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Message started by Chef on Jan 11th, 2007, 10:36pm

Title: **Vale: William George JARMAN**
Post by **Chef** on **Jan 11th, 2007, 10:36pm**

It is with deep regret that we advise members of the passing of our esteemed member, Bill (Living Legend Mk3) Jarman, past President and Vice President of the South Australia/Northern Territory Division.

Bill Crossed the Bar early today after a long and courageous battle with the dreaded Big C.

Bill joined the Navy as a 17 year old in 1952 and was discharged, Engagement Expired in 1957 having served on HMA Ships Australia, Murchison (2nd tour to Korea) and Tobruk. He was on Tobruk. Bill was very much involved with the Kennedy/Mohr Review (which gave rise to many of the benefits members of FESR (Navy) Association now enjoy from our time in the Navy and FESR.

Bill is survived by his loving wife Barbara and five daughters. He will be affectionately remembered by all who met and knew him as one of life's true gentlemen and a real fighter to the end.

His funeral will be held on Tuesday 16th January. Further information will be posted when available.

Rest in Peace Billy. Lest We Forget.

Peter Atkins
Secretary SA/NT

Title: **Re: Vale: William George JARMAN**
Post by **chilblain** on **Jan 12th, 2007, 11:13am**

Sorry to hear about Bill. Condolences to the family. He had suffered long enough.
From one of the "Tobruk" boys.

Bruce Blain

Title: **Re: Vale: William George JARMAN**
Post by **bill66** on **Jan 12th, 2007, 6:34pm**

Sorry to here about Bill my condolences to Barbra and the family he will be sadly missed from bill

Title: **Re: Vale: William George JARMAN**
Post by **Ern_Sinfield** on **Jan 13th, 2007, 7:35am**

My condolences also to Bill's family from another Tobruk old boy
Ern

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Message started by Chef on Jan 28th, 2007, 12:39pm

Title: **Vale: Warrick "Dixie" LEE**

Post by **Chef** on **Jan 28th, 2007, 12:39pm**

It is with deep regret that we advise members of FESR of the passing of Warrick "DIXIE" Lee early yesterday morning in Adelaide.

Dixie will be remebered as an esteemed member of FESR and a tireless Committee member of the South Australian Division. Dixie paid off as a Chief Mech. after twenty something years and served on the QueenB and Supply amongst other ships and establishments.

Like Bill Jarman, Dixie never gave up his optimism and demeanour throughout his illness. Dixie will be missed by all in South Australia. Our thought are with his family and friends at this sad time.

Rest In Peace.

Peter Atkins
Secretary SA/NT

Title: **Re: Vale: Warrick "Dixie" LEE**

Post by **irish50561** on **Jan 29th, 2007, 1:01pm**

Sad news indeed Chef, our thoughts are with Dixie's family at this difficult time. Regards. Irish.

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Message started by millview on Jun 20th, 2007, 6:01pm

Title: **Torrens Mess**

Post by **millview** on **Jun 20th, 2007, 6:01pm**

Just a short post to ask if anyone ever considers our country members when opening hour are considered .

I have never been able to get there due to the awkward times . :(:(:(

Title: **Re: Torrens Mess**

Post by **Chef** on **Jun 20th, 2007, 9:40pm**

The mess at the Torrens Parade Ground is operated as the Combined Ex-Services Mess, the ex-RAAF mainly run the show with a bar manager, John Irish. Suggest anyone to contact them for opening times. When in town, call into the FESR office for a chat.

Peter A

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Message started by Yogi_Bear on Jun 14th, 2007, 2:05pm

Title: **Starting to post.**

Post by **Yogi_Bear** on Jun 14th, 2007, 2:05pm

After a prompt from Ross J Trainee Webmaster, I have decided to post. My first post is to congratulate the committee on the for the way our local branch is improving. I would also like to express my appreciation to my advocates for their assistance for the successful outcome of my claim for disabilities. A very well done to the social committee for the Christmas function. I intend to participate in more functions. :) :D

Title: **Re: Starting to post.**

Post by **Webmaster** on Jun 14th, 2007, 7:55pm

Thanks very much Yogi -it's always good to hear a word of thanks and especially the hard working Committees of our FESR units all over.Have great day and please speak up on other topics - we all can learn from each other - Ross J

Title: **Re: Starting to post.**

Post by **bobbles** on Jun 14th, 2007, 7:57pm

Hi Yogi,

When were you on the Vampire? I was on her in 63/63 and I knew a Yogi who was a Tiffy is that you?

Bob Bailey (ex greenie)

Title: **Re: Starting to post.**

Post by **Yogi_Bear** on Jun 15th, 2007, 6:09pm

Sorry Bobbles, I was on the Vampire from first commission crew 1959 to 1961. Went from OD EM to LEM.

Title: **Re: Starting to post.**

Post by **Cyril Doc Rice** on Jun 15th, 2007, 7:47pm

Yogi_Bear wrote:

Sorry Bobbles, I was on the Vampire from first commission crew 1959 to 1961. Went from OD EM to LEM.

Then you would have known Les Gronow REM

Title: **Re: Starting to post.**
Post by **Yogi_Bear** on **Jun 17th, 2007, 10:19am**

Cyril Doc Rice wrote:

[quote author=Yogi_Bear link=/0#3 date=]Sorry Bobbles, I was on the Vampire from first commission crew 1959 to 1961. Went from OD EM to LEM.

Then you would have known Les Gronow REM[/quote]

Hi Doc,

Yes I knew Les. Good boxer, top bloke, bad sailor. The only person I know that threw up his sea sickness tablets with good humour. I am pretty sure we were also in the same intake with other REMs Peter Gracie and Jimmy King.

Title: **Re: Starting to post.**
Post by **Cyril Doc Rice** on **Jun 17th, 2007, 11:15am**

;D

Whenever I ring Les he always mentions you, Peter and Ray Harris as well

Title: **Re: Starting to post.**
Post by **Yogi_Bear** on **Jun 17th, 2007, 12:28pm**

Cyril Doc Rice wrote:

;D

Whenever I ring Les he always mentions you, Peter and Ray Harris as well

Now there's a blast from the past. I lost contact with all these shipmates. It was a good mess deck. I hope to catch up with a few when there is a Vampire reunion 2009. Some of the others: Sammy Porter (Voyager survivor), John Fenwick and Paddy Condon (Lost with Voyager) and who could ever forget Norm Smith. Next time you speak to Les, please pass on my fondest regards.

Title: **Re: Starting to post.**
Post by **Cyril Doc Rice** on **Jun 17th, 2007, 1:52pm**

;D

OK BOB

Will send you contact details via email :)

Title: **Re: Starting to post.**
Post by **birdiehandler** on **Jun 18th, 2007, 11:26am**

:-? Hey "Doc" was that Ray Harris from Victoria and in the communication branch??

Title: **Re: Starting to post.**
Post by **Cyril Doc Rice** on **Jun 18th, 2007, 4:29pm**

birdiehandler wrote:

:-? Hey "Doc" was that Ray Harris from Victoria and in the communication branch??

:(

Sorry mate

Ray was a Bananabending Greenie (R) ;)

Title: **Re: Starting to post.**

Post by **birdiehandler** on **Jun 18th, 2007, 6:30pm**

Thanks Doc. ;)

Title: **Re: Starting to post.**

Post by **seashells** on **Aug 20th, 2007, 2:11pm**

I also got a prompt from Ross J Trainee Webmaster and I suppose I should get my tushy into gear Since being a member for a few years now I thought I should at least give it a go and this is my first post... But I should let you know, I call a spade a spade and if the kettle is black don't stir it...

In the mean time I have had a look at this site and as it appears [smiley=thumbsup.gif] top job and congratulations to all those who did the hard yards I think we all salute you

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State Divisions >> SA & NT >> Lost mates

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Message started by vtrelaiven on Sep 17th, 2007, 9:53am

Title: **Lost mates**

Post by **vtrelaiven** on **Sep 17th, 2007, 9:53am**

I would like to get in touch with Ken Symonds R53358.I joined up with Ken in July 1957.I think he is in thr SA.branch of thr FESR.

Regards Vic trelaiven.

Title: **Re: Lost mates**

Post by **DeeCee** on **Sep 17th, 2007, 8:23pm**

Try ringing 0882764589. That is one that I know of. May not be the right Ken Symons. Best of luck in your quest. CHEERS D.C.

Title: **Re: Lost mates**

Post by **seashells** on **Oct 9th, 2007, 3:44pm**

Vic

Symonds K
Belair 5052
(08) 8370 2095

or give more details if you can ;)

Like this and all are in white pages
simmonds x 4, simmons x 20, simons x 5, simounds x 3
symmons x 0, symon x 0, symonds x 1, symons x 7

Also what ships did he serve in
cheers and good wishes

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Message started by seashells on Oct 13th, 2007, 10:19am

Title: **\$143,000 BOOST FOR SA VETERAN COMMUNITY**
Post by **seashells** on Oct 13th, 2007, 10:19am

Minister for Veterans' Affairs Mailing List.

VA172 Friday 12 October 2007

\$143,000 BOOST FOR SA VETERAN COMMUNITY

The Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Bruce Billson, today announced grants totalling \$143,624 will be distributed to local organisations in South Australia as part of the Australian Government's Veteran & Community Grants program.

Mr Billson said the funding demonstrated the Government's commitment to supporting organisations dedicated to the welfare of Australia's veterans.

"Veteran & Community Grants provide an important source of funding for projects that support a healthy, quality lifestyle for members of the veteran community," Mr Billson said.

The program also funds projects that help veterans, war widows and widowers continue to live independently in their own homes, as well as initiatives that reduce social isolation, improve access to community care services and support carers.

Projects and initiatives supported through the grants program have included day clubs, purchasing equipment for Men's Sheds around Australia, health programs including Cooking for One or Two and a range of social activities for the veteran community.

"The Australian Government is providing much needed support for a range of projects designed to help veterans, war widows and widowers and their dependants across Australia," Mr Billson said.

"Veteran & Community Grants are available to ex-service and community organisations, veteran representative groups and private organisations that contribute to improvements in the quality of life of members of the veteran community.

“More than \$3.1 million in funding is available to eligible organisations through these grants in 2007-08, providing much needed support for a range of projects designed to help veterans, war widows and widowers and their dependants across Australia.

“Our veterans deserve our support for their service and sacrifice in the defence of our nation, and for their continuing role in the development of our community,” he said.

Media inquiries: Cameron Hill 0408 239 521

Editors note: A list of grant recipients is attached.

Veteran & Community Grant South Australia Recipients

- The Fleurieu Peninsula Veterans Community Association will receive a grant of \$9579 to help purchase woodworking machinery for the association's Men's Shed and community workshop.
- Brighton RSL Sub-branch will receive a grant of \$53,518 to help refurbish the Sub-branch's kitchen in the new clubrooms.
- The Barmera RSL Sub-branch will receive a grant of \$21,604 to help upgrade the Sub-branch's kitchen facilities.
- Ceduna RSL Sub-branch will receive a grant of \$1750 to help purchase a portable wireless amplifier system.
- Blackwood and District RSL Club will receive a grant of \$9000 to help purchase screens and ergonomic chairs for the Club.
- The Strathalbyn RSL Sub-branch will receive a grant of \$25,903 to help purchase audio visual equipment, tables and chairs to support the Sub-branch's activities.
- The Ex Military Rehabilitation Centre will receive a grant of \$22,270 to help establish a kitchen and purchase kitchen appliances for the centre.

Title: **Re: \$143,000 BOOST FOR SA VETERAN COMMUNITY**

Post by **evilCA** on **Oct 13th, 2007, 11:42am**

That is great news for SA Veterans and in fact it may be a reminder to other regions to apply where they have a worthwhile project.

Why do we have to wait for election year to receive this sort of assistance????.

Regards....CA

Title: **Re: \$143,000 BOOST FOR SA VETERAN COMMUNITY**

Post by **Ian_McClure** on **Oct 13th, 2007, 6:55pm**

All other states got money too. Big vote buying exercise me thinks.
starvo

Title: **Re: \$143,000 BOOST FOR SA VETERAN COMMUNITY**
Post by **Joe** on **Oct 15th, 2007, 5:18am**

Now that's just plain cynical Starvo - true mate but cynical!!

Chookas

Joe

Title: **Re: \$143,000 BOOST FOR SA VETERAN COMMUNITY**
Post by **Cyril Doc Rice** on **Oct 15th, 2007, 11:08am**

Joe wrote:

Now that's just plain cynical Starvo - true mate but cynical!!

Chookas

Joe

:-?Joe

Would "vote bait" be cynical or would it be sarcastic? ;) :P

Title: **Re: \$143,000 BOOST FOR SA VETERAN COMMUNITY**
Post by **ceeveedee** on **Oct 15th, 2007, 10:27pm**

Actually community Grants have been around for a number of years. Every ESO is able to submit a proposal and most are granted. I know of several ESO's throughout the states that have received them, some for gardening and lawn mowing equipment, and one I know received the grant to produce and send out its newsletter.

DVA FACTS GS12

Grants Programs Veteran & Community Grants

Purpose

This fact sheet provides information about Veteran & Community Grants.

What are Veteran & Community Grants?

The Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA), on behalf of the Australian Government, administers Veteran & Community Grants. These grants provide:

- seeding funds to develop projects that will become sustainable and financially viable or
- funds for one-off projects that have an ongoing health benefit for members of the veteran community.

Grant funds are not provided for recurrent/ongoing financial assistance (refer to the Veteran & Community Grants Guidelines for funding exclusions and limits).

Aim of Veteran & Community Grants

V&C Grants aim to maintain and improve the independence and quality of life of members of the veteran community by providing funding for projects that support activities and services that sustain and/or enhance health and well-being. They offer opportunities for the veteran and wider community to participate in, and benefit from, projects that support a healthy, quality lifestyle and assist veterans and war widows/widowers to remain in their own homes for longer.

They also fund initiatives that reduce social isolation, support carers and improve access to community care services.

Veteran & Community Grants are for the veteran community, that is, all veterans, their spouses, partners, widows/widowers, carers, dependants and other members of the ex-service community. Projects may also benefit the wider community.

Who can apply for funding?

To be eligible for Veteran & Community Grants funding, an applicant must:

- be an ex-service organisation, veteran representative group, community-based organisation or private organisation and
- demonstrate the ability to contribute to the welfare of members of the veteran community through the proposed project.

How to apply

There are three funding rounds each year and applications must be lodged with the relevant DVA State office. Applicants should read the Veteran & Community Grants Guidelines and contact their local DVA State office to discuss any project proposal before completing an Application for Veteran & Community Grants. DVA staff members are available to assist with the development of applications.

A copy of the Guidelines and application form are available at www.dva.gov.au/health/grants.

How are applications assessed?

All applications are considered by DVA staff members.

The Minister makes the final decision on each application and all applicants are notified in writing of the Minister's decision.

What happens if a grant is approved?

If the Minister approves a grant, the applicant will be required to sign a Grant Agreement accepting the grant and associated conditions.

The signed Grant Agreement must be received by DVA before the grant can be paid.

Grants are subject to GST, and therefore payment cannot be made to third parties such as sub-contractors of the applicant.

The preferred method of payment to a grantee is by direct credit to their bank account.

Grantees are required to sign a Statement of Compliance once all the financial obligations have been met by the grantee. This is expected usually within 12 months of commencement of the project.

More information

If you need more information:

- contact your local VAN office on 1300 55 1918
- contact your DVA State office on 1300 550 465, or
- visit the DVA web site at www.dva.gov.au/health/grants.

www.dva.gov.au/factsheets/default.htm.

It has nothing to do with elections, but I realise there are plenty of other issues that are election generated.

So if your ESO wants funds for something, get together and submit an application. best to Talk to your local VAN office (if you have one) or contact DVA.

The other ESO funding that is helpful is the BEST grants.

DVA FACTS GS11

Grants Schemes Building Excellence in Support and Training

Purpose

This fact sheet explains the Building Excellence in Support and Training (BEST) grant scheme and how funding is available to assist veterans, past and present members of the Australian Defence Forces and their dependants achieve better results from the claim determination system.

What is BEST?

(ESO) pensions and welfare practitioners and advocates. The BEST program assists by providing monetary support and IT equipment to ESO practitioners.

The aim of BEST is to provide support and resources to ESO practitioners for pensions and welfare work to assist veterans, past and present members of the Australian Defence Forces and their dependants. A major objective of BEST is to ensure high quality claims and appeals assistance by ESO practitioners, which in turn will assist the Department in timely and appropriate processing.

What will funding be available for?

BEST funding can provide assistance for

- salary costs for full or part time practitioners by ESOs;
- salary costs for full or part time administrative support staff;
- computer equipment used to assist ESO practitioners; and
- consumables, running costs and other general costs relating to the lodgement of claims and appeals.

How does the BEST program link in with the Training and Information Program (TIP)?

The BEST program links in closely with TIP. This enables greater integration between training and the provision of infrastructure. Organisations will be required to undertake the appropriate levels of TIP training, or an acceptable equivalent, prior to funds being granted. This will ensure that ESO practitioners are kept up to date with developments in the repatriation system and in the use of electronic tools.

Who can apply for funding?

Bona fide ex-service organisations that provide welfare and pension assistance to veterans and past and present members of the Australian Defence Forces and their dependants can apply for funding under BEST. In regional areas where it is economically viable, the Department encourages ESOs to explore the option of involving a cooperative project/centre of two or more ESOs to increase efficiency and effectiveness.

When is funding available under BEST?

Applications for BEST funding are to be lodged from 15 January to 28 February at the relevant State office of the Department. Funding will be for the period of the next financial year, 1 July to 30 June.

How do organisations apply?

Application forms are available on the Department of Veterans' Affairs website at www.dva.gov.au or by contacting the BEST staff in DVA state offices.

How are applications assessed?

All applications are considered by the relevant state DVA BEST staff before being presented to the Minister for consideration.

The Minister makes the decision on each application and all applicants are notified in writing of the Minister's decision.

What happens if a grant is approved?

If the Minister approves a grant, the applicant will be required to sign a grant agreement, defining the terms and conditions of accepting the grant.

The signed grant agreement must be received by DVA before the grant can be paid.

Grants are subject to GST and as a result, payment cannot be made to third parties such as sub-contractors of the applicant.

The preferred method of payment is by direct payment into the applicant's bank account as is detailed in the BEST application form.

Organisations are required to acquit the grant once the project is completed. This is expected within a specified time frame, usually 6 to 12 months. An acquittal form will be provided for this purpose.

Other DVA telephone numbers:

General Enquiries

Connects callers from anywhere to their capital city State office 133 254

Non-metropolitan Callers

Dialling from interstate Allows callers to contact any State office via a series of voice prompts
1300 13 1945

Title: **Re: \$143,000 BOOST FOR SA VETERAN COMMUNITY**
Post by **Cyril Doc Rice** on **Oct 16th, 2007, 8:50am**

:-? :-?
Carol

Part of the the above report says
"Grants are subject to GST and as a result, payment cannot be made to third parties such as sub-contractors of the applicant. "

Why would you make a gift (grant) and then take back 10%. It doesn't make sense. ...Or am I being too practical.
No wonder we get cynical.....It is really comical :) :) ::)

Title: **Re: \$143,000 BOOST FOR SA VETERAN COMMUNITY**
Post by **seashells** on **Oct 16th, 2007, 9:18am**

Cyril... I believe the words would be **prejorative** and **insolence**
bloody indian givers ;) :P

Title: **Re: \$143,000 BOOST FOR SA VETERAN COMMUNITY**
Post by **ceeveedee** on **Oct 16th, 2007, 11:32am**

I don't know that much about GST, but I think it is, that if the RSL Sub branch needs to buy goods or services, for a grant to be implimented, they (The RSL Sub Branch) have to pay the tax man. Just as any one who hires a contractor or buys goods. So in actual fact it is not the DVA taking back the money, it is the Government of the day. I know DVA is part of the Government!!!! ;D ;D

I could be on the wrong track with this!!

Title: **Re: \$143,000 BOOST FOR SA VETERAN COMMUNITY**
Post by **Cyril Doc Rice** on **Oct 16th, 2007, 3:42pm**

Maybe I got it wrong too.
I was under the impression that grants were for specific projects and not general funding.
Goods and services for that project may be charged a GST.
But why treat the grant as "income" and apply a GST?
It would make sense if any funded project be exempt GST and that would save a lot of work and really benefit the project, instead of giving with one hand and taking it back with the other :) ::)

Title: **Re: \$143,000 BOOST FOR SA VETERAN COMMUNITY**
Post by **boots** on **Oct 16th, 2007, 4:32pm**

probably works out to about \$3.50 each if your lucky, wont last too long. :(\\)

Title: **Re: \$143,000 BOOST FOR SA VETERAN COMMUNITY**
Post by **ceeveedee** on **Oct 16th, 2007, 8:17pm**

Cyril. This should provide the answers for you. The Australian Taxation Department, is the controller of the GST and if you can understand public service gobble-de-goop, it explains the situation for non profit organisations who receive grants. :) ;D ;). As I mentioned, nothing to do with DVA.

<http://www.ato.gov.au/nonprofit/content.asp?doc=/content/30403.htm&pc=001/004/042/004&mnu=35661&mfp=001&st=&cy=1>

Title: **Re: \$143,000 BOOST FOR SA VETERAN COMMUNITY**
Post by **Joe** on **Oct 17th, 2007, 5:02am**

'Tis too easy really...just add 11% to your projects cost prior to application. That should leave enough for a drink as well! I would imagine the major problem is having the grant allocated in the first place (not worrying about the GST). Remember 100% of SFA is still Zero!!!

Chookas
Joe

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State Divisions >> SA & NT >> TPI Travel rates on the Ghan

<http://fesrassociation.com/cgi-bin/yabb2/YaBB.pl?num=1192661642>

Message started by **seashells** on **Oct 18th, 2007, 8:54am**

Title: **TPI Travel rates on the Ghan**
Post by **seashells** on **Oct 18th, 2007, 8:54am**

I received this this on 17/10/07 with the new TPI prices for travel on The Ghan.
Below are the costs to TPI's & their Carer's

Adelaide to Alice Springs.

Gold Kangaroo. \$135.00
Red Kangaroo. \$ 15.00

Alice Springs to Darwin.

Gold Kangaroo. \$145.00
Red Kangaroo. \$ 15.00

Adelaide to Darwin

Gold Kangaroo. \$257.00
Red Kangaroo. \$ 30.00

and on another issue... thought I would post it in here, instead of starting a new topic or if the Moderator wishes to move it to another area ;)

Ladies and Gents,

It's that time of the year again! Time to wash and iron the "stepping gear" and get on down to our next Meet & Greet on Saturday 17th November.

Details are as per previous Meet & Greets.

Port Adelaide Naval Association
35 Quebec Street
Port Adelaide

Kick-off at 1200 with a 'Happy Hour' until 1300. Stumps is around 1500.

Lunch is available for a gold coin donation.

For the more senior of us who sometimes suffer from "old timers" disease, I'll be sending out another reminder with about a week to go.

For those of you who work in the Defence Precincts, can you please make sure that any Greenies who are not registered are aware of the day.

For those of you who haven't been to a Meet & Greet before, please make the effort. It really is a great day, and you just might enjoy yourselves like the rest of us, beside which, none of us is getting any younger!!!!

John Bolton & Rod Spotswood

Title: **Re: TPI Travel rates on the Ghan**
Post by **ceeveedee** on **Oct 18th, 2007, 1:13pm**

Further to the information re The Ghan and concessions. I have spent all morning investigating this and the out come is as follows (same as I have posted on other sites)

I decided to do a bit of digging myself re the Ghan concessions.

The first place I went to was the DVA Fact sheet. DVA IS152 – Great Southern Rail travel Concessions.

<http://www.dva.gov.au/factsheets/default.htm>

which also led me to DVA Fact sheet SO135 – Incapacitated Ex Service Personal Travel Concession card.

I rang my first point of call at 9.02 – DVA. After being connected to 4 different departments, I finally hung up on that call at 9.36, without getting the info I wanted. Lots of info but not specific enough for my enquiry.

I then rang Great Southern Railway at 9.40. and hung on waiting to speak to a person until 9.51, before I was able to talk and ask a question. I was on the phone until 10.09, and was given some very good info in answer to my questions.

I then rang some DVA/ Government publications department in Canberra, and spoke to a person who will (hopefully) ring me back.

Now----- The DVA fact sheet is out of date, because it does not include the extended trip to Darwin. Hence the call to Canberra! This being the main reason for my investigation.

Who is eligible for the concessions? This was confirmed by GSR

TPI, EDA, Intermediate Rate, Blinded rate, Service pensions on the Blind rate, Disability pensioners suffering loss of limb, WWI Australian Veterans (none left) spouses and widows,

AND

Residents of South Australia who receive the DP at 100% AND who are possession of the

Board.

DVA concessions are NOT published on any information put out by DVA or GSR. You have to ring GSR, they take the details, contact DVA for verification, DVA get back to them, then GSR ring you back with all the details of your travel plans. And you must make your booking at least 6 weeks before you wish to travel.

War widows/widowers are not entitle to the concession, but are able to have the normal pensioner concession card. (blue)

At the time of writing this, I still have not received a phone call from Canberra regarding the updating of the DVA fact sheet.

and

Would you beleive.....about teo seconds after I hit the submit button the phone call from Canberra came. We had a lengthy discussion, and the new fact sheet is ready to go, waiting on the official button presser. The chap I was speaking to was most helpful and is going to email me the new fact sheet today, with a proviso that after our conversation, it may need another upgrade. I pointed out that:

There are no more WW1 veterans,

The fact sheet states FREE concessions, as opposed to GSR changing a small fee.

and

I asked the question as to how many times can you use the concession. Maybe worth him checking with GSR to see if it has been limited to a couple of trips a year.

He will keep me informed as to any changes made.

When I receive the updated fact sheet, I will post it here.

then

Just a few minutes ago, I received the fact sheet

Remember it still may have a problem or two but according to the sender of the email he is contacting GSR for further info, and there is a map on the website fact sheet that does not transfer to this post..

Hi Coral

As promised here's the updated fact sheet that is about to be published. As I said, I'm about to try and contact GSR about the concessions so I'll keep you posted on how I go.

<<IS152 Great Southern Railway Travel Concession.pdf>>

Regards

Martin Wright | Assistant Director | Procedural Review & Innovation

Income Support Improvement & Solutions | Income Support Business Group | Service Delivery Division (very impressive title I might say!!)

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DVA FACTS

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Concessions and Benefits Great Southern Rail Travel Concession[size=14]/[size]

Introduction

This fact sheet provides information about the Great Southern Railway (GSR) (formerly known as

Who is eligible for the concession

The concession is available to the following persons:

- Totally and Permanently Incapacitated (T&PI) pensioners
- Extreme Disablement Adjustment (EDA) pensioners
- Intermediate Rate pensioners
- Disability Pensioners on the Blinded rate
- Service Pensioners on the Blinded rate
- Disability Pensioners receiving the Specific Disability amount Items 1-14 listed under Section 27 of the Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986, ie suffering loss of limb
- WWI Australian veterans, spouses and widows (do not have to be in receipt of DVA pension)
- Disability Pensioners who are residents in South Australia and receive the Disability Pension at 100% of the General Rate, and who are in possession of the Incapacitated Ex Service Personnel Card issued by the South Australian Department of Transport, Energy and Infrastructure, Public Transport Division Discount rate for Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) and Commonwealth Seniors

Health Card (CSHC) holders for GSR travel

Discount rates of travel are available to PCC and CSHC holders. For more information regarding discounts, contact GSR on 13 21 47.

Benefits provided by the concession

The concession is for either:

- Free first class rail travel (known as the Gold Kangaroo Service) which includes a sleeping berth over the Australian Government owned track only;

or

- Free holiday class rail travel (known as the Red Kangaroo Service) which includes a sleeping berth over Australian Government owned track only.

The following sections of GSR journeys are covered by the concession:

- the 'Indian Pacific' between Broken Hill and Kalgoorlie;
- the 'Overland' between Wolseley and Adelaide; and
- the 'Ghan' to Darwin from Broken Hill, Wolseley or Adelaide.

Payment of the difference of the fare when travelling over State owned track will be required. PCC and PCC vouchers (if you travel within your State) may be used to obtain discounts on State owned track. Please note that State Rail issued cards cannot be used for concessions on these parts. The map below (visible on Web site fact sheet only) illustrates which part of the track are owned by the State or Australian Government.

Melbourne

This indicates Australian Government owned track and free travel

This indicates State track

and payment for fare required Broken Hill

Wolseley

Adelaide

Perth

Kalgoorlie

Sydney

Darwin

What is not provided by the concession

It is important to note that the concession is for free rail travel on the Australian Government owned track only. The following items listed below will incur additional costs to the traveller:

- Travel over the state owned track, for example travel from Sydney to Broken Hill, Wolseley to Melbourne, Kalgoorlie to Perth (refer to map on page 2)
- Meals, beverages and alcohol costs (unless stated) on board
- Amendment and cancellation fees
- Insurance and excess luggage fees
- Sightseeing side trips
- Transportation of motor vehicles by GSR's Motorail service.

Meals on the GSR

For passengers travelling on the Gold Kangaroo Service meals are an additional mandatory cost.

The meals generally consist of breakfast, two course lunches and three course dinners taken in the restaurant car.

For passengers travelling on the Red Kangaroo Service meals are not included. Takeaway and snack type foods are available for purchase during the journey.

Please note that foodstuffs cannot be accepted as personal luggage due to the quarantine restrictions.

What if I require a carer?

Government owned section of the track, subject to the presentation of a medical certificate signed by a medical practitioner. The carer may also use a PCC to obtain a discount over State owned track. The medical certificate is to state the carer's name and that they are required to provide care for the journey. The carer does not have to be in receipt of a carer's pension or be related to the person travelling. The certificate is to be sent to GSR with payment.

How many trips can I take?

You may use the concession as many times as you wish and there are no restrictions on the amount of trips you can take each year.

Special passenger services provided by GSR

A number of passenger services are offered by GSR to assist those passengers who are mobility impaired:

- Motorised scooters and wheelchairs can be transported and stowed free of charge
- Slimline wheelchairs are available for passengers free of charge. These wheelchairs need to be organised at the time of booking (conventional wheelchairs are too wide to be used on the train)
- An access cabin is available on the Indian Pacific. This larger than usual cabin (one only) is located at the end of the train carriage. The cabin has a sliding door which may be more convenient for passengers using wheelchairs. It has support rails located in the bathroom and there is a table and chair in the main cabin. There is no extra charge for the booking of this cabin.

How to book your travel

Book your trip through GSR on 13 21 47.

You should book your trip about six weeks prior to your scheduled departure date if possible.

You should contact GSR if you have any questions about fares, routes, timetable or any details about the train. Do not contact DVA about these issues because DVA cannot provide any information.

When contacting GSR you will need to advise them of your name, address and DVA Pension number. You may request that GSR send your tickets to your home address or alternatively you may be able to collect them at the joining station.

When quoting your DVA number, quote the full number including all zeros, eg NX239 should be quoted as NX000239.

Oral advice

While we make every effort to ensure that you are given accurate information, it is important that you seek written confirmation of oral information or advice before making any major decisions based on that information.

We continually strive to improve the level of service you receive and make this request as an added safeguard for you.

Other fact sheets related to this topic include:

- Pensioner Concession Card: IS 125
- Commonwealth Seniors Health Card: IS126
- Concessions for T&PI Veterans NSW: SO 103
- Concessions for T&PI Veterans VIC: SO 113
- Concessions for T&PI Veterans SA: SO 133
- Concessions for T&PI Veterans WA: SO 143
- Concessions for T&PI Veterans TAS: SO 153
- Concessions for T&PI Veterans ACT: SO 173
- Concessions for Pensioner Concession Card Holders NSW: SO101
- Concessions for Pensioner Concession Card Holders VIC: SO111
- Concessions for Pensioner Concession Card Holders QLD: SO121
- Concessions for Pensioner Concession Card Holders SA: SO131
- Concessions for Pensioner Concession Card Holders WA: SO141
- Concessions for Pensioner Concession Card Holders NT: SO161
- Concessions for Pensioner Concession Card Holders ACT: SO171

More information

All DVA fact sheets are available on request from any DVA office or on the DVA website at www.dva.gov.au/factsheets/default.htm.

If you need more information about this topic, contact your nearest DVA office or visit the DVA website at www.dva.gov.au.

You can telephone DVA for the cost of a local call* on: 133 254 - general inquiries 1800 555 254 - non-metropolitan callers.

Note: *If you use a mobile phone, calls may be more costly. You are advised to use a normal phone (i.e. a landline phone) when ringing these numbers.

So, I will see you all on The Ghan in six weeks time!!!! ..

like minded sites or ESO's please do!!!!

All in a mornings work!!!! ;D ;)

Title: **Re: TPI Travel rates on the Ghan**
Post by **ceeveedee** on **Oct 18th, 2007, 4:27pm**

sea shells, as I posted in one of my messages, The fact sheet on the DVA web site IS OUT OF DATE. The new fact sheet is posted in my last post. with provisos. If and when I am notified by "THEM" I will post the updates to this site.

So it is no use going to the first link you posted, as it will convey the wrong info. :) I don't think the other link would e up to date either. But thanks for the post. ;)

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State Divisions >> SA & NT >> Your Favorite Military Type Aircraft

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Message started by seashells on Oct 27th, 2007, 4:59am

Title: **Your Favorite Military Type Aircraft**
Post by **seashells** on **Oct 27th, 2007, 4:59am**

As the 2007 Defence Air Show is on this weekend 27-28 October 2007, :D

I was wondering **what is your favorite type of aircraft to have ever served a military purpose?** personally, i prefer the A-10 Thunderbolt II(this is probably the most accurate page on the **Warthog** 8-) that i've ever read.)

You can read up on this type of beast at
<http://uncyclopedia.org/wiki/A-10>

Any comments ;D

Title: **Re: Your Favorite Military Type Aircraft**
Post by **tromb123** on **Oct 27th, 2007, 1:11pm**

If at first you don't succeed, try, try again. >:(

Title: **Re: Your Favorite Military Type Aircraft**
Post by **seashells** on **Oct 27th, 2007, 3:17pm**

What are you in a bad mood for tromb123 and ;D ;D Lifes tooo short ;)

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State Divisions >> SA & NT >> AAT Witness

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Message started by seashells on Oct 18th, 2007, 1:08pm

Title: **AAT Witness**
Post by **seashells** on **Oct 18th, 2007, 1:08pm**

Anybody who can help, please email directly to: diond@aapt.net.au

From: Date: 10/16/07 22:48:20

To: Subject: AAT

Urgent

We are in the AAT till Friday need to find LtCmdr Micheal D Southern Served at Waterhen , Required for witness can you distribute We think he originated from South Aus. May still be in RAN Reserves

Please if any one knows of the whereabouts E-mail diond@aapt.net.au

Title: **Re: AAT Witness**
Post by **seashells** on **Nov 3rd, 2007, 3:00pm**

Wanting to contact anyone who was on the HMAS VENDETTA 69/70 Vietnam tour
If you were on the D08 at the time please contact veteran08nam@adam.com.au

as the matter is most ***urgent***

AAT Hearing is coming very soon and needs crews opinions

PS; If you know of a crew member ... pass this message along

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State Divisions >> SA & NT >> Meet & Greet, Adelaide May 19, 2007

<http://fesrassociation.com/cgi-bin/yabb2/YaBB.pl?num=1178726524>

Message started by Les_Figg on May 10th, 2007, 2:02am

Title: **Meet & Greet, Adelaide May 19, 2007**
Post by **Les_Figg** on **May 10th, 2007, 2:02am**

I am cross-posting this from another site for info.

Quote:

Some of you will be aware that the Ex-Greenies Organisation holds a Meet & Greet every six months in

In the past I've only invited the Greenies on my mailing list, but then I thought "the more the merrier" so it's open to every one. We usually get 35+ Greenies turn up and we get to tell lots of lies etc.

It will be held on Saturday 19th May at the Port Adelaide Naval Association Clubrooms, 35 Quebec Street Port Adelaide. We start at 1200, with a "happy hour" to 1300 and we are usually finished by 1500.

If you can make it just show up and introduce your self to the one at the door taking down the names of the attendees - that'll be me.

If you haven't been to the Port Adelaide Naval Association club rooms, it is worth a visit in itself. They have a fabulous collection of memorabilia thats worth a look.

I look forward to seeing you if you can make it down, and by the way, it's OK to drink soft drink if that's your thing now - this is definitely not a swim through event.

John Bolton
ex POETS
R64072
1965 - 1974
Sydney, Parramatta, Yarra.

Title: **Re: Meet & Greet, Adelaide May 19, 2007**
Post by **seashells** on **Nov 8th, 2007, 8:00pm**

Greenies Meet & Greet - Saturday 17th November :D :) ;D 8-)

A gentle reminder that our next Meet & Greet is getting close. Saturday 17th November at 1200 – Port Adelaide Naval Association.

So far we have apologies from Ron Beaumont, Gary Gosden, Bob Kearvell, Paul Normandale and Graham Watson.

Look forward to seeing you all there.

JB & Spotty

Ladies and Gents,

It's that time of the year again! Time to wash and iron the "stepping gear" and get on down to our next Meet & Greet on Saturday 17th November.

Details are as per previous Meet & Greets.

Port Adelaide Naval Association
35 Quebec Street
Port Adelaide

Kick-off at 1200 with a 'Happy Hour' until 1300. Stumps is around 1500.

Lunch is available for a gold coin donation.

For the more senior of us who sometimes suffer from "old timers" disease, I'll be sending out another reminder with about a week to go.

For those of you who work in the Defence Precincts, can you please make sure that any Greenies who are not registered are aware of the day.

For those of you who haven't been to a Meet & Greet before, please make the effort. It really is a great day, and you just might enjoy yourselves like the rest of us, beside which, none of us is getting any younger!!!!

Title: **Re: Meet & Greet, Adelaide May 19, 2007**
Post by **Les_Figg** on **Nov 10th, 2007, 5:22pm**

Unfortunately, I arrive in Adelaide from the US a week too late :(I also miss the Sydney M&G by one day :(

So much for my planning skills ;D

Title: **Re: Meet & Greet, Adelaide May 19, 2007**
Post by **seashells** on **Nov 11th, 2007, 12:51pm**

update for next Saturday 17 Nov 07 (11-1500hrs) ;)

Greenies Meet and Greet (hosted by Spotty) 08 8341 2919 8-)

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State Divisions >> SA & NT >> 11th November 2007

<http://fesrassociation.com/cgi-bin/yabb2/YaBB.pl?num=1194750685>

Message started by seashells on Nov 11th, 2007, 1:11pm

Title: **11th November 2007**
Post by **seashells** on **Nov 11th, 2007, 1:11pm**

I went to the ceremony of Remembrance to day (formerly known as Armistice Day) at the Adelaide's State National War Memorial. It was attended by about 2,000 people of all services and different countries as well as a large crowd of civilians and including the dignitaries. It was a glorious day of sunshine with a few tears here and there during the service :(Then went back to the Torrens parade ground and had a few beers at the Joined Services Mess.... they had free food on for all who attended which was a treat as no-one knew it was going to be put on ;D ;)

Title: **Re: 11th November 2007**
Post by **DeeCee** on **Nov 11th, 2007, 5:22pm**

Terrific. Lest We Forget.

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State Divisions >> SA & NT >> Xmas Dinner

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Message started by seashells on Nov 2nd, 2007, 9:16am

Title: **Xmas Dinner**
Post by **seashells** on **Nov 2nd, 2007, 9:16am**

For those who may not be aware... ;)

FAR EAST STRATEGIC RESERVE ADELAIDE XMAS DINNER

Please take note

This was supposed to be held on Saturday 24th November 2007 but on the Thursday 1st November, were told it has been double booked.

Where: Drill Hall Torrens Parade Ground
Dress: Semi Formal / Formal Plus Minutres
Cost: \$30:00 per head... Nibbles plus 2 Course Meal and Drinks at a reasonable Price
Door / Table Lucky Ticket Prize
Enterainment: by Linda McCarthy
Doors Open: 18:30pm start
Tickets: On sale at Vietnam Veterans Association Office
Friends: Yes you can bring your friends

BECAUSE OF THE DOUBLE BOOKING A NEW VENUE MAY HAVE TO BE SOUGHT OUT TO CONFIRM THE VENUE PLEASE PHONE Vietnam Veterans Association Office ON [b]08 82329422[/b]

Title: **Re: Xmas Dinner**

Post by **seashells** on **Nov 11th, 2007, 12:55pm**

The following is the Venue & Time for the 2007 Xmas FESR Dinner

Naval Association of Port Adelaide
Phone 08 8341 2919 +61 8 8341 2919
Fax 08 8341 0757 +61 8 8341 0757
Email info@panaval.asn.au

Location: 35 Quebec St, Port Adelaide, South Australia 5015

Reread the first post on this subject for the time etc :-?

Title: **Re: Xmas Dinner**

Post by **Yogi_Bear** on **Nov 25th, 2007, 10:32am**

Congratulations to our committee for another great function. They managed to overcome the last minute loss of venue to make the night a success. The food was excellent, as usual Linda McCarthy was fantastic. Because of the late change, unfortunately numbers were down and those that didn't come missed a really good time. :)

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State Divisions >> SA & NT >> Vietnam: The Australian War

<http://fesrassociation.com/cgi-bin/yabb2/YaBB.pl?num=1196570040>

Message started by seashells on Dec 2nd, 2007, 2:33pm

Title: **Vietnam: The Australian War**

Post by **seashells** on **Dec 2nd, 2007, 2:33pm**

A new book is out in all the book stores fellas
Titled: **Vietnam: The Australian War**
Author : PAUL HAM
Format : Hardback
ISBN : 0732282373
Publication Date (AUS) : November 2007

Staff Review

My Dad served in Vietnam; he still doesn't speak of that year. But this book fills in some of the silences, telling the stories of Vietnam from many sides – the soldiers (both regular army and conscripts), their families, the protestors, politicians, entertainers and medical and aid providers, as well as the Vietnamese people of both North and South. This is a powerful, thoroughly researched book about a bitter and divisive conflict, a politicians' war, set in the context of American and Vietnamese experiences (we lost 520 Australians to the 60,000 Americans and 3 million Vietnamese). Maybe others won't weep where I did, but this is a profoundly important book – the best I have read on the subject.

Lindy

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State Divisions >> SA & NT >> Vale, Leslie John Stoddart

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Message started by chilblain on Nov 27th, 2007, 7:52am

Title: **Vale, Leslie John Stoddart**
Post by **chilblain** on **Nov 27th, 2007, 7:52am**

Sad to report the passing of Leslie John Stoddart. o/no 51284. Served from 1955 to 1961. Sydney, Melbourne, Warrego.
Passed away peacefully, Repatriation Hospital, surrounded by his loving family on November 23rd, 2007. age 69.
Rest in Peace Les.

Title: **Re: Vale, Leslie John Stoddart**
Post by **seashells** on **Nov 27th, 2007, 12:16pm**

May you always have
Fair Winds, Calm Seas and Sunny Skies:
To show you the way Leslie
Rest in Peace

Title: **Re: Vale, Leslie John Stoddart**
Post by **DeeCee** on **Nov 28th, 2007, 12:17pm**

May you have fair winds and calm seas. R.I.P.

Title: **Re: Vale, Leslie John Stoddart**
Post by **nanna_m** on **Dec 12th, 2007, 6:37pm**

may you Rest In Peace now dad
xoxox

Title: **Re: Vale, Leslie John Stoddart**
Post by **Joe** on **Dec 13th, 2007, 4:07am**

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Documents appear as originally posted (i.e. unedited)

A touching post nanna_m. Condolences.
Lest We Forget.
Chookas
Joe WHITE