

THE FURPHY

ARMADALE SUB-BRANCH OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

January 2025 Edition



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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 Mike Fairweather
Vice President	Mr Geoff Scott
Secretary	Ms Carol King
Treasurer	Mrs Cheryl Cowie
Warden	Mr Graeme Cowie
Warden	Mr Mick Quinn
Membership Officer	Mr Tom Rynn
Committee	Mr Bob Giles
Committee	Mr Ken Hepburn
Committee	Mr Keith Northcott
Committee	Mr Robert Smith
Committee	Mr Geoff Tooth
Advocate / Welfare Officer	Mr Brent Errington
Bar Manager	Mr Mike Fairweather

ADVOCATE / WELFARE

Brent Errington “Erro” is available as follows:

At the Armadale RSL Sub-Branch:

Monday: by appointment only

Thursday: between 0900 - 1400hrs

Weekday Contact Details:

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Diary Dates for January

<i>Day</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Time</i>
Sunday	5 th	Social Committee Meeting	1100
Tuesday	7 th	Management Committee Meeting	1100
No General Meeting in January			





Armadale RSL will be open at 11:00 am

Sunday 26th January

***Bacon and Egg or Roast Beef and Gravy Rolls plus chips
and Chicken Nuggets on sale between 11:00am and
2:00pm at a cost of \$10 each***

**A \$50 Prize for Best Dressed "Ocka" will be judged at
2:15pm**

Children Welcome

**Raffles: *BBQ Meat Packs and \$30 Bar Vouchers
will be on sale during the day***

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

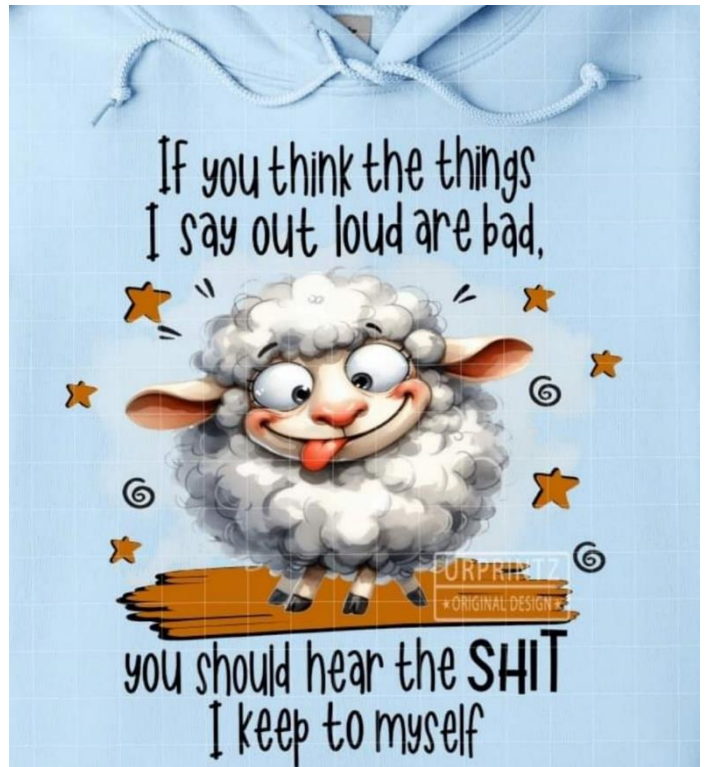
Hi Members,

I'd like to thank the Committee and Members for all the support you have given me since taking on the role of President in September.

We are well into organizing ANZAC Day. This year will be a little different than normal.

We have started receiving requests from schools asking us to provide speakers in the lead up to ANZAC Day. If any members would be kind enough to be able to assist, please let me know.

On ANZAC Day we will be holding a small march in the park for both Service persons and any descendants wearing medals. Form up will be at the rear of Memorial Park at 5:45am.



Cheers for now,

Mike Fairweather

President

Returned Services League Armadale Sub-Branch

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Secretary's Notes

Hi Everyone,

Firstly, may I thank you all for your patronage and assistance during 2024. It was busy and at times challenging, but we have a strong Committee and along with members, they step up whenever required which is what keeping a Sub-Branch afloat and alive is all about.

We are busy already planning our ANZAC Day activities and preparation is well underway. In the lead up, we will be holding stalls on 21st 22nd and 23rd April. Normally we go from 0830 to 1430 daily however as 21st April is Easter Monday we may cut those hours down a bit on that one day. Once the Committee make a decision in that regard, I will post a roster on the board. This is a very important part of our Fundraising activities, and I hope as many members as possible will help us out on those stalls.

We are hoping to open the kitchen in the middle of the month for Sunday lunches. At this time, it will be a selection of Burgers, and we will see how it goes but we will need Members, their families and friends to support the initiative for it to continue.

As Australia Day is on a Sunday this year, we will be holding a themed Day and an advert is in this Newsletter.

We hope you will join in the fun from 11:00am.

That's about all from me for this edition, Happy New Year to everyone.

Carol King

Sub-Branch Secretary

e-mail: secretary@armadalersl.com.au

**I can Rise and Shine,
just not at the same Time**



Him: Can I push ur stool in?

Her: Let's see how dinner goes first..



Membership Update

As at 31st December, 2024:

Service Members:	159
Affiliate Members:	52
Social Members:	<u>81</u>
Total:	<u>292</u>

Happy New Year and a rewarding 2025 to all.

Any queries to Membership Officer Tom Rynn.

Tom Rynn

Tel: 0439 934 285

e-mail: tomrynn@bigpond.com





January Service Members:

Antrobus	Mr	Tom	12/01	Brown	Mr	Chris	04/01
Chadd	Mr	Phil	04/01	Cole	Mr	Allan	06/01
Librizzi	Mr	Joe	01/01	McDonald	Mr	Michael	24/01
Nice	Mr	Ian	13/01	Paul	Mr	Volker	03/01
Power	Mr	Michael	03/01	Sarti	Mr	Ross	08/01
Tippett	Mr	John	08/01	Welch	Mr	Eric	06/01
Whittick	Mr	George	16/01				

January Affiliate Members:

Hansen	Mr	Brian	30/01	Hodge	Mr	Barry	25/01
Kirkpatrick	Mr	William	08/01	Lankford	Mr	Colin	10/01

January Social Members:

Adkins	Ms	Karen	26/01	Baldwin	Mr	Reece	16/01
Davenport	Mr	Keven	24/01	Hunt	Mr	Chris0	2/01
Northcott	Mrs	Sharon	09/01	Scott	Mrs	Teena	19/01

*If anyone has been missed off the list, please advise
Tom Rynn (Membership Officer)*

*These members may collect a free drink of their choice
during the month*

We hope you have a very special Birthday

Bar Manager's Report

G'day All,

Well, we made it through another Christmas and I hope you all have a great New Year.

We have put 4 Pines back on tap, hopefully it won't go out of date again.

We've had a couple of good Friday and Sundays of late which exceeded my expectations thanks to everyone for coming in and supporting us.

Apologies to those who were here a couple of Fridays ago when the compressor failed and the beers warmed up. This was rectified the next morning when a contractor was available to come and fix the problem.

Bye for now,

Stormy





MIDNIGHT ANGEL DUO

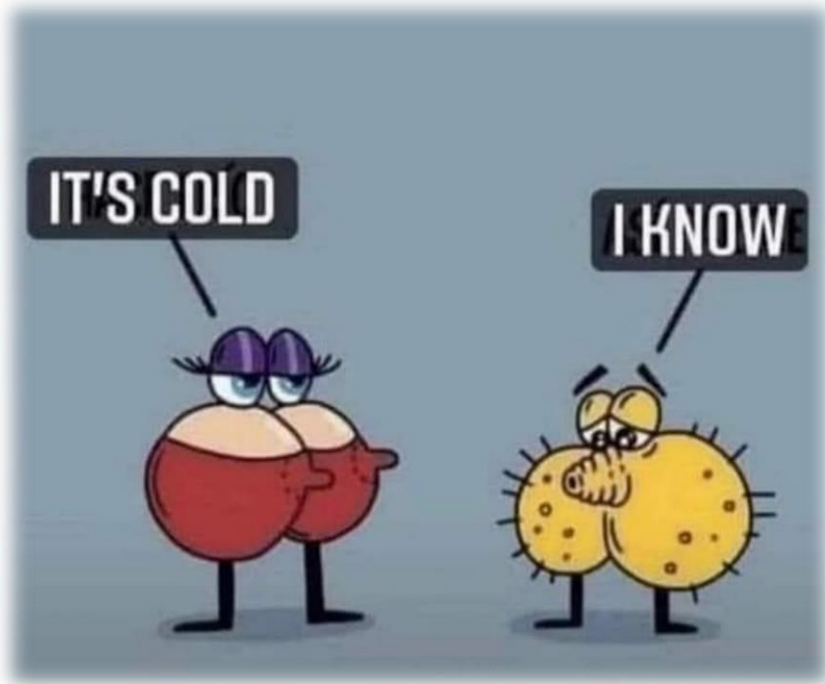
are returning to the
Armadale RSL



Sunday 2nd March 12:30pm

*Get a group of friends together and join
us for a great afternoon of musical
entertainment*

Free Entry



Teaching kids in America's Dairy Land how to milk a cow. Bet the teacher wishes she would have stood up for the picture



BESTIE BURGERS

Opening at Armadale RSL
Sunday 19th January 2025

12 noon – 2:00pm



BESTIE BURGER \$20.00

Beef Pattie, Bacon, Tomato, Lettuce, Egg, Fried Onion and Bestie Burger Special Sauce

OCEAN TRAWLER \$15.00

Seafood Mix, Celery, Lettuce, Tomato and Seafood Dressing

CHICKEN SCHNITZY \$15.00

Chicken Schnitzel, Cheese, Tomato, Bacon, Lettuce and Bestie Burger Special Sauce

PORKY SPECIAL \$15.00

Pork Pattie, Bacon, Tomato, Lettuce and Bestie Burger Special Sauce

BOWL OF CHIPS \$5.00

Gravy and a choice of Sauce optional

VEGETARIAN OPTIONS AVAILABLE

CHILDRENS MENU AVAILABLE \$5.00



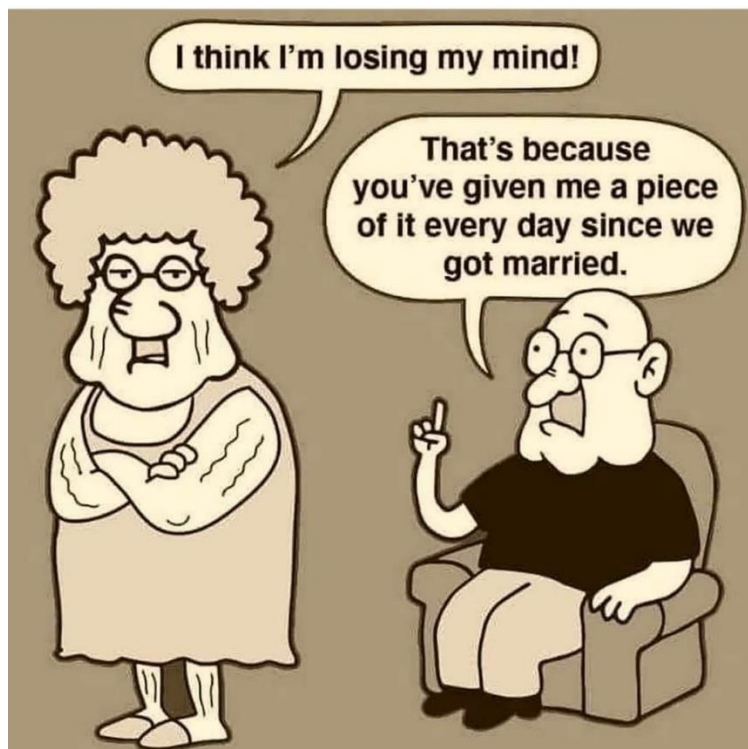
A member of the Australian 2nd Battalion "carrying on" with his correspondence, in billets at Flesselles, Somme. 17-30 November 1916

The 52 Army Cadet Unit End of Year Parade Saturday 14th December, 2024





Swedish volunteers part of Anders Grafströms Ranger Company carrying the Boys anti-tank rifle during the Winter War; 1939-1940 time span





Restoration of Bristol 192 Belvedere HC1, XG452



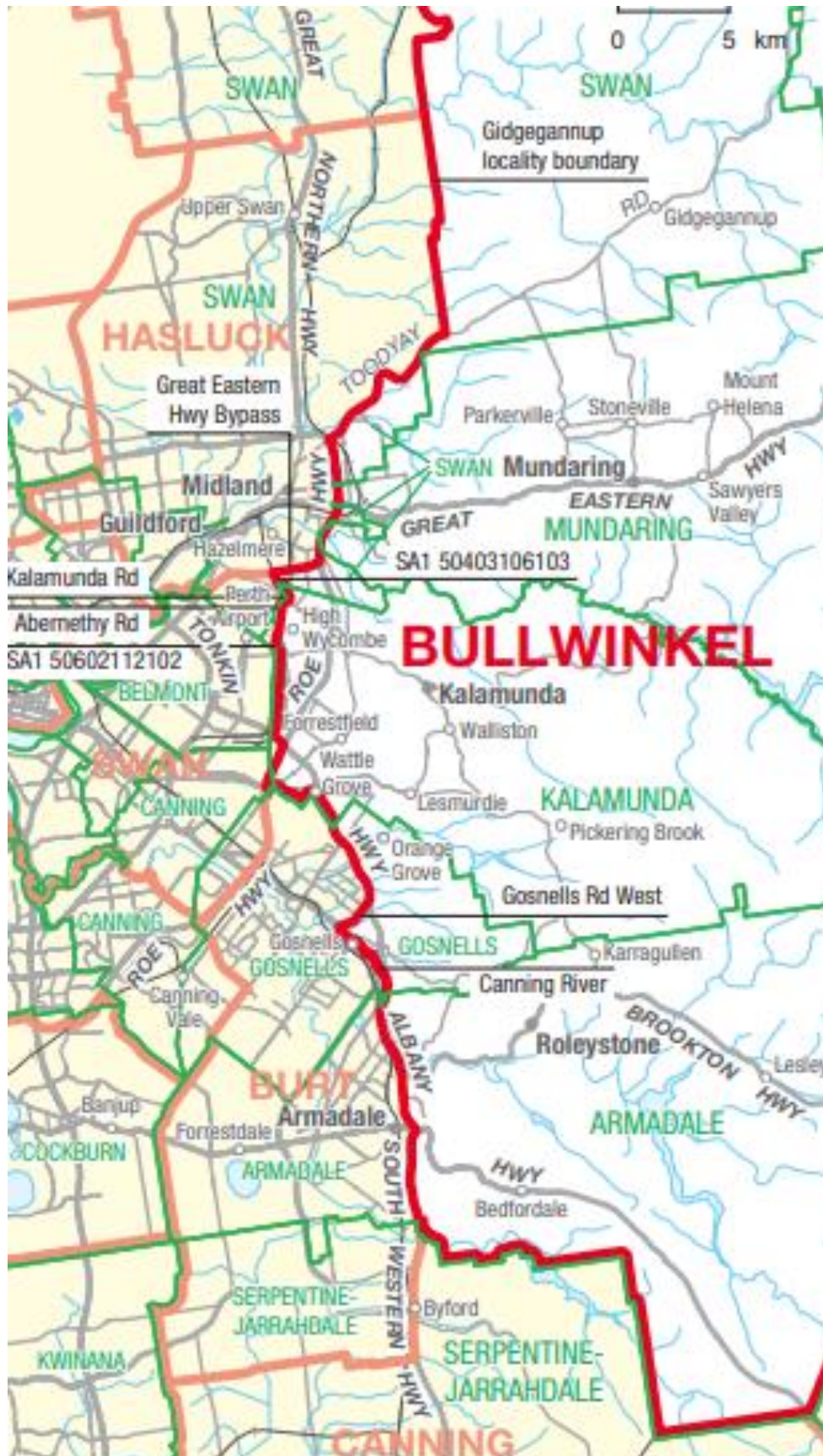
80cm K(E) German Railway Gun



This photo is concerning. I thought it was illegal to hunt deer using boobie-traps



The Division of Bullwinkel is a proposed Australian electoral division in the state of Western Australia. It was created in 2024 as part of a redistribution and is expected to come into effect at the 2025 federal election



Vivian Bullwinkel

An Australian Heroine

Lieutenant Colonel Vivian Bullwinkel AO, MBE, ARRC, ED

(18 December 1915 - 3 July 2000)

Early Career and World War II:

Vivian Bullwinkel was born on 18 December 1915 in Kapunda, South Australia, and was the sole survivor of the 1942 Banka Island (Indonesia) massacre in World War II.

Vivian completed her general nurse training at the Broken Hill and District Hospital in 1938 and following completion of her Midwifery in 1939, worked as a Staff Nurse at the Kiaora Private Hospital in the small country town of Hamilton in Victoria. She then moved to Melbourne and worked at Guildford Private Hospital and then in the Jessie McPherson wing of the Queen Victoria Hospital from 1940 to 1941.

In 1941 aged 25 and wanting to enlist, Bullwinkel volunteered as a nurse with the RAAF but was rejected for having flat feet. She was, however, able to enlist in the Australian Army Nursing Service and was assigned to the 2/13th Australian General Hospital (2/13th AGH). In September 1941 she sailed for Malaya.

Faced with the Japanese invasion of the Malay Peninsula, the hospital shifted to Singapore Island in January 1942.

After a few weeks with the 2/10th AGH, Bullwinkel rejoined the 13th AGH in Johor Baharu.



Staff Nurse Vivian Bullwinkel before being posted to Malaya

Japanese troops invaded Malaya in December 1941 and began to advance southwards, winning a series of victories and in late January 1942, forcing the 13th AGH to evacuate to Singapore. But the short-lived defence of the island ended in defeat, and, on 12 February, Bullwinkel and 65 other nurses boarded the SS Vyner Brooke to escape the island.

Two days later, the ship was sunk by Japanese aircraft. Bullwinkel, 21 other nurses and a large group of men, women, and children made it ashore at Radji Beach on Banka Island. Others on board either went down with the ship or were swept away and never seen again. The group were joined the next day by others making a total of about 100 including about twenty English soldiers from another ship sunk earlier.

In an action that later became known as the Banka Island Massacre, Japanese soldiers came and killed the men, then motioned the nurses to wade into the sea. They then machine-gunned the nurses from behind. "The girls fell one after the other." Sister Bullwinkel, badly wounded and feigning death, was the only survivor. She had been struck by a bullet which passed completely through her body, missing her internal organs, and feigned death until the Japanese soldiers left.

An officer from the Vyner Brooke walked to Muntok, a town on the north-west of the island, to contact the Japanese. While he was away Matron Irene Drummond, the most senior of the Australian nurses, suggested that the civilian women and children should start off walking towards Muntok.

Eventually, she surrendered again to the Japanese, but made no mention of the massacre. Bullwinkel was reunited with survivors of the Vyner Brooke. She told them of the massacre, but none spoke of it again until after the war lest it put Bullwinkel, as witness to the massacre, in danger. Bullwinkel spent three and half years in captivity; she was one of just 24 of the 65 nurses who had been on the Vyner Brooke to survive the war.



Sister Bullwinkel reunited with her mother at Heidelberg hospital following her release from captivity in 1945



Vivian Bullwinkel's identity discs which were issued to Bullwinkel following her release from captivity

After the War:

In 1949, Vivian resigned from the army and continued her career as a civilian nurse. She retained her position at the hospital which had now become the Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital and was transferred to the hospital's blood bank.

In 1950, she travelled to England with Betty Jeffrey. They were able to obtain positions at St Mary's Hospital in Paddington. Vivian later was employed as a sister-receptionist at the Department of Immigration at Australia House. They spent two years working in England but the highlight of their trip was being invited to tea with the Queen Mother who was eager to hear about their war experiences.

On returning to Australia, in 1953 she resumed her position at the Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital and in 1955 she became the Assistant Matron.

In 1959, Vivian completed a Diploma in Nursing Administration and was appointed Matron of Fairfield Infectious Diseases Hospital in Melbourne. She was to remain there for the rest of her career.

In 1975, Vivian would experience war again. As matron of Fairfield Hospital, she led a team to Saigon to evacuate 80 Vietnamese war orphans - just weeks before the city fell to the North Vietnamese army. Vivian grew very attached to the children during the months they stayed at Fairfield under her care and she remained in touch with many of them as they grew up with their adopted Australian families.

As the President of the Royal College of Nursing Australia (1973-1974), she was a key player in the struggle to have nursing education moved to universities.



Death:

She resigned from Fairfield Hospital in 1977 when she married Colonel F.W. Stratham. Vivian Bullwinkle died suddenly of a heart attack in a Perth hospital on Monday 3rd July 2000 after leg surgery. She was 84 years old and given a State Government Funeral which was held at St George's Anglican Cathedral, St George's Terrace, Perth.



Vivian Bullwinkel's cape. She wore the matron's cape after the war



Vivian Bullwinkel's badges The rank badges date from when she was a lieutenant colonel in the Royal Australian Army Nursing Corps.



Vivian Bullwinkel beside her portrait at the Australian War Memorial in 1992

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM 2025

Please leave your details and Payment in a sealed envelope and place in the Membership box under the Main Notice board. In most cases your receipt will be available for collection the same week from the bar staff

SERVICE MEMBERS PAY DIRECT TO STATE RSL UNLESS AGREED BY THE MEMBERSHIP OFFICER TO SEND IN BULK VIA THE SUB BRANCH

AFFILIATE & SOCIAL MEMBERS PAY DIRECT TO THE SUB-BRANCH

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM to 31st December 2025

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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Contact No: Home _____ **Mobile** _____

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<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>AFFILIATE</u>	<u>SOCIAL</u>
\$40	\$40	\$20
IID or Service No.	N° (If Known)	

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