

REDLANDS SUB BRANCH

# BUGLE

MAY 2022 EDITION

**"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



# RENOVATION *update*

As you would be aware, work has begun on our next lot of renovations.

At this stage, dates that we have received for closures and re-openings are a guide and will be weather dependant.

**Our Gallipoli Function Room will be closed from mid-June which means we will be unable to have any League Meetings until further notice.**

During this time, we will continue to send Bugles to keep you updated on our Sub Branch's activities.

We also highly encourage our Service members to attend our monthly Veterans Cuppa on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, and a lunch gathering on the last Friday of each month (see page 40) to keep in contact socially with your fellow Sub Branch members.



# President's Report

Well we have made it to May, after a pretty flat out April things are beginning to settle down.

April is always a busy month with preparations prior to Anzac Day, which included this year 27 visitations to schools and aged homes the selling of Anzac Day badges in Woolies Arcade and all of the preparations that go along with Anzac Day.

We are lucky to have Australian National Events working for us carrying out all of the fence erection, erecting tents and sight screen, placing seats, obtaining artists, master of ceremonies and guest speakers. We are required to obtain their professional help to set up Anzac Day, it is now a far bigger event than we can manage alone with our volunteers.

The day, Anzac Day was a shocker weather wise. From the time we started the Dawn march it just poured all the way through. I must give a big thank you to the cadets that stood as honour guards along the way in the pouring rain without complaint. In fact right through the day with their catafalque parties and flag bearers they were magnificent.

By the end of the service everyone was well and truly soaked, I know I was lucky living close to the RSL I nicked home for a shower and change of clothes and come back again.

The club side of the RSL did a tremendous job catering for the many Veterans and members that flooded back. Despite the weather they still had an excellent day across all sections plus the two up which we were almost ready to give away, but it really went well despite the rain.

It was one of our better Anzac Day Services, I think the rain gave it a more intense sort of feeling and people made that special effort to attend. We thank all of the people that attended on the day, they made it all the more special. Approximately 8500 people attended the Dawn service and probably 8000 for main service.

Thank you all.

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 27TH FEBRUARY 2022

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

**ODE:** Recited

**REMEMBERING:**

Reg Lees	4th December 2021	ARMY
Francis Challoner	22nd January 2022	MERCHANT NAVY
William Bittel	23rd January 2022	NAVY
Henry Cash	13th February 2022	RAAF
Thomas Dickson	15th February 2022	RAAF
Gordon Sigley	16th February 2022	ARMY

**ATTENDANCE:** A total of 44 as per the attendance book

**APOLOGIES:** As per the apologies list: J. Wilson, K. Cullum, G. Olsen, L. Carey, F. Cross, J. Rumble, J. Rumble, J. Hargreaves & A. Bailey

*Moved: M. McDonnell*

*Seconded: B. Reedman*

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

President Alan Harcourt introduced Paul Oates who addressed the meeting regarding a potential motion about real issues that have been raised that need to be considered regarding our future. We need our Australian Government to review our National Defence arrangements and to arm Australia against potential aggressors.

Guest speaker Troy Burgess from Achieve Exercise Physiology spoke about the Heart Health Program (DVA Funded) and how it can help our veteran community keeping them as active and healthy as possible both physically, socially as well as mental health support.

**PREVIOUS MINUTES:** League Gathering - Sunday 28th November, 2021

*Moved: M. Rabjohns*

*Seconded: R. Khan*

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: D. Field*

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

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

**Inwards:**

- Meetings with Shane Howard and Ben Mason 95Wing HQ re: Anzac Day
- RSL QLD has negotiated with News Corp 50% discount for inserting obituaries.
- Email from India Dixon re: Photos at Anzac Square we now need a copyright license from each photographer.
- Qld grants calendar for 2022
- Media release Hon Andrew Gee MP. Remembering the fall of AMBON 80 years on.
- Media relations at Qld RSL looking for any Veteran or relative who were connected to the Darwin Bombing
- Urgent email from SED re: nominations for Anzac of the year Award and Anzac Peace Prize Award.

**Outward:**

- Follow up email for the use of Rotary Marquees for Anzac Day

*Moved: M. McDonnell*

*Seconded: G. Hargreaves*

That the Inwards and Outwards Correspondence be accepted . . . . .  
Motion 4...CARRIED

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

*Moved: G. Saunders*

*Seconded: G. Hargreaves*

That the Treasurers Report be accepted . . . . . Motion 5...CARRIED

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

*Moved: L. Harcourt*

*Seconded: M. Rabjohns*

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: R. Khan*

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: R. Wilson*

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

**LIBRARY MUSEUM REPORT:** As presented in the Bugle

*Moved: L. Warner*

*Seconded: J. Butler*

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

**NATIONAL SERVICEMEN ASSOCIATION REPORT:** As presented in the Bugle

*Moved: E. Shaw*

*Seconded: F. Williams*

That the National Servicemen Association report be accepted . . . . .  
..... Motion 10...CARRIED

**NAVAL ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA:** As presented in the Bugle

*Moved: G. Hargreaves*

*Seconded: R. Khan*

That the Naval Association information be accepted . . . . .  
..... Motion 11...CARRIED

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

*Moved: R. Wilson*

*Seconded: M. Rabjohns*

That the R.A.A.F. Association report be accepted . . . . .  
..... Motion 12...CARRIED

**VETERANS AND WELLBEING EXCURSION INFORMATION:** As presented in the Bugle

*Moved: G. Saunders*

*Seconded: M. Rabjohns*

That the Veterans and Wellbeing Excursion Information be accepted . . . . .  
..... Motion 13...CARRIED

The gathering was advise of the sudden passing of Ken Jensen.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

- ANZAC DAY:  
    Golf Carts – Drivers and Passengers, Wreaths, Parking, Reserve Seating, Bus Transport
- David Field regarding a speaker to talk about internet/banking security and how many people would be interested.
- Graham Hargreaves enquired about whether the Welfare Office Greenslopes Hospital was open as there are concerns for veterans in the hospital with no representation, friend or family.
- Ian Gray mentioned an article on the Redlands RSL Face Book page about a service dog that has a unique skill the ability to detect metal objects and devices - a very interesting read.
- Meeting Survey Form hand out.

Next Meeting: Redlands RSL Annual General Meeting – Sunday 27th March 2022 @ 10:30am

No meeting in April due to Anzac Day

Next League Gathering Meeting - Sunday 22nd May 2022 @ 10:30am

Raffles Drawn and Won

Meeting Closed: 11:30am

## Treasurer's Report

Solid trading continues for April at Redlands RSL.

Our net profit for April is Actual \$213,451.71, Budget \$53,558.00, Variance \$159,893.71.

On a year to date basis Actual \$739,289.45, Budget \$353,499.00, Variance \$385,790.45.

With current extensions now underway these results are very pleasing, seeing there will be an impact on trading as we move into more extensive renovations.

For the record Redlands RSL experienced its best Anzac Day since 2015 despite the weather.

Overall Members Funds are sitting at \$29,898,368.00.

Our business bank loan is currently at \$880,000.00 and our cash reserves remain resilient at \$4,914,732.00 with a further \$1,300,090.00 in operational funds.

Current Assets \$8,625,870.00, Non-Current Assets \$25,601,342.00, Current Liabilities \$3,385,976.00.

League and Wellbeing expenses totalled \$81,439.00. A glimpse at some of the expenses for April are Anzac Day \$25,607.00, Home Maintenance \$2,136.00 and Golden Oldies \$1,634.00.

I have confirmed with the Financial Controller that all statutory payments including employee entitlements are up to date and no statutory payments are under any repayment arrangement.

Please ensure the Commissioners column for April emailed on 11th April 2022 is read, its entitled charity news and updates.

*Greg Saunders*

TREASURER, REDLANDS SUB BRANCH



# Wellbeing Report

Welcome to the May 2022 League meeting. Things have settled a bit at Headquarters now that Anzac Day is over.

## **ANZAC DAY**

What a day that was weather-wise and a big thank you to our Ex Service Community and the Community of the Redlands for their support at both services. Service members attended 27 school and care facility Commemoration Services mostly on 22nd April. The services that the Schools hold are especially poignant as the school children plan and carry out the entire service. Thank you to those members who attended and also to our badge sellers who were outside Woolworths Cleveland on the Thursday, Friday and Saturday before Anzac Day. It is a number of years since Alan and I have had to actually sell badges and we thoroughly enjoyed it.

## **ATDP ADVOCATES**

Headquarters have four ATDP trained advocates and 3 in training. They are kept busy four days a week. Post Anzac Day is always busy as mates chat to mates on Anzac Day regarding entitlements. Don't hesitate to contact us if you would like to discuss your entitlements or upgrade your present pension



## **GALLIPOLI FUNCTION ROOM MEETINGS**

Due to our renovations, the Gallipoli Room will not be available from early June for meetings and functions. The last meeting for Golden Oldies will be Tuesday 7th June but we hope to bring them for lunch once a month. Other Ex Service Groups need to contact David King at the RSL to make other arrangements.

## OVER-EIGHTIES

We have contacted all of our over-eighties now and hopefully our records reflect this as during COVID a number of our members had changed circumstances.

## EXCURSION

Unfortunately, our Bus Trip to Bundaberg had to be cancelled due to the inclement weather and I think everyone understood. It has been postponed until 29th June to 1st July with the same arrangements as before. More bus trips are planned see pages 22 & 23.

## ANZAC DAY PHOTOS

All Anzac Day photos, including those taken after the Dawn Service in the Gallipoli Room by the professional photographer, are on the RSL website. Please see page 25 for details of how to view all photos.

## VOLUNTEER THANK YOU FUNCTION

Our volunteers thank you will be held on Monday 23rd May when we take an opportunity to thank all our volunteers who contribute in so many ways to assist our Ex Service community in Redlands and beyond.

*Linda Harcourt*

WELLBEING/VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

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# REMINDER

**THERE WILL BE NO LEAGUE MEETINGS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE DUE TO RENOVATIONS!**

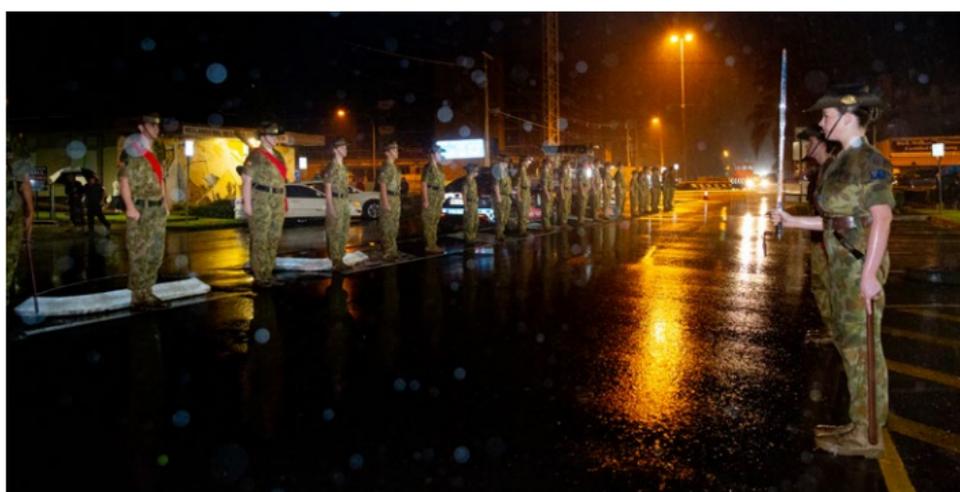
Join us for a Veterans Cuppa on the 2nd Wednesday of each month (see pg 39) and for lunch in Sails Restaurant on the last Friday of each month (see pg 40).

# Deputy President & Cadets Report

Prior to Anzac Day Redlands RSL continued to Honour Our Fallen Veterans in the Redlands with the continued support of the local schools in our region, the students placed an Australian flag on each gravesite of Army, Navy, Air Force Servicemen and Women throughout the Redlands Cemeteries.

In preparation for Anzac Day, the three Cadet Units conducted rehearsals for both Parade drill as well as Catafalque Party. On Sunday the day before Anzac Day, we arranged additional Catafalque Party training with the assistance of Shane Howard from Australian National Events and Warrant Officer Phil Barnes from RAAF Base Amberley in order to have a smooth change-over of the three Cadet Units Catafalque parties.

I must say how impressed I was with the Cadets Units at both the Dawn and Main Services. I observed the Honour Guard that formed up prior to the march out of the Veterans. In heavy rain the Cadets stood at attention and didn't move or flinch even though it was uncomfortable to do so. I am extremely proud of them.



Following Anzac Day, Letters of Thanks went out to the three Cadet Units for their attendance and assistance for Anzac Day Dawn and

Main Parades. In addition, Letters of Thanks were sent to the Schools and Council Cemetery Staff who were involved in Anzac Services and the Honour Our Fallen Projects at the Schools and Cemeteries.



*Cleveland State High School Honour Our Fallen wreath laying at Cleveland Cemetery*



*Faith Lutheran College Honour Our Fallen wreath laying at Carbrook Cemetery*



*Victoria Point High School Honour Our Fallen wreath laying at Redland Bay Cemetery*



## AUSTRALIAN ARMY 136 CADET UNIT

School holidays took over most of April, but those going on May's CPL course continued to work on their online classroom work during the holidays. The scores they are getting for each unit is very good and pleasing as training has certainly been disjointed with Covid issues late last year and early this year resulting in a later than usual start.

Our recruits are coming along really well and despite the wet weather cancelling our Biv in March training is progressing along nicely.

Covid is causing some issues at the unit as both cadets and staff are being affected either with it or having to isolate, training is getting slightly behind as some lessons are having to be repeated due to the number of absences – we have 2 spare training days in May and June so will be able to bring everyone up to speed.

What a pleasure it was to see the cadets on ANZAC Day, it was very wet the wettest one I can remember for at least 15 years, everyone was soaked before the Dawn Service started they preformed so well and there was no complaints from anyone about the conditions. It is really hard to hold a salute as the rain is pelting into your face but they did as the veterans Marched past in the dark heading towards the Dawn Service. Then having to stand in the rain during the service as the wet clothing made everyone feel cold. I am proud that not one of our cadets left after the Dawn service wet clothes or not they all stayed for the morning to participate in the March and main service. The community always talks about young people and resilience, and we always talk about how we build resilience into our cadets with their training well that resilience was certainly on display on ANZAC Day.

May is shaping up to be busy with Recruit March out, a unit Biv at Purga, CPL's course, getting ready for our new recruits Marching In in June, a LCPL and SGT's course also in June to prepare for.

— *Report provided by CAPT. Wendy Kemp OC 136 ACU*



*Pictured: Mounting of the Catalfalque Party*



## TS NORFOLK AUSTRALIAN NAVY CADET UNIT

Over the past month TS Norfolk has prepared for and successfully completed the 2022 Anzac Day ceremonies in the Redlands area. It started with a school ceremony at Wellington Point State School on Friday and a busy catafalque training day on the Sunday prior to Anzac Day. This training was conducted alongside our fellow cadets from the AAC and the AAFC under the super vision of cadet staff and Warrant Officer Phillip Barnes RAAF.

On Anzac Day cadets were up early to provide a catafalque guard and a guard of honour to the veterans as they made their way to the cenotaph for the dawn service. This was followed by a service at Birkdale South State School to provide our support with a catafalque party and the entire ship's company. At 10:30 our cadets made their way back to the RSL to provide a catafalque guard and a squad to support the Naval Association during the street march, which I was lucky enough to be one of the flag bearers for the RSL. Although the weather was against us with intense rain, cadets showed maturity way beyond their years and continued their duties in the finest traditions of TS Norfolk and the ANC with pride.

The Naval Association of Queensland (Bayside Branch) commended the conduct and performance of TS Norfolk cadets and volunteers at their recent monthly meeting.

Prior to Anzac Day, four Cadets received their 1 year service and good conduct chevrons. Senior cadets will attend a forum and promotions board in early June and the entire unit will be inspected by Flotilla Commander Lieutenant Commander Dylon Mackay ANC in the middle of the month. Should TS Norfolk achieve the highest marks from the Annual Inspection, as a reward, TS Norfolk will be the first unit in Australia to be issued the new MMPUs currently issued to the fleet.

TS Norfolk is recruiting cadets aged 13 to 17 of all genders and parades every Thursday night during the school term between 1730 & 2030 hours.

— Report provided  
by PO ANC Adam  
Regnart



*Pictured: TS Norfolk catafalque Party and laying of the wreaths for WW1 and WW2*



## 217 SQUADRON, AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

On the 23rd of April 217 City of Redland Squadron AAFC cadets arrived at the squadron for a day of training in preparation for ANZAC Day.

Cadets got a surprise visit from Warrant Officer Barnes from RAAF, his passion in sharing his career in RAAF was inspiring. Warrant Officer Barnes made it very clear that as a squadron we were to always perform at our best and in particular on ANZAC Day. All corporals needed to step up by starting to lead small flights and put into practice leadership skills, although JNCO course had been cancelled. His presence assisted in promoting confidence in the Corporals, cadets, sergeants, and staff.

The cadets and officers of 217 AAFC Squadron met before the dawn on the 25th April, despite the steady rain the cadets stood tall and proud. The rain didn't dampen the hearts of the cadets but rather strengthened our determination to honour those soldiers that landed in Gallipoli that were greeted with harsh terrain and an even more treacherous welcome. Ours was hardly a sacrifice.

The Gallipoli campaign was to allow the allied forces clear passage through the area. But this came at great cost to the lives of the ANZACs. 217 AAFC squadron was very prepared for this event to remember all members past present and emerging in the forces. So, all cadets were giving their all for this day. The cadets did catafalque party, 10 o'clock march, dawn service and wreath laying escort. All cadets that participated in ANZAC day upheld the high standards of the squadron.

— *Report provided  
by A/CCPL Zane Bush*

*Pictured: 217 SQN AAFC  
catafalque Party*



Cadet reports compiled by

*Van Gray* LM

DEPUTY PRESIDENT, REDLANDS SUB  
BRANCH, & CADET LIAISON OFFICER



# League Secretary Report

Anzac Day 2022 was a day with a difference as to what are our normal Anzac Days.

Where do you begin. 1st - due to the School holidays, Easter weekend, and then Anzac weekend, the lead into 25th April, changes and cancellations began Thursday 21st and continued to the Main March. 2nd - we had the omission of a fly past which we tried hunting down without success. 3rd - THE WEATHER, first time in 18 years we have had a wet one. So I guess we have scored well over the years.

However, the attendance surprised us as we had above average crowd given the weather conditions. The number of Veterans that marched after the Gunfire Breakfast surprised us all, close to or better than 300, well done to all our veterans.

Photos tell a thousand stories of the day. My sincere thanks to all that participated and remembered those that have participated in our engagements overseas.

As the rain fell we had a reminder of the difficulties faced in Europe today.

*Michael  
McDonnell*

LEAGUE SECRETARY,  
REDLANDS SUB BRANCH



# Library Museum Report

It's been another busy couple of months at the Library / Museum with several community groups taking the time to visit us before, on and after ANZAC Day.

Tuesday 28th March the Cleveland Scout Group had a small group of children come through the museum, the children jumped at the opportunity to get hands on with some of the displays and were very engaging. Thanks to Tom Taranto from Cleveland Scout Group.

On ANZAC Day we had 80 visitors to the Museum. The weather didn't seem to deter the general public. Redlands 136 Army Cadet Unit took the opportunity between the showers on Anzac Day and official duties to also visit the Museum and were very impressed with our displays.



The Star of the Sea Child Care centre took time out of their day to visit us on the 27th April. The children were fantastic. Thanks to Simone from Star of the Sea Child Care centre.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our volunteers for assisting with the running of the Library / Museum, we couldn't do it without you.



Most importantly I would like to thank two of the most wonderful people I have ever met, Les and Audrey Warner your tireless efforts and your beautiful nature have brought praise upon the Museum on countless occasions, you have set the bar high, I have some big boots to fill..

*Martin Rabjohns*  
LIBRARY MUSEUM CURATOR



# Women's Auxiliary

We had our AGM in March and the Executive were all returned, so now to business, this year is shaping up to be a busy one.

At our April meeting we had Amanda and Buddy from Story Dogs visit. Amanda gave a small presentation about Story Dogs. The Auxiliary in turn surprised Amanda and presented her with a cheque for \$500 to train a Story Dog. A group photo was taken together with Amanda and Buddy, with the ladies really enjoying the visit.



Next on the agenda was Anzac Day and the ladies put together the Remembrance Field of Crosses on Friday. Saturday morning, saw just over 300 poppy posies put together and for the first time in nearly 3 years the auxiliary was back serving breakfast on Anzac Day. I would like to thank all the ladies for their efforts.



*Desley Lingard*  
PRESIDENT, WOMEN'S AUXILIARY



# National Servicemen

Our members participated in ANZAC Day Ceremonies in many and various ways. The rain did dampen many physically and some had to return home in search of dry clothes. What the rain did not do was dampen the enthusiasm of all involved. This notably included the viewing public, who attended and participated in impressive numbers and spirit.

The Nashos have completed an AGM which saw some changes in management. We are very sorry to see Ken Cullum, our Secretary for the last fourteen years, forced by ill health to retire. His efforts on our behalf over that time can only be described as outstanding. The offer from Graham Hinson to take over this demanding role was gratefully accepted.

Similarly, we are grateful to Denise Partis who has agreed to undertake the work of Treasurer.

We have resumed our Mess Hall lunches, the last being held at Capalaba Sporting Club. Around 40 people enjoyed the opportunity to meet together and enjoy a pleasant meal in good company. The next luncheon presently under consideration is planned to be held at the Lighthouse Restaurant.

We are making plans to reinstate the fitness plan which we previously operated in conjunction with the Qld Police Youth Club. That scheme was interrupted by the outbreak of COVID and we would like to see it operating again and possibly improved. We are particularly endeavouring to cover members not eligible for similar schemes supported by DVA.

*Eric Shaw,*

**PRESIDENT, NATIONAL SERVICEMEN  
REDLANDS BRANCH**



# 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 Wednesday afternoon informal wellbeing gatherings in the ANZAC Lounge of Redlands RSL have been well supported. These gatherings are a great opportunity for members to get out and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow members; and try and 'solve' the problems of the world. Members of the Branch have also enjoyed attending the monthly 'Veterans Cuppa' organised by Redlands RSL Sub-Branch.

In other social events, Branch Members enjoyed a Restaurant Dinner on Wednesday 23rd March at Redlands RSL Sails Restaurant. This was followed by the Branch meeting on Sunday 10th April after which members of the Branch stayed and enjoyed Lunch in the Sails Restaurant. Since the Branch Service Dining-In Night had to be cancelled for this year, a Branch Restaurant Dinner was then held in lieu on Wednesday 18th May in the Sails Restaurant of Redlands RSL.

Members of the Branch attended the Redlands RSL ANZAC Day Dawn Service and Main March and Service, despite the inclement weather.



Jeff Reitano laid a wreath on behalf of the Branch and David Field laid a wreath on behalf of the RAAF.

The next meeting of RAAFA Redlands Branch will be a General Meeting on Sunday 12th June 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.

# Young Veterans Redlands

My name is Geoff Hooper I am the new chair for YVR. This is what has been happening lately with YVR...

In February we had a visit from Minister for Defence Peter Dutton along with Federal candidate Henry Pike as well as councillor Paul Golle. The Minister listened and engaged with all the Young Veterans which comprised of members from Redlands and Toowoomba He also checked out our progress with the Drag racing car we are building.



We are progressing well with the drag race car. It is currently in Toowoomba having some rear suspension work done.

Recently we have had the body wiring done, fitted the roll cage, fitted the front suspension and painted the body.



Some TIG welding work was done by a colleague of mine Kirsty, who kindly volunteered her time to help us out.

Last weekend, my son and I went to Emu Gully Adventure Education Camp with a bunch of other Veteran families. It's an initiative started by Toowoomba RSL Sub Branch President, Scott May, to help Veterans reconnect with their families.

A few of the many activities we did were going down tunnels simulating the Tunnel Rats of Vietnam, a



commando wire rope obstacle course, Escaping from Castle Colditz and The Bridge over the River Kwai. The Kokoda Track challenge had us wading through deep trenches of mud. I am still cleaning mud out of places its not meant to be. These physical challenges required cooperation between family members and complete strangers, who share the bond of military service. The facilitators could not believe we were a group of people that had never met before as we worked so well together. These activities also gave the kids an insight into things that there parents went through during their time in service. It is a fantastic initiative that I hope can continue into the future.

Regards,

*Geoff Hooper*

45TH CLASS ARMY APPRENTICE



## NORTH REDLANDS YOUTH LEADERS ANZAC DAY SERVICE

This year makes it over 10 years that I have attended and given a talk at North Redlands Youth Leaders Anzac Day Service on Anzac Day. I have also attended and given a talk at various School Anzac Services over those years.

Graham Hinson - Community Link Officer



# Naval Association

## BAYSIDE SUB SECTION

No report this month due to Graham recovery from an operation.

Yours Aye,

*Graham Hargreaves*

PRESIDENT, NAVAL ASSOCIATION,  
BAYSIDE SUB SECTION



## VETERANS & WELLBEING EXCURSIONS

The big wet continues with no respite which lead to the postponement of our Bundaberg and Lady Musgrave Island trip. All our travellers took the news positively. This trip has been rescheduled to 29th June – 1st July 2022 and an email has been sent out. All attendees were to confirm their availability for the new dates by Friday 20th May. Spots may have become available so if you are interested in attending this great trip, please phone reception on 34881199 asap. We look forward to visiting Bundaberg and Lady Musgrave Island when the weather is favourable.

Our next trip as per our schedule is on the 14th June 2022. Our Tweed River Eco Cruise is sold out. We have a full bus of 52 passengers which means we have the boat to ourselves.

On account of the fact due to postponement of the Bundaberg trip, we now have two trips in two weeks, we have left July free of trips.

The next trip coming up will be to Downs Steam Museum on the 3rd August 2022. See adjacent page for information.

*Greg Saunders,*

CONVENOR OF VETERANS & WELLBEING EXCURSIONS



## **Downs Steam** tourist railway & museum

### *Veterans & Wellbeing Excursion*

**WHEN:** Wednesday 3rd August 2022

**TIME:** Departing Redlands RSL at 8am sharp.

**COST:** \$60 per person (minimum 40 pax required).

*Available for Redlands RSL Service members and one partner only.  
Other members may add their names to a wait list.*

**DETAILS:** This day trip includes morning tea at Picnic Point in Toowoomba, a full guided tour of Downs Steam Tourist Railway & Museum, a 2 course lunch (main & dessert), and bus transfers.

Downs Steam Tourist Railway & Museum is a versatile venue offering our eye-catching country style railway station, platform, unique carriages and outdoor spaces.

Once again, this trip is of great value! Currently our day trips are booking out within a week of being advertised, so to avoid missing out, please ring reception on 3488 1199. Full payment is required at the time of booking.



# Anzac Day 2022

## Presidents Comment —

I shall begin this with a few well earned thank you's.

As you may remember this Anzac Day was the wettest for many years. Due to the weather, people were put under great pressure to perform their duties. These people included the Veterans and their families and carers, who all got a thorough soaking whilst observing and marching. A great thank you to all of the crowds in both Dawn and main parade also soaked.

A special thank you to the cadets who did a marvellous job whether standing to attention or at ease, marching or raising the flag they performed their duties without complaint, standing in the rain totally soaked and not willing to concede to the weather. You have to remember these are not regular soldiers, they are our young people between 14 and 18 years old, we are all very proud of the cadets and their leaders here at the Redlands.

While I am thanking people, I need to thank all of those committee and volunteers that spent their time, some of them spent a couple of months of work, in order to provide the best Anzac Day ceremony they possibly can.

I also thank the Management and staff for the way they served the Veterans, members, and public over the whole weekend but especially Anzac Day. Due to a lack of staff due to COVID (which is still around) most were working extra hours to ensure the best service they could.

When you look at the day that was and the younger generation and the way they stepped up on the day, it fills us with pride and confidence in the future to come. With these young people coming up through the ranks I'm sure they will continue to do us proud.

The next few pages showcase a few photos taken on Anzac Day. More can be found online.

*Alan Harcourt*



# ANZAC DAY PHOTOS

All Anzac Day photos, including the Professional Portraits, can be found on our website ([redlandsrsl.com/sub-branch/galleries/2022-galleries/](http://redlandsrsl.com/sub-branch/galleries/2022-galleries/)) and on our Facebook page (RedlandsRSLclub).

Alternatively open your camera app on your smart phone and hold it over this QR code to open the Gallery on our website.



All photos online are low res. If you require a high res for printing purposes please bring a USB in to reception and we can load it on there for you.



The lorikeets chirp,  
As the bagpipes play.  
Wreath after wreath,  
At the cenotaph lay.

The crowd stands in silence,  
Cold and wet from the rain.  
Out of pride and respect,  
Not a single complaint.

As the sun slowly rises,  
The Last Post is played.  
As if by some miracle,  
A break in the rain.

A tremble in his words,  
Speech slightly delayed,  
As he wipes back a tear,  
So humble this day.

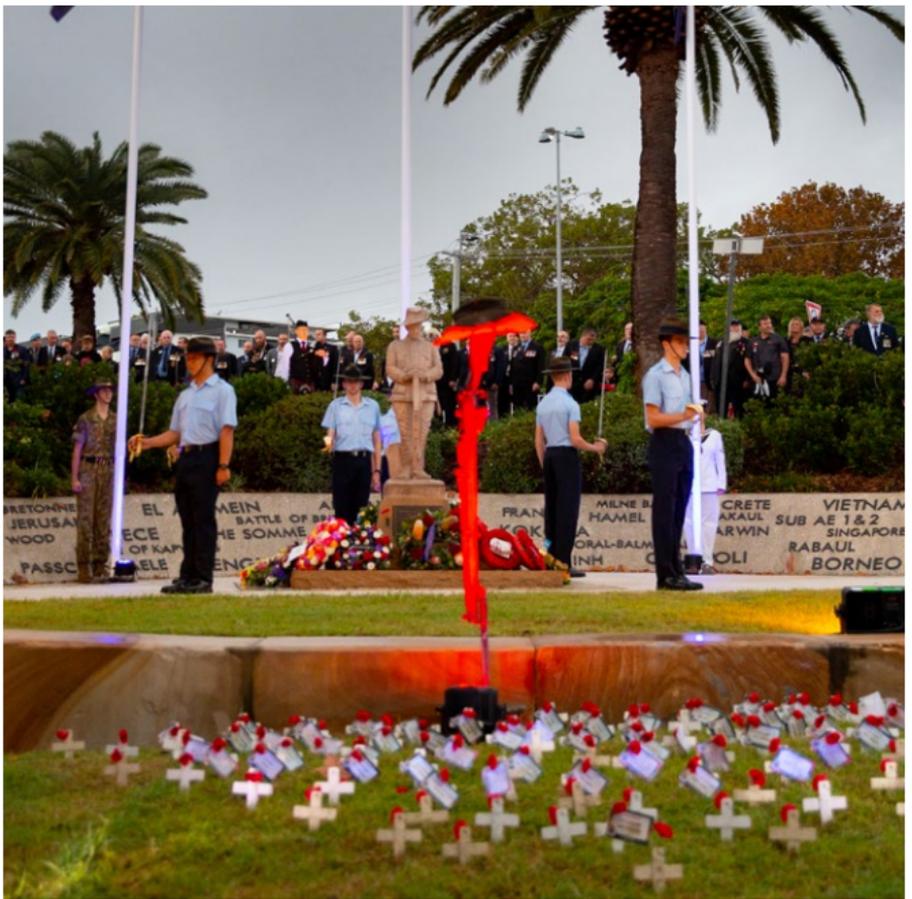
The clouds in the distance,  
A rainbow displays.  
A salute to those fallen,  
And to those here today.

- Steven Schuback - 25.04.2022

*This poem was sent through to us just after Anzac Day. Steven wrote the poem after Mr Alan Harcourt's Dawn Service speech. He said that it humbled everyone when Alan expressed his gratitude for showing up in the rain. We since shared this poem on our Redlands RSL Facebook page which received a great amount of engagement and lovely comments.*

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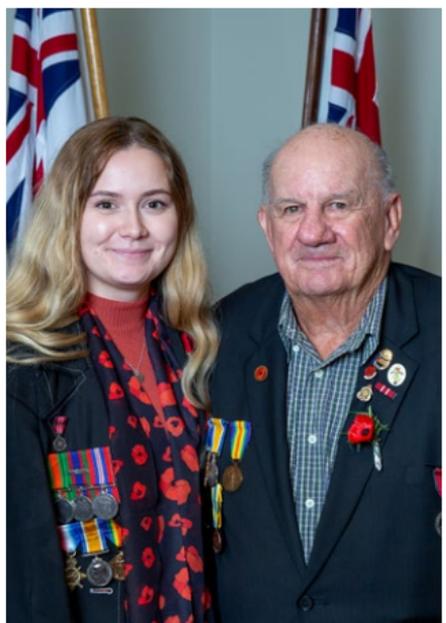




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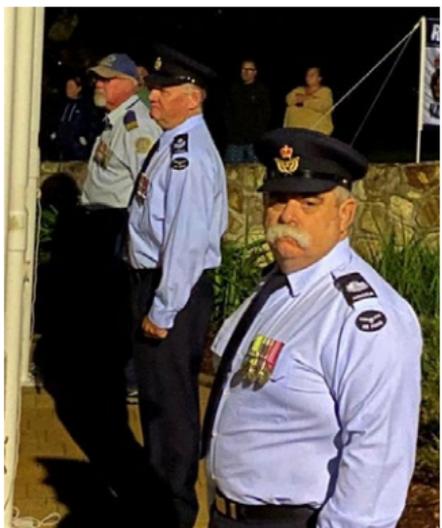
The Dawn Service had over 300 people (a very big crowd).

The 11am service had a smaller crowd possibly deterred from the fair bit of rain received at 9am and 11am. Those in attendance stayed to the end getting wet.

The catafalque party, by 1st Signal Regiment was so good it made our ANZAC Day. Lilly Hammant did the poem "Sir" off by heart, without reading the words. It was brilliant it took all of us back. Aunty Maree Goebel welcome to country was so good.

So a good ANZAC Day was had on the island.

— Information and photos provided by John Hague





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# History

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DATE	TITLE	EVENT
1 May 1945	26th Brigade, 9th Division, troops invade Tarakan	General MacArthur instructed Lieutenant General Sir Leslie Morshead, commander of I Corps, to seize and hold Tarakan Island and destroy the enemy forces there. The Netherlands East Indies Government was to be re-established, Tarakan's oil producing capacity was to be conserved and the island's airfields put into use. The operation was codenamed Oboe 1, and the invasion began on 1 May 1945. Within five days the town and airstrip had been secured.
4 May 1915	Australian attack on Gaba Tepe, Gallipoli	The attack on Gaba Tepe by the 11th Battalion was an ill-conceived venture to deny the Turks a vantage point from which they could observe operations around Anzac Cove. It ended in failure.
7 May 1945	Germany surrenders	Germany's surrender, signed at the French city of Reims, ended the Second World War in Europe.
10 May 1900	Zand River	New South Wales Mounted Rifles in action at Zand River, South Africa.
14 May 1943	Centaur sunk	The hospital ship Centaur was sunk by a Japanese submarine off the south Queensland coast. Only 64 of the 333 on board survived.
14 May 1956	Sungei Siput, Malaya	2nd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, attacks communist terrorists near Sungai Siput, Malaya.
15 May 1942	Prisoners of Japanese transported to begin work on Burma–Thailand Railway	Movement of prisoners of war (A Force) to Thailand from Singapore begins for work on the Burma–Thailand Railway.
21 May 1968	HMAS Sydney leaves Brisbane	HMAS Sydney leaves Brisbane on its tenth voyage to Vietnam with 4th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, embarked.
23 May 1942	Kanga Force moved to Wau, New Guinea	Kanga Force was formed in April 1942 to reinforce the New Guinea Volunteer Rifles. Kanga force was primarily involved in reconnaissance work, but did stage some raids against Japanese positions in the Wau–Bulolo area.
27 May 1965	HMAS Sydney's first voyage to Vietnam	HMAS Sydney departs on first voyage to Vietnam with 1st Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, embarked.
31 May 1902	Boer War ends	Boers surrender, ending the Boer War. Over 16,000 Australians served in South Africa, of whom nearly 600 died.

**WITHOUT HISTORY, THERE WOULD BE NO FUTURE!**

# Associated Groups

	<p><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</p>
	<p><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</p>
	<p><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</p>
	<p><b>T&amp;PI ASSOCIATION MORETON BAY SOUTH</b>          Meetings held on the last Wednesday of the month in the Veterans Community Centre.          Contact: Neil Trapp</p>
	<p><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</p>
	<p><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</p>
	<p><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</p>
	<p><b>YOUNG VETERANS REDLANDS</b>          Contact: Adrain Aiple on 0421 206 963.          Find the group on Facebook.</p>

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NAME	DECEASED DATE	SERVICE
Douglas Thomson	26th December 2020	RAN
Stuart Snow	24th August 2021	ROYAL NAVY
John Campbell	Unknown	ARMY
Albert Bray	18th November 2021	RAAF
Stuart Stanton	23rd December 2021	ARMY
Ivan Hollows	2nd April 2022	ARMY
Alan Taylor	10th April 2022	RAAF
Lenard Hoppe	5th May 2022	RAN
Peter Bullock	8th May 2022	ARMY

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