

REDLANDS SUB BRANCH

BUGLE

AUGUST 2023 EDITION

"Honouring The Fallen By Serving The Living!"



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



Congratulations

It is with great
pleasure and
pride we
congratulate
**Mr Graeme Roberts-
Thomson MVO RFD**
for his award in the
**2023 Kings
Birthday Honours.**

The award being the
**"AUSTRALIAN ORDER
OF MERIT".**

Congratulations
and well done.



Mr	Graeme Douglas	Roberts- Thomson MVO RFD	For service to public administration.
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**PRESIDENT'S
LUNCHEON
IS NOW
ON SALE.**

SEE PAGE 24 FOR DETAILS.

President's Report

Well by the time you read this Vietnam Veterans Day will have been and gone. Being a Vietnam Veteran myself I find it very hard to relate to the 50 years that have passed. It equates to 54 years since my service. Am I really that old, I guess I am, every service we have though is an opportunity to give thought to those that didn't come home.

With more than half the years trading done and the alterations all finished we can see our trading side slowly taking shape. It is still a bit up and down and probably will for the rest of the year, but appears to be showing improvement in most areas over last year.

We will be introducing Poker and Bingo into the club, to see how they go on a 3-month trial. It will take a while for them to pick up, the hardest thing will be the promotion of them to people outside of the RSL members.

Welfare is still going strong. The problem we have is the same as every other Veteran Welfare Centre and that is the extraordinary long delays with the Department of Veterans Affairs returns and decisions on Veterans pension claims. In some cases, the advocates are getting the blame for the delays, which is unfair on them, they are trying to help the veteran.

Although we have been more fortunate than some sub-branches in the way of having very few homeless veterans, we find that there is an increase in requests for food vouchers to help veterans out over these tough times.

Well that's me done till next month.

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 25TH JUNE 2023

MEETING OPENED: 10.30am by Deputy President Ian Gray

ODE: Recited

REMEMBERING:

Glen Dawson	Unknown	ARMY
Neil McNeill	19th June 2023	RAN

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

NEW MEMBERS: Claude Huddy - Army

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES: Marie & Brian Taylor Anniversary

APOLOGIES: (10) As per the apologies list: G. Hargreaves, J. Hargreaves, T. Perren, L. Perren, Rev. C. Freese, Jim Rumble, June Rumble, L. Warner, A. Warner, A. Spelta.

Moved: M. McDonnell

Seconded: M. Rabjohns

That the Attendance and Apologies be accepted

.....Motion 1...CARRIED

PRESIDENTS OPENING REMARKS

- President Alan Harcourt advised that Ian Gray and Rob Wilson attended State Congress and Wendy Taylor was elected as Vice President for a 3 year term.
- Marty Rabjohns introduced guest speaker, Chris Ryan. As a longtime student of military history, Chris gave a presentation on Australian Wartime Achievements.

PREVIOUS MINUTES: League Gathering - Sunday 28th May, 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: D. Field

That the Presidents report be acceptedMotion 3...CARRIED

LIBRARY MUSEUM REPORT: As presented in the Bugle

Moved: M. Rabjohns

Seconded: G. Olsen

That the Library Museum report be accepted . . . Motion 4...CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE REPORT: Inwards & Outwards: (League Secretary - M. McDonnell)

OUTWARDS: Nil

INWARDS:

- Notification from Redland City Council for approval to use Anzac Memorial Park for Vietnam Veterans Day.
- The Queensland Government has committed to provide free TAFE and Apprenticeships for up to 300 Veterans transitioning to civilian employment. Paperwork is available if anyone knows of anyone requiring information.

Moved: M. McDonnell

Seconded: R. Khan

That the Inwards and Outwards Correspondence be accepted

..... Motion 5...CARRIED

TREASURERS REPORT: As presented in the Bugle

Moved: G. Saunders

Seconded: H. Fulton

That the Treasurers report be pted Motion 6...CARRIED

WELLBEING REPORT: As presented in the Bugle

- Congratulations to Doreen Matthews on her 99th Birthday.

Moved: L. Harcourt

Seconded: J. Butler

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

DEPUTY PRESIDENT, CADETS & RSL SED MEETING REPORT:

As presented in the Bugle

Moved: I. Gray

Seconded: B. Reedman

That the Deputy President, Cadets & RSL SED Meeting Report be accepted Motion 8...CARRIED

LEAGUE SECRETARY REPORT: As presented in the Bugle

- Michael McDonnell made mention of the Commemorative Medallion and Certificate of Recognition for the 50th Anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War available for all Australian men and women who served in Vietnam. Details on how to apply are on page 20 of the Bugle.

Moved: M. McDonnell

Seconded: D. Field

That the League Secretary 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 REPORT: As presented in the Bugle

Moved: R. Khan

Seconded: T. Adams

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

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

- Rob Wilson congratulated David Field on receiving his 15 year Membership Certificate from RAAFA.
- Rob Wilson spoke of the moving service held on 4th June for the annual Bomber Command Commemoration at RAAF Base Amberley. This service commemorates the sacrifices Australian airmen made in the air war over Europe during World War 2.

Moved: R. Wilson

Seconded: D. Palmer

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

YOUNG VETERANS REPORT: As presented in the Bugle

Moved: R. Wilson

Seconded: R. Khan

That the Young Veterans Report be accepted . . Motion 13...CARRIED

VETERANS AND WELLBEING EXCURSION INFORMATION:

As presented in the Bugle

- Greg Saunders advised that the next excursion on Wednesday 26th July 2023 to Secrets on the Lake in Montville is completely sold out. Thanks to everyone for their support.

Moved: G. Saunders

Seconded: J. Butler

That the Veterans and Wellbeing Excursion Information be acceptedMotion 14...CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS

- President Alan Harcourt congratulated our Service member Raymond Sandford on receiving the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM).
- Michael McDonnell discussed Vietnam Veterans Day on Friday

18th August 2023. This is the 50th Anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War. The Commemorative Service will commence at 10am at Anzac Memorial Park. There will also be a complimentary voucher for a Pronto lunch meal at Sails Restaurant available for Vietnam Veterans. Please register your attendance in advance at reception. All details are on page 7 of the Bugle.

- Deputy President Ian Gray and Vice President Rob Wilson attended the 2023 State Congress and Annual General Meeting. They both spoke of some highlights and details from the meeting. There will be a full report for the Bugle at a later date for everyone to read at their leisure.

RAFFLES: Drawn and Won

NEXT MEETING: Quarterly General Meeting Sunday 23rd July 2023 at 10.30am

MEETING CLOSED: 11.15am

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Sunday 24th
September 2023
League Gathering

Sunday 29th
October 2023
President's Luncheon

Sunday 19th
November 2023
Quarterly General Meeting

December 2023
No Meeting

Treasurer's Report

As we move into the second half of 2023 the Redlands RSL is in a solid position both for July and year-to-date (YTD).

As at the end of July the Net Profit Actual is \$10,633; Budget \$95,940 with a Variance of \$-85,306. The Year to Date Actual is \$443,357; Budget \$381,479 with a Variance of \$61,878.

The following needs to be taken into account; Depreciation in July was \$190,000, YTD \$210,000 increase in the interest expense on loan compared to last year. To come out with a profit for July is a great result.

Overall Operating Expenses are well controlled both for July and on a YTD basis. The July Actual is \$-563,619; Budget is \$-570,779 with a Variance of \$7,159. The YTD actual total is \$-3,666,712; Budget \$-3,784,146 with a Variance of \$117,433.

Overall Members Funds are \$30,886,712; Current Asset total is \$4,544,349. Current Liabilities total is \$3,525,048. Our Bank Business Loan is \$7,900,000. Our funds remain resilient at \$2,473,766 and there is a further \$1,294,097 in Operational Funds.

League and Wellbeing expenditure totalled \$96,699 for July and YTD total is \$734,320. Just to highlight a couple of areas where money was spent in July are as follows: Golden Oldies \$1,516; League Bus expenses \$1,591; League and Wellbeing Member Amenities \$51,110.

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 scheme.

In summary, taking all things into consideration, the Redlands RSL is in a strong financial position, especially when solid increases have been incurred with interest rate rises, depreciation and inflation are taken into account.

Greg Saunders

TREASURER, REDLANDS SUB BRANCH



Wellbeing Report

Good morning and welcome to the August League Gathering.

Another busy month at Headquarters with clients old and new coming to enquire of our advocates of their entitlements from the Department of Veteran Affairs. We have had many visitors to Headquarters enquiring about the 50th Anniversary of the Australian involvement in the Vietnam War in Vietnam concluding.

The Sub Branch now has 1,174 members which is the most we have ever had. Sadly, three Poppy Services were conducted in August.

Once again, our Veterans Cuppa was well attended by members, regulars and first timers, with 50 enjoying the morning.

Our bus trip to Secrets on the Lake at Montville was well supported by our Service members, with another trip planned in October.

Thank you to our Redlands Community and Vietnam Veterans who attended the Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the ending of Australia's involvement in the Vietnam War. We had 75 guests for lunch in the Sails Restaurant after the service.

Our Wellbeing Support Officers hope to attend a training course facilitated by our District Office on Tuesday 19th September. This will be an opportunity for them to chat to other Sub Branches in the District and exchange ideas.

A couple of our Wellbeing volunteers have not been too well. Hope you are back on deck soon as I know you enjoy meeting with our Veterans.

Our District Wellbeing Officer for SEDRSL has had a heart attack but great to say that he is on the mend. Stay well Steve, you are in our thoughts.

The Redlands Branch of War Widows is hosting the Annual Friendship Day for their members from all over Queensland on Thursday 24th August with a White Cross Memorial service to be held in the afternoon of Wednesday 23rd. This is a very important day each year and the Redlands RSL are assisting them in any way we can.

We wish them a wonderful day.

Linda Harcourt
WELLBEING/VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

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Deputy President & Cadets Report

This month the Cadet Units prepared for Vietnam Veterans Day Service to be held in Anzac Park on 18th August. In addition, 136 Army Cadet Unit team began training for Catafalque Party duties. This year saw new recruits taking up this task at short notice, volunteering for Catafalque Party duties with limited training. I am sure they will do a great job. TS Norfolk Navy Cadets and 217 Squadron will provide flag party's. Their Commanders will lay wreaths for their respective Units.

On the 17th August a request was made by Rick McCarthy OAM to catch up for dinner and meet our Board members. Rick will be marching 1050 kilometers from Enoggera Barracks to Bowral in NSW to commemorate 50 years since Australian Troops withdrew from Vietnam. The funds raised will be split across Honour Our Fallen and Soldier On. Rick and his team will attend our Vietnam Veteran's Day Commemoration as part of his trek south. Rick is the Founder and President of Honour Our Fallen Project which we are a part of in partnership with the Schools in the Redlands.



Our Board meeting with Rick McCarthy OAM and his support team, MP Henry Pike. Also President Alan receiving an award from Rick McCarthy OAM for Redlands RSL partnership in the Honour Our Fallen project.

Given the significance of Vietnam Veterans Day in honouring the sacrifices made by Vietnam Veterans, Cleveland High School teacher Joni Edwards and Students who each year lay a wreath on this special event to show their appreciation and recognition for Veterans. This school invites local Veterans to share their experiences, in order to educate students about the historical context of the Vietnam War.

Such an initiative not only demonstrates the school's commitment to educating our students about the sacrifices made by Veterans but also helps foster a sense of community and respect among the

students.

Joni Edwards, a teacher from Cleveland High School, took me to the School Library and showed me a special task the students were involved in which was a display they put together for Vietnam Veteran's Day.

The below listed reports will reflect activities of the Cadet Units.



TS NORFOLK AUSTRALIAN NAVY CADET UNIT

Another action packed term at TS Norfolk with 20 cadets and staff taking part in a maritime day at Coochiemudlo Island. Perfect weather and conditions saw the cadets, while under instruction learn to coxswain our RHIB & Dory power boats with a fun day had by all. This was preceded with TS Norfolk & TS Diamantina cadets taking part in Flinders Day celebrations on the island. This is to commemorate Captain Matthew Flinders RN arriving on the island while charting what is now Moreton Bay.

Staff and cadets accepted an invitation from 136 Army Cadet Unit to attend a parade and exchange ideas in preparation for our Tri-Service Annual Parade. This annual event brings together cadets from all three services to be inspected by an officer from the hosting service and in the presence of Community & Service leaders and family and friends of staff and cadets. The parade will commence at 3pm and open to members of the community who wish to attend. The parade will be inspected by Lieutenant Commander Darren Crossingham ANC, Registrar of the Australian Navy Cadets.

Two weeks ago the unit, staff and cadets were inspected by the Director General of Australian Navy Cadets, Commodore David Greaves RAN. The Commodore took the time to speak with the ship's company on upcoming training developments as well as listening to feedback from staff and cadets on the organisation and the unit. The Commodore presented promotion certificates to two cadets, one promoted to Cadet Leading Seaman and one from Recruit to Cadet Seaman. Our Cadet Leading Seaman also received his 3 year long service and good conduct chevrons on the same night. As a vote of thanks, the Commodore received from the ship's

company a TS Norfolk Ball Cap, a Unit Patch and a water bottle to commemorate his visit.

TS Norfolk welcomed 4 new cadets this month along with three more Defence Approved Volunteers (DAHs) to assist with the training program. Two will transfer back to TS Diamantina, with another DAH receiving their promotion to Midshipman from DAH. Congratulation on their promotion.

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

For further enquiries, please contact TSNorfolk@navycadets.gov.au

— Report filed by CO TS Norfolk LEUT Adam Regnart ANC



Director General of Australian Navy Cadets, Commodore David Greaves RAN presenting Awards.



AUSTRALIAN ARMY 136 CADET UNIT

136 ACU continues to kick goals and the cadets have been exceptional. You can see by this report, the tempo of 136 has increased and we are proud to say we are leading the charge.

136 ACU has welcomed the new 13 battalion commander Major Amanda Stowell and her 2IC Captain Ian Hughes. Major Stowell works closely with the ADF, holding a position in support of Defence recruiting, while Captain Hughes is a former British Army Paratrooper. Both officers will enhance the battalion formation bringing a world of experience.

Chief of Army Challenge. 136 ACU sent unit members along to the chief of army challenge held at Canungra. Here cadets had to qualify in order to make the team, conducting basic fitness assessments and written exams before being selected to compete. Chief of Army is a weeklong activity that finds cadets exposed to infantry based all corps training in a jungle environment.

136 ACU and the 13 Battalion challenge. 136 ACU won the demanding activity, taking out the prestigious award for overall best unit. A massive CONGRATULATIONS to the cadets from 136 who competed in this year's 13th BN Challenge competition! It was not an easy weekend, competing against other teams from across the battalion.

CUO Sharman the company commander said, "I could not be happier", "to be able to claim that 136ACU scored 1st place on the 2023 BN Challenge cup is the highlight of my cadet career" "Truly an amazing effort and result from our 136 team".

Those members who competed were, CUO Sharman, SGT Mckeown, CPL Lai, CPL Foster, CPL Mckeown, LCPL Daly, LCPL Lai, LCPL Brailsford, CDT Goong, CDT Pearce & CDT Fox. Staff: LT (AAC) Thwaites & 2LT (AAC) Schmidt.

136 ACU continues kicking goals. The Commander Colonel Denner and SEQ RSM visited 136 ACU to conduct an inspection of the troops. Both Colonel Denner and WO1 Brace appreciated the new space and the units plan for the future. The commander took the opportunity to present awards to CUO Sharman, presenting the Commander's Medallion and the bronze commendation, while CUO Griffin and WO2 Maujean received the Commander's coin. These awards are some of the highest achievements offered to cadets. The unit is immensely proud that 3 of our senior cadets received these honours for bravery and courage in the face of immense adversity. Congrats Sharman, Griffin and Maujean.

Exercise Snowstorm, 136 ACU deployed to Karingal Forest area at Mount Cotton. Here the unit conducted a field training weekend at Camp Archer. Cadets took part in CDT-C1B-NAT CORE LEVEL 1 BRAVO and MAC-SUR-NAT INTRODUCTION TO SURVIVAL TECHNIQUES.

The activity was designed to prepare the cadets for a much larger statewide activity coming up in September. For many it was the first time they had been away from home and so living in a field environment was quite foreign.

The exercise consisted of three-phases, Phase 1 – the unit deploying into the field and establishing a company position. Phase 2 – Taking part in structured field lessons consisting of field theory such as cam and concealment, why things are seen, movement by day and night, obstacle crossings, navigation, manning and establishing a CP, receiving, and interpreting orders, delivering orders using a mud map, radio telephone procedures, first aid, casualty evacuation and basic survival when living in the field. Phase 3 – the unit departing the location via a route march back to their infill location to meet parents and complete the activity.

136 ACU continues to be the premier unit of 13 Battalion, growing from strength to strength.

— *Report provided by OC Captain Paul Golle*



L-R CUO Griffin, WO2 Maujean, Colonel Denner RSM Brace CUO Sharman and CO CAPT. Golle



217 SQUADRON, AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

— Report provided by CO FLTLT 217 Sqn Craig Patterson



Over the last 4 weeks at 217 SQD Air Force Cadets, the new curriculum has been introduced with more practical hands-on activities teaching cadets life-long RAAF lessons with the theory for comprehension. The Basic stage cadets are absolutely loving it. From learning the 4 flight fundamentals to designing marshmallow catapults, launching parachutes rescue missions, glider flying contests and endeavouring in constructing an engine of an F-18 Super Hornet. Eloquently I have been fortunate enough to watch each of the cadets displaying confidence, initiative, and excitement for each Monday night at cadets. I am delighted to see our cadets at 217 develop their passion for the RAAF.



Cadet reports compiled by

Van Gray LM

DEPUTY PRESIDENT, REDLANDS SUB
BRANCH, & CADET LIAISON OFFICER



League Secretary Report

On Friday the 18th August Redlands RSL Sub Branch held a service celebrating 50 years since the last of Australian troops were in Vietnam. The day was clearly advertised and promoted throughout the media, and many services held throughout the country.

We had approximately 150 to 160 which is a very good attendance on the day, with the Founder and President of 'Honour the Fallen' Rick McCarthy OAM, who is on a trek from Enoggera to Bowral NSW and stopped off at Redlands RSL to participate in our service. Rick is calling into RSL Clubs along the way who participate in 'Honour the Fallen', recognising those that served our country.

Thank you to our guest speaker John Griffiths Squadron Commander (retired) for his in-depth knowledge of the Vietnam War and in his retirement assists in the Reserve, the Cadets in his area, while being a member of Rotary.

RSL QLD sent an official reporter and photographer to record our service, chatting with him afterwards, he was most impressed with our service.

As Vietnam numbers are dwindling, to honour the remaining Vietnam Veterans as members of the RSL, a lunch was organised for them along with their partner or carer upon conclusion of the service, which was well supported. All non-Vietnam Veterans and Redlands National Service members who attended the service chose to continue their fellowship at the club.

It was very impressive to see all those in attendance wearing their medals and recalling old times they had in the services. Well done to you all.

Michael McDonnell

LEAGUE SECRETARY, REDLANDS SUB BRANCH



Library Museum Report

Good morning all,

Vietnam Veterans Day saw the Army Cadets from 136 Army Cadet Unit take the opportunity to view the displays in the museum. We hope they had a great experience looking at the displays, especially the Vietnam Veterans Display.

Other than Vietnam Veterans Day it's been surprisingly quiet in the Library Museum. We are still receiving donations on a regular basis and a trickle of visitors everyday.

I'm still looking for anyone who may want to donate some time volunteering in the Library Museum.

As always, thank you to all of our volunteers for helping out. Without you we wouldn't be able to provide the great service to our members and the public.

Regards,

Martin Rabjohns
LIBRARY MUSEUM CURATOR



LIBRARY MUSEUM OPENING HOURS
MONDAY TO FRIDAY: 10AM TO 2PM



National Servicemen

REDLANDS BRANCH

The National Servicemen's Branch had 44 members attend the last meeting. Attendances of 40 to 50 seem to be the new norm. A big drop from the pre Covid numbers of 70 – 80. It appears indeed that advancing age is taking its inevitable toll.

The numbers would have been a little better if not for the fact that Ann had a birthday on the day, and we decided a celebration was in order.

I suspect that I was not missed and am sure that the meeting proceeded very smoothly under the direction of Vice President, Frank Williams. It was great to have Les Warner filling his duties again.

Our lunch at Parliament House unfortunately had to be postponed for a fortnight, however, plans have all been completed and we anticipate a great afternoon when the visit proceeds.

This event will be quickly followed by the visit to the Planetarium which also promises to be a most enjoyable occasion.

Several of our members attended the Commemorative Ceremony remembering the end of the Vietnam conflict and the lives which were sadly lost.

Members are reminded that Covid continues to cause illness and loss of life. Great care is urged particularly of those who are getting a little older.

Eric Shaw,

**PRESIDENT, NATIONAL SERVICEMEN
REDLANDS BRANCH**



Naval Association

BAYSIDE SUB SECTION

The Bayside Sub-section August meeting was held in the RSL Redlands RSL Tobruk Room, 5th August 2023 , with 34 members present.

Several members attended the July Memorial service at the Jacks Memorial South Bank in memory of the Coastwatchers. Guest of honour and speaker was the US Ambassador to Australia Caroline Kennedy.

August the 18th Bayside President Graham laid a wreath on behalf of Bayside at the commemorative service held in the Anzac Memorial Park. Several members enjoyed the camaraderie following at the RSL.



The Redlands RSL Gallipoli Room and date Saturday 14th October 2023 have been confirmed for Bayside's annual Ladies Dinning In night. This year's theme "Families in Military Service".

A Big thank you was received from TS Norfolk for our members who participated in Norfolk's successful fund raising Pie Drive.

The August 31 ceremony at Jacks Memorial will be for Hospital Ships.

Yours Aye,

Colin Saxby

NAVAL ASSOCIATION AUSTRALIA,
BAYSIDE SUB SECTION INC.



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. These gatherings are a great opportunity for members to get out and enjoy the camaraderie with mates.

The Branch held the Annual Winter Warmers dinner on Wednesday 19th July in the Courthouse Restaurant at Cleveland. This event had 22 members, friends, and partners attend, making it the most successful in recent years. Despite the subtle change in the menu, the meal was still enjoyable, and some very productive banter ensured a successful night. Thanks again to David Field for his efforts organising such a great night.



The annual Vietnam Veterans Service organised by Redlands RSL on Friday 18th August had members of the Branch attending and laying wreaths on behalf of the RAAF, No 2 Sqn, 9 Sqn, 35 Sqn and the Redlands Branch of the RAAF Association. The guest speaker, John Griffiths, provided an inspiring address.

The next meeting of RAAFA Redlands Branch will be a General Meeting on Sunday 8th October 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 have been busy working on the race car. It is very near to being started for the first time.

It has a complex system for oil, fuel and coolant which we have plumbed up with the special hoses and fittings necessary for the harsh conditions it is going to operate under.

We have just fitted the last 2 sensors that we have been waiting for an oil pressure and fuel pressure senders. These need to be wired in and then we can light the fire.

Once that is done it has to be tuned by a specialist engine tuner. We then get to pull it all apart again to make any modifications we may discover once it is running then paint the engine bay and the hanging panels.

After that install all the panels and the interior.



On another note I have reached out for some help with organising Young Veterans Redlands. Dean Minchington has offered his time and resources to help get some more activities outside of the racecar.

Regards,

Geoff Hooper



Women's Auxiliary

The ladies of the Auxiliary celebrated their 56th birthday with a luncheon held on Monday 7th August 2023.

They were joined by guests from other Auxiliaries in SEDRSL and Brisbane North. President Desley welcomed 85 guests, and enjoyed a 2 course luncheon and chatting to ladies from other Auxiliaries. One of the highlights was the talks by Presidents from guest Auxiliaries as to what they do to support their Sub Branches and Community.

There was a wonderful array of raffle prizes with at least one prize going to each Auxiliary.

These luncheons between Auxiliaries are the prime way that all Auxiliaries keep in touch, so our ladies will be attending a few more luncheons throughout the remainder of the year.

Thank you to the ladies from Redlands who helped make this day such a great success.

Desley Lingard
PRESIDENT, WOMEN'S AUXILIARY





PRESIDENT'S *luncheon*

The President of Redlands RSL Sub Branch Inc.

Mr Alan Harcourt

Invites all Service Members plus one partner or carer,
War Widows, Legacy Ladies and Women's Auxiliary to attend the

PRESIDENT'S LUNCHEON

WHEN: Sunday, 29th October 2023
11.30am for 12 noon start

WHERE: Gallipoli Room, Redlands RSL

TICKETS: \$30pp for Service Members plus one partner or carer,
War Widows, Legacy Ladies and Women's Auxiliary

DRESS: Coats and Ties (no medals)

Pre-bookings with payment essential at
Redlands RSL reception, or phone 3488 1199.

Menu

MAINS - served alternate drop

'Roaring Forties' Tasmanian Lamb Rack - served medium with anchovy rosemary mint and pine nut crust on a redcurrant jus; with crispy fondant potatoes, green pea mash, and baby carrots

Grilled Fresh Snapper - served with Asian greens, coriander peanut pesto, and crispy roasted kipfler potato

DESSERT - served alternate drop

Sticky Date Pudding - served with cream, ice cream, and caramel sauce

House-made Apple and Rhubarb Crumble - served with vanilla bean ice-cream



VETERANS & WELLBEING EXCURSIONS

Where has the year gone? It's flying. Our last excursion was to Secrets on the Lake at Maleny, a trip that was thoroughly enjoyed by all. May I take this opportunity to thank you, one and all for your great support on the trips; they are virtually always at capacity.

Our next trip is into NSW where we travel to Byron Bay to ride the famous Solar Train after having morning tea at Fingal Bay. This excursion is sold out.

Scott Muller, a former member of the Ten Tenors is appearing at the Redlands RSL on Saturday 2nd September with seating from 7.30pm for 8pm start. This performance should not be missed, with a mixture of classics, jazz and Broadway hits including My Way, Hallelujah and You Will Never Walk Alone. Scott is very excited to be returning to the Redlands and appearing at the RSL. Ticket prices are \$40.00 for Service Members and \$50.00 for Non Service Members. If you wish to have dinner prior, the latest time slot to make the show would be 6.00pm.

Future trips will be in September along with a Mystery Tour in November. Stay tuned for information, dates and prices to follow.

Till next time, take care.

Greg Saunders

CONVENOR OF VETERANS AND WELLBEING EXCURSIONS



VIETNAM VETERANS DAY

- FRIDAY 18TH AUGUST 2023 -





History

AUGUST

DATE	TITLE	EVENT
2 Aug 1941	Last major action involving Australians at Tobruk	After its capture Tobruk was garrisoned by the 9th Division, elements of the 7th Division and other Allied units. The town was surrounded on three sides by the German Afrika Korps in April and remained besieged, but able to be re-supplied by sea, until December. Most Australians, however, left Tobruk between August and October.
2 Aug 1990	Iraq invades Kuwait	The invasion began the series of events that led to the Gulf War of 1991.
3 Aug 1860	Second Maori War begins	British troops in Australia were sent to fight the Maoris and the campaign was controlled by the commander of imperial forces in Australia until the New Zealand Command was separated from Australia in 1861. The colony of Victoria sent its ship Victoria, and about 2,500 Australians joined either the Waikato Militia Regiment or the Company of Forest Rangers in the fighting around Waikato.
4 Aug 1914	Great Britain declares war on Germany	Australia pledged a force of 20,000, to be placed at Britain's disposal, but by the end of the war over 400,000 Australians were in uniform.
5 Aug 1944	Mass breakout of Japanese prisoners at Cowra prisoner-of-war camp, NSW	This was the largest ever mass escape from a prisoner-of-war camp. Some 378 Japanese prisoners succeeded in escaping the camp; of these, 234 were killed and 108 were wounded. Three Australian guards died in the fighting immediately following the escape, and another was killed during attempts to round up escapees in the surrounding countryside.
6 Aug 1915	Battle for Lone Pine begins on Gallipoli	The Lone Pine operation was planned as a diversion to draw Turkish reserves away from a major British attack to be launched at the northern end of the Australian and New Zealand position on Gallipoli. The Australians suffered more than 2,200 casualties at Lone Pine and the Turks over 5,000. Seven Australians were awarded the Victoria Cross.
6 Aug 1945	First atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima	Hiroshima was chosen as the target for the dropping of the first atomic bomb as, to that point, it had not been subjected to US air raids. It was believed that attacking a hitherto untouched city would demonstrate the awesome power of atomic weapons. The bomb was dropped by a US B29 bomber nicknamed "Enola Gay"; it was estimated to have killed some 140,000 people by August 1946.

DATE	TITLE	EVENT
13 Aug 1914	Establishment of the Australian Red Cross	Establishment of the Australian Red Cross to raise funds to purchase comfort supplies for Australian service personnel overseas. The Australian Red Cross was established by Lady Helen Munro-Ferguson.
13 Aug 1941	Australian Women's Army Service formed	The Australian Women's Army Service was established to release men from certain military duties for service with fighting units. Members of the Australian Women's Army Service served in a variety of roles including clerks, typists, cooks and drivers. In 1945 a contingent was sent to Lae and another group was sent to Holland.
15 Aug 1945	VP (Victory in the Pacific) Day	On this day Emperor Hirohito announced Japan's unconditional surrender.
18 Aug 1966	Battle of Long Tan, South Vietnam	Amid a tropical downpour, 108 men of D Company, 6th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, supported by artillery and a timely resupply by the RAAF, fought off an attack by an enemy force of more than 2,000 in a rubber plantation near the abandoned village of Long Tan. The arrival of Armoured Personnel Carriers carrying reinforcements brought the action to an end. Seventeen Australians were killed, one died of wounds, and 24 were wounded. More than 245 enemy bodies were later counted, but many more had been taken away.
18 Aug 1971	Australian Government announces withdrawal from Vietnam	The Australian Government announced that the 1st Australian Task Force would be withdrawn before Christmas 1971, and the logistic support force shortly thereafter.
26 Aug 1916	6th Australian Brigade attacks Mouquet Farm on the Somme	Mouquet Farm, near Pozières, was the focus of nine separate attacks by Australian troops between 8 August and 3 September 1916. Some 11,000 Australians were killed or wounded in the fighting around Mouquet Farm.
28 Aug 1945	Australian destroyers enter Tokyo Bay	Ships of the Royal Australian Navy joined Royal Navy and United States Navy ships in Tokyo Bay to receive the main Japanese surrender on 2 September.
31 Aug 1918	Battle of Mont St Quentin begins	Mont St Quentin, overlooking the town of Péronne, was the scene of a famous Australian action under the leadership of Lieutenant General Sir John Monash. The depleted Australian divisions won an impressive victory against the German defenders, capturing some 2,600 prisoners. This battle is considered by many to have been the crowning achievement of the AIF in the First World War.

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