

REDLANDS SUB BRANCH

BUGLE

JUNE 2024 EDITION

"Honouring The Fallen By Serving The Living!"



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



Volunteers

THANK YOU FUNCTION

- 20 MAY 2024 -



Congratulations to Graham Hinson who was awarded this years 'Volunteer of the Year' at the special event held on Monday 20th May 2024. Graham has served the Sub Branch for many years including visiting local schools on commemoration days and setting up Community Link. He has also served on the Board and helped out at the Library Museum. Thank you Graham.

Thank you to all of our volunteers for all that you do. We are grateful for your willingness to give your time and support.



President's Report

I hope this finds everyone in good health.

National Volunteers Week, from 20th-26th May, was the ideal time to recognise our Volunteers and it was great to see so many attend our function on Monday 20th May. Congratulations to Graham Hinson who was awarded Volunteer of the Year, a worthy recipient for all the work he does with our district schools.

On Thursday 6th June, Redlands RSL commemorated the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day landings on the coast of Normandy, France. Code name Operation Overlord, it was the largest naval, air and land operation in history, landing 160,000 troops in a day, to begin the liberation of Nazi occupied Europe from the west. Australia's main contribution came in the air, with approximately 2,800 airmen in RAAF and RAF squadrons. June 1944 would be the worst month ever for RAAF casualties.

The Redlands commemoration in Anzac Memorial Park, involved the lighting of a Lantern of Peace while a tribute was read for all those who took part, particularly those who paid the supreme sacrifice. This symbolic gesture would be repeated in many places around the world. The Lantern remained alight on the bar of Redlands RSL for the remainder of the day.

The RSL QLD State Congress will be held on the 22nd June. Sub-Branches throughout the state will be required to decide on the State President for the next three years from two candidates; and a vote on two Motions. You, the members, will decide which way our Sub-Branch will vote on these issues in the League Gathering on Sunday 16th June.

A reminder that next year, 2025, will mark the Centenary of Redlands RSL.

Take care.

Rob Wilson
PRESIDENT, REDLANDS SUB BRANCH



Previous Minutes

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

LEAGUE GATHERING MEETING MINUTES SUNDAY 19TH MAY 2024

MEETING OPENED: 10.30am by President Rob Wilson

ODE: Recited

REMEMBERING:

George Dunstan	18th April 2024	ARMY
Joseph Sciberras	8th May 2024	ARMY

ATTENDANCE: A total of 39 as per the attendance book – (29 League Members, 10 Visitors, 1 New Member)

NEW MEMBERS: Colin Palmer ARMY

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES: Dudley Palmer

APOLOGIES: (8) As per the apologies list: Chris Ryan, Heath Fulton, Paul Oates, Andrew Bailey, Paul Field, Jenny Hargreaves, Doug McDonald and Bruce Reedman.

Moved: M. Rabjohns

Seconded: B. Coleman

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

PRESIDENTS OPENING REMARKS:

- Reminded attendees that it is Volunteers Week starting tomorrow, 20th May. There will be a thank you get together for Redlands Sub Branch Volunteers in the Sails private dining area from 3.00pm until 5.00pm on the 20th May.
- He urged to keep in mind that it is the Centenary next year. We are working towards how we are going to celebrate that really important milestone.

PREVIOUS MINUTES: League Gathering - Sunday 21st April 2024, as presented in the Bugle

Moved: R. Khan

Seconded: M. Rabjohns

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: R. Wilson

Seconded: D. Field

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

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

Inwards:

- Email from SED for nominations for State President of which 2 nominations have been received.

Outwards:

- Letter of thanks sent to RAAF Wing 95 for their involvement in Anzac Day and Freedom of the City march.

Moved: M. McDonnell

Seconded: J. Butler

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

TREASURERS REPORT: As presented in the Bugle

Moved: G. Saunders

Seconded: D. Field

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

WELLBEING REPORT: As presented in the Bugle

Moved: B. Coleman

Seconded: J. Butler

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

DEPUTY PRESIDENT & CADETS REPORT : As presented in the Bugle

- Ian attended SED AGM at the Riverside Reception Centre, now called Officers Mess, at New Farm where 25 of 32 sub branches were represented.

Moved: I. Gray

Seconded: M. Rabjohns

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

RSL SED MEETING REPORT: As presented in the Bugle

- Rob Wilson attended SED’s last general meeting.
He was relieved to see a short-term resolution about the concerning trend where sub branches have been experiencing difficulties with council requirements when holding Anzac Day services.

- All future governance training will be conducted online.

- Problem has been resolved with Veterans welfare coordinator at Greenslopes Hospital.

Moved: R. Wilson *Seconded: R. Kahn*
That the RSL SED Meeting Report be accepted . . Motion 8...CARRIED

LEAGUE SECRETARY REPORT: As presented in the Bugle

Moved: M. McDonnell *Seconded: G. Olsen*
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: G. Hargreaves *Seconded: I. Cuthbertson*
That the Naval Association report be accepted
..... Motion 11....CARRIED

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

Reminder of the upcoming Bomber Command Commemoration to be held at Amberley RAAF base on Sunday 2nd June 2024 at 11.00am. Redlands Sub Branch have a contingent attending.

Moved: G. Olsen *Seconded: D. Field*
That the R.A.A.F. Association report be accepted
..... Motion 12...CARRIED

WOMENS AUXILIARY: As presented in the Bugle

Moved: M. Rabjohns *Seconded: C. McKay*
That the Womens Auxiliary report be accepted
..... Motion 13...CARRIED

LIBRARY MUSEUM REPORT: As presented in the Bugle

Moved: M. Rabjohns *Seconded: J. Butler*
That the Library Museum report be accepted . . Motion 14...CARRIED

VETERANS AND WELLBEING EXCURSION INFORMATION: As presented in the Bugle

Moved: G. Saunders *Seconded: D. Palmer*
That the Veterans and Wellbeing Excursion Information be accepted
..... Motion 15...CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Michael McDonnell

- Thanks to ladies at headquarters for all their help in coordinating Anzac Day. Wouldn't have run so smoothly without their help.

Rob Wilson

- Personal thanks to Michael for him and his team to put together Anzac Day;
- State Congress for RSL Queensland on Saturday 22nd June. Require to vote for 1 of the 2 nominees – Stephen Day (current State President) or Bill Whitburn (current State Vice President). Link will be sent to league members to look at both nominees so the Sub Branch can decide on who we are going to vote for at next meeting;
- 80th Anniversary of D-Day landings will be celebrated on Thursday 6th June 2024. Lighting of a "red lamp, light of peace" will be held at 10.30am at Anzac Memorial Park.

Ian Gray

- Honour the Fallen – 31 students from Cleveland State High School attended plus 31 students from France.

RAFFLES: Drawn and Won

NEXT MEETING: League Gathering - Sunday 16th June 2024 at 10.30am

MEETING CLOSED: 11.20 am

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Quarterly General Meeting
10.30am, Sunday 21st July

Veterans & Wellbeing Excursion
Wednesday, 31st July

Vietnam Veterans Day
Sunday 18th August

League Gathering Meeting
10.30am, Sunday 25th August

President's Luncheon
Sunday, 15th September

Treasurer's Report

Well we are nearly at the half way point of the year. When looking at the financials, on a to date basis, we are still in a solid position – Actual \$260,518.00, Budget \$87,137.00, Variance \$173,381.00 – this is a 199% increase on budget.

Members draws continue to work well and certainly are a good draw card.

League and Wellbeing expenses totalled \$117,021.00 for May. Here are some areas where money is being allocated – Young Veterans \$2,400.00, Bugle and Bay Breeze Publications \$2,648.00 and League bus \$2,043.00.

Year to date members funds \$31,307,207.00, Current Assets total \$3,033,173.00, Current Liabilities \$2,901,586.00, bank business loan \$5,764,694.00. Our cash reserves remain resilient at \$1,593,897.00 and there is a further \$525,997.00 in operational funds.

New ideas and initiatives are always being looked at, at the Redlands RSL. Redlands RSL certainly has strong patronage which certainly is reflected in the foot traffic.

Till next month – take care.

Greg Saunders

TREASURER, REDLANDS SUB BRANCH



Wellbeing Report

Welcome to winter Queensland style. Hope you have all had your no cost flu shot.

Our advocates are very busy processing DVA claims and are doing their best to complete claims as quickly as possible. Several of our advocates attended a training day at SED at the end of May. They were delighted to mix with other Advocates and to find all had similar issues. There are to be follow up meetings.

It is with regret that I advise that a number of our Service members passed away during the last month with several Poppy Services being conducted. We extend our sympathy to their families; may they Rest in Peace.

Our next bus trip will be held on Wednesday 31st July. See page23 for details. Tickets go on sale Thursday 13th June. Be sure to get in quick as these excursions fill up early. If you happen to miss out initially, put your name down on the waitlist in case someone has to pull out.

Congratulations to Graham Hinson on being named Volunteer of the Year. Graham has served the Sub Branch for many years including visiting local schools on commemoration days and setting up Community Link. He has also served on the Board and helped out at the Library Museum. Thank you Graham.

Thanks to all our volunteers who regularly assist us to make a difference.

Linda Harcourt

WELLBEING/VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

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Deputy President & Cadets Report

Recently we received two certificates from SED for long service to the League. The first was a 30 year membership to be awarded to Anthony Taylor, now residing in Tara Qld. The second certificate was for Keith Overton from Victoria Point who turned 100 on the 2nd June. The certificates were to say thanks for their contribution to the League and their service to our nation.

I visited Keith Overton at his home to ask if he would be able to come to the RSL for a lunch and presentation of his 100th year framed certificate congratulating him on his 100th birthday and in recognition of his being an inspirational member of the League. Keith served with the Australian Navy during the Second World War. He said he would be delighted to attend. Last Friday, a luncheon was prepared specifically for Keith, and in attendance was our President Rob Wilson, Keith Overton, his son Jim and wife Lyn Overton and myself. President Rob Wilson presented him with his framed certificate and this was followed by the cutting of the cake made especially for the occasion.



In preparation for the 80th Anniversary of D-Day commemoration on the 6th June, I visited Herb Shapcott a WW2 veteran, to ask if he could attend and light the lantern of peace on the day. Herb stated he would be honoured to do so. That day marks the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings in Normandy, France, on 6 June 1944.

D-day commemoration was held in Anzac park next door to our HQ building. In attendance was our President Rob Wilson, Vice President David Field, league Secretary MC Michael McDonnell, President Nigel Allsopp AWAMO, WW2 Veteran Herb Shapcott and Nathaniel a visiting Padre from the UK.

Nigel Allsopp donated a peace lamp, one of 80 in the world and which he obtained from the UK for the occasion to our Sub Branch. He stated that following the service he would donate the lamp to our museum.

Following the service we all retired to the RSL Club for camaraderie.



L to R Michael McDonnell, Nigel Allsopp, Rob Wilson, Herb Shapcott, David Field and Nathaniel UK Padre

Pictured right: Herb Shapcott WW2 Veteran lighting the peace lamp that emerged from the darkness of war with the assistance of our Vice President David Field.





TS NORFOLK AUSTRALIAN NAVY CADET UNIT

TS Norfolk's staff and cadets have achieved an action-packed semester 1. As mentioned in our previous report, Australian Navy Cadets have implemented the new Cadet Youth Development Continuum. 16 elective badges ranging in skill at arms, drone flying, first aid, drumming, and Robotics have been awarded to cadets. Two cadets were the first to achieve the Level 3 (Gold) achievement in Skill at Arms, where they are now qualified to train cadets in this elective.

Our First term saw the ship's company participating in the first of our Maritime Activities, where the cadets, under the supervision of staff operated our RHIB and Dorey power boats, kayaked and canoed in perfect weather conditions. More Maritime Days are planned in Terms 3 & 4.



Members of the ship's company at TS Norfolk participated in two activities with their AAFC cousins. Firstly, there was the Cadet Aviation Experience at RAAF Amberley, where staff and cadets flew in Diamond 4-seater propeller powered aircraft with magnificent views towards Moreton Bay and the Darling Downs region. The day ended with staff and cadets observing at ground level the take offs of 3 C-17 Transport Aircraft and spoke with mechanics and technicians servicing rescue helicopters.

Members of TS Norfolk took part in the Freedom of Entry march & ceremony of 95 Wing Royal Australian Air Force in Redlands. Another day of perfect conditions in Redlands, paid respects as the colours marched past followed by a low level fly by of another C-17 Transport impressing the community present.

Anzac Day 2024 has come and gone with staff and cadets participating in ceremonies and services at Wellington Point State High School and Wellington Point High School as well as the dawn service and 10:30am street marches and services with Redlands RSL. Working

with their comrades from the AAFC and ACU, assisted veterans and organisations with laying of wreaths during the Anzac Day services. I am pleased to report a significant increase in cadet participation in their respective school community Anzac Day services with 13 cadets participating in 8 school services. Excellent effort all round.

As part of the CYDC program, 20 cadets were promoted to their next rank, 7 were promoted to CDT Able Seaman and 13 to the rank of CDT Seaman. The newly promoted Able Seaman and those at current rank are completing the Marine Engineering Specialist Rate.



This rate is one of three Cadets can choose to specialise in and can nominate to complete all three and interchange which rate they wish to be. Three cadets were promoted to Cadet Leading Seaman under the previous system for outstanding effort towards the unit. These cadets had performed above and beyond in the areas of Health & Safety and Mentoring of junior cadets. During the June school holidays a number of cadets will be taking part in the Flotilla training program for those wishing to be promoted to Leading Seaman, Petty Officer, Chief Petty Officer, with other cadets progressing their elective training to Level 3.

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.

Cadet reports compiled by

Van Gray LM

DEPUTY PRESIDENT, REDLANDS SUB BRANCH, & CADET LIAISON OFFICER



SED HIGHLIGHTS FROM COUNCIL MEETING - 6TH JUNE 2024

South East District Meeting chaired by SED Senior Vice President Doug Egan as the President Kerry Gallagher is on leave.

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

The meeting commenced with a presentation by Jazz Tyrril, Marketing Manager membership and network officer from RSL QLD HQ. Jazz spoke about networking and is seeking stories from Sub Branches. The purpose is to tell others what they are doing hoping that in doing so good ideas may be shared. Jazz indicated she is willing to come to Sub Branches in order to assist with this process.

The second guest speaker was Caroline Jones from Prestige Solutions. Caroline spoke about veterans wishing to start up a small business. The programs they provide make it easy with their self-employment assistance program. All the training necessary to start your own small business is provided free to veterans. Caroline is also willing to come to Sub Branches to speak to members.

The District Secretary advised that the new RSL Queensland constitution is now available for viewing on the RSL Qld portal.

The chair advised members that King Charles III is now the patron for RSL Australia.

Presentation of award : Brian Lang the delegate for Bulimba district was awarded life membership of RSL Australia. Bryan has been a member for 37 years. He indicated he will be stepping down as the delegate for Bulimba Sub Branch, but indicated he will still be involved with the Sub Branch.

Doug Egan advised members that the processes suggested at the last meeting of the modern veterans forum held on the 4th of April will be providing an update at the next forum to be held at SED New Farm on the 12th June at 1800 hrs.

Doug Egan indicated that the meeting of the modern veterans forum in August will be held at Redlands RSL Sub Branch so that the Bay Islands representatives don't have to travel long distance to attend the meeting.

Meeting closed at 1900 hours.

Next SED Delegates Meeting: 4th July 2024

Report provided by

IAN GRAY

DEPUTY PRESIDENT AND REDLANDS SUB BRANCH DELEGATE

League Secretary Report

Great to see our new Ode up and running, some of which is from Anzac Day, our most successful Anzac Day so far. Great numbers were in attendance, again Dawn Service a stand out.

Thursday 6th June was 80th Anniversary of D – Day, we put together a ceremony in Anzac Memorial Park beginning at 10.30am.

In attendance were 97-year-old Herb Shapcott, who lit the lantern which was a symbol for all to remember the liberation of Europe from Nazi occupation during the second world war. Rev Nathaniel visiting from Lancashire UK read out The Tribute (let us remember) while Herb lit the lantern.

Also, in attendance was Nigel Allsopp the Founder and President of Australian War Animals Memorial Organisation, and he donated one of only 80 original lanterns from London to Redlands Sub Branch and will be held in our Museum.

Afterwards all those in attendance some 30 or more, adjourned to the RSL for fellowship and camaraderie

LEST WE FORGET

Michael McDonnell

LEAGUE SECRETARY
REDLANDS SUB BRANCH



National Servicemen

REDLANDS BRANCH

Members enjoyed a very successful meeting in June followed as usual by good company in the RSL Dining Room and the Cove Café.

We welcomed another new member to our ranks and also welcomed back some of our members who have been kept away by poor health. The meeting received a moving letter from Elda Sciberras, widow of our late very popular member Joe. Other sad information concerned the passing of former President Forbes Strachan. Forbes was the 2nd President of Redlands Branch, serving 2002/03.

So much has happened since then.

Our luncheons continue to attract impressive numbers with around 40 attending our last at Samsons. Always a good meal but I like to take a cushion to cope with those hard wooden seats.

The new Nasho shirts are appearing more often around the club and the reaction has been quite positive. They are also very comfortable.

Very interesting to hear discussions both here and in the UK around the re-activation of National Service.

The need to strengthen our Defence Forces has been well recognized and there is a strong body of opinion that National Service Training could be the way to go. It would certainly seem to be preferable to seeking recruits overseas.

National Service training may be more expensive, but the need is not for the cheapest.

Eric Shaw,

**PRESIDENT, NATIONAL SERVICEMEN
REDLANDS BRANCH**



Naval Association

BAYSIDE SUB SECTION

The Bayside June meeting was held at Redlands RSL Tobruk Room 1st June 2024 with thirty-five members in attendance.

Following the meeting members retired to the Sails on Shore Restaurant and lounge areas to enjoy lunch and refreshments.

JACK MEMORIAL SOUTH BANK

May - Several members attended the May 30 ceremony at Jacks memorial South Bank honouring Vietnam Ships and lost crew followed by lunch at the Ship inn.

June - The June Ceremony at Jack will be conducted 27 June 2024 and commemorate the Gulf War.



Ladies Annual Luncheon

Our Bayside female members are reminded the Bayside Ladies Annual Luncheon will be on Saturday 6 July in The Sails on Shore Restaurant Redlands RSL.

Gallipoli Medical Research Foundation (GMRF) – Supporters High Tea

Responding to an invitation on May 28 our Bayside Vice President, our Secretary and I attended a very delightful annual Supporter's High Tea hosted by the GMRF at the Sunnybank Community & Sports Club. This function was to thank the generous donors who support Gallipoli Medical Research. There were several very informative presentations on the work GMRF are doing through innovative medical research including for Veterans.

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 No. 217 Squadron Australian Air Force Cadets.

The Branch Wednesday afternoon informal wellbeing gatherings in the ANZAC Lounge of Redlands RSL continue to be popular with members. Members of the Branch are also enjoying the monthly 'Veterans Cuppas' and Wellbeing bus trips organised by Redlands RSL Sub-Branch.

In other social news, the Branch annual Service Dining-In Night was held on Tuesday 14th May in the Sails Restaurant with John Howie doing a fine job as Mr Vice. Chris Howitt was guest speaker and provided us with an insight into his life as a RAAF Dependant and Teaching, followed by an overview of his time with the Air Force Cadets, finishing with current activities of 217 Squadron. Our next social outing will be an overseas trip to Stradbroke Island on Sunday 14th July.

Members of the Branch attended the annual Bomber Command Commemorative Service held at RAAF Base Amberley on Sunday 2nd June. This year we were blessed with perfect weather worthy for such a moving service, with excellent addresses by speakers that provided the mood fitting to remember those ordinary Australians who did such extraordinary deeds.

The next meeting of RAAFA Redlands Branch will be a General Meeting on Sunday 11th August 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.

Women's Auxiliary

The incoming President of Redlands RSL, Mr Rob Wilson dropped in to our June meeting to say hello and to introduce himself to the ladies. Rob gave a 20 minute talk about his RAAF and Education Department careers which the ladies found interesting.

The Auxiliary ladies were again busy preparing for the Auxiliary's 57th luncheon to be held in July 2024. Raffle prizes had to be wrapped and tagged and chocolate boxes put together.

Thank you all, ladies, for all your hard work. It was greatly appreciated. Well done.



On Thursday 6th June I laid a wreath at the D-Day service on behalf of the Women's Auxiliary.



Desley Lingard
PRESIDENT, WOMEN'S AUXILIARY



Library Museum

Good morning everyone, I hope you are all well. Earlier this month I received some original medals at the Museum from a deceased estate. Andrew Baily did some investigating for me and found out this gentleman, a Vietnam Veteran was from Toowoomba. I rang up the Sub Branch in Toowoomba and they said that they would be delighted to have his medals. Nikki and I drove up to Toowoomba and hand delivered the medals (and 5 boxes of books).

I recently had a phone call from Ray Stephen (our volunteer every 2nd Thursday in the museum) informing me he was about to have an operation. Our thoughts go out to Ray and we wish him the best for a speedy recovery.

I would like to welcome on board Doug McDonald, a South African Army Veteran who has retired in the local area. He will be on every second Wednesday with Chris Ryan to learn the ropes.

As always, a big shout to all the volunteers, I appreciate everything you do. The Library Museum is a success because of all of you.

Cheers until next time

See you next month.

Marty Rabjohns

LIBRARY MUSEUM CURATOR

VETERANS & WELLBEING EXCURSIONS

Well the year is flying and here we are in the first week of Winter already.

On Friday the 10th May 2024 we left Redlands RSL at 8.30am and headed for the Gold Coast. After an hour on the road, with magnificent weather, we arrived for morning tea by the Nerang River. We had an exceptional morning tea which consisted of fruit cake, baked biscuits with tasty cheese and it was thoroughly enjoyed by all. After morning tea, we headed off to the Gold Coast Motor Museum to have a good look at cars from yesteryear. They were certainly in mint condition and brought back many memories. We then moved on to the Southport Sharks club for lunch and I must say that I have never been to this club before and I was quite impressed. We were greeted at the front door and taken to where we would be seated for lunch. Lunch was an alternative drop between fish and chips and chicken schnitzel followed by dessert that was a beautiful piece of cake. Everyone was quite impressed with the lunch and the venue. A big thank you to Peter Harrison for organising this lunch. On the way back, we stopped at Yatala Pies to stock up.

Moving onto our next trip, this is a trip with a difference and will be on Wednesday the 31st July 2024 leaving at 7:45am sharp from the Redlands RSL. Morning tea will be on the shores of the Wappa Dam, from there we will drive to Imbil where we will visit Puzzles on Yabba. This place has some of the biggest jigsaw puzzles in the world and the reviews are nothing short of sensational. Lunch will be a two-course meal at the Imbil Railway Hotel and we should arrive back at Redlands RSL at approx. 4:45pm.

Total cost for the day, which includes a supplied morning tea, two-course lunch and bus trip, is only \$60.00 – **Tickets go on sale Thursday 13th June 2024.**

Until next time!

GREG SAUNDERS

CONVENOR OF VETERANS AND WELLBEING EXCURSIONS



Below is a poster from 136 ACU Army Cadet Unit.

Redlands ADF Cadets Tri-Service Parade this year will be hosted by 136 Australian Army Cadet Unit Alexandra Hills State High School.

Date: 12th October 2024 Time: 08:00 - 16:00.



TORCH & SWORD

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Cadet Camera Team runs the show

By Cadet Under Officer Joshua Parcell

From 13-20 January 2024, the Headquarters of the Australian Army Cadets (AAC) held the second annual First-Person View Drone Racing Course at Gallipoli Barracks Enoggera. During the course, members of the South Queensland AAC Public Affairs (PA) team were tasked with capturing and releasing photo and video product to share on AAC social media, Defence News, and supply to external media.

The PA team consisted of 4 members; Cadet Under Officer Harry Anderson, Cadet Under Officer Joshua Parcell, Cadet Corporal Adeline Putelli and Cadet Lance Corporal Keira Marshall, with Lieutenant (AAC) Brent Adams supervising and providing mentorship.

"Participating in the drone course really helped me develop my confidence and open my eyes to the different skills needed within a PA team," said CPL Putelli.

While the cadets on course were building, flying and fixing drones, the PA team practiced and advanced their photography, videography and writing skills while also developing their teamwork and editing skills. This, coupled with having a fantastic experience meeting cadets from all over Australia, working with soldiers from 7th Brigade's PA team, and having their work featured on the Defence Image Gallery and Defence Australia's Facebook page, gave the cadets an experience unlike any other.

"I feel privileged to have had some of my images used by Defence. I feel that it is great exposure not only for me, but PA as a whole," said CDT CPL Putelli.

The PA elective is recommended for all cadets wanting to open themselves to up to a wide range of opportunities both inside and outside of the AAC.



Image captured by South Queensland Brigade Cadet Camera Team

RSM Reminder

WO1 David Rowe,
Regimental Sergeant Major
Australian Army Cadets



As 2024 starts, it is a perfect time to refresh your knowledge about the Australian Army Cadets, the values you are to uphold, and the expectations that come with your rank.

A number of cadets will have stepped up into senior leadership roles as Warrant Officers and Cadet Under Officers. No doubt this may be challenging as these leaders will need to navigate the ability to direct and supervise other cadets that are likely to be part of their friendship groups. Good leadership is about going out of your way to be fair, no matter how small the action is.

I look forward to seeing how this year shapes, and instils a newfound confidence in our youth.

Please email aac_hq_pa@defence.gov.au with any recommendations and feedback on how we can improve getting information to you.

Values we value

When you join the Australian Army Cadets in a cadet or staff capacity, it is expected that you uphold the values of the Program.

The values of Service, Courage, Respect, Integrity, and Excellence are a reflection of the Australian Defence Force values, and empower youth to achieve their full potential.

When you embody all five values, you are a true representation of the Australian Army Cadets and promote the Australian Army in a positive light to your community.

If you do not put your All In, you will not get the full benefits of what the Program has to offer you and the community around you.

If you, or someone you know is interested in becoming an Army Cadet Staff, please scan the QR code to find out more.



STEM Camp 2024

The latest and greatest STEM opportunity in AAC has just opened up!

The STEM Camp will see cadets enjoy drone racing, cyber, and STEM lab experience, with visits to the Canberra Deep Space Communication Complex, Australian War Memorial and Royal Military College Duntroon.

This activity will be open to all ages and ranks and will be held between 07-13 July 2024 in Canberra.

Only 3 cadets per Region will be selected, so get your expressions of interest (EOI) in FAST! #All In

Contact your chain-of-command for more information.



Looking to the future?

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 SET-Ccadets@defence.gov.au with all of your questions or for support at any time.

Our AAC community



18,500+
Cadets



1,500+
Adult
Cadet Staff



250+
Army
Cadet Units

*statistics based on the 2024 ADF Cadet census

Coming up in 2024!

23 March-14 April:
School Based Units Annual Field Exercise
(NSW 2nd AAC Brigade)

05-08 April:
Regimental Sergeant Major - Army (RSM-A)
Drill Competition

09-13 April:
Deputy Chief of Army Adventure Training
Award

25 April:
ANZAC Day



Image captured by Cadet Charlotte MacDonnell

Fill the frame

Congratulations to **CDT Charlotte MacDonnell** for winning this editions Fill the Frame competition!

If you would like the chance to have your camera skills featured in the next edition of Torch and Sword, email your best Army Cadet photo to aac_hq_pa@defence.gov.au. The competition is open only to cadets, with a maximum of 3 photos each.

Photos will be judged by WO2 Mick Davis, multi-award-winning ADF photographer.

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VETERANS AND WELLBEING EXCURSION

PUZZLES ON YABBA

WEDNESDAY 31ST JULY

COST: \$60 per person (max. 50 pax)

Full payment required at the time of booking. See reception staff at Redlands RSL or phone 3488 1199.

Available for Redlands RSL Service members and one partner/carer only. Other members may add their names to a wait list.

DETAILS: 7.15am (meet) for 7.45am departure

We will be visiting:

- Morning Tea (included) overlooking Wappa Dam
- Drive to Imbil and visit Puzzles on Yabba
- Lunch at Imbil Railway Hotel for a 2 course lunch (please ask for menu choices upon booking) – members to choose 1 main and 1 dessert option. Also includes tea and coffee station.

4.45pm: Approx. time of arrival back at Redlands RSL

PUZZLES ON YABBA: There are some of the biggest jigsaw puzzles in the world at this gallery. Puzzles on Yabba in Imbil Qld was started by John Auricht, who moved to Imbil at the start of 2016.

John loves to put puzzles together and decided to share the amazing puzzles with the wider community. He began this project in the middle of 2016, renovating underneath the house. John spent many days and nights getting it ready. When he wasn't renovating he was putting puzzles together.





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UPCOMING DATES:
Wednesday 10th July
Wednesday 14th August

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.

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**REDLANDS RSL SERVICE MEMBERS RECEIVE 10% OFF
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History

JUNE

DATE	TITLE	EVENT
1 June 1918	RAN aircraft first used in combat	First use of aircraft in combat by ships of the Royal Australian Navy in the Heligoland Bight. Aircraft were launched from HMAS Sydney and Melbourne to intercept two German aircraft.
1 June 1941	Evacuation from Crete completed	Over 16,000 troops were successfully evacuated from the island over four successive nights.
2 June 1967	2nd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, arrives in Vietnam	By 1967 Australia's commitment to the war in Vietnam was increasing as the Australian Task Force expanded its control over areas of Phuc Tuy Province.
3 June 1944	Last major air combat by RAAF in the Second World War	South of Biak Island 15 P-40Ns from No. 78 Squadron attacked 15 Japanese aircraft (12 fighters and three dive-bombers) and succeeded in shooting down seven fighters and all of the dive-bombers for the loss of one P-40 and pilot.
6 June 1944	D-Day	Allies land in Normandy, opening up a third front against Germany and beginning an eastward drive across northern Europe that ended with Germany's surrender in May 1945.
8 June 1942	Sydney and Newcastle shelled	A week after they launched the midget submarines that attacked Sydney Harbour, four large Japanese submarines shell Sydney and Newcastle, but to little effect.
10 June 1940	Italy declares war on the Allies	Hoping to profit from the German successes early in the war, the Italian dictator Mussolini declared war on the Allies in June 1940, by which time the most vocal Italian dissidents were in exile or in prison.
14 June 1966	6th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, arrives in South Vietnam	The deployment of the 6th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, to Vietnam formed part of Australia's build up of forces in Phouc Tuy province in the mid-1960s. D Company from this battalion became involved in the battle of Long Tan on 18 August 1966.
16 June 1948	Malayan Emergency declared	The Australian involvement in Malayan Emergency lasted from 1950 to 1960, making it the longest continuing military commitment in our history. 39 Australian servicemen died in this conflict.
20 June 1943	Darwin bombed	Darwin was bombed by Japanese aircraft 64 times during the Second World War.
29 June 1950	Australia commits military units to the United Nations Force in Korea	Australia was one of the first nations to commit units, from each of the three services, to the war in Korea. Australians in Korea fought as part of the UN Command.

Associated Groups

	<p>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</p>
	<p>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</p>
	<p>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</p>
	<p>T&PI ASSOCIATION MORETON BAY SOUTH Meetings held on the last Wednesday of the month in the Veterans Community Centre. Contact: Neil Trapp</p>
	<p>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</p>
	<p>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</p>
	<p>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</p>
	<p>YOUNG VETERANS REDLANDS Contact: Geoff Hooper on 0419 649 925. E: chev1950@bigpond.com Facebook: Young Veterans Redlands</p>

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NAME	DECEASED DATE	SERVICE
Raymond Hocking	20th May 2024	AIR FORCE
Rex Gumbrell	28th May 2024	AIR FORCE
Neil Woodhead	9th March 2024	ARMY
John Quilty	4th June 2024	NAVY

Lest We Forget

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