

# AUSTRALIAN VETERANS RECEIVE "MASSIVE SUPERANNUATION PAYMENTS INCREASE"?????????.



*(A dig and laugh at the expense of the Australian Labour Governments poor efforts of supporting ex servicemen and women who have served this nation we call home, Australia.)*

**Preamble.** Men and women who have worn the uniform of Australia have received a boost to their superannuation. Ex serving members of the Australian Defence Force received a whopping big pay rise in July. Yes it was so massive that everyone went out and celebrated their windfall of 69 to 79 cents pay increase. Yes you are correct in reading that it 69 to 79 cents increase.

I really don't know why we who have worn the uniform of Australia be upset at our Government ministers who were probably in short pants and skirts when we were serving to ensure that the freedoms they take for granted this day was defended.

**Old retired Digger.** One enterprising old digger was so overwhelmed by the increase that he wanted to share the news with his wife. Immediately after receiving the increase, I contacted my wife and told her that I was taking her out for dinner. She said to me why all of a sudden and what is the occasion. I said to her that it's not often that the government takes and compassionate action in catering for its Defence force retirees and now our Government has seen the light and given us an increase that we needed to get.

My wife said fine, where are we going. I said that we will walk around to the shop and see if we can purchase some fish and chips. Well that's not much of an outing to celebrate an increase in your pension. Well I said, it's better than eating Dog and Cat meet in a tin mixed with rice and vegetables I said. After we are part of Australian society and we too must do our bit to help the government Treasurer bring in a surplus in time for the next Federal election.

Are you pulling my leg, my wife said. You know that we only eat Dog meat with rice and vegetables only on every second Tuesday and Wednesday when the pension comes in. How is eating an additional likewise meal going to help the Treasurer bring in a surplus at the next Federal election. Don't you think that you have done your bit for the country. Surely, 27 years as a Regular and four years as a Reservist, the Government should give you something to chew on.

Yes I guess you are right dear I said, but even in such times when the government came into power and had billions in surplus handed to them from the previous government, the incoming government had to keep its promises. You know how it is. We must all pull our weight at this point in time because Australia needs all of its people so that the Government can have a surplus. If we who have served this country as Defence Force members cannot pull our weight, the government has a right to bring in additional taxes such as the Carbon Tax, increase the cost of electricity, water, gas and other items such as food.

You know how hard those poor bastards., the politicians work in Canberra. The endless meetings, entertaining domestic and overseas visitors, ensuring that appropriate policies are in place to look after the interests of the guest workers and refugees that are coming into Australia. The very long hours of sitting in parliament listening to debates and debating issues that are important to all Australians.

Have you any idea wife how much time they spend on making a decision, It's not easy for them and I for one am grateful that we have such dedicated politicians who spend their time so judiciously for the sake of all Australians. I feel ashamed of myself at times knowing that I should be doing more to help Australia and its government to pay off its debts so that we as retirees can live in peace and security.

Don't worry about my wife said, if we save the increase every fortnight we will be able to save enough money to buy some meat which we can put into the freezer along with the other food that we keep for a rainy day. You never know when that meat could come in handy she said. Bravo, wife I said, as usual you are always the practical one. It will take us about two years to save up for the meat but it will be worth it. At least we can use the invest wisely the 69 cents for that rainy day.

**Summary.** I remember as a young lad (24 year old - 1974), along with my other mates serving in the Battalions at the time, somewhere in Queensland, that whenever the Government had stuffed up, we would always mutter under our breath: "*COME THE REVOLUTUION*". I didn't think much of it at the time ad thought it was just something we would always say when things went wrong with the system. Years later I began to realise the true meaning and significance of the words behind them. If only I had known.

I guess now as an old digger, the physical fighting element has been drained out of me, although the spirit is willing to keep on fighting for what is right. I never gave up in the face of adversity and I guess that helped me to overcome much of my fears as a youngster.

Our motto was and still is "DUTY FIRST" at all costs. but now as an elder of the community, I wonder whether DUTY FIRST is supposed to go both ways. Something to ponder about by the general public next time they go to the Federal polls. Personally I am disgusted and wish that our political masters so to speak had the balls to stand up and do the right thing. Gutless bastards. Pete Adamis - **An retired Digger.**



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