

REDLANDS SUB BRANCH

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"Honouring The Fallen By Serving The Living!"



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



11 November

REMEMBRANCE

DAY

- THURSDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2021 -

ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARMISTICE
WHICH ENDED THE FIRST WORLD WAR (1914–18).

On this day Australians will observe a one minute silence at 11am,
in memory of those who died or suffered in all wars and armed conflicts.

VETERANS CUPPA:

9.30AM, ANZAC LOUNGE, REDLANDS RSL.

\$5.00 for a cuppa and scone (or muffin).

Pre-registrations essential for catering purposes, phone 34881199.

*(*Available for Redlands RSL service members and one accompanying guest only).*

COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE - CLEVELAND:

ANZAC MEMORIAL PARK AT 10.30am

(Located alongside Redlands RSL Sub Branch Headquarters).

LUNCH SPECIAL:

Afterwards, all are welcome back to Redlands RSL for a
2 course lunch in Sails Restaurant for only \$13.90*.

*(*Redlands RSL service member price on presentation of membership card).*



lest we forget

President's Report

Fellow Members, well Spring has sprung and we are fast approaching the end of the year. A year that seems to be flying by.

Over the last year we have seen COVID raise its head on a few occasions, but compared to our southern relatives we in Queensland have been very lucky. Although our borders have been closed we have still been able to move around the state relatively easy.

On the Sub-Branch side things are still going along at a pretty good clip. Sunday the 26th of September we held the Presidents Luncheon which is always a popular day. We had 82 in attendance which was pretty good considering people were still pretty skittish as far as venturing out in large groups. The president of South East District RSL Mr Kerry Gallagher AM was our special guest. Kerry gave a stirring speech on the aims of the RSL and what the future might bring. The food was excellent, as was the company. (See pages 28-31 for photos).

Tuesday the 12th of October brought about one of our greater days. The Redlands Sub-Branch played host to a luncheon for 4 of our members who turned 100 years of age. These 4 centenarians Lt Col Stan Mellick, Corporal Dennis Wellbelove, Sergeant Ted Neil, and 3rd Mate Eric Carter enjoyed a meal of their choice and were kept busy with interviews from RSL State, Bayside Bulletin, and a special treat channel 7 filmed the event. The cake was made especially with the badge of the RSL on it which looked great, and the foursome were really taken with it. In all, the 4 men totalled up some 82 years service in the Redlands RSL Sub- Branch. A good day was had by all. (See pages 10-15 for photos).

Days like that makes one realize that no matter the age, or the gender, we at the Redlands are all brothers in arms. I must give thanks to our Deputy President Ian Gray who did much of the running around putting it all together, a great job Ian. On a sadder note we missed another one of our centenarians who passed away just a few weeks ago.

Well that is what a busy month at Redlands is.

Stay well and take care.

Alan Harcourt LM
PRESIDENT, REDLANDS SUB BRANCH



Previous Minutes

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

QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES SUNDAY 25TH JULY 2021

MEETING OPENED: 10.30am by President A. Harcourt

ODE: Recited

REMEMBERING: Robert McGinley 14th July 2021 NAVY

ATTENDANCE: A total of 51 as per the attendance book

APOLOGIES: (9) As per the apologies list: A. Tillgren, D. Rogers.

Moved: M. McDonnell

Seconded: R. Khan

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

President Alan Harcourt welcomed Hayley Bryan - RSL QLD Member Experience Specialist and Emily Bateman who is the Head of Membership at RSL QLD. Hayley informed members of this new Department the Membership Network Team to provide a high level of customer service and assistance to their 220 Sub Branch members in South East Queensland, and information of the proposed changes to be voted on at the State Congress later this year.

PREVIOUS MINUTES: Quarterly Meeting Sunday 24th January, 2021

Moved: D. Field

Seconded: R. Wilson

That the Minutes of the previous meeting be accepted

. Motion 2...CARRIED

PRESIDENTS REPORT: As presented in the Bugle

Moved: A. Harcourt

Seconded: B. Ramsay

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

TREASURERS REPORT: As presented in the Bugle

Moved: G. Saunders

Seconded: G. Robertson

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

GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT

- Most areas are trading well, net profit for Redlands and Stradbroke Island is up about 400% for the same period (Stradbroke down 46%)
- We were a foundation member of a company called Q'Club which

was a buying group our initial start-up investment was \$10,000 was sold to a larger company and our share was \$114,000 not a bad return.

- I have reached out to Stradbroke Island Bowls Club re: amalgamation or take-over of the Stradbroke RSL as 5 Clubs and 1 hotel will not all survive in such a small community in the present conditions. Further discussions with the board regarding keeping or closing Stradbroke RSL will be on the agenda over the next few months.
- So much confusion over the covid lockdowns, restrictions and mask protocols from the State Government along with media reporting causing such confusion for both the club members and patrons.
- It's been a really hard 18months and it has taken its toll on many, so I'd like to thank the management, staff and board for their support.
- Next lot of renovations to start in September–October at a cost of approx. \$10Million the final stage of our master plan from 2005.
- Confirmed the membership concerns re: Hayley Bryan and Emily Bateman from SED's earlier presentation.

Moved: P. Harrison

Seconded: M. Rabjohns

That the General Managers Report be accepted Motion 5... CARRIED

WELLBEING REPORT: As presented in the Bugle

Moved L. Harcourt

Seconded: R.Khan

That the well-being report be accepted Motion 6...CARRIED

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

Moved: I. Gray

Seconded: G. Hargreaves

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

LEAGUE SECRETARY REPORT: As presented in the Bugle

Moved: M McDonnell

Seconded: G. Robertson

That the League Secretary Report be accepted . . Motion 8...CARRIED

LIBRARY MUSEUM REPORT: As presented in the Bugle

Moved L. Warner

Seconded: M. Rabjohns

That the Library Museum report be accepted . . . Motion 9...CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS: Nil

Next Quarterly Meeting: 24th October 2021

Meeting Closed: 11:30am

General Manager's Report

SALES COMPARISON JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2019 V 2021

Bottle Shop sales	+ 1.66%
NSI RSL Bottle Shop sales	- 29.81%
Bar sales	+ 4.71%
NSI RSL Bar sales	- 38.78%
Sails Bistro sales	- 10.13%
Function revenue	- 9.18%
Coffee Shop sales	- 7.11%
Keno sales	+ 14.27%
NSI Keno sales	+ 12.82%

All areas are trading satisfactorily with Wages, Cost of Goods, Gross Profit, and Net Profit sitting at acceptable levels. The only areas of concern are the wages in the Coffee Shop because of how busy it actually is. We need more staff than first thought and I am a little concerned about Sails, not the numbers, but the average spend which is down around \$2.62 for lunch, and \$4.57 for dinner. When you multiply that by the number of meals we actually do there is your difference in takings.

Club NP for Redlands and North Stradbroke combined for 2021 was \$ 1,589,282.35 which is + 237.03% or \$ 1,117,689.59. NSI RSL NP for the same period is \$ 68,579.15 which is - 94.19% worse or \$ 64,592.18. Remembering we have accelerated the asset register by \$ 75,947.23 for Redlands RSL and for NSI RSL the amount of \$ 15,957.93, a total of \$ 91,905.16 for this year.

COMPARISON GAMING FIGURES 2019 V 2021

Gaming is very pleasing once again. The Turnover for Redlands RSL for the same period is up 13.13% or \$ 11,219,859.94 and that is comparing 273 days against 245 days. Our Net is also up 11.64% or \$ 907,801.01. Cash Clearance and Cancel Credit figures are down because we have gone to Hopper-less and Card Based gaming so money stays on people's card instead of taking it out as a payout.

NSI RSL is not so pleasing, but once again, comparing 144 days against 198 in 2019. Turnover is - 22.46% or \$ 937,041.36, and our net is - 31.68% or \$ 122,318.59.

It will be good news when I can actually get back to comparing figures year on year, and month on month. Fingers crossed this will start happening sooner rather than later.

Peter Harrison

GENERAL MANAGER,
REDLANDS RSL & NSI RSL



Treasurer's Report

As we move into the final quarter of trading for the year, we find the Redlands RSL trading strongly even allowing for lockdowns and reduced numbers in both members and visitors. North Stradbroke Island is managing to stay in front of its budgets largely due to excellent operating cost control.

Net profit to date for both Redlands RSL and North Stradbroke Island actual to date is \$1,589,282.35 against a budget of \$456,826.00 this is truly amazing when considering the current economic climate. With 3 months of trading still to go the end result no doubt will be a huge milestone.

Excellent savings are being made on the operating expense line for both operations combined with actual to date of \$3,499,521.90 against a budget of \$3,849,010.00 which reflects a saving of \$349,488.00 or 9%.

Overall members funds are \$28,632,120.29 current asset total \$6,752,128.96 with current liabilities sitting at \$2,674,832.97 against non-current liabilities bank loan \$1,880,000.00 when compared to end of last year at \$2,920,000.00 has come down substantially. Cash reserves remain resilient at \$4,387,751.17 and a further \$1,309,972.90 in operational funds.

As at the 30th September 2021 our cash and in-kind donations totalled \$716,314.25, community affiliated totalled \$15,501.85 with community non-affiliated \$13,623.64, cadet donations alone totalled \$13,500.00 (community affiliated), Redlands Vietnam Veterans \$23,175.00 (charitable and well being affiliated). A big thank you to our dedicated band of volunteers who have contributed 1028.25 hours for September and 7406.75 hours on a year to date basis.

Total League and Wellbeing expenses for September are \$76,487.17 and to date are \$651,614.93. In difficult times the League and Wellbeing are receiving the support they deserve. Some highlights in League and Wellbeing expenses are the President Luncheon \$4,747.64, Golden Oldies \$1,620.77, signage promoting Redlands Sub Branch will appear on the Stradbroke Flyer buses (see right). We were very fortunate to receive complementary exposure on the bus from the Groom family who are the owners of the Stradbroke Flyer.



Greg Saunders
TREASURER, REDLANDS SUB BRANCH

Wellbeing Report

Good morning and welcome to the October Quarterly meeting of Redlands RSL Sub Branch.

Headquarters is still ticking along nicely with our volunteers and staff working hard as usual. Our volunteers including our advocates have given 7000 hours already this year to assist our veterans

Our wellbeing support officers meet once a month to share news and gather new information from a guest speaker that we try to have each month. Quite often this is one of our own who is involved in another organisation. We find these meetings invaluable in gaining knowledge to share with our members.

It has been a little sad that in attempting to contact our over 80 service members that they have become reluctant to speak with us when we try to phone as they think we may be trying to scam them. Our first step has been to email them and this has been quite successful with a large number replying and there have only been a couple of requests for assistance but they have been appreciative of the contact. The next step will be to send a letter to those we haven't contacted as I feel it is important that we keep up the contact with our over 1170 service members.

I was honoured to be a representative of the Sub Branch at the Annual Luncheon for our four 100 year and over veterans last week. What a wonderful occasion it was and thank you to Deputy President, Ian Gray for his organizing skills, he made it sound so attractive Dennis escaped from hospital to attend.

It was lovely to see almost 90 of our veterans and their partners enjoy the Annual Presidents Luncheon after last years was cancelled due to you know what. Thank you for your attendance and to the staff of Redlands RSL for their caring service to our veterans.

Our next exciting event is the Retro luncheon on 27th October. This is part of Veterans Health Week which has physical activity as its theme, so everyone should have one dance so that they have done a bit of activity. Thank you to the Department of Veteran Affairs for the grant to assist with staging this event.

Our veterans cuppa was once again successful with 45 in attendance. Next month our cuppa will be held on the morning of Remembrance Day. Please see page 32 for details. This will be a relaxing way to

commence the Remembrance Day commemoration.

Seven members from the Sub Branch attended the dedication of the 42 for 42 Afghanistan Memorial Garden at Suncorp Stadium on 16th October. This garden is a quiet place to reflect and remember all those who served in Operation Slipper.

See page 25 for photos.

Until next month stay safe

Linda Harcourt

WELLBEING/VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

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VETERANS & WELLBEING EXCURSIONS

It is hard to believe that Christmas is only two months away. No doubt quite a few Veterans attended the Presidents Luncheon, what a great day was had by all, the food was absolutely superb and the camaraderie in the room was electric.

Our next big event is the Retro Dinner that is being held in the Gallipoli Room on the 27th October 2021 at 11.00am for an 11.30am start. You will be entertained by Athol Matcham who will perform the Roy Orbison Tribute Show, his voice is absolutely sensational. The room will reflect the 60's in every way. The cost is \$19.90 per head for a main and desert, this represents exceptional value. Tickets are on sale until Sunday 24th October 2021 unless sold out.

Our last trip for the year will be in early December, it will be a 11.00am start to a surprise destination, we will advise date etc in the next couple of weeks. Keep Safe.

Greg Saunders,

CONVENOR OF VETERANS & WELLBEING EXCURSIONS

Deputy President & Cadets Report

During this month we have started preparing for our Honouring Our Fallen program for the schools in our region and in addition the Cadet Units are gearing up for Remembrance Day. We are hoping there are no further Covid-19 restrictions moving forward.

On Tuesday 12th October we had the privilege to celebrate and honour four WW2 Veterans service members who have turned 100 years old. All four are members of our Sub Branch. On arrival President Alan Harcourt and the GM Peter Harrison welcomed them. To mark this special occasion we had a special luncheon in order to congratulate them for reaching this major milestone in their lives and we thank them for their service to our country. RSL Queensland media, Channel 7 and the Bayside Bullitin were also in attendance to document and record this special occasion.

The Centenarians who attended the luncheon are: Stan Mellick OAM. Army, Dennis Wellbelove Army, Edwin (Ted) Neil Air Force and Eric Carter Merchant Navy. Listed below is a brief history of their service. President Alan Harcourt presented the Centenarian Veterans with a RSL shield suitably engraved and a framed certificate of their military service. Collectively they have been members of the RSL for 82 years.





STAN MELLICK

Service No's. QX40786 and 143762, DOB
22nd February 1920.

In 1936, Stan was a cadet in the pre-war Citizen Military Forces and was commissioned a second lieutenant when war broke out. He offered immediately for A.I.F service, was refused because of age but the following year was promoted captain and appointed adjutant Northern Command Signals. He was sent to Duntroon Royal Military College in 1942 then reposted to General Staff, HQ 5 Australian Division, Townsville. The unit then moved to Milne Bay and in January 1943 to Moresby and in August to active operations at Salamaua and Lae. He was transferred as a major to HQ First Aust. Army in Toowoomba which then moved via Atherton to Lae to control all operations up there. At wars end he was Mentioned in Despatches and then was posted to the Reserve of Officers. In 1958, he returned to the Active Service List, was promoted to Lt-Col and given command of 401 Signal Regiment which comprised a half Regular and half part-time component. The Regiment won the Princess Royal Trophy for efficiency the following year.



Dennis Wellbelove

Cpl. Service No. Q102417,
DOB 6th June 1921.

Dennis himself joined the army as a reservist when he was just 17 years old. At the age of 20, he was called up to serve in the 61st Battalion during World War II.

When it became clear that enemy forces were advancing towards Australia, Dennis's battalion was sent to Port Moresby in Papa New Guinea to hold defensive lines.

As enemy forces landed on the banks of Milne Bay, Dennis and his fellow soldiers bore the brunt of the attack and were forced back to the air field. Although sustaining heavy casualties, the Allied forces were able to push back the enemy with the help of air support.

Having been successful in New Guinea, Dennis was then sent to Bougainville Island, where ultimately he remained until the end of the war.



Edwin (Ted) Neil

Sergeant Service No. 31339,
DOB 11th August 1921.

Ted enlisted in Hobart Tasmania on 29th July 1941 and his ambition was to fly, this being the reason he joined the Air Force, however, that wasn't possible as it turned out. Ted served for some time in signals up north on Horn island and then Darwin. His roll was an important one during WW2 especially when the war escalated in New Guinea. Ted finished his service in Melbourne in the Medical Unit as a trainer of new recruit WAAF girls, where he met his wife who was a new recruit in 1945.



Eric Carter

**3rd Mate Merchant Navy ,
Year of Birth 1921**

Eric served in the Merchant Navy and his engagement date was 4th April 1940. He served in the Pacific during the Second World War and his last engagement was 16th July 1945. The last ship he served on was SS Helga Miller.

In 1940 18 year-old Eric shepherded several rail vans of sheep from the family property "Merinda" near Moree to the abattoirs at Homebush, then signed on as an apprentice with W.R.Carpenter Shipping Co. An apprentice was the lowest ranking bridge officer, poorly paid, but learning on the job, and living in bridge cabins and eating in the officers wardroom. I.e. a seagoing jackeroo.

He joined M.V. Rabaul which sailed from Sydney to England via Torres Strait to Capetown, then up the west coast of Africa to anchor off Freetown, Sierra Leone to rendezvous with other ships and form a convoy with the escorts necessary to navigate through the U-boat infested Bay of Biscay. A hot night sleeping on deck was to have repercussions from mosquito bites.

After unloading grain etc at Cardiff they ran on ballast across the North Atlantic, dodging icebergs, to Canada. Up the St.Lawrence Seaway past Quebec to Three Rivers to load 3-ton rolls of newsprint for New Zealand.

Eric and a mate "Brusher" King were feverish and spent a night in

the local Catholic Hospital, where the doctor and nursing Nuns had no experience with tropical diseases, and they didn't want to be left behind when the Rabaul finished loading.

They sailed, carefully, down the east coast of the United States towards the Panama Canal, passing between Cuba and Hispaniola on the way. By this time Eric was very ill and was put ashore to be rushed to the American Army Hospital at Panama City with severest malaria known as Blackwater Fever. This was to bedevil him for years.

9 days later he was able to join the next Carpenter's vessel M.V.Salamaua, sister ship to the Rabaul. Eric quickly regained his strength, and he was able to resume his apprenticeship onboard to Sydney after a brief stopover at Fiji.

He stayed on the MV Salamaua and they loaded steel, wool and wheat at Newcastle for the UK 1941. South around and across the Bight via Fremantle, then north to go around Ireland to unload at Liverpool. Then they loaded tanks and trucks for the Middle East.

By this time the Luftwaffe would bomb shipping from bases in France, and the U-boats in the Bay of Biscay were rife, so the direct route through Gibraltar was cut off. This meant the long way via Iceland, Ascension Island, Capetown then up the east coast of Africa and the Red Sea through the Suez Canal to Port Said to unload.

From Port Said to Alexandria where they loaded British troops, the 42nd Tommy Division which had been in Palestine, and took them to Cyprus where they swapped them for the Australian 7th Division Cavalry. The Australians were given a breather at Alexandria before moving to the western desert.

The MV Salamaua spent the next five months carrying troops, equipment and supplies to Cyprus from Port Said, dodging bombs from high level German bombers based on Crete, then repelling dive bombers in port at Famagusta. While Famagusta was heavily defended it was a small port, and a smaller ship rafted alongside suffered a direct hit. Luckily, Eric's only visible wound from the war is a small shrapnel scar on his top lip from that explosion.

After supplying Cyprus and the occasional side trip such as sailing down the gulf to Massawa to load captured Italian army trucks for Suez, the MV Salamaua loaded fish phosphate fertilizer at the Egyptian port of Safadga and headed towards the wheat growers in South Australia. When they were partway across the Indian Ocean Japan declared war, and they were ordered into the nearest port, which was Colombo in Ceylon (now Sri Lanka). Had they continued

on course, they were later told in Fremantle that they may well have been intercepted by the German raider auxiliary cruiser SS Cormoran, sunk by HMAS Sydney.

After loading steel at Port Kembla and Newcastle, Eric left the MV Salamaua in Sydney.

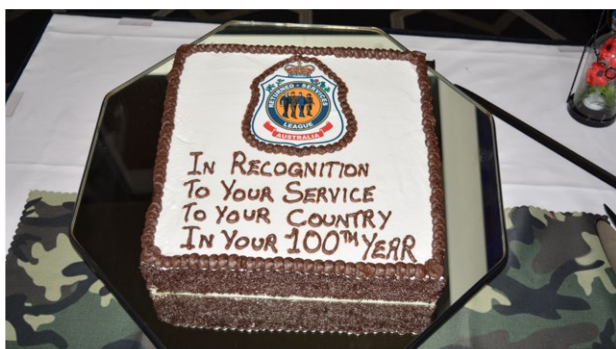
Tired of the poor food, lousy pay of 10 shillings a week, and 12 hour shifts of the niggardly Carpenters, he went to the Darling Harbour shipping office to find a deck job, and was immediately snapped up as an Able Seaman by Adelaide Steamship Co for 10 pounds a week.

He then spent months on Adsteam's 2,000 ton SS Dilga running coastal and up to PNG. He vividly remembers a trip to the west side of Cape York loaded with bombs and avgas for the Red Island Point airstrip. The Japanese Fleet was coming down the Bismark Sea, and the allied bombers were being reloaded as fast as the supplies were coming off the ship.

Eric was soon promoted back onto the bridge, and did a couple of nickel runs to Noumea on the SS Han Yang before joining the SS Helga Moller .

Many coastal runs around Australia, several runs across to Colombo, and a notable run to Norfolk Island followed. The heavy construction equipment taken to build the airstrip on Norfolk Island was to be returned to Sydney, but was parked on the wharf a bit far from the ship's crane safe loading reach, and all the operators had shipped out days earlier. Eric was still a farmer at heart, and was able to fire up the bulldozer, grader, roller etc and manoeuvre them close along side.

The SS Helga Moller was Eric's last ship until the war ended, but he stayed at sea for quite a few years after, interspersed with leave to help his father on the family property when needed.





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YEARS
★ **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** ★



TS NORFOLK AUSTRALIAN NAVY CADET UNIT

Term 4 has commenced with a flying start with three cadets joining over the break bringing the ship's cadet company to 22, doubling the compliment since commencing 2021. This success has been down to the cadets efforts in promoting TS Norfolk in the Redlands community.

During the break between term 3 and 4, 9 cadets took part in Specialist Course training. This is where cadets can qualify in specialist rates in Seamanship, Cooking, Communications, Ceremonial Weapons Safety and Drumming. Graduating cadets, as part of their passing out ceremony, received their category rate and graduation certificate by the Flotilla Commander – Moreton Flotilla Australian Navy Cadets.

On the first parade night of Term 4, Commanding Officer's Divisions were held where the cadets, dressed in their white summer ceremonial uniforms were inspected by the Commanding Officer. During the parade, the Commanding Officer of TS Norfolk welcomed the Commanding Officers, Staff and Senior Cadets from 217 Squadron AAFC, 11ACU & 136 ACU to prepare for the Tri-Service annual inspection for 2021 which will be hosted by TS Norfolk.

Staff and cadets from TS Norfolk will join with TS Gayundah for a weekend posting at HMAS Moreton.

Lieutenant ANC Chloe Hutton and Sub Lieutenant ANC Adam Regnart had their permanent appointments as Commanding Officer & Executive Officer – TS Norfolk confirmed as permanent by the Flotilla Commander.

TS Norfolk parade every Thursday Night during the school term at Wellington Point State High School, Anson Road, Wellington Point between 1700 hours and 2030 hours.

— *Report by: SBLT ANC Adam Regnart Executive Officer TS Norfolk*



AUSTRALIAN ARMY 136 CADET UNIT

We have had a very disrupted couple of months due to the COVID lockdown at the end of July.

Due to the concern about the spread of COVID within the schools our HQ took a super cautious approach and we stayed closed for a couple of extra weeks.

Sadly, the closure cancelled the CPL course we had planned for mid-

August, we have had so many courses and activities cancelled that have affected the unit, we can only hope that next year is better. We have scheduled the CPL course again for mid October.

Because of the shutdown, the recruits training got behind about 3 weeks so we have also had to put back their March out parade until late October, the mandatory part of the Biv that that were holding when the lock down was called at the end of July was completed (a night in the bush and preparing and cooking a meal) the other tasks we will complete in term 4 when the unit tempo drops back to allow for the senior cadets to have time off to study and sit exams.

The SGT's course scheduled for the September school holidays did go ahead, but it was touch and go right up to the last minute due to some COVID cases and a couple of schools shut, due to the change in rules on physical distancing there had to be some changes made to the course but it all went ahead and 3 of our CPL's attending the course and we have just got their results back and they are very pleasing considering these cadets only attended the CPL course in May, they won't be promoted to SGT's to next year but as the next SGT's course will not be held now until mid-next year we need them to have the qualification ready for 2022.

— *Report provided by Capt. Wendy Kemp OC*



217 SQN AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE CADET UNIT

GST Camp

From the 21st to the 25th of September cadets visited Shapcott base Redcliff. On the 3rd day the Cadets went to the RAAF Base Amberley which was an exciting twist of events. On this day Cadets visited 1 Squadron and 35 Squadron, and got to take an inside look at the F/A-18F Super Hornets. Everyone had a turn at jumping in the cockpit of the fighter jet and comparing the sheer size of the thing in real life to on a magazine or a screen. This GST was a must do checklist for all Air Force Cadets! To take a back seat ride in a prop plane on the first day, then to complete a variety of STEM challenges the next day and to finally visit the F/A-18F Super Hornets and C-27J Spartans on the last day; this camp couldn't have been more jam packed!! - (Source Provided by Leading Cadet Riley Boyd 217 (City of Redlands) Squadron)

Gliding Camp

In the September holidays Cadets can attend a gliding course such as GTS Flight Warwick where our very own Leading Cadet Josh Anderson

was selected for the course. Here is his story about his journey from start to finish.

GTS Flight Warwick is a glider pilot training for Cadets from 2WG. The 12-day courses run each holiday with the aim of going solo by the end. 2 Wing consists of all the operational squadrons from south Queensland including the Gold Coast and Rockhampton, thus every cadet from this region is provided with the opportunity to earn their 'first solo' badge. Flying is fully funded by the RAAF with accommodation and meals within Warwick. Cadets from outside the local area of Warwick are provided with the option of being flown into Brisbane Airport, travel from there is also arranged by the AAFC. The cadets arrive at Warwick early Saturday morning, the flag is raised and saluted, then we begin maintenance on the four DG1000 gliders. The aircraft are checked for full functionality, operating radios and batteries, and that there is no external damage. By 0805 the morning briefing is complete, we begin pushing the gliders to either runway 27 or 09. Every cadet is given 2-3 flights a day each ranging from fifteen minutes to over an hour, depending on the atmospheric conditions. Whilst in the air cadets sharpen their checklists and engage in basic exercises such as take-off, coordinated turns, flying behind the tow plane, circuit planning and landing. We also perform aerobatics such as loops, chandeliers, and stalls. Of the 10 instructors many have thousands of flying hours including commercial and military service, including former CO of 79 Squadron – Group Captain John Young. With as little as 30 flights and 8 hours of experience in a logbook, a first solo flight can be achieved. This is followed by the presentation of the first solo badge, and the traditional pouring of a bucket of water, over the solo pilot.

– *Leading Cadet Josh Anderson, 217 (City of Redlands) Squadron.*



Cadet reports compiled by

Van Gray LM

DEPUTY PRESIDENT, REDLANDS SUB
BRANCH, & CADET LIAISON OFFICER



League Secretary Report

Along with my wife Suzie, I attended the Presidents lunch on Sunday 27th September. If you have not attended a President's luncheon, make it a 'must do' for next year, you will not be disappointed.

Remembrance Day looms quickly on the calendar, just a few pointers to remember. Firstly, there is NO breakfast prior, as I have already have been asked this question.

Secondly, reserved seating is for the infirm. Would the carers please make sure their relative/friend is comfortable and retrieve to the back. As we are governed by the COVID requirements we are limited to the number of seats available.

Remembrance Day service begins in Anzac Memorial Park alongside the Sub Branch HQ's Building at 10.30am. Please observe health care distance and face mask requirements. Upon conclusion of the service you are invited back to Redlands RSL's Sails Restaurant for a 2 course lunch for only \$13.90 (Redlands RSL Service member price) and camaraderie. Table reservations are advised, please phone 34881199.

Given the restrictions that are forever present, may we all make this Remembrance Day a day to remember, for those that made sacrifices during Australia's involvement in times of conflict, as we look forward to better times ahead.

On the big picture Australia's military is beefing up our forces and updating equipment in many ways as the world is forever changing.

Michael McDonnell

LEAGUE SECRETARY,
REDLANDS SUB BRANCH



Face Masks

Redlands RSL branded face masks featuring red poppies on the left are available for purchase at reception for \$15 each.



Naval Association

BAYSIDE SUB SECTION

G'day all, hope everyone is well and covid safe. Looks like things are hopefully coming back to normal and some people in Qld will now realise that we will have to learn to live with covid, as it's not going to go away. We have been able to hold several meetings on the trot and have or are going to enjoy several social events.

The ladies had their annual luncheon in July and by all accounts a good time was had by all.

A barefoot bowls day is planned for 23.10.21 at Manly Bowls Club.

The Sub Section Christmas "Do" and final meeting for 2021 is on Saturday 4th December.

On a very sad note I have to advise of the passing of Caroline Chidgey, wife of one of our shipmate's Noel Chidgey. All at the Sub Section send their condolences to Noel and his family, and to let him know that we are all here to help and support them.

On that note I will close now and wish everyone good health and safety.

Graham Hargreaves

PRESIDENT, NAVAL ASSOCIATION, BAYSIDE SUB SECTION



NEW COMPENSATION AND ASSISTANCE FOR ADF FIREFIGHTERS

As a part of the 2021–22 Budget, the Government allocated \$6 million in support of Australian Defence Force (ADF) personnel who participated in fire training at Royal Australian Air Force Base Point Cook Fire Training School between 1 January 1957 and 31 December 1986. This initiative was due to commence on 20 September 2021.

These personnel were potentially exposed to a range of toxic chemicals at a time when personal protective equipment standards were lower than today.

The Scheme will provide eligible personnel with:

- simplified access to compensation and treatment for a list of 31 specified conditions, under the Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation (Defence-related Claims) Act 1988;
- screening for colorectal cancer and melanoma, for early detection and prevention; and
- individually tailored lifestyle advice under the 12-month Heart Health Program.

For further information please contact RSL Advocate on 3488 1153.

Library Museum Report

We welcomed a return visit from a group of young Cleveland Scouts on the evening of 8th September together with their leaders and some parents. The group was well behaved and attentive and the Senior Scouts are booked in to visit in early November, COVID permitting. We also look forward to a visit from Sheldon College Year 2 students on 28th October.



Visitor numbers have been down because of COVID as in normal times we have visitors from overseas and interstate. We are still looking for volunteers to keep the museum open, as there has been the occasional day lately when no-one was available so the doors had to be kept closed.

DONATIONS AUGUST-OCTOBER

- An interesting document recently received from Angela Puata, Local Historian for the Redland City Libraries, was a copy of the 1970 Inspection Report on the Cleveland Police Station. Things have certainly changed in the years since then when Cleveland boasted a population of approximately 4,800. The 2016 Census showed a population in Cleveland of 14,801. Just one of the interesting facts to be found in this short document. The Cleveland Library has been a great supporter of the RSL Library/Museum over the years.
- Booklet about Horn Island in WW2 + leaflets about the Top End at War donated by Michael & Suzie McDonnell.
- Framed photo of Albert Preuss donated by Lea Meakin
- Audie Childs has donated some more memorabilia relating to Les Childs.

Les Warner
MUSEUM CURATOR



RAAF Association



REDLANDS BRANCH

Redlands Branch of the RAAF Association promotes the wellness and benefits of members and supports No. 217 Squadron, Australian Air Force Cadets.

The Branch informal Wednesday afternoon wellbeing sessions in the ANZAC Lounge of Redlands RSL continue to attract good attendances. The Branch BBQ on Sunday 12th September was a great day for those members who attended and was blessed with magnificent weather. A Branch lunch followed, instead of an evening dinner, at the Sands Hotel on Wednesday 15th September. All these functions are a great opportunity for members to get out and enjoy the camaraderie. The next Branch function will be a restaurant dinner on Wednesday 17th November at Redlands RSL.



Members of the Branch attended the Redlands RSL Vietnam Veterans Day Service at ANZAC memorial park on Wednesday 18th August, where members of the branch laid wreaths on behalf of the Branch, the RAAF and 2 & 9 Squadrons. Members of the Branch also attended the 82 Wings Associations Day at RAAF base Amberley on Tuesday 14th September with a service, followed by presentations of awards to current serving members and a brunch in the RAAF Heritage Centre.

The next meeting of RAAFA Redlands Branch will be the final General Meeting for 2021 on **Saturday 11th December 2021** at 10:30am in Redlands RSL, followed by the Branch Christmas Lunch.

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.

National Servicemen

Our perseverance has paid off and we have been able to hold two General Meetings since the last issue of the Bugle. In addition, many of our members attended the Redlands Sub Branch President's luncheon and really enjoyed the occasion and an excellent meal.

We have been fortunate in being able to get together for a number of social events enjoying an excellent lunch at Fiction Restaurant who even supplied doggy bags for some very nice left-overs. We also gathered at Ormiston House to enjoy High Tea, which for many, served as a very adequate lunch.

Our September meeting coincided with Father's Day and a drop in attendance was expected. However, while the numbers were down a little, there was a good roll up and we coped well with another last-minute change in catering arrangements resulting from Covid-19 regulations. As usual the RSL staff looked after us very well.

Our October meeting was very well attended with an interesting discussion surrounding events in Brisbane at the end of World War 2, led by David Sallows. Some members recalling the occasion as well as the restrictions that people endured during the war years. Today's problems are insignificant by comparison.

Unfortunately, this occasion was marred by news that one of our supporters, Elma Dagg had been involved in an accident on her way to the meeting. Sadly Elma succumbed to her injuries a few days later. Our thoughts are with the family and we share their loss.

We have lost too many friends recently and it has all been quite devastating.

Eric Shaw,

PRESIDENT,

NATIONAL SERVICEMEN REDLANDS BRANCH



Women's Auxiliary

Well September was a busy month. We had our meeting on 6 September but members in attendance were slightly down, particularly after coming out of yet another lock down. We had a couple of ladies having operations and we wish them a speedy recovery. If anyone else has not been well, please let us know.

Myself, Del Whitby, Ann Shaw and Denise Partis attended a morning tea with the Wynnum RSL Women's Auxiliary. A good time was had by all. We are looking at doing a combined visit to Fort Lytton followed by lunch at Wynnum RSL. This will sometime in 2022.

Denise Partis and myself attended the high tea/fashion parade at the Greenbank RSL Women's Auxiliary.

I attended as President of the Women's Auxiliary, the President's luncheon, and I would like to thank President Allan Harcourt for the invitation.

The Auxiliary also received an invitation from Brisbane North Council of Auxiliaries to attend their birthday luncheon on 19 October. I will be attending this function.

We had our October meeting but unfortunately, we again clashed with the Nashos lunch so we only had a small group of ladies attend. We put together 10 handbags with small essentials that will go to Maybanke in support of women and/or families that have suffered domestic violence.

If the members have any old handbags, wallets, toiletry bags or would like to help restock our supply of small shampoo/conditioner, small packs of tissues, hand sanitiser, soap (normally collected by people who have stayed in motels/hotels etc when travelling) we would be only to pleased to have them. These can be handed in either to Linda Harcourt in the HQ building or at the Sub Branch general meetings.

We have two prospective new members and look forward to meeting them either at our next meeting or 2022.

Our next meeting is 1 November 2021.

Desley Lingard
PRESIDENT, WOMEN'S AUXILIARY



42 FOR 42

AFGHANISTAN MEMORIAL GARDEN

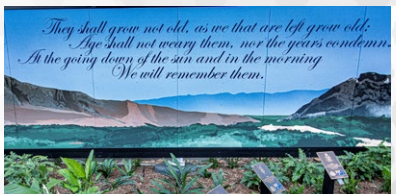
Seven members of our Sub Branch attended the dedication of the Afghanistan Memorial Garden on Saturday 16th October

The Afghanistan Memorial Garden is to pay tribute to everyone that served during Operation Slipper, remembering the veterans who were killed in Afghanistan and those that continue to succumb to their injuries both mentally and physically.

President of 42 for 42 Sean Mulqueen informed us that this project began as an idea five years ago with three veterans hoping they could raise \$5,000 to complete the project. The project brought together many veterans and their families over the years and cost 1 million dollars. The Memorial Garden is situated in Milton and is flanked by Suncorp Stadium and the Christ Church off Chippendale Street.

Our Sub Branch contributed in a small way in assisting with the project by attending their Memorial Dinner at the Cricketers Club for four years, there was no luncheon last year of course.

This Memorial Garden is a tribute to the foresight and tenacity of all involved to bring this truly magnificent Garden to fruition so all veterans can visit and quietly sit in reflection.



VETERANS HEALTH MONTH

- Health & Wellbeing for Veterans -

A healthy body gives us a healthy brain, and if you have a good healthy lifestyle, including good physical health, good social activity, moderate alcohol consumption and no smoking habits, this could lead to a fulfilling and happy and healthy life.

A healthy lifestyle means eating a healthy diet and controlling your weight. In addition, it is important to maintain healthy blood pressure, low cholesterol, and a good blood sugar level.

Maintaining good physical health means keeping active, including walking, aerobic exercise and strength training. Attending a gym and with the assistance of an Accredited Exercise Physiologist, aerobic exercise and strength training can be carried out. We do not know the best frequency and duration for walking, but at least 150 minutes a week or 30 minutes on any five days is recommended. It is never too late to start exercising and see the benefits.

Maintaining good social health means interacting with others in positive ways and engaging in meaningful relationships. Keeping socially connected with others can help instil a sense of purpose and belonging in individuals and empower them to live healthier, happier lives. Having good relationships with other people is an important factor contributing to a sense of wellbeing, including relationships with family, friends and other people in the community. Investing time and energy in your relationships can lead to great benefits.

Maintaining good psychological health means being able to think, feel and behave in a manner that allows people to realise their potential and better cope with the stresses of life. Exercise has been shown to increase wellbeing as well as reduce symptoms of depression and anxiety.

I am sure I do not need to inform you that DVA offers health and wellbeing services to serve ex-Australian Defence Force (ADF) personnel and veterans, dependants, and careers. My advice to anyone who has served with the ADF is to make an appointment with the RSL advocate, who can help find out what support you may be eligible for.

Several of our Veterans attend exercise programs twice a week instructed and supervised by a sports psychologist at all times during the session.

Below, Ian Gray is being supervised by Erin Marshall who is the attending Exercise Psychologist at one of the many gym centres in the Redlands for Veteran exercise programs. Erin can be contacted by emailing her at admin@SPEARShealth.com.au or phone (07) 3198 4713.

— Report Provided by John Butler



- PRESIDENT'S LUNCHEON -

26TH SEPTEMBER 2021











Veterans Cuppa

- KEEPING OUR REDLANDS RSL SERVICE MEMBERS SOCIALLY CONNECTED -



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Redlands Sub Branch

Veterans Cuppa

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To coincide with Remembrance Day in November, the next Veterans Cuppa will be held on THURSDAY 11th NOVEMBER at 9.30am

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Anyone requiring transport please phone Linda on 0417 604 729.

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



THIS MONTH IN AUSTRALIAN MILITARY

History

OCTOBER

DATE	TITLE	EVENT
1 Oct 1918	Australian Light Horsemen take Damascus	The Light Horse advances into Damascus, the Syrian capital, at the end of the long and victorious advance that ended the First World War in the Middle East
3 Oct 1992	Dedication, Australian Vietnam Veterans' National Memorial	The Vietnam Veterans' National Memorial, Anzac Parade, Canberra, was opened by the Prime Minister, the Hon. Paul Keating, MP, and honours those Australians who served and died in the war in Vietnam.
5 Oct 1951	HMAS Sydney in Korean waters	The commencement of the aircraft carrier, HMAS Sydney's, first patrol off Korea's west coast made Australia the third country (after the USA and Britain) to operate a carrier in the Korean War. The carrier operated Firefly and Sea Fury aircraft (both types can be seen in the Memorial's Aircraft Hall).
13 Oct 1969	HMAS Brisbane returns to Sydney	This was the end of the Brisbane's first deployment to Vietnam. A turret from HMAS Brisbane is on display outside the Memorial.
16 Oct 1967	Royal Australian Navy Helicopters deploy to Vietnam	An RAN Helicopter Flight Vietnam (RANHFV '67) joins the US Army's 135th Aviation Company at Vung Tau, supporting American troops in South Vietnam.
18 Oct 1944	HMAS Geelong sunk	HMAS Geelong was one of four corvettes lost during the Second World War. It collided with an American merchant ship off New Guinea.
21 Oct 1916	5th Australian Division on Western Front	The 5th Australian Division entered the front line near Flers on the Somme. By October the Somme battlefield was a waste of mud-bound craters. The troops' misery is depicted in the Somme Winter diorama in the Memorial's galleries.
21 Oct 1944	HMAS Australia damaged by Kamikaze aircraft	The Japanese first used special air units (Tokkōtai) to undertake suicide attacks on warships in the Allied fleet supporting the American landings on Leyte in the Phillipines.
23 Oct 1942	Battle of El Alamein begins	The battle of El Alamein, in Egypt, one of the turning point battles of the Second World War, began with a massive artillery bombardment preceding attacks by British and Australian divisions.

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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 REDLANDS BRANCH 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&PI ASSOCIATION MORETON BAY SOUTH Meetings held on the last Wednesday of the month in the Veterans Community Centre. Contact: Ken Logue 0402 028 806</p>
	<p>REDLANDS RSL SUB BRANCH WOMEN'S AUXILIARY Meetings held the 1st Monday of the month at 10am in the Meeting Room. Contact: Desley Lingard 0409 060 267</p>
	<p>REDLANDS SUB BRANCH AUSTRALIAN WAR WIDOWS (QUEENSLAND) Meetings are held the last Friday of the month in the Gallipoli Room of the club commencing at 10.00am. Contact: 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 held on on Sunday 28th November 2021.



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NAME	DECEASED DATE	SERVICE
Carl Reynolds	28th August 2021	AIR FORCE
John Whitty	30th September 2021	ARMY



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