

THE FURPHY

ARMADALE SUB-BRANCH OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

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General Meetings:

Second Sunday of the month at 1030hrs

Annual General Meeting:

Second Sunday of September

Committee Positions

Armadale Sub-Branch Committee	
President	Mr Ken Hepburn
Vice President	Mr Hans van de Velde
Secretary	Ms Carol King
Assistant Secretary	Mr Mike Fairweather
Treasurer	Mrs Cheryl Cowie
Assistant Treasurer	Mr John Hennah
Warden	Mr Graeme Cowie
Warden	Mr Bob Giles
Membership Officer	Mr Tom Rynn
Committee	Mr John Hennah
Committee	Mr Rod Jonsson
Committee	Mr Paul Newman
Committee	Mr Laurie Sargeson
Advocate / Welfare	Mr Brent Errington
Bar Manager	Mr Mike Fairweather

ADVOCATE / WELFARE REPORT (ERRO)

A Representative from the Veterans Legal Service will be giving a presentation at 1030 hours on Sunday 14th August (prior to the General Meeting).

I will now be reporting through Combined Defence Force Support Association of WA but will continue to work from the sub-branch on Thursdays.

Regards,

Erro

I currently am available as follows:

***Operating out of RAAFA on Mondays and Fridays between 0900 – 1230hrs
and the Armadale RSL Sub-Branch between 1000-1400hrs on Thursdays***

Mid Nite Veloet



Sunday 21st August, 2022

1:00pm – 4:00pm

ACTUAL CALLS RECEIVED AT A PUBLIC GOLF COURSE

Staff: Golf course, may I help you?

Caller: *What are your green fees?*

Staff: 38 dollars.

Caller: *Does that include golf?*

Staff: Golf course, may I help you?

Caller: *Yes, I need to get some information from you. First, is this your correct phone number?*

Staff: Golf course, may I help you?

Caller: *Yes, we have a tee time for two weeks from Friday. What's the weather going to be like that day?*

Service Persons Luncheon

12:30 pm

Sunday 21st August, 2022

Please put your names on the list and pay to Bar Staff PRIOR to 7th August

Menu

Main: *Roast Beef, Pork and Chicken with Traditional Gravy,
Hot Jacket Potatoes with Sour Cream and Vegetables*

Dessert: *Decorated Pavlova*

Live Music commences at 1:00pm



Bible Quiz Answers from Children

Imagine a nun sitting at her desk grading these papers while trying to keep a straight face and maintain her composure!

1. *The Jews were a proud people and throughout history they had trouble with unsympathetic genitals.*
2. *Sampson was a strongman who let himself be led astray by a Jezebel like Delilah.*
3. *Samson slayed the Philistines with the Axe of the Apostles.*
4. *The Egyptians were all drowned in the Dessert. Afterwards, Moses went up to Mount Cyanide to get the Ten Commandments.*
5. *The first Commandments was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple.*
6. *The seventh Commandment is Though Shalt Not Admit Adultery.*
7. *Moses died before he ever reached Canada. Then Joshua led the Hebrews in the Battle of Geritol.*
8. *The greatest miracle in the Bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him.*
9. *David was a Hebrew King who was skilled at playing the liar. He fought the Finkelsteins, a race of people who lived in Biblical times.*
10. *When the Three Wise Guys from the East Side arrived they found Jesus in the Manager.*
11. *Jesus enunciated the Golden Rule, which says to do unto others before they do one to you. He also explained a man doth not live by sweat alone.*
12. *It was a miracle when Jesus rose from the Dead and managed to get the tombstone off the Entrance.*
13. *Christians have only one spouse. This is called Monotony.*

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Hi Folks,

The committee had a meeting with the new Sate RSL President, Duncan Anderson, on Wednesday 6th of July 2022, here at the Sub-Branch.

One of the matters discussed was the closing of Club Inc and the State President said that State RSL will provide guidance, as well as support to Policy, Procedures and Training before implementing the closure.

Also discussed was the impact of METRONET might have to our RSL, at this stage no contracts have been signed, so there is no idea on what might happen to the club.

As from the 25th of July 2022, RSLWA will have a new Chief Executive Officer, (CEO). His name is Vince Connelly, a former Army Officer and business consultant.

The Sub-Branch will hold a Service Members Lunch on Sunday 21st of August 2022, at 1230 hours, for Service Members and their Partners , please place your name on the list at the bar, with a cut-off date of 7 August 22.

Regards,

Ken Hepburn

President

Returned Services League Armadale Sub-Branch

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Secretary's Notes

Hi Everyone,

A reminder that names for the Service Persons Lunch are now being taken. Closing date will be 7th August by which time names and money **MUST** be paid. Any unpaid amounts will result in the member and guest being removed from this list as we **MUST** confirm and pay for the catering on 8th August. There will be no exceptions.

Remembrance Day preparations are in progress and going well. We will be raising money from Poppy Day stalls from 8th November and a list of available times and venues will be posted on the board during October. It would be nice if we could get some new people to help out with this fund raising initiative.

Cheers for now,

Carol King

Sub-Branch Secretary

Diary Dates for August

7 th	Sunday	Social Committee Meeting	1100
9 th	Tuesday	Management Committee Meeting	1830
14 th	Sunday	General Meeting	1030
19 th	Friday	MBMMC Meeting	1930

FARMER J SMITH

I recently spent \$6,400 on a registered black Angus bull.

I put him out with the herd but he just ate grass and wouldn't even look at a cow I was beginning to think I had paid more for that bull than he was worth.

Anyway... I had the vet come and take a look at him.

He said the bull was very healthy, but possibly just a little young, so he gave me some pills to feed him once per day.

The bull started to service the cows within two days ... all my cows!

He even broke through the fence and bred with all of my neighbours cows!

He's like a machine!

I don't know what was in the pills the Vet gave him... but they kind of taste like peppermint.



Paddy had been drinking at his local Dublin pub all day and most of the night celebrating St Patrick's Day.

Mick, the bartender says, 'You'll not be drinking any more tonight, Paddy'..
Paddy replies, 'OK Mick, I'll be on my way then'.

Paddy spins around on his stool and steps off.. He falls flat on his face.
'Shoite' he says and pulls himself up by the stool and dusts himself off.
He takes a step towards the door and falls flat on his face, 'Shoite, Shoite !'

He looks to the doorway and thinks to himself that if he can just get to the door and some fresh air he'll be fine.

He belly crawls to the door and shimmies up to the door frame.

He sticks his head outside and takes a deep breath of fresh air, feels much better and takes a step out onto the sidewalk and falls flat on his face.

'Bi'Jesus... I'm fockin' focked,' he says.

He can see his house just a few doors down, and crawls to the door, hauls himself up the door frame, opens the door and shimmies inside..

He takes a look up the stairs and says 'No fockin' way'.

He crawls up the stairs to his bedroom door and says 'I can make it to the bed'.

He takes a step into the room and falls flat on his face.

He says 'Fock it' and falls into bed.

The next morning, his wife, Jess, comes into the room carrying a cup of coffee and says:
'Get up Paddy. Did you have a bit to drink last night ?'

Paddy says, 'I did, Jess. I was fockin' pissed. But how'd you know?'

'Mick phoned ... You left your wheelchair at the pub.'



Membership Update

as at 30th July, 2022

Service Members:	194
Affiliate Members:	44
Social Members:	<u>50</u>
Total:	288

Membership remains fairly constant with just a small increase in Social figures.

We welcome recent members:-

Borger, Hank
Keilty, Natalie
Donohoe, William

Borger, Julie
Lockley, Catherine
Vincent, Margaret

Green, Bianca
Reed, Rosemary

Tom Rynn

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY



August Service Members:

Armin-Grimm	Mr	Roland	02/08
Borger	Mr	Hank	06/08
Briggs	Mr	Mark	15/08
Buti	Mr	Antonio	20/08
Curry	Mr	Robert	06/08
Devries	Mr	Christopher	15/08
Gardiner	Mr	Owen	27/08
Hewitson	Mr	Allan	17/08
Kha	Mr	Allen	12/08
Knight	Mr	Michael	09/08
Livesey	Mr	Adam	05/08
McDonnell	Mr	Graeme	04/08
Peters	Mr	Adrian	23/08
Rynn	Mr	Thomas	31/08
Smith	Mr	Paul	09/08
Smith	Mr	Robert	20/08
Tooth	Mr	Geoffrey	11/08

August Affiliate Members:

Galvin	Mrs	Joan	18/08
Kostin	Ms	Vicki	12/08
Lewis	Mr	Steve	29/08
Symonds	Mrs	Karan	28/08

August Social Members:

Cole	Mr	Darcy	28/08
Sottiaux	Mrs	Nina	12/08

*If anyone has been missed off the list, please advise
Tom Rynn or any Committee Member*

**The members above may collect a free drink of their choice during
the month of August**

We hope you have a very special Birthday

Bar Manager's Report

Hi All,

The Bar is running smoothly. Attendance on Friday and Sunday has slightly improved, and it's good to see.

I hope to see more of our members supporting us again in the near future.

Cheers for now,

Stormy

What's on at the Bar?

Special Deals for you:

Cabernet Sauvignon	\$7.00 per Bottle	(\$75.00 a Case of 12)
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Until Sold Out

Happy Hour

Fridays – 1300 to 1400

Sundays – 1300 to 1400



The Military Brotherhood Military Motorcycle Club

Hello all,

Another month has past, can't believe how fast the year is going. This month we had a club ride, well drive due to the weather, we did have one bike. 12 of us ventured off to the Old Coast Road Brewery. It was well worth the drive/ ride just for the meal. Another trip there is going to be planned during the warmer weather so we can partake in a game of mini golf also.

We had our AGM also this month on the 22nd July. Our new executive committee are
President- Jonno
Vice President- Popeye
Secretary- Sarge
Assistant secretary- Frosty
Treasurer and QM- Mel
SSM and Road Captain – Smurf
Sierra Leader- Cupcake
A big welcome to those new to the committee.

Our upcoming events include:
Annual Legacy Ride on 11th September
Harley Davidson Bike Show on 17th September at Dogs West
Dog Show BBQ on 18th September at Dogs West.
I am sure more will eventuate between now and then.

Until next time, take care and stay safe.



Tracey "Frosty" Newman
Assistant Secretary
MBMMC
Perth South

Our new executive committee:



Smurf, Cupcake, Mel, Popeye, Jonno, Frosty and Sarge

Our motto is

“The Task is Ours”

Military Brotherhood MMC Perth South



Significant August Event

1942: Japanese bomb Darwin but are halted on Kokoda Trail



Men of the 2/31st Australian Infantry Battalion stop for a rest in the jungle between Nauro and Menari, Papua New Guinea, 1942

After the fall of Singapore in February 1942, the focus of the Pacific War moved closer to Australia.

Japanese forces bombed Darwin and launched an attack over Papua's Owen Stanley Ranges with a view to capturing Port Moresby.

A desperate and vicious seven-month campaign followed, which saw 600 Australian soldiers killed and 1600 wounded, compared to more than 10,000 Japanese fatalities. In January 1943 Japanese resistance on Papua ceased.

The campaign was a crucial point in stopping the Japanese advance across the Pacific and towards Australia.

Lieutenant-General Tsutomu Yoshihara, chief of staff of Japan's South Seas army:

In the Kokoda battle, [the Australian soldiers'] qualities of adaptability and individual initiative enabled them to show tremendous ability as fighting men in the jungle. They were superb.



A patrol of 2/25 and 2/33 Australian Infantry battalions crossing Brown's River

Darwin bombing

After the fall of Singapore in February 1942, the focus of the Pacific War moved further east. Japanese forces invaded Timor on 20 February 1942 and, in a move to disrupt the supply lines necessary for a counter-attack, bombed Darwin the day before. The attack was also intended to lower Australian morale.

The raid, which involved 54 land-based bombers and 188 aircraft launched from carriers in the Timor Sea, left 243 people dead, up to 400 wounded, and most of the city's civilian and military infrastructure destroyed. Many residents feared that this was the precursor to an invasion and began streaming out of the city. Eventually half the population fled.

The Japanese did not invade, but they did bomb Darwin another 63 times during the war as well as other towns in northern Australia.



The customs house at Darwin after being hit by several bombs during the Japanese air raid in February 1942

Battle of the Coral Sea

On 23 January 1942 a month prior to the bombing of Darwin, the Japanese military captured Rabaul, situated on the northern tip of the island of New Britain. Rabaul became the largest Japanese base in the southwest Pacific and from there the Imperial Japanese Army planned to capture Port Moresby, the capital of the Territory of Papua.

The first Japanese attempt to capture Port Moresby, Operation Mo, got underway in April. Unknown to the Japanese navy, the United States Navy learned of the Japanese taskforce by deciphering Japanese coded communications. The US Navy intercepted the Japanese fleet at the Battle of the Coral Sea and forced it to withdraw.

This represented a strategic victory because it was the first time in the Second World War that a Japanese invasion force had been turned back.

New Guinea campaign

The capture of Port Moresby remained a Japanese priority as it would enable them to bomb vital Allied bases in northern Australia.

A two-pronged attack on the capital was initiated, firstly with an attempt to capture Milne Bay to the east of the city from where they would launch an amphibious assault, then a landing at Buna and Gona on the north side of the island from where they would cross the rugged Owen Stanley Ranges to the capital.

The Kokoda Trail, a rough foot trail that traversed the mountains, was the only viable route from the north to the south of the island.

On 21 July 1942 the 15th Independent Engineer Regiment of the Japanese army landed at Buna and Gona. The group was supposed to assess the viability of an assault across the ranges, however an all-out offensive soon developed as they came under attack from the Papuan Infantry Battalion and an Australian militia unit, the 39th Battalion.

By 24 July the Japanese had more than 4000 men on shore while the Australians had only 420 dispersed troops, known as Maroubra Force. Small skirmishes occurred between the forces until the Japanese commander, Major-General Tomitaro Horii, reinforced his position and force-marched his men 120 kilometres into the mountains.

A month later he had 3000 men in advanced positions and launched an attack on the Australians at Isumba. Though he pressed the Australians into retreat he was unable to destroy Maroubra Force. The Australians regrouped and were reinforced at Efogi, but the Japanese were able to outflank them and again forced a retreat.

Meanwhile, at Milne Bay on 26 August the Japanese navy landed almost 2000 men to occupy the newly completed Allied airfield, but fierce fighting ensued and they were pushed back.

On 14 September the Japanese made their farthest advance on the Kokoda Trail and reached Iorobaiwa Ridge, about 40 kilometres from Port Moresby. Here, a stalemate ensued until American forces invaded Guadalcanal in the Solomon Islands.

The loss of more than 31,000 Japanese troops in the Guadalcanal campaign forced the Japanese army to redeploy troops from New Guinea and pull back to the north side of the Owen Stanley Ranges.

Tide turns

The battle of Kokoda consisted of two engagements fought in late July and early August forming part of the Kokoda track campaign. On the Kokoda Trail, the Australians were now on the offensive. They had gained valuable jungle warfare skills, were better equipped, and their troops were reinforced.

The Japanese planned to make a defensive stand at Oivi-Gorari, where the Australians arrived on 4 November 1942. General Horii had 2800 men dug in around the village but the Australians outflanked them and forced a retreat back to Buna and Gona, which the Allies besieged for the next three months.

Eventually, on 21 January 1943, all Japanese resistance on Papua ceased. More than 600 Australian soldiers were killed and 1600 wounded. More than 10,000 Japanese also died.

Kokoda was a desperate and vicious campaign that saw enormous suffering on both sides. It was however crucial for the Allies in turning the Pacific War from one of defence to one of offence.





RETURNED SERVICES LEAGUE ARMADALE SUB-BRANCH

Your RSL