

EDITOR: Jeff Mawkes

DATE: August 2012

Dear Members,

## **Changes to the Sub-branch...**

As you are most likely aware, a change of Management occurred in April 2011 with the arrival of Matt Guest who joined our Sub-branch with a sizeable hospitality background. In managing our debts, Matt and the Committee have had to make significant operational changes to somewhat re-build the business.

This has resulted in bands on a Saturday night in the Members Lounge which has proven a success. I thank you all for your cooperation. We now see 80-100 patrons still on our premises after 11.00pm which is far different to the 6-8 members around 8.00pm previously.

We have also re-connected with Simpson Barracks and will soon be sponsoring the School of Music. Also, with a change of hierarchy at the School of Signals, in 2013 I am hopeful that we will again sponsor their Unit. It is important that we make these young soldiers welcome in our Sub-branch, particularly those who have operational service. We do not want these younger Veterans believing we do not care, as what has happened post-Vietnam.

## **New to the Sub-branch...**

An RSL state-wide Loyalty Program that was due to commence in September 2012 has now been moved back to January 2013. This is due to the fact that a number of setbacks occurred with the roll out of the gaming machines in August 2012. This will mean that the point system on your cards will not re-commence until 2013.

However, the new 'Loyalty Program Kiosk' is in place at Reception and in operation. Please make yourself familiar with this as there are current promotions and daily give-aways available at the swipe of your Anzac House issued membership card (green/gold card)

With ATMs being removed from all gaming venue's on 1 July 2012 we now have a 'Cash Point' solution available in the Bistro Bar which adheres to the current legislation. There is still however a \$2.00 charge for this service, and a maximum of \$200.00 out at any one time.

There will be information flyers made available shortly to explain how everything works, and this will be the same at all RSL's.

## **And finally...**

### **Watsonia RSL '60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary' limited edition polo shirts**

To celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Watsonia RSL Sub Branch, we will be releasing a limited edition polo shirt for our members and/or sporting bodies to purchase.

Sample polo shirts ranging from a size M through to a 3XL will be made available from Reception for all to see and try on for 'pre purchase' before the end of August. No shirts will be available for purchase after August 31. The shirts will then be delivered in early September for pick up.

Please fill out an order form (located near the Members notice board) and return to reception along with payment. All shirts are \$25.00 and come with your choice of a pocket, or no pocket.

Any questions please see Jeff Mawkes or Kristy Eddington.





### Medicare Aussie Style

The phone rings and the lady of the house answers, "Hello."

"Mrs Sanders please."

"Speaking."

"Mrs Sanders, this is Doctor Jones at Saint Agnes Laboratory. When your husband's doctor sent his biopsy to the lab last week, a biopsy from another Mr Sanders arrived as well... We are now uncertain which one belongs to your husband. Frankly, either way the results are not too good."

"What do you mean?" Mrs Sanders asks nervously.

"Well, one of the specimens tested positive for Alzheimer's and the other one tested positive for HIV. We can't tell which is which."

"That's dreadful! Can you do the test again?" questioned Mrs Sanders.

"Normally we can, but MEDICARE will only pay for these expensive tests once."

"Well, what am I supposed to do now?"

"The MEDICARE helpdesk recommend that you drop your husband off somewhere in the middle of town. If he finds his way home, don't sleep with him."

### Bruce and Jenny...

Little Bruce and Jenny are only ten years old, but they know they are in love. One day they decided that they wanted to get married, so Bruce goes to Jenny's father to ask him for her hand.

Bruce bravely walks up to him and says, "Mr Smith, me and Jenny are in love and I want to ask you for her hand in marriage."

Thinking that this was just the cutest thing, Mr Smith replies, "Well Bruce, you are only ten. Where will you two live?"

Without even taking a moment to think about it, Bruce replies, "In Jenny's room. It's bigger than mine and we can both fit there nicely."

Still thinking this is just adorable, Mr Smith says with a huge grin, "Okay, then how will you live? You're not old enough to get a job. You'll need to support Jenny."

Again, Bruce instantly replies, "Our allowance, Jenny makes five bucks a week and I make ten bucks a week. That's about sixty bucks a month, so that should do us just fine." Mr Smith is impressed; Bruce has put so much thought into this.

"Well Bruce, it seems like you have everything figured out. I just have one more question. What will you do if the two of you should have little children of your own?"

Bruce just shrugs his shoulders and says, "Well, we've been lucky so far."

Mr Smith no longer thinks the little bugger is adorable...



# facebook

### Did you know...

'Watsonia RSL' has an up to date Facebook page to keep you informed of what is going on in your club. Send a friend request today and keep up to date with what is happening at your local RSL!

# Sporting Bodies

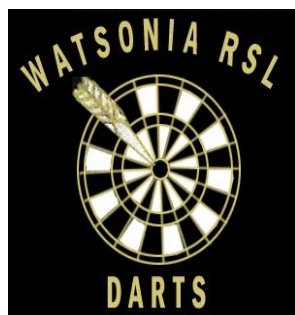
## JUNE / JULY RESULTS

### GOLF; 24/06/2012

Venue	Craigieburn	
Game	Stableford	
Weather	Fine & Sunny	
"A" Grade		
"B" Grade		
"C" Grade		
Monthly Medal	D Crocker	37
Golden Putter		

### GOLF; 22/07/2012

Venue	Kilmore	
Game	Stableford	
Weather	Fine & Sunny	
"A" Grade	J Inglis	34
"B" Grade	D McGregor	47
"C" Grade		
Monthly Medal	D McGregor	47
Golden Putter		



### Summer Home & Away Games Darts Season

Watsonia Red (A Grade), Watsonia Purple (C Grade) and Watsonia Whites (D Grade) did not make finals.

Watsonia Blue (D Grade) lost the semi-final to the Monty Tradies 5 – 6, however won the elimination final against Darebin Jagers 6 – 1, and won the grand final against Monty Tradies 6 – 0.

Blue Team Grand Final players; Peter Suszczynski (Captain), Kay Baker, Mick Walker, Mick McSweeney, Kevin Ibbotson, Karen Ibbotson, Jeff Mawkes & Peter Stoate.

The D.V.S.C.D.A. held their annual Presentation night in the function room at the Watsonia RSL Sub Branch on Saturday 23 June 2012. 120 People attended. It appeared a good time was had by all who attended.

[www.watsoniarsl.com.au](http://www.watsoniarsl.com.au)

Our website has been revamped and is currently kept up to date on a weekly basis. And, each sporting body now has their own page.

If there is anything that you would like to have put on, or updated on an individual page, please email it to:

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# Health & Fitness

## Keeping Your Mind Active; SUDOKU

7	6		9		5		8	
4				6		9		1
			4	1				
		8			9	1	2	
2		9		8		3		7
	1	7	3			8		
				5	7			
1		4		9				8
	2		1		3		7	9

Game 1 – Level 1

**The rules of Sudoku;** The classic Sudoku game involves a grid of 81 squares divided into nine blocks, each containing nine squares.

The rules of the game are; each of the nine blocks has to contain all the numbers 1-9 within its squares. Each number can only appear once in a row, column or box.

The difficulty lies in that each vertical nine-square column, or horizontal nine-square line across, within the larger square, must also contain the numbers 1-9, without repetition or omission.

Every puzzle has just one correct solution.

Here are three Sudoku puzzles; they range from easy to harder, levels 1, 2 and 3. GOOD LUCK!

	9	7			5			
	6				3		5	4
		5				8		7
4	8		2		1			
				8				
			3		4		9	8
9	8					4		
6	1		5				8	
			4			7	1	

Game 2 – Level 2

		1						
	8	7	1		6		5	
				8			1	7
	5		4		7		9	
		9		3		5		
	4		5		1		7	
1	7			5				
	3		8		4	9	2	
						7		

Game 3 – Level 3



### VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED...

Requiring 8-10 volunteers to help with Veterans gardening, once a month for approximately one hour of your time.

If you can help out, please place your name in the suggestion box.

## Looking after Ourselves...

*In recent years there has been a lot more publicity regarding men having regular checks for prostate cancer. In particular, the legends game for the Ted Whitten foundation each year at the MCG. This is a sad story and a reminder why we should ensure we look after our health.*

Wiremu, a New Zealander, was on the dole in Australia but about to fly home to watch the Rugby World Cup and was not feeling well, so he decided to see a doctor.

"Hey doc, I dun't feel so good, ey" said Wiremu.

The doctor gave him a thorough examination and informed Wiremu that he had long existing and advanced prostate problems and that the only cure was testicular removal.

"No way doc" replied Wiremu "I'm gitting a second opinion ey!"

The second Aussie doctor gave Wiremu the same diagnosis and also advised him that testicular removal was the only cure. Not surprisingly, Wiremu refused the treatment.

Wiremu was devastated, but with the Rugby World Cup just around the corner he found an expat Kiwi doctor and decided to get one last opinion from someone he could trust.

The Kiwi doctor examined him and said "Wiremu Cuzzy Bro, you have prostate suckness ey".

"What's the cure thin doc?" ask Wiremu hoping for a different answer.

"Wull Wiremu" said the Kiwi doctor "Wi're gonna huv to cut off your balls."

"Phew, thank god for thut!" said Wiremu, "those Aussie bastards wanted to take my test tickets off me!"

# RECIPE

## Sticky Date Pudding

### Step One:

- 1/4 Cup Chopped Dates
- 1/4 Cup Boiling Water
- 1 Tsp. Baking Soda
- Mix all ingredients together and let stand for 10 minutes.*

### Step Two:

- 60 Grams Butter
- 3/4 Cup Brown Sugar
- 2 Eggs

### Method:

Mix all ingredients of step two together and then add step one. Once both step one and two are combined together, add one cup of self raising flour and mix all together.

Grease the patty tins, place the mixture in and bake for 10-15 minutes on 180.

**Serve with butterscotch sauce... MMM!**



# Veterans



## Australian Victoria Cross Recipient

### Sergeant Claud Charles Castleton

<b>Unit</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> Machine Gun Company
<b>Born</b>	12 April 1893 at Kirkley, Lowestoft, Suffolk, England, migrating to Australia at the age of nineteen.
<b>Date of action</b>	28 July 1916
<b>Place</b>	Poizieres, France
<b>Details</b>	During an attack on enemy trenches a number of Australian troops were pinned down by machine-gun fire. Most withdrew, but some wounded were left in No Man's Land. Castleton went out twice and brought in wounded men. While bringing in a third he was hit in the back and killed instantly.
<b>Died</b>	28 July 1916
<b>Buried or Commemorated</b>	Poizieres British Ceremony, Ovillers-la-Boiselle, France
<b>Current location of the VC</b>	Australian War Memorial



## Australian Victoria Cross Recipient

### Private Thomas Cooke

<b>Unit</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> Battalion
<b>Born</b>	5 July 1881 at Kaikoura, New Zealand. He migrated to Australia in 1912.
<b>Date of action</b>	24-25 July 1916
<b>Place</b>	Poizieres, France
<b>Details</b>	During an attack Cooke was ordered, with his Lewis gun team, to a dangerous part of the line. Heavy enemy fire killed all his companions, but Cooke remained at his post firing his Lewis gun. When assistance finally reached this post Cooke was found dead beside his gun. He was one of eighty-one members of the battalion killed during this action.
<b>Died</b>	25 July 1916
<b>Buried or Commemorated</b>	Australian National Memorial, Villers-Bretonneux, France
<b>Current location of the VC</b>	Queen Elizabeth 11 Army memorial Museum, Waiouru, New Zealand





# Veterans



## Gentle thoughts for today...

Birds of a feather flock together... and then shit on your car

A penny saved is a government oversight

The older you get, the tougher it is to lose weight, because by then your body and your fat have gotten to be really good friends

The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement

He who hesitates is probably right

Did you ever notice: The Roman Numerals for forty (40) are XL

If you can smile when things go wrong, you have someone in mind to blame

The sole purpose of a child's middle name is so he can tell when he's really in trouble

Did you ever notice; when you put the 2 words 'The' and 'IRS' together it spells 'Theirs...'

Aging; eventually you reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it

Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me, I want people to know 'why' I look this way. I've traveled a long way and some of the roads weren't paved

When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to your youth, think of Algebra

You know you are getting old when everything either dries up or leaks

One of the many things no one tells you about aging is that it is such a nice change from being young. Ah, being young is beautiful, but being old is comfortable

**Lord, Keep your arm around my shoulder and your hand over my mouth . . . . . AMEN!**

## VALE

*John Stait*

*John Barrow*

*Kenneth Hylands*

*Stanley Smith*

*Ewen Franklin*

*Margaret Olver*

*Esther Gollop*

*Reginald Porter*

*Carol Bartlett*





# What's On...

## **LIVE BANDS**

**Every Saturday Night from 8.30pm**

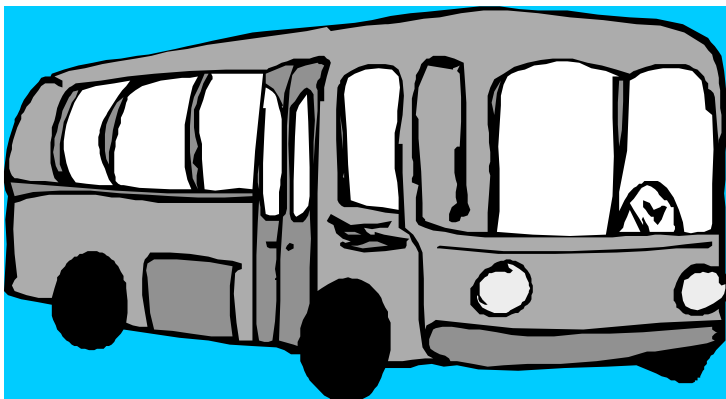
### **AUGUST**

4	Blush
11	Band of Gold
18	Deep Blue
25	Don's party of Three

### **SEPTEMBER**

1	Highly Strung
8	Band of Gold
15	Blush
22	Kopy Katz
29	Living Rhythm

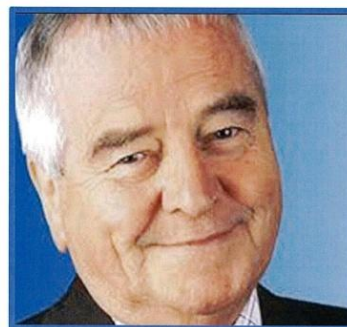
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**TUESDAY - SATURDAY**



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