



NEWS



The Returned & Services League of Australia Palmerston Sub-Branch Inc. Newsletter

October 2013

PATRON

The Honorable Adam Giles MLA
Chief Minister of the Northern Territory

Remembrance Day 11 November 2013



Palmerston RSL Sub Branch

Remembrance Day Service

1045 hours

11 November 2013

Memorial Park

Palmerston



Significance of poppies

Red poppies are often worn on Remembrance Day. The tradition has its origins in a poem written in 1915 by Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, a doctor in the Royal Canadian Medical Corps. Lieutenant Colonel McCrae noticed that, despite the devastation caused by the war to towns, farms and forests, thousands of small red poppies began growing everywhere in Spring. This inspired his poem, *In Flanders Fields*:

***In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.***

***We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.***

***Take up our quarrel with the foe;
To you, from failing hands, we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.***

Significance of rosemary

Traditionally, sprigs of rosemary are worn on Anzac Day and sometimes on Remembrance Day. Rosemary is a herb which is usually added to cooking. However, since ancient times, the herb has been believed to have properties to improve the memory. Perhaps for this reason, rosemary became an emblem of remembrance in ancient folklore. Rosemary is now worn as a symbol of remembrance and has particular significance for Australians as it is found growing wild on the Gallipoli peninsula.

REMEMBRANCE DAY LUNCH

Outback Jacks at the PSC has recently closed. The restaurant has reopened with the kitchen being leased to Chefs from The Cavanaugh Hotel in Darwin. The bar and front of house is being run by the club. As an opening gesture the management have prepared a set menu for lunch on Remembrance Day, with a theme to suit. The RSL Sub Branch encourages members to support this new venture

Presidents Report



Daryl Salathiel—President

By now you would have all seen and read our newsletter and we have caught up on the happenings of the Sub Branch since August last year. I must thank Colin Cole for his hard work in putting together our newsletter. Colin was also elected to the position of Secretary at our recent AGM. The publication of the next newsletter will be in December.

We are aware that not all members have access to a computer so we will be checking for current postal addresses.

Committal service for Ray Jeffrey's The Palmerston RSL party enjoyed the hospitality of the PPV Beagle Bay on Darwin Harbour the afternoon of 8 September 2013. The crew were kind and attentive to our needs as befitted this solemn occasion

The ashes of Ray were committed to the sea in the vicinity of the USS Peary. The old seaman would have been pleased as befits an Australian who served with the US Merchant Marine during World War two.

I am pleased to advise you all that the Chief Minister of the NT, Adam Giles MLA, has accepted Patronage of the Sub Branch. I had a meeting with on 25 October 13 where he presented us with a NT flag.

A donation of \$2000.00 was made to the Darwin Pipes and Drums for new Kilts. They have supported us for many years and intend to continue that support.

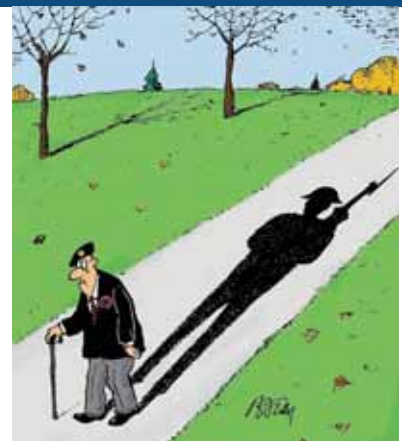
RSL Membership Fees can be renewed up until 31 December 2013. I realise that some members are renewing via RLSA. If you could renew through the Sports Club this also renews your Sporting Club membership which goes straight on the Sporting Clubs Sub Branch Data Base.

Remembrance Day. A memorial service will be conducted at the Memorial Park Palmerston starting at 1045 hours.

Daryl Salathiel

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ANSWER TO LAST ISSUES POSER

The last official Bayonet Charge took place on the afternoon of 17 February 1967, an Australian force found itself facing defeat in a thick patch of jungle near the coast of Phuoc Tuy province. Operation Bribie, as the battle was known, was one of Australia's worst days in Vietnam. For further information go to

<http://vietnam-war.commemoration.gov.au/combat/bribie.php>

Posers

What does this flag signify?

Blue Peter (flag)



If you're 'humping in the boonies', what are you doing?

What is the highest SNCO rank in the Australian Army?

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Vice -Presidents Report

Three students from the Palmerston Senior College each undertook a Project to study and report on a military issue to raise money for the Mates4Mates program. They were very successful and raised a good amount of money for the cause. They will present a cheque to Pete Carthew later in the month for on forwarding. More info December Newsletter

Phone: 1300 4 MATES (62837)

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The logo for Mates4Mates, featuring the word "MATES" in a white, blocky font, a large orange number "4", and another "MATES" in the same white, blocky font, all set against a black background.

Mates4Mates evokes the Australian spirit, that a True Mate offers unwavering loyalty and friendship even in our darkest hour. It was in this spirit that Mates4Mates was born.

Mates4Mates is a not for profit organisation set up by RSL (Queensland Branch) to provide support to wounded, injured or ill members of the Australian Defence Force (ADF) and their families.

Mates4Mates is designed to complement and en-



SPARROW FORCE

In 1941 the Australian force allocated to garrison Timor was code named *Sparrow Force* and comprised 70 officers and 1330 men.

Japanese forces landed on the south side of Timor in February 1942 and marched towards Kupang forcing the Australians to retreat. Japanese paratroopers were dropped to cut off the retreat

Australians fought through the enemy but were surrounded near Oseau and forced to surrender. By then they had almost no food, water and ammunition and many wounded and seriously ill men. The captured men became prisoners of war in several infamous places.

Mainland Australia had been attacked by the Japanese, and morale was threatened, so news of the Battle of Timor was largely concealed. The Timorese maintained resistance against the enemy and paid a heavy price.

Sparrow Force and their civilian allies had prevented an entire Japanese Division from reaching the Palmerston RSL ensures that the sacrifices in Timor are not forgotten. A selection of photos can be viewed in the Photo Gallery. New Guinea campaign

www.palmerston.rlsa.org.au/assets/console/gallery/images/Sparrow3.jpg



Australian guerrillas accepting fresh fruit from Timorese in November 1942



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ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day Support



Annually Bunnings stores team up with local Legacy, RSL, Lions and Rotary groups to tidy and refresh memorials and shrines in the lead-up to Anzac Day. Stores also invite their local groups in store to raise funds through the sale of Anzac badges in April and poppies in November.

Ray Jefferies Funeral

VIETNAM VETERANS



An RSL Palmerston RSL Sub Branch party enjoyed the hospitality of the PPV Beagle on Darwin Harbour on the afternoon of 8 July 2013. The crew, Romy and Michael, were attentive kind and attentive to our needs as be-fitted the occasion.

Rays ashes were committed to the sea in the vicinity of the USS Peary. The old seaman would have been pleased as befits an Australian who served with the US Merchant Navy in WW 11.

A letter of appreciation has been sent to the NT Water Police



A group from the Palmerston RSL Sub Branch visited Vietnam and were at the Long Tan Memorial for the service on the 18th August 2013. Some of the party are shown below. Gary and Judy Markwell, Alf Cross and Daryl Salathiel



The Naval Ode

They have no grave
But the cruel sea
No flowers lay at their head
A rusting hulk is their tombstone
Afast on the ocean bed

They shall grow not old
As we that are left grow old
Age shall not weary them
Nor the years condemn
At the going down of the Sun
And in the morning
We will remember them



Other ventures were had from Vung Tau to Ho Chi Minh City. From the tall tales and true all seemed to have had a good time.



VIETNAM TRIP AUGUST 2013

The Centre For Protection of Children in VungTau



The members of the Palmerston RSL donated Footballs to the orphanage for the boys and girls to have fun with. Some of the footballs were given to a smaller centre in Long Hai. Feedback is that the children are thrilled with them and they are used every day.

On our recent trip to Vietnam we had the privilege to visit the orphanage at The Centre For Protection of Children in VungTau Vietnam.

The children there range in age from a few months old to teenagers aged 16, they all have different dorms in which they live. All are kept very neat and tidy. I had the privilege of holding a little girl who is totally deaf but with a beautiful personality. Also, a baby girl who was about six months old. There are a lot of children there with problems and disabilities caused by agent orange from the war, carried from generation to generation throughout the years. The staff are to be commended for their dedication to these children. We were told by the staff that it will take another three generations for disabilities caused by Agent Orange to stop recurring. The centre is fully supported by ex patriot Australians living in the area.

It was an experience for all of us to go there and see this with our own eyes. I hope that someday I will be able to go there again and visit these beautiful children. Attached are a few photos of



Judy Markwell.



ANSWER TO POSERS

- ◆ The **Blue Peter** flag was flown by ships preparing to leave port. It was intended to alert crew and passengers ashore that they should return to the ship. The flag is hoisted at the fore-topmast head or main-topmast head in ships with only one mast. In the signals code used in the canon, the same flag indicated the number 2. In the modern International Code, it represents the letter P.
- ◆ Patrolling in the jungle.
- ◆ Sergeant. The rank of Warrant officer is sometimes wrongly described as the highest "non-commissioned rank". He is designated an Officer by Warrant (hence the name), rather than by Commission or by virtue of seniority (in the case of NCOs), so actually he is neither "Commissioned" nor "Non-Commissioned". The Sergeant is the Senior Non Commissioned Officer in the Army

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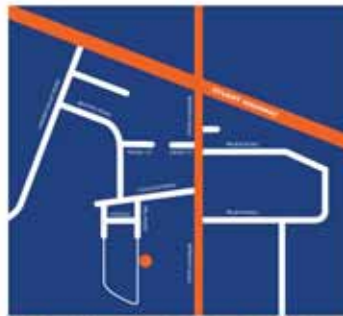
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18-11-13	General
16-12-13	General
20-01-14	General
02-02-14	General
02-03-14	General
06-04-14	General
04-05-14	General
01-06-14	General
06-07-14	General
03-08-14	General
07-09-14	Annual General Meeting

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I HEREBY APPLY to be admitted as a **Service Member** of the League and a member of the
 **Sub Branch** of the South Australia State Branch.

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I ENCLOSE	Cheque for \$ being my current membership subscription.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

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