

REDLANDS SUB BRANCH

BUGLE

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"Honouring The Fallen By Serving The Living!"

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



A DISTINGUISHED HONOUR FOR A REMARKABLE LEADER!

It is with immense pride that we share the wonderful news that our former Redlands RSL President, Mr Alan Harcourt, has been awarded the RSL Meritorious Service Medal — the most prestigious honour the RSL can bestow upon a member.

Alan received this incredible recognition on Wednesday 29th October at the RSL SED President's & Life Members Lunch, attended by members of our Board of Management. His nomination for this award was proudly put forward by current President Mr Rob Wilson and recently retired Deputy President Mr Ian Gray.



The RSL Meritorious Service Medal is reserved for those who have demonstrated exceptional, long-term service to the League. To be eligible, recipients must already hold Life Membership, have maintained at least 30 years of continuous membership, and have contributed a minimum of 25 years of outstanding service. The award comprises of a medal, a lapel badge, and a certificate — symbols of a lifetime dedicated to service, leadership, and community.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations and deepest gratitude to Mr Alan Harcourt on receiving the RSL Meritorious Service Medal — a richly deserved recognition of a lifetime dedicated to service, veterans, and community. His legacy will continue to inspire generations of members at Redlands RSL.

I wish to personally congratulate Mr Alan Harcourt on receiving the RSL Meritorious Service Medal, the most prestigious honour the RSL can bestow upon a member.

The RSL Meritorious Service Medal is reserved for those who have demonstrated exceptional and long term service to the League and as you know Alan is testament to dedication and commitment over many years. Congratulations once again Alan, on this truly well-deserved honour.

— Ian Gray

President's Report

I hope this finds everyone in good health.

Congratulations to Immediate Past President Alan Harcourt on being awarded the RSL Meritorious Service Medal. This RSL Australia award, is only awarded to members who are already Life Members, and continue to perform outstanding service over a long period of time. Alan well and truly fits that criteria, having served on the committee for over 25 years, more than half that time as President, while performing many other wellbeing and welfare tasks. I had the honour and privilege to read out Alan's citation for the award, when SED President Kerry Gallagher, made the presentation to Alan at the recent SED Presidents and Life Members Luncheon.

The Remembrance Day Commemorative Service in Anzac Memorial Park on the 11th November was attended by a crowd estimated to be about 160. The weather may have been a factor in the higher than usual attendance. My personal thanks to Michael McDonnell and the helpers for the planning prior to, and work on the day. Thanks also the Catafalque Party from RAAF Base Amberley, the Cadets and Staff from our three cadet units and, and the many members and family who attended. A special thanks to our young Bugler from Ormiston College, Liam Milton, who did such a marvellous job.

In the lead up to Remembrance Day, our Volunteers were heavily involved in a range of activities to promote the event in the community that included, selling memorabilia, attending services in Schools and Nursing Homes and the 'Honouring the Fallen' program. Thanks to all those Volunteers for your assistance.

At our last Board Meeting, Philip Barnes was appointed to fill the Deputy President position (as per the Redlands RSL Constitution, Clause 27.1) until the AGM in 2026. At that time, the position will be declared vacant and can only be filled by someone who has held a Board position continuously for the previous 12 months.

This will be the last Bugle Report before Christmas. My best wishes to all members and families for a safe, Happy Christmas and all the best for the New Year.

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 28TH SEPTEMBER 2025

MEETING OPENED: by Rob Wilson at 10.30am

ODE RECITED

REMEMBERING:

Raymond Griffiths – ARMY

Myla Thomas – ARMY

Leo Pitt – ARMY

Veronica Duiker – ARMY

Arnold Tillgren – NAVY

Douglas Mathews – ARMY

Athol Eiszele – NAVY

Raymond Dahler – RAAF

Michael O'Beirne – NAVY

Anthony Farrugia – ARMY

Robert Horvath – AIR FORCE

ATTENDANCE: A total of 55 as per the attendance book (42 League, 13 Visitors)

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

Moved: I. Cuthbertson

Seconded: R. Khan

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

NEW MEMBERS: Bruce Medland

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES: Gary and Lenore Olsen (57th Anniversary), Paul Field and Jill Field (54th Anniversary)

PRESIDENTS OPENING REMARKS:

It is with great sadness that I had to accept the resignation of our Deputy President, Ian Gray, for health reasons. Ian has been a stalwart with our Sub Branch for so many years and has carried out duties above and beyond that expected of his position, with extraordinary dignity. To say Ian will be sorely missed is an understatement, he leaves a massive void that will require input from several members to fill. I am sure everyone joins me in wishing Ian our best wishes for his recovery.

In accordance with the constitution, the Deputy President's position

can only be filled by a member who has served on the Management Committee for more than 12 months.

On a lighter note, the Baby Boomers Luncheon on Friday was another great event, with music from the 1960's and 70s and the usual excellent catering. Congratulations to Greg Saunders who spotted the band and organised the event.

Ian to respond:

Thank you very much Rob for these kind words. It is with heavy heart that I hereby tender my resignation as Deputy President and Director of Redlands RSL Inc, effective immediately, owing to my current health issues. It has been an honour and a privilege to serve as a member of the Sub Branch for the past 23 years and as a board member for the past 19. During my time, I've seen big changes from the club that was struggling to stay afloat. However, as a result of a strong board and our General Manager Peter Harrison's vision for Redlands RSL, we now have a club that is a multi-million-dollar business we have today. To assist with continuity of my role, I have tabled my five portfolios, along with USB containing relevant presentation, ready for President Rob Wilson to pass on to suitable people to manage those positions. That said, I won't be a stranger, I will be attending Veteran's Cuppas and excursions that Greg Saunders hosts.

Thank you all.

A standing ovation followed by the members present.

Guest Speaker – Paul Oakes

Paul Oakes attended the meeting to discuss the importance of fungi to the ecosystem.

It was discussed that Fungi are an often overlooked but vital part of our ecosystems. More than just mushrooms on a plate, they form underground networks called mycelium that connect and nourish forests, allowing trees to communicate and share resources. From supporting plant life to creating bread, beer, cheese, and life-saving medicine like penicillin and statins, fungi play an essential role in nature and human life. While some varieties are highly prized (like truffles), others are deadly, highlighting the need for public education. Found all around us and under our feet, fungi are ancient, complex, and deserve far more attention and appreciation.

PREVIOUS MINUTES: As presented in the Bugle - Page 4-9 | League Gathering Meeting Sunday 15th June 2025

Moved: A. Bailey

Seconded: B. Griffieon

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

Moved: B. Coleman

Seconded: R. Khan

That the Presidents Report be accepted Motion 3: Carried

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

Moved: P. Field

Seconded: G. Olsen

That the Treasurers Report be accepted. Motion 4: Carried

WELLBEING REPORT: As presented in the Bugle on Page 11 - 12

Moved: L. Harcourt

Seconded: R. Heath

That the Wellbeing Report be accepted. Motion 5: Carried

DEPUTY PRESIDENT & CADETS REPORT: As presented in the Bugle on Pages 12-18

Moved: D. Field

Seconded: I. Cuthbertson

That the Deputy President & Cadets Report be accepted

..... Motion 6: Carried

SED REPORT: As presented in the Bugle on Page 19

Moved: A. Bailey

Seconded: R. Khan

That the SED Report be accepted Motion 7: Carried

CORRESPONDENCE: Presented by Michael McDonnell – League Secretary

Inwards:

- Posters are now being displayed on the notice board regarding the Veterans Employment program.
- Tickets are available now through the Battlefields website for the ANZAC Day on the Western Front.
- RSL Queensland have updated their website between the 15th August and 1st September.
- Many Sub Branches around celebrated the 80th Anniversary of the Victory in Pacific.
- Reminder from Queensland Fire Department to read the 2027 fire alarm legislations.
- Newsletter received from Everyman's Welfare Service to attend 87th Seafarers service and Wreath Laying on Sunday, September

14th at 1:00pm, St John's Anglican Cathedral, Ann Street, Brisbane.

- Building a Legacy of Support in Edmonton, 20 Kilometres south of Cairns in the suburb Edmonton, Local Navy Veteran and Reservist Gordon Burgess has recently taken on the role of Edmonton RSL Sub Branch President. Gordon is one of the youngest President's in the Sub Branch's history.

Outwards:

- Invitation sent to local members of parliament to attend Vietnam Veteran's Day.

Moved: M. McDonnell

Seconded: B. Reedman

That the Correspondence Inwards and Outwards be accepted

..... Motion 8: Carried

LEAGUE SECRETARY REPORT: As presented in the Bugle on Page 20

Moved: M. McDonnell

Seconded: B. Reedman

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

RAAF ASSOCIATION REPORT: As presented in the Bugle on Page 21

Moved: D. Palmer

Seconded: B. Griffieon

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

NAVAL ASSOCIATION REPORT: As presented in the Bugle on Page 22-23

Moved: I. Cuthbertson

Seconded: T. Adams

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

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY REPORT: As presented in the Bugle on Page 23

Moved: D. Lingard

Seconded: B. Griffieon

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

VETERANS & WELLBEING EXCURSIONS REPORT: As presented in the Bugle on Page 24-25

Greg Saunders spoke on the Baby Boomers Rock 'n' Roll Luncheon, expressing how fantastic the day turned out. The Baby Boomer's band ended up being the highlight of the day, with Greg Saunders stating they will be back again in 2026.

Greg Saunders stated that there were prizes for the two-best dressed, Alan Harcourt and Lorraine Perren were chosen as best dressed.

In the year of 2026, Greg Saunders has put an expression of interest out to the meeting regarding a Whale Watching experience at Sea

World, Gold Coast. The costs for this trip will be between \$125-\$130 per person and will include lunch, crew and the whale watching tour. Sea World has stated if you do not see any whales during the trip, your next trip is free.

The Mooloolaba Canal Cruise sold out in 21 hours.

Greg Saunders expressed how thankful he is for the support.

Moved: G. Saunders

Seconded: I. Cuthbertson

That the Veterans & Wellbeing Excursions Report be accepted

..... Motion 13: Carried

COMMUNITY LINK REPORT: As presented in the Bugle on Page 26

Moved: G. Hinson

Seconded: D. McDonald

That the Community Link Report be accepted . . . Motion 14: Carried

LIBRARY MUSEUM REPORT: As presented in the Bugle on Page 27

Andrew Bailey added to the Library Museum Report in the Bugle regarding Marty Rabjohns mention of the Sharks Football Club on Stradbroke Island, stating that if you would like to attend to view the Memorabilia yourself, the location is downstairs not upstairs.

Moved: A. Bailey

Seconded: D. Field

That the Library Museum Report be accepted . . . Motion 15: Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Remembrance Day Memorabilia Sales

Booking sheets are now available for those volunteers who sell memorabilia for Remembrance Day. The sales dates are Friday 7th , Saturday 8th and Monday 10th.

Edinburgh Military Tattoo – Brisbane 2026

The Tattoo will be at Suncorp Stadium for four nights from Thursday 12th to Sunday 15th February 2026. RSL Queensland provided a quantity of Tattoo double passes to SED and a draw was held at the last SED Meeting for Sub Branches to obtain tickets. Redlands was fortunate to obtain one double pass. At the stage, we don't know what night our tickets are for but when we find out, we plan to have a draw for members present at the next Quarterly General Meeting which will be held on Sunday 26th October.

Remembrance Day Wreath Lying

On page 35 in the Bugle, there is a notification about Remembrance Day coming up. If you wish to lay a wreath, notify League Secretary Michael McDonnell.

Remembrance Day will be held on Tuesday 11th November at 10.30am followed by camaraderie at Redlands RSL Club after the service.

Remembrance Day – Aged Care visit

Seaton Place, 111 Smith Street, Cleveland, has requested a Representative from Redlands RSL to attend their Remembrance Day Service, held on Tuesday 11th November at 10.30am.

President Rob Wilson announced the request at the meeting for anyone who is available to advise him they can attend.

NEXT VETERANS CUPPA: Wednesday 8th October 2025 in the ANZAC Lounge at 9am.

RAFFLES: Drawn and Won

NEXT QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING: Sunday 26th October at 10.30am

NEXT LEAGUE GATHERING MEETING: Sunday 23rd November at 10.30am

MEETING CLOSED: By Rob Wilson at 11.26am

NEXT MEETING:

Quarterly General Meeting

Sunday 25th January 2026

10.30am | Gallipoli Room, Redlands RSL

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>

SED REPORT

The last SED Meeting was held on Thursday 6th November 2025. This meeting commenced with a presentation from WOFF Alesha Rollinson, RAN, representing CMDR Rosemarie Apikotoa, the Commanding Officer of HMAS Moreton. The Presentation included:

- Recruitment and Retention, both in the Navy and ADF, and initiatives being developed to improve these aspects.
- Life after the service from a younger person's perspective.

This second subject, which included their expectations of RSL Sub Branches, was particularly interesting for the sub branch Delegates present. It is clear that RSL Sub Branches will need to become more family focused if they are to attract younger veterans to join and become more involved in their RSL.

Following the presentation, the meeting resumed with routine business. The Royal Military Tattoo tickets for Brisbane 2026 performances, were still not available for release.

Reprt provided by

Rob Wilson

Treasurer's Report

Upon examination of the monthly figures I am extremely pleased to once again advise members that that your club continues to operate in a highly acceptable manner. All trading areas {i.e. bars, restaurants and gaming) reported better than anticipated returns for the month. The operating costs including electricity, entertainment, wages have all been strictly monitored by the General Manager, Financial Controller and their teams. These cost centres are reviewed regularly to ensure they are being maintained to track the Boards Annual Budget.

Volunteers will always have my total support. Without them our organisation would be requiring a far greater workforce. Obviously at a greater expense to us! It therefore goes without saying that again “Thank You” to our wonderful volunteers. This month they generously donated their time as follows: -

Volunteer hours year to date	8,689.15 hours
October	876.00 hours
Monthly average	868.91 hours
Estimated value	\$290,99.63 for ten months or \$349,199 per annum

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.

In addition to my role as Treasurer, I have the honour of working beside the Advocacy Team in the RSL Redlands HQ Building. As a Justice of the Peace for over 50 years, I have very happily been able to assist Debbie, Julie and Jeanette by exercising my Justice of the Peace stamps etc on their documents. A very small contribution on my behalf, however in October I witnessed in excess of 115 documents to assist our extremely hard working and Advocacy Team.

As an additional service to RSL Redlands Sub Branch members I am available on most Tuesdays from 9.00am until 2.00pm to witness your documents in the HQ Building.

It’s almost impossible to believe that 2025 is just about over. Where has the year gone? Brayden, our youngest grandson reminded me yesterday that we have 42 days until Christmas!!

With Christmas in mind, and as this will be the last Bugle for 2025, on behalf of Jill and myself I would like to extend to all our members the very best wishes for a joyful Christmas and very Prosperous New Year filled with exciting new opportunities.

Paul Field
TREASURER
REDLANDS SUB BRANCH



Wellbeing Report

Good morning and welcome to the last meeting of 2025. I think it is true what they say about the older you get the quicker time passes.

Headquarters will be closed from Friday 12th December and reopens on Monday 12th January 2026. If you require assistance during this time please do not hesitate to call RSL Reception on 3488 1199 and they will pass on your details.

This has been a year of change at Headquarters with staff and advocates changing over in the past months. Advocate Dave Cusack left us and Julie Collins came to join Debbie Lake as our two qualified Advocates. Nicole is working through ATDP training to become an Advocate. Doug decided he would step down from the advocacy role and assists with research for the Advocates 1 day a week.

Ian Gray has retired from the Redlands RSL Management Committee. He was based at Headquarters and is missed each Tuesday and Thursday when we see his office door closed. He was always a calm presence for all at Headquarters who sought his advice.

Our representatives have conducted 1 Poppy Service in the past month. Details of the Poppy Service was published in the October Bugle, which all Service members should have received in the mail.

New Aged Care quality standards were introduced by the Government from 1st November 2025. There are too many for me to list here, and I am also not qualified to speak on this, but I urge you and your family to check on the changes which may affect you personally.

Our Wellbeing Support Officers would like to visit you in hospital and deliver a hospital pack. In this day and age, the facility where you are a patient, cannot advise us that you are an in-patient. Some hospitals have a box on their admission form which you can tick if you are a member of the RSL and this gives permission for them to tell us you are in the hospital. We have over 1200 members so the grapevine doesn't work as well as the smaller Sub Branches. Other than this way, please have a member of the family ring the RSL Wellbeing Officer on 0417 604 729 and leave a message.

Our Wellbeing bus trips have been well patronised during the past year. We have around a 97% uptake for each one we organise. I think that those who have enjoyed these trips have met new people and enjoyed new experiences throughout the year. What pleases me,

is that every bus trip we have a core group of attendees but there is always someone new who is made to feel very welcome. Thank you to Greg Saunders who works hard to organise these trips. It is not an easy task.

Warm Regards,

Linda Harcourt

WELLBEING CO-ORDINATOR

Email: linda.harcourt@redlandsrsl.com.au



Cadet Liaison Report

Since the last meeting, I have been in contact with the respective CO's/OC and have had significant discussions with the OC of 136 ACU. Roland Heath has offered to be the assistant Cadet Liaison and this will work well as he is a past OC of 136 ACU. Our plan is to visit all three units before the Christmas break and then on a regular basis in 2026.

It was pleasing to see the Tri-Services Cadets attending the Remembrance Day service. (Thanks for the image Craig)



The following reports have been provided by Leut. ANC Matthew Firth from TS Norfolk and Lt AAC Craig Buckingham 136 ACU.



136 AUSTRALIAN ARMY CADET UNIT

This reporting period for 136ACU has been just as busy as previous periods; if not busier!

Annual Field Exercise:

During the September school holidays, 27 members of the Unit

participated in the Annual Field Exercise. Cadets were organised into three distinct Tiers, with each group tailored to suit their level of experience and personal preferences for activities.

The newest recruits joined Tier 1 and took part in activities at the Greenbank training area. This provided them with the opportunity to develop and reinforce their field craft skills and expand their foundational knowledge in a supportive environment.

Cadets in Tier 2 spent the week engaging in a range of 'elective' activities, allowing them to pursue areas that matched their interests. Options included marksmanship and weapons handling, reconnaissance, navigation, Command Post procedures, robotics, and public affairs. These activities were designed to broaden their skillset and encourage personal growth.

The most senior group, Tier 3, experienced a comprehensive program that incorporated elements from all the Tier 2 electives. Tier 2 & 3 exercises were conducted at Gallipoli Barracks and the Canungra training area, providing a challenging and enriching experience.

Overall, the week was extremely busy and rewarding for all involved, offering valuable opportunities for learning, teamwork, and personal achievement.



Adventurous Training at Kangaroo Point:

In October, the Unit undertook an exciting day of Adventurous Training at Kangaroo Point. The activities included rock climbing, kayaking on the Brisbane River, and abseiling. Many Cadets participated in these pursuits for the first time, overcoming personal challenges and fears they may not have realised they had. For the staff members, although

a bit less fit than the Cadets, the day proved both rewarding and physically demanding. The experience was not only enjoyable but also created opportunities for personal growth and achievement for everyone involved.



Remembrance Day Parade:

In November, 136 took pride in joining the Remembrance Day parade hosted by RSL Cleveland, together with 217 AAFC and TS Norfolk ANC. This significant event continues to be a valued tradition for the Unit, and we remain committed to participating in this meaningful commemoration each year.

Annual Dinner and End-of-Year Reflections:

On the same evening as the Remembrance Day parade, 136ACU gathered for our Annual Dinner at the RSL to celebrate the conclusion of another successful year. The event provided an excellent opportunity to look back on the achievements and memorable moments of the past year, while also casting our sights forward to 2026. The dinner also served as an important occasion to recognise the outstanding contributions of our Cadets and staff through a series of well-deserved awards.



Award Recipients:

- Drill Dress and Bearing Award: CDT Sohan Schuler
- Most Improved Award: CDT Derick Eastes
- Best Cadet: CDT Addy Hardy
- Red Beret Award: CDTLCPL Leo Buckingham
- Legacy Award: CDT Max Pyemont
- RSL Award: CDT Billy Latimer
- Junior NCO Award: CDTLCPL Ella Moffat (promoted at the Dinner Night)
- Senior NCO Award: CDTSGT Marcus Burton
- Excellence Award: CPL Xavier Young
- Best Instructor: CPL Lily Llano-Harrington
- OC's Award: CDTSGT Jackson Wright

The final parade night for 2025 will take place on 24 November. On this occasion, a number of our Recruits will 'March out' and become fully-fledged Cadets, ready to embrace the challenges and opportunities that 2026 will bring.

Serving as Officer Commanding of 136ACU over the past nine months has been an absolute pleasure. I have watched the Unit flourish under the guidance of our Senior Cadets, whose leadership has laid a solid foundation for ongoing success. As we look ahead, I am excited for the Unit's continued growth and development under our next generation of Senior Cadets, led by CSM CDTLCPL Lily Llano-Harrington and Cadet Under Officer CDTSGT Marcus Burton.

For all Cadets and Staff, I wish you a relaxing and peaceful rest over the school holidays, and I look forward to everything that 2026 will bring.'

— Report provided by LT (AAC) Craig Buckingham OC



TS NORFOLK AUSTRALIAN NAVY CADET UNIT

TS Norfolk has returned to the waters of Moreton Bay after around 3 years of absence with our Maritime Day on the 8th November. Cadets experienced powerboating, sailing and kayaking in a safe environment during this day. We will also be planning a final year parade, in-leu of our previous annual inspections



which are no longer conducted. Our next Maritime Day is planned for early 2026.

Recruiting for 2026 is about to commence, any members know of a young person that would benefit from joining an organisation like the ANC please feel free to make contact with our Commanding Officer, Matthew Firth on 0423 529 276 or matthew.firth1@navycadets.gov.au or buy scanning the QR code.

Planning for 2026 has already started, I am working with PGL Kindilan at Mount Cotton to organise a full weekend of adventure training for my unit. While this is not a cheap thing to experience, the learning and mateship outcomes will be wonderful, as well as covering of on the ANC and Defence Values of Courage, Respect and Excellence.

— *Report provided by LEUT Matthew Firth Commanding Officer*

Cadet reports compiled by

David Field

VICE PRESIDENT, REDLANDS SUB
BRANCH, & CADET LIAISON OFFICER



League Secretary Report

As the year of 2025 concludes we look back on our achievements. Firstly, our Anniversary Luncheon which was well attended by VIP's from RSL Headquarters. The Gallipoli Room was beautifully presented along with a superb menu. This was then followed by the Presidents Luncheon, again beautifully presented by the staff at the club. Secondly, our 100-year celebrations of Redlands RSL Sub Branch. Merchandise is still available to purchase at reception and is a good way to support our 100-year Anniversary.

On the 12th of March we had a surprise visit from the Governor General, as she was in the Redlands District. She was very interested in the work that we do for the Veterans and very impressed with our display of memorabilia within the Club.

Anzac Day did not fall into the 12 months of our anniversary as officially 14th May is the beginning of our 100-year celebration, however Anzac Day, although a little wet, was very well attended. Thank you to all that braved the wet conditions.

Vietnam Veterans Day held on a Monday turned out to be extremely well attended, much to my surprise. Redlands National Servicemen Association has always attended our services in large numbers which we are most grateful.

Remembrance Day 11th November landed on the second Tuesday, so the Veterans Cuppa normally on a Wednesday was moved to Tuesday the 11th. Under clear Blue skies we had the best turn out I have had the privilege of organising. The local schools continue to come in increasing numbers.

Anzac Day 2026 will conclude our 100-year celebrations, surely, we will have a clear fine day to celebrate, and honour our veterans past and present. Look forward to seeing you all on that day.

Have a happy healthy Christmas and New Year.

Michael McDonnell

LEAGUE SECRETARY,
REDLANDS SUB BRANCH



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 RSL Veterans and Wellbeing Excursions, the most recent being the Mooloolaba Canal Cruise on Thursday 30th October.

The next social event will be a Restaurant Dinner on Tuesday 25th November, venue to be advised.

Members of the Branch attended the Remembrance Day Commemoration Ceremony at Anzac Memorial Park organised by Redlands RSL Sub Branch. Wreaths were laid by members of the Branch.

The next, and final meeting of RAAFA Redlands Branch for 2025, will be a **General Meeting on Saturday 13th December 2025 in Redlands RSL at 10:30am**. This will be followed by the Branch Christmas Lunch in Redlands RSL Sails Restaurant.

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 November Bayside Naval Association meeting was held at the Redlands RSL 1st November 2025 with 33 members in attendance. Following the meeting Male Members retired to the dining and lounge areas for meals and refreshments.

POSTRATE CANCER THE LONG RIDE 2025 FUNDRAISER

Vice President Chris McKay completed The Long Ride 2025 raising funds for prostate cancer research. Chris thanked the membership for their support and presented the Treasurer with a Certificate of Appreciation for the Bayside donation. Chris raised \$5000 for Prostate Cancer, BZ Chris.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Several Bayside members attended the Service where the Secretary laid a wreath for the Naval Association of Australia. Following the service members retired to the RSL for Comradery.

VETERANS CUPPA

Redlands RSL – 10th December 2025

JACK MEMORIAL SOUTH BANK

The next ceremony at Jack will be held on Thursday 27th November 2025 starting at 1100. The theme for the next ceremony is All Navy Women, celebrating the service of all current and former WRANS.

As all ways Fellowship at the Ship Inn on Completion.

Yours Aye,

Colin Saxby

NAVAL ASSOCIATION AUSTRALIA,
BAYSIDE SUB SECTION INC.



National Servicemen

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No report this month.

Eric Shaw,

PRESIDENT, NATIONAL SERVICEMEN
REDLANDS BRANCH



Women's Auxiliary

For our November meeting we had a presentation on home and personal safety from two members of Volunteers in Policing.



Several ladies attended a high tea with the Greenbank auxiliary, whilst I attended the Brisbane North Council of Auxiliaries luncheon.

A wreath was laid for the auxiliary at the recent Remembrance Day service.

Desley Lingard

PRESIDENT, WOMEN'S AUXILIARY



Library Museum

HONOUR THE FALLEN

On Thursday 6th November 'Uncle' Andrew Bailey and myself attended the Mount Cotton crematorium with Endija Jones (teacher) and 16 students from Faith Lutheran College.

It was a beautiful day and the students looked splendid in their school uniforms and blazers. We conducted a small wreath laying ceremony and commenced placing Australian flags at numerous service men and women's grave sites.

A big thank you to Darren and his team from the crematorium for the support for this event.

Also, my thanks to Endija and the students for their support on this special day.



The next day "Uncle Andrew" and "Uncle Michael" accompanied myself to the Cleveland cemetery where we were joined by Joni Edwards and 30 students from Cleveland State High School, where we placed Australian flags at the grave sites of our fallen service personal. We then placed a wreath at the grave site of Woz Kevin Conway.

My thanks to the staff and students of Cleveland State High and also to the Redland City Council cemetery staff who were also in attendance.



LIBRARY MUSEUM

On the museum side of the house, Carmel McKay has been busy acquiring mannequins for us to display various uniforms on, for display within the museum. I wish to thank her for all her hard work.



In closing, I would like to thank all the Museum volunteers for all their hard work during the year, and I wish you all the best for the New Year and Christmas.

Until next year.

Marty Rabjohns

LIBRARY MUSEUM CURATOR



Opening Hours:

Mondays through to Fridays from 10am to 2pm.

Christmas Closure: Wednesday 17th December,
re-opening Monday 12th January 2026.

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

VETERANS & WELLBEING EXCURSIONS

Where has 2025 gone. I can honestly say as far as the Veterans and Wellbeing Excursions went, it was extremely successful.

We took the opportunity to explore new things and places.

From my perspective, one of the best was right here at the Redlands RSL, simply entitled the Baby Boomers. It was attended by some ninety people. Even the band was aptly named the Baby Boomers. One of the few bands that received applause after each number they played, which to me says it all. Even the food was 1960's ala the prawn cocktail. Even the price went just about back to the 60's at \$28.00 per head.

Another great trip was on the 20th October 2025 at Mooloolaba in the form of a canal cruise. We travelled to Golden Beach for morning tea that was superb, which was provided by Blue Bus Tours. Then off to Mooloolaba where we boarded our double decker boat for our one and a half hour canal cruise including magnificent freshly made Gourmet Sandwiches. General feedback on the trip was sensational. These are only two trips that I have highlighted. There were several others.

Our next trip will be in February, details to follow in January 2026.

These trips would not be possible without the great team of people I work with. Linda Harcourt, Karleigh Little, Amber on reception and all the reception staff, Ros Francis, David King, Chef Grant Randall, and not forgetting Peter Harrison, who is always there with ideas and support, Tatiana, Elissa and Alisa. It really is a great team effort and I might add, a very successful initiative that produces a 95% sell through each trip.

May I take this opportunity to wish you one and all a very Merry Christmas and a bright and Happy New Year

Til 2026, Take Care

Greg Saunders,

CONVENOR OF VETERANS &
WELLBEING EXCURSIONS



SEATON PLACE RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE - REMEMBRANCE DAY 2025 -



On Remembrance Day this year I attended and gave a speech at Seaton Place. I had a warm welcome from the residents and staff. Their service was well presented and enjoyed by all.

Residents were pleased that I let them use one of the Anzac Cross that I make along with an Australian Army Slouch Hat, Wreath and an Australian Flag for a display.

Report provided by

Graham Hinson.

REDLANDS RSL SUB-BRANCH WELLBEING OFFICER
& COMMUNITY LINK OFFICER

A MESSAGE FROM BAYSIDE SOUTH SUB BRANCH

Bayside South Sub Branch are changing their General Meeting times from Tuesday mornings to **Tuesday evenings** at 1900, commencing 03 February 2026.

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REMEMBRANCE DAY

- 11 NOVEMBER 2025 -







DOES YOUR MEMBERSHIP EXPIRE 2025? **RENEW TODAY!**

Did you know that Redlands RSL Sub Branch
SUBSIDISES 50% OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP FEES!
So be sure to renew directly through us to get the saving,
not through RSL Qld. You can do this by seeing our
staff at reception, or by phoning 34881199.

Service Members = \$10

Life Subscription also available.

Price is dependant on your age - Redlands RSL charge:

65years+ = \$50, 60-64yrs = \$60, 55-59yrs = \$70,
50-54yrs = \$90, 45-49yrs = \$110, 40-44yrs = \$130,
or 18-39yrs = \$150.



CHRISTMAS CLOSURES

Redlands RSL Sub Branch Headquarters:

Closed Friday 12th December,
re-opening Monday 12th January 2026.

Library Museum:

Closed Wednesday 17th December,
re-opening Monday 12th January 2026.





Christmas

LUNCH SPECIAL

\$21* - 2 COURSE LUNCH

YOUR CHOICE OF MAIN MEAL:

Hickory Smoked Australian Honey Glazed Ham
with seasonal vegetables,
Crumbed Fish with chips and salad,
Salt and Pepper Calamari with chips and salad,
Aromatic Dish of the Day with steamed Jasmine rice,
Or... One other weekly changing chef special

PLUS YOUR CHOICE OF DESSERT:

Traditional Christmas Plum Pudding
with brandy custard, or...
Pavlova with seasonal fruit,
cream and berry coulis

Main Meal only = \$16*.

*Members price | Non members \$5 extra.

Available from Monday 1st
to Wednesday 24th Dec,
excluding Sundays.

NOTE:
Redlands RSL
will be closed on
Christmas
Day.

Christmas

BUFFET DINNER

FRIDAY 19TH DECEMBER

**GALLIPOLI ROOM | DOORS OPEN AT 5.30PM
BUFFET OPENS AT 6PM**

*'Tis the Friday before Christmas
and the season to be jolly...*

Gather your friends and family, get into the Christmas spirit and book early so you don't miss out on our Christmas Themed Buffet Dinner!

Featuring all the Christmas favourites including a carvery of hickory smoked Australian honey glazed ham, carved turkey, seasonal vegetables, butter chicken with steamed Jasmine rice, salt & pepper calamari, fresh Qld prawns, cold meats, fresh salads and a delicious arrangement of desserts including the traditional Christmas Plum Pudding.

Tom Roberts' beautiful, soulful voice matched with fine guitar skills will enhance the night, performing from 5.30pm to 9.30pm.

Members: \$80 | NM: \$90

Children: 4-12yrs = \$15, (0-3yrs Free)

Pre-bookings with payment
are essential -

Phone: 3488 1199





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 10TH DECEMBER 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.*

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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.*



THIS MONTH IN AUSTRALIAN MILITARY

History

NOVEMBER

DATE	TITLE	EVENT
1 Nov 1914	First AIF sails	The first Australian and New Zealand contingent sails from Albany, Western Australia, bound for Egypt. Only one in three of those who sailed in the first convoy would return physically unscathed at the end of the First World War.
1 Nov 1989	National Army Memorial dedicated	Dedication of the National Army Memorial in Anzac Parade, Canberra, by the Governor General, The Hon. Bill Hayden. The memorial commemorates the service of Australians as members of the Australian Army in all wars.
8 Nov 1944	"G for George" arrives at Amberley	This Lancaster bomber survived 89 operations with No. 460 Squadron RAAF. After touring to support war loan campaigns, it was presented to the Memorial. "George" is now on display at the Memorial in Anzac Hall.
10 Nov 1964	Selective conscription introduced	Australian government introduces selective conscription of 20-year-old males by ballot under the National Service Act. The National Service Scheme saw 15,381 young men serve in Vietnam.
11 Nov 1918	Germany signs armistice	Germany signs an armistice ending the fighting on the Western Front. The First World War ended at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month.
11 Nov 1941	Opening of the Australian War Memorial	By the time a memorial to the dead of the First World War was ready to open, Australia had been involved in the Second World War for over two years.
12 Nov 1943	Last Japanese air raid on Darwin	This, the 64th raid since February 1942, was the last air raid made on Australia during the war.
15 Nov 1944	Australian government approves sending of Australian Women's Army Service members overseas	Australian Women's Army Service went to Lae, New Guinea, and served in the forward area for the first time. Members of the Australian Army Nursing Service and the Australian Army Medical Women's Service were already serving in New Guinea.
23 Nov 1948	Formation of the Australian Regiment	Formation of the Australian Regiment, which became the Royal Australian Regiment (RAR) in March 1949. The Royal Australian Regiment has taken a prominent role in Australia's wars and peacekeeping operations since its formation.

**WITHOUT HISTORY,
THERE WOULD BE NO FUTURE!**

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 Finlayson	7th October 2025	ARMY
Christopher Robinson	16th November 2025	ROYAL NAVY

Lest We Forget

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