

REDLANDS SUB BRANCH

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"Honouring The Fallen By Serving The Living!"

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REDLANDS RSL SUB BRANCH: 1925-2026
Information for all Veterans, Ex-Service
& Serving Men & Women in the Redlands



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Redlands Sub Branch

NATIONAL UPDATE TO THE RSL BADGE:

The new RSL Badge now incorporates the Tudor Crown adopted by the League's patron, King Charles III, and refreshed floral emblems.

Redlands RSL Sub Branch will be working through and updating this important brand transition over the next few months.

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President's Report

A Happy New Year to all members.

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas with family and friends and are all fit and well for the New Year. After some of the worst summer storms for some years, I hope you received minimal or no property damage.

This year marks 125 years since Australian Federation on the 1st January 1901. I find it unusual that the Federal Government has not acknowledged this milestone in some form. Nevertheless, Redlands RSL will commemorate our 100th ANZAC Day as a Sub Branch this year. This is a milestone that we can all look forward to.

Reflecting on the highlights of 2025, there was that unforgettable celebration Luncheon in May for the centenary of the formation of Redlands RSL Sub Branch, and all the historical events leading up to our celebration. Mother nature tried to put a dampener on our ANZAC Day commemorations with some precipitation but then came to the party with excellent weather on our two remaining commemorations, Vietnam Veterans Day and Remembrance Day. Another highlight from 2025 was the well-deserved award of the RSL Meritorious Service Medal to Alan Harcourt, our previous President of many years, for his outstanding contribution to this Sub Branch. Also, our service membership peaked at 1225 and Club membership passed 30,000 in November.

I thank you all for your support throughout the past year, particularly our Volunteers; and look forward to your continued support during the coming year.

Take care.

Rob Wilson

PRESIDENT, REDLANDS SUB BRANCH



Previous Minutes

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

QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES SUNDAY 26TH OCTOBER 2025

MEETING OPENED: by Rob Wilson at 10.33am

ODE RECITED

REMEMBERING: Nil

ATTENDANCE: A total of 67 as per the attendance book (55 League, 12 Visitors)

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

Moved: M. McDonnell

Seconded: I. Cuthbertson

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

NEW MEMBERS:

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES: John Butler's 89th Birthday

PRESIDENTS OPENING REMARKS:

Remembrance Day, the 11th November, is just over two weeks away. I hope to see as many as possible attend our service in Anzac Memorial Park beginning at 10.30am and enjoy camaraderie afterwards here in the club. A reminder that the Vets Cuppa for November has been changed to Remembrance Day, still at 9am before the service.

There are still a few vacancies on the badge selling roster and I know Michael would like to finalise the Wreath laying list today. Requests for a representative from the RSL to attend services at schools and aged care facilities have begun and some are yet to be received. So, if you can help please see Linda after the meeting.

At the conclusion of the meeting today, we will have some light refreshments and camaraderie here in the Gallipoli room.

PREVIOUS MINUTES: As presented in the Bugle - Page 4-10 | Quarterly General Meeting & League Gathering Meeting – Sunday 27th July 2025

Moved: R. Khan

Seconded: B. Readman

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

Moved: R. Wilson

Seconded: D. Field

That the Presidents Report be accepted Motion 3: Carried

SED REPORT: As presented in the Bugle on Page 10 – President Rob Wilson

Moved: R. Wilson

Seconded: R. Khan

That the SED Report be accepted Motion 4: Carried

GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT: As presented in the Bugle on Page 11 – Peter Harrison

Peter Harrison spoke on the Grand Opening of the Grandview, stating the Friday of the opening week was one of the worst for Redlands RSL in 2025.

Regardless of the Grandview opening, Peter Harrison has allowed for a 20% downturn in all areas of the club for a short period of time.

Otherwise, the club is in good financial position to have a million-dollar profit, unaudited, by the end of the third quarter.

Moved: I. Cuthbertson

Seconded: A. Bailey

That the General Managers Report be accepted . . . Motion 5: Carried

TREASURERS REPORT: As presented in the Bugle on Page 12 – Paul Field

Paul Field expressed his sincere gratitude towards the volunteers of the Redlands RSL. Expanding on the figures the volunteers are saving the Redlands RSL each year at around \$350,000 per annum.

Moved: P. Field

Seconded: C. McKay

That the Treasurers Report be accepted Motion 6: Carried

WELLBEING REPORT: As presented in the Bugle on Page 13-14 – Linda Harcourt

Alex Rigby to be appointed as a Wellbeing Support Officer for the Redlands RSL Sub Branch from the 26th October 2025 until the Annual General Meeting 22nd March 2026.

Moved: L. Harcourt

Seconded: D. Rogers

That the Wellbeing Report be accepted Motion 7: Carried

DEPUTY PRESIDENTS REPORT: No Report

CADETS LIAISON REPORT: As presented in the Bugle on Page 14-15 – David Field

David Field discussed the importance of having more support from the Cadet Leaders when it comes to reports for the Bugle.

He mentioned having to source his own information on all 3 units to better understand where they are and what they do.

Moved: D. Field

Seconded: F. Williams

That the Cadets Liaison Report be accepted Motion 8: Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Board Positions

President Rob Wilson expressed the board is in a state of flux at the moment.

The position for the Deputy President will be decided at the next board meeting, this position will need to be filled by a current committee member that has served for a minimum of 12 months as per our constitution.

The positions of the Board are still as follows:

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| President | Rob Wilson |
| Vice President | David Field |
| Treasurer | Paul Field |
| League Secretary | Michael McDonnell |
| Directors | Marty Rabjohns Ian Cuthbertson Greg Saunders Phil Barnes |

Presidents & Life members Lunch SED

On Wednesday 29th October 2025, SED will be holding a President's & Life Members Lunch. President Rob Wilson and others will be in attendance.

NEXT QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING: Sunday 25th January 2026 at 10:30am

MEETING CLOSED: by President Rob Wilson at 10.51am

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

LEAGUE GATHERING MEETING MINUTES

SUNDAY 26TH OCTOBER 2025

MEETING OPENED: by President Rob Wilson at 10.51am

CORRESPONDENCE: Presented by Michael McDonnell – League Secretary

Inwards:

Russell Island Sub Branch has hosted a Seniors Welfare Expo at their RSL Club

A member of Pine Rivers RSL swam the English Channel on his back, just his legs and fins. He served in the RAN for 18 years.

Requests from 3 schools have been received to lay wreaths for Remembrance Day.

On Saturday 18th October, Young Veterans sailed triumphantly back into Sydney Harbour, completing its final circumnavigation of Australia. 300 young Australians from all across the county have joined the circumnavigation, sailing STS Young Endeavour over 8000 nautical miles, anti-clockwise around Australia, in just under 7 months.

An update from RSL Australia regarding the change to the RSL Badge. RSL Australia have approved the change to the RSL Badge to incorporate the Tudor crown adopted by the league's patron, King Charles the third.

- The updating of the badge was endorsed by the RSL National Board and approved by members of the recent Annual General Meeting.
- This updates the badge, replacing the St Edward's Crown that marked the reign of Queen Elizabeth II.
- The new badge also features changes to the floral emblem, Australia wattle remains, and a sprig of rosemary and a poppy, the two principal Australian symbols of remembrance, of service and sacrifice, have been added.
- These emblems replace the previous depictions of leek, rose, thistle and shamrock, representing our connection to the British Isles countries of Wales, England, Scotland and Ireland respectively.

Outwards:

Emails have been sent to the respected people, namely police and members of the parliament, to attend Remembrance Day.

Moved: M. McDonnell

Seconded: R. Khan

That the correspondence outwards be accepted . . Motion 9: 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 10: Carried

RAAF ASSOCIATION REPORT: As presented in the Bugle on Pages 17 – President Rob Wilson

Moved: R. Wilson

Seconded: D. Palmer

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

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

Ian Cuthbertson expressed his gratitude to the Redlands RSL who helped facilitate the Naval Associations PowerPoint presentation for “Let’s have the conversation”, stating that the attendees gained a lot of valuable and enlightening information from the information presented and it would be worthwhile to look at repeating the event.

Moved: I. Cuthbertson

Seconded: T. Adams

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

NATIONAL SERVICEMEN REPORT: As presented in the Bugle on Page 19 – Eric Shaw

Moved: E. Shaw

Seconded: F. Williams

That the National Servicemen report be accepted. . Motion 13: Carried

WOMEN’S AUXILIARY REPORT: As presented in the Bugle on Page 19 – Desley Lingard

Moved: D. Lingard

Seconded: C. McKay

That the Women’s Auxiliary report be accepted . . Motion 14: Carried

VETERANS & WELLBEING EXCURSION: As presented in the Bugle on Page 20 – Greg Saunders

Baby Boomers: On Friday 26th September we held our baby boomers’ back to the 60’s luncheon which was very successful. We would like to bring them back again next year.

Mooloolaba Canal Cruise: On Thursday 30th October, we will be

travelling up to Mooloolaba and cruising on the canals on a double decker boat. We have catered for people with disabilities to be able to go downstairs and everyone will be treated to a lovely luncheon.

Greg Saunders advised the meeting of a new method to ensure all service members are notified of the upcoming excursions promptly, either by email or SMS at least two days prior to tickets going on sale at reception.

Upcoming Event: On Thursday 20th November, there will be a trip to the Breakfast Creek Hotel. After dinner, we will be going on the City Cat and have a trip up and down the Brisbane river and aim to return back to the RSL around 9.15pm.

President Rob Wilson also thanked Greg Saunders for the wonderful job he does putting together the Veterans and Wellbeing trips.

Moved: G. Saunders

Seconded: R. Khan

That the Veterans & Wellbeing Excursion Information be accepted .

..... Motion 15: Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS:

President Rob Wilson: The tickets we had for the Edinburgh Military Tattoo at the Suncorp Stadium next year in February have not yet been received from SED, we are yet to confirm the date as they perform over four nights. When we know the attendance date we will have a draw for service members at the following meeting.

Linda Harcourt: Linda Harcourt would like to acknowledge and congratulate Beau King who walked the 10th annual challenge of the 42 for 42, 42-hour challenge, where he walked approximately 200km to support, through donation, the foundation. President Rob Wilson suggested a possible bus trip to see the memorial for Afghanistan which is behind the Suncorp Stadium.

Remembrance Day: President Rob Wilson also reminded everyone that anyone who wished to lay a wreath on Remembrance Day to please see Michael McDonnell and also if anyone wished to volunteer to sell badges please see him.

RAFFLES: Drawn and Won

NEXT VETERANS CUPPA: Tuesday 11th November 2025

NEXT LEAGUE GATHERING: Sunday 23rd November at 10.30am

MEETING CLOSED: by President Rob Wilson at 11.12am

General Manager's Report

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

YEARLY 2024 V 2025

Bottle-Shop sales were \$ 226,598.73 which is + 9.56% on 2024.
Best Ever Year

Bar sales were \$ 3,296,672.28 which is + 9.19% on 2024.
Best Ever Year

Sails sales were \$ 3,867,655.78 which is + 0.90% on 2024.
Best Ever Year

Function sales were \$ 383,529.48 which is – 2.97% on 2024.

Coffee-shop sales were \$ 1,044,827.02 which is + 47.19% on 2024.
Best Ever Year

Keno sales were \$ 2,378,185.70 which is + 11.52% on 2024.
Best Ever Year

Net Profit/Loss unaudited \$ 1,320,505.49 which is + 64.09% on 2024.

All areas except functions still showing slight growth which is good to see.

COMPARISON GAMING FIGURES 2025 V 2024

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| Turnover: | + 7.07% |
| Revenue: | + 9.12% |
| Cancel Credits: | - 22.19% |
| Cash Clearance: | + 7.53% |
| Banking: | + 7.90% |
| ADT: | + 7.67% |
| ADN: | + 9.72% |
| RTP: | - 0.20% |

Another record year in gaming our best ever along with other areas.

Peter S Harrison

GENERAL MANAGER
REDLANDS RSL



Treasurer's Report

Welcome to 2026.

What happened to 2025? What indeed, has happened to the first 25 years of this century? It seems it was only yesterday when we were all being bombarded by the hoax called the Y2K millennium bug which was hypothetically a computer flaw that could have caused problems when dealing with dates beyond December 31, 1999. When January 1, 2000, finally arrived nothing happened. We all went about our work with our computers!

The Celebration of the Centenary of our establishment 2025 was an extremely successful year of operation for Redlands RSL. Congratulations and esteem appreciation to everyone concerned with the organisation and presentation earlier in the year. It was certainly a great memory for everyone.

The final figure for the financial year to 31st December 2025 have as yet to audited. 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.

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 were not as busy, because they, like most of us took time off to enjoy the Festive Season with our families.

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.

The challenges facing Australians during 2026 will most certainly be likewise shared throughout all our membership. It's going to be a wonderful year.

Paul Field

TREASURER
REDLANDS SUB BRANCH



SED REPORT

The last SED Meeting was held on Thursday 4nd December 2025. This meeting was the final meeting for 2025 and rather than have a guest speaker, there was time for some camaraderie between the Sub Branches.

When the meeting began, it was routine business as usual until General Business. In General Business, City New Farm Sub Branch introduced two Motions, one dealing with the design of the new RSL Logo, and the motion dealing with the method by which RSL Australia decided on this new design and a way forward in future. These two Motions stimulated some discussion, however these motions are to be tabled for decision at the next SED Meeting in February.

Reprt provided by

Rob Wilson

Wellbeing Report

Good morning and welcome to the January Meeting the first for 2026

As we welcome another year I hope you all had a good Christmas and are looking forward to the next 12 months.

Christmas is sometimes not an easy time for some of our members and this year we endeavoured to make life a little easier by distributing gift baskets to some of our members, From the feedback I have received they were thrilled by this small gesture.



We hope we can do this for Christmas 2026 and will begin organising this from the start of the year to prepare.

One of our goals this year is to endeavour to visit more of our members who are hospitalised, especially in Greenslopes. To this end we have invited a guest speaker from SED Wellness Centre at the hospital to speak to our February Wellbeing Meeting.

As I think I have said before privacy issues in this day and age are the main stumbling block to being able to visit. If you are admitted to hospital and are able, please give the Sub Branch a buzz and we will send someone to visit you and supply you with a hospital pack.

Our 62 volunteers once again during 2025 supported our Service Members and their families by giving 9,979 hours of their time contributing in various ways when requested.



Thank you to the Department of Veterans Affairs for the \$1,000.00 grant for Veterans Health Week which is enabling the Sub Branch to subsidise a bus trip to Maleny on 19th February.

Thank you to our Advocates for the time and effort they put into making sure they complete and submit the best possible applications to Department of Veteran Affairs that will enable their clients to receive their entitlements. This is not an easy job and with new Legislation coming in mid-year they are attending workshops to make sure they are trained to assist you in the best possible way.

Headquarters reopened on 12th January to begin work to assist in anyway we can in 2026 and we hope to assist you sometime in 2026.

Warm Regards,

Linda Harcourt
WELLBEING CO-ORDINATOR

Email: linda.harcourt@redlandsrsl.com.au



Cadet Liaison Report

Cadet units are still on break as of compilation and print of this Bugle therefore no reports have been submitted.

136 AUSTRALIAN ARMY CADET UNIT

Email: Craig.Buckingham@armycadets.gov.au

Unit Duty Number: 0479 136 106

TS NORFOLK AUSTRALIAN NAVY CADET UNIT

For further enquiries, please contact TSNorfolk@navycadets.gov.au

217 SQUADRON, AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

Cadet reports compiled by

David Field

VICE PRESIDENT, REDLANDS SUB
BRANCH, & CADET LIAISON OFFICER



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>

League Secretary Report

Welcome and happy New Year to all our members. This first few months we have some very important dates we should put forward.

Firstly, our AGM held the fourth Sunday in March. This meeting puts forward any changes within the board, to be supported by those eligible to vote. It also maps out the future direction of our club.

Secondly, Anzac Day 25th April. This year we need your support more than previous as we are all getting a little older and more fragile. In the past few years wet weather has dogged our day and made conditions a little difficult. Hopefully the weather gods look upon us this year.

Interest in Redlands Anzac Day has grown over the years, and is the biggest day in the year for Redlands and Redlands RSL Club, and one of the biggest in South East Queensland. With your help we can continue to put forward an Anzac Day honouring our veterans, past and present in attending and contributing towards this solemn day of reflection.

Look forward working with you to put it together again.

Michael McDonnell

LEAGUE SECRETARY,
REDLANDS SUB BRANCH



**2026 COMMEMORATES
REDLANDS RSL SUB BRANCHES'
100TH ANZAC DAY!**



RAAF Association

REDLANDS BRANCH

A Happy New Year and hopefully everyone had an enjoyable festive season.

Redlands Branch of the RAAF Association continued with promoting the wellness and benefits of members. The Branch Wednesday afternoon informal wellbeing gatherings in the ANZAC Lounge of Redlands RSL continued throughout the Christmas and New Year period with good attendances. Members also enjoyed the last RSL Wellbeing Bus Trip and the monthly RSL 'Veterans Cuppas' during this period.

The last Branch Restaurant Dinner on Tuesday 25th November at the Heart of Europe Restaurant, Ormiston provided an enjoyable atmosphere for the members who attended. This was followed by our last meeting for the year on Saturday 13th December followed by the Branch Christmas Dinner in the RSL Sails Restaurant. What a great job the catering staff did on the day. The next social outing will be a Restaurant Dinner on Tuesday 20th January 2026 at The Sands Hotel, Cleveland.

The Branch has also been proactive in supporting the Australian Air Force Cadets during this period.

The next meeting of RAAFA Redlands Branch, the first for 2026, will be a **General Meeting and the AGM on Sunday 8th February 2026, Redlands RSL at 10:30am**. This will be followed by lunch in Redlands RSL Sails Restaurant for those who can attend after the meeting.

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 December Bayside Naval Association meeting was held at the the Thorneside Community Hall, 13th December 2025 at 1200 with 53 members in attendance.

BAYSIDE CHRISTMAS PARTY - Following the short formal meeting Members enjoyed the afternoon with a delicious spread of Chicken, Ham, Prawns, Salads and refreshments. BZ to our committee, and to members that supported the preparation and clean. up. Excellent feedback received from attendees.



VETERANS' HEALTH WEEK - Bayside were successful and have received a DVA grant to run a function with the theme Connect, Move, Nourish: Thrive 365 for Veterans Health Week. Activities have been arranged for the morning of 14th January 2026 at Redlands RSL commencing at 1000. The program will include Presentations, light physical exercise, a Q&A and lunch.

VETERANS CUPPA - Redlands RSL – Wednesday 14 Jan 2026, and Wednesday 11th February 2026.

JACK MEMORIAL SOUTH BANK - The next ceremony at Jack will be for HMAS Voyager to be held 26 February 2026 starting at 1100. As all ways Fellowship at the Ship Inn on Completion

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING - The venue for meeting is the Tobruk Room Redlands RSL 1200 on the 7th February 2026 (NAA Bayside AGM).

Yours Aye,

Colin Saxby

NAVAL ASSOCIATION AUSTRALIA,
BAYSIDE SUB SECTION INC.



National Servicemen

REDLANDS BRANCH

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

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

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

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

Eric Shaw,

PRESIDENT, NATIONAL SERVICEMEN
REDLANDS BRANCH



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Women's Auxiliary

The Redlands RSL Women's Auxiliary had a busy year and I would like to thank all the ladies for their support and hard work throughout the year.

December saw the culmination of the Christmas gifts for the veterans, war widows and legacy people in aged care facilities throughout the Redlands. Unfortunately, only about 38 gifts were distributed because some facilities and staff have changed and contact has been lost. We hope to rectify this by visiting the facilities and updating the contact list.

DONATIONS

Another donation of \$500 was made to the Redlands RSL in support of their giving children in the Redlands Hospital a Christmas gift plus some wonderful knitted toys supplied by Audrey Warner.



The ladies enjoyed their Christmas lunch thanks to the Redlands RSL at Sails Restaurant.



In conclusion, I would like to wish everyone a happy, safe and healthy new year.

Desley Lingard
PRESIDENT, WOMEN'S AUXILIARY



Library Museum

Good morning all,

I hope you all ate and drank too much over the break and didn't get into much trouble.

We were a little busy at the end of last year. Uncle Doug had a visit from Mt. Gravatt Respite Bluecare on the 14th November. By all accounts they had a great time. Some comments received: "this visit brings back many memories of my childhood in England", and "how great to see so many treasures from our military history". Afterwards they made their way over to the RSL for lunch.



On the 16th December, Uncle Andrew and I entertained a lovely group of people from Anglicare Eight Mile Plains. The questions were thick and fast and the conversation was very engaging.



Here's to great 2026 and I look forward to working closely with each and everyone of you.

Marty Rabjohns

LIBRARY MUSEUM CURATOR

CHRISTMAS GIVING & COMMUNITY SPIRIT

In December, Peter and Karleigh had the absolute pleasure of delivering 160+ beautiful Christmas gifts to the children at Redland Hospital, with some gifts also shared with the Redland Bay Satellite Hospital.

We are incredibly grateful again to our amazing customers who so generously donated gifts and funds to support our annual Toy Drive — your kindness truly makes a difference. A special shout-out to Fitstop Cleveland, who ran a toy drive with their members to help boost this incredible effort.

Our giving didn't stop there. We were also proud to purchase 25+ wellbeing hampers for our Wellbeing clients, who were extremely grateful for this thoughtful Christmas gesture.

A heartfelt thank you to our Women's Auxiliary, Legacy Ladies, and War Widows, who generously donated \$1000 towards our Christmas giving — helping make both the children's gifts and wellbeing hampers possible.

And to top off a truly special season of giving, Peter Harrison and Rob Wilson spent two days spreading Christmas cheer by handing out \$2,000 worth of Gift Cards to shoppers at Woolworths in Cleveland.

This is what community looks like. Thank you to everyone who helped make the 2025 Christmas brighter for so many.



VETERANS & WELLBEING EXCURSIONS

Our first trip for the year is on Friday 20th February 2026 to Maleny Botanic Gardens and Bird World.

We will be leaving the Redlands RSL at 8.30am arriving at Maleny Bird World at 10.15am for morning tea which will include fresh baked scones, freshly brewed tea and coffee and a fruit platter.

We will then tour the gardens and farm friends' section. We have also booked a six-seater buggy for those that may need a ride.

The next stop is the Nambour RSL where we will have a two-course lunch, alternate drop, consisting of crumbed Barramundi, chips and salad or Roast Beef with potatoes, vegetables and gravy and Yorkshire Pudding.

After lunch we will leave and head back to Redlands RSL, arriving at approximately 4.30pm.

Tickets for this fantastic day out to kick off 2026 are just \$65.00 per head.

Don't miss out! This trip represents exceptional value.

We would also like to acknowledge the Department of Veterans Affairs for \$1000.00 dollars Grant as part of Veterans Health Week to subsidise this trip.

Greg Saunders,

CONVENOR OF VETERANS &
WELLBEING EXCURSIONS



NEXT OF KIN DETAILS

Can ALL Life Subscribers please ensure we have a **Next of Kin** listed on our membership database at Redlands RSL. Unfortunately we have lost contact with over 40 of our members (via returned mail and contact number disconnected). We therefore have no way of 'checking-in' to see if these members need assistance, have moved address, or have passed away and we are not aware. Thank you.



MALENY BOTANIC GARDENS & BIRD WORLD

With lunch at Nambour RSL

- THURSDAY, 19TH FEBRUARY 2026 -

Escape for a day of breathtaking views, friendly farm animals, and an unforgettable up-close bird encounter at the stunning Maleny Botanic Gardens, followed by a delicious two-course lunch at Nambour RSL. With limited seats available and this trip always a crowd favourite, be sure to book quickly before spots fly away!

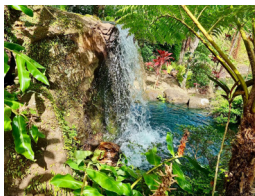
We'll depart Redlands RSL at 8.30am, returning at approximately 4.30pm.

COST: \$65 per person (max 50 guests)

Available for Service Members and one partner/carer.

Bookings opened on Wednesday 14th January 2026 – seats are limited and will sell quickly. Pre-bookings with payment are essential – phone 3488 1199.

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





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 11TH FEBRUARY 2026

COST: ONLY \$5.00

PRE-BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL - PHONE 3488 1199

*Strictly available for Redlands RSL service members only,
with one accompanying partner/carer.*

10% OFF PRONTO MAIN MEALS IN SAILS RESTAURANT FOR REDLANDS RSL SERVICE MEMBERS

5 delicious main meals to choose from!
Normally \$16 for members, you pay \$14.40.
Add a selected entree or dessert
for only \$3 extra.

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



THIS MONTH IN AUSTRALIAN MILITARY

History

JANUARY

| DATE | TITLE | EVENT |
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| Jan 1969 | Vietnam | Australian military commitment to Vietnam reaches a peak of 8,300 service personnel. |
| 1 Jan 1901 | Proclamation of the Commonwealth of Australia | The union of the six former colonies came into being with a proclamation by the Governor-General, Lord Hopetoun at Centennial Park Sydney. |
| 1 Jan 1975 | Office of Australian War Graves established | The Office is responsible for the maintenance of the graves of Australia's war dead in 78 countries around the world and in 76 war cemeteries within Australia. |
| 5 Jan 1945 | HMAS Australia damaged by Kamikaze aircraft | Australian ships were operating in support of United States amphibious landings in the Lingayen Gulf, Philippines when the Australia, for the second time in the war, became one of seven Allied ships to be struck by Kamikaze aircraft. 25 of her crew were killed and 30 wounded. |
| 9 Jan 1940 | Australian Comforts Fund re-established | The Australian Comforts Fund (ACF), based on its First World War predecessor, raised money for comforts parcels for Australian service personnel in the field, clothing and the provision of meals and accommodation for men on leave. |
| 10 Jan 1942 | Japanese air raid on Singapore | After their rapid advance through Malaya, Japanese forces paved the way for their invasion of Singapore with a series of air raids against the island. |
| 11 Jan 1973 | Cessation of hostilities in Vietnam by Australian forces | The proclamation by the Governor-General, Sir Paul Hasluck, ended 11 years of Australian involvement in Vietnam, the longest duration of any war in Australia's history. |
| 25 Jan 1942 | Full mobilisation ordered in Australia | The threat of a Japanese invasion and the proximity of Japanese forces to Australia demanded an increased commitment from the Government and public. |
| 25 Jan 1952 | Last day of HMAS Sydney's service in the Korean war | HMAS Sydney had served in Korean waters since August 1951. The carrier had operated Firefly and Sea Fury aircraft (both types can be seen in the Memorial's Aircraft Hall). |
| 28 Jan 1991 | RAN Clearance Diving Team departs Perth for Kuwait | As part of Australia's commitment to the Gulf War a Royal Australian Navy Clearance Diving Team was dispatched to the Gulf for explosive ordnance demolition tasks. |

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Associated Groups

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|  | 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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