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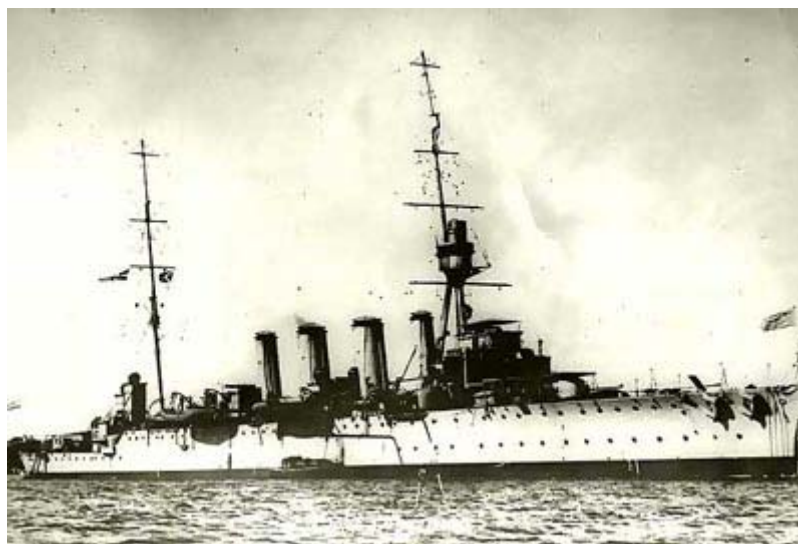
**Message started by Bob Witt on Jul 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 10:06am**

Title: **TRIBUTE TO HMAS SYDNEY I MAST NAVAL MONUMENT**

Post by **Bob Witt** on Jul 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 10:06am

The Royal Australian Navy (RAN) initiated what will become a Naval tradition today by announcing that all Australian and foreign naval vessels proceeding into Sydney Harbour will render ceremonial honours to the HMAS Sydney I Memorial Mast that is located at Bradley's Head. The HMAS Sydney I Memorial Mast is considered to be one of Australia's premier naval monuments and a memorial of national significance. The Mast was removed from Sydney I when she was decommissioned in 1928 and erected at Bradley's Head in 1934. The ceremonial will represent a mark of respect and recognition of the Australian officers, sailors and ships lost at sea and in combat.

The announcement coincides with the 94th anniversary of the commissioning of HMAS Sydney I when she was bought into the service of the RAN at a ceremony at Portsmouth, England, on the 26th June 1913. This has been an initiative of the Commander Australian Fleet, Rear Admiral Dayvd Thomas, AM, CSC RAN who said, "It is appropriate that in a regular and formal way we recognise our heritage and demonstrate a mark of respect for the sacrifices of naval personnel that have played such a significant part in shaping this nation, particularly those that have laid down their lives. It helps remind us where we come from."



The actual ceremonial conducted by the ships will consist of bringing the ship's company on the upperdecks to attention, and then 'piping' the Mast. 'Piping' is the prolonged sounding of the Boatswain's call, a special Naval whistle, that was once the only method other than the human voice of passing orders to men on board ship. Today more sophisticated communications systems exist but the boatswain's Call is still used in ceremonial as a mark of respect and for emphasising important orders.

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### General >> Bulletin Board >> KANGAROO MANAGEMENT

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**Message started by Bob Witt on Jul 6<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 9:31am**

Title: **KANGAROO MANAGEMENT**

Post by **Bob Witt** on Jul 6<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 9:31am

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Following stakeholder consultations earlier today Defence has decided to defer any decision for the immediate future to cull kangaroos at the ACT Defence sites, Majura Training Area and the Belconnen Naval Transmission Station, in order to gain more information on suitable long-term kangaroo management strategies. At the Majura Training Area, Defence will seek an ecosystem-wide proposal to meet its Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 obligations with respect to threatened species of flora and fauna. Defence will monitor the size of the kangaroo population over the next six to twelve months and will explore all options as part of longer term strategy. At the Belconnen site, Defence will validate sustainable numbers and develop further management options.

New Branch Right Arm Rate???



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Title: **Re: KANGAROO MANAGEMENT**

Post by **ColinS** on Jul 6<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 7:25pm

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Do what we do EAT them, nothing better than roo patties, no harmful chorestial in roo meat  
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### General >> Bulletin Board >> \$500 one off bonus

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**Message started by Ian\_McClure on Jun 13<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 9:04am**

Title: **\$500 one off bonus**

Post by **Ian\_McClure** on Jun 13<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 9:04am

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For those that are entitled to the one off bonus that was announced earlier check your bank accounts, its in the bank. Don't spend it all at once.

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Title: **Re: \$500 one off bonus**

Post by **aussie47326** on Jun 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 9:09pm

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Just curious, what is the one off bonus?

Title: **Re: \$500 one off bonus**  
Post by **Ian\_McClure** on **Jun 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 11:33pm**

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G'day aussie47326, click on the link and it will explain it all.  
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[http://minister.dva.gov.au/media\\_releases/2007/06\\_june/va079.htm](http://minister.dva.gov.au/media_releases/2007/06_june/va079.htm)

Title: **Re: \$500 one off bonus**  
Post by **sluggo** on **Jul 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007, 8:56pm**

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I only got \$500 bonus the missus got a total of \$2100 (bonuses of \$500, \$600 and \$1000) dont suppose she will buy me an beer or two,,,,,regards,,,,,Shep

Title: **Re: \$500 one off bonus**  
Post by **birdiehandler** on **Jul 4<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 11:44am**

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:( Same here Sluggo, she got about \$2100 all up.

By the way we must have joined the same day, 24/6/07. (53227.)  
Happy fiftieth Anniversary. ;D

Title: **Re: \$500 one off bonus**  
Post by **oldmech** on **Jul 4<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 5:35pm**

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birdiehandler  
Your statement reads " By the way we must have joined the same day, 24/6/07."  
Have you had your telegram from the Queen yet?? If you joined in '07 that must put you at about 118 years old !!

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

Ain't I a smartass !! :)

CoIN

Title: **Re: \$500 one off bonus**  
Post by **birdiehandler** on **Jul 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 4:04pm**

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;) Yes you are of course correct, I meant 1957.

In answer to your comment about being a smart arse, ... Yes!!! ;D

Title: **Re: \$500 one off bonus**  
Post by **Cyril Doc Rice** on **Jul 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 4:11pm**

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Typical bloody stoker!!! [smiley=vrolijk\_26.gif]

Title: **Re: \$500 one off bonus**  
Post by **Joe** on **Jul 6<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 6:36am**

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Gentlemen - and other rates - pleeze!

Title: **Re: \$500 one off bonus**  
Post by **oldmech** on **Jul 6<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 8:01pm**

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Typical bloody stoker!!!

Well Dog my Cats !  
Somebody has finally woken up to the fact !  
Once a sailor always a sailor...Once a stoker, well maybe I may even see some of you as I stoke  
the big one down below.

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### General >> Bulletin Board >> Kittyhawks Arrival

<http://fesrassociation.com/cgi-bin/yabb2/YaBB.pl?num=1183616933>

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**Message started by Bob Witt on Jul 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 4:28pm**

Title: **Kittyhawks Arrival**  
Post by **Bob Witt** on **Jul 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 4:28pm**

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Must have a huge draft or it is at the shallow end of the harbour cop aload of the mud it has stirred up



Title: **Re: Kittyhawks Arrival**  
Post by **looseleis** on Jul 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 7:10pm

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Bob, as far as i can recall there was eighty feet of water right under her keel where that photo is taken. I laid the Power lines and water pipe line from G.I. to fort Denison back in 1970 Or 71.

Regards Loose Leis.

Title: **Re: Kittyhawks Arrival**  
Post by **ColinS** on Jul 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 7:29pm

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Fancy having 5,000 goddams in town [smiley=2vrolijk\_08.gif]  
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Title: **Re: Kittyhawks Arrival**  
Post by **oldmech** on Jul 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 10:36pm

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*Bob Witt wrote:*

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Bob,

It occurred to me that perhaps they might be emptying the sullage tanks before going alongside ? Geez mate, what a stench that would raise with the Sydney Harbour Port Authority if it happened to be the case.

ColIN

Title: **Re: Kittyhawks Arrival**  
Post by **Joe** on Jul 6<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 6:39am

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Heard on the news that they reckon the yankies will spend about \$2,000,000 per day while here - no wonder JH went down there to pay his respects! The Kittyhawk certainly is a big bugga - should make a lot of razor blades outa her! Any thouights as to what they might do with her after this trip when she pays off?

Title: **Re: Kittyhawks Arrival**  
Post by **Bob Witt** on Jul 6<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 7:00am

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**Kitty Hawk sailors to do volunteer work**

American sailors on shore leave in Sydney this week will be doing volunteer work rather than painting the town red. The navy personnel will prepare merchandise for the Cancer Council's "Daffodil Day" fundraiser as well as dropping in on hospitals and nursing homes. They will also get their hands dirty building sheds, erecting shelves, painting classrooms and even sorting medical records.

courtesy of National Nine news

Post by **ronaldo** on **Jul 6<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 7:52am**

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As I recall, back in '64 when the USS *Enterprise* entered Sydney Harbour, all she had beneath her to the bottom of the channel, was about 2 fathoms at high tide, where she had to tie up to a boy in the middle of the Harbor. She could not come alongside GI because of depth. Although she of course was nuke powered, she was approximately the same diomensions as *Kittyhawk*, carrying about the same size crew as well. I imagine by the pic that you posted Bob, that she tied up in approximately the same spot and thus stirred up the old terra firma underneath.

Ron

Title: **Re: Kittyhawks Arrival**  
Post by **tromb123** on **Jul 6<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 8:49am**

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If they renamed it the 'South Steyne', they wouldn't have to worry about the wild weather on the way to Manly...

:D

Title: **Re: Kittyhawks Arrival**  
Post by **ronaldo** on **Jul 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 7:49am**

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That still running is it Barry? I think last time I had a ride on it, was coming back from Millers Pacific Hotel over at Manly after closing time. As I recall I had a bit of a chuck over the side but I don't think it was from the rough seas, probably the Millers beer that did that! ;D

Ron

Title: **Re: Kittyhawks Arrival**  
Post by **irish50561** on **Jul 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 11:22am**

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Bob son, good to see you back on deck and many thanks for the info re the Sandgate memorial. If you look real close at Bob's bueat photo of Kittyhawk you may see the odd paint brush or steel scran tray stirred up from the harbour bottom, there'd have to be at least a squillion of them down there. Regards. Irish.

Title: **Re: Kittyhawks Arrival**  
Post by **Bronco** on **Jul 13<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 10:07am**

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To think that the new carriers they are building are another 25000 tons heavier and our carriers weighed only 20000 tons fully loaded they would have looked like life boats alongside one of those monsters.  
Regards Bronco

Title: **Re: Kittyhawks Arrival**  
Post by **jr67** on **Jul 13<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 12:15pm**

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Right on Bronco when we picked up the A4's and Trackers we were tied up astern of her in San Diego and that is exactly how big we looked but I still had the best times on the Melbourne at least we got beer issues 8-) ;D

Title: **Re: Kittyhawks Arrival**  
Post by **birdiehandler** on **Jul 13<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 2:38pm**

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; ) Mmmmmmmmm! beer issues. ::)

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### General >> Bulletin Board >> VISTA O/S

<http://fesrassociation.com/cgi-bin/yabb2/YaBB.pl?num=1182307172>

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**Message started by millview on Jun 20<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 12:39pm**

Title: **VISTA O/S**  
Post by **millview** on **Jun 20<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 12:39pm**

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Hi ALL ,  
I dont know if anyone has changed over to the Vista operating system , I have and it is the worst thing I have ever done .  
It is so full of problems that I have gone back to my old computer just to get some sense out of it .  
Vista does not use outlook in any form but runs windows mail and try as hard as possible it wont work .  
now Microsoft know all about this , but are not interested , and that is only the start .  
Anyone thinking about getting Vista please think again and again before you do .  
Anyone that has it I would like to know what you think of it because I most certainly dont like it .  
After all of that , ALL of you , have a great day .  
Peter .

Title: **Re: VISTA O/S**  
Post by **ColinS** on **Jun 20<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 6:39pm**

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Vista, the worst system that mirosoft started it is that full of holes, cooks would deep six it as a useless sieve. XP has most drivers built into it, but Vista requires you to load all drivers that you need.  
Don't even think about it.  
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Title: **Re: VISTA O/S**  
Post by **tromb123** on **Jun 21<sup>st</sup>, 2007, 9:01am**

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Some time ago, went to visit the MIL. Had access to a puter that had just been loaded with Vista. Bought, from a Telstra shop, a pre-paid, 10 hour dial-up internet access kit .(About \$9.95) Would it work with Vista?? Not on your sweet nelly. The Telstra operative I spoke to said I "Must've bought the kit from a garage"!! I told her, "No, from YOU". She answered, "Well Vista is a new system, and I don't know how to configure it, so I'll get someone else to call you back and tell you how to get it to work with Vista..." needless to say, I'm still waiting...  
(PS. I also personally called into a number of Telstra shops and one of their offices, none of them, including their so-called technical help, could shed any light...)

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Bah humbug to the lot of them

Title: **Re: VISTA O/S**  
Post by **Cyril Doc Rice** on **Jun 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2007, 8:02pm**

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Peter ;)

Don't know if you have tried any tips available but Cnet has posted this lot

<http://www.cnet.com.au/software/operatingsystems/0,,,00.htm?feed=rss>

May be worth a try.

I will be waiting for the service pack to come out before I even look at Vista :-/

Title: **Re: VISTA O/S**  
Post by **Webmaster** on **Jun 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2007, 11:28pm**

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Title: **Re: VISTA O/S**  
Post by **ronaldo** on **Jun 24<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 8:39am**

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As a 'nerd' from wayback", I tried Vista on one occasion only, then s..tbinmed because my computer could not handle it. I went back to my old system with my trusty old Commodore 16 ;) Mind you I don't know who has the shortest memory bank now, the Commodore or !! :'(

Ron

Title: **Re: VISTA O/S**  
Post by **Yogi\_Bear** on **Jun 24<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 11:22am**

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I have always given any new OS from MS at least a year before I change. By this method I managed to dodge completely their awful ME version. I know of one person that purchased Vista and because it was the cheapest basic version, she could no longer burn CDs or DVDs and would not run some other applications she had used previously.

Title: **Re: VISTA O/S**  
Post by **Jack\_Davey** on **Jun 25<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 8:11pm**

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I've been using Vista for about 3 months and it's going well. I've had a couple of issues with "drivers" which I've been able to solve by downloading the applicable Vista drivers. I've tried it with a Celeron chip and that was successful too. I'm using a P4 2.8 with 2gb of Ram, a 7600 256mb graphics card, and a really basic 478 motherboard.

If you've got XP and everything is going ok, then leave it that way I say.

Cheers,

Jack Davey



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Post by **millview** on **Jun 26<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 10:02am**

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In other words you are stuck with it .

The only way I can email is by going through my ISP Home page or use hotmail etc.

Peter .

Title: **Re: VISTA O/S**  
Post by **Webmaster** on **Jun 26<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 11:11pm**

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Hi Millview - well, that is not good news but will press on - don't doubt your word - but hope I can find a way around - if not - thank God I kept my old Laptop with Windows 2000 Professional - the only reason I went to look for a new one is the loadable CD insert was sticking and I could not burn /download the FESR website info which I had to make sure I didn't lose. Always on the lookout for tips in this area - regards Ross

Title: **Re: VISTA O/S**  
Post by **tromb123** on **Jun 27<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 10:02am**

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I think Vista will sort itself out over time (with the money invested in it, it has to). XP had problems, too, and often, I guess, they were fixed by downloads without us even being aware. I've been using Vista since almost when it came out, and generally I'm ok with it, as is my wife.

I think it's just a matter of getting used to it, ie. like anything that is new and a bit different, takes a bit of time and patience . And getting the drivers for any hardware that may be affected.

If I was in a business, I think that I would wait a little while before converting. Certainly you would need to purchase back-up support.(Just my opinion)

Cheers

Title: **Re: VISTA O/S**  
Post by **Bodgie Sefton** on **Jun 27<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 11:02am**

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Gents, your comments on Vista just reinforces my decision to change to Imac, Goodbye Microsoft hello Apple.

Post by **sluggo** on **Jun 27<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 8:44pm**

I think to run Vista you need a 62 bit computer,,,,mine is and it should run it,,,,not long ago I did a download I think it was 7 and it stuffed up my emails because when I tried to send an email and I typed or started to type each address, I had to type the complete email address and that was no good for me as i couldnt remember them so I tried to uninstall it and it wouldn't let me so I went and did a "system restore" to a couple of days prior and everything came backk to normal,,,,Have XP and intend to keep it thanks Microsofte you cant stick your Vista up your you-know-what,,,,I have enough trouble just using this without anything wobbly happening to my computer,,,,still computer illiterate,,,,regards,,,Shep

Title: **Re: VISTA O/S**

Post by **Webmaster** on **Jun 27<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 10:24pm**

Thanks Shep - I agree and as I have a (legitimate) copy of XP will be trying to wipe Vista and load this - I think or I hope Peter (Millview) is wrong about the inability to replace Vista - I would think that it is a serious breach of law to do this to the Hard drive - you purchase a laptop ( well, I did ) for it's usefulness - what the main program on it may be is of little consequence - so if the program on it doesn't suit - you surely have the right to take it off and move on or move back to one that works for you - I feel if Peter is right I will seriously be seeking legal advice -- or maybe we should ask Trom how he now uses e mail and Internet compared to his previous base - I notice he is getting posts onto this website allright - how about it Trom - Have a good one All - Ross J

Title: **Re: VISTA O/S**

Post by **tromb123** on **Jun 28<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 12:44am**

I must admit I had a problem with email at first, ie Outlook won't run and you have to use windows live mail. Never been much of a fan of 'hotmail' and Outlook, so changed most email addresses over to 'gmail', which with its massive free storage space and the easy way of filing and storing messages, and haven't looked back.

I can't say, apart from a tiff with telstra over their non-operating dial up, that I've had any problems...I'm currently using my Compaq Pressario, whilst my 'Acer' is away having a new mother board put in. I was surprised out how the Compaq easily picked up our wireless network, and worked without having to install a driver.

My VOiP system worked first time, and so has everything else....

You do need a good CD/DVD burner program if you want to have re-writable disks, as far as I can see, but there are plenty of freebies.

I think that most problems will be quickly sorted out and that probably many already have. With many many millions invested, bugs have to be VERY quickly sorted.

(the problem with Telstra, is that they have an 8 weeks delay in training their staff in new systems...bit surprising, I thought, with a system like 'Vista...')

Security overall is better than XP, and I like Vista's clean interface, and is in the main, fairly intuitive.

My wife is computer illiterate (hope she doesn't read this) and has no trouble getting around 'Vista'. I've had the 'Ubuntu' O/S CD mailed out from overseas (free mail and free program) and whilst it looks good, there is too much work involved for me to want to use it over, say, windows.

It's a bit like doing crossword puzzles...the mental exercise in figuring it all out helps keep the grey matter operational...

And it all sure beats my old 'Tandy' tape-drive puter....

PS a very good disk defragger, that I use with both XP and Vista is 'Auslogic's Disk Defrag' which is a free download. Works FAR more quickly than the ones that come with XP and Vista. Google and you'll find it.

Title: **Re: VISTA O/S**  
Post by **Yogi\_Bear** on **Jun 28<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 8:02pm**

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Title: **Re: VISTA O/S**  
Post by **tromb123** on **Jun 29<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 9:22pm**

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This is the 'Windows Vista' gadget site:

<http://vista.gallery.microsoft.com/vista/SideBar.aspx?mkt=en-au>

100's of applications and soon to be thousands..(their blurb)

PS. the more I explore Vista, the more I like it...

Title: **Re: VISTA O/S**  
Post by **millview** on **Jul 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 7:37pm**

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Unfortunately , no this is not possible with a dedicated computer , as a dedicated computer has 2 HDD , with the first one being a large Chip type drive .

Ofcourse if you have converted to vista on your own computer , than you can crash it and reload XP .

Title: **Re: VISTA O/S**  
Post by **boots** on **Jul 11<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 6:33pm**

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Everyone must have changed over to vista, its gone very quiet around here. :-?

Title: **Re: VISTA O/S**

Post by **Cyril Doc Rice** on **Jul 11<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 6:42pm**

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*boots wrote:*

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Boots

Only 3.5 days.....need something to bring them back.....here goes ;)

Four men were being interviewed for a job.

The interviewer asked, "What is the fastest thing you know of?"

The first man replied, "A thought. It pops into your head, there's no forewarning that it's on the way; it's just there. A thought is the fastest thing I know of."

"That's very good," replied the interviewer.

"And now you, sir," he asked the second man.

"Hmmm, let me see..... a blink!," said the second man. "It comes and goes and you don't know it ever happened. A blink is the fastest thing I know of."

"Excellent!", said the interviewer. "The blink of an eye. That's a very popular cliché for speed."

He then turned to the third man who was contemplating his reply.

"Well, out on my dad's property, you step out of the house and on the wall there is a light switch. When you flip that switch, way across the paddock the light at the barn comes on in an instant. Turning on a light is the fastest thing I can think of."

The interviewer was very impressed with the third answer and thought he had found his man. "It's hard to beat the speed of light," he said.

Turning to the fourth man, an Australian, he posed the same question.

"After hearing the three previous answers, it's obvious to me the fastest thing known is diarrhea," said the Aussie.

"What!" said the interviewer, stunned by the response?

"Oh, I can explain," said the Aussie, "You see, the other day I wasn't feeling so well and ran for the bathroom. But, before I could, think, blink, or turn on the light, I s\*\*t my pants."

He got the job. ;D

Title: **Re: VISTA O/S**

Post by **birdiehandler** on **Jul 12<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 1:28pm**

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;D Good one Doc!. ;D

Title: **Re: VISTA O/S**

Post by **Pedro** on **Jul 12<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 3:33pm**

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I changed over to Vista when it first came out and I had nothing but problems with my other programs which were not Vista ready e.g. webcam, so I had to wait until updates became available. Luckily for me I have got XP on drive "C" and Vista on drive "D". It has given me quite a

like when I first walked into an ops-room and muttered what f???k this.  
Pedro :o

Title: **Re: VISTA O/S**  
Post by **Cyril Doc Rice** on **Jul 12<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 5:14pm**

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;)Hi Pedro  
Welcome to the thread  
Relief is in sight

"Microsoft is gearing up to begin testing the first service pack for Windows Vista, possibly as soon as next week, according to reports.

The company will issue a test version of Vista SP1 to a limited group of testers during the week of July 16, according to Mary Jo Foley over at our sister site ZDNet.

The service pack, which is expected to ship in November, will include performance tweaks to speed up Vista shutdown and lessen the time it takes to copy files, among other fixes.

Microsoft has not yet commented on the reports.

If the company does commence SP1 testing next week, it will be much earlier than expected. Microsoft had earlier hinted that it would not begin testing the service pack until late this year. "

A post from Cnet yesterday.....help is on the horizon!!!!!! ::)

Title: **Re: VISTA O/S**  
Post by **ronaldo** on **Jul 13<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 8:22am**

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Hey Doc

All of you blokes who have these latest computers with all the bells, whistles and gizzmos, it has only been a ruse by Microsoft over these years to keep you spending big bucks in updating. :-[

Luckily I have only operated on the C:\ prompt or in other techo terms, the DOS system. Mainly because I hate spending money and my computer may be a little slow but is still workable! ;)

Looks like with this new fan-dangled Vista, you all will be joining me soon.

**The Return of the C:\ Prompt?**  
**Microsoft plans new text-based controls for Windows Vista.**

;D

Ron

Title: **Re: VISTA O/S**  
Post by **tromb123** on **Jul 13<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 11:35pm**

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I've just started using the speech recognition in Vista (I use the same headphones/mic as for 'Skype'). It's very interesting! Sure faster than typing, or clicking a mouse button.

Title: **Re: VISTA O/S**  
Post by **Cyril Doc Rice** on **Jul 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 10:46am**

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*tromb123 wrote:*

I've just started using the speech recognition in Vista (I use the same headphones/mic as for 'Skype'). It's very interesting! Sure faster than typing, or clicking a mouse button.

And to think that 6 yrs ago I paid \$115 on special for Dragon Naturally Speaking and now its free :P

Title: **Re: VISTA O/S**  
Post by **jr67** on **Jul 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 11:27am**

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My daughter was just telling me that Skype is Telstras biggest competor and it isn't advertised anywhere except in places like this.

Title: **Re: VISTA O/S**  
Post by **tromb123** on **Jul 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 1:16pm**

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You know what I really love about 'Skype'? - I can use a set of headphones and hear really clearly, which is great when you're as deaf as what I am. Love it!

:)

Title: **Re: VISTA O/S**  
Post by **Cyril Doc Rice** on **Jul 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 2:06pm**

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The incredible thing is that there can be anything up to about 8 million users on the scheme at the one time  
Think of the power that the ISP companies must be using to maintain that as well as other operations.  
:o

Title: **Re: VISTA O/S**  
Post by **oldmech** on **Jul 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 7:48pm**

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Doc,  
You said...."Think of the power that the ISP companies must be using to maintain that as well as other operations."

Sshh, don't tell 'em or they will think of a way to charge those of us who use Skype through their Internet Services.  
It must really hurt them that they are unable to do so already !!!

8-)ColN.

Title: **Re: VISTA O/S**  
Post by **Cyril Doc Rice** on **Jul 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 10:05pm**

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**General >> Bulletin Board >> The new SALT deal - Big Red**

<http://fesrassociation.com/cgi-bin/yabb2/YaBB.pl?num=1184728846>

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**Message started by tromb123 on Jul 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 1:20pm**

Title: **The new SALT deal - Big Red**  
Post by **tromb123** on **Jul 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 1:20pm**

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The Navy announced some time ago that it would sell its holiday resorts, which were accessible to us via membership of the RANCF. This is their replacement, which apparently is more in line with what is offered to the other services. (Serving and Ex)  
(I'm not sure if you need to get the RANCF - SALT ID first...just a matter of registering for it as ex-members of the RAN)

<http://www.bigredholidays.com/salt>

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**General >> Bulletin Board >> An answer needed please**

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**Message started by ronaldo on Jun 24<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 2:11pm**

Title: **An answer needed please**  
Post by **ronaldo** on **Jun 24<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 2:11pm**

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SPECIAL POEM FOR SENIOR CITIZENS!!

A row of bottles on my shelf  
Caused me to analyze myself.  
One yellow pill I have to pop  
Goes to my heart so it won't stop.  
A little white one that I take  
Goes to my hands so they won't shake.  
The blue ones that I use a lot  
Tell me I'm happy when I'm not.  
The purple pill goes to my brain  
And tells me that I have no pain.  
The capsules tell me not to wheeze  
Or cough or choke or even sneeze.  
The red ones, smallest of them all  
Go to my blood so I won't fall.  
The orange ones, very big and bright  
Prevent my leg cramps in the night.  
Such an array of brilliant pills  
Helping to cure all kinds of ills.

But what I'd really like to know.....  
Is what tells each one where to go! :-/

There's always a lot to be thankful for if you take time to look for it. For example I am sitting here thinking how nice it is that wrinkles don't hurt... ;D

Ron ::)

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Post by **tromb123** on **Jul 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 1:27pm**

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Obviously you haven't heard of the pill traffic police...

;D

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### General >> Bulletin Board >> gone fishin

<http://fesrassociation.com/cgi-bin/yabb2/YaBB.pl?num=1184573411>

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**Message started by boots on Jul 16<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 6:10pm**

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Title: **gone fishin**

Post by **boots** on **Jul 16<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 6:10pm**

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take care and be good to each other, until i get back. :D ;D :(

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Title: **Re: gone fishin**

Post by **Cyril Doc Rice** on **Jul 16<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 6:55pm**

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:)

Onya Boots

Keep the line wet and the hook baited

Have an enjoyable time ;)

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Title: **Re: gone fishin**

Post by **Webmaster** on **Jul 16<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 7:51pm**

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Enjoy ! Boots - fishing is one of the better times of life - my belief anyway - where are you going ? What sort of fish are you likely to catch - how big are they - and of course who cleans them? When in Port Hedland it was something we used to do - and I miss it ..hope all goes well..  
Rosco J

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Title: **Re: gone fishin**

Post by **boots** on **Jul 20<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 9:34am**

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caught a chest infection and ended up on a ventilating machine for a day in the hospital, these minus degree days are no good for me any more. otherwise Im as fit as I could be... forgot to take my medication with me.

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Title: **Re: gone fishin**

Post by **tromb123** on **Jul 20<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 10:33am**

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That's pretty serious stuff, Boots, hope you are indeed well now. I bet the nurses gave you a roasting for forgetting your 'puffer'.



Title: **Re: gone fishin**  
Post by **Cyril Doc Rice** on **Jul 20<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 1:23pm**

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G'day Boots.  
Hope you are hale and hearty again by now, hope you had more luck with the fishing  
  
Take care of yourself, we look forward to your "getting on air"  
  
Cheers

Title: **Re: gone fishin**  
Post by **ronaldo** on **Jul 20<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 2:51pm**

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Glad to hear you are OK Boots. Sounds as if you may have caught a 'lungfish' and forgot to take your 'leather jacket' with you :(  
  
Ron

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### General >> Bulletin Board >> The Weather

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**Message started by tromb123 on Jun 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 9:34am**

Title: **The Weather**  
Post by **tromb123** on **Jun 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 9:34am**

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I know the weather's been pretty crazy, and that there has been bad weather around Sydney and the Hunter region, with more rain than they've had for a long long time.  
We hadn't seen snow for a long long time either, in our little town in the Tablelands, yet we had up tp 2 foot last week, and check out the forecast for this week:

Monday: Cloudy, minimum 4, maximum 12  
Tuesday; Cloudy, snow from evening, minimum -1, maximum 9  
Wednesday: Cloudy, minimum -4, maximum 4 !!

I reckon we'll have all the heaters on !!

(Maybe we'll have to visit Ronaldo...)

;D

Cheers

Barry

Title: **Re: The Weather**  
Post by **boots** on **Jun 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 10:11am**

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come down to our part of Tassie mate the weathers' fine damp and 5c at night nice sunny days 15c ... some of the time, no snow here, only on the higher peaks.

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Title: **Re: The Weather**  
Post by **ColinS** on **Jun 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 10:25am**

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Boots, Tasmania is GODS territory, even when it's 5c and frosty it's still a great day, clear skies, at least you can see all the stars at night. Only been in Tassy 18 years from Sydney, and you would not catch me on that island to the north again for love nor money

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Title: **Re: The Weather**  
Post by **ronaldo** on **Jun 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 2:01pm**

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No good giving Ronaldo a visit. Past couple of nights it's been 7 degrees bayside and 2 degrees out Ipswich way. Have had the ducted aircon programmed to come on at 5am so its nice & warm when I make coffee. Getting a bit soft now. Soon I'll have a pair of slippers to wander round in! I'm getting older and to hell with the Ozone layer. I like my comforts too much.

Ron

Title: **Re: The Weather**  
Post by **Cyril Doc Rice** on **Jun 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 9:24pm**

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;)ColinS

You said "been in Tassy 18 years from Sydney,"

I thought we stopped sending convicts down there before that. :-/

Title: **Re: The Weather**  
Post by **Joe** on **Jun 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 5:36am**

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You bugga's are all mad...-4c : 2c : pleasant 5c - we might have a bit of rain in Sydney but a very low 10c at night means I keep the reverse cycle a/c on all the time - can't breathe below 15c or so!  
Might be crisp and clean up, upper, out and down your way but "It's Sydney For Me".

Chookas

Joe

Title: **Re: The Weather**  
Post by **boots** on **Jun 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 9:41am**

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Tasmania is the best country in the world, and I never did like Sydney, Manly was ok BUT Melbourne was better, so there.

Title: **Re: The Weather**  
Post by **ColinS** on **Jun 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 10:05am**

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The only good thing about Melbourne is the ferry south, or at a pinch the road north, west or the road anywhere as long it is out of Melbourne.

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Title: **Re: The Weather**  
Post by **boots** on **Jun 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 6:38pm**

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Thats how I got down this end and Im stayin. 8-)

Title: **Re: The Weather**  
Post by **KevinAbish** on **Jun 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 7:51pm**

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Well it is winter you know. One must expect the cold, the rain and snow in the places that get snow. Here in the back blocks of the Great Lakes NSW in the last two weeks we too have had our share of rain and cold. Not a lot of wind that does the damage. I do feel for those in the Hunter, Central Coast and Steak and Kidney or the big smoke as I usually call it.. Nothing worse then being flooded out, well perhpas fire you get nothing left. As for the looters they need a few strokes of the cat-o-ninetails. Bad enough for those people losing gear in a flood but to have some nutter come in and take what is left is something else.  
Still just a few days time it will be the shortest day of the year and days will be getting longer if not warmer for a few more months.

Cheers.

Title: **Re: The Weather**  
Post by **tromb123** on **Jun 19<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 4:46pm**

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At 1pm, was a shade above 4 here, now it's nearly 5, with snow now forecast over the next two days.  
Of course, I'm glad I'm not on the coast at the moment..

8-)

Title: **Re: The Weather**  
Post by **Joe** on **Jun 20<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 6:33am**

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Bit damp in Sydney but - hey - no smog!!!!  
Chookas  
Joe

Title: **Re: The Weather**  
Post by **ronaldo** on **Jun 20<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 7:53am**

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Joe

The weather cannot be too bad down there in Sydney. I see where you are up a lot earlier than me here in Brisbane. Your last post was at 6.33 and mine after 7.51. Down to 10 overnight here.

Ron

Post by **oldmech** on **Jun 20<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 8:08pm**

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They tell us here in this part of Queensland that it was -3 at some stage overnight with a windchill factor of -9.

It was a great night for a blanket show !!

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Title: **Re: The Weather**

Post by **boots** on **Jun 20<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 8:37pm**

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It looks a bit on the damp side north of the creek between Melbourne and devonport. hope you are all ok up there. :( :(

Title: **Re: The Weather**

Post by **lan\_McClure** on **Jun 21<sup>st</sup>, 2007, 8:22am**

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Hi all, 0 here in Greta(Hunter Valley) yesterday and today with a very strong westerly blowing. Yesterday it got up to 8 and that was in our laundry, but at least the sun is shining again.

lan

Title: **Re: The Weather**

Post by **birdiehandler** on **Jun 21<sup>st</sup>, 2007, 2:55pm**

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:( Here at Coolangatta, on the beautiful Gold Coast, it plummeted to 2.8 degrees at 3 am Wednesday morning. (20/6/07.) :-/

Title: **Re: The Weather**

Post by **ronaldo** on **Jun 21<sup>st</sup>, 2007, 8:03pm**

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What were you doing out of bed at that ungodly hour, have the middle watch or something? :(

Ron

Title: **Re: The Weather**

Post by **tromb123** on **Jun 28<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 10:08am**

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Tis snowing up here in the New England ranges....tis a beautiful sight..And no, you can't "see" it on the weather radar...

Title: **Re: The Weather**

Post by **birdiehandler** on **Jun 28<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 6:35pm**

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;D Middle Watch ??? what does that mean, I spent most of my days in pussers as Special Duties, never heard of those other watches. ::)

Title: **Re: The Weather**  
Post by **ColinS** on **Jun 28<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 7:06pm**

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[quote author=Joe link=1182036856/0#11 date=1182285193]Bit damp in Sydney but - hey - no smog!!!!  
Chookas  
Joe[/quote]  
Smog, what's that unheard of in Tassy, just clean pure air that you dont choke on down here  
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Title: **Re: The Weather**  
Post by **Joe** on **Jun 29<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 4:55am**

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ColinS - yeah I know mate - bit too pure for me. Pure cold air = no breathing!!! Rather do the crackly raspy wheezy thing I call breathing and be alive!!!!  
Chookas  
Joe

Title: **Re: The Weather**  
Post by **phil** on **Jun 29<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 7:25am**

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It's been different in the Whitsundays, rain for the last 3 weeks min 11 max 16.  
but today fine with a max of 22,thats better.  
Phil  
;)

Title: **Re: The Weather**  
Post by **ronaldo** on **Jun 29<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 7:56am**

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Phil  
  
That's not too bad, the weather up that-a-way, but how do you cope with with all those Victorian tourists that travel up there, this time of year?  
  
Ron

Title: **Re: The Weather**  
Post by **Joe** on **Jun 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 4:24am**

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I'd guess the Qlders just give them relief by the removal of the contents of their wallets!  
Chookas  
Joe

Title: **Re: The Weather**  
Post by **ronaldo** on **Jun 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 2:22pm**

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Yep, we will indeed look after your girls, wallet & watches for you, while you'r up this-a-way. Trust me, I'm a Birdie! ;)  
  
Ron

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Title: **Re: The Weather**  
Post by **tromb123** on **Jul 13<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 10:57pm**

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Was minus 7 the other night here, and climbed all the way up to 7 during the day.... 8-)

Title: **Re: The Weather**  
Post by **oldmech** on **Jul 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 7:54pm**

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Tromb,

Well mate you will live in those cold New England Tablelands !!!  
Have a Skype contact who had to travel from Melbourne up to Oakey for work, and he had spent time in Canberra over last winter.  
He reckons that Oakey can be as cold as any of them.  
NB. The Oakey Army Aviation Base is less than 20 miles the way the crow flies, NW of here.  
Grass Temp of -3 or -4 is common there.  
(Actually just checked Google Earth and it says less than 16 Miles, but let's not be pedantic about that.)

8-)ColIN

Title: **Re: The Weather**  
Post by **tromb123** on **Jul 19<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 8:27am**

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8am and it was still minus 4...Taking the wife to Armidale this morning...it's warmer there...they were only minus 2.5 at 8am...

8-)

Title: **Re: The Weather**  
Post by **ColinS** on **Jul 19<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 6:42pm**

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Beaconsfield Tas last night -2 very warm today 9 degrees and sunny, shorts weather  
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Title: **Re: The Weather**  
Post by **tromb123** on **Jul 19<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 10:59pm**

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Colin, at least the weather is keeping you and I alive!  
Either that, or everyone else has migrated to the Atherton Tablelands!!

8-)

Title: **Re: The Weather**  
Post by **tromb123** on **Jul 19<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 11:40pm**

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Well, you know...that could be right...maybe there is no internet up there....sad...maybe I'll never hear from anyone again...then again, maybe they're all off fishing...

Title: **Re: The Weather**  
Post by **Cyril Doc Rice** on **Jul 21<sup>st</sup>, 2007, 9:42am**

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:o

Br-r-r-r-r-r

T was The Glacial Times in Gympie yesterday morning as Cooloola shivered its way to an icy minus 4.3 degrees Celsius, breaking the record for the lowest minimum temperature recorded since continuous weather monitoring began.

From the Gympie Times this morning :P

Title: **Re: The Weather**  
Post by **Richmond Derham** on **Jul 21<sup>st</sup>, 2007, 5:15pm**

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Oh well.....The ice age returns,its a warm 15 deg here in the west today.maybe ice tommorow.....ha ha ha.

Title: **Re: The Weather**  
Post by **Cyril Doc Rice** on **Jul 21<sup>st</sup>, 2007, 6:55pm**

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*Richmond Derham wrote:*

Oh well.....The ice age returns,its a warm 15 deg here in the west today.maybe ice tommorow.....ha ha ha. :-/

8-)Where's that global warming that they are all talking about [smiley=vrolijk\_1.gif]

Another cold night again to-night.....good night folks Br-r-r-r-r :P

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### General >> Bulletin Board >> Quickmatch & Vampire in Vietnam

<http://fesrassociation.com/cgi-bin/yabb2/YaBB.pl?num=1185228367>

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**Message started by Yogi\_Bear on Jul 24<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 8:06am**

Title: **Quickmatch & Vampire in Vietnam**  
Post by **Yogi\_Bear** on **Jul 24<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 8:06am**

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A quote from the Vietnam Nominal Roll. <http://www.vietnamroll.gov.au/>

*Quote:*

The Department of Veterans' Affairs intends to include on the website the names of the crews of HMA Ships Quickmatch and Vampire. These two ships visited Siagon during the period 25 to 29 January 1962, and those personnel assigned for service during this period have been granted operational service under the Vietnam Veterans Entitlement Act 1986. However, the ships' lists for this period have been lost and the crew lists are incomplete. If you served on HMA Ships Quickmatch and Vampire during this period please send your details to [nominal.rolls@dva.gov.au](mailto:nominal.rolls@dva.gov.au) or telephone (Local call charge).

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### General >> Bulletin Board >> NEWSFLASH:MERDEKA DAY CELEBRATION 2007

<http://fesrassociation.com/cgi-bin/yabb2/YaBB.pl?num=1184708752>

Message started by Bob Witt on Jul 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 7:45am

Title: **NEWSFLASH:MERDEKA DAY CELEBRATION 2007**

Post by **Bob Witt** on Jul 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 7:45am

For all those interested this notice appeared on the Naval Association's Website today

Naval Association of Australia

National President

Dear Sir,

MERDEKA DAY CELEBRATION 2007

1. Please be informed that the Government of Malaysia have decided to invite foreign veterans (from UK, Australia and NZ) to the 50th Merdeka Celebration. Besides that a number of veterans will be involved in the parade but the figures are yet to be decided by the Malaysian Veterans Affairs Department. However those veterans and family members not involved in the marching parade will be allocated an area as spectators. Tentatively, those required to be in the parade will be required for the rehearsal on 29 Aug 07. The broad program is as follows:

a. 29 Augu 07 (Wed)

AM - Arrive KLIA

- check in hotel

PM - Reception dinner and Awarding of PJM by Deputy Prime Minister who is also the Defence Minister (Venur Hotel TBC)

B. 30 aUG 07 (tHUR)

am - Visit National Monument, Wardieburn Camp and the Christian Cemetery in Cheras.

Noon - Free.

Evening - 'Ambang Merdeka' (Welcoming of the Independence) at 'Dataran Merdeka (former Selangor Club Field) This is a free/ individual activity. HOwever transport will be provided from the hotel.

c. 31 Aug 07 (Fri)

AM - Merdeka Parade at 'Dataran Merdeka' (in front of the Selangor Club).

PM - Free.

d. 1 September 07 (Sat)

Program by Veterans Dept (TBN)

2. PLease note that:

a. Reception and facilitation will be organised at the KLIA on arrival/departure.

b. Transport will be provided from airport to Hotel on departure.

c. You need to make your own travel arrangement into Malaysia and accommodation.

d. Prefereably the whole delegation are to stay at the same hotel of your choice for ease of transport arrangement.

e. Tentatively the venue for the award ceremony will be either at Dorsett Regency Hotel or Nikko Hotel or Renaissance Hotel. It will be confirmed later.

f. All veterans and family members will be allocated a designated area as spectators only during the Merdeka Parade on 31 Aug 07.

g. With effect from 2 Sep 07 onwards you will be treated as a normal tourise in Malaysia (no assistance from Ministry of Defence).

h. 6 liaison officers will be allocated to each country.

3. So far this office have communicated with RSL in WA, National President of North Malaya Bornea Veteran Association, National President FESR, Navy Association and to some of the individual veterans (those who had enquired from this office individually).



respond is much more appreciated so as to facilitate the relevant agency in Malaysia to have ample time to react accordingly.

Thank you.

Abdullah Karim  
Col  
Defence Adviser  
Malaysian High Commission  
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OTU,  
Cheers,  
Les

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Title: **Re: NEWSFLASH:MERDEKA DAY CELEBRATION 2007**  
Post by **DeeCee** on **Jul 31<sup>st</sup>, 2007, 12:07am**

Why wasn't this pushed around more more on this site. I know of only one guy going, and thousands of us served there. From what he has told me he got a great deal. he has known about it for months. I don't know where he initially got this info from. Finding out about it so close to the date doesn't give a lot of us time to plan. I personally think that it has been given very poor coverage .  
>:(

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Title: **Re: NEWSFLASH:MERDEKA DAY CELEBRATION 2007**  
Post by **DeeCee** on **Jul 31<sup>st</sup>, 2007, 12:11am**

Why wasn't this site posted in IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS. where it should of been. No offence meant to you Bob

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Title: **Re: NEWSFLASH:MERDEKA DAY CELEBRATION 2007**  
Post by **Bob Witt** on **Jul 31<sup>st</sup>, 2007, 2:19pm**

For those interested the following [http://www.nmbva.co.uk/from\\_colonel\\_paw\\_edwards\\_mbe.htm](http://www.nmbva.co.uk/from_colonel_paw_edwards_mbe.htm) will give you an insight to NMBVA UK program

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Title: **Re: NEWSFLASH:MERDEKA DAY CELEBRATION 2007**  
Post by **boots** on **Aug 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007, 2:11pm**

anyone going from our mob :-??



Title: **Re: NEWSFLASH:MERDEKA DAY CELEBRATION 2007**

Post by **tromb123** on **Aug 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007, 5:53pm**

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I'm going down the 'Ex-servies' Friday night...you're all welcome...

:) :)

Title: **Re: NEWSFLASH:MERDEKA DAY CELEBRATION 2007**

Post by **Bob Witt** on **Aug 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2007, 6:32am**

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Boots,

As nothing has been posted I would say "No" to both officially and privately, it was discussed at the last Qld general meeting but no decision was reached due to the time frame involved. To answer Des the reason I posted this on the Bulletin Board and not the Important Announcements Board is that that board is for Messages posted by the FESR National Executive.

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#### **General >> Bulletin Board >> A Quotation**

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**Message started by ronaldo on Aug 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2007, 7:51am**

Title: **A Quotation**

Post by **ronaldo** on **Aug 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2007, 7:51am**

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"24 hours in a day, 24 beers in a case. Coincidence?

I think not."

~ Stephen Wright

WARNING: The consumption of alcohol may cause you to think you can sing.

Ron

Title: **Re: A Quotation**

Post by **tromb123** on **Aug 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2007, 9:51am**

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I wondered why people were complaining about my singing....

;D

Title: **Re: A Quotation**

Post by **Cyril Doc Rice** on **Aug 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2007, 1:14pm**

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*tromb123 wrote:*

I wondered why people were complaining about my singing...

;D

Barry

Move over Caruso, Tauber, Gigli, Pavarotti, Nelson Eddy, Mario Lanza and others

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Title: **Re: A Quotation**

Post by **ronaldo** on **Aug 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2007, 3:25pm**

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And saving the best for last, as explained by Cliff Clavin, of Cheers. One afternoon at Cheers, Cliff Clavin was explaining the Buffalo Theory to his buddy Norm.

Here's how it went:

"Well ya see, Norm, it's like this... A herd of buffalo can only move as fast as the slowest buffalo. And when the herd is hunted, it is the slowest and weakest ones at the back that are killed first This natural selection is good for the herd as a whole, because the general speed and health of the whole group keeps improving by the regular killing of the weakest members.

In much the same way, the human brain can only operate as fast as the slowest brain cells. Excessive intake of alcohol, as we know, kills brain cells. But naturally, it attacks the slowest and weakest brain cells first. In this way, regular consumption of beer eliminates the weaker brain cells, making the brain a faster and more efficient machine. That's why you always feel smarter after a few beers."

WARNING: The consumption of alcohol may make you think you are whispering when you are not.

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Title: **Re: A Quotation**

Post by **Cyril Doc Rice** on **Aug 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2007, 4:59pm**

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;)Ron

You said....."regular consumption of beer eliminates the weaker brain cells, making the brain a faster and more efficient machine. That's why you always feel smarter after a few beers."

I'll drink to that ::)

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Title: **Re: A Quotation**

Post by **tromb123** on **Aug 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2007, 6:18pm**

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'O sole,  
'o sole mio,  
sta 'nfronte a te...  
sta 'nfronte a te!

8-)

Title: **Re: A Quotation**  
Post by **Cyril Doc Rice** on **Aug 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2007, 9:25pm**

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*tromb123 wrote:*

'O sole,  
'o sole mio,  
sta 'nfronte a te...  
sta 'nfronte a te!

8-)

:-/

'En I'm....HIC!!.. ;) not az thunk as drinkle pink I am ;D

Title: **Re: A Quotation**  
Post by **ronaldo** on **Aug 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007, 7:52am**

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You blokes are not the only ones that have shown the effects by singing. Look what happened to this bloke.....

"I feel sorry for people who don't drink. When they wake up in the morning, that's as good as they're going to feel all day. "  
~Frank Sinatra

WARNING: The consumption of alcohol may create the illusion that you are tougher, smarter, faster and better looking than most people.

Title: **Re: A Quotation**  
Post by **Paul** on **Aug 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007, 8:41am**

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I was once told I had a drinking problem . I replied "I know . because I can't get enough down my throat."

I was then told that I should join alcoholics anonymous . I said "no way . I didn't want to drink with strangers I only want to drink with my mates..."

Cheers  
Paul

Title: **Re: A Quotation**  
Post by **ronaldo** on **Aug 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007, 2:53pm**

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"When I read about the evils of drinking, I gave up reading."  
~ Henny Youngman

WARNING: The consumption of alcohol may lead you to think people are laughing WITH you.

Title: **Re: A Quotation**  
Post by **ronaldo** on **Aug 4<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 8:36am**

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A 2007 study found that the average Australian walks about 900 miles a year.

Another study found that Australians drink an average of 22 gallons of beer a year.

That means, on average, Australians get about 41 miles per gallon."

Not bad eh! ::)

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Title: **Re: A Quotation**

Post by **Cyril Doc Rice** on **Aug 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 3:36pm**

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Ron

And not to forget

Work is the curse of the drinking class :o :P

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Title: **Re: A Quotation**

Post by **boots** on **Aug 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 5:51pm**

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only drink Orange juice :( :o :-? :-[ :D ;D[color=#ff3300]][/color]

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Title: **Re: A Quotation**

Post by **ronaldo** on **Aug 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 8:38pm**

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Sorry Boots for forgetting you and knowing that you enjoy the juice of a good orange :D

**Harvey Wallbanger**

2 Shots   Vodka

0.5 Shot   Galliano

**6 Shots   Orange Juice** [smiley=beer.gif]

Liquid volume = 212.5ml\*

Alcohol by volume (ABV) = 11.2%\*

\* Please note: Volume and ABV values are approximations only.

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Title: **Re: A Quotation**

Post by **boots** on **Aug 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 11:44pm**

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great stuff, thanks! :P

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Title: **Re: A Quotation**

Post by **ronaldo** on **Aug 6<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 7:32am**

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Down a few of those at 11.2% and you will probably end up under the affluence of incohol. Must be the oranges that give the drink those percentage points ;)

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Title: **Re: A Quotation**

Post by **Cyril Doc Rice** on **Aug 6<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 8:44am**

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;)

Boots and Ron

Sounds like a good anti-flu tonic to me :P

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Title: **Re: A Quotation**

Post by **boots** on **Aug 6<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 9:30am**

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I think the orange juice could be the problem.

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### **General >> Bulletin Board >> CEREMONY TO MARK LOSS OF M24 JAPANESE MIDGET SUBMA**

<http://fesrassociation.com/cgi-bin/yabb2/YaBB.pl?num=1186432982>

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**Message started by Bob Witt on Aug 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 6:43am**

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Title: **CEREMONY TO MARK LOSS OF M24 JAPANESE MIDGET SUBMA**

Post by **Bob Witt** on **Aug 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 6:43am**

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A memorial service was held at 10:30am on Monday 6 August 2007 for the relatives of the submariners who died when the World War Two Japanese Midget submarine, the M24, was lost at sea. At the HMAS KUTTABUL memorial site, Garden Island, Fleet Base East in Sydney. Enter through the main gate at the intersection of Cowper Wharf Road and Wylde Street, Woolloomooloo. Photographic identification will be required.

The Minister for Veterans Affairs and Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence, Mr Bruce Billson MP, the Chief of Navy, Vice Admiral Russ Shalders, and the Commander Australian Fleet, Rear Admiral Nigel Coates, will attend the Ceremony along with the Japanese Ambassador to Australia, HE Mer Hideaki Ueda, and Japanese Defence Attaché, Captain Kazushige Nagai. The relatives of the Japanese submariners will also be attendance.

During the memorial service, there will be a parade by 150 members of the Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force (JMSDF) Training Squadron. The memorial service will be followed by a private viewing of Japanese Midget submarine artifacts at the Naval Heritage Centre then an at-sea ceremony at the site of the M24 off the Northern Beaches. Due to limited places available on HMAS Melbourne, which will be conducting the at-sea ceremony, special arrangements have been put in place for media coverage. Selected media to attend the second memorial service will be: Defence Media Liaison: 02 6265 3343 or 0408 498 664

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### **General >> Bulletin Board >> Mathematics**

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**Message started by ronaldo on Aug 8<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 8:57am**

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Title: **Mathematics**

Post by **ronaldo** on **Aug 8<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 8:57am**

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During our electrical engineering courses we were always taught that everyting could be proved in radio theory by mathematics and there were mathematic formulae which we used to prove

having now retired, I am still in the habit of messing around with maths., done a few sums and have found that the following formula applies..... :-/

This is a strictly mathematical viewpoint...it goes like this: Please insert an 'S' where an '\*\*' is shown

What Makes 100%?

What does it mean to give MORE than 100%?

Ever wonder about those people who say they are giving more than 100%?

We have all been to those meetings where someone wants you to give over 100%.

How about achieving 103%?

What makes up 100% in life?

Here's a little mathematical formula that might help you answer these questions:

If:

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

is represented as:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26.

Then:

H-A-R-D-W-O-R-K

$8+1+18+4+23+15+18+11 = 98\%$

and

K-N-O-W-L-E-D-G-E

$11+14+15+23+12+5+4+7+5 = 96\%$

But ,

A-T-T-I-T-U-D-E

$1+20+20+9+20+21+4+5 = 100\%$

And,

B-U-L-L-<sup>\*</sup>H-I-T

$2+21+12+12+19+8+9+20 = 103\%$

AND, look how far a\*\* kissing will take you.

A-<sup>\*</sup>-<sup>\*</sup>K-I-S-S-I-N-G

$1+19+19+11+9+19+19+9+14+7 = 118\%$

So, one can conclude with mathematical certainty that While Hard work and Knowledge will get you close, and Attitude will get you there, it's the Bull\*hit and A\*\* kissing that will put you over the top.

"REMEMBER SOME PEOPLE ARE  
ALIVE SIMPLY BECAUSE IT IS  
ILLEGAL TO SHOOT THEM

I'm not mad but some may say that I am a blade short in my propellor! ;D

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### General >> Bulletin Board >> A couple of Definitions....

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**Message started by ronaldo on Aug 8<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 9:17am**

Title: **A couple of Definitions...**  
Post by **ronaldo** on **Aug 8<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 9:17am**

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**ADULT:**

A person who has stopped growing at both ends and is now growing in the middle.

**BEAUTY PARLOR:**

A place where women curl up and dye.

**CANNIBAL:**

Someone who is fed up with people.

**CHICKENS:**

The only animals you eat before they are born and after they are dead.

**COMMITTEE:**

A body that keeps minutes and wastes hours.

**DUST:**

Mud with the juice squeezed out.

**EGOTIST:**

Someone who is usually me-deep in conversation.

**INFLATION:**

Cutting money in half without damaging the paper.

**MOSQUITO:**

An insect that makes you like flies better.

**RAISIN:**

Grape with a sunburn.

**SECRET:**

Something you tell to one person at a time.

**TOOTHACHE:**

The pain that drives you to extraction.

**TOMORROW:**

One of the greatest labor-saving devices of today.

**YAWN:**

An honest opinion openly expressed.

MY Personal Favorite!!

**WRINKLES:**

Something other people have. I have character lines.

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### **General >> Bulletin Board >> Whodunit?**

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**Message started by ronaldo on Aug 8<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 9:25am**

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Title: **Whodunit?**  
Post by **ronaldo** on **Aug 8<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 9:25am**

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A good murder mystery...

Do you like to read a good murder mystery? Not even Law & Order would attempt to capture this mess. This is an unbelievable twist of fate!!!!

At the 1994 annual awards dinner given for Forensic Science, AAFS President Dr Don Harper Mills astounded his audience with the legal complications of a bizarre death.

Here is the story: -----

On March 23, 1994... the medical examiner viewed the body of Ronald Opus, and concluded that he died from a shotgun wound to the head. Mr. Opus had jumped from the top of a ten-story building intending to commit suicide. He left a note to the effect indicating his despondency. As he fell past the 9th floor, his life was interrupted by a shotgun blast passing through a window, which killed him instantly.

Neither the shooter nor the deceased was aware that a safety net had been installed just below the 8th floor level to protect some building workers and that Ronald Opus would not have been able to complete his suicide the way he had planned.

"Ordinarily," Dr Mills continued, "Someone who sets out to commit suicide and ultimately succeeds, even though the mechanism might not be what he intended, is still defined as committing suicide." That Mr. Opus was shot on the way to certain death, but probably would not have been successful because of the safety net, caused the medical examiner to feel that he had a homicide on his hands. The room on the 9th floor, where the shotgun blast emanated, was occupied by an elderly man and his wife.

They were arguing vigorously, and he was threatening her with a shotgun!

The man was so upset that when he pulled the trigger, he completely missed his wife, and the pellets went through the window, striking Mr. Opus. When one intends to kill subject "A" but kills subject "B" in the attempt, one is guilty of the murder of subject "B." When confronted with the murder charge, the old man and his wife were both adamant, and both said that they thought the shotgun was not loaded. The old man said it was a long-standing habit to threaten his wife with the unloaded shotgun. He had no intention to murder her. Therefore the killing of Mr. Opus appeared to be an accident; that is, assuming the gun had been accidentally loaded.

The continuing investigation turned up a witness who saw the old couple's son loading the shotgun about six weeks prior to the fatal accident.

It transpired that the old lady had cut off her son's financial support and the son, knowing the propensity of his father to use the shotgun threateningly, loaded the gun with the expectation that his father would shoot his mother.

Since the loader of the gun was aware of this, he was guilty of the murder even though he didn't actually pull the trigger. The case now becomes one of murder on the part of the son for the death of Ronald Opus.

Now comes the exquisite twist...

Further investigation revealed that the son was, in fact, Ronald Opus.

He had become increasingly despondent over the failure of his attempt to engineer his mother's murder. This led him to jump off the ten-story building on March 23rd, only to be killed by a shotgun blast passing through the 9th story window. The son, Ronald Opus, had actually murdered himself. So the medical examiner closed the case as a suicide.

A true story from Associated Press

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**General >> Bulletin Board >> Regards Dissibility pension**

<http://fesrassociation.com/cgi-bin/yabb2/YaBB.pl?num=1187134869>

**Message started by Bronco on Aug 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 9:41am**

Title: **Regards Dissibility pension**

Post by **Bronco on Aug 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 9:41am**

Hi

There is still a lot of Veterans out there who served in WW11 who dont know that they are entitled to claim a dissibility pension for service related health probleme. Any man or women who had continuous service in WW11 even if they did not serve in a combat area are entitled to put in a claim if they can relate their health problem to service. The same goes for any man or woman who had three years continuous service between 1972 and 1992 even if they did not serve in a combat area are entitled to claim any health problems that they can relate to service so if you know anyone please tell them to see an advocate straight away.

Regards Bronco Advocate Pension Officer

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**General >> Bulletin Board >> ENHANCED NOMINAL ROLL OF VIETNAM VETERANS**

<http://fesrassociation.com/cgi-bin/yabb2/YaBB.pl?num=1187328058>

**Message started by lan\_McClure on Aug 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 3:20pm**

Title: **ENHANCED NOMINAL ROLL OF VIETNAM VETERANS**

Post by **lan\_McClure on Aug 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 3:20pm**

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ENHANCED NOMINAL ROLL OF VIETNAM VETERANS LAUNCHED ON VIETNAM VETERANS' DAY

An enhanced online Nominal Roll of Vietnam Veterans with more information and improved search features is being launched tomorrow by the Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Bruce Billson.

The Roll replaces an interim roll that had been on the Internet for some time.

Mr Billson said it was appropriate to launch the enhanced Roll—[www.vietnamroll.gov.au](http://www.vietnamroll.gov.au)—this Saturday, Vietnam Veterans' Day.

"On Vietnam Veterans' Day we honour the more than 60,000 Australians deployed to Vietnam and the 520 who were lost to us forever," he said. "I urge all Australians to stop and remember the service and sacrifice of our Vietnam veterans."

Mr Billson said work on the enhanced Roll had been a significant undertaking by the Department of Veterans' Affairs. "My Department has manually checked around 61,000 service records and thousands of other service-related documents from different states, territories and government agencies to further develop the Roll," he said.

“The enhanced Roll can be searched by service number and name, by unit name, dates of service in Vietnam as well as date of birth, place of birth, and Honours and Awards received.

“Users can print a Certificate of Service for each veteran and view a photo of each of the 520 official commemorations of those who died in the Vietnam War.”

Mr Billson said it was possible that some details for about 1500 veterans may not be complete, although each of these veterans was on the Nominal Roll. “We have around 97 per cent of the details completed and the remainder will be progressively included,” Mr Billson said.

“Every effort has been made to ensure the data on the Roll is correct, but this has been a complex undertaking and if veterans find errors they should also contact the Department so they can be corrected.”

In publishing this Nominal Roll, the Department has honoured previous undertakings given to veterans who wished their entry to be suppressed or partially suppressed. Other veterans who do not wish to have their details displayed on the website can request, in writing, that some, or all, of those details not be included by contacting the Nominal Rolls Team via email at [nominal.rolls@dva.gov.au](mailto:nominal.rolls@dva.gov.au) or by calling 1300 780 133 (local call charge).

Mr Billson encouraged Australians to reflect on the contribution and sacrifice of Vietnam veterans during Vietnam Veterans' Day commemorations.

“This date was chosen to commemorate Vietnam Veterans' Day because it was the date of one of Australia's most costly victories of the Vietnam War, the Battle of Long Tan.

“On 18 August 1966, Australian soldiers from D Company 6th Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment, encountered the leading elements of an enemy force that was about 3000-strong in a rubber plantation north of the village of Long Tan,” Mr Billson said.

“Outnumbered by at least ten to one, but supported by the artillery of the 1st Australian Task Force, the Australians held firm with a remarkable display of courage and determination until a relief force arrived. During that fateful battle, 18 Australians lost their lives and 24 others were wounded, while around 245 North Vietnamese died, with as many as 500 wounded.

“Tomorrow, we remember all those who paid the ultimate price in that conflict and we thank the veterans who came home, having served their country.”

Media inquiries: Cameron Hill 0408 239 521

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### General >> Bulletin Board >> Carrier training for our pilots

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**Message started by Bob Witt on Aug 21<sup>st</sup>, 2007, 7:01am**

Title: **Carrier training for our pilots**  
Post by **Bob Witt** on **Aug 21<sup>st</sup>, 2007, 7:01am**

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select handful of Royal Australian Air Force instructors will be chosen for lessons on how to land on US aircraft carriers flying the new F/A-18F Super Hornet fighter. The plan, which could eventually lead to participation in US carrier-based operations, marks the first time Australian pilots have flown off aircraft carriers since the retirement of the navy's flagship carrier HMAS Melbourne in 1982. The carrier training underscores the rapidly evolving military partnership between the US and Australian military. Senior US navy sources said the relationship was likely to involve an increasing convergence in training and tactics between the RAAF's fast jets and their US equivalent.

RAAF Flight Lieutenant John Haly will become the first Australian air force pilot to become carrier-qualified when he attempts his toughest flying skills test later this year. Asked to clarify RAAF Super Hornet training, Defence Minister Brendan Nelson said yesterday: "There is no plan for RAAF pilots to undertake training in aircraft carrier landings." The official government line contradicts briefings provided to The Australian by senior US military officials at Lemoore Naval Air Station in California that other RAAF "Top Gun" instructor pilots are expected to follow Flight Lieutenant Haly and be provided with carrier training. Full-scale Super Hornet training for RAAF air crew starts in the US in 2009.

"We've got him (Flight Lieutenant Haly) driving on the right side of the road so we figure he's trainable," said Lemoore-based Commander Art "Kato" Delacruz, executive officer of Strike Fighter Squadron VFA-122.

The RAAF is buying 24 F/A-18F Block-2 Super Hornets for \$6 billion to maintain its air combat capability between the phasing out of the ageing F-111 fleet in 2010 and the introduction of the delayed fifth-generation F-35 Joint Strike Fighter in 2013. Despite criticism of the deal in Australia, US Navy aviators say the the Block-2 Super Hornet is the world's most capable multi-role combat aircraft. Australia is acquiring a virtually identical aircraft to the one currently operated by the US Navy, with the first four aircraft scheduled for delivery in early 2010 and final delivery in late 2011.

Boeing, the manufacturer of the Super Hornet, says the Australian version will be equipped with enough technology for the aircraft to remain a formidable asset for the next 20 years. During a briefing at the weekend, Flight Lieutenant Haly said it took only five hours' flying time for an F/A-18C pilot trained on a "Classic Hornet" to become familiar with the new Super Hornet. Acquiring the tactical skills to take advantage of the jet's massive capabilities would take considerably longer, he said.

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### General >> Bulletin Board >> Warship fires on poacher

<http://fesrassociation.com/cgi-bin/yabb2/YaBB.pl?num=1187749617>

**Message started by lan\_McClure on Aug 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2007, 12:26pm**

Title: **Warship fires on poacher**  
Post by **lan\_McClure** on **Aug 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2007, 12:26pm**

Hi all, about time they started getting tough on these poachers.  
starvo

<http://www.smh.com.au/news/national/warship-fires-on-poacher/2007/08/22/1187462317552.html>

Title: **Re: Warship fires on poacher**  
Post by **tromb123** on **Aug 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2007, 12:37pm**

They had to ring to get permission to open fire???

"Ring ring" "The person you are trying to contact is not available..." "Oh well...guess we can throw the machettes back at them..."

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Think about it.

Title: **Re: Warship fires on poacher**  
Post by **boots** on **Aug 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2007, 6:54pm**

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It does sound a bit bloody stupid don't it.

Title: **Re: Warship fires on poacher**  
Post by **Richmond Derham** on **Aug 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2007, 11:06pm**

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And this same government wants to bring in more iraqies.....etc etc, a new game is about to hit the stores soon!!! called spot the aussie. :-/ >:(

What a load of crap, This government has already sold us out.

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**General >> Bulletin Board >> Why you didn't receive that letter.....**

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**Message started by ronaldo on Aug 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2007, 1:59pm**

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Title: **Why you didn't receive that letter.....**  
Post by **ronaldo** on **Aug 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2007, 1:59pm**

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Title: **Re: Why you didn't receive that letter.....**  
Post by **Cyril Doc Rice** on **Aug 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2007, 2:35pm**

:o :o :o

Better check to see if you have a dial tone as well.....telecom cables are usually about a foot underground :-/ :-/

Title: **Re: Why you didn't receive that letter.....**  
Post by **sluggo** on **Aug 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2007, 2:47pm**

looks like a bit of a set-up to me,,,regards,,,Shep

Title: **Re: Why you didn't receive that letter.....**  
Post by **Bob Witt** on **Aug 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2007, 7:33pm**

Definitely not Brisbane all that green stuff ::)

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### **General >> Bulletin Board >> Green light at last for R.N.Super Carriers**

<http://fesrassociation.com/cgi-bin/yabb2/YaBB.pl?num=1186698456>

**Message started by Bob Witt on Aug 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 8:27am**

Title: **Green light at last for R.N.Super Carriers**  
Post by **Bob Witt** on **Aug 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 8:27am**

AFTER a decade of planning, years of longing, and months of uncertainty and rumour, the Government has committed itself to the cornerstone of Britain's Armed Forces for the next half century. First Sea Lord Admiral Sir Jonathon Band said the decision to invest almost £4bn in HMS Queen Elizabeth and Prince of Wales – two 'super-carriers' three times the size of Britain's current flat-tops – ensured his Service would "continue to be one of the great navies of the world". The investment, announced by Defence Secretary Des Browne to Parliament, also guillotined uncertainty which surrounded not just the carrier project, but also the fate of Britain's naval bases – especially Portsmouth.

Admiral Band categorically stated that the carriers and their Type 45 destroyer escorts would be based in Portsmouth, whose future was guaranteed – as were the futures of Devonport and Faslane. Whitehall says it needs all three ports for the foreseeable future – although a review will continue to see how to make best use of the bases, their facilities and spare capacity. The First Sea Lord hailed the double announcement as "a very big day for defence and for the Royal Navy". He continued: "This is a powerful statement by a world player. We intend to have a powerful navy in the future – we are a player on the world scene." There has been a lot of uncertainty. What is the future of the dockyards? Will we get these carriers?

"This decision means that Portsmouth has a very exciting future as a base for the Royal Navy – and the Royal Navy has a great future, something Nelson would have liked." Whitehall has already spent £300m on designing the two carriers, which were first outlined as cornerstones of Britain's military policy in the Strategic Defence Review of 1998. Work on the ships will be spread around the UK with BAE Systems enjoying the lion's share of the work at Barrow and on the Clyde, with the remainder carried out in Portsmouth by the VT Group, by Babcock in Rosyth, and by Thales.

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Title: **Re: Green light at last for R.N.Super Carriers**  
Post by **tromb123** on **Aug 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 5:19pm**

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"Hands to scran". "Scran is in the aft cafeteria today, and a bus will be departing shortly, arriving at the junior sailor's cafeteria in around an hour's time".  
Are these ships big or what?

:-?

Title: **Re: Green light at last for R.N.Super Carriers**  
Post by **ronaldo** on **Aug 11<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 7:25am**

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:( :( :( I miss our fixed wing operations!

Ron

Title: **Re: Green light at last for R.N.Super Carriers**  
Post by **Cyril Doc Rice** on **Aug 11<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 9:50am**

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*ronaldo wrote:*

:( :( :( I miss our fixed wing operations!

Ron

;D Yair you old bugger

I bet you miss the one the Wright Bros. made for ya!!.....Hee Heeee :)

Title: **Re: Green light at last for R.N.Super Carriers**  
Post by **ronaldo** on **Aug 11<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 7:30pm**

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Tromb 123

Mate in answer to your question....

The new UK CVF Royal Navy aircraft carriers, HMS Queen Elizabeth and HMS Prince of Wales, are expected to enter service in 2012 and 2015.

"CVF carriers HMS Queen Elizabeth and HMS Prince of Wales, are expected to enter service in 2012 and 2015."

The design continues to evolve but CVF is expected to displace 55,000t to 65,000t, a size between the USA's 100,000t Nimitz class and the French 43,000t Charles de Gaulle class aircraft carriers, and three times larger than the 20,000t UK Invincible class carriers.

The carrier will have a maximum speed of 25kt. At 15kt the range is 10,000nm and the ship carries food, fuel and stores for an endurance of seven days between replenishments. Each ship will have a complement of typically 1,200, including 600 aircrew.

Further the CVF designation represents....

C= Carrier

V= Fixed wing aircraft

F= The British next generation carrier. ie. F stands for 'Future'.

No doubt Barry, one would presume that each would sport a Marine Band on board ;)

Ron

Title: **Re: Green light at last for R.N.Super Carriers**

Post by **ronaldo** on **Aug 11<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 7:56pm**

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Just adding a bit more after a bit of 'Googling' which may be of interest

The operational strategy for the carriers suggests that one carrier will be available at all times for high intensity, time-sensitive strike operations, a role known formally as Carrier Strike. The strike role will be undertaken by an air wing of up to 40 Joint Combat Aircraft (strike) – very likely to be United States' F-35 Lightning II Joint Strike Fighter (JSF) – plus rotary wing craft. The strike aircraft capability also can provide air defence and close air support for other British forces, both at sea and on land.

The second carrier will be roled as a platform for deploying helicopters and ground troops. In the case of helicopters, the new carriers are likely to be able to operate the UK's Apache, Merlin and Sea King helicopters, as well as future helicopter programmes and craft such as the US Marine Corps' VF-22 Osprey. Indeed, only recently the Royal Navy's carrier HMS Illustrious embarked USMC Harriers and Ospreys during an exercise off the East Coast of the US. The second carrier will share the helicopter role with the Royal Navy's other floating airfield, the Landing Platform Helicopter (LPH) carrier HMS Ocean. Having three 'flat-topped' platforms in the cycle will enable the UK to meet both the strike and helicopter roles, even if one platform is unavailable.

The full project can be found here & makes some interesting reading as there are more details.

<http://www.google.com.au/search?hl=en&q=CVF+Type+of+Aircraft+Royal+Navy&meta=>

Ron

Title: **Re: Green light at last for R.N.Super Carriers**

Post by **tromb123** on **Aug 11<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 9:34pm**

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If we got rid of all the planes, we could have MASSED Royal Marine Bands.....

;D ;D

Title: **Re: Green light at last for R.N.Super Carriers**  
Post by **ronaldo** on **Aug 12<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 8:53am**

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Don't be like that Trombie. You cannot get rid of us Birdies that easy! ;D

A bit of interesting history & even 'Ducky' Drake got involved with them somehow!

The origins of the Royal Marines Band Service go back to the days of Drake and Hawkins when drummers signalled the 'changing watches' or 'beat the men to quarters'. In the six companies of the Duke of York and Albany's Regiment of Foot - the forerunners of the Royal Marines - which were raised in 1664 - the Colour and the Drum provided a rallying point in close battle. This is why even today it is the drums and bugles of the Royal Marines Buglers Branch which lead the band on parade.

The Branch has its own distinct identity. It has a different uniform - buglers wear a thin red stripe down their trousers as opposed to the broad stripe worn by musicians.

Ron

Title: **Re: Green light at last for R.N.Super Carriers**  
Post by **boots** on **Aug 12<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 7:18pm**

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very interesting, I didn't know that, I was a QA. and they are dead and gone now. :( :( :(

Title: **Re: Green light at last for R.N.Super Carriers**  
Post by **tromb123** on **Aug 12<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 8:23pm**

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Nothing to do with carriers, but talking of drums and bugles, I was interested to learn that recently the RAN DOM purchased 4 bugles, 3 of which which have been engraved with the names of the 3 Naval Reserves and the 4th with a tribute to the C.O. and men of the submarine that transported them to operation RIMAU. Able seaman Huston is the only one who's body has not been found.

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Title: **Re: Green light at last for R.N.Super Carriers**  
Post by **ronaldo** on **Aug 13<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 8:06am**

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That is also interesting trombie. Still off the topic, Op Jaywick was so named because of the stench of public toilets & open sewers in Singers during WW2. To get rid of the smell, they used a disinfectant named 'Jaywick', so named after the the English disinfectant, 'Airwick'!

Boots

Was a Queens Armourer the same as a Queens Kellick which I heard many moons ago was a rank bestowed by HM or His M, and was a rank for life?

Ron

Title: **Re: Green light at last for R.N.Super Carriers**  
Post by **Bob Witt** on **Aug 13<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 11:24am**

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Ron,  
I don't know about QA or QKellick but I have heard about P.O.Q :) ;):D ;D

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Title: **Re: Green light at last for R.N.Super Carriers**  
Post by **Cyril Doc Rice** on **Aug 13<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 2:45pm**

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;)Ron

;D ;D Before you P O Q, I remember the last time I saw the *Krait* it was bringing supplies out to us on the GBR while we were testing Ikara on the "Stuart". I think she is at the Naval Museum in Sydney 8-)

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Title: **Re: Green light at last for R.N.Super Carriers**  
Post by **oldmech** on **Aug 13<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 5:41pm**

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Boots,  
Didn't QA stand for Quartermaster Armourer?  
But I guess you can be a Queen Armourer if you like ;D ;D.  
Bit like all the rates I held whilst in the outfit. Stoker, Stoker Mechanic, Engineering Mechanic and Mechanician are all now defunct I believe. But at least I can lay claim to having been a sprayer punchin' Stoker for at least twelve months of my naval career.

;) :D 8-)

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Title: **Re: Green light at last for R.N.Super Carriers**  
Post by **Webmaster** on **Aug 13<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 9:13pm**

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Hi Old mech as the thread is changing here and there I hope you won't mind me asking - would you mind sending me a detailed description of what was involved in this activity - (punching sprayers - open front boilers that is) to my e mail address please - [rosco38@bigpond.com](mailto:rosco38@bigpond.com) - I have tried to describe to my chest physician that FFO was squirted into the boiler at whatever pressure and the reasons - even as a 'greenie' I have helped do this on occasion - and done boiler cleans -well the tubes anyway - I think it was 'Tina - in your opinion was there a risk of the FFO vapour mist getting back at us in front of the boilers? My Chest Physician has shown that not only did FFO contain Sulphur which is nasty but vanadium which is particularly so ..Curious - Thanks Regards Ross

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Title: **Re: Green light at last for R.N.Super Carriers**  
Post by **irish50561** on **Aug 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 4:42pm**

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Good one Bob, last month Brendon Nelson signed a \$3billion order for two giant amphiiious landing ships of 27.000 tonnes each. The two ships, of the Juan Carlos I design for the Spanish Navy will have a "ski-jump" ramp for vertical and short take-off and landing jets able to carry at least six such aircraft. The Australian version could carry the Harrier jump-jet strike fighter long in service with the RN, the US Marine Corps and the Spanish Navy, or the projected V/STOL varient of the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter in which Australia has invested heavily in as the next generation supersonic, stealth mainstay of the RAAF. Our long awaited flat-tops are looking good. Regards. Irish.

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Title: **Re: Green light at last for R.N.Super Carriers**  
Post by **maxformann** on **Aug 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 3:25am**

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Hi Guys, interesting thing to read on the web if you go to search hmas melbourne under disaster ship and scroll down you will see a photo of hmas melbourne and a up to date report that china is still using her as a training flight deck before building there own carrier

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Title: **Re: Green light at last for R.N.Super Carriers**  
Post by **boots** on **Aug 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 9:25am**

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In my days yous guys It was Quarters Armourer(Gunnery Branch) but there were one or two "Queens kellicks around. dont know anything about them.though... needslooking into maybe?

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Title: **Re: Green light at last for R.N.Super Carriers**  
Post by **seashells** on **Aug 28<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 5:18pm**

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The queen's quartermaster, opened a door to the rear, and having his queen close inside him then a picture is taken at the stroke of the moment ;D :o

Quar-ter-mas-ter

- 1: An officer responsible for the food, clothing, and equipment of troops.
- 2: A naval petty officer responsible for the steering of a ship.

Quartermaster General

- 1: a staff officer in charge of supplies for a whole Military

QMCM

Master Chief Quartermaster (Naval Rating)

and The Queens Quartermasters of today are called the Queen's Royal Lancers ::)

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### General >> Bulletin Board >> 50th Merdeka Day

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**Message started by Bob Witt on Aug 29<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 1:35pm**

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Title: **50th Merdeka Day**

Post by **Bob Witt** on **Aug 29<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 1:35pm**

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DOING THEIR PART: Some of the participants of this year's Merdeka parade taking a break after rehearsals at Dataran Merdeka yesterday. From the almost-perfect routine, it looks like all the participants are happy to be taking part in the 50th Merdeka Day parade on Friday.



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**General >> Bulletin Board >> VALE. Harry Yates (greenie !)**

<http://fesrassociation.com/cgi-bin/yabb2/YaBB.pl?num=1188349098>

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**Message started by k markey on Aug 29<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 10:58am**

Title: **VALE. Harry Yates (greenie !)**  
Post by **k markey** on **Aug 29<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 10:58am**

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To all his mates!

Harry Yates crossed the bar at Byron Bay hospital last night, 28th August.

He lost the battle with a short illness. He spent his last years of service at Harman,(circa '63)

He and Terry went on to live in Queanbeyan, managing a hotel. After some travels,

they settled in Byron Bay, leasing a B&B. He was a director of the local RSL,

and loved his golf; (his son says he played nine days a week ??)

The best info todate, is a service will be held at the CofE, Byron, Tuesday 4th Sep.

R.I.P. Harry.

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Title: **Re: VALE. Harry Yates (greenie !)**  
Post by **k markey** on **Aug 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 4:46pm**

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re:- Shipmate Harry Yates.  
A service for Harry will be held in the Anglican church,  
Byron Bay, at 1000k Tuesday 4th September.  
with RSL trimmings, medals to be worn.  
RIP Harry.

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Title: **Re: VALE. Harry Yates (greenie !)**  
Post by **k markey** on **Aug 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 4:48pm**

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Byron Bay, at 1000k Tuesday 4th September.  
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### **General >> Bulletin Board >> A poser or two**

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**Message started by ronaldo on Aug 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 7:40am**

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Title: **A poser or two**  
Post by **ronaldo** on **Aug 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 7:40am**

Ever wonder...

If you take an Oriental person and spin him around several times, does he become disoriented?

If people from Poland are called Poles, why aren't people from Holland called Holes?

Do infants enjoy infancy as much as adults enjoy adultery?

If a pig loses its voice, is it disgruntled?

If love is blind, why is lingerie so popular?

Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker?

When cheese gets its picture taken, what does it say?

Why is a person who plays the piano called a pianist but a person who drives a racing car not called a racist?

Why are a wise man and a wise guy opposites?

Why do overlook and oversee mean opposite things?

Why isn't the number 11 pronounced onety one?

"I am" is reportedly the shortest sentence in the English language. Could it be that "I do" is the longest sentence?

If lawyers are disbarred and clergymen defrocked, doesn't it follow that electricians can be delighted, musicians denoted, cowboys deranged, models deposed, tree surgeons debarked, and dry cleaners depressed?

What hair colour do they put on the driver's licences of bald men?

I thought about how mothers feed their babies with tiny little spoons and forks so I wondered what do Chinese mothers use? toothpicks?

Why do they put pictures of criminals up in the Post Office? What are we supposed to do, write to them? Why don't they just put their pictures on the postage stamps so the postmen can look for them while they deliver the mail?

You never really learn to swear until you learn to drive.

No one ever says, "It's only a game" when their team is winning.

Ever wonder about those people who spend \$3.00 on those little bottles of Evian water? Try spelling Evian backwards: NAIVE

Isn't making a smoking section in a restaurant like making a peeing section in a swimming pool?

If 4 out of 5 people SUFFER from diarrhoea, does that mean that one enjoys it?

Title: **Re: A poser or two**  
Post by **millview** on **Sep 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2007, 12:40pm**

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If Peanut oil comes from Peanuts and  
Grape juice comes from Grapes and  
Olive oil comes from Olives ,

Where does Baby oil come from ??????????????????????????????????  
;D ;D ;D

Title: **Re: A poser or two**  
Post by **seashells** on **Sep 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2007, 5:13pm**

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Uh!! Duuhh!!

"Munky Spunk" Definately does not come from MUNKEYS

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### **General >> Bulletin Board >> Defence slammed over lethal asbestos**

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**Message started by lan\_McClure on Sep 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2007, 7:49am**

Title: **Defence slammed over lethal asbestos**  
Post by **lan\_McClure** on **Sep 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2007, 7:49am**

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Defence slammed over lethal asbestos  
Jason Koutsoukis  
September 2, 2007  
SMH

THE Defence Department wants to keep using spare parts and equipment containing deadly asbestos because it says it has been unable to find alternative products.

containing asbestos to give it time to replace existing parts.

But with that deadline due to expire, Defence has applied for another three years to keep using asbestos components, including everyday items such as brake pads, gaskets, seals, fire barriers, insulation and packaging.

The navy has listed more than 130,000 items of equipment parts that contain asbestos. The air force and army have listed hundreds of products containing asbestos that are still in use.

These include the P3 Orion aircraft, the Iroquois, Kiowa and Black Hawk helicopters, and a range of vehicles including Land Rovers, trailers and artillery pieces. Alternatives exist for several of the asbestos products used by Defence.

Exposure to asbestos over the past 80 years has resulted in thousands of cases of asbestos-related disease among Defence personnel, some resulting in premature death.

Executive director of the Asbestos Diseases Society of Victoria, Leigh Hubbard, said he was horrified Defence was seeking a further exemption.

"If this exemption goes ahead ... we are likely to see several dozen more victims added to the list. They should be like every other workplace in the country that's been forced to find non-asbestos substitutes and have a zero tolerance attitude."

In 2001 the National Occupational Health and Safety Commission declared a nationwide prohibition on the workplace use of asbestos products. It came into effect in January 2004.

Labor's defence spokesman Joel Fitzgibbon said: "This is just a typical example of a government which talks up its national security credentials and has been spending big on major acquisitions, but has underinvested in the things that go to the safety and welfare of our troops."

Defence Force Welfare Association national president David Jamison called on Defence to rapidly speed up the phasing out of asbestos components.

"You have to ask the question of where their priorities are because the health of our personnel is at stake," he said.

Despite being given more than 24 hours to answer basic questions on the use of asbestos products, the Director-General of Defence Public Affairs, Brigadier Andrew Nikolic, said he did not have time to deal with the issue.

"We don't give comments to the media after 3.30pm on Friday ... thank you for your interest," he said.

Title: **Re: Defence slammed over lethal asbestos**

Post by **tromb123** on **Sep 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2007, 9:01am**

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"some resulting in premature death". Some??? SOME???

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Title: **Re: Defence slammed over lethal asbestos**

Post by **Cyril Doc Rice** on **Sep 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2007, 9:50am**

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*tromb123 wrote:*

"some resulting in premature death". Some??? SOME???

>:(



And they wonder why we grit our teeth and shake our heads :-X

Title: **Re: Defence slammed over lethal asbestos**  
Post by **boots** on **Sep 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2007, 9:59am**

How many of you ex pussers blokes 'DO NOT' have some sort of chest/lung condition caused by serving on boats ships and other craft, even our anti flash gear was asbestos based.apart from all the cladding dust when firing the guns...I thought all that had changed, but it seems I am wrong again.

Title: **Re: Defence slammed over lethal asbestos**  
Post by **ColinS** on **Sep 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2007, 11:37am**

Boots

Did you ever think that any thing would ever change in pussers, only if it ever suited the Gubbermint (I mean GRUBBERMINT) of the day, Just look at the list of claims that have not been settled from the Melbourne & Voyager smash. They are hoping that we will all drop off the perch  
[smiley=cry.gif] [smiley=cry.gif] [smiley=thumbsdown.gif] [smiley=vrolijk\_26.gif]

Title: **Re: Defence slammed over lethal asbestos**  
Post by **Ian\_McClure** on **Sep 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2007, 5:13pm**

Here's some more on this story.  
starvo

<http://www.theage.com.au/news/national/we-need-asbestos-says-defence-force/2007/09/01/1188067438571.html>

Title: **Re: Defence slammed over lethal asbestos**  
Post by **tromb123** on **Sep 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2007, 11:58pm**

I "did" Occupational Diseases (and other subjects) at post-graduate level at the School of Medicine, UNSW back in the early 80's. One thing I learnt was that it had been known, from the world's actuarial tables (insurance companies use them, eg) that people who worked with asbestos, died. These tables clearly identified this fact back in 1905 !! Here we are, 102 years later, with 'defence' asking for yet another extension. Asbestos was aproblem in 1905, along with Colonel Blimps - It looks like we still have asbestos, and "Colonel Blimps".

>:( :(

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### General >> Bulletin Board >> Defence Service Home insurance

<http://fesrassociation.com/cgi-bin/yabb2/YaBB.pl?num=1188787799>

Message started by **tromb123** on **Sep 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007, 12:49pm**

Title: **Defence Service Home insurance**  
Post by **tromb123** on **Sep 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007, 12:49pm**

Just to let you know, in case any-one else receives one..Got an empty, unsealed envelope addressed to myself and my wife today, from DSHI. Rang them up and they said "Canberra has stuffed up", was supposed to be a letter to say that the Government will neither be closing down or privatising DSH insurance...(and their repairs / loans section etc etc I imagine) I knew that they were going down this track, but I guess with an election coming up, they've backed off. Of course, if re-elected, what's to stop them going down this pathway again?  
>:(

Title: **Re: Defence Service Home insurance**  
Post by **Ian\_McClure** on **Sep 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007, 2:26pm**

I too got an envelope yesterday, but mine had the letter in it explaining that there would be no changes to the scheme.  
starvo

Title: **Re: Defence Service Home insurance**  
Post by **ronaldo** on **Sep 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007, 3:24pm**

Mine was the same as Ian's. Perhaps Trombie, by the time they got to you, they had nothing more to say on the matter! :) Lets hope my envelope next pay period has more in it ;D

Title: **Re: Defence Service Home insurance**  
Post by **tromb123** on **Sep 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007, 6:41pm**

They did say "several hundreds had rung up about the stuff up...".

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### General >> Bulletin Board >> For Your Info

<http://fesrassociation.com/cgi-bin/yabb2/YaBB.pl?num=1188865602>

**Message started by seashells on Sep 4<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 10:26am**

Title: **For Your Info**  
Post by **seashells** on **Sep 4<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 10:26am**

For your info

SBS - Channel 31 - Tuesday 4th September, 2007

Time: 08:30 pm

Topic:Cutting Edge: Last Ghost Of War

Thirty years after the end of the Vietnam War they are among several millions diagnosed by the Vietnamese as victims of Agent Orange. We meet several who are plaintiffs in a class action suit against 32 US chemical companies. Attorneys, activists, scientists, and a military historian take us to a new battlefield. These Vietnamese victims are seeking compensation and justice. The question

accountable in the wake of what was allegedly the largest chemical warfare operation in history?  
(From the US, in English and Vietnamese, English subtitles) (Documentary) CC

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### General >> Bulletin Board >> Friends of Bill Poynder (Dec)

<http://fesrassociation.com/cgi-bin/yabb2/YaBB.pl?num=1188814190>

**Message started by Craig Poynder on Sep 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007, 8:09pm**

Title: **Friends of Bill Poynder (Dec)**

Post by **Craig Poynder** on **Sep 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007, 8:09pm**

I'd love to be able to hear from to anyone who may have known my now deceased father; Chief PO Bill POYNDER (correct full name Arthur George Poynder) who was a former member of your organisation. Like many children I left my opportunity to talk to him about his service life until it was too late. From his Certificate of Service I know that he joined in 1953 and served on HMAS Cerberus, Rushcutter, Anzac, Sydney, Quadrant, Murchison, Quickmatch, Lonsdale and Quiberon before being discharged in 1959. I have a number of old photos, a Quiberon booklet printed in Hong Kong and other items which may be of some interest to other members.

Regards

Craig Poynder

Private email, if preferred [cpoynder@netsapce.net.au](mailto:cpoynder@netsapce.net.au)

Title: **Re: Friends of Bill Poynder (Dec)**

Post by **Ern\_Sinfield** on **Sep 4<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 1:22pm**

Craig,

I served on Quiberon from commissioning in 1957 until May 1960, but I cannot recall your father. I remember the booklet well and have a copy, and a picture in the Ship's Soccer team. My condolence on your loss.

Regards, Ern

Title: **Re: Friends of Bill Poynder (Dec)**

Post by **oldmech** on **Sep 4<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 7:56pm**

Craig,

I did not know your father, nor did I serve in any of the ships you mentioned. However I believe he may have been an Ordinance Artificer Class 3, which gave him CPO Rank. (I believe the Navy no longer has Ordinance Artificers, as such, as his job was re-categorized into several classifications with the advent of modern electronic weapons).

Many of us who served through the era when your father did are now well into their 70's with some over eighty, and I have found that the biggest majority of us who are still around the ridges are computer illiterate, hence the lack of response to your query.

Hope this helps.

ColN

Title: **Re: Friends of Bill Poynder (Dec)**  
Post by **Craig Poynder** on **Sep 4<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 8:55pm**

You're absolutely correct. Looking through his Certificate of Service I found a copy of his Ordinance Artificer's History Sheet and his service no. was R49689. I have a few old photos of him at various locations with shipmates, do you think anyone would still be interested in them if I can upload them onto the web site?

## **The FESR Visitors Log**

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### **General >> Bulletin Board >> VETERANS AND WAR WIDOWS SECURE PENSION INCREASE**

<http://fesrassociation.com/cgi-bin/yabb2/YaBB.pl?num=1189148756>

**Message started by lan\_McClure on Sep 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 5:05pm**

Title: **VETERANS AND WAR WIDOWS SECURE PENSION INCREASE**  
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Minister for Veterans' Affairs Mailing List.

VA142 Friday, 7 September 2007

#### **VETERANS AND WAR WIDOWS SECURE PENSION INCREASE**

Veterans will receive an increase in their pensions of up to \$18.60 per fortnight, the Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Bruce Billson, announced today.

Mr Billson said veterans' pensions, including service pension, war widow's pension and disability pensions, will increase from 20 September 2007.

"This pension rise is consistent with the Australian Government's commitment to protecting the living standards of veterans and their families, and supporting their welfare," Mr Billson said.

"From 20 September 2007, the Special (T&PI) rate of disability pension will increase by \$18.60 to \$938.00 per fortnight, while the Intermediate rate of disability pension will increase by \$11.40 to \$631.20.

"Extreme Disablement Adjustment will increase to \$495.40 per fortnight and the 100 per cent General Rate of disability pension will increase to \$322.80.

"The maximum rate of single service pension will rise by \$12.60 to \$537.70 per fortnight and the maximum rate for couples will increase by \$10.60 to \$449.10 each.

"The fortnightly pension paid to war widows will increase by \$12.60 to \$562.70, while the ceiling rate of the income support supplement, which is paid to more than 84,000 war widows, will rise to \$160.40."

Rates have also increased for benefits under the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act (MRCA). The MRCA widowed partner's death benefit is paid at the same rate as the war widow's pension, while MRCA Special Rate Disability pensioners receive the same payments as Special (T&PI) rate pensioners.

More information on the new pension rates is available from the

Media inquiries: Cameron Hill 0408 239 521

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### **General >> Bulletin Board >> \$30 a fortnight extra promised for veterans**

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**Message started by lan\_McClure on Sep 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 8:23am**

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See the original article in the Courier Mail at:

[www.news.com.au/couriermail/story/0,23739,22390328-953,00.html](http://www.news.com.au/couriermail/story/0,23739,22390328-953,00.html)

\$30 a fortnight extra promised for veterans' affairs

Herald Sun.

Steve Lewis

September 10, 2007 12:00am

LABOR stands to gain the backing of the veterans' community after unveiling a \$55 million plan to increase pensions for former Diggers and war widows.

In a pre-election pitch to the 175,000 services community, Kevin Rudd will tomorrow promise to increase pensions by up to \$30 per fortnight for all disabled war veterans.

The promise, to be made by the Opposition Leader during a keynote speech to the RSL National Congress, follows a strong campaign by veterans to have pension increases pegged to a higher annual rate.

Labor's plan will affect nearly 140,000 disabled war veterans who have served in some of history's bloodiest conflicts, including World War II and the Vietnam War.

But it will also flow to veterans injured during more recent conflicts, including Iraq, Afghanistan and the UN-led peacekeeping efforts in East Timor.

"Veterans have sacrificed so much for our nation and they deserve more than having this Government tell them they have never been better off," Mr Rudd said.

"This announcement is a further step by Labor on the road to ensuring that our veterans and their widows receive the compensation that they so richly deserve."

The RSL and other veterans' groups have been lobbying the Government for years to index all disabled veterans and war widows pensions to the higher rate, known as MTAW.

Mr Rudd said the increased pension payment would see veterans earning up to \$30 extra per fortnight.

"Our veterans and their widows have paid a very high price for their service to our country. This is about fixing an injustice," he said.

Last night, the RSL national president Bill Crews said war veterans would be thrilled by the Labor announcement.

"Currently there is an inequity because these pensions have been falling behind the cost of living,"

He expected Labor to win plaudits from the RSL.

"We'll tell our members that Labor has signed up to it (the higher pension plan," he said.

"But we are not playing favourites here."

Labor's veterans affairs spokesman Alan Griffin said the commitment on pensions would take effect from September 2008.

"We have listened to our nation's veterans and their widows and we have responded to their concerns," Mr Griffin said.

He said veterans from recent conflicts were already needing assistance as a result of their injuries.

"The Howard Government has steadfastly refused to index the domestic component of the war widows' pension."

Title: **Re: \$30 a fortnight extra promised for veterans**  
Post by **boots** on **Sep 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 8:31am**

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election talk? :-/ :-? :-/

Title: **Re: \$30 a fortnight extra promised for veterans**  
Post by **sluggo** on **Sep 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 11:09am**

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I think that attaching the whole of the pension to the MTAWA will affect everyone in the right way as we have been fighting for that to happen for years now, it will stop the degradation of the pension every year like it has in the past,,,,,I'm all for it,,,,regards,,,Shep

Title: **Re: \$30 a fortnight extra promised for veterans**  
Post by **Napper** on **Sep 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 4:31pm**

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Unfortunately it still doesn't include DFRDB pensioners, the 63,000 of us still left on CPI increases.  
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### **General >> Bulletin Board >> A couple of bandies**

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**Message started by tromb123 on Sep 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 10:05pm**

Title: **A couple of bandies**  
Post by **tromb123** on **Sep 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 10:05pm**

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This was on the ABC last night, thought ya might like to see it..

<http://abc.net.au/tv/canwehelp/txt/s2033503.htm>

Cheers

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Title: **Re: A couple of bandies**  
Post by **Cyril Doc Rice** on **Sep 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 10:13pm**

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*tromb123 wrote:*

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And wasn't that Daley-Wilson band something?  
Couldn't get enough of them.....but being a "swing" enthusiast why wouldn't I? 8-)

Title: **Re: A couple of bandies**  
Post by **Webmaster** on **Sep 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 10:41pm**

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Good to see - I used to love going down the far end of the 'Rockers' bar out the back 60's when they had some very famous names playing dixieland and swing and even a female trombonist who was talented to the max - anyone remember those days -used to go into the early hours - there was a drummer there - came from the 'Ted Heath '?? band - (memory) - Ross J

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**General >> Bulletin Board >> VALE: ABRP Barry (Changa) Chenoweth**

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**Message started by seashells on Sep 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 7:08pm**

Title: **VALE: ABRP Barry (Changa) Chenoweth**  
Post by **seashells** on **Sep 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 7:08pm**

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It is with sadness that I advise of the passing of  
ex ABRP Barry (Changa) Chenoweth - R95521.  
Barry passed away on Friday 14th September  
after a long battle with throat cancer and leukaemia.  
He saw active service in Vietnam aboard HMAS Vendetta.

A funeral service will be held on  
Wednesday 19th September - details in  
Adelaide Advertiser on Tuesday.

The Advertiser|18 September 2007  
CHENOWETH, \_  
THE RELATIVES AND FRIENDS  
of the late Mr. BARRY

invited to attend his Cremation Service to be held ENTIRELY in the Salisbury Funeral Chapel, 2 Wiltshire Street Salisbury, on WEDNESDAY, September 19, 2007 at 2.00 p.m.

In lieu of floral tributes a donation in memory of Barry to R.A.H. Cancer research Fund, Sheridan Building, North Tce. Adelaide, would be appreciated by the family.

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