

REDLANDS SUB BRANCH

BUGLE

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"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





As this is our last Bugle for 2023,
we'd like to take this opportunity
to wish you all a
very Merry Christmas, and a
Safe, Happy and Healthy 2024.

**Redlands RSL Sub Branch and the
Library Museum will be CLOSED from
Thursday 14th December 2023 at 12noon,
and will re-open on
Monday 15th January 2024.**

If you require any urgent assistance
during that time, please phone
Linda on 0417 604 723

In 2024, our first gatherings will be the
Veterans Cuppa on
Wednesday 10th January at 9am,
and then the
Quarterly General Meeting on
Sunday 21st January at 10.30am.

President's Report

Well this is my last report for 2023. It has been an eventful year with more than half tied up with renovations, but when we see the final result, it was well worth the frustrations and pain.

Now that the renovations are behind us we look forward to an increase in trade over the Christmas period. Trade has already shown an increase since the renovations have been completed.

On the Sub-Branch side we have just completed Veterans Health Week with a trip to The Farm at Wellington Point, which proved very interesting with a tour around the Farm and a morning tea. Well worth the trip.

We have seen the Presidents Luncheon over and done with 100 in attendance. It proved to be an excellent day with good food and good company. The Presidents Luncheon has been going for many years, its concept is to give the President the chance to thank the members and committee for their support over the past 12 months.

There has not been a let up for our Wellbeing Advocates with Veterans coming in for assistance to obtain a Department of Veterans Affairs Pension or for wellbeing assistance. The Sub-Branch provide vouchers to those that require that little bit extra assistance.

We have some 50 odd wellbeing officers that assist in the care of our Veterans and their families and it is an ongoing part of our wellbeing care. This includes home and hospital visits.

That is my final report for 2023. May I finish by wishing all of our members and their families a Very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

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

QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES SUNDAY 23RD JULY 2023

MEETING OPENED: 10.30am by President Alan Harcourt

ODE: Recited

REMEMBERING: James Henry 25th June 2023 RAAF

ATTENDANCE: A total of 43 as per the attendance book (41 League members, 2 visitors)

APOLOGIES: (8) As per the apologies list: J. Hargreaves, Jim Rumble, June Rumble, Rev. C. Freese, L. Warner, J. Dagg, B. Landford, J. Landford.

Moved: M. McDonnell

Seconded: M. Rabjohns

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

NEW MEMBERS: Nil

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES: Rob Khan (80), Ian Gray, Margaret Wilson

PRESIDENTS OPENING REMARKS:

- President Alan Harcourt advised of the change of dates to note for the remainder of the year of Sub Branch meetings on page 7 of the Bugle.
- On behalf of the Sub Branch and Redlands RSL, President Alan Harcourt passed on sincere condolences to Michael McDonnell on the passing of Suzie.

PREVIOUS MINUTES: Quarterly Meeting Sunday 22nd January, 2023

Moved: J. Butler

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: I. Cuthbertson

That the Presidents report be acceptedMotion 3...CARRIED

TREASURERS REPORT: As presented in the Bugle

Moved: G. Saunders

Seconded: M. Rabjohns

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

GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT: As presented by Peter Harrison – General Manager

Reporting on comparison figures for the first 6 months of this year against last year as follows:

1. Bottle shop sales up 23%.
 2. Bar sales up 20.65%.
 3. Sails Restaurant up 31%.
 4. Functions up 143%.
 5. Coffee shop up 29%.
 6. Keno sales up a little bit but we are 20th in the State out of 985 venues.
 7. Net Profit \$432,000 down 57%.
- Due to the fact we only had about a quarter of certain areas of operations running, it is starting to prove that what we have done is certainly working. Even though sales are up, it will get tighter in the next 6 months due to wage and super increases on 1st July along with depreciation of the building, gaming and loan expenses etc. We are down \$692,000 from last year with \$608,000 of this figure being associated with the costs of the building.
 - Gaming figures turnover up 0.22% and Revenue up 0.56%. Cash Clearance down 1%. Average daily turnover up 2%.
 - A reminder of Vietnam Veterans Day Commemorative Service and to book for the special luncheon after the service as per page 13 of the Bugle.
 - Two other functions coming up in our function rooms, the first being Comedy Hypnotist, Jaden Boon on the 19th August and Scott Muller who was a former member of the Ten Tenors on 2nd September. Please book and pay at reception.

Moved: M. Rabjohns

Seconded: J. Butler

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

WELLBEING REPORT: As presented in the Bugle

- Linda Harcourt advised of a correction of qualifications for Wellbeing Compensation Advocate Edmund (Dave) Cusack who was noted as being Level 1 but is Level 2.

Moved *L. Harcourt*

Seconded: *B. Reedman*

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

DEPUTY PRESIDENT & CADETS REPORT: As presented in the Bugle

- Deputy President Ian Gray noted that Vice President Rob Wilson and he attended the State Congress in June. You have a 9 page report that was too large to put into the Bugle. Ian advised that Wendy Taylor was duly elected as State Deputy President.
- Correspondence has been received from SED President Kerry Gallagher AM advising that a Notice of Motion presented by Redlands for an 'RSL Advisory Committee on Contemporary League Member Management' was passed by the SED Board with recommendation that Heath Fulton be part of the committee and is now being submitted to State RSL for approval.

Moved: *I. Gray*

Seconded: *M. Rabjohns*

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

SED MEETING REPORT: As presented in the Bugle

- Vice President Rob Wilson noted that the Notice of Motion submitted by Greater Springfield Sub Branch; that RSL Queensland and RSL Australia advocate for mandatory annual mental health checks for the Australian Defence Force (ADF) was voted on by the Sub Branch delegates present at the SED Meeting held on 6th July 2023 as per report on page 14 of the Bugle.

Moved: *R. Wilson*

Seconded: *G. Hargreaves*

That the SED Meeting Report be accepted Motion 8...CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS: Nil

NEXT QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING: Sunday 19th November 2023
– 10.30am

MEETING CLOSED: 10.55am

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

December 2023 - No Meeting

**January 2024 - QGM,
Sunday 21st January**

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS *now due*

If your Service membership card expires 2023,
then this notice is for you...

**Membership renewals are available from
Friday 29th September.**

Please see our lovely staff at reception or phone 34881199.

RENEWAL OPTIONS FOR SERVICE MEMBERS ARE:

Service 1yr 2024: \$10

Life Subscription: Price dependant on your current age...

65+yrs = \$50, 60-64yrs = \$60, 55-59yrs = \$70, 50-54yrs = \$90,
45-49yrs = \$110. 40-44yrs = \$130, 18-39yrs = \$150.

Still current serving ADF member:

Free (staff must sight your current ADF ID)



Thank you for continuing to be a loyal member of your
Redlands RSL Sub Branch. We appreciate it.

General Manager's Report

BOTTLE-SHOP sales to 30th September 2023 were \$ **139,063.06** which is + 18.50% 2022.

BAR sales to 30th September 2023 were \$ **1,887,313.51** which is + 21.83% on 2022.

SAILS BISTRO sales to 30th September 2023 were \$ **2,587,153.48** which is + 28.54% on 2022.

FUNCTION sales to 30th September 2023 were \$ **241,992.37** which is + 76.52% on 2022.

COFFEE-SHOP sales to 30th September 2023 the were \$ **512,187.40** which is + 25.54% on 2022.

KENO sales to 30th September 2023 were \$ **1,554,016.50** which is + 6.72% on 2022.

NET PROFIT/LOSS to 30th September 2023 were \$ **527,059.51** which is – 178.56% on 2022.

COMPARISON GAMING FIGURES 2023 V 2022

Turnover:	+ 0.09%
Revenue:	+ 0.44%
Cancel Credits:	+ 4.41%
Cash Clearance:	+ 24.97%
Banking:	+ 24.76%
ADT:	+ 1.29%
ADN:	+ 1.98%
RTP:	- 0.07%

Very pleasing result to see that all areas we spent money on in the renovations have improved in sales but also, we should start to see increases on last year as this quarter as the next few months were probably our quietest when trying to finish off each area. Our NP is sitting well below last year as expected with depreciation, Wages and Superannuation costs increasing. We have done a fairly soft budget for 2024 because of the of the continued increase in costs in every area including Food, Coffee, alcohol so everything we sell.

Peter S Harrison
GENERAL MANAGER, REDLANDS RSL



Treasurer's Report

It is quite obvious that the recent refurbishment and extensions to the Redlands RSL are certainly paying dividends.

As at the end of October 2023 the Year to Date Net Profit is \$564,916; Budget \$607,433 with a variance of \$-42,516.

Looking at some of the stand out performers for Year to Date are as follows: Bar Trading is showing \$96,939 or 10% above Budget; Sails Restaurant is showing \$76,782 or 47% above budget; Cove Café is certainly a standout performer when you look at the trading area it has to work with, it's showing a Net Profit Year to Date of \$45,586, 16% above budget.

A couple of other factors that come into play in the slight decrease in profit are League and Wellbeing Expenses Year to Date showing a \$24,070 or 3% increase. Seeing that the Redlands RSL is all about the League, that figure is quite justifiable. Depreciation amounted to \$55,335.

Overall Members Funds are \$31,008,271; Current Asset total is \$4,654,261. Current Liabilities total is sitting at \$3,583,452. Our Non-Current Liabilities Bank Business Loan is \$7,500,000. Our Cash Reserves remain resilient at \$2,688,068 and there is a further \$1,100,551 in Operational Funds.

League and Wellbeing expenditure totalled \$124,424 for October and Year to date total is \$1,072,856. Here is a few areas where money was spent in October: Home Maintenance \$831; Joint Venture \$5,000; Subsidised Excursions \$1,406 and Legacy \$768.

The Volunteers are an integral part of the Redlands RSL Sub Branch and so far, this year they have generously given 9162 hours to the end of October of their valuable time. Your support and time are sincerely appreciated.

RSL Services League of Australia (Qld Branch) Redlands Sub Branch Incorporated Donations Financial Year as at 30/9/2023 are as follows: Charitable and Wellbeing Non-Affiliated \$60,112; Charitable and Wellbeing Affiliated \$830,309; Summary Cash in Kind Donations \$941,284; Schools \$280; Sports and Recreation Affiliated \$19,874; Sports and Recreation Non-Affiliated \$2,636; Community Non-Affiliated \$14,206 and Community Affiliated \$14,428.

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.

It is evident the word is certainly getting out there that the Redlands RSL is a great destination that has a great offer to all who visit.

Greg Saunders

TREASURER, REDLANDS SUB BRANCH



Wellbeing Report

Welcome to the last report for 2023. Another busy year is coming to an end and our Volunteers and Advocates will have a well-earned rest for a month. **We close Headquarters on Thursday 14th December 2023 at 12 noon, and reopen on the 15th January 2024.** There will be someone on call throughout this time if required (see page 2).

Our Veteran's Cuppa attendance has increased this year with new members attending each month.

Congratulations to Redlands RSL Joint Venture who won the RSL Indoor Bowls Remembrance Trophy and the Seniors Competition being Redland Shire Perpetual Shield Senior Citizens Week and were runners up for the Eddie Santaguiliana Memorial Shield.

There were 36 names read out on Remembrance Day of Service Members who have sadly passed away since November 2022. This was less than 2022 and we have had new members join which has kept our Service membership at a constant level.

Our Veterans and Wellbeing bus trips have been well supported again this year and we have been to many interesting destinations.

Our Golden Oldies' numbers have increased this year as well. Thank you to the team that put their program together and take such good care of everyone every 2nd Tuesday.

It is my hope that we have looked after our Veterans and their families in 2023 to the best of our ability. We have had some tough cases which have been satisfactorily resolved thanks to everyone at Headquarters working together.

Thank you to our Volunteers who conduct Poppy Services, visit Veterans, our Advocates and Wellbeing Support Officers with the organising of Commemoration Services and our Admin Staff.

May you all have a wonderful Christmas and a safe and happy 2024.

Linda Harcourt
WELLBEING/VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

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Deputy President & Cadets Report

This reporting period is a busy one for us as we attended the three Cadet Units in order to prep up for Remembrance Day Service. In addition, we provided Cadets with our inert F88 weapons for refresher training for the Catafalque Party.

The week prior to Remembrance Day we attended Cleveland High School, Faith Lutheran College, and Victoria Point High School for Honour Our Fallen program which involves placing half a metre size Australia flag on every Veterans grave in the Redlands. I must say the students are very respectful when performing this task.



I attended RSL South Eastern District Council meeting this month. The meeting started with a presentation from RSL Qld representative who spoke about how to manage disputes and discipline procedures in Sub Branches. A report with the highlights of the SED meeting will be provided in a separate report for the Bugle. (See pg 17 & 18)

We are aware of RSL Qld State Council of Presidents decision to reject Heath Fulton motion which was submitted through our Sub Branch. The motion submitted was as follows... "That the Qld RSL State Board establishes and Advisory Committee to investigate, analyse and develop solutions which are respectful of traditional membership to grow the contemporary membership with updated League practices and procedures for a more inclusive membership environment."

At SED Council meeting on Thursday 2 November, I advised SED President Kerry Gallagher while he was on leave that we thanked SED for their deliberation and approval of Heath's proposal that was forwarded to State Council of Presidents. However, I indicated that our Sub Branch through our President and members were disappointed that RSL Queensland Council of Presidents rejected Heath's proposal, as the young Veterans are the future of the League. As a result we have received advice that President Gallagher will be pursuing this matter further and at the 7th December Council Meeting he will ask for Delegates to provide feedback with suggested dates and times of the first meeting.

On Friday 10th November I assisted staff in the setup for 136 Army Cadets Unit Mess Dinner moving uniformed mannequins and flag displays for main tables and again on the next evening, 11th of November for 217 Sqn. Air Force Cadets Mess Dinner.

At both dining in nights, awards were given out to cadets for their achievements throughout the year.

Pictured: CAPT Golle awarding a high achievement for 136 Army Cadet Unit for 2023. Left: RSL award for CO's outstanding excellence award. Right: RSL shield for outstanding excellent Cadet award.



AUSTRALIAN ARMY 136 CADET UNIT

On behalf of 136 Army Cadet Unit (ACU), we extend our sincere gratitude to the RSL and its esteemed members for the unwavering support provided to our unit throughout the year.

The past year has been one of both challenges and accomplishments for 136 ACU, marked by significant events that have contributed to the growth and development of our unit. Amidst a busy schedule, our cadets ventured to Tasmania for national events, actively participated in the Chief of Army exercise, secured victory in the battalion challenge, and distinguished themselves by earning the title of the best company in the brigade exercise.

In addition to field exercises, march outs, and an annual dinner that concluded with awards and promotions, we are proud to share that one of our staff members has moved on to basic training at Kapooka, and several cadets have successfully enlisted. Notably, our Cadet Under Officer (CUO) received a Commander's Commendation, and the entire unit has experienced growth.

We are thrilled to welcome new additions to our cadre of staff, namely Lt Colonel Marshall and Mrs Caroline Patch Buckingham, who have joined our ranks. The dedication of our young officers is evident as they embark on leadership courses at Randwick Barracks, showcasing our commitment to continuous learning and development.

136 ACU stands as a proud unit, characterised by staff and cadets who deeply value the customs and traditions of the Australian Army. As we approach the festive season, we extend warm wishes to everyone for a very merry and safe Christmas and a joyous New Year. Thank you once again for your steadfast support.

Pictured below: CAPT Golle congratulating Cadet on a job well done.

— Report provided by CO 136 ASC CAPT Paul Golle



TS NORFOLK AUSTRALIAN NAVY CADET UNIT

The members of TS Norfolk have hit the ground running for term 4. The staff welcomed the

appointment as Executive Officer and 4 times as Commanding Officer of TS Norfolk. We also welcomed the appointment and promotion of Hunter Mulvaney as Midshipman of TS Norfolk. Midshipman Mulvaney was previously a CDT Leading Seaman of TS Gayundah and has been a welcomed addition to the staff.

Our first night back saw one cadet promoted to Cadet Leading Seaman and 9 cadets promoted from Recruit to Cadet Seaman. One cadet received their 2 year Long Service and Good Conduct chevrons, while another was not only promoted, but was appointed to our Training Ship Safety Team. On our second week, 7 cadets were promoted to the rank of Cadet Able Seaman. One cadet, upon receiving their promotion was also awarded their seamanship cuff rate. As Cadets reach Leading Seaman rank, for further progression to Petty Officer & Chief Petty Officer they are required to assist department heads in the administrative sides of the unit as well as conducting activities as part of their assessment. The assistant roles include - CO's Assistant, XO's Assistant, Boats Officer Assistant & Ceremonial. I am also pleased to report that two Cadet Leading Seaman have submitted their promotion applications for consideration.

Last week, Cadets enjoyed an afternoon maritime experience instead of the usual Thursday Night Parade. Cadets, under instruction from staff, coxswained our RHIB & Dorey power boats before ending the experience with a BBQ at Wellington Point Reserve.

TS Norfolk Staff & Cadets took part in the annual Remembrance Day services at Redlands RSL, as Honour Guard & Flag Part along with cadets from the other services. I am proud of the conduct of the cadets from all services that took part on the day.



On behalf of the staff and cadets of TS Norfolk, I would like to thank Redlands RSL and community for their continued support over 2023 and wish you all a safe and Merry Christmas.

Our final parade for the year will be 30th November 2023, as our Mess Dinner will be 7th December 2023. We will resume parading on 1st February 2024. 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 LEUT Adam Regnart ANC, Commanding Officer, TS Norfolk



217 SQUADRON, AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

217 Squadron is a few weeks out before the end of the training year. The Squadron has seen numbers grow and currently sits at 65 cadets actively parading. Plans are in place to commence the recruitment drive for 2024. With only a handful of cadets planning to leave we are anticipating strong interest in 2024 with just over 20 prospective recruits already completing paperwork to join our ranks. We have set an upper squadron limit of 85 cadets we know places will be limited, so we have strongly encouraged parents of prospective cadets to start the enrolment process as soon as possible via the online portal. To enrol in the Australian Airforce Cadets simply scan the QR code (see PDF document attached).

On other news, the staff and cadets of 217 Squadron held their annual dining in night at the Redlands RSL Gallipoli Room. The event gave opportunity for staff to introduce the traditions and protocols of a military dining in night to the cadets. Mr Vice SGT (AAFC) Peter Hohn kept the night on schedule and the cadets 'Banter' kept everyone entertained. On the flying front, 217 Squadron cadets saw themselves take to the sky with the Cadet Elementary Flying School. Here they got to take command of the DA-40 Diamond aircraft. Fully equipped glass cockpit the cadets are trained to take-off conduct a circuit and land the aircraft on the runways of RAAF Base Amberley. Well done to all. (See photos attached)

With three parades left for 2023 the squadron is making final assessments to the cadet home training program. Some of our cadets will continue the training tempo over the January after being successfully chosen for promotion. These residential leadership courses will provide our next leaders the knowledge and skills to hold the ranks of Cadet Under Officer (CUO) and Sargent (SNCO) within the Australian Air Force Cadets. We wish them every success in the respective courses. The squadron will stand down over the school holidays and will recommence parading on the 29 January 2024.

After a busy training year the cadets have earned themselves a well earned break. See you in 2024.

— Report provided by OC 217 Sqn Air Force Cadet Unit. Flight Lieutenant Craig Patterson.



217 SQUADRON 2 WING RECRUITING NOW

PARADE NIGHT:

Monday 1800-2100 (except holidays)

ENQUIRIES:

217sqn@airforcecadets.gov.au

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INSPIRING TODAY, LEADING TOMORROW

Cadet reports compiled by

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DEPUTY PRESIDENT, REDLANDS SUB
BRANCH, & CADET LIAISON OFFICER



SED HIGHLIGHTS

5TH OCTOBER 2023

SED MEETING

South East District Meeting chaired by Senior Vice President Doug Egan. Attended by me on behalf of Redlands Sub

Branch. Apart from the routine business of correspondence, financial report and other reports, the main highlights were:

Special Guest: Tara Hatzismalis – Deputy Commissioner DVA Queensland who covered the following:

- Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide – on the 14th September 2023 Parliament passed in laws that will support the Royal Commission to complete the work by making it possible for more people to participate in private face to face sessions, which is a positive step. Written submissions close on the 13th October 2023. The Royal Commission has received 4669 written submissions and they have published 748 on their website with the authors permission. The next hearing block will be in Sydney from 20th November 2023 and there may be more early next year with the final report due to Government by 17th June 2024.
- Legislation reform is underway at the moment and one of the recommendations from the Royal Commission Interim Report is as follows: we have had a number of sessions around the country and the Government has provided funding to develop a pathway to get rid of the complexity in our Veterans support system. At this stage and is yet to be considered by the Government, we are proposing from a future date that all claims will be determined under MRCA as a single ongoing Act and not under VEA or DRCA. If you are receiving services under DRCA or VEA at the moment we will propose to continue as is unless a new claim is lodged. Our intention is to not take anything away. This will require changes in how we administer our systems, train staff and a reset by Advocates. A lot needs to go into that. More information is available on the website.
- Finally, things are turning around and the overall claims backlog is going down, staff has increased by 533 since 30/6/2022.
- With regard to White and Gold cards, if anyone is finding it difficult to find a GP in your area to accept DVA fees please ring

DVA and they will help you find one.

- The new Repatriation Commissioner appointed on 15th September is Kahlil Fegan DSC AM.

Meeting significant business:

- SED Vice President Steve Monteith has resigned due to health reasons.
- A previous Notice of Motion submitted by Redlands Sub Branch on the proposed RSL Advisory Committee on contemporary League Member management which was passed by the SED Board and sent to RSL Queensland have received in writing the following response: 'State Council of District Presidents terms of reference state that they are the Advisory Body and they are the Committee for all matters pertaining to RSL Qld membership and other various matters of which your submission is now part of.' Redlands RSL Sub Branch Deputy President Ian Gray responded on behalf of the President, committee and members thanking SED for approving and passing on to State. He also stated that Redlands RSL are a little disappointed with the RSL Qld State Council of Presidents decision as we see young Veterans are the future of the League. Doug Egan advised that the author of the motion and he has been in discussions and Doug will be attending the next State President's Board meeting and will put forward that the author should be able to present his case to the State Council on behalf of young Veterans and advocate for what has been put up. There were other discussions amongst the Sub Branch representatives and it was agreed that there should be representation by younger Veterans.

Report provided by

Ian Gray

DEPUTY PRESIDENT, REDLANDS SUB BRANCH

League Secretary Report

League Secretary news has been very quiet in the past few weeks. Basically, preparing for Remembrance Day on Saturday 11th November, as you are aware I am flying solo, so a little more work to train new people in the art of preparation for events.

I have some very good people that are willing to put in the extra effort to make everything come together. Along with a gentleman who knock on my door and said I would like to be of some help, what will I do and what time will I be here.

*Michael
McDonnell*

LEAGUE SECRETARY
REDLANDS SUB BRANCH



VETERANS & WELLBEING EXCURSIONS

Well, where has the year of 2023 gone. Our last and final trip for the year is on 28th November which is a Mystery trip. We will just about have a full bus for this trip. On that note, may I take this opportunity to thank you one and all for your support and for making these excursions so successful.

I am extremely grateful to a great team of people I have the pleasure of working with. I refer to Linda Harcourt, Glenys Barry and Karleigh Little who are all part of the team to make it happen.

Our trips will start again in March 2024.

May I also take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a bright and prosperous New Year.

Till 2024, take care.

Greg Saunders

CONVENOR OF VETERANS AND WELLBEING EXCURSIONS

Library Museum Report

We are coming to the end of another busy year and I would like to thank all of our volunteers for their hard work and dedication in making the Library/Museum a success.

A special thanks to Andrew Bailey and Carmel McKay for your guidance and support throughout the year.

I have spoken to Peter Harrison recently about placing some bookshelves in the club so we can move military books from the Library Museum to the club so members have the opportunity to read them. Peter thought this was a good idea and will be purchasing some bookshelves in the near future.

On Thursday 9th November a group of parents and children from the Victoria Point Scouts came through the Library Museum. The children were very hands on, trying on packs, webbing, and anything else they could get their hands on. Many thanks to Simone from Victoria Point Scouts.



I hope all of our members have a wonderful Christmas and New Year, and I look forward to seeing everybody next year.

Regards,

Martin Rabjohns

LIBRARY MUSEUM CURATOR



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



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REDLANDS BRANCH

While the Nashos last meeting was successful and more importantly enjoyable, it is a fair comment that our attendances have still not yet returned to anything like pre Covid levels.

Queensland State President Alex Garlin, was a guest at our last meeting and joined us after the meeting for lunch. Unfortunately, one of the reports he presented to the meeting was of a number of Nasho branches closing down. This is just a sad fact of life, and many similar organisations are facing the situation of the level of participation and interest in their organisation decreasing because of advancing age.

It is great however that we have witnessed the return of some of our members whose attendance has been restricted because of poor health.

We supported Remembrance Day and took the opportunity to join with the RAAF Association in "flying the flag" at Birkdale Shopping Centre.

While our members have been supporting the outings organised by the RSL, it is some time since we organised trips of our own. This will be rectified early next year when we will be conducting a 3-day trip.

Cost will be very competitive so anyone thinking of joining the tour is urged to register their interest with Bernie, Frank or myself.

There was a good roll up for the lunch at Samsons Seafood Restaurant and our next meeting will be for a Christmas lunch at the RSL.

Eric Shaw,

**PRESIDENT, NATIONAL SERVICEMEN
REDLANDS BRANCH**



Naval Association

BAYSIDE SUB SECTION

The Bayside Sub-section October meeting was held at the Manly Bowls Club on Saturday 7 October 2023 with thirty-two members present.

The venue was chosen to utilise the Health Week DVA grant, the theme being Mental Health. As such Bayside used the much appreciated Veterans Affairs Grant to partake and enjoy a bare foot bowls day including our formal monthly meeting with lunch and a very informative presentation by the Immediate past President of the Queensland NAA, and Bayside Member Ray Sandford OAM on the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower program.

The annual Ladies Dinning In night was held in the Redlands RSL Gallipoli Room on Saturday 14th October 2023 with sixty-five guests present. This year's theme being "Families in Military Service." Our three guest speakers, siblings from the McKay family gave excellent presentations on their life experiences including as current serving members (one Airforce, one Army) and their memories growing up in a Navy family.

November's meeting was held in the Tobruk Room at the RSL with 27 members present.

Cor Infinitus, after a lot of hard work by members of the Bayside project committee, on Thursday 2nd November members gathered in ANZAC Memorial Park Cleveland to witness the dedication of the Cor Infinitus Memorial Plaque. NAA Bayside has championed this project since November 2021 when it sought Redlands RSL Board for permission to install a Cor Infinitus memorial in the park for Veteran suicide. Cor Infinitus aims to establish memorials throughout the country dedicated to those that served our nation and took their own life. See pages 30 & 31 for photos.



November 11 several members attended the Remembrance Day service held in ANZAC Memorial Park Cleveland, President Graham laid a wreath on behalf of Navy and Secretary Ian for the Bayside Naval Association.

Yours Aye,

Colin Saxby

NAVAL ASSOCIATION AUSTRALIA, BAYSIDE SUB SECTION INC.



RAAF Association

REDLANDS BRANCH

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

The Branch's 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.

In other social news, the Branch held a Restaurant Dinner at Tanja's Café and Restaurant, Wellington Point on Wednesday 27th September and this was followed soon after by Lunch in the Sails Restaurant of Redlands RSL, following our General Meeting on Sunday 8th October. The next Branch social function will be a Restaurant Dinner in the Sails Restaurant on Wednesday 22nd November from 6.00pm.

In the leadup to Remembrance Day, the Branch collaborated with Redlands National Servicemen's Branch with the sale of Remembrance Day memorabilia. On Remembrance Day, members of the Branch attended the Commemorative Service in ANZAC Park organised by Redlands RSL Sub-Branch where members laid wreaths on behalf of the RAAF and RAAF Association.

The next meeting of RAAFA Redlands Branch will be a General Meeting on Saturday 9th December 2023 in Redlands RSL at 10:30am. This will be followed by the Branch Christmas Lunch in the Redlands RSL Sails Restaurant.

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.



Last month Australian Animal Aid returned to help the people and animals of Ukraine.

The United Nations estimates as many as 3.7 million Ukrainians initially fled the country last year and many of them are pet owners, forced to flee to bordering countries with their beloved pets without essentials such as food, medicines or apparel items.

Conflict often results in the depopulation of entire regions causing animals to be left behind. Domestic animals may be deserted without adequate access to food or water, either tied up or kept inside an abandoned building, or else left to roam the streets or run off in the process of war or their owners have been killed. Many are taken in by volunteer shelters who are overwhelmed in numbers.

The Australian War Animal Memorial Organisation Inc. (AWAMO), a registered not-for profit Incorporation is Australia's leading service animal charity. Australian Animal Aid is a sub-branch of AWAMO, has viewed the crisis in Ukraine like many and decided to do something about it. Last year, AWAMO President Nigel Allsopp approached several animal businesses for assistance in helping to facilitate a delivery of more than \$500,000 of essential pet care supplies to animals impacted by the war in Ukraine. To ensure the aid got to the intended destinations two AWAMO representatives (Nigel Allsopp and Peter Kotzur) went to Ukraine to oversee the distribution of emergency food relief to the area's most in need.

Just like Australians, Ukrainian pet owners considered their dogs

and cats to be well-loved members of their families. During conflicts pets can provide emotional comfort, in some instances, these dogs and cats were the only things that provided the victims of the war with a sense of purpose and hope. A recent study shows that rather than flee from the Russian invaders, 39% of Ukrainian families stayed in Kyiv, in part because of their pets.

Much needed basic care products throughout the country are still in need. Impacting on the efforts by many volunteer animal shelters caring for the animals of Ukraine.

One dilemma about rescuing stray animals in the combat regions is by removing them to safety, there will be little chance in finding their owners once they return. However, do you leave them in those areas or remove them to safety and guaranteed food and shelter? Abandoned animals perpetuate stray populations and are vulnerable to outbreaks of diseases and once the conflict has ended, animals who were once healthy are likely to have post-traumatic stress disorder or physical ailments that decrease the likelihood of adoption. To help reunite these animals is to be able to identify them.

This is why the recent deployment in September 2023 AAA focused on the introduction of a microchip program, the training of animal first aid and the support of a couple of animal shelters (sadly we can only focus on a few).

To read the full report supplied by Nigel Allsop, please visit our website: <https://redlandsrsl.com/sub-branch/news/>

Microchip will be used by Ukraine Border Forces



VETERANS HEALTH WEEK

Thursday 19th October 2023



Funded by DVA Veterans Health Week Grant, we visited the Wellington Point Farmhouse for a tour of Redland's last remaining working market garden farm, followed by morning tea.



PRESIDENT'S LUNCHEON

Sunday 29th October 2023









LEGACY LUNCHEON

Friday 27th October 2023





COR INFINITUS MEMORIAL PLAQUE

Thursday 2nd November 2023





REMEMBRANCE DAY

Saturday 11th November 2023
Anzac Memorial Park,
Cleveland





- sails restaurant -

Christmas

LUNCH SPECIALS

\$15* MAIN MEAL

YOUR CHOICE FROM THE FOLLOWING...

HICKORY SMOKED AUSTRALIAN
HONEY GLAZED HAM
with seasonal vegetables

CRUMBED FISH
with chips and salad

SALT AND PEPPER CALAMARI
with chips and salad

AROMATIC DISH OF THE DAY
with steamed Jasmine rice

PLUS... ONE OTHER WEEKLY
CHANGING CHEF SPECIAL

ADD A CHRISTMAS DESSERT
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TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS
PLUM PUDDING
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with Seasonal Fruit, Cream & Berry Coulis



Available from Monday 4th to Saturday 23rd December 2023
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BINGO

MONDAY MORNINGS - Eyes Down at 10am.

Club & Cafe open at 9am for Bingo players, ticket purchases from 9.30am.

\$24 per set -
20 Cash Games,
Bonus Sheet, &
Jackpot Sheet
(from \$500).

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MONDAY MORNINGS | GALLIOPLI FUNCTION ROOM EYES DOWN AT 10AM

Our Bingo at Redlands RSL is run by Learning Links who is a charitable not-for-profit organisation that empowers children to learn. Since 1972, Learning Links has been committed to supporting children with learning difficulties and disabilities to realise their full potential. Providing evidence-based therapy, education and support services to help children build the skills and confidence to learn, develop and thrive.



Veterans Cuppa

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\$5.00

9AM IN ANZAC LOUNGE

UPCOMING DATES:

Wednesday 13th December

Wednesday 10th January

Enjoy a social morning with fellow veterans with a barista made hot beverage and a scone or muffin!

**PRE-BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL FOR
CATERING PURPOSES - PLEASE PHONE 3488 1199**

Anyone requiring transport please phone Linda on 0417 604 729.
Available for Redlands service members and one partner only.



History

NOVEMBER

DATE	TITLE	EVENT
1 Nov 1914	First AIF sails	The first Australian and New Zealand contingent sails from Albany, Western Australia, bound for Egypt. Only one in three of those who sailed in the first convoy would return physically unscathed at the end of the First World War.
1 Nov 1989	National Army Memorial dedicated	Dedication of the National Army Memorial in Anzac Parade, Canberra, by the Governor General, The Hon. Bill Hayden. The memorial commemorates the service of Australians as members of the Australian Army in all wars.
8 Nov 1944	"G for George" arrives at Amberley	This Lancaster bomber survived 89 operations with No. 460 Squadron RAAF. After touring to support war loan campaigns, it was presented to the Memorial. "George" is now on display at the Memorial in Anzac Hall.
10 Nov 1964	Selective conscription introduced	Australian government introduces selective conscription of 20-year-old males by ballot under the National Service Act. The National Service Scheme saw 15,381 young men serve in Vietnam.
11 Nov 1918	Germany signs armistice	Germany signs an armistice ending the fighting on the Western Front. The First World War ended at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month.
11 Nov 1941	Opening of the Australian War Memorial	By the time a memorial to the dead of the First World War was ready to open, Australia had been involved in the Second World War for over two years.
12 Nov 1943	Last Japanese air raid on Darwin	This, the 64th raid since February 1942, was the last air raid made on Australia during the war.
15 Nov 1944	Australian government approves sending of Australian Women's Army Service members overseas	Australian Women's Army Service went to Lae, New Guinea, and served in the forward area for the first time. Members of the Australian Army Nursing Service and the Australian Army Medical Women's Service were already serving in New Guinea.
23 Nov 1948	Formation of the Australian Regiment	Formation of the Australian Regiment, which became the Royal Australian Regiment (RAR) in March 1949. The Royal Australian Regiment has taken a prominent role in Australia's wars and peacekeeping operations since its formation.

Without History,
There Would Be No Future!

Associated Groups

	AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION (RAAFA) REDLANDS BRANCH Meetings held 2nd Sunday every second month at 10.30am in the Gallipoli Room. Social get-togethers held Wednesdays at 3pm in the Anzac Lounge. Contact: President Rob Wilson 0419 688 014
	NAVAL ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA (BAYSIDE SUB SECTION) Meetings are held on the 1st Saturday of the month at 12 noon. Contact: Graham Hargreaves 0427 432 293
	NATIONAL SERVICEMEN REDLANDS BRANCH Meetings are held on the 1st Sunday of the month at 10.30am in the Gallipoli Room. Contact: Eric Shaw, President on 0407 158 886
	T&PI ASSOCIATION MORETON BAY SOUTH Meetings held on the last Wednesday of the month in the Veterans Community Centre. Contact: Neil Trapp
	REDLANDS RSL SUB BRANCH WOMEN'S AUXILIARY Meetings held the 1st Monday of the month at 10am in the Meeting Room. Contact: Desley Lingard 0409 060 267
	REDLANDS SUB BRANCH AUSTRALIAN WAR WIDOWS (QUEENSLAND) Meetings are held the last Friday of the month in the Gallipoli Room of the club commencing at 10.00am. Contact: Lynne Martin, President on 0416 224 453
	REDLANDS LEGACY CARE GROUP Meets on the 1st Friday of each month in the RSL Club Gallipoli Room commencing at 10.00am. Contact: Shree Rogers, President on 0416 062 115
	YOUNG VETERANS REDLANDS Contact: Geoff Hooper on 0419 649 925. E: chev1950@bigpond.com Facebook: Young Veterans Redlands

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NAME	DECEASED DATE	SERVICE
Dennis Froggatt	1st July 2023	ARMY
Robin Rance	13th September 2023	ARMY
Maxwell Hayward	25th September 2023	RAAF
Thomas Eveans	2nd October 2023	ARMY
Donald Ward	5th October 2023	ARMY
Mario Collavino	30th October 2023	ARMY
Geoffrey Walters	4th November 2023	NAVY
James Rumble	10th November 2023	CMF

Lest We Forget

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