

REDLANDS SUB BRANCH

# BUGLE

FEBRUARY 2025 EDITION

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

*Wear a purple poppy*

**AUSTRALIA &  
INTERNATIONAL  
WAR ANIMAL  
DAY  
MONDAY  
24TH FEB  
2025**

**100**  
YEARS  
1925-2025

REDLANDS RSL SUB BRANCH: 1925-2025  
Information for all Veterans, Ex-Service  
& Serving Men & Women in the Redlands



# CONGRATULATIONS IAN GRAY

RSL Australia congratulates the recipients of the Australia Day Achievement Medallions and sincerely thanks them for the exceptional work that they do within the RSL community.

The Australia Day Achievement Medallion allows Commonwealth agencies to acknowledge individuals for their contribution to the nation and their outstanding performance.

This year's recipients have gone above and beyond, providing loyal and dedicated service to their communities.

## Ian Gray - South Eastern District

Ian Gray has been nominated for his exceptional volunteer work and enduring commitment to the community. For over 30 years, Ian has been a steadfast pillar in promoting the health and wellbeing of veterans, consistently advocating for their needs, and providing invaluable support. His dedication extends beyond the veteran community, as he plays a key role in educating the next generation about the ANZAC spirit. Through his active involvement with local schools and the Australian Cadet Forces, Ian has instilled a deep understanding and respect for our history and the sacrifices made by servicemen and women. His contributions have had a lasting impact on both veterans and youth, making a meaningful difference in many lives. Ian's unwavering commitment to his community exemplifies the highest standards of service and devotion.

*Information obtained from  
[rslaustralia.org/latest-news](http://rslaustralia.org/latest-news)*



# President's Report

I hope this finds everyone in good health as our Centenary year continues.

When Prime Minister, Stanley Bruce, officially opened the Redlands RSL Memorial Hall on the 28 August 1928, it was broadcast over the radio, the first live radio broadcast from the Redlands. The Hall became a focal point for all local activities and the relief of distress among returned servicemen was a priority. Each year the Diggers held their annual ball; and it was also the venue for the Redlands Show Ball and home to many local charities. The hall was well used for balls, fetes, weddings and community events. In 1934, a civic reception was held for Prince Henry, Duke of Gloucester, on his visit to Australia.

At the outbreak of WWII, a massive meeting of members from the Redlands Sub Branch, organised a deputation, probably the first from a sub branch, to approach Queensland Branch to form a Volunteer Defence Corps. During World War II, the Memorial Hall was used extensively for fundraising activities and on August 15, 1945, it was the venue for end-of-war celebrations. At the end of 1945, the hall was used for a 'welcome home' party for returned service personnel.

During the month we received excellent news with the announcement of an Australia Day Achievement Medallion from the RSL of Australia, awarded to Deputy President, Ian Gray. I am sure everyone joins me in congratulating Ian on this prestigious award. I was honoured to be present when SED President, Kerrie Gallagher, presented the award. The ever so humble Ian thanked all the wonderful support from our Board, the Sub Branch and all the volunteers, as being responsible for the award. Ian, you thoroughly earned this award with your tireless volunteer workload over many, many years.

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 17TH NOVEMBER 2024

**MEETING OPENED:** 10.30am by President Rob Wilson

**ODE:** Recited

**REMEMBERING:** William McFazden 03.11.2024 Army

**ATTENDANCE:** A total of 60 as per the attendance book (46 League, 14 Visitors)

**APOLOGIES:** As per the apologies listed in the attendance book.

*Moved: B. Cairns*

*Seconded: F. Williams*

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

**NEW MEMBERS:** Tony O'Toole (Maleny Branch)

**BIRTHDAYS:** Bruce Readman

### **PRESIDENTS OPENING REMARKS:**

President Rob Wilson expressed satisfaction with the turnout on Remembrance Day, estimating around 200 in attendance. He acknowledged the need for more seating if numbers continue to grow and appreciated the positive feedback received about the service. He also extended his personal thanks to all the volunteers, especially the badge sellers, for their excellent efforts leading up to and during the event.

**SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER:** Captain Ross Nichols

### **Introduction to Captain Ross Nichols**

- Over 40 years in the maritime industry, including roles as Marine Pilot and Chairman of Brisbane Marine Pilots.
- Volunteer and leader at Mission to Seafarers for 12+ years.
- Focus on welfare, training, and professional development of mariners.

### **Mission to Seafarers Overview**

- Operating in the Port of Brisbane since 1892.
- Provides physical, social, and spiritual services to seafarers.
- Supports mental health, communication, and social needs of a largely international workforce.

- Facilities include club rooms, chaplains, recreational activities, and internet access.

**Modern Challenges in Maritime Industry**

- Isolation: Long contracts (9–11 months for crew, 4–6 months for officers), often without internet.
- Diversity: Multinational crews face cultural and language barriers.
- Hazards: Harsh weather, piracy, and criminalization in the event of accidents.
- Decline in Australian Fleet: Limited domestic ships; most seafarers now from countries like the Philippines, India, and Ukraine.

**Impact and Outreach**

- Facilitates reunions for families of seafarers.
- Offers mental health support during crises such as onboard injuries or deaths.
- Addresses environmental concerns, such as ballast water exchange.

**Port of Brisbane and Australia’s Maritime Reliance**

- Third-largest port in Australia, with \$60 billion in annual trade.
- Vital supply chain hub, underscoring Australia’s vulnerability to disruptions in maritime trade.

**Call for Volunteers**

- Mission requires volunteers for activities like bus driving, ship visits, and hospitality.
- Post-COVID volunteer numbers have significantly decreased.

**Broader Insights**

- Importance of maritime trade in everyday life (e.g., imported goods, fuel).
- Global concerns, including piracy (e.g., Houthi rebels) and logistical disruptions.

This encapsulates the critical points about Captain Nichols’ background, Mission to Seafarers’ role, and the challenges faced by the maritime industry.

**PREVIOUS MINUTES:** League Gathering Meeting Sunday 25th August 2024 as presented in the Bugle pages 5-7

*Moved: G. Hinson*

*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

*Moved: I. Cuthbertson*

*Seconded: G. Paulson*

That the Presidents Report be accepted . . . . . Motion 3: Carried

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Presented by Michael McDonnell – League Secretary

**Inwards:**

- Hosting and Screening of the Healing by Horses Aid
- Final Report: Royal Commission in a Defence and Veteran Suicide
- Email from George Franklin (Bribie Island) regarding Community Link
- Email from ‘Every Man’s Army on Patrol’ newsletter
- Project Agreement with Australian National Events
- Several emails regarding Remembrance Day informing us they were very impressed with the presentation and professionalism of the service.

**Outwards:**

- Email to ‘Redlands City Council’ for the use of the memorial park for Remembrance Day
- Email to following members of Parliament, Council, Police and Fire & Rescue to attend on the day and they duly all accepted.

*Moved: M. McDonnell*

*Seconded: B. Coleman*

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

..... Motion 4: Carried

**TREASURERS REPORT:** As presented in the Bugle on Page 8-9

The Treasurer highlight the financial health and achievements of the RSL Club as of the end of October. The key points include:

**Financial Performance:**

- The club’s net profit to date is \$632,649, with projections nearing \$1 million by year’s end.
- Expenditures for League and well-being efforts total \$131,000.

**Donations & Volunteer Contributions:**

- Total donations for the year amount to \$1,284,000, supporting community, charitable, well-being, and recreational initiatives.
- Volunteers contributed 8,359 hours up to October 31, demonstrating their crucial role in club operations.

**Operational Excellence:**

- Positive feedback on staff performance and customer service is driving increased foot traffic and strong financial results.

The Treasurer affirmed that the club is in excellent financial and operational condition, supported by competent management, diligent staff, and community involvement. Detailed financial data and breakdowns are available in the full report for those seeking further insights. The Treasurer moved to have the report accepted.

*Moved: G. Saunders*

*Seconded: D. McDonald*

That the Treasurers Report be accepted. . . . . Motion 5: Carried

**WELLBEING REPORT:** As presented in the Bugle on Page 9-10

The Wellbeing Coordinator highlighted the key initiatives and updates for member support and volunteer engagement:

**Advocacy and Support Needs:**

- Compensation advocates have been overwhelmed with requests for household support.
- Neil Talkington and Michael Barbara, ATDP-trained well-being advocates, have volunteered to assist members seeking support through DVA, aged care, or NDIS. Their details will be shared with the compensation team.

**Welfare Reconnect Group:**

- Efforts are underway to revive the Welfare Reconnect Group, which lapsed after COVID.
- The group focuses on member transportation, hospital visits, and related welfare activities.
- A reconnect meeting, including training and blue card assistance, will be held after the December Veterans Cuppa meeting in the Tobruk Room.

**Training and Support:**

- On the 11th December 2024 a Training & Support meeting will include a PowerPoint presentation and training session facilitated by VP Bob Ikin. It will take about 1–1.5 hours and cover annual training and blue card renewals.

Members are encouraged to connect with friends and access available support during the holiday season.

*Moved: J. Delaforce*

*Seconded: D. Palmer*

That the Wellbeing Report be accepted. . . . . Motion 6: Carried

**DEPUTY PRESIDENTS REPORT, CADETS REPORT & RSL SED REPORT:** As presented in the Bugle on Page 11 - 17

**Honour the Fallen Program:**

- The program continues to thrive with strong support from schools

and active student participation.

- Families have expressed appreciation for the respect shown to veterans at grave sites, particularly around Remembrance Day.

### **Veteran Visit:**

- Bernie Coleman, Julia, and Ian Gray visited 103-year-old Dennis Wellbelove at a nursing home in Redland Bay.
- Dennis was presented with the End of World War II medallion, which he deeply appreciated. He remains in good health, enjoys reading, and is highly engaging.
- The sub-branch proudly supports two 103-year-old veterans, both of whom are doing well.

*Moved: I. Gray*

*Seconded: D. Field*

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

..... Motion 7: Carried

### **LEAGUE SECRETARY REPORT:** As presented in the Bugle on Page 18

Remembrance Day saw strong attendance and overwhelming positive feedback, marking on of the most favourable responses in recent years. Increased participation is attributed to growing community involvement, club functions, and new residents in the area.

*Moved: M. McDonnell*

*Seconded: I. Cuthbertson*

That the League Secretary Report be accepted. . . . Motion 8: Carried

### **NATIONAL SERVICEMEN REPORT:** As presented in the Bugle on Page 19

*Moved: E. Shaw*

*Seconded: B. Readman*

That the National Servicemen Report be accepted. Motion 9: Carried

### **RAAF ASSOCIATION REPORT:** As presented in the Bugle on Page 20

*Moved: R. Wilson*

*Seconded: D. Palmer*

That the RAAF Association Report be accepted . . Motion 10: Carried

### **NAVAL ASSOCIATION REPORT:** As presented in the Bugle on Page 21

*Moved: I. Cuthbertson*

*Seconded: R. Kahn*

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

### **LIBRARY MUSEUM REPORT:** As presented in the Bugle on Page 22

*Moved: D. McDonald*

*Seconded: D. Field*

That the Library Museum Report be accepted . . . Motion 12: Carried

### **VETERANS & WELLBEING EXCURSION:** As presented in the Bugle on Page 23



The final trip for the year is this Friday, Secrets on the Lake. Please be at the club by 7.30am for a departure time of 8.00am. Greg extended his gratitude to the team behind the trips, including Linda and Alan Harcourt, who continue to provide exceptional support despite Linda's retirement. Other contributors such as Suzie Turner, Rachel Page, Ros Francis and Karleigh Little were also praised for their roles in organising and promoting the trips.

A special recognition to Faye Cross a participant in her 90's was celebrated for her contributions to the Joint Venture and her involvement in the Remembrance Day Bowls Tournament. She remains an admired and active member of the community.

*Moved: G. Saunders*

*Seconded: B. Coleman*

That the Veterans & Wellbeing Excursion Information be accepted .

..... Motion 13 Carried

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

**UK Veterans Lapel Badges:**

Bernie Coleman spoke about how he received a Veterans Medal. It is awarded to any ex British Military serviceman, Army, Navy or Air Force. Bernie has all the details on how to apply for the medal and will share with interested ex-British personnel. If you are wanting to apply for a Veterans Medal, Bernie has contacted Veterans Affairs Magazine and RSL QLD for inclusion in both their online and print editions.

**Next Veterans Cuppa:**

Wednesday 11th December 2024 in the ANZAC Lounge at 9am.

**RAFFLES:** Drawn and Won

**NEXT MEETING:** Quarterly General Meeting will be held on Sunday 19th January 2025 at 10.30am

**MEETING CLOSED:** By Rob Wilson at 11.25am

# Treasurer's Report

After a very successful trading year for 2024 we have started 2025 in the same vein. As at the 31st January 2025 actual net profit is \$146,126.72, against a budget \$17,209.00, variance \$128,917.72. The stand out performance for the month was Cove Café with a net profit \$10,325.85 which represents a \$4,208.85 on budget or 69%.

League and Wellbeing expenditures totalled \$132,810.93. To highlight some of the areas where the money was allocated, Cadet units \$4,500.00, Members Amenities \$52,081.31 and Anzac Day expenditure \$27,500.00.

Our overall member funds as at the end of January 2025 are \$31,997,605.12, the current asset total \$3,819,798.30, the current liabilities \$3,141,545.81, our non-current liabilities bank business loan is \$4,616,117.49, our cash returns remain resilient at \$1,615,010.70 and there is a further \$1,424,765.67 in operational funds.

One of the highlights of the year is Anzac Day. In the Redlands we can get crowds of 10,000 plus to the dawn and main services. Redlands RSL is proud and honoured to support this day in honour of our fallen and veterans. The total cost to stage this event will be in excess of \$90,000.00.

I have confirmed with the Financial Controller that all statutory payments, including employee entitlements are up to date and no statutory payments are under any repayment scheme.

Once again, it's so pleasant to return such a good Treasurers report to start the year off. Redlands RSL certainly is delivering to the members, veterans and local community.

*Greg Saunders*

TREASURER, REDLANDS SUB BRANCH



# Wellbeing Report

Good morning all. Welcome to the February wellbeing report.

Our Advocates have had a busy month with new and follow up clients. No claim happens in just one visit. The advocates are usually the first point of contact for wellbeing as clients do not know the ways we can assist until they come in to check their DVA entitlements.

We hope to hold Wellbeing Support Officers training in the near future as we have had new volunteers join the team recently.

When I was at the RSL the other day I was lucky enough to catch up with past advocates Dave Cusack and Graham Hargreaves sharing a coffee and a chat. Looking well guys.

Joint Venture have settled into their indoor bowls downstairs in the Tobruk Room, and Golden Oldies returned last week. Welcome back.

Don't forget our Veterans Cuppa is on the second Wednesday of each month in Anzac Lounge, commencing at 9am. It is great to see that we continue to get really good numbers attending this morning tea.

Next month is the Annual General Meeting on Sunday 16th March, commencing at 10.30am, so come along and support your Sub Branch.

Thank you to our volunteers who have been with us for many years and welcome to those who have just joined us, your contribution to the Redlands RSL Sub Branch is very much appreciated.

Warm Regards,

*Linda Harcourt*

WELLBEING CO-ORDINATOR

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excludes Sundays and Public Holidays.

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# Deputy President & Cadets Report

Now that the Cadets have started up for the year I have been in touch with all three Cadet Commanders and requested reports not only for the Bugle, but also the annual report for 2025 which will be due the same time as the Bugle report. In preparation for the upcoming events I have provided the new Commanding Officer of AAFC SQNLDR Anthony McKeaten who has replaced FLTLT Jason Kennelly who is moving on to other duties with Air Force Cadet Command. I briefed SQNLDR McKeaten on what our involvement with his Cadet Unit is and what services we do provide. In addition I explained the Units roll at our commemorative events through the year especially this year being our 100 year anniversary of Redlands RSL.

Information was also provided to 136 ACU, TS Norfolk ANC and 217 SQN AAFC. I provided them with the invitations to attend our Anzac Day as this year is special being our 100th birthday at Redlands RSL and in addition a reminder to get application into defence and to their respective HQ's in preparation for Anzac Day.

In addition advised all three Cadet Units that 95 Wing RAAF will be performing the Catafalque Party duties for this year being our 100th anniversary and as a result the three cadets units will provide an honour guard for dawn and main services.

This month I had the pleasure of presenting five members at their homes with 30 year RSL membership awards to recipients of Redlands RSL, and they were : Bruce Reedman, Graham Hinson, Anthony Ling, Dudley Bell and Colin Saxby. All recipient's were surprised and very proud to receive this award.



*Colin Saxby*



*Anthony Ling*



*Dudley Bell*



*Pictured  
left to right:  
Bruce Reedman,  
Ian Gray  
(presenter), and  
Graham Hinson*

## **- WAR ANIMAL DAY -**



### **THE AUSTRALIAN AND INTERNATIONAL WAR ANIMAL DAY MONDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2025**

We will be performing a wreath laying ceremony at the War Animal Memorial Monument in our Anzac Memorial Park (adjacent to Redlands RSL Sub Branch Headquarters building), commencing at 10am. President Rob Wilson will lay a wreath and all are welcome to attend.



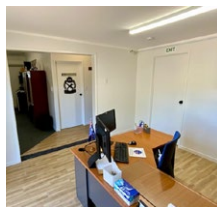
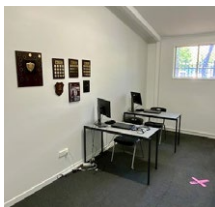
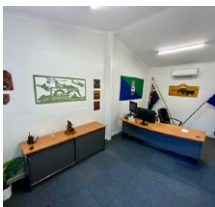
## 136 AUSTRALIAN ARMY CADET UNIT

### Setting the Standard for Excellence in 2024 and Beyond

The end of 2024 has been an exceptional period for 136 Army Cadet Unit (ACU), demonstrating the cadets' unwavering commitment to the values of the Australian Army – *Service, Courage, Respect, Integrity, and Excellence*. These values were exemplified by our cadets during the promotion courses conducted at Gallipoli Barracks in December. These courses were more than leadership training; they were an opportunity for cadets to display teamwork, resilience, humility, and accountability, all while embodying the Army's proud legacy of service before self.

Our unit continues to grow in strength and reputation, with a surge of new applications arriving over the Christmas period. This growth reflects the increasing recognition of 136 ACU as a leading organisation where young Australians develop the skills and values that will serve them for life.

Pride and unity within the unit were further strengthened with the introduction of new physical training uniforms, fostering a strong sense of identity and esprit de corps. Additionally, the Christmas break saw significant infrastructure improvements at our facility, including electrical upgrades, fresh painting, and new signage. These enhancements provide a modern and professional environment, ensuring the unit remains at the forefront of excellence within the Army Cadet Corps.



*Pictured left to right: OC office, Staff office and 136 ACU Reception*

As we move into 2025, our program commences on 3rd February with a dynamic and ambitious schedule. Cadets will undertake their first activities at Gallipoli Barracks, including training on the WTSS (Weapon Training Simulation System) range, an introduction to the EF88 and Light Support Weapon (LSW), the annual swim test, the over-water obstacle course, fieldwork, and team-building exercises. These activities are designed to challenge cadets, develop their

resilience, and enhance their trustworthiness and loyalty to one another and the organisation.

The unit's influence and achievements extend far beyond its training activities. In December, the Officer Commanding, Captain Golle, was honoured to attend a Defence Forum at the Lota RSL, hosted by federal member Henry Pike. This event highlighted the strong relationships 136 ACU maintains within the Defence and wider community, further cementing its role as a vital capability of the Australian Army Cadet Corps.

Through its commitment to Service, Courage, Respect, Integrity, and Excellence, 136 Army Cadet Unit continues to set the standard for youth development, leadership, and service to the nation. As we embark on another year of growth and achievement, 136 ACU stands as a proud and enduring legacy of the Australian Army Cadets.



*New renovations of HQ 136 ACU.*



*New sports uniform*

### **OUR MOTO:**

#### **Service, Courage, Respect, Integrity, and Excellence**

The standard you walk past is the standard you are willing to accept.

— *Report provided by CAPT (AAC) Paul Gollé, Officer Commanding 136 ACU*



## **217 SQUADRON, AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE**

217 Squadron Australian Air Force Cadet (AAFC) unit reports 2024 was a successful year for Squadron. 217SQN has always been a strong supporter of the Redland City community, and 2024 was no different, 217SQN cadets helped raised urgently needed funds for Legacy and participated in other community events, such as the Rotary's Bookfest, whilst also attending Redlands RSL ANZAC Day and Redlands Vietnam Veteran's Day.

March 2024- 217SQN conducted a training day for SQN's new recruits to consolidate and finalise the Orientation phase of their learning



Cadets took part in drill, cadet skills, and collaborative team-building activities, designed to foster communication, problem-solving, and teamwork. This activity is an opportunity for cadets to develop their personal growth and leadership capabilities. Also, in March 217SQN conducted a training weekend for our Leading cadets transitioning to Cadet Corporals (CCPL). The aim of the activity is for LCDT's to participate in Cadet Corporal personal development and leadership training activities, where cadets develop their skills with planning and navigating, aircraft aerodynamics and also further developing and refining their drill capability across a range of movements, all the cadets successfully completed the course and were promoted to the rank of Cadet Corporal.

April 2024- we again saw 217SQN cadets attend the Redlands ANZAC Day 2024 Dawn Service and went on to participate in the Redland City Main Service.

May 2024- 217SQN cadets experienced a Cadet Aviation Experience (CAE) or Pilot Experience (PEX) flights depending on their experience/ time in cadets. The weekend was split into 4 sessions, Saturday AM, Saturday PM, Sunday AM and Sunday PM. Cadets travelled to RAAF Base Amberley to complete the activity; Cadet Aviation Experience (CAE) flights are intended to provide cadets who join the AAFC with an opportunity to experience flight in a light aircraft. The CAE is an interactive flight for cadets (who are passengers) in a light aircraft, observing and communicating with the pilot on various facets of the flight. In many cases, this may be the first opportunity a cadet may have to fly in a light aircraft, and it is designed to be one which inspires an interest in aviation. This is for cadets in their first year, however more experienced cadets can be offered this experience.

Cadets also took part in PEX flights, which are intended to provide cadets who join the AAFC with an opportunity to experience what it is like to operate an aircraft under the instruction of a qualified instructor in a light aircraft. This is a hands-on flight lesson. For cadets that could not attend the May CAE/PEX activity, the activity was again offered to cadets in November.

June 2024- some cadets attended the PCYC Cadet games involving ADF, Emergency Services, and Community cadet organisations. 217SQN's team of cadets and staff experienced areas such as command, excellence in skill, teamwork, leadership, and camaraderie, for the title of Ultimate Cadet Crew in 2024. 217SQN may not have won the prize, however the experience was a great learning curve for cadets that attended.



August 2024- Cadets from 217SQN, 220SQN (Clayfield) and 215SQN (Carindale) participated in a Joint Field Exercise at Karingal Scout Campsite to improve their navigation, fieldcraft and radio communication skills. Further during August 217SQN AAFC supported the Redlands RSL in participating in Redlands Vietnam Veteran's Day.

October 2024- 217SQN cadets attended a leadership development course where cadets from the Training Group 5 cadets attempted various team-based challenges such as: obstacle crossings, first aid and casualty evacuation, Map Reading, navigation and survival scenarios. The weekend was by all accounts, full of fun and excitement, good learning experiences, and by staff accounts, was a successful outcome.

November 2024- the Squadron celebrated at our end of year Graduation Parade, with some 30 cadets being reclassified to Leading Cadet and some 21 Leading Cadets promoted to Cadet Corporals.

Over the years, 217SQN has been a breeding ground for many young pilots. During December/January holidays, 217SQN had several of our cadets attend Glider Pilot training for new and continuing students. This training will be continuing through 2025.

217SQN would like to thank Redlands RSL for all your continuing support and look forward to 2025.

— Report provided by SQNLDR Anthony McKeaten OC 217 AAFC



## TS NORFOLK AUSTRALIAN NAVY CADET UNIT

By far the busiest for TS Norfolk and the ANC. With the implementation of the new Cadet Youth Development Continuum (CYDC) cadets are further engaged with the program as they learn such skills as Drone flying, power boating, sailing, drumming and first aid.

Cadets have more control and more responsibility for their learning and development especially their promotion task books. As a result, 34 promotions were awarded (including 2 to Petty Officer). We start 2025 with 4 Petty Officers – one being considered for promotion to Chief Petty Officer at present, with another to be promoted to Chief later this year.

In 2024, we received 14 new cadets to the ship's company through

our continual community engagements and presence in the Redlands Area. We continually welcome the invitations to participate in the RSL's Anzac Day, Vietnam Veterans and Remembrance Day services. Annually, the cadets and staff take part in the Wellington Point Christmas Markets and enjoyed the invitation to the 95 Wing Ceremony and flypast. Before our first parade we received 12 expressions of interest with 11 joining the ship's company, one transferring to TS Diamantina.

2025 will be an equally busy year to commemorate the 110th anniversary of Anzac Day. TS Norfolk has already received invitations to various ceremonies in the community and an increase in cadet participation at school ceremonies.

Our maritime activities have already commenced with activities booked over the coming weeks, with a combined maritime day with TS Moreton Bay, TS Diamantina & TS Vengeance planned just after Easter.

2024 saw the Moreton Flotilla reduced from 16 units to 8 units with the formation of the Gallipoli Flotilla in July 2024. Both Flotillas combining activities, ignoring the line between them for continuous engagement. In 2024 saw the first Tri-Flotilla & Tri-Service specialist and promotion activity. With 170 cadets attending making this the largest activity in Flotilla history.

Our Unit Support Committee had been extremely busy with fund raising, with our most successful being our annual pie drive and the raffles held at Redlands RSL. We thank our supporters in the community and at the RSL for their generosity.

All these activities and opportunities would not be possible without the dedication by the TS Norfolk staff and staff within the cadet program. I cannot express appropriately the support and passion by the TS Norfolk Staff, parents and cadets and am honoured to be their Commanding Officer.

Last but not least, as Commanding Officer, it was my honour to award Mr Ian Gray, Deputy President and Cadet Liaison of Redlands RSL the Commanding Officer's Commendation. Mr Gray received this award for his dedication and attention not only to the staff and cadets of TS Norfolk, but to the Tri-Service Cadet Program.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the Redlands RSL board and members for their support and generosity and we look forward to working with our community in 2025.

# Australian Navy Cadets

## TS Norfolk

**Thursday Evenings 5pm-8.30pm**

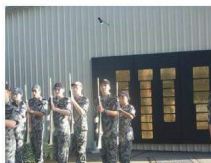
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## Recruiting Now

— 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



# REDLANDS RSL SUB BRANCH 100 YEAR MERCHANDISE NOW AVAILABLE

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# League Secretary Report

Hello everyone, I hope you are keeping well. This month has been a little quiet, in relation to league activities. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all fellow Queenslanders doing it tough in the North, as the weather is unrelenting. It is comforting to see the Military front and centre helping where possible. I am sure some of you have family or friends that may be caught in this weather system. We Queenslanders are a tough bunch and we do bounce back afterwards, it can be a long road but we do it.

However, planning is well under way for Anzac Day. Please come and see me or contact me, if you would like to be part of this year's Anzac Day. At this present time, I am seeing great enthusiasm towards Anzac Day. Hopefully we will have a great turn out with a big attendance, as we celebrate our 100-year Anniversary.

As we get closer to the month of April, and as Easter is the week before Anzac Day, I will be informing you of the timings for Anzac Day. Stay safe and well, I will see you next month.

*Michael McDonnell*  
LEAGUE SECRETARY  
REDLANDS SUB BRANCH



## Young Veterans Redlands

No report this month.

Regards

*Geoff Hooper*



# National Servicemen

## REDLANDS BRANCH

We had a very satisfactory number of members at our 1st Meeting of the year on Sunday 2 February. Our meetings continue to be pleasant occasions where members enjoy good company while they participate in the discussion surrounding branch business. At our first meeting, we were grateful to Chris Ryan who gave a very interesting address.

For some reason unknown, attendances have never returned to pre-Covid levels, but they have remained constant. So while they are not reducing, it can be argued that our meeting numbers are successful.



We have enjoyed two lunches in the last month, the first at Elysium where in excess of 40 members enjoyed the occasion. The last lunch was once again at our RSL Club, where 43 members enjoyed a really excellent meal and at a very reasonable cost.

Members are reminded of our approaching AGM and with it the need to appoint new committee members. We have the funds to offer new activities to members in the New Year. So we could be looking at a great year and the injection of new ideas could be timely.

*Eric Shaw,*

**PRESIDENT, NATIONAL SERVICEMEN  
REDLANDS BRANCH**



# RAAF Association

## REDLANDS BRANCH

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 continue to draw good attendances. These will continue throughout the year. Members have also enjoyed attending the RSL Veterans 'Cuppas' each month.

The last Branch Restaurant Dinner on Tuesday 21st January 2025 was at the Thai Siam, Cleveland. This was a good kick start to the social events for the year with some excellent Thai cuisine. This was followed by Lunch in Redlands RSL Sails Restaurant after the AGM on Sunday 9th February for those members who can remain. The next Branch function will be a BBQ on Sunday 9th March.

At the AGM on Sunday 9th February the following members were elected to the committee:

**President:** Rob Wilson

**Deputy President:** Eric Shaw

**Secretary/Treasurer:** David Field

**Committee:** Gary Olsen, Evelyn Pointon, Dave Henkel.

The next meeting of RAAFA Redlands Branch will be a **General Meeting on Sunday 13th April 2025 in Redlands RSL at 10:30am**. This will be followed by lunch in Redlands RSL 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

### AGM and February Meeting

The Bayside AGM and February meeting were held in the Trobruk Room at the Redlands RSL, 1st February 2025. There were 47 members in attendance.

A very pleasant start to the meeting and year for Bayside Naval Association with member Pam Tranter recognised with the award of the prestigious Order of Australia Medal (OAM) for her tireless and selfless contributions to the Redlands community. Through her extensive volunteer work, Pam has made a profound impact on the lives of countless individuals and families. President Graham presented Pam with a lovely bunch of flowers and a well done from all members. BZ Pam.



Following Pam's presentation the AGM was conducted and the sitting committee were re-elected unopposed. The 2024 committee received a vote of thanks for the outstanding efforts during 2024 and the February Meeting was then conducted.

Another pleasant activity for the meeting was the announcement of the award for Bayside Member of the Year.

In recognition of their outstanding contributions, the Bayside Naval Association President Graham Hargreaves proudly named Chris and Carmel McKay as Bayside Members of the Year for 2024. Together they have organised events, coordinated fundraisers and are volunteers at Bayside functions where their enthusiasm and commitment to Bayside make a difference and this award reflects that - congratulations Chris and Carmel. BZ well deserved.



### 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.





# Women's Auxiliary

The ladies have had an early start to the new year with two sessions of cleaning the RSL cabinets ready for the new year.

We started back in February and our AGM is on the 5 March.



*Desley Lingard*  
PRESIDENT, WOMEN'S AUXILIARY



# Library Museum

Good morning everyone I hope you are all well. It's been a steady start to the year with donations coming in on a regular basis. I managed to pry open the donation tin in the Library / Museum and to my amazement we had \$163.20 in donations. The monies were handed to Ros Francis and receipted into welfare to go back to the benefit of the local veterans.

With the start of the new year and our 100th anniversary I arranged with the lovely ladies from the Woman's Auxiliary, under the leadership of Desley Lingard, to clean the display cabinets in the RSL foyer and down stairs in front of the Gallipoli Room. To all of the 6 ladies that helped on the day you did a fantastic job. The cabinets haven't look better and I hope you enjoyed the coffee and cake.



*Marty Rabjohns,*

LIBRARY MUSEUM CURATOR



# Veterans Cuppa

**KEEPING OUR REDLANDS RSL SUB BRANCH MEMBERS  
SOCIAALLY CONNECTED!**

Our Veterans Cuppa takes place on the 2nd Wednesday of every month and remains a popular morning tea gathering. Veterans enjoy exclusive early access to the Anzac Lounge before the club opens to the public, providing a relaxed social setting where they can connect with fellow Sub Branch members over a barista-crafted coffee and a freshly baked scone or muffin.

**NEXT VETERANS CUPPA:**

**9AM, WEDNESDAY 12TH MARCH 2025**

**COST: ONLY \$5.00**

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

*Strictly available for Redlands RSL service members only,  
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# REDLANDS RSL SUB BRANCH

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- 20 Apr- League Gathering
- 25 Apr- ANZAC Day
- 25 May- 100yr Luncheon
- 22 Jun- League Gathering
- 27 Jul- Quarterly General Meeting

- 18 Aug- Vietnam Veterans Day
- 24 Aug- President's Luncheon
- 28 Sept- League Gathering
- 26 Oct- Quarterly General Meeting
- 11 Nov- Remembrance Day

- 23 Nov- League Gathering
- 25 Jan- Quarterly General Meeting
- 22 Feb- League Gathering
- 22 Mar- Annual General Meeting
- Veterans Cuppa, 2nd Wednesday

## QUEENSLAND RSL NEWS



Queensland RSL News is published four times each year. Each issue contains engaging articles about new programs and services, commemorative events around Queensland, and military history, as well as sections for members to share information about upcoming reunions and other events.

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THIS MONTH IN AUSTRALIAN MILITARY

# History

FEBRUARY

DATE	TITLE	EVENT
2 Feb 1942	First Japanese air attack on Port Moresby	The Japanese had hoped to occupy Port Moresby as a base from which to cut off shipping to Eastern Australia. Their defeat in the Battle of the Coral Sea thwarted the planned naval attack and invasion against Port Moresby.
3 Feb 1943	Australians counter-attack at Wau	Having failed to take Wau the Japanese were forced into retreat. At the end of the fighting some 1,200 Japanese had been killed as had some 300 Australians.
4 Feb 1945	Yalta Conference	Conference between President Roosevelt, Marshal Stalin and Prime Minister Churchill to determine the shape of post-war Europe.
8 Feb 1942	Japanese invade Singapore	Singapore was believed to be an impregnable fortress but the Japanese advance from the Malayan Peninsula proved the falsity of this belief.
10 Feb 1954	Queen Elizabeth at Macquarie Place, Sydney	Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip each plant a Plane tree at Macquarie Place, Sydney to mark the beginning of the Remembrance Driveway between Canberra and Sydney.
12 Feb 1940	First convoy of Second AIF reaches the Middle East	Australia's first land campaign of the Second World War took place in North Africa against the Italians.
13 Feb 1946	Main Australian contingent of BCOF sailed for Japan from Morotai	Australian personnel played a prominent role in the British Commonwealth Occupation Force in Japan at the conclusion of the Second World War in the Pacific. They were allotted the devastated Hiroshima Prefecture on the island of Honshu.
13 Feb 1965	First Australian SAS Squadron advance party departs for Borneo	The SAS served in Borneo during Confrontation to gather intelligence, conduct reconnaissance patrols and collect information on topography.
14 Feb 1942	SS Vyner Brooke sunk	The Vyner Brooke, carrying 65 Australian nurses and other refugees from Singapore, was sunk by Japanese aircraft one day after leaving the island. The survivors made their way to Banka Island where one group of nurses were massacred by their Japanese captors. Only Sister Vivian Bullwinkel survived the massacre.
15 Feb 1942	Fall of Singapore	Over 15,000 Australians taken prisoner by the Japanese on Singapore. For both Britain and Australia this was a terrible military defeat.

DATE	TITLE	EVENT
18 Feb 1941	Australian troops arrive in Singapore	Australia recognised that Singapore was vital to its own defence, without the island the British fleet had no suitable base for operations in the South East Asia. The 8th Division was sent to bolster the island's defence in the event of Japan's entering the war.
19 Feb 1915	Allied warships shell Dardanelles	This was the first allied attempt to force a passage through the Dardanelles and attack the heart of the Ottoman Empire. Its failure ultimately led to the ill-fated Gallipoli campaign.
19 Feb 1942	First Japanese air raid on Darwin	The city was bombed 64 times between February 1942 and November 1943.
20 Feb 1942	Japanese land in Portuguese Timor	The Japanese landing in Portuguese Timor heralded the beginning of a long and gruelling guerilla campaign waged by elements of the Australian 2/2nd Independent Company with the support of friendly Timorese.
21 Feb 1956	Australian and British aircraft bomb Kluang, Malaya	The raid was staged against the jungle base of the 7th Independent Platoon, Malayan Races Liberation Army in Central Johore and was carried out by Lincolns of No. 1 Squadron RAAF and Canberras of No. 12 Squadron RAF. It wiped out the camp and was regarded as the most successful of the 4,000 sorties flown by the Australians in Malaya.
23 Feb 1956	1 Squadron RAAF bomb Communist camps near Kuala Lumpur during the Malayan Emergency	1 Squadron flew Lincoln bombers during the Malayan Emergency.
26 Feb 1943	End of fighting at Wau	The Japanese recognised that Allied possession of Wau posed a significant threat to important Japanese bases at Lae and nearby Salamaua and sought to take the town. They were defeated after weeks of heavy fighting.
27 Feb 1942	Battle of Java Sea	In two separate actions off the coast of Surabaya involving heavy losses in Allied shipping. HMAS Perth was involved in the battle and was one of the few allied ships to survive. The action delayed Japanese landings in Java by only one day.
28 Feb 1991	Gulf War ends	With Iraqi forces having been driven from Kuwait and defeated in the field the coalition forces called a halt to the fighting.
29 Feb 1972	HMAS Sydney arrives at Vung Tau	On this voyage Sydney embarked 457 soldiers. HMAS Sydney made 21 voyages to Vietnam during the war.

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THERE WOULD BE NO FUTURE!

# Associated Groups

	<p><b>AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION (RAAFA) REDLANDS BRANCH</b>          Meetings held 2nd Sunday every second month at 10.30am in the Gallipoli Room. Social get-togethers held Wednesdays at 3pm in the Anzac Lounge.          Contact: President Rob Wilson 0419 688 014</p>
	<p><b>NAVAL ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA (BAYSIDE SUB SECTION)</b>          Meetings are held on the 1st Saturday of the month at 12 noon. Contact: Graham Hargreaves 0431 349 688</p>
	<p><b>NATIONAL SERVICEMEN REDLANDS BRANCH</b>          Meetings are held on the 1st Sunday of the month at 10.30am in the Gallipoli Room.          Contact: Eric Shaw, President on 0407 158 886</p>
	<p><b>T&amp;P ASSOCIATION MORETON BAY SOUTH</b>          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><b>REDLANDS RSL SUB BRANCH WOMEN'S AUXILIARY</b>          Meetings held the 1st Monday of the month at 10am in the Meeting Room. Contact: Desley Lingard 0409 060 267</p>
	<p><b>REDLANDS SUB BRANCH AUSTRALIAN WAR WIDOWS (QUEENSLAND)</b>          Meetings are held the last Friday of the month in the Maritime Room of the club commencing at 10.30am.          Contact: Lynne Martin, President on 0416 224 453</p>
	<p><b>REDLANDS LEGACY CARE GROUP</b>          Meets on the 1st Friday of each month in the RSL Club Maritime Room commencing at 10.30am.          Contact: Shree Rogers, President on 0416 062 115</p>
	<p><b>YOUNG VETERANS REDLANDS</b>          Contact: Geoff Hooper on 0419 649 925.          E: chev1950@bigpond.com   Facebook: Young Veterans Redlands</p>

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