

# SOUTHERN DOWNS EX-SERVICES SSOCIATION OUEENSLAND INCORPORATED

"SUPPORT THROUGH FRIENDSHIP & UNDERSTANDING"

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## "FORIZONS OUTLOOK NEWS" JUNE 2019

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## President's Report:

Sad news at the end of the month with two former members passing away. Firstly, former LTCOL **Terry Petrie**, who fought a brave battle since losing both his legs in an accident in 2006. Secondly, we were all shocked to hear the passing of everybody's mate and RAN stalwart, **Edward 'Buster' Crabb.** Our condolences go out to Terry's wife Wendy and Buster's partner Colleen and families of both men.

We held our 'Australia's Biggest Morning Tea' this month, but we were down on numbers, however we still managed to raise \$300.00 for cancer research. We have also noticed that our monthly BBQ's are being less and less frequented, so we have decided to only have these at the end of each general quarterly meeting, instead of monthly, saving buns, meat, condiments, gas and money.

We thought that assisting with the 'Drought Relief Appeal' was at the time, a good deed. However, we found we were not able to action/support it, mainly due to the age of our members, it was also not in the interests of our members and we have found it difficult to continue in this role. We have decided to pass all donations over to 'Lions Warwick' who do wonderful work and simply continue assisting members where we are able.

Our Dine In-Out last month was at the 'Horse and Jockey' and for June, we are heading up to the 'Warwick Golf Club' - 'The Restaurant" on Wednesday the 12<sup>th</sup> June. For something different in July, we thought we might like to try our 'Independence Day Dinner' at the Centre, on Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> July with a two course catered meal commencing at 6.00pm for a 6.30 meal. We will suspend standing orders for alcohol for the night function and hope all will enjoy the same as last year, when we celebrated our Independence from VSASA Inc.

Dress for this occasion will be 'Casual - John', no 'monkey suits', shirts or ties, totally informal and enjoy each other company.

Great to have our secretary back after a holiday in Vietnam and a thank you to Lee Wells, for his support filling in as the assistant secretary.

A reminder that on **Friday the 28**th **June**, we are having a '**Special General Meeting'** to discuss the amendments to our constitution, commencing at 10.00am. All members present will be given a full copy of the proposed amendments, discuss all aspects of the enclosed, with voting to be assessed at the 'Annual **General Meeting'** on the **2**nd **August**.

We hope this will finalize all members wishes and get on with the function of our illustrious association, "Support Through Friendship and Understanding".

Thank you to the constitution subcommittee for your work, it is now up to the members to vote in or out the recommendations.

Your mate Ken



~ IN MEMORY ~

Terry John PETRIE

156647 1947 – 2019 Australia Regular Army



~ IN MEMORY ~

Edward Sidney (Buster) CRABB

R94955 1949 – 2019 Royal Australian Navy

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## **CALENDER FOR JUNE 2019**



## **JUNE 2019**

SAT 1<sup>st</sup> 8.00am – 4.00pm 'Wood Raffle' Rose City Shopping World

Wed 5<sup>th</sup> 9.00 am – 12 Noon. Services Memorabilia Display.

Friday 7th 9.00 am SDESA Centre

Wed 12<sup>th</sup> 9.00 am – 12 Noon. Services Memorabilia Display.

Wed 12th 6.00 pm Dine In/Out "Warwick Golf Club"

Friday 14th 9.00 am SDESA Centre & Committee Meeting.

**Wed 19<sup>th</sup>** 9.00 am – 12 Noon. Services Memorabilia Display.

Friday 21st 9.00 am SDESA Centre

Wed 26<sup>th</sup> 9.00 am – 12 Noon. Services Memorabilia Display.

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> 10.00am 'Special General Meeting'

(Consideration of SDESA Qld Inc Constitution Amendments)

# SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

SDESA LADIES
Monday Lunches
29th April 2019



"Warwick Gardens Galore"

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SDESA Ladies meet each month on Mondays at 12.00 Noon,

to have a luncheon together.

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#### Pond-er the situation

Alan, a retired navy serviceman has owned a farm for many years.

He had a large pond in one of the back paddocks surrounded by fruit trees which made it quite a secluded spot.

One afternoon the old salt decided to go down to the pond to check the water level and collect some fruit at the same time, so he grabbed a large bucket as he walked out.

Nearing the pond, he heard voices and laughing. As he came closer, he saw it was a bunch of young women skinny-dipping.

"Hmmm" he thought, "they must have come over from one of the neighbouring farms."

'Well hello" he said, "Are you having a good time?". One of the women shouted to him. "Yes, we are, hope you don't mind. Now we're not coming out until you leave".

"That's OK." He said. "It seems you may be swimming with no cloths on, so I won't expect you to get out till after I've gone. That's not why I came done here. I came down to feed the crocodiles."





### **Understanding the DVA Gold Card**



A DVA Gold Card entitles the holder to DVA funding for services for all clinically necessary health care needs, and all health conditions, whether they are related to war service or not (eligibility criteria). However, there are some limitations consistent with the limits imposed under the Medicare Benefits Scheme (MBS), which health providers need to be aware of when treating DVA clients.

At a time they are experiencing health problems or need additional support, it is important for the wellbeing of veterans and DVA clients that they are given the correct advice about their treatments and what will be funded by DVA, to avoid frustration and misguided expectations.

Services that are covered with a valid referral and/or prescription include pharmaceuticals, medical and surgical care, dental and allied health, rehabilitation aids and appliances, home and respite care, community nursing and a range of other support services.

The card also entitles the holder to <u>transport</u> related to treatment of their accepted condition and access to the <u>Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme</u>. See <u>DVA health cards</u> for the full list of services covered under a DVA Gold Card.

The card holder may be a veteran or the widow(er) or dependent of a veteran. Only the person named on the card is covered.

The limitations for treatment by a medical practitioner include:

Generally, those medical services listed on the MBS are available to Gold Card holders and any limits that apply are consistent with limits imposed under the MBS.

Medical services not listed in the MBS may be considered in exceptional circumstances. Prior financial authorisation must be obtained from DVA. DVA will not pay for treatment of a disease or injury where the patient has received compensation or damages.

#### **RAN Trialing New Camouflage Uniforms**

The Royal Australian Navy is currently testing a new camouflaged uniform just 10 years after going to cams instead of grey overalls and three years after DPNU was scheduled to be

Under evaluation since 2015 and initially scheduled to be issued in late 2017, the new look multi-cam uniform is currently undergoing fleet-wide sea trials.

The trial of the current fabric will end in July, with trials of more fabrics scheduled to follow.

Cut, design and pattern of the prototype Maritime Multi-cam Pattern Uniform (MMPU) is based on the Australian Multi-cam Combat Uniform used by the Australian Army and Air Force.



This is the replacement of the Disruptive Pattern Print (DPP)-derived Disruptive Pattern Naval Uniform (DPNU) with the MCP-derived Maritime Multicam Camouflage Uniform (MMCU) for the Royal Australian Navy.

MMPU, in a unique six-colour palette, will incorporate changes to the fabric, print pattern and uniform design.

Laboratory-tested, MMPU sea-going variant fabric is required to be flame resistant, while being lighter than the Disruptive Pattern Navy Uniform (DPNU) – theoretically allowing it to be more 'comfortable' in warmer climates.

Director Navy Logistics Support Captain Catherine Rhodes said trial participants were assessing the comfort and durability of the new rig.

"We will use the information they give us to eventually produce a maritime uniform that best meets Navy's requirements," Captain Rhodes said.

The trial has seen the MMPUs issued to members on a wide range of different Navy platforms, including one major fleet unit, three patrol boats and two submarines.

"There are always going to be issues – that's what a trial is for," Captain Rhodes said.

"We need to meet our people's needs and expectations while ensuring our uniform is fit for purpose.

"It's a long process to get things right, that's why the feedback from our trial participants is so important and will be fed into subsequent trial garments over the coming years." The manufacture of the MMPU fabric and garments is being carried out in Australia.

The fabric is produced by Bruck Pty Ltd, while the garments are manufactured by Australian Defence Apparel.





# SOUTHERN DOWNS EX-SERVICES ASSOCIATION QUEENSLAND INCORPORATED



# "Independence Day Celebrations"

<u>"Independence Day"</u> this year we felt we should celebrate our first year of independence, so we thought we would celebrate with our own **"Dine-In-Out Night"**,

## <u>Friday 5th July 2019 - 6.00pm.</u>

Your committee has decided our association would hold another 'Dining in Night' at our Centre. **Dress:** Casual.





A two course **Buffett Style'** meal will be catered for the night, we offer; Roast Lamb, Roast Beef, with bake vegetables, which includes; Roast Pumpkin, Potatoes, Sweet Potato, Carrots, Corn on the Cob, Beans, Cauliflower and Broccoli Bake.

Dinner Rolls.



<u>'Desert Choice'</u> we offer; Sticky Banana and Macadamia Pudding with Butterscotch Sauce with Vanilla Ice-Cream.

Peaches in Rosewater Jelly

For this one night, we will rescind our 'Standing Orders' and permit <a href="MYO"><u>BYO</u></a> Beer, Wine and Spirits. Soft drinks if you prefer. (Tea and Coffee will be available throughout the night.)

Our <u>WEATED' CENTRE</u>' keeps costs down, all tables will have white table cloths, napkins, silver service, wine and beer glasses.

We hope to have the inside decorated to suit the occasion and all members are invited to attend, we would warmly welcome family and friends.



(Only 18 years and older would be permitted, as there will be BYO alcohol on the night.)

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# RAAF buys four MC-55A Peregrine for \$2.46billion



Minister for Defence Christopher Pyne and Minister
for Defence Industry Linda Reynolds today announced the
acquisition of four modified Gulfstream G550 aircraft – to be designated the MC-55A Peregrine
– for the Royal Australian Air Force.

Minister Pyne said the \$2.46 billion acquisition would enable Defence to actively strengthen electronic warfare support to naval, air and land forces for operations in complex electromagnetic environments.

"Peregrine is a new airborne electronic warfare capability that will be integrated into Defence's joint warfighting networks, providing a critical link between platforms, including the F-35A Joint Strike Fighter, E-7A Wedgetail, EA-18G Growler, Navy's surface combatants and amphibious assault ships and ground assets to support the warfighter," Minister Pyne said.

"The aircraft will be based at RAAF Base Edinburgh in South Australia – yet another piece in a broader Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance precinct being developed at the Super Base, which is already home to our Poseidon maritime patrol aircraft.

"RAAF Base Edinburgh will also serve as the headquarters for our unmanned Tritons and armed unmanned Reaper variant.

"This capability and the people who operate it will bring Air Force a step closer to becoming a fully networked fifth-generation force and further exploit the joint combat multiplier effects on exercises and operations," Minister Pyne said.

Minister Reynolds said about \$425 million from this project would be spent with Australian companies during the acquisition phase of the project, including \$257 million to be invested in new facilities at RAAF Base Edinburgh.

"There will be further significant opportunities for Australian industry, estimated to be over \$2 billion, in the sustainment of the aircraft over the 25 years life-of-type," Minister Reynolds said.



#### Army praises new SMArt 155mm round

The Australian Army's Royal Regiment of Australian Artillery (RAA) successfully tested the new Sensor-fused Munition for Artillery (SMArt) 155mm round during Exercise Chimera recently at the Shoalwater Bay Training Area.

Commanding Officer of 4 Regiment, RAA, Lieutenant Colonel Paul Duncan said that, until now, Army artillery had lacked a capability to effectively engage and destroy heavy such as main battle tanks.



A SMArt 155 munition is fired from an Australian Army M777 howitzer, from 107 Battery, 4th Regiment, Royal Australian Artillery during Exercise Chimera at Shoalwater Bay.

"The introduction of the SMArt155 projectile gives us that capability to create a dilemma for enemy commanders by disrupting armoured approaches at operationally significant ranges, in all weather and terrain," Lieutenant Colonel Duncan said.

"The round is specifically designed for long-range, top attack.

"Each round contains two submunitions that descend over the battlefield on parachutes, identify armoured vehicles using advanced sensors, and then fire an explosively formed penetrator warhead into the target."

Director Combat Support Program Colonel Andrew Langford said Exercise Chimera indicated the Australian Army was a capable and ready land force.

"This exercise showcased the professionalism of our gunners, demonstrating their ability to work together as an effective team," Colonel Langford said.

"We are now prepared and ready for warfare on the contemporary battlefield, but we are continually looking for ways to be ready for future challenges in an ever-changing environment.

"We are achieving this challenge by working closely with our partners in Defence industry."

Exercise Chimera was conducted on 24 and 25 March by three regiments of the Royal Regiment of Australian Artillery – Townsville-based 4th Regiment, Darwin-based 8th/12th Regiment and Brisbane-based 1st Regiment.





Congratulations to all schools around the Southern Downs area for welcoming veterans to participate in various Anzac Services. Both the Warwick RSL Sub Branch and the SDESA Qld Inc, Ex-Service Organisations, sent members along to cover most schools and were warmly welcomed.

Also, to the **Warwick Redback's Football Club** who hosted our association for the **ANZAC CUP 2019** on Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup> April, thank you for your ongoing support.

(Left) SDESA was asked if we could assist in the **Assumption College Anzac Service** this year, by supplying camouflaged mannequins from each service, along with the service flags.



#### Under which circumstances is a meal allowance paid?

#### If your medical treatment requires you to travel:

- more than 50km but less than or equal to 200km from your residence in one day, a small meal allowance, currently \$14.60 is payable; or
- more than 200km from your residence in one day, a larger meal allowance, currently \$29.60 is payable.

If you travel with a medically required attendant the meal allowance will be paid for both.

If you travel by **private vehicle** and complete the D800 Claim for Travelling Expenses form or by the internet using your DVA "*My Account*" the meal allowance/s will be automatically assessed and included.

If you travel by **Booked Car with Driver** (BCWD) being a Taxi or Hire Car organised by DVA you need to complete a D800 form <u>after</u> the trip...!!! When you fill out the paper form cross out *Private vehicle* and insert the *km travelled*, below *Road tolls* insert **Meals** but don't insert a value. If you use your DVA "*My Account*", at 3. Additional Information enter the distance travelled and that you are claiming meals only.

# **DVA** only paid for 100km travel and no meal allowance for my medical appointment in Toowoomba, 180km return. Why?

This can occur when DVA identifies a closer provider who appears to hold the same qualifications as your current provider in Warwick. For example, you attend a podiatrist in Warwick and you need to be measured and fitted for orthotics. The DVA assessor assumes that this will be done in Warwick; they don't know that the closest equipment to do this is in Toowoomba so that necessitates additional travel.

How to remedy the situation? Firstly, ring DVA during office hours on 1800 550 455 or 1800 555 254 and tell them you wish to have a review of that particular transport claim. When connected to a claim's assessor explain the details and if accepted it should be fixed in a matter of minutes, if not follow their instructions



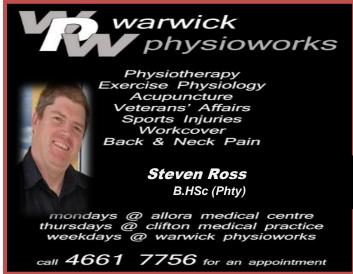
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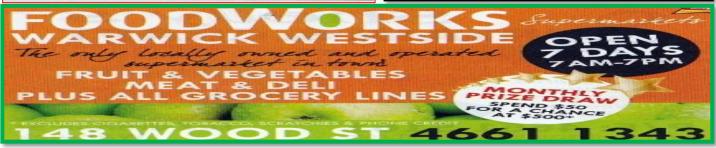
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*Navy Liaison*: One day while on leave from the Navy, a lonely man went into a bar. He was talking to this beautiful woman and asked to take her home with him, and she agreed.

During sex they guy looks down at her and asks, "How am I doing?" He asks She looks at him and says, "About three knots" Confused the man asks, "What do you mean?" She says, "You're KNOT hard, KNOT pleasuring, and you're KNOT getting your money back."

#### **Mammograms**

While conducting some business at the Courthouse, I overheard a lady, who had been arrested for assaulting a Mammogram Technician, say "Your Honour, I'm guilty but..... There were extenuating circumstances."



The female Judge said, sarcastically, "I'd certainly like to hear those extenuating circumstances." I did too, so I listened as the lady told her story.

"Your Honour, I had a mammogram appointment, which I actually kept. I was met by this perky little clipboard carrier smiling from ear to ear and she tilted her head to one side and crooned, "Hi! I'm Belinda! All I need you to do is step into this room right here, strip to the waist, then slip on this gown. Everything clear?" I'm thinking, "Belinda, try decaf. This ain't rocket science." Belinda then skipped away to prepare the chamber of horrors. With the right side finished, Belinda flipped me (literally) to the left and said, "Hmmmm. Can you stand on your tippy toes and lean in a tad so we can get everything?" Fine, I answered.

I was freezing, bruised, and out of air, so why not use the remaining circulation in my legs and neck to finish me off? My body was in a holding pattern that defied gravity (with my other breast wedged between those two 4-inch pieces of square glass) when I heard and felt a zap! Complete darkness, the power was off!

Belinda said, "Uh-oh, maintenance is working, bet they hit a snag." Then she headed for the door.

"Excuse me! You're not leaving me in this vise grip, alone are you?" I shouted. Belinda kept going and said, "Oh, you fussy puppy... The door's wide open so you'll have the emergency hall lights. I'll be right back."

Before I could shout NOOO! She disappeared. And that's exactly how Bubba and Earl, "maintenance men Extraordinaire," found me... standing on my tip-toes, half-naked with part of me dangling from the Jaws of Life and the other part smashed between glass!

After exchanging a polite Hi, how's it going type greeting, Bubba (or possibly Earl) asked, to my utter disbelief, if I knew the power was off. Trying to disguise my hysteria, I replied with as much calmness as possible, "Uh, yes, I did, but thanks anyway." "OK, you take care now" Bubba replied and waved goodbye as though I'd been standing in the line at the grocery store.

Two hours later, Belinda breezes in wearing a sheepish grin. making no attempt to suppress her amusement, she said, "Oh I am sooo sorry! The power came back on and I totally forgot about you! And silly me, I went to lunch. Are we upset?"

And that, Your Honour, is exactly how her head ended up between clamps...." The judge could hardly contain her laughter as she said, "Case Dismissed".

#### Three old veterans

Three old veterans are out walking.
The first an Air Force veteran says, 'Windy, isn't it?'
The second a Navy veteran says, 'No, it's Thursday!'
The third an Army veteran says, 'So am I. Let's go get a beer...'



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## ~ "NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS". ~

There is a '<u>Special General Meeting'</u> to be held on <u>Friday the 28<sup>th</sup> June 2019</u>, commencing at 10.00am.

This meeting has been called to examine the report from the elected constitution sub committee into what, if any changes, have been recommended, to change our SDESA Qld Inc Constitution.

Some members were not satisfied with the application that was passed by the Office of Fair Trading in Brisbane on the on the 19<sup>th</sup> January 2018, however a majority of members passed the motion at that meeting, hence the constitution sub committee review. Any motions passed, will be brought forward at the 'Annual General Meeting' to be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2019, for further discussion and voting on any changes the constitution sub committee recommends.

(Please attend and hear what changes the constitution sub committee recommends.)

## "NOTICE" of the 'Annual General Meeting' of the

## "Southern Downs Ex-Services Association Queensland Incorporated"

The Committee of Management hereby gives notice, that the 'Annual General Meeting' of the above <u>association</u>, will take place at the 'SDESA <u>Qld Inc Centre'</u> 1 Tooth Street, Warwick Qld 4370, commencing on the <u>2<sup>nd</sup> August 2019</u> at <u>10.00am</u>.

#### Election of the Committee of Management for the S.D.E.S.A Qld Inc.

All Committee of Management positions will be declared vacant at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2019.

Our Committee of Management consists of;

President, Vice President, Treasurer (Executive) a Secretary, plus (5) five Committee Members.

The Constitution permits a member to be nominated for more than one position. Should more than one nomination be received for a position, then a ballot will be made up as required and a vote taken. If all positions are not filled through written nominations, then nominations will be called from the floor on the day.

A list of the candidates' names in alphabetical order, with the proposers and seconders names, shall be posted in a conspicuous place in the office, or usual place of meeting of the Association, for at least seven days immediately preceding the annual general meeting.

**NOTE**: The nominated member, nominee and seconder, must be financial members prior to the AGM.

Nomination Form for the Committee of Management Election 2nd August 2019				
being a financial member of				
S.D.E.S.A Qld Inc, hereby nominate for the position				
of Signed				
I Second this Nomination, Signed				
I Accept this Nomination, Signed				
Forms must be returned to the Secretary no later than 1200hrs on Friday 26th July 2019.				
Proxy Form for Voting at the AGM Friday 2nd August 2019				
I being a financial member of S.D.E.S.A Qld Inc, being unable to attend the AGM on 2 <sup>nd</sup> August 2019, hereby appoint,				
to vote for me on my behalf at the S.D.E.S.A. Qld Inc, AGM, or at any adjournment of that meeting.				
Signed this				

## Southern Downs Ex-Services Association Queensland Incorporated

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