

REDLANDS SUB BRANCH

BUGLE

NOVEMBER 2024 EDITION

"Honouring The Fallen By Serving The Living!"



**& A HAPPY AND HEALTHY
NEW YEAR**

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



Wishing you all a very
Merry Christmas, and a
Safe, Happy, and Healthy 2025.

Please note: the Redlands RSL
Sub Branch Headquarters
and Library Museum will be
CLOSED from 2pm on
Thursday 12th December, and will
RE-OPEN on Monday
13th January 2025.



Veterans Cuppa

The next Veterans Cuppa will be at **9AM,
ON WEDNESDAY 8TH JANUARY 2025.**

Enjoy a social morning with fellow veterans
with a barista made hot beverage and a
scone or muffin for only \$5.00!

**PRE-BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL -
PHONE 3488 1199**

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



Redlands RSL Service Members receive
10% OFF PRONTO MAIN MEALS
in Sails Restaurant.

*Available at lunch between 11.30am and 2pm,
excludes Sundays and Public Holidays. Table
reservations recommended, phone 3488 1199.*

President's Report

I hope this finds everyone in good health.

Veterans Health Week for 2024 was officially between 13 – 20 October. However, we were unable to arrange a local event during that week. So our event, sponsored by DVA, was held on Wednesday 23 October at 'Indigiscape'. We had a full turn out to this very successful event, which included a short tour of the facility with all the local flora growing there, followed by camaraderie and a morning tea to be remembered. Let me say, there was no need for anyone to eat lunch that day.

I want to pay tribute to all our Volunteers, the life blood of every sub-branch, who give of their time freely to the many sub-branch veteran projects. This includes, but is not limited to, home visits, hospital visits, school and aged care visits, honouring the fallen and badge selling. This has been a particularly busy period with the lead up to Remembrance Day and will be followed later this month with school end of year presentations. I particularly want to thank those of you who came forward at very short notice to volunteer for badge selling.

The annual Remembrance Day Service is an important day in our Commemorative calendar, commemorating the armistice that ended hostilities in World War 1, and remember the sacrifices of all service men and women in that conflict. The sub branch service held in ANZAC Memorial Park on Monday 11th November was another success, thanks to the planning by League Secretary Michael McDonnell and the work of the office staff in Headquarters. It was pleasing to witness so many in attendance on the day and the weather gods who looked after us.

Since this is the last edition of the Bugle for 2024, I would like to take the opportunity to wish all our members and their families the very best for the festive season and look forward to seeing you all in the New Year. Remember, the Centenary of Redlands RSL is next year.

Take care.

Rob Wilson
PRESIDENT, REDLANDS SUB BRANCH



MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS NOW DUE

If your Service membership card expires 2024,
then this notice is for you...

**Membership renewals are available from
Friday 1st November.**

Please see our lovely staff at reception or phone 34881199.

RENEWAL OPTIONS FOR SERVICE MEMBERS ARE:

Service 1yr 2025: \$10

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

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

Still current serving ADF member:

Free (staff must sight your current ADF ID)



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

Previous Minutes

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

LEAGUE GATHERING MEETING MINUTES SUNDAY 25TH AUGUST 2024

MEETING OPENED: 10.30am by President Rob Wilson

ODE: Recited

REMEMBERING:

Desmond Miscamble	18th July 2024	ARMY
Samuel Albrecht	UNKNOWN	ARMY
Irene Ling	4th August 2024	ARMY

ATTENDANCE: A total of 52 as per the attendance book – (45 League Members, 7 Visitors)

NEW MEMBERS: Welcome to Adam Oakman, Len Reidling and Kevin Delaforce to their 1st meeting.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES: Graeme Devenport and Lois Devenport

APOLOGIES: (5) As per the apologies list: M. Rabjohns, Rev. C. Freese, E. Shaw, C. Thompson, C. Palmer

Moved: M. McDonnell

Seconded: R. Khan

That the Attendance and Apologies be accepted

.....Motion 1...CARRIED

PRESIDENTS OPENING REMARKS:

- Our thoughts go out to Marty Rabjohns who is recovering from surgery.
- Update of Board positions - there have been two casual vacancies on the Board since the AGM and several applicants were interviewed. Rob gave thanks to all that applied and encouraged them to apply again as further opportunities will arise in the future. At the last Board meeting two applicants with the attributes and skill set required were chosen and invited to fill the casual vacancies on the Board until they are next due for election in accordance with the Constitution. We are pleased to announce and welcome the two members, Julia Delaforce and Phil Barnes.
- Vietnam Veterans Day was a great day and thanks goes to Michael for all his organizing. Unfortunately, there was a medical emergency during the service but we have since received a call to

say the gentleman is now ok.

- David Field introduced guest speaker, Michael McDonnell who gave an insightful and interesting speech on his time served as a Nasho from when he was chosen for the first intake in 1965 and the moving story of his time spent in Vietnam until he was discharged from the Army.

PREVIOUS MINUTES: League Gathering - Sunday 16th June 2024, as presented in the Bugle

Moved: D. Field

Seconded: A. Bailey

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: R. Heath

That the Presidents report be acceptedMotion 3...CARRIED

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

Inwards:

- According to State records in the Redlands there are 13 x WW2 Veterans entitled to medallions supplied by the Government marking the 75th Anniversary of WW2.
- Anglicare – information on the Suicide Prevention for Seniors Program which has been forwarded to our Welfare people.
- Health and Wellbeing including Veterans Health Week in October.
- Australian American Association quarterly newsletter.
- Confirmation that Kerry Gallagher AM would be guest speaker on Vietnam Veterans Day.

Outwards: Nil

Moved: M. McDonnell

Seconded: B. Reedman

That the Inwards and Outwards Correspondence be accepted.

.....Motion 4...CARRIED

TREASURERS REPORT: As presented in the Bugle

Moved: G. Saunders

Seconded: H. Fulton

That the Treasurers report be acceptedMotion 5...CARRIED

WELLBEING REPORT: As presented in the Bugle

Moved: J. Hill

Seconded: J. Delaforce

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

DEPUTY PRESIDENT & CADETS REPORT: As presented in the Bugle

- One of our Life Service members, Myla Thomas will be turning 100 next Tuesday. Ian Gray and Julia Delaforce will visit her and present her with a framed certificate from State and SED along with an engraved shield from Redlands RSL.

Moved: I. Gray

Seconded: F. Williams

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

LEAGUE SECRETARY REPORT: As presented in the Bugle

- Michael advised that his report was written before Vietnam Veterans Day. It was a wonderful day and asked everyone to refer to the photographs in the Bugle taken by John Butler and thanked him for his contribution.

Moved: M. McDonnell

Seconded: P. Barnes

That the League Secretary Report be accepted. . . Motion 8...CARRIED

NAVAL ASSOCIATION REPORT: As presented in the Bugle

Moved: I. Cuthbertson

Seconded: R. Khan

That the Naval Association report be accepted. . . Motion 9...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 10...CARRIED

VETERANS AND WELLBEING EXCURSION INFORMATION:

As presented in the Bugle

- Greg gave details of the next excursion on Friday 11th October 2024 being a Tweed River and Rainforest Lunch Cruise.

Moved: G. Saunders

Seconded: D. Field

That the Veterans and Wellbeing Excursion Information be accepted Motion 11...CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS:

ROB WILSON

- A reminder was given about the President’s Luncheon on Sunday 15th September and there is still some availability.

- Veterans' Health Week – 13th – 20th October – we will be doing something that week but have no details as yet.
- Dudley Palmer has reached a magnificent milestone and was awarded in recognition of 50 years cumulative service as a member of the League.

RAFFLES: Drawn and Won

NO MEETING in September due to President's Luncheon – Sunday 15th September 2024 at 11.30am for 12 Noon start.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Quarterly General Meeting - Sunday 20th October 2024 at 10.30am
League Gathering – Sunday 17th November 2024 at 10.30am

MEETING CLOSED: 11.20 am

Treasurer's Report

The Redlands RSL continues to trade well and is settling into a consistent pattern, which is a good sign. It signifies that members and guests acknowledge the RSL's existing standards and offers within the RSL.

At the end of October 2024, our financials read like this Year-to-date. Actual Net Profit \$632,694, with a Budget of \$289,122 with a Variance of \$343,547. Looking at some of the top performing cost centres, Bar trading Actual \$1,284,832, Budget \$956,626, and Variance \$328,206 with a 34% increase. Sails Restaurant Actual \$200,229, Budget \$62,040, Variance \$138,189, Cove Café Actual \$93,943, Budget \$41,560, Variance \$52,383 with a 126% increase.

League and Wellbeing expenditures totalled \$131,401. To highlight some areas where the money was allocated, Vietnam Veterans \$3700, Golden Oldies \$2,394, Home Maintenance \$1,736, and League Wages \$30,666.

Overall, year-to-date, members' funds are \$31,679,420. The current asset total is \$3,223,700, and the current liabilities total is \$3,059,809. Our Non-Current Liabilities Bank Business loan is \$4,941,122. Our cash reserves remain resilient at \$1,500,659, and there is a further \$877,277 in Operational Funds.

This report also contains donations for the financial year 31/10/2024 totalling Cash and In-Kind Donations \$1,284,003.28. This is made up of Community Affiliated \$19,319.56 Charitable and Wellbeing non-affiliated \$47,860.63, Charitable and Wellbeing Affiliated \$1,150,073.22, Schools \$391.84, Sports & Recreation Affiliated \$21,408.20, Sports & Recreation Non-Affiliated \$15,215.80 and Community Non-Affiliated \$29,734.03.

We are very fortunate at Redlands RSL Sub Branch to have such a fantastic band of volunteers. These people give untold hours in many areas. Please be assured that your great work in so many areas is greatly appreciated. Volunteers are, in many ways, the backbone of the operation.

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.

As we approach the festive season, it's good to know that the Redlands RSL is in a solid financial position. Judging by the feedback, it is certainly becoming a great destination.

Until next month, take care.

Greg Saunders

TREASURER, REDLANDS SUB BRANCH



Wellbeing Report

Hello Members,

I hope this end of year message finds you well. During this past month our RSL Redlands Veteran Support Centre (VSC) has experienced an influx of veteran requests specifically related to veteran claims for DVA household supports. Whilst our VSC wellbeing team currently comprises four 'Compensation' advocates (two fulltime employed and two part-time volunteers) it unfortunately does not currently have any 'Wellbeing' advocates who are ATDP trained and qualified to handle veteran household applications and assessments. Whilst we are working towards backfilling this identified gap in our wellbeing team, we will in the interim collate a list of qualified RSL Wellbeing

advocates whom we may potentially partner with so that we may refer local veterans looking to claim DVA household supports (lawn maintenance and or cleaning services).

Our wellbeing team is looking forward to our upcoming 'reconnect meeting' where our Welfare Support Officers (WSO's) will re-establish our important network of volunteers which lapsed due to Covid. If you are interested in volunteering as a WSO (Conduct Veteran Hospital and Home Visits, Provide Hospital Care Packages, Aid with Transportation to medical appointments) we would very much welcome your attendance in the Tobruk Room on Wednesday 11th December at 10.30am (after the veterans cuppa). I sincerely thank RSL South East District Vice President Bob Ikin for accepting my invitation to attend our reconnect meeting and whom is volunteering his time to assist our sub branch with WSO annual induction training.

Finally, as we head into the Christmas period and the year winds down, I want to take a moment to check in with you since this time of year can bring up a mix of emotions, and I want to remind you that you're not alone. Whether you're spending the holiday season with family, friends, or on your own, please remember there are plenty of veteran services and supports available to you including;

The Open Arms – 24/7 Veterans & Families Counselling Phone 1800 011 046 toll-free

Lifeline – 24/7 Crisis Support Phone 13 11 14 or Live Chat <http://lifeline.org.au/crisis-chat/>

Safe Zone Support - Anonymous Counselling Phone 1800 142 072 toll-free

If you require urgent assistance, please call 000. If you are unwell, please contact your local doctor or go to your nearest hospital.

Take care of yourselves and remember to check in with your mates, and I hope you can enjoy a bit of peace and good company this Christmas season.

Warm Regards,

Julia Delaforce

WELLBEING CO-ORDINATOR

Email: julia.delaforce@redlandsrsl.com.au



Deputy President & Cadets Report

On 8th 9th and 10th of this month, we attended 4 Schools in our region to Honour Our Fallen prior to Remembrance Day. Martin Rabjohns's assisted me at Great Southern Memorial Gardens Cemetery at Carbrook with students from Faith Lutheran College. Martin Rabjohns took charge of the Honour Our Fallen service at Cleveland State High School where 36 students and teacher Joni Edwards were transported by bus to Cleveland Cemetery. Three students and the Deputy Principal Brook Plauschin from Victoria Point high school attended the Redland Bay Cemetery with Martin Rabjohns, and myself.

John Butler assisted by taking photos of the the Cleveland High School.

John Hague from Stradbroke Island conducted the Service at Dunwich Cemetery with students from Dunwich State School who were accompanied by teachers Chloe Johnson, Amanda Blivett and Debbie Phillips prior to Remembrance Day.

During this reporting period we continue to present the Australian Government



Victoria Point High School



Faith Lutheran College



Cleveland State High School



Photo top: Students paying respect to WO2 Kevin Conway grave site.

Photo above, bottom left: Martin Rabjohns, Ian Gray, and Principal of Cleveland District State High School Leonard McKeown.

Photo above, bottom right: Students from Cleveland High School honouring a fallen Veteran at Cleveland Cemetery.



Photo above and left: John Hague and students from Dunwich State School on Stradbroke Island

Medallions of the end of the Second World to Veterans. This month I had the pleasure to present the Medallion to Herb Shapcott at the retirement village at Seaton Place Cleveland and to Veronica Duiker on Lamb Island. This will continue till all 8 recipients in the Redlands receive their medallions.



AUSTRALIAN ARMY 136 CADET UNIT

This month the Army Cadets have been training at their depot preparing for Remembrance Day celebrations. Apart from normal training the Catafalque Party continues to practice their drill in preparation for the 11th of 11th Service.

In addition the Unit is preparing for their Awards and presentation night to be held at their depot for the evening called Hails and Farewell Evening. The night will start with a parade followed by the presentations to Cadets who have reached a high standard, promoted and to say farewell to the senior cadets who are ageing out. Invited guest will be Lt Colonel David Marshall, Deputy Commander of 13 Battalion South East Queensland.

My roll as Cadet Liaison Officer will be to address the Unit and attending families.



217 SQUADRON, AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

On the 4th of November 217 (City of Redlands) Squadron held their end of year awards and presentation night at Capalaba State College. The evening started with a BBQ and later the presentation and awards in the school's auditorium. President Rob Wilson and I were in attendance. The evening started with a presentation by OC FLTLT Jason Kennelly to Cadets, invited guests and family members and to the Cadets who were promoted. This was followed by award presentations to Cadets who have reached the highest standard as required by the Air Force Cadet Units standards.

OC Kennelly in his final address indicated that he was moving on to other opportunities with Air Force and other ventures. As a result he will be standing down as Officer Commanding 217 Squadron and in doing so he introduced the new Commanding Officer Acting OC for

the Unit SQNLDR Anthony McKeaten who will be taking over the Unit. He was welcomed by all present.

Finally, President Rob Wilson delivered his address followed by myself as Cadet Liaison Officer. — *Report from Ian Gray*



Top: Cadet promotions 217 Sqn. Unit Handover

217 SQUADRON, AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

During Semester 2, 217 SQN organised a Biv (Bivouac Camp) that showcased Military skills, responsibility, leadership and integrity whilst demonstrating teamwork. TG05 (Training Group 5) which consist of three AAFC Squadrons (203, 215 & 217SQNs) Detachment at Greenbank Military Training Area.

TG05 conducted a fieldcraft activity in two exercises: 1) Exercise Fledgling Falcon (EX FF) - with Initial Stage Cadets taking part in static practical basic fieldcraft training and team-building activities, and 2) Exercise Wild Coyote with Junior, Advanced, and Qualified Stage Cadets undertaking more advanced scenario-based navigation and fieldcraft activities. All Cadets learnt new skills whilst having fun.

Whilst back at the Squadron, Cadets were taught by Sergeants and Corporals lessons on fieldcraft, ratel, aerodynamics and Cadet Skills.

217 SQN Cadets throughout this year attended ANZAC Day Parades, Vietnam Veterans Day and Remembrance Day. Cadets enjoyed raising money and awareness to the worthwhile charities of Rotary and Legacy at Cleveland Shopping Centre. Two of our Leading Cadet's represented our Squadron in the National Field Craft competition.

In October we joined some 500 Cadets plus Staff for the 2WG Ceremonial Parade at Springfield, special VIP guests included the Honourable Sir and Lady Cosgrove.

In November we celebrated at our Graduation Parade, with 29 Cadets promoted to Leading Cadets and 21 Leading Cadets promoted to Corporals.

Later this month we have our last CAE (Cadet Air Experience) and PEX (Pilot Experience) at RAAF Base Amberley flying in our Diamond DA 40 aircraft.

217 Squadron Australian Air Force Cadets meet every Monday night at 1800-2100 during School Term at Capalaba State College, 53 School Rd, Capalaba. We are now recruiting for 2025 and will be conducting an information night at the Squadron on Monday, 25th of November 2024. More information please email 217sqn@airforcecadets.gov.au

— Report by AAFC CUO Briggs, CCPL Briggs and LACW Briggs



TS NORFOLK AUSTRALIAN NAVY CADET UNIT

TS Norfolk are in preparation for Remembrance Day are training for the event in addition keeping up with their normal training schedules. This year TS Norfolk will be joining 136 Army Cadet Unit on Remembrance Day. TS Norfolk with 136 ACU will provide an Honour Guard as well as assisting with flag duties.

Training Ship Norfolk, is part of Australian Navy Cadets, Australia's premier youth development, organisation. Open to school-aged youth, who can join in the year that they turn 13 up to the year they turn 18. Cadets participate in activities such as powerboating, sailing, drone flying, robotics, sealift experience, international exchanges, national activities & Anzac Day and other ceremonial parades.

Cadets develop life skills, lifelong friendships, resilience, discipline and most importantly have fun. TS Norfolk parades every Thursday during the school term at Wellington Point State High School on Anson Road between 5:30pm & 8:30pm.

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=880028106582904&ref=sharing>

Come check us out, there is no obligation.

Enquiries: TSNorfolk@navycadets.gov.au

Cadet reports compiled by

Van Gray LM

DEPUTY PRESIDENT, REDLANDS SUB
BRANCH, & CADET LIAISON OFFICER



SED HIGHLIGHTS FROM COUNCIL MEETING 7TH NOVEMBER 2024

South East District Meeting chaired by SED President Kerry Gallagher AM.

Attended by Ian Gray on behalf of Redlands Sub Branch.

John Hardgrave gave a presentation on the RSL Sub Branch Model Constitution and the Clause 5.2 Process. He is now the person who will be dealing with the revised constitutions, so sub-branches that are considering revising their constitutions should ensure they get the revised constitutions to the District President or the Board. A constitution should be revised once every ten (10) years.

RSL QLD has provided an in-depth procedure to help with a request for consent to amend the Subbranches' Constitution. This document outlines the flow and timeline and answers questions about what you need to do when requesting RSL QLD's approval. It provides an already prepared letter that you send to the State Branch and your subbranches, filling in the highlighted parts of the letter.

This document provides a checklist of what you need to provide to State RSL and the important things to note. This checklist must be followed in order for your submission not to be returned. There is also a 'State Council of District Presidents Approval Guidelines' that must be followed. The Sub Branch Constitution Amendments process is as follows:

- Sub Branch provides documentation to District Branch
- District Branch review application
- District Branch verifies that correct/relevant information has been provided and endorses application
- District provides to League Services
- League Services is satisfied that correct/relevant information has been provided
- League Services to prepare SCDP paper either seeking approval or detailing reasons why the changes may not be within SCDP Authority.
- Approved at SCDP meeting
- League Services to notify District Branch and Sub Branch

There are other avenues if the District Branch does not endorse application as correct/relevant information provided.

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

- SED Board Solvency Statement
- Sub Branch Reports for Bayside South, Beerwah & District and Sunnybank
- Sub Branch Newsletters are up and available.

An update from Bob Ikin in regards to SED Membership Report were as follows:

- The *'Think Tank'* that they have put together has taken form. The *'Think Tank'* comprises of 5 members two from traditional sub branches and three from the Modern Veterans Cohort and Bob Ikin as Chair. The *'Think Tank'* to investigate and develop a model to assist sub-branches to improve their membership numbers.

The Wellbeing Report from Bob Ikin highlighted the following:

- SED will be conducting a Wellbeing Workshop on the 28th November at SED New Farm.

The target audience will be Wellbeing Advocates, Wellbeing Support Officers and interested sub-branch committee members from SED and surrounding districts.

- An Advocacy Workshop, Wellbeing Workshop and a Wellbeing Support Officer Information Day will be held again in 2025.
- A successful Charitable Objects Fund and Grants Writing training day was held at Manly-Lota Sub Branch on the 18th October 2024 with 24 people in attendance.
- Redlands Sub-branch has requested my support to conduct a Wellbeing Support Officer information session on the 11th December 2024 which Bob has accepted.

Next Meeting will be held on Thursday 5th December at 6.00pm for both Sub Branch Presidents and Delegates. Christmas drinks and nibbles will be available before the meeting.

**REPORT PROVIDED BY IAN GRAY
DEPUTY PRESIDENT AND REDLANDS SUB BRANCH
REPRESENTATIVE**

League Secretary Report

Remembrance Day 11th November at 11.00am, we had our best attendance for some time, approximately 200 in all. The weather was kind after the light show and thunder storms of the previous night. It is very encouraging as many who attended, we have not seen before. As more people attend the club for functions or just having a meal, or even new arrivals in the district we are getting a spin off at the ceremonial days.

I have received emails and comments that the service had everything, sincerity, professionalism and respect. This is very satisfying as the girls in HQ have contributed so much to the preparation, and setting up on the day. Comments about the commemorative address which was delivered in Canberra last Remembrance Day by Chief of Personnel Lieutenant General Natasha Fox AO, CSC, was well received.

Well we are now in the process of initial planning for Anzac Day in 2025. Next year is Redlands RSL Sub Branch 100th year and you will see advertising within the club promoting our activities starting with Anzac Day 2025.

Thank you for your support throughout the year as our attendance continues to improve on our commemorative days.

On behalf of Redlands RSL Sub Branch I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.

Michael McDonnell

LEAGUE SECRETARY
REDLANDS SUB BRANCH



National Servicemen

REDLANDS BRANCH

Attendances at our meetings have once again begun to climb. It is customary for between 30 and 40 members to stay on after the meeting for lunch or drinks. A good chance to enjoy pleasant company and of course it is good business for the club.

Planning is underway for our last meeting of the year which takes the form of a Christmas lunch. On this occasion, we are retaining a musical act to entertain the diners and provide dancing if we desire. It should be a memorable occasion and at a very reasonable cost.

We have held two lunches since the last issue of the Bugle. The first was a Chinese Banquet at Raby Bay. This was a huge success with quite a few of those attending requesting that we do it again as soon as possible. It is always a good sign when people are asking to "come back as soon as possible".

The other luncheon was at an old favourite of ours "Samsons Seafood". We have been there many times and have always been treated very well.

We are not operating the badge sales stalls this Remembrance Day. As we get older it is becoming increasingly difficult to carry out all the work associated with these sales. Bruce and Frank are still putting a lot of effort into these activities but even they are finding it increasingly difficult.

Ann and I look forward to seeing you all at the Christmas Lunch.

Eric Shaw,

**PRESIDENT, NATIONAL SERVICEMEN
REDLANDS BRANCH**



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 good attendance. Members are also enjoying the monthly 'Veterans Cuppas' and Wellbeing bus trips organised by Redlands RSL Sub-Branch. The next social function will be a Restaurant Dinner on Tuesday 19th November at Lakehouse Restaurant, Victoria Point.

The Redlands RSL Remembrance Day Commemorative Service on Monday 11th November in ANZAC Memorial Park was attended by Branch members and wreaths laid. This was followed by camaraderie with lunch in the Sails Restaurant.

The next meeting of RAAFA Redlands Branch, the final for 2024, will be a General Meeting on Saturday 14th December 2024 in Redlands RSL at 10:30am. This will be followed by the Branch Christmas Lunch in Redlands RSL Sails Restaurant.

Best wishes for the coming festive season and the New Year.

Rob Wilson

PRESIDENT, RAAF ASSOC. REDLANDS BRANCH
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.

Naval Association

BAYSIDE SUB SECTION

The November meeting was held 2 November 2024 in the Tobruk Room Redlands RSL with thirty three members in attendance.

Members John and Marg Boland are back home from participating in the Bush Bash Burke to Hervey Bay run to raise funds for Prostate Cancer. John thanked Bayside members for the generous donation for Prostate Cancer research and presented our President with a thank you certificate from the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia for Baysides donation.

John and Marg raised \$5,094 including a \$500 donation from Bayside which contributed to the overall amount raised, \$140,000. BZ John and Marg.



JACK MEMORIAL SOUTH BANK – Cyclone Tracy 50th Anniversary

This was a significant event for many of our members who were deployed December 1974 to Darwin on HMA ships to assist in recovery efforts. Bayside Members are reminded and invited to the Naval memorial South Bank 28th November 2024 for the ceremony commemorating the 50th anniversary of Cyclone Tracy.

DECEMBER MEETING

Members are reminded the December meeting will be at the Thorneside Community Hall 7 December commencing at 1130. The meeting will be followed by our Bayside Christmas party.

Yours Aye,

Colin Saxby

NAVAL ASSOCIATION AUSTRALIA,
BAYSIDE SUB SECTION INC.



Library Museum

Good morning all, I hope you are all well.

We are coming to the close of another year and I would like to take the opportunity to thank all of the Library / Museum volunteers for their efforts throughout the year. The Library / Museum is a success because of every one of you.

Dennis Standing, one of our dedicated volunteers is unfortunately standing down from his role at the Library / Museum and we wish him all the best for the future.

I have emptied the donation tin we have in the Library / Museum and gave Ros Francis \$124.00 to go towards Veteran Welfare in the Sub Branch.

I wish you all a safe and merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you all back in the new year.

Until next time...

Marty Rabjohns

LIBRARY MUSEUM CURATOR

Christmas Closure:
Library Museum will
close at 2pm on Thurs
12th Dec and re-open
Mon 13th Jan 2025.

Women's Auxiliary

No report this month.

Desley Lingard

PRESIDENT, WOMEN'S AUXILIARY



Young Veterans Redlands

No report this month.

Regards

Geoff Hooper



VETERANS & WELLBEING EXCURSIONS

Well, Christmas is just around the corner. Where has the year gone.

Our final trip for the year is to Secrets on the Lake at Montville on November 22nd, which is a sell-out. Due to the heat, our excursions will recommence in March 2025, like in previous years.

I want to thank the following team members who assisted in putting these trips together: Rachel Page, who is new to Headquarters and certainly hit the ground running with both her efficiency and attention to detail; Glenys Barry, who was part of the team for quite some time and was a delight to work with. She was on the ball, addressed issues immediately, and was very solution-oriented.

Linda Harcourt gave everything and was my number-one backup on the trips, always thinking ahead to the most infinite detail. Linda has since retired, but we are fortunate that both she and Alan still join us on the trips and are great backups at all times.

Suzie Turner, for her excellent work setting up the spreadsheets at reception for the trips. Like with everything Suzie does, there are never any glitches. Karleigh Little, our marketing guru, is exceptionally gifted in this area. Karleigh puts the trip out there on various media links, SMS, Flyers, and bugles. She does all the artwork, which is why our trips are so successful.

The Reception Staff ensures that all the details, meals, and payments are correct and takes the bookings, which is a very important cog in the wheel.

Ros Francis is always there if needed and has her finger on the pulse.

As you can see, while the trips are good and well patronised, the people I have mentioned do a lot of work to make them happen. They are a great team to work with, and communication is the operative word.

Have a great Christmas and Happy New Year!

GREG SAUNDERS

CONVENOR OF VETERANS AND WELLBEING EXCURSIONS



Remembrance Day

Monday, 11th November 2024













VETERANS' Health Week

keep connected

This years theme was "Keep Connected". On Wednesday 23rd October, we had 40 attendees visit IndigiScapes for a tour and morning tea. A lovely morning was had by all.



WAR WIDOWS 90TH BIRTHDAY



THIS MONTH IN AUSTRALIAN MILITARY

History

NOVEMBER

DATE	TITLE	EVENT
1 Nov 1914	First AIF sails	The first Australian and New Zealand contingent sails from Albany, Western Australia, bound for Egypt. Only one in three of those who sailed in the first convoy would return physically unscathed at the end of the First World War.
1 Nov 1945	Australia ratifies United Nations Charter	Australia played a leading role in the formation of the United Nations, a product of its commitment to the ideals for which the Allies fought in the Second World War.
1 Nov 1989	National Army Memorial dedicated	Dedication of the National Army Memorial in Anzac Parade, Canberra, by the Governor General, The Hon. Bill Hayden. The memorial commemorates the service of Australians as members of the Australian Army in all wars.
7 Nov 1917	Third battle of Gaza	After the outflanking advance at Beersheba, British empire forces, including the Australian Light Horse, rapidly advanced northwards toward Jerusalem.
8 Nov 1944	"G for George" arrives at Amberley	This Lancaster bomber survived 89 operations with No. 460 Squadron RAAF. After touring to support war loan campaigns, it was presented to the Memorial. "George" is now on display at the Memorial in Anzac Hall.
10 Nov 1964	Selective conscription introduced	Australian government introduces selective conscription of 20-year-old males by ballot under the National Service Act. The National Service Scheme saw 15,381 young men serve in Vietnam.
11 Nov 1918	Germany signs armistice	Germany signs an armistice ending the fighting on the Western Front. The First World War ended at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month.
11 Nov 1941	Opening of the Australian War Memorial	By the time a memorial to the dead of the First World War was ready to open, Australia had been involved in the Second World War for over two years.
12 Nov 1943	Last Japanese air raid on Darwin	This, the 64th raid since February 1942, was the last air raid made on Australia during the war.

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15 Nov 1944	Australian government approves sending of Australian Women's Army Service members overseas	Australian Women's Army Service went to Lae, New Guinea, and served in the forward area for the first time. Members of the Australian Army Nursing Service and the Australian Army Medical Women's Service were already serving in New Guinea.
18 Nov 1916	Somme campaign ends	After four months and more than 1,200,000 casualties on both sides, General Douglas Haig calls off the Somme offensive.
21 Nov 1943	Japanese counter-attack at Scarlet Beach	The Japanese surprise raid at Scarlet Beach, near Lae, Papua New Guinea, was narrowly held by Australian and American defenders.
23 Nov 1944	Australian troops relieve Americans at Torokina, Bougainville	The Australian arrival opened the campaign on Bougainville that cost over 500 Australian lives by the war's end.
23 Nov 1948	Formation of the Australian Regiment	Formation of the Australian Regiment, which became the Royal Australian Regiment (RAR) in March 1949. The Royal Australian Regiment has taken a prominent role in Australia's wars and peacekeeping operations since its formation.
26 Nov 1943	Fighting at Pabu Hill, New Guinea	2/43rd Battalion repulses strong Japanese attacks on Pabu Hill, New Guinea. The 2/43rd Battalion held Pabu, one of the outlying features near Sattelberg, against strong Japanese attacks.
27 Nov 1939	Inauguration of the Empire Air Training Scheme	Over 37,000 Australian airmen trained under the scheme, in Australia, Canada and Rhodesia, one of the Commonwealth's greatest achievements in wartime.
29 Nov 1950	Teadong River crossing secured	The 3rd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, secures the Teadong River ferry crossing, Korea. This was one of only two north-south roads available for the US Eighth Army's retreat in the face of Chinese forces. 3RAR secured the crossing and protected it from Chinese and North Korean infiltrators.

WITHOUT HISTORY,
THERE WOULD BE NO FUTURE!

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 0431 349 688</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 Maritime 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 Maritime 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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