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Dear Mark

do a letter to Mark Furnet about the cost of a meal and the law that requires people to purchase if they wish to have a beer before 1pm the prices venue charge \$32.00 for a cheeseburger plus a public holiday surcharge it keeps older Vet that would attend they don't attend most older veterans have medical reasons they can't eat greasy food they will purchase a sandwich it about time they removed the requirement to purchase a meal

Here's a clear, firm, and respectful letter you can send to Mark Furnett. It keeps your Wallaby tone, explains the problem plainly, and pushes for change without sounding aggressive.

Draft Letter to Mark Furnett – ANZAC Day Meal Requirement

Mark,

I'm writing regarding the ongoing requirement under Queensland liquor law that forces veterans and members of the public to purchase a "meal" if they wish to have a beer before 1pm on ANZAC Day.

The intention behind the rule is understood, but the practical impact on older veterans has become unreasonable.

Many venues are now charging **\$32.00 for a basic cheeseburger**, and on top of that applying a **public holiday surcharge**. For a lot of older veterans—many on fixed incomes—this cost alone is enough to stop them attending ANZAC Day gatherings altogether.

There is also a health issue. Many older veterans simply **cannot eat greasy or heavy food** for medical reasons. They are willing to purchase a sandwich or something light, but the law does not recognise this as a "meal", and venues often refuse to serve alcohol unless the expensive hot meal is purchased.

The result is that veterans who want to attend commemorations, share a beer with mates, and participate in the spirit of ANZAC Day are being priced out or excluded by a rule that no longer reflects reality.

It is time this requirement was reviewed and removed.

A simple sandwich or light meal should be acceptable. Better yet, the meal requirement should be abolished entirely for ANZAC Day morning, allowing veterans to gather without financial or medical barriers.



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I ask that this issue be raised for reconsideration. The current system is unfair, outdated, and is actively discouraging attendance at events that are meant to honour service and sacrifice.

Regards, John Sambrooks Wallaby Airlines 35Sqn Association

Warm Regards,
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