

REDLANDS SUB BRANCH

BUGLE

JANUARY 2025 EDITION

"Honouring The Fallen By Serving The Living!"

100

YEARS

1925-2025

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Information for all Veterans, Ex-Service
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President's Report

A Happy New Year to everyone, I hope this finds everyone in good health following an enjoyable Christmas. What a significant year this year is, the Centenary of our RSL Sub Branch.

Redlands RSL Sub Branch was formed at a meeting of veterans on the 11th May 1925, following the first Anzac Day commemorations the previous month. The newly elected committee of the sub branch immediately began fund raising to build a Memorial Hall to honour the 'Diggers' who did not return from the Great War and the motto: 'Honouring the Dead by Serving the Living' was born. The land, where our club now stands, was purchased in May 1926 and by 1928, plans for the Memorial Hall were drawn up. Harrold Wallis, a Gallipoli veteran, was engaged to build the Redlands Memorial Hall and it was completed and officially opened by the Prime Minister, Stanley Bruce, on the 28 August 1928.

Redlands RSL Sub-Branch has evolved since 1925 to become the largest sub branch in SED with over 1200 service members. The motto has moderated to: 'Honouring the Fallen by Serving the Living' and the Memorial Hall replaced by the Club that provides the best possible support for veterans through subsidised programs; while providing a high class, moderate cost, hospitality venue for the Redlands community.

We have the perfect opportunity to celebrate our achievements of the past 100 years by participating in the events planned for the year and collecting memorabilia as a memento. I hope as many of you as possible can participate in all, or at least some of these planned events.

Take care.

Rob Wilson

PRESIDENT, REDLANDS SUB BRANCH



Previous Minutes

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

QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES SUNDAY 20TH OCTOBER 2024

MEETING OPENED: 10.30am by President Rob Wilson

ODE: Recited

REMEMBERING: Kenneth Padey – Deceased Date 25/09/2024

ATTENDANCE: A total of 51 as per the attendance book (37 League, 14 Visitors)

APOLOGIES: As per the apologies list in the attendance book.

Moved: M. McDonnell

Seconded: R. Kahn

That the Attendance and Apologies be accepted . . . Motion 1: Carried

NEW MEMBERS: Graham Crick - Army

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES: John Butler

PRESIDENTS OPENING REMARKS:

President Rob Wilson asked for more volunteers, in the short term we need volunteers to help sell memorabilia for Remembrance Day. In the long term we need volunteers to do Poppy Services.

PREVIOUS MINUTES: As presented in the Bugle - Page 4-7 | Quarterly General Meeting Sunday 21st July 2024

Moved: B. Coleman

Seconded: R. Kahn

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 on Page 3
Remembrance Day is coming up and we would like to see as many people as possible at the service.

Moved: R. Wilson

Seconded: D. Field

That the Minutes of the previous meeting be accepted.

..... Motion 3: Carried

GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT: As presented by Peter Harrison – General Manager

General Manager Peter Harrison presented his report and gave an update on the same period from last year, explaining that the figures are looking very good, even with September being one of our quietest gaming months of the year. Bottleshop sales are sitting just under \$150,000.00, is up 7% from last year, our Bar sales are \$2.2M is up 17% from last year, our Sails Restaurant are \$2.8M is up 8% from last year, Functions \$259,000.00 is up 7% from last year, Cove Café \$678,000.00 is up 32% from last year and climbing. Our net profit for the same period is sitting at \$564,000.00 which is 7.08% up on 2023, and we are up 119% on the budgeted forecast for 2024. We had budgeted \$200,000.00 for the last quarter, we have seen this slowing down in certain areas, gaming being the main area, food and beverages are holding their own. This is the second year in and our figures are still improving. We are hoping that we will continue to improve and have a good finish to the year.

Moved: I. Cuthbertson

Seconded: G. Olsen

That the General Managers Report be accepted. . . Motion 4: Carried

TREASURERS REPORT: As presented in the Bugle on Page 8

Treasurer Greg Saunders gave a quick overview of the financials which are looking very good, the gaming did drop back a bit but still a very good result. The budget net profit of \$55,000.00 and we came in at \$75,000.00, show a \$20,500.00 increase which is a 37% increase on budget. When looking it on a day basis, it looks even better, when you are coming in 118% above budget. Since we have had Brent now doing functions, it has been trading really well, we had an actual \$28,000.00 against a budgeted \$23,000.00, before that it has been down, but we are now seeing great results. Community Grants were given out to 15 successful applicants and we gave out a total of \$38,000.00.

Moved: G. Saunders

Seconded: K. Kelly

That the Treasurers Report be accepted. Motion 5: Carried

WELLBEING REPORT: As presented in the Bugle on Page 9

Moved: J. Delaforce

Seconded: I. Cuthbertson

That the Wellbeing Report be accepted. Motion 6: Carried

DEPUTY PRESIDENTS REPORT, CADETS REPORT & RSL SED REPORT:

As presented in the Bugle on Page 10 - 16

The Deputy President gave an overview of the interview with Sean Mulqueen (President & Founder of 42 for 42) and himself at the 42 for 42 Afghanistan Memorial Gardens Monument which is presented in the Bugle on Page 26. RSL QLD arranged the interview with us, as

our sub branch was the only sub branch that was involved with the fundraising events during the development and the official opening on 16th October 2021, and we continue to help even today. It is well worth the visit to go out and have a look. They have just completed an upgrade.

Ian also gave a quick overview of the RSL SED Report which spoke about conducting Poppy Services. The President said they have had several complaints that some sub branches was not conducting poppy services correctly. In our case, with what SED presented, we follow the procedure correctly.

Ian gave an overview of the Cadets Report, which highlights ANZAC Day and the three Cadet Units from the Redlands. He also spoke about the presentation to one of our members Myla Thomas a WW2 Nurse who turned 100 years old.

Moved: I. Gray *Seconded: D. Field*

That the Deputy Presidents, Cadets & RSL SED Reports be accepted.

..... Motion 7: Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS:

• Does anyone know what is happening to Bayside South? Reason for asking was because there is a Cadet unit that attached to them that is in desperate need of help. He advised them they need to write to Rob Wilson as President asking to come under the umbrella of the Redlands RSL. Rob advised that there has been no correspondence received as of yet. The issue is they are low in numbers, they can't get people to fill the positions, and struggling for a venue. Rob advised that we will look into the situation.

NEXT QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING will be held on Sunday 19th January 2025 at 10.30am

MEETING CLOSED by Rob Wilson at 10.51am



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.

LEAGUE GATHERING MEETING MINUTES SUNDAY 20TH OCTOBER 2024

MEETING OPENED: 10.51am by President Rob Wilson

CORRESPONDENCE: Presented by Michael McDonnell – League Secretary

Outwards:

- Sent away to the Department of Defence for assistance on ANZAC Day. There is a new form and process, just waiting to hear back.
- Applied to Redlands City Council to the use the park across the road for Remembrance Day.

Moved: M. McDonnell

Seconded: D. Field

That the correspondence outwards be accepted . . Motion 8: Carried

LEAGUE SECRETARY REPORT: As presented in the Bugle on Page 17

Moved: M. McDonnell

Seconded: I. Cuthbertson

That the League Secretary Report be accepted. . . Motion 9: Carried

NATIONAL SERVICEMEN REPORT: As presented in the Bugle on Page 18

Moved: E. Shaw

Seconded: B. Readman

That the National Servicemen Report be accepted Motion 10: Carried

RAAF ASSOCIATION REPORT: As presented in the Bugle on Page 19

Moved: R. Wilson

Seconded: E. Shaw

That the RAAF Association Report be accepted . . .Motion 11: Carried

NAVAL ASSOCIATION REPORT: As presented in the Bugle on Page 20

Moved: G. Hargreaves

Seconded: R. Kahn

That the Naval Association Report be accepted . . Motion 12: Carried

YOUNG VETERANS REPORT: As presented in the Bugle on Page 21

Heath advised that the car that the Young Veterans have been working on is near completion. They had it presented out at the SED Family Day. The safety equipment is the last requirement before they can put it on the track. Funding has been approved and we will hopefully see the vehicle out on the track soon.

Moved: H. Fulton

Seconded: J. Delaforce

That the Young Veterans Report be accepted . . . Motion 13: Carried

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY REPORT: As presented in the Bugle on Page 22

Moved: D. Linguard

Seconded: C. McKay

That the Women's Auxiliary Report be accepted . Motion 14: Carried

LIBRARY MUSEUM REPORT: As presented in the Bugle on Page 23

Andrew Bailey presented on Marty's behalf. Andrew advised that they would like to have a 'Grandparents Day' on the first weekend in December. Not sure which day yet, but would like to put it out which day is preferred, Saturday or Sunday. They were also wanting to put the excess books out for people to take for a small donation. If there is a day you prefer please see Andrew Bailey after the meeting.

Moved: A. Bailey

Seconded: P. Barnes

That the Library Museum Report be accepted . . . Motion 15: Carried

VETERANS & WELLBEING EXCURSION: As presented in the Bugle on Page 24

The last excursion was very successful down in the Tweed on the Tweed Eco River Cruise. The next excursion is on sale now and it is \$80 per person. It will be at Secrets on the Lake at Montville which is comes with a 2-course meal. This will be our last excursion for the year and we won't reconvene until March 2025, due to the weather being too hot.

Moved: G. Saunders

Seconded: D. Field

That the Veterans & Wellbeing Excursion Information be accepted .

..... Motion 16: Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Remembrance Day Monday 11th November. If you would like to lay a wreath, please see Michael McDonnell today, as this will be your last opportunity to put your name down. The Service will begin at 10.30am, the first two rows will be reserved for those who are laying a wreath. After the service everyone is welcome back to the RSL for camaraderie.
- Prior to Remembrance Day we do 'Honour the Fallen'.
- Please come see Rob Wilson if you are able to sell memorabilia on the Thursday, Friday & Saturday before Remembrance Day.

NEXT VETERANS CUPPA: Wednesday 13th November 2024 in the ANZAC Lounge at 9am.

RAFFLES: Drawn and Won

NEXT LEAGUE GATHERING will be held on Sunday 17th November 2024 at 10.30am

MEETING CLOSED by Rob Wilson at 11.10am

General Manager Report

Report prepared by General Manager Peter S Harrison & presented by Ros Francis and as read in the bugle.

Bottle-Shop yearly sales were \$ 206,829.84 which is + 8.22% on 2023.

Bar yearly sales were \$ 3,019,130.44 which is + 17.15% on 2023.

Sails Bistro yearly sales were \$ 3,833,159.75 which is + 7.75% on 2023.

Function yearly sales were \$ 412,709.45 which is +4.42% on 2023.

Coffee-shop yearly sales were \$ 915,107.16 which is + 28.15% on 2023.

Keno yearly sales were \$ 2,132,538.60 which is – 0.17% on 2023.

Net Profit unaudited for 2024 is \$ 804,726.73 which is + 33.37% on 2023.

COMPARISON GAMING FIGURES 2024 V 2023

Turnover:	+ 6.45%
Revenue:	+ 6.19%
Cancel Credits:	+ 57.75%
Cash Clearance:	+ 5.82%
Banking:	+ 6.15%
ADT:	+ 6.34%
ADN:	- 6.27%
RTP:	+ 0.00%

Another pleasing result for gaming at the Redlands RSL, our best year ever in Turnover and other areas. We have now seen growth on growth in the 2 years since we finished the last of our renovations. I believe this to be on the back of great Sails numbers and the closing down of the Grandview for some time. Will this continue, I'm not sure, although I would be happy with a similar year in 2025.

Peter S Harrison

GENERAL MANAGER,
REDLANDS RSL



Treasurer's Report

Where has 2024 gone! Very happy to report 2024 has been a very successful year financially at Redlands RSL. All figures contained in this report are yet to be audited.

At the end of 31st December 2024, on a Year to Date basis, Actual Net Profit \$804,726.73, with a Budget of \$435,158.00 with a Variance of \$369,568.73 which represents an 85% increase net profit to date. Based on last year an Actual of \$603,396.62, this represents an increase of \$201,330.12 or 33%.

Looking at the high performing cost centres year profits, Sails Restaurant Actual \$320,164.14, Budget \$102,636.00, Variance \$217,528.14 with a 212% increase. Bar trading Actual \$1,588,353.33, Budget \$1,190,993.00, and Variance \$397,360.33 with a 33% increase. Cove Café Actual \$107,186.53, Budget \$50,693.00, Variance \$56,493.53 or a 111% increase.

As we can see the foot traffic is telling the story.

League and Wellbeing expenditures totalled Actual \$1,432,416.59, Budget \$1,286,422.00, Variance \$145,994.59 with a 11% increase. To highlight some areas where the money was allocated, Anzac Day expenses \$90,521.63, Veteran & Wellbeing excursions \$3,894.67, Affiliated groups \$30,050.42, Golden Oldies \$19,754.58, Home Maintenance \$15,799.73, Cadet Units \$15,770.00, Volunteer Expenses \$8,762.36, Redlands RSL Community Grants \$37,397.88 and Other Donations \$16,166.77.

Overall, year-to-date, members' funds are \$31,851,478.40. The current asset total is \$3,493,512.32, and the current liabilities total is \$4,233,255.85. Our Bank Business loan liability is \$4,724,776.23. Our cash reserves remain resilient at \$1,510,136.89, and there is a further \$1,062,791.93 in Operational Funds.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to our dedicated team of volunteers for their incredible commitment to the veteran community. Your countless hours of effort across so many areas do not go unnoticed. Please know that your hard work is deeply appreciated and plays a vital role in the success of our operations—volunteers truly are our backbone.

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.

Redlands RSL has once again brought joy to many children with our recent donations to the Redlands Hospital Children's Ward. This marks the sixth consecutive year that Redlands RSL has provided Christmas gifts to the children—a wonderful example of community involvement and support.



Until next month, take care.

Greg Saunders

TREASURER, REDLANDS SUB BRANCH



Wellbeing Report

Welcome to the first meeting of 2025 and already the month is half gone

President Rob Wilson chaired a wellbeing support officers meeting shortly before Christmas with several new volunteers in attendance. Another meeting will be held in the near future to plan the way forward for our Sub Branch to best assist our veterans in future. Any suggestions are most welcome

It was very pleasing to see 67 veterans and partners in attendance at our first veterans cuppa of the year and chat to all about their Christmas and new year celebrations

Headquarters returned to work on 13th January although our advocates worked through with a Christmas new year break. A big thank you to you all.

Warm Regards,

Linda Harcourt

WELLBEING CO-ORDINATOR

Email: linda.harcourt@redlandsrsl.com.au



Deputy President & Cadets Report

In late December 2024 we held an AGM for the Australian War Animal Memorial Organisation and the committee was re-elected with just one change. I stood down as secretary but will remain on as Board member for another term. Peter Kotzur was duly elected secretary.

Nigel Allsopp the President of AWAMO, spoke about donations this past year to Sri Lanka, to assist wild life rangers, India, to assist elephants project effected by war, Australian special needs for the blind school and additional donations to Ukraine for animal welfare affected by war. In addition AWAMO is planing to spend \$10,000 to upgrade the Pozieres War Animal Memorial owing to damage caused by the harsh winters in the north of France.

I attended the Cadet Units last parade nights for the end of year 2024 and presented our RSL trophy for high achievement. Some cadets were promoted through the ranks and others received awards for achieving high standards on those nights.

As most would be aware, we have another VC recipient to be added to our military display adjacent to the coffee service area. The recipient is Pte Richard Norden, who served with 1 RAR and was awarded a VC Posthumously recently for his acts of gallantry during the battle of the Fire Support Base Cord in Vietnam on the 14/5/1968 on Operation Toan Thang. Following his return home he joined the Australian Capital Territory Police service but sadly he died on duty in a 1972 motorcycle accident.



On Friday 20th December our Redlands Sub Branch was invited to attend RSL Queensland conference to be held at the Royal International Convention Centre at Gregory Terrace adjacent to the Royal Brisbane Show Ground. This conference called "RSL Qld Townhall" is a day for staff training with 400 staff members in attendance and the purpose was to advise staff of organisational updates. Our involvement was to take part in a panel of three hosted by John Hargreaves who is the head of development for RSL Qld. The subject matter was the 42 for 42 Afghanistan Memorial Project.

The panel consisted of Sean Mulqueen, President and founder of the 42 for 42 Afghanistan Memorial, Rupert McCall OAM a well renowned poet, author and presenter and myself representing Redlands RSL.

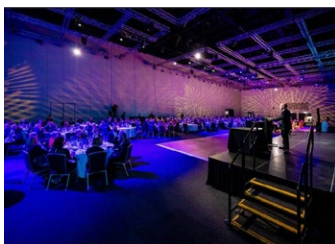
John Hargreaves started the panel by talking about the impact 42 for 42 has had on our community. Sean Mulqueen was first and was asked to give a brief background on the 42 for 42, the garden and the development of the project and provide what impact the memorial and garden has had on the veteran community.

Rupert McCall was asked what attracted him to support the 42 for 42 and what impact he had seen the 42 for 42 provide in the general community.

My question was how did Redlands RSL become involved in the 42 for 42 and how has memorial garden work done impacted veterans in your Sub Branch.

I advised the forum that our Sub Branch was contacted by Susan Chuck who is the Secretary of the 42 for 42 Origination and she asked if we would we like to assist in the project and we indicated we would. From the early onset of the development we assisted in working bees and attended the fundraising events held in the Gabba cricket ground function facility in May 2018 and later for the official opening at the Suncorp Stadium on 16th October 2021. Our Sub Branch continues to attend the fundraising events yearly since. The reason we were invited to attend was that we were the only Sub Branch which consistently attended the development from day one to present time.

We supported the cause in order to support our Afghanistan returned Veterans and to have a permanent place for family members and veterans to pay tribute to our fallen. Our Sub Branch has previously had bus trips to the Memorial Gardens and will do so in the future I am sure. The memorial garden is located behind the Anglican Church at Milton beside the Suncorp Stadium.



*Pictured Left: John Hargreaves, Ian Gray, Sean Mulqueen and Rupert McCall OAM
Pictured Right: Convention Centre Forum for RSL Qld*



136 AUSTRALIAN ARMY CADET UNIT

136 Army Cadet Unit Poised for an Exciting 2025

The 136 Army Cadet Unit (ACU) is gearing up for an action-packed 2025, with significant developments that will enhance cadet training and provide exciting new opportunities for its members.

Over the past year, the unit has undergone major upgrades to its facilities, addressing long-standing building issues and ensuring a safe and efficient environment for cadets and staff. Additionally, investment in new physical training (PT) uniforms has elevated the standard and professionalism of the unit's activities.

The year kicks off with a major exercise scheduled for March, focusing on core skills development. Cadets will experience the latest in military training with an introduction to range simulators, giving them hands-on exposure to the in-service rifle and light machine gun. This cutting-edge technology ensures cadets gain valuable insight into modern Army practices in a safe and controlled environment.

Further, cadets will enhance their foundational skills with introductions to fieldcraft training, including navigation and bushcraft, essential for developing confidence and teamwork. The annual swim test, a staple of the training calendar, will also ensure cadets meet the physical readiness standards required for their activities.

In line with its commitment to fostering career pathways, 136 ACU is introducing new initiatives aimed at broadening cadets' interest in careers across the Australian Defence Force (ADF). By exposing them to the diverse roles and responsibilities within the wider ADF, the unit aims to inspire the next generation of leaders and contributors to Australia's defence.

With a focus on practical skills, personal development, and career opportunities, 2025 promises to be a landmark year for the 136 Army Cadet Unit.

— Report provided by Capt. Paul Golle OC

Cadet reports compiled by

Van Gray LM

DEPUTY PRESIDENT, REDLANDS SUB
BRANCH, & CADET LIAISON OFFICER



League Secretary Report

Since my last report in November we have been in recess, and there is very little to report. However, planning for our 100 years has progressed and you may purchase some of the merchandise we now have in stock, at very reasonable prices.

You will see the staff wearing the polo shirts and they look very smart.

Our quarterly meeting in January is on Sunday 19th January 10.30am, come along and help us plan for the coming year. Anzac Day will be the start of our celebrations for our 100 th year and we would like to make this Anzac Day one of our best, with a large attendance by our veterans and supporters.

As we are all getting a little older we need to plan ahead, and make sure we have those close to us are free to assist, if there is a need. At our next meeting in February I will be taking names of those who wish to lay wreaths and those who would like to ride in a golf buggy, in the main march.

Happy and a Healthy New Year to you all.

Michael McDonnell

LEAGUE SECRETARY
REDLANDS SUB BRANCH



Veterans Cuppa

The next Veterans Cuppa will be at **9AM, ON WEDNESDAY 12TH FEBRAURY 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.

National Servicemen

REDLANDS BRANCH

The Nashos enjoyed a very active time in 2024. As well as the pleasant meetings, we enjoyed lunch at several of the local restaurants. A highlight, not for the first time, was the Christmas lunch at Redlands RSL. We enjoyed an excellent three-course meal, while being entertained by Alice and Mark who go by the stage name of Stage Two. This is not the first time that Alice and Mark have done excellent work to improve the enjoyment of our occasion.

Next year we will continue getting together for lunch on a regular basis and expect that the programme will begin with a visit to Elysium in January 2025.

We are still enthusiastic about arranging an overnight trip away early in the year, but unfortunately have not been able to put the details together.

We will soon be holding our next Annual General Meeting, and some changes will be forced upon us. Retirements from our Committee are inevitable and it is imperative that we find people of similar ability to replace them. On paper some of these positions seem to be very difficult and time-consuming, however, in practice, the work can be relatively simple and with the help of fellow members, even enjoyable.

It is not just important, it is essential that we have members available to fill the inevitable vacancies, which will occur.

Please put your name forward to help the branch operate, even for just one more year.

Eric Shaw,

**PRESIDENT, NATIONAL SERVICEMEN
REDLANDS BRANCH**



RAAF Association

REDLANDS BRANCH

A Happy New Year to everyone. So much has happened since the last Bugle in November. Redlands Branch of the RAAF Association continued with promoting the wellness and benefits of members and supporting No. 217 Squadron Australian Air Force Cadets.

The Branch Wednesday afternoon informal wellbeing gatherings in the ANZAC Lounge of Redlands RSL continued throughout the Christmas and New Year period with good attendances. Members also enjoyed the monthly RSL 'Veterans Cuppas' during this period.

The last Branch Restaurant Dinner on Tuesday 19th November at Lakehouse Restaurant, Victoria Point provided great cuisine and an enjoyable atmosphere for the members who attended. This was followed by our last meeting for the year on Saturday 14th December followed by the Branch Christmas Dinner in the RSL Sails Restaurant. What a great job the catering staff did to bring all meals out simultaneously. The next social outing will be a Restaurant Dinner on Tuesday 21st January 2025 at Thai Siam, Cleveland.

The next meeting of RAAFA Redlands Branch, the first for 2025, will be a **General Meeting and the AGM on Sunday 9th February 2025 in Redlands RSL at 10:30am**. This will be followed by lunch in Redlands RSL Sails Restaurant for those who can attend after the meeting.

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

DECEMBER-JANUARY

The December meeting was held at the Thorneside Community Hall Saturday 7th December 2024 with 56 Members and 2 guests in attendance.

Cyclone Tracy 50th Anniversary

In late November Bayside members Ray and Sandy Sandford along with veterans of several other Naval Associations from around Australia travelled to Darwin to attend the formal fifty year Cyclone Tracy commemoration. Activities included visits to HMAS Coonawarra, a Darwin RSL meet and greet and attending the Darwin City Council 50th commemoration service on 30 November. Several social activities were enjoyed including an Old Salts game of Rugby.

A commemoration service was held for the Patrol Boat HMAS Arrow which was sunk alongside Stokes Hill wharf with the loss of two lives. The executive officer of Arrow at the time giving the key note address.



Bayside Christmas Party

The December meeting was followed by our Bayside Christmas party which was a roaring success. Members enjoyed the customary Christmas menu of Prawns, Ham, Chicken and Salads and of course Christmas Pudding. Thanks and a very well done (BZ) to our Committee and helpers for your efforts including during 2024.



HMAS Voyager Service

Bayside members are reminded there will be a service for HMAS Voyager II at 0900 9 February 2025 at the St. Mary's Church Kangaroo Point. This is a joint sponsor event between St. Mary's and NAA Qld.

Bayside Annual General Meeting - 2025

Bayside Members are reminded the date of the AGM next meeting is the 1st February 2025 starting at 1200. The Venue for the meeting is the Tobruk Room Redlands RSL.

Jack memorial South Bank

The next ceremony at the Jack memorial will be Thursday 27 February commencing at 1100 and will be reflecting on Navy Week.

Yours Aye,

Colin Saxby

NAVAL ASSOCIATION AUSTRALIA,
BAYSIDE SUB SECTION INC.



VETERANS & WELLBEING EXCURSIONS

We hope everyone had a fantastic New Year! Wishing you all a happy and prosperous year ahead.

As mentioned at the last Veteran Cuppa, we are planning an overnight stay this year, which will be further discussed at the next Veteran Cuppa in February.

Looking ahead, we intend to finalise plans for trips in 2025 and will update you once these have been confirmed.

Reflecting on our final trip of the year to Montville, the weather wasn't ideal, but it was wonderful to see everyone enjoying themselves despite the conditions—something beyond our control. Thank you for your understanding, and we're grateful for the great day we shared.

Stay safe, and we look forward to seeing you at the next trip!

GREG SAUNDERS,
CONVENOR OF VETERANS & WELLBEING EXCURSIONS

THIS MONTH IN AUSTRALIAN MILITARY

History

JANUARY

DATE	TITLE	EVENT
Jan 1969	Vietnam	Australian military commitment to Vietnam reaches a peak of 8,300 service personnel.
1 Jan 1901	Proclamation of the Commonwealth of Australia	The union of the six former colonies came into being with a proclamation by the Governor-General, Lord Hopetoun at Centennial Park Sydney.
1 Jan 1975	Office of Australian War Graves established	The Office is responsible for the maintenance of the graves of Australia's war dead in 78 countries around the world and in 76 war cemeteries within Australia.
5 Jan 1941	Bardia captured	The Australian 6th Division captured 40,000 Italian prisoners, including four generals, at a cost of 130 killed and 326 wounded in Australia's first major land battle of the Second World War.
5 Jan 1945	HMAS Australia damaged by Kamikaze aircraft	Australian ships were operating in support of United States amphibious landings in the Lingayen Gulf, Philippines when the Australia, for the second time in the war, became one of seven Allied ships to be struck by Kamikaze aircraft. 25 of her crew were killed and 30 wounded.
8 Jan 1952	RAAF launch first meteor rocket attack against ground forces	Meteors proved unsuitable in air-to-air combat against the superior MIGs and were reassigned to ground attack duties.
8 Jan 1958	Last Australian servicemen return from Korea	At the end of hostilities in Korea the peninsula remained divided between North and South. The war has yet to officially end.
9 Jan 1940	Australian Comforts Fund re-established	The Australian Comforts Fund (ACF), based on its First World War predecessor, raised money for comforts parcels for Australian service personnel in the field, clothing and the provision of meals and accommodation for men on leave.
9 Jan 1966	1st Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, in Operation Crimp	The operation became the scene of a major action against a Viet Cong tunnel complex.
10 Jan 1942	Japanese air raid on Singapore	After their rapid advance through Malaya, Japanese forces paved the way for their invasion of Singapore with a series of air raids against the island.

DATE	TITLE	EVENT
11 Jan 1973	Cessation of hostilities in Vietnam by Australian forces	The proclamation by the Governor-General, Sir Paul Hasluck, ended 11 years of Australian involvement in Vietnam, the longest duration of any war in Australia's history.
14 Jan 1942	Gemas, Malaya	8th Division inflicts heavy casualties on Japanese in an ambush at Gemas in the first Australian contact with Japanese troops of the Second World War.
17 Jan 1917	4 Squadron, Australian Flying Corps sail for France	No. 4 Squadron was the final Australian Flying Corps squadron formed in the First World War. Its pilots flew Sopwith Camels over the Western Front beginning their active service in the battle of Cambrai.
17 Jan 1991	Coalition air attacks begin against Iraqi forces in Iraq and Kuwait	The first day of the Gulf War which ended when Iraqi forces were driven from Kuwait.
18 Jan 1919	Versailles Peace Conference opens	The Treaty of Versailles, signed between Germany and representatives of 27 victorious powers punished Germany territorially and financially for her role in the First World War. The treaty was supposed also to prevent Germany from having the means to make war in the future.
24 Jan 1967	First contact at Bien Hoa, South Vietnam	Fighting at Bien Hoa involved a series of contacts between units of the 1st Australian Task Force and communist forces in the area of the Bien Hoa - Long Binh complex near Saigon. Australian and American units sought to dominate the area and prevent enemy rocket attacks on nearby military bases and installations.
25 Jan 1942	Japanese land at Lae	Japanese forces sought to capture Lae in order to build a forward air base for the defence of Rabaul and for attacks on northern Australia and New Guinea
25 Jan 1942	Full mobilisation ordered in Australia	The threat of a Japanese invasion and the proximity of Japanese forces to Australia demanded an increased commitment from the Government and public.
25 Jan 1952	Last day of HMAS Sydney's service in the Korean war	HMAS Sydney had served in Korean waters since August 1951. The carrier had operated Firefly and Sea Fury aircraft (both types can be seen in the Memorial's Aircraft Hall).
26 Jan 1945	Beginning of Sandakan death march, Borneo	Sandakan prisoner of war camp was established by the Japanese in July 1942. Fearing invasion from Allied forces, Japanese troops marched the prisoners inland to Ranau in January 1945. Many of the prisoners died of malnutrition, exhaustion, disease and ill-treatment and the survivors were shot when they reached their destination. Only six out of 2,500 Australian and British prisoners sent to Sandakan survived.

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	<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&P ASSOCIATION MORETON BAY SOUTH Meetings held on the last Wednesday of the month in the Veterans Community Centre. Contact: Jeff Graham - 0438 584 376 Greg Hambridge - 0422 300 242</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 10.30am. 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 10.30am. 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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