

REDLANDS SUB BRANCH

BUGLE

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"Honouring The Fallen By Serving The Living!"

**NATIONAL DAY FOR
WAR ANIMALS
SATURDAY 24 FEBRUARY**



REDLANDS RSL SUB BRANCH: 1925-2024
Information for all Veterans, Ex-Service
& Serving Men & Women in the Redlands





REDLANDS RSL

Returned & Services League of Australia (Queensland Branch)
Redlands Sub Branch Inc.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given to all Members of the Redlands RSL Sub Branch, that the **Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 24th March 2024**, commencing at 10.30am sharp in the Gallipoli Room, 8 Passage Street, Cleveland.

All Nominations for Committee Positions and Notices of Motion are to be submitted to the General Manager no later than **5pm, Friday 8th March 2024**.

AGENDA

Business

1. President's opening remarks
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting
4. Business arising from the Minutes
5. President's Report
6. Treasurer's Report
 - Independent Auditor's Report
7. General Manager's Report
8. Wellbeing Report
 - Appointment of Pension Wellbeing Officers and Advocates
9. Deputy President and Cadet Report
10. Election of Officers
11. Appointment of State RSL Delegates, SED Delegates, Voting Delegate and replacement Voting Delegate
12. Appointment of Independent Auditors
13. General Business of which written notice has been received

Peter S. Harrison, General Manager



President's Report

Well, into the second month of the year and hasn't it been a hot and humid one.

If you have had a look over at the Anzac Memorial Park you would have noticed the park is quite open, our Morton Bay fig tree came crashing down last month making a terrific noise. The council were quickly on the scene and it took a whole day to clear it up, we now have a baby tree in its place. I would like to thank the council for doing such a great job.

If you need to renew your membership you need to do so before the end of February, I know that a lot of our members are getting life subscriptions, this is a good idea as you don't have to keep on remembering to renew, the cost is age based.

Planning is now underway for Anzac Day 2024, Michael our League Secretary is busily getting his plans in order and ready to go. Things need to be ready early, there is a lot to be done. Anzac Day is now a big event for us, we now employ an events team Australian National Events, that carries out all of the setting up of fences, large screen, audio/visual, tents and seating, without them Anzac Day would not go ahead. We have crowds of around 12,000 people.

Well we now have our League Gathering coming up on Sunday 18th February at 10.30 am. Hopefully I will see you there.

Stay well and take care,

Alan Harcourt LM
PRESIDENT, REDLANDS SUB BRANCH



FINAL DAYS TO RENEW YOUR SERVICE MEMBERSHIP...

EXPIRED 2023 SERVICE MEMBERS ONLY HAVE UNTIL THURS 29TH FEB AT THE LATEST TO RENEW.

After this time, you will be required to re-complete a Service member application form. This is a requirement from RSL Qld. Please avoid this hassle and renew at reception asap.



Previous Minutes

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

LEAGUE GATHERING MEETING MINUTES SUNDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER 2023

MEETING OPENED: 10.30am by President Alan Harcourt

ODE: Recited

REMEMBERING: Eric Cockroft 5th September 2023 Navy

ATTENDANCE: A total of 49 as per the attendance book – (35 League Members, 14 Visitors)

NEW MEMBERS: Nil

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES: Fay Cross (Birthday), Bruce and Carol Reedman (Anniversary)

APOLOGIES: (9) As per the apologies list: G. Hargreaves, J. Hargreaves, A. Bailey, A. King, B. Reedman, L. Martin, F. Williams, D. McDonald, P. Field.

Moved: M. McDonnell

Seconded: M. Rabjohns

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

PRESIDENTS OPENING REMARKS:

- From March 2024 all Sub Branch meetings will be held on the 3rd Sunday of each month.
- David Field introduced 2 guest speakers, Anna Bennett and Warren Drover from Volunteering in Policing. They gave an overview presentation of Volunteering in Policing (ViPs) who are based with police where they work to address customer service, community safety and crime prevention needs in the community.

PREVIOUS MINUTES: League Gathering - Sunday 27th August, 2023
As presented in the Bugle

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: M. Rabjohns

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

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

Outwards: Nil

Inwards:

- If anyone is interested in travelling for Anzac Day to the Western Front Battle Fields there is information on brochures and website. Please note there is limited seating.
- DVA Veterans' Health Week.
- Every Man's newsletter.

Moved: M. McDonnell

Seconded: I. Cuthbertson

That the Inwards and Outwards Correspondence be accepted

.....Motion 4...CARRIED

TREASURERS REPORT: As presented in the Bugle

Moved: G. Saunders

Seconded: L. Warner

That the Treasurers report be acceptedMotion 5...CARRIED

WELLBEING REPORT: As presented in the Bugle

Moved: L. Harcourt

Seconded: J. Butler

That the Wellbeing Report be acceptedMotion 6...CARRIED

DEPUTY PRESIDENT & CADETS REPORT: As presented in the Bugle

Moved: I. Gray

Seconded: D. Field

That the Deputy President & Cadets Meeting Report be accepted . .

.....Motion 7...CARRIED

RSL SED MEETING REPORT: As presented in the Bugle

Moved: R. Wilson

Seconded: M. Rabjohns

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

LEAGUE SECRETARY REPORT: As presented in the Bugle

Moved: M. McDonnell

Seconded: R. Khan

That the League Secretary Report be accepted . .Motion 9...CARRIED

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY REPORT: As presented in the Bugle

Moved: D. Lingard

Seconded: P. Barnes

That the Women's Auxiliary Report be accepted. Motion 10...CARRIED

LIBRARY MUSEUM REPORT: As presented in the Bugle

Moved: M. Rabjohns

Seconded: E. Shaw

That the Library Museum report be accepted . .Motion 11...CARRIED

NATIONAL SERVICEMEN ASSOCIATION REPORT: As presented in the Bugle

Moved: E. Shaw

Seconded: L. Warner

That the National Servicemen Association report be accepted

.....Motion 12...CARRIED

NAVAL ASSOCIATION REPORT: As presented in the Bugle

Moved: I. Cuthbertson

Seconded: R. Khan

That the Naval Association report be accepted .Motion 13...CARRIED

YOUNG VETERANS REPORT: As presented in the Bugle

Moved: R. Wilson

Seconded: M. Taylor

That the Young Veterans Report be accepted . .Motion 14...CARRIED

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

Moved: R. Wilson

Seconded: G. Olsen

That the R.A.A.F. Association report be accepted

.....Motion 15...CARRIED

VETERANS AND WELLBEING EXCURSION INFORMATION:

As presented in the Bugle

Moved: G. Saunders

Seconded: R. Wilson

That the Veterans and Wellbeing Excursion Information be acceptedMotion 16...CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Phil Barnes gave an update on 'Freedom of Entry' by 95Wing members of RAAF. The date of Saturday 13/4/2024 has been put forward and agreed to by Council and Defence and just waiting for the final sign off.
- Secretary Michael McDonnell asked that anyone wanting to lay a wreath on Remembrance Day to see him.
- President Alan Harcourt mentioned the details of the President's Luncheon.

RAFFLES DRAWN AND WON

NEXT MEETING:

- President's Luncheon: Sunday 29th October 2023 at 11.30am
- Quarterly General Meeting: Sunday 19th November 2023 at 10.30am
- No Meeting in December 2023

MEETING CLOSED: 11.30am

Treasurer's Report

Welcome to 2024. We have certainly started well.

Without a doubt, one of the top performers in the RSL with the small area it occupies, is the Cove Café which is always overtrading. For January the trading Actual is \$7,749; Budget \$3,727 with a Variance of \$4,022 being an increase of 108%.

The Bar with the extended footage is also powering along with the Actual trading being \$120,127; Budget \$88,921 with a Variance of \$31,206 which is an increase of 35%.

The Year to Date Net Profit Actual is \$109,201; Budget \$12,692 with a Variance of \$96,509 being an increase of 760%.

The word is getting around quickly that Redlands RSL is certainly the place to be. This is quite evident by the pretty well at capacity bookings the Sails Restaurant is getting on a consistent basis.

Year to Date overall Members Funds are \$31,155,953; Current Asset total is \$3,636,344. Current Liabilities total is sitting at \$2,841,976. Our Non-Current Liabilities Bank Loan is \$6,563,676. Our Cash Reserves remain resilient at \$1,766,610 and there is a further \$1,138,580 in Operational Funds.

League and Wellbeing expenditure totalled \$124,335 for January. Here is a small snapshot as to where the money is being allocated: Home Maintenance \$1,099; Anzac Day Expenses \$15,720; Cadet Units \$3,500 and League Bus Expenses \$710.

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, a good start to 2024. Suffice to say the Redlands RSL is highly spoken about in the Redlands as an excellent destination.

Greg Saunders

TREASURER, REDLANDS SUB BRANCH



Wellbeing Report

Good morning to all and I hope you are surviving this rather warm weather.

Our 3 qualified Advocates and 1 trainee have been busy this month now Graham has retired. We will be employing a paid Advocate party funded by the BEST Grant in the near future.

Our Volunteers have been busy with visits to Veterans homes, care facilities and taking people for hospital visits.

On behalf of the Sub Branch, I would like to extend our sympathy to Audrey Warner and her family on the passing of their beloved Les. He will be sadly missed by us all.

Plans are well underway for Anzac Day.

Golden Oldies resumed on 6th February with 42 in attendance.

Joint Venture has also resumed. Unfortunately, they are only playing indoor bowls as there are insufficient numbers for bingo.

A special thank you to our Women's Auxiliary Wellbeing Officer Sally, who visits any of the ladies who are unwell and calls to see them on their Birthdays.

Volunteers, thanks to you our Service Members and their families know that they have a friend to call on when assistance is required.

Linda Harcourt
WELLBEING/VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

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Deputy President & Cadets Report

Now that the Cadets have started up for the year I have been in touch with the Commanders and requested reports not only for the Bugle, but also the annual report for 2023. I also mentioned the new reporting time advising that the Bugle report be sent in to us by the 3rd of each month owing to the changes to the League Gathering. My first visit to a Cadet Unit for this year was 217 Sqn Air Force Cadet Unit and I had the pleasure of meeting the new Commander, his name is FLTLT Jason Kennelly. Present at the meeting was Chris Howitt, and the previous OC Craig Patterson who will be staying with the Unit and doing other duties with Air Force Cadet Command. I briefed Kennelly on what our involvement with the Unit is and what services we provide. In addition, I explained the Units roll at our commemorative events through the year.

During the course of this month I have paid a visit to TS Norfolk Navy Cadet Unit and 136 ACU Army Cadet Unit and I also asked them about the Units preparation and documentation to Defence (J.O.S.S) in preparation for Anzac Day.

Advised all three Cadet Units of 95 Wing and the band from RAAF Amberley who will be performing the freedom of the City for Redlands event on 13th April. The event will start at 0800 hrs at the roundabout near Cleveland railway station, up Shore Street West to the RSL. Michael McDonnell is coordinating the event through 95 Wing with regards to the RSL.

Whilst at the Unit, to my surprise, the CO Lieutenant Adam Regnart presented me with the Commanding Officers' Commendation award for service to the Unit.

I attended the first meeting for the year at RSL SED and followed up on our requests from last year. Highlights of that meeting are attached to this addition of the Bugle.

I have had a call from Nigel Allsopp, President of the Australian War Animals, he reminded us that the 24th February each year is War Animal Day. On this day around the world and in Australia wreath laying events take place. This event takes place at Redlands RSL War Animal Monument in our Anzac Park. This happens at 10am on the day and everyone is welcome.

On the 9th December 2023 we held the Australian War Animal Organisation AGM at Redlands RSL and as a result the following committee was duly elected:

Nigel Allsopp was re-elected as President, Peter Kotzur re-elected as Vice President, Wendy Harrison as Treasurer, Ian Gray as Secretary, Darcy Skimmings as Webmaster, Ian Ward as Welfare Officer, James Rae as Media Officer, Graham Carter as Awards Officer, and Walter J Kerr (FIPA) was reappointed as our auditor for the following year.

A new Director appointment for this reporting year was Barrie Gerbich who will be our K9 Trainer Officer.

Apologies: James Rae, Shaun Ward and Graham Carter all attended proxy's.

Our AGM was conducted via Google Meet Conference video due to distance to travel for some of our directors who live in Melbourne, Sydney and Toowoomba.



AUSTRALIAN ARMY 136 CADET UNIT

Looking to the future

Find your centre The 'Specialist Engagement Team – Cadets' (SET-C) aims to support 'Cadet to Careers' and staff information, awareness and engagement in relation to Department of Defence employment pathways (ADF, Defence Industry and Australian Public Service). If you would like to learn more, reach out to them at hq.aac.dfr@defence.gov.au with all of your questions or for support at any time.

Dear Team, As we embark on the challenges and opportunities of the new year, I want to provide you with a comprehensive update on recent developments within the SEQ AAC and share the expectations for the months ahead. Significant changes have unfolded within our ranks, marked by promotions and the departure of valued team members, leading to a temporary decline in our cadet numbers. Our foremost task is to rebuild the unit back to its full strength of one hundred cadets. In this endeavour, I am pleased to announce that CDT SGT McKewan will step into the role of Cadet Company Commander, bringing fresh perspectives and leadership to our team. Simultaneously, we anticipate the announcement of the 13 Battalion commander, and Major Stowell has assumed the position

of Assistant Commander, adding her valuable expertise to our leadership cadre. Together with our new Commander and Deputy Commander, these changes signify a dynamic shift in leadership that instils confidence for our unit to thrive and reach new heights.

As we move forward into the year, it is imperative to emphasise the importance of our individual roles and responsibilities within the team. Over the next few weeks, I will be working to define these roles and responsibilities more clearly, considering the development courses that some of our staff have recently attended or are about to undertake. This initiative aims to maximise our collective potential, ensuring that each team member can contribute effectively to our shared success. Members of our esteemed team play a pivotal role in setting the standard for our unit. Our dress, bearing, and conduct are integral components of our success. Let us collectively uphold the highest standards of professionalism and dedication, reflecting the excellence that defines our unit. In tandem with these organisational shifts, we are gearing up for a year filled with milestones and training initiatives that will shape our journey. These initiatives are not only about achieving specific goals but also about testing new parameters in training, fostering collaboration with the Army Reserve, and embracing innovation and adaptability.

Here is a closer look at the fundamental milestones for the year:

1. Recruit Training Weekend: • Targeting new recruits, this weekend aims to instil the essential skills and knowledge required for our unit.
2. Shortened Version of Recruit Training: • A condensed format of recruit training, designed to accommodate varying schedules and commitments.
3. Unit Preparation or Shake Out Weekend: • Focused on refining unit cohesion, communication, and operational readiness.
4. Recruit Parade: • A showcase of the progress and achievements of our new recruits, highlighting their dedication and hard work.
5. NCO Training: • Empowering our Non-Commissioned Officers with advanced skills and leadership development.
6. 1 Alpha Camp: • An intensive training camp emphasising tactical skills and teamwork for our unit.
7. 1 Bravo Camp: • An advanced training camp incorporating specialised skills and scenario-based exercises.

8. Anzac Day, Vietnam Veterans Day, and Remembrance Day:
 - Commemorative events honouring the sacrifices of our veterans, fostering remembrance and reflection within our unit.
9. NATA Candidates: • Selecting and preparing candidates for the National Adventure Training Activity.
10. Chief of Army Candidates: • Identifying and developing individuals for potential leadership roles within the Chief of Army's purview.
11. Tri-Service Activity: • A collaborative event bringing together all three services and the community for a shared and enriching experience.
12. RSL Presentation: • An event where all our staff will be presented, and the OC will provide a brief, strengthening our connection with the community.
13. Mandatory Training at Gallipoli Barracks: • Allowing all staff to experience the wider Defence commitment, providing a unique and valuable perspective.
14. Annual Exercise Participants: • Engaging in a comprehensive annual exercise to test and enhance our unit's operational capabilities.
15. Annual March Out: • Celebrating the achievements of our members as they complete their training milestones.
16. Annual Dinner: • A gathering to celebrate our unit's accomplishments, strengthen camaraderie, and honour outstanding contributions. While these milestones represent our primary focus, remember that the journey is as important as the destination. Let us approach each training initiative with safety, enthusiasm, dedication, and a spirit of professional collaboration. Key point is to remain flexible.

On a final note, two challenges are on the horizon. The first involves the potential transition of our parade nights from Tuesdays to Mondays. The second challenge pertains to the upcoming local government elections. As the OC, it is imperative that I adhere to established policies and avoid any perception of utilising the AAC as a platform for self-promotion. Consequently, my availability at the unit may be limited between February 6 and March 16, 2024. Your understanding and cooperation during this period are greatly appreciated. During my absence, Lt Marshall will assume command, backed by Lt Grey, who is OC qualified. Their combined expertise

ensures the continued smooth operation of the unit, and I have full confidence in their ability to lead effectively in my stead. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to the success of our unit. Wishing you all a successful and rewarding year ahead.

— *Report provided by CAPT (AAC) Paul Gollé Officer Commanding 136 ACU*



TS NORFOLK AUSTRALIAN NAVY CADET UNIT

The Staff and cadets have hit the ground running for 2024. Our first night was “Bring a Mate night” where cadets encourage friends to enjoy the experiences of the Australian Navy Cadet programme. Thanks to the efforts of the staff and cadets welcomed 7 new cadets to the ship’s company. Also on the first night of parade, 3 cadets received their long service and good conduct chevrons for their dress uniforms. One cadet received their 3 years, and two cadets received their 1 years’ service chevrons. On our second night of parade 2 cadets received their 1-year Long Service & Good Conduct Chevrons. One cadet was the first to receive their silver elective badge for sailing. This is part of Recognition of Prior Learning and the new Cadet Youth Development Continuum. 10 cadets who attended the first training week on the programme will be receiving their badges in the coming weeks. Bravo Zulu (Congratulations to those cadets).

Members of the ship’s company were invited to the senior assembly for Redlands College on the first week of February. Staff and two cadets who are students there talked about the new programme and the experiences they can experience as part of Australian Navy Cadets. We thank the Redlands College community for the invitation and their support.

On the weekend of the 10th February 2024, 140 cadets from Moreton Flotilla (21 were from TS Norfolk) were invited to the Cadet Aviation Experience at RAAF Amberley. Throughout the



Pictured above: Australian Air Force Cadet training Aircraft the DA 40 NG

day, cadets and staff flew in a Diamond 4 seater turbo prop aircraft over the area of RAAF Amberley. While on the ground, cadets got to make new friends from other units, but also experienced the helicopter simulated provided by Defence Force Recruiting. On behalf of TS Norfolk, we would like to thank the RAAF Staff, AAFC Staff for hosting us and the Navy Defence Force recruiting for their time over the weekend. It was an excellent experience for all.

TS Norfolk parades every Thursday night during the school term from 1730 hours to 2030 hours.

Enquiries can be made through TSNorfolk@navycadets.gov.au

— *Report provided by LEUT Adam Regnart ANC, Commanding Officer, TS Norfolk*



217 SQUADRON, AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

2023 was a big year for 217 Squadron (217SQN), Australian Air Force Cadets. 217SQN has always been a strong supporter of the Redland City community, and 2023 was no different. 217SQN cadets raised \$1,300 for legacy and participated in other community events, such as the Rotary Bookfest.

Cadets participated in a range of Training Group Five activities with 203SQN (East Brisbane) and 215SQN (Carindale). In June, the cadets deployed to Greenbank Military Training Area and learnt various fieldcraft skills such as: Radio Telephone Procedure (RATEL), Field Signals, Section Formations, Compass and Map Reading, and Judging Distances.



In October, 217SQN hosted a leadership development course where cadets from the Training Group attempted various team-based challenges such as: obstacle crossings, first aid and casualty evacuation, and survival scenarios.

In November, the year culminated with the Annual End of Year Dinner at Redlands RSL, celebrating the achievements for 2023 with several

awards for the cadets and the promotion of cadets who graduated from the Initial Stage training to the rank of Leading Cadet.

217SQN hit the ground running in 2024 by hosting a Junior Non-Commissioned Officer Personal Development and Leadership course for 217SQN and 203SQN cadets. The cadets were evaluated on a range of leadership and teamwork scenarios, as well as the delivery of drill and classroom instruction. All the cadets successfully completed the course and were promoted to the rank of Cadet Corporal.

2024 promises to be a big year for 217SQN, with bivouacs, firearms training, ANZAC Day and aviation activities. Furthermore, 2024 will see the introduction of the second year of the new Cadet Learning Curriculum. More information on the new curriculum can be found on the Australian Air Force Cadets 'Our Future' page at: <https://www.airforcecadets.gov.au/>.

— Report provided by 217 (City of Redland) Squadron.

Cadet reports compiled by

Van Gray LM

DEPUTY PRESIDENT, REDLANDS SUB
BRANCH, & CADET LIAISON OFFICER



RSL SED HIGHLIGHTS OF DELEGATES MEETING

1ST FEBRUARY 2024

SED MEETING:

The main highlights of the SED council meeting were:

South East District Meeting chaired by SED President Kerry Gallagher AM. Attended by myself on behalf of Redlands Sub Branch.

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

Meeting significant business:

SED Vice President Bob Ikin is looking at having a workshop in April for Advocacy training and support for Advocates.

District President added that there's grave concern at State level about advocacy, wellbeing, the number of qualified advocates and the number of advocates in training. There appears to be some roadblock at DVA level in terms of freeing up the process, but one of State's priorities is to move this forward. District President thanked Bob for the work he's doing in trying to push this along. Beaudesert's Delegate added that Melissa Castles has accepted an invitation to attend a presentation at their Sub Branch.

The State Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday 22nd June. The registration deadline for nominations for the position of State President and 2 skilled based Board of Directors is Friday 22nd March. These can be sent to the Company Secretary by email or post.

The Merchandise Portal : The portal now have opening and closing dates for Anzac Day and Remembrance Day. The portal is currently open until 24 April for Anzac Day; and will open again on 1 Aug until 20 November for Remembrance Day. For those Sub Branches not yet using the portal, please get in touch with the District Office as it is an easy process to initiate. Friday 16 February is the last day for purchasing merchandise for reimbursement from the Military Shop or any other source.

Redlands' Delegate Ian Gray made the following points:

1. Our committee had made a decision to order 400 small, handwoven flags to hand out to students at their Anzac Day Parade, this came about because of the debacle about the Australian Flag on Australia Day. District President Kerry Gallagher AM thought this was a great initiative and added that similar action will take place at the Anzac Day Parade in Brisbane and I encourage Sub Branches to do the same.
2. Heath Fulton requested more information and the proposed date for the Young Veterans Committee. Company Secretary reported that she is writing to Presidents inviting them to bring along their young Veteran's to the next Presidents' meeting on 4 April.

Next SED Delegates meeting: 7th March.

Report provided by

Ian Gray

DEPUTY PRESIDENT AND REDLANDS SUB BRANCH
REPRESENTATIVE

League Secretary Report

Welcome to February 2024, we seem to be racing into this new year at breakneck speed, as the weather has thrown some curve balls at us, with an abundance of rain and now an extended period of hot humid conditions.

Next month is our AGM followed by Easter and then Anzac Day. Preparations for Anzac Day are well in hand, however we do need your assistance if you would let us know your intentions if you are laying a wreath or wish to ride in a golf buggy. It is with sadness that our veteran numbers are dropping, but this will not stop us from making this Anzac Day a day for us all to reflect on the determination, the courage, the sacrifices that our veterans have endured, to make this wonderful country what it is today. This year is showing signs of unrest throughout the world, it is hoped that our ADF are not called upon to assist overseas.

Preceding Anzac Day this year, we are privileged here in Redlands to witness RAAF 95 Wing HQ being given the keys to the city on Saturday 13th April. This will take place at the Cleveland Railway Station and Raby Bay Park at 8.00am. This will be something special to see and witness. You will notice promotional material will be put up by Redland City Council around the Redlands. We are truly excited as RAAF 95 Wing have been huge supporters of our Sub Branch and Anzac Day over the years. Congratulations to RAAF 95 Wing HQ.

Michael McDonnell

LEAGUE SECRETARY
REDLANDS SUB BRANCH



National Servicemen

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40 Members and guests attended our first meeting of the year in the Gallipoli Room.

A very successful meeting marred by the loss of long-term and prominent member, Les Warner. Les' great contribution to the running of our branch and his outgoing personality is being sorely missed.

One of the decisions made at this meeting was to adopt a new uniform shirt. Quotes have now been accepted and members should advise Ian or Frank of the size they need. The shirts are being provided to us at a very reasonable cost. With a subsidy from the branch, members are assured of a very good deal indeed. Orders will be taken from both ladies and gentlemen.

Early in the month we enjoyed an excellent lunch at Elysium Restaurant and are now planning our next lunch to be held at the RSL Club.

Plans are also falling into place for our first bus trip after quite a lengthy period. This will be a three-day trip visiting places of interest on the near north coast, as well as the Gympie Steam Train. Those interested should get their name in quickly as the list is already fully booked and although we may be able to arrange a bigger bus, the availability of accommodation is extremely difficult.

Our AGM is fast approaching, and members are urged to get their nominations in early.

Eric Shaw,

PRESIDENT, NATIONAL SERVICEMEN
REDLANDS BRANCH



Naval Association

BAYSIDE SUB SECTION

The Bayside Sub-section commenced activities for 2024 with the February meeting and AGM held in the Tobruk Room at the Redlands RSL on 3rd February. There were forty-three members present. Following the meeting several members enjoyed lunch and refreshments upstairs.

At the AGM all Executive Committee positions were declared vacant and elections conducted. The sitting committee were re-elected unopposed. A huge well done to the exec committee for your contribution and efforts during 2023 and a successful year for our sub-section. Best wishes for 2024.

Elections followed for Non-Executive Officer Bearers and Voluntary positions, all positions were filled and members thanked for their support.

HMAS Voyager

A memorial service was conducted by the Queensland Branch of NAA on Thursday 8 February at the Jack Tar Memorial in the South Brisbane Memorial Park. This service was to honour the survivors of HMAS Voyager and those who went down with the ship. This marks the 60th anniversary of the loss of the Daring Class Destroyer, HMAS Voyager following a collision with the Aircraft Carrier, HMAS Melbourne on the night of 10 February 1964 off the coast of NSW, RIP.

Navy Week 2024

The next ceremony at the Jack Tar Memorial will be conducted by HMAS Moreton on Thursday 29th February. This ceremony recognises commencement of 'Navy Week 2024' and commemorates Naval Service provided in Defence of the Nation.

Yours Aye,

Colin Saxby
NAVAL ASSOCIATION AUSTRALIA,
BAYSIDE SUB SECTION INC.



RAAF Association

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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 Wednesday afternoon informal wellbeing gatherings in the ANZAC Lounge of Redlands RSL continue to attract good attendances by members. All the problems of the world are solved at these gatherings, if only politicians would listen. Members of the Branch have also enjoyed attending the monthly 'Veterans Cuppas' organised by Redlands RSL Sub-Branch.

In other social news, members of the Branch enjoyed fine Greek cuisine at our first restaurant dinner for the year at Opa Restaurant, Victoria Point. This was followed by lunch in the Sails Restaurant of Redlands RSL immediately following our Annual General Meeting on Sunday 11th February.

The next Branch social function will be a BBQ on Sunday 10th March at G J Walter Park.

At the Annual General Meeting, the following executive and committee were elected:

President: Rob Wilson

Deputy President: Eric Shaw

Secretary Treasurer: David Field

Committee: Evelyn Pointon, Dave Henkel, Gary Olsen

The next meeting of RAAFA Redlands Branch will be a General Meeting on Sunday 14th April 2024 in Redlands RSL at 10:30am. This will be followed by lunch in Redlands RSL Sails Restaurant for those who can remain after the meeting.

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.

Library Museum

It's been a steady start to the year with donations coming in, group bookings being made and one of our longest serving volunteers resigning.

I would like to welcome our newest volunteer Anna Hunt who will be filling the position left by Graham Hinson who has sadly handed in his notice. Graham has been a big part of the Library Museum over the years and I thank him for his efforts. If you ever want to return mate I will always have a spot for you.

I would also like to thank Kevin Gallagher for donating his time every Tuesday to help sort out the memorabilia in the back store room of the Library Museum. Hope you haven't bitten off more than you can chew mate.

As always if anyone is interested in helping out in the museum I would love to hear from you. A couple of hours a week is all I would be asking.

Marty Rabjohns LIBRARY MUSEUM CURATOR

OPEN MONDAY TO FRIDAY: 10AM TO 2PM



VETERANS & WELLBEING EXCURSIONS

Welcome to 2024. We will be meeting with Geoff Jacob from Blue Bus on the 13th February to discuss the trips for this year. Our first excursion will be in late March. As soon as everything is confirmed we will circulate communication in the normal manner.

Till next time, take care.

Greg Saunders
CONVENOR OF VETERANS AND WELLBEING EXCURSIONS

A close-up photograph of two purple poppy flowers. One flower is in the foreground, slightly to the right, and is in sharp focus. The other is in the background, to the left, and is blurred. The petals are a deep purple color with some lighter, almost white, variegation near the center. The background is a light, neutral color.

NATIONAL DAY FOR WAR ANIMALS

PURPLE POPPY DAY

On this day wear a purple poppy
and remember the millions of animals that died in war.

COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE

SATURDAY 24th FEBRUARY

10am

ANZAC MEMORIAL PARK

(Shore St East, Cleveland. Located next to
Redlands RSL Sub Branch HQ Building)

Please join us for this special commemorative service.

Australia joins other countries including UK and New Zealand in officially recognising the deeds and sacrifices of our war animals serving alongside our troops with their own day of remembrance.

In 2019 Minister Scott Buchholts announced in Federal parliament that 24th February would be Australia's official war animal day. We are all being encouraged to wear a purple poppy in recognition of the deeds and sacrifice our four legged and feathered diggers have made and continue to make serving alongside our troops.

The president of the Australia War Animal Memorial Organisation and recent ANZAC of the year award recipient Mr Nigel Allsopp said "the 24th of February or purple poppy day is a day all Australians can wear a purple poppy and a time to think not only about our soldiers who gave their lives in war, but also spare a thought for the four-legged and winged hero's that fought and died alongside our troops".



EXERCISE FREEDOM OF ENTRY TO REDLAND CITY

SATURDAY 13 APRIL 2024

FORMAL STREET PARADE

Raby Bay Harbour Park, Shore Street West, Cleveland
8.45am arrival for 9am

You are invited to attend a historic event to celebrate our city's proud military connections.

The age-old honour of Freedom of Entry to the city was granted to No.95 Wing of the Royal Australian Air Force in 2014.

This year, No.95 Wing will exercise their right of Freedom of Entry to the city in a formal military street parade with representatives from all nine of No.95 Wing's squadrons, accompanied by a military band.

The parade will march through the central business district of Cleveland and will conclude with an official reception at Redlands RSL (reception for special invited guests only).



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9AM IN ANZAC LOUNGE

UPCOMING DATES:
Wednesday 13th March
Wednesday 10th April

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.

***Strictly available for Redlands service members only
with one accompanying partner/carer.***

**REDLANDS RSL SERVICE MEMBERS RECEIVE 10% OFF
PRONTO MAIN MEALS IN SAILS RESTAURANT.**

Pronto Main Meal options include roast of the day, crumbed fish,
salt & pepper calamari, aromatic dish of the day, and one other
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excludes Sundays and Public Holidays.
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phone 34881199.



History

FEBRUARY

DATE	TITLE	EVENT
2 Feb 1942	First Japanese air attack on Port Moresby	The Japanese had hoped to occupy Port Moresby as a base from which to cut off shipping to Eastern Australia. Their defeat in the Battle of the Coral Sea thwarted the planned naval attack and invasion against Port Moresby.
12 Feb 1940	First convoy of Second AIF reaches the Middle East	Australia's first land campaign of the Second World War took place in North Africa against the Italians.
13 Feb 1946	Main Australian contingent of BCOF sailed for Japan from Morotai	Australian personnel played a prominent role in the British Commonwealth Occupation Force in Japan at the conclusion of the Second World War in the Pacific. They were allotted the devastated Hiroshima Prefecture on the island of Honshu.
13 Feb 1965	First Australian SAS Squadron advance party departs for Borneo	The SAS served in Borneo during Confrontation to gather intelligence, conduct reconnaissance patrols and collect information on topography.
14 Feb 1942	SS Vyner Brooke sunk	The Vyner Brooke, carrying 65 Australian nurses and other refugees from Singapore, was sunk by Japanese aircraft one day after leaving the island. The survivors made their way to Banka Island where one group of nurses were massacred by their Japanese captors. Only Sister Vivian Bullwinkel survived the massacre.
15 Feb 1942	Fall of Singapore	Over 15,000 Australians taken prisoner by the Japanese on Singapore. For both Britain and Australia this was a terrible military defeat.
19 Feb 1915	Allied warships shell Dardanelles	This was the first allied attempt to force a passage through the Dardanelles and attack the heart of the Ottoman Empire. Its failure ultimately led to the ill-fated Gallipoli campaign.
19 Feb 1942	First Japanese air raid on Darwin	The city was bombed 64 times between February 1942 and November 1943.
23 Feb 1956	1 Squadron RAAF bomb Communist camps near Kuala Lumpur during the Malayan Emergency	1 Squadron flew Lincoln bombers during the Malayan Emergency.
28 Feb 1991	Gulf War ends	With Iraqi forces having been driven from Kuwait and defeated in the field the coalition forces called a halt to the fighting.

	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
Brian Ramsay	4th January 2024	Airforce
Leslie Warner	19th January 2024	RAAF
Christopher Brown	3rd February 2024	RAAF

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