

RSL WODEN VALLEY SUB-BRANCH ENEWS



Special edition weekly Lockdown eNews 8 October 21

Dear Members,

One week of lockdown to go and all is well so far. Let's hope that nothing untoward happens between now and the 15th that might result in an extension of the lockdown. We will continue to monitor the situation and advise you of any significant changes as they arise.

To that end, we will keep issuing these newsletters for another few weeks at least.

Thanks again to all those who have continued to support our members and some other clients during the past week. This continues to a good news story and one of which we should be proud. We have also achieved some good outcomes in both the compensation and welfare areas.

We again have a very full newsletter for you this week with a variety of articles that should be of interest to many of you.

For those of you who have expressed interest in the Exercise Class on the 21st and the OGM on the 26th, please monitor your emails just in case any details change between now and dates for the respective activities. Please also be assured that, if we are able to hold these events, we will apply all necessary COVID Safe protocols to each.

In the meantime please stay well, stay healthy and stay connected,

Jim

Dear members,

The ACT lockdown will prevent the Sub-Branch having sufficient time to plan the scheduled dinner on Tuesday 26 October 2021, so it is cancelled.

In accordance with the ACT Government's Pathway, the Grant Cameron Centre might reopen soon after 14 October 2021, so the Board has decided to hold an OGM on Tuesday 26 October 2021 at 1400 hours in the Sub-Branch office at Holder. Following the OGM, refreshments will be provided. Details will be confirmed closer to the date.

Regards,

Greg



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RSL Woden Valley Sub-Branch and Veterans Support Centre

Invite our members to

A **Strength For Life Session in**

A one hour program followed by refreshments

Participants will receive guided training, personal equipment, general information on exercise and safety instructions.

An assessment questionnaire will be sent out to all interested participants to be completed prior to attendance.

Presenter: Diane Percy

Active Ageing Coordinator ACT

To be held in the conference room

Grant Cameron Community Centre

27 Mulley St HOLDER

On Thursday 21 October 2021

11 AM to 12:30 PM

Limited places available

Please RSVP by Friday 15 October 2021

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The Hon Andrew Gee MP

Minister for Veterans' Affairs
Minister for Defence Personnel
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MEDIA RELEASE

2 October 2021

REMEMBERING THE EPIC BATTLE OF MARYANG SAN

On Sunday 3 October, we pause to remember the courage, valour and sacrifice of Australian forces on the 70th anniversary of the Battle of Maryang San in the Korean War.

In early October 1951, the 3rd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment (3RAR), as part of the 28th Commonwealth Brigade, attacked a group of strategically important hills near the Imjin River as part of Operation Commando.

Minister for Veterans' Affairs and Defence Personnel Andrew Gee reflected on 3RAR's significant and decisive defeat of the larger and more advantageously positioned Chinese forces to secure Hill 317 - known as Maryang San.

"The triumph of Operation Commando was an extraordinary Australian achievement. Over five days of continuous fighting, the mastery and mettle of Australian forces were on full display, with 3RAR, despite the odds, capturing the hill north of the 38th Parallel, Maryang San," Minister Gee said.

"The success of the strategic action to seize Hill 317 was vital in order to position United Nations forces at the summit, causing the Chinese to fallback and lose the key vantage point before armistice negotiations commenced.

"The Battle began on 3 October, with a British assault over two days on Hill 355 (known as Kowang San). Then, in the quiet hours before dawn on 5 October, shrouded by mist, Australian forces began their approach on Maryang San.

"At 10am, the mist began to ease, unveiling the Australian advance.

"Despite fierce fighting, 3RAR captured the first line of defences, and by the following morning, had secured the summit. Heedless of heavy fire, the Australians held the crest, engaging in close combat to repel Chinese counter attacks under the cover of darkness.

"Next, Australian and British soldiers together staved off desperate attempts by the Chinese, securing 'the Hinge' - a high point on the west ridge. This action forced the Chinese to evacuate Hill 217, and concede defeat on 8 October 1951."

"Twenty Australians were killed, and more than 100 were wounded in the battle.

Following the battle, both sides found themselves in a war of attrition facing conditions not unlike those experienced by soldiers in the First World War. Men lived in tunnels, dugouts and sandbagged forts behind barbed wire for the remaining two years of the war.

The Battle of Maryang San was described by the Official Historian of the Korean War, Robert O'Neill, as 'the greatest single feat of the Australian Army during the Korean War';

"In this action 3RAR had won one of the most impressive victories achieved by any Australian battalion. In five days of heavy fighting 3RAR dislodged a numerically superior enemy from a position of great strength ... The victory of Maryang San is probably the greatest single feat of the Australian Army during the Korean War."

"Seventy years ago, Australians fought and died in the Battle of Maryang San. I encourage all Australians to pause and remember their service, sacrifice and courage, and that of all Australians who served our nation in the Korean War," Minister Gee said.

The Korean War began on 25 June 1950 and fighting ended with the signing of an armistice on 27 July 1953. Following the armistice, Australian forces remained in Korea in a peacekeeping role until 1957.

For more information on the Battle of Maryang San and the Korean War, visit <https://anzacportal.dva.gov.au>

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For Urgent Attention & Dissemination – Change in in tax treatment of military superannuation - streamlined amendment process

Good afternoon Board Directors, State Branch Directors, NVAC Members and RSL ATO representatives (copied to State Branch EAs)

Please see the Key Messages from the ATO below for urgent dissemination to members.

The State nominated representatives who attended the stakeholder session with the ATO (listed below) have been included in this email and will be able to prepare a message based on this information, for distribution to members, to support and advise re the commencement of further action by the ATO.

Margaret	Jenyns	Head of Veteran Services Support
Mickey	Michaelis	Support Manager
Alex	Dick	Advocate & Entitlements Support Officer
Isaac	Ohlin	Policy and Advocacy Officer
Jeff	Jackson	Manager – Pensions, Advocacy & Welfare Support
David	Grenvold	Chief Executive Officer
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Wayne	Gib	State Board Director

The ATO have advised that they will commence contacting members by the end of October. Your support in ensuring that this important information is promptly dispersed would be appreciated.

Kind regards

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Military superannuation streamlined amendment process

Key update messages – 6 October 2021

Good afternoon,

A number of veterans and stakeholder groups have engaged the ATO in recent weeks to enquire about the progress of the military superannuation streamlined amendment process.

We encourage those who are interested in receiving updates on the streamlined amendment process to regularly check-in with the military superannuation webpage on ato.gov.au.

To complement the website information, we have also prepared an update with some key messages that you may wish to share with your members. We have prepared this in a format where you will be able to cut and paste the ATO messages into your relevant publications/newsletters so that you can share with your members.

Additionally, if there are any other concerns that are raised, please let us know and we can consider them for the next round of key messages if appropriate.

Military superannuation streamlined amendment process update

In December 2020, the Full Federal Court found that invalidity pensions payable under the Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits (DFRDB) Scheme and the Military Superannuation and Benefits (MSB) Scheme that started on or after 20 September 2007 should be taxed as superannuation lump sum payments.

Following the change in tax treatment, the ATO has been processing amendments for past tax returns of impacted individuals who have opted-in as part of its remediation program.

As at the end of September, the ATO has amended over 4,000 income tax assessments for individuals that either opted-in to the first phase of its amendment process or had an existing objection with them. This equates to around 60% of the individuals who opted-in to having their assessment(s) amended.

If you initially opted-in to but your amendments have yet to be processed, it is likely because your circumstances are more complex, such as if you:

- receive disability superannuation benefits or a lump sum payment in arrears
- have multiple super schemes
- have declared bankruptcy.

If you opted-in but have not yet had your amendments finalised, you do not need to call the ATO for an update. The ATO is working through the remaining amendments and expects to have all amendments completed shortly.

In the meantime, you should make sure details such as your phone number, email address and your bank account information are correct.

These can be updated on ATO online via myGov. Updating your details now will make it easier for ATO officers to contact you if they require additional information.

Importantly, if you are affected by the Court decision and did not opt-in under the ATO's initial amendment process, it's not too late to have your assessments for prior years amended.

Next round of amendments

The ATO will begin the next round of its amendment program from late October by contacting affected individuals who did not initially opt-in.

There are several things you should do now if you would like to have your assessments amended. These include:

- ensuring your contact details are up to date, so you do not miss the correspondence from the ATO. This will also allow the ATO to contact you if they require additional information.

applying to Commonwealth Superannuation Corporate (CSC) for a determination if you believe you qualify for a disability concession. By doing this before you take part in the streamlined amendment process you will ensure that that the disability concession is taken into account as part of your amendments upfront.

lodging any outstanding income tax returns as the ATO cannot amend what has not been lodged.

Consider seeking financial advice in relation to your personal circumstances as it is your choice as to whether you want to participate in the ATO's amendment process.

The ATO updates its website regularly at ato.gov.au/militarysuper

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Communications Manager

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Australian Taxation Office

Government Response to Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee Inquiry into the TPI Payment (Special Rate of Disability Pension)

Good afternoon ESORT Members

The Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee recently held an Inquiry into the Totally and Permanently Incapacitated (TPI) Payment (Special Rate of Disability Pension). The committee's report was published on 1 July 2021, available from the Australian Parliament House website (click [here](#) to go to the site). The sole recommendation of the report was that *"The committee recommends that the Australian Government consider an increase in the TPI payment"*.

The Government has provided its response. To see the full Government response, please follow this [link](#).

Regards

Liz



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The Department of Veterans' Affairs acknowledge the traditional owners and we pay our respect to elders past, present and future.



The Be Connected program for older Australians is showing it's never too late to learn how to use the internet and technology, with the digital skills program celebrating its one millionth learner.

Be Connected is a joint initiative between Good Things Foundation Australia, [Office of the eSafety Commissioner](#) and Department of Social Services, which provides online and face-to-face support nationwide to Australians over 50 to improve their essential digital skills. Key to this success is our 3,500 Network Partner community organisations who deliver the program on the ground.

Alongside passing the significant one million learner milestone, we have distributed \$20 million in small grants to our Network Partners to help them run their Be Connected programs.

We are excited to see how the Be Connected program continues to grow in the future and reach more older Australians as digital becomes a bigger part of all of our lives.

Be Connected
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1 million
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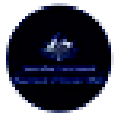


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Be Connected
Every Australian online.





Australian Government Department of Veterans' Affairs ...



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It's more important than ever to look after your mental health.

If the situation in Afghanistan is affecting you, you are not alone and help is available.

Safe Zone is free, anonymous, confidential and available 24/7 for current and former serving defence personnel.

Calls to Safe Zone are never recorded, and you do not need to identify yourself at any time during the call.

Contact Safe Zone on 1800 142 072.

Open Arms - Veterans & Families Counselling is available 24-hours a day, 7-days a week on 1800 011 046.

Families of serving personnel can also contact the Defence Family Helpline on 1800 624 608.

Please reach out and check on your mates.



24/7
Mental Health Services

<p>Defence all-hours Support Line 1800 628 036</p>	<p>OPEN Veterans & Families Counselling ARMS 1800 011 046</p>	<p> SAFE ZONE SUPPORT FREE ANONYMOUS COUNSELLING LINE CALL 1800 142 072</p>
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THE ACT'S COVID-19 PATHWAY FORWARD – FROM 1 OCTOBER 2021

Our guiding principles

- We will always put the health and wellbeing of the community at the forefront of our decision making, especially the impact on mental health.
- We will get as many people back to work as soon as we can.
- We will continue to listen to the community and businesses about the impact of the public health measures.
- In recognition of strong community compliance and a stable public health situation, we will make some minor amendments to restrictions on 1 October.

- Lockdown will be lifted on **15 October** when we expect our community will have reached 80 per cent full vaccination and the nation is expected to have reached 70 per cent.
- By **29 October** our surrounding region will likely have achieved the 80 per cent vaccination threshold and the nation will likely reach 80 per cent soon after. This may enable further easing, if the public health situation allows.
- Before we take any further steps **beyond 29 October** we will need to closely consider the epidemiological situation, cases in our surrounding region and our public health and hospital system capacity.

Our steps forward

Before we take each step we will consider:

- our vaccination rates, including in our vulnerable communities;
- our health system capacity, including the impact of COVID-19 in regional NSW;
- case numbers and current trends;
- testing rates and turnaround times;

- the levels of community transmission, especially the proportion of cases infectious in the community;
- our ability to quickly test, trace, isolate and quarantine (TTIQ);
- how well the community and businesses are complying with the restrictions; and

The measures below are indicative. It is difficult to predict the future with so many competing factors to consider. If the situation worsens we may need to delay further easing of restrictions or tighten restrictions again.

From 1 October 2021	From 15 October 2021	From 29 October 2021	End Nov- Early Dec 2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lockdown continues No more than 2 people to visit another household at any one time 1 household (any size) or up to 5 people can gather outdoors for up to 4 hours for physical or recreational activities All non-essential retail can operate click & deliver or click & collect – max 5 staff or 1 per 4 sqm Small businesses can operate click & collect or click & deliver or by contactless means – max 5 staff or 1 per 4 sqm Outdoor bootcamps and personal training can recommence with no more than 2 people (excluding instructors) Outdoor and contactless coaching can recommence with no more than 2 people (excluding the coach). Nature Reserves and National Parks can open for recreational purposes – outdoor gathering restrictions apply All dental services can be undertaken, including preventative services Education: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 October - Year 12 students can begin returning to on campus learning. Year 11 attend only for essential assessments that cannot wait until 18 October 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lockdown lifted (11.59pm 14 October 2021) The following activities can operate with capacity of 25 people or density of 1 per 4 sqm, whichever is less for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gyms (excluding classes) and organised outdoor training Weddings Outdoor play centres or amusement centres Places of worship Outdoor auctions Gaming and gambling venues Outdoor tours Community centres or facilities To broadcast a performance Licensed venues, cafes and restaurants for seated service. Max 25 people across venue or 1 per 4 sqm indoors. Businesses can have max 50 people or 1 per 4 sqm if outdoors only. Not both. 5 people can visit another household at any one time 25 people can gather outdoors All non-essential retail can operate a click & collect or click & deliver service. Small business can also operate by contactless means – max 10 people allowed or 1 per 4 sqm Open – hairdressers, beauty and personal services - max 5 clients Open – accommodation, campgrounds, caravan parks and campsites – gathering restrictions apply Open – swimming pools for lessons only – max 25 swimmers Gradual return to the workplace where it suits you and your employer Funerals increased to 50 attendees Education: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 18 October – year 11 and 12 return to on campus learning 25 October – early childhood reopens, pre-school to year 2, and years 6, 9 and 10 return to on campus learning. Out of school hours care available to on campus learners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The following activities can operate with max 25 people across the venue before density limits apply. Over 25 people: indoor 1 per 4 sqm or max 100, outdoor 1 per 2 sqm or max 150. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Licensed venues, cafes and restaurants Gyms (classes limited to 20 people) Organised sport and swimming pools Play centres or amusement centres Places of worship Real estate services and auctions Gaming and gambling venues Outdoor attractions Weddings Funerals Community centres or facilities 10 people can visit a household at any one time 30 people can gather outdoors Ticketed and seated events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outdoor can have up to 500 people Indoor with fixed seating 75% capacity up to 500 Indoor with unfixed seating 1 per 4 sqm, capacity up to 150 All retail permitted to open with 1 per 4 sqm Less restrictive travel in our region Open with restrictions – cinemas, galleries, museums, cultural institutions, historic sites and outdoor attractions Dance classes, choirs and bands commence – max 20 people or 1 per 4 sqm Education: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On 1 November – Years 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8 return to on campus learning. All students can attend their usual out of school hours care programs 	<p>All public health social measures to align with the National Plan, taking into account the local situation.</p> <p>Consideration will be given to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Larger events and gatherings with some limits. Exemptions may still be required. Reduced density requirements eg: 1 person per 2 sqm Reopening of food courts Reopening of nightclubs Return to face-face learning for higher education Further easing of travel restrictions – any interstate or overseas travel will be subject to the decisions of the Commonwealth and other State and Territory Governments <p>NOTES: * Vaccination data indicative only and based on ACT double dose of COVID-19 vaccination for ACT residents aged 12 and over. ** More detail can be found in the Summary of Proposed Restrictions Table.</p>



For more information: covid19.act.gov.au



Read more: [The ACT's Pathway Forward - Framework - COVID-19](#)

Latest update from 1 October 2021

The ACT is currently in lockdown and Canberrans are being asked to stay at home to assist in our response to positive cases of COVID-19 in the ACT.

- The lockdown commenced at 5:00pm Thursday 12 August 2021 and will continue until 11.59pm 14 October 2021.
- These restrictions are to help stop the spread of the virus and allow contact tracers to do their work.
- Please only leave home for essential reasons.
- We encourage all Canberrans to restrict their movement where possible, maintain social distancing, use the Check In CBR app and be considerate.

Anyone aged 12 years and over must wear a mask at all times upon leaving home. For some people this is not possible. Full details on the [face masks requirements page](#).

- For all current restrictions please see link below.

<https://www.covid19.act.gov.au/act-status-and-response/lockdown>

From Australian Services website - Covid-19 Vaccination

<https://www.myhealthrecord.gov.au/for-you-your-family/howtos/log-in>

As at 31 August 2021

Get free online proof of your COVID-19 vaccinations

Don't be scammed. Getting proof is free once you've had all required doses of a vaccine approved

for use in Australia .

[1]

Your vaccination provider first needs to add your vaccination details to the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) so you can get proof. This can take up to 10 days. You can then go online to get either:

- **an immunisation history statement or COVID-19 digital certificate .**

Your immunisation history statement shows all the immunisations you've had that are on the AIR. This includes your COVID-19 vaccinations.

The COVID-19 digital certificate shows only your COVID-19 vaccinations.

You can use your device to show proof. You can also add your COVID-19 digital certificate to either your Apple Wallet or

Google Pay for easy storage. If you're using an iOS device, you can use the Safari or Chrome browsers. If

you're using an Android device, you need to use the Chrome browser.

Next steps

Use our handy tool to help you find out how to get proof of your COVID-19 vaccination . It can help you to set up online accounts if you haven't already.

If you have myGov linked to Medicare, you can sign in and follow the links to access either:

- **your immunisation history statement COVID-19 digital certificate.**

For the latest COVID-19 updates and advice , go to the Australian Government website <https://www.myhealthrecord.gov.au/for-you-your-family/howtos/frequently-asked-questions>

Hard copy: Australians who cannot access their vaccination certificates online can have their immunisation history printed and mailed to them. Call the Australian Immunisation Register on 1800 653 809 (Monday to Friday 8 am to 5 pm) and ask them to send your immunisation history statement to you. It can take up to 14 days to arrive in the post. You can also contact the Australian Immunisation Register through

[Australian Immunisation Register - Services Australia](#) or email: air@servicesaustralia.gov.au



From ACCC website

Current COVID-19 (coronavirus) scams

Scammers are using the spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus) to take advantage of people across Australia.

About COVID-19 scams

Scamwatch has received over 6,415 scam reports mentioning the coronavirus with more than \$9,800,000 in reported losses since the outbreak of COVID-19 (coronavirus). Common scams include phishing for personal information, online shopping, and superannuation scams.

If you have been scammed or have seen a scam, you can [make a report](#) on the Scamwatch website, and find more information about [where to get help](#).

Scamwatch urges everyone to be cautious and remain alert to coronavirus-related scams. Scammers are hoping that you have let your guard down. Do not provide your personal, banking or superannuation details to strangers who have approached you.

Scammers may pretend to have a connection with you. So it's important to stop and check, even when you are approached by what you think is a trusted organisation.

Visit the [Scamwatch news](#) webpage for general warnings and media releases on COVID-19 scams.

Competition for veterans and service people highlights the therapeutic nature of art

Dominic Giannini - 25 September 2021

Current and former Australian Defence Force service personnel are being encouraged to enter this year's Napier Waller Art Prize, where entrants can submit any original visual art medium with a theme of their choice.

The competition is now in its fourth year and aims to promote the therapeutic essence that art can have on service personnel, especially those struggling with post-traumatic stress disorder or other mental illnesses.

Former Army Major Matt Jones, who served in East Timor before finding himself homeless in Sydney, won the 2020 prize with his conceptual piece, *Yarn*.

Matt says it takes courage to reveal your vulnerabilities through art, even if that story remains personal.

"It is a vindication of the difficulties I have been through," he says.

"It was worthwhile telling the story, even if I am the only person who knows what that story is."

The blue and yellow yarn in Matt's artwork is centred on the Kilo maritime signal flag, which means 'I wish to communicate with you'.

The artwork is partly comprised a blanket a local knitting group gave him while he was couch surfing, sleeping on trains and bathing at the beach.

Matt says cutting up the blanket and weaving it into the artwork denotes that part of his life is not coming back.

"We tell our stories with what we have, not with what we hope we might have," he says.

"My work is made up of a whole lot of individual pieces of yarn, and there are a whole lot of stories from myself that have gone into it so the threading together of those stories is the therapeutic nature of it."

Australian War Memorial director Matt Anderson says visualising personal feelings and sharing them with other members of the Defence Force, as well as the broader community, can help with the healing process from trauma.

"We are encouraging current and former Australian Defence Force personnel to raise awareness of the therapeutic power of artistic creation, shared experiences and the talent of service personnel," he says.

This year's winner of the Napier Waller Art Prize will receive \$10,000, and the winner of the People's Choice award, voted by the general public, will receive \$5000.

The works will be displayed in an exhibition alongside other highly commended pieces, and will become part of the Australian War Memorial's National Collection.

The exhibition of highly commended works will be held in mid-2022, pushed back from this year due to the COVID-19 lockdown.

Submissions are now open for the Australian War Memorial's 2022 Napier Waller Art Prize, and close on Sunday, 12 December, 2021.

More information about the prize and previous entries can be found at the [Australian War Memorial](#).



Yarn, by Matt Jones, winner of the 2020 Napier Waller Art Prize. Photo: Australian War Memorial.



Gary Ramage's photograph, *Afghan diggers' ghosts at the AWM*, won the People's Choice award in the 2020 Napier Waller Art Prize. Photo: Australian War Memorial.

Battle of Long Khanh and Nui Le coins

This year, the Royal Australian Mint released two commemorative collectible coins marking the anniversary of the Battles of Long Khanh and Nui Le.

These coins have been very popular and we thought your membership might be interested in purchasing one of these coins before they sell out.

Developed in collaboration with members from the 3rd Battalion, the Battle of Long Khanh coin depicts a scene inspired by the elements of the Battle, featuring a Centurion tank, manned by an Australian soldier, set deep in the Vietnam jungle.

Developed in collaboration with members of the 4th Battalion, the Battle of Nui Le coin also shows a scene inspired by the elements of the Battle. It features the iconic Iroquois helicopter, which was used to evacuate wounded Australian soldiers during the battle, which was part of Operation Ivanhoe.

Both coins retail at \$10 each and can be purchased from the Mint's [eshop](#) or call centre (1300 652 020).

I've included some images of the coins below including the packaging for your reference.

Regards, Nicolle

Royal Australian Mint



John's Jokes

"Bless me Father for I have sinned. I have been with a loose girl." The priest asks, "Is that you, little Joey Pagano?" "Yes, Father it is."

"And who was the girl you were with?"

"I can't tell you, Father, I don't want to ruin her reputation"

"Well Joey, I'm sure to find out her name sooner or later so you may as well tell me now. Was it Tina Minetti?"

"I cannot say."

"Was it Teresa Mazzarelli?"

"I'll never tell."

"Was it Nina Campelli?"

"I'm sorry but I cannot name her."

"Was it Cathy Piriano?"

"My lips are sealed."

"Was it Rosa DiAngelo then?"

"Please, Father! I cannot tell you".

The priest sighs in frustration. "You're very tight lipped and I admire that. But you've sinned and have to atone. You cannot be an altar boy now for 4 months. Now go and behave yourself."

Joey walks back to his pew, and his friend Franco slides over and whispers, "What did you get?"

"Four months vacation and five good leads....."

So, I'm in a bar and two very large women with accents are sitting across from me. I say, "Cool accents, are you two ladies from Scotland? One of them yells, "It's Wales you idiot." So I said, "OK are you two Whales from Scotland? I don't remember much after that."

Your husband is now 82, and he still enjoys chasing girls? Aren't you upset? Why should I be upset? Dogs chase cars, but they can't drive.

He asked why the house isn't clean since I'm home all day

I asked why we aren't rich since he works all day.

A beautiful young blonde brought herself a new Mercedes. She could drive the car during the day but a night the car wouldn't move at all.

She tried driving the car at night for a week with no luck.

Furious, she called the dealership, told them the problem and they sent a mechanic to the house. The mechanic gave the car a thorough inspection and could not find anything wrong. Eventually, he asked the blonde, "Are you sure you're using the right gears?"

"Of course I am. I'm not stupid. I use D during the day and N at night."

Do men's ears work or they only there for show? Asking for a friend!!

On the Grog: Although the RAN never had a daily rum issue, the Brits, Canadians and Kiwi sailors enjoyed their daily tot. The Royal Navy ceased the practice in 1970 and the Canadians and Kiwis continued up until the early 1980's.

In 1740, Admiral Edward Vernon reviewed the daily allowance of unadulterated rum to the sailors, in order to reduce its "fatal effects to their morals as well as their health." He issued an Order to all ship's captains that one quart of water was to be added to the half a pint rum allowance. This would take place on deck in a *scuttled butt* in the presence of the Lieutenant of the Watch.

The rum was subsequently called *Grog* after the sailors referred to Admiral Vernon as *Old Grog* on account of the old grogram cloak (rough hewn fabric of mohair and silk) he often wore in bad weather.



Me: I want to go outside

Government: *Ends lockdown*

Also me:

