

REDLANDS SUB BRANCH

BUGLE

APRIL 2025 EDITION

"Honouring The Fallen By Serving The Living!"



COMMEMORATING
REDLANDS RSL SUB BRANCH'S

100th
ANZAC DAY

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

Each year on April 25, Australians and New Zealanders come together to commemorate a significant chapter in our shared history – ANZAC Day. This day holds profound importance for many, serving as a stark reminder of the service and sacrifice made by those who served in the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps during World War I, and all those who have served and continue to serve their country today.

It is a day when we pause to remember the sacrifices of the past, to honour the brave men and women who fought to defend our freedom, a freedom they wanted to preserve so much, they were willing to fight and die for. It is also a day to reaffirm our commitment to the enduring commemoration of ANZAC Day and to the continued support of all those who have served and continue to serve.

ANZAC Day was also the birth of the 'Anzac Legend', that powerful myth that embodies the essence of Australia's identity and the enduring essence of community and mateship. It is a testament to the resilience, courage, and camaraderie that defines the Australian spirit.

This year is particularly significant in the Redlands, for it marks the 100th commemoration of ANZAC Day by Redlands RSL Sub Branch, since the sub branch was formed on the 11th May 1925. Ideally, we would like to see as many as possible of our sub branch members, current and ex-service members, and members of the community, participate in one of our ANZAC Day services. I realise however that for many, this is not possible; what is important is to pause and remember.

I particularly pay tribute to families of our veterans for their continued support. The continued support of our veterans, from all sectors of the community, is a vital component of the ANZAC spirit.

Take care.

Rob Wilson

PRESIDENT, REDLANDS SUB BRANCH





The President of Redlands RSL Sub Branch Inc.

Mr Rob Wilson

Invites all Service Members (plus one partner or carer),
War Widows, Legacy Ladies and Women's Auxiliary
to attend the

100 YEAR CENTENARY LUNCHEON

WHEN: Sunday, 18th May 2025
11.30am for 12 noon start

WHERE: Gallipoli Room, Redlands RSL

TICKETS: \$50 per person
Includes a 3-course meal, selected beverages,
and live entertainment from Laura Doolan

DRESS: Lounge suit or female equivalent (no medals)

Pre-bookings with payment are essential at
Redlands RSL reception by Friday 2nd May 2025.
Phone 3488 1199.

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1925 - 2025



100 Years of Redlands RSL Sub Branch

menu

ENTRÉE

served alternate drop

Ricotta Saffron Crab Tart
served with chipotle and micro herb salad

Medium Rare Wagyu Bruschetta
served on sour dough

MAIN

served alternate drop

Slow Tender Sticky Beef Cheek
with orange, tomato, and fennel jus; served on sweet potato
puree, with crispy beetroot chips and broccolini

Chicken Supreme
with bacon and brie filling; topped with a
Davidson Plum glaze; served with potato rosette
and pea puree

DESSERT

Centenary Cake



RSL
Redlands Sub Branch

100
YEARS
1925-2025

Previous Minutes

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

LEAGUE GATHERING MEETING MINUTES SUNDAY 16th FEBRUARY 2025

MEETING OPENED: 10.35am by President Rob Wilson

ODE RECITED

REMEMBERING:

ATTENDANCE: A total of 71 as per the attendance book (53 League, 16 Visitors)

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

Moved: M. McDonnell

Seconded: M. Rabjohns

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

NEW MEMBERS: Nathan Szabo - Army

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES: N/A

PRESIDENTS OPENING REMARKS:

Rob Wilson handed the time over to John Butler for a historical Navy presentation.

John Butler presented historical Navy photographs from the 1988 Bicentennial Navy Salute, highlighting the participation of 19 Australian naval ships and 12 international naval ships. He shared his experience as a Navy photographer during the Bicentennial Navy Salute in 1988. John presented approx. 60 photographs and shared details of his locations from which he took the photos, including Sydney Harbour and Garden Island.

PREVIOUS MINUTES: As presented in the Bugle - Page 4-9 | League Gathering Meeting Sunday 17th November 2024

Moved: I. Cuthbertson

Seconded: B. Coleman

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

Rob Wilson paid tribute to Ian Gray for receiving a fantastic award with Ian expressing his gratitude and thanking the people around

him that support veterans.

Moved: R. Wilson

Seconded: R. Heath

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

CORRESPONDENCE: Presented by Michael McDonnell – League Secretary

Inwards:

- DVA is supporting the veteran community through health and wellbeing initiatives for 2025.
- An email from SED regarding updates for ANZAC Day, MMS errors, messages, general reminders and vale reports.
- Requests from Lisa Barry, Redlands City Council, requirements for ANZAC Day
- Confirmation from Mr Henry Pike MP office, we will receive 600 handheld flags for ANZAC Day. Adding to our 800 with 600 flags, we will be handing them out in the March.
- Monthly email from ‘Every Man’s Welfare Service’

Outwards:

- We sent a request off for the use of ANZAC Centenary Park for ANZAC Day to Redlands City Council.

Moved: M. McDonnell

Seconded: B. Reedman

That the correspondence outwards be accepted . . Motion 4...Carried

TREASURERS REPORT: As presented in the Bugle on Page 10

January 2025 followed a strong 2024 performance, maintaining results similar to January 2024. The net profit for January 2025 was \$146,126.72, exceeding the budget by \$128,917, marking a great start to the year.

Additionally, Anzac Day remains a significant event, with Redlands RSL investing over \$90,000 in its commemoration. Due to the club’s generous support, the event is recognized as one of the top two in the state, drawing crowds exceeding 10,000, with expectations for even higher attendance this year.

Overall, Redlands RSL continues to deliver strong financial results and meaningful contributions to members, veterans, and the local community.

Moved: G. Saunders

Seconded: M. Rabjohns

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

WELLBEING REPORT: As presented in the Bugle on Page 11

Linda had the opportunity to read the local newspaper this week, which she doesn't often do, while visiting the butcher, Linda came across a copy and noticed a historical article about the headquarters across the road. The article provided a detailed history of the building but concluded by stating that the building is no longer occupied.

If anyone comes across this article online, it may be worth reaching out to the reporters to inform them that we have, in fact, been operating from this location for several years.

Moved: L. Harcourt

Seconded: G. Hargreaves

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

DEPUTY PRESIDENTS REPORT, CADETS REPORT & RSL SED REPORT: As presented in the Bugle on Page 12-19

This month, seven veterans from the sub-branch were honoured with 30-year RSL memberships, a remarkable milestone and a testament to their long-standing commitment.

Additionally, on February 24th, we will be observing War Animal Memorial Day, a significant occasion not only in Australia but across the world. I encourage everyone to attend the service at 10:00 AM, where President Rob and others will lay a wreath in remembrance.

The event will also feature John Buckley, a distinguished figure, along with a mounted horse and war dogs, adding to the significance of the commemoration. We invite you to join us for this meaningful service.

Moved: I. Gray

Seconded: I. Cuthbertson

That the Deputy Presidents, Cadets & RSL SED Reports be accepted. Motion 7...Carried

LEAGUE SECRETARY REPORT: As presented in the Bugle on Page 21

I would like to take a moment to highlight the upcoming Anzac Day commemorations. For those who wish to lay a wreath at the Dawn Service or Main Service, or if you are interested in riding in or driving a golf cart, please see me after this meeting to express your interest.

Next month, at the AGM, I will provide further details, including the official timings and schedule for Anzac Day events. While it is still a little early to finalize everything, I will ensure all relevant information is shared in due course.

Moved: M. McDonnell

Seconded: R. Heath

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

NATIONAL SERVICEMEN REPORT: As presented in the Bugle on Page 22.

Moved: E. Shaw

Seconded: F. Williams

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

RAAF ASSOCIATION REPORT: As presented in the Bugle on Page 23

Moved: G. Olsen

Seconded: D. Palmer

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

NAVAL ASSOCIATION REPORT: As presented in the Bugle on Page 24

Graham reported that his past Monday marked a significant date in the naval calendar—the 61st anniversary of the Voyager incident involving HMAS Melbourne off Jervis Bay. To commemorate this occasion, he had the privilege of accompanying Robbie Carney, a well-known survivor of the Voyager incident, in honouring this important moment in history.

Moved: G. Hargreaves

Seconded: R. Kahn

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

WOMEN’S AUXILIARY: As presented in the Bugle on Page 25.

Desley requested members to take the time to appreciate the clean cabinets upstairs.

Moved: D. Lingard

Seconded: R. Heath

That the Women’s Auxiliary Report be accepted . Motion 12...Carried

LIBRARY MUSEUM: As presented in the Bugle on Page 25.

Marty expressed his gratitude and thanked the Women’s auxiliary for their help with the cabinets upstairs.

Moved: M. Rabjohns

Seconded: A. Bailey

That the Library Museum Report be accepted . . . Motion 13...Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS:

A proposal to commemorate a combine services day to be held on Vietnam Veterans Day each year. We will proceed with a motion to formally establish the day, followed by a second motion to determine its official name.

The proposed motion is: “That the concept of a Combined Services Day, as presented, be accepted.”

Moved: P. Barnes

Seconded: J. Butler

That the Concept of a Combined Services Day be accepted.
..... Motion 14...Carried

The second motion is to determine its official name.

The discussion centred around selecting an appropriate name for the newly proposed day, with several suggestions put forward, including:

- Returned Services Day, Australian Veterans Day, Combined Veterans Day

Concerns were raised about the term “Returned Services Day,” as some service members never served overseas but still contributed significantly. There was also debate over including “Australian” in the name, as it might exclude Allied servicemen. Many participants supported “Veterans Day,” emphasizing that the term “veteran” is widely recognized and inclusive of all service members, regardless of deployment status.

After discussions, ‘Veterans Day’ was agreed upon as the official name.

The proposed motion for new name ‘Veterans Day’ be accepted.

Moved: G. Hargreaves

Seconded: B. Coleman

That the new name Veteran’s Day be accepted. . . Motion 15...Carried

Rob announced that this year, we will be trialling where vouchers are provided for general meetings, while quarterly meetings and the AGM will continue with nibbles and drinks at the venue.

There are mixed opinions on the approach—some prefer using vouchers to go upstairs, while others value staying downstairs to enjoy camaraderie after meetings.

VETERANS & WELLBEING EXCURSIONS:

Our next trip, scheduled for March 20th, went on sale last week and sold out within just 24 hours—an incredible response!

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to Redlands RSL for their generous subsidy, which makes these trips possible, as well as to Karleigh Little and Susie Turner for their outstanding support. I also appreciate Linda Harcourt for working closely with me on organising these events. Most importantly, thank you to all of you for your incredible patronage and enthusiasm—it was truly humbling to receive a call from Karleigh the following morning, informing me that the bus trip was already fully booked for the first time ever.

Given the high demand, we have set up a waitlist at the front desk. While cancellations are rare, if any spots become available, they will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

There will be more exciting trips to come this year, with some variations in themes and experiences—clearly, you all enjoy the nightlife, so perhaps a disco is next on the agenda!

Thank you again for your support, and have a wonderful day!

NEXT VETERANS CUPPA: Wednesday 12th March 2025 in the ANZAC Lounge at 9am.

RAFFLES: Drawn and Won

NEXT LEAGUE GATHERING: Sunday 16th March immediately after the AGM.

MEETING CLOSED: By Rob Wilson at 11.07am

**LEAGUE GATHERING MEETING MINUTES
SUNDAY 16th MARCH 2025**

MEETING OPENED: 12.32am by President Rob Wilson

NEW MEMBERS: N/A

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES: Lorraine Coleman – 80th Birthday on 17th March 2025

PRESIDENTS OPENING REMARKS:

No remarks by President Rob Wilson – all remarks have been addressed and said in the previous meeting AGM.

PREVIOUS MINUTES: As presented in the Bugle - Page 5-7 | League Gathering Meeting Sunday 19th January 2025

Moved: E. Shaw *Seconded: A. Symonds*

That the Minutes of the previous meeting be accepted.

..... Motion 1...Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES: Nil

PRESIDENTS REPORT: As presented in the Bugle on Page 3

Moved: R. Wilson *Seconded: D. Palmer*

That the Presidents Report be accepted Motion 2...Carried

CORRESPONDENCE: Presented by Michael McDonnell – League Secretary

Inwards:

- Open Arms email – Building Better Relationships, 6th-7th March.

- SED email – Queensland RSL seeks nominations for two board director positions, Vice President, and two skilled-based directors. “Run Army, Run Club” registrations open from January 30th to March 27th; event covered by TV, raising money for charity.
- SED AGM – Saturday 17th May at 12:00pm.
- Request from Noel Newton – Replace Norm Prize Plaque over the entrance to the showgrounds; handed over to the council for review.
- Australian American Association Newsletter – Latest update.
- Update from Australian National Events – Regarding ANZAC Day.
- Military History Summit – 2nd Fort Lytton, Saturday 2nd August 2025.
- Latest ACNC Newsletter – Recent update.

Outwards:

- We sent a request off to RSL QLD regarding ANZAC Day Media Coverage.
- Invite local MPs to Lay a Wreath.

Moved: M. McDonnell

Seconded: B. Reedman

That the correspondence inwards / outwards be accepted.
 Motion 3...Carried

TREASURERS REPORT: As presented in the Bugle on Page 10 - 11

The financial result for 2024 is outstanding, with a net profit of \$169,000 for 2025, indicating a successful operation.

Wellbeing and League Expenditure: For February alone, \$123,711 was spent on welfare, advocates, and wages at headquarters. Total expenditure for last year was \$1.4 million.

Charity Golf Day: The annual charity golf day, sponsored by RSL and Peter, raised \$9,000, which was donated to three charities: Night Ninjas, Cleveland Meals on Wheels, and one other, with each receiving \$3,000.

Moved: G. Saunders

Seconded: G. Hinson

That the Treasurers Report be accepted. Motion 4...Carried

WELLBEING REPORT: As presented in the Bugle on Page 11

Linda acknowledged the exceptional work that Peter Harrison has contributed to the RSL over the years. She highlighted the outstanding efforts he has made, particularly his remarkable handling of COVID-19

for the club and its staff. Linda expressed her satisfaction that Peter will be continuing in his role.

Moved: L. Harcourt

Seconded: D. Field

That the Wellbeing Report be accepted. Motion 5...Carried

DEPUTY PRESIDENTS REPORT, CADETS REPORT & RSL SED REPORT: As presented in the Bugle on Page 12-14

Moved: I. Gray

Seconded: G. Hargreaves

That the Deputy Presidents, Cadets & RSL SED Reports be accepted. Motion 6...Carried

LEAGUE SECRETARY REPORT: As presented in the Bugle on Page 15

Moved: M. McDonnell

Seconded: A. Harcourt

That the League Secretary Report be accepted. . . Motion 7...Carried

RAAF ASSOCIATION REPORT: As presented in the Bugle on Page 16

Moved: G. Olsen

Seconded: D. Field

That the RAAF Association Report be accepted . . . Motion 8...Carried

NAVAL ASSOCIATION REPORT: As presented in the Bugle on Page 17

Moved: G. Hargreaves

Seconded: I. Cuthbertson

That the Naval Association Report be accepted . . . Motion 9...Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS: Nil

NEXT VETERANS CUPPA: Wednesday 9th April 2025 in the ANZAC Lounge at 9am.

RAFFLES: Drawn and Won

NEXT LEAGUE GATHERING: Sunday 20th April at 10.30am.

MEETING CLOSED: By Rob Wilson at 12.45pm

**- 100 YEARS STRONG -
QLD RSL NEWS**



Did you see our '100 Years Strong' three-page write up in the latest edition of the Qld RSL News? You'll find it on pages 29-31.

<https://www.rslqld.org/news/queensland-rsl-news/latest-edition>

Wellbeing Report

Good morning all and I hope you are having an enjoyable Easter.

Our Advocates and volunteers have been working hard again this month to obtain DVA benefits for their clients. Please remember that they all have multiple clients and the outcome of your claim once submitted is in the hands of DVA for a final result.

The Wellbeing support Officers held a meeting on 2nd April to discuss the Training Day facilitated by SED RSL in March. There were fifteen in attendance and all have been issued with an Authority to Act and an ID Card so they are easily recognised when dealing with our members. Thank you all for your attendance. The next meeting is 7th May.

A Poppy Service can be conducted by your Sub Branch on request. This service is a moving tribute to farewell a veteran who has passed away. Our Sub Branch provides this service whether you are a member or not. It is an honour and a privilege to pay our final respects to those who have served their country.

Our next bus trip will be on 9th May 2025 and at the time of submitting my report we only have 2 spots left. Please contact the RSL to book, or to have your name added to the waiting list.

Bookings are open for the Sub Branch's 100 year Luncheon on 18th May commencing at 1130. Details are on page 12 and 13 of this Bugle. Please contact reception to book with payment.

If you have not been receiving emails or text messages about our events, please contact reception on 34881199 to update your details.

I hope the you have an enjoyable and safe Anzac Day catching up with your mates and perhaps forming new friendships.

Thanks to our volunteers who give freely of their time to assist our Service members and their families throughout the year.

Warm Regards,

Linda Harcourt

WELLBEING CO-ORDINATOR

Email: linda.harcourt@redlandsrsl.com.au



Deputy President & Cadets Report

At the end of last month we had our AGM and election of officers. As a result there was one board member change as Beau King was elected to the board. As mentioned at the AGM I indicated that I wouldn't be standing down at this point as I have unfinished business to attend to with regards to School commitments and to cover the Honour Our Fallen for a short term leading up to Anzac Day.

At the AGM we presented funding cheques to the three Cadet Units in the Redlands. This year we increased the funding from \$3,500 to \$4,500 which will assist in their fundraising ever increasing costs to run the Cadet Units. All three units conveyed their thanks to Redlands RSL for their ongoing support.



L to R: LEUT Adam Regnart OC TS Norfolk Navy Cadet Unit, and FSgt Peter Horn 217 Sqn. Air Force Cadet Unit.

Apology received from 136 Army Cadet Unit owing to other commitments.

The month also started with preparations for Anzac Day by again engaging the Cadet Units in preparation. This year the Cadet Units won't be mounting the Catafalque Party as 95 Wing from Amberley RAAF Base will be performing this task owing to the Redland City 100th Anniversary. This year the Cadets will march as usual and be an Honour Guard for both Dawn and Main Parades.

This month we had a request from SED through RSL Qld seeking assistance from us to provide a facility to accommodate members of the Australian Disaster Relief Team as a result of the recent cyclone in the Redlands. As you are aware we can't accommodate sleeping arrangements and a compound for army heavy vehicles.

I contacted Capt. Paul Golle from 136 ACU to see if they could assist at the Units depot. He indicated he could assist and following discussion with HQ command at Enoggera a decision was made not to house them at

the depot owing to the movement of heavy vehicles on school grounds. Golle, through his contacts with Redlands Council has organised suitable arrangements at Redland Bay. We certainly appreciate his commitment to us and the community and valued his service and collaboration. SED and State was advised accordingly and were very appreciative that we could assist.

28th March our board attended the annual 42 for 42 luncheon. President Rob Wilson presented a cheque for \$3,000 on behalf of Redlands RSL in order to assist in their fundraising for the Afghanistan Memorial. It was well received.



Top left: President Rob Wilson presenting a cheque to President of 42 for 42 Sean Mulqueen OAM. Top right: MC Rupert McCall OAM interviewed Veteran Damien Thomlinson about Afghanistan conflict and his difficulties in his recovery. Bottom: Redlands Sub Branch board were in attendance.

In March our General Manager received a request from Clubs Queensland seeking assistance from us to support RSL and community with a donation to assist in recovery following recent flooding of Hinchinbrook district North Queensland. Following a discussion with board members a decision was made to donate \$5,000 to support them. Our thoughts are with the RSL and the communities of North Queensland impacted by the recent flooding. As a charity committed to honouring service and supporting those in need, we stand in solidarity with them during this challenging time.

This month we celebrated a birthday morning tea for Lenore Olsen and Michael McDonnell on the veranda of HQ. President Rob wished them both a happy birthday and thanked them for what they do for the league.





136 AUSTRALIAN ARMY CADET UNIT

136ACU has had an eventful start to the year! Unfortunately, Exercise Shakeout was postponed due to Cyclone Alfred, but this has provided an opportunity for staff to test and refine the exercise structure, ensuring it will be even more engaging than initially planned. Now it will also be incorporating a shooting competition against another Unit, in addition to some joint concurrent activities.

In April, eight of our cadets successfully completed the challenging six-day program of the 13 Battalion CPL's course, with one cadet earning the distinguished top student award. Furthermore, one of our CPLs was deployed to Tasmania for six days to serve as Directing Staff for the national Adventurous Training Award. Leveraging their extensive experience from completing the rigorous course in 2024, they supervised and evaluated candidates throughout the demanding 72-hour exercise, which included trekking, canoeing, abseiling, and applying survival techniques in the cooler Tasmanian climate.

The remainder of the year is expected to be equally as busy, featuring a Tri-Service Parade, Annual Field Exercise, various weekend bivouacs, and additional promotion courses at all levels. This schedule is primarily being managed by the Senior Cadets, who have been tasked with creating a comprehensive and challenging program of events for the rest of the year.



— Report provided by 2LT (AAC) Craig Buckingham, 136 ACU.
Craig.Buckingham@armycadets.gov.au



TS NORFOLK AUSTRALIAN NAVY CADET UNIT

We end Term 1 on many high notes for TS Norfolk. From commencing the year, we have welcomed 13 new recruits onto the muster and they have taken to the cadet program like

ducks to water and have all been kitted out in Summer Dress Uniforms to participate in Anzac Day.

TS Norfolk hosted representatives of 217 SQN AAFC and 136 ACU cadet units to discuss planning for tri-service parade for August 2025 plus joint activities together moving forward such as camps, maritime days and joint parades. The first joint parade will be held at TS Norfolk on the 15th May 2025. The meeting was positive with all participants enthusiastic with the opportunities all three units will provide to our cadets and staff.

Our first term also saw the promotion of our first Chief Petty Officer in two years and three Cadets promoted to Cadet Able Seaman. 6 cadets were awarded their Marine Engineering Specialist Rate, 2 awarded their Level 2 First Rate Elective Badge, 1 their Level 1 Robotics and two for Skill at Arms.



Our first cadets also took part in South Passage Sailing Experience. This is where cadets take part in sailing a gaff rigged schooner named *South Passage* for a weekend



sailing between Moreton and South Stradbroke Islands. Pictured is our own Cadet Chief Petty Officer Drew Jenkinson at the helm.

On Friday 11th April, 4 cadets and two staff from TS Norfolk were the colour party at Wynnum Manly Veterans Bowls Club for the unveiling of their new Anzac Memorial. Under the command of CDT Petty Officer Josiah Edwards, three new recruits formed the colour party and assisted with the laying of wreaths representing the three services. The three recruits, at their first ceremonial activity performed beyond their experience and years.

TS Norfolk has been preparing for Anzac Day and will be taking part at Redlands RSL Dawn Service & 10am street march, Junior Leaders service at Wellington Point State High School as well as various school service activities.

TS Norfolk will return to parading for Term 2 on Thursday 1st May 2025 from 1730 hours (5:30pm) on the grounds of Wellington Point State High School.

Enquiries can be made at TSNorfolk@navycadets.gov.au

— Report provided by LEUT. Adam Regnart ANC,
Commanding Officer, TS Norfolk.

Cadet reports compiled by

Ian Gray LM

DEPUTY PRESIDENT, REDLANDS SUB
BRANCH, & CADET LIAISON OFFICER



HENRY'S CELEBRATES HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY THIS SEPTEMBER!

Henry Andrews served on HMAS Waramanga (I44) during World War II. Henry indicated that he will be turning 100 years old on the 25th September 2025 and was honoured to receive the 1939 to 1945 Medallion from the Australian Government and the Defence Force for his service to his country.

Henry's ship was the HMAS Waramanga a Tribal-class destroyer that served with distinction in the Royal Australian Navy during World War II. Commissioned in the early 1940s, she was part of a formidable class of ships designed for speed, firepower, and versatility. Throughout the war, Waramanga played a vital role in escort duties, naval gunfire support, and anti-submarine operations across the Pacific and Indian Oceans. Henry and his shipmates faced the dangers of enemy aircraft, submarines, and surface vessels with resilience and professionalism, contributing to key Allied operations. Waramanga's service reflects the bravery and commitment of those who served aboard her in one of the most critical periods in Australia's naval history. Well done Henry and we thank you for your service.



IAN GRAY

SED REPORT

The last SED Meeting was held on Thursday 3rd April and commenced with an address by RSL State Secretary, Iain Carty. Central to his message was the need to treat each other with respect and learn to get on with others.

Other significant business from the meeting included:

- The Redlands RSL Sub Branch proposal for a Veterans Day, to include all other significant conflicts and peacekeeping on Vietnam Veterans Day, raised considerable discussion. There were many different ideas as there were sub branches represented. The meeting decided to defer a decision and send the proposal back to the Branches for further discussion before the next meeting.
- The Wellbeing and Membership Report included the Sub Branch Membership recruitment model, with provided many strategies to recruit and retain members.
- The Modern Veterans Forum Report.

Rob Wilson

PRESIDENT, REDLANDS SUB BRANCH

CHARITY GOLF DAY CHEQUE PRESENTATIONS

Recently, cheque presentations were held to distribute a total of \$9,000 raised during the annual Dave Whitehead Memorial Charity Golf Day. Three not-for-profit organisations each received \$3,000:

- 42 for 42 Inc., with the cheque presented by our Sub Branch President, Rob Wilson, at a special luncheon;
- Cleveland Meals on Wheels; and
- Night Ninjas, both of which received their donations from our General Manager, Peter Harrison.

We're proud to support these incredible organisations and the important work they do in our community.



League Secretary Report

The interest in this year's Anzac Day is very encouraging, we will fill all 16 golf carts and the number that wish to lay wreaths is growing. There is a lot of positive talk going on about Anzac Day and our 100-year Anniversary. This has been the case for quite some time. I am pleased to report that everything is now in place, apart from the last-minute adjustments that are normal in the last few days prior to Anzac Day.

The school children that were to perform after Dawn service has been cancelled. They had their own ideas about dawn service and wanted to be totally involved. They do not understand that the protocol for Dawn Service on Anzac Day will not be changed in any way to satisfy a group of students from interstate, as it is in respect to our veterans and all those that served in conflicts around the world representing Australia.

Dawn service parade begins after the gunfire breakfast at 4.30 am. I'm hoping for a big turn out this year as it is our 100 th Anniversary. This parade is for veterans only, by showing them the respect that they deserve. This is when we have the most people attending and lining Passage street of which the Cadets have formed an honour guard. They march in silence to Anzac Centenary Park, which is totally full and spilling out onto the surrounding roads. By the time that they have arrived a little light begins to show in the east as dawn approaches we begin the service.

Bay FM approached us and will set up alongside of the bowls club and do a live broadcast of the main parade. This parade has grown in numbers each year as we see more attending. Please not that only one carer or child to accompany the veteran. The march will step off at 10.30am due to the fact that an RAAF F18 Super Hornet Growler will do a fly over. Then we will begin the march. Timing is everything, as we have to be in place to begin the service at 11.00am.

If you have not decided with your friends and family to attend this Anzac Day you will miss out on the second largest Anzac Day service in Brisbane. We have roving photographers with the possibility of the media in attendance. The service is covered with a large TV screen showing everything live. Come along and show your respect to all those, past and present that made this country what it is today.

Michael McDonnell

LEAGUE SECRETARY
REDLANDS SUB BRANCH



National Servicemen

REDLANDS BRANCH

Nasho lunches continue to be enjoyable occasions. Most recent was a visit to the Asian House Chinese restaurant at Raby Bay. This was the second time we have visited this venue, and it has now become one of our regular luncheon locations.

Unfortunately planning for our trip to the Yamba area has been seriously disrupted. The proprietors of the bus company who take us on these trips contacted us with the news that they were unable to provide transport on the previously agreed dates

This means that the trip has had to be postponed and we at present trying to arrange a new program. Indications are that that this may have to be scheduled for around September this year.

Because of the number of attractions we will be attending and the high quality of the anticipated bookings, the trip is estimated to cost \$1,500.00 per person. Your committee has decided to heavily subsidise this cost, reducing it by an impressive \$500.00 per person. This is a very large contribution from Branch Funds, and the result is a very attractive trip being offered to members.

You now have plenty of time to notify Frank of your intentions to take part. However, don't delay too long.

Attendance at Branch Meetings remains constant at around 45 to 50. These monthly meetings are an enjoyable get-together for members who usually stay and enjoy a subsidised lunch at the Club.

Eric Shaw,

**PRESIDENT, NATIONAL SERVICEMEN
REDLANDS BRANCH**



Naval Association

BAYSIDE SUB SECTION

The Bayside April meeting was held at 1200 in the Tobruk Room at the Redlands RSL, 5 April 2025, there were 27 members in attendance. Refreshments followed in the RSL dining and lounge areas.

Apologies were received from The President, Secretary and several members who attended the Naval Association of Australia Queensland AGM held on the 4th and 5th of April 2025 at the Kedron Wavell Services Club.

DONATIONS

Navy Clearance Divers Trust

The previous meeting included a very informative Presentation by ex-Navy Clearance Diver Chief Petty Officer Ashley Semmens on his goal 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 to raise money for the Navy Clearance Divers Trust.

The Navy Clearance Diving Trust (NCDT) is a charitable organisation dedicated to supporting former and serving clearance divers in the Royal Australian Navy. Members voted to Donate \$1000 to this Trust.

LONG RIDE for Prostate Cancer

Vice President Chris McKay spoke about his intended fund raising LONG RIDE later this year for Prostate Cancer. This motor bike ride ends in Esperance WA, Chris's involvement will finish in Mildura. Membership approved a donation of \$500 to Chris for this fund. Several members of Bayside said they also intended making donations.

CUPPA MORNINGS

Good reports at our meeting from several Bayside Members that are utilising and enjoying the Redlands RSL Veterans Cuppa mornings 2nd Wednesday of the month at 0900.

ANZAC DAY

The President and respective members will be laying wreaths at the Redlands services including for the RAN, the Bayside Naval Association, the RN, and the Falklands War.

JACK MEMORIAL SOUTH BANK

The next ceremony at Jack will be held on 29th May 2025 starting at 1100. The theme for the next ceremony (ANMEF) Navy & Military Expedition.

Yours Aye,

Colin Saxby



NAVAL ASSOCIATION AUSTRALIA, BAYSIDE SUB SECTION INC.

RAAF Association

REDLANDS BRANCH

Redlands Branch of the RAAF Association continued promoting the wellness and benefits of members and supporting the 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. Members have also enjoyed attending the RSL Veterans 'Cuppas' each month and the last RSL Veterans and Wellbeing Excursion that included a City Cat cruise up the Brisbane River. The last Branch Restaurant Dinner on Tuesday 18th March was held at the Sands Hotel and was well attended by members.

The last General Meeting on Sunday 13th April finalised arrangements for the Anzac Day commemorations. Members who could stay after the meeting, enjoyed lunch and camaraderie in Redlands RSL Sails Restaurant.

The next meeting of RAAFA Redlands Branch will be a General Meeting on Sunday 8th June 2025, Redlands RSL at 10:30am. This will be followed by lunch at Redlands RSL for those who can attend.

Rob Wilson

PRESIDENT, RAAF ASSOC. REDLANDS BRANCH
PRESIDENT, REDLANDS SUB BRANCH



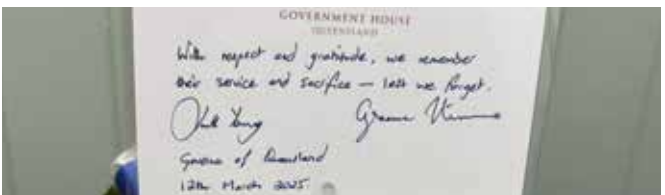
Anyone interested in joining the Royal Australian Air Force Association (Redlands Branch), please phone the secretary, David Field on 0439 855 894.

GOVERNOR OF QUEENSLAND DR. JEANETTE YOUNG COMMEMORATES CENTENARY

On 12 March 2025, Her Excellency the Honourable Dr Jeanette Young, Governor of Queensland, honoured the Redlands RSL Sub Branch with an official visit to commemorate the Centenary of the Sub Branch's founding.

As part of the occasion, Her Excellency, accompanied by her husband, Professor Graeme Nimmo, laid a wreath at the ANZAC Memorial Park Monument in solemn remembrance of those who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their country.

The visit marked a significant moment in the history of the Redlands RSL community, reflecting on a century of dedication to supporting veterans and honouring Australia's military heritage.



Library Museum

Good morning everyone, I hope you are all well.

It's been a pretty quiet month at the Library Museum with not much to report.

I would like to take the opportunity to make you all aware I will be taking a leave of absence for a period due to medical reasons. (Uncle) Andrew Bailey will be taking over the reins in regards to the Library Museum so please don't hesitate to contact him with any issues. Contact details are on our website:

<https://redlandsrsl.com/sub-branch/library-museum/>

From the bottom of my heart I would like to thank each and every one of our volunteers for their time making the Library Museum the great place that it is..

Marty Rabjohns,

LIBRARY MUSEUM CURATOR



VETERANS & WELLBEING EXCURSIONS

The year has started on a high note with our Veterans and Wellbeing excursions. Our first outing, held on 20th March, provided a truly memorable experience for all involved.

Departing from Redlands RSL at 4:00 PM, we travelled into the city for a delightful dinner at the renowned Hamilton Hotel. The food and service were exceptional and greatly appreciated by all attendees.

Following dinner, we took a short walk to the Brisbane River and boarded the City-Cat for an hour-long cruise to West End. Cruising beneath the city lights created an unforgettable atmosphere,

with many participants describing the evening as one of our best excursions to date.

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to everyone for their continued support. The increasing popularity of these outings—many of which reach full capacity quickly—highlights the enthusiasm and engagement within our community.

A special thank you goes to Linda, Rachel, and Karleigh for their outstanding efforts in organising and coordinating these successful events.

Looking ahead, our next trip is scheduled for 9th May, with a destination of the Gold Coast. We will meet at Redlands RSL at 8:00 AM for an 8:30 AM departure. Our first stop will be Jabiru Park for morning tea and a chance to stretch our legs. We will then take the Helensvale Light Rail (Electric Tram) to Broadbeach—please remember to bring your Go Card.

From Broadbeach, we will travel to Currumbin RSL for lunch, which will feature four main course options and three dessert choices. We expect to return to Redlands RSL by 4:30 PM.

I'm pleased to share that our last trip sold out in just 24 hours, while the upcoming Gold Coast excursion set a new record—reaching capacity in only 1.5 hours. This incredible response reflects the strong interest and enthusiasm for our events.

A big thank you again to Karleigh, Rachel, and Linda. We've recently introduced a new system for announcing upcoming trips, including sharing details during the Veterans Cuppa and sending SMS notifications simultaneously. This new approach has worked well and ensures everyone stays informed.

These excursions would not be the success they are without your ongoing support. I cannot thank you enough—your participation speaks volumes.

There's plenty more to come in 2025, and we'll continue to keep you updated at the Veterans Cuppa and via SMS.

Greg Saunders,

CONVENOR OF VETERANS & WELLBEING
EXCURSIONS



CEREMONIAL HISTORY

With Anzac Day on our doorstep, here is some Ceremonial History that has been shared by Phil Barnes —

A PERIOD OF SILENCE

Silence for one or two minutes is included in the Anzac Day ceremony as a sign of respect and a time for reflection.

The idea for the two-minutes silence is said to have originated with Edward George Honey, a Melbourne journalist and First World War veteran who was living in London in 1919. He wrote a letter to the London Evening News in which he appealed for five-minutes' silence, to honour the sacrifice of those who had died during the war.

In October 1919 Sir Percy Fitzpatrick, a South African, suggested a period of silence on Armistice Day in all the countries of the empire. Throughout the war, whenever South African troops suffered heavy losses on the Western Front, a period of silence had been observed at noon in Cape Town. Fitzpatrick's suggestion was presented to King George V, who readily agreed to the proposal. But after a trial with the Grenadier guards at Buckingham Palace, at which both Honey and Fitzpatrick were present, the period of silence was shortened to two minutes. It is unclear whether Honey and Fitzpatrick ever met or discussed ideas about the silence.

On 6 November 1919 the King sent a special message to the people of the Commonwealth:

I believe that my people in every part of the Empire fervently wish to perpetuate the memory of that Great Deliverance, and of those who laid down their lives to achieve it.

The King requested that "a complete suspension of all our normal activities" be observed for two minutes at "the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month" so that "in perfect stillness the thoughts of everyone may be concentrated on reverent remembrance of the Glorious Dead".

Two minutes' silence was first observed in Australia on the first anniversary of the Armistice and continues to be observed on Remembrance Day, 11 November. Over the years, the two-minutes silence has also been incorporated into Anzac Day and other commemorative ceremonies.

FLAGS AT HALF MAST

The tradition of lowering flags to half-mast as a sign of remembrance is believed to have its origins on the high seas. As a sign of respect or honour for important persons, sailing ships would lower their sails, thus slowing the vessel and allowing for the VIP's own vessel to come alongside and for him to board if so desired. Lowering of sails was also used to honour VIPs who were reviewing a naval procession from the land. In time only the ship's flags were lowered in a symbolic gesture. This practice was also adopted on land.

The flag is brought to the half-mast position by first raising it to the top of the mast and then immediately lowering it slowly to the half-mast position. The flag should be raised again to the top of mast before being lowered for the day. The position of the flag when flying at half-mast will depend on the size of the flag and the length of the flag pole. It is essential that it be lowered at least to a position recognisably "half-mast", so as to avoid the appearance of a flag that has accidentally fallen away from the top of the mast owing to a loose halyard. A satisfactory position for half-masting would normally be when the top of the flag is one-third of the distance down from the top of the mast.

LAYING OF WREATHS

Flowers have traditionally been laid on graves and memorials in memory of the dead. Rosemary, symbolising remembrance, is popular on Anzac Day. Laurel is also a commemorative symbol; woven into a wreath, it was used by the ancient Romans to crown victors and the brave as a mark of honour. In recent years, the poppy, strongly associated with Remembrance Day (11 November), has also become popular in wreaths on Anzac Day.

REVERSED ARMS

The tradition of reversing and resting on arms – that is, leaning on a weapon held upside down – has been a mark of respect or mourning for centuries, said to have originated with the ancient Greeks. Descriptions of sixteenth-century military funerals provide the earliest documented instances of carrying arms reversed in more recent times. Although Australian soldiers still rest on arms as a mark of respect for the dead, the short Steyr rifle, the present Australian service rifle, is difficult to carry reversed.

ROSEMARY

Since ancient times this aromatic herb has been believed to have properties to improve the memory. Perhaps because of this, rosemary became an emblem of both fidelity and remembrance in literature and folklore. Traditionally, sprigs of rosemary are worn on Anzac Day and sometimes on Remembrance Day, and are usually handed out by Legacy and the RSL. Rosemary has particular significance for Australians, as it is found growing wild on the Gallipoli peninsula.

THE FLANDERS POPPIES

The Flanders poppy has long been a part of Remembrance Day, the ritual that marks the Armistice of 11 November 1918, and is also increasingly being used as part of Anzac Day observances. During the First World War, red poppies were among the first plants to spring up in the devastated battlefields of northern France and Belgium. In soldiers' folklore, the vivid red of the poppy came from the blood of their comrades soaking the ground. The sight of poppies on the battlefield at Ypres in 1915 moved Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae to write the poem *In Flanders fields* (see *The recitation*). In English literature of the nineteenth century, poppies had symbolised sleep or a state of oblivion; in the literature of the First World War a new, more powerful symbolism was attached to the poppy – the sacrifice of shed blood.

Moina Michael, who worked for the American YMCA, read McCrae's poem just before the Armistice. She was so moved by it that she wrote a poem in reply and decided to wear a red poppy always as a way of keeping faith, as McCrae had urged in his poem. At a meeting of YMCA secretaries from other countries, held in November 1918, she talked about the poem and her poppies. Anna Guérin, the French YMCA secretary, took the idea further by selling poppies to raise money for widows, orphans, and needy veterans and their families.

The poppy soon became widely accepted throughout the allied nations as the flower of remembrance to be worn on Armistice Day. The Australian Returned Soldiers and Sailors Imperial League (the forerunner to the RSL) first sold poppies for Armistice Day in 1921. For this drive, the league imported one million silk poppies, made in French orphanages. Each poppy was sold for a shilling: five pence was donated to a charity for French children, six pence went to the League's own welfare work, and one penny went to the League's national coffers. Today the RSL continues to sell poppies for Remembrance Day to raise funds for its welfare work.

The poppy has also become very popular in wreaths used on Anzac

Day. An early instance took place in Palestine, where poppies grow abundantly in the spring. At the Dawn Service in 1940 each soldier dropped a poppy as he filed past the Stone of Remembrance. A senior Australian officer also laid a wreath of poppies picked from the slopes of Mt Scopus.

Poppies adorn the panels of the Memorial's Roll of Honour, placed beside names as a small personal tribute to the memory of a particular person, or to any of the thousands of individuals commemorated there. This practice began at the interment of the Unknown Australian Soldier on 11 November 1993. As people waited to lay a single flower by his tomb in the Hall of Memory, they had to queue along the cloisters, beside the Roll of Honour. By the end of the day, hundreds of RSL poppies had been pushed into the cracks between the panels bearing the names of the fallen.

THE LAST POST

In military tradition, the Last Post is the bugle call that signifies the end of the day's activities. It is also sounded at military funerals to indicate that the soldier has gone to his final rest and at commemorative services such as Anzac Day and Remembrance Day.

The Last Post is one of a number of bugle calls in military tradition that mark the phases of the day. While Reveille signals the start of a soldier's day, the Last Post signals its end.

The call is believed to have originally been part of a more elaborate routine, known in the British Army as "tattoo", that began in the 17th century. In the evening, a duty officer had to do the rounds of his unit's position, checking that the sentry posts were manned and rounding up the off-duty soldiers and packing them off to their beds or billets. The officer would be accompanied by one or more musicians. The "first post" was sounded when he started his rounds and, as the party went from post to post, a drum was played. The drum beats told off-duty soldiers it was time to rest; if the soldiers were in a town, the beats told them it was time to leave the pubs. (The word "tattoo" comes from the Dutch for "turn off the taps" of beer kegs; Americans call this "taps" or "drum taps".) Another bugle call was sounded when the officer's party completed its rounds, reaching the "last post" – this signalled that the night sentries were alert at their posts and gave one last warning to the other soldiers.

The Last Post was eventually incorporated into funeral and memorial services as a final farewell, and symbolises the duty of the dead is over and they can rest in peace.



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Organisation



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Other work in Ukraine has been the establishment of food stations in inaccessible remote areas for stray animals. The establishment of hygienic facilities at local Ukraine animal shelters, including kennelling, freshwater bores and new generators. The development of animal emergency evacuation management policies for local governments.

We have established a canine first aid course at Livi veterinary university where our staff instruct year 3 students. This project enables students to go out in the field to enhance both their training and provide a valuable asset to the community, as much veterinary help is needed.

Our appeal and aim are to provide a vehicle(s) for them to achieve this, to gain access to rural and isolated locations to treat animals otherwise unable to get help.

We are requesting donations to purchase new or used vehicles. Our staff will drive them to Ukraine and ensure their handover to animal charities and veterinary universities.

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*Report provided by
Nigel Allsop, AWAMO President*





Veterans Cuppa

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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.

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THIS MONTH IN AUSTRALIAN MILITARY

History

APRIL

DATE	TITLE	EVENT
1 April 1921	First AIF disbanded	During the four years of the First World War the First AIF gained a reputation for military prowess that remains very much in the consciousness of Australians to the present day.
3 April 1885	Tamai	Tamai was the largest and most significant engagement in which the 770-man New South Wales contingent to the Sudan were involved. In comparison with the British units involved in the battle, Australian involvement was minimal.
4 April 1918	First action at Villers-Bretonneux	Villers-Bretonneux, overlooking the Somme and within artillery range of Amiens, was a principal objective when the German Spring Offensive was in its dying stages in early April. They were repulsed by the 9th Brigade from the 3rd Australian Division and some British units.
5 April 1951	3rd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, involved in Operation Rugged, Korea	Operation Rugged involved United Nations forces crossing the 38th Parallel and occupying strong defensive positions formed by a line of hills codenamed the Kansas Line and including Hills Salmon, Cod and Sardine, 45 kilometres north of Seoul.
6 April 1942	US 41st Division arrives in Australia	Between December 1941 and August 1945 some one million Americans were stationed in Australia.
6 April 1952	1st Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, arrives in Korea	The battalion remained in Korea until September 1953.
7 April 1916	Australians reach the Western Front	First Australian units of the 2nd Division arrived on Western Front and were introduced to fighting on the Western Front in what was called the 'nursery sector' in the relatively quiet area around Armentieres, France.
8 April 1918	Repatriation Department established	Once soldiers were demobilised all tasks aimed at their rehabilitation and return to civilian life became the responsibility of the Repatriation Department.
9 April 1968	HMAS Sydney arrived at Vung Tau	The 1st Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, disembarked and the 7th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, embarked. Sydney made 24 voyages to Vietnam during the war.
10 April 1941	Siege of Tobruk, Libya, begins	Tobruk was surrounded on three sides by the German Afrika Korps in April and remained besieged, but able to be re-supplied by sea, until December. Most Australians, however, left Tobruk between August and October.

DATE	TITLE	EVENT
12 April 1941	ANZAC Corps reformed in Greece by General Blamey	Australian and New Zealand troops fought alongside soldiers from Greece and Britain in the ill-fated Greek campaign. Blamey, however, conducted a skillful evacuation of the ANZAC Corps from southern Greece at the end of the campaign.
13 April 1983	Dedication of the Rats of Tobruk memorial	The memorial, on Anzac Parade, was dedicated by the Governor-General of Australia, the Right Hon Sir Ninian Stephen. The memorial commemorates the Australian and Allied servicemen who died during the siege of Tobruk in 1941.
17 April 1917	Second battle of Gaza	A second attack on the Turkish coastal stronghold at Gaza. Reinforced and prepared for an attack, the Turks repulsed General Sir Archibald Murray's assault, inflicting over 6,000 casualties on the attackers.
19 April 1968	Dedication of the Desert Mounted Corps memorial	The memorial, on Anzac Parade, was dedicated by Prime Minister John Gorton. The memorial is based on the original unveiled at Port Said, Egypt, by former Prime Minister William Morris Hughes in 1932. It was destroyed during the Suez Crisis of 1956.
21 April 1917	Foundation of the Imperial War Graves Commission	The Imperial War Graves Commission was later renamed the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. It is responsible for erecting and maintaining war memorials and cemeteries.
22 April 1941	Evacuation of Greece begins	The evacuation marked the end of the ill-conceived Greek campaign which lasted only three weeks.
24-25 April 1918	Second battle of Villers-Bretonneux, Western Front	When the Germans captured the town that had been the centre of fighting just three weeks previously, Australian and British troops drove them out in a daring night attack at a cost of 1,469 casualties.
25 April 1915	Landings at Gallipoli	British, French, Australian and New Zealand troops were involved in a series of coordinated landings. Although the Gallipoli campaign was a military failure, the anniversary of the landing has become a national day of commemoration in Australia.
25 April 1916	First commemoration of Anzac Day	The first anniversary of the Gallipoli landings was widely observed in Australia. Large crowds attended church services and public ceremonies. The day was also commemorated by Australian and New Zealand servicemen in Egypt and London.
29 April 1965	Prime Minister Menzies announces the commitment of an infantry battalion to Vietnam	Australia's involvement in Vietnam was a gradual process. By April 1965 there were 100 members of the Australian Army Training Team Vietnam in Vietnam. The commitment of a battalion represented a major step in Australia's involvement and precipitated further increases in the number of Australians serving in Vietnam until reductions began in 1970.

Associated Groups

	<p>AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION (RAAFA) REDLANDS BRANCH Meetings held 2nd Sunday every second month at 10.30am in the Gallipoli Room. Social get-togethers held Wednesdays at 3pm in the Anzac Lounge. Contact: President Rob Wilson 0419 688 014</p>
	<p>NAVAL ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA (BAYSIDE SUB SECTION) Meetings are held on the 1st Saturday of the month at 12 noon. Contact: Graham Hargreaves 0431 349 688</p>
	<p>NATIONAL SERVICEMEN REDLANDS BRANCH Meetings are held on the 1st Sunday of the month at 10.30am in the Gallipoli Room. Contact: Eric Shaw, President on 0407 158 886</p>
	<p>T&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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LAST POST

NAME	DECEASED DATE	SERVICE
Arthur Peck	28th February 2025	ARMY
Arthur Turner	10th March 2025	RAN
Ian Jewell	15th March 2025	ARMY

Lest We Forget

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