

THE FURPHY

ARMADALE SUB-BRANCH OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

June 2025 Edition



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General Meetings:

Second Sunday of the month at 1030hrs

Annual General Meeting:

Second Sunday of September

Committee Positions

Armadales Sub-Branch Committee	
President	Mr Mike Fairweather
Vice President	Vacant
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 Keith Northcott
Committee	Mr Geoff Scott
Advocate / Welfare Officer	Mr Brent Errington
Bar Manager	Mr Mike Fairweather

ADVOCATE / WELFARE

Brent Errington “Erro” is available as follows:

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Diary Dates for June

<i>Day</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Time</i>
Sunday	1 st	Social Committee Meeting	1100
Tuesday	3 rd	Management Committee Meeting	1100
Sunday	8 th	General Meeting	1030



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi Members,

We've had advice that the Grant which was approved to replace carpets and repair external plumbing will be allocated after July. We will keep you informed as to the progress of this.

State Congress will be held on Saturday 14th June. I will be representing the Sub-Branch at that along with the Secretary and one of our Wardens, Graeme Cowie. We will report back at the July General Meeting.

There will be some works done out the back of our property over the coming weeks. This will be performed by Metconnx and will leave us with a very tidy and more manageable area. Please be patient while these works are being carried out.

We have so far been unsuccessful in obtaining any commitment regarding some sort of parking being allocated to the RSL moving forward but rest assured we are still pursuing every avenue in an attempt to obtain something.

Thanks everyone for their support and cheers for now,

Mike Fairweather

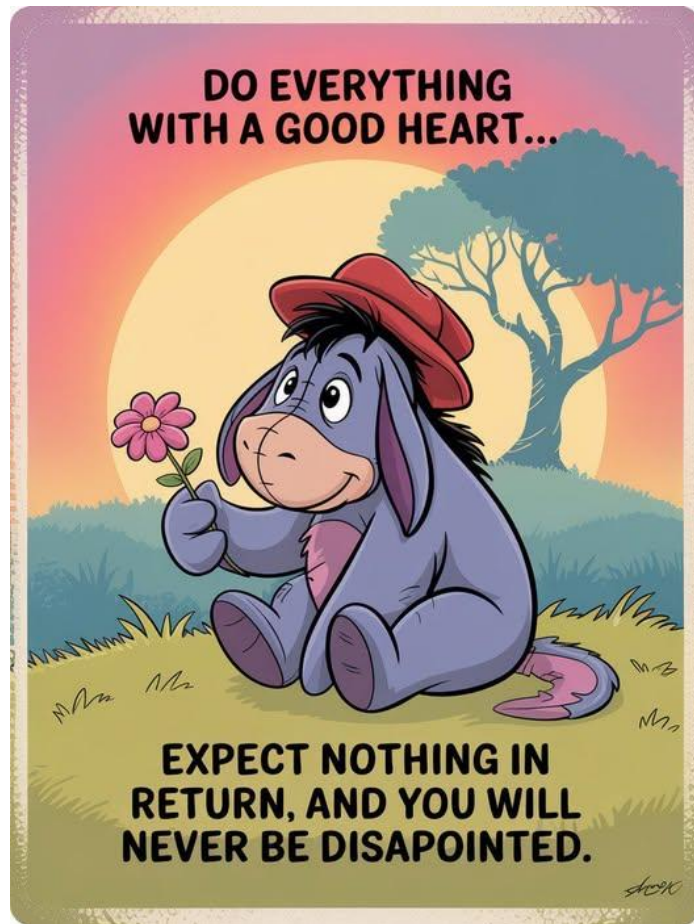
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THIS IS THE LAST PICTURE OF GRANNY FEEDING THE DUCKS





Heavy cruiser Mikuma severely crippled during the battle of midway, her midsection devastated and torpedoes hanging from the port side tubes



Secretary's Notes

Hi Everyone,

We have finally recovered from all things ANZAC and Stormy has already commenced planning Remembrance Day !

Metconnx are giving us a little gift of landscaping at the rear of the hall which will entail totally clearing the land between the building and the existing Railway fence. This will be reinstated with interlocking pavers. Anything else will be totally removed and scrapped, so should any member have anything they have stored out there which they have a need for in the future I suggest you have it removed as soon as possible. Please liaise with Stormy in that regard.

This will also impact on the existing plants etc that are currently out there and Lois will have total control of decisions regarding those. Please give her as much assistance as she requires by way of lending muscle etc as there is a lot to do.

Please give some consideration to the Sub-Branch AGM elections.

Nominations will open on 13th July and close on 10th August. All nominations will be advertised for 30 days on the Notice Board prior to voting on 14th September.

We will be welcoming back the Heartbeats Band in July, Lisa will be manning the kitchen on that day with lunch available. Full details in the next newsletter.

That's about all from me for this edition.

Carol King

Sub-Branch Secretary

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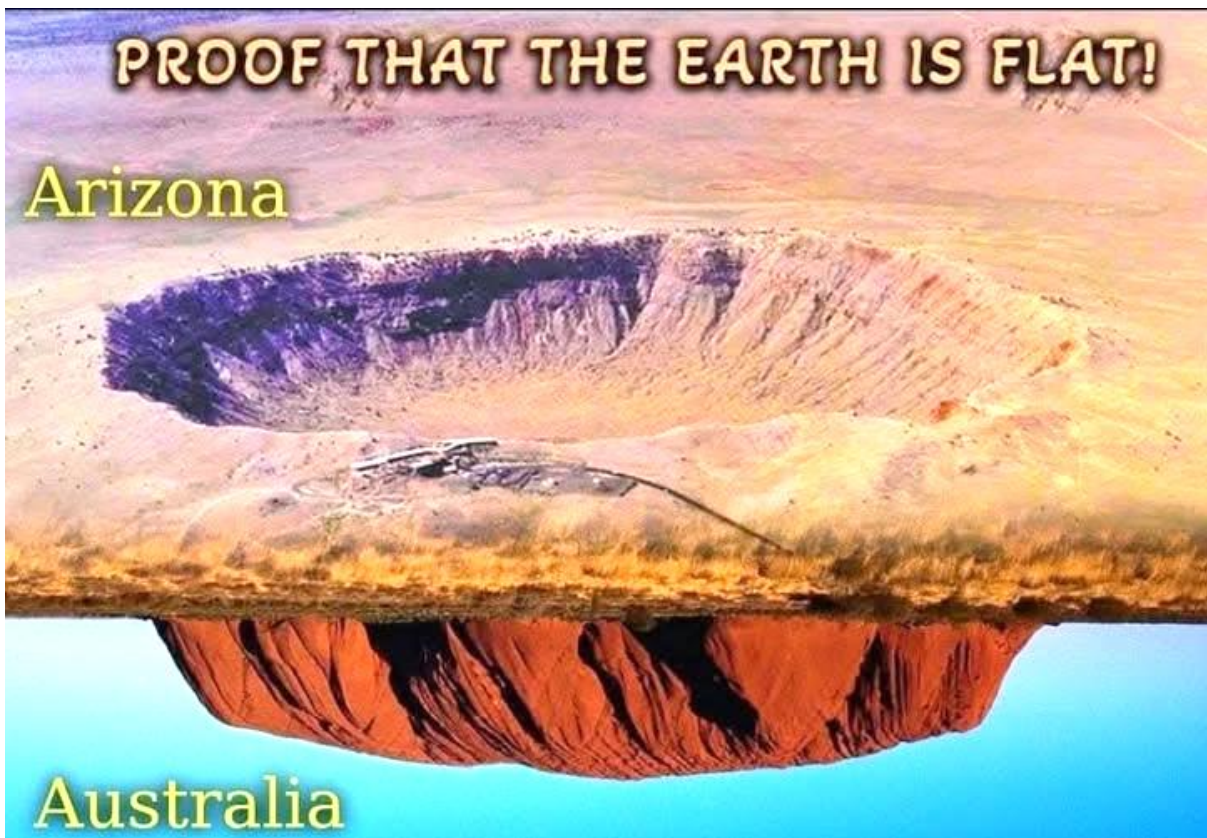
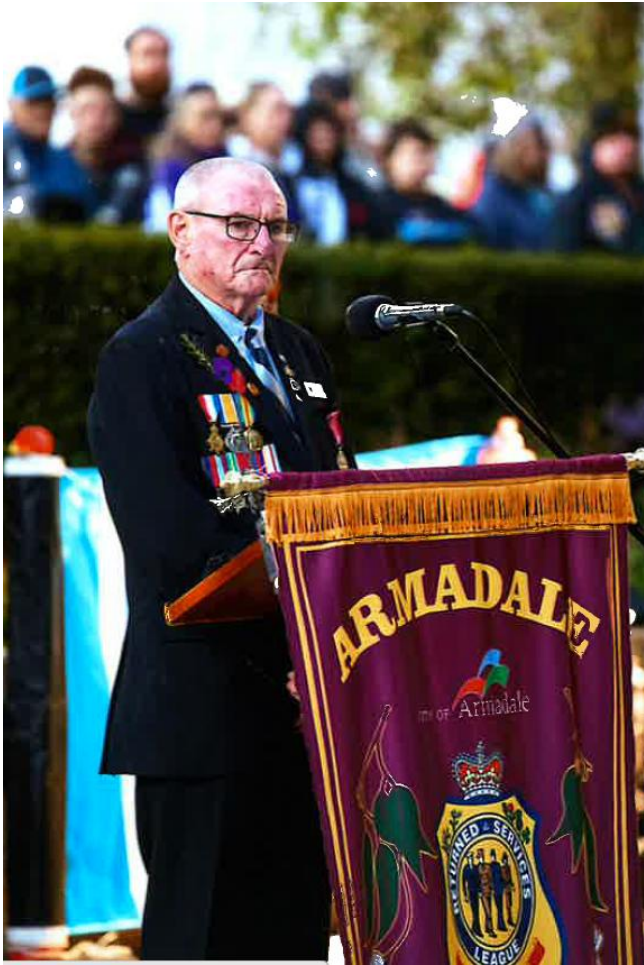


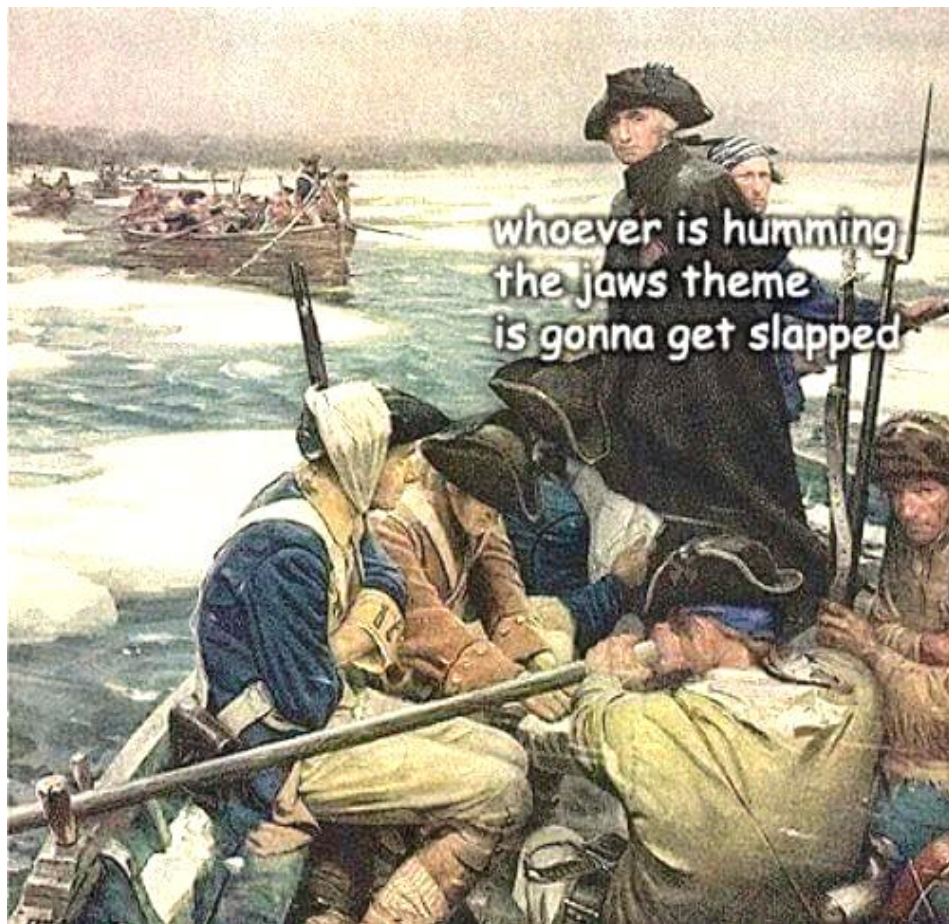
ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE - ARMADALE

We extend our sincere appreciation to a member of the public, Mr John Hodgkinson who took these fabulous photos at our Dawn Service and was kind enough to bring them in for us to share with our Members:











Bravery In The Skies: Clark Gable's Service As A WWII Boeing B-17 Gunner



Japanese Prisoners of War on Guam in August, 1944

Membership Update

As at 31st May, 2025:

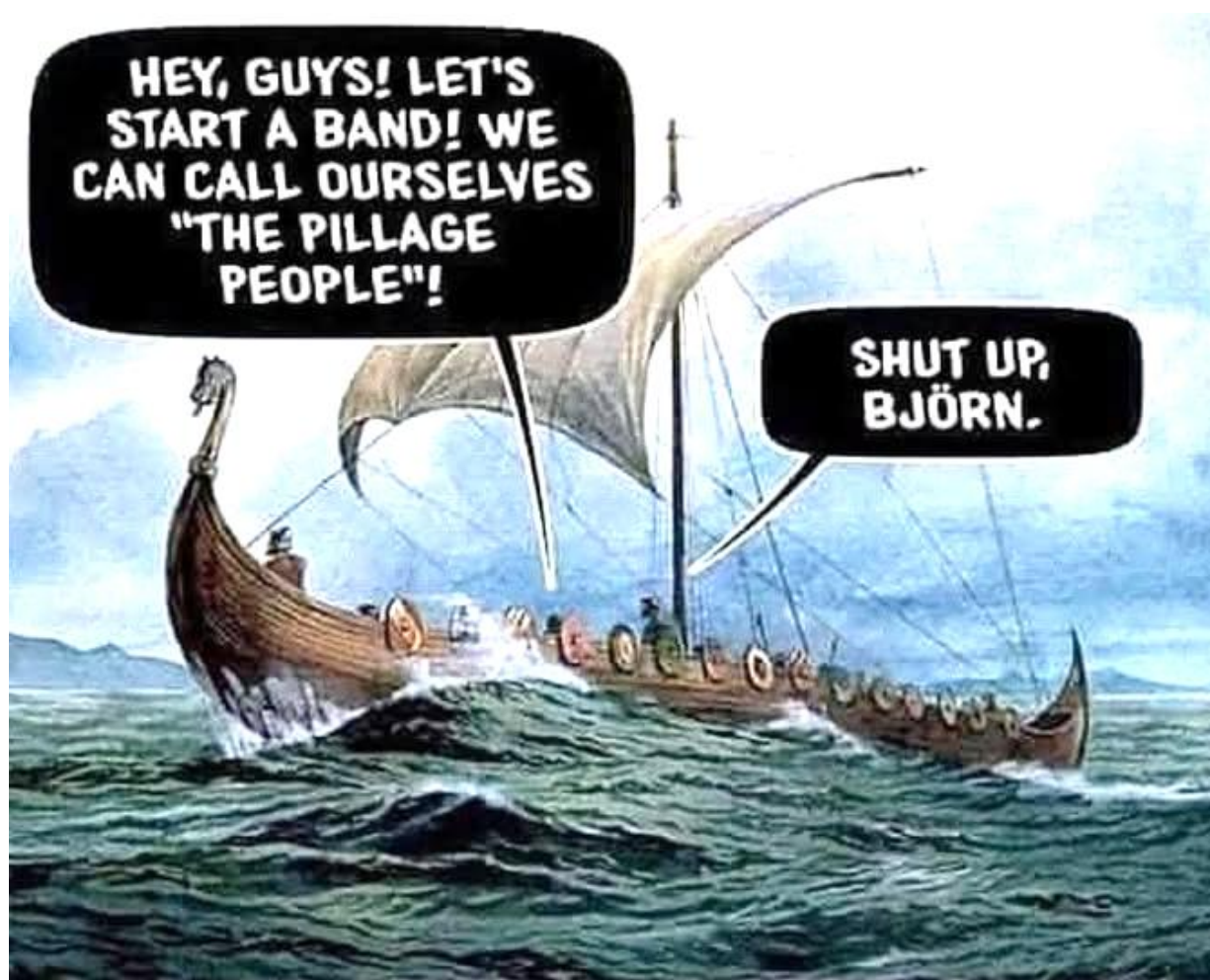
Service Members:	130
Affiliate Members:	38
Social Members:	<u>65</u>
Total:	<u>232</u>

Any questions relating to membership can be asked via me.

Tom Rynn

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German officers watching Allied tanks drive-by on a highway that is now called the Autobahn, Germany, 1945.



June Service Members:

Bell	Mr	Timothy	26/06	Chesson	Mr	Adrian	13/06
Copley	Mr	Leonard	28/06	Cowie	Mr	Graeme	18/06
Curry	Mr	Robert	08/06	Ferguson	Mr	Peter	11/06
Geraghty	Mr	Patrick	08/06	Granland	Ms	Margaret	25/06
Hine	Mr	Paul	14/06	Millar	Mr	Garry	03/06
Peisley	Mr	Andrew	16/06	Symes	Mr	Jonathon	08/06
Wright	Mr	James	05/06				

June Affiliate Members:

Cowie	Mr	Michael	06/06	Craster	Mrs	Irene	11/06
Ewers	Mrs	Felicidad	27/06	Jordan	Mr	Barry	28/06
King	Ms	Carol	16/06	King	Mrs	Val	14/06

June Social Members:

Hutchinson	Mr	David	22/06	Ritson	Mrs	Mary	20/06
Welch	Mr	Graham	23/06				

*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,

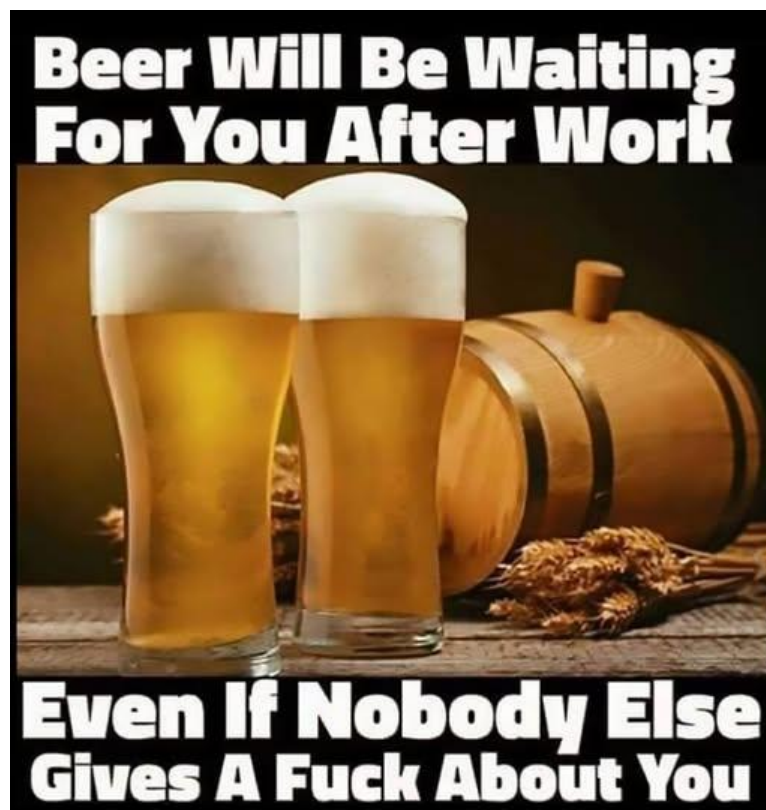
Lion have been in touch and have advised that they will not be increasing their prices in August due to the Government's decision to freeze draught beer excise. I suppose that's good news as the keg we received today had increased by 4.5%.

The takings over the bar in the last few weeks have been a little dismal, we are lucky to be breaking even.

Thanks again to Fiona for coming in to help out while Jules was off on leave. We're very happy to have Jules back on deck but miss Fee too.

Bye for now,

Stormy





An Armourer of No. 18 (NEI) Squadron RAAF fixes a tail to a US 2000lb Bomb in the rain at MacDonal Field Northern Territory Australia in 1943



A magnificent photograph of the 1st Australian Light Horse Regiment halted on the sands above the beach in Palestine, during WW1. Major Hudson DSO, Staff Captain, is seen standing in the left corner, and next to him, Colonel Granville DSO.

WHEN YOU WASTE ONE OF YOUR 3 WISHES



EVERY MAN NEEDS



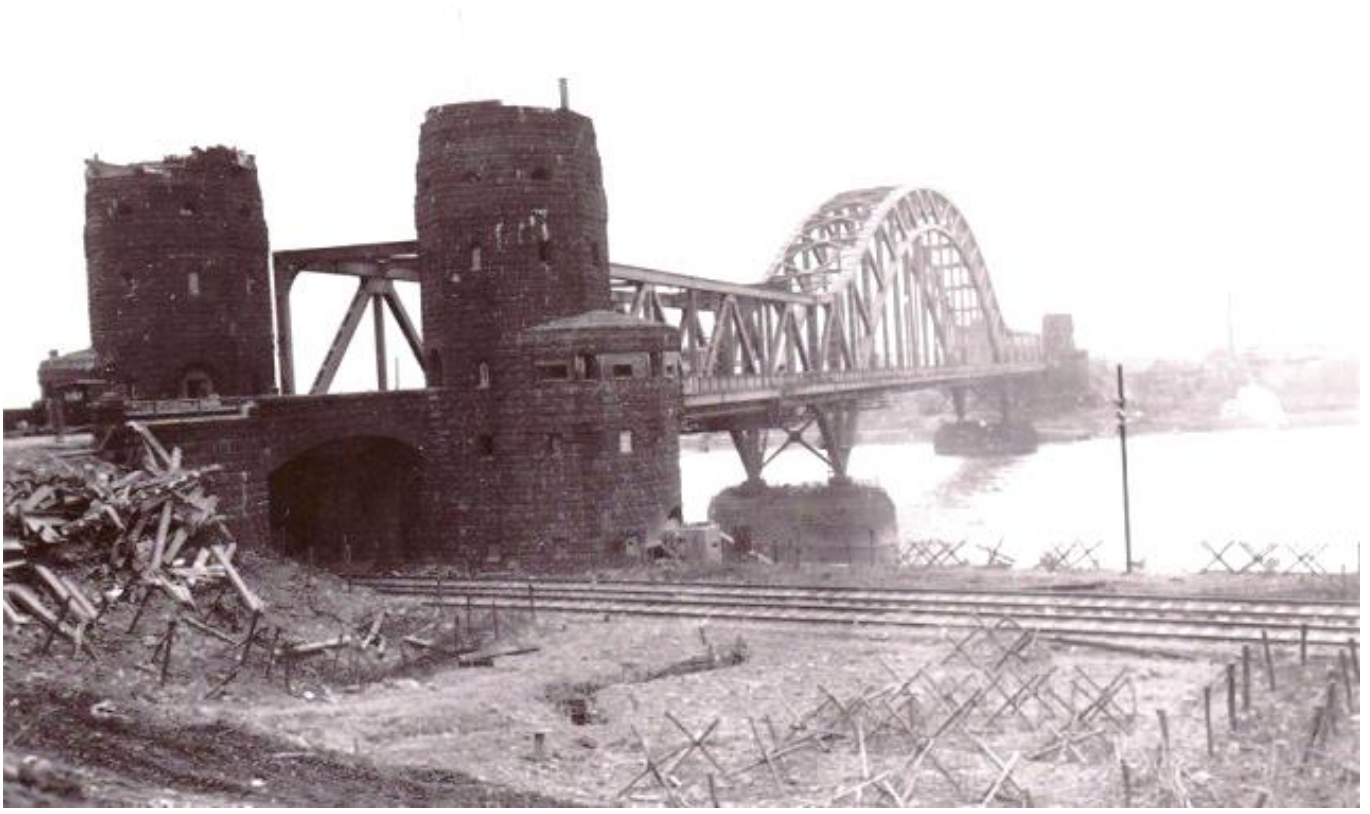
A DECENT COFFEE MAKER



Sinking of the destroyer Yamakaze ("Mountain Wind") photographed through the of Narwhal-class submarine USS Nautilus (SS-168) on June 25, 1942



The ONLY bridge across the Rhine river taken intact



The Ludendorff bridge at Remagen

Bridges throughout central Europe played a critical role in the land war of World War Two. From the Netherlands to northern France and on into central Germany, Europe's rivers and canals, and their bridges, were crucial to both sides ability to supply and advance its troops.

At Remagen on the west bank of the Rhine River in Germany the **Ludendorff Bridge** is a reminder of the battles that took place during the war over the bridges.



German troops had tried to destroy the bridge, but the US 9th Armoured Division captured the bridge in the spring of 1945. It enabled thousands of Allied troops to move across the Rhine and continue their eastward advance.



A side view of the Remagen Bridge in March 1945 before it collapsed into the Rhine. The smoke under and behind the bridge is from German artillery rounds trying to destroy the miraculously surviving link that let Allied forces cross the river.

In 1956 a book titled 'The Bridge at Remagen' told the story of the bridge during the war, and then at the end of the 1960s a film was made of the same name.

The Allied operation to take the bridge was known as Operation Lumberjack. The troops had made their way to Cologne and the Koblenz area and continue to move east. But as they moved further upriver they needed a spot to get across the Rhine.



The Ludendorff Bridge between 8 and 11 March 1945

When they arrived at Remagen they found that the bridge was still intact, along with its railroad. As the Allied troops approached the Nazis were still trying to blow the bridge up in desperation to stop the Allied advance. But they failed and the Allies took the bridge a few days later.

Unfortunately around 10 days later, due to the continued bombing attempts by the Nazis and the massive number of Allied troops, vehicles

and equipment that had made their way across the bridge, it collapsed. Thirty soldiers died when it collapsed, but General Eisenhower said that all the efforts to capture the bridge had been worth it, since they had been able to advance significantly eastwards.



Now, the only remains of the bridge are two castle towers on either side of the river. Inside one of the towers a Peace Museum was opened in the 1980s to display the story and history of the bridge.

Ludendorff Bridge was originally built during World War One so that German troops could make their way to the front line quicker.



Inside the museum

The museum has exhibits on daily life for soldiers during both World War One and World War Two, as well as posters and images from the original 1960s movie *The Bridge at Remagen*. Another story the museum tells is that of the nearby prisoner of war camp, which held almost 50,000 German POWs after the war had ended.





Three 3RAR diggers treating a captured northern Vietnamese soldier's leg wounds after the second fierce battle at defensive position Balmoral, 28 May 1968. Identified on the left David Butler; second from left Enrico Lepore and an unidentified digger at right holding a shell dressing.





*24 April 1915. the Australians from Lemnos for the Gallipoli landing at Anzac Cove
Troops of the 11th Battalion and 1st Field Company Australian Engineers assembled on
the forecastle of HMS London*



*This photograph taken in 1942, during WW2, of an Australian soldier as he holds "Joey" the
mascot in his arms. This young kangaroo was smuggled into Malaya.*

Churchman Brook ANZAC Day Dawn Service

The Churchman Brook Community hosted their second ever Anzac Day Dawn Service that was very well attended by around 350 local residents. HMAS Stirling kindly provided the Catafalque Party, Flag orderly, and Padre to support the event. A local 12 year old young lady recited a poem and a local 14 year old young man sounded the bugle calls with Lyndon Jackson being the Master of Ceremony keeping it a truly localised community effort. The Churchman Brook estate has many street names named after the 32 Bedfordale residents that departed on the first and second AIF's. A number of descendants from those families still reside in the area and were present on the morning. Following the service, the local Bedfordale Country Women's' Association (CWA), who were the designated hosts for the event, actively supported by their husbands, put on a free Gunfire

breakfast that was attended by most who attended the service. This was only made possible by significant sponsorship from a number of local residents and business. The service at Churchman Brook is now here to stay and plans for 2026 have already commenced. Likewise, we currently have an application before the City of Armadale Council for a permanent



Memorial and Flagpole at the Churchman Brook Community Centre which is progressing nicely through council. In the days since Anzac Day, there has been an overwhelming outpouring of support and congratulation on social media channels for this year's Dawn Service at Churchman Brook. The commemorative spirit is alive and well. The Bedfordale CWA thanks the Armadale Branch of the RSL and the Executive for their ongoing support to this event.

Lyndon Jackson



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