

REDLANDS SUB BRANCH

# BUGLE

JUNE 2025 EDITION

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



**VOLUNTEER OF THE  
YEAR 2025**

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



# Congratulations!

## JOHN BUTLER

### REDLANDS RSL SUB BRANCH VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR 2025!

We are thrilled to recognise John Butler as our Volunteer of the Year for 2025!

John's passion for photography and unwavering dedication have beautifully captured the heart and history of our community. From documenting special events to creating the unforgettable 100-year anniversary slideshow, John has helped preserve memories that will be cherished for generations.

His keen eye, countless volunteer hours, and commitment to storytelling through images have brought our shared moments to life in the most meaningful way.

Thank you, John, for everything you do. This recognition is a reflection of the lasting impact you've made—and continue to make—on our serving and ex-serving community.



# President's Report

I hope this finds everyone in good health. So much has happened since the last Bugle in April.

In the lead up to Anzac Day, our many Volunteers willingly gave their time to sell memorabilia and to attend the many services at schools and aged care facilities. A special mention to Michael MacDonnell, who worked tirelessly on all the finer details for Anzac Day, and liaising with National Events in the planning of our Anzac Day Services.

This good planning was evident on the day when the Dawn Service and the Main March and Service went off without a hitch, despite the poor weather. Even the RAAF flypast was spot on time, albeit from a different direction than planned due to the low cloud cover. Unfortunately, we have no control over the weather and after enduring the rain at the Dawn Service it just happened to start again at the beginning of the March. Nevertheless, there was a good turnout from members and the community, who braved these elements to participate in our commemorations. Congratulations to all who participated.

With Anzac Day over for another year, we turned our attention to the Sub Branch Centenary Luncheon on Sunday 18th May. Those who attended must have enjoyed the day judging by all the positive feedback received, particularly about the presentation by our Guest Speaker, Mr Col Sutcliffe OAM. So many commented that they learnt so much history from his presentation, not only about the sub branch, but the region. My personal thanks to the Function and Catering Staff of the Club for the presentation, magnificent food and attention to detail, and to all the volunteers involved with the planning of the event.

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 20th APRIL 2025

**MEETING OPENED:** 10.35am by President Rob Wilson

### ODE RECITED

**REMEMBERING:** • Arthur Peck – 28th February 2025 – Army  
Arthur Turner – 10th March 2025 – Navy  
Ian Jewell – 15th March 2025 - Army

**ATTENDANCE:** A total of 61 as per the attendance book (48 League, 13 Visitors)

**APOLOGIES:** As per the apologies list in the attendance book (6 apologies)

*Moved: M. McDonnell*

*Seconded: R. Kahn*

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

**NEW MEMBERS:** Andreas Dunker - Army

**BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:** N/A

### GUEST SPEAKER IAN WATERS OAM INTRODUCTION:

David Field introduced guest speaker Ian Waters OAM, a long-time community contributor and retired risk management professional with over 60 years' experience, much of it in local government including Renton City Council. Ian, born in Brisbane post-WWII, has held leadership roles in Scouts, the church, and various community and professional organisations.

In 2015, he led the creation of a WWII memorial at the former RAAF Leyburn Airfield. He has served as a Justice of the Peace since 1975 and was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in 2014 for his service to youth. Ian is also a founding member of the Genealogical Society of Queensland.

David noted Ian's humility and enduring gratitude for the support of his late wife, Marilyn. Ian was welcomed to present on ANZAC Day.

### GUEST SPEAKER IAN WATERS OAM:

Ian Waters delivered a moving and personal ANZAC Day address, honouring the legacy of Australian servicemen and women. He

shared reflections on individuals who shaped his understanding of sacrifice and service, recounting stories of relatives and associates who served in World Wars I and II, including those who fought at Gallipoli, Pozières, Singapore, and Tobruk, as well as in the Kokoda Campaign and the Battle of Milne Bay.

Ian emphasised the enduring impact of these conflicts on both soldiers and families, drawing on personal anecdotes to illustrate the emotional toll of war. He highlighted Australia's proud military history and the values embodied by the ANZAC spirit courage, mateship, and resilience.

He concluded by urging the continued remembrance of those who served and sacrificed for freedom, closing with the words, "Lest we forget."

**PRESIDENT'S REMARKS:**

Members were reminded that next Friday marks the 100th ANZAC Day commemoration by the Redlands RSL Sub Branch. Although the Sub Branch was formally established following a meeting on 11 May 1925, ANZAC Day was first observed locally in 1925 by a group of World War I ex-servicemen at the 'Soldiers' Memorial', a broken column symbolising lives cut short. This tradition has continued annually since.

While today's meeting did not fall on the usual fourth Sunday, it proceeded due to the significance of upcoming events. Members were wished a Happy Easter.

The primary focus of the meeting was to finalise arrangements for the 100th ANZAC Day ceremony, acknowledging the extensive efforts of League Secretary Michael McDonnell and all volunteers contributing to the planning and preparations.

**PREVIOUS MINUTES:** As presented in the Bugle – Pages 8 – 13 | League Gathering Meeting Sunday 16th February 2025

*Moved: B. Coleman* *Seconded: I. Cuthbertson*

That the Minutes of the previous meeting be accepted. ....

..... Motion 2: Carried

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Nil

**PREVIOUS MINUTES:** As presented in the Bugle – Pages 13 – 15 | League Gathering Meeting Sunday 16th March 2025

*Moved: P. Barnes* *Seconded: R. Heath*

That the Minutes of the previous meeting be accepted. ....  
..... Motion 3: Carried

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Nil

**PRESIDENTS REPORT:** As presented in the Bugle on Page 5

*Moved: R. Wilson* *Seconded: R. Kahn*

That the Presidents Report be accepted ..... Motion 4: Carried

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

**The Norm Price Plaque** - The plaque honouring Military Cross recipient Norm Price at Redlands Showgrounds had become unreadable. After confirming Redland City Council as the landowner, a request was submitted to address the plaque’s condition. The Council has confirmed that restoration work is in progress. An update on the repairs will be provided at the next meeting.

*Moved: M. McDonnell* *Seconded: R. Kahn*

That the correspondence outwards be accepted .. Motion 5: Carried

**WELLBEING REPORT:** As presented in the Bugle on Page 16  
Congratulations were extended to Terry Perrin, Michael McDonnell, and Lenore Olsen on their recent 80th birthdays. Terry and Michael were in attendance, while Lenore is currently travelling in London; best wishes were conveyed for her trip.

It was also noted that Woolworths has partnered with the RSL to sell ANZAC biscuits, with a portion of proceeds to be donated to the RSL. Members are encouraged to support the initiative.

*Moved: L. Harcourt* *Seconded: B. Coleman*

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

**DEPUTY PRESIDENTS REPORT, CADETS REPORT & RSL SED REPORT:** As presented in the Bugle on Page 17-21

The 42 for 42 fundraising dinner was a great success, featuring engaging guest interviews.

RSL Queensland approached the Sub Branch to help identify 100-year-old veterans for the State ANZAC Day Parade. Due to health and frailty concerns, no participants could be secured. Mr. Harry Andrews, initially thought to be turning 100 on ANZAC Day, will reach the milestone in September. A private celebration will be held at his nursing home, with a commemorative plaque, shield, RSL cake, and

certificate from RSL Queensland to be presented.

Members were also encouraged to view page 34 of the newsletter, where Nigel Allsopp of the Australian War Animal Memorial Organisation is seeking donations to aid war animals in Ukraine. Donation details are included in the USB newsletter.

*Moved: I. Gray*

*Seconded: R. Shaw*

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

..... Motion 7: Carried

**LEAGUE SECRETARY REPORT:** As presented in the Bugle on Page 23

Overview of the ANZAC Day schedule:

- Many individuals have confirmed roles for wreath-laying and buggy transport. Participants are reminded to know their assigned duties.
- The day begins with the Dawn Service and Gunfire Breakfast at 4:30 am, with detailed timings located inside event vehicles.
- Veterans will assemble in the lower car park for the dawn march to Centenary Park. Wreaths can be collected from the front desk. Cadets will line the crowd and assist with procession.
- Breakfast served from 6:00 am to 8:00 am.
- Main parade participants (drivers/riders) must be at the golf cart staging area by 9:00 a.m., with departure at 9:30 am. The parade begins at 10:30 am, following an F-18 flyover at 10:30 am.
- Parade will proceed along Shore Street, led by cadets, 95 Wing Air Force, and catering corps personnel.
- Post-parade, refreshments for veterans and carers will be available, followed by traditional two-up in the car park.
- A group of NSW students had attempted to participate in the Dawn Service but have since withdrawn to preserve the integrity of the event.
- All participants must be at the assembly area by 10:00 am.

*Moved: M. McDonnell*

*Seconded: B. Coleman*

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

**NATIONAL SERVICEMEN REPORT:** As presented in the Bugle on Page 24

*Moved: E. Shaw*

*Seconded: F. Williams*

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

**NAVAL ASSOCIATION REPORT:** As presented in the Bugle on Page 25

*Moved: I. Cuthbertson* *Seconded: J. Hill*

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

**RAAF ASSOCIATION REPORT:** As presented in the Bugle on Page 26

*Moved: D. Field* *Seconded: D. Palmer*

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

**LIBRARY MUSEUM:** As presented in the Bugle on Page 28

*Moved: A. Bailey* *Seconded: C. Griffioen*

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

**VETERANS & WELLBEING EXCURSION REPORT:** As presented in the Bugle on Page 28-29

An update was provided on the Veterans and Wellbeing excursions, which continue to be highly successful and well-supported.

- The March 20th Brisbane River cruise and dinner at the Hamilton Hotel was a sell-out event, with attendees praising the experience and scenic views.
- The upcoming May 9th Gold Coast trip also sold out rapidly (within 2.5 hours). The itinerary includes morning tea, a light rail ride to Broadbeach, and lunch at Currumbin RSL.
- Planning is underway for a June excursion, with details pending confirmation from Blue Bus.
- A mystery overnight tour is also in development, with full inclusions and competitive pricing.
- An August excursion is being planned, with further information to be announced.

Thanks, were extended to Karleigh, Linda, and Rachel for their exceptional coordination and ongoing support of the program.

*Moved: D. McDonald* *Seconded: J. Hill*

That the Veterans & Wellbeing Excursion Report be accepted . . . . .  
..... Motion 13: Carried

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

- A volunteer is needed for badge selling at Stockland on Thursday, April 24th, from 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM. Members were asked to sign up if available.
- Free First Aid and CPR training is being offered through SED. Interested members are encouraged to add their names to the list.



- A reminder was given about Reserve Forces Day, to be held on Sunday, June 29th, 2025, with the parade at 9:45 am and the recognition ceremony at 10:30 am. Further details are available at the front.

**NEXT VETERANS CUPPA:** Wednesday 14th May 2025 in the ANZAC Lounge at 9am.

**RAFFLES:** Drawn and Won

**NEXT MEETING:** In May we are holding our Centenary Lunch on Sunday 18th May at 12pm, no League Gathering meeting will be held for the month of May.

Next League Gathering will be held on Sunday 15th June at 10.30am

**MEETING CLOSED:** By Rob Wilson at 11.23am

*For a complete copy of the minutes which includes the full address delivered by guest speaker Ian Walters, please contact Rachel Page at Headquarters.*

## 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>

# Wellbeing Report

Good morning all welcome to Queensland winter.

Headquarters is busy with our Advocates seeing clients four days a week.

The Advocates have also attended two training sessions away from their office and one online session. They found the away ones very informative as we all know that you learn more talking with other advocates to see how their offices are set up.

Our Wellbeing Support Officers are meeting monthly, and we welcome our new volunteers. Some interesting topics are being discussed. Last month our President Rob Wilson spoke about the services that our sub branch offers. This month funerals and Poppy Services were discussed. Thanks to Greg and Graham for your input. In the near future we will be holding an induction session for our new volunteers. We are also intending to contact our over 75 members during the coming months to see if they require any assistance from their sub branch.

I would like to pay tribute to Phil Whitlock who passed away on 24th May. Phil was a long time member of our Sub Branch and regularly attended meetings, health permitting. He was also a Welfare Officer for many years and was well respected for going the extra mile for his clients. Our sympathy to Irene and his family. Rest in Peace Phil.

Our Volunteers Thank You was held in May and congratulations to John Butler for being named Volunteer of the year. John has been with the Sub Branch for many years and collated the presentation on 100 year history of Redlands RSL Sub Branch shown at our 100 year luncheon. He is also our photographer for Sub Branch related functions. John has also assisted in various other roles and represents the Sub Branch in the community in any function he attends. He is also available to discuss any Dementia questions you may have and can refer you to the appropriate services.

Thank you to our volunteers who carry out various tasks for our Service members and their families. Your efforts are very much appreciated.

Warm Regards,

*Linda Harcourt*  
**WELLBEING CO-ORDINATOR**

Email: [linda.harcourt@redlandsrsl.com.au](mailto:linda.harcourt@redlandsrsl.com.au)



# Deputy President & Cadets Report

No Bugle report for last month owing to our 100th Anniversary of Redlands RSL Sub Branch. The celebration luncheon was a major success with approximately 185 members and invited guests in attendance. The Gallipoli Room was decorated extremely well, and credit must go to Peter Harrison and his A-team. Comments from ADF Commanders from Queensland who sat at my table indicated that the food and dessert were first-class, and compliments must go to the Chef and staff. All present were very impressed with Col Sutcliffe's (Capalaba Rotary Club) PowerPoint presentation of the 100-year history of our RSL Sub Branch.

Back in April, leading up to Anzac Day, the schools in our region attended local cemetery's to Honour Our Fallen by placing an Australian Flag on every veteran's grave site in the Redlands District. A big shout out to Cleveland High, Faith Lutheran College, Victoria Point High School for their participation and also Redland Council Staff who assisted us at the Cemeteries. At Cleveland Cemetery, Andrew Bailey from our Veteran Centre laid a wreath at the graveside of W02 Kevin Conway KIA Vietnam on behalf of Redlands RSL and all present.



*Andrew Bailey second from on the right*



*Cleveland High School Honouring the Fallen*

During April, my task was to attend Victoria Point High School and St. Rita's primary school at Victoria Point to be part of their Anzac Day Services to recite the Ode and lay a wreath on behalf of our Sub Branch. In addition I had the pleasure to present the RSL trophy to a student who achieved the highest student award for this year.



*Victoria Point State High School*



*St. Rita's Primary School*

Anzac Day was an extremely wet day however, dawn and main service and parade were still well attended. I must say, I was extremely impressed with the three Cadet Units who stood at attention and didn't flinch during the pouring rain as the Veterans marched to the Cenotaph.

Being our centenary year arrangements were made to have Army Navy and Air Force ADF Officers to take the salute for the main parade and in addition, we arranged for three Cadets to carry the hats of the three services to lead.



*Saluting Officers*



*Redlands Cadets heading up the parade*

Aidan Foster, a Cadet Sergeant (CDTSGT) from 136 Army Cadet Unit Redlands, has achieved national recognition for his outstanding initiative and dedication to the Australian Army Cadets (AAC) program.

In 2023, Aidan made history by designing and developing a Bugle Cadet Activity Package (CAP) for the National Cadet Development Continuum (CDC)—a first for any cadet in the country. His idea was presented to the National Training Support Manager, Warrant Officer Class Two Mick Davis, who encouraged him to move forward with the ambitious

project. Showing remarkable commitment, Aidan undertook extensive research and developed the entire package independently.

Focusing on the history, use, and significance of the bugle in Army tradition, Aidan's CAP was of such high quality that it required only minor adjustments before progressing through the formal approval process. He also created detailed fact sheets for each learning outcome, ensuring cadets have easy access to the essential information needed to build their knowledge and skills.

Now set for national implementation, Aidan's work will provide cadets across Australia with new opportunities to engage with Army heritage in a practical and meaningful way. The package will also be available for regional use, ensuring its broad impact throughout the AAC.

South Queensland Brigade Headquarters has praised Aidan's achievement as an exceptional success, and his work has become a source of pride throughout the brigade. His leadership, innovation, and dedication to the program reflect both the core values of the AAC and the strong community spirit of 136 ACU Redlands.

Captain (AAC) Paul Golle, Officer Commanding 136 Army Cadet Unit, said Aidan's achievement is a testament to what cadets can accomplish when given the opportunity to lead and innovate. "Aidan's commitment to developing this package shows incredible initiative and determination. He has set a new standard not only for our unit but for cadets nationally. We are extremely proud of his contribution, which will benefit cadets across Australia for years to come."

CDTSGT Aidan Foster's extraordinary contribution is a shining example of youth leadership at its best and a proud moment for Redlands and the Army Cadet community.

We congratulate him on his great achievement on behalf of us all.



*Brigadier McCommon, Commander of the Australian Army Cadets presenting the award.*



## 136 AUSTRALIAN ARMY CADET UNIT

Since the last Bugle report, the 136ACU Cadets and Staff have been remarkably active, undertaking initiatives that enhance leadership skills and bolster unit cohesion. A reorganisation effort has been implemented within the unit to enable cadets of varying ranks to take on new tasks and programs, fostering growth and development. This effort has largely been driven by Senior Cadets with staff support, which has enabled the Unit to establish a clear vision of what it wants to achieve, how, and when. These initiatives have strengthened camaraderie within the unit's ranks, leading to exciting times ahead!

The spirit of service was prominently displayed as 30 cadets and staff from 136ACU proudly participated in the Cleveland and Redland Bay South ANZAC parades, honouring Australia's veterans with dignity and respect. Prior to the Parade, the Cadets engaged in rehearsals for ceremonial protocol that further whoned their discipline and presentation, adding to their personal and collective achievements.

Notably, within a few days of the Parade, CDTSGT Foster received a Commendation from Brigadier McCammon, Commander of the Australian Army Cadets, for independently devising a new Cadet Activity Package aimed at teaching the Bugle—a fitting tribute to the report's theme.

Additionally, 25 cadets attended Exercise Eagle Rising alongside 16ACU (Redcliffe). This dynamic exercise included the memorial walk at Gallipoli Barracks, a swim test, an over-water obstacle course, an above-ground obstacle course, and applying first aid during a simulated mass-casualty event. The cadets also engaged in challenging command tasks, blending entertainment with skill-building that saw them thoroughly challenged and tired at the end of a full-on two-day activity. This variety of activities ensured that each cadet could refine vital skills, including problem-solving under pressure, teamwork, and resilience.





Looking ahead, the unit eagerly anticipates a Tri-Service Parade with TS Norfolk and 217 AAFC, pending availability. This collaboration reflects their commitment to fostering relationships across different service branches and demonstrating excellence in service and ceremonial precision. As plans evolve, the cadets are more motivated than ever to meet future challenges with confidence and enthusiasm.

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

Cadet reports compiled by

*Ian Gray* LM

DEPUTY PRESIDENT, REDLANDS SUB  
BRANCH, & CADET LIAISON OFFICER



## SED REPORT

The last SED Meeting was held on Thursday 7th June. Before the meeting began, representatives from RSL QLD advised the proposed reintroduction of Governance Training, both on-line and with face-to-face workshops.

The Redlands RSL Sub Branch proposal earlier this year for a 'Veterans Day', to include all other significant conflicts and peacekeeping on Vietnam Veterans Day, had raised considerable discussion at previous meetings. At the last meeting, it was decided to defer a decision until Delegates could discuss with their sub branch and return to vote on at this meeting. Although the concept of recognising these modern conflicts with commemoration was supported, the motion was defeated due to the proposal commemorating it on Vietnam Veterans Day.

It should be noted that other sub branches are planning alternate dates to commemorate these modern conflicts.

*Rob Wilson*

PRESIDENT, REDLANDS SUB BRANCH

# League Secretary Report

100 Years Anniversary ANZAC DAY was not what we were hoping for as the weather had other ideas.

However in true Anzac Spirit the veterans turned out just the same as if it was sunny day. However the crowds were down somewhat, and you cannot blame them as we had a month of wet weather leading into and on Anzac Day.

Dawn Service was very encouraging as the Veterans led by a piper marched in the rain from the club to the cenotaph, as the cadet's standing in the rain formed a guard of honour.

We must recognise the Cadets for their patience and then following the parade to the service. Well done to all the cadets under trying conditions.

Although the numbers were down, a large number of general public made the sacrifice to get out of bed on a rainy day, which made the day worth the effort. They stood in silence with umbrellas raised, jackets to keep warm as the service proceeded.

During Dawn service rain continued to fall however, everyone remained until completion of the service, although cold and wet.

As everyone moved into position and form up for the main march, and the rain continued, nothing was going to stop the march. Prior to the march very few were lining the parade route, unlike previous years. At precisely 10.30 the pilot of the Super Hornet found a way to fly beneath the rain clouds to fly over us as promised. We would like to pass on a big thank you to the pilot and the RAAF.

As the march began the rain became a little heavier, and the crowd along the route increased to support all those that made the march. All those committed to lay a wreath did so with Cadets escorting alongside of the veterans.

On behalf of the RSL Sub Branch we thank you for your support on a very trying day. On a personal note I would like to thank all those that helped to put Anzac Day together on this our 100 years Anniversary.

*Michael McDonnell*

LEAGUE SECRETARY

REDLANDS SUB BRANCH





# 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 ride on the Gold Coast light rail.

Members who could stay after the last two General Meeting on Sunday 13th April and Sunday 8th June, enjoyed lunch and camaraderie in Redlands RSL Sails Restaurant. The Branch held the annual Service Dining-In Night on Tuesday 20th May in Redlands RSL. The Guest Speaker, Monsignor John Butler, provided a compelling presentation of his recent trip to Cambodia and Vietnam. My personal thanks to David Field and the staff in Redlands RSL for the making this night a success.

Members of the Branch attended the ANZAC Day commemorations organised by Redlands RSL Sub Branch and laid wreaths at both the Dawn Service and Main Service. Despite the weather this year making commemorations uncomfortable, the day was still a success. It is worthy to commend the RAAF for the flypast for being spot on time, even though the direction of travel had to change due to the poor weather conditions.

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

*Rob Wilson*

**PRESIDENT, RAAF ASSOC.  
REDLANDS BRANCH**



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

# National Servicemen

## REDLANDS BRANCH

### May Report 2025

Branch meetings continue to be well attended. Some of our members have volunteered to give a short address covering interesting events in their life. This is appreciated and any members who feel they may have a story which they are willing to tell then please come forward.

We still have it in mind to make a short trip around northern New South Wales. Given the state of the weather there at the preset time, this is very much a watch and wait situation. We were looking at a possible August date, however, as time has elapsed, the weather reports have not improved to any significant degree.

Our stock of uniform shirts has diminished; however, we will still have a selection available at our meetings. We are not ordering new shirts as it seems to be a waste of money to be holding a large number in stock. Members wanting to purchase a shirt should first check to see if we have one available in stock. If we have nothing, we can direct you to where you can purchase one from our supplier.

We have been without the services of a Membership Development Officer. This was rectified at our last meeting when we were fortunate to have Noel Newton agree to fill this position. It would be advantageous if we were able to have more volunteers to help Noel in particular.

*Eric Shaw,*

PRESIDENT, NATIONAL SERVICEMEN  
REDLANDS BRANCH



# Naval Association

## BAYSIDE SUB SECTION

The Bayside May and June meetings were held at 1200 the first Saturday of each Month at the Redlands RSL. There were Forty members at each meeting. Members enjoyed lunch and refreshments in the dining and lounge area following the meetings.

### BASH FOR PROSTATE CANCER -

### Grape Vines to Art Deco 23-30 August 2025

Bayside Members John and Marg have again entered their trusty

Prado vehicle in this year's Bash for Prostate Cancer, they fully fund their participation in the rally so all donations go directly to the PCFA for research, support and to raise awareness. Well done John and Marg.

The run departing Robinvale to Mildura, Renmark, Hahndorf, Horsham, Echuca, and finish in Leeton NSW via Deniliquin. Bayside Membership at the June meeting approved a donation of \$500 to John for this cause.

## ANZAC DAY

Despite the weather there was a good turnout from Bayside members for the ANZAC Day Dawn and Main Service. Wreaths were laid by the Bayside President for the RAN (both Dawn Service and Main Service), the Secretary for the NAA Bayside, Ken Anderson for the RN, and Jim Kearns ex RN for the Falklands War (all at the Main Service). Camaraderie followed in the Gallipoli Room following.



Bayside members commented on the outstanding manner the TS Norfolk cadets performed their duties on ANZAC Day. BZ to all the cadets.

Bayside Members showed their appreciation of the ANZAC tribute wall hanging (below) made by Bayside member Ellen for her local ANZAC Day service.



## JACK MEMORIAL SOUTH BANK

**The June** ceremony at Jack will be conducted at 1100, 26 June 2025 to remember all those that served in the Timor-Leste Conflict.

**The July** ceremony at Jack will be conducted at 1100, 31 July for All RAN Members who saw service in Gulf Wars 1 and 2.

As always Fellowship at the Ship Inn on Completion.

Yours Aye,

*Colin Saxby*

NAVAL ASSOCIATION AUSTRALIA, BAYSIDE SUB SECTION INC.

# Women's Auxiliary

Anzac Day and the follow up to it is always a busy time for the Women's Auxiliary. On the Wednesday 20 poppy posies were made for the service at Bolton Clarke. This was followed on Thursday with the ladies making about 600 posies and erecting the Remembrance Field of Crosses in slightly damp conditions. It was also a delight to have Willey Pavey join us in making the posies.



Breakfast was served again this year but because of the wet weather numbers were down. Absent from the line up was Denise Partis and Lynne Martin from War Widows who had already left.



Val Jack and I both laid wreaths at the main service. Val laid hers for the Royal Australian Army Nursing Corps (RAANC).



Thank you, ladies for your time and effort in making Anzac Day another success. On Saturday we were back to taking the crosses out and to pick up some rather soggy wreaths.

In May several of the ladies attended to 100 year centenary luncheon. The RSL decided this year to ask the ladies to carry the flags in and I had the privilege of being asked to carry the flag for the Army. What a thrill that was for all 3 ladies.



Next event will be the Auxiliary luncheon in July.

*Desley Lingard*  
PRESIDENT, WOMEN'S AUXILIARY



## Library Museum

**Opening Hours:** Mondays through to Fridays from 10am to 2pm.

For any enquiries or group bookings, please contact Andrew Bailey on 0417 760 341.

Thank you to the dedicated volunteers who give their time to keep the facility open and running.



# VETERANS & WELLBEING EXCURSIONS

Our most recent outing on 9th May 2025 was another sell-out success, with a fantastic day trip to the Gold Coast. We're incredibly grateful for your continued support—it truly means the world to us.

Although the morning began with a touch of gloom, the weather soon improved as we made our way south. Our first stop was Jabiru Park for morning tea, where we were lucky to enjoy a pleasant break under clear skies. Guests appreciated the opportunity to stretch their legs and enjoy a delightful morning tea together.

We then travelled to Helensvale Light Rail Station, where our bus conveniently pulled up right next to the platform. The light rail service was impressive, running every 7.5 minutes and reaching speeds of up to 91 km/h. After a scenic 40-minute tram ride—onboard a full tram—we arrived at Broadbeach.

Following our tram journey, we reboarded the bus and headed to Currumbin RSL for a delicious three-course lunch. The meal, consisting of a starter, main, and dessert, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

We arrived back in Cleveland around 4:50pm, with happy passengers sharing their positive feedback and saying what a wonderful day they had.

## Upcoming Trip – Friday, 20th June 2025

Our next outing will be to the Brisbane Tramway Museum in Ferny Grove, where guests will enjoy morning tea and a nostalgic ride on a vintage tram. The museum commemorates Brisbane's tramway history, which ended in April 1969, and offers a unique opportunity to experience what travel was like in past decades. This trip is sold out.

After the museum visit, we'll enjoy a relaxing lunch at the Samford Hotel, followed by a scenic drive through the picturesque Samford Valley.

Please note: There will be no trip in July, but we're currently planning an exciting mystery tour for August—details to be announced soon!

We look forward to seeing you on our next adventure!

Warm regards,

*Greg Saunders,*

CONVENOR OF VETERANS &  
WELLBEING EXCURSIONS





# Veterans Cuppa

**KEEPING OUR REDLANDS RSL SUB BRANCH MEMBERS  
SOCIALLY 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 JULY 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.*

**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.*





# Anzac Day

## CLEVELAND

Anzac Day, Friday, April 25, 2025, saw unfavorable weather, but it was heartening to witness the large turnout honoring those who have served and continue to serve our nation. Scan the QR code to the right to view the full gallery of images.









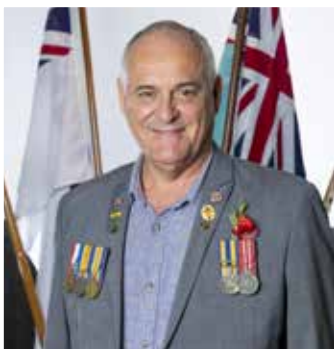
















## ANZAC DAY SERVICES, COMMUNITY LINKS, & PRESENTATION - BY GRAHAM HINSON -

This year I attended and gave a talk at Alexandra Hills State School, Birkdale State School, Coolnwynpin State School, Hillard State School, Wellington Point State School and Wellington Point State High School for their in-School Anzac Services. On Anzac Day I attended and gave a talk at North Redlands Youth Leaders Anzac Day Service. This year makes 16 years that I have attended and gave a talk at Birkdale State School and North Redlands Youth Leaders Anzac Day Service.



Birkdale State School Anzac Day Service 2025



Wellington Point State High School Anzac Day Service 2025



Hilliards State School  
Anzac Day Service 2025



Wellington Point State High School  
Anzac Day Service 2025





North Redlands Youth Leaders Anzac Day Service 2025



On Friday 16th May we presented Birkdale State School with their Community Link Veteran's Memorial Plaques and School Representative Cards. That makes 13 school in our Community Link Program now. 12 schools representing the 35 Veteran's on our Cleveland Cenotaph and Dunwich State School representing the 27 Indigenous Soldiers who died in World War 1.



On Monday, 26 May 2025 Graham Hinson and Aaron Symonds visited Wellington Point State High School to exchange ANZAC slouch hats. Graham donated a slouch hat to the school. Aaron attended Wellington Point SHS and has donated his slouch hat, which you can now see in the school reception.

# Anzac Day

## NORTH STRADBROKE ISLAND

Despite a very wet morning, a large crowd gathered for the Dawn Service, led in prayer by Rev. Kate Littman-Kelly, who also conducted the 11am Service.

Thank you to Teri, Carmel, Kayden, and the Terris staff for putting on a fantastic Shotgun Breakfast.

While the 11am Service began under clear skies, heavy rain soon returned – but true to form, the Straddie community stood strong. A highlight was the spectacular flypast by the Royal Australian Air Force.

Our sincere thanks to the Signals Corps from Gallipoli Barracks for their tireless help setting up in difficult weather, and for proudly marking their 100th year by providing the catafalque parties for both services.

Lieutenant Isobel Tulevski delivered an inspiring address and led her troops with excellence – thank you.

Thank you also to Richard Cipollone for sounding the Last Post and Reveille, and to Lou and Willie for their performance on the bagpipes.

We were honoured to see 100-year-old D-Day veteran Joe Lake march through the rain.

Thanks to the Stradbroke Island Fire Brigade for supporting our troops at dawn, and to Yulu Burri Ba Aboriginal Community Medical Centre, SES, and Sibelco for your help with marquees.

The Straddie Singers and school captains Neave Owen and Luca Hawthorne gave a moving recitation of the poem “Sir”.

Lastly, heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended – rain or shine, your presence made the day truly special.

*John Hague*





Redlands RSL Sub  
Branch marked its  
100th anniversary  
with a special  
luncheon on Sunday,  
May 18 2025.















A heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended, including our Service Members, War Widows, Legacy Ladies, Women's Auxiliary, invited guests, and sponsors. We also extend our gratitude to all those who played a part in organising this meaningful event, as well as to the staff and chefs who did an outstanding job on the day.



# History

## JUNE

DATE	TITLE	EVENT
1 June 1918	RAN aircraft first used in combat	First use of aircraft in combat by ships of the Royal Australian Navy in the Heligoland Bight. Aircraft were launched from HMAS Sydney and Melbourne to intercept two German aircraft.
3 June 1944	Last major air combat by RAAF in the Second World War	South of Biak Island 15 P-40Ns from No. 78 Squadron attacked 15 Japanese aircraft (12 fighters and three dive-bombers) and succeeded in shooting down seven fighters and all of the dive-bombers for the loss of one P-40 and pilot.
6 June 1944	D-Day	Allies land in Normandy, opening up a third front against Germany and beginning an eastward drive across northern Europe that ended with Germany's surrender in May 1945.
8 June 1942	Sydney and Newcastle shelled	A week after they launched the midget submarines that attacked Sydney Harbour, four large Japanese submarines shell Sydney and Newcastle, but to little effect.
10 June 1941	Recruiting begins for Torres Strait Defence Force	Recruitment commenced for the Torres Strait Defence Force to be drawn from the Indigenous population of the Torres Strait Islands.
11 June 1900	Diamond Hill, South Africa	Members of the 1st Australian Horse and the New South Wales Lancers participate in the battle of Diamond Hill, South Africa.
13 June 1945	Australians capture Brunei	The Australian occupation of Brunei was aimed at permitting the establishment of an advanced fleet base to protect Brunei's oil and rubber resources.
16 June 1948	Malayan Emergency declared	The Australian involvement in Malayan Emergency lasted from 1950 to 1960, making it the longest continuing military commitment in our history. 39 Australian servicemen died in this conflict.
17 June 1945	Australians land at Weston, North Borneo	The Australian landings on Borneo were meant to deny the Japanese oil and to establish bases for naval operations. The value of these operations has been subject to continuing debate.
18 June 1943	Australian government announces that Australia is no longer threatened with invasion	By 1943 it was clear that the Japanese no longer had the capacity to threaten Australia with invasion (though it later emerged that no such invasion was ever planned by the Japanese).
20 June 1943	Darwin bombed	Darwin was bombed by Japanese aircraft 64 times during the Second World War.

# Associated Groups

	<b>AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION (RAAFA) REDLANDS BRANCH</b> Meetings held 2nd Sunday every second month at 10.30am in the Gallipoli Room. Social get-togethers held Wednesdays at 3pm in the Anzac Lounge. Contact: President Rob Wilson 0419 688 014
	<b>NAVAL ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA (BAYSIDE SUB SECTION)</b> Meetings are held on the 1st Saturday of the month at 12 noon. Contact: Graham Hargreaves 0431 349 688
	<b>NATIONAL SERVICEMEN REDLANDS BRANCH</b> Meetings are held on the 1st Sunday of the month at 10.30am in the Gallipoli Room. Contact: Eric Shaw, President on 0407 158 886
	<b>T&amp;PI ASSOCIATION MORETON BAY SOUTH</b> Meetings held on the last Wednesday of the month in the Veterans Community Centre. Contact: Jeff Graham - 0438 584 376 Greg Hambridge - 0422 300 242
	<b>REDLANDS RSL SUB BRANCH WOMEN'S AUXILIARY</b> Meetings held the 1st Monday of the month at 10am in the Meeting Room. Contact: Desley Lingard 0409 060 267
	<b>REDLANDS SUB BRANCH AUSTRALIAN WAR WIDOWS (QUEENSLAND)</b> Meetings are held the last Friday of the month in the Maritime Room of the club commencing at 10.30am. Contact: Lynne Martin, President on 0416 224 453
	<b>REDLANDS LEGACY CARE GROUP</b> Meets on the 1st Friday of each month in the RSL Club Maritime Room commencing at 10.30am. Contact: Shree Rogers, President on 0416 062 115
	<b>YOUNG VETERANS REDLANDS</b> Contact: Geoff Hooper on 0419 649 925. E: chev1950@bigpond.com   Facebook: Young Veterans Redlands

## DISCLAIMER -

The Bugle is intended for members and friends to be informed of the club activities and to be entertained with articles that may, or may not, be relevant to the Clubs activities. The material is contributed from far and wide and therefore may not necessarily be the views of the Redlands RSL.

The Redlands RSL can take no responsibility, under any circumstances, for any material contained, in any part, of this publication.

# It doesn't have to cost the earth to mean the world.

Our caring team can help you  
plan a simple, affordable and  
respectful funeral.

**07 3391 8644**

218 Logan Rd, Woolloongabba

[simplicityfunerals.com.au](http://simplicityfunerals.com.au)



# LAST POST

NAME	DECEASED DATE	SERVICE
Donald Thompson	Unknown	ARMY
Albert Talbot	8th May 2025	ARMY
Henry Andrews	15th May 2025	RAN
Brian Mills		ARMY
Phillip Whitlock	24th May 2025	ARMY

*Lest We Forget*

## REDLANDS SUB BRANCH

1-11 Passage Street, Cleveland. Q 4163

PO Box 1228, Cleveland. Q 4163

Phone HQ: (07) 3488 1158

Email: [league@redlandsrsl.com.au](mailto:league@redlandsrsl.com.au)

or [subbranch@redlandsrsl.com.au](mailto:subbranch@redlandsrsl.com.au)

Website: [www.redlandsrsl.com/sub-branch](http://www.redlandsrsl.com/sub-branch)



**"HONOURING THE FALLEN  
BY SERVING THE LIVING"**