

'Pass the Word'

The Davistown RSL sub-Branch Newsletter

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NEXT GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY 14 JAN 25

Lest We Forget!!

*All our mates who have
completed their tour of duty!*

Reach out!!

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

**Sub-Branch 'Active'
Members for 2025**

**It is that time again when you need
to let me know if you wish to remain
'Active' as a member of RSL NSW for
2025.**

**You call me, tell me, or email me, or
if you attend a meeting this year,
that will also be an indicator.**

Certificate of Appreciation



Don Molloy was presented with his Certificate of Appreciation at the Dec meeting. This was in appreciation for all his work involved within the weapon display. This involves firearm research, refurbishment, maintenance, and procurement, whilst also ensuring the weapons are registered and stored in accordance with the current legislation under NSW Firearms Regulation 2017.

Don also took on a Trustee role.

Well done, Don!!



Let's Give It a Good Try, ey!!!

Hope we're all set for an awesome 2025!!

Don't forget it's our 75th Anniversary as a Chartered sub-Branch with the Charter being bestowed on us on the Seventeenth Day of May Nineteen Fifty.

DVA White Card and/or Claims Assistance

Don't forget an advocate from Wyong Veterans and Families Hub will be at 'The Davo' on Fri 17 Jan from 1000 for those who wish to commence or continue the DVA claims process. If you have your service medical records, please ensure you bring them along. Please don't be disheartened as it can be an onerous undertaking, but you need to start it.

More slang:

Blue orchids - a non-derogatory term used to describe RAAF personnel during WW2 due to their Service Dress Uniform appearing more glamorous than that of other Commonwealth Air Forces. Also, a derogatory term for Air Force personnel (used by soldiers and sailors in reference to their preciousness and scarceness).

Buffer - The NCO (usually a Chief Petty Officer) who runs the seamanship department aboard a ship.

Cheffo - In the Navy, they call the chefs on board the Cheffos. And the food is much better too. Compare Army names such as Ration Assassin or Bait Layer.

Clubs - Navy PT Instructor, aka Clubswinger. Derived from the Crossed Indian Clubs (from their category badge) used by the RN over 100 years ago as strength training equipment.

Dhoby Dust - Royal Australian Navy term for laundry powder.

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."

January {Capricorn until 19 Jan/then Aquarius}

Key characteristics: Determined, stable, traditional, trustworthy, solemn and matter of fact.

Birthstone: Garnet. The Garnet is a precious red gemstone. Garnet's meaning is commitment and creativity.

Lucky days: Wednesday, Friday and Saturday

Zodiac Totem: The Goat



Don Frohmuller - 1



Betsy Ross 1752-1836 - Seamstress who is credited with sewing the first American flag. A bridge that connects Pennsylvania and New Jersey is named the Betsy Ross Bridge in her honor. **Before Fame:** She ran and owned an upholstery business with her husband. **Trivia:** She was disowned by the Quakers when she joined the Revolutionary War effort. **Family Life:** She had 13 brothers and sisters and mothered seven daughters herself. **Associated with:** She had the honor of presenting the first American flag to President George Washington.

Col Beveridge - 6

Rowan Atkinson 1955 - Comedian, actor, and screenwriter who was listed as one of the fifty funniest actors in British comedy by The Observer. His Mr. Bean character gained him a large following in England and the United States. In 1983, he appeared in the James Bond film Never Say Never Again. **Before Fame:** His childhood influences included Charlie Chaplin and Peter Sellers. He earned a degree in electrical engineering from the University of Oxford. **Trivia:** He voiced the character Zazu in the 1994 Disney classic The Lion King.



Gary Audsley & Peter Fokes & Bryan Holborow - 7

Linda Kozlowski 1958 - Golden Globe nominated actress who has had notable roles in the films Almost an Angel, Village of the Damned, and Crocodile Dundee in Los Angeles. **Before Fame:** She made her debut off-Broadway in How It All Began and followed that with a role on Broadway in Death of a Salesman. **Trivia:** She appeared in the first two Crocodile Dundee films as well. **Family Life:** She was married to the Paul Hogan from 1990 until 2014. They had a child named Chance Hogan. **Associated with:** She was a classmate of Val Kilmer at Juilliard School.



Rick Monck - 10

Pat Benatar 1953 - Four-time Grammy Award-winning rock star who recorded "Hit Me with Your Best Shot" in 1980, and "Love Is a Battlefield" in 1983. **Before Fame:** Her mother was a well-known opera singer; before getting her start as a rock 'n' roll performer, Benatar sang opera. **Trivia:** She was the most popular artist to be played on MTV when the channel first aired, playing "You Better Run."

Ramzi Jeribi - 14



LL Cool J 1968 - One of the first true rap superstars, his debut album, Radio, went platinum back in 1985. His 1990 studio album, Mama Said Knock You Out, is considered one of the best hip-hop albums of all time. He also became an actor, appearing in the films Any Given Sunday and SWAT and joining the cast of the CBS series NCIS: Los Angeles in 2009. **Before Fame:** He was raised by Ondrea and James Smith in Bay Shore, New York. **Trivia:** Some of his popular singles include "I Need Love," "Around the Way Girl," and "Hey Lover."

Jeff Browne - 15

Patricia Blair 1933-2013 - Best known for her roles on The Rifleman and Daniel Boone. **Before Fame:** She modelled as a teenager before being discovered by Warner Bros. **Trivia:** She got cast to play Rebecca Boone, whom she played for six years on the series Daniel Boone. **Family Life:** She married land developer Martin Colbert. **Associated with:** She had a recurring role on The Rifleman with co-starring with Chuck Connors and Johnny Crawford.



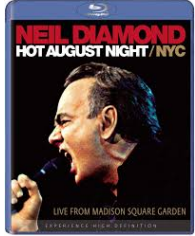
Stan Burman - 16



Richard T Jones 1972 - Actor best known for his role as James Ellison in the short-lived sci-fi series Terminator: The Sarah Connor Chronicles. He's also played roles in such films as Godzilla, Hot Pursuit, Event Horizon, and Super 8. He has played Wade Grey in more than 90 episodes of The Rookie. **Before Fame:** His father, Clarence Jones, was a professional baseball player and a batting instructor for the Cleveland Indians. **Trivia:** He inspired a group of youth when he delivered a speech at a Christian movement called Jesus Culture. His acting fame has led him to amass over 220,000 Instagram followers.

Ian Hutchison & Merv Stuckey - 17

Betty White 1922-2021 - Beloved comedic actress from The Mary Tyler Moore Show and The Golden Girls who later hosted Betty White's Off Their Rockers and starred in Hot in Cleveland. She won six Emmy Awards, and in 2009, she received the Screen Actors Guild Life Achievement Award. **Before Fame:** After World War II began, she participated in the American Women's Voluntary Services. **Trivia:** In May of 2010, at 88 years old, she became the oldest person to host Saturday Night Live.



George Garoufalos - 24

Neil Diamond 1941 - One of the most successful adult contemporary artists in the history of the Billboard chart, he has sold over 125 million records and is known for hits like "Kentucky Woman," "Sweet Caroline," and "America." **Before Fame:** He won an NCAA National Championship as part of the New York University fencing team. During his final year at NYU, he was offered a gig writing music for a publishing company. **Trivia:** He became a member of the Songwriters Hall of Fame in 1984, and in 2011, he was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

Ron Small - 27

Troy Donahue 1936-2001 - Born Merle Johnson, Jr., he became a teen idol in the 1959 film, A Summer Place, and played a role in The Godfather Part II. He also played roles in Deadly Prey, Nudity Required, Sounds of Silence, and The Platinum Triangle. **Before Fame:** He was a journalism major at Columbia University. **Trivia:** After he acted in My Blood Runs Cold, Warner Bros. ended his contract, which led him down a self-destructive path until he appeared in The Godfather Part II

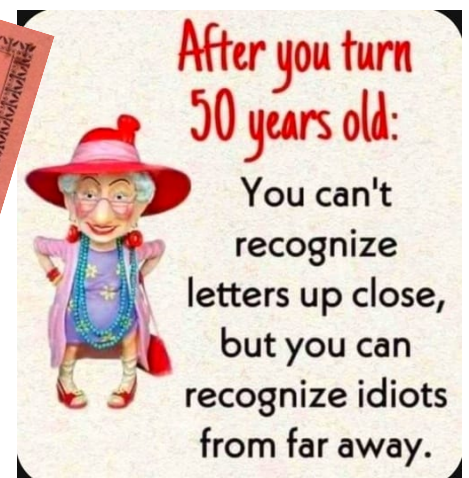
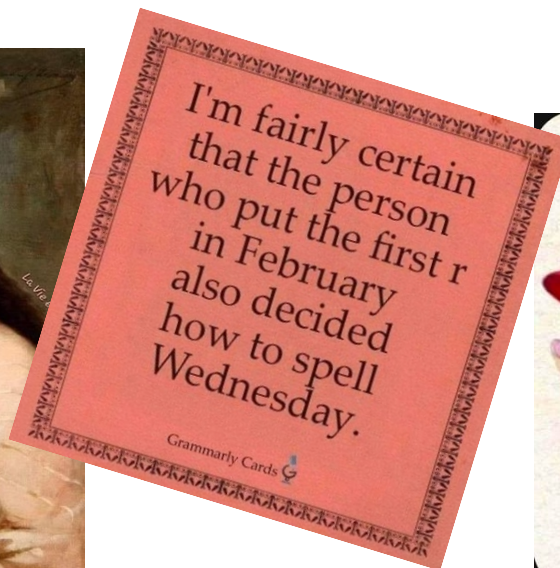


Mark Colless - 29

Katherine Ross 1940 - American actress best known for playing Elaine Robinson in The Graduate and Etta Place in Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid. Her role in The Graduate earned her an Academy Award nomination for Best Supporting Actress and her role in Butch Cassidy earned her a BAFTA Award for Best Actress. **Before Fame:** She acted in numerous stage productions in San Francisco before making it to the big screen. **Trivia:** She made appearances in the 1960's TV series The Virginian, The Alfred Hitchcock Hour, and Gunsmoke.

February

George Jackson - 8	Dean Woodruff - 12	Kevin Summerson - 19	Don Molloy - 21
Roy Lindsay - 22	Mike Byrne - 28		



Victoria Cross Awards:



18-22 Jan 1942 - Lieutenant Colonel Charles Anderson, 2/19 Battalion, 8th Division, originally of Cape Town, South Africa, was awarded the Victoria Cross during operations against the Japanese at the Muar River, Malaya

Anderson was promoted to lieutenant colonel on 1 Aug 1941 and took command of his battalion. Five months later Japan entered the war, invading Malaya committing herself to war with Britain on the same day as her forces attacked the United States at Pearl Harbor. British Empire forces began a long series of withdrawals down the length of the Malayan peninsula. Within a month, Japanese forces were in southern Malaya and Anderson's unit was among those conducting defensive operations in the Muar area. He conducted a fighting withdrawal to Parit Sulong during which he and his men were cut off and suffered heavy casualties. Anderson led them through four days of heavy fighting in a bid to reach Allied

lines. For his leadership, his protection of his own wounded men, and for repeatedly risking his own life Anderson was awarded the Victoria Cross.

Lest we forget!!

This Month in History:

7 Jan 1952 - HMAS *Tobruk* (D-37) bombards Chomi Do, Korea. The bombardment on the Haeju Gulf north-west of Seoul, forestalled a North Korean invasion of Yongmae Do, an island about 20 kilometres from Inchon. Later life: In September 1960, *Tobruk* was performing gunnery exercises with sister ship HMAS *Anzac* off Jervis Bay. A malfunction in *Anzac*'s gun direction equipment negated the deliberate 6deg offset of her guns, with the resulting shell hitting *Tobruk* and doing enough damage to the destroyer to make repairs uneconomical. Temporary repairs were made to *Tobruk* in Jervis Bay before the ship limped back to Sydney. Two of *Anzac*'s crew were charged over the incident. *Tobruk* paid off into reserve on 9 Oct 1960. The destroyer was sold for scrap to Fujita Salvage Company Limited of Osaka in Japan on 15 Feb 1972 and departed Sydney under tow on 10 Apr 1972.



17 Jan 1991 - Commencement of Operation Desert Storm. In Dec 1990, two RAN frigates were replaced by the Perth-class guided missile destroyer HMAS *Brisbane* (DDG-41) and the frigate HMAS *Sydney* (FFG-03), which were on-station at the commencement of Operation Desert Storm in the early hours of 17 Jan 1991. They had moved into the Persian Gulf to form part of the screen around the US carrier group, Battle Force Zulu, providing anti-aircraft and anti-ship protection, and controlling fighter air combat patrols. HMAS *Success* provided sustainment and logistical support for coalition vessels in Gulf of Oman until replaced by HMAS *Westralia* on 26 Jan 1991. *Brisbane*'s bridge and a 5"54/Mk42 Gun Mount are on display at the AWM. *Brisbane* was the first DDG to be fitted with Phalanx Close-in Weapons Systems (CIWS) on both the port & stbd sides of the aft end of the now redundant Ikara Magazine. The port one can be seen in



the above pic. The modifications carried out late 1990 also included the removal of the old ships boats, which were replaced by rigid hull inflatable boats (RHIBs). We missed a Melbourne Cup trip due to the need to return to Sydney early. I posted off in Oct 90.

21 Jan 1941 - 6th Division begins its attack on Tobruk, Libya. The port city of Tobruk was a well-fortified Italian held strong point held by about 25,000 men.

25 Jan 1952 - Last day of HMAS *Sydney*'s service in the Korean war. HMAS *Sydney* had served in Korean waters since August 1951. The carrier had operated Firefly and Sea Fury aircraft (both types can be seen in the AWM's Aircraft Hall).

27 Jan 1973 - Conclusion of hostilities in Vietnam by United States forces. The United States government announced a policy of 'Vietnamisation' whereby the burden of fighting the war against the communists would be borne entirely by the South Vietnamese.



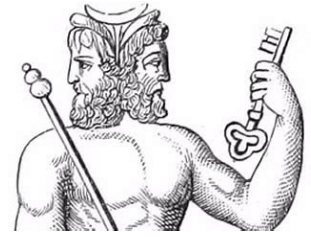
28 Jan 1991 - RAN Clearance Diving Team departs Perth for Kuwait. As part of Australia's commitment to the Gulf War a Royal Australian Navy Clearance Diving Team was dispatched to the Gulf for explosive ordnance demolition tasks.

January Phacts:

In other Languages: French – janvier, Greek – Ιανουάριος (Ianouários), Maori – Kohitātea, Spanish – enero, Polish – styczeń

January is named after Janus, the Roman god of doors and beginnings. For this reason, it's customary to open your front door on New Year's Day so that good luck can enter your house.

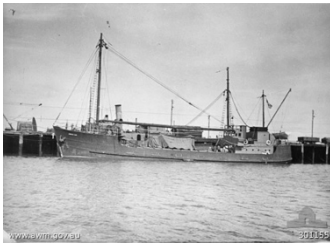
The spiritual meaning of January is about letting go of old things: negative habits and patterns that no longer serve you in order to make room for new ideas and opportunities that will help you grow personally and professionally.



3 Jan 1900 - Electric lighting is installed on Adelaide streets.

6 Jan 1930 - Don Bradman scores a record 452 not out in one cricket innings.

12 Jan 2005 - Australia's first Twenty20 cricket game was played at the WACA ground between the Western Warriors and the Victorian Bushrangers. It drew a sellout crowd of 20,700.



22 Jan 1943 - HMAS *Patricia Cam* is sunk by Japanese aircraft near the Wessel Islands. The ship was built in 1940 at **Brisbane Waters**, New South Wales as a tuna-fishing trawler for the Sydney fishing company Cam & Sons Pty Ltd.

24 Jan 1908 - The Eastern Suburbs Rugby League Football Club, now known as the Sydney Roosters, are formed at Paddington Town Hall.



30 Jan 1924 - The first cabinet meeting is held in Canberra at Yarralumla House.

A couple awaiting the arrival of their baby

A husband and wife were expecting their first child.

They were at their first examination with their new doctor. The old doctor had seen everything a hundred times and was fairly relaxed about the whole situation.

The husband was stuttering around searching for the right words to ask. He finally spat out: "When should we stop.... you know.... relations?"

The doctor nonchalantly answered: "Sonny, as long as you don't get in my way in the delivery room, I don't care."

A father brought his five children to a fair

A father of five took all of his children to the local fair.

He won a toy on the hoop-la and decided to give it to one of the kids for being so well-behaved.

So he called them all together and asked who they thought should get the present.

"Who is the most obedient?" he asked. "Who never talks back to mum? Who does everything she says?"

After a small pause, the five small voices answered in unison: "Okay, Dad. You can have the toy."

Funnies....??



"Yeah, but the one in Vegas has an endless shrimp buffet."



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Welfare Contacts

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

Welfare Support Officer(s):

Paul Osborn - 0418 645 715

Secretary:

Pete Grothen - 0412 702 700



Fun January Days:

14th is **Organise Your Home Day** - This may sound like a lot of work, but you will thank us later. Your home will be organised, ready to receive company at a moment's notice and more importantly, if you keep it up throughout the year, you will have an organised home next year this unofficial holiday rolls by.

Beneficial All Year

Being organised can balance your life. It can reduce stress and makes you more productive. It can stop you looking for things, of having to buy new things that you don't need. If you make it your way of life today, it can soon become a habit, and you will reap the benefits for years to come.

How to Celebrate?

- Get your cleaning supplies out and get scrubbing and organising.
- Rope in your family to help you organise, give everyone a task and award them for finishing them.
- Hold an organising party, and have friends help you. You can thank them by making them their favourite meal or by helping them organise their home in return.
- Make an organisation itinerary. Attack a room or an area every week and you will have an organised home in no time.
- Declutter by donating things you don't use anymore.

Did You Know...

...that cleaning can help burn calories? On average, mopping the floors for an hour will help you lose about 160 calories.

N.B.: Maybe a good New Year's resolution!! I'm going to give it a try 😊



12 THINGS TO ALWAYS REMEMBER:

1. The past cannot be changed.
2. Opinions don't define your reality.
3. Everyone's journey is different.
4. Things always get better with time.
5. Judgements are a confession of character.
6. Overthinking will lead to sadness.
7. Happiness is found within.
8. Positive thoughts create positive things.
9. Smiles are contagious.
10. Kindness is free.
11. You only fail if you quit.
12. What goes around, comes around.



sub-Branch Event Calendar:

January	Tuesday	7	Committee Meeting	1100
	Tuesday	14	General Meeting	1100
February	Tuesday	4	Committee Meeting	1100
	Tuesday	11	General Meeting	1100
March	Tuesday	4	Committee Meeting	1100
	Sunday	9	General Meeting (incl AGM)	1100

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

