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Management message

As it edges towards Christmas you would think that things would start to slow down at 1O2.7 FM, but November and December will be two very busy months at the station.

December sees 1O2.7 FM promoting two local music festivals – Move Mountains and the T-Bar Festival. Both will showcase the great variety of music talent in Toowoomba and South East Queensland and we are more than happy to get on board. Keep listening to the station as there may be free tickets to be given away, and you may be among the lucky ones.

The station was also awarded a grant from the Jupiters Casino Community Gambling Fund to upgrade some of the technology in the studios. As much of our equipment is over 15 years old and cannot be repaired, this money will be put to good use and will future proof the station. We are currently investigating the most efficient way to spend the money to ensure that it provides us with great value for many years.



The station is always looking for new volunteers, on air or off air, so please get in touch if you feel as if you could assist in any way. Volunteering is a great way to give back to your community station in response to the pleasure you get from listening, and any help is always valued.



Until the next Wavelength, all involved with the station wish you a safe Christmas and a very Happy New Year. Thank you for your support—it is truly appreciated.

Our listeners write...

GREAT STATION FOR JAZZ! LOVE IT! KEEP IT ON! THANK YOU!
John Bailey.

Thank you for allowing us to visit **1O2.7 FM** in July. We had a great time recording our stories for **Radio Africa** and would love to come back for another visit later in the year.

Many thanks from students and ESL staff at **Harristown State High School.**



Our float in the Carnival parade again



Without the help of some of Wade Copson's family and friends we would not have been able to have a functioning float in the carnival promoting our new Geek Speak Radio program (see below). Superman was very popular with kids!

A big thankyou to all who helped, especially Hugh Fisher and crew who prepared it and provided and manned the tow vehicle.

The station will not enter a float in the parade next year, but will do a broadcast of the parade if approached by the Carnival.



Wouldn't it be great if instead of having a bunch of web pages taking up space in your browser window, you could LISTEN to the entertainment news you read up on?

Well, now you can simply listen to **Todd & Wade**. They not only tell you about the latest casting news, TV show spoilers, and more, but they also talk about the people who create the movies, shows, and comics.

If you want a quick round-up of what's going on in the wonderful Pop Culture world, tune in to **102.7 FM** on Tuesday nights at 9 for **Geek Speak Radio**.

Not sure what movie to watch or rent this weekend? They'll let you know what's good and what's not. You may even discover some new movies or TV shows you didn't even know about. So listen up!



Tuesday nights at 9



Sit back, relax, or continue working while **Geek Speak Radio** keeps you up to date with Pop Culture.

Phil Long Reminisces

One night in the early 80's I was dial-turning on the radio when I came across a great music program. Aah, this was my music and I stayed tuned. I began listening to the station on a regular basis, oblivious to what lay ahead down the track.

As the years rolled by my friend John Callaghan joined Radio 4DDB FM 102.7 and began to host a wonderful program called "Sunday Morning Jukebox". He urged me to consider joining the station as a member with the possibility of presenting my own program. Oh no, not this little black Duck—no way, and I successfully fended off these urgings for a long while. At that time I was driving a taxi for Garden City Cabs. As time rolled on I relented and became a member of this great little station under the presidency of Danny Moore.

John began to give me excellent training in the studio, in the hope that a program would become available. Often we would go down to the station around 4.30am. I was fortunate that a vacancy came up and I was given a trial run on air. My first on-air shift would have been in 2002. It was one day a week from 12-1 and I christened it "Turn Back the Hands of Time," a fore-runner to "Those Were the Days." I was so damn nervous I was like Normie Rowe, 'Shaking All Over.'

Danny Moore relinquished the presidency, handing over the reins to Annette Davies. I continued driving for Garden City Cabs, but had already been hospitalised with DVT and the leg was causing considerable pain. My Doctor had advised me a few years earlier to get out of the business. I didn't, but the time was on the horizon. I continued driving and each Friday I would come into the station and volunteer in the office. One day whilst presenting my program I was browsing through the station's list of sponsors and was shocked at the low number that were with us.

I had had 5 years previous radio advertising experience with S.W Queensland's Radio 4VL at Charleville, selling On Air time for them, trying out a new concept, enticing businesses here in Toowoomba and the Darling Downs. It had never been tried before and Al Kirton entrusted me with the job. I got lucky—it worked! I approached Annette and her Station Manager daughter Melissa and expressed my concern at the lack of station sponsors. Annette agreed and she too was very concerned but she had a plan and approached a gentleman re assisting us with sales. I attended a Committee meeting and voted with the members to offer him the position on a paid commission basis only. He was actively involved in media sales in Toowoomba and appeared to be the answer to our prayers. He agreed to the terms and conditions but sadly the new association did not produce any worthwhile gains for 4DDB and it withered on

the vine. I again approached Annette Davies and informed her of my past sales experience—15 years in the Life Assurance industry and the 5 years with Radio 4VL, and that I was willing to take on the role of Sponsorship Coordinator for the station under the same terms and conditions.

The Committee accepted my nomination (well, there was no one else who wanted it) and thus my time began in Sponsorship here and I relinquished my job as a taxi driver.

My biggest assets were pride and a will to succeed, and to show the many doubters that I/we could do it. After 3 or 4 weeks I began to wonder just what the hell I had got myself into. However, patience and fright won out, and over the period from late 2003 to mid 2009 the station's sponsor list began to grow and kept growing. I treated my sponsors as friends, paraphrasing JFK, "Ask not what my sponsors can do for me, but what I can do for them." And they became more than sponsors—they became my/our friends. I had achieved my goal, but I had never ever regarded myself as a gun Salesperson—never. I simply worked hard at it and GOT LUCKY. To this day I am most grateful.

Today I present FM Drivetime each Friday from 3 to 6 catering primarily for those with a 50s, 60s and 70s music taste and also present The Long Lunch from 12 to 3, rotating this Tuesday spot with Barbara Lavell. I deem mine "Those Were the Days" and lean towards the Music of the late 40s, early and mid 50s with a splash of easy listening 60s. To date I have been with 4DDB FM 102.7 for 12 years and have witnessed many changes, mostly good. There is no doubt that our listening audience has grown over the years and is no longer Toowoomba's "best kept secret."

Whilst no longer actively involved in Sponsorship I continue to enjoy my time here and hopefully will continue to do so.



Plans for Scholefield Street affects parking

Toowoomba's newest road project—the Outer Circulating Road Victoria Street extension—is due to begin construction during December, which will affect the use of Scholefield Street to visitors to the offices & studios of 102.7 FM.

A new four-lane road will be constructed extending Victoria Street from Russell Street to Ruthven Street at the Chalk Drive intersection. This new section of road will complete the Outer Circulating Road network which runs along Herries, Clifford and Russell Streets, Chalk Drive and Hume Streets.

While this construction is in progress over the next 12 months, Scholefield Street will be turned into a dead end, with traffic

running both ways. This will mean that there will be no parking available in the street.

Announcers, staff and visitors to the station will need to find parking in nearby areas during this period. At present projected plans for the street show that it will eventually be returned to its current configuration, with access to the new road, but the project team do not know at this stage whether this will in fact be the case. We can only wait and see.

For more information about the project, contact the team by phoning **131 872**, email ocr@toowoombaRC.qld.gov.au or visit council's website at www.toowoombaRC.qld.gov.au

Looking Back... The Way We Were

No more rendezvous with Tony Wigan

By Merryl Miller (adapted by Wavelength Editor)

Tony Wigan always dreamed of running a nightclub.

He loved music and people—and as a star of the airwaves back in the 1980s (before video killed the radio star), the hard-working, gregarious Lebanese man was loved right back.

But dreams have a funny way of working out. Tony never did get the nightclub... but he put those people skills to great use by becoming proprietor of a cafe called Rendezvous On Ruthven instead. And in the 29 years he ran the establishment, he became a beloved part of the Toowoomba business landscape.

"I did the first nightclub at the Powerhouse in Neil Street, and ran Champagne Charlie's Disco, which got around 800 people per night.

"I really wanted to buy a nightclub... but in the end bought a cafe instead. I thought I'd just wait for radio to make a good offer—but marriage and five kids later, I'm still here. I never wanted to make a career out of the cafe, and it has been a tough gig. But I have met some wonderful people, and seen lots of changes."

A few months ago Tony retired from Rendezvous—and from the studio tucked away behind the cappuccino machines from where he would record interviews for broadcast on community radio 4DDB, luring luminaries such as Judith Durham, Keith Potger and Jimmy Barnes from their coffees to the mike. He also spends months researching and interviewing local musicians and putting together special programs for airing on his radio programs.

He plans to spend more time with family and friends, and continue the radio work on Monday's Big Mattress breakfast show and Thursday's Drivetime (a voice as deep and resonant as that can simply not go to waste), and take in any challenges that sound fun ("I still don't really know yet what I want to do when I grow up") but Toowoomba will remain home.

"I love Toowoomba—it's my be all and end all," Tony, 59, said, "I was born in Tripoli in the same seaside village as Stefan, arrived in Australia when I was five speaking only French and Lebanese, grew up in Longreach, and have spent nearly all my adult life in Toowoomba.

"The outpouring of love from the community when they heard I was retiring was overwhelming. But it's time now to enjoy life."

Rendezvous is not the only hospitality pie into which Tony has stuck his finger in the past three decades. He ran Coco's Crepes



Tony Wigan (front, right) now has more time to spend with his family (back from left) Micha, Tony Jr, George, Michael and Alisha, and (front) Steven John and Roslyn.

and Carvery in the T&G Arcade, opened Rendezvous on Brunswick in Fortitude Valley, and was owner of the Ambrosia Bar and Cafe in Highfields.

One of the most interesting things he has witnessed over those years is the evolution in Australians' attitude towards coffee.

"The coffee culture has gone from being European to American—a cup of coffee used to be an occasion where people would sit and chat," Tony observed.

"But now people think they're not having coffee unless it's a take-away bucket of milk.

"It's not all bad though. For the first 10 years I was in Business, I had to serve instant coffee because people loved it. And they had never heard of menu items such as lasagne or pita bread."

Economic and structural changes have also played a significant role in Tony's career.

His business survived the ring-road, the CBD revitalisation, the introduction of pokies in clubs, and the arrival of Grand Central and Village Fair while many others didn't.

"The loyalty of customers was all that got us through," he said.

"Developments in the CBD have knocked the main street around and taken away lots of downtown shops. But I'm glad I stayed here."

Recently Tony has been helping to keep 102.7 FM viable economically by offering special packages to his erstwhile business colleagues in the CBD and further afield, allowing them to get their messages out into the community without breaking their budgets. To him it's a win-win situation all round, and his familiar face and voice will continue to be seen and heard around the city that he loves for some time to come.



The Fun Pages

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SINGLE BLACK FEMALE seeks male companionship. Ethnicity not important. I'm a very good girl who LOVES to play. I love long walks in the woods, riding in your ute, hunting, camping and fishing trips, cosy winter nights lying by the fire. Candle-light dinners will have me eating out of your hand. I'll be at the front door when you get home from work, wearing only what nature gave me. Call 102726420 and ask for Annie.

I'll be waiting.

(More than 150 men found themselves talking to an RSPCA, who sent them a picture of Annie, shown at lower right.)

Heart-warming lawyer story

One afternoon, a lawyer was riding in his stretched limousine when he saw two men along the roadside eating grass. Disturbed, he told his driver to stop and got out to investigate.

He asked one man, "Why are you eating grass?"

"We don't have any money for food," the poor man replied. "We have to eat grass."

"Well, then, you can come with me to my house and I'll feed you," the lawyer offered.

"But sir, we have wives and children with us. They are over there, under that tree."

The lawyer looked and saw two women and six children under the tree, also eating grass. "Bring them all as well," he said.

They all entered the car which was no easy task, even for a car as large as the limousine.

Once under way, one of the poor fellows turned to the lawyer and said, "Sir, you are very kind. Thank you for taking all of us with you to have a meal."

The lawyer replied, "Glad to do it. You'll really love my place. The grass is almost a foot high!"

(Come on, now—you really didn't think there was such a thing as a heart-warming lawyer story, did you?)

Quick thinking

An elderly man in the Townsville hinterland owned a large farm for several years. He had a large pond in the back. It was properly shaped for swimming, so he fixed it up nice with some picnic tables, horseshoe courts and a few orange trees.

One evening the old farmer decided to go down to the pond, as he hadn't been there for a while, and look it over. He grabbed a large bucket to bring back some oranges.

As he neared the pond he heard voices shouting and laughing.

As he got closer he saw that it was a bunch of young women skinny-dipping in his pond. He made the women aware of his presence and they all moved to the deep end.

One of the woman shouted to him, "We're not coming out until you leave!"

The old man frowned. "I didn't come here to watch you swimming or to make you get out of the pond dressed the way you are." He held up the bucket. "I'm here to feed the crocodile."

Irish dancing will never be the same

Workers, renovating an old Dublin pub, discovered a previously unknown manuscript hidden behind some panelling, in which was written, "Irish Dancing, Volume II—What to do with your hands."

Valuable dog

A guy is driving around Oklahoma and he sees a sign in front of a house: "Talking Dog For Sale."

He rings the bell and the owner tells him the dog is in the backyard.

The guy goes into the backyard and sees a Labrador Retriever sitting there.

"You talk?" he asks.

"Yep," the Lab replies.

"So, what's your story?"

The Lab looks up and says, "Well, I discovered that I could talk when I was pretty young. I wanted to help the government, so I told the CIA about my gift, and in no time at all they had me jetting from country to country, sitting in rooms with spies and world leaders, because no one figured a dog would be eavesdropping. I was one of their most valuable spies for eight years running.

"But the jetting around really tired me out, and I knew I wasn't getting any younger so I decided to settle down. I signed up for a job at the airport to do some undercover security just wandering near suspicious characters and listening in.

"I uncovered some incredible dealings and was awarded a batch of medals. I got married, had a mess of puppies, and now I'm just retired."

The guy is amazed. He goes back in and asks the owner what he wants for the dog.

"Ten dollars," the guy says.

"Ten dollars? This dog is amazing. Why on earth are you selling it so cheap?"

"Because she's a damn liar. She never did any of that stuff."



ODD FACTS

...about Christmas

The first Christmas was celebrated in Rome on December 25, AD 336, as a Christian replacement for the Bacchanalia festival, held on the last week of the year. Christians had forgotten the actual birth date of Christ, so December 25 was adopted.

St. Nicholas was bishop of the Turkish town of Myra in the early 4th century, whose habit was to give gifts to worthy children on Christmas Eve. The Dutch first made him famous as a Christmas gift-giver, and Dutch settlers took him to New Amsterdam in America, now New York, where his name eventually became shortened to the familiar Santa Claus.

When distributing gifts in Holland, St. Nicholas is accompanied his servant Swarte Piet (Black Pete), who is responsible for actually dropping the presents down their recipients' brick chimneys. He also punishes bad children by putting them in a bag and carrying them away to Spain.

In Germany there are many different characters for Christmas. Nikolaus comes on December 5th when children leave their boots all shined and clean in front of a door or window to be filled with small toys, nuts, oranges, apples and chocolate for the good children. The bad child gets a branch to be used by the parents to punish the child. On December 24th when the actual opening of the gifts is happening they have been brought either by Knecht (Servant) Ruprecht, the Weihnachtsmann (Christmas Man), or the Christkindl (Christ Child), which is an angelic child dressed in a white and or golden dress much like a long nightgown. It has wings, and has usually a small horse or a donkey as a companion.

When visiting Finland, Santa leaves his sleigh behind and rides on a goat named Ukko. In Finnish folklore Ukko is made of straw, but is strong enough to carry Santa Claus anyway.

In Syria, Christmas gifts are distributed by one of the Wise Men's camels. The gift-giving camel is said to have been the smallest one in the Wise Men's caravan.

In Armenia, the traditional Christmas Eve meal consists of fried fish, lettuce and spinach.

In 1647, the English parliament passed a law that made Christmas illegal. The Puritan leader Oliver Cromwell, who considered feasting and revelry on what was supposed to be a holy day to be immoral, banned the Christmas festivities. The ban was lifted only when Cromwell lost power in 1660.

The day after Christmas, December 26, is known as Boxing Day, which was originally celebrated in England for the servants to rich people. After Christmas the servants "boxed up" all the leftovers from the rich people and took them home.

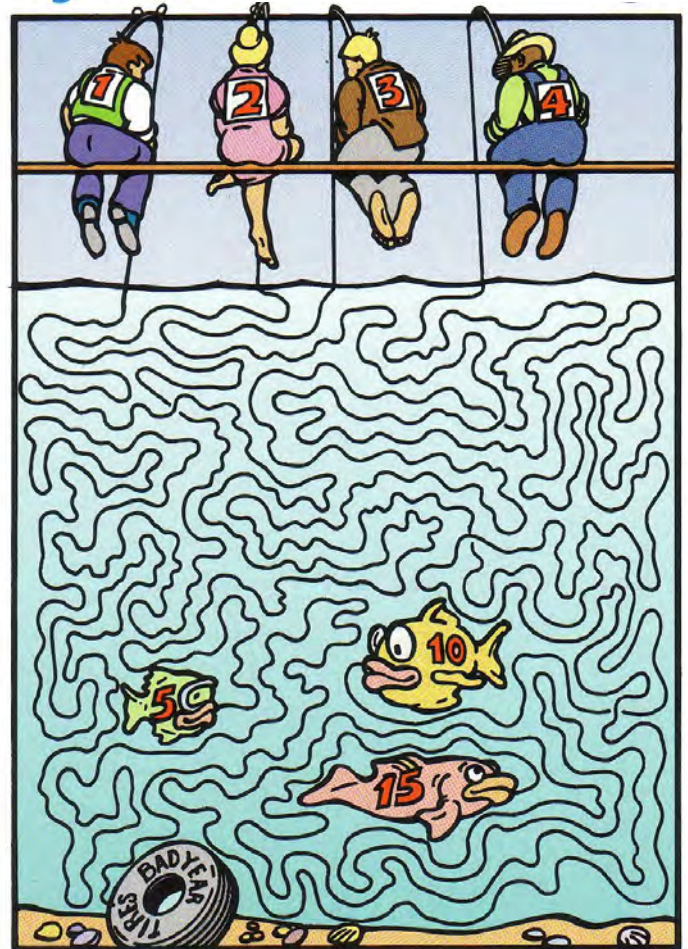
Boxing Day is also the holy day of St. Stephen. Hence the Christmas carol, "Good King Wenceslas looked out, on the Feast of Steven."

"Silent Night" was first sung as part of a church service in Austria. A guitar was used because the church organ was so badly rusted it couldn't be played.

Puzzle pieces

Big Catch

Puzzles courtesy of Visual Brainstorms



Puzzle 1: Welcome to the annual fishing contest. Which contestant will have the biggest fish (the 15 pounder) and who will reel in the tyre, providing all their lines don't become tangled?

Puzzle 2: Don't look at the picture above! What is the name that appears on the tyre lying on the bottom of the water?

Puzzle 3: Two of the fishermen, Teddy and Freddy, were born on the same day of the same year and have the same father and mother, yet they are not twins. Can you explain?

Answers:

Answers: 1. The winner will be contestant Number 3 hauling in the 15 pounder. Number 2 will reel in the tyre. Oh, by the way, Number 4 yanks in the 10 pounder and Number 1 hooks the 5 pounder.
2. Badyear.
3. Teddy and Freddy and their third brother Georgy are triplets.

I'm off to get some chocolate ice cream

For those who understand, no explanation is needed. For those who do not understand, no explanation is possible.

One day I had lunch with some friends. Jim, a short, balding golfer type about 80 years old, came along with them—all in all, a pleasant bunch.

When the menus arrived, we ordered salads, sandwiches, and soups, except for Jim who said, "Ice cream, please. Two scoops, chocolate."

I wasn't sure my ears heard right, and the others were aghast. "Along with heated apple pie," Jim added, completely unfazed.

We tried to act quite nonchalant, as if people did this all the time. But when our orders were brought out, I didn't enjoy mine.

I couldn't take my eyes off Jim as his pie a-la-mode went down. The other guys couldn't believe it. They ate their lunches silently and grinned.

The next time I went out to eat, I called and invited Jim. I lunched on white tuna. He ordered a parfait. I smiled. He asked if he amused me.

I answered, "Yes, you do, but also you confuse me. How come you order rich desserts, while I feel I must be sensible?"



He laughed. "I'm tasting all that is possible." Then he became poetic. "I try to eat the food I need, and do the things I should. But life's so short, I hate missing out on something good.

"This year I realized how old I was. I haven't been this old before." He grinned. "So, before I die, I've got to try those things that for years I had ignored.

"There are too many trout streams I haven't fished. I haven't smelled all the flowers yet. There's more fudge sundaes to wolf down and kites to be flown overhead."

"There are too many golf courses I haven't played. I haven't laughed at all the jokes. I've missed a lot of sporting events. potato chips and cokes.

"I want to wade in water and feel ocean spray on my face. I want to sit in a country church once more and thank God for His grace.

"I want peanut butter every day spread on my morning toast. I want untimed long distance calls to the folks I love the most.

"I've not cried at all the movies, or walked in the morning rain. I need to feel wind on my face. I want to be in love again.

"So, if I choose to have dessert, instead of having dinner, then should I die before nightfall, I'd say I died a winner,

"Because I missed out on nothing. I filled my heart's desire. I had that final chocolate mousse before my life expired."

With that, I called the waitress over. "I've changed my mind. I want what he is having, only with more whipped cream!" Then I asked Jim if he had any other advise to share. He smiled and said between mouthfuls:

"Accept the fact that some days you're the pigeon and some days you're the statue.

"Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.

"If you lend someone \$20 and you never see them again, it was probably worth it.

"It may be that your sole purpose in life is simply to serve as a warning to others.

"Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time, because then you won't have a leg to stand on.

"Nobody cares if you can't dance well. Just get up and dance.

"Since it's the early worm gets eaten by the bird, sleep in late.

"Drive carefully; not only cars can be recalled by their Maker.

"When everything's coming your way, you're probably in the wrong lane.

"A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.

"Birthdays are good for you. The more you have, the longer you live.

"We could learn a lot about people from crayons. Some are sharp, some are pretty and some are dull. Some have weird names and they come in different colours, but they all have to live in the same box.

"And most importantly, save the earth—it's the only planet with chocolate and ice cream and hot apple pie!"

102.7 FM Program Guide

From	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
6:00 AM	Sounds Like Sunday			The Big Mattress			Good Sports Breakfast
8:00 AM							
9:00 AM	Sunday Jukebox			FM Country			Saturday Racing
11:00 AM							
Midday	Sports Sunday			Morning News Hour			
1:00 PM							
2:00 PM	Sunday Musicale Sunday Nostalgia Sunday Swing Sunday Nostalgia			The Long Lunch			
3:00 PM							
4:00 PM	Let the Bands Play			FM Drivetime			Hey, It's Saturday (including Clifford Park Races)
5:00 PM							
6:00 PM	Play It Again	Radio India	Radio Holland	Radio Philippines	Radio Bavaria	Radio Africa	Country Saturday Night (including Clifford Park Races)
7:00 PM		Country Connection Walk a Country Mile	The Lounge	Sure Is Jazz	Jazz Ezy	Down in the Basement	
8:00 PM	Let the Bible Speak	Did You See It	Geek Speak	102.7 FM Easy	Fundamentally Folk	America's Most Wanted	102.7 FM Overnight
9:00 PM			Out of the Woods				
10:00 PM	102.7 FM Overnight	Roadhouse Radio					
11:00 PM -6:00 AM							

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The Milne Bay Military Museum is housed in a 1917 building known as "The Drill Hall. It was first built in Newtown Park, Toowoomba in 1917 as a recruiting depot for the 11th Light Horse. At the end of World War One in 1918, it became the headquarters and training depot for the 26th Battalion, the Darling Downs Regiment. The building was moved in 1926 to the corner of Margaret and Kitchener Streets.

During the following years the 25th battalion as well as elements of other units occupied it from time to time. It was a recruiting depot for service personnel enlisted in the armed forces during World War two and was the home base for many Darling Downs soldiers during the National Service era of the 1950's and 1960's.

It was again relocated in 1990 to its present position on the corner of Anzac Avenue and O'Quinn Street where it houses the Milne Bay Military Museum, named for the 25th Battalion action at Milne Bay in Papua New Guinea during

World War Two. Presently this is a tri-service military museum and houses memorabilia and equipment associated with the history of the Darling Downs and South East Queensland and houses the history of the 25th Battalion as well as memorabilia, equipment and artefacts from both wars and modern conflicts, and also includes items of interest for women and children.

The displays include 25th Battalion, History Room, replica World War 1 Trench, Vietnam, and weapons display to name a few. It also provides a medal mounting service for military service medals, as well as a war service records unit.

The museum is entirely self-funded, solely managed and manned by friendly volunteers who will greet you in person and inform you of the range of war books and DVDs available in the shop. Call in and visit the museum one day soon. It would make a rewarding and interesting outing for a family or club group.

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