

REDLANDS SUB BRANCH

# BUGLE

JANUARY 2022 EDITION

**"Honouring The Fallen By Serving The Living!"**

Happy  
New Year

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



# President's Report

Well another year gone, and a new year beginning. May I wish each and every one of you a safe, healthy and happy New Year.

This year will see the work planned from a 5 year Strategic Planning meeting and modified recently. This upcoming round of extensions beginning in February, start with the moving of the Snooker room upstairs to the rear area of the carpark. This will free up the downstairs to be opened up, catering for up to three function rooms with concertina dividers capable of sitting 60, 80, and 60 respectively with which you can open up for one large function room of 200, which almost doubles the current function room.

The other big thing is the result from the State AGM held on the 9th of December. With 948 members in attendance the vote was taken digitally, after a couple of practises the vote for the Constitution was first up. The new amended Constitution was defeated. Next was the election of Queensland State President.

The incumbent President Tony Ferris and the challenger Stephen Day, DSC, AM. MAJOR GENERAL. Only two people nominated for the position of State President

Stephen Day was elected the new State President of RSL Queensland. Though by the time you receive this bugle it will be old news. I personally look forward to this year and the new direction RSL Queensland will take under the new president. But we will just have to wait and see.

At the time of writing this we are waiting for the new pandemic regulations to come into effect, when vaccinated people can be given admittance and the unvaccinated prevented admittance. Which I feel will cause much grievance and upset for both clients and staff.

Stay well and take care.

*Alan Harcourt* LM

PRESIDENT,  
REDLANDS SUB BRANCH



# General Manager's Report

ANNUAL FIGURES ENDING 31.12.2021

## SALES COMPARISON 2020 V 2021

Before anyone gets too excited about these figures please consider that we have had an increase in trading days for Redlands RSL of +32.70% and a reduction in trading days for North Stradbroke RSL of -18.80%.

<b>Bottle Shop</b> sales	+ 28.77%
<b>NSI RSL Bottle Shop</b> sales	- 43.84%
<b>Bar</b> sales	+ 46.51%
<b>NSI RSL Bar</b> sales	- 4.53%
<b>Sails Bistro</b> sales	+ 38.87%
<b>Function</b> revenue	+101.98%
<b>Coffee Shop</b> sales	+ 63.46%
<b>Keno</b> sales	+ 58.37%
<b>NSI Keno</b> sales	+ 26.22%

**NET PROFIT** for Redlands and North Stradbroke combined for 2021 was \$2,114,444.57 which is + 45.37% better than 2020. We also paid down \$760,000.00 on our existing Loan and only owe \$1,440,000.00. We also accelerated the amount of \$343,196.22 off our Asset Register in 2021 being for the kitchen equipment at the RSL before starting our next renovation and almost everything at NSI RSL before demolishing the building. So a very pleasing result taking everything into account.

## COMPARISON GAMING FIGURES 2020 V 2021

Gaming is very pleasing once again. The Turnover for Redlands RSL is the best year we have ever had at \$132M and we decreased the floor by 15 machines. It goes to show that it doesn't matter how many you have on the floor, it's about having the latest and best machines on the floor. Once again here I am saying it will be good news when I can actually get back comparing figures to you year on year and month on month. Fingers crossed this will start happening sooner rather than later. We were all thinking 2022 was going to be a better year and it has started off terribly.

*Peter Harrison*

GENERAL MANAGER,  
REDLANDS RSL



# Previous Minutes

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

## QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES SUNDAY 24TH OCTOBER 2021

**MEETING OPENED:** 10.30am by President A. Harcourt

**ODE:** Recited

**REMEMBERING:**

Carl Reynolds	28th August 2021	AIR FORCE
John Whitty	30th September 2021	ARMY
Russell McWilliam	21st October 2021	ARMY

**ATTENDANCE:** A total of 47 as per the attendance book

**APOLOGIES:** (6) As per the apologies list: J. Rumble, J. Rumble, M. Rabjohns, J. Wilson, M. Wilson, D. Beer

*Moved: M. McDonnell*

*Seconded: R. Khan*

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

Mr. David Field introduced Amanda the Area Coordinator and Buddy (dog) from Story Dog a literacy program where a dog and the handler will go into schools and read with primary school Year 2 students children, who need extra help with confidence to read aloud or a bit behind with their reading. This program differs from other programs is the presence of the dog on a one on one basis to encourage the love of reading, and its been proven that confidence, behaviour and reading improves with children in this program and 2700 children a week are being assisted by this volunteer and donation based program.

**PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Quarterly Meeting Sunday 25th July, 2021

*Moved: R. Kahn*

*Seconded: R. Wilson*

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

. . . . . Motion 2...CARRIED

Nil business arising from previous minutes

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

*Moved: A. Harcourt*

*Seconded: G. Hargreaves*

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

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

*Moved: G. Saunders*

*Seconded: R. Kahn*

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

**GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT:**

*Moved: B. Ramsay*

*Seconded: G. Olsen*

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

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

Jane Cooper part of our HQ family has passed away she will be sadly missed by all.

*Moved L. Harcourt*

*Seconded: J. Butler*

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

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

Tri-Service Parade 2021 - Naval Depot - TS Norfolk on the 28th November at 4pm at Wellington Point High School

*Moved: I. Gray*

*Seconded: D. Palmer*

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

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

**ROB WILSON POWER POINT PRESENTATION ON CONSTITUTION**

Significant changes to the final draft:

- Clause 1 section 24 to cover the New Membership Categories
- Clause 327 re: Auxiliaries and how Sub-Branches and Auxiliaries will operate
- Clause 4 & 7 re: New Membership Classes – Service Member, Family Member and Community & supporter Members from 12yrs of age.
- Many many other clauses of concern Clause 317, 318.2 just to name a few
- Finally an attitude change needs to be adopted by RSL Qld and the whole constitution needs to be re-written in a language that's more consolatory and content that takes into account amalgamated sub-branches like ours.
- 33 NO votes against the proposal out of 33 Members

*Moved: I. Gray*

*Seconded: D. Palmer*

For the New RSL Queensland Constitution . . . . . Motion 8...CARRIED

Next Quarterly Meeting: 23rd January 2022

Meeting Closed: 11:30am

# Treasurer's Report

Happy New Year.

Redlands RSL financial achievements for 2021 will go down as an outstanding result. Some highlights were net profit to date - Actual \$2,114,444.00, Budget \$645,507.00, Variance \$1,468,937.00 or 228%. The operating expenses line reflects good savings. Actual \$4,877,185.63, Budget \$5,154,939.00, Variance \$277,753.37. All financials are subject to being audited.

Results like this just don't happen, they are the result of astute management, good forecasting and making hard decisions when required and this has a chain reaction right through to the staff who are all working as part of a strong team with the same common goals.

Overall members funds are \$29,157,282.51 and our bank loan is now \$1,440,000.00. Suffice to say the Redlands RSL is in a very good position.

Total League and Wellbeing expenses for 2021 totalled \$803,356.43. The League and Wellbeing are certainly getting the support they deserve.

I have highlighted below a snap shot of some of the areas the Redlands RSL supports the League and Wellbeing with.

Anzac Day expenses \$75,000.00, Meeting Expenses \$7,130.00, League and Wellbeing Member amenities \$328,641.64, Donations to cadet units \$13,409.00, Vietnam Veterans \$36,075.00, National Serviceman's Association \$5,276.00, home maintenance \$10,776.16, Golden Oldies \$16,293.98, Legacy \$5,225.21.

I have confirmed with the Financial controller that all statutory payments, including employee's entitlements, are up to date and no statutory payments are under any repayment scheme.

Sadly, on 24th December 2021 North Stradbroke Island RSL closed its doors. Everything possible that could have been done was. Ongoing support will always be there for the sub branch and veteran members on North Stradbroke Island.

*Greg Saunders*  
TREASURER, REDLANDS SUB BRANCH



# Wellbeing Report

Good morning and welcome to another year, a different COVID to curtail our activities. Hope all are safe and well.

We need to advise that groups such as War Widows, Legacy Care and Golden Oldies will not resume until late February early March at this stage. The Library/Museum building will not be re-opening until, at this stage, the 1st March. Headquarters will be open on 17th January with all services available. Visitors must wear masks and prove that they are double vaccinated to enter the building as required by Queensland Health.

Alan and I wish to thank the Ex-Service organisations that were kind enough to invite us to join them for their Christmas parties. It is always a pleasure to catch up with these groups at Christmas and throughout the year.

We will be continuing to keep in touch with our over 80's when we return to work. This is an ongoing task as their situation can change quickly as with many of our Service members.

Due to the current COVID situation there will unfortunately be no bus trips until further notice.

Our Veterans Cuppa will continue to be held on the second Wednesday of each month. If you would like to attend and require transport, please phone me on 0417 604 729.

As usual for January the report is short as we have all hopefully been having a restful break to recharge the batteries. I hope all volunteers are safe and well and had a great Christmas and all the best for 2022.

*Linda Harcourt*

**WELLBEING/VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR**

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# Deputy President & Cadets Report

The last event for 2021 was the Tri-Service Parade hosted this year by TS Norfolk Navy Cadet Unit at Wellington Point. The reviewing Officer for the Parade was Commanding Officer, Captain Phillipa Hay RAN. from HMAS Moreton. Each year the Tri-Service Parade is normally held at midday on the day our Sub Branch has their monthly gathering and our members can't attend, however, following discussions with the Cadet Commanders a decision was made to still have the parade on the same day, but later in the afternoon when it is cooler and our Service Members can attend. As a result, several members were able to attend this year.

In late December we had the AGM for the Australian War Animal Memorial Organisation where the committee was re-elected for another term.

Items of interest is that Nigel Allsopp the President of AWAMO has been nominated as Education Officer of the Animal War Memorial in Washington with a budget of US \$5.4 M approved by US State Congress.

On 24th of February on War Animal Day in 2022 a Royal Australian Navy - Bronze Cat as well as a dedication Plaque will be placed in Green Island Museum.

Nigel has arranged for a Federal Member to table a letter to Parliament and hopefully to the United Nations to try and change the status of a war dog from a 'thing' to a 'Canine member of the Defence Force' under the section 94 of the Geneva Convention.

One of the associated members of AWAMO will be leaving the country to take on the Head Rangers Position - Anti Poaching Unit in the Congo. An assistance plan is to send donations of boots and socks etc. for the African rangers.

Recently the promotional courses at Enoggera had to be cancelled due to the new Corona variant present in Queensland. This has resulted in a shutdown of Cadet Units possibly for another two weeks from original start date until things get under control.





## TS NORFOLK NAVY CADET UNIT

TS Norfolk cadets along with cadets from TS Diamantina, 217 Squadron AAFC & 136ACU completed Tri-Service Parade, with TS Norfolk as host. The cadets were inspected by HMAS Moreton's outgoing Commanding Officer, Captain Phillipa Hay RAN. Captain Hay took time to meet with parents and staff with cadets receiving high praise for their conduct and efforts on the day.

The staff and cadets congratulated our Defence Approved Helps Mr Ashley Trehane and Mrs Madonna Trehane commissioned as Midshipmen. Their commissioning has been well earned and deserved for their hard work and effort and commitment to the ship. Congratulations to our newly unformed officers.

The unit had their last parade on 10th December 2021 where cadets received awards such as Commanding Officers Award, Cadet of the Year, Most Improved Cadet & Recruit of the Year. 6 cadets received promotions ending off the year. 2 cadets were promoted from Able Seaman to Leading Seaman, 3 Cadets from Seaman to Able Seaman and 1 Cadet from Recruit to Seaman. Congratulations to all cadets for their efforts.

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 welcome. Enquires: [tsnorfolk@navycadets.gov.au](mailto:tsnorfolk@navycadets.gov.au)

TS Norfolk will recommence on Thursday 27th January 2022 subject to Covid conditions.

On behalf of the Commanding Officer, Staff and Cadets of TS Norfolk, we would like to thank the Redlands RSL community for your support throughout 2021. We wish you all a safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. SBLT ANC Adam Regnart XO TS Norfolk.

— *Report provided by SBLT ANC Adam Regnart XO TS Norfolk*



## AUSTRALIAN ARMY 136 CADET UNIT

What a great month! Everything we planned happened it's been such a long time since Covid didn't stop an activity or a parade night.

Our Annual Dinner was held at the RSL on 19th, and we had a great turn out of cadets and visitors it was really great to catch up with unit friends we hadn't seen for so long. From a personal perspective it was exciting to be at the lectern again handing out awards to those cadets that have gone that little further this year. It was also announced that WO2 Cutajar was being promoted to CUO and will be our company commander in 2022 and CUO Duffey will be moving to the role of RSM 13 Bn in 2022.

On 23rd November we had a visit from our COMD COL Brennan and the RSM, it was their first visit to the unit and although the weather was dreadful they had a tour of the unit and addressed the staff and separately the cadets updating us all about plans for the next couple of years.

At the end of the month we had our Tri Service parade hosted by Navy Cadets, there were a number of times when we thought it would be cancelled or have to be scaled back but in the end we were able to go ahead. All the cadets had a practise in the morning, it had been 2 years since our last Tri Service parade so it was a new experience for most of the cadets.

The weather in the week leading up to the parade had been very wet however it cleared the day before but wasn't too hot. The Parade itself went off very well and it was great to see so many parents, friends and dignitaries turn up for the occasion.

The unit has now finished for the year and our first full parade night back for 2022 will be at the start of Feb. Time for everyone associated with the unit to have a well-earned rest.

— *Report provided by CAPT. Wendy Kemp CO*



## 217 SQUADRON, AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

In this last instalment of the monthly Bugle Report for this year, Air Force Cadets from 217 Squadron Capalaba got to finally put their training into use and celebrate as the year for Cadets concluded. At the beginning of the month Cadets had finally completed their training and assessment and would go on to the annual Tri-Service parade with Navy Cadets from T.S Norfolk, and Army Cadets from 136 AC. 217 Cadets would graduate the following week with each 1st year Cadet being reclassified to Leading Cadet. This is a key milestone in the AAFC, this permits them to the next phase of their training, I can assure you that there were plenty of smiling faces on that day. This month was action packed and full of excitement to end the year off. We know that all 217 Cadets have left holidays wishing to be back in action!

Tri-Service fell on the 28th of November, this event was a long time coming, sadly postponed last year due to COVID 19. Tri-Service is an annual parade with all three Cadet services (Army, Navy and Air Force). This year it was hosted by the Navy Cadets at TS Norfolk and assisted by TS Diamantina. I can tell you that they did a splendid job, which contributed to a great Tri-Service; the Air Force Cadets thanks you very much! 136 Army Cadets were there as well and I can tell you there were no arguments between both Air Force and Army Cadets this time. I would also like to acknowledge the RSL for coming down and Captain Hay from the Royal Australian Navy being the parade Reviewing Officer (RO). This year Tri-Service was special and the Air Force Cadets cannot wait until the next one.



Graduation was on the 5th of December, it was an eventful day with 217s final parade with Cadet Under Officer Oldfield, Cadet Warrant Hart, Cadet Flight Sergeant Brace, Flight Sergeant Lombard, Cadet Sergeant Maidment, Cadet Acting Sergeant Fenwick and Leading Cadet Boyd. It has been a pleasure for the cadets of 217 to serve under them and I congratulate them on their 5 years or more in Cadets. I

would also like to thank Group Captain John Young for taking the position of Reviewing Officer, the squadron was honoured to have you for the parade.

I would like to thank the RSL for coming down as well, without their help these events would not happen. After the ceremony was complete Cadets would move onto the award night where Roman Pizza was provided as they sat and listened eagerly for their name to be called. The 1st year Cadets would all graduate to the next stage of their training and would become Leading Cadets. Our most commended award would go to Flight Sergeant Lombard, who was presented with Cadet of The Year, for displaying the highest qualities of a AAFC cadet in the areas of leadership, teamwork, initiative, and camaraderie within 217 Squadron for the past year. With that

all wrapped up, it was time to flee from the oncoming storm, I also would like to specially mention the Navy Cadets for coming down and supplying percussion players for our graduation.

This month was the final leg in a race that had been going on for 12 months, it was the redemption year with many Cadets missing out on Graduation and Tri-Service from last year due to Covid. This time however they could once again feel pride in their Squadron as a whole knowing that everyone had completed their Tri-Service and Graduated to the next phase as a Cadet. It was sad to see the beloved Officers and their fellow senior Cadets age out however exciting to see what next year holds for the Squadron. It was a fantastic year for us and we hope to see many more like it



2021 has given us it challenges again with COVID Lockdowns however we have shown that we can adapt and overcome to still obtain great achievements throughout the year. I am looking forward to 2022 and the planned increase in flying activities and

fingers crossed some COVID free experiences with GST camps, FTE camp (Firearms training), Training Group Biv's and of course our community activities.

Good luck to those Cadets attending Promotion Courses in January 2022.

— *Report provided by Commanding Officer PLTOFF Matthew Firth (AAFC)*

Cadet reports compiled by

*Van Gray* LM

DEPUTY PRESIDENT, REDLANDS SUB  
BRANCH, & CADET LIAISON OFFICER



## VETERANS & WELLBEING EXCURSIONS

Firstly, Happy New Year one and all let's hope 2022 is a good positive year for all.

Well, we certainly finished the year on a good note with our final trip of the year to Montville. We stopped at Mary Cairn Cross Park for morning tea, even had some wildlife join us in the form of bush turkeys, and a sleepy tree snake who certainly was very peaceful and not too concerned about the visitors to his/her habitat.

After morning tea, we were treated to some retail therapy in the main street of Montville, it was quite apparent all enjoyed what was on offer. We then moved on to Secrets on the Lake where we were treated to a beautiful two course Christmas lunch. The lunch and service plus the venue was first class.

We returned to the Redlands RSL around 5.00pm with everyone thoroughly enjoying the day, suffice to say everything went to the script.

In January we will sit down and plan 2022 so to give everyone plenty of notice our first trip will happen in March – more information to follow!

*Greg Saunders,*

CONVENOR OF VETERANS & WELLBEING EXCURSIONS

# League Secretary Report

The year 2021 has in many ways been very challenging. However, as we did not have a bugle last month (December), Remembrance Day was very well attended and on conclusion we moved over to the RSL Club for camaraderie.

We attended the Presidents Luncheon which was a great success, and the National Servicemen's Christmas Lunch, again very well attended. It is a very busy time of the year with normal celebrations, notwithstanding the Qld Health requirements wherever we ventured.

Our President Alan has cast his vote at the QLD RSL AGM along with other delegates from around the state on the 9th December and we now have a new President and the constitution that was being pushed was defeated now we can go forward into the coming years.

Planning is well underway for Anzac Day 2022, and we have secured Australian National Events personnel to assist with the procurement of the businesses that supply the back of house items.

Everyone at RSL Sub Branch HQ are looking forward to a break over the Christmas period.

From a personal point we are having the family together including some family members from Victoria, as it has been many years since we have been able to get together for the festive season.

On that note, Suzie and I would like to wish each and every one of you a very happy and safe Christmas, and look forward to a stress free year in 2022.

*Michael McDonnell*

LEAGUE SECRETARY,  
REDLANDS SUB BRANCH



# Library Museum Report

Although we are chock-a-block with books and cannot accept any more, we are still receiving some very interesting memorabilia from World War 1 right through to the present time.

We finally have space to hang some of the memorabilia donated by the Sciacca family in memory of the late Minister for Veterans Affairs, the Hon. Con Sciacca. After consultation between myself and our daughter, Robyn, who had the job of hanging the display, the items can now be found in the display room opened recently in the Library/Museum.



There are many other interesting items on display in your RSL Library/Museum and we hope you will visit, re-visit, or tell family and friends to call in. Our friendly volunteers will welcome you. Don't forget Redland RSL members can borrow books from the collection when the museum is open. Just ask the volunteers to make sure it is recorded in the loan book.

We start 2022 with a full complement of volunteers and thank them for offering their time to keep the museum open.

I wish you all a happy, healthy and prosperous year.

*Les Warner*

MUSEUM CURATOR



# National Servicemen

Our last meeting of the year was entirely a social occasion when members enjoyed Christmas lunch in the Gallipoli Room.

Along with our invited guests we enjoyed an excellent meal and pleasant entertainment, tinged with more than a little sadness from the number of absent faces. Good friends who are sorely missed. The occasion was the last of many held throughout the year and provided the opportunity for members to get-together.

It is timely to remember our Committee Members and Volunteers who worked so hard and gave up their time for the benefit of others, in organizing occasions such as this.

Unfortunately, age and health are factors which can be expected to adversely influence the extent to which some of our workers can continue to contribute. These same factors, regrettably, may also prevent, or make it difficult for many members to fulfil the inevitable gaps.

We are grateful to our club staff who have constantly supported our activities throughout the year.

While acknowledging that COVID has made 2021 a very difficult year, it has not prevented our organisation from performing well and fulfilling its objectives.

Best wishes to all members for a happy and successful New Year.

*Eric Shaw,*

PRESIDENT,  
NATIONAL SERVICEMEN REDLANDS BRANCH





# Naval Association

## BAYSIDE SUB SECTION

Greetings all, we of the NAA hope that everyone had a wonderful festive season and are ready for what 2022 will throw at us.

Last year was only marginally better than 2020, but we must be thankful for small mercies. During the year we were able to hold most of our meetings, albeit under the normal COVID restrictions. We managed two social functions, barefoot bowls and the Ladies Luncheon and both were successful and well attended. The bowls afternoon was organised by Rod Lambert, and a big BZ to him. Unfortunately our signature event, the Ladies Dine-In Night had to be cancelled at short notice, once again due to COVID. Hopefully this year will see us able to hold the event.

Fundraising has been none existent and this has been apparent in our support of both the Navy Cadet units with-in our capture zone. With the Club now being able to run raffles on Wednesday and Friday nights again this will help us with the assistance to the Cadet Units and the less fortunate amongst the Navy family.

Last year we sadly lost 3 of our members, including our most senior member and also one of our youngest.

Our first meeting of the year is on Saturday 5th Feb., and this is also our AGM, hopefully it will be the forebear of a good year. On this note I will close and look forward to passing on news and titbits next month.

Yours Aye,

*Graham Hargreaves*

PRESIDENT,  
NAVAL ASSOCIATION, BAYSIDE SUB SECTION



# Women's Auxiliary

The December meeting saw the ladies wrapping the Christmas gifts for the Veterans, War Widows and Legacy people in the Redlands aged care facilities. 145 gifts were distributed. Thank you to all the ladies who gave their time and effort in making and wrapping all the gifts. I know that the gifts were appreciated both from the persons receiving them and the facilities involved.



Our Christmas function was held on 9 December at the Sails Restaurant with 15 ladies attending and all had a lovely time. On behalf of the ladies, I would like to the staff of Sails for looking after us so well.



At the December meeting the matter of donating to the Redlands RSL kids hospital appeal was raised and the ladies kindly agreed and so money was donated to buy pencils, colouring books etc.



Our next meeting is the AGM which will be held on Monday 7th March 2022, as long as COVID allows.

*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.

Members of the Branch attended the Cadet Tri-Service Parade hosted by TS Norfolk on Sunday 28th November. This was followed by the final parade of 217 Squadron for 2021 on Saturday 4th December, where Deputy President Jeff Reitano presented a cheque on behalf of the Branch.



Social activities have continued throughout the festive season and have been well supported. The Branch held the final General Meeting for 2021 on 11th December and this was followed by the Branch Christmas Lunch in Redlands RSL Sails Restaurant. The informal Wednesday afternoon wellbeing sessions in the ANZAC Lounge of Redlands RSL continued over the Christmas New Year period. The Restaurant Dinner for January will be held on Wednesday 19th January at Alexandra Hills Hotel. All these functions are a great opportunity for members to get out and enjoy the camaraderie.

The next meeting of RAAFA Redlands Branch will be AGM followed by the first General Meeting for 2022 on Sunday 13th February 2022 at 10:30am in Redlands RSL.

*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 Cuppa*

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# *Veterans Cuppa*

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## **UPCOMING DATES:**

**WEDNESDAY 9th FEBRUARY at 9.30am**

**WEDNESDAY 9th MARCH 2022 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 YOUR ATTENDANCE  
FOR CATERING PURPOSES**

**Anyone requiring transport please phone Linda on 0417 604 729.**

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

## **DISCOUNT FOR MEMBERS**

Freedom Fuels has provided Redlands RSL with discount cards for our members! With this card you will receive a minimum of 4c/litre off your fuel. They often run promotions where you can even receive 13c/L off, plus discounts from shop purchases. Ask our reception staff for one next time you are in! (Limited to one card per member).



## THIS MONTH IN AUSTRALIAN MILITARY

# History

## JANUARY

DATE	TITLE	EVENT
1969	Vietnam	Australian military commitment to Vietnam reaches a peak of 8,300 service personnel.
1 Jan 1901	Proclamation of the Commonwealth of Australia	The union of the six former colonies came into being with a proclamation by the Governor-General, Lord Hopetoun at Centennial Park Sydney.
4 Jan 1942	Japanese air attacks begin against Rabaul, New Britain	Rabaul possessed a number of airfields and one of the best natural harbours in the south-west Pacific. Its capture gave Japan a base from which to launch air attacks towards New Guinea and north-eastern Australia as well as a strong south-eastern corner to its defensive perimeter in the Pacific.
5 Jan 1945	HMAS Australia damaged by Kamikaze aircraft	Australian ships were operating in support of United States amphibious landings in the Lingayen Gulf, Philippines when the Australia, for the second time in the war, became one of seven Allied ships to be struck by Kamikaze aircraft. 25 of her crew were killed and 30 wounded.
14 Jan 1942	Gemas, Malaya	8th Division inflicts heavy casualties on Japanese in an ambush at Gemas in the first Australian contact with Japanese troops of the Second World War.
19 Jan 1942	North Borneo surrendered to Japanese	The Japanese continued their conquest of South East Asia in early 1942. Oil rich North Borneo was a vital objective that would allow Japan to carry on its war in Asia and the Pacific.
23 Jan 1944	7th Division defeat Japanese at Shaggy Ridge, New Guinea	Australian troops cut the main Japanese routes through the Finisterre ranges with the capture of Shaggy Ridge, north west of Lae, after days of heavy fighting.
24 Jan 1967	First contact at Bien Hoa, South Vietnam	Fighting at Bien Hoa involved a series of contacts between units of the 1st Australian Task Force and communist forces in the area of the Bien Hoa - Long Binh complex near Saigon. Australian and American units sought to dominate the area and prevent enemy rocket attacks on nearby military bases and installations.
26 Jan 1945	Beginning of Sandakan death march, Borneo	Sandakan prisoner of war camp was established by the Japanese in July 1942. Fearing invasion from Allied forces, Japanese troops marched the prisoners inland to Ranau in January 1945. Many of the prisoners died of malnutrition, exhaustion, disease and ill-treatment and the survivors were shot when they reached their destination. Only six out of 2,500 Australian and British prisoners sent to Sandakan survived.

# Associated Groups

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

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Ronald Fiedler	5 December 2021	AIR FORCE
Norah Young	Unknown	WRAAF



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