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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



With Christmas and New Year behind us we can look forward to 2025. World problems remain the same as last year with fighting in the Middle East now involving Syria. We should hope and pray that Australia does not get involved.

On the home front we can expect a federal election in the 2025 and we have yet to see what that will bring. We can only hope for a continuation of stable government so that we can get on with our lives.

The RSL Australia wide continues to seek more members and our Sub- Branch is no different. New members are essential if we are to continue to support our veterans and continue as a sub-Branch. We need new members who are

willing to accept a position on the Committee. I say this noting that several members, myself included, are over 80 years. Put bluntly, we cannot go on forever unless some new, dare I say, younger members come forward. Our Seniors Association has the same problem and that part of our sub-Branch will close in March with their final luncheon on 4th March.

Our next occasion to vote for your committee members will be in 2026 so let us hope that, by then, new names will appear.

In closing I hope that your celebrations over Christmas and the New Year were everything that you desired and I trust that 2025 will be wonderful for you and your family.

With the kindest regards

Brian Swan AM President

ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATIONS

Anzac Sunday Service

Sunday 13 April 2025 at 2.00 p.m. in Epping Club Ballroom, followed by march to Boronia Park Cenotaph for wreath laying.

Anzac Day Dawn Service

Friday 25 April 2025 6.00 a.m. at Forest Park, Epping. Assemble at 0545

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

VALE

“WE WILL REMEMBER THEM”

During the months of October 2024 to January 2025, advice has been received of the passing of the following Service Member:

NAME	RANK	SERVICE	UNIT	SERVICE NUMBER	DATE JOINED	DATE DECEASED
SLOAN Allan Gordon	WO	RAAF	14 Aircrew Holding Unit	436827	1967	5/01/2025

Epping RSL sub-Branch Seniors Association

At our recent 4 November meeting we foreshadowed the fact that we are moving towards winding up Epping RSL Senior Members Association early in the New Year.

The group has functioned very successfully since 1975 and we are now entering our fiftieth year.

In that time there have been countless happy hours spent together in each other's company. We have enjoyed meetings with numerous stimulating and thought-provoking speakers, meals together and day coach trips.

Sadly, time and age has caught up and there are no longer any new younger members joining and our current membership has fluctuated to very low numbers. The committee has had the same office bearers for an inordinately long time, and it is now time for them to stand back, but alas, there are no fresh faces to fill the positions.

We are therefore planning to meet on 4 February 2025, and then have a final Celebratory Luncheon following the Annual General Meeting on 4 March 2025 at which everyone attending will be our guest – i.e. no payment at all.

We sincerely thank you all for your loyalty in supporting the group for so many years and trust you will understand our reasons for taking the hard decision we have had to make.

There is an Epping RSL sub-Branch group called **STAND EASY**, which meets on the **third Wednesday of each month from 1 pm to 3 pm** at **45 On Rawson** to which we are all invited to attend. A casual get-together, in which to enjoy a friendly atmosphere, enjoy nibbles and drinks, and remain connected to the sub-Branch and their activities. Make a note in your diary and give it a try! Upcoming gatherings will be 15 January 2025, 19 February 2025 and 19 March 2025.

Sincere best wishes

Merril Prestidge President, Les Rowe Vice-President,

Margaret Cummins Secretary, Gavin Nell Treasurer

Before you judge a man, walk a mile in his shoes. After that who cares? He's a mile away and you've got his shoes.

A recent study has found that women who carry a little extra weight live longer than the men who mention it.

EPPING RSL SUB-BRANCH

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY JANUARY 2025 – APRIL 2025

JANUARY 2025

Monday 13	Epping RSL sub-Branch Committee Meeting	1800
Wednesday15	Stand Easy	1300

SUNDAY 26 AUSTRALIA DAY

MONDAY 27 PUBLIC HOLIDAY

FEBRUARY 2025

Monday 3	Epping RSL sub-Branch January Monthly General Meeting	1930
Monday 3	Families of Veterans Guild of NSW -War Widows	1030
Tuesday 4	RSL Senior Members Association Meeting	1400
Monday 10	Epping RSL sub-Branch Committee Meeting	1800
Wednesday19	Stand Easy	1300
Monday 24	Epping RSL sub-Branch Monthly General Meeting and AGM	1930
Tuesday 25	RSL Senior Members Association Committee Meeting	1030

MARCH 2025

Monday 3	Families of Veterans Guild of NSW -War Widows	1030
Tuesday 4	RSL Senior Members Association AGM and Wind-up Luncheon	1230
Monday 10	Epping RSL sub-Branch Committee Meeting	1800
Wednesday19	Stand Easy	1300
Monday 31	Epping RSL sub-Branch Monthly General Meeting	1930

APRIL 2025

Monday 7	Families of Veterans Guild of NSW -War Widows	1030
Sunday 13	ANZAC SUNDAY SERVICE, Epping Club	1400
Monday 14	Epping RSL sub-Branch Committee Meeting	1800
Wednesday16	Stand Easy	1300

FRIDAY 18 GOOD FRIDAY

SUNDAY 20 EASTER

MONDAY 21 EASTER MONDAY

Friday 25	ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE at Forest Park	0600
Monday 28	Epping RSL sub-Branch Monthly General Meeting	1930

Stand Easy benefits everyone!

The Epping RSL sub-Branch stands as an example of support, camaraderie, and connection for those who have served, their families, and the wider community. As we navigate the challenges of an ever-changing world, it is more crucial than ever that we maintain the bonds that have kept us strong and united. One of the most valuable ways to nurture these connections is through our regular Stand Easy meetings, held on the third Wednesday of the month at 1300hrs for two hours at the Epping Club.

It is in these informal, relaxed gatherings that the true spirit of the Epping RSL sub-Branch is brought to life. These Stand Easy meetings are about more than just meeting up for a chat; they are about creating a space where we can check in with each other, offer support, and be reminded that we are not alone.

The next Stand Easy meeting will take place on Wednesday, 19 February 2025, at the Epping Club, and I urge each one of you to attend.

As we look to the future, let's remember that our sub-Branch is only as strong as the connections we build with one another. The Stand Easy meetings are a chance to strengthen those connections, to remind ourselves that we are not alone, and to reaffirm the support and friendship that defines us as a community. Let us commit to being there for one another, to attending these meetings with the intention of contributing to the collective wellbeing of our sub-Branch, and to carrying forward the legacy of camaraderie and support that has always been at the heart of the Epping RSL sub-Branch.
Allan Lotfizadeh, Secretary, Stand Easy

FAMILIES OF VETERANS GUILD - WAR WIDOWS

Coordinator: Heather Gillam 9876 3588
Treasurer: Heather Gillam
Meetings: First Monday in month at 10.30 a.m.
Monday 6 January 2025
Monday 3 February 2025
Monday 3 March 2025
Monday 7 April 2025

WELLBEING SUPPORT OFFICER

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Visit Andy in the sub-Branch office on Monday mornings between 9 a.m. and noon.

WSOs can offer:

referrals for training and employment pathways, housing providers, counselling and health services, and claims and compensation advocacy

support to claims Advocates,

visits to veterans at home, and in hospital and aged-care facilities

support services, such as driving and shopping trips

support at funerals

assistance organising domestic assistance or home maintenance services

assistance with administrative duties in a volunteer capacity

support organising and conducting social, family and Sport & Recreation Program activities

non-clinical and non-advocacy support to a veteran's family during time of grief, loss, and bereavement

A sincere plea

The Epping RSL sub-Branch, a community that has long stood as a beacon of honour, remembrance, and support for our veterans and their families, finds itself at a critical crossroads. With only 233 members, the future of our sub-Branch is uncertain. This number, though reflective of the dedicated individuals who have remained committed to our cause, also signals a reality that cannot be ignored—the strength, growth, and sustainability of our sub-Branch depend on an urgent need for revitalisation. If we are to continue our mission of supporting veterans, preserving their legacies, and offering a place for camaraderie, we must come together as a united force to recruit new members and ensure that the values we hold dear are passed on to the next generation.

We all have a responsibility, not just to our fellow members, and ourselves but also to the veterans who have come before us, and those who will follow. The sub-Branch is a living testament to the sacrifices made by the men and women who have served in our armed forces. It is a place where bonds are formed, memories are cherished, and support is given to those who have given so much. But the importance of the sub-Branch is not just in what it has done, but also in what it can still do—if we ensure it survives and thrives.

The challenge we face is not unique to us alone; it is part of a broader trend that many RSL sub-Branches are grappling with across the nation. As time passes, the number of veterans diminishes, and the need for support and remembrance does not diminish but rather grows. The new generations must understand the significance of what the RSL represents. We must bridge the gap between the past and the future, ensuring that the stories of courage, resilience, and sacrifice are not forgotten. The task at hand is not only to honour those who have served but also to inspire new members to take up the mantle of service and remembrance. We need every member to reach out, to talk to his or her family, friends, colleagues, and neighbors about the importance of being part of something

greater than ourselves.

This is a call to action for every member, old and new. The Epping RSL sub-Branch is not just a building or a meeting place; it is a living entity that thrives because of the dedication and effort of its members. We must take it upon ourselves to be the ambassadors for this cause, to share the importance of what we do with the wider community, and to make sure that those who might benefit from being part of our sub-Branch are given the opportunity to join. This requires effort, persistence, and a deep sense of commitment. It is not enough to simply wait for new members to come to us; we must actively seek them out, engage with them, and show them the value of being part of this incredible community.

We cannot afford to wait until it is too late. Our sub-Branch is built on the foundations of those who served before us, and it is our responsibility to ensure that it continues to serve future generations. Every one of us must take an active role in recruitment. Whether it's talking to a veteran we know, reaching out to younger generations who may not yet fully appreciate the significance of the RSL, or simply sharing our own experiences and why the sub-Branch matters to us, we all have the power to make a difference. Every conversation, every connection, every effort, no matter how small, can have a profound impact on the future of this sub-Branch.

As we face the challenges of maintaining and growing the Epping RSL sub-Branch, let us remember the true meaning of community. It is not just about numbers; it is about shared values, mutual support, and commitment to something larger than us. The future of our sub-Branch depends on the actions we take today. Let us honor the legacy of those who served by ensuring that their sacrifices are never forgotten, by giving back to the community that has given us so much, and by making sure that the Epping RSL sub-Branch continues to be a place of remembrance, support, and camaraderie for generations to come.

Allan Lotfzadeh, Recruitment Officer, Epping RSL sub-Branch

First ADF Regional Presence Deployment for 2025

Defence Media Release 17 January 2025

Today's departure of HMAS Hobart from Darwin reaffirms the Australian Defence Force's long-standing regional deployment program and Australia's commitment to a stable and secure Indo-Pacific.

Regional Presence Deployments (RPDs) involve maritime and air military visits and participation in a range of exercises and international engagement activities within the Indo-Pacific region.

These deployments demonstrate Australia's commitment and ability to maintain a near continuous presence in the region, supporting regional security and stability.

HMAS Hobart's crew of around 230 personnel including an embarked MH-60R Romeo Seahawk departed its homeport of Sydney on 6 January for a six-week deployment through Southeast Asia.

Chief of Joint Operations, Vice Admiral Justin Jones AO CSC, RAN, said RPDs continue the long history of successful maritime and air deployments contributing to the collective security of the Indo-Pacific region.

"Regional Presence Deployments demonstrate Australia's ongoing commitment to supporting regional security and stability, and promoting a peaceful and prosperous Indo-Pacific region," VADM Jones said.

"These deployments also provide the opportunity to engage with our partner nations at sea and in the air to enhance interoperability."

The first maritime Regional Presence Deployment for 2025 will include participation in Exercise LA PEROUSE 25, a biennial multilateral exercise led by France, and drawing together a range of partner nations.

Commanding Officer HMAS Hobart, Commander Alisha Withers said the crew have been working hard to ensure they are ready and mission capable.

"All of the crew are looking forward to representing Australia in the Indo-Pacific region and I thank their families for their ongoing support," she said.

Commissioned in 2017, HMAS Hobart is the lead vessel of the three-ship Hobart Class and equipped with the advanced Aegis combat system, SPY-1D radar arrays, an MH-60R Romeo Seahawk combat helicopter, Harpoon anti-ship missiles, and SM-2 and ESSM surface-to-air missiles.

This RPD will conclude in late February.

HMAS Brisbane returns home after milestone deployment

Defence Media Release 6 January 2025

Around 200 officers and sailors from HMAS *Brisbane* returned to Sydney after a five-month deployment, which included the successful launch of Australia's first-ever Tomahawk cruise missile off the US coast.

The deployment also included joint exercises with the US Navy and scheduled maintenance at the US Naval Base in San Diego, overall marking a significant milestone in strengthening the Australian Defence Force's capabilities.

Commander Australian Fleet, Rear Admiral Chris Smith, AM, CSM, RAN said the activity was a demonstration of Australia's commitment to allies in support of a peaceful, stable and prosperous region.

"Australia is now one of only three nations alongside the United States and United Kingdom to acquire, and fire, Tomahawk cruise missiles," Rear Admiral Smith said.

"The achievements by HMAS *Brisbane*'s personnel have helped deliver a significantly advanced long-range missile capability for the Australian Defence Force."

Brisbane sailed over 17,000 nautical miles (32,000 km) since departing Sydney in August 2024. The deployment included familiarisation with US Naval maintenance processes, warfare training and valuable knowledge exchange in advanced technologies shared by the two nations.

Commanding Officer, HMAS *Brisbane*, Commander Bernard Dobson, CSM, RAN said the ship's achievements would not have been possible without the support of family and friends.

"It is a significant challenge to be away from home for months at a time and to miss the Christmas holidays with family," Commander Dobson said.

"I couldn't be prouder of the resilience and professionalism of the men and women in *Brisbane* in delivering a game-changing military capability for Australia."

Brisbane is one of three Australian-built Hobart Class Destroyers, and is designed to provide air defence against missiles and aircraft to protect ships, land forces, and coastal infrastructure, as well as undertake anti-submarine, anti-surface and long-range strike warfare missions.

Now home, *Brisbane*'s crew will enjoy well-earned respite before resuming their operational schedule.

OPERATION OKRA CEASES AFTER 10 YEARS OF ADF SUPPORT

Defence News, 20 December 2024

Operation OKRA, the Australian Defence Force's (ADF) contribution to the international coalition against Daesh in Iraq and Syria, has concluded with the remaining ADF personnel returning home this month.

Established in 2014, Operation OKRA was Australia's commitment to the US-led multinational Combined Joint Task Force – Operation Inherent Resolve, formed to secure a lasting defeat of the violent extremist group Daesh.

More than 4,800 ADF personnel deployed to the Middle East as part of Operation OKRA.

Over the past 10 years, Operation OKRA has included deployments of an Air Task Group, Task Group Taji, a Special Operations Task Group, and a number of ADF personnel embedded in coalition positions and liaison roles.

The Air Task Group completed more than 2,700 sorties against targets in Iraq and eastern Syria; flew more than 550 intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance missions; delivered more than 47.2 million kilograms of fuel by air-to-air refuelling; and supported numerous air transport sorties.

Task Group Taji, which concluded in 2020 after five years, trained more than 47,000 members of the Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) through the joint Australia-New Zealand Building Partner Capacity Program at the Taji Military Complex north of Baghdad.

ISF capability was further enhanced by the Special Operations Task Group which assisted with training for advanced combat tactics, military working dog training, combat casualty care, explosives identification and neutralisation, and facilitating access to coalition airpower.

Operation OKRA tangibly enhanced the ISF's ability to independently undertake operations against Daesh, enabling Australia and other nations to reduce direct military support.

While Operation OKRA has ceased, Australia will continue to contribute with our partners to the security of the Middle East and support the maintenance of the global rules-based order.

Quotes attributable to the Chief of the Defence Force Admiral David Johnston AC RAN:

"I am extremely proud of our Australian Defence Force servicemen and women, and their families, for their dedicated service in helping Iraq fight for a united and peaceful homeland."

"Operation OKRA demonstrated Australia's resolve to support international efforts against terrorism and violent extremism. A stable Middle East is in Australia's national interest, and the excellent work of our Australian Defence Force members has made a tangible and important contribution to global security."

What did the artist draw before he went to bed?
The curtains.

I've finally decided to retire after a long career as a graffiti artist. To be honest, the writing has been on the wall for some time.

Two small boys ended up in a modern art gallery.
"Quick!" said one. "Run before they say we did it!"

Why do you always find the cat in the last place you look?
Because you stop looking after you find it.



Photos: Irene Rowe

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Christmas Luncheon 8th December 2024

Welcome to
Sub Branch
2024 Christmas
Luncheon



Photos : Irene Rowe

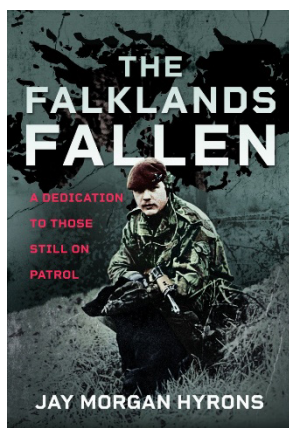
Arr. John Curdie:

RSL sub-Branch Christmas Lunch December 2024



Photos : Irene Rowe

Arr. John Curdie



The Falklands Fallen

The 1982 Falklands War was a brief armed conflict between Britain and Argentina over the sovereignty of the Falkland Islands in the freezing waters of the South Atlantic. The following 74 days of intense warfare resulted in the loss of 255 British Service personnel and three Falkland Islanders along with 649 Argentine military personnel.

Many books have been written over the past 40 years or so detailing various accounts about the conflict and the resulting military actions. In this book “the Falklands Fallen” the author Jay Morgan Hyrons details the personal stories of those British Service personnel and Falkland Islanders who paid the ultimate sacrifice for freedom and is dedicated to those who are still on patrol.

Some of the stories included in this book are close to the hearts of both me and my wife Anita. Having served as a 21-year-old Combat Medic in the Falklands War treating casualties both on the front line and in various medical facilities I came face to face with many of these fallen, several of whom were very close friends.

Britain’s biggest loses of the Falklands War occurred on the 8th June 1982 in the waters of Bluff Cove just off shore from the settlement of Fitzroy. It resulted from Argentine air attacks on two Logistical Landing Ships the Sir Galahad and Sir Tristram leading to 56 deaths and 150 wounded. It was during this air attack that I lost two of my closest friends Lance Corporal Ian ‘Scouse’ Farrell and Private Kenneth ‘Kenny’ Preston. I also lost my unit’s Second in Command



At the time of the Falklands War me, Scouse and Kenny had been in the Army in the Royal Army Medical Corps for four years and were in our final year at 16 Field Ambulance. In 1982 we were all due to be posted out to different medical units to gain more experience in various roles that Combat Medics undertake in the Army. We had all gone through most of our basic and advanced medical training together and had become close friends. We all lived together in one of the 12-man rooms. Roger was posted in as our new 2IC at the beginning of the year and was renown for playing his guitar regularly in his office. I also had the privilege of babysitting his children on several occasions while he and his wife attended functions at the Officer’s Mess.

When the Sir Galahad was attacked Scouse and Kenny were attached to the 1st Battalion Welsh Guards as the Regimental Medics although that was not their original role. Originally, they were part of the Field Ambulance Dressing Station when they left the UK. I and another medic from Bravo Section were attached to the Welsh Guards however, due to a delay in Bravo Section arriving at Ascension Island Scouse and Kenny were reallocated to take our places. I have often blamed myself for their deaths.

Prior to the attack I remember chatting with Scouse and Kenny in the hold of the ship when our Section Sergeant Chalky White told us we could go and have some hot food and a shower.

As Scouse and Kenny were attached to the Welsh Guards Mortar Platoon they stayed in the hold. I will never forget the last words Scouse said to me as we moved towards the stair. Running his hands through my hair he said, ‘See you later Elvis’. Elvis was the nickname I had been given

when I joined the military as an Army Junior due to my obsession with Elvis. For years afterwards I would always freak out if anybody touched my hair.

Also stored in the hold was a large pile of ammunition and most of the Field Ambulance's medical equipment and tentage when the bombs started landing. They never stood a chance.



Several days after the attack on the Sir Galahad a retrieval party consisting of several medics from the Field ambulance including myself was sent out to the smouldering wreck to locate and collect any remains. We only managed to access one set of remains and they turned out to be what was left of our 2IC Roger Nutbeem. By what we could tell it appeared that a bomb had exploded next to him decimating the upper half of his body. For four days his body was kept in a body bag under the hut that the Field Ambulance Headquarters was located in. I would later form part of his burial detail when he was buried at the temporary military cemetery at Ajax Bay.

Being a Combat Medic my role in the Falklands War did not only require me to treat those who were wounded but also assist with identifying, documenting and laying to rest those who had laid down their lives for freedom. One of these heroes whose image still haunts me to this day was that of a Royal Marine Commando who had been killed in one of the battles for the mountains surrounding Stanley, the capital of the Falklands.

I along with another medic had been tasked to gather any personal items from his body, log them and then place his body in a body bag. As we did this I could not help but look at his face, it

was hard to think that there was no life left in his body. His face looked so peaceful.

Before placing the bodies into body bags, we would line the bags with white sheets. Once the body was placed inside, we would wrap the sheet around the body and head covering the face. After placing his body on the sheet, we turned away to put his personal items into an envelope. As we turned back to cover him up the sheet was no longer white but a crimson red. We looked at each other puzzle as to what we had done wrong. As we lifted his body to look, we were faced with the horror of how this brave Marine had met his death. It was clear that he had been shot with a Dum Dum bullet which had blown away his back. Dum Dum bullets are illegal under the Geneva Convention as they are designed to cause catastrophic injuries from which no one

can survive.

Although at the time of the Falklands War Anita did not know me, she did lose a very close school friend on one of the naval ships.



Stephen Tonkins went to the same schools as Anita in her home village of Eckington, just outside Sheffield, Northeast Derbyshire. Stephen was in the year above Anita who was in the same class as his younger sister Jacqueline but she hung out with him and Jacqueline during break times. Stephen joined the Royal Navy and was serving on HMS Coventry at the time of the Falklands War. He died when HMS Coventry was bombed and sunk while operating off the northern coast of West Falkland, on 25th May 1982.

POSTHUMOUS VC FOR PRIVATE

Fifty-six years ago, a young private in Vietnam charged through relentless enemy fire killing multiple North Vietnamese soldiers, used an enemy's own weapon against them, and repeatedly risked his life to save his mates.

The late Pte Richard Norden was awarded the Victoria Cross, the nation's highest military honour, on Remembrance Day 2024 in recognition of his extraordinary courage in combat.

During the Battle of Fire Support Base Coral, 5 Pl, B Coy, 1RAR came under heavy fire in an ambush by a squad of seven to ten North Vietnamese Army soldiers.

Pte Norden, a member of the lead section, ran through intense enemy fire to reach the section commander and forward scout, both wounded in the initial contact.

He killed one enemy soldier while advancing, recovered the soldier's weapon after exhausting his own ammunition, and used it to engage further enemy combatants.

He then dragged the severely injured section commander to safety before advancing again, despite being seriously wounded himself. Reaching the forward scout, whose body was being used as a shield by an enemy soldier, Pte Norden killed the attacker.

Determining the scout had succumbed to his injuries, Pte Norden returned to the section, collected grenades, and advanced a third time to clear the area, ensuring the recovery of the scout's body and securing the enemy position.

The citation says Pte Norden's selflessness and disregard for his own safety likely saved the lives of his platoon members.

He was originally awarded a Distinguished Conduct Medal.

Pte Norden returned to Australia and joined the Australian Capital Territory Police. He was killed in a motorcycle accident while serving in 1972.

Army, Edition 1572, December 5, 2024

WELCOME HOME (IT'S NEVER TOO LATE)

Lachlan Irvine, Vietnam War Poetry - Tripod

To all the unsung heroes
Who deserve their special day
Welcome Home
Though many years have passed
I hope it's not too late to say
Welcome Home

You went to war believing
That you had a job to do
And though it wasn't easy
I'm so glad you made it through
And I think it's time we told you all
How proud we are of you
Welcome Home

Though memories can be painful
And some wounds are slow to heal
Welcome Home
Your people now are ready
To tell you how we feel
Welcome Home

In the footsteps of your fathers
Who fought in Freedom's name
And your grandfathers before them
Who played War's deadly game
You followed their example
Did your duty just the same
Welcome Home

I hope we've gained the wisdom now
To understand the cost
Welcome Home
And though it won't relieve the pain
Of good friends you have lost
Welcome Home

As we take a quiet moment
To remember those who fell
In the jungles and the paddies
On the battlefields of Hell
We give thanks for the survivors
And we raise our voice to yell

WELCOME HOME

EPPING RSL SUB-BRANCH DIRECTORY 2024

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