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**Visitors Log – VIC/TAS Archived Messages – 2006**

FESR Visitors Log (<http://fesrassociation.com/cgi-bin/yabb/YaBB.cgi>) State Divisions >> VIC & TAS >> New party eyes Victorian seats (Message started by: Ian\_McClure on Feb 24th, 2006, 2:06pm)

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Title: New party eyes Victorian seats  
Post by Ian\_McClure on Feb 24th, 2006, 2:06pm

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New party eyes Victorian seats

AAP  
24feb06

A NEW political party wanting to cut down on major projects and put more money into disability care says it will field at least 20 candidates in this year's Victorian election.

People Power, with 1500 members, describes itself as a "centre party" and has applied for registration with the Australian Electoral Commission, president Vern Hughes said.

High on its list of seats to topple is Deputy Premier John Thwaites' Albert Park.

"There are particular people in the lower house that we're interested in because of the issues we're interested in," Mr Hughes said.

"We're particularly concerned about major projects and support for private sector development."

Max Jackson, a former manager with the department of human services, would run for Albert Park, Mr Hughes said.

The government's 2005-06 budget provided \$2 billion total estimated investment for infrastructure projects in what would be the delivery of the largest major projects program in the state's history.

Meanwhile, the budget contained \$40 million for disability support services and \$56 million TEI for mental health.

Mr Hughes said People Power's members and candidates were drawn largely from disability and mental health campaigners, carers and sufferers.

Bass candidate Robert Brown had cerebral palsy, Bayswater candidate Stephanie Mortimer cared for her disabled sister, and Monbulk candidate Joanne Stride was a community worker and campaigner for mental health in the outer east, Mr Hughes said.

While the party has already chosen 20 candidates, it hopes ultimately to be able to contest every seat in Victoria at the November 25 election.

It would focus on the upper house where it believes there were "winnable seats," Mr Hughes said.

People Power today released a 15-point platform summarising its policies.

They include abandoning "the major projects fetish" and removing commercial-in-confidence clauses from all contracts using taxpayer funds.

It also discusses "making disability a priority," which would include an entitlement to disability supports, measures to reduce waiting times, and increased support for carers.

Mental health policies include a review of the crisis assessment treatment service and providing a two-level community care package model offering support after a crisis as well as on-going community support.

People Power would reduce the scope of new poker machine licences and restrict pokie venues to operating just 12 hours a day, from noon to midnight.

It would introduce a third party approval mechanism for government advertising "to avoid political uses of taxpayers' money" and would limit the careers of politicians to five terms.

It also would introduce state government provision of public liability for community groups.

Mr Hughes said the party also was looking to contest seats in NSW.

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FESR Visitors Log (<http://fesrassociation.com/cgi-bin/yabb/YaBB.cgi>) State Divisions >> VIC & TAS >> Anybody home down there? (Message started by: Ken Staff on May 5th, 2006, 6:18pm)

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Title: Anybody home down there?  
Post by Ken Staff on May 5th, 2006, 6:18pm

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??? Has Victoria & Tasmania closed for the year, it's almost 3 months since the last message, I might be wrong but wasn't there a AGM in Tassie in February ??? surely there must be some comments out of that.

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Title: Re: Anybody home down there?  
Post by evilCA on May 6th, 2006, 12:37am

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Pardon , was someone calling.

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Title: Re: Anybody home down there?  
Post by Cyril Doc Rice on May 6th, 2006, 9:05am

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Look at that Ken  
One of them is home  
Probably all still suffering CGS  
(Commonwealth games Syndrome)  
:o :o :o

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Title: Re: Anybody home down there?  
Post by ronaldo on May 6th, 2006, 2:52pm

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He must be the only one at home. The rest are in their four wheeled drives towing their vans on their annual pilgrimage heading up North to Qld, like they do every year to get away from those lousy Southern winters!

Ron

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Title: Re: Anybody home down there?  
Post by ColinS on May 6th, 2006, 3:23pm

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Some of us are hard at work trying to extract two trapped miners in Beaconsfield, it looks like the early hours of Sunday or Monday.  
Than Tassy will see the party to end all parties :) :) )

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Title: Re: Anybody home down there?  
Post by Cyril Doc Rice on May 6th, 2006, 3:46pm

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Colin  
So true  
Have the telly switched to Sky News all day to keep getting the updates  
Cheers  
;) ;) )

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Title: Re: Anybody home down there?  
Post by Ken Staff on May 6th, 2006, 6:21pm

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:-/ You guys down there will use any excuse to get onto the Cascade ! :P

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Title: Re: Anybody home down there?  
Post by ColinS on May 7th, 2006, 10:20am

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You can put Cascade where the sun doesn't shine. Give me Captain Morgan anyday , if no Captain I'll have Boags :) :) :) ; ) ; )

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Title: Re: Anybody home down there?  
Post by Joe on May 7th, 2006, 12:56pm

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I think the trapped miners will have anything they can lay their hands on!! Can you imagine that - trapped for 12 days in a hole in the ground! Bloody good show what their mates are doing to get them out. All strong brave blokes.Chookas  
Joe

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Title: Re: Anybody home down there?  
Post by ronaldo on May 7th, 2006, 3:28pm

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They sure are having it tough those two miners and their families. The whole world will be on their side. My heart feels for them, coming from a mining family who originated from Cornwall mines to Broken Hill and has lost close relatives and others injured. My Dad taught me this song many moons ago and it is appropriate, but then again, someone must do it.

The Miners Song.

A miner was leaving his home for his work,  
When he heard his little child scream;  
He went to his bedside, his little white face,  
"Oh, Daddy, I've had such a dream;

I dreamt that I saw the pit all afire,  
And men struggled hard for their lives;  
The scene it then changed, and the top of the mine  
Was surrounded by sweethearts and wives."

CHORUS: "Don't go down in the mine, Dad,  
Dreams very often come true;  
Daddy, you know it would break my heart  
If anything happened to you;  
Just go and tell my dream to your mates,  
And as true as the stars that shine,  
Something is going to happen today,  
Dear Daddy, don't go down the mine!"

The miner, a man with a heart good and kind,  
Stood by the side of his son;  
He said, "It's my living, I can't stay away,  
For duty, my lad, must be done."

The little one look'd up, and sadly he said,  
"Oh, please stay today with me, Dad!"  
But as the brave miner went forth, to his work,  
He heard this appeal from his lad:

CHORUS

Whilst waiting his turn with the mates to descend,  
He could not banish his fears,  
He return'd home again to his wife and his child,  
Those words seem'd to ring through his ears,  
And, ere the day ended, the pit was on fire,  
When a score of brave men lost their lives;  
He thank'd God above for the dream his child had,  
As once more the little one cries:

CHORUS

Ron.

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Title: Re: Anybody home down there?  
Post by ColinS on May 9th, 2006, 8:12pm

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We have the Miners Song, now the

Miner's Prayer

When that whistle blows each morning  
And I go down in that cold mine  
I say a pray to my dear saviour  
Please let me see the sunshine one more time.

Oh when, oh when will this be over  
when will I lay these burdens down?  
And when I die, dear Lord in heaven  
please take my soul from  
'neath that cold dark ground.

I still grieve for my poor brother  
And I hear my dear old mother cry  
Late that night when they came to tell her

He'd lost his life down in the Big Shoal mine.[center]  
[/center]

Oh when,oh when will this be over  
When will I lay thesers burdens down?  
And when I die, dear Lord in Heaven  
Please take my soul from  
'neath that cold dark gound.

I have no shame, I'll feel no sorrow  
If on this earth not much do I own  
I have the love of my sweet children  
An old plow mule and a hoe.

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Title: Re: Anybody home down there?  
Post by ColinS on May 14th, 2006, 7:49pm

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The party to end all parties happened here in Beaconsfield, after the miners were rescued. we have a new diet here in Beaconsfield, you will lost 10 kilos, just ask Todd and Brant they were on it, Todd Russell was built like a country shit house after losing 10 kilos he is now a better country shit house.  
All jokes aside we here in Beaconsfield thank one and all for all your prayers etc when the boys were trapped in the mine. :) :) :) :)

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Title: Re: Anybody home down there?  
Post by irish50561 on May 17th, 2006, 11:30am

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ColinS, Pleased that it's been a happy ending, the other scenario dosen't even bear thinking about; sure created more than a little world wide interest.  
It looks like both survivors plus their families will be set for life financially, as well they should hopefully the Knight family will also be well catered for. We've yet to hear about what's in store for the rescuers and will they receive some form of recognition when all the hoop-la and uphoria dies away? a great bunch of blokes. And what of the ballsy bloke who enter the mine alone, some say foolhardily and illegally established contact with his trapped mates? how brave is that? I'd sure as hell want him on my team.  
My favourite tippie when I used to bushwalk Tasmania's wild west coast [love the place] was Carbine Stout, grand stuff, made a great Black & Tan, take care lads.  
Regards. Irish.

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FESR Visitors Log (<http://fesrassociation.com/cgi-bin/yabb/YaBB.cgi>) State Divisions >> VIC & TAS >> The Australian Defence Medal (Message started by: haighey on May 24th, 2006, 7:05pm)

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Title: The Australian Defence Medal  
Post by haighey on May 24th, 2006, 7:05pm

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The postie congratulated me today as he handed me my ADM Nice looking medal  
Better than nothing Cheers George Haigh

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Title: Re: The Australian Defence Medal  
Post by Mick Wheeler on May 25th, 2006, 10:52am

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wear it with pride. so we are up to the Hs.  
being a W, I should get mine by Christmas.

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**FESR Visitors Log** (<http://fesrassociation.com/cgi-bin/yabb/YaBB.cgi>)

State Divisions >> VIC & TAS >> Pay us or we'll dig up war hero  
(Message started by: Ian McClure on May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 5:54am)

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Title: **Pay us or we'll dig up war hero**  
Post by **Ian McClure** on **May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 5:54am**

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Pay us or we'll dig up war hero  
By ADRIAN TAME  
14may06

JOYCE Waghorn has been told the remains of her war hero husband will be dug up from their resting place in a cemetery unless she pays a \$1353 bill.

The demand comes from the Ballarat General Cemetery, where Sapper Roy Albert Waghorn's ashes have lain under a rose tree for the past 25 years.  
"I don't want him moving," Mrs Waghorn, 80, said this week.

"That's where he's been all this time since he died and that's where I want him to stay."

Mrs Waghorn, who lives a few kilometres away in suburban Wendouree, said the letter telling her she owed almost \$1400 came as a shock.

The letter explained the 25-year lease on her husband's memorial expired next January and that she had three options:

PAY the \$1353 to allow her husband's remains to stay where they are for another 25 years.

PAY \$1968 to preserve the remains where they are in perpetuity.

PAY nothing and either collect the urn in which the remains are buried, or have them scattered at the cemetery.

"When he was buried I had no idea this would happen 25 years on," Mrs Waghorn said. "That was December 3, 1981. How can I remember so far back?"

Mrs Waghorn said she would have to ask her her four children -- three adult boys and a girl -- to help pay the bill.

But she said she was upset.

"What about old people who don't have a loving family to look after them?" she asked.

"How are they expected to find \$1353 all of a sudden."

Roy Waghorn was born in Melbourne in 1922 and served with the army engineers between 1939 and 1947.

He saw action against the Japanese in the Pacific with 53 Field Regiment (Engineers).

"He was just an ordinary sapper, but he did his bit," his widow said. "He was in Japan immediately after Hiroshima and was pretty sick when he came home."

The couple began their relationship in the late 1940s as pen pals. She wrote to him during the war, after being told about him by his brother.

They married on December 23, 1950 and lived in Ballarat, where Roy worked as a driver with the Country Roads Board.

Cemetery manager David Beames said the tenure system, operated under the State Government's Cemeteries Act, had been in place at Ballarat since the late 1950s.

Mr Beames said all monies received for memorials went into maintenance of the 75ha site.

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Title: **Re: Pay us or we'll dig up war hero**  
Post by **David\_A** on **May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 1:02pm**

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Whilst I feel for the widow whose husband's ashes are to be moved, I feel that it is a press beat up. These rules regarding burials and ashes have been in place for years in many cemeteries. and reflect current practices. These policies apply to all in the cemetery named not just to "War Heroes".  
David A

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Title: **Re: Pay us or we'll dig up war hero**  
Post by **ColinS** on **May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 7:35pm**

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Rules or no rules at lest here in Tasmania once you are buried or ashes interned that is for ever more. No greedy cemeterys here. It is a bloody disgrace you serve your country and dam you dig you up and resell the plot. It's time that little Johnnie H step in and protected the resting place of a digger, but that would not be a vote catcher. :( :(

LEST WE FORGET

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Title: **Re: Pay us or we'll dig up war hero**  
Post by **ceevee** on **May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 11:35pm**

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Her husband is obviously not in a war grave, for whatever reason. This is a common occurrence in many cemeteries across Australia. I have had the same request from Melbourne, regarding my dad, and expect one regarding my mum, very soon. Another media story to sensational matters.

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Title: **Re: Pay us or we'll dig up war hero**  
Post by **Joe** on **May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 5:41pm**

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I've heard of removals and crash drafts but when you're crossed the bar!! Phew. Hope the old lady can remember where she puts him...some of us have enough trouble remembering where we put our Service Certificates!  
Chookas  
Joe

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### **FESR Visitors Log** (<http://fesrassociation.com/cgi-bin/yabb/YaBB.cgi>)

State Divisions >> VIC & TAS >> Vale Ian Grawood  
(Message started by: ColinS on Feb 11<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 10:13am)

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Title: **Vale Ian Grawood**  
Post by **ColinS** on **Feb 11<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 10:13am**

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It is with great regret that I report the passing of Ian Garwood. Ian served in the 1950s and saw active service off Malaya. Ian took on Launceston City Council over his right to fly the National Flag on his home, his fight was heard around the world. He refused to apply for permission or accept a one off exemption because he believed the system was wrong and it was his right to fly the NATIONAL FLAG. Ian's private funeral took place on Friday 10/2/06 and his street now has a lot of flags flying and all were at half mast for Ian.

Rest in Peace, Ian you have earned it  
Lest We Forget

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Title: **Re: Vale Ian Grawood**  
Post by **oldmech** on **Feb 11<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 8:55pm**

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Colin,  
Thank you very much for the information on the passing of Ian Garwood. Condolences are offered to his loved ones. For a man to take on a petty bureaucrat from any government department (whether it be Federal, State or at the Local level) takes great intestinal fortitude, and I am positive that many of us admired him for his attitude. Well Done that man !!!

Col N

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### **FESR Visitors Log** (<http://fesrassociation.com/cgi-bin/yabb/YaBB.cgi>)

State Divisions >> VIC & TAS >> Japan apologies  
(Message started by: ColinS on Feb 18<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 6:19pm)

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Title: **Japan apologises**  
Post by **ColinS** on **Feb 18<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 6:19pm**

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From correspondents in Manila on 18/2/2006

Japan's ambassador to the Philippines today apologized to the nation for the destruction of Manila towards the closing stages of World War 2.

Ryuichiro Yamazaki spoke at a wreath laying ceremony to mark the 61st anniversary of the Battle for Manila that left over 100,000 Filipinos dead and destroyed the city once known as the Pearl of the Orient.

"The terror that each Filipino man, woman and child must have experienced in Manila 61 years ago is beyond the imagination of any sane human being". He said at a memorial to the dead in the Intramuros part of the city.

"With this historical fact in mind, I would like to express my heartfelt apologies and deep sense of remorse over the tragic fate of Manila." The ambassador said in a emotional speech.

"About 100,000 Filipino civilians were killed, many of whom suffered atrocities by the Japanese military". He said.

The Battle for Manila began on the 3rd February 1945 and lasted for 28 days.

:( :( :(

Its a pity that his leaders in Japan don't stand up and apologise for all they did leading up to W W 2 (China) and all that they did during the war they started.

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Title: **Re: Japan apologises**  
Post by **irish50561** on **Feb 18<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 10:57pm**

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Well said ColinS, every time I hear someone going on about racism I can't help thinking of what the Japanese did to their fellow Asians; namely the Chinese, Koreans, Phillipinos, Vietnamese and Cambodians pre-W.W.II. Although an apology helps, even if it's a tad late. Regards. Irish.

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### **FESR Visitors Log** (<http://fesrassociation.com/cgi-bin/yabb/YaBB.cgi>)

State Divisions >> VIC & TAS >> Hello Hello  
(Message started by: Bob Witt on Feb 8<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 5:59am)

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Title: **Hello Hello**  
Post by **Bob Witt** on **Feb 8<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 5:59am**

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Anyone there ????? must all be in the queue for tickets to the Games

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Title: **Re: Hello Hello**  
Post by **oldmech** on **Feb 8<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 11:42am**

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Steady Bob,

That Hello ! Hello ! echo just reached me here in Toowoomba, Qld. Must really mean the people down there have nothing to say for themselves to have an empty forum for a couple of days, either that or they do not wish to associate with us plebs further north.

;D :D :) ??? ???

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Title: **Re: Hello Hello**

Post by **ronaldo** on **Feb 8<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 2:59pm**

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Ahh Col. so it was you I spied standing at Echo Point the other day as I drove down the range!

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Title: **Re: Hello Hello**

Post by **oldmech** on **Feb 8<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 8:32pm**

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Ronaldo,

Sorry to disappoint you mate, wrong town, wrong highway, wrong state and wrong point.

Katoomba is on the Great Western Highway in NSW, and that is where you will find ECHO Point.

I live in Toowoomba, at the conjunction of the New England and Warrego Highways in Queensland (Car'n the Canetoads!!!!), and the last time I was at PICNIC Point was Australia Day.

Never-the-less, Ronaldo, you have the correct terminology when you said "as I drove down the range".

But I still heard Bob's Victorian thread echo from there.

Regards Col N

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Title: **Re: Hello Hello**

Post by **Ernie D** on **Feb 8<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 9:03pm**

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Crikey!

Its cool here. There is no movement in the camp. Maybe we have missed the main issues and we are in those magnificent forests, but there is no body around!

Or square.

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Title: **Re: Hello Hello**

Post by **ronaldo** on **Feb 9<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 7:58am**

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I dunno abut that Col. I have heard some funny echoes and sounds coming from couples in parked cars during the night up that-a-way at the lookout. Cannot imagine what was going on. Could almost hear it from the top of Mt. Gravatt lookout here in Brissy as well. (Car'n the cock-ar-roaches!).

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Title: **Re: Hello Hello**

Post by **wings** on **Feb 9<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 10:03am**

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Sorry fellas, we have been helping out at the fires, collecting our volunteer's uniforms for the Games, erasing graffitti so as to welcome the multitude of visitors for the Games, gearing up for the Grand Prix, setting up for Moomba. drycleaning our colours for the footy, getting 'brownie points' so as to watch 3 days of Super 14, having our DVD/Video serviced for same and doing the grandparent duty early so as to have the winter off. And on a personal note hoping that my knee holds out till Anzac day --then new one for the Qld. Quickmatch reunion in July. It's all go down here ;)

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Title: **Re: Hello Hello**

Post by **ronaldo** on **Feb 11<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 4:56pm**

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Hey Wings

Are you sure you were doing all of those things that you said and not like the other 90% of Vics, visiting our State and enjoying our weather & lifestyle. Seems that way with all the Vic No. plates and lily white legged drivers and those trying to buy up our real estate we see around the traps up here and who go swimming when the water is under 30 degrees C mark. Brrr. That makes me shiver just thinking about that! Good to see you now have the time for a bit of computer work on the site.

Ron

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Title: **Re: Hello Hello**

Post by **wings** on **Feb 12<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 9:35am**

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Ron,

As you note 'lilywhite legs'... we only stay to fill up on your cheap petrol and hide our money away by buying your real estate then head straight home.. bypassing 'Steak- n- kidney' for the holiday home on the south coast. Will be there in July to fill up and look for a cheap buy on the coast.

Wings :-\*

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Title: **Re: Hello Hello**

Post by **ronaldo** on **Feb 12<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 2:48pm**

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Wings

Yeah. You and umpteen thousand other Victorians towing their vans!. Don't forget to put your clock back 6 months or so. That's how far we are behind and don't go getting crook up this-a-way. Our hospital emergency wards are closing down fast and if you require an ambo. they could pick you up in a fire tender or a police patrol car! Then if a Doc. just in from overseas has to open you up, you are probably goner.. Mind you, our pollies are doing OK though, thank you very much.

Ron

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Title: **Re: Hello Hello**

Post by **wings** on **Feb 12<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 3:18pm**

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Yes Ron, we have heard about YOUR Dr. (Death) Patel... if they can't get a job sweeping out the wards down here they apply to be specialists up there. 8)

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**State Divisions >> VIC & TAS >> Hello, hello any one home.**

<http://fesrassociation.com/cgi-bin/yabb2/YaBB.pl?num=1152075386>

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**Message started by ColinS on Jul 5<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 2:56pm**

Title: **Hello, hello any one home.**  
Post by **ColinS** on **Jul 5<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 2:56pm**

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I know that the cold winter has arrived, that is more reason to stay at home in front of the PC. At present here in Beaconsfield Tasmania, it is a nice wet, cold 10 degrees (1450hrs). ;) 8-) 8-)  
[smiley=thumbsup.gif]

Title: **Re: Hello, hello any one home.**  
Post by **KevinAbish** on **Jul 5<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 3:47pm**

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Yeah, about the same here in the Great Lakes area of NSW overnight. ;D Little warmer during the day though around 20 :P  
Still will be joining the snow birds in a couple of weeks and head to Qld for the rest of winter. Although it was only 25 in Cairns this morning. :o  
Been watching the Vic, S.A. and Tassie cars and caravans heading north since about the end of April, along the Pacific Highway :( Like to join them a bit sooner but have commitments and macadamia nuts to collect. They are almost at the end of the run now so can get the van ready and head north with the rest of the snow birds.  
Cheers.

Title: **Re: Hello, hello any one home.**  
Post by **evilCA** on **Jul 5<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 3:59pm**

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We understand Kevin , looking after you're nuts is very important. ::)  
Regards...CA.

Title: **Re: Hello, hello any one home.**  
Post by **KevinAbish** on **Jul 6<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 3:32pm**

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I know I know there evilCA. ;D Macadamia nuts are far better then wallnuts, chestnuts and those on your chin. Haven't told that one in donks. :P :P  
Cheers.

Title: **Re: Hello, hello any one home.**  
Post by **Joe** on **Jul 7<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 5:40am**

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Why did the squirrel swim on his back?  
...to keep his nuts dry!  
Chookas  
Joe

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## The FESR Visitors Log

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### State Divisions >> VIC & TAS >> Veteran dead after office shooting

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Message started by **Ian\_McClure** on **Jul 27<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 10:52pm**

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Title: **Veteran dead after office shooting**  
Post by **Ian\_McClure** on **Jul 27<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 10:52pm**

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Veteran dead after office shooting  
July 27, 2006 - 10:37PM

A Vietnam Veteran died after shooting himself in the head at a Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) office in Melbourne on Thursday.

Michael John Heffernan, of Lara, south-west of Melbourne, died at the La Trobe Street DVA office about 1pm.

Veterans' Affairs Minister Bruce Billson issued a statement, saying he died in "an apparent act of self harm."

Police attended declined to comment.

Victorian Vietnam Veterans' Association of Australia president Bob Elworthy said the death was a tragedy and the association was lending its support to Mr Heffernan's family.

He declined to comment on the circumstances of the man's death.

"It's an absolute tragedy, tragedy for the veteran, tragedy for his family, the veteran community and the DVA staff who witnessed his self harm, it's just numbing," Mr Elworthy told AAP.

"It just reinforces that we have a number of veterans who are very fragile and in need of great care."

No DVA staff member was harmed in the incident and counselling has been offered to those involved, Mr Billson said.

"This tragic incident has come as a great shock to us all at DVA and is now being investigated by the police and my department is assisting with these enquiries," Mr Billson said.

"Out of respect for this gentleman's family it would be inappropriate for me to comment further at this stage."

Mr Elworthy said more resources were needed to address the mental health of veterans.

"That is a big ticket item and I don't think that it's really been addressed in any great depth until now," he said.

"We certainly need a tremendous effort on the mental health side for veterans.

"We've lost another veteran who served his country and we could not afford to lose him, we're losing far too many."

Free 24-hour counselling is available for ex-servicemen and women on the Veterans Line: 1800 011 046.

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Title: **Re: Veteran dead after office shooting**  
Post by **Bob Witt** on **Jul 30<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 6:22am**

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#### INCIDENT AT MELBOURNE DVA OFFICE

Early this afternoon a male veteran known to the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) attended a Departmental office in La Trobe Street in Melbourne and in an apparent act of self harm has died. Minister for Veterans' Affairs Bruce Billson expresses his sincerest condolences to the family and friends of the man, and assistance has been offered to the family. Staff present at the time were not

"This tragic incident has come as a great shock to us all at DVA and is now being investigated by the police and my department is assisting with these enquiries. Out of respect for this gentleman's family it would be inappropriate for me to comment further at this stage," Mr Billson said. DVA has put in place appropriate counselling and support arrangements for staff affected by this incident. Minister Billson urges any members of the Veteran community who may be requiring support to access the free and confidential, 24-hour counselling service provided through the Veterans Line on 1800 011 046. Media inquiries: Cameron Hill 0408 239 521 . It would appear that the Dept. under the guidance of the new Minister hasn't changed it's spots and is covering it's own tail first

Title: **Re: Veteran dead after office shooting**  
Post by jr67 on Jul 30<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 11:35am

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<http://www.spanishredneck.blogspot.com/>

Title: **Re: Veteran dead after office shooting**  
Post by Joe on Jul 31<sup>st</sup>, 2006, 4:53am

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Spanish red neck seems like a well balanced calm sensitive sort of fellow who has his finger on the pulse. Bit like me when I'm p\*ssed (...and isn't that all the time?)  
Chookas  
Joe

Title: **Re: Veteran dead after office shooting**  
Post by irish50561 on Aug 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006, 4:51pm

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Mates, don't you just love the bloke? Regards. Irish.

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## The FESR Visitors Log

<http://fesrassociation.com/cgi-bin/yabb2/YaBB.pl>

### State Divisions >> VIC & TAS >> Commiserations

<http://fesrassociation.com/cgi-bin/yabb2/YaBB.pl?num=1159733069>

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**Message started by Bob Witt on Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2006, 6:04am**

Title: **Commiserations**  
Post by Bob Witt on Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2006, 6:04am

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Commiserations on the loss of both Flags better luck next year :) ;) :D ;D

Title: **Re: Commiserations**  
Post by David\_A on Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2006, 10:16am

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and about time something serious was discussed on these sites.  
David A  
PS Of course being a Union (gentleman's game) player I am really above all this.  
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## The FESR Visitors Log

<http://fesrassociation.com/cgi-bin/yabb2/YaBB.pl>

### State Divisions >> VIC & TAS >> How low can their get

<http://fesrassociation.com/cgi-bin/yabb2/YaBB.pl?num=1160898407>

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**Message started by ColinS on Oct 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 5:46pm**

Title: **How low can their get**  
Post by **ColinS** on **Oct 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 5:46pm**

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Tasmanian firefighters are appalled at the behaviour of a "low-life" thief who stole one of their vehicles on Saturday 14th Oct. The vehicle was recovered after being crashed and abandoned near Sorell in the State's south. The vehicle was a front line unit the communications equipment had been ripped out.

If they catch the low life scum that did this all they will get is a slap on the wrist and told not to be bad again. In my opinion they should be made do firefighting and I mean at the front line with what we used years ago, a wet sack. >:( >:( >:( >:( :o :o :o

Title: **Re: How low can their get**  
Post by **evilCA** on **Oct 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 9:07pm**

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Or publicly flogged with a wet sack. >:(

Regards...CA

Title: **Re: How low can their get**  
Post by **Richmond Derham** on **Oct 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 11:42pm**

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If the truth be known, the same R/SOLES could have been the ones who started the fire..... when caught they will get a slap on the wrist, i would suggest public humiliation.....dress them in a orange suit with the words stencilled on them,,,,,,FIRE BUG.

rcd >:( >:( >:(

Title: **Re: How low can their get**  
Post by **Joe** on **Oct 19<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 12:52pm**

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..or put them inside the wet sack and tie the top...

Chookas

Joe

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<http://fesrassociation.com/cgi-bin/yabb2/YaBB.pl>

### State Divisions >> VIC & TAS >> C'Mon guys

<http://fesrassociation.com/cgi-bin/yabb2/YaBB.pl?num=1164639406>

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**Message started by DeeCee on Nov 28<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 12:56am**

Title: **C'Mon guys**  
Post by **DeeCee** on **Nov 28<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 12:56am**

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[smiley=vrolijk\_26.gif] C'Mon guys, how about hitting the key board and getting some sites posted.have to get onto N.S.W. next. Cheers D.C.

Title: **Re: C'Mon guys**  
Post by **evilCA** on **Nov 28<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 9:58am**

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Well done Des.  
As I have said previously don't let all the good work that has started to get us recognition just fade away.

What can we do to keep it going.  
We need to get a few things organized to give FESR a higher profile and the only way it will happen is with input from the members.  
The executives of each State Division need to know what the members want or are we all satisfied that we don't need any more.?  
Regards...CA.

Title: **Re: C'Mon guys**  
Post by **DeeCee** on **Nov 28<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 10:55am**

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At least there are some new posts today Evil. [smiley=grin.gif]

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<http://fesrassociation.com/cgi-bin/yabb2/YaBB.pl>

### State Divisions >> VIC & TAS >> Merry Xmas

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**Message started by Bob Witt on Dec 14<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 8:46pm**

Title: **Merry Xmas**  
Post by **Bob Witt** on **Dec 14<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 8:46pm**

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To all the members and friends of the Vic/Tas Division I wish you all A Very Merry Xmas and a Happy 2007

Title: **Re: Merry Xmas**  
Post by **ColinS** on **Dec 16<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 6:09pm**

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Just checking to see if you are all on Santa's good list

Title: **Re: Merry Xmas**  
Post by **ColinS** on **Dec 16<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 6:26pm**

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Yes, you are all on the good list. ;) ;)

Title: **Re: Merry Xmas**

Post by **Cyril Doc Rice** on **Dec 16<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 6:35pm**

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;)Col

The crotchety old bugger promised me a new pony 65 years ago ..... I'm still waiting ::)  
Only now I want a pure bred racehorse that can win me a Melbourne Cup.....So I hope I am still on  
his list [smiley=beer.gif]:-[

Merry Xmas to all down south :) :) [smiley=thumbsup.gif] [smiley=thumbsup.gif]  
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Title: **Re: Merry Xmas**

Post by **ColinS** on **Dec 17<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 5:59pm**

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Doc rice

The only pony you know of is a glass one full of liquid amber

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Title: **Re: Merry Xmas**

Post by **Cyril Doc Rice** on **Dec 17<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 8:32pm**

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;D ;D Col [smiley=dankk2.gif]

Being an old sailor my preference is, obviously, a schooner.....no less ::)

Have a Merry Christmas [smiley=beer.gif] [smiley=beer.gif] [smiley=thumbsup.gif]

Title: **Re: Merry Xmas**

Post by **ColinS** on **Dec 24<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 6:58pm**

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To one and all

A very Merry Christmas to you and your love ones, as one of Santa's helpers I now have a good  
supply of Captain Morgan (6 bottles) all from santa's fan club. [smiley=thumbsup.gif]

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