

REDLANDS SUB BRANCH

BUGLE

SEPTEMBER 2025 EDITION

"Honouring The Fallen By Serving The Living!"



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



THANK YOU, IAN

Dear Ian,

On behalf of the Redlands RSL Sub-Branch, the Board and all our members — thank you!

Your announcement that you're stepping down as Deputy President for health reasons was received with great sadness — and with a tremendous sense of gratitude for everything you've given our community. For more than 23 years you've served as a Service Member here at Redlands RSL, and for 19 years you've been a steadfast member of our Executive Committee. You were nominated and voted in as Vice President in 2007 (a role you held for five years) and were appointed Deputy President in 2012 — a position you have filled with distinction ever since.

Those dates and titles tell part of the story; the rest is the quiet, constant work behind them. You've been instrumental in projects that have lasting value to our Sub-Branch and the wider Redlands community — from leading the development and ongoing care of our Library & Museum, to representing us as a Delegate to South East District and State RSL meetings. Your leadership on those initiatives has helped ensure our history is preserved and our voice is heard.

You've also been a mentor and leader to younger generations. As Cadet Liaison Officer you've worked with schools and cadet groups, helped with the Honour the Fallen projects, and compiled reports for our monthly Bugle so our membership stays connected and informed. Those efforts — often unseen by the wider public — are what knit our organisation to the community and to our veterans' legacy.

Your service has been recognised many times and rightly so. Colleagues and the RSL community have acknowledged your dedication with awards and life membership honours — a reflection of how deeply your contribution is valued. But beyond medals and certificates, your calm wisdom, ready willingness to step in, and tireless support for volunteers have been the true gift to this place.

Ian, we will miss your presence at the Executive table. Please accept our heartfelt thanks for decades of loyal service, compassion and leadership. Take the time you need now to focus on your health — and we look forward to still seeing you around the Club and at our social events — enjoying the camaraderie you've helped to nurture here at Redlands RSL.

With deepest thanks and best wishes for your recovery.



President's Report

I hope this finds everyone in good health.

Since the last Bugle in July, there have been several significant events, both commemorative and social.

Vietnam Veterans Day on the 18th August was held in perfect weather, which was a welcome change after our experience on Anzac Day. A big thank you to Michael McDonnell for all the research, planning and hard work he carried out in the lead up and on the day; and to all those who attended to make this important commemorative event successful. The usual camaraderie followed in the club and a special lunch to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the end of World War 2 was enjoyed by many.

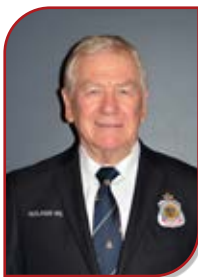
Our next commemorative event will be Remembrance Day. It might seem a long way off but it will come around very quick. Once again, volunteers will be required to sell memorabilia in the days leading up to the 11th November. Volunteers will also be required to assist with services at many of the schools and nursing homes in the Redlands.

The Presidents Luncheon on the 24th August was another outstanding day. The amount of positive comments I have received, both on the day and since, have been very welcome and reinforces how much our members enjoy these events. Reflecting on the success of this event the following need to be acknowledged, our sponsors who provided some of the food and wine, the professionalism of our catering staff for their food preparation, and the waiting staff in attendance on the day. Thank you!

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 15th JUNE 2025

MEETING OPENED: by Rob Wilson at 10.30am

ODE RECITED

REMEMBERING: • Donald Thomson -Army

Albert Talbot – Army

Henry Andrews – Navy

Brian Mills – Army

Philip Whitlock - Army

ATTENDANCE: A total of 59 as per the attendance book (44 League, 15 Visitors)

APOLOGIES: As per the apologies list in the attendance book

Moved: G. Hargreaves

Seconded: B. Coleman

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

NEW MEMBERS: Daniel Pullan – Navy

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES: B. Coleman (80th Birthday and Bernie and Laraine's 52nd Wedding Anniversary), Helen Barnes (70th Birthday)

PRESIDENTS OPENING REMARKS:

Similar to the April league Gathering, the meeting today had to be moved forward from the fourth Sunday of the month to the third Sunday. This time, it is to consider and vote on five motions that have been submitted by RSL Sub Branches to State RSL for the AGM at the State Congress next Saturday. Most of you should have received notice of those motions by email with the Agenda for this meeting.

I will be representing Redlands RSL Sub Branch at the RSL QLD State Congress and I need guidance from you, the members, as to how you would like me to vote at that meeting.

These motions will be raised in General Business later in this meeting.

PREVIOUS MINUTES: As presented in the Bugle - Page 4-9, League Gathering Meeting Sunday 20th April 2025

Moved: P. Barnes

Seconded: P. Field

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

President Rob Wilson thanked the volunteers who worked in the lead up to ANZAC day and without any of those volunteers, and their input, the programs for the Redlands RSL sub-branch would be completed.

Volunteer of the year award was awarded to John Butler, President Rob Wilson congratulated and thanked him for the thousands of photographs that he put together for the presentation at the Centenary Luncheon.

Moved: R. Wilson *Seconded: C. McKay*

That the Presidents Report be accepted Motion 3: Carried

CORRESPONDENCE: Presented by Michael McDonnell – League Secretary

Inwards:

- An email from SED regarding a luncheon on the 13th June 2025, for Women Beyond Defence at the Currumbin RSL 12:00pm and the cost will be \$95.
- List of upcoming grants applications.
- RSL Queensland 2025 AGM notice for nominations.
- Monthly email from 'Every Man's Welfare Service'
- State Congress Saturday 21st June 2025.
- Received emails for any RSL selling Art Union tickets in the shopping centres.
- RSL REC Connect BBQ Workshop. Meet, move, connect for a more connected life. 21st June 2025, at Coolumb – Peregrine Beach Sub Branch.
- Government Open House Saturday 7th June 2025.
- Royal Military Tattoo Tickets are available from Wednesday 21st May 2025 and are available at RSL Queensland or NRMNA.
- Nomination of Guest commemorating the 80th Anniversary of the end of WWII which will be held in the city.
- Letter from Alliance Psychology stating they are open to new clients in the Redlands area for all veterans.

Outwards – N/A

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

That the Correspondence Inwards be accepted . . . Motion 4: Carried

WELLBEING REPORT: As presented in the Bugle on Page 10

Moved: L. Harcourt *Seconded: J. Butler*

That the Wellbeing Report be accepted. Motion 5: Carried

DEPUTY PRESIDENTS & CADETS REPORT: As presented in the Bugle on Page 11-15

Ian Gray states that ANZAC day went really well, with some Airforce, Army and Navy commanders commenting on how well the cadets performed, standing in the rain and at attention, never moving as the Veterans marched pass. The commanders stated to Ian Gray that the regulars cannot do it as good as the cadets.

On behalf of President Rob Wilson, Ian Gray gives out a massive thanks to all members for their support at the special meeting, stating that it was a unanimous outcome and thanks members again for their support.

Ian Gray apologises for the Navy and Airforce Cadet reports not being included in the Bugle, as there was limited room. He declares that he will advise the commanders accordingly and will have their reports in next month.

Moved: I. Gray *Seconded: R. Kahn*

That the Deputy Presidents & Cadets Report be accepted
. Motion 6: Carried

SED REPORT: As presented in the Bugle on Page 15

Motion to SED to have a combine commemoration day for more recent conflicts along with Vietnam Veterans Day naming it 'Veterans Day' has been defeated after three meetings of discussion surrounding the proposal. President Rob Wilson states that the concept was well received but the date was not. He declares that there needs to be a commemoration for the most recent conflicts Australia has been involved in. He discusses that Maroochydore Sub Branch had an approved motion proposing a similar concept of a combined commemoration day on Australian Peacekeepers Day in September. This topic will be discussed in future meetings, with suggestions to pick a date specific for the Redlands RSL Sub Branch.

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

That the SED Report be accepted Motion 7: Carried

LEAGUE SECRETARY REPORT: As presented in the Bugle on Page 16

Moved: M. McDonnell *Seconded: B. Reedman*

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

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

Moved: R. Wilson

Seconded: A. Symonds

That the RAAF Association Report be accepted . . . Motion 9: Carried

NATIONAL SERVICEMEN REPORT: As presented in the Bugle on Page 18

Moved: E. Shaw

Seconded: F. Williams

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

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

Ian Cuthbertson reported an achievement attained by a Navy Clearance Diver, who crossed the English Channel in 11 hours and 49 minutes to raise money for PTSD and other important causes. He states that has had him in the Naval Association before and has donated to his cause, stating that the Navy Clearance Diver has committed to come back and talk post what happened yesterday.

Moved: I. Cuthbertson

Seconded: G. Hargreaves

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

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY: As presented in the Bugle on Page 20-21

Moved: D. Lingard

Seconded: P. Barnes

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

VETERANS & WELLBEING EXCURSIONS: As presented in the Bugle on Page 22

Greg Saunders announces that the next trip will be on Friday 20th June, and to arrive by 8.00am for an 8.30 to 8.45am departure. The excursion will be taking 52 passengers, on the biggest bus. Greg Saunders thanks members for their support on these tours, mentioning a special gratitude from himself, Linda, Karleigh and Rachel, who has put a lot of effort into the planning.

Greg Saunders states that there will be a morning tea at the Tramway Museum, where he was a member for a quite a few years. Following the morning tea, they will visit Samford Valley, to have a beautiful lunch at the Samford Valley Hotel. Greg Saunders wishes that everyone has a lovely time.

Greg Saunders announces that there will be no trip in July, but August will include a Mystery Tour, with more details to be released at a later time.

Greg Saunders emphasises that he looks forward to seeing everyone on Friday for the Tramway Museum excursion with wishes that weather will be great and that everyone has a good time. He closes by thanking everyone.

Moved: G. Saunders

Seconded: G. Hargreaves

That the Veteran’s and Wellbeing Excursions Report be accepted . . .

..... Motion 13: Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS:

MOTIONS FOR STATE CONGRESS

Maroochydore RSL Sub Branch Motion 1:

“That the Returned & Services League of Australia (Queensland Branch) (RSL Queensland) formally recognises (and requests that its District and Sub Branches formally recognise) 14 September, Australian Peacekeepers Day, as the official day of commemoration for all veterans who served in the Middle East Area of Operations (MEAO), ensuring that all conflicts and operational service within the region, including Iraq and Afghanistan, are equally recognised.”

Maroochydore RSL Sub Branch Motion 1 accepted:

..... Motion 14: Carried

Maroochydore RSL Sub Branch Motion 2:

“That RSL Queensland make a submission to the National Veterans’ Affairs Committee requesting that it 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, and that this extension take place as a matter of urgency.”

Maroochydore RSL Sub Branch Motion 2 accepted:

..... Motion 15: Carried

Maroochydore RSL Sub Branch Motion 3:

“That RSL Queensland makes a submission to the Queensland Veterans’ Council requesting that it 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:

- 100% exemption from transfer duty for purchases of property up to \$750,000 in value; and
- 85% exemption from transfer duty for purchases of property in excess of \$750,000 in value.”

Maroochydore RSL Sub Branch Motion 3 accepted:

.....Motion 16: Defeated

Tweed Heads and Coolangatta RSL Sub Branch Motion 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.”

Tweed Heads and Coolangatta RSL Sub Branch Motion 4 accepted: .

..... Motion 17: Carried

Walkerston-Pleystowe RSL Sub Branch Motion 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, if not beforehand.”

Walkerston-Pleystowe RSL Sub Branch Motion 5 accepted:

.....Motion 18: Defeated

TREASURER POSITION VACANT ON THE BOARD

President Rob Wilson mentions that there is a vacancy for the Treasurer of the Board for a Service Member. Paul Field has applied for this position with highly regarded credentials. This application has been raised.

RAISING DVA COMPENSATION

A suggestion was put forward to a motion for RSL Queensland to lobby for the DVA’s compensation to the doctors to be raised as it is less than the Medicare rebate and there are less doctors that will take in Veterans. President Rob Wilson highlights the importance of this issue and states that it has been raised at ESORT and if this issue is not addressed further discussion will be made for potential motion.

POPPY SERVICES

President Rob Wilson mentions that there was a recent Poppy Service, whose family showed great appreciation. He suggests to anyone who may want a Poppy Service to let their families know so that when the time comes it can be arranged.

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

RAFFLES: Drawn and Won

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

MEETING CLOSED by Rob Wilson at 11.33am

Treasurer's Report

It is my pleasure to present my first monthly Treasurers Report. In doing so, I will officially place on record my personal background.

With extensive financial experience since 1964, culminating with tertiary training from Deakin University as a financial planner, I know I am well qualified to fulfil the position of Treasurer of Redlands RSL Sub Branch. I was called up for National Service in 1967. After rookie training in Kapooka & infantry corps training at Singleton, I spent 18 months with 6th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment in Townsville. My Nasho period ended with a short tour of Vietnam in 1969.

Congratulations to Peter Harrison and all employees of the Redlands RSL for the extremely professional manner in which it continues to operate on a day to day / week to week / and yearly to yearly basis. August 2025 marked a special bench mark in Redland RSL's history as it achieved the first ever \$15 million month. The membership of the Redlands RSL has for many years been very supportive by maintaining their patronage of the services and facilities provided for them.

Membership has shown consistent growth in 2025, averaging around 828 new members per month. If this trend continues, we could finish the year with the strongest ever end of year figure. We have one of the highest levels of RSL League membership in the state with 1226 members.

With the major renovations at the nearby Grand View Hotel being undertaken since half way through 2024 our trading figures "may have been marginally skewwhiff". Obviously, we will be in a position to really judge to situation once the hotel reopens. Scheduled for 14th November 2025.

The Presidents Luncheon on 24th August was a highly successful function. A total of 106 attended, although sadly on the day, 9 were unable to make it. The final net cost for the function was \$ 3,058.64, made possible by clever negotiations with our suppliers who donated so much towards the success of the day.

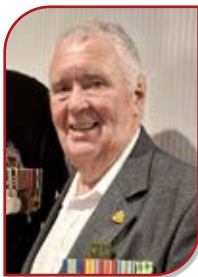
We received an overwhelming 31 applications totalling \$ 103,006.73 for The Redlands RSL Community Grants. The hotchpotch of the applicants, showcases the outstanding projects and initiatives making a positive impact on our community. After a thorough review the Board approved 13 applications with a total of \$38,737.79. The presentation night for the successful applicants is scheduled to be

held on Monday 22nd September 2026. The unsuccessful applicants have all been advised, with an invitation to consider reapplying in the future.

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

Keep striving for success!

Paul Field
TREASURER, REDLANDS SUB BRANCH



Wellbeing Report

Good morning everyone and welcome to the September 2025 meeting.

Our advocates have returned from their trip overseas so their office should be up and running again. If you cannot contact an advocate immediately please be patient as we all know what it is like trying to catch up after annual leave.

The Sub Branch has posted on Facebook regarding our Wellbeing Services advising that being a veteran or family member of one can bring its own set of unique challenges including managing health and wellbeing, assessing practical support or staying connected to community. If you or your loved one need assistance navigating services, understanding your DVA entitlements or simply feel like a chat our team is ready to support you in any way we can. Reach out to us today by calling 34881105 and we will be pleased to help in any way we can. It has become necessary to go to social media as many of our members do not answer phone calls anymore for fear of being scammed.

Our Wellbeing support officers meet on the first Wednesday in the month. This keeps us all connected to share information anonymously regarding clients we have assisted during the past month. Most months we also have a guest speaker.

Our Veterans Cuppa is still attracting nearly sixty guests on the second Wednesday of each month with new faces appearing all the time.

Golden Oldies meets every second Tuesday in the Gallipoli Room

downstairs in the RSL. They have guest speakers and musical entertainment each meeting together with a cuppa on arrival and tea/coffee and sandwiches for morning tea. The RSL bus is available for transport so long as you are in the designated pick up area

Joint Venture Indoor Bowls play every Wednesday downstairs in the Redlands RSL. I am sure they would welcome new members and assist if you have never played before. The RSL bus is also available for transport.

Thank you to our team for all the good work you do to assist our Veterans and their families. We have 1,127 service members so it is a big task to care for their individual needs.

Thank you to the family and friends of the late Anthony (Tony) Farrugia for the donation of Poppies to our Sub Branch following his funeral and Poppy Service on 19th September. This donation is much appreciated by the Sub Branch.

Warm Regards,

Linda Harcourt

WELLBEING CO-ORDINATOR

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Deputy President & Cadets Report

It is with heavy heart that I hereby tender my resignation as Deputy President and Director of the Redlands RSL Inc, effective immediately owing to my current health issue. It has been an honour and a privilege to serve as a member of this Sub Branch for the past 23 years, and as a Board Member for 18 years.

To assist with continuity, I have tabled my five portfolios along with USB's containing relevant presentations previously, ready for delegation by President Rob Wilson.

On Saturday, the 3rd August President Rob Wilson David Field, Michael McDonnell, Gregory Saunders, League members and myself attended the Tri-Service Cadet Passing Out Parade, hosted this year by 136 Army Cadet Unit at Alexandra Hills. The event included displays and

demonstrations, with Military vehicles for Cadets to explore. Many parents and friends of Cadets were in attendance.



Before and after the Tri Service Parade Cadets and members of the public viewed with interest the Military tasks demonstrations as well as Bushmaster vehicles on display provided by Enoggera Army Base.

Lt. Craig Buckingham asked that I convey his sincere thanks to the management team of Redlands RSL for providing the PA system, 50 chairs, and cups and saucers for the event as it was very much appreciated for the support that Redlands RSL provides.

I was unable to attend Vietnam Veterans' Day Service held on 18th August and by all accounts it was a great success due to the efforts of Michael McDonnell and his team who co-ordinated the event as usual. 136 Army Cadet Unit provided the Catafalque party for this event.



Pictured: 136 Army Cadet Unit providing the Catafalque Party for Vietnam Veterans Day

Thanks to our President Rob Wilson and Bluey who were able to step in at the last minute to transport Mr. Dennis Wellbelove, our 104-year-old veteran, to attend the VP80 Veterans' Commemoration at New Farm on Saturday, 23rd August, commencing at 1400 hrs as I was unable to do so as I was in Hospital at the time.

Previously I provided State and SED with a statement of Dennis's distinguished military service during the Second World War so that he may be formally introduced at the event.



136 AUSTRALIAN ARMY CADET UNIT

On August 3rd, the 136 Army Cadet Unit participated in the annual Tri Service Parade in conjunction with TS Norfolk and 217 AAFC. The event was attended by approximately 100 cadets and 200 spectators, including dignitaries, invited guests, parents and guardians. Despite limited rehearsal time, the cadets demonstrated outstanding performance, ensuring the event ran efficiently. The parade featured distinguished addresses from Mr Ian Gray of Cleveland RSL, MP Henry Pike, and Colonel Tsamis, Commander of South Queensland Army Cadets. The 25th/49th Royal Queensland Regiment (RQR) supported the occasion by providing personnel and resources, offering cadets from all services the opportunity to engage with military equipment, such as the Bushmaster armoured vehicle. This parade establishes a basis for future public engagements, with Redlands cadet units seeking to further enhance community involvement.



Top left: Ian Gray presented with a framed 136 ACU Unit shirt with names of units section leaders by Colonel Arthur Tsamis Commander of the South Queensland Brigade for the AAC.

Top right: Tri Service Cadets on Parade.

Left: National Servicemen Pipes and drums play for the parade.

Prior to the Tri Service Parade, the unit conducted Exercise Team Build, a two-day bivouac at the 136ACU HQ location. This activity enabled cadets to participate in a variety of engaging and challenging events over the weekend. Despite inclement weather conditions—including significant rain and thunderstorms—cadet morale remained high and activities proceeded successfully.

In addition to routine parade night training, 136 ACU is preparing for the upcoming annual field exercise (AFX), scheduled for the first week

of school holidays. This year, 25 cadets will take part in a three-tiered programme designed to match their respective experience levels. The exercise is expected to provide valuable experience, particularly for new attendees, and offers senior cadets opportunities in specialised areas such as reconnaissance, advanced navigation, engineering, drone operation, public affairs, command, and RATEL procedures.

Recently, the unit contributed to Legacy's annual campaign, delivering support and AAC coverage at Capalaba Park Shopping Centre and Bunnings. Through these efforts, 136 ACU assisted in raising nearly \$4,000 for this worthy cause.

Furthermore, 136 ACU has enrolled in the Duke of Edinburgh Award programme, now reinstated nationally for cadets of all experience levels. Participation rates within the unit have been commendable, and the programme is anticipated to significantly support cadets' personal and professional development, equipping them with skills and credentials highly regarded in civilian contexts.



*Team building exercise held at
136 ACU training area.*



*Army, Navy, and Air Force Cadets forming up for the advance and
review order during the Tri Service Parade.*

— 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 August 2025 TS Norfolk has been under the command of LEUT Matthew Firth (ex 217SQN Commanding Officer), since this time TS Norfolk has been extremely busy with rolling out the CYDC cadet curriculum and many great weekend activities, these being a joint Bivouac with the AAFC, the annual Tri-Service parade and Legacy week at Birkdale Fair where we assisted the team and raised \$2,800 towards Legacy and to assist the Legatees in the Redlands.

As well as these great recent activities 4 x TS Norfolk cadets attend the Petty Officer and Chief courses and have since achieved promotion, TS Norfolk now has 2 x Chief Petty Officers and 3 x Petty Officers. Leaving our great unit in capable hands, these 5 cadets will run the unit under the direction and guidance of LEUT Matthew Firth and his wonderful team.

In the coming months of Term, TS Norfolk will be returning to the waters of Moreton Bay with our planned Maritime Days. Cadets will experience power boating, sailing and kayaking in a safe environment during these days. We will also be planning and final year parade, in-leu of our previous annual inspections which are no longer conducted.

We will also be attending the 217SQN banner unveiling parade in the coming months. This has been a long time coming for the squadron and it is a massive thing for the Redlands Community to get involved around.

In closing, I would like to thank the Redland RSL for their assistance over the years with all 3 services and in particular our annual dinner held in July this year.

Future reports will be written by senior cadets from TS Norfolk to assist in their report writing skills.

Parades are conducted every Thursday night during the school term from 1730 hours to 2030 hours. For further enquiries, please contact TSNorfolk@navycadets.gov.au

— *Report provided by LEUT Matthew Firth ANC*

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Top left: Cadets cutting the TS Norfolk Petty Officers Promotion Cake and on the 3rd August four Cadets TS Norfolk Colour

Top right: Party who attended the Tri Service Parade hosted this year by 136 Army Cadet Until Depot at Alexandra Hills.



217 SQUADRON, AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

The past three months has been a busy term for 217 Squadron.

In August Cadets from 217 Squadron Air Force Cadets, 136 Army Cadets and TS Norfolk Navy cadets participated in the annual Tri-Service Ceremonial parade. This year it was the Army's turn to put on the parade. The parade gives the cadets a good chance to show their parents and the wider community what they have been taught during the year.

During the term, a team from our Training Group attended PCYC Cadet Games involving ADF, Emergency Services, and Community cadet organisations. The team, some 8 cadets and 2 staff actively participated in teamwork, leadership, various cadet skills and camaraderie, for the title of Ultimate Cadet Crew in 2025. All though our team did not win the title all cadets did the Squadron proud.

217 Squadron cadets attended Cleveland Shopping Village and participated with helping in the community event to assist Legacy Legatee's sell badges and pins as part of their annual fundraising event.

217 Squadron cadets as part of TG05 cadets attended the second Field Skills Activity (Survival) Bivouac at Purga Defence training area of 2025. Exercise Trailblazer; the Field Skills Activity (Bivouac) saw all phase cadets to demonstrate Field Skills taught during CLC Field Skills Missions and Experientials according to their various phases. Cadets also participated in radio telephone procedure, field signals, camouflage and concealment and team-building leadership, teamwork, and problem-solving ability in a field environment

through various scenarios such as search and rescue, navigation.

Later, this month 217 Squadron staff and cadets will support the Capalaba Rotary Bookfest to help raise money for Rotary's literacy projects.

2025 continues to present exciting opportunities for 217 Squadron cadets, with more one more bivouac, firearm training, aviation activities, and leadership and personal development opportunities for cadets.

217 Squadron Australian Air Force Cadets meet every Monday night at 6pm to 9pm during School Term at Capalaba State College, School Road Capalaba. We are now recruiting for 2026 and will be conducting an information night at the Squadron on Monday, 27TH October and the 24th of November 2025 at the Squadron.

More information on the new curriculum can be found on the Australian Air Force Cadets 'Our Future' page at:
<https://www.airforcecadets.gov.au/>.

— Report provided by 217 (City of Redland) Squadron.



Cadet reports compiled by

Van Gray LM

DEPUTY PRESIDENT, REDLANDS SUB
BRANCH, & CADET LIAISON OFFICER



SED REPORT

Two SED Meetings have occurred since the last Bugle, Thursday 7th August and Thursday 4th September.

The meeting on the 7th August was preceded by a presentation from Bill Kernoczy, Head of League Support Services, RSL Qld on the reintroduction of the Sub Branch Grant Program. This program was very welcome by those in attendance, particularly the smaller Sub Branches. Routine SED business occupied the remainder of this meeting.

The meeting on the 4th September was preceded by two presentations, Dr Christian Rowan MP, representing the Premier and Minister for Veterans' and Jacqui D'Castro from Kookaburra Kids Foundation.

Dr Christian Rowan, Assistant Minister to the Premier on Matters of State and New Citizens and Leader of the House, advised the meeting on State Government Initiatives and State Support for Veterans. He reinforced the importance the government places on Veterans by having the Premier adopt the Minister for Veterans' portfolio.

Jacqui D'Castro presented information about 'Mental Health Resilience Programs for Kids' being provided by the Kookaburra Kids Foundation, a program that has demonstrated success with children of Defence personnel.

Tickets provided by State RSL for SED sub branch members to attend the Royal Military Tattoo next year were drawn at this meeting. Redlands RSL Sub Branch has drawn two tickets to this event. Routine SED business occupied the remainder of this meeting.

Reprt provided by

Rob Wilson

League Secretary Report

Vietnam Veterans Day was held on Monday 18th August. We had a very good attendance given that the day fell on a Monday which normally makes it a bit hard for some to attend. As always very well supported by our members of the National Servicemen's Association, thank you.

Ormiston Collage has supported us again with a student Liam Milton, to play the last post and rouse for us on Vietnam veterans' day, what a courageous job he did.

Upon the conclusion of the ceremony, of which we had about 80 plus in attendance, we enjoyed camaraderie in the club, and then we took advantage of a special luncheon menu to celebrate the 80 th Anniversary of Victory in Pacific.

I am so great full for the support that we get on these commemorative days. With Remembrance Day just a month or two away, looking forward to another great turn out.

Michael McDonnell

LEAGUE SECRETARY,
REDLANDS SUB BRANCH



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>

RAAF Association

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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, a Mystery trip that included a visit to an Olive and Lime farm near Pine Mountain.

In other social news, Members of the Branch enjoyed the annual Christmas in July Dinner at the Lakehouse Restaurant, Victoria Point on Tuesday 22nd July. This was followed by lunch in Redlands RSL Sails Restaurant after the last General Meeting on Sunday 10th August, then the Redlands RSL Presidents Luncheon on Sunday 24th August. The Branch BBQ at GJ Walter park on Sunday 14th September was cancelled and plan B, lunch in the RSL was implemented.

Members of the Branch attended the annual Redlands RSL Sub Branch Vietnam Veterans Commemorative Service and laid wreaths. This was followed by the usual camaraderie in the RSL and lunch in the Sails Restaurant to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the end of WW 2.

The next meeting of RAAFA Redlands Branch will be a General Meeting on Sunday 12th October 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.

Naval Association

BAYSIDE SUB SECTION

The Bayside August, September, and October meetings were held at the Redlands RSL Tobruk Room convening on the first Saturday of each month. Members then retiring to the dining and lounge areas for meals and refreshments.

ENGLISH CHANNEL SWIM

During the August meeting Bayside members had the privilege of hearing from ex RAN Diver Chief Petty Officer Ash Semmens with an engaging account of his successful crossing of the English Channel Swim on the 13 June. Bayside were donors to Ash's fund raising.

Ash's goal was to raise money for the Navy Clearance Divers Trust and become the first person to complete the crossing using a technique known as finning, swimming on his back with a dolphin kick. It took months of planning and 12 hours to complete. Ash can now lay claim to something no other man in the world has done capping off an extraordinary recovery from personal challenges and world-first recognition for the method used. BZ Ash



WELFARE:

At the August meeting Bayside Welfare Officer Michael provided information on booklets and brochures available from DVA on My Age Care, home care, hospital care, nursing home as well as a folder of handy information from the Queensland Office of the Public Guardian. The Redlands RSL Headquarters also has information folder from RSL Queensland available

POSTRATE CANCER RESEARCH BASH

Bayside member John Boland gave an overview at the September meeting of his and Margs recent Prostate Cancer Research Bash, they travelled over 5000km's. Bayside supported John and Marg in

this event with a donation of \$500. The combined fundraising for the event was over \$102,000.00 – BZ John & Marg.

VETERANS DAY

The Bayside President, Secretary and several members attended the ceremonies at the Redlands RSL on the 18 August to the celebrate the 80th anniversary of Victory in the Pacific (15th August) which held in conjunction with Vietnam Veterans Day celebrations on the 18th .

ANNUAL LADIES LUNCH

The annual Bayside Naval Association Annual Ladies Luncheon will be held on the 4th of October 2025, attendees please inform our secretary as a table in Sails restaurant has been booked.

VETERANS CUPPA

Redlands RSL – Second Wednesday of the month.

JACK MEMORIAL SOUTH BANK

The next ceremony at Jack will be held on Thursday 25th September 2025 starting at 1100. The theme for the next ceremony is RAN Ships in Vietnam.

As always Fellowship at the Ship Inn on Completion.

Yours Aye,

Colin Saxby

NAVAL ASSOCIATION AUSTRALIA,
BAYSIDE SUB SECTION INC.



Women's Auxiliary



At the September meeting of the Women's Auxiliary, we had a morning tea to farewell Elaine Jones who retired from the auxiliary.

Desley Lingard

PRESIDENT,
WOMEN'S AUXILIARY



VETERANS & WELLBEING EXCURSIONS

Our last trip was a mystery trip to the Ipswich Region. We finished up at Watercress Creek Olives and Limes, that is run by Bernard Mahon with his family, owning the farmland for generations. This is where we had morning tea that was held under the beautiful lime and olive trees. Everyone loved the morning tea that was produced from the farm including a bruschetta spread with whole figs grown on site.

Most of the travellers, after having a beautiful morning tea, then enjoyed famous scones and Devonshire cream with jams produced on the tram which they thoroughly enjoyed.

All of our travellers loved the Watercress Creek Olives and Limes Farm and spent a couple of hours there.

We then headed off to lunch that was held at Prince Alfred Hotel Booval. The lunch had many choices and was well received by all.

After a great day out, we arrived back at the RSL at 4pm and that concluded our trip for the month of August.

Next Excursion:

With the warmer months approaching, its time to visit the beautiful Sunshine Coast on our next adventure in October.

The bus will depart from the Redlands RSL at 8:30am. We will have morning tea at Golden Beach then head onto Mooloolaba wharf, where we will board our lovely vessel for a canal cruise including lunch.

This will be a great day for all. Total cost for the trip which includes bus, morning tea and lunch with a selection of sandwiches, wraps, and sweets, plus canal cruise for only \$75.00. Any dietary requirements advise at time of booking.

An email and/or sms was sent to Service members last Thursday with information. If you did not receive this, please check your contact details are correct with the team at reception or phone 34881199.

Greg Saunders,

**CONVENOR OF VETERANS &
WELLBEING EXCURSIONS**





VETERANS AND WELLBEING EXCURSION

MOOLOOLABA CANAL CRUISE

THURSDAY, 30TH OCTOBER 2025

DETAILS:

- 8.00am (meet at Redlands RSL) for 8.30am departure. Please park on the 2nd or 3rd level of the carpark.
- First stop: morning tea at Golden Beach
- Next stop: The Boat Mooloolaba — a beautiful, spacious two-level floating venue that blends coastal charm with a touch of sophistication. Boasting two luxurious levels: a spacious lower deck perfect for mingling, and an elevated open-air upper deck ideal for soaking in the scenery. A place where visitors can enjoy the Sunshine Coast at its most stylish.
- Here we will set off on a 1.5-hour cruise of Mooloolaba's glittering waterways, gliding past luxury waterfront homes, iconic coastal scenery, and the lush hinterland silhouetted on the horizon. It's the kind of natural beauty that makes this region world-famous — and we've got front-row seats. On board we will also enjoy Lunch (a selection of sandwiches, wraps and sweets), and there is a fully licensed bar where you can purchase your own drinks.
- Arrive back at Redlands RSL approximately 4.30pm.

COST: \$75 per person (max. 48 pax)

Full payment is required at the time of booking. See reception staff at Redlands RSL or phone 3488 1199.

Available for Redlands RSL Service members and one partner/carer only. Other members may add their names to a wait list.

If you're unable to attend after making payment, kindly refer to our cancellation policy, and contact Greg Saunders on 0409 063 951.

COMMUNITY LINK

Thursday 31st July, we presented Thornlands State School with their Community Link Veteran's Memorial Plaques and School Representatives Cards, along with all the gear needed for Community Link. I had earlier given the school an Anzac Cross, Wreath, Slouch Hat and an Australian Flag to use for their in-school Anzac Day Service for this year.

GRAHAM HINSON,
WELLBEING OFFICER, REDLANDS SUB BRANCH



80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF WW2

On Saturday 23 August, SED held a celebration on the lawns of SED HQ at New Farm to mark the 80th anniversary of the end of WW2. A concert of songs from the era was central to the celebrations, involving bands and singers from the Australian Army, US Navy and the well known 'Andrews Sisters'.

SED invited all WW2 Veteran members from the region to attend and one of our Redlands WW2 Veterans, 104-year-old Dennis Wellbelove, was able to accept the invitation. Dennis, a veteran of Milne Bay and the oldest veteran in attendance, was escorted by 'Blue' Griffioen. Thanks Blue, I know Dennis appreciated your assistance.

After the event, I had the privilege of presenting Dennis with a book provided by SED in remembrance of his attendance at the Celebration.

ROB WILSON



Library Museum

Good morning everyone, it's nice to be back.

Firstly I would like to thank Uncle Andrew Bailey and Aunty Carmel Mc Kay and all the volunteers for taking care of the Library / Museum in my absence.

During the recent 80th Anniversary for VP Day the Redlands Museum borrowed various items from our Library / Museum for a static display they had inside the museum. I would like to congratulate Betty and Andrew (volunteers from the Redlands Museum) for the outstanding job they did with the display.

On Friday 12th September Uncle Andrew and myself made our way over to the Sharks Football Club on Stradbroke Island and paid John Hague a visit (ex Straddie RSL President). We had a great chat with John, saw some of their memorabilia and made him aware that if he needs any support in any way we were always here to help (sorry no photos, slack I know).

Thanks,

Martin Rabjohns

REDLANDS RSL LIBRARY/MUSEUM CURATOR



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

For any enquiries or group bookings, please contact Martin Rabjohns on 0438 229 763.

PRESIDENT'S LUNCHEON



SUNDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER 2025



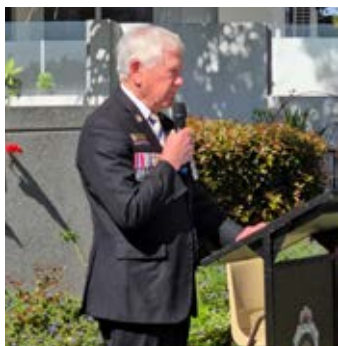
VIETNAM VETERANS DAY

MONDAY 18TH AUGUST 2025

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Vietnam Veterans Day service on Monday 18th August 2025.

With perfect weather and a fantastic turnout, it was moving to see our community come together to honour and remember. Even better was watching the camaraderie continue back at Redlands RSL afterwards — a true reflection of the spirit of the day.







COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM 2025

Congratulations to the 13 local not-for-profit organisations who were successful recipients in our 2025 Community Grants Program!

A special presentation was held on Monday 22nd September, where the groups were awarded their share in \$38,000 of donations. We're proud to support the incredible work these organisations do to strengthen and enrich our community.





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REMEMBRANCE DAY

Commemorating Remembrance Day – 11 November

On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, Australians pause to remember those who gave their lives in service to our country. Remembrance Day marks the anniversary of the Armistice that ended World War I in 1918, but today it also honours all Australians who have served and sacrificed in wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations.

Join us as we observe one minute's silence at 11am, reflecting on the courage, dedication, and selflessness of those who fought for our freedom. Together, let us remember their sacrifice and ensure their legacy lives on.

COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE:

WHEN: 10.30am, Tuesday 11th November

WHERE: Anzac Memorial Park
(located next to Redlands RSL HQ, Passage St, Cleveland).

Camaraderie will be held at Redlands RSL after the service.

Note: The Veterans Cuppa in November will be held on Remembrance Day at 9am in the Anzac Lounge, Redlands RSL (before the Commemorative Service).
Bookings are essential for catering purposes, phone 34881199.



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 8TH OCTOBER 2025

COST: ONLY \$5.00

PRE-BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL - PHONE 3488 1199

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



History

SEPTEMBER

DATE	TITLE	EVENT
3 Sept 1939	Britain, France, Australia, and New Zealand declare war on Germany	The German invasion of Poland led to the declaration of war against Germany by the United Kingdom and France and began the Second World War.
6 Sept 1951	HMAS Anzac bombs targets near Haeju, Korea	The HMAS Anzac was detached from HMS Glory's screen to bombard targets near Haeju, Korea. The Anzac was one of 11 Australian ships to serve in Korea.
7 Sept 1943	Liberator crash kills 59 Australians	A liberator crashed on take-off at Port Moresby hitting five trucks carrying men of the 2/33rd Battalion; 15 were killed instantly, 44 died of their injuries, and 92 were injured but survived.
8 Sept 1951	Peace treaty (Second World War) signed with Japan	The peace treaty signalled the formal end of hostilities with Japan, though the fighting had ended some six years before.
12 Sept 1955	2nd Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment, advance party arrive in Penang, Malaya	Australian forces served in Malaya as part of the Far East Strategic Reserve. Their primary role was to deter external communist aggression against south-east Asia and their secondary role was to assist in the suppression of the communist insurrection in Malaya.
14 Sept 1914	HMA Submarine AE1 lost off New Guinea	The AE1 and AE2 were the first submarines to serve with the Royal Australian Navy. The AE1 disappeared without trace during operations for the capture of German New Guinea.
20 Sept 1912	Official approval given for the establishment of a military Central Flying School. Official formation of the Australian Flying Corps	The Australian Flying Corps went on to serve in Mesopotamia, the Middle East, and the Western Front and was the forerunner of the RAAF.
21 Sept 1914	German New Guinea surrenders	The former German New Guinea was placed under a military government until 1921, when Australia received a mandate from the League of Nations to govern the country.
26-27 Sept 1943	Operation Jaywick destroys Japanese shipping	An Australian Special Operations Australia Unit operating from the former fishing vessel, Krait, mines Japanese ships in Singapore Harbour. Seven ships were sunk or badly damaged.
28 Sept 1950	3rd Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment arrives in Korea	The Battalion was immediately committed to the United Nation forces' northward advance against the retreating North Koreans.

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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NAME	DECEASED DATE	SERVICE
Raymond Griffiths	6th October 2024	ARMY
Myla Thomas	Unknown	ARMY
Leo Pitt	Unknown (Early 2025)	ARMY
Veronica Duiker	Unknown (June/July 2025)	ARMY
Arnold Tillgren	Unknown (July 2025)	NAVY
Douglas Mathews	10th August 2025	ARMY
Athol Eiszele	18th August 2025	NAVY
Raymond Dahler	31st August 2025	RAAF
Michael O'Beirne	7th September 2025	NAVY
Anthony Farrugia	11th September 2025	ARMY
Robert Horvath	23rd September 2025	AIR FORCE

Lest We Forget

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