Pause to Remember

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TOUKLEY RSL SUB BRANCH

Newsletter

NEW SUB BRANCH MEMBERS

Welcome to the following new Sub Branch Members:

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Lest We Forget

**Sub Branch General Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month,
At 10.30am, upstairs in Club Toukley RSL, with the exception of January.
All Members are invited to attend.**

Wednesday 11 November 2020 – 10.40am	Remembrance Day
Sub-branch Xmas Party	Sunday 20 December 11.00am to 4.00pm

. Keeping your Sub Branch Details Up to Date

If you have recently moved, or your details have changed, please let the Sub Branch Office know so that we can update your address and contact details.

This information is required so that we can send any correspondence and membership renewals to the correct address.

Also, if you know of a member who has moved, either to another area or to an Aged Care Facility, please notify the Sub Branch Office.

"I hope it tastes good. It's for the cat."

MINI QUIZ

1. Which country has the largest population – Iraq or Iran
2. Who will win the American Presidential election
3. What is the population of West Australia
4. Which state is Albany in

Answers later in the newsletter

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Reminders from Editor :

1. Remembrance Day ceremony 2020.

Please join us on Wednesday 11 November 2020. The service is scheduled to commence at 10.40am. at the Cenotaph.

2. Sub-branch Christmas Party

Tickets are now on sale for the Sub Branch Christmas party to be held on **Sunday 20 December 2020 from 11.00am-4.00pm**. Tables of 8 can be reserved, however, you need to provide names and money (8 x $20.00) at the time of purchase. Tickets will be available after the November and December meetings and in the Sub-branch office on a Thursday morning. Get in early if you would like to join in for an afternoon of fun with your Sub Branch comrades. Brassick will once again be providing the entertainment for the day.

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Tommy Hobbs Virtual City to Surf

Tommy has contacted me to ask me to include the following in the newsletter

"Well I finished the virtual city2surf in the time of 110.0 minutes . I would like to thank the members for their very kind donations of $ 135.00. It helped me raise just over $1100.00 for the Children's Hospital Westmead. The hospital send you their thanks also. Yours,Tommy Hobbs."

Attack on Beersheba

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Horses from the Desert Mounted Corps at Beersheba drinking from portable canvas water troughs.

Importance of Beersheba

Beersheba was a heavily fortified town 43 kilometres from the Turkish bastion of Gaza. It anchored the right end of a defensive line that stretched from Gaza on the Mediterranean coast.

The first two frontal attacks on Gaza, in March and April 1917, failed. The British Army re-organised before trying again. The capture of Beersheba would break the Gaza—Beersheba line and enable the British, Australian and New Zealand forces to outflank Gaza.

British attack on Beersheba

The British 20 Corps launched an attack on Beersheba at dawn on 31 October 1917.

By late afternoon the corps had made little headway toward the town and its vital wells. Lieutenant General Sir Harry Chauvel, commanding the Desert Mounted Corps, ordered the 4th Light Horse Brigade forward to attempt to secure the position.

Australian Light Horse charge

Brigadier General William Grant responded by ordering light horsemen of the 4th and 12th Regiments to charge at the unwired Turkish trenches. The light horsemen did not carry swords or lances, so they held their bayonets in their hands and used them as "swords".

The momentum of the surprise attack carried them through the Turkish defences.

Fall of Beersheba

The light horsemen took less than an hour to overrun the Turkish trenches and enter Beersheba.

Thirty-eight Turkish and German officers and about 700 other ranks were taken prisoner, and a supply of water was secured.

The Australians suffered 67 casualties. Two officers and 29 other ranks were killed, and 8 officers and 28 other ranks wounded.

The fall of Beersheba opened the way to outflank the Gaza—Beersheba Line. On 6 November, after severe fighting, Turkish forces began to withdraw from Gaza further into Palestine.

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<u>ANSWERS TO MINI QUIZ</u>

1   Who cares
2   Hopefully Joe Biden
3   Same answer as 1
4   The clue is in Question 3

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL   REL/04058

The bugle used to signal the Japanese breakout at Cowra in 1944

Cowra breakout

By August 1944 there were 2,223 Japanese prisoners of war in Australia, including 544 merchant seamen. Of these 1,104 were housed in Camp B of No. 12 Prisoner of War Compound near Cowra, in the central west of New South Wales. They were guarded by the 22nd Garrison Battalion.

On Friday 4 August, in response to information that the Japanese were discussing a mass outbreak, notice was given that all Japanese prisoners below the rank of Lance Corporal would be transferred to the Hay Prisoner of War Camp. About 2 am on Saturday 5 August 1944 a prisoner ran shouting to the camp gates. Soon afterwards an unauthorised bugle was heard and prisoners, armed with knives and improvised clubs, rushed from their huts and began breaking through the wire fences. Sentries opened fire but several hundred prisoners escaped into open country, while others who remained set fire to the camp buildings.

On the night of the breakout three Australian soldiers were killed and another three were wounded. Privates B.G. Hardy and R. Jones, who were overwhelmed while manning a machine gun post, were posthumously awarded the George Cross. In the following nine days 334 prisoners were retaken. In all, 234 Japanese were killed and 108 wounded.

A busy night at Stone Henge as workers move all the stones forward one hour...

Glass coffins ...
will they be popular ?
Remains to be seen ...

Sub Branch Christmas Party

Sunday 20 December 2020
11.00am - 4.00pm

3 course lunch
Refreshments
Entertainment by Brassick
Monster Raffle

Tickets $20.00 per person for members and partners are now on sale .

Tables of 8 can be reserved with names and money
(8 x $20.00 pp) at time of booking

Dress: Smart casual

CURRIED SAUSAGES

Curried Sausages

- 0:20 PREP • 0:30 COOK

- 13 Ingredients

- Serves 4

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This cosy, family pleasing dish has incredible flavours of apples, raisins and coriander.

Ingredients

- ☐ 3 tbsp vegetable oil
- ☐ 8 beef sausages
- ☐ 1 large onion, sliced
- ☐ 1 tbsp Keen's curry
- ☐ 1 tbsp plain flour
- ☐ 2 cup chicken stock

- □ 2 apples, cored and cut into 8 wedges
- □ ¼ cup raisins
- □ 1 cup green beans, sliced
- □ 2 tbsp cream
- □ ¼ cup chopped coriander
- □ 1 cup baby spinach
- □ salt and ground pepper
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Method

- 1.
Heat 2 tablespoons of oil in a large saucepan over a medium heat, add the sausages and brown all over, remove and set aside.
- 2.
Add the remaining oil to the pan and cook stirring onions for 3 minutes until softened.
- 3.
Stir through the Keen's curry powder and flour. Slowly pour in the stock stirring continually to ensure no lumps.
- 4.
Add the apple, raisins and return the sausages to the pan and bring to the boil. Reduce heat to low and simmer for
- 5.
15-20 minutes.
- 6.
Stir through the beans, cream, coriander and spinach, cook for a further five minutes and season to taste with salt and pepper.

Only 52 sleeps till Christmas