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TBA	Veteran's Health Week Golf Day	1100	Townsville Golf Club
December 9th	Christmas Party		Brothers Leagues Club
December 15th	General Meeting	1015	Brothers Leagues Club
February 23rd 2023	AGM	1015	Brothers Leagues Club

OCTOBER BIRTHDAY LIST

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The son answers "Okay, give me 15 minutes and I'll be there."

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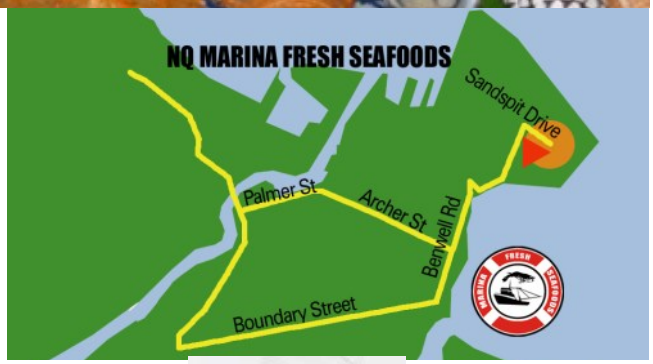

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TIM PAGE A LIFE LIVED IN DANGER

By our own Troy Rogers

Photography is my sex, especially now I am getting too old to enjoy sex! Tim Page explains to me when I ask him does he miss all the action of being a combat photographer.

As an ex-Army photographer now, I am about to meet the man who inspired me to become an 'Comabt Photographer' a man called Tim Page.

I was first introduced to Tim's work while as a Rifleman with the 6th Battalion of the Royal Australian Regiment in Brisbane. Initially, I became a photographer in order to get out of days of parade rehearsals, marching around the hot bitumen parade ground practicing for major events like Long Tan Day or the battalion's birthday or what ever parade the battalion was required to perform.

Jim Shivers, an ex British Army soldier who was on his second tour back in the Australian Army showed me a documentary that was made about Tim by the BBC during 1979. I remember Tim sitting in front of an audience of mostly academics asking questions like, do you think you can take the glamour out of war?' which Tim's reply was 'taking the glamour out of war is like trying to take the sex out of the Rolling Stones, I mean man!, it just can't be done!'.

Or how does 'one' become a war photographer?' again Tim replied with a cool 'you just take one step after another'. One step after another I thought to myself…. hell I do that already in Infantry so I am halfway there!' Now all I have to do is learn to use a camera. I bluffed my way asking a brother battalion's photographer how to use a camera. Watching Tim on this documentary and the images that they showed sealed my thought that that was what I wanted to do become an Army photographer.

Wearing a black T-Shirt with the slogan 'Photography: **If it is sharp it's Porn'** written across his shirt and walking with a limp from horrific injuries sustained during the Vietnam War, Tim Page starts his workshop with a small group of photographers intent on learning the trade from the most celebrated 'living' photographer of the Vietnam War.

Tim apologises to the class for feeling 'a little fragile' from the night before which was the opening night of his exhibition called 'Conflict and Aftermath' at the Perc Tucker Gallery. Even though Tim feels 'fragile' his hands move in gestures like a painter working a canvas as he passes on over 40 years of experience behind the camera, most of it while under gun fire!

Tim is a story teller he holds his audience with his explanations of how to make an image. 'Your first assignment' Tim explains 'is to make a self portrait, it has to show who you are your personality, think of the sort of image that you want people to see if you are killed tomorrow!'.

So ascending the stairs cameras slung around my neck armed with very rare books produced by Tim (so he could sign) my heart started to race with the excitement a child has the night before Christmas or a person feels when they are about to meet someone famous. The first thing that hits anyone walking into the gallery is the enormity of the photographic prints and the fine detail that makes you feel as though you are there in Vietnam.

Then there is Tim talking to the highest ranking soldier in Townsville Brigadier Mick Slater. I was to go over and introduce myself however I don't as Tim is in an in-depth conversation with Brig Slater.

The show starts and I don't have a chance to meet Tim just yet. Brigadier Slater addresses the audience and it is obvious that this exhibition has a carthartic effect on Mick Slater. Brigadier Slater, probably subconsciously, has placed his hand over his heart gives to all attending the exhibition a personal and heart breaking account of losing his own father from wounds his father sustained during the Vietnam War as a soldier.

After the show a small handful of people ascend on Palmer Street with Tim for a meal, and Tim is amazed and honoured that he has been asked to join Brigadier Slater for drinks later in the week.

Tim reals in amazement and in his thick educated English accent announces to all "I cant believe a fucking Brigadier General wants to have drinks with me!'

It is a sentence that I hear for the next two days that I spend with Tim and his companion Ken (an ex-!

Vietnam and Cambodian Veteran who has unselfishly given up his time and travelled from Melbourne to bring Tim to Townsville for the exhibition).

Have film will travel!

'A day without taking a frame is like not living' Tim explains to me over a cup of tea

VIETNAM WAR PHOTOGRAPHER TIM PAGE DIES IN AUSTRALIA AT 78

CANBERRA, Australia -- Legendary Vietnam War photographer, writer and counter-culture documenter Tim Page died Wednesday at his Australian home. He was 78 years old.

The British-born, self-taught photographer died of liver cancer with friends at his bedside at his rural home at Fernmount in New South Wales state, friends posted on social media.
Ben Bohane, an Australian friend and fellow
photojournalist, described Page as one of the world's great war photographers as well as a "real humanist."

"He always said that it was more important to be a decent human being than a great photographer. So his humanism, through his photojournalism, really shone through," Bohane told Australian Broadcasting Corp. on Thursday. "One of his famous lines was, 'the only good war photograph is an anti-war photograph,'" Bohane added.

Page was wounded four times as a war reporter covering conflicts in Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia during the 1960s and '70s.

He stood out for his flamboyance and extravagant personality as well as his talent and commitment as a photographer. He inspired the drug-addled photojournalist played by Dennis Hopper in the Francis Coppola-directed, Oscar-winning 1979 Vietnam War movie "**Apocalypse Now."**

Page embraced and documented the drug culture since the 1960s in Indochina and the United States.

He worked as a freelance photographer from the late 1960s for music magazines including Rolling Stone and Crawdaddy, sharing assignments with some of the most significant writers of the era such as Hunter S. Thompson. Page embraced his "Gonzo photographer" reputation.

He was arrested along with Jim Morrison when with Doors frontman was famously dragged by police from a stage in New Haven, Connecticut, in 1967. Morrison was arrested for inciting a riot, indecency and public obscenity. Page was arrested obstructing police. Both spent the night in police cells before charges were dropped.

As well as the Indochina wars, Page also covered conflicts in Afghanistan, Solomon Islands, Israel, Bosnia and East Timor.

Page wrote a dozen books about his war experiences and music.

He was born in Tunbridge Wells in England on May 25, 1944. He was raised by a foster family after his merchant navy sailor father died in a submarine attack in the North Atlantic.

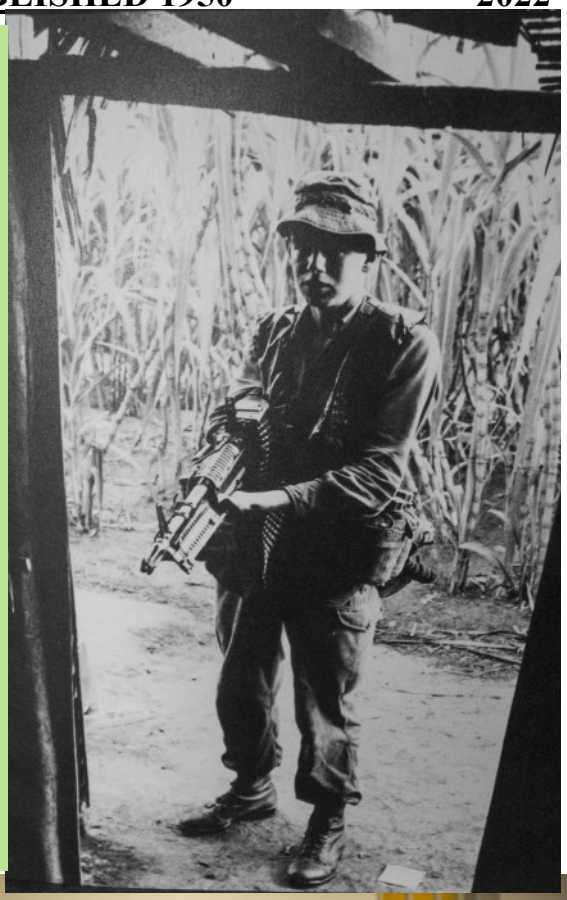
He left Britain in 1962, traveling through Europe, the Middle East and then Asia where he began photographing a civil war in Laos.
He created iconic images of the Vietnam War while working for news organizations including the AP, UPI, Time -Life and Paris Match.

He moved to Australia in 2002 to be with his longtime Australian partner Marianne Harris and became an adjunct professor of photojournalism at Griffith University at Brisbane in Queensland state.

He is survived by Harris and Kit Clifford, his son from a previous relationship with Clare Clifford.

LEFT
a photo of me sitting on the steps with Tim Page, Jim Shivers (my ex section commander who introduced me to Tim's work and a doco that led me to become an army Photographer,
and Troy Rogers .

Colour Photo is of Tim with camera at the exhibition of his photos at the Perc Tucker Gallery in Townsville



Hanoi Jane apologises to NVA

Examples of Tim's photos Vietnam, Timor Afghanistan

Chinese J16

CHINESE FIGHTER FIRED CHAFF INTO RAAF POSEIDON ENGINES

The Australian Defence Force has issued a statement saying a RAAF aircraft was intercepted by a Chinese fighter in the South China Sea last month.

On 26 May 2022, a RAAF P-8 maritime surveillance aircraft was intercepted by a Chinese J-16 fighter aircraft during a routine maritime surveillance activity in international airspace in the South China Sea region, the statement said.

"The intercept resulted in a dangerous manoeuvre which posed a safety threat to the P-8 aircraft and its crew. "Defence has for decades undertaken maritime surveillance activities in the region and does so in accordance with international law, exercising the right to freedom of navigation and overflight in international waters and airspace."

Defence Minister Richard Marles said the J-16 aircraft flew very close to the side of the P-8 maritime surveillance aircraft and released flares.

"The J-16 then accelerated and cut across the nose of the P-8, settling in front of the P-8 at very close distance,"Mr Marles said.

"At that moment, it then released a bundle of chaff, which contains small pieces of aluminium, some of which were ingested into the engine of the P-8 aircraft. "Quite obviously, this is very dangerous."

The Australian government has raised its concerns about the incident with the Chinese government.

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Soldiers from the 4th Regiment, Royal Australian Artillery fire the M777 155mm Howitzer during Exercise Chau Pha.

GUNNERS ON TARGET IN TOUGH TEST

Gunners, forward observers and command post officers of the 4th Regiment, Royal Australian Artillery (4 Regt) were recently put through their paces on one of the most explosive and dynamic artillery exercises.

Exercise Chau Pha, held at the Townsville field training area in June, was designed to progress live-fire certification from battery to regimental level, and prove the regiment's ability to provide offensive support to combat teams within the battlespace.

Lieutenant Genevieve Butler, from 106 Battery, completed her first live-fire plan as a command post officer (CPO) during the exercise and said it was a high-pressure, high-reward experience.

"When you've got live ammunition and people relying on you to know the information is accurate, it is really daunting," Lieutenant Butler said. "But we've also got the staff around us for safety and the gunners know what they're doing, so it's a seamless exercise."

As the CPO, Lieutenant Butler was responsible for receiving the forward observers' call for fire and computing that data for the gunline to then engage specific targets within precise timeframes.

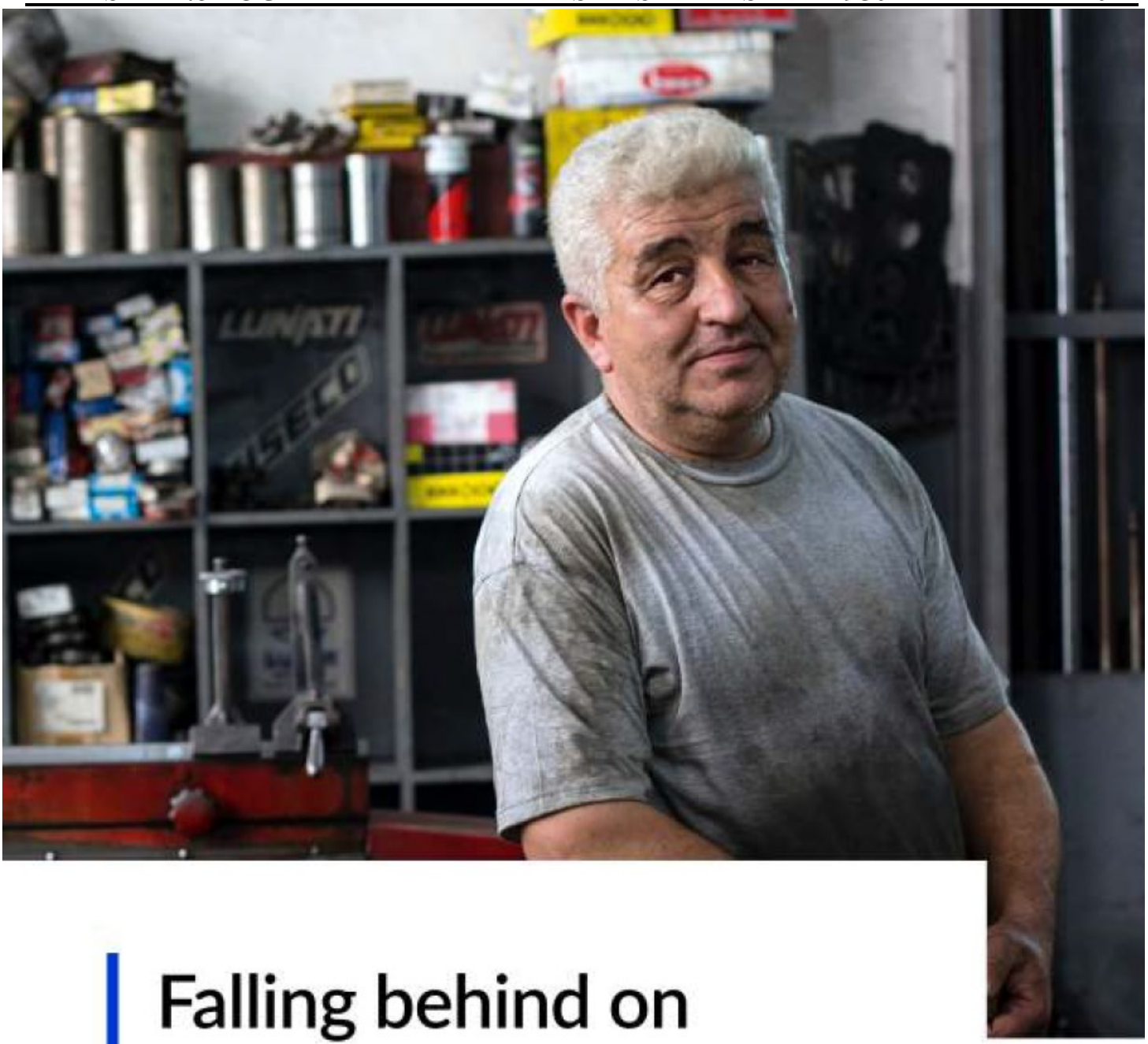
"It's pretty cool to be commanding the battery, as my first live-fire activity as well," she said. "Having the ability to facilitate all of those rounds being sent down range and working with the gun line, it's a pretty rewarding experience."

Lieutenant Butler said there was a great sense of relief after completing the mission successfully.

"When you're sitting in the protected mobility vehicle during a fire mission, sometimes it doesn't feel like it's going smoothly, but then you hear the rounds are landing on target. Hearing that play out in real life is a really good feeling," she said.

Sending more than 300 bombs down range from his gun detachment in just one day, 106 Battery Delta detachment commander Bombardier Patrick Bartlett

Australian Army Gunners Thomas Graham, left, and Zach Campbell from the 4th Regiment, Royal Australian Artillery, load the M777 155mm Howitzer during Exercise Chau Pha.



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From Page 15 said the opportunity to conduct large live-fire missions was an unmatched experience of adrenaline and physical endurance.

"Shooting bombs is one of those uniquely addictive experiences you get to experience in Defence," Bombardier Bartlett said.

"Physically, artillery is one of the most explosive and high-intensity jobs. The gun preparation is pretty taxing; the guys are lifting 45 kilo bombs at a minimum, barrel-ramming and getting repelling charges ready. It can be exhausting."

But many hands make light work, and Bombardier Bartlett said there was a lot of training and preparation to
ensure all the gunners were prepared to execute high-level live-fire plans in the field.

"Team synchronicity is absolutely paramount," he said.

"We can't move the gun without a team effort and that's why we train our lads really hard, so they can integrate with anyone in our battery and do their drills accordingly."

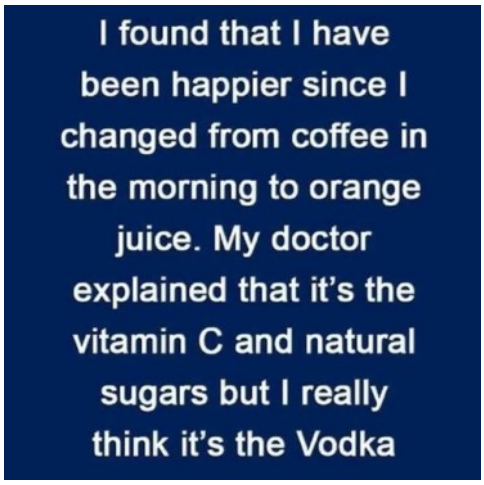
The regiment is now certified to participate in the upcoming Brolga series of exercises, where it will integrate as the 3rd Combat Brigade's organic fire support.

$4.45 MILLION TO SUPPORT LOCAL VETERANS

25 August 2022

Veterans' advocacy services today received a boost, with more than 119 ex-service organisations (ESOs) across Australia sharing in $4.45 million of funding under the Australian Government's Building Excellence in Support and Training (BEST) grants program.

Minister for Veterans' Affairs Matt Keogh said the BEST grants program helps fund a range of support services delivered by ESOs, to provide localised advice and assistance to veterans and families through wellbeing and compensation advocates.



"ESOs play a vital role in supporting more than half a million veterans across the country, so it's important they have the resources they need to deliver their important services," Minister Keogh said.

"This program provides ESOs with the funding and resources to assist our veterans and families who may need help with claims, accessing health, housing and other community services.

"The grant funding is a contribution towards the wages of compensation advocates and their support staff, as well as equipment and administration expenses they may require as part of delivering services to veterans and families.

"Veterans and families are encouraged to access the additional support services available to them by connecting in with their local ex-service organisation.

"I congratulate our 2022-23 BEST grant recipients and want to thank each and every one of you for continuing to delivery high quality support services to our veterans and families."

For more information on BEST grants, visit the grants page on the **Department of Veterans' Affairs website (www.dva.gov.au/grants).**

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Sergeant Rana Chandan operates a Ghost Robotics quadruped robot using a novel brain-computer interface during a demonstration at Majura training area.

BRAIN WAVES CONTROL ROBOT DOG'S MOVES

While biological dogs respond to voice commands "sit", "fetch" and "stay", robotic dogs might soon take instruction via a person's brain.

This technology was demonstrated when Sergeant Damian Robinson, from 5th Combat Service Support Battalion, and Sergeant Chandan Rana, from 1st/15th Royal New South Wales Lancers, commanded a robot to go to several locations using their powers of concentration at Majura Training Area, Canberra, on May 11.

Several white squares corresponding to waypoints flickered on Sergeant Robinson's augmented reality lens at varying frequencies.

A graphene biosensor at the back of Sergeant Robinson's head was ready to detect brainwaves from his visual cortex.

When Sergeant Robinson concentrated on a particular flicker, the biosensor detected corresponding brainwaves and signalled an amplification circuit.

An artificial intelligence decoder translated the signal into commands, which the robot dog then followed.

Sergeant Robinson and another soldier operated the technology using a commercial HoloLens running technology developed by University of Technology Sydney (UTS) researchers to command a Ghost Robotics quadruped robot.

"The whole process is not difficult to master. It's very intuitive. It only took a couple of sessions," Sergeant Robinson said.

The robot is typically controlled with a handheld console, but in this case, the operator's brainwave initiates the commands. This allows the operator to maintain weapon readiness or

Australian Army soldier Sergeant Rana Chandan (right) from the 1st/15th Royal New South Wales Lancers during a novel brain-computer interface demonstration at Majura Training Area, Canberra.

use their hands for other tasks. Sergeant Robinson joined the program in April and did eight, two-hour sessions with the system.
During the demonstration, Sergeant Robinson could command the robot to visit six pre-determined locations based on one of six flickers that he could choose.
"You don't have to think anything specific to operate the robot, but you do need to focus on that flicker," he said. "It's more of a visual concentration thing."

The purpose of the demonstration was to get soldiers thinking about how Army might integrate this technology into the tactical environment.

Researchers at UTS and Army's Robotic and Autonomous Implementation and Coordination Office (RICO) worked together since December 2020 to explore brain-computer interfaces and their tactical applications. This exploration was a four way collaboration between Defence Innovation Hub, RICO, UTS, and Defence Science and Technology Group.

Distinguished Professor Chin-Teng Lin and Professor Francesca Iacopi, from UTS, have made several breakthroughs in brain-computer interfaces.

Professor Lin figured out how to minimise noise from the body and environment to get a clearer signal from an operator's brain.

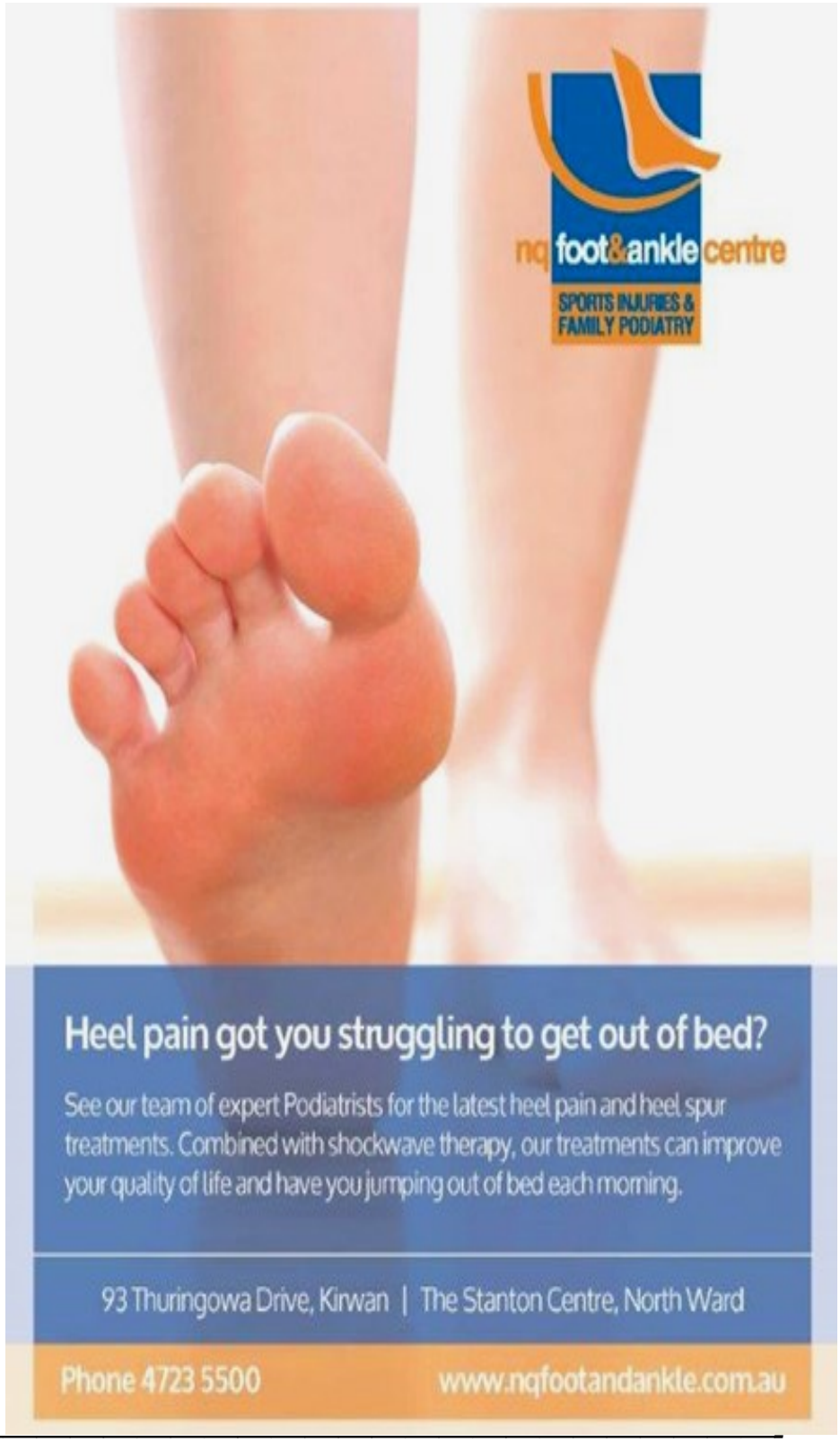
Another advancement was increasing the number of commands the decoder can deliver in a fixed period.

"We have nine different kinds of commands and the operator can select one from those nine within that time period," Professor Lin said.

Professor Iacopi developed a replacement for older biosensors used to detect brainwaves, overcoming issues of corrosion, durability and skin contact resistance through cutting-edge graphene material.

"We've been able to combine the best of graphene, which is very biocompatible and very conductive, with the best of silicon technology, which makes our biosensor very resilient and robust to use," Professor Iacopi said.

Defence has provided $1.2 million in research funding to UTS through the Defence Innovation Hub.



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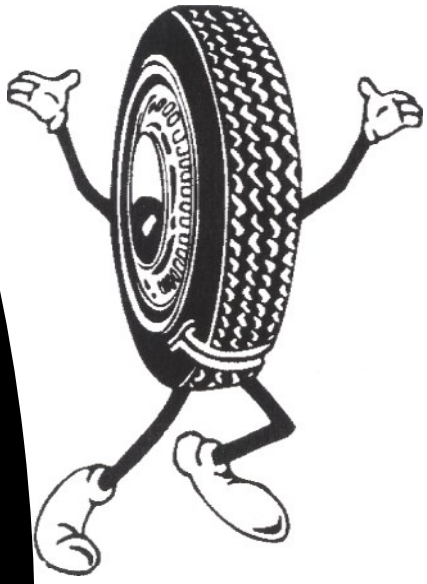

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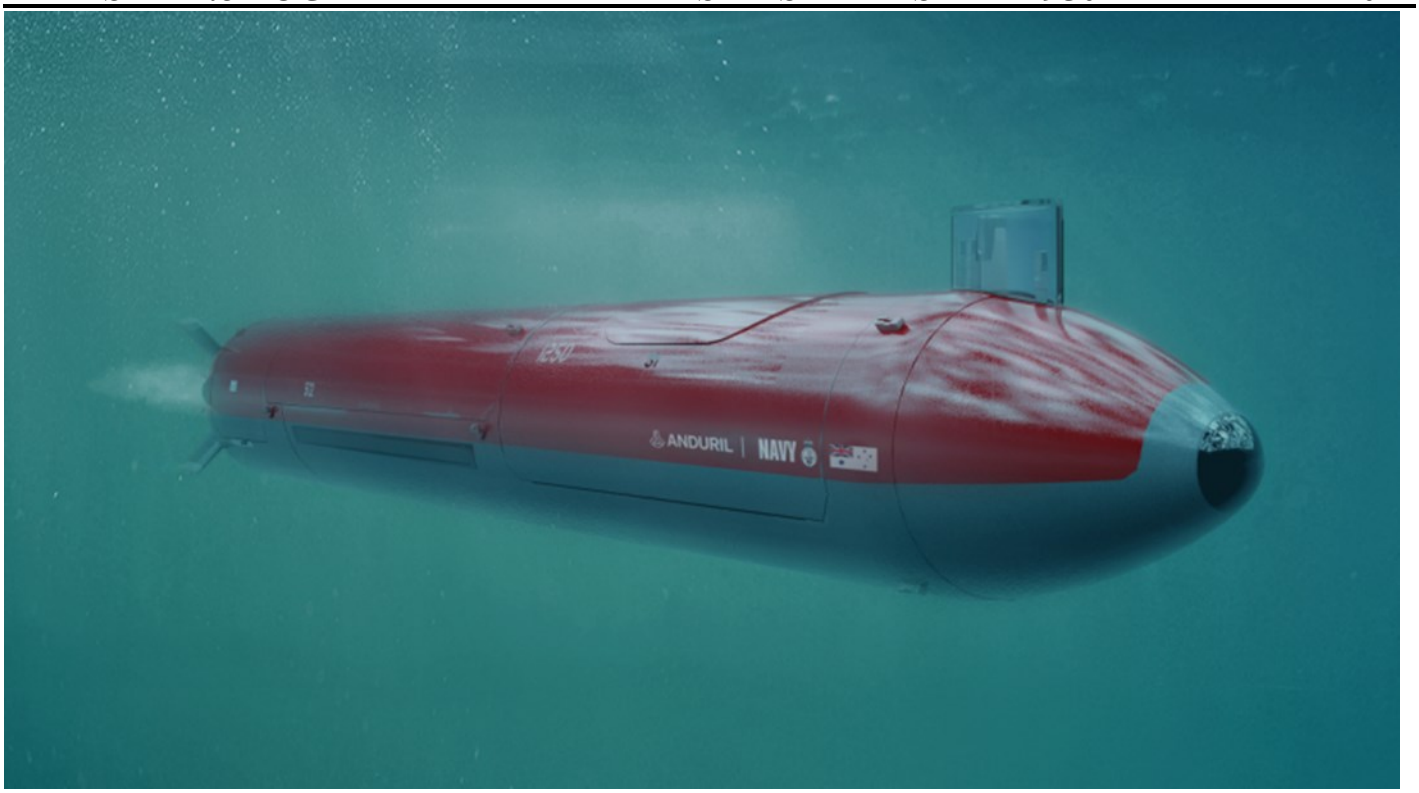

PARTNERSHIP TO DEVELOP STEALTHY CAPABILITY

Defence has partnered with global tech company Anduril to design and develop extra-large autonomous undersea vehicles (XLAUVs).

Under the co-funded arrangement, Defence scientists, Navy personnel and Anduril robotics specialists will produce three prototype XLAUVs over three years, delivering a manufacture-ready vehicle at the end of 2025. XLAUVs are typically between 10 and 30 metres long and have the capacity to carry various military payloads over long distances.

In addition, a large diameter autonomous undersea vehicle will be delivered to Australia as a testbed vehicle to enable experimentation, testing and validation to commence from the first quarter of next year.

It is expected that extensive industry engagement and ongoing initiatives to broaden Australia's uncrewed undersea vehicle industry will ensure Australia is at the forefront of robotic autonomous systems.

Chief Defence Scientist Professor Tanya Monro said the collaboration was significant, not only for the critical capability it would deliver to Defence, but because it demonstrated how innovative new technology could, should, and would be fast-tracked and streamlined to keep pace with a rapidly changing strategic environment.

"We have long recognised in Defence that we need to transition innovative concepts into capability more quickly. That urgency to deliver impact is what shapes our Defence innovation programs, and is the driving force behind *More, Together*, our 10-year Defence science and technology strategy," Professor Monro said. "Our new approach to innovation is all about focus, scale and impact.

"By partnering shoulder to shoulder with our industry and Navy colleagues to co-develop this critical capability, that is exactly what we'll achieve."

The ambitious XLAUV development program will establish the foundations of an Australian sovereign XLAUV capability while strengthening Defence's understanding of the technology associated with operating these platforms.

The project is partly funded by Defence's Next Generation Technologies Fund.

"This is a great example of our innovation system in action and exactly the sort of activity that the Next Generation Technologies Fund was designed to enable,' Professor Monro said.

Head Navy Capability Rear Admiral Peter Quinn said the program would focus on the capability first, and use technology to find solutions to problems.

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FUNDING APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN FOR VETERANS' HEALTH WEEK 2022

Ex-service organisations and community groups can now apply for funding to help host events promoting healthy eating as part of this year's Veterans' Health Week.

Minister for Veterans' Affairs Matt Keogh said hosting or participating in a Veterans' Health Week event is a fantastic way to support veterans and families locally, raise awareness of particular health concerns that veterans may face and promote better health and wellbeing through healthy lifestyle choices.

"Veterans' Health Week is an annual program run by the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) to get the veteran community moving, eating and living well, and this year's theme is focusing on eating well," Minister Keogh said.

This year's **Veterans' Health Week will be held from 1-9 October,** and event organisers are now invited to apply for $720 in funding to help host their event.

"Some ideas of events could include a community picnic, a guided tour of a local supermarket or farmer's market, hosting a cooking challenge or starting a community garden to grow fresh produce," Minister Keogh said.

"A healthy diet looks different for everyone and events like these, combined with guidance from the Australian Dietary Guidelines, can help veterans and families improve their health literacy and wellbeing in a relaxed, fun community setting."

Veterans' Health Week event organisers are encouraged to get creative in creating fun and accessible events promoting the Eat Well message in their communities.

Applications for the $720 Veterans' Health Week funding will be open until 19 September 2022.

Visit **Veterans' Health Week** on the DVA website for further information and to apply for funding.

REMEMBERING ONE OF THE MOST TRAGIC CHAPTERS IN AUSTRALIAN WARTIME HISTORY

On 15 August 1945, while the world celebrated the end of the Second World War in the Pacific, one of the most tragic chapters of Australian military history was drawing to a close on the island of Borneo.

The Minister for Veterans' Affairs Matt Keogh has travelled to Sandakan in Malaysia to attend commemorative services marking Sandakan Memorial Day, the anniversary of the last prisoner execution at the infamous prison camp, ahead of the liberation of Borneo by Allied forces in August 1945.

Approximately 2,700 Australian and British POWs, most of whom had been captured at the Fall of Singapore in February 1942, were brought to Sandakan by the imperial Japanese forces in 1942 and 1943. There they were used as labour to construct an airstrip. As the Allied forces advanced in 1945, the POWs were forced to march into the mountains – their destination was the small settlement of Ranau some 260 kilometres west.

"Approximately 2,400 Allied servicemen, including 1,787 Australians and 641 British soldiers died between January and August 1945 at Sandakan POW camp, along the track to Ranau and at Ranau itself.

"By the end of August 1945, just six men survived the marches – all Australians. All had managed to escape, and were helped by local people and hidden from the Japanese forces until the end of the war."

A day of commemoration and a commemorative service is held in Malaysia each year on 15 August, to honour the memory of those who lost their lives at Sandakan and on the three forced marches to Ranau.

"The bonds of friendship between Malaysia and Australia are strong, and nowhere are they better demonstrated than through the commitment of the local community and the Malaysian Government in recognising this sad chapter in our shared history," Minister Keogh said.

"Many local Sabahans suffered during the Japanese occupation, and risked their own lives to help and hide Australian POWs who had escaped from the prison camps and the marches. We honour their sacrifice as we honour the POWs who lost their lives here in Borneo.

"Through these annual commemorations, and through the Sandakan Memorial Park here at the site of the former POW camp, we ensure that the sacrifices of all those who died here will always be remembered. Lest We Forget."

Sandakan Memorial Park is located on part of the POW camp site and commemorates POWs who died on the death marches during the Second World War, as well as the local people who risked their own lives to help the POWs.

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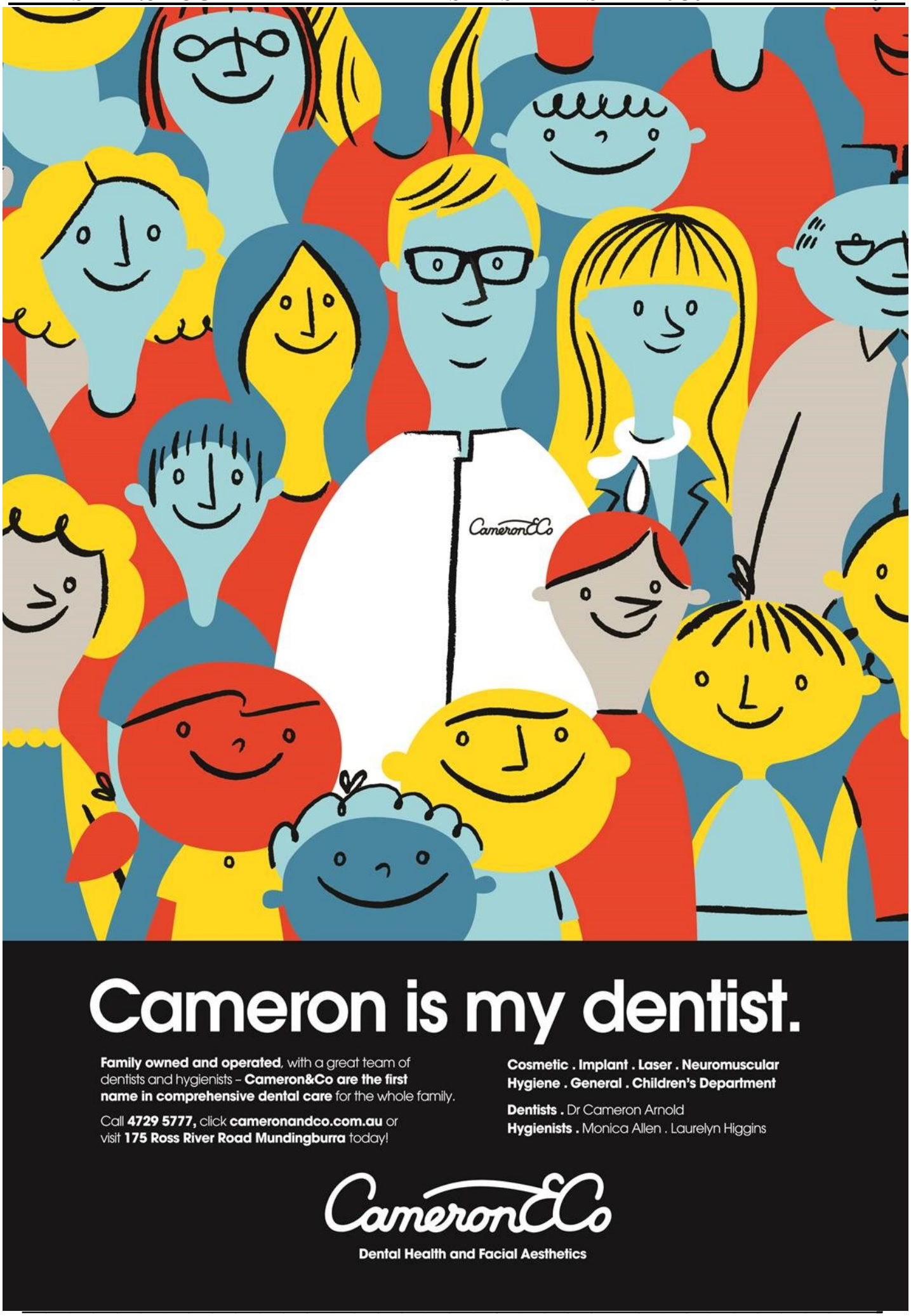
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"SNIFFER"

A man had just boarded and settled into his seat next to the window on the plane when another man sat down in the aisle seat and put his Black Labrador in the middle seat next to the man.

The first man looked very quizzically at the dog and asked why the dog was allowed on the plane.

The second man explained that he was from the Police Drugs Enforcement Agency and that the dog was a 'sniffing dog'.

'His name is Sniffer and he's the best there is.
I'll show you once we get airborne, when I put him to work.'

The plane took off, and once it has levelled out, the Policeman said, 'Watch this.'

He told Sniffer to 'Search'.

Sniffer jumped down, walked along the aisle, and finally sat very purposefully next to a woman for several seconds.

Sniffer then returned to his seat and put one paw on the policeman's arm.

The Policeman said, 'Good boy', and he turned to the man and said, 'That woman is in possession of marijuana, I'm making a note of her seat number and the authorities will apprehend her when we land.

'Gee, that's pretty good,' replied the first man.

Once again, the Policeman sent Sniffer to search the aisles.

The Lab sniffed about, sat down beside a man for a few seconds, returned to its seat, and this time he placed two paws on the agent's arm.

The Policeman said, 'Two paws mean that man is carrying cocaine, so again, I'm making a note of his seat number for the police.'

'I like it!' said his seat mate.

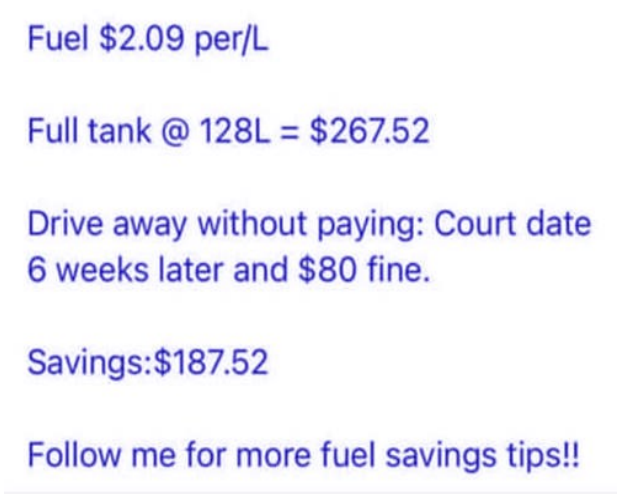
The Policeman then told Sniffer to 'Search' again.

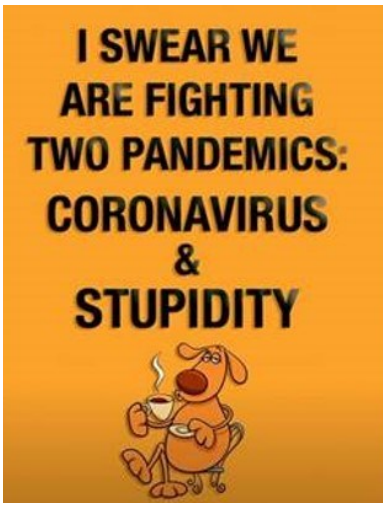
Sniffer walked up and down the aisles for a little while, sat down for a moment, and then came racing back to the agent, jumped into the middle seat and proceeded to shit all over the place.

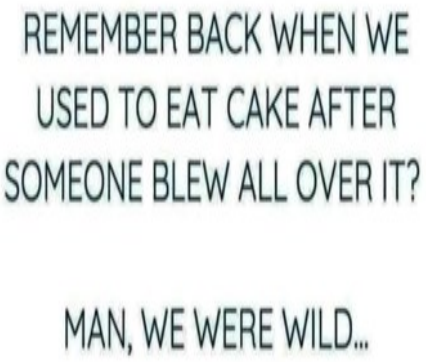
The first man was really disgusted by this behaviour and couldn't figure out how or why a well-trained dog would behave like that

So he asked the Policeman, 'What's going on?'

The Policeman nervously replied, **'He's just found a bomb.'**







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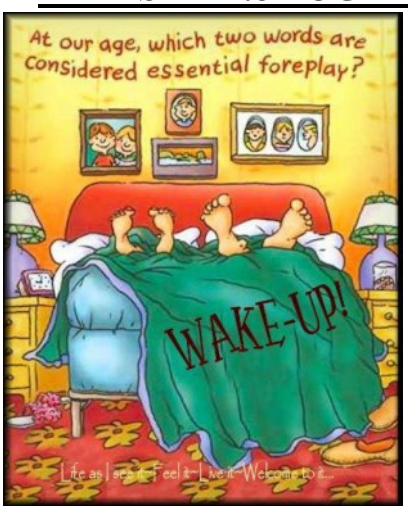

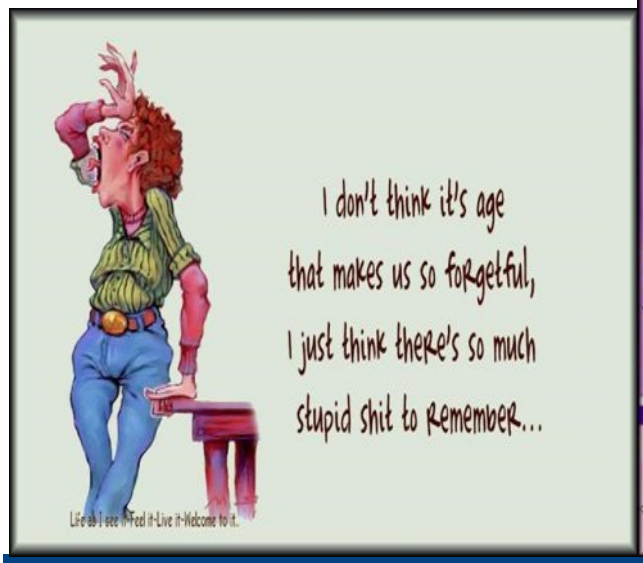

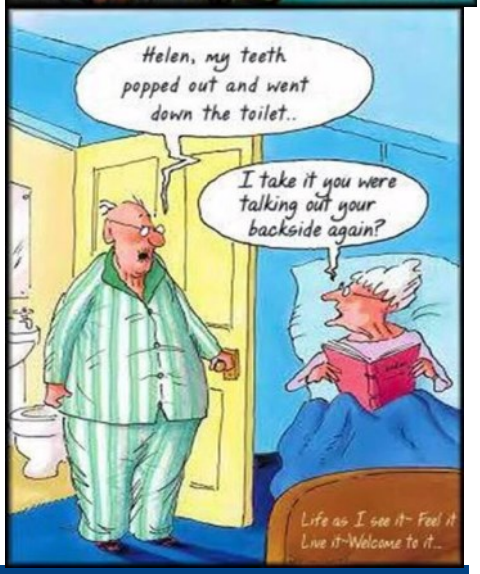

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Two elderly women were out driving in a large car.

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The woman in the passenger seat thought, "I must be losing my mind. I swear we just went through a red light."

A few minutes later, they came to another intersection, and the light was red again.

Again, they went right through.

This time, the woman in the passenger seat was almost sure that the light had been red but was really concerned that she was mistaken.

She was getting nervous and decided to pay very close attention to the next intersection to see what was going on.

At the next intersection, sure enough, the light was definitely red, and yet they went right through.

She turned to the woman driving and said, "Mildred! Did you know we just ran through three red lights in a row! You could have killed us!"

Mildred turned to her and said, "Oh, am I driving?"

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