

'Pass the Word'

The Davistown RSL sub-Branch Newsletter

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N.B.

NEXT MEETING IS

SUNDAY - 9 MARCH

and will be immediately followed by the AGM

N.B. There are no elections until 2026

Do you want to stay an 'Active' Member for 2025?

You need to let me know if you haven't already done so.

Our AGM for 2025!!

Repeating the above - The 2025 AGM will be held on Sunday 9 Mar immediately following the General Meeting.

'The Davo' Club Ltd Elections

Just a heads-up that some of our sub-Branch members have nominated for positions on 'The Davo' Club Ltd board in various capacities.

Voting is scheduled for 1-7 Apr. If you're able to do so, please ensure you attend the Club during that period and support our sub-Branch members in their efforts.

'The Davo' Club Ltd AGM is scheduled for Wed 16 Apr @ 1900.



Happy St Patrick's Day - Monday 17th

"Hello, Darkness, My Old Friend"

Supporting Someone through a Mental Health Crisis

Mental Health Carers NSW (MHCN), in partnership with NSW Health, has developed six new resources to support carer, family, and kinship groups in assisting a loved one experiencing mental health concerns. Includes practical guidance on recognising the signs of a mental health crisis, creating a safety plan, and understanding the 5 steps of Mental Health First Aid. Please go to the following link for more information:

<https://www.mentalhealthcarersnsw.org/supporting-someone-through-a-mental-health-crisis/>

Jack Speak:

Burgoo - Porridge

Deck Head - The roof

Dit - A movie or story

Greenie - Electrical sailor



Grey Funnel Line - The RAN (although there have been some lately referring to us as 'Uber')

Irish Pennant - A loose end of material hanging off a uniform

Last Names: Bell = Dinga

Murphy = Spud

March {Pisces until 20 Mar/then Aries} - **Key characteristics:** compassionate, delicate and caring by nature **Birthstone:** Aquamarine **Zodiac Totem:** The Fish!!

Pisceans are gentle creatures who hold great emotion and empathy in their hearts. They are romantic and mystical and they love a touch of pleasure and indulgence. They are also super imaginative beings and get lost in the folds of a fabulous story, even if sometimes this mythmaking lifts them up and out of reality.



Peter 'Vic' Morrow - 1



Catherine Bach 1954 - Played the famous role of Daisy Duke on the television series The Dukes of Hazzard. **Before Fame:** Her first screen appearance was in The Midnight Man, a Burt Lancaster murder mystery shot in 1973. **Trivia:** Even though the producers of the Dukes of Hazzard were looking for a Dolly Parton lookalike, she was hired on the spot when she walked into audition for the part of Daisy Duke.

Gwyn McMillan - 8

James Van Der Beek 1977 - Actor known best for his breakout role as Dawson Leery on TV's Dawson's Creek. He later played himself on the short-lived ABC series Don't Trust the B---- in Apartment 23. In 2018, he began starring on FX's Pose. **Before Fame:** He was a member of an all-male acappella group in high school and at age 15 he wanted to try professional acting, so he asked his mother to take him to Las Vegas to get an agent. **Trivia:** He portrayed Kesha's enemy in her music video for the song "Blow" in 2011.



David Munckton - 13



Paul Fix 1901-1983 - Remembered for his work in Western movies and television series, he is perhaps most well known for his portrayal of Marshal Micah Torrance on the ABC series The Rifleman. His other credits include the TV series The Virginian, Gunsmoke, and Wagon Train and the films Ride Beyond Vengeance, Young Billy Young and Wanda Nevada. **Before Fame:** After serving in the United States Army during the World War I years, he made his first credited cinematic appearance in the 1926 feature Hoodoo Ranch. **Trivia:** He played the judge in the classic 1962 film To Kill a Mockingbird.

Graham 'Toby' Cook - 16

Victor Jack Maddern 1928-1993 - English actor who is best known for his roles in Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, Four Desperate Men and Exodus. **Before Fame:** He attended Beal Grammar Boys school. After graduating he joined the Merchant Navy at 15 and served in the Second World War till he was medically discharged in 1946. He was trained at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art. **Trivia:** He ran a script printing business, and in 1991 opened a public speaking school.



Kerry Hutchison - 29



Brendan Gleeson 1955 - Dublin-born actor who is perhaps best known for his role as Professor Alastor 'Mad Eye' Moody in the Harry Potter films. His other famous films include Gangs of New York, In Bruges, Mission: Impossible 2, Troy, and 28 Days Later. **Before Fame:** He worked as a teacher in Dublin, Ireland. He debuted in Dear Sarah as Brendan Dowd. **Trivia:** He made his movie debut in Mel Gibson's Braveheart, which was about Scotland's war for independence. Brendan Gleeson to play Donald Trump in TV series based on 'tell-all' book by ex-FBI director.

Troy Klinar - 31

Brooke Shields 1965 - Actress who starred in the films Blue Lagoon and Endless Love in the early 1980s. Her television credits include Law & Order: Special Victims Unit, That '70s Show and Lipstick Jungle. **Before Fame:** She began modelling when she was eleven months old. **Trivia:** She starred as the title character on the sitcom Suddenly Susan from 1996 to 2000.



April Birthdays

Peter Simpson - 2

David Harris - 5

John Brennan - 12

Josephine Schmotz - 12

Errol Gray - 20

Simon Schmotz - 24

Sean Brooks - 25

Mervyn Benoit - 28

Dave Targett - 28

Alf Hill - 29

Ken Heylbut - 29

John Wood - 29

Victoria Cross Awards:

16 Mar 1943 - Flight Lieutenant W.E. Newton

20 Mar 1917 - Lieutenant F.H. McNamara

22 Mar 1945 - Corporal R.R. Rattey

25 Mar 1945 - Lieutenant A. Chowne

26 Mar 1917 - Captain P.H. Cherry

28 Mar 1918 - Sergeant S.R. McDougall

Lest we forget!!

This Month in History:

1 Mar 1942 - HMAS *Perth* sunk in Sunda Strait. Having survived the battle of the Java Sea HMAS *Perth* and the United States Cruiser *Houston* were sunk in a battle against overwhelming Japanese forces off the western tip of Java. 353 of *Perth*'s 680 crew were killed in the battle., with 109 more dying in prison camps.

13 Mar 1943 - Japanese reconnaissance flight over Darwin. In addition to the 64 air raids on Darwin the Japanese made numerous reconnaissance flights over northern Australia.

15 Mar 1944 - First two women from the Voluntary Aid Detachments organisation enlist in the AIF. Most Voluntary Aids transferred after August 1942 into the new Australian Army Women's Medical Service. Over 200 Voluntary Aids served in the Middle East and Ceylon during the Second World War.



17 Mar 1942 - General MacArthur flies to Darwin. Having left the Philippines after the Japanese invasion, General MacArthur was appointed to command the newly created Southwest Pacific Area. Australia became the base from which he would launch offensive action against the Japanese in the Pacific, and makes his "I shall return" speech at Terowie, South Australia, on 20 Mar.

20 Mar 1916 - ANZAC Corps land in France. With Gallipoli behind them the bulk of Australia's forces were now sent to France where the terrible fighting on the Western Front awaited.

21 Mar 1918 - Final German offensive of the First World War begins. The Germans hoped to split the Allied forces around Amiens and drive towards the English Channel. After initial success their advance slowed and was turned into the retreat that eventually led to the end of the First World War.



21 Mar 1942 - Air battle for Port Moresby begins. The Japanese had hoped to occupy Port Moresby as a base from which to cut off shipping to Eastern Australia. Their defeat in the Battle of the Coral Sea thwarted the planned naval attack and invasion against Port Moresby.

22 Mar 1942 - Japanese aircraft bomb Katherine, this was the only air raid against Katherine, one man was killed.

31 Mar 1921 - At the beginning of World War I, there was no Australian air force or similar body. Flying was in its infancy, and aircraft had never been used in battle. The Australian Flying Corps was established during World War I, as a corps in the army (the Australian Imperial Force or AIF). Its squadrons served under the British Royal Flying Corps. In Australia negotiations between Army, Navy and Defence officials from 1917 to 1921 resulted in the Australian Air Force being formed on 31 Mar 1921, with approval to use the 'Royal' prefix granted on 13 Aug 1921.



Funnies....??



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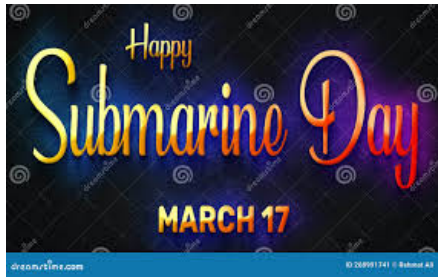
Fun Days:

5th is **March Forth and Do Something Day**. The name of this unofficial holiday plays on the words, march fourth, which when spoken out loud sounds like march forth - an expression used to convey action and moving forward.

Homonyms - March fourth and march forth are homophones - words or expressions that are pronounced alike but have different meanings. Homographs, on the other hand, are words or expressions that are spelled the same way but have different meanings. Examples of such words include bass (a deep sound and a type of fish) and bow (to bend, the front of a ship and a type of knot). Homophones and homographs are both types of homonyms. **Did You Know...** that 'Pass the Word'



the word March is a capitonym? Capitonyms are words or expressions whose meaning changes depending on whether it's capitalized or not. March refers to the month, while march refers to walking in a measured way.



17th is **Submarine Day** - It is thought that the unofficial holiday commemorates the date in 1898 when Irish engineer John Philip Holland showed his submarine design to the U.S. Navy.

Modern Submarine

Called the Holland Type VI submarine, his prototype was the first modern submarine design to work successfully underwater. His submarines became the first vessels to be bought by the United States Navy and the British Royal Navy.

A similar holiday is celebrated on April 11 in the US as a way to honour the anniversary of the establishment of the U.S. Submarine Force in 1900.

Military Purposes

Submarines have primarily been used for offensive military purposes throughout the 20th century. During World War I and World War II, they were used to sink enemy ships. In the present day, while submarines are still used by the military, they are increasingly being used for civilian benefits. Their ability to go deep underwater have made it possible for scientists to research marine life and the seabed. They are also sometimes used for underwater tourism.



Most present-day military submarines run using nuclear power, though, in many parts of the world, diesel-electric submarines are also in common use.

Submarine the Sandwich

In many parts of the United States, a submarine is a type of sandwich. Usually made with a long roll of bread and filled with meats, vegetables, and spreads, this popular lunch dish is also called by other names like hero, hoagie, grinder, and sub. It is thought that the sandwich was named submarine because it resembles the shape of the underwater vessel.

How to Celebrate?

- Learn more about the art and science of submarines.
- Celebrate the day by consuming as many sub sandwiches as you can.
- Watch movies that feature submarines, like 'Das Boot'!

Did You Know...that the first known submarine was created in 1620 by Cornelius Drebbel?

The fortune teller's prediction

A young woman went to see a fortune teller. She held out her palm and the fortune teller closed her eyes.

Eventually, she opened them and said: "You will be poor and unhappy until you reach the age of fifty."

"What happens when I'm fifty?" asked the young woman.

"Nothing," answered the fortune teller. "But you'll be used to it by then."

Manners on the bus

An elderly lady boarded a very crowded bus and, as all the seats were taken, she stood in the middle.

A young man began to get up, but she shook her head and gently sat him back down. "No thank you, sonny, I can stand," she said.

A few moments later he tried to rise again.

"No, no, thank you!" she said pushing him back again, a bit more forcefully this time.

The man let out an audible groan and finally piped up: "Please let me get up, lady. I'm already two blocks past my stop now."

March Phacts:

In other Languages: French - mars, Greek - Μάρτιος (Mártios), Maori - Poutū te rangi, Polish - marzec, Spanish - marzo, Ukranian - березень (berezen')

The name *March* is ultimately derived from the Latin word *Martius* (named after *Mars*, the Roman god of war). *Martius* was the name of the first month in the original Roman calendar. Along with *January*, *May*, and *June*, *March* is one of several months named after a god.



March Madness is a cherished time to reacquaint oneself with the couch, especially during the early tournament days when dozens of games unfold consecutively. In other words, it's the perfect week to recover from a vasectomy!

1 Mar 1919 - The Potts cartoon strip is first published.

1 Mar 1975 - Television is broadcast in colour for the first time in Australia.

8 Mar 1828 - Australian postage stamps are issued for the first time.

14 Mar 1831 - The *Surprise*, the first paddle steamer built in Australia, was launched in Sydney.

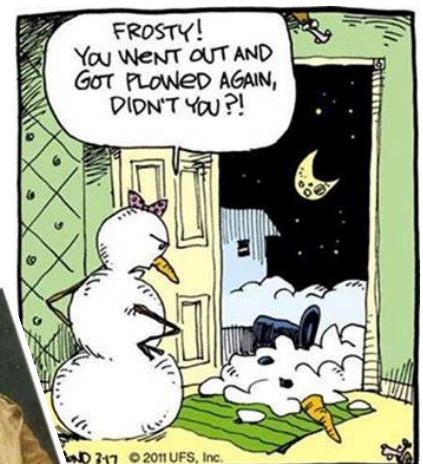
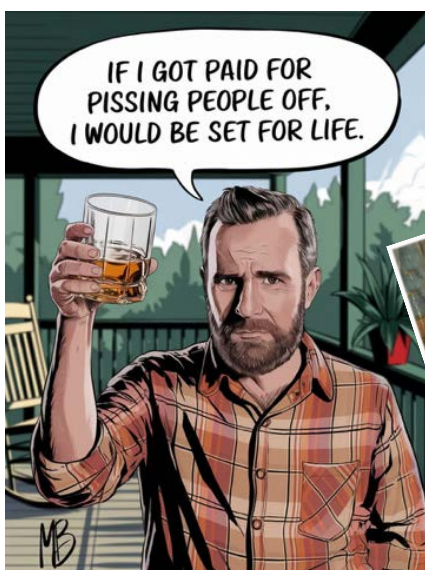
19 Mar 1988 - Nick Greiner and the Liberal Party win the NSW election in a landslide, removing the ALP government of Barrie Unsworth.

19 Mar 1790 - The HMS *Sirius*, while transporting supplies to Norfolk Island, is wrecked and destroyed on a reef.

26 Mar 2006 - The 2006 Commonwealth Games held in Melbourne close, Australia wins 84 gold, 69 silver and 68 bronze medals, the most of any competing nation.



28 Mar 1885 - HMQS *Gayundah* arrives in Brisbane. The Captain refuses to relinquish his command and is removed by a boarding party of Queensland Police.



Calendar:

March	Tuesday	4	Committee Meeting	1100
	Sunday	9	General Meeting (incl AGM)	1100
April	Tuesday	1	Committee Meeting	1100
	Sunday	13	General Meeting	1100
	Wednesday	23	ANZAC Day Appeal	0900-1500
	Friday	25	ANZAC Day Dawn Service	0555
May	Tuesday	6	Committee Meeting	1100
	Tuesday	13	General Meeting	1100

**A Genie granted me
one wish, so I said "I
just want to be
happy."
Now I'm living in a
cottage with 6
Dwarves & working in
a mine 🙄**



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

