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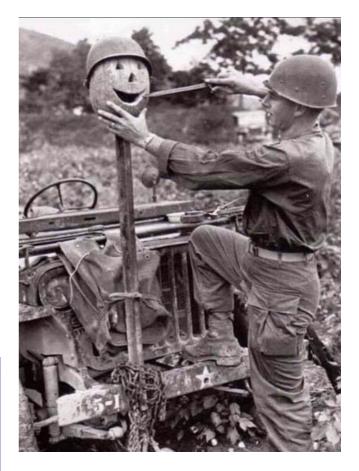
### NEXT GENERAL MEETING

### **TUESDAY 19TH NOV 2024**

At our building, Wacol Barracks 907 – 971 Boundary Rd, Wacol COMMENCING AT 6.30 PM sharp

Please note the entrance to the Barracks location on Nashos Place.

IF YOU REQUIRE A LIFT OR TO BE COLLECTED BY THE RSL BUS, Contact Greg Amey on 0416 255 349



Above. An American soldier in Europe finishing off his pumpkin head decoration for Halloween 1944



## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S and SECRETARY'S DESK – OCTOBER 2024

Hello one and all,

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Time is sure flying. Only 72 days left till Xmas according to Dr Google (as at 14 October). How scary is that!!!..How many members went along to the SED Family Fun Day at Toowong. Have you got any pics of the day. If you do, please send through.

**Coffee Club** –at the Clubhouse from 10am – 12noon Next date - 28th October

Assistance Dog Training – Thursday's from 4:00pm-6:00pm. Meet at The Coffee Club, Springfield Shopping Centre.

**Monthly BBQ** – Considering the October BBQ was on the long weekend, it was a great roll up. 34 enjoyed the great food prepared by our team and lots of laughs were had. The next BBQ is on November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Badge Selling** at Richlands and Forest Lake Shopping Centre starts on November 1<sup>st</sup>, finishing up on November 10<sup>th</sup>. If you are on the rosters, THANKYOU! Hopefully our campaign is as successful as it has been in the past. Please be aware of the new pricing on all the merchandise.

Upcoming Events - REMINDERS

15th October -GENERAL MEETING -start time 6:30pm. Our Guest Speaker is Mr Rob Skoda, CEO of RSL Qld.

 $2^{nd}$  November – Monthly BBQ at the clubhouse

 $1^{\mbox{st}}-10^{\mbox{th}}$  November - BADGE SELLING

**November 11<sup>th</sup> – Remembrance Day.** Service starts at 10:40am, then afterwards all are invited back to the Clubhouse for BBQ lunch. Please send your RSVP's to the Secretary@forestlake.rslqld.net.au (so we have enough food for all)

XMAS Dinner - Saturday 7th December from 5pm. Mark your calendars...

Best regards Steve & Sharron

It is with deepest sadness we advise the passing of Allan Prowse last week.

He was a long time member of the Sub Branch

Please advise the Secretary advise the family

### Please join us in remembering Allan

Service organised by White Lady Chelmer

When Tuesday, 29 October 2024 10:30 AM

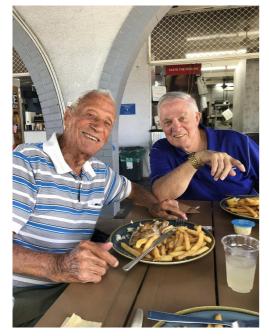
#### Where Centenary Memorial Gardens 353 Wacol Station Rd, Sumner

## LIONS SEX

Two old men are drinking in a bar. One says, "Did you know that Lions have sex 10 to 15 times a day?"

"Aww, darn!" says his friend, "and I just joined Rotary!"







Julie and Dan Baldwin having lunch this week with this legend. George looking fabulous for 101 on October 31st



BIRTHDAY'S<br/>TRACY GOODWINJASON GILESGEORGE CHURCHWARD (101)RON MORTENSENNORMAN DEANROBERT BARTLETGEOFF DUNNINGBRIAN ROCHEMARGARET GUNNERNICOLE SEDENCHRISTOPHER GRAYSIMON MORTON

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# Peter Butterworth, Carry On film star, was a prisoner of war during WW2



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His onscreen persona was that of a bumbling buffoon on the verge of a nervous breakdown as chaos reigned around him.

As one of the core actors in the Carry On film franchise, Peter Butterworth was one of UK cinema's most recognisable faces of the 1960s and 70s.

He appeared in 16 of them – more than the likes of Hattie Jaques, Bernard Bresslaw and Barbara Windsor – making him the sixth most prolific of all the Carry On team.

Among his roles was the dim-witted Detective Constable Slowbotham opposite Harry H Corbett in Carry On Screaming, Brother Belcher, the missionary with questionable morals in Carry On Up The Khyber, and frantic hotel manager Pepe in Carry On Abroad.

But behind the laughter was a deeply private family man, with an extraordinary backstory as a prisoner of war which he rarely spoke about in public.

Butterworth's untold story has been presented by his son, Tyler, who is learning new stories and exploits of his Fathers' wartime service with MI9. Tyler says he was largely unaware of his father's wartime service during his lifetime. Even when fellow camp survivors took part in his This Is Your Life programme, all the then 15-year-old Tyler remembers is "lots of old men coming on".

"There's a whole phenomenal backstory to dad which I didn't discover until fairly recently," he says. "It's a complete contrast to the guy we all know in the Carry Ons.

"The cover story was he got shot down at the beginning of the war and spent the whole time as a POW. But he never talked about and I never asked him – it didn't feel right." But in reality documents only recently declassified tell a story of him being an agent in Britiain's MI9 which he volunteered to go in and be taken as a POW but with the assistance of many agents he and others would report on life within the camps back to his Headquarters in the UK.

It turns out that Butterworth, who served in the Fleet Air Arm, was one of the first people to stage a tunnel escape during the Second World War, achieving three days of freedom before being spotted and captured by a member of the Hitler Youth. "He always joked he'd never work with kids after that," says Tyler.

He spent much of the war in Stalag Luft III, which became famous as the venue for a breakout which formed the basis of the film The Great Escape.

Butterworth also played a part in an escape fictionalised in the book The Wooden Horse. Ironically, he was later turned down for a role in the film version because producers felt he did not look convincing enough as a POW.

The seeds of his acting career were sewn in Stalag Luft III. It was there he met Talbot 'Tolly' Rothwell, who went on to write many of the Carry On film scripts. Butterworth helped establish a camp theatre and he and Rothwell would perform shows for the other prisoners.

Below photographed in his study & with his wife Scottish actress Janet Brown



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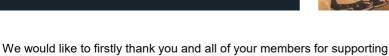
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**October 20th** 

us over the past few years. We have been the owners of Columboola Country for near 18 years.

It was only toward the end of 2019 that we asked for help in promoting Columboola Country toward the Veteran community.

It is with great pleasure to advise you that, with your help, Columboola Country has been very well received by veterans as well as RSL sub branchs and fellow nomads and full time travelers.

Whilst we were financially interupted with COVID during the couple of years with lock downs and restrictions, Columboola Country hosted many, very supportive Veterans. (some of which are still here, 2 years later)

I would like to ask you and your branch, if you wouldn't mind? to please help us remind those who didnt get out much over the past couple of years, by printing out or emailing the promotional material?

> We would again, like to thank you all for your support. Colin & Venessa Jackson Owners/ Operators

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