

ANZAC Day 2022 – Brisbane.

ANZAC Day 2022 falls on a Monday which will make April 23 – 25 a long weekend. The ANZAC Day Parade Brisbane Committee has finalised the order of March for 2022. There will be 10 Groups, with step off times and locations as below: The ladies in the WRAAF Association are in Group 2. The blokes in various RAAF Sqns have been allocated to Group 7.

Group No.	Step off time	Form up location	
Group 1	9.40am	George and Adelaide Sts	
Group 2	9.55am	Charlotte and George Sts (Stephens Lane)	
Group 3	10.05am	William and Elizabeth Sts (Near North Quay)	
Group 4	10.20am	Elizabeth and Edward Sts	
Group 5	10.30am	George and Charlotte Sts (Stephens Lane)	
Group 6	10.50am	Elizabeth and Edward Sts (behind Group 4)	
Group 7	11.05am	William and Elizabeth Sts (Towards Casino Hotel)	
Group 8	11.15am	Charlotte and George Sts (behind Group 2)	
Group 9	11.20am	Elizabeth St, (between George and William Sts)	
Group 10	11.25am	George and Elizabeth Sts	

Following is the RAAF order of march.

Number	Unit	
77	23 Sqn (City of Brisbane) Assoc	
78	RAAF ADG Association	
79	2 Sqn Association	
80	3 Sqn Association	
81	9 Sqn Association	
82	RTFV-35 Sqn Association	
83	38 Sqn Association	
84	460, 462, 463, 466, 467 Sqn's Associations	
85	Combat Support Association	



86	RAAF Nasho Association
87	RAAF Police Association
88	Air Force Cadets.

The march will start in George St, on the corner with Elizabeth St (near the casino) and will end at the Post office in Queen St.



My therapist said that my narcissism causes me to misread social situations. I'm pretty sure she was hitting on me.

DFRDB Update.



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Jim Hislop advises: "A recent short hearing of Clinton McKenzie's matter in the Federal Court took an unexpected but positive turn from ADFRA's perspective. <u>Justice Melissa Perry</u> (right) recognized the potential significance of the outcome of the matter for a large number of former members of the Australian Defence Force, their widows, widowers and dependent children and orphans. Accordingly, her Honour issued an order requiring the Federal Court Registrar to attempt to arrange Pro Bono legal assistance for Clinton.

One remarkable aspect of the hearing is that Counsel for the Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation (CSC) said that the issues in dispute affected only a



few hundred people. Clinton clarified that the issues affected tens of thousands of people, which seemed to be a revelation to CSC's Counsel.

To be clear: Clinton is not making any argument based on members being misled about the effects of commutation. Clinton is arguing that, properly interpreted, the DFRDB Act does not have the effect of permanently reducing the rate of commuted retirement pay. Clinton is arguing that the reduction only lasts until a member reaches the age on which the applicable expectancy of life factor in Schedule 3 of the DFRDB Act is based.

If the Court accepts that argument, the previous apology given by the Commonwealth for failure to provide adequate information about how the DFRDB Authority and the CSC were going to permanently reduce commuted retirement pay (and commuted Class C invalidity pay) will have been unnecessary. The necessary apology will instead be for not administering the system in accordance with the law, quickly followed by payment of the pay unlawfully withheld beyond a member's Schedule 3 life expectancy.

We are under no illusion that there are strong arguments for the DFRDB Authority's/CSC's interpretation, however, the judge will ultimately decide the correct interpretation.

Members should rest assured that they are not at risk of losing anything as a consequence of Clinton's Federal Court action. If the DFRDB Authority's/CSC's interpretation prevails, nothing will change. Our commuted pay will continue to be permanently reduced as a consequence of commutation, in accordance with the DFRDB Authority's/CSC's usual practice. That would be a disappointing outcome which – sadly – would merely confirm that the generous scheme used to entice us into and remain in the Defence Force was deliberately less generous than was marketed to us at the time.

In any event, the most significant and important fight for us remains the indexation methodology which continues to result in the inexorable reduction in the buying power of our entitlements.

One practical matter that has become obvious is how difficult it can be to utilize video conferencing technology (Microsoft Teams) used to stream the Court hearing. It was evident that quite a number had difficulty obtaining and/or accessing the link to the hearing and some who



were successful made unintended virtual appearances in Court today. Fortunately, they were not too disruptive, and Justice Perry was lenient.

Nearer to the date of the next hearing, we will organize an 'anyone can join' Teams Meeting to enable members to master the technology. Clinton is happy to make himself available to field any questions members may have. We will circulate a link to the meeting at the appropriate time.

We will keep members updated."

My 60 year kindergarten reunion is coming up soon. I'm worried about the 90 kg I've gained since then.

Brisbane's bid for the Olympic Games.

Brisbane put together a couple of great little 2 minute videos in its attempt to obtain the rights to hold the 2032 Olympic games.



You can see the PR video HERE and the site selection video HERE

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Cyber War

Malwarebytes advise that following the invasion of Ukraine, the cybersecurity community is watching diligently for any increase in cyberattacks or a change in their nature. As we've seen with previous global crises, cybercriminals will often use these times of fear and uncertainty to advance their goals. There is also a danger that cyberattacks conducted as part of the conflict will affect people and organizations outside the region.

To our valued customers around the world, we urge you to take steps to ensure you're protected, to use caution when browsing online and interacting with email and understand the potential cybersecurity impacts of Russia's invasion of Ukraine. For additional information on how to protect your data and privacy, we recommend <u>this guidance</u>.

As always, our team at Malwarebytes is working diligently to detect and block new threats as they emerge to keep your devices and data safe.

Be careful!

The pharmacist asked me my birth date again today.



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I'm pretty sure she's going to get me something.

RAAF Communications Reunion 2022

The RAAF Communicators will hold their annual reunion on Saturday the 28th May 2022 at the Paddo Tavern in Given Terrace, Paddington (Brisbane). Doors open at 2.00pm.

You can download their flyer HERE.

Click <u>HERE</u> to see who, as at 23rd March 2022, have indicated they will be there. If your name is not there and you wish to come, you can add your name <u>HERE</u>.

I think it's pretty cool how Chinese people made a language entirely out of tattoos.

Back to Vietnam Tour.

To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the last Australian troops to leave Vietnam, an 18 day "Last Out" tour back to Vietnam has been organised by JCP Tours Pty Ltd. Click <u>HERE</u> for further information.

The West's Armies?

<u>THIS</u> is obviously a parody of the US Army but it could be "renamed" to define quite a few other country's Armies.

It's a joke Alice!!

Then, Now, Always.

In December 2021, the RAAF released a glossy 460 page coffee table format book which provides an illustrated history of the Air Force and the Australian Flying Corps. The book comprises ten chapters covering key periods of the RAAF, including between the wars, World War 2, the Cold War, southeast Asian conflicts, peacekeeping and operations abroad, wars on terror, the 5th genera on Air Force, the Air Force centenary and



the next century of the Air Force. It also contains a chapter on the Australian Flying Corps.



Overall, the book is impressive and is a must have for anyone who has served in the RAAF. It is an appropriate commemorative release for the Air Force Centenary and will be embraced with pride by serving and ex-serving members of the Air Force who have helped make the Air Force what it is today and what it will be in its next 100 years.

The book costs \$39.00 and you can order a copy from <u>HERE</u>.

Airport scanning devices.

Anyone who has flown from a major city will know those scanning machines where all your luggage is inspected for damaging and prohibited devices. You just drop all your luggage on the conveyor belt and it goes through the X-ray machine – except for your lap-top computer that is.

The security people operating those machines always ask you to remove your computer from its case and place them separately on the conveyer. Why is that?

It's pretty simple really, your computer contains a large battery which contains dense metallic material which would obscure anything beneath it. If you left your computer



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in its case, you could hide something under the computer and the X-ray machine couldn't/wouldn't see it. When you take your computer out of its case the X-ray can then scan both your computer and its case and you can't smuggle any bad stuff onto the aircraft.

Some people worry that the X-ray machine will/might damage their computer and could wipe some info from your hard drive. You needn't worry – screening will not damage your computer or any electronic device, your biggest worry is not to forget to pick up your device once it has been screened.

But – if you're one of those people who still take photos on film, you should never pass unprocessed film through the X-ray machine as it will permanently damage the film. Carry it with you through the walk through corridor as it uses a far less powerful X-ray.

2022 Seniors Discount Guide.



YouLifeChoices has released a 293 page book showing you where and how to get discounts on most things you will need to buy – but, you will need a Seniors' Card to qualify for the discounts.



The Seniors Card is administered by individual State Governments, unfortunately it is not a Federal thing, although it should be. East State has a different set of requirements and application method in order to get one. If you 're over 60 you could qualify, click each State below for further info.

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<u>Vic</u>	<u>SA</u>	<u>NT</u>
<u>WA</u>	Tas	

Once you have your Seniors' Card, click <u>HERE</u> to download the book then enjoy the discounts.

St Patricks day.

HERE's why it's in March.



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!"



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