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## YANDINA-EUMUNDI RSL SUB-BRANCH NEWS July 2011



July 8, 2011 A bearer party comprising members of the Special Operations Task Group moves Sergeant Todd Langley's casket into the memorial service at Multi National Base Tarin Kot, Afghanistan.

## COMMITTEE 2011

**PATRON:** Bill "Dusty" Miller Ph 5446 7628

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**TREASURER:** Helen Cook

**NEWSLETTER:** Leonie McGaw 0413 776226

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**GENERAL COMMITTEE:** Ian Riddell, Richard Slypen, Jack Pegg, Spike Bettega

**DISTRICT DELEGATES:** Helen Cook

**PENSIONS -** Jack Pegg

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## NEWSLETTER ONLINE

[The newsletter is now online at  
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Next meeting Monday August 1, 2011 at 9.30am

### VALE - GEORGE CLIST 1919—2011

We note with sadness the peaceful passing of our former sub-branch member George Clist on June 29. George was a tireless fundraiser during his years at Yandina and kept committee members on their toes; we will always remember his love of posing searching questions at sub-branch meetings!

George was born in New Zealand in 1919. He volunteered in 1941 and ended up as a special commando before joining his brother Noel in the Middle East conflict with the NZ 8th Field Company. After being shot in the upper arm in Egypt, he was taken prisoner and spent time in Italian and German POW camps. He escaped twice and while on the run helped Allied pilots who had been shot down get back to Britain, through an escape route over the Swiss Alps. George was liberated by the Americans and made his way home to Auckland. He married childhood sweetheart and life-long love, Juliet in 1945.

George and Juliet moved to Australia in 1954 and spent many happy years in Yandina before moving to Ashmond Villas at Cooroy, which they enjoyed until well into their 80s. Declining health meant another move to Laguna Village for a year or so, then Kabara Hostel back in Cooroy. His family remember a man who loved being the centre of attention, whether it was as an auctioneer on a Saturday morning in Tewantin, or the president of the Lions or bowls club. "He was a great organiser, a natural born leader and the ultimate extrovert, who loved to be heard ... but he never liked to be told." Our sincere condolences to Juliet and the family.



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**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE YANDINA-EUMUNDI RSL SUB BRANCH**  
**held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2011 at 0930 hrs.**

**Opening:** 0945hrs

**Ode:** Recited by President Helen Cook – special thought for the family of George Clist and our troops lost in Afghanistan.

**Attendance:** As per attendance register 8

**Apologies:** Jack Pegg, Dusty Miller, Richard Slypen, Marilyn Berry, Brenda Starkey

**Minutes:** As read in June Newsletter. Motion032/11: Moved Bill Reeve: **“That the minutes as written are accepted”** Seconded: Ossie Apps, carried.

**Correspondence:** As tabled. Notice brought to Invitation to Maroochydhore Reunion Luncheon. Motion033 /11: Moved Bill Reeve ; **“That the inward correspondence is accepted and outgoing be endorsed”**, seconded: Dave Fitzgerald, carried.

**Treasurers Report –** As tabled. Motion 034 /11: Moved the Treasurer **“That the Treasurers Report is received and the accounts as listed be passed as paid.”** Seconded: Dave Fitzgerald, carried.

**REPORTS**

**President:** The Funeral of George Clist will be held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July at Drysdale Funerals, Tewanin at 1400hrs. Katie Rose Cottage has completed the furnishing of the “Poppy” Room and it is to be dedicated on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July at 1100hrs, members are welcome to attend.

**Delegate:** I attended the State Congress last month in Brisbane. The new state President is Terry Meehan, the Deputy John Strachan.

**031/11 GENERAL BUSINESS**

A reminder to all members that the Street fair is only a few weeks away, if you are available to help out on the day (14<sup>th</sup> August ) please contact Helen.

There being no further business the meeting closed at: 1030hrs

Next Meeting: **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2011 – 0930hrs**

Next Committee Meeting: **Friday 29th July 2011 – 0930hrs**

**Helen Cook — President**

**Bill Reeve — Deputy President**

## Major General Neville Reginald Howse, VC, KCB, KCMG

Captain N R Howse, New South Wales Army Medical Corps, originally from Somerset, United Kingdom, wins the Victoria Cross at Vredefort, Orange Free State. Howse's was the first Victoria Cross awarded to an Australian and he remains the only Australian medical officer to win this award.

Neville Howse was born on 26 October 1863 at Stogursey, Somerset, in England. He was educated at Fullard's House School, Taunton, before studying medicine at London Hospital. Howse migrated to New South Wales, establishing his first practice in Newcastle before moving to Taree. After undertaking postgraduate work in England, Howse returned to Australia in 1897 and settled in Orange.

In January 1900 he was commissioned as a lieutenant in the New South Wales Medical Corps and sailed for South Africa. He was serving with a mounted infantry brigade at Vredefort where, on 24 July, he rescued a wounded man under heavy fire. For this he was awarded Australia's first Victoria Cross. He was promoted to captain in October the same year.

Howse returned to Australia, but went back to South Africa as an honorary major in the Australian Medical Corps in February 1902, just as the war was ending. Howse was twice elected mayor of Orange and married Evelyn Pilcher in Bathurst in 1905. When the First World War began in 1914 he was appointed principal medical officer to the Australian Naval and Military Expeditionary Force to German New Guinea, with the rank of lieutenant colonel. His medical knowledge and logistical skills ensured that there were no cases of serious illness and he returned to Australia in time to join the first AIF contingent as staff officer to the Surgeon General, director of medical services.

In December 1914 Howse was promoted to colonel and appointed assistant director of medical services, 1st Australian Division. At Gallipoli he took charge of evacuating wounded men from the beach in the campaign's opening days. "Shells and bullets he completely disregarded", wrote one officer, but "to the wounded he was gentleness itself." Unafraid to speak his mind, at the Dardanelles commission in 1917 Howse described the arrangements for dealing with the wounded at the landing as inadequate to the point of "criminal negligence" on the part of the Imperial authorities. In September 1915 he was given command of ANZAC medical services and in November became director of the AIF's medical services.

Based in London once the AIF moved to France, Howse made regular visits to France and retained control of the Australian Army Medical Corps in Egypt and Palestine. He consistently endeavoured to maintain the physical standards of the AIF and late in the war attributed its success in part to the efforts he and his staff made in ensuring the physical and moral fitness of Australian front-line soldiers.

Howse was knighted in 1917 and in 1920 returned briefly to private practice before resuming work with the army. He resigned in 1922 and won the federal seat of Calare for the National Party. He held several ministerial portfolios, including defence and health. In 1930 he went to England for medical treatment but died of cancer on 19 September. He was survived by his wife and five children.



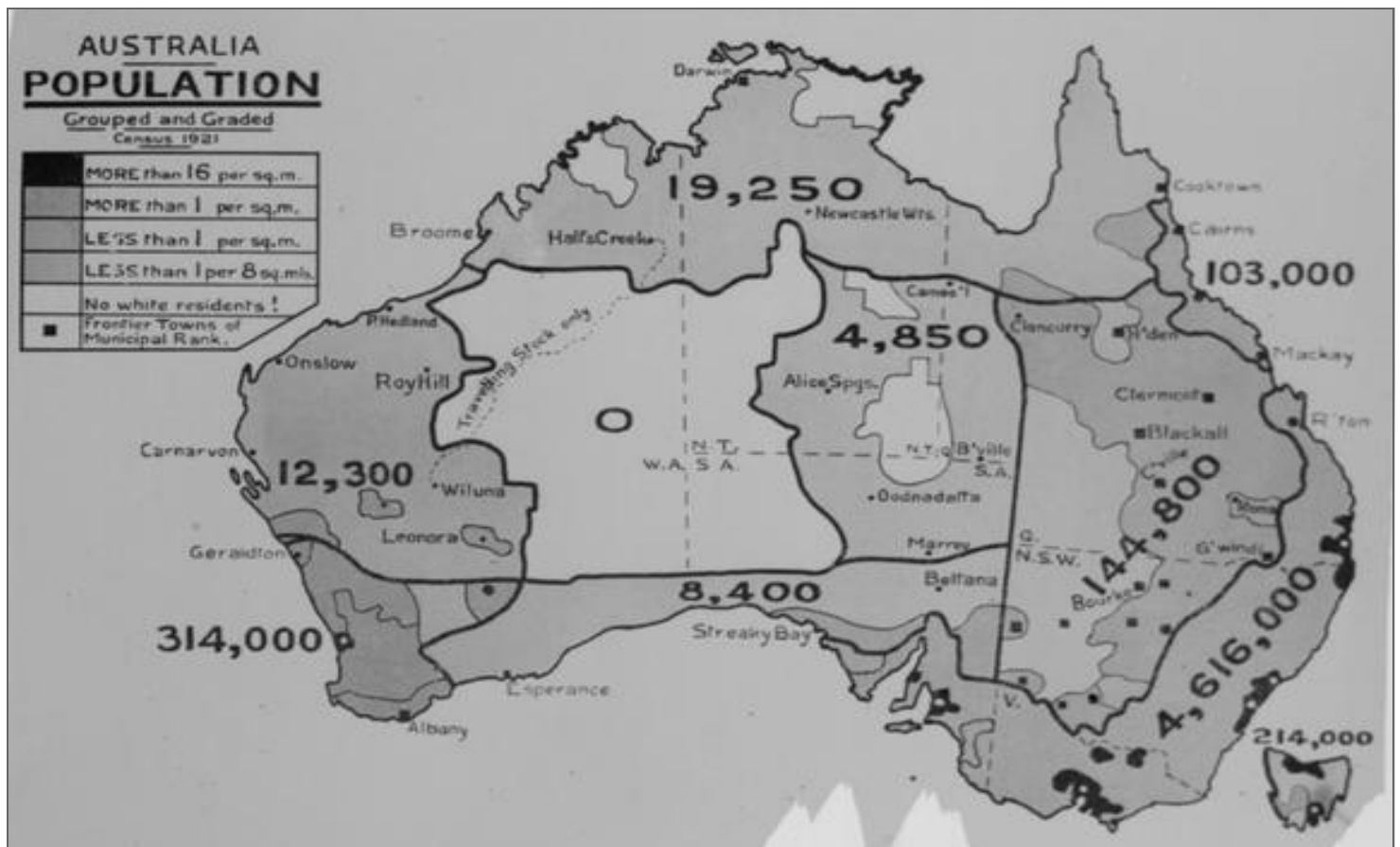
## CENTENARY OF THE AUSTRALIAN CENSUS 9 AUGUST 2011

Australia has a history of regular population stock takes from the time of the first British settlement in Australia. From 1788 stock takes occurred in the form of musters and victualling lists, maintained to control food stores. In 1828 Australia's first census was held in New South Wales. From then on regular censuses were held in New South Wales and, as they were established, in the other colonies. In the mid-19th century colonial statisticians encouraged compatibility between the colonies in their censuses, and in 1881 a census was held simultaneously in each of the colonies. When planning for the 1901 census it was clear that Federation was forthcoming, and a uniform census schedule was developed.

The *Census and Statistics Act 1905* (Cth) led to the establishment of the Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics (CBCS).<sup>[1]</sup> The Bureau was renamed the Australian Bureau of Statistics in [1975](#).

The first national census was developed by the CBCS. It was held on 2 April 1911. Tabulation was carried out almost entirely by hand; over 4 million cards were sorted and physically counted for each tabulation. Results from the 1911 census took a long time to release with delays increased by [World War I](#).<sup>[1]</sup> The Australian population was counted as 4,455,005 "exclusive of full-blooded aborigines". In the Census of 1911 many Collectors used horses. A drought in Western Australia meant that some Collectors were unable to find feed for their horses. Flooding and bogs stranded some Collectors in Queensland.

The Australian census is now conducted every five years. The last was on 8 August 2006; the next will be on 9 August 2011. Prior to the start of regular censuses in 1961, they had also been run in 1901, 1911, 1921, 1933, 1947, and 1954. It is compulsory for all households to fill in all questions, except those relating to religion and the archiving of personal census details. The census counts all people who spend census night within Australia and its territories other than [Norfolk Island](#), with the exception of foreign diplomats and their families. A separate census of Norfolk Island has been conducted by the Norfolk Island Government every five years since 1981, on the same day as the Australian census.



## **FUNNIES - they're clever, too.**

A mate of mine recently admitted to being addicted to brake fluid. When I quizzed him on it he reckoned he could stop any time.

My daughter asked me for a pet spider for her birthday, so I went to our local pet shop and they were \$70!! Stuff this I thought, I can get one cheaper off the web.

Statistically 6 out of 7 dwarves are not happy.

I start a new job in Seoul next week. I thought it was a good Korea move.

I was driving this morning when I saw an RACQ van parked by the road. The driver was sobbing uncontrollably and looked very miserable. I thought to myself "that guy's heading for a breakdown!"

On holiday recently in India I saw a sign that said 'English Speaking Doctor'. I thought "What a good idea, why don't we have them in our country?"

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On some air bases the Air Force is on one side of the field and civilian aircraft use the other side of the field, with the control tower in the middle.

One day the tower received a call from an aircraft asking, "What time is it ?"

The tower responded, "Who is calling ?"

The aircraft replied, "What difference does it make ?"

The tower replied, "It makes a lot of difference...."

If it is an American Airlines flight, it is 3 o'clock. If it is an Air Force plane, it is 1500 hours. If it is a Navy aircraft, it is 6 bells. If it's a Marine Corps aircraft, the big hand is on the 12 and the little hand is on the 3. If it's an Army aircraft, it's Thursday afternoon and 120 minutes to "Happy Hour."

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Ever since I was a child, I've had a fear of someone under by bed at night, so I went to a shrink and told him: 'I've got problems. Every time I go to bed I think there's somebody under it. I'm scared. I think I'm going crazy.'

'Just put yourself in my hands for one year,' said the shrink. 'Come talk to me three times a week and we should be able to get rid of those fears..'

'How much do you charge?' 'Eighty dollars per visit,' replied the doctor.. 'I'll sleep on it,' I said.

Six months later the doctor met me on the street. 'Why didn't you come to see me about those fears you were having?' he asked.

'Well, eighty bucks a visit three times a week for a year is an awful lot of money! A bartender cured me for \$10. I was so happy to have saved all that money that I went and bought me a new Harley!'

'Is that so!' With a bit of an attitude he said, 'and how, may I ask, did a bartender cure you?'

'He told me to cut the legs off the bed! - Ain't nobody under there now!!!!'

**FORGET THE SHRINKS.. HAVE A DRINK & TALK TO A BARTENDER!**

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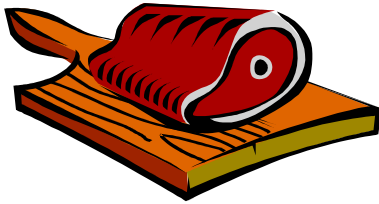
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I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I can't put it down.

Did you hear about the cross-eyed teacher? He couldn't control his pupils.

Did you hear that there's a new type of broom out? It's sweeping the nation.

I thought I'd forgotten how to throw a boomerang... but it eventually came back to me.

What do you call a camel with no humps? Humphrey.

I wondered why the cricket ball was getting bigger. Then it hit me.

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