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FROM The PRESIDENT

For those of you who attended our popular Christmas in July function at Club Toukley RSL last month, I am sure you will agree that it was a great day and a good time was had by all. As usual, we had a good turnout of Sub Branch members and their partners attending, as well as our invited guests. Thank you to the Danny and Edna from the Ladies' Auxiliary for once again giving your time to help out selling tickets for the Monster Raffle. I am sure that Keith will have some photos from the function in the September Newsletter.

Updating of the Remembrance Book is well under way and is now at the proof reading stage to ensure that all information is correct. Thank you to Committeeman George Meier who has transferred all the information from the Remembrance Book to an Excel Spreadsheet. The updated information will soon be forwarded on to Sub Branch Member Doug Pankhurst who will then put it onto the Web Page. We are also looking at putting it onto an electronic board in the foyer of the Club.

I am pleased to report that work is progressing well at the cenotaph memorial gardens. At the time of going to print with this month's Newsletter, the footings have been poured at four of the six Memorial garden Sections and footings will soon be dug at the two centre gardens (immediately on each side of the cenotaph). The site next to the Police Station has been cleared in preparation for the footings to be poured for the Lone Pine Memorial.

A quotation has been received for the two new granite bench seats to replace the old wooden seats and a new concrete slab will be poured, on which the two new seats will sit. When all of the work has been completed at the cenotaph – hopefully by Remembrance Day this year – a Dedication Service will be held at the cenotaph for the new plaques, the Vietnam Memorial Plaque and the Lone Pine.



July 2016 – Work is progressing on the perimeter gardens at the Cenotaph. Unfortunately, due to someone's negligence, one of the Sub Branch bus shelter's six stations has been damaged and will require replacing, as a priority, at a cost to the Sub Branch.

Renovations at Club Toukley RSL are now complete. Congratulations to the Management and staff for providing a much enhanced dining facility that we can all enjoy.

Bob Wilson
President

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Wednesday, 7 September 2016 11.00am	Battle for Australia Day at the Toukley RSL Sub Branch cenotaph
Friday 11 November 2016 11.00am	Remembrance Day
Sunday 18 December 2016	Sub Branch Christmas Party
February 2017 - Date to be advised	Sub Branch AGM - Election of Committee
Date to be Advised	Dedication Service for the cenotaph plaques, Vietnam plaque and Lone Pine

CHANGE OF HOURS FOR DIGGERS' INN

**Pensions & Welfare Office
203 Main Road Toukley**

Please note that Diggers' Inn is now manned on the following days:

Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday

Unless appointments are made out of these times

Information on International Postage

(Source: Australia Post Post Charges Booklet 18 April 2016)

"If you wish to use domestic stamps on international mail, then you are required to affix postage of 10 percent above the published rate, for GST purposes."

VALE

Our condolences to the families of the following Members who passed away in the past month:

Baden Ross Catlin	21 July 2016
John Darby	22 July 2016
Raymond Rhuben Bruce	24 July 2016

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Horse trading

A farmer died leaving his 17 horses to his three sons. When his sons opened up the Will it read: "My eldest son should get 1/2 (half) of total horses. My middle son should be given 1/3rd (one-third) of the total horses; and my youngest son should be given 1/9th (one-ninth) of the total horses."

As it's impossible to divide 17 into half or 17 by 3 or 17 by 9, the three sons started to fight with each other. So, they decided to go to a farmer friend who they considered quite smart, to see if he could work it out for them.

The farmer friend read the Will patiently, and after giving due thought he brought one of his own horses over and added it to the 17. That increased the total to 18 horses. Now, he divided the horses according to their father's will.

Half of 18 = 9. So he gave the eldest son 9 horses. 1/3rd of 18 = 6. So he gave the middle son 6 horses.

1/9th of 18 = 2. So he gave the youngest son 2 horses.

Now add up how many horses they have: Eldest son 9

Middle son 6

Youngest son 2

TOTAL = 17

This leaves one horse over, so the farmer friend takes his horse back to his farm.
Problem solved!

****NEWSLETTER ADVERTISEMENTS****

We continue to include advertisements in the Newsletter; at no cost; from businesses that have impressed some of our members or indicated that they may offer us a special deal. The opportunity is open to all members that have enjoyed good service to arrange an Ad in the Newsletter, that may benefit other members and as a way of thanking a business for doing that little bit extra.

Conversely, when you think an ad has been in too long or is overrated for any reason..... Drop us a line and we'll look at a transfer to the big cyber @#i % Tin in Space.



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Ask me about my Special Rates for Toukley RSL Sub Branch members.

Sometimes understanding what a woman wants is very difficult. It's like trying to figure out what color, the letter seven, smells like.

MEET DAVE RAGAN



Name: David Ragan D.O.B.: 09/09/47 Place of Birth: Yorkshire, England

School(s): ST Thomas a Becket , Middlesborough.

First Job: Door to Door Salesman

Service History & Locations: R.A.F 5 Years. Two and half years far east.

Service memories:

First time in a jet trainer pilot tells me if I say eject, don't say pardon!

On exercise with the Gurkha's on Thai/ Malaysian border.

My wife joining me after 8 months apart and taking her on a road trip from Singapore to Penang in a ford Anglia for R&R

Marriage /Children/Grandchildren: Married two children, two grand kids.

General Career: Hospitality Management

Hobbies: Golf , Bowls

Major Fears for the Future: Not getting my 5 rooms renovated before I die.
None that alcohol cannot dull.

Positive Comments on Life: If you keep looking back you are bound to walk into a lamp post.

Advice to any 16 year old boys: Use Protection . Get an apprenticeship and you will never be out of work

Bucket List (5 items): All 5 rooms to be finished before I die.





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AND OTHER EASILY PORTABLE ITEMS PLEASE CONTACT

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The remarkable history of the jerrycan by Nigel Mason

In the early nineteen-thirties the German army reasoned that if they were going to fight a mechanised war they would need a far better fuel container than any of the current types. Most contemporary fuel cans were made of thin tinplate, frequently merely soldered together. This made them fragile and easily damaged by rough handling. They also often had screw-on caps that could get lost and needed a special spanner to loosen. The cans were often an odd shape that made them hard to stack and awkward to carry, would not pour without sloshing and gurgling, which meant that you usually needed a large funnel or at least a separate spout, and last but not least, if they were filled right up and left in the hot sun the petrol would expand and burst the can.



Originally, the insides of the cans were coated with a plastic compound developed for beer containers. The idea was that the cans could be rinsed out and used for water, but this did not prove a success and instead cans for water had a large, white cross painted on each side.

The can has a spout that is designed to allow pouring without the need for a funnel. The cap is fixed on a hinge so that it cannot get lost. The hinge is designed to allow the cap to stay open without being held, thus freeing up both hands to hold the can while pouring. The cap is opened and closed by means of a lever device that can be quickly operated with one hand. The lever enables the cap to be tightly closed.

There are three handles on the top, which at first glance, looks to be two too many. The can is normally carried with the centre handle while the outer handles allow a can to be carried between two people. If two empty cans are placed side by side they can be picked up with one hand by grasping the two adjacent handles. So one man can easily carry four empty cans, two in each hand. If he was a burly type, he could carry four full cans! But the main use of the outer handles is that they make it very easy to pass the cans from hand to hand. So a line of men can set up a 'bucket brigade' and quickly move hundreds of litres of fuel. The handles also make convenient tie-down points.



The handles are made from the same steel as the main body of the can and they are rolled to make a handle of comfortable diameter. Anyone who has carried one of the old four-gallon kerosene tins with the handle seemingly made from coat hanger wire will appreciate that particular design detail!

In WW2 the British first came across the can in the Norway campaign, quickly saw that it was much superior to their own and collected up all they could find for their own use. British soldiers usually called the Germans 'the jerrys', so the German can quickly became the jerrycan. The British quickly began to mass-produce the jerrycan, essentially identical to the original German design. After a couple of false starts the Americans also started to make it, again to the original design. In preparation for the invasion of Normandy the British made literally millions of jerrycans.

Just after D-Day President Roosevelt went before Congress and said:

"They were among the first supplies landed on the beaches of France. When the US 1st & 3rd Armies broke out of Normandy it was in these jerricans that the petrol our tanks and lorries needed to keep going was sent forward. Without these cans it would have been impossible for our armies to cut their way across France at a lightning pace which exceeded the German blitz of 1940. Cargo planes and even combat planes were loaded with them & carried them forward to airfields. Lorries of every size, jeeps, armoured cars – everything that rolled on wheels – loaded up with jerricans & rushed them to the front lines. They were tough enough to be dropped off lorries in motion without bursting open. They could even be dropped from the air into rivers & streams, or they could be dumped overside from ships, because they have air pockets at the top which make them float even when filled."

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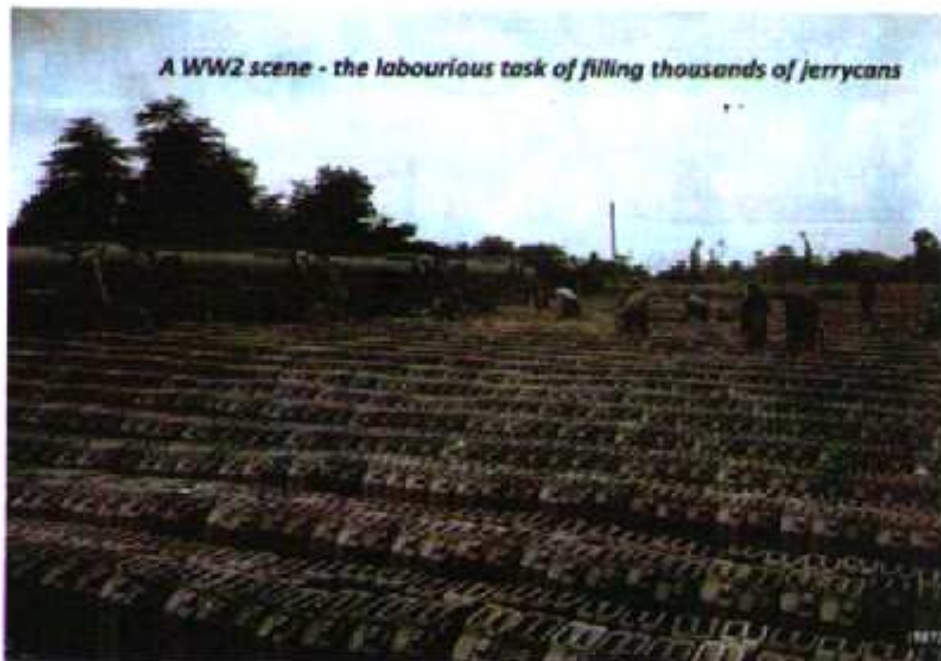
At the end of WW2 it was estimated that about twenty-one million jerrycans were scattered around Europe.

Today the jerrycan is made world-wide (my own was made in Croatia) and is the standard issue for NATO countries, the Israeli military, many African countries and many of the former Warsaw Pact countries. It is still made essentially to the original design, eighty years later.

So next time you are down at Super-Cheap and you see jerrycans on display and you don't already own one, buy one, even if you don't need it. You can put it in your garage and tell yourself that you own an iconic piece of history. A classic piece of twentieth-century industrial design.



The jerrycan has stuck to its original design



Kevin Spencer will shortly be running "Stress for Veterans" workshops that have already proven to be very successful in Qld. A one day fully funded workshop (using a Form D904 or a Mental Health Care Plan from your GP) covering such subjects as What is Stress, the triggers, the impact of stress and tools to better deal with stress.

Additionally he will run a Partners of Veterans Workshop. A one day fully funded program on Person Centred Thinking (PCT) aimed at assisting partners in dealing with the impact of issues such as PTSD and Depression, equipping them with skills to better look after themselves, their children and their Veteran Spouse.

For more information contact Kevin or our Welfare Team.

August Babies

James	Harrison	01
David	Power	01
Garry	Matthews	07
Maxwell	Sargison	07
Laurie	Gartung	09
Thomas	Morris	12
Gerald	Dyke	13
Fred	Melville	13
Donald	Richards	13
Ronald	Eiphick	14
Robert	Flannigan	14
Stephen	Naish	14
Ronald	Gordon	15
William	Benson	16
Kevin	Ibbett	16
Lana	Gray	17
David	May	19
William	O'Dowd	19
Allan	Lambert	22
Roger	Callaghan	24
John	Fraher	24
Maurice	Arnoult	26
Eric	Green	26
Sorren	Nilsson	26
Aubrey	Palmer	30



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The Computer Guy

The Computer Guy at 3/8 O'Hart Close Charmhaven is offering a special service for Toukley RSL Sub Branch members. Has already done good work on Pres Bob's, Mine, Tres Milton's and Bob Swift's confusers. Not bad references to date.

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