



BURLEIGH HEADS RSL SUB BRANCH

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The Burleigh Bugle

We're only a little Sub-Branch with a little bugle, but we reckon

**WE ARE THE HAPPIEST
AND FRIENDLIEST SUB**



VJ DAY

60 Years Since WW2

Long Tan /

Vietnam Veterans Day

33 Years since Vietnam

Where did the years go?

VJ DAY

On Monday 15th August at 10.30am members of this sub branch, and members of the community, will gather at the Cenotaph in Memorial Park, Connor Street, Burleigh Heads to commemorate the most significant event in the short history of our great nation —our victory in, and thus the end of, the second World War.

We will also commemorate Long Tan/Vietnam Veterans' Day which is the important day of remembrance of the Vietnam War.

War is stupid, horrible, cruel, wasteful and reduces many of mankind to the lowest levels of human behaviour. But sometimes war is necessary to stop a tyrant or an enemy from taking away from us the freedom and way of life that we consider sacrosanct. Freedom is not free. We earn it and must protect it.

In 1939 our leaders decided to stop the ambitions of Nazi Germany to rule the world, and when Japan joined the Axis side in 1941 we, as a small nation, were at grave risk of being overwhelmed by a larger military force.

More bombs were dropped on Darwin than were dropped on Pearl Harbour. Hundreds were killed and in Queensland Townsville was bombed twice. Enemy submarines infiltrated Sydney Harbour resulting in great loss of lives.

But our entire nation stood firmly together, our young men went forward and became famous once again as great fighting soldiers, sailors and airmen. Now, as ex-servicemen we acknowledge that the war effort did not fall on our shoulders alone. The entire community contributed to the war effort. For instance, all those in reserved occupations who were not allowed to join the services. The women who went into the factories and built the ships and the tanks and the planes. The women of the Land Army who grew the food and kept the farms going while the men went to war.

Even the school children, who raised money for the Red Cross etc. So while we maintain the focus on the campaigns and the heroes who carried out great feats in battle, we also do not overlook those who helped in so many other ways. VJ Day is important to everyone.

Today we do not celebrate or glorify war. We gather to commemorate and give heartfelt thanks to all those who paid the supreme sacrifice at that time, and to those who have suffered since as a result of war, and to those who served and returned.

To illustrate the stupid waste of war, World War 2 claimed the lives of over 19million Allied military personnel and 50 million civilians. Our enemies suffered 18 million military casualties and over 5 million civilians. Australian casualties were over forty thousand .

Since then we've lost 339 in Korea, 51 in the Malayan Emergency and Indonesian Confrontation, 520 in Vietnam and 6 in peacekeeping operations.

And when the wars are over, we say to our old enemies: "We are now your friends" and they come in numbers to live with us in our great nation. (See story on page 10)

I want you to read the very poignant words of a "truckie" from Rockhampton in Queensland.

On this day we, the people of this great land, stop to express to every service man and woman that has ever served in any branch of the armed forces in any capacity – that our hearts are grateful for all that you've done, and continue to do.

That we are justifiably proud of who you are and the reputation that you have earned.

The greatest ingratitude of a society is to enjoy the fruits and the pleasures of freedom and fail to remember the price that was paid in blood to obtain it.

To those who are alive, we say : Thank you.

To those who have paid the ultimate price, and to their families, we say that we will never....ever.....forget.

Tony Gunter

Long Tan/Vietnam Veterans' Day

No one knows better the waste of war than those men and women who served in Vietnam. Many were conscripts with no military or political ambitions, but like their forefathers they did their duty and served in a manner that exemplified the ANZAC tradition and made a nation proud once again, even though that pride took a little while to be recognised.

The Premier of NSW, Bob Carr, put it very well last year when he addressed the Vietnam Veterans Association. He said:

"You (Vietnam Veterans) simply responded to Government decisions in the way that Australians at war have always done – with quiet courage, grace under fire and the larrikin comradeship that alone seemed to make sense of the madness around you.

And that is why, like ANZAC Day, Vietnam Veterans Day is marked by the anniversary of a particular battle, a battle that says everything about Australians at war. I refer, of course, to the Battle of Long Tan.

The qualities that made the shores of Gallipoli a place of legend were on display in that rubber plantation that rainy August night.

- *The laconic bravery*
- *The resourcefulness*
- *The sheer courage against overwhelming odds*
- *The unmatched professionalism*

While Gallipoli was one of the noble failures of war, Long Tan was one of the success stories. And it deserves to rank alongside Beersheba, Kokoda, Alalmein, Kap Yong as a great, enduring feat of arms.

And so we gather to honour your achievements around the anniversary of a great military victory. You were tested in the fire and not found wanting. You fought a questionable war with unquestionable valour. You are the bravest of your generation. The best of your time. We salute you."

Of the "Nasho" conscripts who served in Vietnam, General Cosgrove, Chief of Defence Forces recently said:

"As a young officer I commanded a platoon of equally young Australians in the 9th Battalion in South Vietnam. My platoon, like many others, was integrated. That is, it was made up of both National Servicemen and Regular soldiers serving side by side. One of my clearest recollections as a young officer is that our soldiers, be they National Service or Regulars, were absolutely indistinguishable from one another."

The scars of that war, like no other, live with many of us today.

But still, the tradition, the professionalism, the integrity of Australian service men and women continues today and into the future here and in many other parts of the world.

To mark a suitable time to commemorate those who served and those who died in Vietnam, the nation has chosen August 18th. This is the anniversary of a battle in the Long Tan rubber plantation where D coy (108 men) of 6RAR encountered the main body of 275th Viet Cong Regiment. All night in pouring rain that small group of Australians beat that Viet Cong force of some 2,500 into retreat. The VC carried away most of their dead but 245 enemy bodies were found next morning in the battle area.

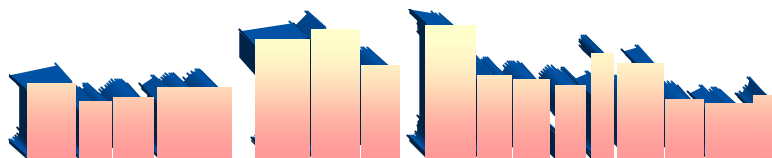
We lost 18 wonderful and brave young men, and 24 were wounded.

A tragedy, but also a victory of monumental proportions. And so, on the anniversary of that terrible night, we pause to remember and give thanks to our Vietnam Veterans

VETERANS FREE TRAVEL FOR VJ DAY

Many major centres are holding their VJ Day services on Sunday 14th because the actual day (15th) is not a public holiday.

Next Sunday 14th August, if you wish to travel to any of the big VP Day community celebrations anywhere (say, Brisbane) you can do so free of charge providing you are wearing your medals. On this day ALL veterans and their



I sincerely hope you are keeping well through this winter season.

The Sub-Branches Monthly meetings have been very well attended, as usual. Well done Members! July general meeting, we had 85 Members and six visitors, and with the Auxiliary ladies of seven, we had 98 in total join in the social after the meeting. Not bad for an ordinary meeting!

Prior to the meeting we



Gregg Betts, Councillor Burleigh GCCC was in attendance and presented the Sub-Branch with a cheque to purchase fifty more chairs. A huge thanks goes to Gregg for his continued support.

On behalf of the Committee & Members, I presented Gregg a copy of the new RSL Handbook for past support and his kind donation.

Federal Member for McPherson present the Sub-Branch with a huge cheque from DVA, for a grant to install an Audio/Visual system in the RSL Hall. This equipment has now been installed for our enjoyment. Kathy Nelson and Anne-Maree Grasso, from the DVA VAN office Southport, were also in attendance to witness the unveiling of the new system. It will be a great asset for future meetings and the movie afternoons, which commenced on the 3rd August 2005. We hope to have a movie afternoon every first Wednesday of each month, all being well. More news on that matter will follow.

I had great pleasure of presenting the three ladies with a copy each of the new RSL handbook, as a small gesture of appreciation for their support in our grant application. It was great to catch up with all three ladies as they are great supporters of this Sub-Branch, and we truly appreciate their support.

I spent a few weeks living at the hall while the new systems were being installed and fine-tuned, in particular during the big wet and boy! That was fun! All went well and, as you will see, the system is better than vegemite!

At the Sub-Branch fourth Wednesday July social, we had 47 members and three visitors attend. Considering it's winter, not too bad at all.

A big "thankyou" must also go to the volunteers who continue to provide their time to set up the hall, serve food, refreshments, and help clean up and pack away the furniture.

Again, I would like to mention some of the work that has gone on behind the scene at the RSL Hall, since the last report. Don Anderson, replaced a worn out tap washer in the men's toilet, twice. Les McKenzie has still been working tirelessly repairing termite damage in the hall and other little jobs. Wally Essing added some more bars to windows for security. George Uttersen did a great deal of cleaning above the toilet area. Kevin Cook repaired the chair trolley, which had been broken. Brian Thompson, volunteer gardener taking care of the area around the hall and the garden. David and Ann Parsons for their Hall cleaning and general duties. On behalf of you, again I would like to thank everyone most sincerely. We are very fortunate to have such talented and generous members!!

All the very best to those who have been on sick parade. I hope you all improve and are 100% again. It isn't nice being sick and we all wish you a quick recovery.

Happy birthday to the July babies, I hope you all have many more birthdays to come, and stay as young as you feel.

On Sunday the 14th August, Margaret May MP, Federal Member for McPherson will be presenting WW2 Medallions to veterans & members by invitation at the RSL hall, 9.30am to 11am. The ladies of the Auxiliary will be providing morning tea. If you have received your medallion in the mail and you would like to have it presented by Margaret, you may contact her office 5525 0688 and ask for Jo, who will include you on the list for presentation. You will have to bring the medallion and hand it to me on the day and then Margaret will present it officially. Please wear your War Medals on the day; it makes for a more colourful photo!

Please keep Monday the 15th August 2005 free, as it is the 60th anniversary of the end of WW2. Burleigh RSL will be conducting a commemoration service at the Burleigh Heads Cenotaph in the Memorial park, Connor Street Burleigh Heads. Please wear your medals.

Parade time 10.30am for 10.50am, there will be a catafalque party mount the Cenotaph with weapons from Robina High School Naval Cadet unit, thanks to Peter Fleming, and a huge thanks will be going to the cadets. Hopefully some of the schools in our area will also have representatives attend.

Gold Coast City Council will be providing a sound system in the park. Please bring a fold up chair if you feel that you need some assistance and can't stand for too long. The service shouldn't take much more than half hour. Hope to see a good roll up from our WW2 members, as the 15th August was a very significant date in your lives, considering the hardships you all had to endure for almost 6 years and many even after that date.

Sunday the 28th August 2005, 8.45am for 9am, there will a commemoration service at the Yugambeh War Memorial next to the RSL hall to pay respect to all the indigenous men and women who served in the defence of Australia over the years. The Kombumerri Aboriginal Corporation will conduct the service, with assistance from the Burleigh RSL Sub-Branch. There will light refreshments provided by the elders, after the service. Please try and attend. Medals to be worn.

New members, welcome! I hope your stay with us will be a healthy, long and happy one. We do have a member who has reached 100 years of age and

is still going strong. Bill Tyner sends his regards to all his old mates!

Finally, the Qld RSL state HQ, have released a new publication called "The RSL Handbook". It is a glossy publication and will be available for purchase at the price of \$15. The Secretary has a copy should anyone like to have a look; you can order one through him. Presently the publication is a limited print and depending on sales may not be reproduced, time will tell!

I hope you all keep well over the next few months, and hopefully the weather will be kind to all of us.

Chris Keating

HOW TO SURVIVE A HEART ATTACK WHEN ALONE

Many people are alone and without help when they suffer a heart attack. A person whose heart is beating improperly, and who begins to feel faint, only has about ten seconds left before losing consciousness. However, these victims can help themselves by coughing repeatedly and very vigorously.

A deep breath should be taken before each cough, and the cough must be deep and prolonged, as when producing sputum from deep within the chest. A breath and a cough should be taken every couple of seconds without let-up until help arrives.

Deep breaths get oxygen into the lungs and coughing movement squeezes the heart and keeps the blood circulating. The squeezing pressure on the heart also helps it regain normal rhythm. In this, heart attack victims can get to a hospital. Tell other people about this. It could save their lives.

Vic Hale

Your Welfare & Pensions Officer
'Phone 5535 3411

Neil Harcourt
Your DVA Advocate
'Phone 5576-3091



We owe it to a mate.....

Whenever we get together, we face the Torch of Remembrance and say:

“We will remember them – Lest we Forget.”

That torch – that symbol – is born from the poem by John McRae which reads:

*To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.*

Those who came back, and those who have since served anywhere and survived, owe it to mates who are no longer with us, to see that their widows and children are looked after as best we can. Those buried here and in lands far away can rest much easier if we take the torch, now the symbol of Legacy, and see that their loved ones are respected and cared for.

The Answer
(The official Ode of Legacy)

*Fear not that you have died for naught;
The torch you threw to us we caught!
And now our hands will hold it high,
Its glorious light shall never die.
We'll not break faith with you who lie
On many a field.*

Legacy is a uniquely Australian organisation. The first Legacy Club was formed in Melbourne in 1923 by a group of young men who had served together in the Australian Forces in WWI. The young veterans believed that they must accept a legacy of responsibility for the welfare of the wives and children of their comrades who had either died during the 1914-1918

How does Legacy Help?

Legacy provides advice and practical assistance in many forms: residential care, rental and housing, welfare, medical, dental, education, employment and social support. Members, known as Legatees, keep in touch with families and widows and ensure that they are soundly advised and given every possible means of support. Traditionally, Legatees were returned servicemen, but today membership extends to other men and women personally dedicated to maintaining Legacy's ideals.

While some Legacy wards have grown up and become very successful, such as radio personality John Laws, AFL star Ron Barrassi, actress Maggie Kirkpatrick, ABC commentators Tim Lane and Gordon Bray, there are still many who are disabled and will need help all their lives.

Legacy Week starts 28th August and ends 3rd September 2005-07-25

**We need
mate who
with us, to**



**you to help a
is no longer
see that his**

Greg Betts

Councillor for Div 12
Office: Cnr Park & Ocean Streets
Burleigh Heads
Phone: 5581682

Greg is available for consultation any Monday morning between 9.00am and 11.00am without appointment. For other times, ring and make an appointment.

Hey! Didn't it rain on the night of 29th June?!?



These photos were taken at Coolangatta Airport on the morning of the 30th.



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Don't forget our movie afternoons on 1st Wednesday of the month at 1.30pm.

Hard ration biscuits and coffee served at half time (or should we say "Interval").

Entry: a tiny little gold coin

FUZZIE WUZZIES

*Many a mother in Australia
When the busy day is done
Sends a prayer to the Almighty
For the keeping of her son
Asking that an Angel guide him
And bring him safely back
Now we see these prayers are answered
On the Owen Stanley Track*

*Tho' they haven't any haloes,
Only holes through their ear
And their faces marked with tattoos,
And scratch pins in their hair
Bringing back the badly wounded,
Just as steady as a hearse
Using leaves to keep the rain off
And gentle as a nurse
Slow and careful in the bad places
On that awful mountain track
And the look upon their faces
Makes us think that Christ is black*

*Not a move to hurt the carried
As they treat him like a saint
It's a picture worth recording
That an artist's yet to paint.
Many a lad will see his mother
And husbands we'uns and wives
Just because the Fuzzie Wuzzies
Carried them to save their lives.
From mortar or machine gun fire,
Or the chance surprise attack
To the safety and care of doctors
At the bottom of the track*

*Many mothers in Australia
When they offer up a prayer
Mention these impromptu angels
With the Fuzzie Wuzzie hair.*

This poem was written by Sapper H (Bert) Beros and published in the Courier Mail 31st October 1942. It is featured on the display board at "Owens Corner", the start of the Kokoda Track in Papua New Guinea

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If you can see any differences between these two dolphins, please report to the RAP or Sick Bay at 0600hrs on 1st April 2083.

SOME MORE IMPORTANT DATES

Wed 31st August and also Thurs 1st September

1.00pm to 4.00pm

Southport VAN Office

Cost: Nil – Nought – Nothing—Bugger All .

A seminar run by Steve Morgan (Psychologist) to assist veteran pension/welfare officers and carers who may be experiencing a range of problems such as depression, substance abuse or relationship conflicts.

Afternoon tea will be provided.

Every Monday from 10.00am – 12.00pm

RSL Care, 32-42 Dolphin Ave, Mermaid Beach

Activities: Card Games, Bingo, Outings, Guest Speakers, Dancing Classes

Morning Tea provided - Transport Available

HOME MEDICINE REVIEW PROGRAM

Would you like help in managing your medicines?

Do you always remember to take your medicines?

Have you recently spent some time in hospital?

A home medicine review will help you to use your medicine more effectively and avoid unwanted side effects. For instance, it can be very dangerous if you take prescription medicines at the same time as other health care products. Or sometimes a doctor will change your prescription, and in that case it could be dangerous to mix the old with the new, so you must discard the old medicine as soon as possible.

Talk to your doctor or pharmacist and ask about this program, because they can arrange for a qualified pharmacist to visit you at home and check what you're taking to ensure that you're taking it correctly and there are no "clashes" that could cause you serious problems. What's more, it won't cost you anything. This service is paid for by the Commonwealth Government.

Your doctor or pharmacist will be glad to help you, or you can get further information on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) Information Line on freecall 1800 020 613.

Have you received a Certificate of Appreciation like the one presented to Chris at the last meeting? You can get one if you were in any service (Regular or Reserve) during any of the following:

WW2

BCOF Japan

Korean War

Malayan Emergency

Indonesian Confrontation

Vietnam War

Gulf War

Peacekeeping Operations

Application forms are available from your secretary which, when completed, have to be handed to your local Federal member of Parliament.

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State Member for Burleigh
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I remember clearly the end of the war and I was only 11 years old.

The headmaster at Mortdale Public School called an assembly and announced that the war had ended and we were at peace.

Teachers hugged each other and jumped up and down and many cried. Us kids were happy and excited, a bit bewildered, but best of all we were all sent home.

Just a few years later our forces were involved in a place called Korea. The Cold War was at its peak, and the government decided to introduce National Service, and I went in as part of the 2nd Intake 1953. After basic training I did a stint in 6NSW Mounted Rifles and then transferred to the Galloping Grocers (2Div RAASC).

It was here that I met a remarkable man. My CO was Lt Col Don Prothero. His story, as I understand it, was that he lied about his age and joined up at the outbreak of the war. Later, as part of 9Div in the middle east, all the officers in his company were either killed or wounded and he was commissioned in the field the day before his 19th birthday. I'm not sure, but I have been told that that made him the youngest officer in the army.

At Tobruk our lines were often strafed by the Luftwaffe, using the latest Me109—an aircraft about which the Allies knew very little. They dearly wanted to capture one, and the Germans knew that so they had fitted a device that, if the pilot had to bail out, he first pressed a button, bailed out and thirty seconds later the aircraft blew to smithereens.

Late one afternoon, a lucky shot from somewhere crippled a low flying Me109, the engine cut out and the plane made a forced landing only a hundred yards or so in front of the Australian lines. The pilot climbed out, dazed and bruised, and started to walk away. He must have then remembered that he had not pressed the "destroy" button, and turned back towards the aircraft. A couple of Aussies, watching all this from their forward trench, realised what was going on. Prothero and a couple of other chaps climbed out of their trench and raced across open ground. They reached the pilot as he was up on the wing trying to reach in and press that button. They grabbed his legs, pulled him down and took him prisoner.

And so our intelligence people got their hands on the latest addition to the Luftwaffe.

The German pilot spent a few days with the Australians before he could be sent to a proper POW camp. (As those who were there can tell you, movement around the place was not all that easy in Tobruk.)

Prothero became a company commander later, and in the middle 1950's became CO of 2Div RAASC.

About this time, one day he went into the office of the Sydney Morning Herald to place a classified ad. He said to the bloke serving him behind the counter: "I seem to know your face." and the guy answered:

"Yah! Und I think I know you too"

You guessed it! The clerk was the German pilot who Prothero had captured all those years ago, and had since migrated to Australia.

They remained in close contact and good friends for the rest of their lives.



Don Prothero was a good officer but also a larrikin and worshipped by his men because he was always "one of them". I once asked him if I could have a photo of him for my scrapbook, and what you see above is the result.

Aren't we lucky to have had the experience and made lasting friendships and memories from all those years ago. No civilian could ever hope to understand that.



The following young folk are having a birthday between now and when the next "Bugle" comes out, so we take this opportunity to wish them

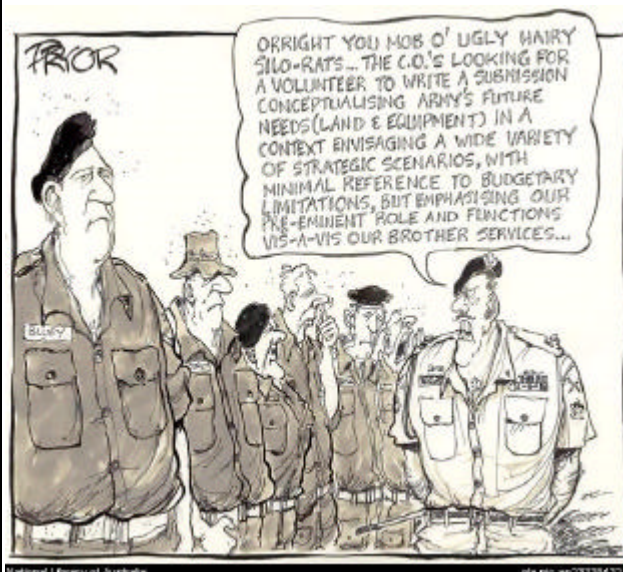
Oz	Radley,	09-Aug-05
Mona	Salvatori,	11-Aug-05
Terry	Perrott,	12-Aug-05
Roy	Vandenbergh,	12-Aug-05
Jan	Kollen,	13-Aug-05
Kaare	Nyland,	16-Aug-05
Bernie	Quinn,	18-Aug-05
Harry	Nesbitt,	21-Aug-05
Bob	Davies,	22-Aug-05
Pam	Williams	22-Aug-05
Lindsay	Barfoot,	23-Aug-05
Les	Pierce,	24-Aug-05
Ben	Schuster,	01-Sep-05
Jan	Common,	03-Sep-05
Ken	Cook,	04-Sep-05
Ray	Alcock,	06-Sep-05
Peter	McVeigh,	06-Sep-05
Trevor	Martin,	07-Sep-05
Ron	Mansfield,	08-Sep-05
Bob	Jones,	10-Sep-05
George	Utterson,	10-Sep-05
Allan	Price,	12-Sep-05
Jim	Simpson,	12-Sep-05
Vince	Smith,	13-Sep-05
Bill	Burke,	15-Sep-05
Bill	Verney,	16-Sep-05
Bob	Reynolds,	17-Sep-05
John	Morson,	18-Sep-05
Ron	Hewitt,	19-Sep-05
Kevin	Yates,	19-Sep-05
Bob	Lehmann,	21-Sep-05
Russ	Roland,	21-Sep-05
Les	Thompson,	23-Sep-05
Alf	Cook,	24-Sep-05
Alan	Miller	27-Sep-05
Don	Anderson,	29-Sep-05

VVCS (Vietnam Veterans Counselling Service) is holding several workshops and courses for the benefit of Vets and their families between now and Christmas. They include such topics as:

- IMPROVING YOUR SLEEP
- STRESS MANAGEMENT AND RELAXATION
- OVERCOMING ANXIETY, PANIC, FEAR & WORRY
- ANGER MANAGEMENT
- BALANCING ALCOHOL, HEALTH & LIFESTYLE
- MANAGING DEPRESSION

These courses could also benefit carers and family members of veterans

Some of these workshops will be held on the Gold Coast and many are in Brisbane. If you feel you could benefit from these courses your secretary has all the details, and your enquiries will be kept in the strictest confidence. Ring him at home on 55 786 159 or mobile 0412 711 034



Wod de say ?

Didn't you just love the way that noisy bloody sergeant roared up and down the tent lines at 0555hrs to get us out for role call? Private Smith, after a heavy night slept on and missed role call. This annoyed the sergeant a little bit, and when asked why he didn't come out for role call, Smith replied:

"Well, sir, due to the idiosyncrasy of my metabolic inability to cope with audio apprehension, I did not respond to external stimuli and continued to remain in a comatose condition."

The floor of the Sergeants' Mess was never scrubbed so clean before or since.

I want to know "WHY?"

Why you don't ever see the headline:
"Psychic Wins Lottery"?

Why "abbreviated" is such a long word?
Why Doctors call what they do "practice"?
Why the man who invests all your money is called a "Broker"?

Why there isn't mouse flavoured cat food?
Who tastes dog food when it has a "new & improved" flavour?

Why they don't make the whole plane out of the material used for the indestructible black box?

Why they call the airport "the terminal" if flying

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

With all the sadness and trauma going on in the world at the moment, it is worth reflecting on the death of a very important person which almost went unnoticed recently.

Larry La Prise, the man who wrote "The Hokey Pokey", died peacefully at age 93.

The most traumatic part for his family was getting him into the coffin. They put his left leg in, and then the trouble started.

I was taking a jeep up to Mt Royal when I came across another jeep that had run a bit off the causeway at a creek crossing and was stuck in mud. In the other jeep was a very embarrassed driver and a furious colonel. I pulled up alongside, but still on the causeway, and asked:

"Your vehicle stuck, Sir?"

The colonel answered: "Not any more, son. Yours is !"

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

You will be receiving a new type of "Queensland RSL News" magazine very shortly. It will include all the Congress motions that were varied, the main one being the adoption of the new "State Rules & By Laws.". Copies of those new rules will be available for purchase at about \$40.00, or, if you wish, the sub branch has a copy that you will be able to look at. Just make a suitable time with the secretary.

The RSL Gold Coast District has arranged with Clive Peeters an "RSL Closed Door Shopping Night" for Tuesday 23rd August, 6.30pm to 9.00pm. If you wish to be there, please ring their Cash Desk on by 19th August on 5586 2000. It will be a good night for anyone wishing to buy a new electrical appliance at very special prices for old diggers, and refreshments will be served.

Robina RSL sub branch is now officially closed after being kept in limbo for several years in the hope that someone may re-open it.

Runaway Bay RSL sub branch had a dedication of their new Cenotaph on the 27th July, so we must have a look at it when we're up that end of the Coast.

The next District meeting will be held at Surfers Paradise RSL on Saturday 10th September, commencing at 9.00am. If you have any matters you would like me to bring up at that meeting let me know.

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