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***TOUKLEY RSL SUB BRANCH
Newsletter***

From the President:



The Sub Branch AGM was held on Sunday 19 February 2017 at Club Toukley RSL. Thank you to those of the Committee who nominated to stand again for another term of three years, and welcome to Allan Love as a Committeeman. Thank you to Terry Zorbas, Trevor Lawrence and Steve Edmunds who did not nominate at the AGM to stand again. We appreciate your contribution over a number of years.

We are well under way with planning for Anzac Day, with the first Anzac Service, at MacKillop Catholic College, to be held on Thursday 6 April. The Committee will be well represented at each of the 16 services to be held at schools and Aged Care facilities, both before, and after, Anzac Day. The Ladies' Auxilliary will be selling badges for the Sub Branch at Lakehaven Shopping Centre from early April. If anyone has some spare time and would like to help out, please contact Danny or Edna. Your help, whether for a couple of hours, or a couple of days, will be very much appreciated.

The loan to Club Limited is, unfortunately still being held up by conditions that are imposed by the States' legal advisors. This is very frustrating for both Club Limited and the Sub Branch, as we are doing all we can to finalise this matter.

Thank you to Bob Swift who has taken the initiative and carried out repairs to the signage at Diggers' Inn. Bob, you chose one of the hottest days of the year to do this important work. It all looks great! Bob is also sourcing a company to do signage work for the Memorial Gardens and a receptacle for rubbish.

We are looking at doing some minor improvements to Diggers' Inn, with the soon-to-be installed hot water system, as well as concreting of the carport area, which will serve as extra parking for the Pensions and Welfare Officers and visitors. The side gates also need attention and this will soon be attended to.

If you are passing Diggers' Inn, please drop in to the Pensions and Welfare Officers, have a look around, make yourself a brew and have a chat, check out our extensive library area, or select a book to borrow. The office is open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9.00 am until 12 noon. As well as a facility to conduct meetings and interviews, Diggers' Inn is there for the benefit of our Members.

We are working with Club Limited to improve the quality of the ODE which plays in Club Limited each day at 5.00pm. It has been of concern to us for some time but, it will be rectified in the not too distant future.

At the February Committee Meeting, a proposal was put forward to source the possibility of a holiday Unit at Nelson Bay **for the sole use of Toukley RSL Sub Branch Members**. It was unanimously agreed to put it to the Members at the March General Meeting. The proposal is for a 2-3 bedroom Unit within easy walking distance to shops and the Marina, with 1-2 bathrooms, balcony and 1-2 car spaces, as well as the possibility of a lift. The proposed intended purchase is all about looking after our Members and we feel that this would be a wonderful opportunity for everyone to be able to have a break away at a great location, just 125 km (or one hour and 35 minutes) from our Sub Branch. Of course, if the purchase is approved, then there would be a lot of detail to consider and implement on usage, ie maximum length of stay, cost per night, cleaning, and so much more. This is also seen as an investment for the future.

The purchase would still need to be ratified by the State.

If you have any suggestions or ideas for the future of the Sub Branch, please speak to anyone of the Committee or, preferably, put it in writing. It will then be brought it up at our next Committee Meeting, held on the third Monday of each month.

The next General Meeting will be held on **Monday 3 April 2017**.

Bob Wilson
President

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



**Sub Branch General Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month,
At 10.00am, upstairs in Club Toukley RSL, with the exception of January.
All Members are invited to attend.**

2017	
Tuesday 25 April 2017	Anzac Day
Sunday 30 July 2017	Christmas in July
Wednesday 6 September 2017	Battle for Australia Day
Saturday 11 November 2017	Remembrance Day
Sunday 17 December 2017	Christmas Party

LADIES AUXILLIARY

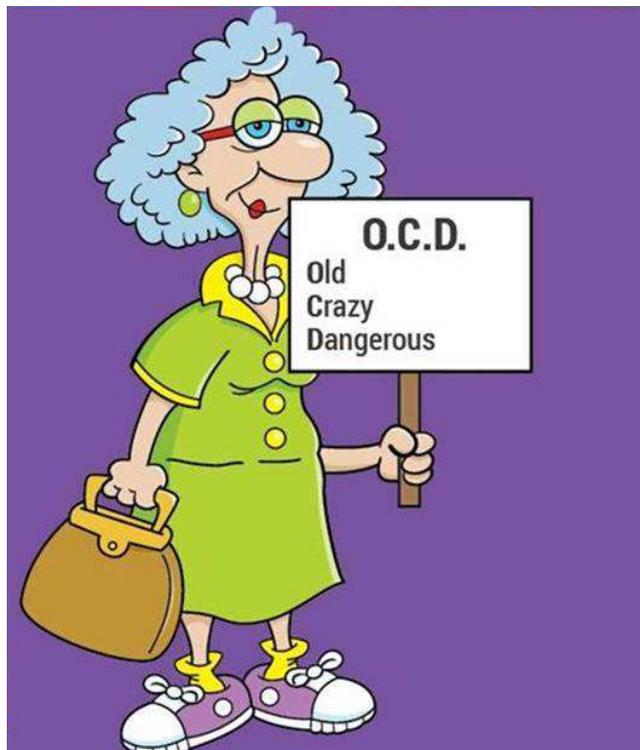
Good morning everyone,

Trusting this finds you all well. Be wise in hot weather remembering to drink lots of water.

ANZAC Day selling starts on 10 April (Editors Birthday), any help will be appreciated, as will new members applying to join.

Our AGM is Mar 03 2017, all positions will remain the same.

Best wishes to the Sub Branch Committee elected at the recent AGM, we are here to support you in any way imaginable.



FROM OUR COVER PAGE



Camouflaged: Spitfire MT928 was built as MV154 at Southampton in 1944. She was delivered to 6 MU (Maintenance Unit) on September 15, 1944 from where she started a long trip by boat to Sydney, Australia where she arrived on November 24 the same year.



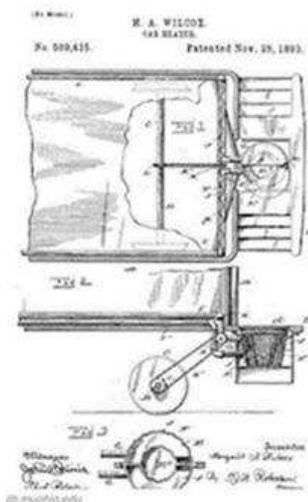
Most of us will remember, with much fondness, the wonderful contribution these beautifully restored machines, made to protecting the UK, in its hour of need. Let's

ALSO remember those gallant brave young men who flew them, many who were no more than teenagers at the time. Lest We Forget!

HISTORY OF THE PARADE GROUND

After a battle, when retreat was sounded and the unit had reassembled to call roll and count the dead, a hollow square was formed. The dead were placed within the square and no-one used the area as a thoroughfare. Today, the parade ground represents this square and hence, a units dead. It is deemed to be hallowed ground, soaked with the blood of our fallen and the area is respected as such by all.

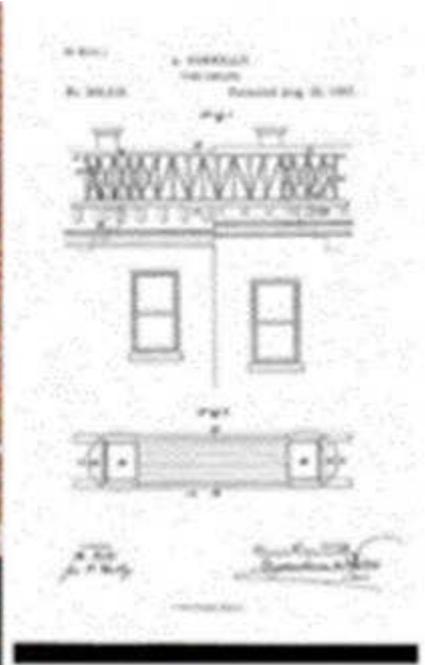
INVENTIONS MADE BY WOMEN.



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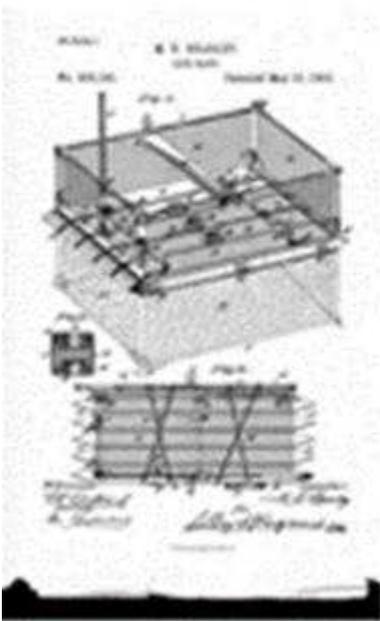
We all owe our thanks to Margaret A Wilcox who invented the car heater in 1893!

2. The Fire Escape



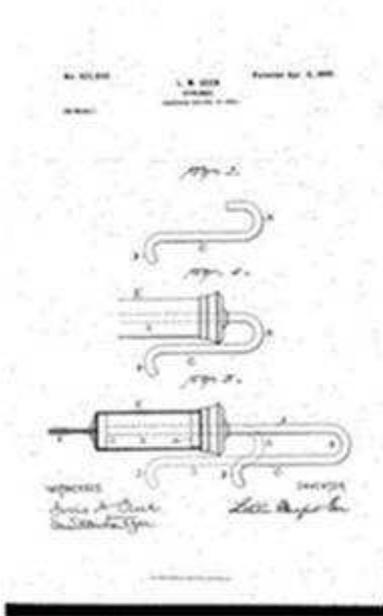
The fire escape was invented by Anna Connelly in 1887.

3. The Life Raft



The life saving Life Raft was invented by Maria Beasely in 1882. (Maria also invented a machine that makes barrels.)

4. The Medical Syringe



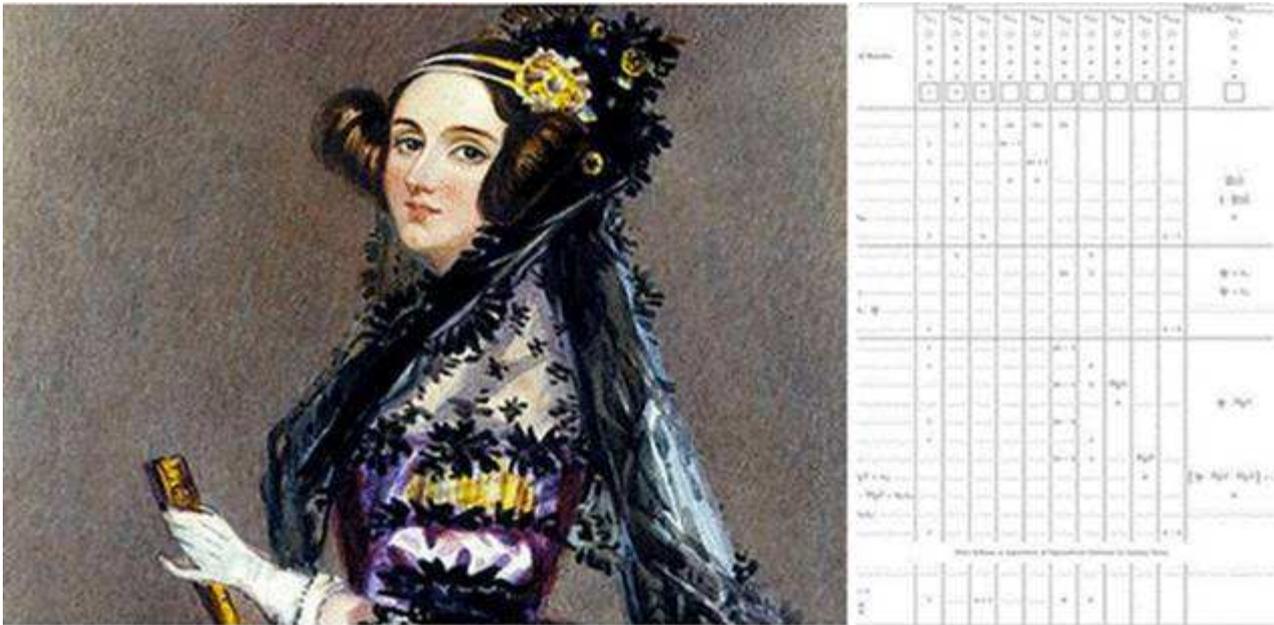
The medical syringe which could be operated with only one hand was invented by a woman by the name of Letitia Geer in 1899.

5. The Modern Electric Refrigerator



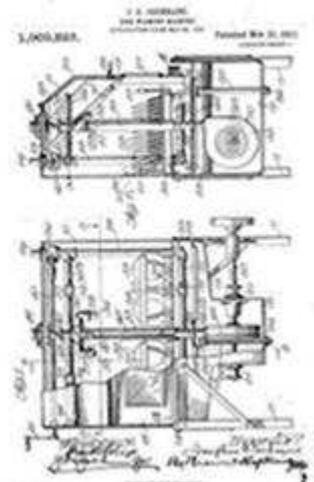
The electric refrigerator was invented by Florence Parpart in 1914. (Florence also invented an improved street cleaning machine in addition to the refrigerator.)

6 The Computer Algorithm



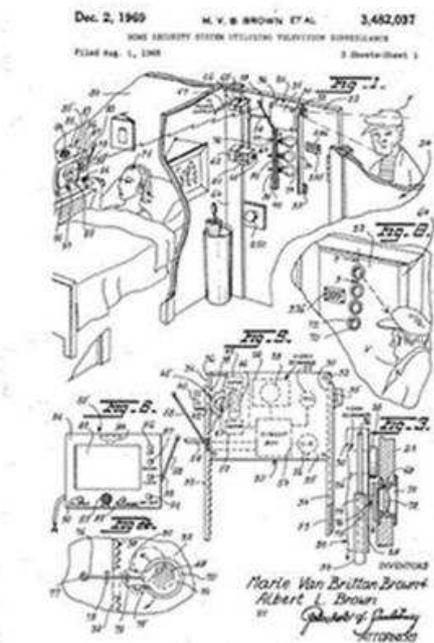
Ada Lovelace is essentially the first computer programmer due to her work with Charles Babbage at the University of London in 1842. In fact her notes were an essential key to helping Alan Turing's work on the first modern computers in the 1940s.

7. The Dishwasher (Not A Dog!!)



The Dishwasher was invented by Josephine Cochrane in 1887. Before her time, she even marketed her machine to hotel owners and even opened her own factory without the help of a man!

8. Closed-Circuit Television Security (CCTV)



Marie Van Brittan Brown invented CCTV because of the slow response of police officers in 1969 to help people ensure their own security. This invention influenced modern CCTV systems used for home security and police work today.

9. Kevlar



This life-saving material that is 5 times stronger than steel and used to make bulletproof vests was invented in 1965 by Stephanie Kwolek.

10. Computer Software



Dr Grace Murray Hopper was a computer scientist that invented COBOL which is the first user-friendly business computer software system in the 1940's. She was also a rear admiral in the U.S. navy and the first person to use the term "bug" in reference to a glitch in a computer system when she literally found a bug (moth) causing problems with her computer.

POOR FELLA, MY COUNTRY.

This was provided by one of our members. If you have a different view? Start a discussion.....Drop me your constructive, unemotional thoughts and we'll put them in print.

POOR FELLA, MY COUNTRY.

In my twilight years I sometimes sit and ponder the theft of my valuable time in retirement and wonder if others find themselves doing similar. Let me explain, just when I should be enjoying the time I have left on this mortal coil, I find myself experiencing mounting anger that I am being increasingly confronted by a whole raft of worries thrust in my direction by fools.

Throughout the past four decades I have witnessed the accelerating dismantling of what was indeed once the lucky country. A country where you once received a useful education and at the end of your schooling you could, without difficulty, find a job or enter an apprenticeship. A country where you could walk the streets at night without fear, where many houses including ours didn't have a lock on the back door and where personal responsibility, discipline, honour, respect and principles meant something.

I have watched as various Australia governments sat on their thumbs as our once thriving manufacturing sector slowly bled to death as communist inspired unions drove up wages and demanded unrealistic productivity stifling conditions. Cheap goods flooded into the country as a result of damaging one-sided trade agreements entered into by our successive bungling governments rushing to embrace the New World Order and Globalisation.

Despite this reality, I hear politicians such as Michaelia Cash who was recently prattling on in an attempt to convince us that businesses are booming and the government's policies are magically producing huge employment opportunities. However, those job opportunities especially didn't apply to youth employment that is still losing ground. So, just who did benefit from this tsunami of job opportunities?

In April last year I read with sadness that yet another Australian manufacturer was moving offshore. After 70 years of producing vacuum cleaners, electric cooking ranges, washing machines and refrigerators the Electrolux factory at

Orange NSW produced its last refrigerator. This manufacturer has been forced to move its operations to SE Asia and Eastern Europe because of the high cost of production in Australia. In its heyday the Orange factory provided employment for some 2000 workers. The stoves, fans and washing machines are long gone and today you can't purchase an Australian built refrigerator.

What an embarrassing disappointment it was to learn that numeracy and literacy in our schools rates last on a list of 27 countries and is put to shame by Kazakhstan in central-west Asia between Russia and China. When we have a good look at schools in this day and age we find that our children's minds are not being filled with the basics of the 'Three R's' but rather they are being thoroughly polluted with despicable socialist rubbish such as the perverted 'Safe Schools Programme' and other social engineering foolishness.

Criticism of teachers is met not with a credible counter-argument but instead generates raucous howls of leftist abuse. The truth is that it is obvious to all but the socialist left that today's teachers are a product of Marxist orientated universities and that reality reflects in the quality of their teaching and the falling standards in basic subjects. A report published in the Daily Telegraph in 2013 said that around 75,000 students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 who sat the NAPLAN tests in the previous year didn't meet national minimum standards. Who would you blame for that? The students?

There is a move by many concerned parents to remove their children from schools that have become purveyors of government sponsored socialist brainwashing into the home schooling environment. The former NSW Education Minister, Adrian Piccoli, meddled dangerously with education in that state and forced 'safe schools programme' into the schools as did the Victorian small 'p' premier turned dictator, Daniel Andrews. Andrews goes even further as he and his arrogant Education Minister plot to introduce new laws with a view to disrupting home schooling and forcing parents to revert back to sending their children to state government and private schools where they will yet again have their minds scrambled by socialist left degenerative mind poisoning products of leftist social engineering.

We see huge chunks of our agricultural assets and housing being gobbled up by foreign entities of which Chinese interests stand out like sore thumbs. Not

only are they buying up Australia at an alarming rate but they also have their claws into our strategic assets in the form of the Port of Darwin. That is not to mention their substantial interests in the Port of Melbourne. This is allowed to occur by our incompetent politicians exercising their short term muddled thinking while singing the praises of 'foreign investment'. They are too thick to understand that there is a vast difference between sensible foreign investment and selling off the sovereignty of your country.

Our defence forces have become a laughing stock that is finding it difficult to recruit new members. Veterans, young and old, are disgusted with the direction that various Defence Ministers have taken in allowing and encouraging the ADF command to corrupt our once proud armed services with sickening social engineering that sees LGBTI adherents virtually dictating defence forces protocols. We now see a recruitment policy that says females are preferential to the recruitment of Anglo/Australian males who are "too blokey". As a further slap in the face to veterans is an official communication being distributed throughout the ADF calling for servicemen and women to participate in this years Sydney Gay & Lesbian Mardi Gras.

Then we come to the treatment of aged pensioners by politicians who see them as being nothing more than an inconvenient drain on the government coffers ever since politicians stole the aged and veteran's pension funds and blew the lot. We see attacks on pensions in order to 'balance the books' while these same politicians and their corporate masters propose tax cuts for the likes of the big banks who already boast obscene profits.

We hear greedy politicians bleating because their pig trough inspired 'free flights forever' is being taken away. Can you imagine the temper tantrum if politician's superannuation and pensions were treated in the same manner as those of the real workers and aged pensioners of this nation?

Out of control youth crime, out of control knife crime, home invasions, incompatible immigrants, terrorism threats, halal certification, the spectre of increasing electricity costs, Green inspired lunacy, spiralling drug problems and so the list goes on and on.

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SUB BRANCH BUS TRIP

The bus trip to the North Head Quarantine Station will be leaving from outside the RSL at 08.00hrs Wed 08 Mar 2017.

There is no cost to go on the bus trip but to make the day more interesting it is advisable to do the 11am tour which costs \$15 for approx. 1 1/4 – 1 1/2 hours. If the walking gets too much people can make their way back to the café at any time.

We intend to leave at approx. 1pm for a short trip to Harbord Diggers Club for lunch, just a couple of kilometres up the road.

The Quarantine Station would have to be one of the most amazing historical pieces of our history of immigration, in a stunning location but with a somewhat sad but very interesting story.

The buildings are so beautifully preserved and the landscape a unique outcrop in Manly.

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