

REDLANDS SUB BRANCH

# BUGLE

MARCH 2024 EDITION

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



# ANZAC DAY

*Lest We Forget*

**THURSDAY 25 APRIL 2024**

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



**THURSDAY**

**25<sup>th</sup>**

**APRIL**

**ANZAC  
DAY**

**GUNFIRE  
BREAKFAST**

**4.30am to 5.15am | Anzac Lounge  
Coffee, Tea and Toast**

This is strictly limited to League Members, Veterans,  
Serving Personnel, Partners & Carers only.

**BREAKFAST**

**6am to 8am | Sails Restaurant**

After the Dawn Service, all are welcome  
back at Redlands RSL for a plated breakfast of  
bacon, scrambled eggs, hash browns, tomatoes,  
and baked beans; with tea and coffee.

**Adults: \$15 | Children 12yrs & under: \$10  
No bookings required.**



**HONOURING THE FALLEN...**

# Official Anzac Day **CLEVELAND SCHEDULE**

## **4.30am: Traditional Gunfire Breakfast - Coffee/Tea/Toast**

*NB: Restricted access for League Members, Veterans, Serving Personnel, Partners & Carers ONLY will be permitted in the club before the Dawn Service.*

## **5.20am: Dawn Service Parade**

**Redlands RSL to ANZAC Centenary Park**

*Strictly only League members, Veterans, and Serving Personnel permitted to partake.*

## **5.30am: Dawn Service Commemorations**

### **6am to 8am: Breakfast**

**Sails on Shore Restaurant at Redlands RSL.**

*See page 2 for further information*

## **6am to 8am: Service Member Camaraderie in Gallipoli Function Room**

*NB: Restricted access for League Members, Veterans, Serving Personnel, Partners & Carers ONLY during these times. Facilities available at the Veterans Community Centre between 9am & 10am.*

## **9.45am: Main Parade Assembly**

**Shore St West (behind Cleveland Bowls Club)**

## **10.20am: Main Parade Commences**

**Shore St West into ANZAC Centenary Park**

## **11am: Main Commemorative Service**

**ANZAC Centenary Park, Shore St West**

## **12 noon to 1pm: Service Member Camaraderie in Gallipoli Function Room**

*NB: Restricted access for League Members, Veterans, Serving Personnel, Partners & Carers ONLY during this hour.*

## **Redlands RSL Trading Hours:**

**6am to 8am for Breakfast only.**

**Re-opening for lunch on conclusion of the Main Service**

## **Sails Restaurant Trading Times:**

**All Day Dining: On conclusion of Main Service  
until 8pm**

## **Cove Café Trading Times:**

**On conclusion of the Main Service until late**

## **Traditional Two Up:**

**The lower car park behind Redlands RSL  
(off Shore St West) will be closed for 'Two Up'.  
Can Bar open from 12 noon. Two Up from 1pm.**

# Anzac Day Services

## COOCHIEMUDLO ISLAND SCHEDULE

### DAWN SERVICE

- 4.45am** Ferry departs Victoria Point Jetty to allow cadets, their parents and general public to attend the Anzac Day Dawn Service.
- 5.30am** Dawn Service at Main Beach commences with flag orderlies and Catafalque Party taking post.  
After the service, all are welcome to the Gunfire Breakfast hosted by The Men's Shed at the small cost of a gold coin donation.

## NORTH STRADBROKE ISLAND SCHEDULE

### DAWN SERVICE

- 5.10am** Assemble at the Butcher Shop on Welsby Street, and March to the Cenotaph
- 5.30am** Dawn Service Commences
- 6am-7am** Gunfire Breakfast at the North Stradbroke Island Rugby League & All-Sports Club for a small cost, plus donations will be accepted.

### 11AM COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE

- 10.15am** Assemble at the new assembly area which is at the bottom end of Dunwich School on Welsby St, Dunwich (not at the Little Ships Club)
- 10.45am** Main March Commences
- 11am** Main Commemorative Service at Cenotaph, Welsby St, Dunwich.  
The All-Sport Club will be open for refreshments after the service.

For further information contact John on 0428 191 134.



# 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).

# President's Report

I hope everyone is fit and healthy, well healthy anyway.

This will be my last report. As set out in the RSL Constitution, after 4 x 3 year terms as President, one must stand down from the office.

This directive does make sense as some presidents I know have gone on forever, probably because they couldn't find anyone interested in filling the position. We are lucky here as we have someone willing to fill the position.

Becoming a founding member of Redlands Vietnam Veterans Group, I then joined Redlands RSL in 1999. Being silly, I asked if I could be of assistance.

In 2000 I joined the committee of the Redlands Sub Branch where I carried out a variety of jobs until eventually becoming badge organiser. This duty I have had since 2001. 23 years of ordering and selling badges makes one a bit gah gah. I have lost track of how many Poppy services I have carried out over the 25 years I have been with Redlands RSL Sub Branch.

Assisting the Women's Auxiliary with their stall five or six times a year, the Viet Vets stall once a month, and setting up badge displays. At this time a lot of work went into Anzac Day and Remembrance Day. This was all done by the committee members. Back then we used to march up Middle Street and into Anzac Memorial Park next to our HQ building before the days of Australian National Events.

After much negotiating we finally saw the development of the Anzac Centenary Park in 2015 with its wavy form and all of Australia's battles on the wall and our digger statue in full view. We also have a new Nurse statue in Anzac Memorial Park next to HQ.

The Anzac Centenary Park now holds some 15,000 people at the Anzac Day services, and is one of the biggest in Queensland.

Following a Strategic Planning Meeting of the Management Committee, work began on remodelling the club. The entrance and reception's first alterations were undertaken, followed by the Café, then the three story car park; one of the best things we have done.

Covid then raised its head. This put a stop to almost everything, even closing the club for a month. While we were in partial lock down, ideas were being formed as to how and what we do next.

To save a lot of writing I will just say what we have now is the result of those plans, of which I must say Peter Harrison had a large part to play. I must thank Peter Harrison for all he has done over his 20 odd years, along with his management staff and all of the staff at the club and also all of the staff at HQ.

I would also like to thank all of the Volunteers that help make Redlands RSL Sub Branch what it is today.

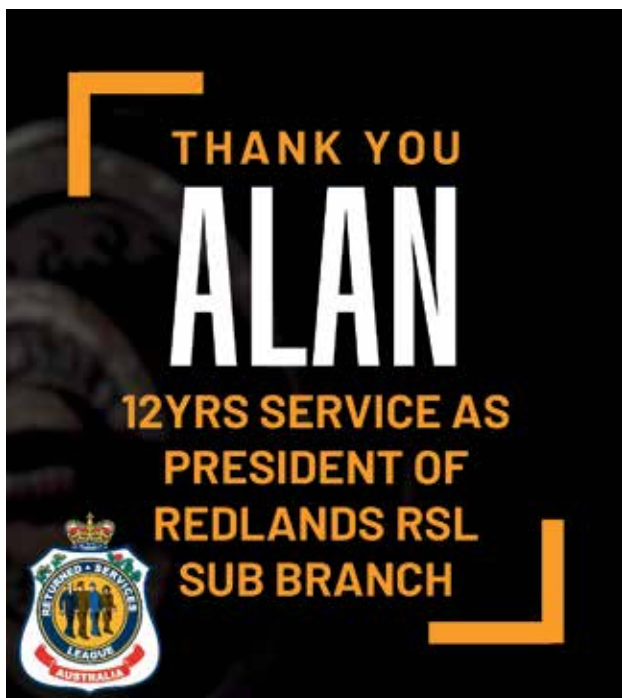
I am very proud of the part I have had in directing and forming the club we now have and I am very thankful to all of you that have given me the opportunity to be President of such a great Sub Branch.

Redlands RSL Sub Branch Inc will always be a part of me.

Thank you for putting up with me for all this time.

Take care and stay healthy.

*Alan Harcourt* LM  
PRESIDENT, REDLANDS SUB BRANCH



# Treasurer's Report

After two trading months already gone, the Redlands RSL is really starting to show positive signs of sustained growth.

A couple of snapshots are: Bar trading this year is \$240,176 compared to last year \$189,830 being an increase of 27%. The Cove Café for this year is \$17,620 compared to last year \$7,894 which is an increase of 123%.

The Year to Date Net Profit Actual is \$143,499; Budget \$22,835 with a Variance of \$120,664.

Results such as the above don't just happen. They are the results of excellent planning, attention to detail and vision plus delivery when members visit the Redlands RSL. It's also pleasing to see membership is on the rise.

Year to Date Overall Members Funds are \$31,190,250; Current Asset total is \$3,323,369. Current Liabilities total is \$2,534,812. Our Non-Current Liabilities Bank Business Loan is \$6,367,917. Our Cash Reserves remain resilient at \$1,774,749 and there is a further \$747,154 in Operational Funds.

League and Wellbeing expenditure totalled \$127,722 for February. Here are just some of the areas as to where the money is being allocated: Golden Oldies \$2,088; Anzac Day Expenses \$15,720; League Bingo \$3,595 and League and Welfare Member Amenities \$50,403.

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.

Once again, the Redlands RSL continues to trade well across the board with pretty well all cost centres showing good increases on last year.

Until next month, take care.

*Greg Saunders*

TREASURER, REDLANDS SUB BRANCH





# Wellbeing Report

Good morning to all.

Headquarters has had another busy month with our Advocates seeing a large number of clients.

Several Poppy Services have been conducted throughout the month and we express our sincere sympathy to the deceased's families.

Thanks to Bernie and Laraine who have consulted with members to address various concerns.

Anzac Day enquiries are also being addressed by Headquarters staff.

Schools and Care facilities have asked for representatives throughout Anzac week and we will be selling badges at Cleveland Woolworths from 22nd – 24th April.

Our Veterans Cuppa on 13th March once again attracted a great crowd with regulars and new attendees.

Our bus trip on 18th March was well supported and a great time was had by all. Our next trip will be on 10th May.

Thank you to all our Volunteers who assist the Veteran community and their families. Well Done.

*Linda Harcourt*

**WELLBEING/VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR**

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# Deputy President & Cadets Report

The month started with preparations for Annual reports from all departments in preparation for our AGM. The three Cadets Units have provided their reports in a timely manner for the pending AGM.

Meetings were held this month with the three Cadet Unit Commanders with regards to arrangements for Anzac Day preparations. The Cadet Units won't be performing Catafalque Party duties for dawn and main service this year as 95 Wing RAAF from Amberley will be performing this task. The Cadet Units will still be attending and will be carrying out other tasks. As you may be aware, 95 Wing will be conducting the Freedom of the City entry into Redlands City on 13th April and so the Cadet Units can't use the inert SLR's we have used in the past.

**The 24th February was War Animal Day** and this year we gathered at the War Animal Memorial at Anzac Park Cenotaph for the service. Wreaths were laid at that time by our President Alan Harcourt, Nigel Allsopp, President and Founder of the Australian War Animal Memorial Organisation, John Brinkley, NZ horse and dog handler and his wife as well as members of the public.

My address this year was about the deeds and sacrifices of Military Mascots during war. It is important also to remember the contributions and difference they made to our Veterans.

Soldiers have been bringing animals along into wars for as long as there have been wars. The first animals used in war were likely active participants: War horses, War dogs, and other animals. However, one group of animals have come not to be used as fighters, but as companions and pets. These animal mascots travelled with our soldiers, raising spirits as



well as comforting them in hardship. They often became the symbol of a unit, becoming an emotional rallying point for its members, and on this day we honour those animal mascots.



I have had discussions with the Cadet Commanders with regards to the Bugle reporting, changing to quarterly. 217 Sqn has had discussions with the other Commanders with regards to the Bugle reporting and they were in agreement. I indicated I am happy to go along with this concept on the condition that the Cadet Commanders provide more comprehensive and meaningful reports for us and for the Veteran community. Also should a Unit wish to advise our members of a special event or comment outside their reporting date they are free to do so.

This month will start with a report from the TS Norfolk Navy Cadet Unit , followed by the 136 Army Cadet Unit in April, and the 217 Sqn. Air Force Cadet Unit in May.

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## TS NORFOLK AUSTRALIAN NAVY CADET UNIT

February has been a hive of activity at TS Norfolk. We welcomed 2 new recruits, taking our total of new recruits to 8 for the year so far. Staff and Cadets took part in the Navy Week open day at HMAS Moreton on the 26th February 2024 and have had 3 further expressions of interest in joining TS Norfolk.

25 Navy Cadet Staff and cadets from TS Norfolk passed their swim test in early March. As a result, two cadets took part in the South Sea Passage experience while the rest of the ship's company took part in a Maritime Activity at Wellington Point reserve. Although a nice sunny day, unfortunately the wind and sea state forced an early ending to the activity, but all staff and cadets had fun and are looking forward to our next maritime day.

As well as welcoming new members to the ship's company, two cadets were promoted to Able Seaman in time for our Annual Inspection on 30th March 2024. Cadets have been preparing as ceremonial guards, advance and review order, challenging activities to put the cadets through their paces as well as the time honoured naval ceremony of Piping the side when receiving a senior officer onboard ship.

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

— *Report provided by PO ANC Adam Regnart (Acting) Whole Ships Coordinator TS Norfolk.*

Cadet reports compiled by

*Van Gray* LM

DEPUTY PRESIDENT, REDLANDS SUB BRANCH, & CADET LIAISON OFFICER



# SED HIGHLIGHTS FROM COUNCIL MEETING

7TH MARCH 2024

## SED MEETING:

South East District Meeting chaired by SED President Kerry Gallagher and SED 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:

The State President Major General Stephen Day DSC AM was the guest speaker and spoke of the following:

- The election for his role is coming up in the middle of this year and he will stand for one more term only.
- The subject of Harmonisation of the 3 Acts is starting to gain momentum. State will be asking for feedback on the Governments plan for the Veterans' Entitlements, Treatment and Support (Simplification and Harmonisation) Bill 2024. If you have any issue or don't agree you can make a submission.
- The need to improve the financial management of RSL Qld. It is very professionally done but we have to change the systematic approach we've got to running our finances.
- 2 key ideas to ask State Government and Opposition are:
  1. After doing research of each State it was found that Qld has the best entitlements for Veterans on offer from State Government but hardly any Veterans know of these. Those who do find access to them difficult and uneven. The need to ask Government to give us an awareness and an access focus so we can share in the benefits on offer.
  2. As Veterans have commented on youth crime in their areas and the effect this has on their communities, the idea to approach the Government as there may be ways that the RSL Veteran community can help. This may be volunteers helping with youth camps and workshops etc; but this will not be easy.
- The tone of our organisation. The RSL is one of our nation's iconic institutions. One of the Values is Mateship and all being in this together. We must work together and look after each other. You are doing an outstanding job in looking after the RSL and thank you for what you do.

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## MEETING SIGNIFICANT BUSINESS:

- The Outstanding Motion from the Redlands regarding the Young Veterans Committee is being worked on in getting it up and running. A meeting was scheduled for the 4th April however, Heath Fulton and the SED chair for this meeting Senior Vice President Doug Egan are both unable to attend on that date. SED secretary will provide further details of a suitable date to follow.
- The SED AGM will be held on 18th May and President Kerry Gallagher is up for re election and will stand again.
- On behalf of President Alan Harcourt, I raised the following:
  1. Membership Awards Certificates took 9 months to be received. Can this be looked into to speed up the process owing to the age of members?
  2. Ex Service members who are Women's Auxiliary members as well are not registered on MMS as Service members. These will be followed up by SED.

## NEXT MEETINGS:

President's meeting: April; SED AGM: 18th May; SED Delegates Meeting: 6th June

Report provided by

*Van Gray*

DEPUTY PRESIDENT AND REDLANDS SUB BRANCH REPRESENTATIVE

## VETERANS & WELLBEING EXCURSIONS

Well the year of 2024 is certainly up and running.

Our first trip to Numinbah Valley with lunch at the beautiful Kingscliff Beach Bowls Club is fully booked. A big thank you to our Veterans and partners for the ongoing support, it is really appreciated.

**Claim the date** – please keep 10th May 2024 free for our next trip to the Gold Coast Motor Museum. Further details to follow.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on future trips.  
Till next time, take care.

*Greg Saunders*

CONVENOR OF VETERANS AND WELLBEING EXCURSIONS

# League Secretary Report

April is a busy month with school holidays, and Easter is a little early this year being from 29th March through to 1st April.

On Saturday 13th April at 8.00am, RAAF 95 Wing will be at Raby Bay park along with displays within, where they will be given the keys to the City of Redlands. This is a ceremonial occasion that is well worth the effort to watch. There will be 150 RAAF personnel along with 30 Naval personnel from HMAS Moreton, marching along Shore Street West towards Redlands RSL. (see page 5).

Anzac Day is approx. 5 weeks away. Contained in this issue is the time table for the day including Dawn Service and the Main Service (see page 3).

If you have not already notified me of your intention to lay a wreath for your unit, please let me know as soon as possible to save disappointment. If you require reserved seating for the Main Service we need to have your name so we can reserve that number of seats. You will need to be in the marque no later than 10.00am.

Golf carts are now full as we have reduced the number to 10, unfortunately we have lost some members in the last 12 months. Those of you who are in the golf carts, we need you at the Sub Branch HQ car park at 9.00am for departure at 9.30am sharp.

We have some Australian Flags the cadets will handing out along the parade route so look out for them, which should add to the significance of the parade.

*Michael  
McDonnell*

LEAGUE SECRETARY  
REDLANDS SUB BRANCH



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PAGES 2, 3, & 4  
FOR THIS YEARS  
ANZAC DAY SCHEDULES**

# National Servicemen

## REDLANDS BRANCH

Since the last issue of the Bugle, we have held our AGM. Most positions are held by the previous incumbents. We are pleased to welcome Matthew Doheny to our executive ranks. Matt has accepted the position of Membership Officer and has already taken up these duties with enthusiasm.

Some planning was made at the meeting for the fast-approaching ANZAC DAY. Unfortunately, each year the message is clear that we are all ageing and less capable of participating to the extent we wish.

The regular luncheons have been a great success. We organise these get-togethers to provide members with the opportunity to enjoy a pleasant social experience. The last luncheon was at the Heart of Europe Restaurant. This restaurant offered us a top-class menu, with the choice between three main courses and two desserts. Unfortunately, the burden of nearly 40 customers ready to be served at the same time did present a problem. We will need to plan around this in the future. The branch assisted members to meet the cost and sometimes it is nice to enjoy something a little better.

It was sad that our Vice President, Frank and Tina, had to cancel when Frank was delivered to Hospital for some urgent attention. Frank is now out of hospital but restricted to light duties while becoming accustomed to his new "hardware". We all wish Frank the very best for a quick and complete recovery. Our next lunch will be at OPO Restaurant, Victoria Point, and planning is already under way. Please get your name on the list as soon as possible for this event.

Quite a few of our members are supporting the RSL Bus Trip to Numinbah Valley on 18th March 2024 for lunch.

Organisation is well under way for our 3 day trip to Maryborough on Monday 29th April – Wednesday 1st May 2024. This trip is fully booked but you can always list your name in the hope of a cancellation.

*Eric Shaw,*

**PRESIDENT, NATIONAL SERVICEMEN  
REDLANDS BRANCH**





# Naval Association

## BAYSIDE SUB SECTION

The Bayside Sub-section March meeting was held at the Redlands RSL on 2nd March with 39 members present. Following the meeting several members enjoyed lunch and refreshments upstairs.

Members were updated by Ray Sandford on the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower program informing members Redland City Council is now a member of the Sunflower program. Redland City is the first local government authority in Queensland to join this internationally recognised program. Ray has utilised the program and provided a very good overview and benefits.

Several Bayside members attended an informative DVA presentation on Aged Care matters held Wednesday 21 February at the Manly-Lota RSL, Bayside members thank the RSL for their hospitality following the presentation.

The Naval Association of Australia Queensland section AGM will be held 22nd/23rd March 2024 at Pine Rivers with the President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary representing Bayside at the various events.

### ANZAC DAY

Reminder to Bayside members requiring a buggy for the Redlands ANZAC Day March to contact Bayside President ASAP.

The next gathering at the Jack Memorial South Bank will be 25th April 2024, Camaraderie at the Ship Inn following the City ANZAC Day March. If you're in town for the march catch up with old ship mates.

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 Wednesday afternoon informal wellbeing gatherings in the ANZAC Lounge of Redlands RSL continue to attract good attendances by members. Members of the Branch have also enjoyed attending the monthly 'Veterans Cuppas' organised by Redlands RSL Sub-Branch.

The Branch BBQ scheduled for Sunday 10th March at G J Walter Park unfortunately had to be cancelled when Mother Nature intervened with strong winds and showers. A report on our last social function, a Dining Out Night on Tuesday 19th March at Fiction Bar and Restaurant in Raby Bay, will be in the next Bugle.

On Saturday 13th April, No. 95 Wing, RAAF will be exercising their Freedom of Entry rights with Redlands City. The contingent will step off from the Cleveland Railway Station at 9.00am and be challenged near the pedestrian crossing in Shore Street before marching onto Redlands RSL.

The next meeting of RAAFA Redlands Branch meeting will be a General Meeting on Sunday 14th April 2024 in Redlands RSL at 10:30am. This will be the final meeting before Anzac Day and 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



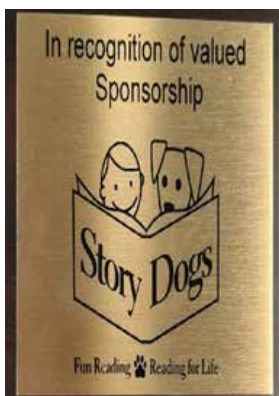
Anyone interested in joining the Royal Australian Air Force Association (Redlands Branch), please phone the secretary, David Field on 0439 855 894.

# Women's Auxiliary

The Women's Auxiliary held their Annual General Meeting on 5 March and the following members were elected – Desley Lingard President, Denise Partis Treasurer, Carmel McKay Secretary, Clare Foster Assistant Secretary and Judy Landford Assistant Treasurer.

Our long time Secretary Linda Harcourt, who has been in the chair for the past 25 years stepped down as President Alan Harcourt announced his retirement. The auxiliary ladies thanked both for all their hard work over the years and wish them well in their retirement.

One of our favourite charities was again presented with a cheque for \$500 to assist Andrea and Milo from Storybook Dogs. In return for our sponsorship, we were presented with a plaque.



*Desley Lingard*

PRESIDENT, WOMEN'S AUXILIARY





# Veterans Cuppa

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# History

## MARCH

DATE	TITLE	EVENT
1 Mar 1901	Naval and military forces of the States transferred to Commonwealth control	With Federation state and federal authorities began planning for the establishment of federal military forces.
3 Mar 1942	Broome and Wyndham bombed	The Japanese air raid on Broome came when the port was crowded with refugees fleeing the Japanese invasion of the Netherlands East Indies. About 70 people, including many civilians are thought to have been killed in the raid. Japanese Attacks on Wyndham focused on the town's aerodrome.
9 Mar 1942	7th Division AIF arrives in Adelaide	Leading brigade of the 7th Division AIF arrives in Adelaide from the Middle East. Elements of the Division had been sent to Java where they soon became prisoners of the Japanese.
11 Mar 1845	First Maori War	British troops based in Australia were sent to suppress an uprising by Maoris who were unhappy at the continuing expansion of European settlement in New Zealand's North Island.
15 Mar 1940	First two women from the Voluntary Aid Detachments organisation enlist in the AIF	Most Voluntary Aids transferred after August 1942 into the new Australian Army Women's Medical Service. Over 200 Voluntary Aids served in the Middle East and Ceylon during the Second World War.
16 Mar 1942	Darwin bombed	Darwin was subject to 64 Japanese air raids during the Second World War.
18 Mar 1915	Allied fleet attempts to force the Dardanelles	This was the second allied attempt to force a naval breakthrough of the Turkish defences in the Dardanelles.
20 Mar 1916	ANZAC Corps land in France	With Gallipoli behind them the bulk of Australia's forces were now sent to France where the terrible fighting on the Western Front awaited.
20 Mar 2003	Iraq War	Australian military forces, as part of the US-led coalition, commence operations as part of the invasion of Iraq.
22 Mar 1942	Japanese aircraft bomb Katherine	This was the only air raid against Katherine in the Second World War, one man was killed.
31 Mar 1921	Formation of the Australian Air Force	In Australia negotiations between Army, Navy and Defence officials from 1917 to 1921 resulted in the Australian Air Force being formed on 31 March 1921, with approval to use the 'Royal' prefix granted on 13 August 1921.

# Associated Groups

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

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# LAST POST

NAME	DECEASED DATE	SERVICE
Kevin Palmer	11th July 2023	ARMY
John Ravey	13th February 2024	ARMY
Leslie Cullen	20th February 2024	RAAF

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