

Coronavirus Update Edition
(COVID-19)

REDLANDS SUB BRANCH

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JUNE 2020 EDITION



REDLANDS RSL SUB BRANCH: 1925-2020
Information for all Veterans, Ex-Service
& Serving Men & Women in the Redlands



President's Report

Fellow members, To all of our members I say welcome, after what seems an eternity our first newsletter since February is going out, all be it only small for now.

I know there has been an absence of information to members, but the truth being until now there has been very little to report. The media has been keeping everyone informed concerning the COVID19 pandemic itself.

We have as you can imagine been hit very hard with the results of lockdown procedures, but I must congratulate Peter Harrison and his management team for the way in which they have handled the lockdown.

You don't just shut down a large club and walk away. Peter and Ros have been meticulous in the handling of staff payments, which proved to be a real challenge. Perishable stocks must be cleared, beer lines cleared and cash removed from premises, though it doesn't sound much - it is a huge job!

Over the period of lock down the club has been deep cleaned and in some places painted, roof repairs have been carried out and quite a bit of other repairs and maintenance has been achieved; taking advantage of a bad thing to do some good. Tables have been rearranged to comply with COVID19 regulations, it is not viable for the club to open for less than 100 people at least and they will be required to book before coming for a meal.

There are a lot of regulations that need to be adhered to, and I am confident Peter and his team will be all over them once we get word that 100 has been reached. To get the club to full running order will take two weeks to obtain stocks etc.

On the good side we have had our Welfare section operating right through the lockdown, though the office has been closed Graham and his team have been working through the pensions side, though they haven't been having face to face meetings they have been on the phone almost constantly.

Our headquarters will be open for limited times as from Monday 25th of May. Open hours are from 9am to 12noon, Monday Tuesday and Wednesdays. If you require assistance phone Linda 3488 1102 or Graham on 0427 432 293.

We will advise a date once we are able to resume our league and quarterly meetings, as well as the AGM.

Stay Well. We will be in touch soon.

Alan Harcourt LM
PRESIDENT



Treasurer's Report

Hoping this latest report finds you are all coping well in this very different world that we live in. It goes without saying that the current lifestyle is not easy, however looking on the bright side there is light at the end of the tunnel.

From a Business prospective I would just like to say quite simply we are very fortunate to have a very astute General Manager who certainly pressed all the right buttons when Coronavirus hit initially to put an action plan in place. Along with Peter Harrison, due credit needs to be given to Ros Francis our Financial Controller with her diligent financial management.

Just a quick snap on Peter Harrison our General Manager placed the Business into a Coma. This means that whilst we have no income, our expenses have been minimised.

Looking forward to seeing you all when we next we meet. Take care and look after yourselves.

Greg Saunders
TREASURER



Veterans And Wellbeing Excursions

Just a short note to let you all know that you're not forgotten.

Trips away are all organised, it's simply just a matter of the State Government giving the go ahead and we will put the wheels in motion. We have a full programme ready to roll right up to December, with Trips like the Rattler Gympie, and the Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers, just to name a couple. Can't wait to see you all again at the meetings. We will get communication out to you good people once we get the positive news.

In the mean time take good care of yourselves and remember let's make the good times roll shortly.

Greg Saunders
CONVENOR OF SOCIAL EVENTS

General Manager's Report

Well, what a year it has been! Talk about being thrown a curve ball and into darkness.

For the first time since 1925 (95 years), Redlands RSL was forced into complete closure! We closed our doors at midday on Monday 23rd March which saw 98 staff members stood down from employment.

After a record January, and a record February, we were on target for a record March as well. We then suddenly went down 100 per cent in trade.

On Sunday 31st May, Qld Government announced that we can have 20 people per 'defined area'. As you can appreciate, this was not a viable option for us due to the running costs including electricity, goods purchased, staffing, etc. which far outweighed the benefits of us re-opening. As we were hoping for some good news from the Qld Government, it was not forthcoming. Fingers crossed another announcement will be made by mid-June which will ease restrictions further, and allow us to recommence business and open our doors to the public.

This has been an extremely challenging and confusing time for many; trying to define what is and isn't allowed from different sources of information, and hundreds of emails with conflicting information.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the management and staff that have been in and doing bits and pieces around the club during lock-down time, as well as the Management Committee for supporting the hard decisions that had to be made to protect our business.

Fingers crossed, restrictions continue to ease and we can get back to a new form of normality, but will allow our patrons to come in and enjoy their lovely local Redlands RSL again.

Any further updates will be made on our Redlands RSL Facebook page, our website (www.redlandsrsl.com.au), and an email will be sent to our members.

For now, stay safe, and we look forward to seeing you again soon!

Peter Harrison
GENERAL MANAGER



Wellbeing Report

Hello all Service members and families. I hope you are all coping with the COVID-19 world and staying safe. I dare say, as I have, that you have learned many different ways to fill in your time and that your homes and gardens have never looked so good.

Our Compensation/Wellbeing officers have been available to all since we had to close the doors at Headquarters.

Graham and Debbie have been quite busy doing claim interviews during the closure. We have now opened HQ for limited hours, by appointment only, which are Monday – Wednesday 9am – 12 noon.

We had several requests to access Foodbank and also referred two veterans to State RSL to find them accommodation

Lorraine has been ringing the Golden Oldies every fortnight and many are finding this a particularly trying time as they are all in the risk category and unable to have contact physically with their families.

As most of our volunteers are in the risk category, Marty Rabjohns has stepped in to visit those at home and assist in any way that he can. He also rang and spoke to quite a number of veterans and visited some prior to and on Anzac Day.

In these uncertain times we can only look to the future and hope and pray that we are all able to be with one another in the near future even if by social distancing. We miss you all.

Linda Harcourt

WELLBEING/VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

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Bugles can also be viewed online each month on our website under Sub Branch at www.redlandsrsl.com.au



EMAILS - Bugles (as well as other RSL related links)

are emailed out to all of our Service Members monthly after our meetings. If you are not receiving these emails, please phone our reception staff on 34881199 to confirm your email address.



Deputy President & Cadets Report

Prior to Anzac Day Redlands RSL continued to Honour Our Fallen Veterans in the Redlands. Local schools in our region are in partnership with this program namely Cleveland High, Victoria Point High, Dunwich School on Stradbroke Island and Faith Lutheran College and we thank them for their ongoing support. On behalf of our President Alan Harcourt, we thank Redland City Council cemetery staff, Janine Hone Manager from Great Southern Garden Memorial Cemetery for their commitment and efforts in this project.

School commitment was limited this year due to the COVID19 Virus. However, we were ever mindful of the Government directions relating to social isolation owing to the Corona Virus, therefore we maintained a distance of 2 meters from each other at all times in order to comply with this direction.

Like other schools around Australia, students research and locate ex- Servicemen's graves in local cemeteries and then on each Anzac Day and Remembrance Day place an Australian flag on each grave-sites of Army, Navy, Air Force, Nursing Corps, Women's Services, and Peacekeeping personnel from all conflicts dating back to the Boer War.

Our mission is to perpetuate the memory of all deceased veterans and to build pride in our community, particularly our youth, in the virtues of service to our Nation and respect for those who died protecting our freedom and way of life. This in turn should lead to greater recognition and respect for those presently serving in uniform and we thank them for their service.

Redlands RSL committee members Michael McDonnell Sub Branch Secretary, Gregory Saunders Treasurer, committee member Martin Rabjohns and John Hague from Stradbroke Island kindly gave their time to assist me in this project.

Photos on adjacent page.

Report provided by Ian Gray Deputy President.





AUSTRALIAN ARMY 136 CADET UNIT

Due to Covid the unit was stood down in late March after Easter we decided we wanted to reconnect with each other so we started to run lessons on line via Zoom, even though the unit has 100 cadets its when we can't parade we realise how close the connection between us all is.

The lessons have gone well and our SGT's/WO2 & CUO's have exceeded our expectations in arranging and running the lessons. It would be easy to forget that these young people are between 16-18 years old, whatever they do in the future they are going to shine!

As things seem to settle into the new norm our thoughts are returning to when we can parade again, I fear it could still be some way off as under Qld Government rules a group of our size can't actually gather at this stage and until the rules are issued by the Government on large gatherings we can't even start to plan how to make our Unit Covid safe, until then we will have to make do with our weekly Zoom lessons.

Report provided by OC CAPT Wendy Kemp.



217 SQUADRON, AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE CADETS

We don't have too much to report on. All activities including training has been suspended with no definitive date that we will be returning. Australian Air Force Cadets National has been working on new training syllabus including a drone training program. Upon our return we will be doing catch up training on weekends to get cadets back on track. The last 6 months of 2020 will be a busy time for us. Luckily we have two new staff joining us upon our return.

Report from Dan Wruck Flying Officer (AAFC) Commanding Officer.



TS NORFOLK NAVY CADET UNIT

Nil report

Cadet Reports complied by

Van Gray

DEPUTY PRESIDENT & CADET LIAISON
OFFICER



RSL South East District (SED) MEETING Highlights

Subject: Highlights Skype meeting held 1800 hrs 7th May 2020

Owing to the Covid-19 Virus the SED council meeting was conducted via Skype video conferencing with 32 members from Sub Branches across the District logging in. The meeting was convened by SED President Wendy Taylor. Judith Munday presented the financial report for SED from her hospital bed via Skype. All members wished her a speedy recovery.

Membership renewals were discussed and it was decided that those members who did not renew during the renewal period can still do so without losing their continuation of service.

Sub Branches advised SED about how they managed their Anzac Day services due the Virus. Most stated they had viewed RSL Queensland website and so stood on their driveways joining the community to honour our fallen. Wendy stated if Sub Branches have photos of members on driveways during dawn on Anzac Day should send photos into RSL Queensland.

District President stated that owing to the Virus shutdown VE Day celebrations will be cancelled this year and also the WW2 dinner dance proposed by Sunnybank that was to be held in September this year is likely to be cancelled as well.

Veteran Suicide Notice of Motion - RSL Nation declined the request to support a Royal Commission into Veterans suicide.

Reminder that Sub Branches are required to submit their financials even though they haven't had their AGM due to the Virus shutdown.

President Wendy stated that the Charitable Trust funding is for Veterans and Sub Branch needs and not for building improvements or repairs.

Tramways Sub Branch asked the question could one charity donate funds to another charity. Wendy stated that this was not normally approved by ACNC, however it has happened in the past.

Notice of Motion submitted by Bulimba RSL Sub Branch:

Motion: That RSL Queensland consider where a Veteran is hospitalised for a lengthy period that the wife, husband or partner is assisted in travelling to visit and care of a Veteran. This may be by taxi vouchers, bus fares or by other means.

This motion was rejected by State due to incorrect wording. Wording has now been amended to reflect National instead of State. Amended version to be circulated for discussion at Sub Branch level prior to vote at next District Council meeting.

George Churchwood from Forest Lake Sub Branch stated they have a new management team and stated that the Secretary is a non League member. President Wendy stated that their Sub Branch will need to get approval from SED for an appointment of a non League member to be appointed League Secretary.

President Wendy stated that she presented the Greater Springfield Sub Branch with a plaque for the greatest percentage of new members this year.

Meeting closed 1920 hrs.

Next meeting June 4th 2020.

Van Gray - DEPUTY PRESIDENT

Library Museum Report

I hope all our volunteers are enjoying their enforced holiday time and are looking forward to coming back to the Museum although, at this stage, it appears that will probably not be until sometime between July and September at the earliest as we are bound by Government restrictions.

I have had one trip to the Museum when the club was open and all seems to be OK there. Nothing had fallen off the wall and all the models have been behaving themselves though they have been lax in cleaning their shoes; looks like we'll have to do that when we get back. When the Club re-opens we will need to have a working bee to clean up the display cases there as a lot of painting and maintenance has been going on creating a lot of dust.

Keep well all, and I look forward to seeing you again soon.

Les Warner
VICE PRESIDENT



National Servicemen's Assoc.

As is the case with everyone these days, our group is marking time and waiting for permission to re-start our activities. Just how valuable these social activities are has been emphasized by the problems caused to some by the restrictions which Covid-19 has brought upon us.

Our Committee has been anxious to put plans in place to have things moving just as soon as enough restrictions are removed to enable us to start. Unfortunately, this is clearly impossible until such time as all the necessary information is available.

We will be cooperating with the club and adjusting our programs to fit in with any new procedures the club is required to impose.

We are fortunate in that none of our members has fallen victim to the virus and while we are keen to get moving again, we will be endeavouring to not take any extra risks.

We are of course hoping these restrictions will soon be over, although the opinions some have expressed that some changes in the way we live may well become permanent are likely to be correct.

Eric Shaw

PRESIDENT, NATIONAL SERVICEMEN'S ASSOC.



Naval Association of Aust.

REDLANDS BRANCH

No report this month.

Stay safe and well.

Graham Hargreaves

PRESIDENT, NAVAL ASSOC. REDLANDS BRANCH



RAAF Association



REDLANDS BRANCH

The main objectives of the Air Force Association (RAAFA) are to promote and maintain the wellness and benefits of members; and for Redlands Branch, the support of No. 217 Squadron, Australian Air Force Cadets.

Since the cancellation of our restaurant dinner on the 17th March, the COVID-19 restrictions have completely curtailed all planned social activities, meetings and informal gatherings. We were particularly disappointed that our annual Dining-In Night has had to be cancelled due to these restrictions.

Social contact between members has continued by telephone and email. Fortunately, our members are mostly coping well and have remained safe while observing the social distancing rules.

Our last General Meeting planned for 12th April was cancelled as a face to face meeting, however we were able to proceed using email. Although this was effective in the end, the meeting lasted over a week after all messages sent and received were collated. Well done to Secretary David Field for his ingenuity and patience.

Our next scheduled General Meeting of RAAFA Redlands Branch on Sunday 14th June 2020 at 10:30am has also been cancelled as a face to face meeting.

Rob Wilson

PRESIDENT, RAAF ASSOC. REDLANDS BRANCH

Anyone interested in joining the Royal Australian Air Force Association (Redlands Branch), please phone the secretary, David Field on 0439 855 894.

Young Veterans Redlands

New members always welcome. To keep up to date with what the Young Veterans Redlands are up to, please LIKE and JOIN their Facebook group 'Young Veterans Redlands'.



Women's Auxiliary

I hope all the ladies from the Women's Auxiliary are all safe and well and if anyone needs anything please give me a call. I look forward to meeting up when we are able.

Desley Lingard

PRESIDENT WOMEN'S AUXILIARY,
REDLANDS RSL SUB BRANCH



NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK



THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO FOR OUR VETERANS

Our volunteers are the beating heart of RSL Queensland. You are the army that stands shoulder to shoulder with each and every veteran in this state.

It is our volunteers who help our Defence family with the complicated DVA claims process, and who visit them at home or in hospital when they are alone and in need. It is our volunteers who work tirelessly to raise funds to support their local veterans. And it is our volunteers who keep the memory of our fallen alive, organising ceremonies and marches for ANZAC Day, Remembrance Day and other dates of significance.

During this National Volunteer Week, we want you all to know how deeply we appreciate your dedication, and the time and effort you devote to supporting our Defence family.

From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you.

Tony Ferris
State President

Melanie Wilson
CEO





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ANZAC DAY 2020

Anzac Day 2020 was an Anzac Day like never before. With the COVID19 pandemic at its height, the decision was made to not hold Anzac Day services as we know it. Instead everyone had the opportunity to join in honouring our fallen, by standing at the end of their drive, veranda, etc. at 6am for a one-minute silence. This was met with a great response. Street after street was lined with people, whole families joined in.

Some say there was more people over all, than that which would have attended set services. It was certainly very different and one that could take on; we will see next year.

The Management Committee this year laid a wreath and the president recited the ode on behalf of all from the Redlands RSL Sub – Branch. The flags were flown at half-mast until midday, all in attendance obeyed the social distancing rules.

We have included a few photos of our Service, as well as some of the great photos that came in from our local community.

















History

JUNE

DATE	TITLE	EVENT
3-6 June 1942	Battle of Midway	The battle of Midway was the first decisive defeat inflicted on Japan by the United States in the Second World War. The battle shifted the balance of sea power in the Pacific towards the Allies and forced Japan to abandon plans for advances on New Caledonia, Fiji and Samoa and delayed their offensive in New Guinea.
6 June 1944	D-Day	Allies land in Normandy, opening up a third front against Germany and beginning an eastward drive across northern Europe that ended with Germany's surrender in May 1945.
6 June 1969	Battle of Binh Ba, South Vietnam	Binh Ba, located 6 kilometres north of the Australian base at Nui Dat was the site of a battle between an Australian Ready Reaction Force and a combined force of Viet Cong guerrillas and North Vietnamese Army troops who had occupied the village. The enemy were driven off after more than a day's fighting.
7 June 1951	3rd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment	3rd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, patrols sent across the Imjin River and they begin to win control of the north bank.
11 June 1900	Diamond Hill, South Africa	Members of the 1st Australian Horse and the New South Wales Lancers participate in the battle of Diamond Hill, South Africa.
18 June 1943	Australian government announces that Australia is no longer threatened with invasion	By 1943 it was clear that the Japanese no longer had the capacity to threaten Australia with invasion (though it later emerged that no such invasion was ever planned by the Japanese).
20 June 1943	Darwin bombed	Darwin was bombed by Japanese aircraft 64 times during the Second World War.
21 June 1951	3rd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, awarded United States Presidential Distinguished Unit Citation	United States Presidential Distinguished Unit Citation awarded to 3rd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, for "extraordinary heroism and outstanding performance" at the battle of Kapyong, Korea.
27 June 1950	RAAF bomber Squadron to Malaya	Six RAAF Lincolns of No. 1 Squadron, RAAF, and a flight of Dakotas from No. 38 Squadron formed part of the Far East Air Force. The RAAF's contribution represented Australia's first involvement in the Malayan Emergency.

Associated Groups

	<p>AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION (RAAFA) REDLANDS BRANCH Meetings held 2nd Sunday every second month at 10.30am in the Gallipoli Room. Social get-togethers held Wednesdays at 3pm in the Anzac Lounge. Contact: President Rob Wilson 0419 688 014</p>
	<p>NAVAL ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA (BAYSIDE SUB SECTION) Meetings are held on the 1st Saturday of the month at 12 noon. Contact: Graham Hargreaves 0427 432 293</p>
	<p>T&PI ASSOCIATION MORETON BAY SOUTH Meetings held on the last Wednesday of the month in the Veterans Community Centre. Contact: Ken Logue 0402 028 806</p>
	<p>REDLANDS RSL SUB BRANCH WOMEN'S AUXILIARY Meetings held the 1st Monday of the month at 10am in the Meeting Room. Contact: Desley Lingard 0409 060 267</p>
	<p>REDLANDS SUB BRANCH AUSTRALIAN WAR WIDOWS (QUEENSLAND) Meetings are held the last Friday of the month in the Gallipoli Room of the club commencing at 10.00am. Contact: Noelene Costello, President on 3824 2429</p>
	<p>REDLANDS LEGACY CARE GROUP Meets on the 1st Friday of each month in the RSL Club Gallipoli Room commencing at 10.00am. Contact: Ruth Minnis, President on 3286 5643</p>
	<p>YOUNG VETERANS REDLANDS Contact: Adrain Aiple on 0421 206 963. Find the group on Facebook.</p>

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Next meeting is yet to be advised.

LAST POST

NAME	DECEASED DATE	SERVICE
Frederick Malouf	14 February 2020	ARMY
Andrew Riske	26 February 2020	AIR FORCE
John Niukkanen	17 March 2020	ARMY
Bev Viertel	18 March 2020	ARMY
William Keen	Unknown	ARMY
William Gardner	16 April 2020	NAVY
Kevin Christensen	24 April 2020	



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