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" Provide Maintenance Engineering , Materiel Maintenance ,
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From The President Editor

Our President is swanning around Europe having a great time. He is visiting his family in Holland, family who he has not seen for a long time. He will be returning to Australia at the end of September.

So you are all stuck with the Editor and Ex-Secretary.

The Association had their AGM on the 3rd of August and, if you read the committee listing above there have been quite a few changes. John Klein remains as our President. Peter Humpston is now our Vice President

(or President in charge of Vice depending on how you think). Dick Fenton has assumed the mantle of Secretary and the job could not go to a better person. Finally the last Principle Position is that of Treasurer which has been filled by Dave Cooper (the now holder of the Royal Purse strings). All these positions were nominated and we didn't even have to press gang anybody. Even the general committee were all volunteers. Not a single shout of "volunteer those who are not here". The AGM finished with the usual motion that a sum of money be put on the bar. Strange, not one single dissenter in the meeting.

**Guaranteed To Make You Smile...
Especially Since It's
A True Story.**

On July 20, 1969, as commander of the Apollo 11 Armstrong was the first person to set foot on the moon. His first words after stepping on the moon, "that's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind", were televised to earth and heard by millions.

But just before he re-entered the Lander, he made the enigmatic remark: "Good luck, Mr. Gorsky."

Many people at NASA though it was a casual remark concerning some rival Soviet cosmonaut. However, upon checking, there was no Gorsky.

Over the years many people questioned Armstrong as to what the "Good luck, Mr. Gorsky" statement meant, but Armstrong always just smiled.

On July 5, 1995, in Tampa Bay, Florida, while Armstrong was answering questions following a speech, a reporter brought up the 26-year-old question.

This time Armstrong finally responded.

Mr. Gorsky had died, so Neil Armstrong felt he could answer the question.

In 1938, when he was a kid in a small midwest town, he was playing baseball with a friend in the backyard. His friend hit the ball, which landed in his neighbour's yard by the bedroom windows.

As he leaned down to pick up the ball, young Armstrong heard Mrs. Gorsky shouting at Mr. Gorsky: "Sex! You want sex?! You'll get sex when the kid next door walks on the Moon!"

True story!!!

Speeding

Sitting on the side of the highway waiting to catch speeding drivers, a Police Officer sees a car pattering along at 22 KPH. He thinks to himself, "this driver is just as dangerous as a speeder!"

So he turns on his lights and pulls the driver over. Approaching the car, he notices that there are five old ladies - two in the front seats and three in the back - wide eyed and white as ghosts. The driver, obviously confused, says to him "Officer, I don't understand, I was doing exactly the speed limit! What seems to be the problem?"

Ma'am," the officer replies, "you weren't speeding, but you should know that driving slower than the speed limit can also be a danger to other drivers."

Slower than the speed limit? No sir, I was doing the speed limit exactly..

Twenty-two kilometres an hour!" the old woman says a bit proudly.

The Police officer, trying to contain a chuckle explains to her that 22 was the highway number, not the speed limit. A bit embarrassed, the woman grinned and thanked the officer for pointing out her error.

But before I let you go, Ma'am, I have to ask... Is everyone in this car OK? These women seem awfully shaken and they haven't made a peep this whole time," the officer asks.

"Oh, they'll be all right in a minute officer. We just got off Highway 189."

Brazilian

Rumsfeld is giving the President his daily briefing.

He says: "Yesterday, 3 Brazilian soldiers were killed."

"OH NO!" the President exclaims, "That's terrible!"

His staff sits stunned at this display of emotion, nervously watching as the President sits with his head in his hands.

Finally, he looks up and asks, "How many is a brazillion

anything and he is coming home very soon.”

The mom at this point was crying almost uncontrollably and as the young soldier stood to his feet he saluted Courtney and her mom. I was standing no more than 6 feet away from this entire event unfolded. As the soldiers began to leave, heading towards their gate, people resumed their applause.

As I stood there applauding and looked around, there were very few dry eyes, including my own. That young soldier in one last act of selflessness, turned around and blew a kiss to Courtney with a tear rolling down his cheek.

We need to remember everyday all of our soldiers and their families and thank God for them and their sacrifices. At the end of the day, it's good to be an American.

Red Friday

Just keeping you “in the loop” so you'll know what's going on in case this takes off.

RED FRIDAYS — Very soon, you will see a great many people wearing red every Friday. The reason? Americans who support our troops used to be called the “silent majority”. We are no longer silent, and are voicing our love for God, country and home in record breaking numbers. We are not organised, boisterous or over-bearing. We get no liberal media coverage on TV, to reflect our message or our opinions.

Many Americans, like my family, me and all our friends, simply want to recognise that the vast majority of America supports our troops. Our idea of showing solidarity and support for our troops with dignity and respect starts this Friday -and continues each and every Friday until the troops all come home, sending a deafening message that.. Every red-blooded American who supports our men and women afar will wear something red.

By word of mouth, press, TV — let's make the United States on every Friday a sea of red much like a homecoming football game in the bleachers.

If every one of us who loves this country will share this with acquaintances, co-workers, friends, and family. It will not be long before the USA is covered in RED and it will let our troops know the once “silent” majority is on their side more than ever, certainly more than the media lets on.

The first thing a soldier says when asked “What can we do to make things better for you?” is...We need your support and your prayers. Let's get the word out and lead with class and dignity, by example; and wear something red every Friday.

Two Ladies in Heaven

1st woman: Hi! My name is Wanda.

2nd woman: Hi! I'm Sylvia. How'd you die?

1st woman: I Froze to Death.

2nd woman: How Horrible!

1st woman: It wasn't so bad. After I quit shaking from the cold, I began to get warm & sleepy, and finally died a peaceful death. What about you.

2nd woman: I died of a massive heart attack. I suspected that my husband was cheating, so I came home early to catch him in the act. But instead, I found him all by himself in the den watching TV.

1st woman: So, what happened?

2nd woman: I was so sure there was another woman there somewhere that I started running all over the house looking. I ran up into the attic and searched, and down into the basement. Then I went through every closet and I checked under all the beds. I kept this up until I had looked everywhere, and finally I became so exhausted that I just keeled over with a heart attack and died.

1st woman: Too bad you didn't look in the freezer—we'd both still be alive.

Having settled the AGM, the Association is back into its operational mode. The next task is to arrange for an Annual Dinner. This will be, tentatively, 02 December 2006. So try to keep this date free. The committee is seeking information about what the members want insofar as functions, reunions etc. Don't be shy, contact the Association and put in your suggestions.

John Klein will be back for our next issue.

John Curtis

Arte et Marte

Back to the Bush

You are invited to the **BACK TO THE BUSH VETERAN'S REUNION!** Bruce Rock WA, 30th October 2006 - 5th November 2006 The Veterans of Bruce Rock in conjunction with the Bruce Rock Shire & residents invite you to join us once again for the “Back to the Bush Reunion”. Veterans of all conflicts, and interested persons, are welcome to come along, and join in the week's events, as listed below.

Monday: Settle in and explore our town.

Tuesday: Self drive sightseeing the district's attractions.

Wednesday: Bingo. Eyesdown at 12.30 pm. 7.30 pm, Town Hall. An informative talk, delivered with humour and sensitivity, by visiting Specialist on Human Sexuality. Highly recommended, Free Admission, supper provided.

Thursday: Bingo. Eyes down at 12.30 pm. 1 pm: Ambrose and Novelty Golf with a perpetual trophy. Numbers Needed! 6.30 pm School concert at Amphitheatre, gold coin donation .

Friday: 10 am Rifle Shoot & At Rifle Range. A beautiful farm garden is open to visitors where morning teas will be available, along with stalls and plant

sales. Funds raised will be donated to the Royal Perth Burns Unit. Hope to organise buses for transport. 1 pm Lawn Bowls 7 pm Amphitheatre Concert. Gold coin donation . 50's & 60's Rockabilly swing, supported by Lyn & Barry K Chandler, Balladeers, from QLD & Abordijeri Dancers. The veterans will be cooking their infamous “Sausage Sizzle”, by the gate!!

Saturday: Huge Street Market. Lots of Health info stalls in the town hall. 10th Light Horse displays Challenge Brass Band playing in the Amphitheatre. 3 pm . Parade by Veterans and interested persons led by Challenge Brass Band & Cadets. March to St Peter's Anglican Church for service of relighting of Candle at the Veteran's Memorial Peace Window. 5 pm. Free barbeque, drinks and entertainment at the Recreation Centre. Bring a Chair!

Sunday: Free breakfast for travellers 6.30 - 8.30 am . 10.30 am Brass Band play off at the Club. All Welcome. Buy your own food and drinks. 6 pm Bard's Night. At the Bard's Pit. Enjoy a wind down around the camp fire sharing your talents, and listening to the talents of your travelling companions along with Pete, Terry, Brent, Vic, Barry K & Lyn. Always a great evening. Bring a chair. Drinks and snacks available.

Accommodation & Meals (Reservations required for all sit down meals) Bruce Rock Hotel/Motel 90611310 Bruce Rock Roadhouse/Motel 90611174

Caravan Park 90611377 Bruce Rock District Club 90611003 Ardath Hotel 90651046

All Booked out? Then bring a caravan, tent or swag and camp on the oval for \$5.00 per person per night. Toilets & Showers available. Small generators and pets on leads are allowed. To Camp on the Oval please ring the Bruce Rock Shire Council on 90611377 8.30 am to

4 pm Monday to Friday. Saturday's Barbecue and drinks are free, however we do ask that you bring a salad to share and a plate of goodies for supper. There will be a whiteboard at the Recreation Centre, Caravan Park and on the Main Street with the daily program information written up, so keep a lookout for these.

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"Sadly Forgotten"
by COL Terry Beaton

On ANZAC Day 2006 at the War Graves Cemetery at Kanchanaburi, Thailand – the dreadful loss of eighty four (84) AEME POWs who had died from disease, starvation and brutality either during or after construction of the infamous Burma Railway, was finally remembered for the first time in 61 years with the laying of a wreath on behalf of the Corps. The most poignant line of the "*Ode of Remembrance*", which too many take for granted, unless you yourself have lost mates following warlike combat, is "**Lest We Forget**". Unfortunately the inhumane destruction of these 84 men's lives, had been forgotten by the Corps, until now, and does not even rate a mention in our comprehensive Corps History written by Theo Barker.

When I graduated into the Corps in 1974, the focus of training was still directed to Counter Revolutionary Warfare (CRW) following our involvement in Vietnam. Though at Corps Training Wing at RTC during my YO's (Young Officers) Course, we still learnt from Army pamphlets written after WW2

preaching Continental Defence and the doctrine of RAEME in the "Paddock", with clear and distinct lines of repair and recovery stretching back from the FEBA. Yet at no time did we ever deal with our own Corps History beyond the superficial look at how the Corps evolved from the sands of the Middle East. It was not until 1992 with the publication of our first official Corps History that I finally learnt about the decimation of the Corps between WW2 and Korean Wars. I certainly did not appreciate that casualty numbers actually represented individual lives until my involvement with the Burma Railway. Moreover, it helped me to realise that the "true" victims of war are not actually the dead, as they have walked to the white light and have no more worries, but instead it is the survivors and their families who have to live with the effects of war for the rest of their lives. This was brought home by the wife of an ex-POW who said "Terry, have you ever heard a man scream in his sleep and wake in a sweat soaked bed". A story that I have heard repeatedly from wives of Vietnam Vets and peacekeepers.

In hindsight, I now realise that our Corps is like a Victorian policeman – essential, yet nobody really wants them until their house is robbed or their life is threatened! Likewise operational planners in Canberra rarely think about maintaining the essential equipment required to conduct operations. If they did, RAEME numbers in contingents would be more realistic to support the equipment deployed. Similarly when the accolades are being handed out at the end of a warlike activity, it is always the Arms Corps that get the public recognition with little acknowledgement going to the Logistic Forces which support their sustained operations. Similarly the same applies to recognition of the dead. For years I have watched Battalion Association after Battalion

the supermarket - palsied now and aggravatingly slow - who helped liberate a Nazi death camp and who wishes all day long that his wife were still alive to hold him when the nightmares come.

He is an ordinary and yet an extraordinary human being, a person who offered some of his life's most vital years in the service of his country, and who sacrificed his ambitions so others would not have to sacrifice theirs. He is a soldier and a saviour and a sword against the darkness, and he is nothing more than the finest, greatest testimony on behalf of the finest, greatest nation ever known. So remember, each time you see someone who has served our country, just lean over and say Thank You. That's all most people need, and in most cases it will mean more than any medals they could have been awarded or were awarded.

Author Unknown

Will you give this to my Daddy?

Good one to pass on!!!! REMEMBER: NO MATTER what your feelings/opinions are about this war OR any combat action involving US military personnel, PLEASE, PLEASE, I BEG OF YOU, respect and honour the warrior. NO ONE detests war/combat more than those who must stand up and be there. We owe EVERY SINGLE FREEDOM we possess today to hero past who had the guts to stand up and say" NO, NOT HERE, NOT WITH US YOU DON'T"!!!!!!!!!!!! Jim

*Last week I was in Atlanta, Georgia attending a conference. While I was in the airport, returning home, I heard several people behind me beginning to clap and cheer. I immediately turned around and witnessed one of the greatest acts of patriotism I have ever seen.

Moving thru the terminal was a group of soldiers in their camo's, as they began heading to their gate everyone (well almost everyone) was abruptly to their feet with their hands waving and cheer-

ing. When I saw the soldiers, probably 30-40 of them, being applauded and cheered for it hit me. I'm not alone. I'm not the only red blooded American who still loves this country and supports our troops and their families.

Of course I immediately stopped and began clapping for these young unsung heroes who are putting their lives on the line everyday for us so we can go to school, work and home without fear or reprisal. Just when I thought I could not be more proud of my country or of our service men and women a young girl, not more than 6 or 7 years old, ran up to one of the male soldiers. He kneeled down and said "hi," the little girl then she asked him if he would give something to her daddy for her. The young soldier, he didn't look any older than maybe 22, said he would try and what did she want to give to her daddy. Then suddenly the little girl grabbed the neck of this soldier, gave him the biggest hug she could muster and then kissed him on the cheek.

The mother of the little girl, who said her daughter's name was Courtney, told the young soldier that her husband was a Marine and had been in Iraq for 11 months now. As the mom was explaining how much her daughter, Courtney, missed her father, the young soldier began to tear up.

When this temporarily single mom was done explaining her situation, all of the soldiers huddled together for a brief second. Then one of the other servicemen pulled out a military looking walkie-talkie. They started playing with the device and talking back and forth on it.

After about 10-15 seconds of this, the young soldier walked back over to Courtney, bent down and said this to her, "I spoke to your daddy and he told me to give this to you." He then hugged this little girl that he had just met and gave her a kiss on the cheek. He finished by saying "your daddy told me to tell you that he loves you more than

after the Exxon Valdez Oil spill in Alaska was \$80,000. At a special ceremony, two of the most expensively saved animals were being released back into the wild amid cheers and applause from onlookers. A minute later, in full view, a killer whale ate them both.

STILL THINK YOU ARE HAVING A BAD DAY?

A woman came home to find her husband in the kitchen shaking frantically, almost in a dancing frenzy, with some kind of wire running from his waist towards the electric kettle. Intending to jolt him away from the deadly current, she whacked him with a handy plank of wood, breaking his arm in two places. Up to that moment, he had been happily listening to his Walkman.

Jim's Life in the US

Jim is an expert when it comes to things about his own country.

What is a Veteran?

Some veterans bear visible signs of their service: a missing limb, a jagged scar, a certain look in the eye. Others may carry the evidence inside them: a pin holding a bone together, a piece of shrapnel in the leg - or perhaps another sort of inner steel: the soul's ally forged in the refinery of adversity. Except in parades, however, the men and women who have kept America safe wear no badge or emblem. You can't tell a vet just by looking.

What is a vet?

He is the cop on the beat who spent six months in Saudi Arabia sweating two gallons a day making sure the armoured personnel carriers didn't run out of fuel.

He is the bar-room loudmouth, dumber than five wooden planks, whose overgrown frat-boy behaviour is outweighed a hundred times in the cosmic scales by four hours of exquisite bravery near the 38th parallel.

She - or he - is the nurse who fought against futility and went to sleep sob-

YOURS IS STILL A BAD DAY, HUH?

Two animal rights protesters were protesting at the cruelty of sending pigs to a slaughterhouse in Bonn, Germany. Suddenly, all two thousand pigs broke loose and escaped through a broken fence, stampeding madly. The two hopeless protesters were trampled to death.

WHAT? STILL THINK YOUR DAY IS BAD?

Iraqi terrorist Khay Rahnajet didn't pay enough postage on a letter bomb. It came back with "return to sender" stamped on it. Forgetting it was the bomb, he opened it and was blown to bits.

THERE NOW, FEELING BETTER?

bing every night for two solid years in Da Nang.

He is the POW who went away one person and came back another - or didn't come back AT ALL.

He is the Quantico drill instructor that has never seen combat - but has saved countless lives by turning slouchy, no-account rednecks and gang members into Marines, and teaching them to watch each other's backs.

He is the parade-riding Legionnaire who pins on his ribbons and medals with a prosthetic hand.

He is the career quartermaster who watches the ribbons and medals pass him by.

He is the three anonymous heroes in The Tomb Of The Unknowns, whose presence at the Arlington National Cemetery must forever preserve the memory of all the anonymous heroes whose valour dies unrecognised with them on the battlefield or in the ocean's sunless deep.

He is the old guy bagging groceries at

Association march on ANZAC Day and numerous Battalion Associations lay wreaths at Kanchanaburi, but until the Inaugural "RAEME Day of Remembrance" this year, I had never seen a wreath laid or small memorial crosses erected by a Logistic Corps to specifically remember those members who had lost their lives.

To put things into perspective, according to Theo's History only six (6) RAEME personnel died during our entire nine year involvement in Vietnam following LT K.J. Beatty visit (9-17 Aug 63) from AAF (FAELF) in Malaysia. Yet in only a three year period spanning 15 Feb 42- 16 Aug 45, eighty four (84) AEME POWs died either in Thailand, Burma or Japan slaving for the enemy. This figure does not take into account those that died as POWs under the Japanese in Borneo and Ambon with the capture of 75, 88 and 104 LADs attached to "Sparrow Force". Sadly, few if any POWs on "the line" even knew that they were members of the new Australian Corps of Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (AEME) as they were captured with the "Fall of Singapore" on 15 Feb 42, before any official Corps re-badging had taken place. As such, only AEME personnel posted to Ordnance Wskps and LADs have been subsequently re-buried in War Grave Cemeteries under our Corps' identification. Armament and specialist tradesman on Battalion and Artillery Regiment establishments may still have been re-buried under their parent unit's Corps identification, thereby reducing the actual number of our Corps who died as POWs. When comparing the total number of Corps deaths with the ratio of AEME personnel in Ordnance Wksps and LADs to the WW2 establishment of 1200 for an Infantry Battalion, it doesn't take a genius to realise that our Corps's prorata death rate of POWs was equivalent if not higher than

that for the Infantry. Yet until this year, sadly these men had been forgotten by their own Corps.

Appropriately another member of our ANZAC pilgrimage group this year was a 84 year old WW2 AEME Veteran, named Doug Brazier. CFN later Acting SGT (Instructor) Brazier had served in the Islands with 113th Aust Bde Wksp, which was a Victorian raised unit with the majority coming from the Geelong area. During an informal service beside an original open grave in the "Cholera Hill" Cemetery at Shimo Sonkurai, where 152 Aussie had died during a cholera epidemic in Jul 43, Doug broke down as he realised only three of the 120 from his own WW2 unit were still alive. Although very honoured to have laid the first wreath on behalf of the Corps in Kanchanaburi and subsequently at the Thanbyuzayat War Graves Cemetery in Burma on 1 May 06 - where the majority of AEME POWs are buried - my greatest memory however, is having Doug stand alongside me as we jointly laid poppies on some of the numerous AEME graves in both cemeteries. Sadly however, for 14 of our dead there is no known grave as the single greatest known cause of death was "**drowning at sea**" when the *Rakuyo Maru* was sunk by US submarine *Sealion* on 12 Sep 44 in the South China Sea on it's way to the coal mines of Japan. Having just survived the rigors of the Burma railway these men lost their lives from so-called "*Friendly fire*".

"Lest We Forget"

Eligibility And Retrospectivity Of The Army Combat Badge

On 15 June 2006, the CASAC was asked to make a decision on the retrospectivity of the Army Combat Badge (ACB). The CA reserved his decision until he was satisfied with

certain amendments to the eligibility criteria. The CA has since determined that the default setting for the ACB should remain with those units whose primary focus is combat operations. Therefore, the eligibility for the award of the ACB will be as follows:

Any member of any Corps who were force assigned to an infantry, armour, artillery, aviation or combat engineer based combat team/battle group or similar unit/sub unit and has given either continuous or an aggregate of 90 days satisfactory service on warlike operations for a single deployment or operation is eligible for the award of the ACB. The CA may alter the eligibility criteria depending on the operation or deployment.

The CA has also decided that the ACB will be retrospective to 1950, in alignment with the award of the Infantry Combat Badge (ICB). Given that the ACB is a dress embellishment and not an award, the responsibility for approval and distribution remains with the Army.

If you require further information refer to the new DI(A) PERS 119-1. POC on this matter is LTCOL Mick Sasse, SO1 Pers on (02) 9339 3430.

DFRDB Tax 1 July 2007

The question was raised to Blue Ryan re DFRDB and tax concessions under the new legislation re Super Funds at TPI meeting on 13 June 2006.

Blue was unsure of the situation and suggested a fact sheet be produced. I have had previous emails re this matter and provided this information for info of other members and possibly a fact sheet.

I rang Treasury today (14 June) to clarify some points.

Further to my question on how DFRDB

will be treated as a result of the Budget.

I rang the Treasury information line on 1800 012 238.

They have informed me that DFRDB like most if not all Government Super schemes were non taxed and will not be tax free under the new legislation.

However people under such super schemes will receive a 10 percent rebate once age of 60 years is reached.

This means if a person is on say a \$15,000.00 pa pension they will get a 10 percent rebate of \$1500.00. ie. If the person had a tax bill on say \$500.00 on their taxable income they would receive a tax refund of \$1000.00.

The 10 percent being a rebate not a deduction.

If there was no tax to be paid the person would receive the full \$1500.00 Rebate as a cheque.

For further info people can look at www.simplersuper.treasury.gov.au

Navigate to:

Detailed outline (menu on left hand side)
Part 8. (untaxed schemes)
Read Key points.

Other factors and notes.

You must be over 60 to get the rebate of 10%. If under 60 normal tax applies (no change). The above is subject to change between now and implementation 1 July 2007. Basically if over 60 you will get a 10% rebate which should effectively cut out any tax on Comsuper anyway.

For anyone without computer have cut and pasted Key points below.

Key Points

a. Lump sum payments arising from an untaxed superannuation source to an individual over the age of 60 would be taxed more concessionally than cur-

do not belong to more than one religion, we can project that all souls go to Hell.

With birth and death rates as they are, we can expect the number of souls in Hell to increase exponentially. Now, we look at the rate of change of the volume in Hell. Because Boyle's Law states that in order for the temperature and pressure in Hell to stay constant, the volume of Hell must expand proportionately as souls are added.

This gives two possibilities:

1. If Hell is expanding at a slower rate than the rate at which souls enter Hell, then the temperature and pressure in Hell will increase until all Hell breaks loose.

2. If Hell is expanding at a rate faster than the increase of souls in Hell, then the temperature and pressure will drop until Hell freezes over.

So which is it?

If we accept the postulate given to me by Sandra during my freshman year that "it will be a cold day in Hell before I sleep with you," and take into account the fact that I slept with her last night, then number 2 must be true, and thus I am sure that Hell is endothermic and has already frozen over.

The corollary of this theory is that since Hell has frozen over, it follows that it is not accepting any more souls and is extinct...leaving only Heaven, thereby proving the existence of a divine being - which explains why, last night, Sandra kept shouting Oh my God."

THIS STUDENT RECEIVED THE ONLY "A".

Grandmas You Gotta Love Em

Here's a quote from a government employee who witnessed a recent interaction between an elderly woman and an anti-war protester in Sydney.

There were protesters on the train platform handing out pamphlets on the sta-

tion.

I politely declined to take one.

An elderly woman was behind me getting off the escalator and a young female protester offered her a pamphlet, which she politely declined. The young protester put her hand on the old woman's shoulder as a gesture of friendship and in a very soft voice said, "Lady, don't you care about the children of Iraq?"

The old woman looked up at her and said, "Honey, my father died in France during World War II, I lost my husband in Korea, and a son in Vietnam. All three died so you could have the right to stand here and bad mouth our country. If you touch me again, I'll stick this umbrella up your arse and open it

God Bless Australia

Having A Bad Day?

There was a case in one hospital's Intensive Care ward where Patients always died in the same bed, on Sunday morning, at about 11 a.m., regardless of their medical condition.

This puzzled the doctors and some even thought that it had something to do with the supernatural. No one could solve the mystery as to why the deaths occurred around 11 a.m. on Sundays. So a World-Wide team of experts was assembled to investigate the cause of the incidents. The next Sunday morning, a few minutes before 11 a.m., all doctors and nurses nervously wait outside the ward to see for themselves what the terrible phenomenon was all about. Some were holding wooden crosses prayer books and other holy objects to ward off the evil spirits.

Just when the clock struck 11... Pookie Johnson, the part-time Sunday sweeper, entered the ward and unplugged the life support system so that he could use the vacuum cleaner.

STILL HAVING A BAD DAY?

The average cost of rehabilitating a seal

“watch this!” He went into a Barrel roll, followed by a steep climb, then finished with a sonic boom when he reached the speed of sound.

The F-16 pilot asked the C-130 pilot what he thought.

The C-130 pilot responded “that was impressive, but watch this.”

The C-130 droned along for about 15 minutes then the 130 pilot came back on and said “What did you think about that?”

The 16 pilot asked, “what did you do?”

The C-130 pilot responded “I got up, stretched my legs, went to the back poured a cup of coffee and peed.”

Life According to Perry

Here is the latest offering from our own home spun Philosopher Perry.

Harvey & Gladys

Harvey and Gladys are getting ready for bed. Gladys is standing in front of her full-length mirror, taking a long, hard look at herself.

“You know, Harvey,” she comments. “I stare into this mirror and I see an ancient creature. My face is all wrinkled, my boobs sag so much that they dangle to my waist, my arms and legs are as flabby as popped balloons, and...my butt looks like a sad, deflated version of the Hindenberg!”

She turns to face her husband and says, “Dear, please tell me just one positive thing about my body so I can feel better about myself.”

Harvey studies Gladys critically for a moment and then says in a soft, thoughtful voice, “Well... there’s nothing wrong with your eyesight.”

He never heard the shot.

All is revealed

This is very profound, but I am positive that you will find some argument with it Ian(I bet Tony can)

The following is an actual question

Don’t Forget

The HORSE’S MOUTH welcomes any correspondence, letters to the Editor, moans or groans. If you have a point of view, let us know. You can send contributions to the Editor at the address on page 2. Remember that you are responsible for what you write. The journal has a disclaimer, also on page 2. So let’s have the articles and points of view that are just busting to get out.

given on University of Liverpool Chemistry finals. The answer by one student was so “profound” that the professor shared it with colleagues via the Internet, which is why we now have the pleasure of enjoying it as well.

Bonus Question: Is Hell exothermic (gives off heat) or Endothermic (absorbs heat)?

Most of the students wrote proofs of their beliefs using Boyle’s Law that gas cools when it expands and heats when it is compressed or some variant.

One student, however, wrote the following:

First, we need to know how the mass of Hell is changing in time. So we need to know the rate at which souls are moving into Hell and the rate at which they are leaving. I think that we can safely assume that once a soul gets to Hell, it will not leave. Therefore, no souls are leaving. As for how many souls are entering Hell, let’s look at the different religions that exist in the world today. Most of these religions state that if you are not a member of their religion, you will go to Hell. Since there is more than one of these religions and since people

rently.

b. The proposed taxation treatment for lump sum benefit payments is:

a. For those aged 60 or over 97 a rate of 15 per cent would apply to the total of all payments up to an upper threshold (\$700,000 97 approximately the lump sum RBL) and the top marginal tax rate above that amount.

b. For those aged 55 to 59 97 a rate of 15 per cent would apply for payments up to a lower threshold (the low-rate ETP threshold, currently at \$129,751), 30 per cent above this amount up to the upper threshold (\$700,000) and the top marginal tax rate above that amount.

c. For those aged under 55, a rate of 30 per cent would apply up to the upper threshold (\$700,000) and the top marginal tax rate above this amount.

c. Pension payments arising from an untaxed superannuation source to an individual over the age of 60 would be taxed at marginal tax rates with a 10 per cent offset. Payments to those below age 60 would be taxed at marginal tax rates without an offset (as is the case currently).

Hope this helps with any queries.

Yours Faithfully
Robert Holmes

Defence Recruiting Secures Naming Rights To WNBL And The Opals

Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence Bruce Billson has today announced an innovative sponsorship deal which has seen Defence Force Recruiting secure naming rights of the Women’s National Basketball League (WNBL), including national team the Opals.

The 12-month sponsorship deal is worth \$300,000 with an option to renew for a further 12 months. This arrangement will

position defence jobs branding prominently before an important demographic of young Australian women in the 17-24 age group.

Mr Billson said the sponsorship would reinforce the image of Navy, Army and Air Force as an attractive and rewarding employment proposition.

“We consider the WNBL and the Opals and the audiences they attract through the vibrant and exciting basketball, a perfect fit as far as tapping into a source of healthy young women who may want to consider a career in the Australian Defence Force.”

Last year the ADF recruited 931 women into the three Services, which represented about 15 per cent of all recruits. The ADF currently has about 51,000 personnel, including about 6,800 women.

“We are committed to bettering this result, as illustrated by this new sponsorship agreement and we are keen to highlight the job opportunities that the ADF offers for women across the three Services.”

The Opals and WNBL enjoy strong recognition amongst young women while 33 per cent of the Australian population have an interest in the sport.

“The Australian Opals are Australia’s most successful basketball team and we anticipate that Defence will be a beneficiary of being positively associated with such an exciting entity.”

The association also reinforces a key Defence value - health and fitness. For further information about career opportunities in the ADF visit www.defencejobs.gov.au

Defence Ahead Of Schedule On Military Justice Reform

Defence’s reforms to its military justice system are ahead of schedule,

with the implementation of 16 recommendations contained in the Government's response to the report on the effectiveness of Australia's military justice system.

The Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation committee yesterday delivered a generally favourable judgement on Defence's reforms to its military justice system in its first six-monthly report.

These reforms will deliver impartial, rigorous and fair outcomes through enhanced oversight, greater transparency and improved timeliness.

At the time of the report, a total of seven full recommendations, and significant elements of a further two recommendations contained in the Government's response to the report on Australia's military justice system had been completed on, or ahead of, the Implementation Plan schedule.

Since then, further recommendations have been completed bringing the total to 16.

Chief of the Defence Force Air Chief Marshal Angus Houston welcomed the positive comments of the Parliamentary Committee, in particular its conclusion that "at this early stage of the implementation program, the ADF has demonstrated a clear commitment to improving Australia's military justice system."

Air Chief Marshal Houston said the report demonstrated the genuine commitment to change within the culture of the Australian Defence Force with regard to military justice.

"We are determined to improve the military justice system and the progress made in the first six months shows we are heading in the right direction," he said.

"The Senate report identified shortfalls

in the performance of service police investigations. Dedicated service police investigators are now deployed to Iraq, Afghanistan, the Solomon Islands and East Timor. These deployments further assure that the Australian Defence Force Military Justice System delivers impartial, rigorous and fair outcomes, both at home and on deployed operations.

"The audit of ADF service police investigative capability has been completed. The recommendations will inform the best means for developing the capability and implementing the new tri-Service investigative unit.

"The backlog of Redress of Grievance cases has been cleared and there is no longer a backlog that previously caused undue pressure on the complaint resolution system. The Defence Fairness and Resolution branch has been established as the central management body for dealing with all complaints and grievances."

Additional Troops For Afghanistan Deployment

The Australian Government will further strengthen the capability of the Reconstruction Task Force (RTF) that will soon deploy to Afghanistan. Additional infantry, engineers, communications staff and other specialists will be deployed.

Approximately 150 personnel will be added to the 240 strong RTF announced by the Prime Minister on the 8th of May. The Government has decided to increase the size of the RTF by around 30 personnel. The deployment will also include an infantry company group of approximately 120 people to provide force protection during the first six months of the deployment.

The additional deployments will bring the total RTF strength to around 400

by shortness of breath and trembling knees. This could be due to either malaria or the rigours of the AUSTRALIAN winter, OR the sight of mini-skirts which he had forgotten.

4. He will gaze in awe and fascination at blond hair, trains, blue eyes, clean sheets, hotels and tight sweaters. Remember that his only contact with white girls has been via the centrespread of a Playboy magazine and he probably thinks that all girls have staple marks on their stomachs. If you wish to disillusion him do so gently.

5. Be careful, never say to him, "Lets go for a walk", or "I wish it would rain", or, "You buy me SAIGON TEA". This is most important as he may react violently.

6. If he walks across the garden and climbs through a window, humour him. He doesn't trust the path, it may be mined.

7. Flushing toilets will be a source of constant wonder to him, after he overcomes the initial fear of them. If he grabs a shovel and heads for the back yard, do not be abusive, merely direct him to the correct room and confiscate the shovel.

8. If he is reluctant to rise at a suitable hour (we suggest midday) simply whisper to him, "Movement On the Wire", and watch him leap from the bed with a strangled cry and grovel under the bed.

9. Never ask him "does it rain in VIETNAM" because he may answer you in an abusive language. Similarly if you ask him "are the women really flat chested?" he will either laugh or cry. Neither is good for him.

10. Encourage him to drink from a glass. If you give him a beer in a can he will drink it, certainly, but may then fling it over his shoulder with a roar of "UP THE OLD RED ROOSTER – more – " and the furniture will suffer.

11. Force of habit may cause him to do some apparently odd things: sleep with his boots on, shower in public, swear at his closest friend or grind his cigarettes into the carpet. He will constantly look at trees, not because he is fond of trees, but because he suspects snipers. He will distrust Bus Stops because they have unpleasant associations with Grenades in SAIGON, and if some litterbugs throws something from a passing car he will scream loudly and dive in the gutter. This can be amusing to friends and others.

12. Never question him about powdered gees, American Bacon, CV. Rations, Ice Cream, Fresh Milk, Rubber Trees, Chlorinated Water, Swamps, Chomper Ants, Mud, Dust, or Ho Chi Minh. If your family is fond of Ham and Lima Beans, Corned Beef, Vienna Sausages or Rice, serve them when he is not around

13. He should be a rational human being in a year or so. Try and make him feel important and occasionally whisper, "Uc-Dai-Loi Number One", to boost his spirits. Explain to him that Bar Maids are not easily won in AUSTRALIA, Taxi Drivers are not robbers and that rain is necessary at times. Point out when necessary that VIETNAM is a long way away, everybody loves him and that mosquitoes won't bite him.

14. Above all, HUMOUR HIM. The Viet Cong could not shatter his composure but civilisation might do just that. His readjustment is up to you.

Long Tan Day 18th August Don't Forget it!!

Above printed in a Legacy Newspaper 1997

Airplanes

A C-130 was en route on a mission when a cocky F-16 pilot flew up next to him.

The fighter jock told the C-130 pilot,

they do not say is that because of the Howard vote grabbing exercise, there are many Gold Card holders out there who were once on private health schemes but now use the Gold Card and of course budget money from DVA.

I doubt that the government will ever admit to the above. However, the situation now facing war veterans in need of treatment continues.

Suicides

A touchy subject that is generally ignored by many, including not only the politicians but the press. However, the number of veterans who have succumbed to this tragic circumstance is beyond comprehension. Many still suffer now and the threat of suicide is always on the agenda. Just what causes veterans to act in this way is questionable. I would however, suggest that the treatment (or lack of treatment) of those suffering is a large part of the problem. Other aspects that could be considered are the effects of chemicals such as Agent Orange that may have caused severe damage to the nervous systems of veterans. In other words the coping mechanisms of veterans are failing badly.

No matter what the reason, the issue has to be addressed and as a matter of extreme urgency. It can no longer be swept under the carpet.

Medals and Commemoration Services

These are other ill conceived ideas from the bureaucracy. Often used as a vote catching exercise or for their own egotistical gain from publicity.

Politicians have failed to understand that the production of a cheap medal with questionable qualification aspects or the wasted expenditure of millions of dollars on commemorative services does not put food on the table or provide treatment for those veterans that need it. While it may appease some of the masses it does not satisfy the veterans that would rather see the ex-

penditure on something that would enhance their chances of living just that little bit longer. The list goes on.

There are other grievances that have become apparent with the younger veterans and with service personnel and their working conditions even in a peacetime circumstance.

I can only ponder that if the situation facing veterans and service personnel is across the board then there must be something wrong. Recruitment figures are also down and this is understandable when the voice of dissent is growing with the veteran community and the services.

Conclusion

Any government, bureaucratic department or ex-service organization that continues to ignore the plight of veterans and servicepersons will do it at their own peril.

To those of you that continue the fight, I am sure that your voices are being heard. Take care,

Rick's Email:
excalibur@theaussiedigger.com

Advice On The Rehabilitation Of A Soldier On Return From South Vietnam

1. This is to certify that your son/ husband/ father/ uncle/ lover/ cousin/ nephew/ mate/ fiancé/ old friend/ brother.....having completed an arduous tour of duty in the Republic of VIETNAM will be returning to o AUSTRALIA.

2. You should appreciate that he is no longer as sweet and unspoiled as he was when he left Australia fired with patriotic fervour and zest for adventure. He is now older, probably wiser, leaner and possibly short-tempered.

3. One of the earlier indications of his changed character will be periodic hot and cold flusher accompanied

personnel.

Advance elements of the RTF will start to deploy into Afghanistan during August to commence preparation of base facilities and logistic support infrastructure. These elements will be followed by the majority of the RTF deploying in September with the final elements expected to deploy in November.

The decision to increase the RTF follows a detailed review of the situation in Afghanistan and planning and consultation with the Netherlands Government and NATO. This planning has determined that additional troops are required to provide the necessary level of security and protection to the RTF mission to make an effective contribution to reconstruction and security in Oruzgan Province.

All ADF personnel deployed in Afghanistan remain under Australian national command.

The deployment of RTF further demonstrates the Australian Government's commitment to Afghanistan's reconstruction and stabilisation. The RTF will be a key part of the Netherlands led Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) in Oruzgan province under the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force.

All Australians should feel proud of the members of the ADF who are serving their country. This is a difficult time for their families and our thoughts and prayers are with them.

The RTF will work on reconstruction and community based projects. It will be capable of doing construction work, providing project management skills, and conducting trade training for the local population. These activities will ensure that the benefits of the deployment continue long after our personnel have returned home. The RTF will also have a security and protection element

to focus on local security at RTF work sites.

The ADF constantly reviews the environment for all deployments and adjusts personnel numbers, tactics and procedures when required. This change to the RTF structure is a product of that review process and ensures that we will have the right people with the right equipment in order to safely provide the best possible outcome.

Afghanistan needs support to achieve stability and it's in Australia's interest to help Afghanistan achieve that. Terrorism is more likely to emerge from dysfunctional dictatorships, therefore Australia has a direct stake in ensuring Afghanistan's transition to democracy is successful. We must stick with our allies and stand up for our values. A failure to do so will inevitably mean leaving the next generation hostage to global forces they will never control.

Australia Gets World's Best Tanks

The Abrams tanks represent a significant step in providing Australia with a stronger Defence Force, with which to protect our people, interests and values.

Today, the Australian Government has taken delivery of the first 18 of 59 Abrams Tanks. This project is an investment of more than \$500 million in Australia's security.

The Abrams project is ahead of schedule, and within budget. These tanks are the most advanced and capable tank in the world.

This capability will be increasingly important, as widespread proliferation of cheap, high tech and lethal anti-armour, anti-personnel weapons could pose an increasing threat in any future conflicts.

The Abrams Tank will provide our Army with the mobility, firepower and sophis-

ticated networking capability with which to defeat the enemy, along with superior protection that will enhance safety for our soldiers. These tanks will be harder to hit. When the Abrams hit, they will hit harder.

Abrams tanks are a key component of the Hardened and Networked Army initiative announced last year. They will also enable us to co-ordinate and network with allies.

We will have a number of options for transporting these tanks, including: our new C-17 heavy airlift aircraft; Amphibious Ships; the Adelaide to Darwin rail network; and our new tank transporter trucks.

In total, Australia will take delivery of 59 Abrams tanks, seven M88A2 Hercules Armoured Recovery Vehicles, 14 Heavy Tank Transporters, eight Refueling Trucks, six Advanced Gunnery Training Simulators and one Tank Driver Trainer Simulator.

This significant investment further illustrates the importance of the Government's long standing commitment to Defence and ability to deliver a strong economy. Since 1996, funding for Defence has increased by more than 40% in real terms and the 2006/07 Budget committed to an average 3% real increase each year for the next decade.

The Abrams will be transported to the School of Armour at Puckapunyal, with the remainder of the 59 tanks eventually being based in Darwin.

Australian industry is playing a key role in delivering this capability. The prime contractor for the Heavy Tank Transporter is MAN Military Vehicle Systems Australia Pty Ltd. Drake Trailers Pty Ltd, an Australian-owned and operated Brisbane-based company, is manufacturing 14 swing-wing trailers. Brisbane-based MAN Automot-

ive Imports Pty Ltd is making final modifications, conducting compliance testing, and will manage the ongoing repair and maintenance support.

From the editor

I would like to thank all those who send me information for the Horse's Mouth. Without you there would be no newsletter. Keep those stories coming!

If you do wish to send a story by email, please send it as a normal text item or as an attachment. It is quite time consuming to re-write an article that has been sent to me as a html file. Each of these files contain all the formatting for webpages and the story is very difficult to find.

John

Funeral of Jack Ward

There is a Funeral Notice in the West Australian of Tuesday 19 Sept. advising of the funeral on Wednesday 20 Sept of Jack Ward. Jack was a RAEME vehicle mechanic, a WO in 106 Field Workshop and an instructor in RAEME Training Centre.

The funeral service was held at the "Seasons" Chapel 15 Augusta St, Willetton.

I had not seen Jack for a number of years so cannot supply any information as to the date of death or causes.

I attended with Neville Smith.

Please pass the info to friends of Jack with whom you may be in contact.

Regards,

Bob Raine

More Sad News

Donald Clarence Dalton another post WW2 soldier and icon of the Australian Army finally slipped from this life in Frankston Private Hospital at about 0200hrs recently after a horrific battle

Over the years, war veterans have had to fight for their benefits but it has been over the last five years or so that there has been an obvious increase in the numbers of disenfranchised veterans. My personal belief is that these veterans have legitimate grievances. This could easily be remedied should the government of the day and responsible ex-service organizations' accept their obligations of looking after war veterans. Below, I have tried to give an indication of some of these grievances which may give the reader an idea of just what veterans have to cope with.

TPI Special Rate - Erosion

The government has consistently ignored the plight of TPIs even after presentation of all the arguments, the Clarke Report and responsible ESOs' such as the TPI Federation. Indeed, the National President of the TPI Federation - Blue Ryan has been ignored by our Prime Minister - John Howard and has consistently refused Blue an audience. Howard appears to only listen to the National President of the R&SL - Bill Crews who himself has seen to be lacking in his responsibilities to veterans.

There has been an abundance of evidence presented to government over this issue but I suggest that it can be simplified by comparing TPIs manner of indexation to that of War Widows and those on the dole. The government did make some change a couple of years back by indexing the amount above the General Rate (100%) to CPI or MTAW which ever is higher but ignored many veterans who receive part of General Rate. This in effect still has the TPI Special rate eroding.

War Widows and those on the dole have their pension and welfare payments indexed to CPI or MTAW which ever is the higher. Evidence has been presented that shows the gap is closing on those in receipt of the Special Rate and those in receipt of War Widows pension or the dole. To put it even

simpler, if one was to compare the figures over the next number of years, it would see a War Widow/ dole recipient getting more money than a Special Rate recipient. Commonsense tells me that this would be a ludicrous situation so why won't the Howard government fix the problem?

Contrary to what you may hear, the amount of expenditure required to remedy the situation is little when compared to the size of the budget expenditure for veterans affairs (last budget \$10 billion).

Funeral Benefits

We now have two different levels of Funeral benefits, one for those that come under the VEA i.e. \$1000 and one for those that come under MCRS \$4000. Could someone please explain to the disgruntled veterans out there just how this sort of logic can come out of our politicians? How is it possible to have two classes of war veterans, surely funeral costs are constant and undertakers would not see any difference.

Gold Card

Once again John Howard and the Liberal party decided that it would give a Gold Card to all those over aged 70 years with qualifying service. This occurred as a promise at the last election by the government of the day.

Could one be cynical in suggesting that this was an election vote grab? However, ramifications from such a generous offer have had repercussions from many in the medical fraternity which have now withdrawn their services for the acceptance of the Gold Card. This has had an adverse effect on those war veterans that really require treatment and access to doctors' and specialists' in their locations.

What it also has done is increase the amount spent on health care from the DVA budget. The government claims that the increases in the amount on the DVA budget means that veterans are getting the care they deserve. What

said.

“Soldiers will operate the protected weapon station by remote control from inside the Bushmaster, without exposing themselves to fire.

“The protected weapon station also will improve the surveillance capability of the Bushmaster at all hours and in all weather.

“Initial engineering design work has been completed and the first protected weapon stations will be fielded on operations before the end of the year.”

Lieutenant General Gillespie said that the Defence Materiel Organisation (DMO) and Defence Science and Technology Organisation (DSTO) are testing further proposed enhancements to armour protection.

These tests cover ballistics, blast and handling to assess the effect of armour weight on the safe operation and capabilities of the vehicle.

Single ADF Members To Pay Less For Living-In Accommodation

The Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence Bruce Billson announced today that single ADF members will pay less for Living-in Accommodation (LIA).

Defence had completed work on a new method for calculating the LIA contribution paid by many single ADF members.

“I am pleased to announce that the new method will result in members paying less for their LIA this financial year.

“The new contribution rates for LIA took effect from 27 July 2006. Members will see a corresponding increase in their disposable income from 10 August 2006,” Mr Billson said.

This new method is based on the assessed average market rent for LIA using valuations produced by the Aus-

tralian Valuation Office.

Members will pay a rate for their accommodation that is a proportion of the national average rental cost of similar accommodation in the private sector. Using a national average protects ADF members from regional differences in rental markets as they move on posting.

The new method applies the same principle already used to calculate contributions paid by members with dependants who live in service residences.

A long-standing Defence policy is that members with dependants should pay 50% of the Defence Rent Bill for Service Residences. We are now applying this principle to members without dependants, who will pay 50% of the nationally-assessed average market rent if they occupy Level 3, 4 or 5 accommodation.

Members who occupy Level 1 or 2 LIA will only pay 40% of the assessed averaged market rent. This recognises the age and lower quality of this accommodation, which is usually occupied by the most junior ranks of the Defence Force.

The degree of difference between the LIA rates last year and the rates this year is a result of the change to the new method of calculating the rates. Contributions will fall for all members by between \$2.80 and \$34.15 per week.

A War Veteran Lays Out Some Of The Real Issues The Government Won't Fix.

Courtesy of Rick Ryan

I have written a little about my views over matters that are uppermost in the minds of veterans. It is obvious that I have left out a number of items, such as spiralling costs of medicines etc and have concentrated of some of what I believe are major concerns.

with sickness over the past two years.

Don was a surrogate father figure to many Army Apprentices at BALCOMBE during his two tours totalling some nine years earlier as a CSM and a final posting as RSM. Hard but fair always held in respect.

Don also deployed with the second group of AATV in 1963 and was RSM 1BN RAR Nui Dat 68 and later in Camp Terendak Malaysia. He served in the position of RSM 1RAR longer than any other incumbent before returning to AAS for his final posting.

Many Apprentices will recall his sayings and nice complements like “If your brains were ink You wouldn’t have enough to make a full stop!”. Maybe some of our sight is failing due to his demand in our youth to “hear your eyeballs click as the head and eyes flash round to the front” his precautionary to the Eyes Front.

The First Battalion is in mourning as are the many soldiers who called him friend and all Apprentices of his time will recall his firm but good guidance during our days of seething hormones.

Helen, Don’s widow is on haydats@pacific.com.au

MAY HE NOW REST IN PEACE — JOB WELL DONE

Norm Wells 14thVM

RAEME Stalwart - Max Moore

The Association received the following emails in rapid succession. We thank the President of RAEME Vic, Peter Cartledge, for keeping us up to date on Max’s final journey.

Dear Friends,

You may already know, however if not, it is my sad task to inform you one and all that your friend and mine Max Moore was diagnosed with a particularly ag-

gressive form of Cancer on Wednesday 16th August 2006.

Max took a bad turn on Friday last (25th) taken to Cabrini Hospital in Wattletree Rd Malvern where he is still at the moment.

I would deter visitors as the hospital wish “only 2 family members at a time however you may call me on (03) 9802 6406 or 0414 771144 but there is little I can tell you other than he is “comfortable!!!” and “they are doing what they can for him”

The family and friends MAY have a Barbecue IF Max is able to attend to give us all a time to meet Max once again in a social atmosphere.

He is having treatment at the moment and we are not able to say when or if this may happen.

I am requesting that you pass on this information to any of Max’s large circle of friends and acquaintances,

Yours sincerely,
Peter Cartledge

Dear friends,
It is my sad duty to inform you of the passing of Max this morning (07 Sep 2006) at about 0830.

Leonie and I saw Max last night about 2130 he was very peaceful and I believe he had a reasonable night being dosed up with Morphine.

As you will realise arrangements have not been made as yet please keep an eye on the Melbourne Herald-Sun.

I will send a further e-mail with the arrangements for those who do not take that paper,
Regards
Peter Cartledge
President RAEME Assoc.(Vic) Inc

Dear Friends,
The funeral service for Max will be held

at Heritage & Heritage Chapel 733 Boronia Road WANTIRNA (near the corner of Wantirna Road) at 1030 hrs TUESDAY 12th September 2006 followed by a private Cremation. There is ample parking at the Chapel. The family notice and funeral arrangements will be in Monday's Melbourne Herald-Sun. Please pass this message to all you think may require it, Peter Cartledge

Max's service history is as follows: Called up for National Service 3/1/1956 joining 15th National Service Training Battalion.

April 1956 transferred to 105 Infantry Workshops

January 1958 promoted to Temporary Corporal

April 1958 promoted to Temporary Sergeant

April 1959 Appointed Staff Sergeant September 1980 promoted to WO2 (21 years as a Staff Sergeant must have been somewhat of a record in the Army!)

May 1983 promoted to WO1

1984 Qualified Artificer Vehicles

July 1991 discharged at the compulsory retirement age of 55

Awarded The Efficiency Decoration and 1 Bar; Reserve Forces Medal and 3 Bars; The National Service Medal and was waiting The National Medal and The Defence Medal.

Again thank you for all that you have done for Dad and us, it is greatly appreciated.

Love Debbie

Subject: **A Tribute to my Girls** Written by Max just before his death.

God blessed us with four girls, we lost one at an early age, of the three remaining girls we watched them grow up and mature.

Their dedication and love they bestowed on me and their support when

their mother Jenny passed away was immeasurable.

Unfortunately, I did not have as much contact with Sheryl over the last twelve months as I would have wished.

The other two girls, Debbie and Raelene, have been like angels to me over the past few months.

They have come straight from God.

We have wonderful, wonderful grandchildren.

I have had a lovely life and now I am very tired and leave you peacefully, and will be with you for the rest of your lives.

As I join their mother, I celebrate our lives together. These were Max's last words about his feelings towards his family. A celebration of his life.

Heavy Tank Transporters Delivered Ahead Of Time

The Defence Materiel Organisation (DMO) is pleased to announce the delivery of the first three heavy tank transporters to the Australian Army today. This equipment is an important part of the new tank capability being delivered by the DMO.

Brigadier Grant Cavenagh, Director General Land Manoeuvre Systems, took delivery of the vehicles at RAAF Base Amberley, Queensland, at the conclusion of conversion training for Army drivers. Technical acceptance of the vehicles occurred in late July 2006 some 65 days ahead of schedule.

The new equipment will allow the M1A1 Abrams Integrated Management (AIM) main battle tanks and M88A2 HERCULES armoured recovery vehicles to be transported on Australian roads.

These heavy tank transporters will meet the first Abrams tanks for the Australian Army due to arrive from the United States in September 2006. The trans-

is just another example of the nanny state and one that I am very concerned could ruin the future of piping in Scotland." he said.

Soldier Remains In Stable Condition

The Australian soldier hospitalised after a recent rocket attack on the International Zone in Baghdad is expected to be transferred to a United States military hospital in Germany before being brought back to Australia.

Townsville based Corporal Sarah Webster remains in a stable condition in a Coalition hospital in Baghdad after receiving head and lower limb injuries in the attack

Three other injured soldiers were released from hospital following treatment for minor wounds including concussion, bruising and minor lacerations; which are typical in this kind of attack.

The Lance Corporal and Signallers from Townsville and the Craftsman from Brisbane are now back with their mates in SECDET and are in good spirits. The condition of these soldiers will continue to be monitored.

Brigadier Mick Moon, commander of the Australian forces in the Middle East, has conducted a review of the SECDET's force protection measures and is satisfied that they provide the best possible protection for Australian troops.

Brigadier Moon praised his troops for their rapid and professional response to yesterday's incident. SECDET personnel reacted quickly to the situation and evacuated the casualties within minutes ensuring that they received expert medical attention immediately.

Rocket attacks are common occurrences in Baghdad. The accommodation and working areas of all Australian personnel serving in Baghdad have

ballistic and fragmentation protective measures.

These measures were effective in preventing further and more serious casualties. SECDET will continue in its vital role of supporting the Australian Embassy staff in Baghdad.

The families of the soldiers have requested that the media respect their privacy.

Soldier Feedback Makes Army Bushmaster Vehicles Even Better

The protection and crew comfort of one of the most effective new items of equipment of the Australian Army, the Bushmaster infantry mobility vehicle, is being further improved as a result of operational experience in the Middle East.

The Vice Chief of the Defence Force, Lieutenant General Ken Gillespie, expressed confidence in the Bushmaster following press reports on 1 September that crews had criticised the lack of an on-board drinking water cooling system, and aspects of armour protection.

"Feedback from crews of the 26 Bushmasters on operations in the Middle East is significantly influencing improvements under way for this vehicle," Lieutenant General Gillespie said.

"The results of listening to this feedback include a new prototype cooling system for the on-board drinking water tank, which is planned for field testing in October this year."

Lieutenant General Gillespie said that Bushmaster vehicles already provide crews with a high level of blast and ballistic protection, but Defence is enhancing crew protection features.

"In July 2006 the Government approved rapid acquisition of a protected weapon station for Bushmaster," he

aspects of the Post-armistice Korean Service Review Report.

Some Australian ex-service personnel have strongly lobbied to have the Australian Service Medal 1945 – 75 upgraded to the Australian Active Service Medal (AASM) 1945-75 and accompanied by the issue of the Returned from Active Service Badge (RASB).

While acknowledging these efforts, Mr Billson said that after further consultation and careful consideration, the Government has accepted the view of Defence that the service of those in post-armistice Korea was not considered “warlike” for the purposes of awarding the AASM 1945-75 or RASB.

He reiterated that the end of the combatant phase of the Korean War was defined by the signing of the Armistice on 27 July 1953.

“The Armistice was clear and unambiguous in putting in place a complete cessation of hostilities and of all acts of armed force in Korea,” Mr Billson said.

“Although the Working Party’s findings recommended the establishment and awarding of a General Service Medal (GSM) and RASB, only one Australian military service medal is awarded to recognise a single type of service in such circumstances. The ASM 1945-75 with Clasp ‘KOREA’ has been duly awarded for this service,” he said.

“In line with this policy, the award of the RASB is inconsistent with the awarding of the ASM, as the RASB is only awarded for “warlike” service.”

Mr Billson said the medal system’s “rule-making” is already subject to intense scrutiny up to the highest levels of government.

“In particular, I have great faith in the existing Interdepartmental Committee

(IDC) and its ability to appropriately advise the Government on matters relating to Defence Honours and Awards,” he said.

The Post-armistice Korean Service Review identified the names of 18 Australians who died after the cessation of hostilities.

Mr Billson is examining possible options for commemorating those who died while serving our country in post-armistice Korea, in an appropriate way.

UK Army’s Bagpipe Students Told To Pipe Down

British army bagpipers are being told to limit their playing to as little as 15 minutes a day because of noise concerns.

Under new health and safety guidelines, the 100 soldiers learning to play the bagpipes at the Army Piping School in Edinburgh will be allowed to play for 24 minutes a day outside or 15 minutes a day indoors.

Alternatively, they will have to wear ear-plugs while they practise, according to the Ministry of Defence.

The new rules have been recommended after a study by the Army Medical Directorate, which found the noise could reach 111 decibels, equal to that of a pneumatic drill. Indoors it could reach 116 decibels, as loud as a chainsaw.

“We have a duty of care to protect the hearing of all our soldiers,” an army spokesman said. “We are carrying out that duty of care in implementing this recommendation.”

Bagpipes have long played a major role in Scottish regiments, members of which have traditionally been piped into battle.

Davy Garrett, who played the pipes in the army for 12 years and now runs a piping school in the Highlands, said the new regulations could threaten the future of bagpipe use in Scotland. “This -

Holdfast Reunion - RAE Reunion Perth- 11 November 2006

A Holdfast Reunion (Engineer Reunion) is being planned to be held at Karrakatta for 11 November 2006. At this stage detailed plans are still being prepared but in outline it is planned that all attendees attend firstly the Remembrance Day ceremony at the State War Memorial before moving to Karrakatta for a reunion of Sappers.

We are seeking expressions of interest for those who wish to attend. All Sappers of any era and those that served alongside them are welcome. Families are also welcome. The reunion including a BBQ lunch will be conducted during daytime to enable older

porters will go into service immediately delivering tanks and recovery vehicles to training establishments and operational units.

Australian industry is providing a significant part of this capability. The prime contractor for the project is MAN Military Vehicle Systems Australia Pty Ltd.

Drake Trailers Pty Ltd, an Australian-owned and operated Brisbane-based company, is manufacturing 14 swing-wing trailers.

Brisbane-based MAN Automotive Imports Pty Ltd is making final modifications, conducting compliance testing, and will manage the ongoing repair and maintenance support.

Bayswater Hotel

We have finally found a home thanks to the generosity of the management of the Bayswater Hotel in Bayswater. The Baysie, as it is called, is a bright and breezy hotel with excellent facilities.

The Baysie has allowed the Association the use of their Function Room every month for our meetings. This they have done at no charge as the Association is a non-profit veteran’s organisation. All members are welcome to come along. Remember that our meetings are on the first Thursday of each month except January.

Dinner, at the Baysie, is from 1800 hours to 2030 hours and is relatively cheap, wholesome food. It is served as a Buffet Style meal and you can have hot dinners or a cold salad style meal. Should you wish to go more up-market you can order from the Al-a-Carte menu. If you wish to have a private function with a buffet style meal the Baysie staff is only too pleased to cater for you.

One thing that is a big plus for the Baysie is the friendly manner which the staff treat all their guests. They are probably the friendliest group of people you would want to meet.

If a function is organised at the Baysie, one real big plus is the very comfortable rooms in the Hotel or in the adjoining Motel. You can go to a function, relax and enjoy yourself and have no fear of having to drive home trying to avoid the “Booze Buses”. The tariffs for the rooms in the Hotel or the Motel are very reasonable.

If you drive to the Baysie there is a Carpark at the rear with room for about 100 cars. Alternatively you can get to the Baysie by train. The Hotel is about 100m the north side of the railway line from the Bayswater Railway Station.

Further information can be supplied by the Secretary.

Our catch cry now is “Come to the Baysie and enjoy yourselves.”

Sappers to attend. Call Mick Ryan on 08 93072385, Nev Clark 08 9342 5808 for registration of interest and more info.

mick ryan
RAEA WA

Order Of The Day - A Larger Army

1. Recently the Prime Minister announced a further increase to the size of the Australian Army. This increase is in addition to that announced, in December 2005, as part of the hardened and networked army. In total these two increases will see an army of approximately 29,000.

2. Government has authorised this increase in the size of the army for two reasons. First, in clear recognition of the operational tempo of the army right now in Iraq, Afghanistan, East Timor, Solomon Islands and the wide range of smaller United Nations and other deployments. Second, in anticipation of increasing strategic volatility and further demands being placed on the army both in our region and further afield.

3. The hardened and networked army plan already recognises changes to both the global security environment and the nature of our future battlefield. The HNA plan will continue with its emphasis on combined arms battle groups and the maximisation of army's firepower, protection, mobility and communications. The fundamental task of army will remain as close combat in combined arms groups.

4. However, as we have seen in recent campaigns as an army we are increasingly required to be among populations at risk, supporting, protecting and persuading them. This is likely to continue into the future. Defence and security challenges of this nature are very demanding and will take place in complex environments. They will require

more boots on the ground.

5. Over the next few weeks the details of the plan to further increase the size of the army will be explained. Right now I would like to provide an outline of the major aspects of the plan. We will:

A. Split 5/7 RAR and make two mechanised battalions under command of HQ 1 brigade and place one of these battalions in Adelaide;

B. Re-role 3 RAR as a light infantry battalion and place it under command of HQ 3 bde and in due course locate it in Townsville;

C. Re-raise 8/9 RAR under command of HQ 7 brigade in South East Queensland;

D. Raise and supplement appropriate elements of combat support and combat service support in existing brigade locations; and

E. Extend the defence Capability plan to acquire the necessary extra equipment to equip the New units.

6. This will mean an army of 8 infantry battalions. This will increase our capacity to provide combined arms battle groups and allow us to meet government's overarching requirement of deploying and sustaining a brigade on operations as well as separate contingency forces.

7. This task of increasing the size of the army will present us with many challenges. The most significant challenge will be recruitment and retention. As an army we are currently under strength and must at first overcome this deficit before embarking on the plan to make a larger army. We can achieve the task. The announcement by the Prime Minister provides substantial funds to implement an extensive range of personnel initiatives to help recruit and retain the soldiers required. These initiatives include:

A. Enlistment, re-enlistment and lateral transfer bonuses;

ern Campus*
Victorian Rehabilitation Centre - Northern Campus*
Vimy House Private Hospital*
Wangaratta Private Hospital
Warley Hospital*
Warringal Private Hospital
Western Private Hospital*
Yackandandah Bush Nursing Hospital*

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Attadale Hospital*
Bethesda Hospital*
Coastal Private Hospital
Glengarry Hospital*
Hollywood Private Hospital
Joondalup Private Hospital
Mercy Hospital, Mt Lawley*
Mount Hospital*
Mt Lawley Private Hospital*
Peel Health Campus
St John of God, Bunbury
St John of God, Geraldton
St John of God, Murdoch*
St John of God, Subiaco*
Westminster Day Surgery*

Ed's Note: We thank Blue for getting the above list and circulating it to the benefit of all veterans.

Tenix Joins Australian Government's Sadi Program

The Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence Bruce Billson recently announced approval of \$2.8 million in Australian Government funding through the Defence Materiel Organisation to support a major company-wide training initiative for Tenix Defence under the Australian Government's Skilling Australia's Defence Industry (SADI) program.

With SADI support, Tenix Defence will grow and supplement its training programs over the next three years in five key program areas, including project management, systems engineering, process improvement, career development and technical operations.

These areas cover 26 distinct courses or training programs, some already existing, others proposed based on expected work challenges and opportunities, across all divisions of Tenix Defence: Marine, Land, Aerospace and Electronic Systems.

Tenix Group Managing Director Paul Salteri said the SADI program demonstrated Tenix Defence's commitment to developing and retaining the skills needed to deliver the industry outcomes expected by the Australian Defence Force.

The program will provide more than 4,500 training places across Tenix Defence over three years. Tenix Defence has committed \$12.6 million to the skill-building program.

Mr Salteri said the SADI program will build on the company's existing programs covering graduates, apprentices and professional engineers and project managers, and make a major contribution to up-skilling Australian Defence industry.

Mr Billson said the Australian Government was committed to supporting the ADF with world class equipment, and creating a robust local Defence industry with a strong, growing skills base.

Over the next 10 years, the Government is investing up to \$215m, or 0.5% of spending on major Defence capital equipment, to help Defence industry attract and retain qualified individuals by generating additional skilled positions, up-skilling existing employees and improving skills training.

Minister Outlines Government Response To Post-Armistice Korea Service Report

The Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence, the Hon Bruce Billson MP, has recently outlined the Government's response to the Defence

Wesley Hospital*
Wesley Townsville

South Aust

Ardrossan Community Hospital*
Ashford Private Hospital
Blackwood Community Hospital*
Burnside War Memorial Hospital*
Calvary Hospital Adelaide
Central Districts Private Hospital
College Grove Private Hospital*
Flinders Private Hospital
Glenelg Community Hospital*
Griffith Rehabilitation Hospital*
Hamley Bridge Memorial Hospital*
Keith District Hospital*
Mallalla District Hospital*
McLaren Vale Private Hospital*
Memorial Private Hospital
Moonta Hospital*
Mount Gambier Private Hospital*
Noarlunga Private Hospital*
North Eastern Community Hospital*
Parkwynd Private Hospital
Riverland Private Hospital*
South Coast Community Hospital*
Sportsmed Hospital*
St Andrews Private Hospital
Stirling District Hospital*
Wakefield Hospital
Western Community Hospital*

Tas

Calvary Private Hospital
Calvary St Lukes Hospital
Hobart Private Hospital
North West Private Hospital
Oakden House Private Hospital*

Vic

Avenue Hospital
Ballan and District Soldiers' Hospital*
Beleura Hospital
Bellbird Hospital*
Cabrini Brighton Hospital
Cedar Court Hospital*
Cobden District Health Services*
Como Private Hospital
Cotham Private Hospital
Donvale Rehabilitation Hospital*

Elsternwick Private Hospital*
Epworth Eastern Private Hospital*
Epworth Private Hospital
Epworth Rehabilitation Brighton*
Essendon Private Hospital*
Euroa Health Inc*
Frances Perry Private Hospital
Freemasons Hospital
Geelong Private Hospital
Glenferrie Private Hospital*
Heyfield Hospital*
Hopetoun Rehabilitation Hospital*
Ivanhoe Manor Rehabilitation Hospital*
Jessie McPherson Hospital*
John Fawkner Private Hospital
Knox Private Hospital
La Trobe University Medical Centre
Linacre Private Hospital
Linley Clinic*
Malvern Hospital*
Maryvale Private Hospital
Masada Private Hospital
Melbourne Private Hospital
Mercy Private Hospital
Mildura Private Hospital*
Mitcham Private Hospital
Mountain District Private Hospital*
Mt Waverley Private Hospital
Murray Valley Private Hospital*
Neerim District Soldiers' Memorial Hospital*
Northpark Private Hospital
Olympia Hospital*
Peninsula Private Hospital
Ringwood Hospital
Shepparton Private Hospital
SJOG Berwick*
SJOG Nepean Rehabilitation Hospital*
Southeastern Private Hospital
St Francis X Cabrini Hospital
St John of God, Ballarat
St John of God, Bendigo
St John of God, Geelong
St John of God, Warrnambool
St Vincents Private Hospital
The Bays Hospital
The Valley Private Hospital
Vaucluse Hospital*
Victorian Rehabilitation Centre - East-

Personal Statement Released On Behalf Of Mrs Naomi Nary

Media Note:

The Department of Defence is releasing this statement on behalf of Mrs Naomi Nary in response to the public release of outcomes from the Board of Inquiry into her husband's death, Warrant Officer Class Two David Nary formerly of the Special Air Services Regiment.

Mrs Nary has requested her privacy be respected and that she will not be conducting any media interviews at this time.

"I am pleased that the announcement of the Board of Inquiry findings closes what has been an extremely difficult period since Dave was tragically taken from us last year. While these findings do not bring back my husband or the father of my children they do reinforce what I have known all along. Dave was an excellent soldier, working with equally exceptional people. At the time of the accident he was doing a difficult job in demanding circumstances. Dave did nothing wrong and neither did those with him. It was just an extremely unfortunate accident that has taken a wonderful husband and father from us.

"The Board of Inquiry was a long and emotionally demanding process but I am thankful that the ADF conducted it in such a professional and considerate manner. The decision to keep the inquiry closed, while important for the security of Dave's unit and mates, allowed my family to learn the facts and limit the outside speculation. I am sure this outside scrutiny is causing further grief for those families currently awaiting the outcomes of other ADF Boards.

"I must also express my thanks to the members of Dave's unit, the Special Air Service Regiment. From the moment of the accident they have worked to en-

B. Continuation bonuses for select ranks;
C. One-time retention payments; D. Rewards for training staff;
D. Referral bonuses for recruiting;
E. Funding for recruiting marketing; and
F. Funding for the recruiting process.

8. This increase to the size of the army as well as being a recognition of the likely increase in future tasks is a clear statement of the value of the army's contribution to the nation. The contribution you are making in the field and in barracks today is a vital contribution to the security of Australia. You should all be proud of what you are achieving and the way that you live our army and Australian values. I look forward to continuing to work with you as we grow the army and continue to serve the nation.

RAEME takes over the Navy in Timor

Brian.Tuohy@3bde.defence.gov.au wrote:

G'Day Gentlemen,
The attached photos nearly started WWII between Army and Navy. The boys from 3 CSR talked/bribed/forced(?) one of the Kanimbla Engineers in letting them on the upper deck and commandeered the priority halyard to hoist the RAEME Flag. Apparently it stayed there for some time before being noticed by a senior pusser. The CO of Kanimbla was not amused but after some paying of bribes and apologies (not heartfelt) the flag was returned to 3 CSR Tech Support. The young crafty who shall remain nameless is an absolute hero amongst the brotherhood deployed over here.

Cheers,
Brian

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sure that I, and my children, have the support we required, that we were kept informed of what was occurring and most importantly that Dave's reputation and honour were maintained.

"We are immensely proud of the job he did and the person that he was and we will always love and miss Dave. Our lives will never be the same without him."

Naomi Nary
07 August 2006

Ed's Note: Naomi Nary was Naomi Holland and previously Naomi Rutledge, the Orderly Room NCO at 5 EME SVCS/113 FD WKSP, at the Artillery Barracks in Fremantle and at Karrakatta. She served there with a great deal of dedication and was liked by everyone who knew her. The Association expresses their deepest sympathy to Naomi and wish all the very best for the future of herself and her children.

Private Hospitals Contracted To Provide Australian Government-Funded Services To Veterans

TO: TPI Federation Directors
FM: Blue Ryan

Below is the list of private hospitals contracted to provide services to veteran's.

This is an excellent outcome as it goes a long way to meet what we were promised when the old Repat Hospitals were handed over to state governments or sold to private enterprise some 10 years ago. At the time we were told we would have greater choice and access to private hospitals closer to where we lived, with the newly contracted hospitals we see a significant improvement in choice and access. This will be particularly evident in Perth and Brisbane. The other positive flow on will be a greater choice of doctors as some only

operated from hospitals that previously were not contracted to work with veteran's.

Could you please ensure this is passed on to as many veteran's as possible.

Cheers

Blue Ryan
TPI National President

*indicates newly contracted hospital

ACT

Calvary Private Hospital ACT
John James Memorial Hospital
National Capital Private Hospital

NSW

Albury Private Hospital
Alwyn Rehabilitation Hospital*
Armidale Private Hospital
Baringa Private Hospital
Bega Valley Day Surgery*
Berkeley Vale Private Hospital
Brisbane Waters Private Hospital
Calvary Hurstville
Calvary Private Hospital Wagga Wagga
Canada Bay Private Hospital*
Cape Hawke Community Private Hospital
Castlecrag Private Hospital*
Dalcross Private Hospital
Delmar Private Hospital
Dubbo Private Hospital
Dudley Orange Private Hospital
Eastern Heart Clinic*
Eastern Suburbs Private Hospital*
Figtree Private Hospital
Hawkesbury District Health Service Ltd
Hirondelle Private Hospital*
Holroyd Private Hospital*
Hunter Valley Private Hospital
Hunters Hill Private Hospital
Jean Colvin Hospital*
Kareena Private Hospital
Lady Davidson Private Hospital
Lake Macquarie Private Hospital
Lawrence Hargrave Hospital*
Lingard Private Hospital
Lismore Private*
Lithgow Community Private Hospital

Longueville Private Hospital*
Macarthur Private Hospital
Maitland Private Hospital*
Manly Waters Private Hospital*
Mater Misericordiae Private Hospital
Mayo Private Hospital
Metropolitan Rehabilitation Hospital*
Minchinbury Community Hospital*
Mosman Private Hospital*
Mount Wilga Private Hospital*
Nepean Private Hospital
Newcastle Private Hospital*
North Gosford Private Hospital
North Shore Private Hospital
Nowra Private Hospital
Pendlebury Day Surgery*
Peninsula Private Hospital
Poplars Private Hospital*
Port Macquarie Private Hospital
President Private Hospital*
Prince of Wales Private Hospital
Riverina Cardiovascular*
Shellharbour Private Hospital*
Southern Highlands Private Hospital
St George Private Hospital
St. Luke's Private Hospital
St. Vincent's Private Hospital Bathurst
St. Vincent's Private Hospital
Darlinghurst
St. Vincent's Private Hospital Lismore
Strathfield Private Hospital
Sutherland Heart*
Sydney Adventist Hospital
Sydney Southwest Private Hospital
Tamara Private Hospital
The Hills Private Hospital
The Sydney Private Hospital*
Toronto Private Hospital
Warners Bay Private Hospital
Westmead Private Hospital
Westmead Rehabilitation*
Wolper Jewish Private Hospital*
Yeoval Community Hospital*

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Darwin Private Hospital*

QLD

Allamanda Private Hospital
Allora District Coop Hospital*

Brisbane Private Hospital*
Caboolture Private Hospital
Cairns Private Hospital
Caloundra Private Hospital
Canossa Hospital*
Clifton Co-operative*
Cooloola Community Private Hospital
Eden Private Health Care Centre*
Friendly Society Private Hospital
Greenslopes Private Hospital
Hervey Bay Day Surgery*
Hervey Bay Private Hospital*
Hillcrest/ Rockhampton Private Hospital
Holy Spirit Northside*
Hopewell Hospice*
Ipswich Hospice Care*
John Flynn Private Hospital
Killarney Memorial Hospitals*
Mater Gladstone
Mater Hospital Bundaberg
Mater Hospital Mackay
Mater Hospital Rockhampton
Mater Private Hospital, South Brisbane*
Mater Redland*
Mater Townsville
Mater Yeppoon*
Mt Olivet Hospital*
Nambour Selangor Private Hospital
Noosa Private Hospital
Northwest Private Hospital*
Pacific Private Hospital
Peninsula Private Hospital*
Pindara Hospital
Pine Rivers Private Hospital*
Pioneer Valley Private Hospital
Pittsworth District Hospital*
South Burnett Community Private Hospital*
Spendlove House Private Hospital*
St Andrews Hospital, Toowoomba
St Andrews War Memorial Hospital*
St Andrews/ Ipswich Private
St Stephens Presbyterian Church Hospital
St Vincents Hospital, Toowoomba
Sunnybank Private Hospital*
Sunshine Coast Private Hospital
Toowoomba Hospice*