



GREENRUBS A Newsletter From Greenies-On-Line

A warm G'Day to all of our fellow Greenies. At the moment we have 1439 of you registered on the site, but, along with the 193 who have changed ISP's, there is still an awful lot more of the Green Empire to track down and bring home to our website. Note that if an e-mail to you bounces, you will be locked out of the Members area until you provide us with a valid e-mail address. If you are changing your e-mail address, you can update your details in the member area.

Anyhow, just thought we'd take a few lines to bring you up to date on a few items.

1. Announcing A Major New Addition To The PussersGreenies Website

We have expanded our Members Database to include a list of ships/establishments that the member has served on. Simply holding the mouse pointer over the "State" button after the members name on the Members List will bring up a list of the members postings – naturally, this drop down list will be only available if the member has added his ships/establishments to his details. The list will only be displayed in alphabetical order – chronological order is not an option at this time.

We've modified the members email listing so that it now shows the State/Location in **BOLD/GREEN** when the ships popup has been set by the member. This makes it a bit easier to see who has set their ships.

1. Go to the website www.pussersgreenies.org
2. Go to the Email List page, and enter with your User Name and Password.
3. There is a button labelled "Add or change your ships" right under the "Members Email Database" button
4. Clicking on the button will bring up a list of Establishments, then Ships – all self explanatory. (Note that you can only add ships/establishments once, even though you may have served there a couple of times.)
5. When you have made your selections, click on the "Add . . ." button at the bottom of the page.
6. Close the window and then go to the "Members E-Mail Database" and check your own name (hover over your State to get the list)
7. You can return to "Add or Change Your Ships" button at any time to amend you ships list.

Please let us know if you have any questions/problems

2. Change To Meet & Greet Dates

Earlier this year we changed from the old format of third Saturday in May and November to the first Saturday in March and September as a trial. Unfortunately, the first Saturday in March proved to be a bit of a problem due to a long weekend in both Victoria and South Australia, with the result that some

were unable to attend. To work around this clash, we have decided to move to the SECOND Saturday in March and September for the next couple of years, until 2012, when the long weekend in South Australia will move to the second weekend, and we will have to revert to the first weekend again. Big thing now then, is that the September Meet & Greet will now be **Saturday 12th September, 2009** followed by **Saturday 13th March, 2010**. As is normal, your local State reps will send you a couple of reminders before the day.

3. Do You Need Reminding, Again!

Every three hours someone loses his battle with prostate cancer. There are a few entries on "The Big Switchboard" because of it.

The diagnoses of prostate cancer is so often far too late, because men have done nothing about it.

Make a date to go and see your GP for a PSA blood test and a digital examination – don't keep putting it off, it doesn't hurt, and there is a damn good chance that nothing will be found. Remember that the digital examination is far more reliable and accurate than the PSA blood test!!

If something is found, early detection will determine whether just monitoring or a level of treatment is appropriate.

Your doctor and DVA can provide you with a lot of literature about the disease.

If we suspect you have ignored this, again, we will send this to the little wife, and you know how she can nag!!

REMEMBER THAT DVA WILL MEET THE COST OF TREATMENT FOR CANCER IN EX-SERVICEMEN AND THERE IS NO REQUIREMENT TO PROVE IT IS SERVICE RELATED

4. Medals

With the recent issue of The Australian Defence Medal, you will all now have at least one "gong", so it is appropriate to pass on a little extra detail on having a "gong". It is very important to realise that your medal/medals whilst they may have a level of sentimental value to you, they do have a monetary value to others, and depending on the number and variety of the medals, this could be quite substantial, so it is important to keep track of your medals and make sure they don't go astray. Wearing your gongs is another issue, you should only wear medals that have been issued to you, or approved to be issued to you, by the Australian Government, and the place to wear these is on the left breast. You may be committing an offence if you wear inappropriate medals on the left breast, and there is a strict precedence in the order that these medals can be arranged. (For your info we will put the protocol on the website). You need to be aware, that if you are ever photographed by the media wearing your medals, someone is sure to be taking a note, and as some have already found out, it can be extremely embarrassing if you stretch the rules and protocols.

5. Next Major Greenies National Reunion

As we have previously announced, the next major reunion will be in Northern NSW, at Ballina, in mid 2010. We expect to have the actual dates available shortly and will promulgate the dates and accommodation bookings details at the same time. As with the Mildura Reunion, all registration and payments will be via the website, including the payment for Ballina Reunion specific rabbits, and this time we are looking at a pewter with the Greenies Crest on it, so save up some dollars for that.

6. Merchandise



It is not our intention to charge anyone a subscription to belong to the Greenies website, any expenses are met by the sale of merchandise.

Currently, we have available

I. Greenies Polo shirts – various colours and sizes – order from within the Members Section of the website - Cost is \$40



- II. Greenies Insulated Coffee Mugs – order from within the Members Section of the website – Cost is \$20
- III. Greenies Name Badges – order from within the Members Section of the website – Cost is \$15
- IV. Greenies Mildura Reunion Baseball caps – Special price at the moment and our regular Greenies Baseball caps are not available until these are all gone – order from within the Members Section of the website – Cost is \$6
- V. HMAS HOBART Logo'd Polo Shirts – order from the Home Page of the website by clicking on the button there and use username "HOBART" and password "DDG39" – Cost is \$40



- VI. Gunline and VLSM Vietnam Veteran Baseball caps available from the HMAS BRISBANE Association via pedro@pussersgreenies.org – Cost is \$22:50 for one or \$40 for two.

All prices above include postage

7. A couple more reminders

Make sure that you have had the appropriate Asbestos screening – details on the website.

If you need to make a claim for a disability from Department of Veterans Affairs, don't do it yourself, contact us and we will direct you to an advocate that can assist.

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