

REDLANDS SUB BRANCH

# BUGLE

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



**2023 VOLUNTEERS  
OF THE YEAR**

REDLANDS RSL SUB BRANCH: 1925-2023  
Information for all Veterans, Ex-Service  
& Serving Men & Women in the Redlands



# VOLUNTEER 'THANK YOU' FUNCTION

On Monday 15th May 2023, Redlands RSL Sub Branch held our annual Volunteer Thank You Function to celebrate and recognise the invaluable contribution of our volunteers.

Congratulations to Pam and Blue Griffioen who received this years 'Volunteer of the Year' award for their continuous support and contribution as a volunteer within our sub branch over the past 14 years.

Pam and Blue were away on the night of the function so President Alan Harcourt presented the award to them over lunch on Monday 19th June.

Thank you to all of our volunteers that continue to give their time and support in various ways.

You are all very much appreciated.



# President's Report

Once again we go into a new month of July. This is usually a very hard time of the year. People are now very careful with what they have. Where they were going out twice a week they have cut it back to once a week with limited funds to spend. They come in have their meal and a couple of drinks and may be a limited spend on the pokies and go, that is if we are lucky. This makes it very hard to continue any high form of trading, forcing us into tightening our belts with expenses.

Our welfare section is still being kept busy though I am surprised that we have not had a greater influx of homeless veterans. We've had a few and even that is too many. It is hard times at the moment and everyone is finding their funds aren't going as far as they used to.

In the last Bugle I mentioned that the Redlands RSL Sub-Branch received a plaque for the biggest % increase of members in the district. I did not mention the size of our membership. Our service membership stands at 1162, that is the highest service membership in the South East District RSL and we have an all out membership of 26,089 which I think is pretty good.

If you are an ex-service person looking for either a way to help your fellow veterans, or just to join in with the various activities and socially interact with other veterans (eg. go on bus trips which is a great way to meet and get to know other members), then join the Redlands RSL as a service member for only \$10 a year. You get to join not only the Redlands RSL and receive a monthly copy of the BUGLE (our sub-branch newsletter which keeps you in touch with everything that is going on in the sub-branch), but you also become a member of RSL of Australia. You can come along to our sub-branch meetings which is for service members and your spouse or carer may also come along. Service members only can vote on all sorts of topics.

I think that's the lot.

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 28TH MAY 2023

**MEETING OPENED:** 10.30am by Deputy President Ian Gray

**ODE:** Recited

### REMEMBERING:

Michael Stone	7th April 2023	ARMY
Robert Radley	9th April 2023	RNZAF
John Norris	22nd April 2023	ARMY
Owen Walker	Unknown	ARMY

**ATTENDANCE:** A total of 47 as per the attendance book – (33 League Members, 14 Visitors)

**NEW MEMBERS:** Gary Mapson - Army

**BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:** Alan Harcourt (Birthday), and Graeme & Lois Devenport (Anniversary)

**APOLOGIES:** (14) As per the apologies list: S. McDonnell, M. McDonnell, M. Taylor, B. Taylor, K. Cullum, F. Williams, T. Williams, A. Warner, L. Warner, Rev. C. Freese, J. Rumble, M. Wilson, J. Hargreaves, I. Cuthbertson.

*Moved: R. Wilson*

*Seconded: R. Khan*

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

### PRESIDENTS OPENING REMARKS:

- President Alan Harcourt advised that due to late distribution of the Bugle, the reports will be given either verbally or as per Bugle when called for this meeting.
- We have the greatest membership percentage increase in South Eastern District for 2022.
- Thanks to Terry & Lorraine Perren for coming up with the idea of a small gift to give to guest speaker which is an embossed wooden pen made by Terry on his lathe.
- An email was sent to members on 15th May 2023 from RSL Queensland advising the Objects according to their Constitution are being altered to enable State RSL to become a benevolent organization. For those who didn't receive it, a further email will

be sent.

**PREVIOUS MINUTES:** League Gathering - Sunday 16th April, 2023

*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: J. Butler*

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

**TREASURERS REPORT:** As presented by Treasurer Greg Saunders

*Moved: G. Saunders*

*Seconded: G. Hargreaves*

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

**VETERANS AND WELLBEING EXCURSION INFORMATION:**

As presented by Greg Saunders

- On Thursday 25th May we went to Scotty's Barn near Toowoomba. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed morning tea, a lovely lunch and the memorabilia in the 50's/60's museum brought back many memories for all.
- We don't have any information for the next excursion as yet but hope to have it as soon as possible.

*Moved: G. Saunders. . . . . Seconded: B. Reedman*

That the Veterans and Wellbeing Excursion Information be accepted . . . . .Motion 5...CARRIED

**DEPUTY PRESIDENT, CADETS & RSL SED MEETING REPORT:**

As presented in the Bugle

- Congratulations to President Alan Harcourt, who was presented with the Australia Day Certificate of Achievement Award by RSL Australia at South Eastern District RSL AGM.
- Deputy President, Ian Gray introduced Nigel Allsopp – President and founder of Australian War Animal Memorial Organization, a member with our Sub Branch for 12 years. In 2017 Nigel was awarded Anzac of the Year by RSL Qld. After serving with the Australian and New Zealand Army he joined Qld Police Service training bomb detection dogs. Nigel gave a moving presentation on his mission to Ukraine to supply food and medical supplies to abandoned and starving animals impacted by war. Nigel also gave Redlands RSL a big thank you for the support given to him.

*Moved: I. Gray*

*Seconded: G. Hargreaves*

That the Deputy President, Cadets & RSL SED Meeting Report be accepted .....Motion 6...CARRIED

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

*Moved: L. Harcourt*

*Seconded: M. Rabjohns*

That the Wellbeing Report be accepted .....Motion 7...CARRIED

### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

Due to RSL Queensland State Congress and AGM being held on 24th June 2023 there are motions that are required to be voted on before then.

- The first discussion was for the election of the State Deputy President and the nominees for the position, which was voted on by a show of hands that Wendy Taylor is the nomination from Redlands RSL Sub Branch for Deputy State President at State Congress.

*Moved: H. Fulton*

*Seconded: D. Field*

That the nomination for Deputy State President be accepted. ....  
.....Motion 8...CARRIED

- The next discussion was the motion from State Branch for amendments to the Objects of RSL Queensland's Constitution. This was voted on and decided that the delegate representing Redlands RSL Sub Branch votes against the amendments to the Objects of the Constitution at RSL Queensland's AGM.

*Moved: H. Fulton*

*Seconded: P. Oates*

That Redlands RSL votes against the amendments to the Objects of RSL Qld be accepted ..... Motion 9...CARRIED

Raffles Drawn and Won

**Next Meeting:** Sunday 25th June 2023 at 10.30am

**MEETING CLOSED:** 11.50am

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

**QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING: SUNDAY 23RD JULY**

**PRESIDENT'S LUNCHEON: SUNDAY 27TH AUGUST**



## **50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF THE VIETNAM WAR**



**AUSTRALIA REMEMBERS 2023**

**FRIDAY 18 AUG 2023**

### **COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE**

A special commemorative service will be held at Anzac Memorial Park, Shore St West (beside Reslands RSL Sub Branch HQ building) at 10am on Friday 18th August 2023.

Please join us to pay your respects and to recognise the service of all Australians in the Vietnam War and honour the sacrifices that they and their families made.

Afterwards, all are welcome back to Redlands RSL for camaraderie.

### **LUNCHEON**

Sails on Shore Restaurant will be open for lunch from 11.30am.

Exclusive offer: Vietnam Veterans and one partner/carer, together with our Redlands RSL Sub Branch Board will each receive a complimentary voucher for a Pronto lunch meal. Vietnam Veterans only are required to register their attendance in advance so that their vouchers can be pre-approved, please phone 3488 1199.

# Treasurer's Report

It is apparent that there certainly has been a financial slowdown in the last month. This in the main has been brought about by monthly interest rate rises; eleven in total to June 2023. This in turn has an impact on people's disposable income.

As at the end of May the Net Profit Actual was \$15,236; Budget \$81,723. On a to-date basis the Actual is \$427,200; Budget \$247,112 with a Variance of \$180,088.

For the month of May, there has been an impact in the cost centres of Sails Restaurant, Cove Café, Gaming and depreciation. Suffice to say these impacts are being felt industry wide. However, on a to-date basis, we are in a solid position.

League and Wellbeing expenditure totalled \$95,112.00 for May. Just to highlight a couple of areas where the dollars are being spent are as follows: Golden Oldies \$3,026; League Bus \$5,684; Legacy \$413 and War Widows \$470.

Members Funds are \$30,870,555 as at the end of May; Current Asset total is \$3,632,797. Non-Current Assets total is \$37,917,184; Current Liabilities total is \$2,928,643. Our Bank Business Loan is \$7,704,791. The Cash Reserves remain resilient at \$2,200,858 and a further \$642,304 in Operational Funds.

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.

In summary, whilst it's apparent the economy certainly has taken a downturn, the Redlands RSL is a great destination for members and guests and this is evidenced by our current membership. The other string in our bow is we have a very strong Senior Management team ably lead by Peter Harrison. Plans are well in place for the future direction sustainability of Redlands RSL.

*Greg Saunders*

TREASURER, REDLANDS SUB BRANCH





# Wellbeing Report

Good Morning and welcome to our June meeting and Queensland Winter and hope you are all well.

Headquarters is still busy each day with our advocates seeing clients four days a week. DVA are still not progressing claims any faster which puts pressure on both the client and the advocate.

Pam and Blue Griffioen are our Volunteers of the Year for 2023. Both are among our longest serving volunteers and this award is well deserved. Pam and Blue were overseas on the Volunteers Function night but the President has since had lunch with them and presented the award shield.

There were 55 in attendance at our Veterans Cuppa and it was great to see new faces including a 97 year old Veteran.

Golden Oldies is going along nicely with good numbers each fortnight as well as great entertainment.

Congratulations to Doreen Matthews who celebrated her 99th Birthday last week. She has relocated to Bowen but is still in touch with local RSL friends. We organised with a florist up there to deliver her an arrangement of flowers on behalf of all of her friends here at Redlands RSL. It was lovely for the florist to send us this photo.



Our Wellbeing Support Officers are assisting our Veteran community in various ways each week.

Our next bus trip is on 26th July 2023 to Secrets on the Lake at Montville (see page 26). Our trips are always popular and this one can take 50 people.

Thank you to all our volunteers who assist our Veterans in so many different ways.

*Linda Harcourt*

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# Deputy President & Cadets Report

During the course of this month I paid a visit to the three Cadet Units in the Redlands. One of the reasons for the visit was to inform the Commanding Officers of Redlands RSL pending Community Grants Program that they can apply for necessary equipment, Bus travel to transport Cadets to remote training courses and or anything else deemed worthy up to the value of \$5,000.00. In addition, we will be picking up SED Cadet Unit new funding forms that SED require as they are doing away with cheques and going to Direct Debit for a more efficient transfer of funds.

On the 25th of May I was invited to chair TS Norfolk Committee AGM for the election of Officers Bearers for 2023 held at Redlands RSL. The duly elected committee are: President Jacki Clark, Vice President Rian Jenkinson, Secretary Hannah Glennie, Treasurer Tamsin Tapley and AIHC Pty Ltd was appointed as Auditors.

In attendance were OC TS Norfolk Lieutenant Adam Regnart, Redland City Councillors Paul Bishop and Wendy Boglary. It was pleasing to hear the TS Norfolk OC Adam Regnart advise that following a successful recruiting program they now have 63 Cadets on their books.

Attended the RSL SED Council meeting held on the first of June and the report from previous month as well. I refer you to both SED reports for your perusal in this issue of the Bugle report.



## AUSTRALIAN ARMY 136 CADET UNIT

We had a very busy month in May. Recruit March Out, Bn CPL course and a cancelled unit Biv.

Our latest recruits Marched out and we could finally have a parade with parents and friends. The last parade we had was September 2019. It was a great parade, and the recruits did very well they have now moved into their Platoons, and we are preparing for the new intake in June.

Our unit camp was postponed to June as we are going to Purga and there are no facilities there to protect the cadets from the rain. No doubt it will be a lot colder in June that it was going to be in May.

We held a very successful CPL course at Greenbank with 13 Bn our cadets did very well as over the next couple of months so will be promoted from LCPL to CPL.

We have a SGT and LCPL course in June and several CPL's are studying hard for the opportunity to attend SGT course. It's always difficult as the unit at any given time has 13 CPL positions but only 5 SGT positions so a lot of thought has to go into selection to ensure we have sufficient senior leaders in the years ahead. COVID has made this particularly hard this year as some cadets have been sitting at CPL level for some time due to the lack of SGT's course positions in 2020/21 which means they will age out prior to getting to CUO/WO level so in future proofing the unit will miss out on the opportunity to SGT step.

A LCPL course will be held in June so select of candidates will be finalised by the end of the month.

— *Report provided by OC Captain Paul Golle*



*136 ACU March out. CUO*



*Lt Col David Marshall, reviewing the Cadet Unit.*



*New Recruits for 136 Army Cadet Unit for 2023 displaying the certificate for completing their Recruit Training*



*L to R: CUO Lailah Sharman, Lt Col David Marshall, Major Rex Wigney, RSL Rep Ian Gray, and CAPT Paul Golle*



## TS NORFOLK AUSTRALIAN NAVY CADET UNIT

Anzac Day saw staff and cadets from TS Norfolk take part in services throughout the community with great enthusiasm. Cadets took part in the dawn service at Redlands RSL and were joined by Australian Navy Cadets (ANC) Deputy National Commander (D-NCANC) Commander Raelene Stephensen ANC and National Registrar Lieutenant Commander Darren Crossingham ANC and our own National Cadet Warrant Officer, Cadet Warrant Officer Adam Jordinson.

A contingent of staff and cadets from TS Diamantina, currently parading at TS Norfolk, formed a catafalque party and took part in the Dawn Service on Coochiemudlo Island. High praise from members of the Island community, veterans was received on their dress, bearing and their drill as part of the catafalque party. This has been thanks to the efforts of Lieutenant Adam Brown ANC, one of our ceremonial specialists.

Cadets and Staff took part in the Junior Leaders Anzac Day service conducted by local Councillor Paul Bishop at Wellington Point State High School. Cadets formed a catafalque party and lay a wreath on behalf of the ship's company. Cadet Leading Seaman Drew Jenkinson read out a letter written by a World War I veteran from the Redlands area to his family.

The ship's company marched in the main parade at Redlands RSL with the Navy Veterans. A detachment under the command of Cadet Petty Officer Declan Clark assisted veterans at the cenotaph service to lay wreaths at the cenotaph service including cadets of TS Norfolk.

Both cadets and staff received high praise from event organisers, members of the community, veterans and senior ANC officers on their conduct, dress and drill.

Bravo Zulu to all cadets and staff.

TS Norfolk welcomed their 20th new recruit for the year and also saw the promotions of one cadet from Petty Officer to Chief Petty Officer, one cadet from Cadet Leading Seaman to Cadet Petty Officer, who was also awarded their Duke of Edinburgh Cuff Rate. One cadet was also promoted from Cadet Able Seaman to Cadet Leading Seaman. Two Cadets received their Personal Efficiency Badge and 3 cadets received their one year good conduct badge each and one cadet has received their two year long service badge.

Last month Staff and Cadets conducted their second maritime activity at Wellington Point Reserve where they operated (under supervision) our RHIB and Dory power boards. Cadets also took the opportunity to ride paddle boards use canoes and kayaks. A fun day was had by all.

Parades are conducted every Thursday night during the school term from 1730 hours to 2030 hours.

— Report filed by CO TS Norfolk LEUT Adam Regnart ANC



## 217 SQUADRON, AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

Since the Squadron's last report the cadets of 217 have seen the completion of Term 1 and Term 2. The squadron has received great interest from prospective recruits and this interest continues which will drive another recruitment effort towards the end of 2023. With a recruit training weekend done our 40 new recruits have transitioned to Basic cadets.

The staff and senior cadets did a monumental job in working together to complete the issue of new uniforms on the Sunday prior to ANZAC day. This outstanding effort and the huge amount of administrative work behind the scenes enabled our new basic cadets to participate in the services with their Schools and Squadron. Under the command of Cadet Under Officer's Atena Sandor and Zane Field they led approximately 60 Air Force cadets and staff on parade and around the Cenotaph, all members did a fine job in representing the AAFC and the veteran community.

The squadron has continued with the training program with several training activities completed and last weekend conducted a successful Bivouacs at Greenbank Military Training Area. Enduring the cold conditions, the cadets demonstrated great resilience and fortitude to deliver a great field training weekend., Military Aviation Flights, General Service Training Camps, and many other activities are planned for the second half of 2023.

— Reports provided by CO FLTLT 217 Sqn Craig Patterson

Cadet reports compiled by

*Van Gray* LM

DEPUTY PRESIDENT, REDLANDS SUB  
BRANCH, & CADET LIAISON OFFICER



# RSL SED HIGHLIGHTS ON COUNCIL MEETING HELD APRIL 2023

## SED MEETING:

South East District April meeting – Chaired by SED President Kerry Gallagher AM

Attended by President Alan and myself.

The main highlights of the meeting were:

- A short discussion about the decision to have a Presidents only Meeting 2-3 times a year (taking into consideration the risk it could cause elderly Presidents traveling at night)
- Confirmation of attendees for the SED-AGM 29th April 2023
- Letter from Yeronga/Dutton Park handed out to attendees

## MAIN TOPIC FOR THE EVENING:

**HOMELESS** – One of the most significant issues for Veterans and the RSL (Welfare) as well. People at risk and in crisis to have to navigate the DVA Website for help would be impossible. President Gallagher put forward an SED and Sub-Branch initiative to put together a task force to formulate a service that is easy to access, a real time immediate service for someone in crisis. A financial, practical and personal commitment will be required hopefully within our own ranks but I am happy to go to others for practical & financial support whether it be State or Federal assistance but if we are prepared to do it, it should come from us.

Steve Monteath – Vice President, has been in the welfare roll for 10 years but the last 12 months has been the most confronting. For homelessness, Veteran Services is the first port of call but it's only for short term/crisis accommodation - Salvation Army, Anglicare, State Government Crisis Housing but short-term accommodation is not enough as the new homeless are families with no-where to go! Redlands RSL's assistance to the homeless was high- lighted in this instance regarding the help we provide. So it is up to us to decide how we are going to look after these people – we have resources and we have people surely we can do something.

Doug Egan – Senior Vice President, spoke of a crisis case involving a return Veteran and his children where emergency funding through

the executive team they were able to get a solution for this family but due to compounding issues with interest rates, rent rises and food affordability this is going to be an ongoing problem for our Veteran families because people can't afford to live.

SED has limited funds and can't do this alone, with construction costs going up what we do as a district do? When we don't have the current capital or finances to supply any type of housing unless we all come together and put a District Homeless/Welfare Funding to help fund an initiative to get homeless off the street.

Doug also gave a presentation of statistics regarding Veterans homeless, sleeping rough or couch surfing including different demographics - age, gender, area/district, income breakdown, eviction rates and other contributing factors.

Susan Kellett- Senior Wellbeing Officer, spoke of the 60 Veterans and their families on her books at the moment in crisis accommodation. She spoke of Vietnam Veterans living in squalor because of complex care needs and the complexity of this crisis not being met.

Pre Covid there was 1.8% of our population homeless, post covid it was over 5% and that's before the interest rate rise, rent rises etc we are experiencing today.

RSL Qld have a programme that can assist veterans who are unable to pay their rent or in rental stress where a buffer can be provided for 6 months and they are guided to Salvation Army to assist them to find affordable housing. 80% of veterans with the help of the Salvo's have found affordable housing up to December 2022.

Discussion then got quite heated with suggestions for the Logan block of land but President Gallagher - The floor is open tonight for everyone to discuss "Do we SED want to do something for those in the broadest possible sense for the homeless" the answer being quite simple 'Yes' we do or 'No' we don't - If the decision of the 30+ branches of SED is No we go on as always - If the answer is Yes then we instate a small task force within this group, remembering the huge complexities of the homeless and its not just a roof we would be providing. It will be costly, time consuming and difficult.

Susan Kellett - RSL Qld Senior Wellbeing Officer, stated getting DVA on board is near impossible but they have to be held accountable as they have a legislative entitlement to provide support and they are the agency responsible to provide the help. DVA need to come to the party and do their job. The complexity of these cases the wellbeing

team is set up for young veterans with transitional issues but does that mean they don't look after older veterans?

A letter will be sent out to everyone and a response would be appreciated at the AGM 29th April 2023.

**NEXT MEETING:** 1st June 2023

Report provided by

*Van Gray*  
**DEPUTY PRESIDENT**

## RSL SED HIGHLIGHTS ON COUNCIL MEETING HELD 1st JUNE 2023

**SED MEETING:** Chaired by SED President Kerry Gallagher

Action Items:

- District President and Company Secretary asked Sub Branches to identify areas traditionally used regarding Two-Up and badge selling for Anzac Day. This is to ensure there is no conflict of boundaries between Sub Branches and Districts. Once received there will be a list published.
- No information received as yet regarding transfer of DVA rebate rates, ATDP rewards or SADFO. To be kept on the books.
- The two Logan Village motions were mentioned and will be discussed further in the meeting.
- With regard to Council meetings be moved to every other month, the Company Secretary advised that the Constitution does state that it is up to the Council as to how many times they meet per year. It was agreed to keep as monthly meetings.

**SED PRESIDENTS REPORT:**

- Anzac Day parades and services were very successful and thanks to everyone for your commitment to Anzac Day.
- Successful events held recently at SED were V Day and Navy Cadets Commissioning Ceremony.



- The 50th Anniversary of Australia's departure from Vietnam Ceremony will be held on the 18th August in Canberra at the Vietnam Memorial. There will be no funding support for Veterans wishing to attend.
- The Victory in the Pacific Ceremony will be held at SED Memorial Plaza on Saturday 12th August.
- The Minister for Veterans Affairs and RSL Qld has opened another Mates for Mates Veterans & Family Wellbeing Centre in Darwin.
- There have been concerns expressed over the governance observance and function within Sub Branches. There will be a video presentation put on the website to watch, make sure that internally within Sub Branches that you are observing the normal requirements for governance within the RSL.
- A reminder that State RSL AGM will be held on Saturday 24th June at Royal International Convention Centre, make sure all your administration is in place.
- If there is an RSL Poppy Service coming up and you can't find an appropriate member to perform it, please contact SED and we will attempt to find someone to do it. It is vitally important these are conducted with the respect it deserves.
- In August we will be discussing the SED Homeless and Veteran Support Project.
- Update on Logan property, there is State Government interest in it. The paperwork has been submitted, a valuation is being done and then negotiations will begin.

### TREASURERS REPORT:

- We will be changing from cheques to direct deposits for the Cadets but still using the cardboard cheques for photo opportunities if required.
- Russell Island have been doing very well and paying debts with their balance sheets now strong.

### NOTICES OF MOTION:

- Logan Village's Motions discussed at the March Council meeting relating to the RSL Qld or its districts to refrain from promoting political or social agendas and also for RSL Qld to issue a public statement regarding using public shrines of remembrance, and flying other flags for political or social agendas. These two motions were passed by SED to be put forward to RSL Qld.

## GENERAL BUSINESS:

- The District Secretary did a last call for expressions of interest in a DVA and Sub Branches' Seminar. There were no further expressions of interest.
- Redlands delegate Ian Gray requested information on behalf of two Veterans who stated when they transitioned from the Army that there was no mention or reference of the RSL Veteran support mechanism during the transitioning to Civilian life briefings. In addition a lost opportunity for League membership. This was discussed and the President said State has informed it does have RSL representation but soldiers are not aware. SED will continue to request RSL Qld to have an RSL representative at transition seminars. District President Kerry Gallagher will advise State at their next meeting.
- Redlands delegate Ian Gray also advised that RSL Qld State Conference documentation only arrived 3 days prior to their League gathering and as a result there wasn't sufficient time to discuss content with the committee prior to taking it to members to be voted upon. He requested this message go through to the State AGM for next year for consideration. The President said this information will be included in the report to State. District Secretary stated Redlands was right as we have received information from RSL Qld AGM document on to 31 June to be discussed, a bit late for most Sub Branches.
- Concern was raised with how difficult it is for Veterans to find Doctors who accept gold and white cards and how wrong it is if our Veterans can't be looked after. The President assured everyone that it has been taken up quite strongly with the State President and with the National organisation. He will continue to keep everyone informed of any outcome.
- There was discussion about the confusion regarding having to vote at the upcoming AGM on PBI. The President will attempt to get more definitive information at the State Council meeting coming up.
- With regard to the presentation given in March by Dr Andrew Cronin on his organisation, it was suggested there was potential for RSL to work closely with him in terms of addressing the issue of the shortage of advocates and general support across the board. The President said he would raise it at the State Council Meeting to continue to keep it in the front of State Board and to

push it to the National organisation. This led to discussion over Federal and State funding.

- Discussion on some young Veterans opinions and negative feedback for RSL's and of where proceeds from poker machines go. This needs to be addressed to State and National to get the message out of what the Sub Branch does with welfare and advocacy. The President was in agreement and supported what has been raised. By the feedback given by Sub Branches, people can see the work RSL is doing. He advised that there needs to be a greater effort from State and National even though they have started to move on advertising, to get the message out that we are helping people. RSL Qld has made it clear that they do own Mates for Mates and are trying to expand the services they provide. There was then discussion on the RSL name brand and how it should be recognised as being connected with Mates for Mates.
- The Company Secretary advised that the Redlands Proposal for an 'RSL Advisory Committee on contemporary League member management' had been taken off the Council. Doug Egan and Heath Fulton have been working on the proposal which will go to the SED Board on 13th June 2023 and then straight to RSL Qld.
- Toowong has been approached by QUT to help sponsor them to run a resilience program which they will document and release. They are hoping to get 80 Veterans and their families to participate. They have applied for a grant and are waiting to see if they are successful, this will be reported back to SED.

**NEXT MEETING:** 6th July 2023 – 6pm

Report provided by

*Van Gray*

**DEPUTY PRESIDENT AND  
REDLANDS SUB BRANCH SED DELEGATE**

# League Secretary Report

Having been away on holidays since Anzac Day, and returning to the desk, very little has occurred. We have a couple of months before we begin prep for Vietnam Veterans Day on Friday 18th August. As this year is the 50th Anniversary of the end of Australia's involvement in the Vietnam War, we would like to see an extra effort of those who had been involved in Vietnam to come along and be part of this Service.

Vietnam Veterans Day service will be held at the Anzac Memorial Park beginning at 10.00am. Upon conclusion of the service we will move over to the Club for camaraderie and conclude with lunch.

It is noted in newspapers and on TV that we are all reducing our spending, and upon visiting another club as well as our own in the past week, and taking particular note of the number of patrons in the venues, that we are not alone in the lack of people visiting clubs and pubs. This does not help our RSL given our new completed extensions.

Supporting your own club is paramount when we have a birthday or anniversary to celebrate.

*Michael McDonnell*

LEAGUE SECRETARY, REDLANDS SUB BRANCH



## 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF VIETNAM MEDALLION COMMEMORATIVE MEDALLION AND CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

The Australian Government has produced a 50th anniversary commemorative medallion and certificate of recognition, honouring the service of Australians who served in the Vietnam War.

On 29 March 2023, Prime Minister Hon Anthony Albanese MP and Minister for Veterans' Affairs Matt Keogh officially announced the medallion, presenting a group of Vietnam veterans with their commemorative medallion and certificate, at a special ceremony held at Parliament House, acknowledging their service and sacrifice in Vietnam.

The commemorative medallion and certificate is available to all Australian men and women who served in Vietnam, and to the family of veterans who have since passed away or were tragically killed in action during the Vietnam War.

To apply for the 50th anniversary commemorative medallion and certificate of recognition, please visit [www.dva.gov.au/vietnam50](http://www.dva.gov.au/vietnam50)

# Library Museum Report

Good morning members and welcome to another exciting month of goings on in the Library Museum.

Recently we had a visit from the Victoria Point Scout Group. The children as always were keen to try on slouch hats, navy and air force caps, packs, webbing, really anything they could get their hands on.

Andrew Bailey and myself fielded a variety of questions from the children. It was a delight to have them visit and we look forward to seeing them again soon.

On a sad note, at the end of July Jack Kemp will no longer be able to volunteer at the Library Museum. I thank Jack for his time and wish him all the best.

If there is anybody out there that would like to help out in the Library Museum as a volunteer please get in contact with me.

On a final note, if the person that left their white hatch back parked in the Library Museum gardens could you please move it if you haven't already.



*Martin Rabjohns*  
LIBRARY MUSEUM CURATOR



# National Servicemen

## REDLANDS BRANCH

Attendances at our General Meetings continue to be well below our pre Covid figures. At our last General Meeting, we had 41 in attendance, which is approximately 50% of the attendance regularly achieved 3 years ago.

This is probably not only because of the influence of the Covid restrictions, but also results from a general ageing of our membership.

Attendances at our social activities is still good and the branch is keen to introduce more frequent and varied events.

We enjoyed lunch at the Alexandra Hills Hotel and this was followed by a trip to Little Ships Club on Stradbroke Island. Coming up will be Christmas in July lunch which will be at Redlands RSL.

At the last meeting the branch decided to make donations to Redlands War Widows Association, and to support Nigel's effort to help animals affected by the War in Ukraine, a donation to AMMO.

Representatives of the branch attended the "Thanks to Volunteers" function held at Sharks, Victoria Point Club House, organised by MP's Don Brown and Kim Richards.

After every meeting, members enjoy the company in the Sails Dining Room.

*Eric Shaw,*

PRESIDENT, NATIONAL SERVICEMEN  
REDLANDS BRANCH



# Women's Auxiliary

No report this month.

*Desley Lingard*

PRESIDENT, WOMEN'S AUXILIARY



# Naval Association

## BAYSIDE SUB SECTION

**King's Birthday 2023 Honours List** - Redlands RSL and Bayside Naval Association Member Mr Ray Sandford has been recognised in the King's Birthday 2023 Honours List for outstanding service to Veterans and their families. Congratulations Ray and all other award recipients. Ray is a long standing member of the Redlands RSL and the Naval Association. He has previously held the positions of Queensland Section Naval Association President and Vice President of the Bayside sub-section. Bravo Zulu Ray.

The Bayside Sub-section June meeting was conducted 3 June in the RSL Tobruk Room with 21 male members present. Following the meeting food platters and refreshments were enjoyed by members. At this time our lady members were enjoying the annual funded Ladies Lunch in Sails on Shore restaurant with 21 ladies in attendance with good reports from the ladies.

Bayside next meeting will be Saturday 1st July 2023 at 1200. Venue for meeting will be the Maritime Room Redlands RSL. Yours Aye,

*Colin Saxby*

NAVAL ASSOCIATION AUSTRALIA,  
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# RAAF Association

## REDLANDS BRANCH

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

The Branch Wednesday afternoon informal wellbeing gatherings in the ANZAC Lounge of Redlands RSL continue to be well attended. Members of the Branch have also enjoyed attending the monthly 'Veterans Cuppas' organised by Redlands RSL Sub-Branch.

The Branch held the Annual Dining-In Night on Tuesday 16th May in the RSL Sails Restaurant Function Area. As usual, this was a great opportunity to enjoy each other's company with our invited guests. The Guest Speaker, WGCDR Jim Xinos, provided us with a great presentation from his recent posting to England and the extraordinary events that occurred during his time there. The catering and service from the RSL staff once again helped make the night a success. Thanks again to David Field for his efforts organising such a great night.

Delegates from the Branch attended the RAAFA Queensland Annual Assembly of Delegates in Toowoomba where David Field was presented with his 15 years membership certificate by the State President. *(Pictured right)*



On Sunday 4th June, members of the Branch attended the annual Bomber Command Commemoration Service at RAAF Base Amberley. This service commemorates the sacrifices Australian airmen made in the air war over Europe during World War 2.

The last General Meeting was on Sunday 11th June 2023 and members remained after the meeting to enjoy fellowship at lunch in the RSL Sails Restaurant. The next meeting of RAAFA Redlands Branch will be a General Meeting on Sunday 13th August 2023 in Redlands RSL at 10:30am. For those who can stay after the meeting, lunch in the RSL is planned.

*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

We had a visit from Hannah Bailey Partnerships Officer (Engagement) on the 13/6/2023. Hannah spoke to Adrian Aiple covering several topics including:

- See what programs are running for Veterans in the Redlands area.
- Find out how much political engagement we get.
- Learn out attendance of engaged Veterans.
- Explain all the services that are available at RSL QLD
- Learn if we refer Veterans to RSL QLD services.
- Provide information on available funding to help fund the project to completion.

This was a valuable visit that helps YVR and QLD RSL understand how we work together in more ways than just direct engagement with our current project.

Conversations that start because of what we are doing at YVR with Veterans in our local and wider areas often lead into how we are supported by the RSL and what other services are available and the positive things that the RSL do for Veterans.

On the 23/6/2023 Some representatives of YVR are meeting at our Federal Member Henry Pikes office with Phil Thompson OAM MP who is the Assistant Shadow Minister of Defence for a round table discussion about supporting Veterans.

Work on Project Perena is continuing with the cooling system and power steering being plumbed up. Plumbing for the fuel system and turbo are the focus at the moment.



Regards,

*Geoff Hooper*



# VETERANS & WELLBEING EXCURSIONS

Hello all, our last trip to Scotty's Barn and Garage at Flagstone was a great success. I would have to say it achieved a 5 star rating from all travellers.

Our next trip is to Secrets on the Lake at Montville for Christmas in July with a menu full of traditional Christmas cheer. The details are as follows:

**When:** Wednesday 26th July 2023.  
**Departure:** Redlands RSL at 8.am sharp.  
**Morning Tea:** Mary Cairncross Park in Maleny.  
**Lunch:** 2 course 'Christmas in July' luncheon including main and dessert at Secrets on the Lake in Montville.  
**Arrive back:** Approximately 4.00 – 4.30pm.

This event was emailed or sent via sms to our service members (that have a valid email and/or mobile number on our membership database) on Tuesday 13th June. As of Thursday 15th June (only 2 days later) 48 of the 50 seats were already sold. This shows how popular our Veterans Excursions are and how important it is to get your bookings in early. I would assume by the time this Bugle goes to print the final 2 spots will be filled, but please enquire at reception and put your name on a waitlist in case there are any cancellations.

*Greg Saunders*

CONVENOR OF  
VETERANS AND  
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EXCURSIONS



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# Christmas

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## THIS MONTH IN AUSTRALIAN MILITARY

# History

## JUNE

DATE	TITLE	EVENT
1 June 1918	RAN aircraft first used in combat	First use of aircraft in combat by ships of the Royal Australian Navy in the Heligoland Bight. Aircraft were launched from HMAS Sydney and Melbourne to intercept two German aircraft.
2 June 1967	2nd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, arrives in Vietnam	By 1967 Australia's commitment to the war in Vietnam was increasing as the Australian Task Force expanded its control over areas of Phuc Tuy Province.
3 June 1944	Last major air combat by RAAF in the Second World War	South of Biak Island 15 P-40Ns from No. 78 Squadron attacked 15 Japanese aircraft (12 fighters and three dive-bombers) and succeeded in shooting down seven fighters and all of the dive-bombers for the loss of one P-40 and pilot.
10 June 1941	Recruiting begins for Torres Strait Defence Force	Recruitment commenced for the Torres Strait Defence Force to be drawn from the Indigenous population of the Torres Strait Islands.
13 June 1945	Australians capture Brunei	The Australian occupation of Brunei was aimed at permitting the establishment of an advanced fleet base to protect Brunei's oil and rubber resources.
16 June 1948	Malayan Emergency declared	<p>The Australian involvement in Malayan Emergency lasted from 1950 to 1960, making it the longest continuing military commitment in our history. 39 Australian servicemen died in this conflict.</p> <p>Three British plantation managers were murdered in two separate incidents in Perak which led to the British enacting emergency measures two days later (18th) for Perak only. This was widened to include all of Malaya in July as the insurgency escalated.</p>
20 June 1943	Darwin bombed	Darwin was bombed by Japanese aircraft 64 times during the Second World War.
27 June 1911	Royal Military College, Duntroon, opens	The Royal Military College, Duntroon, was created at the suggestion of Field Marshal Lord Kitchener; its first commandant was Colonel W.T. Bridges, who later died of wounds received on Gallipoli.
30 June 1971	Final anti-war rally	110,000 people in Australian cities demonstrated against the war in Vietnam.

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# 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: Neil Trapp
	<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: Shree Rogers, President on 0416 062 115
	<b>YOUNG VETERANS REDLANDS</b> Contact: Geoff Hooper on 0419 649 925. E: chev1950@bigpond.com   Facebook: Young Veterans Redlands

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Neil McNeill	19th June 2023	RAN

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