[Wrecking Ball](#)." In 2017, she served as a coach on [The Voice](#). **Before Fame:** She was born Destiny Hope and was given the nickname Smiley, which evolved into Miley, while growing up on a farm in the suburbs of Nashville. **Trivia:** She was included on Time Magazine's list of the 100 Most Influential People in both 2008 and 2014. She has frequently advocated for animal rights and used to be vegan.

Stephan Pucek - 24

Katherine Heigl 1978 - Actress who gained fame for her role as Dr. Izzie Stevens on [Grey's Anatomy](#), which earned her a Primetime Emmy Award for Outstanding Supporting Actress in 2007. She also starred alongside [Seth Rogen](#) in the 2007 comedy [Knocked Up](#). She returned to TV in 2017 as the star of CBS' [Doubt](#). **Before Fame:** She appeared in a national TV commercial for Cheerios cereal as a child. **Trivia:** She played lead roles in the films [27 Dresses](#), [One for the Money](#) and [Life as We Know it](#) and also had supporting roles in such films as [The Ringers](#) and [Bride of Chucky](#).



Kevern Rowe - 26



Tina Turner 1939-2023 - Considered the Queen of Rock and Roll, she released the single "Proud Mary" in 1971 and received 12 Grammy Awards, collaborating with many other popular artists. **Before Fame:** She picked cotton with her parents as sharecroppers, and moved in with her great-aunt after her parents divorced in 1978. She worked as a nurse's aide and began dreaming of becoming a nurse. **Trivia:** She went on a fiftieth anniversary tour in 2008, and broke the record for solo artist concert ticket sales.

Keith Frazer - 29

Dianne Ladd 1935 - Actress who co-starred with her daughter [Laura Dern](#) in the early 1990s films *Rambling Rose* and *Wild at Heart*. Her other film credits include *Ghosts of Mississippi*, *28 Days* and *American Cowslip*. **Before Fame:** She earned a Master's degree in psychology. **Trivia:** She played Flo in the film *Alice Doesn't Live Here Anymore*, which earned her an Academy Award nomination.

December

Frank Latham - 5	Ray Bale - 7	Bob Pollard - 7	Brian Birchall - 8
Beetle Bailey - 15	Ben Cordery - 18	Kassa Halon - 18	Freddy Dowse - 19
Kevin Dagge - 24	Noel Murphy - 27	Ron Derley - 29	

This is Wilson. He is now working from home 😊



You thought smoking at the pump was risky shit 😂😂😂😂



I've been to a lot of places, but I've never been in Cahoots. Apparently you can't go alone, you have to be in Cahoots with someone. I've also never been in Cognito, either. I hear no one recognizes you there. I have, however, been in Sane. They don't have an airport, you have to be driven there. I have made several trips.



Victoria Cross Awards:

- 1 Nov 1917: Lieutenant Leslie Cecil Maygar died on 1 Nov 1917 from wounds sustained at the Battle of Beersheba the day before.
- 13 Nov 1965: Warrant Officer II Kevin Arthur 'Dasher' Wheatley (1937-1965) for his actions in which he was killed in attempting to save a colleague during a search and destroy operation near Tra Bong in the Quang Ngai Province.
- 24 Nov 1943: Lieutenant Thomas Currie Derrick in action at Sattelberg, overlooking Finschafen.
- 28-29 Nov 1942: Flight Sergeant Rawdon Hume Middleton as a result of a bombing run on the Fiat works in Turin, Italy.

We Will Remember Them!! Lest We Forget!!

This Month in History:

1 Nov 1914 - First AIF Sails - The first Australian and New Zealand contingent sails from Albany, Western Australia, bound for Egypt. Only one in three of those who sailed in the first convoy would return physically unscathed at the end of the First World War.

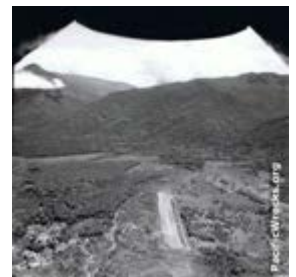
2 Nov 1942 - Kokoda airstrip re-occupied. The capture of Kokoda, New Guinea, and its airstrip enabled the Australian advance across the Owen Stanley Range to continue.

8 Nov 1944 - "G for George" arrives at Amberley. This Lancaster bomber survived 89 operations with No. 460 Squadron RAAF. After touring to support war loan campaigns, it was presented to the Memorial. "George" is now on display at the Memorial in Anzac Hall.

11 Nov 1918 - Germany signs armistice. Germany signs an armistice ending the fighting on the Western Front. The First World War ended at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month.

12 Nov 1943 - Last Japanese air raid on Darwin. This, the 64th raid since February 1942, was the last air raid made on Australia during the war.

21 Nov 1943 - Japanese counterattack at Scarlet Beach. The Japanese surprise raid at Scarlet Beach, near Lae, Papua New Guinea, was narrowly held by Australian and American defenders.



23 Nov 1948 - Formation of the Australian Regiment. Formation of the Australian Regiment, which became the Royal Australian Regiment (RAR) in March 1949. The Royal Australian Regiment has taken a prominent role in Australia's wars and peacekeeping operations since its formation.

26 Nov 1943 - Fighting at Pabu Hill, New Guinea. 2/43rd Battalion repulses strong Japanese attacks on Pabu Hill, New Guinea. The 2/43rd Battalion held Pabu, one of the outlying features near Sattelberg, against strong Japanese attacks.

27 Nov 1939 - Inauguration of the Empire Air Training Scheme. Over 37,000 Australian airmen trained under the scheme, in Australia, Canada and Rhodesia, one of the Commonwealth's greatest achievements in wartime.



- I apologise that the above has not been updated!

November Phacts:

November in other Languages: French – novembre, Greek – Νοέμβριος [Noémvrios], Maori – Whiringa, Spanish – noviembre, Polish – listopad

From the Latin word novem, “nine,” because this had been the ninth month of the early Roman calendar.

5 Nov **1938** - Non-stop flight by a pair of Vickers Wellesleys from Egypt to Darwin. This sets a new world distance record of 7,158 miles (11,520 km).

7 Nov **1861** - The first Melbourne Cup is won by Archer.

15 Nov **1910** - The destroyers *Parramatta* and *Yarra* arrive in Australia, the first ships built for the Australian Navy. She was commissioned as HMS Parramatta at Greenock on 10 September 1910 under the command of Captain Frederick Tickell CMG CNF and departed Portsmouth on 19 September 1910 as a Royal Navy ship for the voyage to Australia, and proceeding via Suez in company with her sister ship *Yarra* and escorted by HMS Gibraltar, arrived at Broome, Western Australia, on 15 November, where the two destroyers passed to the control of the Australian Government. Picture: *The captain and crew of the Australian Destroyer HMAS Parramatta (I) are greeted on her arrival in Fremantle, November 1910.*



22 Nov **1922** - Ginger Meggs, Australia's longest-running comic strip, is first published in The Sun, a Sydney-based newspaper, only 102 years ago.

27 Nov **1979** - The first day-night [ODI](#) cricket international at the [Sydney Cricket Ground](#)..

30 Nov **1983** - Australian Secret Intelligence Service agents bungle a training exercise in the Melbourne Sheraton hotel.

Funnies....??

A friend who has worked in Chicago his whole life says it is not that violent. He's a tail gunner on a school bus.



Welfare Contacts

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

Welfare Officer(s):

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Pete Grothen - 0412 702 700



Fun November Days:

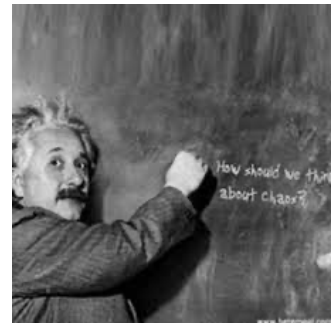
9th is **Chaos Never Dies Day** - The unofficial holiday encourages people to take it easy, give up multitasking for a day and well, do no tasks.

How to Celebrate?

- Do nothing and just [relax](#).
- Enjoy the extra hour you get because of the end of DST by taking a leisurely walk in the park or drinking coffee or tea while people watching at the mall.

Did You Know...

...that contrary to popular belief the correct grammatical term is [Daylight Saving Time, not Daylight Savings Time](#)?



28th is **Red Planet Day** - The date of the unofficial holiday commemorates the day in 1964 when Mariner 4, a robotic interplanetary probe was launched by NASA and the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL).

Close-up of Mars

In the 8 months it was on its mission, the Mariner 4 became the first spacecraft to successfully fly by Mars. It also gave the world the first close-up images of Mars. Since then several exploratory missions have been sent to Mars to gather data about the planet.

Today, 5 spacecrafts orbit Mars and 2 spacecrafts - the Curiosity Rover and the Mars Exploration Rover Opportunity - are on the planet's surface. All 7 send incredible amount of data about the planet back to astronomers on Earth.

Similar to Earth

Named after the Roman god of war, Mars is the seventh smallest planet in the Solar System. Similar to Earth in many ways - it has the same rotational period and seasonal cycles - Mars has 2 moons, Deimos and Phobos, and has the largest volcano, Olympus Mons, in the Solar System.

Because of its similarity to Earth, many astronomers and scientists believe that at some point in its history Mars may have been a hospitable planet for life.

Exploration of Mars has been high on the agenda of the space programs of many countries. NASA, the American space agency has estimated that it could send humans to the Red Planet by the 2030s.

How to Celebrate?

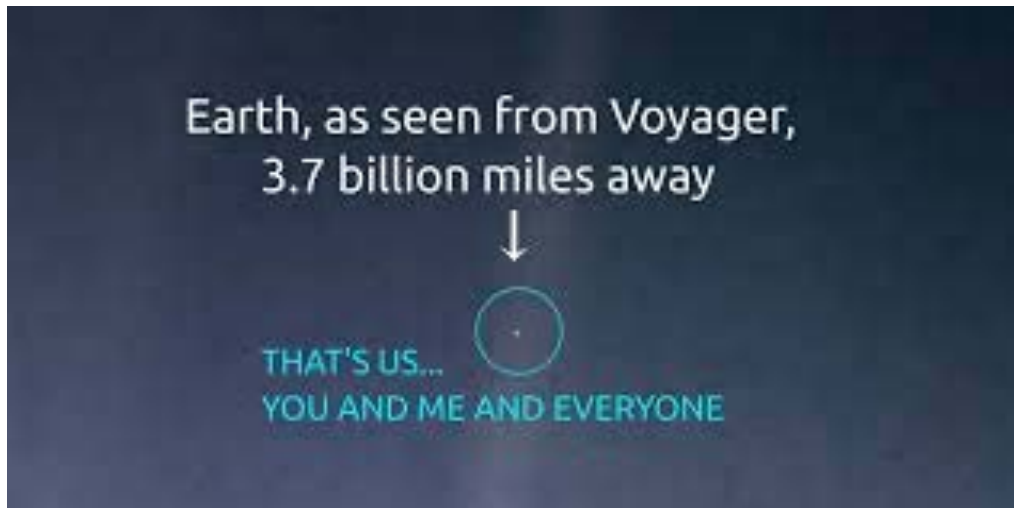
- Learn more about the planet and its environment.
- Join a local astronomy club and see if you can get a glimpse of the planet.

Did You Know...

...that the reason Mars appears red is because its surface is rich in iron oxide or rust?

sub-Branch Event Calendar:

November	Tuesday	5	Committee Meeting	1100
	Friday	8	Poppy Day Appeal	0900-1500
	Sunday	10	General Meeting	1100
	Monday	11	Remembrance Day	1055
December	Tuesday	3	Committee Meeting	1100
	Sunday	8	General Meeting	1100
			and Veterans Luncheon	O/C
January (2025)	Tuesday	7	Committee Meeting	1100
	Tuesday	14	General Meeting	1100



"Look again at that dot. That's here. That's home. That's us. On it everyone you love, everyone you know, everyone you ever heard of, every human being who ever was, lived out their lives. The aggregate of our joy and suffering, thousands of confident religions, ideologies, and economic doctrines, every hunter and forager, every hero and coward, every creator and destroyer of civilization, every king and peasant, every young couple in love, every mother and father, hopeful child, inventor and explorer, every teacher of morals, every corrupt politician, every "superstar," every "supreme leader," every saint and sinner in the history of our species lived there-on a mote of dust suspended in a sunbeam.

The Earth is a very small stage in a vast cosmic arena. Think of the endless cruelties visited by the inhabitants of one corner of this pixel on the scarcely distinguishable inhabitants of some other corner, how frequent their misunderstandings, how eager they are to kill one another, how fervent their hatreds. Think of the rivers of blood spilled by all those generals and emperors so that, in glory and triumph, they could become the momentary masters of a fraction of a dot.

Our posturings, our imagined self-importance, the delusion that we have some privileged position in the Universe, are challenged by this point of pale light. Our planet is a lonely speck in the great enveloping cosmic dark. In our obscurity, in all this vastness, there is no hint that help will come from elsewhere to save us from ourselves.

The Earth is the only world known so far to harbor life. There is nowhere else, at least in the near future, to which our species could migrate. Visit, yes. Settle, not yet. Like it or not, for the moment the Earth is where we make our stand.

It has been said that astronomy is a humbling and character-building experience. There is perhaps no better demonstration of the folly of human conceits than this distant image of our tiny world. To me, it underscores our responsibility to deal more kindly with one another, and to preserve and cherish the pale blue dot, the only home we've ever known."

— **Carl Sagan, [Pale Blue Dot: A Vision of the Human Future in Space](#)**

Carl Edward Sagan ([/ˈseɪɡən/](#); [SAY-gən](#); November 9, 1934 – December 20, 1996) was an American [astronomer](#), [planetary scientist](#) and [science communicator](#). His best known scientific contribution is his research on the possibility of [extraterrestrial life](#), including experimental demonstration of the production of [amino acids](#) from basic chemicals by exposure to light. He assembled the first physical messages sent into space, the [Pioneer plaque](#) and the [Voyager Golden Record](#), which were universal messages that could potentially be understood by any [extraterrestrial](#) intelligence that might find them. He argued in favor of the hypothesis, which has since been accepted, that the high surface temperatures of Venus are the result of the greenhouse effect.[4]

Sagan was a popular public advocate of skeptical scientific inquiry and the scientific method; he pioneered the field of exobiology and promoted the search for extraterrestrial intelligent life (SETI). He spent most of his career as a professor of astronomy at Cornell University, where he directed the Laboratory for Planetary Studies. Sagan and his works received numerous awards and honors, including the NASA Distinguished Public Service Medal, the National Academy of Sciences Public Welfare Medal, the Pulitzer Prize for General Non-Fiction (for his book *The Dragons of Eden*), and (for *Cosmos: A Personal Voyage*) two Emmy Awards, the Peabody Award, and the Hugo Award. He married three times and had five children. After developing myelodysplasia, Sagan died of pneumonia at the age of 62 on December 20, 1996.



i never run
with scissors.

those last two words
were unnecessary.

Q: My child will not eat
fish. What can I replace
it with?

A: A Cat. Cats love
fish.

One day, a man found a box in ...

One day, a man stumbled upon a box tucked away in the back of his wardrobe and asked his wife about it. She opened the box to reveal its contents.

"My grandmother once told me the secret to a happy marriage was to avoid arguing. She advised that whenever I got mad at you, I should stay silent and crochet a doll instead."

The man was delighted to see only two crocheted dolls in the box after 60 years of marriage, and remarked, "We must have been doing something right."

Then he noticed something else.

"And what about all this money? There's quite a bit here!"

"That," his wife replied with a smile, "is the money I've earned from selling all the other dolls."



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

