

REDLANDS SUB BRANCH

BUGLE

JULY 2025 EDITION

"Honouring The Fallen By Serving The Living!"

VIETNAM VETERANS DAY

- 18TH AUGUST -



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





You're Invited

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

President's Luncheon

WHEN: Sunday, 24th August 2025
11.30am for 12 noon start

LOCATION: Gallipoli Room, Redlands RSL

DRESS: Lounge Suit or female equivalent (no medals)

TICKETS: \$35 per person

Pre-bookings with payment are essential at
Redlands RSL reception, or phone 34881199.



Menu

2 COURSE MENU

MAINS:

(served alternate drop)

Classic Filet Mignon
(cooked medium) served with Paris mash,
broccolini, and mushroom sauce (GF)

Fresh Grilled Barramundi
served with buttered chat potatoes,
blistered tomatoes, and wilted spinach (GF)

DESSERTS:

(served alternate drop)

Fresh Seasonal Fruit Tart
served with sorbet (GF)

Sticky Date Pudding served with
vanilla bean ice cream (GF)



RSL
Redlands Sub Branch



President's Report

I hope this finds everyone in good health.

The 2025 RSL State Congress was held on the Saturday following our last League Gathering Meeting with 149 Delegates from all over Queensland in attendance. During the AGM, the Election of Office Bearers, for the positions of Vice President and one Skills Based Director, was a non-event when the Incumbents were the only nominations. However, the debate and voting for five Motions from Sub Branches was surprising and a different story entirely. Full details can be obtained in the State Congress Report (see page 18).

Reserve Forces Day in Brisbane on Sunday 29th June was revitalised this year with a street march followed by a commemorative service in King George Square. This event was an opportunity to acknowledge the contribution made by ADF Reservists. While there was support from retired reservists and cadets, there appeared to be a shortage of current serving reservists in attendance.

Our next Redlands RSL commemorative event on the calendar will be on Vietnam Veterans Day on the 18th August, and planning is well underway. I encourage all service members, family and friends to participate in this event, however minor. Any person wanting to lay a wreath on the day is advised to register your intent.

The 80th Anniversary of Victory in the Pacific (VP Day) falls on Friday 15th August. As this coincides with our upcoming Veterans and Wellbeing Mystery Tour, we will instead commemorate the occasion alongside Vietnam Veterans Day on Monday 18th August with a special lunch offer in Sails Restaurant for Service Members and Club Honorary Members. For full details, please see page 17.

The meeting next month (August) will be replaced by the President's Lunch. Details have been circulated and bookings for this event have opened with reception. Book early to avoid disappointment. I hope to see as many of you as possible. Invitation and menu can be found on pages 2 and 3.

Take care.

Rob Wilson

**PRESIDENT,
REDLANDS SUB BRANCH**



General Manager's Report

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

Bottle-Shop Half Yearly sales were \$ 111,439.91 which is + 17.84% on 2024.

Bar sales Half Yearly sales were \$ 1,667,173.41 which is + 15.33% on 2024.

Sails Restaurant Half Yearly sales were \$ 1,900,026.32 which is + 3.02% on 2024.

Function Half Yearly sales were \$ 158,826.78 which is – 7.75% on 2024.

Cove Cafe Half Yearly sales were \$ 512,522.11 which is + 18.65% on 2024.

Keno Half Yearly sales were \$ 1,117,111.80 which is + 1.29% on 2024.

Net Profit/Loss unaudited Half Yearly is \$ 744, 400.95 which is + 148% on 2024.

Comparison Gaming Figures 2025 V 2024 First 6 Month Figures

Turnover:	+ 6.42%
Revenue:	+ 9.81%
Cancel Credits:	- 34.95%
Cash Clearance:	+ 7.05%
Banking:	+ 8.38%
ADT:	+ 7.02%
ADN:	- 18.31%
RTP:	0.19%

Another pleasing result for gaming at the Redlands RSL, with growth in all the right areas of gaming. I am certain that once the GV reopens in September or October, we may take a hit for a while as everyone goes for a look, but we will be in a really good financial position by then to cope with this. I should have a much better idea by our next Quarterly Meeting regarding the GV opening, if it has not already happened by then.

Take care.

Peter Harrison
GENERAL MANAGER, REDLANDS RSL



Previous Minutes

Returned & Services League of Australia (Queensland Branch)

Redlands RSL Sub-Branch

QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

SUNDAY 19th JANUARY 2025

MEETING OPENED: 10.35am by President Rob Wilson

ODE RECITED

REMEMBERING: •

ATTENDANCE: A total of 51 as per the attendance book (35 League, 12 Visitors)

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

Moved: M. McDonnell

Seconded: R. Kahn

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

NEW MEMBERS: Beau King - Army

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES: Lorraine Peren, Brian Taylor, Marty Rabjohns

PRESIDENTS OPENING REMARKS:

Welcome back after the Christmas break, short as it was. Great to see you all here today and a Happy New Year everyone.

What a year this is going to be, our Centenary Year. It is somewhat coincidental that this year, RSL QLD Magazine is also celebrating its centenary and they were very keen to hear our story for inclusion in their magazine.

I have included a brief history of how our sub branch began back in 1925 in my Presidents Report in Bugle. If you read it, you will appreciate how we have grown from those meagre beginnings back then, to what we have today. A vibrant, successful sub branch and club, the envy of many.

We should be proud of our successes; and celebrate how far we have come at one of the events, both social and commemorative, planned for this year. I hope to see many of you at those events.

This year, apart from our Centenary Celebrations, there will be no major changes, only subtle changes. From an old Techos perspective, apart from some fine tuning, you should never change anything that's working.

After the meeting today, we will have camaraderie here in the Gallipoli Room. I hope you can stay and begin our Centenary celebrations with some bevvies and eats.

PREVIOUS MINUTES: As presented in the Bugle - Page 4-8 | Quarterly General Meeting Sunday 20th October 2024

Moved: M. Rabjohns *Seconded: I. Cuthbertson*

That the Minutes of the previous meeting be accepted.

. Motion 2: Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES: Nil

PRESIDENTS REPORT: As presented in the Bugle on Page 3
Remembrance Day is coming up and we would like to see as many people as possible at the service.

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

That the Presidents Report be accepted Motion 3: Carried

GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT: As presented by Roslyn Francis – Financial Controller

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

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

TREASURERS REPORT: As presented in the Bugle on Page 8
The auditors are currently reviewing the figures, which are subject to audit. As of December 31, 2024, the RSL achieved a net profit of \$8,047.26, exceeding the budgeted profit of \$43,151.58. We extend our heartfelt thanks to our dedicated band volunteers without them we would struggle. I have confirmed with the Financial Controller that all statutory payments, including employee entitlements, are up to date, with no outstanding obligations. The report showcases strong financial performance, including a reduction in the business loan over the past year.

Moved: G. Saunders *Seconded: C. Ryan*

That the Treasurers Report be accepted. Motion 5: Carried

WELLBEING REPORT: As presented in the Bugle on Page 11

Moved: L. Harcourt *Seconded: I. Cuthbertson*

That the Wellbeing Report be accepted. Motion 6: Carried

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

Moved: M. Rabjohns *Seconded: J. Butler*

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

GENERAL BUSINESS: No General Business

NEXT QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING will be held on Sunday 27th
July 2025 at 10.30am

MEETING CLOSED by Rob Wilson at 10.44am

LEAGUE GATHERING MEETING MINUTES
SUNDAY 19th JANUARY 2025

MEETING OPENED by Rob Wilson at 10.45am

CORRESPONDENCE: Presented by Michael McDonnell – League
Secretary
Inwards:

- The STS Youth Endeavour has launched over 20 new voyage
dates to circumnavigate Australia, visiting ports such as
Brisbane, Gladstone, Cairns, Thursday Island, Darwin,
Broome, Exmouth, Fremantle, Albury, Geelong, and Sydney.

Each 11-day voyage offers 24 young Australians (aged 16–
23) the chance to learn square-rig sailing skills, including
navigation, watchkeeping, flag handling, steering, and
climbing the 30-meter mast. Participants work and live
aboard the ship, collaborating with peers from across
the country to overcome challenges and build teamwork.

Applications are now open and close on January 30. This is a
fantastic opportunity for youth to gain valuable life skills in just
11 days.

Moved: M. McDonnell

Seconded: M. Rabjohns

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

LEAGUE SECRETARY REPORT: As presented in the Bugle on Page 15
For those participating in ANZAC Day who wish to lay wreaths—
whether at the dawn or main service—or ride in golf carts, we will
start taking names at our next meeting. Please start thinking about
it now, as time will pass quickly. It’s important to plan ahead since I
need to book the golf carts in advance. I can arrange for either 10 or
16 carts, but space is limited, and last year we had to turn away late
requests. Let me know as soon as possible to secure your spot.

Moved: M. McDonnell

Seconded: I. Cuthbertson

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

NATIONAL SERVICEMEN REPORT: As presented in the Bugle on Page 16

Moved: B. Reedman

Seconded: J. Butler

That the National Servicemen Report be accepted..Motion 10: Carried

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

Moved: R. Wilson

Seconded: D. Palmer

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

NAVAL ASSOCIATION REPORT: As presented in the Bugle on Page 18-19

Moved: I. Cuthbertson

Seconded: T. Adams

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

VETERANS & WELLBEING EXCURSION: As presented in the Bugle on Page 19

In March, we will begin our veterans and wellbeing excursions, which have been highly successful. Last year, our bus trips had an impressive 93.59% occupancy rate, thanks to your support. This year, we're planning an overnight trip and will finalise details as soon as we meet with Blue Bus. We aim to share plans at the next veteran's cuppa to help you prepare.

Additionally, I want to highlight the Redlands RSL's community spirit. For the sixth consecutive year, they provided gifts to children at Redlands Hospital, thanks to donations from staff, club members, and the community. This initiative has received positive feedback and showcases the RSL's dedication to making a difference locally.

Moved: G. Saunders

Seconded: P. Barnes

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

GENERAL BUSINESS: No General Business

- Heath Fulton advised the members that he will be vacating his position on the Board at the next AGM.

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

RAFFLES: Drawn and Won

NEXT LEAGUE GATHERING will be held on Sunday 16th February 2025 at 10.30am

MEETING CLOSED by Rob Wilson at 10.55am

Wellbeing Report

Good morning all, hope you are all healthy and haven't suffered any of the nasty bugs that are going around.

It is with regret that I wish to inform you that Natalie and Rachael have resigned from Headquarters. Natalie is leaving the Redlands to semi retire further north and Rachael has taken up a new challenge in her career. We wish them both well in the future.

We would like to welcome Elissa who is taking on the job of Reception and Tatiana who will be doing League Administration. Welcome to Headquarters to you both.



Our Advocates are looking forward to their training for the new DVA compensation legislation that will come into effect on 1st July 2026. Hopefully this legislation will make the process of obtaining your DVA entitlements easier and quicker. Meanwhile they are extremely busy for the four days they are at Headquarters.

At our July wellbeing support meeting we again discussed how we can best communicate with our members who are over 75. Face to face contact will be difficult as we have nearly 700 services members in this age group.

Suggestions were to have a sub branch page on Facebook, having information in the local newspaper, email, create brochures to be displayed in RSL Reception, Donald Simpson Centre, Doctor's surgeries, Home Assist, etc. It will be a fairly slow process but we will eventually contact them all to enquire how the RSL Sub Branch can assist them if needed.

A number of our volunteers will be travelling to SED to complete a First Aid course in the near future.

The Sub Branch would like to give a big shout out to Naval Association of Australia Bayside Sub Section. Myself and Alan attended their Ladies

Dining-In Night on Saturday 19th July. As the Wellbeing Officer I was called on to accept a cheque to the value of \$1,000.00 to assist veterans and their families in the Redlands. Thank you for the donation and your ongoing support and for a great night out.

Thank you to our volunteers for the assistance they provide to our Service members and their families. I am sure that it very much appreciated by all our clients

Warm Regards,

Linda Harcourt

WELLBEING CO-ORDINATOR

Email: linda.harcourt@redlandsrsl.com.au



Deputy President & Cadets Report

Now that the school holidays are over and the Cadets have returned from annual camps the three Cadet Units are preparing for Vietnam Veterans Day on the 18th August.

136 Army Cadet Unit will be carrying out Catafalque Party duties on the day and the Navy and Air Force Units will provide Flag party and honour guard duties. Cleveland High School indicated they will attend and requested a wreath to lay.

In addition, on the 3rd of August 136 ACU Army Cadet Unit will be holding the annual Tri Service Parade at their training depot in the grounds of Alexandra Hills High School at 1400 hrs and all welcome to attend.

TS Norfolk has a new OC Lieutenant Mathew Firth, as Lieutenant Adam Regnart is moving on. I must say Adam will be missed as he has done great things for the Navy Cadet unit. He will be missed by one and all including us at Redlands RSL and we wish Adam all the very best for his future endeavours.

This month Bernie Coleman and myself visited one of our Veterans, Dennis Wellbelove, a WW2 Veteran who has turned 104 this year. Dennis resides at AVEO retirement village at Redland Bay. Following a request from RSL SED I asked Dennis if he would be willing and

able to attend VP 80 celebration of the anniversary of the Victory in the Pacific, marking the end of WW2 to be held at the Officers Mess at Oxlade drive, New Farm. Dennis has indicated that he would certainly like to attend.

On Saturday 19th July we attended the Naval Association of Australia Bayside Sub Section annual ladies dining in night held in the Gallipoli room at Redlands RSL. During the course of the evening we enjoyed entertainment, a trivia competition with prizes and a raffle. A two-course meal was served and I must add our Executive Chef Grant Randell served us a main meal and desert which was excellent. In addition, we enjoyed a guest speaker from Far East Strategic Reserve.

Towards the end of the event Ian Cuthbertson, the Secretary of the Naval Association Redlands called upon the President of the Association Graham Hargreaves to present a cheque to Linda Harcourt our Welfare Co-ordinator. The cheque was for \$1,000 for the Redlands RSL Food Bank. This donation was well received and will go a long way to support our Veterans in need.



136 AUSTRALIAN ARMY CADET UNIT

136 ACU recently had two members participate in the prestigious Chief of Army Competition, held in Canungra, which featured 13 teams from across the country, including a team from New Zealand. CDTLCPL Buckingham was part of the South Queensland team, who achieved an impressive fourth place overall, while CDTLCPL Smith competed as part of the Barbarians team, who also performed well. Additionally, our final recruit intake for the year was held on Sunday 20 July, welcoming nine new recruits.

These recruits were provided with their uniforms and webbing and participated in lessons focused on uniform preparation and essential skills to support their future cadet development. This successful intake

was facilitated by CDTLCPL Bernt, CDT Moffett, and RCT Latimer. Preparations are ongoing for the upcoming Tri-Service Parade on 3 August.



— Report provided by LT (AAC) Craig Buckingham, OC 136ACU
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Unit Duty Number | 0479 136 106



TS NORFOLK AUSTRALIAN NAVY CADET UNIT

Since TS Norfolk's last RSL Bugle submission, LEUT Adam Regnant has stepped away from the Commanding Officer (CO) position at TS Norfolk and from the ANC, an application process was undertaken to fill the now vacant CO roll. After application submissions and other ANC paperwork the new selected CO was appointed, myself, LEUT Matthew Firth. Most of you will know me as previous CO of 217SQN (AAFC).

On the 19th July TS Norfolk attended the Matthew Flinders Ceremony at Coochiemudlo Island, celebration of the 19th July 1799 landing at the island. Matthew Flinders is famous for being the first person to circumnavigate Australia. Picture included is from this day at Coochiemudlo Island.



TS Norfolk is currently preparing for the Redlands Annual Tri-Service parade, being hosted by 136ACU this year at Alexandra Hills SHS on the 03rd August. TS Norfolk will be joined by TS Diamantina for the parade. Strengthening our sister unit's involvement in the community.

Earlier in the year TS Norfolk, with our great connection with the AAFC, had the opportunity to go flying out at RAAF Base Amberley. This was an experience not many Navy cadets thought they would get. See photo taken while I was in the back seat.. Taxiing down towards the runway while Hercules and C17 aircraft were taking off.



The remainder of the year for TS Norfolk is looking very busy with many activities planned, Maritime (water) activities at Welling ton Point and planning a navigational activity on Coochiemudlo Island. This will be a wonderful experience to do a live navigation activity and have a scavenger hunt via navigation.

Future reports will be written by cadets of TS Norfolk.

— *Report provided by LEUT Matthew Firth ANC*

Commanding Officer, TS NORFOLK

Australian Navy Cadets

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Cadet reports compiled by

Van Gray LM

DEPUTY PRESIDENT, REDLANDS SUB
BRANCH, & CADET LIAISON OFFICER



League Secretary Report

Good morning all. After Anzac Day we have moved into the quieter period of the year. This gives us time to take stock and plan the year ahead of us. Vietnam Veterans Day on Monday 18th August at 10.00am, is fast approaching and this year being our 100th Year Anniversary, it would be very fitting if we are able to have a good turnout, to support all our veterans, who may be doing a little tough as the years march on.

As always, the Sub Branch is here for all our veterans, for support, mateship, enjoy the camaraderie, excursions, and not forgetting the veteran's cuppa each month.

Michael McDonnell

LEAGUE SECRETARY,
REDLANDS SUB BRANCH



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.





VIETNAM VETERANS DAY

On 18 August, we commemorate Vietnam Veterans' Day, marking the anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan in 1966. We remember the bravery and sacrifices of those who gave their lives and express our gratitude to the nearly 60,000 Australians who served during the Vietnam War. Tragically, 523 lost their lives, and 3,000 were wounded during the decade of our involvement.

COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE

When: Monday, 18th August 2025

Time: 9.45am assembly, for a 10am start.

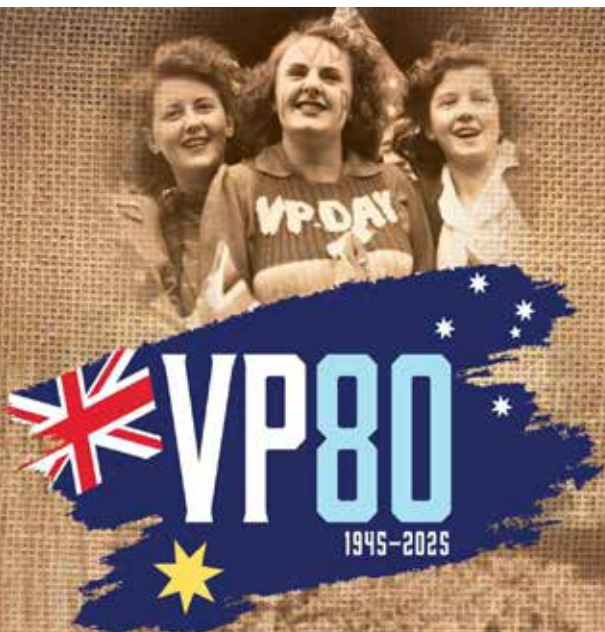
Where: Anzac Memorial Park

(located next to Redlands RSL HQ, Passage St, Cleveland)

After the service, camaraderie will be held at Redlands RSL.

A special lunch offer is also available, please see adjacent page.





VP DAY

'VICTORY IN THE PACIFIC'

- 80 YEAR ANNIVERSARY -

VP Day holds special significance for the generation who endured the Second World War, particularly our veterans and for those whose loved ones never returned. It signifies the end of a time in our recent history when Australia was vulnerable to Japanese invasion; when freedom as we know it was very seriously threatened.

To commemorate Vietnam Veterans Day and the 80th Anniversary of VP Day, we are offering the following lunch special at Sails Restaurant:

2-COURSE PRONTO LUNCH
ONLY \$15.00
ON MONDAY, 18 AUGUST 2025

Table reservations highly recommended - phone 3488 1199.

This special deal is only available for RSL Service Members, Club Honorary members, and one accompanying guest. Member must present their Redlands RSL Service membership card, or a membership card from RSL Qld, to receive special.

2025 STATE CONGRESS REPORT

The 2025 RSL State Congress was held once again at the RNA Showground on Saturday 22nd June with 149 Delegates in attendance. Significant business from the Annual General Meeting included:

ELECTIONS

There were no contested positions, the Vice President, Arran Hassell CSC and Skills-based Director, Christopher Hamilton were returned unopposed.

MOTIONS

Results of voting after debate, for and against, were as follows:

1. The official day of commemoration for all veterans who served in the Middle East Area of Operations (MEAO) be held on 14 September, Australian Peacekeepers Day. **NOT CARRIED**
2. Lobby the Federal Government to extend the GST concessions currently provided to veterans on the Special Rate Pension to those veterans on the Extreme Disablement Adjustment Rate Pension. **CARRIED**
3. Lobby the Queensland State Government to introduce limited exemptions from land transfer duty (commonly known as stamp duty) on properties purchased by veterans holding a Gold or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) card to achieve indexed annually. **CARRIED**
4. RSL Queensland review the communication channels in use to Sub Branches, with a view to optimising such communication in terms of content, timing, communication channel to be used, and addressees. **CARRIED**
5. That RSL Queensland actively supports the advocacy for the award of the Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal (HOSM) for OP SHADDOCK, OP PLES DRAI and OP AUSINDO JAYA and reports back at the 2026 State Congress. **CARRIED**

Some surprising results, but none of the results were unanimous, far from it.

Rob Wilson

PRESIDENT, REDLANDS SUB BRANCH

SED REPORT

The last SED Meeting was held on Thursday 3rd July 2025.

The meeting was preceded by an address by invited guest speaker, Tara Hazismalis, DVA Deputy Commissioner QLD. The address included the following subjects:

- The Royal Commission
- Task Force on a Wellbeing Agency and Establishment of a Peak Body
- Recent Changes to Claims' Lodgement with the Department
- MyService Improvements
- Prime Minister's Veteran Employment Awards Nominations
- Korean Veterans Day

Not surprising, the subject matter sparked a lot of interest among the Delegates and generated many questions. So much so, that the address and questions consumed more than half of the total meeting time. For those interested, a full transcript of the Address and Questions, all nine pages, can be obtained on our website:

<https://redlandsrsl.com/sub-branch/news/>

The meeting followed with an address by SED President Kerry Gallagher AM, who emphasised that this Council forum is to exchange information, get to know each other, understand what other Sub Branches are doing and for SED to get to know what you expect of District. He further emphasised that it is not a forum to resolve grievances which sadly occurred during the Modern Veterans' Forum (MVF) report in his absence from the previous meeting. There is a tribunal that has been established for years to resolve differences that can't be resolved quietly and professionally at District level.

The usual routine business consumed the remainder of the meeting.

Rob Wilson

PRESIDENT, REDLANDS SUB BRANCH

Naval Association

BAYSIDE SUB SECTION

The Bayside July meeting was held at the Redlands RSL Tobruk Room, at 1200 5 July 2025. There were 32 members in attendance. Several members adjourned to the dining and lounge area following the meetings for the Christmas in July Lunch.

WELFARE:

Our Bayside Welfare representative Michael informed the meeting on the changes to My Age Care to be implemented on 1st November 2025. He has since developed and distributed to members an informative dot point guide to highlight the new changes and offered his help to members needing assistance.

BADGES:

The President presented Naval Association of Australia Membership badges to several members at the meeting, Congratulations to all.

CADETS

Bayside retiring and new cadet liaison officer and the Secretary have been invited to the TS Norfolk dining in night Thursday 24 July, at the Redlands RSL.

DONATIONS TO CHARITIES/ORGANISATIONS BY NAA

The Secretary informed the meeting that NAA Bayside made a total of \$9000 in donations in 2024 and so far in 2025 donations total \$2000.

LADIES DINING IN NIGHT

The annual Bayside Naval Association Ladies Dining in night was held in the Gallipoli Room, Redlands RSL on the 19 July with 70 attendees. Dignitaries including from the RSL, HMAS Moreton and Bayside members and guests enjoying an evening a bit less formal than our RAN Dining in nights.

Proceedings included a presentation from guest speaker Rudi Bianchi the Far East Strategic Reserve(FESR) Association President on the RANs involvement in the FESR 1955-1971, a very enjoyable meal, which received many compliments and a BZ (well done) to RSL Staff, the mandatory Raffles, a Trivia quiz, entertainment by Elvis, and dancing.

President Graham called upon Linda Harcourt and presented Linda with a Cheque for \$1000 for the RSL Food Bank from Bayside NAA.

See photo on adjacent page of cheque presentation...



DATE CLAIMERS

Veterans Cuppa – Redlands RSL – 13 August 2025

Redlands RSL Veterans Day – 18 August 2025

JACK MEMORIAL SOUTH BANK

The next Ceremony at Jack is for Seafarers 28 August 2025

As always Fellowship at the Ship Inn on Completion.

Yours Aye,

Colin Saxby

NAVAL ASSOCIATION AUSTRALIA,
BAYSIDE SUB SECTION INC.



Women's Auxiliary

The Redlands RSL Women's Auxiliary luncheon was held on 7 July 2025. I would like to thank the ladies from my auxiliary who helped make the day the success it was.



Desley Lingard
PRESIDENT, WOMEN'S AUXILIARY



RAAF Association

REDLANDS BRANCH

Redlands Branch of the RAAF Association continued with 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 visit to the Tramways Museum at Ferny Grove.

Members of the Branch ventured on another 'overseas' trip on Sunday 13th July to Macleay Island in perfect weather. The Club Macleay courtesy bus transported us from the ferry for lunch at the Bowls Club with waterside views and returned us to the ferry afterwards. It was a great way to spend a Sunday, thoroughly enjoyed all those who were fortunate enough to attend.

The next social event will be the annual Christmas in July dinner to be held at Lakehouse Restaurant Victoria Point on Tuesday 22nd July.

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.

VETERANS & WELLBEING EXCURSIONS

Our last outing was to the Tramway Museum at Ferny Grove, where all the Veterans, partners and friends were given the opportunity of riding on the original Brisbane trains. There was also a talk given to all by two of the Museum Volunteers that was most informative.

A lovely morning tea was served at the Tramway Museum. Then it was onto Samford Hotel for lunch. The hotel service and staff were very special. A great day was had by all.

Our next excursion will be a Mystery Trip that will be on August 15th 2025 with an 8.30am departure. The rest is a mystery. Eight choices for lunch. Tickets are \$60 per person, ensure you purchase your ticket early as they will sell quickly, tickets available at Redlands RSL Reception or by phone at 3488 1199. This trip represents outstanding value so get in early. Don't be disappointed.

Till next time, take care.

Greg Saunders,

CONVENOR OF VETERANS &
WELLBEING EXCURSIONS



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>



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 13TH AUGUST 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.*



History

JULY

DATE	TITLE	EVENT
1 July 1916	First day of the battle of the Somme	This was the worst single day in the history of British arms, with 60,000 men being killed or wounded. The battle of the Somme then continued for four months and resulted in more than 1,200,000 casualties on both sides.
1 July 1942	Sinking of the Montevideo Maru	The loss of the Montevideo Maru remains Australia's worst maritime disaster. It was carrying more than 1050 Australian prisoners, captured on New Britain and New Ireland, when it was sunk by the American submarine USS Sturgeon. None of the prisoners survived.
10 July 1911	Formation of the RAN	In its original form, the Royal Australian Navy consisted of the battlecruiser Australia and several cruisers, destroyers and submarines. When the new fleet arrived in Australia on 4 October 1913 the day was declared a public holiday and was described in the press as the greatest day in Australia's history.
15 July 1940	Volunteer Defence Force formed	The Volunteer Defence Force (VDC), composed mainly of First World War veterans, was formed for home defence by the Returned and Services League (RSL).
19 July 1916	Battle of Fromelles	A total of 5,533 Australians were killed or wounded in this battle, most on the night of 19–20 July. Fromelles was the first battle for the Australians on the Western Front.
26 July 1940	Formation of the Royal Australian Air Force Nursing Service (RAAFNS)	The RAAFNS was established in response to the need for a greater number of nursing personnel as the RAAF underwent a rapid expansion early in the war. Membership of the RAAFNS expanded from 45 in December 1940 to 616 in December 1945. The service was disbanded at the end of the war, but in 1948 a peace-time service was formed.
27 July 1942	Formation of the Australian Women's Land Army	With many male agricultural workers leaving their farms to enlist Australia required rural labour to produce food and other raw materials for the war effort. Women's organisations responded by setting up "land armies" in each state and many of these women were later absorbed into the Australian Women's Land Army. It was open to all women who were British subjects or "friendly aliens" between the ages of 18 and 50 not already engaged in rural work.

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Associated Groups

	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
	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
	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
	T&PI ASSOCIATION MORETON BAY SOUTH Meetings held on the last Wednesday of the month in the Veterans Community Centre. Contact: Jeff Graham - 0438 584 376 Greg Hambridge - 0422 300 242
	REDLANDS RSL SUB BRANCH WOMEN'S AUXILIARY Meetings held the 1st Monday of the month at 10am in the Meeting Room. Contact: Desley Lingard 0409 060 267
	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
	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
	YOUNG VETERANS REDLANDS Contact: Geoff Hooper on 0419 649 925. E: chev1950@bigpond.com Facebook: Young Veterans Redlands

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