

REDLANDS SUB BRANCH

BUGLE

NOVEMBER 2021 EDITION

"Honouring The Fallen By Serving The Living!"



**REMEMBRANCE DAY
11th NOVEMBER 2021**

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





Season's Greetings

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas,
and a Safe, Happy and Healthy 2022.

CHRISTMAS CLOSURES:

RSL HEADQUARTERS

Last Day for 2021 - Thursday 16th December

Reopen - Monday 17th January 2022

LIBRARY MUSEUM

Last Day for 2021 - Tuesday 14th December

Reopen - Tuesday 18th January 2022

REDLANDS RSL

Closed Christmas Day only.

Trading as per normal on every other day
over the festive season.

President's Report

Hi all. Well this is the last Bugle for the year, it has been a busy year again, they seem to be getting busier as each year comes around.

Remembrance Day has been and gone. We had a good crowd on the day and we were very lucky with the weather. I would like to thank all involved with the proceedings right to our badge sellers.

The Melbourne Cup luncheon saw us booked out and all went to plan, except for my punting.

Saturday the 15th saw us at Sunnybank RSL. 5 of our Management Committee attended "Our Community Celebrates" put on by Sunnybank RSL and the Royal Artillery band, it was well done and well worth going. It was the second event we have seen there, both excellent. It was a pity that a few more sub-branches didn't go to show their support.

The League Gathering on the 28th of November will see us putting a vote to re-elect the South East District directors for 2022.

Plans are being drawn up for the Management Committee to have a look at, hopefully before the end of the year. Work on extensions and renovation could begin in February 2022.

The Queensland State RSL Annual General Meeting will be held on the 9th of December. Among other things there will be a vote on the State Constitution and a vote on the State President only 2 nominations.

Well that catches us up for the year. I would like to wish each and every member of Redlands RSL Sub Branch Inc. a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and I will see you all next year, god willing.

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

LEAGUE GATHERING MEETING MINUTES SUNDAY 22ND AUGUST 2021

MEETING OPENED: 10.30am by President A. Harcourt

ODE: Recited

REMEMBERING:

Fredrick Sterling	13th May 2021	RAAF
Peter Wilkinson	26th July 2021	AIR FORCE
Denis King	8th August 2021	NAVY
Victor Stallon	9th August 2021	AIR FORCE

ATTENDANCE: A total of 39 as per the attendance book

APOLOGIES: (9) As per the apologies list: A. Davis, D. Lingard, M. Taylor, D. Palmer

Moved: M. McDonnell

Seconded: R. Khan

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

President Alan Harcourt welcomed Paul Oates to share a fascinating and educational presentation 'Who Fired The First Shot'

PREVIOUS MINUTES: League Gathering - Sunday 27th June, 2021

Moved: R. Khan

Seconded: R. Wilson

That the Minutes of the previous meeting be accepted.....

.....Motion 2...CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES: Nil

PRESIDENTS REPORT: As presented in the Bugle

Moved: A. Harcourt

Seconded: M. Rabjohns

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

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

Outward: Nil

Inwards:

- ADF has asked for suggestions to commemorate and appropriate a suitable day for those who served in the Middle East.
- Victor Jackson still sending emails re: The Constitution.
- Several emails debunking the myths from RSL QLD.

- 550 Christmas Hampers are being proposed by RSL QLD for those veterans in need.
- Hon. Andrew Gee MP new Veterans Affairs and Defence personnel minister replacing Hon. Darren Chester MP
- Very strong letter from Tony Ferris RSL QLD President regarding Victor Jackson
- DVA Text re: Open Arms and Safe Zone for anyone having trouble with the new Afghanistan issues. Stay safe and lookout for each other.

Moved: M. McDonnell

Seconded: B. Ramsay

That the Inwards and Outwards Correspondence be accepted

.....Motion 4...CARRIED

TREASURERS REPORT: As presented in the Bugle

Moved: G. Saunders

Seconded: G. Olsen

That the Treasurers Report be acceptedMotion 5...CARRIED

WELLBEING REPORT: As presented in the Bugle

- All Service Members please make sure at the Club Reception that they have your correct email address.

Moved L. Harcourt

Seconded: M. Rabjohns

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

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

- RSL QLD are determined to get the Constitution through by the next AGM in December - President Alan and Rob Wilson have been working to put forward our concerns.

Moved: I. Gray

Seconded: M. Rabjohns

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

LEAGUE SECRETARY REPORT: As presented in the Bugle

- Thanked everyone for their support and attendance on Vietnam Veterans Day.

Moved: M McDonnell

Seconded: B. Reedman

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

NAVAL ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA: As presented in the Bugle

Moved R. Khan

Seconded: T. Adams

That the Naval Association information be accepted

.....Motion 9...CARRIED

LIBRARY MUSEUM REPORT: As presented in the Bugle

Moved L. Warner

Seconded: M. Rabjohns

That the Library Museum 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

NATIONAL SERVICEMEN ASSOCIATION REPORT: As presented in the Bugle

Moved: F. Williams

Seconded: J. Butler

That the National Servicemen Association report be accepted

..... Motion 12...CARRIED

YOUNG VETERANS REDLANDS: As presented in the Bugle

Moved: R. Wilson

Seconded: M. Rabjohns

That the Naval Association information be accepted

..... Motion 13...CARRIED

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY: As presented in the Bugle

Moved: L. Harcourt

Seconded: M. Rabjohns

That the Women's Auxiliary information be accepted

..... Motion 14...CARRIED

VETERANS AND WELLBEING EXCURSION INFORMATION: As presented in the Bugle

Moved: G. Saunders

Seconded: L. Warner

That the Veterans and Wellbeing Excursion Information be accepted Motion 15...CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- On behalf of the sub-branch we would like thank Greg Saunders for all he does to put the wellbeing trips together.
- Presidents Luncheon – Sunday 26th September 2021 – 11:30am for a 12noon start - \$30pp
- Please remember to confirm you email address with the reception desk to make sure you receive all the up to date information.

Raffles Drawn and Won

Next Meeting: League Quarterly General Meeting – 24th October 2021 @ 10:30am.

Meeting Closed: 12:00pm

Treasurer's Report

As we enter the home straight for the year, Redlands RSL is in a very strong position on a net profit to date basis. Net profit for the year actual is \$1,782,244.05 against a budget of \$507,845.00 that equates to a variance of \$1,274,399.05 or 251%. Whilst the profit result is in a very strong position there has been great control in operating expenses with a saving to date of \$351,851.17.

Overall members funds \$28,825,082.00; our bank business loan is currently sitting at \$1,820,000.00; cash reserves remain resilient at \$4,387,786.03 and a further \$1,591,281.15 in operational funds

League and Wellbeing expenses totalled \$78,816.37. Some areas where this money was spent include League and Wellbeing expenses - \$29,856.12, Home Maintenance - \$1,336.35, League bus expenses - \$3,962.07, War Widows - \$563.00, Honouring Our Fallen, with visits to cemeteries and crematoriums placing flags on graves and memorials of Veterans totalled - \$760.00, Legacy - \$523.00. This little snap shot shows that Redlands RSL goes across many areas in our Veterans Community.

Greg Saunders

TREASURER, REDLANDS SUB BRANCH



NEW MARITIME MULTI-CAM UNIFORM RELEASED

HMAS Cairns Port Services is one of the first units to wear the new Maritime Multi-Cam Pattern Uniform (MMPU) as the uniform is rolled out across Australia. The new lightweight contemporary uniform utilises the latest technology, enhancing the safety and comfort of members wearing it.



Wellbeing Report

Good morning and welcome to the final meeting of 2021. It is great to be able to come to the meeting without a mask but I wonder in a couple of weeks how we will be affected by only being able to enter premises if you are double vaccinated. Nobody wants to have jabs but, in this day and age it has become a necessity to live a somewhat normal life.

Headquarters volunteers and staff are looking forward to having a break over the Christmas/New Year period as, despite a few lockdowns throughout the year, we have been very busy in many different ways and think we have achieved many of our objectives for the year.

Our Advocates are still frustrated at the time it is taking DVA to process claims. DVA forget that our serving members are very prone to anxiety and stress and that the time they have to wait to have their claims processed only makes this worse. The Minister tells us there will be more staff in 2022. We can only hope for our veteran's health the processing times will improve in 2022.

Our highlight since your last Bugle was our Retro Luncheon held on the 27th October. This was part of Veterans Health Week and thank you to those that got up and danced as the theme for this year was physical activity. Thank you to the Department of Veteran Affairs for the grant to help offset the cost of the function. Thank you to Greg and all the staff of the Redlands RSL for a great day.

A big thank you to all our badge sellers for Remembrance Day. It is appreciated that you give your time so freely. A special thanks to Greg Saunders granddaughter, Caitlyn, who sold badges with granddad, the customers loved seeing her there in her school uniform. She has told us she will be back for Anzac Day sales.





The Sub Branch donated 800 poppies to care facilities in the Redlands for their Commemoration Services. It is great to see that most of the facilities hold Remembrance and Anzac Day Services.

A big thank you to those of our 80 plus members who received a contact letter and have emailed or rung to say thank you. I have had a lot of great conversations with those members who rang. Most are ok but I have put others in contact with various agencies.

Sadly, we were also advised of the passing of some members and six of our members have passed in the last month with Poppy Services being conducted for two of our members.

This is the final Wellbeing report for 2021 and my thanks go to all the volunteers and staff at Headquarters who have assisted our veteran community in 2021. We welcomed Cat to the staff and sadly our former Advocate Admin Assistant, Jane, passed away on 23rd October after a short but brave fight with cancer. We miss you Miss Jane. Gordon, we hope you are out of hospital soon.

Headquarters will close at 2.00pm on Thursday 16th December and reopen on Monday 17th January 2022 at 9.00am. As usual our Advocates and Wellbeing Officers are available during the time we are closed to assist you.

On behalf of all our volunteers, Headquarters staff and staff of the Redlands RSL who have assisted our members in any way during 2021, thank you and I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and may I say what a privilege it is to be your Wellbeing Coordinator.

Linda Harcourt

WELLBEING/VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

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Deputy President & Cadets Report

Prior to Remembrance Day, Redlands RSL continued to Honour Our Fallen Veterans in the Redlands. Local schools once again are very supportive of this program in our region and the schools involved are: Cleveland High, Victoria Point High, Dunwich School on Stradbroke Island and Faith Lutheran College. We thank them for their ongoing support. On behalf of our President Alan Harcourt, we thank Redland City Council cemetery staff, School principals, Management and staff from Great Southern Garden Memorial Gardens for their commitment and efforts in this project.



*Cleveland High School
Cleveland Cemetery*



*Faith Lutheran Collage
Great Southern Cemetery*



Victoria Point High School, Redland Bay Cemetery



*Stradbroke Island State School
Stradbroke Island Cemetery*



*Cleveland High School Poppy tribute
to the fallen with 1000 crocheted
poppies along pathway*

The mission of the Honour Our Fallen is to remember all deceased veterans and to build pride in our community, particularly our youth, in the virtues of service to our Nation and respect for those who died protecting our freedom and way of life.

A big shout out goes to Gregory Saunders and Martin Rabjohns from our committee and John Hague from Stradbroke Island who kindly gave their time to assist me in this project.

Cleveland High School students under the guidance of Teacher, Joni Edwards, arranged a magnificent Poppy display in the library, offices, main gate as well as 1000 hand crocheted red poppies by students which contoured the garden pathway.



217 SQUADRON, AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

The past few parades at 217 SQN have been filled with exams and drill. With Tri-Service Parade coming up later this month and the Squadron Graduation Parade next month, the Squadron has been continuously practicing drill, ensuring that everything from the right dresses to the advance and review orders are as perfect as they can be. The result of this continuous drill has seen the Squadron's drill improve by leaps and bounds although there is still work to do. This continuous cycle of drill and exams was broken by a surprise visit from none other than last year's CUO of the unit. The former CUO was originally planning to join the RAAF as an air traffic controller but did not possess the necessary qualifications; however, he was allowed to do a gap year in the army as an administrator as part of 3rd Combat Support Services Battalion, of 3rd Brigade based at Lavarack Barracks in Townsville. His presentation included about his time at Kapooka, where he did the 12-week basic training and was pushed to his limits whilst learning the basics of soldiering; from learning how to shoot and care for his EF-88 rifle, clearing rooms with other recruits, to a whole day of yelling as part of his bayonet course. The former CUO

talked about the different coloured tabs that signified which part of training you were in. Red tabs represented the first stage, blue tabs represented the second, and gold tabs represented the third to which he added that you would ask as many questions of them as you could, as those with gold tabs were the furthest in their training. After marching off and completing basic training, the former CUO, now Private, went to do further training. Upon completion of this further training, the Private was unlucky as a lockdown was called and he could not come up to Queensland for two months. A couple weeks in quarantine later and the Private was heading to Lavarack Barracks in Townsville to begin his new assignment at 3 CSSB.

However, the CUO was not the only surprise as the squadron also had a presentation from members of the Queensland Police Service dog squad. The officer talked what the dog squad do, from the 10-hour patrols to training their dogs on a regular basis. He also talked about the process behind becoming a member of the dog squad, from having to show initiative and coming in when off duty, caring for puppies, and showing that the Officer is committed to becoming a member of the dog squad. It was very difficult to listen to what the Officer was saying when the 12-week-old German Shepherd, Ace, was walking around and being pet by everyone. Another surprise was when the cadets were given a demonstration of another police dog, Sniper, taking down a suspect. The presentation left half the cadets wanting to become dog handlers instead of pilots.

This year's Remembrance Day marked the 103rd year since the guns fell silent. Thanks Cadets of 217SQN took part in the ceremony at the Cleveland Cenotaph, missing out on school for this important occasion, and to pay respect for those who have served.

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



AUSTRALIAN ARMY 136 CADET UNIT

During the month we had our March Out parade for our recruits. We were honoured to have visitors from the RSL to be part of the parade. Ian Gray, Deputy President, brought John Butler, Ex Commando and 101 year old Veteran Stan Mellick OAM LTCOL (Rtd.) who was invited to be the reviewing Officer. They stayed around after the parade finished and were inundated with questions and requests for selfies with the cadets.

I was very grateful for the visit and the time spent with the cadets afterwards.



Stan Mellick OAM talking to Cadets following the parade.

We have had a bit of a rethink about the August CPL course that was cancelled because the Cadets had worked hard to be ready for the course and, after marking the pre course work, they had all done exceedingly well so we have decided with Battalion's blessing to conduct the CPL course over the Tuesday nights in October, including some more homework. Although this has taken up a lot of unit training time and necessitated bringing in some of the subject matter trainers from Bn, we have achieved almost all of the required tasks including a Nav course around the unit and TAFE college. This will enable us to promote the cadets to CPL's at the start of 2022; the little bit of field work still to be done will be assessed at our first biv next year.

The unit is busy working towards our Annual Dinner to be held at the RSL in November which is exciting (as we were not able to have one last year), followed by a Tri Service parade at the end of November.

We have also been advised that our COMD and RSM will visit the unit on our second last parade night of the year. It's a shame the visit falls during Schoolies week and most of our senior cadets will not be parading that night. It will be a good opportunity to those stepping up to senior positions next year to be front and foremost for the visit.

— Report provided by CAPT. Wendy Kemp CO



TS NORFOLK NAVY CADET UNIT

Following from our previous article, staff and cadets from TS Norfolk took part in a weekend posting at HMAS Moreton with staff and cadets from TS Gayundah, NTS Vengeance, TS Tyalgum and TS Vampire. Cadets and staff qualified on boating activities, shared experienced and made new friends.

TS Norfolk completed a sailing night shortly after this activity where cadets sailed in the ship's RHIB and Dinghy. Another sailing night has been planned for next week, with thanks to the ship's officers Lieutenant ANC Fields and Sub LT ANC Tesoriero for organising these events.

TS Norfolk cadets took part in the Remembrance Day Ceremony and service with Redlands RSL. The cadets took part in an honour guard and colour party with cadets from 217 Squadron laid a wreath at the cenotaph, Redlands RSL Re-enactment Group carried out Catafalque Party duties.



ANC Adam Regnart Executive Officer represented the Commanding Officer and the ship's company. The cadets received high praise from Navy Veterans and members of the community for their dress and taking part in the ceremony.



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. Cadets are aged between 13 & 18 years, all genders welcome.

Enquiries: tsnorfolk@navycadets.gov.au

— Report provided by SBLT ANC Adam Regnart Executive Officer



Cadet reports compiled by

Van Gray LM

DEPUTY PRESIDENT, REDLANDS SUB
BRANCH, & CADET LIAISON OFFICER



SED RSL REPORT

RSL SED HIGHLIGHTS OF DELEGATES MEETINGS HELD FOR NOVEMBER 2021

SED Meeting:

South East District Sub Branch Delegates met once again at the Riverside Reception Centre building Chaired by SED President Kerry Gallagher AM.

The main highlights of the meeting were:

- Tony Ferris talked about the Organisation – he took on the role as State President to make changes in the culture for the organisation to give back and look after the Veterans, Members and their families, which he feels as been achieved over the past 3 years. Eg. IT Packages, Homeless Programme in conjunction with the Salvation Army to get veterans off the streets, and our partnership with Gallipoli Medical Research Foundation to help target the right services, and on the 29th October 2021 The Royal Commission should assist us going forward.
- State RSL CEO Melanie Wilson resigned due to personal reasons.
- New board members appointed to RSL SED - Michael Muirhead & Steve Monteith.
- Constitution – Only one delegate to attend the RSL QLD AGM
- DVA Backlog – waiting times needs to be addressed.
- Advocate Training in the planning stages.
- Engagement and communication between State, Sub Branches and other Veteran organisations.
- Go beyond a digital system to assist Veterans with transitioning and gain support they need without leaving home.
- Reminder re Life Members and Presidents luncheon held at Riverside Reception Centre New Farm on Wednesday 17th November.

Next Meeting 2nd December 2021 – 6pm

Report provided by

Van Gray LM
DEPUTY PRESIDENT



League Secretary Report

When we had an excursion to ANZAC SQUARE MEMORIAL GALLERIES, it was noted that Redlands RSL Sub Branch was not represented on previous Anzac Days or Remembrance Days. We are one of the larger Sub Branches that celebrate these days in the Brisbane metropolitan area.

This started the research and follow up of many photos from our web page to the curator of State Library of Queensland who is responsible for such items. After many emails some 20 photos were chosen over many years of Anzac Days and Remembrance Days. With the help from John Butler and Karleigh Little, they then needed to be made compatible for reproducing. Thank you for your time.

India Dixon from the State Library has now accepted these photos and they will be displayed in due course. Watch this space for a time and date.

Remembrance Day on the 11th November was held in the Anzac Memorial Park under threatening weather conditions. This did not deter all those that attended, including a good roll-up from the Cadets and two classes of kindergarten children, who were fascinated by the proceedings. We had Robert Coles who came from the Gold Coast to play the Last Post and Rouse for us as our regular bugler was unavailable. Many thanks to Robert for job well done.

Upon conclusion we moved over to the RSL for drinks and lunch for those who wished, and then the heavens opened up and the wet weather was upon us.

Thank you to all who attended as it is very heart-warming to see the numbers in attendance, when there is so much work in preparing for these Commemorative events.

Michael McDonnell

LEAGUE SECRETARY,
REDLANDS SUB BRANCH



Library Museum Report

During the visit by the Cleveland Scout Group on 4th November, one of the Scouts, Harry, was excited to find a photo of his great grandfather, Ern Gregory, in our collection. The group of 35 was split into three to look around the museum. The thing that causes the most interest among children visiting appears to be the old Remington typewriter which was used during WW2 in both the United Kingdom and Australia.



It was great to see Sheldon College Year 2 students able to attend the museum again. Their time with us was most enjoyable and some very interesting questions were asked. The group of 75, comprising students, teachers and parents, were shown around by our extra volunteers who came in for the day. Andrew, Graham, Derek, Audrey and I broke them up into groups to show them around the monuments outside and the museum inside.

We have set up a new room commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the end of WW2 and memorabilia donated by the family of Con Sciacca who was the Minister for Veteran Affairs.

DONATIONS OCTOBER-NOVEMBER

- RAAF Fitters Course notes donated by Adelle Wain.
- 60th Anniversary Service Medal donated by Trish Adams.
- British tin helmet donated by Andy Burrows.

The museum will be closing at 2 pm. on Tuesday the 14th December and re-opening on Tuesday, 18th January, 2022. If any member is interested in bringing a group of people through during this time, please contact me on 0450 577 186.

We have filled up the spaces for volunteers and should have a full complement for 2022. Many thanks to the people who have offered to donate their time and especially to those over-worked volunteers who have kept the museum open.

Les Warner
MUSEUM CURATOR



National Servicemen



Best Wishes to all for a Happy Christmas.

As with so many, the Nashos are planning and organizing for our Annual Christmas Lunch. Once again, of course, it is planned to be held in the Gallipoli Room at our RSL. Christmas is a special time and it is great to enjoy a traditional Christmas Lunch and more importantly the opportunity to get together and enjoy the company of fellow members.

Our last outing was for lunch at Capalaba Sports Club. The club provided an excellent meal in pleasant surroundings with a view of the extensive construction work going on outside. It is fair to say that a good time was had by all.

The important event of the month was Remembrance Day. While there is no doubting the importance which our members place on this event, it is sad to witness the decline in numbers of members able to attend and participate. While there is evidence that many young people are taking an interest in Remembrance Day unfortunately, there are some that need to be better informed about its importance.



It is inevitable that those who personally remember the sadness and loss of friends and relatives in War have a different attitude to Remembrance Day.

It is rewarding to note the support given to Remembrance Day ceremonies by new generations.

Eric Shaw,

**PRESIDENT,
NATIONAL SERVICEMEN REDLANDS BRANCH**

Naval Association

BAYSIDE SUB SECTION

Greetings one and all, I hope everyone is well and getting into the swing of summer. Isn't it nice not having to wear masks, whobetide anyone who mucks up and we have to revert to the darn things again.

Last month, one of our members , Noel sadly lost his wife Caroline unexpectedly, a very sad occasion, the sympathies of all in the sub-section are extended to Noel and the families. Additionally 3 of our clan, Ellen Don and Gordon are all having health issue's and we wish them all well and a speedy recovery.

A social afternoon of bare foot bowls and comradeship was held at Manly bowls club and a good outing was had by all.

That's about all for now so until next Feb the Senior Service extends to each and all of you our best wish's for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and hopes every one stays safe.

Yours Aye,

Graham Hargreaves

PRESIDENT,
NAVAL ASSOCIATION, BAYSIDE SUB SECTION



Women's Auxiliary

November has been a quiet month for the auxiliary. I laid the Women's Auxiliary wreath at the Remembrance Day service along with Val Jack who laid one for the Nursing Corps (RAANC).

I have been invited to attend the Tri-Service cadet parade on 28 November at TS Norfolk.

Our next meeting is the 7 December, which is when we will do the wrapping of Christmas gifts for our veterans, war widows and legacy. This is also our last meeting for 2021. The Auxiliary Christmas luncheon is on 9 December at the Sails Restaurant.

Desley Lingard

PRESIDENT, WOMEN'S AUXILIARY



RAAF Association



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

The Branch social activities have continued and have been well supported. The Branch informal Wednesday afternoon wellbeing sessions in the ANZAC Lounge of Redlands RSL continue to attract good attendances. A Branch lunch, held in Redlands RSL Sails Restaurant following the 10th October General Meeting, was enjoyed by those members who stayed. The final Branch Restaurant Dinner for 2021 was also held in the Sails Restaurant of Redlands RSL on Wednesday 17th November and was enjoyed by the members who attended. All these functions are a great opportunity for members to get out and enjoy the camaraderie.



Members of the Branch attended the Redlands RSL Remembrance Day Service at ANZAC Memorial Park on Thursday 11th November, where members of the branch laid wreaths on behalf of Redlands Branch of the RAAF Association and the RAAF. After the service, the members adjourned to the Redlands RSL for lunch.

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.

VETERANS & WELLBEING EXCURSIONS

As 2021 draws to a close, it goes without saying our trips and events went extremely well.

Our big event of the year would have been, without any doubt, the Retro Dinner that was held on the 27th October 2021. This was an event that went exactly to the script. The event was marketed to perfection, the room reflected a sixties diner, the artist Athol Matcham who portrayed Roy Orbison was brilliant, and not forgetting his excellent back up Athol's lovely wife Edith.

What a fantastic sight it was to see the Gallipoli Room nearly at capacity with 100 people in attendance, all decked out in their 60's retro gear, we had hippies, Elvis, The Fonz and many other 60's identities dressed to perfection. Even the meals were 60's themed, with fish and chips, rissoles mashed potato and gravy, plus delightful desserts.

Events such as this don't just happen, they are the result of months of planning and putting things together with meticulous attention to detail to the end, so I would like to thank the following people -

Natalie Cunningham with the assistance of Lenore Olsen for making it all come together. Linda Harcourt as always keeping all the ducks in a row. A big thank you to Peter Harrison who supported the event from the inception, I might say he was more than generous with prizes and the costings.

Karleigh Little who is so gifted in the marketing area and put together all the menu's, the old adverts that were running on the screens. Karleigh also worked the room taking many photographs of everyone in attendance.

John Butler for taking personalised photos of people at the photo booth at the rear of the room.

To David King, a big thank you for supplying such a great team of staff on the day 'The Fonz and the Pink Ladies' who were superb, also Head Chef Glen Moore who got right behind the event with the food and presentation – everyone loved it!

A superb event that was enjoyed by all, the feedback was overwhelming. Our last event for the year is a trip up to Montville where we will be having Christmas lunch at Secrets on the Lake, at the time of going to print there is only 6 tickets left for this trip.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to wish one and all a Merry Christmas and happy and fulfilling 2022.

Greg Saunders,

CONVENOR OF VETERANS & WELLBEING EXCURSIONS



RESCUED IN RETRO...

On the way back to Bribie after our 60s Retro Luncheon, the gear box failed in Geoff and Dianne's car - right at the very top of the Gateway Bridge of all places! Thankfully they were able to get to the bottom and call for assistance.

The tow truck driver had quite a laugh when he turned up and saw them in their 60s attire!







PRESIDENT'S AND LIFE MEMBERS LUNCHEON

On Wednesday 17th November nine representatives from Redlands RSL Sub Branch attended combined President's and Life Members Luncheon at SEDRSL at New Farm.

Thank you President Kerry Gallagher AM and the Board for your hospitality. We had a wonderful day. Regards, Linda Harcourt.



REMEMBRANCE DAY INDOOR BOWLS TOURNAMENT

Redlands RSL Sub Branch Remembrance Day Indoor Bowls Tournament was played at Donald Simpson Centre on Thursday 11th November. Trophies were presented to Winners Victoria Point Seniors (pictured top) and runners up Donald Simpson (pictured bottom) by RSL President Alan Harcourt and Joint Venture President Barry Bullock.



'OUR COMMUNITY REMEMBERS' COMMEMORATION SERVICE

SUNNYBANK RSL SUB BRANCH

On Saturday 13th November five members of Redlands RSL Sub Branch were in attendance at the Our Community Remembers Commemoration Service held at Sunnybank RSL.

This is the second year Redlands has attended and the Commemoration was begun as during COVID the community were unable to remember past conflicts as in the past.

This year the community remembered the:

Korean War

Malaya/Borneo Conflicts

Vietnam War

Battle for Australia

Iraq and Afghanistan

The Sunnybank community is a mixture of many nationalities and Australian Veterans of Chinese and Indian Heritage were remembered.

Students from schools in the area were invited to speak regarding each conflict and should be proud of their presentations.

Redlands Sub Branch would like to congratulate Sunnybank RSL Sub Branch and the community on the respectful and moving ceremony which we were all proud to attend.

Regards, Linda Harcourt

Wellbeing/Volunteer Coordinator, Redlands RSL Sub Branch



AWAMO

AWAMO was represented across Australia on Remembrance Day 11 November from the large AWAMO sponsored Clydesdale Pilot who represents all heavy horses to a retired Afghanistan canine veteran Explosive Detection dog (EDD).

The EDD is wearing the new operational Canine Service medal. Many such dogs served for two years on active duty in Afghanistan (equivalent to 14 human years). In addition to their primary role, the dogs were also a reminder of home for deployed soldiers, the dogs put smiles on faces in a place that was in desperate need of more smiles. AWAMO is proud to support several retired dogs via fiscal aid and dog food. AWAMO remains committed to provide funds to Veteran Service dogs- as the Government does not.



Pictured above: Secretary of AWAMO Ian Gray and Deputy President of the Redlands Returned Servicemen's League lays a purple poppy wreath to honour all war animals during Remembrance Day 11 November.

- ANZAC CROSSES - REMEMBRANCE DAY

We at the RRSL have now presented five schools with Anzac Crosses along with a Wreath an Australian Flag and Australian Army Slouch Hat for their Anzac and Remembrance Days services. The Anzac crosses I make them and the RRSL provides the rest. They are Bay View State School, Birkdale State School, Coolnwynpin State School, Vienna Woods State School and Wellington Point State High School.

Graham Hinson,
Military Wellbeing Advocate,
Volunteer, Redlands RSL Sub Branch



SOLDIER FROM WWI IDENTIFIED

The body of a Victorian soldier killed in action during the First World War has been identified in an unnamed grave in France, more than a century after his death.

Minister for Veterans' Affairs and Defence Personnel Andrew Gee announced the identification of Lieutenant James Mark Kennedy, on Remembrance Day 2021.

Lieutenant Kennedy, born 16 April 1879, served with the 26th Battalion, Australian Imperial Force during 'The Great War'.

"Thanks to painstaking research over a number of years, Lieutenant Kennedy's family now know his final resting place and he can be given the memorial he deserves," Minister Gee said.

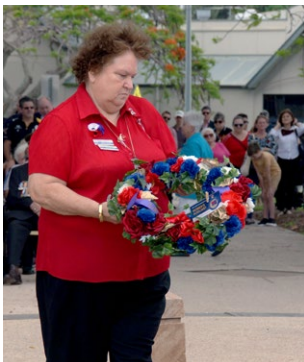
"It is pleasing that, as we commemorate Remembrance Day, we have been able to bring some closure to another Australian family whose loved one lost their life fighting for our nation.



- REDLANDS RSL - REMEMBRANCE DAY









- COOCHIAMUDLO ISLAND - REMEMBRANCE DAY

The service was presented by Col. Graeme Roberts Thomson.

Prayers by Rev Barry Reed.

A stirring address was delivered by Guest Speaker Lt Col. Max Moran.

Last Post and Revellie by Bugler Graham Anderson.

All who attended I am sure appreciated the service under warm cloudy skies.

Thank you to all those who participated in the service.

Doug Cope





A chat, a yarn or a chinwag.

PalliChat Brisbane south is nurturing compassionate communities for older people and those who support them across the Brisbane south region.

We're here to help you talk about your experiences with serious illness, dying, death and grief, and better understand your local community, social and health supports and services.

Our social supports and communities shine at times when we can accept help. Most people want to help, but don't know how.

That's when you need to identify a Circle of Support and plan for Collaborative Care.

This **CHAT session** is an opportunity to share experiences and learn practical skills to help yourself and others identify a circle of support and create a collaborative care plan to ultimately surround those facing ageing, serious illness, dying, death and grief with a compassionate community.

Join our CHAT session

Date: Monday 29th November 2021
Time: 10.30am – 12pm (arrive from 10am)
Location: Redlands RSL
Address: 8 Passage St, Cleveland QLD
RSVP: Wednesday 24th November 2021
 Email hello@pallichat.org.au or call (07) 3842 3242



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OUR VETERANS, THEIR STORIES



Life on the Line is a podcast that talks to Australian military veterans and records their stories in their own words. From World War II to the 21st Century, these are the stories of Australian men and women, each of whom put their life on the line for their country.

THIS MONTH IN AUSTRALIAN MILITARY

History

NOVEMBER

DATE	TITLE	EVENT
1 Nov 1914	First AIF sails	The first Australian and New Zealand contingent sails from Albany, Western Australia, bound for Egypt. Only one in three of those who sailed in the first convoy would return physically unscathed at the end of the First World War.
5 Nov 1950	No. 77 Squadron supports 3RAR	No. 77 Squadron, for the first time in the Korean War, flies in support of the 3rd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, in the Pakchon-Sinanju road area, Korea. Australian Mustang fighters strafed Chinese positions just before 3RAR commenced its assault at Pakchon.
8 Nov 1944	"G for George" arrives at Amberley	This Lancaster bomber survived 89 operations with No. 460 Squadron RAAF. After touring to support war loan campaigns, it was presented to the Memorial. "George" is now on display at the Memorial in Anzac Hall.
11 Nov 1941	Opening of the Australian War Memorial	By the time a memorial to the dead of the First World War was ready to open, Australia had been involved in the Second World War for over two years.
12 Nov 1943	Last Japanese air raid on Darwin	This, the 64th raid since February 1942, was the last air raid made on Australia during the war.
18 Nov 1916	Somme campaign ends	After four months and more than 1,200,000 casualties on both sides, General Douglas Haig calls off the Somme offensive.
18 Nov 1942	Popondetta captured by Australians	Popondetta, on the steamy kunai plains north of the Owen Stanley Range, became a major Allied base for the attack on the Japanese-held beachheads in Papua.
23 Nov 1944	Australian troops relieve Americans at Torokina, Bougainville	The Australian arrival opened the campaign on Bougainville that cost over 500 Australian lives by the war's end.
23 Nov 1948	Formation of the Australian Regiment	Formation of the Australian Regiment, which became the Royal Australian Regiment (RAR) in March 1949. The Royal Australian Regiment has taken a prominent role in Australia's wars and peacekeeping operations since its formation.
27 Nov 1941	HMAS Parramatta sunk	HMAS Parramatta was sunk by a German submarine in the Mediterranean near Tobruk. The Parramatta was part of the navy's "Tobruk ferry service", whose destroyers and sloops kept the besieged port supplied.

WITHOUT HISTORY, THERE WOULD BE NO FUTURE!

Associated Groups

	AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION (RAAFA) REDLANDS BRANCH Meetings held 2nd Sunday every second month at 10.30am in the Gallipoli Room. Social get-togethers held Wednesdays at 3pm in the Anzac Lounge. Contact: President Rob Wilson 0419 688 014
	NAVAL ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA (BAYSIDE SUB SECTION) Meetings are held on the 1st Saturday of the month at 12 noon. Contact: Graham Hargreaves 0427 432 293
	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
	T&PI ASSOCIATION MORETON BAY SOUTH Meetings held on the last Wednesday of the month in the Veterans Community Centre. Contact: Ken Logue 0402 028 806
	REDLANDS RSL SUB BRANCH WOMEN'S AUXILIARY Meetings held the 1st Monday of the month at 10am in the Meeting Room. Contact: Desley Lingard 0409 060 267
	REDLANDS SUB BRANCH AUSTRALIAN WAR WIDOWS (QUEENSLAND) Meetings are held the last Friday of the month in the Gallipoli Room of the club commencing at 10.00am. Contact: Lynne Martin, President on 0416 224 453
	REDLANDS LEGACY CARE GROUP Meets on the 1st Friday of each month in the RSL Club Gallipoli Room commencing at 10.00am. Contact: Lynne Martin, President on 0416 224 453
	YOUNG VETERANS REDLANDS Contact: Adrain Aiple on 0421 206 963. Find the group on Facebook.

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Next meeting: League Gathering held on on Sunday 28th November 2021.



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NAME	DECEASED DATE	SERVICE
Robert McKie	6th October 2021	ARMY
Russell McWilliam	21st October 2021	ARMY
Raymond Argent	29th October 2021	ARMY
Len Eaton	6th November 2021	ARMY
Neville Bylund	November 2021	AIR FORCE
Lawrence Nisbet	7th November 2021	NZ ARMY



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