

REDLANDS SUB BRANCH

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





Latest news



LEAGUE GATHERING

**SUNDAY,
27TH SEPTEMBER 2020**

**10AM - GALLIPOLI ROOM,
REDLANDS RSL.**

**MEMBERS MUST PRE-REGISTER
TO ATTEND BY PHONING
RECEPTION ON 34881199.**

AGM - SUNDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2020

The Annual General Meeting that was postponed in March 2020 will now be held on Sunday 25th October 2020 commencing at 10am in the Gallipoli Room, Redlands RSL.

Due to COVID Safe restrictions, attendees must pre-register their attendance by phoning reception on 34881199.

President's Report

Fellow members; Well we are still travelling along under COVID19 regulations. Many people are still confused with all the various rules and regulations. None more than the hospitality trade which we adhere to.

Our clientele are very understanding in what we are trying to do, and realise changes made are in the best interest of both clients and staff and things may take that little longer. All of the management and staff are doing their very best.

In the last bugle I mentioned that we are waiting to hear more easing of restrictions at the end of July. Here we are in September and still no real changes in regulations. But we are still open and still serving our members. It makes it hard when we are being booked out Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday dinners but due to the limited seating of 190 we battle to break even in the kitchen. The seating has got to be increased for clubs and restaurants with the COVID 19 regulations.

COVID19 is making the possibility of meetings somewhat difficult. We have planned to have a League Gathering on Sunday the 27th of September, this will be the first meeting since February. We then plan to hold our AGM on the 25th of October. We are hoping that by this time regulations will be relaxed, at least a little. It will be good to meet up with friends and colleagues, after 5 months.

This year has been a disaster in the way of our Commemorations. Anzac Day service was cancelled, apart from a simple service with the laying of a wreath and the recital of the ODE to remember all who served.

It was great to see so many people that came out to recognize all who served, by standing at the end of their drive or on balconies at 6am.

VP Day was also kept to a simple service to honour all Australians who served in the Second World War by the laying of a wreath by myself who also recited the ODE.

Vietnam Veterans Day was also a casualty with a simple service of about 20 people, the laying of wreaths by Deputy President Ian Gray and President of the Redlands Vietnam Veterans Group David Smock and recital of the ODE. All services were accompanied with the Last Post and Reveille.

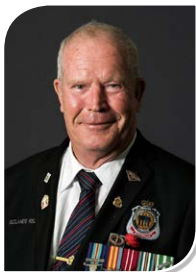
Our Welfare section has been working right through the pandemic helping any of our Veterans in need of assistance. Our pension section is still doing a good number of claims.

I think that's all for now.

Stay well and take care.

Alan Harcourt LM

PRESIDENT



Treasurer's Report

I trust you are all keeping well in these unusual times. Taking all things into consideration the Redlands RSL has rebounded quite well, due to strong management procedures that were put in place after the Club reopened.

Excellent savings have been made in total cost control with a saving of \$1,152,758.07 on a to date basis against budget. Everything is being done from a marketing perspective to make the Redlands RSL the destination for people to visit, with Members and visitor's health being of the highest priority.

League and wellbeing expenses for July were \$38,689.54 and year to date \$257,934.45, both these figures are indicative of the importance The Redlands RSL places on the League.

It will be great to catch up with you all at the next league meeting on the 27/9/2019.

Greg Saunders
TREASURER



Wellbeing Report

At last we can resume our monthly meetings. The first will be a League meeting on Sunday 27th September in the Gallipoli Room commencing at 10am. Due to COVID restrictions numbers are limited to 70 and therefore you will need to ring Reception on 34881199 and book and you must enter and sign in via the front door. There will be no food and the bar will not be open. You are encouraged to go upstairs to have a drink or stay for lunch. Our AGM will be held on Sunday October 25th 2020 and at this time the same restrictions will apply.

Our Headquarters is open from 9 am – 1pm Monday to Thursday. We ask that you contact the Advocates to make an appointment. 3488.1153 to enable social distancing rules to be adhered to.

Our Headquarters and Library Museum Volunteers gave over 500 hours of their time during August including 150 hours for Compensation claims.

Entitlements are not being processed very quickly as DVA staff are still working from home as far as we know. We have had new clients

as well as follow up visits with the Advocates seeing thirty clients this month as well as processing claims already in the system. There have also been a number of calls regarding wellbeing and a number of food parcels have been distributed.

RSL State visited our Sub Branch and recorded interviews with Doreen Matthews(Sticher)) who served in Townsville in WW2. and Stan Mellick OAM. This was filmed in Anzac Memorial Park and the Library/Museum. Doreen was a morse code operator and at 96 years old can still use the device as though it was yesterday. Stan also served in WW2 and he and Doreen realised they had been in Townsville at the same time.

Stan celebrated his 100th birthday during the lockdown and a celebration luncheon with President and Deputy President was held at the RSL on 27th August. He also asked if Doreen could attend so they could talk about their service in the north. Stan was presented with a plaque to mark the occasion and also cut a beautiful cake to share. Representatives from Member for Bowman Andrew Laming's office presented Stan and Doreen with their Commemorative coin and Certificate issued by Department of Veteran Affairs to mark the 75 anniversary of the end of WW2.

Forty eight World War Two veterans are members of the Redlands RSL Sub Branch. One of these members Ken Fuller's story is featured in this Bugle. We hope to feature a WW2 veterans story in the Bugle each month so if you would like to tell us your story please get in touch with us.

We continue to keep in touch by phone with the Golden Oldies each fortnight and also some home visitations have resumed with permission from the veteran and their families. Headquarters are doing their best to keep things as near as possible to normal whilst adhering to COVID rules and look forward to the day when we can all meet when we want and where we want. In the meantime stay safe and remember the volunteers at HQ are always here to assist.

Linda Harcourt

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redlandsrsl.com/sub-branch/current-bugle/



Deputy President & Cadets Report

My report this month will cover August and September owing to the slow down of activities as previously mentioned due to Covid-19 restrictions. The three Cadet units are back now that they all have their COVIDSafe procedures in place. The below listed reports will reflect activities since their return.

This month we had the pleasure of celebrating one of our most senior Veteran Mr Stan Mellick OAM ED 100th birthday. We invited Stan and his wife Sally to a birthday luncheon where President Alan Harcourt presented him with a RSL plaque in recognition of his 100th birthday and his service to our nation. Also in attendance was a special guest and Veteran Doreen Matthews who also served in one of the North Queensland staging camps with Stan during the WW2. They both had plenty to chat about as both were in signals in the same location in far North Queensland but in different camps.

During the luncheon two ladies from Andrew Laming MP office arrived and presented Stan Mellick and Doreen Matthews with WW2 commemorative medallions for the 75th anniversary of the end of WW2.

In order to celebrate Stan's birthday we arranged with our Chef Glen to prepare a birthday cake to mark this special event. Stan duly cut the cake with a WW2 bayonet in the presence of President Alan and myself.



Presentation for Stan's 100th & Service.



Cutting the cake.



Presentation of 75th Anniversary of the end of WW2 medallions for Stan and Doreen by staff of the Federal Member for Bowman.

During this reporting period we conducted a service for VP Day on Saturday 15th August and again on the 18th August for Vietnam Veterans Day. Both services had limited numbers attending owing to the Virus concerns. Our Cadet Units would normally attend both services and again owing to restrictions were unable to do so. Hopefully by Anzac Day things may get back to normal.



TS NORFOLK AUSTRALIAN NAVY CADET UNIT

Well 2020 has impacted us all, but we have had a very resilient crew, that have continued online, extending our cadets, and staff online abilities. We have been drumming and looking at many aspects of naval life and how to keep a good attitude towards our situation. This storm is easing and we are now back on parade, though limited in our activities due to restrictions again we have seen our cadets achieve promotions and planning for when we are again doing activities. We are very keen for new recruits and though we have not been advertising because of the COVID restrictions if you know anyone that is between 13 and 17 we are very keen to bring them onboard. Please go to <https://www.navycadets.gov.au/how-to-join/information-for-cadets/>

We are planning live fire, Sailing and Boating as well as drumming and first aid, to name a few of our very exciting activities you can achieve at the unit. I would like to thank firstly our cadets, staff and parents for their ongoing support while we weather the COVID storm, keep your resilience and positive attitude and we will see calmer seas ahead.

Report provided by Garry Goodey OIC TS Norfolk.



AUSTRALIAN ARMY CADET UNIT

The great news since our last report is that we got our authorisation to parade again, and have had our first parade night, which was for NCO's only so we could step them through our COVID safe plan, it all went smoothly and to plan although we will make a couple of changes to pick up

and drop off to ensure we maintain our social distancing, as we are totally reliant on parents dropping off as we have set out and for many reasons that doesn't happen as we need.

The buzz around the unit was fantastic on Tuesday night having people back with lots of chatter and catching up with each other. The Q store was busy with uniforms being changed over as cadets had grown while we were stood down. The next few weeks will be taken up with getting some maintenance done and checking equipment whilst getting our recruits up to speed and Marched Out.

Report provided by Capt. Wendy Kemp OC.



217 SQN AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE CADET UNIT

217 Squadron Cadets have returned to Monday night parades from the 3rd of August 2020. A better than expected attendance has been experienced with about 80% returning to complete the year. At this stage activities are restricted to Squadron based activities however we will be making the best of the situation by holding interactive lessons. Including the delivery of new drones. A lot of work has happened behind the scenes to make cadet activities as safe as possible in the Covid environment.

Report provided by FLGOFF Dan Wruck CO

Cadet Reports complied by

Van Gray

DEPUTY PRESIDENT &
CADET LIAISON OFFICER



RSL SED REPORT

- August & September 2020 -

RSL SED HIGHLIGHTS OF DELEGATES MEETINGS HELD FOR AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2020

AUGUST MEETING :

South East District Sub Branch Delegates met again at the Riverside Reception Centre building in order that delegates could maintain social distancing. Meeting was held on the 3rd of August.

President Wendy Taylor started the meeting by confirming that the 2020 State Congress would be held on Tuesday 24th November. This is the date confirmed for the five different districts locations across the State. The locations will be linked by technology due to COVID-19 restrictions. Email was sent to all Sub Branches asking for consent for this different format. Notice of meeting will be sent out on 24th August with further Information pertaining to registration.

DVA has cancelled End of WW2 event in Canberra again against concerns of large gatherings at this difficult time. Queensland however, will be conducting a small service at Anzac Square for WW2 Veterans.

A request for reimbursement from District to Sub Branches was made for costs incurred from the forthcoming 75th Anniversary event. Treasurer Judith Munday OAM advised that any request would be considered favourably given the cause. Judith went on to say that SED working account investments have dipped a bit but have returned to 6.1% better than pre Covid times. Costs this month were used to cover a funeral and the weapons from Logan & District Sub Branch have been decommissioned.

Steve Monteith sent in his SED Welfare report as he has been in isolation for the past two weeks. Steve tabled a ATDP letter of Authority must be on display and Advocates must hold current training qualifications.

PRESENTATIONS :

Steven Davey from City New Farm gave a further update on the Carina Men's Shed and invited members to visit and view the

amenities that are available for Veterans.

Kerry Gallagher AM gave a presentation on the reorganisation that is taking place at Greenslopes Hospital Wellbeing Hub.

President Wendy stated that the 2020 AGM Hybrid model a Technology based event delivery for discussion was sent out to Sub Branches on the 3rd August. AGM to be held on the 24th November 2020 will be a Hybrid model and will combine online and face to face meeting on essential business only. These arrangements this year are made in order to mitigate any risk to delegates.

Hugh Polson, President from Sunnybank Sub Branch presented a cheque for \$1000.00 to the Greater Springfield Sub Branch in support of them and their members.

Meeting closed at 1900 hrs and next meeting will be held on the 3rd September.

SEPTEMBER MEETING:

SED Council Meeting held on 3rd September 2020 at 1800 hrs. President Wendy Taylor started the meeting by introducing Emma Adams guest speaker from Open Arms an Organisation that provides support programs for currently serving ADF and X-Service members and their families counselling services. Open Arms programs and training has already been trialled in the US and Israeli military and has proven successful in increasing wellbeing and preventing mental health problems.

Emma went on to say that Open Arms is a National service which offers counselling services for individuals, couples and families. Other programs available are group programs, on transition- stepping out and life management skills, peer network to enhance support, case management for clients with complex needs, suicide prevention training, information and education on self-help resources. In addition other 2020 Group Programs tailored for anyone and they are: Beating the blues, Building better relationships, Managing pain, Sleep better, Relaxation and stress management, Parenting Programs and many more.

In closing Emma indicated Open Arms representatives can be contacted 24 hours a day by phone 1800 011 046 or on the website OpenArms.gov.au

Wendy advised members that SED has engaged a consultant to assess the Logan Hub complex and provide a report on what buildings can be used and others that may be pulled down owing to Asbestos. In addition a report on plumbing, electrical and holes in the roof.

Wendy advised members to view SED website in order to be kept informed on the District activities. Wendy stated that The Logan Hub will be a place for members to go for a BBQ and Wellbeing Services specially for Sub Branches that don't have facilities, however everyone is welcome.

A Safe Handling of Food Course is available on line for \$16.00. For more information see SED website.

Kerry Gallagher AM gave an update on the Greenslopes Hub regarding changes made to up grade the facility and stated that a request has been made to SCODA for funding.

Peter Beauchamp our district Advocate gave a report about DVA and claims that this department has slowed to the point claims processing is being delayed for many months. Peter indicated that DVA advised delays are due to the current COVID-19 concerns. President Wendy stated that this is not good enough and asked Peter to draft a proposed motion to be submitted to State and then forwarded onto RSL National to lobby Government to address this most serious matter.

Prior to closing President Wendy called Peter Beauchamp and presented him with Life Membership for his outstanding service to the League.

Meeting closed at 2100 hrs and the next council meeting will be on the 1st October 2020.

RSL SED Report provided by

Van Gray
DEPUTY PRESIDENT



Library Museum Report

Finally the Museum has been able to open again with COVID precautions in place. Although our volunteer numbers are a little depleted owing to different illnesses, we are still able to open each week day between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. as we have been lucky enough to add two new members to our ranks. We welcome Greg Saunders (who is adding another string to his bow) and Andrew Bailey. I would like to wish all the best to Alby, Phil and Robin and hope to see them back on duty as soon as they are fully recovered.

Recent visitors to the Museum included, Captain of Cleveland State High who paid a quick visit following the service remembering Vietnam Veterans on 18th August, 2020, and returned at the end of the school day bringing two other Cleveland High students.



DONATIONS –

- Italian bayonet donated by Jim Heymer
- Pay books, National Service Certificate, Photo & USB of photos taken in New Guinea during WW2 donated by Gwen Pritchard.
- Large collection of RAAC clothing and other memorabilia donated by Kerrie Birt.
- WW1 Swagger stick donated by Ian Lewis.
- Books, figurines and collection of memorabilia donated by Bruce Carr.
- Log books and bibles donated by Letitia Watson.
- English bayonet donated by Eric Shaw.
- 1939-1945 Australia Remembers medallion from Andrew Laming on behalf of the Commonwealth Government.

I send sincere thanks to these people for supporting the RSL Museum.

I would also like to thank our grand-daughter, Courtney, and her partner, Sam, who have been in Queensland



visiting family for the last few weeks until it is safe to return south, and willingly decided to join us to dust and clean the memorabilia shelves in the RSL; a job which badly needed doing after the last few months.

Les Warner
VICE PRESIDENT



National Servicemen's Assoc.

Our Group is trying to pursue as many of our normal activities as possible, given the restrictions imposed by the need to keep safe. We are not alone in this as many organizations try to get going again.

While the restrictions are annoying sometimes, the cost of getting it wrong is horrendous. Not many of us fully understand the implications of this virus and what it does. I believe more information would help us all immensely.

By the time you read this, we will have held our first lunch together and we will know if it has been the great success that I hope and expect.

Our General Meeting will be held on the 4th October - once again under restricted conditions. While the usual refreshments and socialising after the meeting will not be possible, your committee has made arrangements to assist members to enjoy some time together at the club following the meeting. Members will have to make their own reservations as necessary and we can expect there will be some need to adjust in order to meet unexpected difficulties.

I think it pays to remember that, while we are experiencing trying times and annoying difficulties, things could be and have been much worse in the past and if we get it all wrong it will be much worse in the future.

Eric Shaw
PRESIDENT,
NATIONAL SERVICEMEN'S ASSOC.



Naval Association of Aust.

REDLANDS BRANCH

Good morning all, once again only a short missive from the NAA as COVID rules the roost still. We have been able to hold two executive meetings, primarily to try and plot a course through the covid moras, unfortunately our navigation skills are still being stymied by covid so unfortunately we, like everyone else, wait. Our executive have been maintaining regular contact with the members to ensure that nobody is slipping through the cracks so it were.

We have had two members, namely Brian Scotney and Col Yench, having some "ME" time in the Greenslopes Hilton Brian in for a mid – cycle docking(6 weeks). Both are now on the road to recovery and at home recovering.

The executive also entertained our oldest member, Ken Fuller, to lunch for his 99th birthday and took the opportunity to present him with his commemorative medallion and certificate for his service in WW2. It was a very pleasant lunch, especially listening to Ken's story.

That's about all for this time, so until next month, everyone take care and stay self. Yours Aye,

Graham Hargreaves

PRESIDENT, NAVAL ASSOC. REDLANDS BRANCH



Women's Auxiliary

The next meeting for the Women's Auxiliary has been scheduled for the 12 October (remembering the first weekend is a public holiday). The meeting will be held in the Gallipoli Room to meet the social distancing rules. There will also be no morning tea. Tea/coffe and cake can be purchased upstairs after the meeting.

Meeting dates for November will be 2 November and December's meeting will be the 7 December.

I will be away from 7-13 September but will contact all members when I get back.

Desley Lingard

PRESIDENT WOMEN'S AUXILIARY,
REDLANDS RSL SUB 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.

The easing of COVID-19 restrictions has enabled some of our social activities to resume. The Wednesday afternoon gatherings have resumed while observing the social distancing rules thanks to the COVID plan at Redlands RSL. This small concession has greatly improved the wellbeing of our members. Unfortunately, we would be unable to comply with outdoor COVID safety rules and have had to cancel our next BBQ scheduled for Sunday 13th September. Our next social function is a Restaurant Dinner at Alexandra Hills Hotel on Wednesday 16th September 2020 after it was cancelled in March.

I was fortunate to be able to attend two low-key commemorative services hosted by Redlands RSL. The VP or Victory in the Pacific service on Saturday 15th August and Vietnam Veterans Day service on Tuesday 18th August. Hopefully, we will be able to attend normal services next year.

On the weekend of 4th – 6th September, Secretary/Treasurer David Field and I attended the RAAF Association Queensland Annual Assembly of Delegates at Maroochydore. This well organised conference, hosted by Kawana Waters and Nambour Branches, was cancelled in May and postponed to September. Fortunately, it was able to proceed and it was great to see old mates again from all over Queensland, rather than on a video meeting.

On Sunday 30th August, we were able to hold our first Branch General Meeting since February this year. Our next scheduled General Meeting of RAAFA Redlands Branch is on Sunday 11th October 2020 at 10:30am, hopefully in the Gallipoli Room at Redlands RSL.

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.

League Secretary Report

Hello everyone I hope this report finds you fit and well. Due to the current restrictions we have been unable to hold the usual ceremonies that you rightly deserve.

However, on Saturday 15th August 20 2020, the 75th Anniversary of Victory in Pacific, we held a small gathering with the President Alan Harcourt and a number of Committee Members, of which President Alan laid a wreath on behalf of everyone here at Redlands RSL Sub Branch.

This 75th Anniversary was heavily promoted in the media acknowledging those WW11 veterans who are still with us today, and in due course will receive their Certificate and Medallion from the Federal Government. Our sincere congratulations to those WW11 members of Redlands RSL Sub Branch, you will always be remembered for the courage and sacrifices you have displayed.



On Tuesday at 10.00am on 18th August 20, 2020 Vietnam Veterans Day, again a small service was held at the

Cenotaph, where Deputy President Ian Gray and President David Smock from Redlands Vietnam Veterans, along with Committee members, laid wreaths on behalf of all veterans. We had about 20 people in attendance, some had a wreath or a small posy that they laid for themselves. We look forward to returning to normal ceremonies in the near future.

Having said that we will be looking forward to a better Remembrance Day on 11th November.

Michael McDonnell

LEAGUE SECRETARY



Young Veterans Redlands

After COVID restrictions lifted Young Veterans Redlands have been getting back into social activities. We have had two coffee catch ups at Jungle Beans in Thornlands where members relaxed and had a coffee with friends and family whilst the kids had a great time playing on the jumping castle and petting zoo. Our next coffee morning will be held on Saturday 19th September at our usual Jungle Beans Café.



Our Vice President and grant writing guru Lee Mason worked extremely hard writing grant proposals and we were successful on the following;

- \$10,000 Redland City Project Grant for our Project Perana.
- \$35,000 State Government Gambling Grant to build a 12x12 shed to store Perana and Young Veterans equipment at the leased space at Boss Customs. We anticipate this shed will be completed by the end of October.

Thank you for the support of the Redlands RSL and a huge shout out to the Kim Richards MP office with the grant application assistance.

Project Perana is still located in the vicinity of Bundaberg getting some specialist chassis work completed and we anticipate it's return back to the Redlands in 2 weeks time.

Whilst Perana has been away we have supported the construction of a HZ Holden Wagon owned by one of our Ambulance sisters that will compete in a Variety Club bash to raise money for The Variety Children's Charity. A workshop was run by John Wright from Boss Customs for members who were mentored in the tear down of the Holden 308 V8 engine which will be later fitted by Boss Customs as a sponsored activity for the business. There is a tour coming up at

Wynnum Engines on the 16th September at 10.30am so members can see the V8 engine get machined by the specialist tooling of an engine reconditioning shop. Once the machine work is complete a further workshop will be run to teach engine reassembly to our members. Date to be confirmed.



On the 12th August, we were lucky enough to be selected by our local Capalaba Bunnings to run the first sausage sizzle fundraiser post COVID. Once again, the amazing Dan from the Coles Distribution Centre at Parkinson sponsored the supply of the goods.



Our friends from Redlands City Boxing conducted a fundraising evening for the Tsyu vs Horne fight. We were very humbled to receive the support for our organisation from owners Julie and Brent Sankey.



Adrian Aiple
YOUNG VETERANS – REDLANDS



VETERANS & WELLBEING EXCURSIONS

Hope everyone is feeling healthy and well in these different times. After quite a long lay off we are about to head up the range to the Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers on Tuesday the 22/9/2019 a great trip is assured all is organised. I would just ask if you could be at The Redlands RSL passage street entrance at 7.15 am for an 8.00am departure. As of today 7/9/2020 we have 43 people travelling to Toowoomba which is a good number taking all things into consideration. We will be sending all passengers a kit that will have everything you need to know inside please read.

We have two more trips coming up before the end of the year - dates yet to be finalised.

- The first trip will be on the famous Red Rattler at Gympie. This will be a day trip. We will go by bus to Amamoor, link up with the Rattler and travel back to Gympie. Lunch most likely will be at Gympie Railway Refreshment Rooms.
- The second trip will be an evening Christmas lights cruise at Bribie Island with dinner on board - should be something a little different.

As soon as arrangements are finalised we will advise dates and times on both these day only trips. We would imagine both these trips will sell quickly don't be disappointed get in early when tickets go on sale. Look after yourselves see you on Board .

Greg Saunders

CONVENOR OF VETERANS & WELLBEING EXCURSIONS



R U OK? DAY

- THURSDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER -

2020 has been a challenging year for everyone and circumstances have made it even more important for us all to stay connected and, for those who are able, be willing to support those around us.

R U OK? Day is a national day of action when we remind Australians that every day is the day to ask, "Are you OK?" if someone in your world is struggling with life's ups and downs.

To assist in getting people together, Redlands RSL offered a 2 course lunch special in Sails Restaurant, and had special cupcakes in Cove Cafe for the day. This helped provide an opportunity for family or friends to re-connect over lunch or with a cuppa..



DISCOUNT FOR MEMBERS

Thank you to Freedom Fuels who have provided Redlands RSL with discount cards for our members!

Please ask our reception staff for one next time you are in!

Limit to one card per member.



VICTORY IN THE PACIFIC (VP DAY) - 75 YEARS

THE END OF WORLD WAR TWO 75th ANNIVERSARY

Due to COVID 19 restrictions we were unable to have neither a dinner or a large service for this important day. But we still carried out a small service, this was not advertised as we needed to avoid any crowd.

I am doing a copy of the transcript of the day for you, it was only a simple service but full of meaning. It went---

"COVID 19 may have reduced our numbers but does not in any way reduce the meaning or relevance of this day, the 15th of August 2020 the 75th anniversary of the end of World War Two.

We are here to thank you, the almost 1 million Australians who served in World War Two, of which more than 27,000 were killed and a further 23,000 wounded.

We also celebrate the end of the second world war, when 75 years ago, the Japanese, after suffering two Atomic bombings and the threat of the USSR entering the Pacific war. Japanese Prime Minister Hirohito signed the Peace treaty that ended the second world war.

In 1945, the announcement by Prime Minister of Australia, Ben Chifley that the war in the pacific was over, on the 15th of August was met with great celebrations.

Australians, after 6 years of hardship, loss of life and suffering let their hair down, dancing in the streets with total strangers and many, many parties. Then, the return home of the troops brought on a spree of welcome home parades all over the country. Australia had survived, a free country, that we all enjoy today.

In recognition of their service to Australia, the Department of Veteran Affairs has produced a Medallion and Certificate for every living Veteran of World War Two.

We at the Redlands are privileged to have some 50 World War Two veterans in our midst. We wish them all good health."

The above short address was given by President Alan Harcourt who later laid a wreath to all that had fallen. The ODE was recited, last post, minutes silence and rouse.

Alan was assisted on the day by Deputy President Ian Gray who acted as MC.



KENNETH E. FULLER

- WW2 SERVICE MEMBER -

Ken Fuller was born in the Great Depression on 18 August 1921 in Gladesville, NSW. He attended Petersham Primary before going on to Trinity Grammar. He was a physically active scholar with a gift for music, especially the pianoforte which culminated in him becoming an Associate of the Royal London College of Music.

On completion of schooling Ken worked for the Breville and Escada companies in the communications field and also with Australian Telephone and Cables. He later worked with NSW Railways as a clerk while learning shorthand and typing and also attended Charters Business School to study accounting.

After the outbreak of WW2, Ken's early attempts, as an only child, to join the Air Force were regularly thwarted by his proud and caring mother. Ken's pressure ultimately caused Mrs Fuller to give way as she agreed to let Ken enlist for the war if he joined the Navy, provided that he did not get a job with one of those silly round hats.

Ken proudly joined the RAN on 30 December 1940 at HMAS *Rushcutter* as a Writer (without that round hat). He worked in the recruiting office at *Rushcutter* for twelve months, during which time he and Irene were married. After persistently complaining about not being sent to sea he was drafted to *Cerberus* for a crash training course that ultimately lasted for only five days and consisted solely of his swimming test.

On completion of his *Cerberus* training he was sent to Garden Island to work in the Pay Office but remained restless to go to sea and fight for Australia. Such an opportunity arose, when HMAS *Australia* berthed at Garden Island. Ken was drafted to her on 15 February 1943, serving initially in the Captains Office. The ship was operationally active and commenced patrols along multiple East Coast anchorages. *Australia* then sailed south and west to escort Queen Mary, Ile de France and Nieuw Amsterdam returning the Ninth Division to Australia in February 1943. Ken was now as integral part of the crew of HMAS *Australia*.

His ship returned to the East Coast and continued patrolling. Soon afterwards Ken suffered acute appendicitis. The offending part was removed and he was sent to Sydney to recover. Health restored, Ken transited on the Warramunga to rejoin *Australia* off the east coast for operational patrols stretching from Port Moresby across to the Solomon Islands where large scale Japanese landings by

towed barges were being reported. *Australia* conducted searches in company with *Hobart* and squadron destroyers. The barges were not located but *Hobart* returned with a large hole from a submarine launched torpedo.

Ken transferred across the passageway to the office of the commander of the Australian Squadron, at that time Rear Admiral Victor Crutchley VC. DSC. RN and was promoted to Leading Writer on 1 October 1943.

The war progressed and *Australia* was dispatched to carry out a heavy bombardment on Cape Gloucester in order to create allied space in the approaches to New Britain before moving on to the Admiralty Islands. Here the entrances to Seeadler Harbour were heavily fortified. Following a two to three hour bombardment by Australian and USN ships the island was invaded and taken. *Australia* then went on to support the Allied Army in New Guinea where the Japanese were actively retreating. This included the over the mountain bombardment of Hollandia (now the Papuan provincial capital of Jayapura) in April 1944.

Mission again accomplished *Australia* was tasked to attack the island of Biak on 27 May 1944, as part of MacArthur's grand plan to retake the Philippines. While bombarding and patrolling off Biak, *Australia* came under heavy aerial attack and endured torpedo attacks during the night, while the Japanese continued to land via barges out of Borneo.

On 13 June, Commodore John Collins, CB became the first RAN officer to command the Australian Squadron. Ken continued to serve on the Squadron Commanders staff in operations in *Australia* off Northern New Guinea and in the same area in HMS Shropshire while *Australia* was in refit. Commodore Collins and his staff returned to *Australia* on 3 September and the ship led our national contribution to the force of some 600 allied ships assembled for the invasion of Leyte Island. *Australia* bombarded the Japanese shore defences particularly the air field, with great effect.

At dawn on 21 October 1944 the ships weighed anchor at Leyte Gulf and shortly after a small squadron of VAL Japanese bombers attacked the Fleet. Ken Fuller was at his action station between the Compass Platform and the Starboard lookout position, as the action recorder, messenger and writer for Commodore Collins. Most of the aircraft were hit and destroyed but one lone plane, already on fire, powered towards *Australia* and struck the main mast aft of the bridge. The resultant fuel fire from the plane's tanks killed or seriously wounded many of *Australia's* bridge crew. Thirty crew

including *Australia's* Captain, Emile Dechaineux, were killed and 59 were seriously wounded. Amongst the wounded were Commodore Collins and Leading Writer Ken Fuller who had received significant fuel burns to the left side of his body.

Australia limped back to the Admiralty Islands and the wounded were landed on Manus Island for care in a USN hospital. After a week they were then transported to Sydney on the USS *Calamares* to be re-united with their families.

Ken was posted to HMAS Penguin while he recovered and then rejoined the Squadron Commander's staff ashore, being posted to HMAS Kuttabul until he was discharged from Rushcutter on 7 March 1946. He then worked in the retail clothing industry and was a successful business owner.

Ken retained his enthusiasm for active sports and attributes his longevity and good health to violent exercise and expanding his lungs. He had a great love for squash and tennis and won the NSW North Coast squash final at the age of fifty.

Ever mindful of his previous desire to join the RAAF, Ken went on to gain his own pilot's licence and took much pride in owning his own light aircraft for many years.

Now in his mid-nineties Ken continues with his love of fishing and is ever eager to expand and embellish on his success with the rod and reel.

Ken Fuller has survived his wife, Irene. He is the proud father of Robert and Kaye, Grandfather to Leonie and Victoria and Great Grandfather to John, Thomas, Ashleigh and Crystal.

Written by Jim Kearns — 9 September 2016





ANGUS HOUSE

- PROVIDES A PLACE OF RESPITE -

Affordable accommodation for veterans getting medical treatment. Medical treatment is a stressful and expensive process. To help relieve this burden, RSL Queensland offers short-term accommodation in Brisbane for regional veterans and their families. Rooms in Angus House are only \$20 per person per night and include dinner – a staggering 90 per cent cheaper than other surrounding options.

FEATURES AT A GLANCE

- \$20/night per person, including dinner
- Address: 53-55 Bayliss Street, Toowong
- Close to Toowong Private Hospital and Wesley Hospital
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More info: rslqld.org/find-help/angus-house



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VIETNAM VETERANS DAY

- THURSDAY, 18TH AUGUST 2020 -





AUSTRALIAN WAR ANIMAL MEMORIAL ORGANISATION INC.

- NEWS UPDATE -

STORY 1

AWAMO is establishing three new memorials as soon as covid travel restrictions allow.

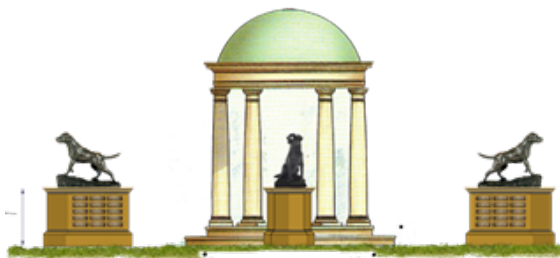
NATO command in Belgium has requested AWAMO send a war animal plaque to be attached to the new NATO Forces memorial.

STORY 2

AWAMO has donated merchandise to help raise funds for the National Military Working Dogs Memorial charity, otherwise known as NMWDM (UK), was established in 2017 with the sole purpose to establish a memorial to commemorate the Military Working Dogs who bravely served their country in both World Wars and subsequent conflicts as in Bosnia Afghanistan and Iraq.

Our planned working dog memorial has been designed to represent all branches of the United Kingdom's Armed Forces. The memorial will have four bronze dog statues who have been specifically chosen and will represent all of the military working dogs who have bravely served their country. Alongside the four bronze dog statues will be plaques with the names of many other loved military dogs.

A MEMORIAL TO HONOUR MILITARY WORKING DOGS
from World War 1 to present day & beyond



See: <https://nmwdm.org.uk/>

STORY 3

AWAMO President Nigel Allsopp-also Blue Cross UK -Representative for Australia and New Zealand announced today that NZ Mascot in Afghanistan “Gunner” is the 2021 BX award recipient. Kiwi troops in Afghanistan have been bowled over in more ways than one by a handsome dog who has become mascot, guard and pet at one of their patrol bases.

Gunner has won the hearts of soldiers operating out of Nayak, about four hours’ drive west of the main Kiwi base in Bamian. Gunner was a great guard dog, who would kick up a fuss if anybody came around the base, and would snap at the ankles of strangers.

But he was also a real character. “He gets so excited to have you around that it makes going back to the base a pleasure.

“Whenever we had been away from the patrol base for a few days, upon our return he would be like a child seeing his dad return home.”

Exact details are still unclear however Gunner was killed after the NZ Troops left Afghanistan.



STORY 4

AWAMO has been asked to provide a New Zealand War dog memorial to the world’s largest specialist war dog cemetery in the USA. The NZ bronze plaque depicts two dogs a German Shepherd and a Labrador to represent both general duties and specialist dogs in both the RNZAF and NZ Army.

See: <https://www.mwdm.org/>

Nigel Allsopp

PRESIDENT AWAMO



2020 OPEN ARMS GROUP PROGRAM

- SCHEDULE OCT- DEC -

OPERATION LIFE: SAFETALK

In the safe TALK half day workshop you will learn how to become more alert to suicide prevention opportunities, and how to offer help.

SPRING HILL

14th October | 9:30am – 1:30pm

18th November | 9:30am – 1:30pm

REDCLIFFE

28TH November | 9:30am – 1:30pm

NORTH BRISBANE

24th November | 9:30am - 1:30

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

Mental Health First Aid is a two day workshop that teaches practical skills for helping a family member or friend who is experiencing mental health problems.

SPRING HILL

28th & 29th October | 9:00am – 5:00pm

2nd & 3rd December | 9:00am – 5:00pm

NORTH BRISBANE

15th & 16th October | 9:00am – 5:00pm

9th & 10th November | 9:00am – 5:00pm

BUILDING BETTER RELATIONSHIPS

Building better relationships can help you rediscover what's important in your relationship, and rebuild a relationship with your partner.

SPRING HILL

2nd & 3rd November | 10:00am – 4:00pm

MANAGING PAIN

This program will help you learn about pain and teaches you strategies and skills for effective pain management.

SPRING HILL

Thurs 15th October | 9:30am – 12:30am

6 week program

DOING ANGER DIFFERENTLY

Doing anger differently will help you to understand anger and manage it more effectively, so that it doesn't have negative impact on your own and others' lives.

SPRING HILL

8th & 9th October | 10:00am – 4:00pm

Wed 4th November | 9:30am – 12:30pm

6 week program

NORTH BRISBANE

19th & 20th November | 10:00am – 4:00pm

OPERATION LIFE: ASSIST

The two day workshop aims to help you see, hear and respond to suicide signals. Preparing you to work with people at risk, increase their immediate safety and to get further help.

SPRING HILL

9th & 10th November | 9:00am - 5:00pm

7th & 8th December | 9:00am - 5:00pm

NORTH BRISBANE

3rd & 4th November | 9:00am - 5:00pm

3rd & 4th December | 9:00am - 5:00pm

BEATING THE BLUES

A skills-based group program to help understand the situations and thinking patterns that contribute to depression, and identify strategies to help manage symptoms.

SPRING HILL

16th & 17th November | 10:00am – 4:00pm

SLEEPING BETTER

Sleeping better is an educational and skills-based group program to help you manage disturbed sleep

SPRING HILL

22nd & 23rd October | 10:00am – 4:00pm

STEPPING OUT

Sleeping better is an educational and skills-based group program to help you manage disturbed sleep

SPRING HILL

22nd & 23rd October | 10:00am – 4:00pm

NORTH BRISBANE

26th & 27th November | 10:00am – 4:00pm

2020 OPEN ARMS GROUP PROGRAM CONT...

STRESS MANAGEMENT & RELAXATION

Relaxation and stress management provides practical skills that can be used in everyday from life distress via mindfulness techniques.

SPRING HILL

20th November | 10:00am – 4:00pm

NORTH BRISBANE

26th October | 10:00am – 4:00pm

UNDERSTANDING ANXIETY

This program will help you to understand anxiety and teaches you strategies and skills to reduce anxiety and associated stress.

SPRING HILL

12th & 13th October | 10:00am – 4:00pm

Fri 30th October | 9:30am – 12:30pm

6 week program

Please note: Open Arms provides a range of educational online and face-to-face workshops. These groups are scheduled on demand.

To register your interest and for the most up to date information visit: <https://www.openarms.gov.au/get-support/treatment-programs-and-workshops>



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Health & Fitness

The Heart Health program aims to increase your physical health, fitness and wellbeing by providing practical exercise resources, nutritional and lifestyle coaching for 12 months.

The Heart Health Program is free and open to all veterans and peacekeepers who have had operational service and who have not participated in the program before.

Physical health is vital to your mental health and your overall quality of life. There are a number of benefits for those taking part in the program.

Participants will:

- Increase energy levels
- Maintain a healthy weight
- Improve strength, flexibility and coordination
- Learn healthy eating practices
- Prevent chronic disease
- Increase mobility
- Manage Stress and improve sleep
- Create and maintain social connections



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SUB BRANCH DISCOVERY SESSIONS

The newly formed Membership and network team are conducting Sub Branch discovery sessions to better understand the challenges and opportunities that Sub Branches face and how RSL Queensland can look to improve its support of these networks.

RSL Queensland and SED will visit the Redlands on Friday 25th September but unfortunately due to COVID the numbers are limited so I would ask that if you have any thoughts that you would like raised with the team please e mail me by Wednesday 23rd September at league@redlandsrsl.com.au and I can assure you they will be passed on.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

YOU ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE

You are invited to participate in a discovery session that is intended to help RSL Queensland identify ways of improving how we support Sub Branches to help veterans and their families.

RESEARCH EXPLANATION

The aim of these discovery sessions is to gain insights and understanding of the challenges that are facing our Sub Branch network and develop ways in which we can improve how we support Sub Branches so that they can continue to support veterans and their families;

WHAT WILL I BE ASKED TO DO?

We are asking that you participate in a discovery conversation, together with other members of your Sub Branch (and the District President). The discovery conversations will be casual and conversational and you will be encouraged to be open and honest about your challenges and opportunities and ways in which you feel that RSL Queensland can support your Sub Branch.

WHAT WILL I GAIN FROM PARTICIPATING?

By participating in the discovery sessions, you will help RSL Queensland gain an understanding of ways we can improve our support of Sub Branches families. This is your opportunity to be the voice of change and support.

HOW WILL THE INFORMATION I GIVE BE USED?

The information you provide in the discovery session will be added

to information obtained from other Sub Branches to develop a plan to understand the opportunities we have to improve our support and services. The information will not be shared with any external agencies.

HOW WILL THE INTERVIEWS BE CONDUCTED?

The discovery sessions will be conducted either in a face-to-face setting or via video meetings. This will depend on the current social circumstances and the needs and requirements of each Sub Branch. The discovery sessions will last about two hours and include a break. They will be casual and conversational. Only members of your Sub Branch, District President and the RSL Queensland team members, will be present.

HOW WILL THIS BENEFIT MY SUB BRANCH?

By participating, we aim to have you identify ways in which RSL Queensland can better support Sub Branches.

HOW WILL THIS BENEFIT RSL QUEENSLAND?

By working together to understand the challenges and opportunities that Sub branches face RSL Queensland can look to improve its support and create a stronger network, and assist Sub Branches to continue to support veterans and their families.

HOW WILL THIS BENEFIT VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES?

A stronger RSL Queensland means better support and services for veterans and their families – today and in the future.

FREE PALLICHAT CAFE CONVERSATIONS

“How do we discuss death, dying and end of life with our children/grandkids? How do we explain grief to our children and have those discussions?”

PalliChat Brisbane south is an initiative of Palliative Care Queensland funded by Brisbane South Primary Health Network. Its overarching goal is to increase the support, access and care options for older people living with a life-limiting condition.

When: 10am, Thursday 8th October 2020

Location: Cleveland, see website for details

Phone: 3842 3233 | www.pallichat.org.au | E: hello@pallichat.org.au

History

AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

WITHOUT HISTORY, THERE WOULD BE NO FUTURE!

DATE	TITLE	EVENT
2 Aug 1941	Last major action involving Australians at Tobruk	After its capture Tobruk was garrisoned by the 9th Division, elements of the 7th Division and other Allied units. The town was surrounded on three sides by the German Afrika Korps in April and remained besieged, but able to be re-supplied by sea, until December. Most Australians, however, left Tobruk between August and October.
7 Aug 1915	Australians charge at the Nek	Fighting as infantry, the 10th and 8th Light Horse Regiments attacked the Turkish forces at the Nek, Gallipoli. Three waves went forward, and altogether 375 of the 600 men became casualties, a figure which included 234 dead.
13 Aug 1941	Australian Women's Army Service formed	The Australian Women's Army Service was established to release men from certain military duties for service with fighting units. Members of the Australian Women's Army Service served in a variety of roles including clerks, typists, cooks and drivers. In 1945 a contingent was sent to Lae and another group was sent to Holland.
19 Aug 1914	Departure of the AN&MEF	The Australian Naval and Military Expeditionary Force departed Sydney on 19 August 1914; its mission was to capture German possessions in the Western Pacific and in German New Guinea.
3 Sept 1939	Britain, France, Australia, and New Zealand declare war on Germany	The German invasion of Poland led to the declaration of war against Germany by the United Kingdom and France and began the Second World War.
4 Sept 1943	9th Division land at Lae, New Guinea	Lae was the focus of a major land, sea, and air operation by Australian and American forces. Fighting lasted until 16 September, when the encircled Japanese garrison were either killed, captured, or escaped.
8 Sept 1951	Peace treaty (Second World War) signed with Japan	The peace treaty signalled the formal end of hostilities with Japan, though the fighting had ended some six years before.
10 Sept 1943	Italy signs armistice with the Allies	Prior to this the Italians had been fighting with the Germans. Despite the Italian surrender the Allies faced more than a year of difficult fighting against the Germans in Italy.
12 Sept 1955	2nd Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment, advance party arrive in Penang, Malaya	Australian forces served in Malaya as part of the Far East Strategic Reserve. Their primary role was to deter external communist aggression against south-east Asia and their secondary role was to assist in the suppression of the communist insurrection in Malaya.

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: Merrill Ovenden, Acting President on 3207 2710</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: Lynne Martin, President on 0416 224 453</p>
	<p>YOUNG VETERANS REDLANDS Contact: Adrain Aiple on 0421 206 963. Find the group on Facebook.</p>

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NEED A RIDE?

Due to the COVID Safe plan that we must adhere to, we are unable to operate the Courtesy Bus at this stage.

We apologise for this inconvenience.

LAST POST

NAME	DECEASED DATE	SERVICE
Alexander Dunnett	2nd August 2020	ARMY
Brian G Wilson	6th March 2020	RAAF
Neville Rice	12th August 2020	RAN



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