

REDLANDS SUB BRANCH

BUGLE

*Honouring The Fallen
By Serving The Living!*

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REDLANDS RSL SUB BRANCH: 1925-2021
Information for all Veterans, Ex-Service
& Serving Men & Women in the Redlands





Latest news

NEXT MEETING: LEAGUE GATHERING

Sunday, 28th February, 2021

10am, Gallipoli Room, Redlands RSL.

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

BUGLES

As you can appreciate, the cost of printing and posting our Bugles every month to our league members is quite costly. This is something we were happy to do over the past 8 months to keep our members informed, especially during COVID closure.

We are now going back to posting out the Bugles quarterly. So the next one you will receive in the mail will be in March 2021 after the AGM. Bugles will still be emailed monthly and can also be viewed on our website. If you would like a printed copy of the Bugle then you will need to come in to the club to collect one (limited number available).

REDLANDS RSL COURTESY BUS

Good news, our Redlands RSL Courtesy Bus is operating again to bring our members in to our Sunday league meetings. Please phone reception on 34881199 to arrange a pick up.

President's Report

Fellow members,

Just when we think we are out of the forest Covid hits us again. Thankfully we only had to serve 3 days this time. I'm not sure why we had to return to the 4 metre rule again, but we abide by the rules and we don't get into trouble.

The year 2020 proved to be a difficult one, with boundaries constantly changing with some changing only an hour before they were to be implemented. Making it very hard for management to adjust to fit the ruling.

Many people believed the Covid 19 regulations were completely finished, that is prior to the 3-day lock down. That is not the case, when most people thought regulations had been lifted, the hospitality industry was still only 3 quarters open and on a 2 metre seating restriction. This resulted in what were total bookings for tables, it was actually only the 3 quarters seating that was filled. But we still done well under the circumstances.

In broad terms the club did attain the set budget for both December and for 2020, which is a mighty effort considering it lost 3 months trading, thank you to all of our members who supported us through the year that was. Through this period we have tried to thank our Veterans with a \$5.00 Veterans Cuppa and a scone or muffin on the second Wednesday of each month and a thank you to our Frontline Workers with a \$10.00 2 course meal for the month of January.

This year hopefully, will be, apart from the 3 day lockdown this month, free from lockdowns. Though I very much doubt that will be the case. But we have learnt how to quickly adapt to various events and have trained our staff to be multi skilled in the various sectors within the club. This really assisted our Management team to be able to just drop a pre-trained staff member in to fill gaps when needed.

2021 will see the Management Committee along with department heads hold its 5-year Strategic Planning Meeting. This meeting will prove to be quite interesting, with our car park well on the way to being paid off we may be able to look at planning something new.

While all of this is going on we are still continuing with our Welfare plan slightly altered due to Covid 19. We are currently setting up dates for our groups to start up again after almost 6 months.

Stay well and take care.

Alan Harcourt LM
PRESIDENT



Previous Minutes

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

QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES SUNDAY 26TH JANUARY 2020

MEETING OPENED: 10.00am by President A. Harcourt

ODE: Recited

REMEMBERING:

Tadeusz Lewandowski	18th June 2019	ARMY
Bryan Lancaster	30th November 2019	ARMY
Wallace Burmaster	30th November 2019	ARMY
Henry John Owens	24th December 2019	AIR FORCE
William (Peter) Neale	4th January 2020	AIR FORCE
Charles Pollock	9th January 2020	NATIONAL SERVICE

ATTENDANCE: A total of 56 as per the attendance book

APOLOGIES (9): As per the apologies list: G. Hargreaves, J. Hargreaves, L. Mason, S. Mason, P. Field, G. Dunstan, L. Perren, E. Jones, & J. Jones.

Moved: M. McDonnell

Seconded: I. Gray

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

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Moved: A. Harcourt

Seconded: R. Wilson

That the previous minutes as presented in the bugle be accepted. .

.....Motion 2...CARRIED

PRESIDENTS REPORT: As presented in the Bugle

Moved: A. Harcourt

Seconded: D. Rogers

That the Presidents report be acceptedMotion 3...CARRIED

TREASURERS REPORT: As presented in the Bugle

Moved: G. Saunders

Seconded: G. Robertson

That the Treasurers Report be acceptedMotion 4...CARRIED

WELL BEING REPORT: As presented in the Bugle

Moved L. Harcourt

Seconded: C. Ryan

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

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

RSL SED Meeting 5th December 2019:

- Reminder from SED who are seeking expressions of interest from Sub Branches who wish to attend the WW2 75th Riverside SED Reception Centre sometime in September 2020.
- 30 Year Membership Certificates now approved and will be available from State soon.
- Centrelink pharmaceuticals explained that the non-liability white card will cover pharmaceuticals to the value of \$9.90 a fortnight, liability white card will remain the same.
- Care Packages managing distribution will be from families first. A request from Defence is to redirect parcels to other Queensland care organizations instead of Defence.
- Notice of Motion – From City/New Farm RSL Sub-Branch “That the RSL actively uphold Veteran Welfare by supporting the establishment of a Royal Commission into Veteran Suicide”. Just on this subject we received a very compassionate and heart felt letter from Adrian from the Redlands Young Veterans Group relating to Veteran Suicide. As a result, President Alan has sent this letter to SED in order to add weight to the Motion. The District President has stated that she will attach this letter to the Motion and forward it to State, National and Federal Government. The District President Wendy Taylor has confirmed this will happen.
- Finally the 98th RSL SED Annual Conference will be held at Toowong West Rugby Club on the 7th March 2020.
- Next meeting Thursday 6th February 2020 at 1800hrs.

Moved: I. Gray

Seconded: G. Olsen

That the Deputy President, Cadets & SED Meeting Report be accepted Motion 6...CARRIED

GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT

- Happy with the year's figures – most department sales are up for 2019 – travelling along very well
- Stradbroke Island RSL to be impacted heavily this year now the mining has finished.
- 23rd February 2020 will be the last Sunday morning breakfast as it's just not viable anymore with the growth in local restaurant numbers.

Moved: R. Wilson

Seconded: D. Anderson

That the General Managers Report be accepted Motion 7...CARRIED

LIBRARY MUSEUM REPORT: As presented in the Bugle

- Looking for volunteers at the Museum for every Monday and the 1st – 3rd & 5th Friday of each month.

Moved L. Warner

Seconded: L. Carey

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

GENERAL BUSINESS: Nil

Next AGM Meeting: 22nd March 2020

Meeting Closed: 10:30am

Treasurer's Report

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and prosperous New Year. Due to Bugle deadlines and the three-day lock down, final figures were not available at time of going to print. However, what I can say is the Redlands RSL will finish in a very strong financial position. This in itself is no mean feat seeing the difficult circumstances we experienced with a 3-month closure and many other restrictions in 2020. It needs to be pointed out that when figures do become available they are subject to being audited. At the quarterly meeting, on the 24th January 2021, I will be able to give you a more accurate position on the financials.

Redlands RSL YTD Donations totalled \$588,469.39 with our Charitable and Well-being Affiliated donations totalling \$505,689.78 which is a superb effort in light of the difficult year we experienced. Charitable and Wellbeing non Affiliated totalled \$36,674.82.

A big thank you to all the Volunteers who have contributed a total of 7032 hours, which is a super effort, that included home visits, Pension applications, Reviews, Poppy Services, Library/Museum as well as other activities. The Volunteers were made up of 86 in total; 83 being from Redlands RSL and 3 from Dunwich.

Whilst the Redlands RSL and North Stradbroke Island RSL encountered strong head winds, they come through with flying colours, largely due to the hard decisions being made early by Management and a great business plan.

Greg Saunders
TREASURER



RENEW YOUR SERVICE MEMBERSHIP *today!*



IF YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD
EXPIRED 2020 THEN THIS IS A
FINAL REMINDER FOR YOU...

SERVICE 1 YEAR 2021 = \$10
CURRENT SERVING ADF: FREE
OR UPGRADE TO
LIFE SUBSCRIPTION:

65yrs+ = \$50 | 60-64yrs = \$60 | 55-59yrs = \$70 | 50-54yrs = \$90
45-49yrs = \$110 | 40-44yrs = 130 | 18-38yrs = \$150

**NOT RENEWING BY THE END OF FEB WILL RESULT IN HAVING
TO RE-APPLY AND FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FORM
AGAIN. THIS IS A STATE RSL REQUIREMENT.**

Wellbeing Report

Happy New Year to all our volunteers, Management and staff of the Redlands RSL. Headquarters opened for business on Monday 18th January with COVID restrictions in place. Thank you especially to Jane and Debbie who looked after the office during the Christmas/New Year break. Please make sure that you have a mask with you for the safety of yourself and our volunteers.

Our volunteer hours for 2020 were 7032 up until 31st December 2020. This is a pleasing result considering the time HQ was in lockdown and the way in which the volunteers responded often working by phone from their homes.

The Sub Branch once again last year presented bursaries to a primary school graduating student who best exemplified the Objects of the League, unfortunately due to restrictions only two bursaries were able to be presented personally. Thank you to Rob and Adrian for attending these ceremonies.

We will be phoning our 'over eighty' League members again to have a chat. A lot must be confused at this time with all the restrictions in place.

Hopefully all our Ex Service organisations that utilise the RSL for meetings will be able to return for 2021 in the near future.

It was a pleasure to have the Golden Oldies back for a Christmas gathering, thank you to Lorraine and her volunteers and the RSL for their assistance to make this happen



Bus trips are on the agenda for when the weather gets a little cooler. A yearly calendar of the trips will be available in the near future and we hope that this year we can stick to the schedule.

There were only ten members in attendance at the Veterans Cuppa on 13th January. Perhaps some forgot and I know that some were not comfortable in attending due to restrictions.

The Women's Auxiliary AGM will be held on Monday 1st February 2021 in the Gallipoli Room of Redlands RSL. Like everyone else the Auxiliary has had a quiet year but had a very enjoyable Christmas Party. They also wrapped and distributed gifts to over 100 Veterans and War Widows in Care facilities in the Redlands. All gifts were hand made.

All being well Joint Venture will return to Star of the Sea Catholic Church Hall on Wednesday 27th January 2021.

Thank you for your support throughout 2020 and look forward to seeing you all in 2021.

Linda Harcourt

WELLBEING/VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

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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

Limit to one card per member.



Deputy President & Cadets Report

2020 was a difficult year for all three Cadet Units in our region due to Coronavirus present in all states of Australia. This resulted in a shutdown of Units for a time and disruption in the ADF Cadet training programs were curtailed somewhat. Right now the Cadets Units and staff are currently on their summer break and will begin parading in early February to begin a new year of training and activities, hopefully free from Corona for 2021 training year. Normally as they start a new year, new recruits sign up to either the Army, Navy and Air Force Cadet Units which is one of the largest youth development organisations in the country.

Did you know that there are approximately 26,000 cadets currently enrolled in the three Cadet programs around Australia; 3,200 officers and instructors of cadets and 'approved helpers' supervise and support the young people engaged in the programs; and there are 508 ADF Cadets units in all states and territories. Cadet units occupy facilities in Defence establishments, Defence-owned or leased buildings, schools, and buildings leased by individual units. We are fortunate in the Redlands to have three Units that support us. It has been said that we are possibly the only RSL in Australia that has a Tri-Service parade annually, except this year due to the Virus.



AUSTRALIAN ARMY 136 CADET UNIT

The unit is on Holidays at the moment. Our first parade night for the year is planned for 19 January for NCO's. Until then there is quite a bit of Admin being done by the staff in preparation for the start of what will hopefully be a better year in 2021.

In Dec the unit cadets attended CUO/WO2 promotion courses, it has been 12 months since the last promotion course, so it was good to see these start again. In mid-January we will have 6 cadets attending the SGT promotion course. Due to COVID the classroom part of the course is being done online, the course having a shortened length. Due to the social distancing rules the SGT's course will be split into 2 courses with our unit attending the 2nd one. Currently those on the

course are working through their classroom work to have it finished by the deadline a week from the commencement of the course.

The unit will run a LCPL course in February and our Bn will run a CPL course in Term 2 so by the time we get to the middle of the year we should have caught up on the cadet courses and promotions that did not happen last year. Then we must concentrate on getting our staff through courses and their skills updated.

Before we go back, we expect the repairs to the damage the unit received in October from the heavy rain will have been completed or almost completed. We have had heavy rain again since the incident that caused the damage and I am pleased that no additional damage has occurred so the roof repairs we did at the time have fixed the problem. Once it is all repaired, we will look to purchase a new microwave and fridge for the orderly room. The fridge is not only used for milk for our beloved coffee machine but for medication and special dietary items for our cadets and staff. We were lucky with our Alarm system as after a service and replacement of a couple of parts it is working again. Thankfully we didn't have to purchase a new system.

— Report provided by Capt. Wendy Kemp OC.



217 SQN AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE CADET UNIT

217 Squadron held our end of year Graduation Parade on Monday the 30th of November 2020. This year a cadet was presented with a new perpetual award for leadership in the honour of past Redlands RAAF Association President, 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.

In January 2021 Senior cadets have been attending cadet promotion courses at Redcliffe, Enoggera and 2 Wing Headquarters, Archerfield. Squadron staff have also been involved in the training of these courses. Upon the completion of these courses 217 Squadron will have a full complement of NCO cadets to make a strong leadership team. This will ensure the continuing success of the squadron heading into the future.

217 Squadron is now getting prepared for the start of 2021 with

processing new recruit applications. Again this year we have had a strong interest in new cadets that should see the squadron reaching its full strength capacity of 75 cadets. We will be holding a Recruit Information night on the 28th January to induct these cadets into the AAFC.

Due to a very generous funding grant from the Redlands RSL, 217 Squadron have been able to fully upgrade the hardware of our 2 flight simulators. Due to the advancements of the flight sim software over the past several years the current hardware was unable to handle the program. This upgrade was essential to continue our flight simulation training program to cadets at the squadron, giving them a hands-on experience in aviation. We thank the Redlands RSL for considering our funding application and providing these much-needed funds.

2021 should see AAFC cadets return to normal activities such as overnight bivouacs and powered flying activities. This is all pending of the evolving situation of the COVID-19 pandemic. The AAFC is also having its 80th anniversary therefore there will be local and national celebrations being conducted. The cadets are looking forward to a great year in 2021.

— *Report provided by OC Dan Wruck*



TS NORFOLK AUSTRALIAN NAVY CADET UNIT

TS Norfolk finished the year with several cadets receiving their CPR Certificates, and a video and pizza night.

Now we look to 2021 we have several plans for on water activities, but recruitment is our focus we are in the final stages of some new promotional opportunities and staff and the unit support committee have been working on plans, we do still have to wait until we see what COVID does next so lots of A and B plans in place.

We will be hopefully starting to parade again on Thursday 28th January and looking very shortly in one of the following weekends to have an open day, how this will look will depend on COVID. But we would ask when we finalise and get our new promotional products that you all use your networks to help us make TS Norfolk the large

ship it once was and can still be. I hope my next report will have so much more exciting news about this.

We hope all had a safe and well festive season and again our resilience as a community and a crew keeps us strong in some very challenging times. But as all ship do, we will weather it and come out stronger. Wishing you all a very Happy New year and we hope that this year we can parade and be more public with all our fun activities and parading activities.

— Report provided by SBLT Garry Goodey OIC.

Cadet Reports complied by

Van Gray

DEPUTY PRESIDENT &
CADET LIAISON OFFICER



SERVICE ANIMAL DAY 24 FEBRUARY

Wear a Purple poppy to honour the deeds and sacrifices of Service Animals. Profits from the sale of the Purple poppy go to Veterans assistance dog project.

POPPY'S COST \$2 EACH



Library Museum Report

As we have been closed since the 15th December, only re-opening on 12th January, I'm afraid there is not much to report. During 2020, we had a lot of sicknesses go through our volunteer group (not COVID related), and look forward to 2021 being a much better year for everybody concerned. If anybody is interested in volunteering at the Museum even for just one day a fortnight between 9 am and 2 pm on a weekday, I can be contacted on 0450 577 186.

An insignificant looking booklet donated by Annette & Denis Hall in 2020 has proved to be of interest. The booklet and accompanying receipts belonged to Annette's father. Research into the booklet, Serviceton Co-operative Society of Ex-servicemen Ltd. Rules, has shown that in 1946 Diggers returning from WW2 invested £50 each for the purchase and survey of 550 acres of land which was called Serviceton. Unfortunately the scheme failed due to lack of funds and the land was sold to the Queensland Housing Commission. The Queensland Housing Commission purchased approximately 1000 acres in this area at the time. Some of you may remember the suburb of Serviceton which has since been re-named and is now known as Inala.

There are many other interesting items on display in your RSL Library/Museum and we hope you will visit, re-visit, or tell family and friends to call in. Our friendly volunteers will welcome you.

A Happy New Year to all.

Les Warner

VICE PRESIDENT



National Servicemen's Assoc.

We have managed to hold several meetings under COVID restricted conditions and, while it can sometimes be restrictive and annoying, the fact is that we have been able to operate quite successfully and to the satisfaction and benefit of members. Whenever activities have been able to be held it has, when we review them, been obvious they have been worthwhile and provided benefit to the welfare of members taking part.

Most recent of them was the Christmas party held as usual at the Redlands RSL, but this time in the dining room of the Sails Restaurant as regulations ruled out the Gallipoli Room. These imposed changes resulted in both benefits and losses. Our usual listening and dance music could not be provided, and speeches proved to be impossible. On the other hand, it seemed to be easier to get our meal out quickly. Thinking it over, perhaps there were more gains than losses.

Many of us hold to the view that speeches at a social gathering are superfluous at best although it is nice to record publicly the good work of members. Our Christmas party did provide the opportunity to acknowledge the long period of service Barry White has contributed to the branch. Barry was presented with a Meritorious Service Award, recognising his management committee involvement since 2002. A presentation was also made to our Secretary, Ken Cullum, in appreciation of his efforts on behalf of the branch.



As usual the RSL staff did an excellent job and did everything they could to ensure that all present had an enjoyable time.

Hopefully COVID conditions will continue to improve and we can look forward to more frequent and varied opportunities to get together.

Happy New Year to all.

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 and wellbeing scene, the Branch held the last scheduled General Meeting of for 2020 on Saturday 12th December 2020 and this was followed by our Branch Christmas Luncheon in the Sails Restaurant of Redlands RSL. These gatherings were well-attended and the dinner enjoyed by all the members. On behalf of the Branch, a big thankyou to the staff at Redlands RSL, who did a great job.



The Branch Wednesday afternoon gatherings in Redlands RSL have continued over the Christmas New Year period and attracted good attendances. These are great for the wellbeing of our members. Our next social event is a Branch Restaurant Dinner on Wednesday 20th January 2021 at Redlands RSL.

The Redlands RAAFA Branch Annual General Meeting and General Meeting is on Sunday 14th February 2021, in the Gallipoli Room of Redlands RSL beginning at 10:30am.

Rob Wilson

**PRESIDENT, RAAF ASSOC.
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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.

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Bayside S/S wishes all who read the Bugle a happy and prosperous 2021 and an infinitely better year than 2020. As with everyone else there were no activities last ywear. Since the arrival of COVID we had only 2 meetings, in Nov. and our Christmas meeting in Dec. Both were a good turn out and the Christmas lunch was a good social affair. The first meeting for 2021 will be on the 6th Feb which will be our AGM. We continue to grow with a total of some 80 members and associates on the books.

Hopefully this 3-day lock-down is not the fore-runner of bad tidings, and everything can get back to the current version of normal asap.

On a sad note we lost one of our more senior members, Bob Bain, who crossed the bar early in the year. We the executive, have been keeping tabs on the membership, especially the older shipmates and have found that nearly all have done surprisingly well throughout the upheaval. Yours aye

Graham Hargreaves
PRESIDENT, NAVAL ASSOC. REDLANDS BRANCH



Women's Auxiliary

The Womens Auxiliary wrapped and distributed gifts to over 100 Veterans and War Widows in Care facilities in the Redlands. All gifts were hand made.



League Secretary Report

A new year a new dawn, we can only pray and hope that 2021 returns to normal and restrictions are lifted.

Planning is well underway towards Anzac Day on Sunday 25th April 2021. We are hopeful that we are able to put together our normal Anzac Day on the 25th April. However, we do need you to once again come along and support our veterans and their families on this very important day, as this is their day, when we can respect and show them our thanks for their services.

An addition to the Anzac Centenary Park has been the installation from a cutting from the Lone Pine tree in Turkey. This tree was very generously donated to us by John Douglas, and the council have prepared and are maintaining the tree as they can be a bit tricky. It was my error in the last bugle edition I referred to John as John Graham, with this I have sent an apology directly to John, I hope I have been forgiven.



The direct descendants of the Rats of Tobruk will be celebrating the '80th Anniversary of the Siege of Tobruk' here on Sunday 11th April. This promises to be quite an event as 300 from all over Australia and some from overseas will be in attendance. A special service will be held at the Cenotaph in the Anzac Memorial Park at 11.00am.

*Michael
McDonnell*
LEAGUE SECRETARY,
REDLANDS SUB BRANCH



Young Veterans Redlands

December was a relatively quiet month for the Young Veterans Redlands group. We continued with our usual coffee catch up on Saturday, November 21st and held a small family get together for Christmas to reflect on what has been a tough year. We met down at Raby Bay where games and fun were had by all. Thank you to those who shared the afternoon with us.



The Young Veterans shed is in its final stages of the electrical fit out. We anticipate this to be completed by the end of January and are working towards getting the weekly workshops up and running again for project Perana from February.



Our next coffee catch up will be held on Saturday, January 30th from 10am at our usual meeting place, Jungle Beans Cafe on Dinwoodie Road, Thornlands. We would love for you to join us.



Adrian Aiple
YOUNG VETERANS – REDLANDS



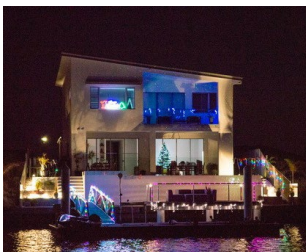
VETERANS & WELLBEING EXCURSIONS

On Thursday 10th December 2020, a great afternoon and evening was had by all that attended our Sunset Dinner Cruise on the Pumicestone Passage at Bribie Island.

We arrived at Bribie Island at 5.15pm where we boarded the vessel for a magnificent 2 hours cruise on the canals and Pumicestone Passage. A beautiful salad was served on board that everyone thoroughly enjoyed. On the return voyage we were treated to some magnificent Christmas light displays that really looked something else at the front of the houses in the canals. Everyone had a great time and the evening cruise certainly was a hit.

Greg Saunders

CONVENOR OF VETERANS & WELLBEING EXCURSIONS



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 10th February at 10am,
and Wed 10th March at 10am.



Phone: 3488 1199

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

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

LETTER FROM MEMBER...

January 12th 2021

Re: Redlands RSL Sub-Branch - 24th January 2021 Meeting

Dear President & Fellow Committee Members,

I've been reading the Redlands Sub-Branch November 2020 Edition of the "Bugle" (we live in Wellington Point) and read about the end of school year bursaries you give out to 6 local Redlands schools. Well done!

We too, have been doing that in Tasmania, at Sheffield High School and on King Island at Currie Area High School, since 2015 as ANZAC Centenary Remembrance Awards. We had WW1 family tree soldiers from these districts to honour, and also included the local soldiers on each town's cenotaph in these Remembrance Awards. Les McFadden will know who we mean as he did a magnificent collation of the "Four Lynch brothers in WW1" and of their resilience in surviving.

Husband Ian Lynch and I haven't been able to be present at the above school awards days in Tasmania, until just now in December 2020, when we managed to have 17 days of COVID free travel in Tasmania and on King Island. We were physically able to make the Presentations in December 2020 to each capable student and both the schools and the recipients are grateful for the awards, forming part of their Awards Day.

Now to the biggest surprise. My husband Ian (Life Service Member of Redlands RSL) was at the Sheffield High School, Tasmania, Awards Day, when he was not only asked by the school Principal to present "our WW1 Award, but to also present the first ever "Teddy Sheehan VC Award"! Ian was very honoured, Teddy had grown up near Sheffield, and this was his local High School, so it was very relevant.

Life is full of surprises and as you know we are, and can be inspired by others, like Les.

Today we had an email from Bailleul Town Hall, in northern France, where our Sheffield Family Tree WW1 soldier lies in the Commonwealth Graves section from 1917 and they have assured us that they still visit our soldier, and they also sent congratulations to the Sheffield High School 2020 recipient of the award Laura Ashby – pictured.

Stay well everyone in 2021.

Yours sincerely
Mrs. Rhonda Lynch



SUPPORT FOR HOMELESS VETERANS

DVA is able to provide support to veterans and their families who are homeless, or at risk of becoming homeless.

14 December 2020

Many of the risk factors that can contribute to veteran homelessness are similar to those for the general population. These include negative life events such as relationship breakdowns, unemployment and mental ill-health.

DVA strives to ensure that these ex-serving Australian Defence Force (ADF) members have access to the services and support they and their families need. We can provide mental health support, social and peer support, and assistance with relationship or drug and alcohol problems.

DVA can also check to ensure that veterans are receiving all the financial support they may be entitled to, which can help ease other contributing pressures. Case management services may also be provided. If you know a veteran who is homeless or at risk of homelessness, please encourage them to contact DVA on 1800 VETERAN (1800 838 372).

Open Arms – Veterans & Families Counselling provides counselling and support services to current and former serving ADF members and their families, and operates a free telephone support line that is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, by calling 1800 011 046. Veterans and their family members can also talk with peers who have experienced military service, mental health issues, and recovery.

Open Arms also has the Crisis Accommodation Program which may be able to provide short-term accommodation to eligible current and former serving ADF members and their partners; and support to address issues that contributed to the crisis.

For more information, please visit the Homelessness Support Services page: dva.gov.au, or contact Redlands RSL Wellbeing team on 3488 1153.

THIS MONTH IN AUSTRALIAN MILITARY

History

JANUARY

DATE	TITLE	EVENT
1 Jan 1975	Office of Australian War Graves established	The Office is responsible for the maintenance of the graves of Australia's war dead in 78 countries around the world and in 76 war cemeteries within Australia.
2 Jan 1943	Buna Government Station captured	The Japanese withdrawal from the Kokoda trail enabled the allies to plan the encirclement of important Japanese positions in the Buna, Sanananda and Gona beachhead. Buna was the second of the three to fall to the allies after weeks of heavy fighting.
3 Jan 1941	6th Division in action at Bardia, Libya	The attack against the Italians at Bardia was the beginning of Australia's first major ground campaign of the Second World War.
4 Jan 1942	Japanese air attacks begin against Rabaul, New Britain	Rabaul possessed a number of airfields and one of the best natural harbours in the south-west Pacific. Its capture gave Japan a base from which to launch air attacks towards New Guinea and north-eastern Australia as well as a strong south-eastern corner to its defensive perimeter in the Pacific.
5 Jan 1945	HMAS Australia damaged by Kamikaze aircraft	Australian ships were operating in support of United States amphibious landings in the Lingayen Gulf, Philippines when the Australia, for the second time in the war, became one of seven Allied ships to be struck by Kamikaze aircraft. 25 of her crew were killed and 30 wounded.
8 Jan 1958	Last Australian servicemen return from Korea	At the end of hostilities in Korea the peninsula remained divided between North and South. The war has yet to officially end.
9 Jan 1966	1st Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, in Operation Crimp	The operation became the scene of a major action against a Viet Cong tunnel complex.
11 Jan 1942	Japanese captured Tarakan island, Borneo	The success of Japan's war in South East Asia and the Pacific depended in large part upon the seizure of Borneo's oilfields, including those at Tarakan.
11 Jan 1973	Cessation of hostilities in Vietnam by Australian forces	The proclamation by the Governor-General, Sir Paul Hasluck, ended 11 years of Australian involvement in Vietnam, the longest duration of any war in Australia's history.

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DATE	TITLE	EVENT
14 Jan 1942	Gemas, Malaya	8th Division inflicts heavy casualties on Japanese in an ambush at Gemas in the first Australian contact with Japanese troops of the Second World War.
16 Jan 1952	HMAS Sydney begins its seventh patrol in Korean waters	Sydney began its service in Korea in August 1951. This was the ship's final patrol in Korean waters.
17 Jan 1991	Coalition air attacks begin against Iraqi forces in Iraq and Kuwait	The first day of the Gulf War which ended when Iraqi forces were driven from Kuwait.
22 Jan 1941	Tobruk surrenders to Australian 6th Division	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 Australian, however, left Tobruk between August and October.
24 Jan 1967	First contact at Bien Hoa, South Vietnam	Fighting at Bien Hoa involved a series of contacts between units of the 1st Australian Task Force and communist forces in the area of the Bien Hoa - Long Binh complex near Saigon. Australian and American units sought to dominate the area and prevent enemy rocket attacks on nearby military bases and installations.
26 Jan 1945	Beginning of Sandakan death march, Borneo	Sandakan prisoner of war camp was established by the Japanese in July 1942. Fearing invasion from Allied forces, Japanese troops marched the prisoners inland to Ranau in January 1945. Many of the prisoners died of malnutrition, exhaustion, disease and ill-treatment and the survivors were shot when they reached their destination. Only six out of 2,500 Australian and British prisoners sent to Sandakan survived.
28 Jan 1991	RAN Clearance Diving Team departs Perth for Kuwait	As part of Australia's commitment to the Gulf War a Royal Australian Navy Clearance Diving Team was dispatched to the Gulf for explosive ordnance demolition tasks.
30 Jan 1968	Tet offensive begins in Vietnam	While the Tet Offensive, named for Tet, the Vietnamese lunar new year holiday period over which the attacks occurred, was a military defeat for the Communist forces it proved to be a propaganda victory accelerating the American public's growing opposition to the war and causing United States military planners to question whether victory was possible.

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	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
	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
	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
	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
	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
	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
	YOUNG VETERANS REDLANDS Contact: Adrain Aiple on 0421 206 963. Find the group on Facebook.

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