THE FURPHY

ARMADALE SUB-BRANCH OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

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BOOK KEEPERMrs Diane LindupBAR MANAGERMrs Maria GizziKITCHEN MANAGERMr Joshua Campbell

Committee Meetings: First Thursday of the month at 1730 hrs General Meetings: Second Sunday of the month at 1030 hrs

Annual General Meeting: Sunday 9th September 2018

Rumours from The Office

Welcome to the February 2018 edition of "The Furphy", we have had our first GM for the year and I must apologise to the members who attended the meeting for my outburst, as I should have been more diplomatic, but I do not like being wrongly accused due to unfounded rumours.

The President and Vice President have been busy on the closure of Club Inc. and trying to settle issues with the ATO, as well as setting new procedures in place to prevent any future issues happening again.

On the entertainment side of the house, Australia Day and Valentine's Day both went very well, I think the Valentine's Dinner was probably one of best the club has ever had. We have some events coming up in the next month, "Desert Mist" on the 23rd February, "Simple Cut" on 9th March, "Service Members Lunch" on 17th March and "Heart Beats" on 23rd March. Hope to see as many people as possible attend and enjoy the facilities of our (your) club.

On the evening of the Valentine's Dinner, Mr David Mather attended the evening, but on the way to the club he had a fall and injured himself, as a resulted he submitted the following email to our website: "I had a fall between the station and the club when I arrived at the club members/kitchen and bar staff rallied around me and helped stop the bleeding also helped my wife who does not handle these situations well, rang for an ambulance lucky it arrived quickly and I was seen to quickly as well, we were back at the club just after seven and had a very nice meal the bar staff found a clean shirt as well. We are new members and it is a privilege to be a member of the Armadale RSL, where people rallied around to help others.

I would like to thank all the people involved making the valentines dinner a great night the place looked great the food and service during the meal was better than most venues around Perth.

Well done all involved.

David and Maureen Mather"

Last but not least, I would like to thank everyone who assisted with the "Busy Bee" last Saturday, we had about a dozen workers who cleaned the gardens, the back area of the Club and the ever ending bird droppings from the front of the club. Thanks again to all those involved.

Cheers, Wombat

Upcoming Events for your Diary

- 23rd February Members Night Band "Desert Mist"
- 2nd March Members Night
- 9th March Members Night Band "Simple Cut"
- 11th March General Meeting 10:30am
- 16th March Members Night
- 17th March Service Members Lunch 12:00pm
- 18th March Members Free Sausage Sizzle 2:30pm
- 23rd March Members Night Band "Heart Beats"
- 31st March Children's Easter Party 9:00am until 12:00pm

COMMITTEE VACANCY

Nominations are open for the position of Treasurer

Nominations close Friday 9 MARCH 2018

(No nominations will be accepted after this date)

NOTE: All positions must be Proposed & Seconded by financial Service Members.

All nominations must be accompanied with a written letter for the position of Treasurer.

WELFARE MATTERS

Helpful Supports available through DVA:-

AT EASE: - www.at-ease.dva.gov.au

This is a website designed or someone you know recognise signs of Mental Health Problems and to Act to Improve and Maintain Health and Wellbeing.

THE RIGHT MIX: - www.therightmix.gov.au

The RIGHT MIX is a website designed to help you find the right balance with your drinking.

The consumption calculator might be an eye-opener!

SUICIDE PREVENTION: -

Operation LIFE Workshops are free and open to people who are concerned about family, friends, mates or others in the veteran community. Priority will be given to veterans and their families. More information is available from VVCS or www.dva.gov.au/health_and_wellbeing/

DEPRESSION and ANXIETY: -

In addition to help through your GP, VVCS or local health and community centres there are a number of websites specifically offering help for Depression and Anxiety. You might like to 'shop around' until you find one that you think will be helpful.

Jude Firth

SOCIAL DART COMPETION

If anyone is interested in participating in a social game of darts once a week, please contact me on 9497 1972 or 0415 440 150, plus I will have a list on the bar if anyone wants to put their name on the list. I was thinking that we could have the game on Thursday night, that way the kitchen is open if you would like to have dinner as well.

Cheers, Wombat

Famous Quote from Winston Churchill

"The main vice of Capitalism is the uneven distribution of prosperity.

The main vice of socialism is the even distribution of misery."

TREVOR'S JOKE OF THE MONTH

Ain't political correctness great!

Ever wonder why it takes 6 months to get an appointment with a Psychiatrist?

What a morning.....

- 8:00 I made a snowman.
- 8:10 A feminist passed by and asked me why I didn't make a snow woman.
- 8:15 I made a snow woman.
- 8:17 The nanny of the neighbors complained about the snow woman's voluptuous chest.
- 8:20 The gay couple living nearby grumbled that it could have been two snowmen instead.
- 8:25 The vegans at No. 12 complained about the carrot nose, as veggies are food and not to decorate snow figures with.
- 8:28 I am being called a racist because the snow couple is white.
- 8:31 The Muslim gent across the road wants the snow woman to wear a headscarf.
- 8:40 Someone calls the cops who show up to see what's going on.
- 8:42 I am told that the broomstick of the snowman needs to be removed because it could be used as a deadly weapon. Things get worse after I mutter: "Yeah, if it's up your a***"
- 8:52 My phone is seized and thoroughly checked while I am blindfolded and flown to the police station in a helicopter.
- 9:00 I'm on the news as a suspected terrorist bent on stirring up trouble at this sensitive time.
- 9:10 I am asked if I have any accomplices.
- 9:29 A little known jihadist group has claimed it was their plot.

The Adelaide Police.

A policeman in Adelaide pulled over a driver who had been weaving in and out of the traffic.

He approached the car window and said:

"Sir I need you to blow into this breathalyzer".

The man reaches into his pocket and produces a doctor's note. On it was written:

"This man suffers from chronic asthma. Please do not make him perform any action that may leave him short of breath".

The policeman said: "Okay, then I need you to come and give a blood sample"

The man produced another letter. This one said: "This man is a

haemophiliac. Please do not cause him to bleed in any way".

So the officer said: "Right, I need a urine sample then".

The man produces a third letter from his pocket. It read: This man plays Cricket for England, please don't extract the urine from him"

MILITARY HISTORY FOR FEBRUARY

THE BANKA ISLAND MASSACRE (1942)

Sister Vivian Bullwinkel's Story



On 12 February 1942, with the fall of Singapore to the Japanese imminent, sixty-five Australian Army nurses, including Sister Vivian Bullwinkel, were evacuated from the besieged city on the small coastal steamer *Vyner Brooke*. In addition to the Australian nurses, the ship was crammed with over two hundred civilian evacuees and English military personnel. As the *Vyner Brooke* was passing between Sumatra and Borneo, Japanese aircraft bombed and strafed the overloaded ship and it sank quickly. The survivors in lifeboats were strafed by Japanese aircraft but some reached Bangka Island off the coast of Sumatra. Twelve Australian nurses were either killed in the attack on the ship or drowned in the sea. The remaining fifty-three nurses reached Bangka Island in

lifeboats, on rafts, or by drifting with the tide.

Wearing their Red Cross armbands and having protected status as non-combatants by convention of civilised nations, the nurses expected to be treated in a civilised manner by the Japanese when they reached shore. Their expectations were short lived. The lucky survivors were rounded up at gunpoint by the Japanese and herded into a building that was filthy and overcrowded. All of the survivors were tired, thirsty, and hungry. Some were suffering from



exposure to the sun after many hours immersed in the sea, and some had been wounded in the attacks on the ship and the lifeboats. The Japanese were unsympathetic to their plight and only offered the survivors a bucket of water and a bucket of rice.

The unlucky survivors, including twentytwo Australian nurses, landed in lifeboats on the northern coast of Bangka Island and

lit a bonfire to guide other survivors to them. Sister Vivian Bullwinkel was in this group of nurses. When the number of survivors at the bonfire reached about one hundred, it was decided that they should surrender to the Japanese. A party of male survivors went off to find Japanese. They were accompanied by civilian women and their children. The twenty-two Australian nurses stayed to look after the injured, and they made and erected a red cross to indicate to the Japanese that they were non-combatants.

A patrol of about fifteen Japanese soldiers arrived from the coastal township of Muntok. While some guarded the Australian nurses, the rest herded the male survivors, about fifty in number, down the beach and around a headland. The nurses heard gunfire from this direction, and shortly afterwards, the Japanese soldiers returned alone. Some were wiping blood from their bayonets.

The twenty-two Australian nurses were then ordered by the Japanese to form a line and walk into the sea. The women knew what was going to happen to them, but none panicked or pleaded for mercy. When the water had reached the nurses' waists, the Japanese opened fire on them. Sister Bullwinkel was hit in the back by a bullet and knocked off her feet. Upon discovering that she was only wounded, she pretended to be dead. After some time had passed, she risked a glance at the beach and saw that the Japanese soldiers had gone. She looked around for the other twenty-one nurses and saw none. She was the only nurse who had survived the massacre.

When she reached the beach, she was joined by an English soldier who had survived the massacre behind the headland. Private Kingsley had been bayoneted by the Japanese and left for dead. They were given food by the local village women, but after two weeks, they realised that their position was hopeless, and they decided to walk to Muntok and give themselves up. Shortly afterwards, Private Kingsley died from the bayonet wound.

Realising that the lives of all survivors of the *Vyner Brooke* would be at risk if



the Japanese discovered what she had seen, Sister Bullwinkel concealed her wound from the Japanese and treated it herself. She survived harsh imprisonment to give evidence of the massacre at a war crimes trial in Tokyo in 1947.

THE BATAAN DEATH MARCH

The Japanese invasion of the Philippines began when Lieutenant General Masaharu Homma landed on the main northern island of Luzon with two army divisions on 22 December 1941. American General Douglas MacArthur had dispersed his troops and supplies widely and thinly over nine major islands of the Philippine archipelago, and the Japanese were able to land with little opposition. Homma quickly broke through MacArthur's thin defensive line and forced the



American and Filipino troops to withdraw and concentrate on the Bataan Peninsula. Because MacArthur had dispersed his supplies widely across the Philippines, his troops were immediately placed on half rations. Homma threw 20,500 Japanese troops into his attack on the defenders of Bataan, and when he pulled back his troops on 24 February he had less than 2,000 left on their feet and many of these were sick. Imperial General Headquarters in Tokyo was furious with Homma. He had unwisely boasted that he would crush all American resistance in the Philippines within forty-five days, and he had squandered a full Japanese army division in the assault on Bataan without defeating the American and Filipino defenders. He was severely reprimanded by Tokyo and demoted by being placed under the overall command of General Yamashita.

When the Japanese renewed their offensive on 3 April 1942 with fresh troops supported by heavy artillery, tanks, and air attack, the survivors on the Bataan Peninsula were so weakened by starvation and disease that they were unable to offer any effective resistance. Trusting to the mercy of the Japanese, the commanding officer on Luzon, Major General Edward King, surrendered his troops on 9 April 1942. Infuriated and humiliated by the lengthy American resistance on Bataan, and the heavy losses they had suffered themselves, Homma and his troops vented their rage on their sick and exhausted prisoners of war

whom they subjected to the atrocities of the Bataan Death March and the harsh conditions of Japanese "hell camps".



During the surrender discussions relating to Bataan, General Homma told Major General King that his troops would have to march from Bataan to their place of imprisonment at Camp O'Donnell, a distance of about 100 miles (161 km). General King pointed out to the Japanese

commander that his troops had been on half rations since January (i.e. 3 months), and that all were starving, and many were sick. He requested permission to drive the prisoners of war to Camp O'Donnell in American army trucks. Still smarting from the rebuke, he had received from Imperial General Headquarters in Tokyo and his demotion from overall command in the Philippines, Homma curtly dismissed King's request.

Immediately following the Bataan surrender on 9 April 1942, the prisoners of war were searched. Any prisoner found with Japanese equipment or other souvenirs was immediately killed. The Bataan Death March began at Mariveles on 10 April and lasted for a week. During this hellish march, sick and starving prisoners were beaten randomly and denied any water. Any prisoner who asked for water was killed on the spot. When the Japanese guards needed a rest, they forced the prisoners to sit in the hot sun without any head covering. Any prisoner who fell behind or collapsed from heat, exhaustion and lack of water, was killed on the spot unless his comrades could carry him. During the week-long march, prisoners were denied food apart from a few handfuls of contaminated rice. At night, the prisoners were packed so tightly into enclosures that they were almost unable to move.

The US Army Centre for Military History has estimated that as many as 650 American POWs and between 5,000-10,000 Filipino POWs were murdered by the Japanese during the Bataan Death March. The Japanese were particularly cruel to the Filipinos whom they regarded as American lackeys. Of 20,000 American troops captured by the Japanese in the Philippines, about half died in captivity before the Pacific War ended. Some were murdered swiftly, others were murdered slowly from starvation, sickness and brutal treatment.

After the defeat of Japan in 1945, Lieutenant General Homma was charged as a war criminal for his part in the brutal murders of American and Filipino prisoners of war following their surrender and during the Bataan Death March. He was convicted of war crimes in 1946 and executed.

MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIPS ARE NOW DUE, THE CUT OFF DATES ARE SERVICE AND AFFILIATES – 30^{TH} APRIL AND SOCIAL – 28^{TH} FEBRUARY.

The fees for annual Membership are as follows:

- Service Members: \$40.00, must provide evidence of service,
- Affiliate Members \$40.00, Must provide evidence of relative's service,
- Social Members: \$50.00, and must provide proof of identification.
- Current Serving Members receive their first Year's membership free.

If you have not received your receipt yet, please check with the bar staff as they hold them behind the bar.

NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME

The Following people have been nominated as Affiliates Members:

IF ANY MEMBERS HAVE ANY REASON WHY THESE NOMINEES SHOULD NOT BE MEMBERS OF OUR CLUB, PLEASE CONTACT THE SECRETARY

All enquiries for Membership, please contact the Secretary on 9497 1972 OR 0415 440 150 RENEWALS ARE NOW DUE

RENEWAL FORMS ARE ON THE BACK PAGE

Armadale RSL Sub-Branch

Trading Hours

Mondays and Tuesdays: 4pm – 8pm

Wednesday and Thursday: Noon – 8pm

Friday: Noon -12 - Midnight

Saturday and Sunday: Noon – 8pm

Public Holidays: 12pm – 8pm

By order of the Committee, should there be 5 Patrons or less in the Club between 7pm and 8pm closing times may then vary at the discretion of the Duty Bar Manager.

<u>Dress Code</u> ~ <u>Military Mess standards apply.</u>

Reasonably clean working dress permitted on weekdays only up to 7.00pm.

Neat casual at all other times.

Not Permitted at any time:-

Thongs, Tank Tops, Singlets, Muscle Tops, Bare Midriffs,

Headdress may not be worn unless sanctioned by The Committee.

FRIDAY NIGHT MEMBERS NIGHT

Come along and have a meal and support:

Lillian's Friday Night Raffles,

which help towards the Children's Christmas Party. The prizes are drawn immediately after "The Ode" which is observed each Friday night at 7 pm.

SPITFIRE GRILL

LUNCHES 12 – 2PM Thur – Fri – Sun DINNERS 5:30 – 8PM Thursdays & Fridays



Lunches-\$10

FISH & CHIPS (Battered/Grilled)
Served with Salad, Tartare,
Lemon Wedge & Chips

STEAK SANDWICHServed with Aioli & Chips

CHICKEN PARMIGIANA
Served with Salad & Chips

CLASSIC CAESAR SALAD With parmesan cheese, bacon, egg & croutons. Add Chicken \$2

BEEF BURGER

Served with Iceberg lettuce, Tomato, Cheese, Beetroot & choice of Sauce

Snacks

SEAFOOD BASKET
With Chips \$7
SKICKY PORK BELLY
With shredded apple \$7

GARLIC PRAWNS
With Chips \$7

FISH GOUJONS (FINGERS)
With Chips \$5

CHICKEN NUGGETS
With Chips \$5

CHIPS OR WEDGES
With Aioli \$5

SOUP OF THE DAYServed with Bread Roll **\$5**

PORTERHOUSE STEAK (150g)
Served with Potato Mash &
Veg OR Salad & Chips \$15

CHICKEN PARMIGIANA
Served with Salad & Chips \$10

LAMB RACK
Potato Mash & Gravy \$15

FISH & CHIPS (Battered/Grilled)
Served with Salad, Tartare,
Lemon Wedge & Chips \$10

SALT & PEPPER SQUIDServed with salad & chips \$10

SAUCES AVAILABLE Mushroom, Garlic, Pepper or Gravy

Little Spitfires—\$5
CHICKEN NUGGETS
With Chips

FISH GOUJONS (FINGERS)
With Chips

STEAK & CHIPS

PLEASE SEE OUR BOARD FOR SPECIALS

AVAILABLE FOR MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS

SUNDAY SESSION

- STARTS AT 1200 HRS
- **UNTIL 1700 HRS**
- LUNCH 1200 TO 1400 HRS
- HAPPY HOUR 1300 TO 1400 HRS
- PRESIDENTS JESTER
 - TICKET GIVEN WITH DRINK DURING HAPPY HOUR
 - O DRAWN ON THE DAY
 - **OJACKPOT <u>\$300.00</u>**
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UP COMING ENTERTAINMENT



Friday 23rd February 7:30 until 11:00 pm



Simple Cut Friday 9th March 7:00 until 11:00 pm



Heart Beats
Friday 23rd March 7:30 until 11:30pm

RULES TO PICKING THE PRESIDENT'S JESTER

TICKET SALES A TICKET WILL BE ISSUED WITH EACH DRINK PURCHACED BETWEEN 12:00 AND 2:00 PM

RULES

- 1. This will run over a maximum of 26 weeks. The draw will only have 52 cards.
- 2. Only one card per winner is turned over.
- 3. Two draws each week on the day of the draw.
- 4. Ticket holders must be present on the time of the draw and if unclaimed at the time of the draw, a redraw will be conducted within 5 min after the second draw of the day.
- 5. Winnings are paid on the day.
- 6. The single JESTER wins the JACKPOT.
- 7. Each suite Ace, King, Queen and Jack is also a winning card amounts are listed below, and wont jackpot, these are a standard fixed amount.
- 8. If there are NO winners for the day the prize money will JACKPOT by \$100.00 per draw.
- 9. \$50.00 from each draw will be placed into a kitty for the end of year Adult Xmas Party.

10. Once the Joker has been picked the Card Deck will be re-set and jackpot will start over at

\$100.00.

Prize money payout

Jester = **Jackpot**

Ace = \$20.00

King = \$15.00

Queen = \$10.00

 $\mathbf{Jack} = \$5.00$



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DALE COTTAGES

Dale Cottages are often in need of part time workers in the following fields:

- * Nursing * Drivers * Carers
- * Handy Men * Gardeners

If anyone would like to offer their time and services it would be very much appreciated.

Please contact Stacey Dowding at Dale Cottages Contact details: 9399 5393 and csc@dalecottages.org

Dale Cottages "Village Home Open"

Every Wednesday 11am – 2pm Obligation free and includes a Cottage and Apartment inspection, Village Tour and a Take Home Information Pack 9497 3200 or vma@dalecottages.org



Cnr Jull Street & Third Road Armadale **Phone:** (08) 9399 8999



Shop 12, 1256 Armadale Road (Haynes Shopping Centre)

Armadale, WA 6112 Phone: 9399 5555

Email: armadale@batteryworld.com.au

Discount Vouchers available at the bar

Armadale RSL Merchandise

Special Sale Prices (For old stock only)

RSL Stickers \$1.00

Badges & Lapel Pins \$3.00

Stubby Holders \$5.00 or 3 for \$12

Key Rings \$5.50

Caps \$15.00

Scarves \$20.00

Bar Runners \$26.00

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING ARMADALE RSL SUB BRANCH











MEMBERSHIP

PLEASE LEAVE YOUR DETAILS AND PAYMENT IN A SEALED ENVELOPE WITH THE BAR STAFF. IN MOST CASES YOUR RECEIPT WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION THE SAME WEEK FROM THE BAR STAFF.

AFFILIATE & SOCIAL MEMBERS PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO ARMADALE RSL

SERVICE MEMBERS PAY DIRECT TO STATE RSL UNLESS AGREED BY THE MEMBERSHIP OFFICER TO SEND IN BULK VIA THE CLUB. SERVICE MEMBERS CHEQUES ARE TO BE MADE PAYABLE TO RSL OF WA.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM 2018

NAME:			
ADDRESS:			
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Contact No: Home	Mobile		Email:
<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>AFFILIATE</u>		SOCIAL
\$40	\$40		\$50
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