

REDLANDS SUB BRANCH

BUGLE

MARCH 2025 EDITION

"Honouring The Fallen By Serving The Living!"



ANZAC DAY

FRIDAY, 25TH APRIL 2025

100
YEARS
1925-2025



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



25th APRIL ANZAC DAY

GUNFIRE BREAKFAST

4.30am to 5.15am | Anzac Lounge
Coffee, Tea and Toast

This is strictly limited to League Members, Veterans,
Serving Personnel, Partners & Carers only.

BREAKFAST

6am to 8am | Sails Restaurant

After the Dawn Service, all are welcome
back at Redlands RSL for a plated breakfast of
bacon, scrambled eggs, hash browns, tomatoes,
and baked beans; with tea and coffee.

Adults: \$15 | Children 12yrs & under: \$10
No bookings required.



HONOURING THE FALLEN...

Official Anzac Day CLEVELAND SCHEDULE

4.30am: Traditional Gunfire Breakfast - Coffee/Tea/Toast

NB: Restricted access for League Members, Veterans, Serving Personnel, Partners & Carers ONLY will be permitted in the club before the Dawn Service.

5.20am: Dawn Service Parade

Redlands RSL to ANZAC Centenary Park

Strictly only League members, Veterans, and Serving Personnel permitted to partake.

5.30am: Dawn Service Commemorations

6am to 8am: Breakfast

Sails on Shore Restaurant at Redlands RSL.

See page 2 for further information

6am to 8am: Service Member Camaraderie in Gallipoli Function Room

NB: Restricted access for League Members, Veterans, Serving Personnel, Partners & Carers ONLY during these times. Facilities available at the Veterans Community Centre between 9am & 10am.

9.45am: Main Parade Assembly

Shore St West (behind Cleveland Bowls Club)

10.20am: Main Parade Commences

Shore St West into ANZAC Centenary Park

11am: Main Commemorative Service

ANZAC Centenary Park, Shore St West

12 noon to 1pm: Service Member Camaraderie in Gallipoli Function Room

NB: Restricted access for League Members, Veterans, Serving Personnel, Partners & Carers ONLY during this hour.

Redlands RSL Trading Hours:

6am to 8am for Breakfast only.

Re-opening for lunch on conclusion of the Main Service

Sails Restaurant Trading Times:

All Day Dining: On conclusion of Main Service
until 8.30pm

Cove Café Trading Times:

On conclusion of the Main Service until late

Traditional Two Up:

The lower car park behind Redlands RSL
(off Shore St West) will be closed for 'Two Up'.
Can Bar open from 12 noon. Two Up from 1pm.

Anzac Day Services

COOCHIEMUDLO ISLAND SCHEDULE

DAWN SERVICE

4.45am Ferry departs Victoria Point Jetty to allow cadets, their parents and general public to attend the Anzac Day Dawn Service.

5.30am Dawn Service at Main Beach commences with flag orderlies and Catafalque Party taking post.

After the service, all are welcome to the Gunfire Breakfast hosted by The Men's Shed at the small cost of a gold coin donation.

NORTH STRADBROKE ISLAND SCHEDULE

DAWN SERVICE

5.10am Assemble at the Butcher Shop on Welsby Street, and March to the Cenotaph

5.30am Dawn Service Commences

6am-7am Gunfire Breakfast at the North Stradbroke Island Rugby League & All-Sports Club for a small cost, plus donations will be accepted.

11AM COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE

10.15am Assemble at the new assembly area which is at the bottom end of Dunwich School on Welsby St, Dunwich (not at the Little Ships Club)

10.45am Main March Commences

11am Main Commemorative Service at Cenotaph, Welsby St, Dunwich.

The All-Sport Club will be open for refreshments after the service.

For further information contact John on 0428 191 134.

President's Report

I hope this finds everyone in good health with minimal property damage and power outage after Tropical Cyclone Alfred. A touch of irony that we should experience a cyclone in our Centenary year.

More sub branch historical events occurred in 1995 when the new club construction was in progress and in 1996 the last Anzac Day commemorations were held in the Memorial Hall. The new club building was occupied in early 1997 and officially opened on the 19th April by State President, Eric Kay OAM. The old Sub Branch Memorial Hall was relocated next to the Redlands Museum in Cleveland where it remains today.

In 2000, Redland Shire Council and the RSL announced plans to buy Cleveland's former police station and courthouse and turn them into a war memorial precinct and museum. On 25th January 2002 Redlands Services Club received a new charter and resulted in a new name change. On 1st July 2002 Redland RSL Sub Branch absorbed the Redlands Services Club and became Redlands RSL Sub Branch Inc. In 2005, refurbishment of the old police station and courthouse was completed and the Welfare and Sub Branch office occupied the Police Station and the Library Museum began in the Courthouse.

In the years since, several renovations to the club were undertaken to cater for a growing membership. These included the addition of a 3 story car park and increased capacity to the Kitchens, Restaurant and Function areas to create the Club precinct we have today.

Now back to the present where the next two months will be busy times on the Sub Branch calendar. Monday 24th February was War Animals Memorial Day and Redlands RSL held a small memorial service in Anzac Memorial Park to commemorate the sacrifices that animals endured in all wars.

Anzac Day is fast approaching and Michael McDonnell has been planning this special day in our centenary year for some months. It is now time to advise him if you are laying a wreath or require transport in a golf cart. Volunteers will also be required in the lead up to Anzac Day to sell memorabilia and to attend services at schools and aged care facilities.

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 24TH MARCH 2024

MEETING OPENED: 11.13am by President Rob Wilson

NEW MEMBERS: Nil

BIRTHDAYS: Nil

PRESIDENTS REPORT: As presented in the Bugle

Moved: A Khan

Seconded: J Hill

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Inwards and Outwards: (M McDonnell)

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

Moved: M McDonnell

Seconded: J Butler

That the Inwards and Outwards Correspondence be accepted

..... Motion 2...CARRIED

TREASURERS REPORT: As presented in the Bugle

Moved: G Saunders

Seconded: H Fulton

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

WELLBEING REPORT: As presented in the Bugle

Moved L Harcourt

Seconded: I Cuthbertson

That the wellbeing report be accepted Motion 4 CARRIED

DEPUTY PRESIDENT, CADETS REPORT & RSL SED REPORT:

As presented in the Bugle

Moved: I Gray

Seconded: J Hill

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

VETERANS AND WELLBEING EXCURSIONS: As presented in the Bugle

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

Moved: G Saunders

Seconded: D Rogers

That the Veterans and Wellbeing Excursions report be accepted . . .
.....Motion 6...CARRIED

LEAGUE SECRETARY REPORT: As presented in the Bugle
Moved: M McDonnell *Seconded: A Khan*
That the League Secretary Report be accepted. . . Motion 7...CARRIED

NATIONAL SERVICEMEN ASSOCIATION REPORT: As presented in the Bugle
Moved: E Shaw *Seconded: F Williams*
That the National Servicemen Association report be accepted.
.....Motion 8...CARRIED

NAVAL ASSOCIATION REPORT: As presented in the Bugle
Moved: I Cuthbertson *Seconded: A Khan*
That the Naval Association report be accepted. . . Motion 9...CARRIED

RAAF ASSOCIATION REPORT: As presented in the Bugle
Moved: G Olsen *Seconded: D Palmer*
That the RAAF Association report be accepted . Motion 10 ...CARRIED

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY: As presented in the Bugle
Moved: D Lingard *Seconded: L Harcourt*
As presented in the Bugle Motion 11...CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Michael McDonnell

- Anzac Day 2024 - please see Bugle pages 2 - 4 for schedule of service times and further information.
- Dawn Service –
 - Please see Michael or Margaret after the meeting if you wish to lay a wreath or require reserved seating for either Dawn or Main Service. The golf buggies are full.
- Main Service –
 - Those in golf carts to meet in carpark at 9.30am.
 - Those to be seated in Marquees please be there by 10.00am.
 - We have 600 hand held Australian flags which will be handed out by 8 Cadets along the main route of the parade.
 - Fly over time will be confirmed.

Linda Harcourt

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

Raffles: Drawn and Won

Next League Gathering Meeting: Sunday 21st April 2024 at 10.30am
Meeting Closed: 11:35am

Treasurer's Report

The Redlands RSL continues to trade well and is certainly in positive territory from a sales and net profit perspective.

At the end of February 2025, our financials are as follows on a Year-to-date basis. Actual Net Profit \$220,722, with a Budget \$50,843 with a variance of \$169,879.

Looking at some of the top performing cost centres February, Bar Net Profit \$127,043, Budget \$104,245, and Variance \$22,798 with a 22% increase. Sails Restaurant Net Profit \$23,618, Budget \$10,637, Variance \$12,981 with a 122% increase, Cove Café Net Profit \$10,903, Budget \$5,553, Variance \$5,350 with a 96% increase.

League and Wellbeing expenditures totalled \$123,711. To highlight some areas where the money was allocated, Anzac Day Expense \$12,500, League Donations \$5,000 (Ingham RSL), Honour the Fallen \$2,550, Joint Venture \$1,007, Golden Oldies \$1,643, Home Maintenance \$1,655, Member Amenities \$44,897, League Bus Expenses \$844, and Donations - Cadet Units \$4,681.

Overall, year-to-date, members' funds are \$32,072,201. The current asset total is \$3,344,502, and the current liabilities total is \$2,679,984. Our Non-Current Liabilities Bank Business loan is \$4,506,835. Our cash reserves remain resilient at \$1,619,910, and there is a further \$981,608 in Operational Funds.

Redlands RSL Dave Whitehead Memorial Annual Charity Golf Day on Friday, February 21st 2025, was held at the Carbrook Golf Club. Organised by Peter Harrison, this highly anticipated event is primarily supported and attended by our valued suppliers, whose generous contributions fund the initiative. All proceeds from the event were donated to charitable organisations, with this year's beneficiaries—42 for 42, Night Ninjas, and Cleveland Meals on Wheels—each receiving \$3,000. This annual event exemplifies Redlands RSL's ongoing commitment to supporting the community and veterans. Once again, the day was a huge success. We extend our sincere gratitude to Peter Harrison for his dedication and being the driving force behind the event.

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.

After two trading months of 2025 the Redlands RSL is in a very solid position, it is becoming increasingly apparent what an asset the car park is yet another jump on our opposition.

Until next month, take care.

Greg Saunders

TREASURER, REDLANDS SUB BRANCH



VETERANS & WELLBEING EXCURSIONS

Well, 2025 is certainly up and running, our first trip is on Thursday 20th March. This excursion offers a unique experience, departing promptly from Redlands RSL at 4:00 PM via Blue Bus to The Hamilton Hotel for dinner. Following our meal, we will enjoy a scenic and relaxing journey down the Brisbane River to the West End Ferry Terminal, where the Blue Bus will be waiting to transport us back to Redlands RSL.

Please remember to bring your Go Card, just in case it is needed.

I was truly overwhelmed by the incredible response to this trip, and I sincerely thank everyone for their prompt bookings. In a record-breaking achievement, the trip sold out within just 24 hours!

GREG SAUNDERS,
CONVENOR OF VETERANS & WELLBEING EXCURSIONS

10% OFF PRONTO MAIN MEALS IN SAILS RESTAURANT FOR REDLANDS RSL SERVICE MEMBERS

5 delicious main meals to choose from!
Normally \$16 for members, you pay \$14.40.
Add a selected entree or dessert for only \$3 extra.

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



Wellbeing Report

Good morning all, great to see you all after a trying couple of weeks. By now Alfred should be long gone but who knows. We have all come through ok I hope.

Thank you to our staff and volunteers and HQ who made themselves available to assist veterans during this period. An event like this can affect us in many different ways and we wanted to be around if anyone required assistance.

Thank you to the RSL for keeping the Club open when it was safe to do so as it is a place gather and chat in a safe environment when we can't go anywhere else and some great friendships have been formed by those who regularly attend the Club.

This Bugle will go out to all Service members so please have a read to familiarise yourself with the local Anzac Day commemorations.

Representatives from the Redlands RSL will be attending the 42 for 42 Annual Luncheon later in March. Redlands is the only Sub Branch which supports this organisation and have done from the Inaugural luncheon in 2018. It is a shame that more Sub Branches do not support this organisation. 42 represents the 41 soldiers Australia lost in Afghanistan, with the 42nd being the soldiers we have lost to suicide and those who are still struggling with their wounds, injuries and mental illness post-war.

Our Wellbeing Support Officers are having a training day facilitated by SEDRSL on Wednesday 19th March at Redlands RSL so they can meet each other and learn what the role of a Wellbeing Officer entails.

Our Veterans Cuppa was held last Wednesday with a large number in attendance. Thank to the staff for the way they look after our veterans so well at these Cuppas.

Our bus trips are planned for the remainder of 2025 and our members will be advised in plenty of time to book for each trip. We hope to do 1 one-nighter this year.

Thank you all who assist our veteran community in so many ways and look forward to seeing you soon.

Warm Regards,

Linda Harcourt
WELLBEING CO-ORDINATOR

Email: linda.harcourt@redlandsrsl.com.au



Deputy President & Cadets Report

Members, I previously indicated that I would be standing down at this AGM however, I advised our board that it is my intention to continue to serve as I have unfinished projects such as Honour Our Fallen, School projects bookings and School ANZAC Day Services. In addition I want to be present at our 100th celebrations of this Sub Branch.

The month started with preparations for Annual reports from all departments due later this month in preparation for our AGM. The three Cadets Units have provided their reports in a timely manner for the pending AGM.

Later this month I will be providing the three Cadet Unit Commanders with the run sheets and maps for Anzac Day arrangements. This year is our 100th year for our Sub Branch and as a result our Anzac Day co-ordinating team have arranged for 95 Wing from Amberley RAAF Base to perform Catafalque Party for Dawn and main service. Our Cadet Units will perform an honour guard for both services as well.

The 24th February was War Animal Day. This year we had the pleasure to have the President and Founder of "Honour Our Fallen Origination" Richard McCarthy OAM attend our service and lay a wreath for War Animal Day. On behalf of Australian War Animal Memorial Organisation, Rachel Ezzy laid a wreath, as well as our President Rob Wilson and others. I gave an address on the roll animals played in war from WW1 to the present day.

In WW1 a messenger pigeon named Cher Ami (Dear Friend) saved the lives of 194 American servicemen and as a result received Croix de Guerre by the French. This medal is for bravery. During WW2 the Dickin Medal was awarded to animals who displayed outstanding gallantry for service in wartime. The medal was awarded 74 times since 1943. The recipients comprise of 37 dogs, 32 pigeons, 4 horses and 1 cat. The Dickin Medal is the animal equivalent to the Victoria Cross for bravery..





*Pictured -
Top left: President Rob Wilson.
Top right - Richard McCarthy OAM.
Left - Rachel Ezzy.*

Schools in our region once again continue to support us for the Honour Our Fallen program. Letters have been sent out to the three high schools and one primary school for their preparation for Honour Our Fallen Project prior to Anzac Day this year.



136 AUSTRALIAN ARMY CADET UNIT

136 ACU Conducts Cadet Development Activity at Gallipoli Barracks Enoggera

136 Australian Cadet Unit (ACU) is set to conduct an essential training activity at Gallipoli Barracks Enoggera, focusing on the Cadet Development Continuum (CDC) 1 Alpha. This important exercise, titled Exercise Shakeout, will provide cadets with a hands-on opportunity to apply section-level operations, allowing them to bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical proficiency.

During the activity, cadets will be introduced to the Weapons Training Simulation System (WTSS) facility, where they will engage with the EF88 rifle and the Light Support Weapon (LSW). This training will enhance their weapon handling and tactical skills in a simulated environment, preparing them for real-world applications.

In addition to weapons training, the unit will also conduct the annual swim test, an essential requirement for building physical endurance

and aquatic skills. Cadets will further challenge their teamwork and physical resilience by participating in the over-water obstacle course, an activity designed to promote camaraderie and trust within the unit.

Exercise Shakeout will also serve as a key opportunity for staff to re-establish the unit's battle rhythm, validate instructional content, and ensure that all training is delivered effectively. This comprehensive program aims to develop cadets into capable and confident individuals ready to face future challenges.

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



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 promoted to Chief Petty Officer at time of writing this article, 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 RSI'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.

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.

In December 2024 saw the first Tri-Flotilla & tri-Service specialist and

promotion activity. With 170 cadets attending making this the largest activity in Flotilla history. 11 cadets from TS Norfolk attended and will be receiving their elective badges next month 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.

TS Norfolk is recruiting new cadets who are turning 13 this year to age 18.

TS Norfolk parades every Thursday night during the school term from 1730 hours to 2030 hours..

— Report provided by LEUT. Adam Regnart OC TS Norfolk ANC



Cadet reports compiled by

Van Gray LM

DEPUTY PRESIDENT, REDLANDS SUB
BRANCH, & CADET LIAISON OFFICER



League Secretary Report

Welcome everyone, I hope you are all OK after the weather system that we have had. The media have had a field day for over a week explaining about the possibilities and how we all should prepare ourselves, not a bad thing as we do become complacent.

Anzac Day is shaping to be a big event, it is because of the amount of interest that I am receiving and those wishing to lay wreaths, either Dawn or Main Services. Then we have 16 golf carts that will participate in the main parade, and the number that wish to ride in the golf carts, is very encouraging. The parade itself is massive, with a large number of local schools of which we have had to limit the student numbers within. We have had to decline some of the enquiries that would have liked to be included in the march. The enquiries that we have received in relation Anzac Day is fantastic. This leads me to forecast that this year Anzac Day will be one to of the biggest and best we have had, perhaps being the clubs 100-year anniversary may have contributed as well.

We must not loose sight of the significants of Anzac Day, as it is a sacred day to remember the atrocities of war, and the sacrifices that our men and women made during the 1st and 2nd World Wars. Along with other conflicts that Australian Forces have been involved. We are so grateful of our local schools and students, who will continue to pass on the knowledge and cherish the meaning of Anzac Day.

Those that wish to march please keep to one carer or one child accompanying you, as this an Anzac Day march not a feel-good parade.

Look forward to seeing you all either at the Dawn Service or the Main Service.

Michael McDonnell

LEAGUE SECRETARY
REDLANDS SUB 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 provide a reason for members to socialise and a platform for all sorts of issues to be discussed. These will continue throughout the year. Members have also enjoyed attending the RSL Veterans 'Cuppas' each month.

The Lunch in Redlands RSL Sails Restaurant after the AGM on Sunday 9th February had a very good attendance and was enjoyed by all who attended. The next Branch function was to be a Branch BBQ on Sunday 9th March but when the remnants of Tropical Cyclone Alfred intervened, this was changed to a lunch in the Sails Restaurant at Redlands RSL. Unfortunately, due to the weather attendance was understandably low. The next social outing will be a Restaurant Dinner on Tuesday 18th March.

The next meeting of RAAFA Redlands Branch will be a **General Meeting on Sunday 13th April 2025 in Redlands RSL at 10:30am**. Final details for Anzac Day will be discussed at this meeting. 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

March Meeting

The Bayside March meeting was held in the Trobruk Room at the Redlands RSL, 1st March 2025, there were 31 members in attendance,

The meeting commenced with a very informative Presentation by ex-Navy Clearance Diver Chief Petty Officer Ashley Semmens. Ash delivered a summary of his career in the RAN including within Australia, Africa and Afghanistan. He is set to become the first person to swim the English Channel like a Royal Australian Navy clearance diver would - by finning on his back for more than 15 hours, The swim is set for June next year during England's "best" weather and will raise money for the Navy Clearance Divers Trust. The presentation was well received by the members with a donation for discussion at future meeting.

Certificate Presentation

Bayside member Pam Tranter(OAM) presented a certificate from the Night Ninja organisation to Bayside VP Chris McKay in appreciation of a \$1000 donation received from Bayside Naval Association.



Ladies Dining In Night 2025

Planning is underway for the Bayside 2025 Ladies Dining In Night to be held on 19th July 2025 in the Redlands RSL.

Jack Memorial South Bank

The next ceremony at Jack will be held on Thursday 27th March 2025 starting at 1100. The theme this month is HMAS Yarra (II)

Yours Aye,

Colin Saxby

NAVAL ASSOCIATION AUSTRALIA,
BAYSIDE SUB SECTION INC.





Veterans Cuppa

**KEEPING OUR REDLANDS RSL SUB BRANCH MEMBERS
SOCIALY 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 9TH APRIL 2025
COST: ONLY \$5.00

PRE-BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL - PHONE 3488 1199

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





REDLANDS RSL SUB BRANCH

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April 2025

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20 Apr- League Gathering
 25 Apr- ANZAC Day
 18 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.

Visit: <https://rslqld.org/news/queensland-rsl-news>

THIS MONTH IN AUSTRALIAN MILITARY

History

MARCH

DATE	TITLE	EVENT
1 Mar 1901	Naval and military forces of the States transferred to Commonwealth control	With Federation state and federal authorities began planning for the establishment of federal military forces.
2 Mar 1943	Battle of Bismarck Sea begins	A Japanese convoy of eight transport ships and eight escorting destroyers was almost annihilated by Allied air attacks as they attempted to reinforce the garrison at Lae. Of the 6,000 Japanese troops bound for Lae only 2,890 survived.
3 Mar 1942	Broome and Wyndham bombed	The Japanese air raid on Broome came when the port was crowded with refugees fleeing the Japanese invasion of the Netherlands East Indies. About 70 people, including many civilians are thought to have been killed in the raid. Japanese Attacks on Wyndham focused on the town's aerodrome.
7 Mar 1942	Japanese occupation of Java complete	Allied forces offered little resistance to the Japanese invasion of Java, the former Dutch colony fell to the Japanese 16th Army on 12 March.
8 Mar 1942	Japanese land at Lae and Salamua	Lae and Salamua were occupied by the Japanese to provide defensive depth for their important air and sea base at Rabaul.
9 Mar 1942	7th Division AIF arrives in Adelaide	Leading brigade of the 7th Division AIF arrives in Adelaide from the Middle East. Elements of the Division had been sent to Java where they soon became prisoners of the Japanese.
11 Mar 1845	First Maori War	British troops based in Australia were sent to suppress an uprising by Maoris who were unhappy at the continuing expansion of European settlement in New Zealand's North Island.
12 Mar 1900	Australians arrive at Bloemfontein, South Africa	Members of the New South Wales Mounted Rifles, under Lord Roberts, reached Bloemfontein, the capital of the Orange Free State, under Roberts' strategy of taking the war into the Boer Republics.
13 Mar 1943	Japanese reconnaissance flight over Darwin	In addition to the 64 air raids on Darwin the Japanese made numerous reconnaissance flights over northern Australia.
14 Mar 1942	Horn Island bombed	Japanese bomb Horn Island, Torres Strait. Horn Island, in the Torres Strait, was the main tactical base for Allied air operations in the Torres Strait. The island was subject to nine Japanese air raids during the Second World War.

DATE	TITLE	EVENT
15 Mar 1940	First two women from the Voluntary Aid Detachments organisation enlist in the AIF	Most Voluntary Aids transferred after August 1942 into the new Australian Army Women's Medical Service. Over 200 Voluntary Aids served in the Middle East and Ceylon during the Second World War.
16 Mar 1942	Darwin bombed	Darwin was subject to 64 Japanese air raids during the Second World War.
17 Mar 1942	General MacArthur flies to Darwin	Having left the Philippines after the Japanese invasion, General MacArthur was appointed to command the newly created South West Pacific Area. Australia became the base from which he would launch offensive action against the Japanese in the Pacific.
20 Mar 1916	ANZAC Corps land in France	With Gallipoli behind them the bulk of Australia's forces were now sent to France where the terrible fighting on the Western Front awaited.
20 Mar 2003	Iraq War	Australian military forces, as part of the US-led coalition, commence operations as part of the invasion of Iraq.
21 Mar 1942	Air battle for Port Moresby begins	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.
22 Mar 1942	Japanese aircraft bomb Katherine	This was the only air raid against Katherine in the Second World War, one man was killed.
24 Mar 1942	Port Moresby bombed by Japanese	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.
26 Mar 1917	First Battle of Gaza begins	This was the first Allied attempt to capture this major Turkish centre lying 32 kilometres inside the border of Palestine. The Allied strength included two Australian Light Horse Brigades and the ANZAC Mounted Division under Major General Harry Chauvel.
27 Mar 1944	First Victory Loan	Australian Government launches first Victory Loan aimed at raising £150 million for the war effort. Twelve major Government war loans were offered to the Australian public during the Second World War.
31 Mar 1921	Formation of the Australian Air Force	In Australia negotiations between Army, Navy and Defence officials from 1917 to 1921 resulted in the Australian Air Force being formed on 31 March 1921, with approval to use the 'Royal' prefix granted on 13 August 1921.

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	T&PI 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
	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
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