

REDLANDS SUB BRANCH

# BUGLE

APRIL 2024 EDITION

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



**ANZAC DAY**  
**THURSDAY 25 APRIL 2024**

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



# President's Report

I hope this finds everyone in good health.

Since the AGM, life has been like a whirlwind coming to grips with everything that the position of President entails. My sincere thanks to Alan for his assistance during this transition period which could not come at a busier time in the RSL calendar.

Before proceeding further with this report, I need to pay tribute to Alan and Linda Harcourt for the extraordinary contribution they have made to our sub-branch and club over a long period of time. They will leave a massive void that needs to be filled. However, their legacy will continue, in true character Alan and Linda have offered to continue helping with the Advocacy and Welfare of the sub-branch. I am extremely grateful for this kind gesture. It is never an easy task to take over from someone who has been in a position for a long time with their experience and history.

Freedom of the City is an ancient honour granted to military units, allowing them the privilege to march into the city 'with drums beating, colours flying, and bayonets fixed'. This military tradition is today an entirely ceremonial honour, usually bestowed upon a unit with historic ties to the area, as a token of appreciation for their long and dedicated service. RAAF 95 Wing was originally awarded Freedom of Redland City in 2014 and on 13th April 2024 they exercised their right, when they marched through the City, challenged by local authorities, and allowed to pass after presentation of the scroll of authorisation. They then marched all the way to Redlands RSL to conclude the celebration. A flypast by a low flying C17A Globemaster as the parade passed the saluting dais enhanced the spectacle.

One of the most important days on the RSL calendar, Anzac Day, our national day of remembrance in Australia and New Zealand that broadly commemorates all Australians and New Zealanders who served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations; and the contribution and suffering of all those who have served. The day is fast approaching, and I know that Michael and his team have been very busy with planning and preparations. Redlands RSL is reputed to be the third largest Anzac Day commemoration in QLD behind Brisbane and the Currumbin. I encourage everyone to participate in commemoration some way on this day, whether it be at a memorial service, a march, or at home; and to remember the three pillars of Care, Commemoration and Camaraderie. Take care.

*Rob Wilson*

**PRESIDENT, REDLANDS SUB BRANCH**



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.



# Anzac Day Services

## 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 3 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.

# Previous Minutes

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

## LEAGUE GATHERING MEETING MINUTES SUNDAY 18TH FEBRUARY 2024

**MEETING OPENED:** 10.30am by President Alan Harcourt

**ODE:** Recited

**REMEMBERING:**

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

**ATTENDANCE:** A total of 49 as per the attendance book – (33 League Members, 14 Visitors, 2 New Members)

**NEW MEMBERS:** Ken Browning NAVY, Aaron Symonds ARMY

**BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:** Nil

**APOLOGIES:** (9) As per the apologies list: A. Warner, J. Rumble, C. Ryan and J. Butler

*Moved: M. McDonnell*

*Seconded: D. Field*

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

**PRESIDENTS OPENING REMARKS:** President Alan Harcourt asked David Field to introduce guest speaker, Heather Morris, a best-selling author of a trilogy of books. The first being The Tattooist of Auschwitz which is based on years of interviews with real-life Holocaust survivor and Auschwitz-Birkenau tattooist Lale Sokolov. This is also coming out as a 6-part mini-series for television in May. The other books are Cilka's Journey and Three Sisters. Heather also gave a very interesting insight into the story behind her novel called Sisters under the Rising Sun.

**PREVIOUS MINUTES:** League Gathering - Sunday 24th September, 2023. As presented in the Bugle

*Moved: G. Hinson*

*Seconded: D. Field*

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:**

- Latest newsletter from Everyman’s Welfare Association
- Detailed information for 95 Wing Freedom of Entry to the city.

*Moved: M. McDonnell*

*Seconded: R. Wilson*

That the Inwards and Outwards Correspondence be accepted . . . . . Motion 4...CARRIED

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

*Moved: G. Saunders*

*Seconded: B. Reedman*

That the Treasurers report be accepted . . . . . Motion 5...CARRIED

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

*Moved: L. Harcourt*

*Seconded: R. Wilson*

That the Wellbeing Report be accepted . . . . . Motion 6...CARRIED

**DEPUTY PRESIDENT & CADETS REPORT:** As presented in the Bugle

*Moved: I. Gray*

*Seconded: C. Freese*

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

**RSL SED MEETING REPORT:** As presented in the Bugle

*Moved: I. Gray*

*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: P. Barnes*

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

**NATIONAL SERVICEMEN ASSOCIATION REPORT:** As presented in the Bugle

*Moved: E. Shaw*

*Seconded: F. Williams*

That the National Servicemen Association report be accepted . . . . . Motion 10...CARRIED

**NAVAL ASSOCIATION REPORT:** As presented in the Bugle

*Moved: D. Field*

*Seconded: R. Wilson*

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

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

*Moved: R. Wilson*

*Seconded: D. Palmer*

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

..... Motion 12...CARRIED

**LIBRARY MUSEUM REPORT:** As presented in the Bugle

*Moved: M. Rabjohns*

*Seconded: C. Freese*

That the Library Museum report be accepted . . Motion 13...CARRIED

**VETERANS AND WELLBEING EXCURSION INFORMATION:**

As presented in the Bugle

- Greg Saunders advised that the first excursion for the year will be on Monday 18th March 2024 to Numinbah Valley – details need to be finalized before we can take any bookings.

*Moved: G. Saunders*

*Seconded: B. Reedman*

That the Veterans and Wellbeing Excursion Information be accepted .....Motion 14...CARRIED

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

- Secretary Michael McDonnell asked that anyone wishing to lay a wreath, ride in or drive a golf buggy or reserve seating in the marquees for Anzac Day please see Rob and Margaret Wilson today.
- President Alan Harcourt advised that nominations will be open from 20th February and close on 10th March before the Annual General Meeting on 24th March for 3 available positions on the Committee. The first being President and 2 x Committee members. Please check the notice board that will be in the foyer near reception.

**RAFFLES:** Drawn and Won

**NEXT MEETING:** Annual General Meeting - Sunday 24th March 2024 at 10.30am

**MEETING CLOSED:** 11.15am



## LEAGUE GATHERING MEETING MINUTES SUNDAY 24TH MARCH 2024

**MEETING OPENED:** 11.13am by President Robert Wilson

**NEW MEMBERS:** Nil

**BIRTHDAYS:** Nil

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

*Moved: A Khan*

*Seconded: J Hill*

That the Presidents report be accepted . . . . . Motion 1...CARRIED

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Inwards and Outwards: (M McDonnell)

- Please refer to page 5 of the Bugle for information on Exercise Freedom of Entry to Redland City.

*Moved: M McDonnell*

*Seconded: J Butler*

That the Inwards and Outwards Correspondence be accepted . . . . .

.....Motion 2...CARRIED

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

*Moved: G Saunders*

*Seconded: H Fulton*

That the Treasurers Report be accepted . . . . . Motion 3...CARRIED

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

*Moved L Harcourt*

*Seconded: I Cuthbertson*

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

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

As presented in the Bugle

*Moved: I Gray*

*Seconded: J Hill*

That the Deputy President, Cadets & SED Meeting Report be accepted . . . . . Motion 5...CARRIED

**VETERANS AND WELLBEING EXCURSIONS:** As presented in the Bugle

- The next excursion will be on 10th May to the Gold Coast Motor Museum with details still to be finalized.
- Greg Saunders thanked Alan and Linda Harcourt immensely for all they have done.

*Moved: G Saunders*

*Seconded: D Rogers*

That the Veterans and Wellbeing Excursions report be accepted . . .

.....Motion 6...CARRIED

**LEAGUE SECRETARY REPORT:** As presented in the Bugle

*Moved: M McDonnell*

*Seconded: A Khan*

That the League Secretary Report be accepted . . Motion 7...CARRIED

**NATIONAL SERVICEMEN ASSOCIATION REPORT:** As presented in the Bugle

*Moved: E Shaw*

*Seconded: F Williams*

That the National Servicemen Association report be accepted . . . . .

.....Motion 8...CARRIED

**NAVAL ASSOCIATION REPORT:** As presented in the Bugle

*Moved: I Cuthbertson*

*Seconded: A Khan*

That the Naval Association report be accepted . Motion 9...CARRIED

**RAAF ASSOCIATION REPORT:** As presented in the Bugle

*Moved: G Olsen*

*Seconded: D Palmer*

That the RAAF Association report be accepted. Motion 10...CARRIED

**WOMEN'S AUXILIARY:** As presented in the Bugle

*Moved: D Lingard*

*Seconded: L Harcourt*

As presented in the Bugle . . . . . Motion 11...CARRIED

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

**Michael McDonnell**

Anzac Day 2024 - please see Bugle pages 2 - 4 for schedule of service times and further information.

**Dawn Service –**

- Please see Michael or Margaret after the meeting if you wish to lay a wreath or require reserved seating for either Dawn or Main Service. The golf buggies are full.

**Main Service –**

- Those in golf carts to meet in carpark at 9.30am.
- Those to be seated in Marquees please be there by 10.00am.
- We have 600 hand held Australian flags which will be handed out by 8 Cadets along the main route of the parade.
- Fly over time will be confirmed.

**Linda Harcourt**

Badge Seller Volunteers are still required. If anyone is interested please see Margaret as she has the list.

**RAFFLES:** Drawn and Won

**NEXT LEAGUE GATHERING MEETING:** Sunday 21st April 2024, 10.30am

**MEETING CLOSED:** 11:35am

# Treasurer's Report

Once again, my report is a good news story. The Redlands RSL is really cementing itself as a destination to visit with its extensive array of offers.

After three trading months, we are in a strong financial position.

As at the end of March 2024 the Year to Date Net Profit Actual is \$281,466; Budget \$40,849 with a Variance of \$240,617.

Sails Restaurant is becoming consistently booked out on a regular basis, this is on top of a further increase of seating. Cove Café is another star performer, currently showing a 58% increase on last year. The seating in the Bar area another master stroke. Membership is strong, promotional activities and club draws are really helping in the mix. Another great initiative was to not charge public holiday surcharges, which was another factor and went over well with members.

Year to Date Overall Members Funds are \$31,328,218; Current Asset total is \$3,587,778. Current Liabilities total is \$3,020,841. Our Non-Current Liabilities Bank Business Loan is \$6,166,693. Our Cash Reserves remain resilient at \$1,780,953 and there is a further \$904,297 in Operational Funds.

League and Wellbeing expenditure totalled \$121,249 for March. Here are just some of the areas as to where the money is being allocated: Member Amenities \$49,012; Home Maintenance \$1,168; Anzac Day expenses \$9,448 and League Bus \$1,010.

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, yet another good trading month across the board which proves the initiatives implemented are working.

Until next month, take care.

*Greg Saunders*

TREASURER, REDLANDS SUB BRANCH



# Wellbeing Report

Good morning to all.

I received some sad news from the family of Doreen Matthews to say she passed away on 31st March 2024 in Bowen Hospital at the age of 99. Doreen was a Service Life Subscriber member of Redlands RSL, a member of Redlands Sub Branch Australian War Widows (Queensland), Redlands Legacy Care Group and the Golden Oldies Group as well as being a member of other organisations in the Redlands.



**A Celebration of Doreen's life will be held at Redlands RSL on Friday 3rd May at 10am.**

**Rest in Peace Doreen.**

Joint Venture held an Anzac Day friendly Indoor Bowls Tournament on the 10th April. They issued an invitation to Care Facility residents in the Redlands to join them. Around 50 were in attendance and a great morning was had by all.

The Veterans Cuppa was again well attended. There were new faces in the crowd which is great to see.

Anzac Day preparations with badge selling, School and Aged Care visits are arranged. So far, we have 18 Schools and 4 Aged Care facilities who have invited representatives from Redlands RSL Sub Branch to attend their services to commemorate Anzac Day. Schools will once again join with the Sub Branch in Honouring the Fallen.

There have been several home and hospital visits to Service Members this month.

Thanks to our Volunteers and HQ Staff for their tireless efforts in supporting our Veteran Community..

*Linda Harcourt*

**WELLBEING/VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR**

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# Deputy President & Cadets Report

At the end of last month we had our AGM and election of officers. As a result there were two board member changes, one being Rob Wilson was elected President, Heath Fulton was duly elected to the board and one committee member position remains vacant. We all congratulated them on their appointments. In my perspective it has been a pleasure and privilege to serve under our out going President Alan Harcourt and our wellbeing Coordinator Linda Harcourt for the past 22 years. We wish them well. During processing we called the Cadet Commanders from Army, Navy, and Air Force Cadet Units to come forward for the annual presentation of funding cheques in order that the units can continue to fund activities and to assist in the day to day running costs of their respective Units. Total funding from our Sub Branch amounted to \$10,500.00.



*L to R Capt. Paul Golle 136 Army Cadet Unit, SUB LEUT Matt Firth TS Norfolk Navy Cadet Unit and FLTLT Jason Kennelly 217 Sqn. Air Force Cadet Unit.*

The month also started with preparations for Anzac Day by again engaging the Cadet Units in preparation for Anzac Day. This year the Cadet Units won't be mounting the Catafalque Party as 95 Wing from Amberley RAAF Base will be performing this task owing to the Redland City Freedom of Entry ceremony that was held on 13th April. I will leave it to others to report on 95 Wing involvement for the Freedom of Entry into Redland City.

On Friday 12 April I was invited to chair the AGM for TS Norfolk Navy Cadet Unit on Friday 12th April, in attendance were committee members, Councillors Wendy Boglary and Paul Bishop, CO Lieutenant Adam Regnart, Bayside Navel Association John Tranter, his wife Pam and myself representing Redlands RSL as well as members of the public.



*From L to R Angela Arico Treasurer, Deidre Vanderdrift Fundraising Co-ordinator, Tamsin Tapley President and Hannah Glennie Secretary.*

A vote of thanks went to the outgoing President Jacki Clark who was given an award for her many years of service to the Unit. TS Norfolk Cadet Commanding Officer Lieutenant Adam Regnart presented Jacki with the Commanders Officers Commendation award for her encouragement towards TS Norfolk Ships Company and ADF Cadets (pictured right).



## AUSTRALIAN ARMY 136 CADET UNIT

As we approach Anzac Day, it's crucial to acknowledge the outstanding achievements of our unit, 136 Army Cadet Unit (ACU). Over the past period, our cadets have demonstrated exceptional dedication and skill, particularly in their participation in Battalion-wide promotion courses and leadership development programs.

A notable highlight is the commendable performance of our cadets on leadership courses for the rank of corporal. Each cadet exhibited an exceptionally high standard, with one standout individual, Cadet Rabnott, earning the prestigious title of Student of Merit. Cadet Rabnott's enthusiastic approach and consistent excellence across all leadership domains underscored their well-deserved promotion to Corporal.

Moreover, 136 ACU proudly represented itself at the state level, with Corporal Clancy and Knight selected to represent the unit at the National Adventure Training Activity held in Tasmania. During

this rigorous event, both NCOs showcased their skills in various challenging activities, including mountaineering, patrolling, first aid, abseiling, water operations, and more.

These achievements highlight the dedication, capability, and spirit of excellence within our unit, setting a commendable standard for others to follow. As we commemorate Anzac Day, let us take pride in the exemplary successes of our cadets and their unwavering commitment to service and leadership.

— CAPT (AAC) Paul Gollé Officer Commanding 136 ACU

Cadet reports compiled by

*Van Gray* LM

DEPUTY PRESIDENT, REDLANDS SUB  
BRANCH, & CADET LIAISON OFFICER



## THANK YOU ALAN AND LINDA

Following the AGM meeting on Sunday 24th March, our members in attendance thanked Alan and Linda Harcourt for their time served on the committee and countless hours dedicated to our Sub Branch over the passed 12 years.

Newly appointed President Rob Wilson presented Alan and Linda with gifts, and cake was enjoyed by all.



# SOUTH EAST DISTRICT MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

## 11th APRIL 2024 SED MEETING:

The South East District Meeting, Chaired by District President Kerry Gallagher AM, was the first of the year for Sub-Branch Presidents to attend. This meeting takes a different format to the usual SED meetings. It was also the first meeting held simultaneously with the main meeting, for the sub-branch modern veterans who could attend, to brainstorm strategies to attract more younger veterans to join the RSL.

The Sub-Branch President's meeting began with a very important presentation from Forest Lake Sub-Branch on the Assistance Dog program that is available to all veterans. The program administered by Forest Lake Sub-Branch and partially funded by a Defence Bank foundation, provides suitable dogs with accredited training to always accompany a veteran and recognise the symptoms of anxiety and PTSD; and provide appropriate support.

An open forum followed, and each President was given an opportunity to provide a short dialogue on their Sub-Branch. The problems of encouraging younger veterans to join the league was common to most sub-branches.

A disturbing trend being experienced by some sub-branches since the recent council elections, has been the sudden extraordinary requirements that they must attain to hold Anzac services in parks. These sub-branches, who thought they had all the boxes ticked for Anzac Day, are now faced with massive costs to meet these requirements which are out of reach for most. They are hoping that common sense will prevail.

I raised the issue of amalgamated sub-branches like ours still not being recognised in the RSL QLD Constitution and the long promised amendments; and our intention to pursue this further.

Report provided by

*Rob Wilson*

PRESIDENT, REDLANDS SUB BRANCH



# League Secretary Report

We have had above normal rain conditions this month of March, along with very high humidity. This has greened up all the memorial parks. Last week the skies cleared and the sun broke out so the parks could be mowed by the council. This of course is all in preparation for Anzac Day.

On Saturday 13th April RAAF 95 Wing held their Freedom of the City at the Raby Bay Park. All 100 RAAF personnel and Royal Australian Navy Band from HMAS Moreton challenged by the Police for entry into the City of Redlands. A scroll was presented and permission was granted. The parade began the march to the RSL, however as they began, a very low flying C14 from RAAF base Amberley flew directly over the parade. The skill and the expertise of the pilots to manoeuvre these large aircraft at such a low altitude, shows us that our Airforce is in good hands. This surely is a great introduction to Anzac Day on 25th April.

We have just about finalised all aspects that are required to again place Anzac Day in Redlands as one of the largest in QLD. The timings for the day are contained within and your support towards the Veterans as we remember the courage and sacrifices of those brave men and women. We can show our support by attending either Dawn or the Main service and parade, which will include a flyover by EA-18G Growler.

As the skies have cleared and the Commemorative Parks are looking great, it is stacking up to be a great day. Come along and enjoy.

*Michael McDonnell*

LEAGUE SECRETARY  
REDLANDS SUB BRANCH



**PLEASE REFER TO  
PAGES 3, 4, & 5  
FOR THIS YEARS  
ANZAC DAY SCHEDULES**

# National Servicemen

## REDLANDS BRANCH

We held a very successful meeting this month, even though a number of our members are suffering from poor health. Bruce Reedman made a special effort to attend, not allowing his pending operation to prevent his contribution to Branch Welfare. We also welcomed Frank back from the ranks of the working wounded.

It came to our attention that our highly regarded ex- Secretary, Ken Cullum, was worried because he is now residing out of the area and consequently possibly needed to formalize his resignation. We decided to put his concerns to rest by electing him as a life member of the branch who will be welcome to attend whenever he finds it convenient. The legality might be questionable, but the intent is beyond doubt.

Members of the War Widows Association presented an attractive handmade wreath to our branch. We appreciate this gift which will help us to be a little more individual at memorial ceremonies.

Member, Vern Mullins, provided us with interesting information on Fort Lytton. This has prompted us to plan another visit to the area, probably including lunch.

We have prepared tentative plans around our participation in the forth coming ANZAC Day ceremony. The thing which I think Michael will appreciate is that we are ready to assist wherever the need arises.

*Eric Shaw,*

PRESIDENT, NATIONAL SERVICEMEN  
REDLANDS BRANCH



# Naval Association

## BAYSIDE SUB SECTION

The Bayside Sub-section April meeting was held at the Redlands RSL 6 April with 44 members present. Following the meeting several members enjoyed lunch and refreshments upstairs.

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

## ANZAC DAY

### REDLANDS DETAILS

Details for the Redlands March and Commemorative Services are available in this edition of the Bugle. Camaraderie to follow the service in the Gallipoli Room.

### BRISBANE MARCH

If you're going to be in Brisbane for the ANZAC Day March catch up with old ship mates at the Jack Memorial South Bank for camaraderie at the Ship Inn following the march.



### JACK MEMORIAL SOUTH BANK

The May ceremony at Jacks memorial South Bank will be May 30 honouring Vietnam Ships lost crew. Camaraderie and Lunch at the Ship Inn to follow.

### THE ALL NAVY REUNION MAROOCHYDORE

Reminder for the All Navy Reunion Maroochydore 17th October - 20th October 2024. It is a first in first served basis. They expect they will have to cap the numbers attending based on previous experience. The reunion details and registration are available on their web site [www.allnavyreunion.com](http://www.allnavyreunion.com).

Yours Aye,

*Colin Saxby*

NAVAL ASSOCIATION AUSTRALIA,  
BAYSIDE SUB SECTION INC.



# RAAF Association

## REDLANDS BRANCH

Since the last meeting in February, our social and wellbeing events have continued, beginning with lunch together in the Sails Restaurant of Redlands RSL for those Branch members who remained after the Annual General Meeting.

Our informal Wednesday afternoon wellbeing sessions have continued with good attendances each week and new members joining in. The monthly Redlands RSL 'Vets Cuppa' mornings and the Wellbeing bus trips have also been popular with Branch members. All these activities are important to get together socially in an informal environment.

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. However, the Branch Dining Out Night soon after on Tuesday 19th March at Fiction Bar and Restaurant in Raby Bay, was a great night and enjoyed by all that attended. Some of the dishes on offer brought back nostalgic memories of Malaysia. The move to Tuesday nights for our Dining Out nights was deemed a better night with those present. Thanks again to David Field for organising these nights.



Our scheduled Wednesday and Friday RSL Raffle ticket selling nights have exceeded expectations providing excellent returns and the Branch is achieving one of the best profit margins from all the rostered organisations. The eftpos machine is making a difference attracting ticket buyers without cash who would otherwise be unable to buy a ticket. Once again, thanks go to Ted Scovell and our dedicated ticket sellers for giving their time.

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 near Raby Bay Harbour, before marching onto Redlands RSL.

I encourage all members to attend either or both Anzac Day Services organised by Redlands RSL, the Dawn Service and the March and Service later in the day. Redlands Branch members march together and are regularly joined by other ex-RAAF who are not members of the RAAFA.

### RAAFA State Council Meeting

The last State Council Meeting was a video meeting held on the 3rd February 2024. Significant business from the meeting:

- RAAFA Memorial Service Project: A service in Brisbane, replacing the Bomber Command Commemorative Service, recommended by AVP Moreton was rejected for 2024, but would be considered from 2025.
- Fund Raising Raffles: Decision deferred pending further investigation.

In other developments since the State Council Meeting, there are no nominations on the Executive for the State Secretary and AVP Sunshine Coast.

*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

No report this month.

*Desley Lingard*

PRESIDENT, WOMEN'S AUXILIARY



# Library Museum

Good morning everyone, I hope you are all well.

It's been another frantic month in the museum. We recently had a visit from the Mount Cotton Scouts. As always the kids were great asking lots of questions and trying on various pieces of equipment. We loved having them and look forward to seeing them again soon.

This coming Tuesday we will also be having a visit from the children at Star of the Sea. Photos and story in the next bugle.

As always donations are appreciated. We are at present trying to sort out our book store room to give us more display space. It's a work in progress.

If there is anyone out there that can help out for a couple of hours a week I would love to hear from you.

And on a personal note I would like to thank Alan and Linda Harcourt for all they have done for the Sub Branch and the Redlands RSL.

Until next time,

*Marty Rabjohns*

LIBRARY MUSEUM CURATOR



## LES WARNER MEMORIAL PLAQUE

On Thursday 21st March 2024 a special morning tea was held in the meeting room at the Library Museum to honour Les Warner. The photo and plaque pictured above was unveiled on this day.



On Friday 22nd March 2024, the Board of Redlands RSL were invited once again to attend the annual 42 for 42 luncheon held at the Gabba Queensland Cricketer's Club. We enjoyed good food, entertainment and participated in the fundraising auction and raffles which were very entertaining. All proceeds raised go to support veterans and the Afghanistan War Memorial Garden. Redlands RSL have participated in this fundraising and corporate event since it was originally arranged to bring together all available help working together to lead our Diggers out of the darkness and reconnect them within their communities.

The memorial was designed to honour the 41 Australians killed in action during the Afghanistan conflict and to make up the figure 42, the veterans who returned home and have lost their lives to depression, post-traumatic stress and other mental health issues. The 42 for 42 Afghanistan War Memorial Gardens was officially opened in Brisbane on Saturday 16 October 2021 and we attended that function as well.

The MC for the event was Rupert McCall OAM and the special guest speakers were: Mr Matt Anderson PSM Director of the Australian War Memorial and Mr Leigh Matthews an AFL Legend as a player; and Premiership Coach of Collingwood and Brisbane Lions clubs.

In attendance was Redlands RSL Sub Branch Board Members.

*Report provided by Ian Gray Deputy President Redlands RSL Sub Branch.*





# VETERANS & WELLBEING EXCURSIONS

I trust everyone is enjoying life to the fullest. Our last trip was to Kingscliff and was fully booked. A good day was had by all.

Our next excursion on Friday 10th May is to the Motor Museum situated in the picturesque Gold Coast Hinterland. The day includes morning tea, entry to the Motor Museum, and lunch at Southport Sharks. All for the very nominal cost of \$60.00.

On the return home to the RSL we will stop at the famous Yatala Pie Shop. Tickets are selling extremely quickly, so book early and don't be disappointed.

Please arrive at 8.00am for and 8.30am departure at Redlands RSL and returning at approximately 5.00pm.

Till next time, take care.

**GREG SAUNDERS,**  
**CONVENOR OF VETERANS AND WELLBEING EXCURSIONS**

# SING SING SING REDLANDS

On Monday 25th March I was invited to attend a performance of a choir for people living with dementia and their carers at the Redland Performing Arts Centre in Cleveland. I found the performance delivered an uplifting memorable experience, and something the community of Redland City should be proud of. The Sing Sing Sing Redland Choir helps the participants to foster a sense of community experiencing music-making under the creative direction of Mellisa Gill and her team. RAPC invites the community and music enthusiasts along on Monday morning, during the school term, especially people living with dementia and their carers. It would be nice to support this wonderful community. Report by John Butler.







## SINGING FOR JOY IN THE REDLANDS!

Each week, people gather in the Redlands and Brisbane to sing together – not just for the sheer joy of singing, but also to make social connections with others who are living with dementia and their carers. Research has demonstrated that group singing can

improve physical and emotional health and wellbeing, increase social connectedness, and reduce feelings of loneliness.

Sing Sing Sing, Queensland's first dementia choir, started in Brisbane in 2021 and in February this year launched its first Redlands choir for those living with dementia and their families, carers and friends. Sing Sing Sing was founded and is conducted by Melissa Gill, a professional choral conductor and voice coach.

Melissa started Sing Sing Sing after her father's dementia diagnosis. "I saw the loneliness and isolation. He needed a social experience; he needed an opportunity to feel joy. My mother needed an opportunity to make connection with other people who understood", Melissa said. "Music is a universal language. Everyone has the power to open their mouths and express themselves through song. I know that music can make a difference."

Sing Sing Sing first performed in the Redlands in 2023 after partnering with the Redlands Coast Dementia Community and Redlands City Council to organise a concert during Dementia Action Week concert - 'Rhythms of Joy: A Concert Celebrating the Lives of People Living with Dementia'.

In February this year, the choir began weekly rehearsals at RPAC and held a successful 'Come and Sing With Us' event on 25th March to mark the end of the first term. The choir performed and then joined family, friends and the community for a spirited rehearsal, singing warm-up tunes and favourite songs. 45 people attended this event, and included morning tea.

"You can't sing and not feel happy! It just makes you feel part of humanity. I couldn't get over the joy that it gave me - you feel human, connected and loved," said choir member Margaret.

Sing Sing Sing will continue rehearsals at RPAC every Monday in Term 2 (school term) at 10am with a further 'Come and Sing With Us' event scheduled for Monday 17th June (last rehearsal for Term 2).

Redlands choir currently has approx. 25members - new members are welcome, please contact [dementiachoirstqld@gmail.com](mailto:dementiachoirstqld@gmail.com) for further details. No experience necessary.

'Sing Sing Sing' also performs for professional gatherings and community events.

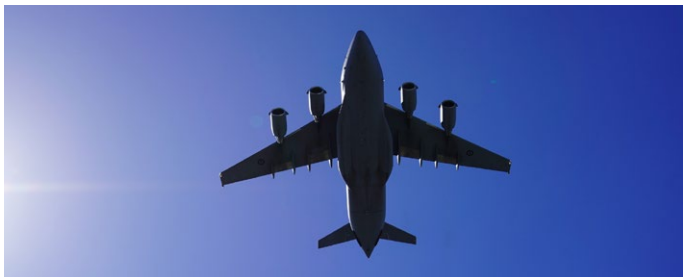
You can find out more about Sing Sing Sing at [www.singsingsing.au](http://www.singsingsing.au)

## RAAF NO.95 WING FREEDOM OF ENTRY TO REDLAND CITY

No.95 Wing of the Royal Australian Air Force exercised their right of Freedom of Entry to Redland City in a ceremonial parade on Saturday 13th April 2024, marking a decade since the event was last observed in 2014.

Starting from Raby Bay Harbour Park at 8.30am, to ANZAC Centenary Park, the parade will feature 150 RAAF representatives, the Royal Australian Navy Band Queensland, and an impressive display of military vehicles like the Hawkei and Bushmaster.





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# History

APRIL

DATE	TITLE	EVENT
4 April 1918	First action at Villers-Bretonneux	Villers-Bretonneux, overlooking the Somme and within artillery range of Amiens, was a principal objective when the German Spring Offensive was in its dying stages in early April. They were repulsed by the 9th Brigade from the 3rd Australian Division and some British units.
6 April 1952	1st Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, arrives in Korea	The battalion remained in Korea until September 1953.
7 April 1916	Australians reach the Western Front	First Australian units of the 2nd Division arrived on Western Front and were introduced to fighting on the Western Front in what was called the 'nursery sector' in the relatively quiet area around Armentieres, France.
8 April 1918	Repatriation Department established	Once soldiers were demobilised all tasks aimed at their rehabilitation and return to civilian life became the responsibility of the Repatriation Department.
11 April 1917	First battle of Bullecourt, Western Front	The 4th Australian Division and 62nd British Division attempted to penetrate the Hindenburg Line at Bullecourt where they were unsuccessfully supported by tanks. Over 1,000 Australians became prisoners of war, the largest number in a single action in the First World War. 3,000 became casualties.
13 April 1983	Dedication of the Rats of Tobruk memorial	The memorial, on Anzac Parade, was dedicated by the Governor-General of Australia, the Right Hon Sir Ninian Stephen. The memorial commemorates the Australian and Allied servicemen who died during the siege of Tobruk in 1941.
25 April 1916	First commemoration of Anzac Day	The first anniversary of the Gallipoli landings was widely observed in Australia. Large crowds attended church services and public ceremonies. The day was also commemorated by Australian and New Zealand servicemen in Egypt and London.
29 April 1965	Prime Minister Menzies announces the commitment of an infantry battalion to Vietnam	Australia's involvement in Vietnam was a gradual process. By April 1965 there were 100 members of the Australian Army Training Team Vietnam in Vietnam. The commitment of a battalion represented a major step in Australia's involvement and precipitated further increases in the number of Australians serving in Vietnam until reductions began in 1970.

# 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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