

**Drum**  
**Wyong RSL Sub Branch**  
**Newsletter**  
**June 2019**



HMAS Newcastle on final visit to Newcastle  
prior to decommissioning on 30th June 2019

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## **President's Report**

G'day Members.

Not a lot to report this time except to say that we have received another draft constitution and our response has been forward to CCDC to collate along with other responses from Sub-Branches in our district.

We held an RSL Funeral service for Les Baxter on Monday 15th July 19 at Palmdale. 5 of our members attended this service.

Our last few meetings we have only had 13 to 22 members attend and I feel that more should be attending to have their say in all matters.

Our financials are in a very good position and as term deposits come to fruition we are re-investing in further deposits for the best possible return available.

Until next Drum keep well and happy.

Alan Stanford

President.

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### **Did You Know**

Australia has 8222 islands around our shores

The 3 largest islands are

1: Tasmania                      64,509 sq/km

2: Melville Island              5,786 sq/km

3: Kangaroo Island              4,416 sq/km

## Keeping Your Sub-Branch Details Up To Date

If you have recently moved, or your details have changed, please let the Sub-Branch Office know so that our Secretary can update your contact details.

This information is required so that we can send any correspondence (including the fabulous Drum ) and membership renewals to the correct address.

Also if you know of a member or one of our widows who has moved, either to another area or to an Aged Care facility, could you kindly let the Sub-Branch Office know as soon as practical.

Your help in this matter is much appreciated.

Last year British scientists dug down 10 feet and found traces of copper wire dating back 150 years and came to the conclusion that their ancestors already had a telephone network back then.

Not to be outdone, an American archaeologist dug down 20 feet and found traces of 200 year old copper wire and deduced that their ancestors had an advanced communications network 50 years ahead of the English.

Shortly after this the Northern Territory Times reported that Knackers Johnston—a self taught archaeologist—dug down 30 feet in his back yard in Tenant Creek and found absolutely bugga all. Knackers therefore concluded that 250 years ago Australia had already gone Wireless.



Makes ya feel bloody proud to be an Aussie!

## From a bowlers wife

My husband took up Bowling, and he bragged upon the phone,  
About some Wench called Kitty, whom he could not leave alone,  
He played with Kitty, He stayed with Kitty,  
He picked her up without a hitch  
He missed Kitty, he kissed Kitty  
He even lay beside her in a ditch  
So I took up bowling, to win my husband back,  
And found what he could do with Kitty, I could do with Jack.

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In the backwoods of Scotland, Ian's wife goes into labour in the middle of the night and the doctor is called in to assist in the delivery.

To keep the nervous father-to-be busy the doctor hands him a lantern and says "Here, hold this up high so I can see what I'm doing"

Soon a wee baby is brought into the world.

"Whoa there Ian, don't be in a rush to put the lantern down, I think there's another wee one to come out"

Sure enough, within minutes he delivers a bonnie lass.

"No, no don't be in a hurry it seems there is another one besides" cries the doctor.

Ian scratches his head in bewilderment and asks the doctor, "Do ye think it's the light that's attractin them?"

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What would you call it when an Italian has one arm shorter than the other?

A speech impediment

## **Sub-Branch Happenings**

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## Social Page

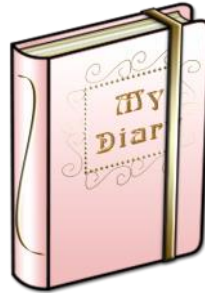


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## Dates for Your Diary

14th July	Sub-Branch Meeting
11th August	Sub-Branch Meeting
18th August	Vietnam Veterans Day at Keith Payne Hostel Noraville at 11am
8th September	Sub-Branch Meeting
1,2,3.November	proposed trip to Canberra ( depending on numbers)



Due to the lack of interest in traveling to Sydney to see a live show this idea has been canned.

The next bus trip will be on the 2nd August, we will be traveling to the North Shore of Sydney for a day out.

We will be having a guided walk around the North Head Sanctuary, visiting the Quarantine Station and having a bus trip along the beaches before having lunch at the Palm Beach RSL Club.

Cost will be \$10 and the pick up time will be 8:30 am.



If you have an idea that you think could benefit or improve the Sub-Branch, please put it in writing or speak to one of our Committee members.

Remember that we are there to represent the members, so if you have any ideas then please let us know.

# Puzzle Corner



## Trivia Questions

( Answers on next page)

- 1 In a standard pack of playing cards, which king doesn't have a moustache?
- 2 Where in the body is the thyroid gland found?
- 3 What metal is an alloy of copper and tin?
- 4 In which Canadian province is Montreal?
- 5 By law, what colour are all Venetian gondolas?
- 6 The faces of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln are carved into which mountain?
- 7 What colour is Vermilion? Red, blue, yellow or green
- 8 What is the currency of Vietnam?
- 9 Which is the smallest planet in our solar system?
- 10 In which ocean did the Titanic sink?

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## Australian Facts

Australia is known for its venomous spiders and snakes as well as stinging insects and deadly marine life, but a study by Melbourne University researchers has revealed that in recent years more Aussies have been killed by horses than all the venomous creatures combined!

In 1933 Western Australia became the 1st and only state to seek independence from the rest of Australia. After years of financial struggles, made worse by federal tariffs, a referendum asked the people of WA if they believed the state should secede. The answer was a resounding Yes with 68% of west Aussies believing that they would be better off on their own, but the Commonwealth said "No".

The electric drill was invented by Melbournians Arthur Arnot and William Brain in 1889.

In 1928 Sydney doctor Mark Lidwell invented the 1st cardiac pacemaker.

Emus can run 45km/hr ( as fast as legendary sprinter Usain Bolt)

## Australian Facts cont

Since 1st being introduced in 1840, the number of feral camels roaming Australia has risen to over 1.2 million.

The average Aussie eats around 110 kgs of meat each year. Throughout the '60s and '70s we loved our lamb and beef, but these days we're putting more chicken and pork on our fork.

90% of the 25 million people who call Australia home live by the coast.

Koalas sleep up to 22 hours a day because their diet of eucalyptus leaves are high in toxins and fibrous materials that take a lot of energy to digest.



Are you interested in volunteering for a position on our Committee or Executives?

Do you have some spare time on your hands and would like to help out your Sub-Branch comrades? If the answer is "yes" and you have some computer skills in Word processing, please speak to one of our Committee who will be more than happy to answer any questions or queries you may have.

To ensure continuity after the next AGM in March, we need volunteers to take over the roles of those on the current committee who choose to stand down. This can be very rewarding so please give it some thought.

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### Trivia answers

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|-----------|-------------------|----------|----------|
| 1 Hearts  | 2 The Neck        | 3 Bronze | 4 Quebec |
| 5 Black   | 6 Mount Rushmore  | 7 Red    | 8 Dong   |
| 9 Mercury | 10 Atlantic Ocean |          |          |

# Wyong RSL Sub Branch

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Club Wyong opens at 10am