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## "HORIZONS OUTLOOK NEWS"

OCTOBER 2018

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### President's Report:

This month we had the unfortunate news of the passing of one of our WW2 members, **Raymond. B. Hill**. Ray had been a long-time member of both VSASA Warwick and SDESA, he was an RSL Sub-Branch member in Urbenville, NSW. Rays funeral was well attended, and the Serviceman's Funeral Rites were given by SDESA.

We were pleased to host a *Drought Relief Appeal* on Friday the 7<sup>th</sup> of last month, with DJ Vince singing and Steve and Karen Mackie sharing their 'European Adventures'. Our (chefs) cooked up a storm on the BBQ, and we managed to raise a tidy sum of six hundred dollars, which was presented to the Warwick QCWA.

On the 9<sup>th</sup> of last month, we had the pleasure of hosting a morning tea for members of the 173<sup>rd</sup> Airborne Association, members enjoyed their visit to our Centre and display, with thanks to Gordon Nielson for arranging the visit. The Combined Probus Club of Warwick visited the Centre on the 26<sup>th</sup> with great critiques, as they also enjoyed the hospitality of our members and presented us with a cheque to continue our efforts

Our *Dine In/Out* evening at the Warwick Hotel was well attended with twenty-three members, all enjoying a hearty meal and mateship. This month we are booked to have a meal on **Wednesday the 10<sup>th</sup>** at the '**Horse & Jockey Motel & Restaurant**'. They have great meals and their steaks are superb.

As part of our service commitment to the community of Warwick, we will lend our SDESA marquee for the '**Battle of Bagdad Obstacle Course**' to be held on **Sunday the 7<sup>th</sup> October** at the **Leslie Dam Complex**. Members are encouraged to attend as they will require scrutineers for the various obstacles, *safely fluo jackets will be issued*.

For the '**SDESA Ladies Monday Luncheon Group**', Helen Nielson has advised that the Christmas Party for Ladies has been arranged and requested the ladies to notify her if you wish to attend, *see page 2 for details*.

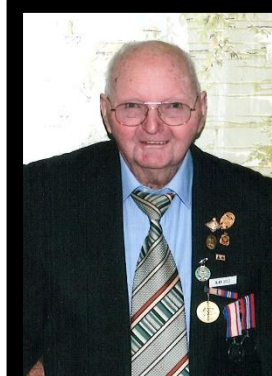
The new **Leslie Park Memorial Walls & Dias** will be officially opened on the **3<sup>rd</sup> November 2018 at 10.45am**, one week prior to the SDRC Remembrance Day (Armistice Day) Service. The opening will go ahead whether the construction is finished or not, (*the wet weather programme if required, will be WIRAC.*) The Walls & Dias will be opened by **CPL Daniel Keighran VC**, former 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion Royal Australian Regiment. Dan has served in East Timor, Iraq War, War in Afghanistan and was awarded the *Victoria Cross*, the highest award in Australia, during the Battle of Derapet, in Afghanistan on the 24<sup>th</sup> August 2010.

*All members are invited to attend the opening and join in following the opening with a meal at the Warwick RSL Memorial Club Inc.*

**Dairy Notes**, the committee has adopted to have our **SDESA Christmas Party** this year in our own Centre, like our '*Independence Dinner*'. The party will be held on **Thursday the 13<sup>th</sup> December** from **6.00pm**, with meals commencing at 6.30pm, this will be fully catered for by *Mark Bradford Catering*, with hot and cold meats, hot vegetables, cold meats, salads and desert. We will suspend standing orders for the night on alcohol, as it will be a BYO event. Most venues around Warwick have prices, which we feel, (*as most members are on a fixed income*), are way beyond what we would pay. The hiring of venues and pricing per head around Christmas time, increases and we are locked in to timings. In our own setting, we are much more relaxed and secure.

*More in the November newsletter*

*Your Mate  
Ken*



### IN MEMORY

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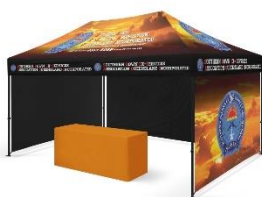
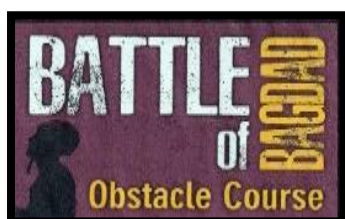
**Raymond B. HILL**

**1921 – 2018**

**'LEST WE FORGET'**

## **S.D.E.S.A CALENDER FOR OCTOBER 2018**

- Wed 3<sup>rd</sup>** 9.00 a. – 12 Noon. Services Memorabilia Display.  
**Fri 5<sup>th</sup>** 9.00 am Drop - In Centre.  
**Sun 7<sup>th</sup>** 9.00am **'Battle of Bagdad'** (Leslie Dam area.)  
**Wed 10<sup>th</sup>** 9.00 am – 12 Noon. Services Memorabilia Display.  
**WED 10<sup>th</sup>** 6.00 pm "Dine In/Out Night" "Horse & Jockey Restaurant"  
**Fri 12<sup>th</sup>** 9.00 am Drop in Centre & **Committee.**  
**Wed 17<sup>th</sup>** 9.00 am – 12 Noon. Services Memorabilia Display.  
**Fri 19<sup>th</sup>** 9.00 am Drop - In Centre.  
**Wed 24<sup>th</sup>** 9.00 am – 12 Noon. Services Memorabilia Display.  
**Fri 26<sup>th</sup>** 9.00 am Drop in Centre, **BBQ and 'Meat Tray Raffle'**  
 Plus, distribution of the Newsletters.  
**Wed 31<sup>st</sup>** 9.00 am – 12 Noon. Services Memorabilia Display.



**'Battle of Bagdad' - Sunday the 7<sup>th</sup> October,**  
 look for the **'SDESA New Marquee',**  
 medical officer Merv Bray will be under the big top,  
 just in case he is required.

### ***SDESA LADIES*** ***Monday Lunches***

**SDESA Ladies meet each month on a**  
**Monday at 12.00 Noon,**  
**to have a luncheon together**

**29<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 'Just Because'**



**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2018**  
**"LADIES CHRISTMAS PARTY"**

**will be held at**

**'Warwick Gardens Galore'**

**from 11.45am**



**Could those who wish to attend**  
**'please' contact Helen no later than**  
**15<sup>th</sup> November 2018.**

**Helen Nielson**

**Ph: (H) 07.4661.5772**

**Mob: 0429.615.772**



### **OCTOBER 2018**



**Grant Weier (3<sup>rd</sup>)**  
**L. Joy Comden (4<sup>th</sup>)**  
**Walter Kilpatrick (20<sup>th</sup>)**  
**Des Leeson (29<sup>th</sup>)**





The President and Members of the  
**Southern Downs Ex-Services Association**  
**Queensland Incorporated**

requests the pleasure of;

***All Members, their Wives and Partners,  
 Family, Sponsors and Guests.***

To attend the **SDESA 'FIRST' CHRISTMAS DINNER**

To be held at,

**SDESA Centre, 1 Tooth Street, Warwick**  
**Thursday Evening, 13<sup>th</sup> December 2018.**  
**6.00pm - 6.30pm**

**(SDESA will subsidise all attending, you pay only:  
 \$30.00 p.p. or \$60.00 a double)**

The Menu will consist of a Buffet Meal and Desert.  
*(Standing orders have been set aside and it will be a 'BYO' function.)*

**Hot Food:**

***Honey Baked Ham or Roast Beef.  
 Roast Potatoes, Honey carrots, Cauliflower au Gratin,  
 Nutmeg Baked Pumpkin, Sweet Potato with peas.***

**Cold Food:**

***Sliced Corned Meat or Sliced Turkey.  
 Seafood Salad, Pasta Salad, or Tossed Garden Salad.***

**Deserts:**

***Plum Pudding with Brandy Custard or  
 Warm Apple Crumble with Custard.***

***(Tea & Coffee all night).***

**Name:** ..... **Phone:** .....

***(R.S.V.P by Friday, 7<sup>st</sup> December 2018.)***

**'SDESA 'First' Christmas Dinner'**

**I will be attending the and will be accompanied by;**

**Guest Name/s:** ..... **at \$30.00pp (\$60.00Double)**

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***(Please include your 'Surname Name' and words 'Xmas Dinner')***

**POST to: Honorary Secretary**

**SDESA Qld Inc.**

**P.O. Box 631**

**Warwick. Qld. 4370. (or)**

**Pay on a Friday or a Wednesday at the Centre and receive your receipt  
 from Treasurer, Mrs. Barbara Cutmore when paying.**

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## Aussies True Blue.

It was 68 years ago when without warning, North Korea, crossed the 38<sup>th</sup> Parallel and invaded South Korea. A desperate and bloody campaign began. Australia committed elements of all three military services as part of a United Nation Force to counter the North Korean aggression. The war was fought in the bitter freezing cold of winters and then the extremes searing heat of summers. It was a conventional war charged with unpredictable fury, often at close quarters with tanks, artillery and fighter aircraft in close support. (including both RAN and RAAF aircraft.) Neither side was the victor and three year later a cease fire was finally established, and thus began an uneasy truce which still exists to this very day. Historians recorded all of this, but often neglected, was the spirit and courage demonstrated by our troops.



They were all volunteers, and in the beginning, there were many World War Two veterans who had re-enlisted to "Have a go." Their presence was of immense value to the younger soldiers facing their first campaign. They benefited from the hidden precious legacies of generations from colonial days, and younger branches of the family tree who had served in two major wars as part of a young nation.

One could say they were true blue and fair dinkum values and characteristics embracing much of Australia's way of life which included toughness, resilience, initiative and mateship. The obvious questions are?

Was this why these volunteers, weary, hungry and freezing in harsh winter or with parched tongues in scorching summer heat kept soldiering on, night and day, at risk of death or terrible injuries.

Was this why when fear struck at their hearts or hunger cramped their stomachs or yet again a sudden change of orders which meant more physical and mental demands, they still smiled. It may well have been forced smiles yet nevertheless it signaled their determination.

Was this why they stood fast so defiantly and at times held their ground against incredible odds and what seemed certain death by covering the withdrawal of neighbouring Allied units; or on other occasions when they attacked with such speed and daring to achieve the impossible.

I have no doubt what so ever that the ANZAC traditions passed on to them from past generations were very much part of it and of immense value. However, the dominating key to their success was a strong faith and confidence in each other; a sense of purpose; unit pride and the powerful weapon of unity in brotherhood. Above all was the very high standard of battle discipline generated by sound leadership at all levels. None of which came from trendy gimmicks and where in their time, politicians did not interfere with the ethos of soldiering which has a very strong pulse beat so essential for any unit, be it in peace or war.

If you read between the lines of the official history and search hard enough, you will see the ghosts of these warriors around their campfires in Korea as they wait for the Billy to boil, and hear them singing with very strong voice, their own unofficial regimental anthem, "We're a pack of *basxxxxds*." A song which with typical Aussie wry humour, signaled their independence, unity, a mock defiance of authority, and love of country

There is much our nation can learn from the past which can also be part of its future. Our military and its past deeds are very much part of that lesson.







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Warwick Community Development Anzac Memorial Committee

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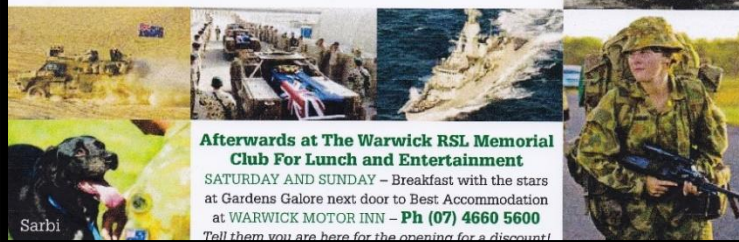
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MAYOR TRACY DOBIE (PATRON)

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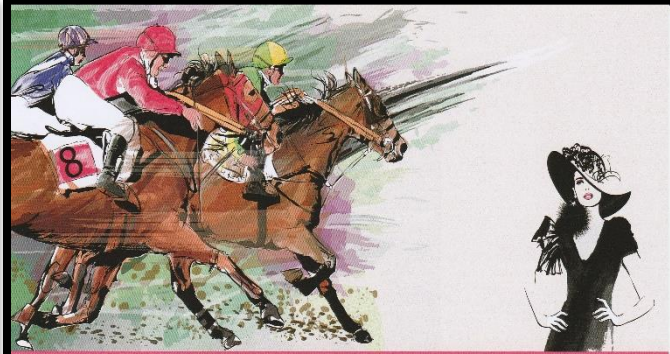
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The new pension rates will be fully effective from pension payday 11 October 2018 for pension recipients including veterans, their partners, war widows and widowers across Australia."

Due to the calculation of pension rates on a daily basis, the first pension paid after the indexation on payday 27 September 2018 will comprise a component of both the old and new rates.

### DVA Disability and Service Pension Rates

#### New Pension Rates from 20 September 2018

##### Single Rate

Pension	\$ 834.40
Pension Supplement	\$ 81.90
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 916.30</b>

##### Couples Rate

Pension (each)	\$ 629.00
Pension Supplement (each)	\$ 61.70
<b>Total (each)</b>	<b>\$ 690.70</b>

**\*Note:** - These rates include Energy Supplement.

### DVA Disability Pension rates

Special Rate (T&PI, blinded or TTI)	<b>\$1,408.00</b>
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### General Rate

Percentage	Amount	Percentage	Amount
100%	<b>\$ 500.60</b>	50%	<b>\$ 254.15</b>
95%	<b>\$ 475.96</b>	45%	<b>\$ 229.51</b>
90%	<b>\$ 451.31</b>	40%	<b>\$ 204.86</b>
85%	<b>\$ 426.67</b>	35%	<b>\$ 180.22</b>
80%	<b>\$ 402.20</b>	30%	<b>\$ 155.57</b>
75%	<b>\$ 377.38</b>	25%	<b>\$ 130.93</b>
70%	<b>\$ 352.73</b>	20%	<b>\$ 106.28</b>
65%	<b>\$ 328.09</b>	15%	<b>\$ 81.64</b>
60%	<b>\$ 303.44</b>	10%	<b>\$ 56.99</b>
55%	<b>\$ 278.80</b>		

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## WARBIRDS OVER WARWICK

**11th November 2018**  
7.00am till 4.00pm

Southern Downs REGIONAL COUNCIL



## Donate for Drought Relief



**BIG DONATION:** QCWA Volunteers Joyce Fearby and Michele Slater gratefully accepted a \$600 donation to the Queensland drought appeal from SDESA president Ken Ashton. Photo: Marian Faa

## Pockets emptied for sweet relief

WHEN club members get together for a good cause, amazing things can happen.

Southern Downs Ex-Service League members have rattled their piggy banks and rallied together to raise money for the Queensland Country Women's Association drought appeal.

President Ken Ashton presented a cheque for \$600 to representatives from the Condamine Valley CWA on Friday.

"It's not just the people way out west who are affected by the drought," Mr Ashton said.

"It's our local farmers too."

With musical entertainment from DJ Vince, raffles, lucky door prizes, the money was raised over a day of fun held at the SDESA headquarters in Warwick.

Mr Ashton said around 50 members from the club attended in support of the cause.

"Why not help, there was so many different

organisations having drought relief fundraisers and we decided to do the same."

QCWA Condamine Valley treasurer Joyce Fearby said they organisation was grateful for the amount of support locals were showing towards the cause.

Having raised around \$7500 so far, the generosity of locals is making a big difference.

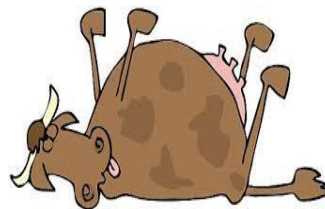
Mrs Fearby said the message that help is available was getting out to people affected by the drought.

"Yesterday I worked down at the (CWA tea) rooms and quite a few came in and picked up forms, which was good," she said.

The cheque from SDESA will go towards a state-wide drought appeal that Southern Downs graziers can access by filling out a simple one-page application form.

Forms are available online or at Olsen's Produce and the local CWA tea rooms at 103 Fitzroy St.

With Thanks WDN 19<sup>th</sup> Sept 2018



**Bessie!**

A farmer named Alan had a tractor accident. In court, the trucking company's fancy hot shot lawyer, was questioning Alan. "Didn't you say, at the scene of the accident, 'I'm fine,'?" asked the lawyer.

Alan responded, "Well, I'll tell you what happened. I had just loaded my favourite cow, Bessie, into the..."

"I didn't ask for any details", the lawyer interrupted. "Just answer the question, please. Did you, or did you not say, at the scene of the accident, 'I'm fine!'?"

Alan said, "Well, I had just got Bessie into the trailer behind the tractor and I was driving down the road...."

The lawyer interrupted again and said, "Your Honour, I am trying to establish the fact that, at the scene of the accident, this man told the Police on the scene that he was just fine. Now several weeks after the accident he is trying to sue my client. I believe he is a fraud. Please tell him to simply answer the question."

By this time, the Judge was fairly interested in Alan's answer and said to the lawyer, "I'd like to hear what he has to say about his favourite cow, Bessie".

Alan thanked the Judge and proceeded. "Well, as I was saying, I had just loaded Bessie, my favourite cow, into the trailer and was driving her down the highway when this huge semi-truck and trailer ran the stop sign and smacked my John Deer Tractor right in the side. I was thrown into one ditch and Bessie was thrown into the other. I was hurting, bad and didn't want to move. However, I could hear old Bessie moaning and groaning. I knew she was in terrible shape just by her groans.

Shortly after the accident Police Officers arrived on the scene. The sergeant could hear Bessie moaning and groaning, so he went over to her. After he looked at her, and saw her fatal condition, he took out his gun and shot her between the eyes. Then the sergeant came across the road, gun still in hand, looked at me, and said, "How are you feeling?"

"Now tell me, what the *HECK* would you say?"







**Cpl Quintus Rama takes a break.**

## **Tiger's RAR**

HIS MIXED temperament and unpredictable nature mean Cpl Quintus Rama, of 5RAR, has a permanent posting to the unit's nearest wildlife park. After years of travelling the country, for wildlife education programs, the now-18-year-old Bengal tiger took up residence with his sister at Crocodylus Park, Darwin before enlisting in 2012.



RSM 5RAR WO1 Sean Ransome said since joining the unit, Cpl Rama has managed to rope in a small team from the battalion to help around his residence each day. "We have four of our soldiers go out every day to clean up around Crocodylus Park and do our bit," WO1 Ransome said. Just because he's located away from the rest of the battalion, doesn't mean Cpl Rama misses out on unit activities. When it comes to ceremonial duties Cpl Rama gets the royal treatment, riding front and centre in a mog-mounted enclosure. "We march with him every Anzac Day," WO1 Ransome said. "He sits in the cage and he marches with the battalion for our events."

While Cpl Rama enjoys his outings, he's never shy to speak up when he needs to. Former 5RAR tiger handler Sgt Chris Hayden, now at 4/3RNSWR, said Cpl Rama usually kept a calm demeanour, but had an inexplicable

temper toward certain soldiers. "One of the drivers used to get Cpl Rama fired up, for no reason at all – even just standing there would set him off," Sgt Hayden said. He said the 5RAR soldiers sometimes made good use of Cpl Rama's prejudices, playing on the merits of controlled aggression.

## **'Traxscope Pete' is in trouble .... again;**

My wife and I went to the auction at Toowoomba the other week and one of the first exhibits we stopped at was the breeding bulls. We went up to the first pen and there was a sign attached that said, 'THIS BULL MATED 50 TIMES LAST YEAR' My wife playfully nudged me in the ribs .....smiled and said, 'He mated 50 times last year, that's almost once a week.'

We walked to the second pen which had a sign attached that said, 'THIS BULL MATED 150 TIMES LAST YEAR. 'My wife gave me a healthy jab and said, 'WOW~~That's more than twice a week ! .....You could learn a lot from him.'

We walked to the third pen and it had a sign attached that said, in capital letters, 'THIS BULL MATED 365 TIMES LAST YEAR' 'My wife was so excited that her elbow nearly broke my ribs, and said, 'That's once a day.....you could REALLY learn something from this one.'

I looked at her and said,  
'Go over and ask him if every time was with the 'same old cow.'

***(Pete's condition has been upgraded from critical to stable and he should eventually make a full recovery.)***





## Changes to process for allied health referrals (D904)

The way that GPs refer DVA cardholders to allied health professionals is set to change from July 2019 following adjustments foreshadowed in the May 2018–19 Budget.

Under current DVA arrangements, a GP may refer a client to allied health services for up to a year at DVA's expense (except for dental and optical, for which no referral is required). For chronic conditions, the GP can make an ongoing referral.

Under the new arrangements, which will be in place from 1 July 2019, GPs will only be able to make a referral to allied health services at DVA's expense for up to 12 sessions or one year, whichever comes sooner. This new arrangement will also apply to those clients with a chronic condition. Dental and optical services will still not need a GP referral.

The new arrangements will be called the 'treatment cycle'. The treatment cycle is designed to improve quality of care for DVA cardholders.

At the end of the treatment cycle, the allied health provider will report back to the GP who will assess whether further treatment is required. If it is needed, the GP may refer the client for a further treatment cycle at DVA's expense of up to 12 sessions or may refer them to another provider if that better suits the patient's needs or may consider another type of treatment.

The treatment cycle will not impose any hard 'cap' or limit on the number of clinically required services. DVA clients will receive as many services as determined to be clinically necessary by their GP.

DVA clients attend their GP on average 12 times per year. Seeking a referral for allied health services can be done as part of any GP visit. DVA will consult with allied health providers, medical associations and ex-service organisations on the treatment cycle changes in the lead-up to their implementation and evaluate their impact during the first year.

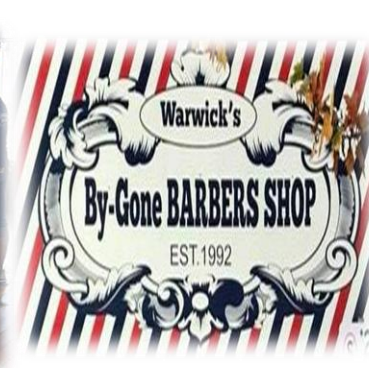
The referral changes will allow GPs to ensure that veterans are receiving the best possible care. This is to make sure that veterans are benefiting from their treatment, and to examine whether there may be better treatment options available.

Subject to the success of the new treatment cycle, from February 2021, DVA plans to update key parts of the allied health schedules to help meet future health needs.



## **Warwick's “By-Gone BARBERS SHOP” Fitzroy Street. Warwick.**

**Guys... This is 'THE BARBER SHOP' in Warwick – go meet the lovely Vicki and the beautiful girls and get yourself a great haircut, with *'Hot Towels'* you will be in seventh heaven.**



***'Vicki'***





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## SOUTHERN DOWNS EX-SERVICES ASSOCIATION QUEENSLAND INCORPORATED

The Southern Downs Ex-Services Association is community based with volunteers whose sole interest is the welfare of its members and their families. We are a collective group of past and present Australian Defence Force, Police, Fire and Rescue, Ambulance and State Emergency Service personnel.

Our range of services reflects our ability to provide pro-active support to our community. Our aim is to provide opportunities for past & present members to reach goals, enjoy their lifestyle & maximise participation in the community.

Our centre, on the corner of Tooth and Wood Streets, Warwick is open on Wednesdays and Fridays from 9.00am to 12 noon. Members can spend time socialising in a safe and supportive environment among friends who understand their needs.

There is also a services memorabilia display ranging



from the Boer War to the current day in Afghanistan and we are extending our area to incorporate displays of Police, Fire, Ambulance and SES memorabilia this month.

For further information contact President Ken Ashton 0417 623 722.

'People & Places' - September 2018



## SOUTHERN DOWNS EX-SERVICES ASSOCIATION QUEENSLAND INCORPORATED

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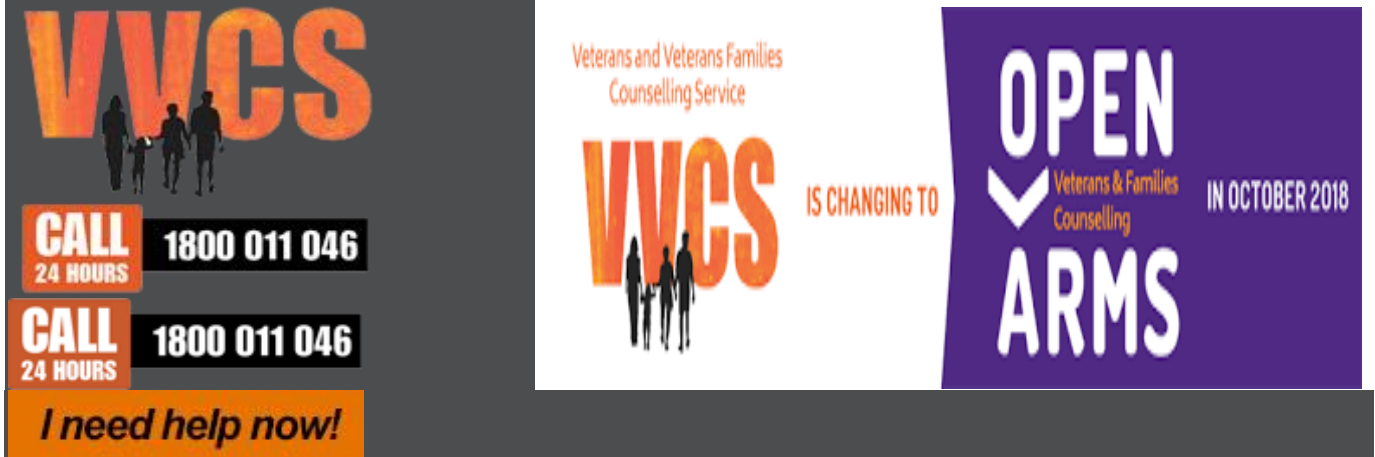
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A guy goes to the supermarket and notices an attractive woman waving at him. She says hello. He's rather taken aback because he can't place where he knows her from. So he says, "Do you know me?" To which she replies, "I think you're the father of one of my kids." Now his mind travels back to the only time he has ever been unfaithful to his wife and says, "My God, are you the stripper from my bachelor party that I made love to on the pool table with all my buddies watching while your partner whipped my butt with wet celery?" She looks into his eyes and says calmly, "No, I'm your son's teacher."

A service founded by Vietnam veterans



## We're changing our name to 'Open Arms' in October 2018.

The **Veterans and Veterans Families Counselling Service** known as **VVCS**, is changing its name... *again*...

**From October 2018** the service will change its name to '**Open Arms**' – '**Veterans and Families Counselling**'.

Although our name is changing we will continue to provide professional, military aware, support to all current and former serving ADF personnel and their family members.

Free and confidential counselling to support your mental health and wellbeing is available 24/7. We also run group programs and suicide prevention training.

To find out more just call **1800 011 046**.

If you would like to know more about our exciting change, please visit [VVCS.GOV.AU](http://VVCS.GOV.AU).

Our organisation provides counselling support to veterans and their families when they need it most. But unfortunately, other than existing clients, many people who could greatly benefit from our services do not know who we are or how we can help.

Research showed that our previous name, which was regularly shortened to an acronym, was unclear, and the branding was uninviting, and not well recognised.

This new brand is an opportunity to better represent what we are all about with a fresh look that is more meaningful and recognisable, at a time when we are expanding the group of people who are eligible to use our services.

To get support or to find out more, call **1800 011 046**.





## **RAAF airdrops parts needed for Antarctic.**

Australian Army personnel from 176th Air Dispatch Squadron supported the preparation of the parachutes and loading of the equipment onto the C-17A.

Australian Antarctic Division Operations Manager Robb Clifton said the airdrop of essential mechanical equipment would ensure Australia's Antarctic runway opens in time for summer operations.



"The snow blowers are essential for preparing the glacial runway surface and are used to remove the snow which builds up over the winter period," Mr Clifton said. "Unfortunately for the team opening the runway, both blowers have had separate mechanical issues and we've had to source replacement parts from Germany and Norway. "This airdrop ensures our intercontinental flights can start as scheduled at the end of October."

It took the C-17A about 10 hours to make the 7000km return trip from Hobart to Casey Station. RAAF Pilot Flight Lieutenant James Tockuss said the cargo was dropped onto the plateau, about 10km behind station. "We descended to about 300 metres above the ice and opened up the back of the *Globemaster* to deploy the equipment by parachute," Flight Lieutenant Tockuss said. "Luckily the weather was perfect, with blue skies, light winds and the temperature hovering around minus 20 degrees Celsius, ensuring we hit the target landing site. The snow blowers will be repaired on station before being driven the 70km inland to Wilkins Aerodrome. RAAF has been supporting the Australian Antarctic Program through Operation Southern Discovery since 2016

## **'SCOTSMAN'S LOVE STORY'.**

An elderly Scotsman lay dying in his bed. While suffering the agonies of impending death, he suddenly smelled the aroma of his favourite pan-fried drop scones wafting up the stairs.



He gathered his remaining strength and lifted himself from the bed. Leaning on the wall, he slowly made his way out of the bedroom with even greater effort. Gripping the railing with both hands, he crawled downstairs. With laboured breath, he leaned against the door-frame, gazing into the kitchen.

Were it not for death's agony, he would have thought himself already in heaven, for there, spread out upon the kitchen table were literally hundreds of his favourite scones. Was it heaven? Or was it one final act of love from his devoted Scottish wife of sixty years, seeing to it that he left this world a happy man?

### **The Scotsman**



Mustering one great final effort, he threw himself towards the table, landing on his knees in rumpled posture. His aged and withered hand trembled towards a scone at the edge of the table, when it was suddenly smacked by his wife with a wooden spoon.

She said....."HOOF off, they're for the funeral

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