

THE FURPHY

ARMADALE SUB-BRANCH OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER



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Edition

The Price of Liberty is Eternal Vigilance





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Social Committee	Non-Service	Ms Melissa Hancock

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BAR MANAGER	Mrs Maria Gizzi
KITCHEN MANAGER	Mr Joshua Campbell

Committee Meetings:	First Thursday of the month at 1730 hrs
General Meetings:	Second Sunday of the month at 1030 hrs
Annual General Meeting:	Sunday 9th September 2018

Welfare Matters

I have been out of the office for a few weeks due to my having a knee replacement, but am back on the scene again and ready to assist you if you are in need Welfare or Pension assistance.

The 'Festive Season' is here once again, and my wish is that you all take care and drink plenty of water to keep hydrated during the hot days ahead. Yes, I know many of you will say that you get plenty of fluids with other drinks but the good old water (even between drinks) is necessary for good health, so please have a drink of water at least several times a day!

Wishing each and every one of you be Very Happy Christmas and 2018 bring Health and Happiness.

Washington Irving: Christmas is a season for kindling the fire for hospitality in the hall, the genial flame of charity in the heart.

ATTENTION

NEW CONSTITUTION

COPIES OF THE CURRENT CONSTITUTION ARE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR OR AT THE OFFICE.

BAR CLOSURES OVER THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD

THE CLUB WILL BE CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS:

- **25TH DECEMBER, CHRISTMAS DAY,**
- **26TH DECEMBER, BOXING DAY, AND**
- **1ST JANUARY 2018, NEW YEARS DAY.**

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON 11TH FEBRUARY 2018 AT 10:30 AM.

From the President and Secretary

Welcome to the December issue of “The Furphy”, we have had a very eventful year, with some ups and downs, but we have had more positives than negatives. We have two major projects in progress, both of which will commence early in the new year, the building extension will commence in January and we are still waiting on quotes for the fence for our new car park.

We still have a couple of events to see out the year:

- Adults Christmas Party/ Mega Draw, Friday 22nd December,
- Christmas Lunch, Sunday 24th December, and
- New Years Eve Party, 31st December.

We, the Committee, would like to thank all the volunteers, who have helped out throughout the year, with a very special thank you to Ann and Geoff Bishop, who have done the Friday Night Raffles for the last four years, which has made an average of 10,000.00 every year. In addition to the raffles, Geoff has had the position of Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer and has also kept the gaming machines running for the members, once again from the members thank you very much for all your efforts.

We hope to see you all down here at your club to finish off the end of 2017 with some social merriment.

On behalf of the Committee we would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year.

NOTE:

Don't ever question the value of Volunteers.

Noah's Ark was built by Volunteers.

The Titanic was built by Professionals!!!

TREVOR'S JOKE OF THE MONTH



A glass of wine

To my friends who enjoy a glass of wine and those who don't and are always seen with a bottle of water in their hand: As Ben Franklin said: "In wine there is wisdom, in beer there is freedom, in water there is bacteria."

In a number of carefully controlled trials, scientists have demonstrated that if we drink the following:

- 1 litre of water each day - At the end of the year we would have absorbed more than 1 kilo of Escherichia coli, (E. Coli) – bacteria. Found in faeces.

In other words, we are consuming 1 kilo of poop annually..

However,

We do NOT run that risk when drinking wine & beer (or rum, whisky or other liquor), because alcohol has to go through a purification process of boiling, filtering and fermenting.

Remember:

Water = Poop,

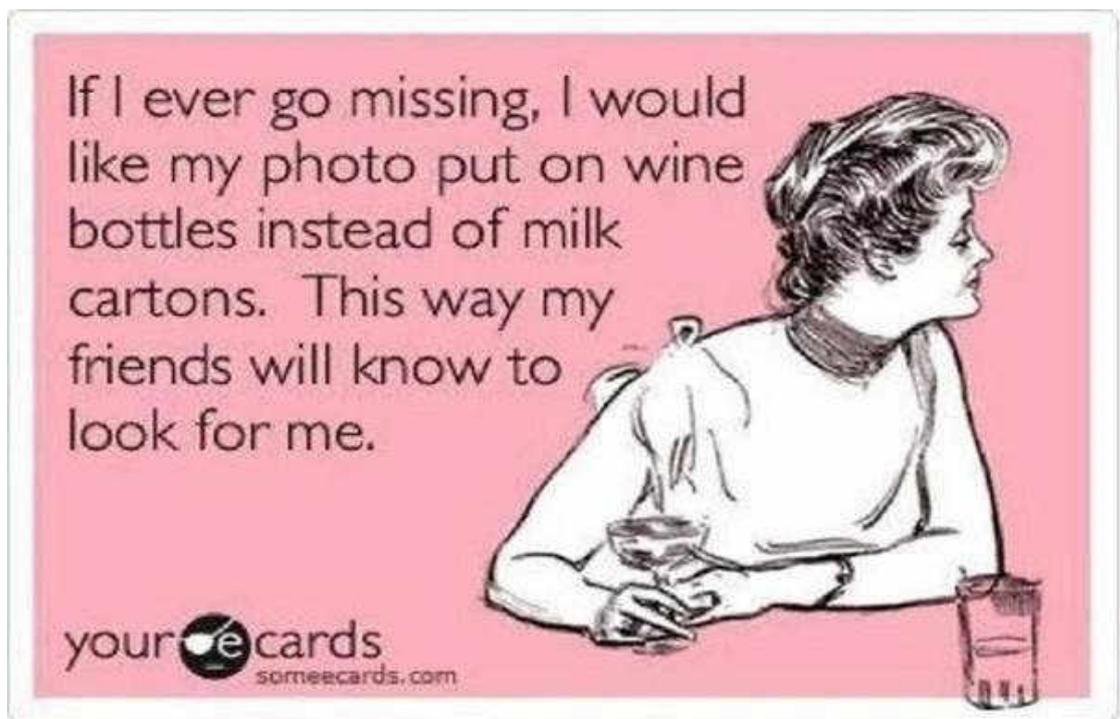
Wine = Health

Therefore, it's better to drink wine and talk stupid,

Than to drink water and be full of St**

There is no need to thank me for this valuable information:

I'm doing it as a public service.



MILITARY HISTORY FOR DECEMBER

EDITOR'S NOTE: to show that I am not bias towards the army or the light horse (Which I am), this month I thought that I would do an article for our Navy friends. By the way, I am from Armidale NSW, but both cities are named after Armadale Castle in Scotland.



HMAS Armidale (I)

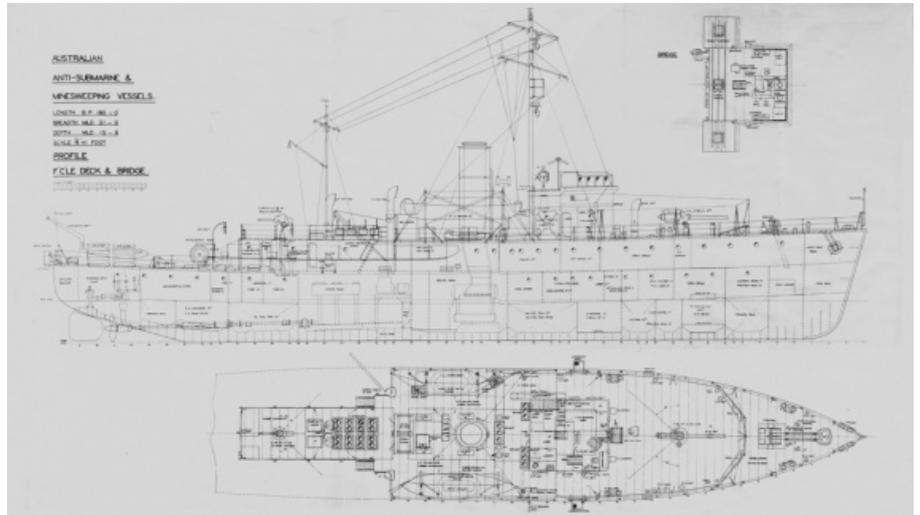
HMAS *Armidale* (I) was one of sixty Australian Minesweepers (commonly known as corvettes) built during World War II in Australian shipyards as part of the Commonwealth Government's wartime shipbuilding programme. Twenty were built on Admiralty order but manned and commissioned by the Royal Australian Navy. Thirty-six (including *Armidale* (I)) were built for the Royal Australian Navy and four for the Royal Indian Navy.

These ships established an enviable reputation in the RAN as 'maids of all work' but were also renowned for 'rolling on wet grass' by those who served in them.

The general arrangement plan of a Bathurst class corvette

Armidale (I)

commissioned at Sydney on 11 June 1942 under the command of Lieutenant Commander David H. Richards RANR(S).



***Lieutenant Commander David H. Richards, RANR(S).
Commanding officer HMAS Armidale.***

Following a workup period *Armidale* (I) was brought into operational service as an escort vessel protecting convoys operating between Australia and New Guinea. That service ended in October 1942 when she was ordered to join the 24th Minesweeping Flotilla at Darwin. *Armidale* arrived at Darwin on 7 November 1942.

Commissioning of HMAS Armidale in Sydney 11 June 1942



On 24 November 1942 Allied Land Forces Headquarters approved the relief/reinforcement of the Australian 2/2nd Independent Company which at that time was holding out in Japanese occupied Timor. The withdrawal of 150 Portuguese civilians was also approved and consequently plans were made in Darwin for HMA Ships *Castlemaine* (Lieutenant Commander Philip J. Sullivan RANR(S)), *Armidale* and *Kuru* (Lieutenant J.A. Grant, RANR), a shallow draught, 76-foot wooden motor vessel, to effect the relief operation which was code-named Operation HAMBURGER.

Action off Timor

The proposal was for the three ships to each make two separate runs into Betano on Timor's southern coastline. The first run was planned for the night of 30 November – 1 December. HMAS *Kuru* sailed from Darwin at 10:30 pm on 28 November preceding the two



corvettes. She was delayed en-route due to adverse weather conditions and consequently did not reach Betano until 11:45 pm on 30 November.

Meanwhile *Armidale*, in company with *Castlemaine*, had left Darwin at 00:42 on 29 November. In *Armidale* were 61 Netherlands East Indies troops, two Dutch officers and three members of the 2nd AIF. At 09:15 on the morning of 30 November, when 120 miles from their destination, the two corvettes came under aerial attack from a single enemy aircraft. Although neither ship sustained any damage or casualties, concerns were raised that the mission may have been compromised. The attack was duly reported and orders were received to 'press on', with an assurance that RAAF Beaufighter aircraft had departed to provide cover. The ships were subjected to two more air attacks, each by formations of five bombers which dropped no less than 45 bombs and machine gunned the ships from a low level. According to *Armidale*, the promised Beaufighters arrived in time to drive off the bombers and both ships escaped serious damage or injury, reaching Betano at 03:30 on 1 December. Disappointingly there was no sign of *Kuru* and a decision was made to return to sea and make as much ground to the south as possible before daylight.



An informal group portrait of members from HMAS Armidale. (AWM P03773.003).

Meanwhile, *Kuru*, with no knowledge of the attacks affecting the arrival of the corvettes, embarked 77 Portuguese before sailing without delay. At dawn, *Kuru* was sighted by *Castlemaine* 70 miles south of Betano and she subsequently closed to conduct the transfer of her passengers to the corvette. Following the rendezvous, *Kuru* received orders from Darwin to return to Betano and complete the mission that night. No sooner was the personnel transfer complete when enemy bombers again appeared necessitating *Kuru* to run for cover in a nearby rain squall.

As the senior officer, *Castlemaine*'s captain quickly appraised the situation. *Kuru* had orders to return to Betano, *Armidale* had troops on board to be landed there, and, to further complicate matters, a signal had been received to search for two downed airmen from a Beaufighter some 150 miles to the south-east. Sullivan's preference was to exchange passengers with *Armidale* so *Castlemaine* might escort *Kuru* back to Timor, however, the presence of enemy aircraft ruled that out. Consequently, *Armidale* and *Kuru* were ordered to return to Betano to complete the troop reinforcement operation while *Castlemaine* went in search of the downed airmen en-route back to Darwin.

As *Kuru* and *Armidale* steamed northwards they both came under fierce aerial attack becoming separated in the process. For almost seven hours *Kuru* dodged bombs suffering minor damage to her engine and losing her assault boat that was under tow. Grant reported the damage to Darwin but was told that the operation was to be carried through. This instruction was later rescinded when the presence of Japanese cruisers approaching the area was reported. *Kuru* then shaped a course for Darwin.

At approximately 1:00 pm on 1 December five Japanese bombers were spotted by *Armidale*'s lookouts. Without adequate air cover there was little hope of surviving the attack and a signal was sent to Darwin requesting urgent fighter cover. For the next half an hour *Armidale*'s gunners beat off successive Japanese attacks and the ship escaped serious damage. In the meantime a signal was received from Darwin advising that the much needed fighters would arrive at 3:45 pm. Shortly before 3:00 pm *Armidale* was attacked by nine bombers, three fighters and a float plane. The fighters split up and came in at low level straffing *Armidale*'s decks with machine-gun fire. With her gunners thus distracted, the torpedo bombers mounted their attacks from different directions as Richards manoeuvred desperately to avoid their torpedoes. In spite of the brave resistance, the ship was hit twice by torpedoes, immediately heeling over to port. At that point Richards gave the order to abandon ship. Rafts were cut loose and a motor boat freed from its falls before men took to the water. Their ordeal, however, was far from over. The Japanese airmen then pressed home

further attacks machine gunning the survivors. Leading Seaman Leigh Bool who survived the ordeal later recalled:

Two or three [aircraft] went right across the ship and they apparently were using their torpedoes as bombs. These did no damage although several of the torpedoes hurtled low right across the ship. However, the others hit us within two or three minutes of the commencement of the attack. We were hit on the port side forward, causing the ship to heel over at an angle of 45 degrees.

The Armidale was going fast and the captain ordered us to abandon ship. Ratings were trying to get out lifesaving appliances as Jap planes roared just above us, blazing away with cannon and machine guns. Seven or eight of us were on the quarterdeck when we saw another bomber coming from the starboard quarter. It hit us with another torpedo and we were thrown in a heap among the depth charges and racks.

We could feel the Armidale going beneath us, so we dived over the side and swam about 50 yards astern as fast as we could. Then we stopped swimming and looked back at our old ship. She was sliding under, the stern high in the air, the propellers still turning.

Before we lost her, we had brought down two enemy bombers for certain, and probably a third. The hero of the battle was a young ordinary seaman, Edward Sheean, not long at sea, who refused to leave the ship.

Sheean had no chance of escape. Strapped to his anti-aircraft gun, he blazed away till the last. One of the Jap bombers, hit by his gun, staggered away trailing smoke, just skimming the surface until it crashed with a mighty splash about a quarter mile away.

Wireman William Lamshed was another who survived the sinking recalling *Armidale's* last moments both from his action station in a small workshop on the corvette's port side and from in the water:

"The workshop was about 1 metre in width and 2 metres in length with a phone to the bridge. My duties were to receive instructions for setting of the depth charge detonators, when hunting down subs. This was my station regardless of what action was in progress. When we first saw these different looking planes coming, we just knew we were in big trouble, and that our end might be near, so I quickly went to my hideyhole, as I called it, and cringed in a corner, waiting to be blown

MEMBERSHIP

The fees for annual Membership are as follows:

- Service Members: \$40.00, must provide evidence of service,
- Affiliate Members \$40.00, Must provide evidence of relative's service,
- Social Members: \$50.00, and must provide proof of identification.
- Current Serving Members receive their first Year's membership free.

If you have not received your receipt yet, please check with the bar staff as they hold them behind the bar.

NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME

The Following people have been nominated as Affiliates Members:

- Judi Shelton,
- Marie Davies,
- Sean Grogan, and
- Donna Grogan

IF ANY MEMBERS HAVE ANY REASON WHY THESE NOMINEES SHOULD NOT BE MEMBERS OF OUR CLUB, PLEASE CONTACT THE SECRETARY

All enquiries for Membership, please contact the Secretary on 9497 1972 OR 0415 440 150

RENEWALS ARE NOW DUE

RENEWAL FORMS ARE ON THE BACK PAGE

Armadale RSL Sub-Branch & Club Inc.

Trading Hours

Mondays and Tuesdays: 4pm – 8pm

Wednesday and Thursday: Noon – 8pm

Friday: Noon – 12 - Midnight

Saturday and Sunday: Noon – 8pm

Public Holidays: 12pm – 8pm

By order of the Committee, should there be 5 Patrons or less in the Club between 7pm and 8pm closing times may then vary at the discretion of the Duty Bar Manager.

Dress Code ~ Military Mess standards apply.

Reasonably clean working dress permitted on weekdays only up to 7.00pm.

Neat casual at all other times.

Not Permitted at any time:-

Thongs, Tank Tops, Singlets, Muscle Tops, Bare Midriffs,

Headdress may not be worn unless sanctioned by The Committee.

FRIDAY NIGHT MEMBERS NIGHT

Come along and have a meal and support:

Lillian's Friday Night Raffles,

which help towards the Children's Christmas Party.

The prizes are drawn immediately after "The Ode" which is observed each Friday night at 7 pm.

SPITFIRE GRILL



LUNCHES 12 – 2PM Thur – Fri – Sun
DINNERS 5:30 – 8PM Thursdays & Fridays

MENU

Lunches—\$10

FISH & CHIPS (Battered/Grilled)

Served with Salad, Tartare,
Lemon Wedge & Chips

STEAK SANDWICH

Served with Aioli & Chips

CHICKEN PARMIGIANA

Served with Salad & Chips

CLASSIC CAESAR SALAD

With parmesan cheese, bacon,
egg & croutons. Add Chicken \$2

BEEF BURGER

Served with Iceberg lettuce, Tomato,
Cheese, Beetroot & choice of Sauce

Snacks

SEAFOOD BASKET

With Chips \$7

SKICKY PORK BELLY

With shredded apple \$7

GARLIC PRAWNS

With Chips \$7

FISH GOUJONS (FINGERS)

With Chips \$5

CHICKEN NUGGETS

With Chips \$5

CHIPS OR WEDGES

With Aioli \$5

Dinners

SOUP OF THE DAY

Served with Bread Roll \$5

PORTERHOUSE STEAK (150g)

Served with Potato Mash &
Veg **OR** Salad & Chips \$15

CHICKEN PARMIGIANA

Served with Salad & Chips \$10

LAMB RACK

Potato Mash & Gravy \$15

FISH & CHIPS (Battered/Grilled)

Served with Salad, Tartare,
Lemon Wedge & Chips \$10

SALT & PEPPER SQUID

Served with salad & chips \$10

SAUCES AVAILABLE

Mushroom, Garlic, Pepper or Gravy

Little Spitfires—\$5

CHICKEN NUGGETS

With Chips

FISH GOUJONS (FINGERS)

With Chips

STEAK & CHIPS

**PLEASE SEE OUR BOARD FOR
SPECIALS**

AVAILABLE FOR MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS

SUNDAY SESSION

- **STARTS AT 1200 HRS**
- **UNTIL 1700 HRS**
- **LUNCH 1200 TO 1400 HRS**
- **HAPPY HOUR 1300 TO 1400 HRS**
- **PRESIDENTS JESTER - \$2.00 / TICKET**
 - **DRAWN ON THE DAY**
 - **JACKPOT \$400.00**
- **MEAT RAFFLES - \$1.00/ TICKET**
- **MUSIC BY REQUEST WITH THE BEAUTIFUL DULSET TONES OF WOMBAT.**



HAVING A FUNCTION WHY NOT HAVE YOUR PARTY AT OUR CLUB

- **REASONABLE RATES WITH MEMBER DISCOUNT**
- **FULL BAR AND CATERING FACILITIES**
- **ALL ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE AT THE BAR**

UP COMING EVENTS

ADULTS CHRISTMAS PARTY AND MEGA DRAW

22ND DECEMBER 2017

5PM START

KITCHEN OPEN

CONTINUIOUS RAFFLES

ENTERTAINMENT:



SIMPLE CUT



CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Sunday 24th December

From 12 pm to 2 pm

**Christmas Roast with
Dessert**

\$15.00 per head

*Please join us for
a New Years Eve Celebration*

Armadale RSL

31st December 2017

6pm to late

Bar specials

Music by Wombat and his Electric Music Box
Raffles, prizes and bar snacks.

Hope you can come, bring a friend , bring
your neighbour everyone welcome.



RULES TO PICKING THE PRESIDENT'S JESTER

TICKET SALES \$2.00 PER TICKET OR 6 FOR \$10.00, ONLY 100 TICKETS PER DRAW

RULES

1. This will run over a maximum of 26 weeks starting on the 25 September 2017. The draw will only have 52 cards with Jester shown each draw.
2. Only **one card per winner** is turned over.
3. **Two draws each week** on the day of the draw.
4. Ticket holders must be present on the time of the draw and if unclaimed at the time of the draw, a redraw will be conducted within 5 min after the second draw of the night.
5. Winnings are paid on the night.
6. The single **JESTER** wins the **JACKPOT**.
7. **Each suite Ace, King, Queen and Jack is also a winning card** amounts are listed below, and wont jackpot, these are a standard fixed amount.
8. If there are **NO winners for the night** the prize money will **JACKPOT by \$100.00 per draw**.
9. \$50.00 from each draw will be placed into a kitty for the end of year Adult Xmas Party.
10. Once the Joker has been picked the Card Deck will be re-set and jackpot will start over at \$100.00.

Prize money payout

Jester	= Jackpot
Ace	= \$20.00
King	= \$15.00
Queen	= \$10.00
Jack	= \$5.00



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Phone (08) 9497 3999



DALE COTTAGES

Dale Cottages are often in need of part time workers in the following fields:

- * Nursing * Drivers * Carers
- * Handy Men * Gardeners

If anyone would like to offer their time and services it would be very much appreciated.

Please contact Stacey Dowding at Dale Cottages
Contact details: 9399 5393 and csc@dalecottages.org

Dale Cottages **“Village Home Open”**

Every Wednesday 11am – 2pm

Obligation free and includes a

Cottage and Apartment inspection,

Village Tour and a Take Home Information Pack

9497 3200 or vma@dalecottages.org

GETAWAY OUTDOORS



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For all your camping, fishing and outdoor needs.

All RSL members are welcomed to a 10% discount on presentation of their membership card on excluding fridges, generators, GPS's, kayaks and sale items.

See you out there!!!



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Armadale, WA 6112

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Email: armadale@batteryworld.com.au

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Armadales RSL Merchandise

Special Sale Prices (For old stock only)

RSL Stickers	\$1.00
Badges & Lapel Pins	\$3.00
Stubby Holders	\$5.00 or 3 for \$12
Key Rings	\$5.50
Caps	\$15.00
Scarves	\$20.00
Bar Runners	\$26.00

***THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING
ARMADALE RSL SUB BRANCH***



MEMBERSHIP

PLEASE LEAVE YOUR DETAILS AND PAYMENT IN A SEALED ENVELOPE WITH THE BAR STAFF. IN MOST CASES YOUR RECEIPT WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION THE SAME WEEK FROM THE BAR STAFF.

AFFILIATE & SOCIAL MEMBERS PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO ARMADALE RSL

SERVICE MEMBERS PAY DIRECT TO STATE RSL UNLESS AGREED BY THE MEMBERSHIP OFFICER TO SEND IN BULK VIA THE CLUB. SERVICE MEMBERS CHEQUES ARE TO BE MADE PAYABLE TO RSL OF WA.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM 2018

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

_____ P/C _____

Contact No: Home _____ **Mobile** _____ **Email:** _____

<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>AFFILIATE</u>	<u>SOCIAL</u>
\$40	\$40	\$50
Service No.	Badge No.	Badge No.

Do You Require Copy of Furphy Newsletter

Yes

No

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Left at Club

CHANGE OF ADDRESS AND/OR CONTACT DETAILS

Service or Badge N°

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