

REDLANDS SUB BRANCH

BUGLE

MAY 2021 EDITION

"Honouring The Fallen By Serving The Living!"



Volunteers of the Year
2021

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



President's Report

Well, we got through Anzac Day with a good roll up of both Veterans and crowds. It was judged that we had a crowd of some 11,000 for the Dawn service and approx. 8500 for main march. Pretty good for a COVID event, it was great that the restrictions were eased for Anzac Day and we were lucky.

Michael McDonnell and Australian National Events spent a lot of time and effort putting factors in place just in case COVID dominated the event, it did cause us to not have a breakfast this year Covid restrictions still existed for inside events to the point we could not run with it. In the end all was lifted and it was thought, what a lot of extra work was put in and then dropped.

The Day went well and in some circles it was said it was the best Anzac Day we have had. It is at this point that some praise needs to be laid on some people who I feel made Anzac Day 2021 a special one. As mentioned before Michael McDonnell and his wife Suzie put in a lot of work and time towards our commemorative days of which Anzac Day is one. Thank you both for making Anzac Day a special one for many veterans and their families I also thank all who helped, in so many different ways.

From badge sellers and school visitations, which I thank Linda for the organisation. To Ian Gray who ran around for 3 or 4 days organising "Honouring the Fallen" where Ian organises pupils from 4 schools to place an Australian flag on the graves of all the Veterans in Redlands including Stradbroke Island where John Hague assists with the students from the island. In all some 4,000 flags were placed on graves.

To end this off I would like to thank those that rarely get a mention on Anzac Day. That is the management and staff of the club side of our operation, the management and staff along with Karleigh Little who does a power of work leading up to Anzac Day, making up and printing all of the hand outs, advertising and brochures for Anzac Day, they don't just happen. Thanks Karleigh.

It is always hard when you start thanking people that you may miss out on mentioning someone you should of, I can always do a blanket cover and thank every one that helped on the lead up and on the day and after, your help is always appreciated.

In a nut shell the day went well and the weather was great, couldn't of ordered better.

Stay well and take care.

Alan Harcourt LM
PRESIDENT, REDLANDS SUB BRANCH



Treasurer's Report

The Redlands RSL is certainly breaking into new ground with superb results for April. Anzac Day in both venues were steady largely due to covid regulations with the normal breakfast being cancelled.

A couple of standouts in relation to performance at the Redlands RSL would have to be gaming and the bar both showing good increases. North Stradbroke Island is doing well in gaming, however struggling in other areas. The new caterer has started and there certainly has been some positives in particular Anzac Day.

Anzac Day expenses were \$70,804, which includes a \$10,000.00 sponsorship from Redland City Council and \$6,448.00 from Lion Nathan (2020, 2021 combined). These expenses added to a successful and professional running of Anzac Day.

Overall members funds are \$27,758,561, our bank business loan is currently sitting at \$2,680,000 cash reserves remain resilient at \$3,887,589 and a further \$1,602,275 in operational expenses. League and well-being expenses totalled \$77,447.

Suffice to say Redlands RSL is in a very good position at the end of April 2021.

Greg Saunders
TREASURER, REDLANDS SUB BRANCH



Previous Minutes

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

LEAGUE GATHERING MEETING MINUTES SUNDAY 18TH APRIL 2021

MEETING OPENED: 10.30am by President A. Harcourt

ODE: Recited

REMEMBERING: His Royal Highness, Prince Phillip, Duke of Edinburgh laid to rest 17th April, 2021.

ATTENDANCE: A total of 55 as per the attendance book

APOLOGIES (9)

As per the apologies list: G. Hargreaves, A. Taylor-Hunter, D. Lingard,

Moved: M. McDonnell

Seconded: R. Kahn

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

PRESIDENTS OPENING REMARKS:

- Following the latest COVID 19 advice from Queensland Health we do not need to use the Queensland Government Check-In App on Anzac Day.

PREVIOUS MINUTES: League Gathering Sunday 28th February, 2021

Moved: R. Wilson

Seconded: G. Olsen

That the Minutes of the previous meeting be accepted

.....Motion 2...CARRIED

PRESIDENTS REPORT: As presented in the Bugle

Moved: A. Harcourt

Seconded: J. Jones

That the Presidents report be acceptedMotion 3...CARRIED

TREASURERS REPORT: As presented in the Bugle

Moved: G. Saunders

Seconded: M. Rabjohns

That the Treasurers Report be acceptedMotion 4...CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE REPORT: Inwards & Outwards: (M. McDonnell)

- All inward and outward correspondence for the month was all pertaining to Anzac Day and far too numerous to report individually.
- Confirming Group Captain Andrew McKew from RAAF 95 wing will be taking the salute on Anzac Day.

- We are waiting for notification from the Police Pipes Band re: Anzac Day.

Moved: M. McDonnell

Seconded: D. Field

That the Inwards and Outwards Correspondence be accepted

.....Motion 5...CARRIED

WELL BEING REPORT: As presented in the Bugle

- Apology from the AGM - John Butler was omitted as a Wellbeing Support Officer (Dementia Specialist)
- Anyone who missed out on the \$5 voucher see me after the meeting

Moved L. Harcourt

Seconded: D. Rogers

That the well-being report be acceptedMotion 6...CARRIED

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

- As the students are just back from holidays, and as they are fairly new recruits a special training was held to finalise rotations for Anzac Day.

SED Highlights:

- Newly elected SED President Kerry Gallagher AM introduced a veteran doing a canoe paddle down the Murray River approx. 2500km's with a team of 5 doing approx. 600km's each to cover the course – funded by NSW, VIC & QLD RSL to raise money for homeless veterans.
- New incoming President setting up a task force including a Wellbeing Team – Membership Team and Business Group.

Dates to remember:

- Life Membership Function – 17th November 2021
- Presidents Lunch – 14th July 2021
- RSL QLD AGM – 8th – 9th December 2021
- Delegates Meeting moved to the 2nd week – next meeting 6th May 2021

Moved: I. Gray

Seconded: M. Rabjohns

That the Deputy President, Cadets & SED Meeting Report be acceptedMotion 7...CARRIED

LIBRARY MUSEUM REPORT: As presented in the Bugle

- Due to cancellations because of COVID restrictions and the schools unable to attend things have been very quiet.

Moved L. Warner

Seconded: R. Kahn

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

NATIONAL SERVICEMEN ASSOCIATION REPORT: As presented in the Bugle

Moved: E. Shaw

Seconded: J. Butler

That the National Servicemen Association report be accepted

.....Motion 9...CARRIED

LEAGUE SECRETARY REPORT

- Error in the Bugle - Premiers name misspelt in reference to the Check in Qld App.

Moved: M McDonnell

Seconded: M. Rabjohns

That the League Secretary Report be accepted .Motion 10...CARRIED

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

Moved: R. Wilson

Seconded: G. Olsen

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

.....Motion 11...CARRIED

VETERANS AND WELLBEING EXCURSION INFORMATION:

- Tenterfield Trip ticket sales will cut off on the 30th April 2021
- Revisiting the Mooloolaba Cruise on Thursday 10th June 2021 on sale now!

Moved: G. Saunders

Seconded: F. Williams

That the Veterans and Wellbeing Excursion Information be acceptedMotion 12...CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Doug Cope (Coochimudlo) has written a book called 2nd Son of a Soldier Settler to be released shortly

ANZAC DAY

- Covid Regulations could limit numbers of patrons that can enter the club
- Gunfire Breakfast 4:30am
- Dawn Service 5:30am
- After the Dawn Service there is some covid restrictions and patron numbers back at the Club
- Parking Vouchers – Wreaths – Golf Carts – Reserved Seating see Suzie McDonnell
- 9:45am Assemble at Bowls Club
- 10:20am Main Parade (1200 people marching)
- 11am Main Service – 11:08am Fly Over
- Australian Nation Events worked tirelessly to help put this

together including all the procedures relation to Covid and the Queensland Government.

- John Butler will be our official photographer and we are hoping to get some of his pictures into the RSL News Magazine.
- The Anzac Day Information is on the RSL Website and the Council Website
- Chief of Army pulled all Army Cadets from attending any service around the country after some consideration they were allowing just 12 Army Cadets in uniform and the Catafalque Party but they are not allowed to take part in the march only attend the service.
- The Check in Qld App will need to be used to check into the Museum and HQ this will be a new regulation from 1st May 2021 an Ipad will be available for check in if you don't have a mobile.
- Thank you to the Badge Sellers and the Representatives going out to the schools this year.
- SED was contacted by Channel 7 to ask if they could interview Doreen again for their Sunrise Program and Stan Mellick to do the Flash Back piece for Anzac Day, as they were so impressed with how we handled their previous interviews last year.

Raffles Drawn and Won

Next Meeting: League Gathering 23rd May 2021

Meeting Closed: 11:30am



NEXT MEETING:
LEAGUE GATHERING
SUNDAY 27TH JUNE 2021,
10.30am, GALLIPOLI ROOM

Wellbeing Report

Good morning everyone and welcome to the May League Gathering.

Congratulations to the team from the Golden Oldies who were named Volunteers of the year at the recent Volunteer Thankyou event Monday 18th May 2021.

The Golden Oldies Group has been meeting in the Gallipoli Room of the RSL for over 10 years now and there are still a couple of original members who attend each fortnight. I feel that this Group is one of the most important groups in our wellbeing program as it provides free of charge morning tea and sandwiches, entertainment, transport and we also reimburse taxi charges for those unable to use the Redlands RSL courtesy bus. It also enables our members to meet fortnightly in a safe environment and hopefully not be so socially isolated. A big thank you to Terry, Lorraine, Shellie, Lois, and Graeme (pictured below) and all the volunteers who have assisted with Golden Oldies over the years.



It was a pleasure to host our volunteers on Monday night for our Volunteers Thankyou during National Volunteers week. We hold this function each year to show our appreciation to our volunteers who give so much to our Sub Branch and our members in so many different ways. (See page 42 & 43 for some pics).

Headquarters has welcomed fifty visitors over the past month with various enquiries, but advocacy is the main reason that clients visit so that advocates can process their claim for DVA entitlements. Volunteers gave 881.50 hours including 350.75 for advocacy. Our advocacy staff who are paid by DVA through the BEST Grant put in 207 hours. A wonderful effort by all.

Thank you to the Convenor of the Veterans and Wellbeing excursions, Greg Saunders for the wonderful trip to Tenterfield on 12/13/14th May. All who joined the trip had a wonderful time with everything well organised, value for money and lots of laughs.

Our April Wellbeing support Officers meeting was well attended and thank you to Greg who gave a very informative talk on arrangements and personal records that are required by law when a death occurs.

The Veterans Cuppa was once again well patronized with over thirty in attendance. Can I encourage you to book if you wish to attend for catering purposes.

The Sub Branch is looking into ways that they can improve on the way we provide Wellbeing/Advocacy to our Veterans and their families. Redlands RSL Sub Branch has 1,165 Service members and there are many other veterans in the community that in one way or another need our assistance. As wellbeing is the main objective of the RSL we would welcome your feedback. Please ring on 0417 604 729 or emails linda.harcourt@redlandsrsl.com.au with your ideas.

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ANZAC DAY PROFESSIONAL PHOTOS

Thank you to Sylvie from Papillion Studio for the beautiful photos taken of our veterans after the Dawn Service on Anzac Day morning. We have these photos available for collection. Please see the staff at reception. If you require a digital copy, please bring in a USB or let us know your email address and we can arrange this for you.



Deputy President & Cadets Report

The month started by visiting the three Cadet Units in the Redlands in preparation and training of the Catafalque Parties for Anzac Day. I must say I was really impressed with new recruits who took up the challenge to be part of this process, and very impressed also to see the dedication of the Commanding Officers to ensure a successful outcome on the day.

We approached the Australian Light Horse Association President Laurence Watts to see if they would be able to support us in our Anzac Day Parade. On short notice due to Queensland Government's indecision as to whether the parade could go ahead, he agreed to send a troop to support our Anzac Day parade.



Prior to Anzac Day Redlands RSL continued to Honour Our Fallen Veterans in the Redlands with the continued support of the local schools in our region. They are Cleveland High, Victoria Point High, Dunwich School and Faith Lutheran College. The students placed an Australian flag on each gravesite of Army, Navy, Air Force Servicemen and Women throughout the Redlands Cemeteries.



Cleveland District State High School



Faith Lutheran College



Victoria Point State High School

During the course of the month the Women's Auxiliary through Desley Lingard asked if I would put together a PowerPoint presentation of what the Army, Navy and Air Force Cadet Units do as part of their training and other activities. Following the presentation, the President Desley indicated that the Auxiliary would make a donation to each Unit in order to assist them with their ongoing cost of running the Units. We thank them for their support.



Redlands RSL Re-enactment Group preparing to mount for the Catafalque Party

Just in case you are wondering why the Army Cadets didn't take part in the Anzac Day parade. Unfortunately this year a directive was received from Army HQ in Canberra that Army Cadets were not to participate in Anzac Day Parades this year across Australia. We assume it was because of Covid-19 even when the Queensland Government made a last minute decision that there would be no restrictions for Anzac Day in Queensland. That was disappointing for the Army Cadets. Air Force and Navy Cadet Units were permitted to parade as normal.



AUSTRALIAN ARMY 136 CADET UNIT

We have had a busy month as both our planned courses went ahead. The SGT course was straight after Easter at Canungra where 4 CPL's attended, this course was 12 months in the making - originally a CPL course for Easter last year, postponed to June, postponed to September, and then changed to an SGT course for January this year then due to the snap lockdown postponed yet again and finally it happened this April. The cadets had done the prep work for the original CPL course, then done the classroom part of the CPL course at the unit in term 3 last year. Then some time acting in the roles being mentored by senior cadets whilst completing the pre course and classroom work for their SGT's course.

Their resilience during all these changes was commendable. The CPL course held at the end of April went without a hitch. We sent 12 LCPL & CDTs on the course which was held at Enoggera over the long weekend. The classroom work had been done at the unit and at home which will be the new norm for courses now. What a great course! The cadets all arrived knowing they were well prepared and confident. There were a couple of very late nights doing and practicing their orders. For 136 ACU it was very rewarding all our cadets finished in the top third of the course with 2 of the 3 awards awarded to our cadets. Cheers

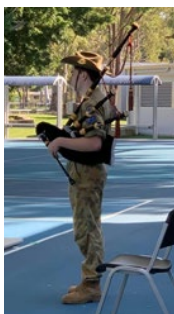
ANZAC Day – Our Marching and Drill was looking good and then we were advised that due to a directive from Canberra that we were not allowed to March or participate as we normally do. We were very disappointed and started working on a plan to do what we could within the rules. Our senior cadets came up with some plans which we then fine tuned and took to our Battalion who endorsed and supported them to HQ. We were allowed a maximum of 15 cadets at the Dawn and Main service 'socially distanced' between the

services we went back to the unit and had a unit breakfast followed by a service and our own with a wreath laying. After that, the 15 cadets were picked up by their parents and delivered back to the Main service at Cleveland, whilst the remainder of the unit cleaned and refurbished the area. It was a great effort by all including our cadets' parents who had to take the cadets to the Dawn service back to the unit and then back to the RSL. Not what we had in mind at the start of the month but again proving that our cadets are full of resilience when thrown a curve ball and learning all the skills we try to impart in them about problem solving, thinking on their feet, and overcoming obstacles.

— Report provided by CO of ACU CAPT. Wendy Kemp.



Cadet Rodgerson and LCPL Dayton well deserved award winners from the CPL course



Cadet playing the bagpipes and the laying of a wreath at the Unit during Anzac Day.



217 SQN AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE CADET UNIT

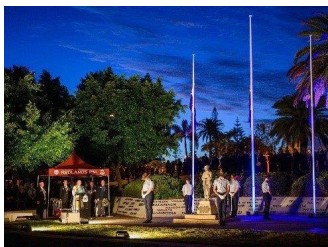
2021 saw major milestones for Australia, the Centenary of the Royal Australian Air Force, the 80th Anniversary of the Australian Air Force Cadets, and the first Anzac Day to take place since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The 31st of March marked the centenary of the RAAF, celebrated with the largest flyover since World War II, a message from HRH Prince William, and a televised Queen's Colour Parade in Canberra. This year also saw the 80th anniversary of the establishment of the AAFC, celebrated with the launch of a balloon with SQN patches of all units around Australia and the issuing of a special commemorative patch designed by CSGT of 403 SQN (Beaconsfield, VIC).

The 25th of April 2021 commemorates the 106th anniversary since

ANZAC troops landed on the beaches of Gallipoli in what marked the first major action Australia fought since Federation and formation of the Commonwealth. The impact of COVID-19 saw last year's Anzac Day services cancelled nationwide because of restrictions, with a driveway vigil being encouraged. This year with the easing of restrictions and beginning of the vaccine rollout, states held Anzac Day dawn and day services. This year's dawn service at Cleveland had a large turnout from the community, representing the significance this special occasion has for all Australians. The dawn service saw 217 SQN forming an honour guard for the veterans before marching down to the cenotaph to observe the dawn service proceedings. 5 Cadets were on catafalque party with 1 other Cadet on flag. Six cadets escorted wreath layers during both dawn and day services. The day service had cadets marching with the flags of Australia, New Zealand and the United States and CCPL Lee having the honour of marching with the hat of the fallen soldier. Speeches from members of the RSL, ADF and community contributed to this special occasion. Anzac Day is not just dedicated to the original ANZACs, but to all ADF personnel, past and present who's sacrifice and service have ensured the safety and continued growth of Australia.

— Report provided by CCPL Brian Lee, 217 SQN, AAFC



Catafalque party featuring CUOs, CSGTs, and CCPL during the Dawn Service.



CO of 217 SQN PLTOFF Firth seen leading the SQN during the day march with CUO and CWOFF behind.



Redlands RSL Sub Branch Vice President Rob Wilson lays a wreath in Anzac Centenary Park.



F/A-18F Super Hornet conducts a low-level flyover of Raby Bay.



TS NORFOLK AUSTRALIAN NAVY CADET UNIT

TS Norfolk welcomed 2 new cadets to the unit ending the last term on a high. The ship commenced this new term with one new cadet all continuing to rehearse for Anzac ceremonies. Over the holiday break three senior cadets attended promotions courses at HMAS Moreton with promotions ceremonies held three days before Anzac Day with four recruits promoted to Cadet Seaman and Two Able Seamen promoted to Cadet Leading Seaman, all of which wore their new ranks at Redlands ceremonies.

TS Norfolk cadets were joined by staff and cadets from TS Diamantina who not only took part in Anzac Day services at Redlands RSL, but rehearsals took place at both ships. Both ships companies worked fabulously with cadets from the Air Force and Army through rehearsals at the Cenotaph.

On Behalf of TS Norfolk and TS Diamantina, we would like to take the opportunity to thank Deputy President Ian Gray and RSL Australian National Events Ceremonies Coordinator Shane Howard for coming to TS Norfolk assisting with rehearsals. We would also like to thank Chief Petty Officer ANC Dan Tesoriero from TS Norfolk for coordinating rehearsals and liaising with our friends at Redlands RSL.

— Report provided by PO
ANC Adam Regnart, Whole
Ship Coordinator, TS Norfolk



Navy Cadet Cadets from TS Norfolk and TS Dimantina laying wreaths and participating in the Catafalque Party

Cadet reports compiled by

Ian Gray LM

DEPUTY PRESIDENT, REDLANDS SUB
BRANCH, & CADET LIAISON OFFICER



Library Museum Report

During April, volunteers donated 149.5 hours of their time to the Library/Museum and were rewarded by the visits of 151 people. A large number of these visitors came on ANZAC Day plus the unexpected visit from the Star of the Sea Kindy in the following week. I saw the "crocodile" of children and teachers walking along the footpath after their visit to the Cenotaph and invited them in. These four and five year-old children were so well behaved and interested it was a privilege to have their company.



As well as visitors, we have had a record number of donations recently so have been kept quite busy. Unfortunately, a number of our volunteers have had health problems; so much so that the museum was closed on a few days. If anyone should be looking for something to do with their spare time even a couple of days a month, it is not an onerous task looking after the museum and welcoming visitors. Once upon a time they came from places overseas, but now we are lucky if we even get any from interstate.

DONATIONS RECEIVED APRIL-MAY 2021

- Australian Army Parachute Regiment uniforms and jump suits donated by Patricia Lindsay in memory of her son Michael.
- WW2 screw picket donated by Paul Lambert of Tarragindi.
- Carry bag containing memorabilia prepared for the 80th anniversary of The Siege of Tobruk donated by The Descendants of the Rats of Tobruk Aust. Association.
- The book *The ANZAC tradition, between the lines* plus a set of stamps donated by Frank and Pauline Jackson.
- Four framed prints of British soldiers and a bag of books from Geoff Newsome.
- A collection of memorabilia from Dorothy Simmons.
- A framed black & white photo and family history belonging to Valerie Watts, deceased, brought to the Museum by Julie Oaks.

- Australian Weaving Co. sample service ribbons which have been kept for over 50 years by Kellie Kingston and now donated to the RSL Museum.
- One black & white drawing and two beaten copper images donated by Steve Arthurson.
- A Navy greatcoat and jacket donated anonymously.
- A Major's uniform of shirt, trousers, coat and tie also donated anonymously.

Sincere thanks to all of these donors for thinking of the Redlands RSL.

Les Warner
MUSEUM CURATOR



Naval Association of Aust.

BAYSIDE BRANCH

G'day all, isn't it nice to have some cooler weather. I notice sweaters and coats being worn around the traps.

Last Saturday(15/5/21) I attended the AGM of the NAA QLD Section as the delegate for Bayside Sub Section. A lot of discussion around the Royal Commission into Veteran Suicides was had and everyone agreed that it was not only long overdue but that DVA would be held to account for their long winded, deplorable, disbelieving attitude and actions and the condescending manner to which they treat Veterans. I also had the opportunity to meet the current DC. She appears to be an approachable lady and I for one look forward to a meeting to discuss problems and perceived road blocks with her.

On the S/S front all is well and proceeding steadily. Our secretary is laid up at present with illness so our senior vp is wearing two hats, as all good stokers can do.

Until next month stay safe everyone and enjoy the cooler weather.

Yours Aye

Graham Hargreaves,
PRESIDENT, NAVAL ASSOC. BAYSIDE BRANCH

National Servicemen's Assoc.

While it is true that we have been able to keep many of our activities going under COVID restrictions, it is some time since we have been able to enjoy a "theatre night". Our Committee is endeavouring to provide the opportunity for Veterans and partners to enjoy a night out seeing a good show.

On Tuesday 5th October we are arranging a visit to Logan Entertainment Centre to see "Celtic Illusions Reimagined". The show is timed to commence at 7.30pm and end at 9.30pm. There are no bulk bookings concessions available, however, it is our aim to provide the lowest cost seats possible. Also providing transport from the RSL Club to and from the venue. If you are interested in attending this event, please contact the Secretary or myself as soon as possible. COVID permitting, we will be proceeding with this night out irrespective of the number of members participating. However, tickets are already on sale and the earlier we can confirm bookings the better the availability of good seats.



Many of our members participated in ANZAC Day Ceremonies, ignoring the problems that come with advancing years. It is notable that while the make-up of those attending and participating in ANZAC Day Ceremonies has changed over the years, the emotion which the ceremonies evoke continues to be as strong as ever.



Eric Shaw,

PRESIDENT, NATIONAL SERVICEMEN'S ASSOC.



RAAF Association



REDLANDS BRANCH

The Australian Air Force was formed on 31st March 1921 and 'Royal' was added in August 1921 to complete the formation of the RAAF. In this RAAF Centenary year, Redlands RAAF Association Branch is continuing the core business of promoting the wellness and benefits of members and supporting No. 217 Squadron, Australian Air Force Cadets.

The Branch Wednesday afternoon informal gatherings in Redlands RSL have continued providing for the social and wellbeing of members, with good attendances each week. This is a great opportunity for members to get out and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow members; and 'solve' the problems of the world. The next Branch social function will be a restaurant dinner at Barcella Restaurant Victoria Point Lakeside on Wednesday 19th May 2021.

The Redlands RSL ANZAC Day services thankfully resumed this year and RAAFA Redlands members attended both the Dawn Service and the Main March and Service. It was gratifying to see such a large crowd in attendance and perfect weather.



On Sunday 6th June 2021, members of the Branch will attend the Bomber Command Commemorative Service at RAAF Base Amberley. This service was not held last year due to COVID and is held to pay tribute to the sacrifices made by RAAF personnel who served with RAF Bomber Command in WW2; and particularly to remember the many who paid the supreme sacrifice.

Rob Wilson

PRESIDENT, RAAF ASSOC. REDLANDS BRANCH
VICE PRESIDENT, REDLANDS SUB 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

REDLANDS RSL ANZAC DAY 2021 was one of our best so far. Due to the ongoing restrictions we have had to deal with over the past year, it was a pleasure to see so many turn out for Dawn and then back it up for the Main march and service. COVID has made life difficult and we had to curtail our access into the club after the dawn service, and then later after the Main service.

After missing out last year, it is obvious that we all needed to get out of our homes to catch up with our mates with whom we see only on Anzac Day each year. Here at Redlands we endeavour to make Anzac Day THE one day of the year in Redlands, for all to attend and to honour our welfare commitment to you the veterans and supporters.

The Gunfire Breakfast was well attended by the 200 odd veterans as they lined up to begin their march to the Dawn service. Again the members of the public attended in their numbers approx. 10,000 in all. So many have commented about the professional and dignified service we provide as it one of the better services they have attended. This is because of the support that you our veterans continue to give us; you need to thank yourselves for this success.

The main march was another standout as the parade route was lined with people 3 to 5 deep the entire length of the parade, and then they followed the march to the service. The RAAF F18 Super Hornet arrived right on time. As the RAAF celebrated their 100 years, the RAAF 95 Wing HQ led our march with Group Captain Andrew McHugh taking the salute.

We have very strong support from all our local schools at both our services along with the Cadets from Army, Navy and Air Force. The youth of today will keep the spirit of the Anzacs alive for years to come.

Anzac Day would not be the same if it were not for all the volunteers, too many to mention, but a special thanks to the golf cart drivers who made it possible for the veterans on board to be part of the march.

Thanks to the Australian National Events team in preparation and obtaining all back of house requirements, not to mention organizing the march and making sure that we are in order and on time. Well done to everyone, and a big thank you from Suzie and myself.

Michael McDonnell
LEAGUE SECRETARY, REDLANDS SUB BRANCH



Women's Auxiliary

April was a busy month for the Auxiliary. Our meeting was on 12 April due to Easter the week before. At the meeting Ian Gray gave an informative presentation on the Air Force, Army and Navy Cadets. It was decided by the members as part of our annual charity donation to donate \$500 each to the three units.

On the 20th April, I accompanied Ian Gray and together with students from Cleveland State High School, laid flags and poppies on the graves of the veterans at the Cleveland Cemetery. This was a lovely experience, especially as I could answer some of the questions from the students I was with.



On the 23rd April, Ann Shaw, Del Whitby and Val Jack set up the Remembrance Field of Crosses.



On the 24th April, the ladies got together to make 300 posies to give out on Anzac Day.

Anzac Day was also well attended by the Women's Auxiliary. Val Jack laid a wreath on behalf of the RAANC while myself and Del Whitby (Vice President) laid one for the Women's Auxiliary



On a sad note, our member Elaine Jones lost her beloved husband John and we extend our deepest sympathies to Elaine and Family.

Our next meeting is the 10 May due to the first Monday being Labour Day.

Desley Lingard,
PRESIDENT, WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

VETERANS & WELLBEING EXCURSION - TENTERFIELD -

Hello fellow travellers, especially the ones who have returned from our three day trip to Tenterfield. Everyone who travelled on our recent three day to Tenterfield, judging by the feedback I have received, had a great time.

We left the Redlands RSL on Wednesday the 12/5/2021 at 8.00am. Our first stop was Wyalong Dam where we had morning tea. We then travelled on to Warwick. On arrival at Warwick we visited the Abbey that is an ex-Monastery for Nuns, and was also a girls boarding school. The Abbey was built in 1891 it's a beautiful old Sandstone building that is heritage listed. Everyone enjoyed lunch here and walking around both inside and out. After the Abbey we journeyed on to a Lavender Farm just outside Stanthorpe where our travellers were quite taken by the many items of Lavender that were available for sale . On leaving the Lavender Farm we travelled into NSW to Tenterfield where we had two nights at The Henry Parkes Motel. This was a first class establishment with great rooms, first class meals and great service.

Day two after a beautiful hot breakfast , we had a local tour guide board the bus for a tour of Tenterfield pointing out the many landmarks in this historical town. On the tour we saw where Banjo Paterson got married, we also had a little pause outside the famous Tenterfield Saddler. After the tour we visited the Henry Parkes Museum where we were given a magnificent overview of the history of Tenterfield. The touring party then had a walk around Tenterfield before having lunch at their own expense, most sampled a beautiful federation pie at the bakery that was delicious. After lunch we journeyed back into Qld where we visited the famous Ballandean Winery where we were given the opportunity to sample their famous wines and liqueurs. Many of our travellers purchased the wines that they had sampled .

As a special request of the War Widows, we were also able to have a quick whistle stop at the jam factory. This was enjoyed by all and sundry with plenty of purchases being made.

Day 3 - We travelled onto Stanthorpe Museum. This Museum brought back many childhood memories. Then it was on to Warwick for lunch at the Criterion Hotel. Finally it was homeward-bound to Cleveland with a comfort stop at Aratula. A great time was had by all, suffice to say it's all about the company you go with .

Greg Saunders

CONVENOR OF VETERANS & WELLBEING EXCURSIONS



VETERANS & WELLBEING EXCURSIONS - JULY

Our trip for July will be to the **AWASSI CHEESERY** for a tasting and tour. We will have lunch at famous Laidley Hotel then afterwards a visit to Schultes butchery on the way home (bring an esky).

TOUR DETAILS :

WHEN: Thursday, 8th July 2021

Meeting at 8am for an 8.30am sharp departure from Redlands RSL (Passage St entrance). Arrive back at 5.00pm.

COST: \$60 per person.

Available for Redlands RSL Service members and one partner only.

Pre-bookings with payment are essential at Redlands RSL reception, or phone 3488 1199. Space available for 50 pax only.



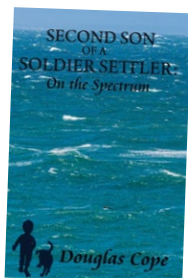
SECOND SON OF A SOLDIER SETTLER – ON THE SPECTRUM

This book of the life story of Doug Cope who is a member of our Sub Branch and lives on Coochiemudlo Island where he has for many years conducted Commemoration Services.

Dougs's father served in the Second World War in the 2/14 battalion and upon discharge settled with his family in the Mallee.

Doug joined the RAN at 15 and served on many different ships and was medically discharged in 1987.

His book is available for \$30, if you would like to purchase a copy please get in touch with Doug. There is a copy at HQ if you would like to browse through it before purchase.





Veterans Cuppa

- KEEPING OUR REDLANDS RSL SERVICE MEMBERS SOCIALLY CONNECTED -



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Veterans Cuppa

**KEEPING OUR REDLANDS RSL SERVICE MEMBERS
SOCIALLY CONNECTED!**

Held at 9.30am on the 2nd Wednesday of each month
in the ANZAC Lounge, Redlands RSL.

UPCOMING DATES:

Wed 9th June at 9.30am | Wed 14th July at 9.30am.

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

**PLEASE ENSURE YOU PHONE 3488 1199 TO PRE-REGISTER
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Pictured above: Graham Hinson presenting three local schools with Anzac Crosses in the lead up to Anzac Day.



Pictured above: Terry Perren and Graham Davenport selling Anzac Day badges and merchandise outside Woolworths in Cleveland prior to Anzac Day.

ANZAC DAY 2021 - COOCHIEMUDLO ISLAND -



ANZAC DAY 2021 - STRADBROKE ISLAND -





THANK YOU CARDS

In the lead-up to Anzac Day, Redlands Sub Branch received 16 beautiful hand-crafted cards addressed to our Veterans from individual members of 95 Wing. We are hoping to have these collated in a frame for display. Below is the card design, and six of the personal messages can be seen on pages 39-41.



FOR THOSE WHO LEAVE NEVER TO RETURN.

FOR THOSE WHO RETURN BUT ARE NEVER THE SAME.

WE REMEMBER

WE THANKYOU FOR YOUR SERVICE AND SCARIFICE.

WE APPRECIATE THE PATH YOU PAVED FOR US.

**FROM THE MEMBERS OF 95WG AND 87SQN RAAF BASE
AMBERLEY.**

**HAVE A GREAT DAY REMEMBERING OLD TIMES AND OLD
MATES.**

**HOPEFULLY, WE CAN RAISE A GLASS TO THEM TOGETHER
NEXT YEAR.**

Dear Veteran,

I truly hope you have had a good day, been able to share some stories and have raised a glass to those that have served present and past.

Today I will pause and reflect on my own service of 33 years.

Today I will also tell my husband and 2 daughters how proud I am of them and their continued service in the Air Force. My family of 4 have served a combined total of 89 years.

We are proud to continue to serve our country and protect the freedoms we now have, that you fought so hard for. Thank you for your service.

I hope to be able to raise a glass in person with you next year and share a story or two face to face.



Squadron Leader Julie Higgs, No 95 Wing
RAAF/NAVY Veteran (Iraq, Afghanistan)

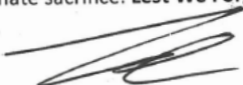
Dear Veteran,

Today, I **thank you** for your commitment in defending Australia's interests at home and abroad.

Your service matters, regardless of whether you served for a single 'gap year' or a forty year career. Whether you served in a warzone, prepared for war during peacetime or supported those deploying – **your service matters**.

Today, I will be reflecting on my own time in uniform. Particularly my time in the Middle East supporting combat air operations over Iraq and Syria. I will be thinking of my fellow comrades serving on current operations – and especially of those whom made the ultimate sacrifice. **Lest We Forget**.

V/r



Squadron Leader Zac Smit

Royal Australian Air Force

Dear Veteran,

I have served in the RAAF for almost 4 years and am honoured to be able to serve on behalf of Australia.

I am proud to call myself both an Australian and a New Zealander.

I am proud to be able to wear my uniform on such a historic and important day.

A day where I remember the many lives that have been lost and those that did not return.

A day where I pay my respects for those that have served and sacrificed in order to be able to live the life that I have now. The life that I am able to give my children.

I am proud to serve country to continue to give my children and the future generations the life and freedom they deserve.

I thank you for your service and sacrifice that has allowed me to be where I am today.

Today I raise my glass to you and the many others in thanks.

Kind Regards,



LACW Rachael Ronald (HQ 95WG)

Dear Veteran,

I hope you have a good day today. On this day I remember and honour the service, dedication and sacrifice of all our veterans, both current serving and those who have served before us.

The service of our veterans are have made it possible for all Australians to live the lifestyle we live today.

Thank you for your service.
Lest we forget.

Regards



FSGT Anthony Hartley
HQ 95WG, RAAF Base Amberley

RAAF Veteran (Cambodia/East Timor/Middle East)

Dear Veteran,

ANZAC Day is an important day of remembrance within Australia – a day to remember the numerous sacrifices made by veterans past, the cost of war and to remember those who fought and lost their lives for our country.

Today I will remember all the men and women who have served our nation in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations. Without the sacrifices made by these personnel we wouldn't enjoy the standard of living we currently experience within Australia.

I will remember them today and every day.

Thank you for your Service.

Kind Regards



SGT Rachel Sullivan (HQ 95WG)

RAAF Veteran (Middle East/Border Protection)

To the Veteran who has sacrificed their time, energy and life to protect our freedom, and us. A thank you does not seem sufficient. I have no idea the journey you have travelled, whether it would be good or bad. I hope that all that was 'bad' is now good.

I come from a military family background, which inspired me to join the RAAF 3 years ago. Every day I wear my uniform with pride but today always mean so much more. Today I wear it to pay my respect to all those who have served and are currently serving.

For what you have done in service for our country, is selfless and eternal – and may you reap in abundance of hope, love, joy and strength.

We appreciate you and everything you have done.

Kind regards,
Isabella

LACW Isabella Collinole
HQ 95WG.

VOLUNTEERS 'THANK-YOU' FUNCTION, 17 MAY

It was a pleasure to host our volunteers on Monday night for our Volunteers Thank-you during National Volunteers week. We hold this function each year to show our appreciation to our volunteers who give so much to our Sub Branch and our members in so many different ways.





THIS MONTH IN AUSTRALIAN MILITARY

History

MAY

DATE	TITLE	EVENT
1 May 1945	26th Brigade, 9th Division, troops invade Tarakan	General MacArthur instructed Lieutenant General Sir Leslie Morshead, commander of I Corps, to seize and hold Tarakan Island and destroy the enemy forces there. The Netherlands East Indies Government was to be re-established, Tarakan's oil producing capacity was to be conserved and the island's airfields put into use. The operation was codenamed Oboe 1, and the invasion began on 1 May 1945. Within five days the town and airstrip had been secured.
4 May 1915	Australian attack on Gaba Tepe, Gallipoli	The attack on Gaba Tepe by the 11th Battalion was an ill-conceived venture to deny the Turks a vantage point from which they could observe operations around Anzac Cove. It ended in failure.
4 May 1942	Battle of Coral Sea begins	This was the first naval engagement fought by aircraft alone. Although neither side won a clear victory, the Japanese were forced to attempt to capture Port Moresby in a ground campaign, rather than by sea as they had hoped.
7 May 1945	Germany surrenders	Germany's surrender, signed at the French city of Reims, ended the Second World War in Europe.
10 May 1900	Zand River	New South Wales Mounted Rifles in action at Zand River, South Africa.
13 May 1968	Fire Support Base Coral attacked	The partly-constructed base, north of Saigon, was defended by Australian infantry, artillery, and air support when it was attacked by North Vietnamese troops. Eleven Australians were killed and 28 wounded before the attackers were driven back. Fifty-two enemy soldiers were killed and one was taken prisoner.
14 May 1943	Centaur sunk	The hospital ship Centaur was sunk by a Japanese submarine off the south Queensland coast. Only 64 of the 333 on board survived.
14 May 1956	Sungei Siput, Malaya	2nd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, attacks communist terrorists near Sungai Siput, Malaya.
16 May 1943	Dam Busters raid	No. 617 Squadron carry out the Dam Busters raid against targets in the Ruhr Valley, Germany. A significant number of Australians took part in the raid.

DATE	TITLE	EVENT
18 May 1885	Sudan contingent departs Suakin	New South Wales troops of the Sudan contingent depart Suakin for Sydney, having spent a little over two months in the Sudan without seeing any serious action.
21 May 1968	HMAS Sydney leaves Brisbane	HMAS Sydney leaves Brisbane on its tenth voyage to Vietnam with 4th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, embarked.
24 May 1915	Formal truce on Gallipoli	A formal truce was declared on Gallipoli during which the Turkish dead of the 19 May attacks were buried.
26 May 1968	Fire Support Base Balmoral attacked	Fire Support Base Balmoral, just north of FSB Coral, was attacked by a North Vietnamese Army battalion. Three soldiers from 3rd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, were killed and 14 wounded. Six enemy bodies were found.
28 May 1968	Fire Support Base Balmoral attacked for a second time	A second heavy assault on Fire Support Base Balmoral took place in the early hours of the morning. The attack was driven off by combined arms – infantry, armour, artillery and air support. Forty-two enemy bodies were found on the battlefield and seven prisoners were taken.
28 May 1970	Australian Army Training Team Vietnam awarded United States Meritorious Citation	Australian Army Training Team Vietnam awarded United States Meritorious Citation.
30 May 1942	RAAF participates in first 1,000-bomber raid	First 1,000-bomber raid launched by the RAF. The target was Cologne, Germany. To make up the numbers crews were taken from operational training units to participate in the raid.
31 May 1918	Monash made commander of the Australian Corps	Lieutenant General Sir John Monash succeeds Birdwood as General Officer Commanding the Australian Corps.
31 May 1902	Boer War ends	Boers surrender, ending the Boer War. Over 16,000 Australians served in South Africa, of whom nearly 600 died.
31 May 1942	Japanese midget submarines raid Sydney Harbour	Of the three Japanese submarines that attacked Sydney Harbour, two were destroyed or disabled during the raid; the third disappeared and was located off Sydney's northern beaches by a group of amateur divers in November 2006. Little material damage was caused by the attack, but 21 sailors were killed when the depot ship HMAS Kuttabul was torpedoed.

*Without History,
There Would Be
No Future!*

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>NATIONAL SERVICEMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA (BAYSIDE SUB SECTION) Meetings are held on the 1st Sunday of the month at 10.30am in the Gallipoli Room. Contact: Eric Shaw, President on 0407 158 886</p>
	<p>T&P 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: Lynne Martin, President on 0416 224 453</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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Next meeting: League Gathering on Sunday 27th June 2021.



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NAME	DECEASED DATE	SERVICE
Len Stephens	18 April 2021	ARMY
Raymond Webster	21st April 2021	AIR FORCE
John Jones	23rd April 2021	ARMY
Colin Westaway	2nd May 2021	ARMY
Mervyn Ryan	13th May 2021	ARMY
Michael Nestor	15th May 2021	AIR FORCE



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