

REDLANDS SUB BRANCH

# BUGLE

*Honouring The Fallen  
By Serving The Living!*

NOVEMBER 2020 EDITION



*Remembrance Day 2020*

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





# Latest news



## NEXT MEETING: QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING

**24th January, 2021**

**10am, Gallipoli Room, Redlands RSL.**

Please phone 3488 1199 to pre-register your attendance for COVID purposes.

*Merry Christmas*

On behalf of the Management Committee, Management and Staff at Redlands RSL, we would like to wish all of our members a very Merry Christmas and a safe, happy, and healthy New Year. We look forward to seeing you all again in 2021

# President's Report

Fellow members; We have completed another month with the COVID 19 restrictions still in place for the hospitality sector. The Queensland government eased some restrictions on Tuesday 17th November which allowed us to have 1 person per 2 square metres instead of 1 per 4sqm. This is good news for us going in to the busy Christmas and New Year period.

At least with the American elections blanketing the news corridors we are having a bit of a break from the COVID19 reports. Even if they do keep us informed.

Our Remembrance Day service was held in the Anzac Memorial Park on Wednesday the 11th of the 11th and held a minutes silence at 11am.

Around one hundred or so people attended the service, considering COVID 19 restrictions, it was a pretty good turn up. There were 50 odd people turned up for the Veterans cuppa earlier on.

We are keeping up our visitations to homes and hospitals in our Wellbeing section. It remains busy at HQ with new cases coming in for our Pension and Wellbeing Advocates. With the end of the school term coming up we are getting requests from schools for attendances at their end of year graduations.

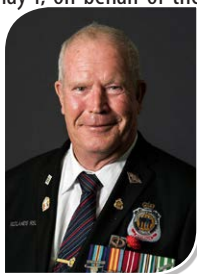
We normally attend 6 schools and give out a \$200 bursary to a student who the teachers regard as having the credentials and display the qualities of the 8 main objects of the RSL of Australia. This year, due to the COVID 19 regulations we will only be attending 2 schools. We will still give to those schools we are not attending, bursaries for the pupil of their choice.

You know when it is nearing the end of the year, the jacarandas are flowering and the schools getting ready for exams for their older students, who have had a hard year this year with the COVID 19 regulations, I wish them all well. We have heard in the news that the Anzac Day march will be very different to the normal march, with only uniformed people marching, and the crowd very limited in the RNA showgrounds. Unless they find an antidote by then.

As there will not be a bugle in December, may I, on behalf of the Management Committee, the Management and Staff of the Redlands RSL Sub-Branch Inc wish each and everyone of you the very best of health and a Very Merry Christmas.

Stay well and take care.

*Alan Harcourt* LM  
PRESIDENT



# Previous Minutes

Returned & Services League of Australia (Queensland Branch)  
Redlands RSL Sub-Branch

## LEAGUE GATHERING MEETING MINUTES SUNDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 2020

**MEETING OPENED:** 10.00am by President A. Harcourt

**ODE:** Recited

<b>REMEMBERING:</b>	Frederick Malouf	Army
	Andrew Riske	RAAF
	John Nukkener	Army
	Bev Vietel	Army
	William Keen	Army
	William Gardner	Navy
	Kevin Christensen	Navy
	Lindsay Bennett	RAAF
	Ralph Court	Army
	Thomas Paine	Army
	Robert Hocking	Army
	Alexander Dunnett	Army
	Brian G. Wilson	RAAF
	Neville Rice	Navy

**ATTENDANCE:** A total of 52 as per the attendance book

**APOLOGIES:** (9) As per the apologies list: A. Spelta, D. Palmer, M. Rabjohns. B. Reedman, K.Cullum, T. Adams, D. Anderson, K. Fuller, B. White, and A. Pilgrim

*Moved: M. McDonnell*

*Seconded: R. Kahn*

That the Attendance and Apologies be accepted Motion 1...CARRIED

**COVID 19 WARNING SPEECH** – Alan Harcourt

**VIDEO:** 2 Short Video's about our two WW2 Senior Veterans Mr. Stan Mellick OAM ED and veteran Doreen Matthews recorded/produced by RSL Queensland for the 75th Anniversary of WW2.

**PRESIDENTS OPENNING REMARKS:**

- Welcomed everyone back after a 7 month hiatus due to Covid-19 restrictions.
- No self-serve coffee/tea until Covid regulations have been lifted
- Letter from Peter Harrison (General Manager) to all league members explaining the Covid regulations and what we need to

adhere too, making it a little hard to keep the club in the black but we are doing ok.

- The RSL League side is still performing well and thanks to the pensions and welfare for continuing through the pandemic.
- Overall membership is holding at 1150 Service Members and 25,500 social members
- Thank you to all Volunteers who helped through the pandemic it's wonderful to have such a backup
- Bus trips are now back on the agenda.
- AGM next month 25th October 2020
- Welcome a new member Evelyn Pointon - RNZAF

**PREVIOUS MINUTES:** 23rd February 2020 - over 7months old.

## **CORRESPONDENCE REPORT**

### **Inwards: (M. McDonnell)**

- Greenslopes Hospital were not accepting visitors due to Covid-19 but this has been relaxed over the last few weeks
- Brisbane City Lord Mayors Community Grants application now open.
- Update of Queensland RSL re: AGM now held on the 24th November 2020
- September SED documents have been passed on to those who attended.
- Qld RSL 'Have Your Say' was held last Friday 25th September at the Redlands RSL and the Management Committee attended.
- Australian PM announces National Commissioner of Defence and Veteran Suicide Prevention.
- Latest membership numbers for SED and Redlands leads the way in the south east district.
- DVA funded General Health and Fitness program and Veterans Health Week funding.
- Qld Government on behalf of the Federal Government announce 2020 Volunteers Grant
- New DVA Access numbers for veterans 1800 VETERAN (1800 838 372)
- Reply from Rev. Cameron Freese re: Remembrance Day

### **Outwards: (M. McDonnell)**

- Emailed: Australian Defence Force, Australian National Events and Rev. Cameron Freese re: Anzac Day 2021.

*Moved: M. McDonnell*

*Seconded: R. Kahn*

That the Inwards and Outwards Correspondence be accepted . . . . .

.....Motion 2...CARRIED

**PRESIDENTS REPORT:** As presented in the Bugle

*Moved: A. Harcourt*

*Seconded: D. Field*

That the Presidents report be accepted . . . . . Motion 3...CARRIED

**TREASURERS REPORT:** As presented in the Bugle

- Updated the financial report 10th August 2020, budget and expenses are very good, Net profit is flat taking into consideration that the club was closed due to Covid-19 for 3 months but the cash reserves and operational funds are very resilient and secure.

*Moved: G. Saunders*

*Seconded: R. Wilson*

That the Treasurers Report be accepted . . . . . Motion 4...CARRIED

**WELL BEING REPORT:** As presented in the Bugle

- Thank you to everyone for their care, kindness and assistance throughout the pandemic.

*Moved L. Harcourt*

*Seconded: G. Olsen*

That the well-being report be accepted . . . . . Motion 5...CARRIED

**VETERANS AND WELLBEING EXCURSION INFORMATION:**

- Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers 2020 – Photo presentation by John Butler (Photographer) and a good time had by all.
- 4th November 2020 – Day Only Bus trip to Gympie to ride the Historical Red Rattler, \$99per head, 6:30am start, Tickets selling fast! Get your tickets today

**LEAGUE SECRETARY REPORT:**

- Due to Covid once again we could only organise a small turnout for the 75th Victory in the Pacific at the cenotaph where a wreath was laid on behalf of us all by Alan Harcourt and a few Dignitaries. The same thing again a few days later to mark Vietnam Veterans Day on the 18th August 2020.
- Remembrance Day - 11th November 2020 at this point of time restrictions have been lifted on the amount to people we can have in the park so we are hoping to have our normal numbers. 10:30 start to be ready for the 11am minute silence. Hopefully wreaths can be layed in the normal manner but we will follow up with any changes at the next meeting.
- Looking forward now to Anzac Day 2021

*Moved: M McDonnell*

*Seconded: L. Warner*

That the League Secretary Report be accepted . . Motion 6...CARRIED

**WOMEN'S AUXILIARY:** As presented in the Bugle

- First Womens' Auxiliary Meeting since February on the Monday 12th October 2020

*Moved: L. Harcourt*

*Seconded: R. Kahn*

As presented in the Bugle ..... Motion 7...CARRIED

**DEPUTY PRESIDENT, CADETS & SED MEETING REPORT:** As presented in the Bugle

- Cadets back after a long break.
- Airforce Cadets request for funding to renew their flight simulators as they are not working due to age and need the software upgraded so they can run the programs properly.
- Navy Cadets are small in number but they have put in a request for 2 laptop upgrade to assist with their presentations.
- Army Cadets meeting next week.
- Schools re: Honour our Fallen - to still go ahead with Covid restriction and procedures in place.
- RSL asked for assistance to upgrade website for 2-26 BN per Muriel Butler
- RSL SED Report – August & September 2020 in the Bugle Pages 10-11&12.

*Moved: I. Gray*

*Seconded: G. Robertson*

That the Deputy President, Cadets & SED Meeting Report be accepted ..... Motion 8...CARRIED

**LIBRARY MUSEUM REPORT:** As presented in the Bugle

- The Library Museum is open to visitors again taking into consideration Covid number restrictions and procedures.

*Moved L. Warner*

*Seconded: R. Wilson*

That the Library Museum report be accepted . . . Motion 8...CARRIED

**NATIONAL SERVICEMEN ASSOCIATION REPORT:** As presented in the Bugle

- First formal meeting back from the break will be next week, and mentioned that social meeting will be held at the RSL to support the club.

*Moved: E. Shaw*

*Seconded: F. Williams*

That the National Servicemen Association report be accepted . . . . .  
..... Motion 9...CARRIED

**NAVAL ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA REPORT:** As presented in the Bugle

- First formal meeting back after Covid 19 restrictions for the Naval Assoc. next week outside the Redlands Museum.

*Moved: G. Hargreaves*

*Seconded: R. Kahn*

That the Naval Association report be accepted .Motion 10...CARRIED

**R.A.A.F ASSOCIATION REPORT:** As presented in the Bugle

- RAAF Association meeting Sunday 11th October 2020

*Moved: R. Wilson*

*Seconded: G. Olsen*

That the R.A.A.F. Association report be accepted .....

.....Motion 11...CARRIED

**YOUNG VETERANS REDLANDS REPORT:** As presented in the Bugle

- Monthly coffee catch-ups still going ahead
- Application to the Gambling Fund approved – 12 x 12mtr shed to be built to house cars and equipment
- Council Project Fund Application approved – to assist with feeding the crew etc during and after workshops
- Workshops to rebuild and assemble prior to installation of motors/ engines
- Variety Bash Fundraiser sponsorship of a Senior Ambulance Officer
- Redland City Boxer's sponsorship and fund raiser.
- Veterans Health Week – Stand up Paddle Board Day & Barefoot Bowls

*Moved: A. Aiple*

*Seconded: G. Hargreaves*

That the Young Veterans Redlands report be accepted .....

..... Motion 12....CARRIED

**PENSION ADVOCATES REPORT:**

- Complaints about the slow return of claims and wrong decisions from the DVA are being blamed now on Covid-19
- Pension/Advocates back in full swing now over at Headquarters

*Moved: G. Hargreaves*

*Seconded: A.Aiple*

That the Pension Advocates Meeting Report be accepted .....

.....Motion 13...CARRIED

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

- Annual General Meeting 25th October 2020 – you will still need to book at Club Reception to attend
- Badge Selling – 7th, 9th & 10th November – More information at our next meeting – Please inform Linda Harcourt if you would be willing to sell badges.
- Special thanks to John Butler for providing amazing photos of our Toowoomba Trip
- Anyone on the bus trip wishing to get a copy of the photos please provide a memory stick in a plastic bag with your name and contact details into Headquarters and we will contact you when



its ready to be picked up.

- Special congratulations to everyone involved within the club as previously mentioned Redlands RSL is the no.1 club in the south east district for memberships and one of the champions of the RSL movement here in Queensland.
- John Douglas has donated a Lone Pine Tree cutting (2 ½mtr tall) will be transferred prepared and planted overlooking the cenotaph across the road with the assistance of Local Council and Parks and Wildlife. If the tree survives the ordeal a plaque giving details of the significance of the tree would be looked into.
- Veterans Cuppa \$5 (Coffee & Cake) General get together 14th October – 11th November & 9th December 2020
- Ian Gray - Redlands RSL Website Demonstration.

Raffles Drawn and Won

Next Meeting: AGM 25th October 2020

Meeting Closed: 11:15am

## REDLANDS RSL COURTESY BUS

Redlands RSL Courtesy Bus will be operating again on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, effective from 4th December 2020.

At this stage we still will not be operating it for meetings due to strict covid regulations in place for its use.

Times and areas are advertised in the Redlands RSL Bay Breeze Magazine - December 2020 edition, on page 23. This will be available for collection at reception from the last week of November.

## 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.



# Treasurer's Report

The club continues to trade beyond expectations, with what can only be described as a tough year. Continued strong control of expenses, buoyant sales and strong returns in gaming has led to a solid profit return.

Overall members funds are \$26,555,159.42 our current asset total is sitting on \$5,887,834.97 with current liabilities at \$2,702,095.62 against non-current bank loan of \$3,540,000. Cash reserves remain resilient at \$3,587,106.01 and a further \$1,488,089.90 in operational funds.

Total league and wellbeing expenses for October \$48,195.54 and to date \$438,639.24. In difficult times the league and wellbeing are receiving the support they deserve.

As at the 31st October 2020 our cash in-kind donations totalled \$482,853.80, a big thank you to our dedicated band of 33 volunteers who have contributed 574 hours for October and 5142 hours year to date.

I have confirmed with the Financial Controller that all statutory payments including employee entitlements are up to date and no statutory payments are under any repayment arrangement.

*Greg Saunders*

TREASURER



# Wellbeing Report

Good morning all, this will be my final report for 2020 as there will not be another Bugle until the end of January. Headquarters is open until Thursday 17th December, and will reopen on Monday 18th January 2021. Our Advocates and Wellbeing Support Officers will be available throughout the Christmas New Year break.

Our volunteers attached to Headquarters once again, gave almost 600 volunteer hours during the last month with such tasks as Compensation, Wellbeing enquiries, home visits, planning bus trips, planning of Remembrance Day, Foodbank, training, War Widows, Legacy Care, attending meetings and answering general enquiries to name a few.

War Widows and Legacy Care are back meeting in the Gallipoli Room and some of their members joined us on the bus trip to Gympie. War Widows finish for the year with their Christmas Party on Friday 27th November and Legacy Care Group on Friday 4th December. The RSL subsidises both these functions.

Because of restrictions of use of the courtesy buses, the Golden Oldies will not resume this year but are thrilled that they are having a Christmas party in the Sails Restaurant on Tuesday 8th December and if the buses are still not able to be used we will subsidise their transport costs to the luncheon.

Our Barefoot Bowls Day on Sunday 15th November was successful with 40 bowlers in attendance and a cheer squad of around 35. This event was part of Veterans Health Week. We applied and were given a grant of \$720.00 from the Department of Veterans Affairs to stage the event. Thank you to Cleveland Sharks Bowling Club for their assistance. Thank you to Natalie from HQ and Adrian from Young Veterans who assisted with the success of the day.

Unfortunately, Joint Venture have been unable to return since lockdown but hopefully they can begin early in the New Year.

The Remembrance Day Cuppa at the RSL before the Service was well attended and we hope to see you all back on 9th December at 10am. If you intend coming please ring reception 34881199 and book for catering purposes. I hear a large number of members had the special menu luncheon after the service.

Thank you to the volunteers who sold badges over three days outside Woolworths. It wasn't as busy as in previous years but that was to be expected. All proceeds from these sales are used for the wellbeing of Veterans in the Redlands.

In closing, thank you for your support of the Redlands RSL Sub Branch, their Management, staff and volunteers throughout this most unusual year and wishing you all a very Merry Christmas which I hope you can spend with those you love and look forward to 2021.

*Linda Harcourt*

**WELLBEING/VOLUNTEER  
COORDINATOR**

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# Deputy President & Cadets Report

The month started with preparations for Remembrance Day by again engaging schools in the Honouring Our Fallen program and placing an Australian Flag on every Veterans Grave in the Redlands. The schools involved were Cleveland District State High, Victoria Point State High, Faith Lutheran College and Dunwich State School on Stradbroke Island. We thank the schools involved for being part of this project during this difficult time, owing to COVID-19 restrictions. I must say the students were very respectful when placing a flag on graves.

We also thank the school teachers, John Hague from Stradbroke Island, Adrian Aiple, Martin Rabjohns, Michael McDonnell, John Butler and Greg Saunders who assisted me and taking part in the Honouring Our Fallen project.

The Cadet Units were unable to take part in the Remembrance Day service this year due to COVID restrictions and, as a result, no Catafalque party was able to mount the guard at the cenotaph.



*Cleveland High School pay tribute to WO1 Kevin Conway KIA Vietnam.  
President of the Young Veterans Adrian Aiple layered the wreath*



*John Hague with  
students from  
Stradbroke Island  
Primary School*



*Students from Faith Lutheran College placing flags on Veteran graves at Great Southern Memorial Gardens at Carbrook.*

*Students from Victoria Point High School placing flags on Veterans Graves at Redland Bay Cemetary. This dedication was for David Whitehead.*



During this reporting period we had a call from Nigel Allsopp, President and Founder of the Australian War Animal Memorial Origination (AWAMO), who requested we display at Redlands RSL, the attached embroidered wall plaque for Remembrance Day. The embroidery was made by the lady supporters of AWAMO and was donated to Nigel. Valerie Maltby made the Poppy design wall hanging and was quilted by Ros Shellelton, especially made for Remembrance Day. The AWAMO Poppy wall hanging went on display during the days leading up to Remembrance Day.



*League members viewing AWAMO Poppy wall hanging for Remembrance Day during the Veterans Cuppa*





## AUSTRALIAN ARMY 136 CADET UNIT

During the month we completed our 2021 calendar for submission to HQ for approval. We have put into our calendar all our normal events and Biv's so we are hoping that it will be initially approved. And then, fingers crossed, as we get closer to each activity and put in activity level approvals, that we are still going along ok with COVID and they will be approved.

We had a visit from our new Bn CO and the Bn CDTCUO and CDTRSM during the month, our new Bn CO is well known to us as he is an ex OC of the unit – it is so good to have MAJ (AAC) Hawthorne back at the Unit and his first-hand knowledge of the unit and most of the staff is an excellent outcome for us.

The heavy rain we had a couple of weeks ago has caused some water damage inside the unit with part of the ceiling coming down and a river of water flowing from that into the Microwave, Fridge and alarm system. We are in the process of getting quotes to have these repaired/replaced and will wait to see if it's worth claiming on our insurance.

The good news is the long-awaited promotion courses have been announced and will be held in December for CUO/WO2 and January for SGT's. The courses are different this year with an online classroom component that must be completed prior to the cadets attending course and a reduced number of days on the course. Due to social distancing rules, the SGT's course will be split into two, running one after the other. We have just received our allocations and had our nominated cadets approved for the CUO/WO course; we will be setting up our training room so they can do as much of the online course at cadets. We are mindful of the amount of work they have to do at school with exams and assignments needing to be completed.

— Report provided by CAPT. Wendy Kemp OC.



## 217 SQN AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE CADET UNIT

I am pleased to announce the 217 Squadron has had a successful recovery after operation pause due to Covid 19. Our squadron numbers have not been significantly affected and we are ending the year of 2020 with a full complement

of senior cadets that will ensure we have a strong cadet leadership team for 2021 and beyond.

2 Wing AAFC are still on track to host cadet promotion courses at Redcliffe and Enoggera in January 2021. Squadron staff have just completed a very competitive promotion course selection process and will be sending 2 cadets to the Cadet Under Officer course, a cadet to the Cadet Warrant Officers course, 4 cadets to Senior NCO and 6 cadets to Junior NCO courses. Some of these cadets will be replacing our ageing out Cadet Under Officer and Cadet Warrant Officer who are both in the process of applying for the ADF.

On Monday the 23rd of November the squadron is being visited by several senior RAAF officers from Amberley who will be addressing the cadets of the squadron about the future of the RAAF and the emerging career paths that cadets could consider once they leave the cadet system. We are very fortunate to have close connections within the Redlands RAAF Association who are able to facilitate serving ADF members to attend the squadron and provide their guidance to the cadets. This is an example of the opportunities the AAFC can provide to young people who have an interest in aviation and/or a ADF career upon leaving school.

217 Squadron are holding our end of year Graduation Parade on Monday the 30th of November 2020. This year a cadet will be presented with a new perpetual award for leadership in the honour of past Redlands RAAF Association, WGCDR Lindsay Bennett. We are very proud to be able to present this award in the memory of Lindsay and it will be one that the cadets will strive to receive. Unfortunately, due to some restrictions we still have due to Covid 19, guests are by invite only.

— Completed by FLGOFF (AAFC) Daniel Wruck.



217 Squadron photo taken 9 November 2020



## TS NORFOLK AUSTRALIAN NAVY CADET UNIT

Two Cadet Petty Officer's Noah Bradnum & Cadet Leading Seaman McGregor aged out after 6 years continuous service. A dinner will be held this week at Redlands RSL to honour their commitment and service at TS Norfolk.

In January 2021 Cadet Leading Seamen Kurtis Clark & Noah Clark will be aging out and completing 6 years continuous service. Cadet Leading Seaman Dominic Graham was promoted to Cadet Petty Officer. Two Cadets have been promoted from Cadet Able Seaman to Cadet Leading Seaman. They were:

One Cadet was promoted from Cadet Seaman to Cadet Able Seaman  
One Recruit as promoted from Recruit to Cadet Seaman

Three female new recruits were inducted into the ship with further recruitment to take place in 2021.

TS Norfolk's Officer-In-Charge Mr Garry Goodey was promoted from Petty Officer to Sub Lieutenant.

New Defence Helpers will be onboarding this month as volunteer staff.

With COVID restrictions lifted on all activities, the cadets, under instruction of Lieutenant Fields and CPO Teroriero, are taking part in refresher courses on marksmanship, weapons safety, powerboat and sailing seamanship activities, as well as cutlass and rifle drill. This week, SubLt Goodey, who is trained and qualified as a tactical paramedic will be conducting first aid and CPR courses for the staff and cadets to update and upgrade their skills.

For Remembrance Day services at Ripley Valley State Secondary College, TS Norfolk's Cadet Recruit Addison Regnart volunteered as the Moreton Bay Flotilla & ship's representative to take part in the colour party. Her duties were to raise and lower the Australian National Flag.

— Report provided by By CPO ANC Daniel Tesoriero & PO ANC Adam Regnart

Cadet Reports complied by

*Van Gray*

DEPUTY PRESIDENT &  
CADET LIAISON OFFICER





# Library Museum Report

As mentioned in the October Bugle, the fourteen photos (of the diggers from WW1 whose names appear on the local cenotaphs) donated by Redland City Council are now in the Meeting Room of the Veterans' Centre. Photo shows Robyn and Courtney Foster in the process of hanging the photos for permanent display.



## DONATIONS - NOVEMBER-DECEMBER

- HMAS Sydney plaque from Robby Kahn.
- Two WW2 medals (one replica) from Velma Wegert
- Laminated copy of Commando insignia from John Butler
- Rats of Tobruk plaque from Roger Murphy

Thank you to these generous donors. Unfortunately, we cannot accept donations of any more books or uniforms as we have completely run out of room. Other interesting memorabilia is still very welcome.

The Museum will be closing at 2 pm on Tuesday 15th December, 2020, and re-opening at 9 am on Tuesday 12th January, 2021.

Owing to the ill health of a few of our volunteers, we could be looking for additional volunteers in 2021. We open Monday to Friday from 9 am to 2 pm.

Have a great Christmas and we hope 2021 settles down a bit.

*Les Warner*

VICE PRESIDENT



# National Servicemen's Assoc.

The restrictions imposed because of the Covid-19 outbreak are gradually easing and our group has been taking advantage of the less restrictive conditions. Some of the changes resulting from the regulations have taken place quite smoothly and may become permanent.

We, like many others, have been prevented from enjoying a drink and some finger food after our meetings, at the same time, there seems to have been a marked increase in the number of members staying on for lunch and/or drinks at the Redlands RSL. These gatherings are proving to be great social occasions and must also be increasing business for the venue.

We are also enjoying the change to luncheons in place of our night dinners and more luncheons are being planned.

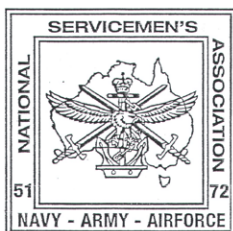
Many of our members attended the Remembrance Day celebrations, once again coping well with the restrictions imposed by COVID-19 precautions. The ceremony went well and the volunteer Bugler, Elthan Bloomer, a student at Cleveland High School, contributed enormously to the ceremony with his rendition of the Last Post. His performance carried emotion and sincerity at a level many professions would struggle to capture.

We are now moving to the Christmas season. The continued improvement in the health situation should bring about removal of more of the restrictions on our movements. While we may complain that this has not been a good year, it could have been much worse and in many countries, it has indeed been much worse.

As they say, "count your blessings".

*Eric Shaw*

**PRESIDENT, NATIONAL SERVICEMEN'S ASSOC.**



# RAAF Association

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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.

On the social scene, the Branch Wednesday afternoon gatherings have attracted good attendances thanks to the COVID plan at Redlands RSL and this has greatly improved the wellbeing of our members. Unfortunately, our last Branch BBQ scheduled for Sunday 8th November had to be cancelled due to bad weather. However, several members of the Branch enjoyed the camaraderie of the Bus trip organised by Redlands RSL to Gympie for the train ride on the Mary Valley 'Rattler' to Amamoor and return. Our next Branch Restaurant Dinner will be on Wednesday 18th November 2020, 6pm for 6:30pm, at Redlands RSL Sails Restaurant.

The early opening for the Veterans Cuppa on Wednesday 11th November, thanks to Redlands RSL, enabled some of our members to take part before participating the Remembrance Day Service at ANZAC Park. I must pay tribute to the young Bugler from Cleveland DSHS who played the Last Post and Reveille, flawless effort. This was followed by lunch back in the RSL.



Our next and last scheduled General Meeting of RAAFA Redlands Branch for 2020 is on Saturday 12th December 2020 at 11:00am in the Gallipoli Room at Redlands RSL. This will precede our Christmas Luncheon in the Sails Restaurant of Redlands RSL at 12 noon.

I will take this opportunity to wish everyone the compliments of the coming festive season and hope that the New Year brings a better year than 2020.

*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.

# Naval Association of Aust.

## REDLANDS BRANCH

Greetings all, hope everyone is staying safe and keeping well. We in the NAA are doing the same and praying for an end to it all. We have been traveling quite well, some of us (not me) are looking forward to the festive season. The sub-section will be holding our Christmas function on the 12th Dec. Then we will close until Feb 21 which will be our A.G.M. Hopefully we can attract some new, younger blood on to the committee. We have been fortunate in that, given our demographic, we have had no-one suffer from COVID-19 this year. Not much else at this time so to all a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year from the Naval Association.

Yours aye

*Graham Hargreaves*

PRESIDENT,  
NAVAL ASSOC. REDLANDS BRANCH



## Women's Auxiliary

We have had good numbers for our meetings and the next meeting is the 7 December which will be the last for 2020. We will be doing the Christmas gift wrapping on that day for the veterans/war widows that are in aged-care facilities in the Redlands.

Our Christmas lunch is on Wednesday 9 December at Sails Restaurant.

At the Remembrance Day service, Elaine Jones and myself laid our new wreath.

*Desley Lingard*

PRESIDENT WOMEN'S  
AUXILIARY,  
REDLANDS RSL  
SUB BRANCH



# League Secretary Report

Remembrance Day 2020 was supported by approximately 120 veterans, family members and general public.

With the assistance and guide lines from David King and other helpers, we were able to put together a very reasonable Remembrance Day service, under the COVID restrictions.

Unfortunately, the Cadets were advised against attending which left us without a Catafalque Party to move forward and secure the Cenotaph. They were greatly missed as the ceremony felt a little incomplete. And this threw my timings out to have the Last Post at exactly 11.00am. I wish to thank Ethan Bloom for his playing of the Last Post and Rouse which was faultless.

However, with all the restrictions we were able to put together a Remembrance Day to remember.

Everyone was very gracious in their rendition of The Australian National Anthem, well done.

To complement this day Redlands City Council with the help from Ian Heath from the city parks and gardens, organized the planting of a tree (which is an original cutting from the Lone Pine in Turkey) donated to us from a member of the public 'John Graham'. This all took place just prior to the Remembrance Day Service. The council have indicated that they will do their best



to maintain and care for the tree due to the transplant. We now have A Lone Pine tree at both Anzac Memorial Park and Anzac Centenary park.

We now look forward in putting together Anzac Day 2021 in its original form.

*Michael McDonnell*  
LEAGUE SECRETARY, REDLANDS SUB BRANCH

# Young Veterans Redlands

Young Veterans were invited to Bunnings Capalaba to fundraise and once again got rained out with storms in the afternoon. Our organisation did well considering the circumstances of the weather turning bad.

Project Perana shed is slowly making progress with the walls, roof, front roller doors on. Rear door, walls and flashing will see the shed complete.

On Remembrance day President Adrian joined Redlands RSL Deputy President Ian Gray at Cleveland High School to honour our fallen at Cleveland Cemetery. It was great to speak with our youth and have them honour our fallen Veterans. On the 11th Young Veterans Redlands attended the brilliant commemoration at the Redlands RSL Sub Branch. Once again the service was well executed by the executive.

Redlands RSL sub branch did an amazing job hosting the members and Young Veterans to a afternoon of barefoot bowls. The Children and Veterans had a fantastic time at the Cleveland Bowls club.

*Adrian Aiple*  
YOUNG VETERANS – REDLANDS







# REMEMBRANCE DAY IMAGES

- WEDNESDAY, 11TH NOVEMBER 2020 -

View the full Gallery online by clicking [here](https://redlandsrsl.com/sub-branch/galleries/2020-galleries/) or visiting <https://redlandsrsl.com/sub-branch/galleries/2020-galleries/>











## REMEMBRANCE DAY

### NORTH STRADBROKE ISLAND

Remembrance Day went well, we had around 20 people. Remembrance Day on the island is always small amount of people and with the virus I think people stay away. — *John Hague*



## REMEMBRANCE DAY

### AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRY TRADE COLLEGE REDLANDS CAMPUS

Thank you so much for the poppies, every young person and staff member at the ATIC wore their poppy with pride and respect yesterday, so a huge thank you. Here is a photo which was taken during our Remembrance Day ceremony at the ATIC Redlands Campus yesterday. — *Lee Stone, Assistant Team Leader*



# VETERANS CUPPA

WEDNESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER

Our second Veterans Cuppa morning was held on Remembrance Day, Wednesday 11th November 2020. We had a great turn out with approximately 45 guests in attendance including veterans and their partners. It is a great opportunity to have a social morning out, meet fellow Redlands RSL service members, and enjoy a lovely morning tea.



# VETERANS CUPPA

Join us on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at Redlands RSL.

Enjoy a social coffee break with fellow veterans over a barista made Hot Beverage and a Scone or Muffin for only **\$5.00\***

Dates: Wed 9th Dec at 10am,  
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**Phone: 3488 1199**

to pre-register your attendance for COVID and Catering purposes.

\*Price available for Redlands service members and one partner only.

# VETERANS & WELLBEING EXCURSIONS

I hope everyone is feeling well and now starting to get back to some form of normality, our trip on the Red Rattler at Gympie had a little bit of everything, we left right on time from the RSL after everything checked out perfectly with the roll call and COVID practices. We stopped for a comfort stop at Caboolture the next stop was supposed to be Gympie Station, but alas the bus lost power about 45 minutes out from Gympie and was forced to stop, however our bus driver Geoff is also a diesel mechanic and after about 30 minutes had us back on the road again. The problem by the way was a \$7.50 solenoid which Geoff managed to bypass. We arrived at Gympie station about 10 minutes late which was fine as the line is only used for the Rattler as it is heritage.

Everyone enjoyed going back into yesteryear to the steam locomotive era complete with 1930 carriages we travelled to Amamoor on the rattler had about an hour there, then returned for lunch on Gympie station. We arrived back at the Redlands RSL at 5.15pm a good day was held by all.

Our Last trip for the year is to Bribie Island where will be going on a Sunset Cruise with the Famous Ferryman that will include an evening meal on board. The boat is also licensed for those who would like to partake in a beverage. This trip is a sellout.

We will be releasing our trips for 2021 early in the new year with costs etc. We will certainly be going down the line of excursions with a difference, it will give everyone the opportunity to plan ahead.

I would just like to take this opportunity to thank Linda Harcourt, Natalie Cunningham and Karleigh Little for their assistance behind the scenes in making these trips work.

Hoping you have a great Christmas and a great New Year looking to picking up where we left off.

*Greg Saunders*

CONVENOR OF VETERANS & WELLBEING EXCURSIONS



# VETERANS & WELLBEING EXCURSION: GYMPIE RED RATTLER

.Photo credit: John Butler.



# AUSTRALIA WAR ANIMAL MEMORIAL ORGANISATION

On Saturday 24 October in Michigan USA, the New Zealand War Dog Memorial was opened. US President of the Military Working Dog Memorial Phil Weitlauf stated 'This was an historic day, this is a first, three Nations coming together USA, Australia and New Zealand sharing the brotherhood of Military Working Dog handlers and honouring our K9 Heroes'.

The New Zealand memorial was funded by the Australian War Animal Memorial Organization CEO and Founder Nigel Allsopp having served in the NZDF as an RNZAF Police Dog Handler. Even though Covid meant limited attendance from NZ, a small group of ex-military dog handlers from the USA did the honours and opened the memorial on behalf of all New Zealanders.

Please view their website: <https://mwdm.org/>

*Nigel Allsopp*

PRESIDENT OF AUSTRALIA WAR ANIMAL MEMORIAL  
ORGANISATION



Sgt Nigel Allsopp of the RNZAF Dog Section and today Senior Constable Allsopp FEDD handler Queensland Police Service. President of AWAMO and who organised the US memorial.







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**The Hon Darren Chester MP**

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**MEDIA RELEASE**

10 November 2020

**NEW ALUMNI NETWORK FOR AUSTRALIAN  
VETERANS' CHILDREN ASSISTANCE TRUST**

DESCENDANTS of Australian veterans are set to benefit from a new Australian Veterans' Children Assistance Trust (AVCAT) Alumni Network launched today.

AVCAT administers a range of tertiary education scholarships and bursaries for the children and grandchildren of Australian veterans, assisting them to achieve academic and personal goals.

Launching the Alumni Network today, Minister for Veterans' Affairs Darren Chester said the AVCAT Alumni Network would create a valuable support system for past and present AVCAT students.

"A recent survey of past AVCAT students suggested an Alumni support network would foster a sense of belonging and allow participants to reconnect, maintain relationships and establish a mentorship program for future AVCAT scholarship recipients," Mr Chester said.

"AVCAT Alumni are working in a wide range of careers and giving back to the community, including as a CEO, a nuclear medical scientist, a high school teacher, a paramedic, a nurse manager, a partner in a major law firm, and an opera singer."

The AVCAT Alumni Network will include recipients from a range of scholarships, including the Long Tan Bursary, funded by the Australian Government through the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

"The Long Tan Bursary provides funding to help the children and

grandchildren of Vietnam War veterans meet the cost of education after finishing high-school, supporting them to obtain formal qualifications and skills needed to pursue their chosen career," Mr Chester said.

"This year the Australian Government funded 50 bursaries, each worth up to \$12,000 over three years of continuous full-time study.

"Supporting the children and grandchildren of Vietnam War veterans to gain a tertiary education is just one of the ways the Australian Government continues to honour their service.

"We know that the bursaries and scholarships AVCAT manage have a very positive impact on the lives of recipients and their families.

"The launch of the AVCAT Alumni Network will only enhance this into the future."

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### WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR CONCESSIONS?

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More information on the following can be obtained by phoning 13 74 68, or on the DVA website: <https://www.dva.gov.au/financial-support/discounts-and-concessions/concessions-queensland>

### HEALTH CONCESSIONS

Treatment Cards, Pharmaceutical benefits, National Diabetes Services Scheme, and Hearing services.

### TRANSPORT CONCESSIONS

Public Transport Concessions, and Queensland Rail Travel.

### HOUSEHOLD CONCESSIONS

Australia Post, Telstra, Rates Subsidy, and Water Subsidy

### VEHICLE CONCESSIONS

Motor Vehicle Registration, and Motor Vehicle GST exemption.

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BEFORE THE END OF DECEMBER!.**

# History

## NOVEMBER

DATE	TITLE	EVENT
1 Nov 1914	First AIF sails	The first Australian and New Zealand contingent sails from Albany, Western Australia, bound for Egypt. Only one in three of those who sailed in the first convoy would return physically unscathed at the end of the First World War.
3 Nov 1918	Armistice with Austria-Hungary signed	With Turkey having already signed an armistice Germany was left to confront the Allies alone for the remaining days of the war.
6 Nov 1971	HMAS Sydney (III) at Vung Tau	HMAS Sydney embarks the bulk of its final Australian army units from Vietnam at Vung Tau.
8 Nov 1944	"G for George" arrives at Amberley	This Lancaster bomber survived 89 operations with No. 460 Squadron RAAF. After touring to support war loan campaigns, it was presented to the Memorial. "George" is now on display at the Memorial in Anzac Hall.
9 Nov 1914	HMAS Sydney [I] destroys SMS Emden	HMAS Sydney destroys the German cruiser Emden, off the Cocos-Keeling Islands. The Emden had delayed the first convoy carrying Australian troops to Egypt, but was driven ashore by Sydney in a brief but bloody action.
10 Nov 1964	Selective conscription introduced	Australian government introduces selective conscription of 20-year-old males by ballot under the National Service Act. The National Service Scheme saw 15,381 young men serve in Vietnam.
15 Nov 1944	Australian government approves sending of Australian Women's Army Service members overseas	Australian Women's Army Service went to Lae, New Guinea, and served in the forward area for the first time. Members of the Australian Army Nursing Service and the Australian Army Medical Women's Service were already serving in New Guinea.
19 Nov 1941	HMAS Sydney [II] sunk	Sydney was lost with its entire crew of 645 men in a sudden and disastrous encounter with the German raider, Kormoran, off the Western Australian coast. The circumstances surrounding its loss remain controversial to this day.
23 Nov 1948	Formation of the Australian Regiment	Formation of the Australian Regiment, which became the Royal Australian Regiment (RAR) in March 1949. The Royal Australian Regiment has taken a prominent role in Australia's wars and peacekeeping operations since its formation.
27 Nov 1939	Inauguration of the Empire Air Training Scheme	Over 37,000 Australian airmen trained under the scheme, in Australia, Canada and Rhodesia, one of the Commonwealth's greatest achievements in wartime.

# Associated Groups

	<b>AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION (RAAFA) REDLANDS BRANCH</b> 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
	<b>NAVAL ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA (BAYSIDE SUB SECTION)</b> Meetings are held on the 1st Saturday of the month at 12 noon. Contact: Graham Hargreaves 0427 432 293
	<b>T&amp;PI ASSOCIATION MORETON BAY SOUTH</b> Meetings held on the last Wednesday of the month in the Veterans Community Centre. Contact: Ken Logue 0402 028 806
	<b>REDLANDS RSL SUB BRANCH WOMEN'S AUXILIARY</b> Meetings held the 1st Monday of the month at 10am in the Meeting Room. Contact: Desley Lingard 0409 060 267
	<b>REDLANDS SUB BRANCH AUSTRALIAN WAR WIDOWS (QUEENSLAND)</b> 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
	<b>REDLANDS LEGACY CARE GROUP</b> 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
	<b>YOUNG VETERANS REDLANDS</b> Contact: Adrain Aiple on 0421 206 963. Find the group on Facebook.

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