

REDLANDS SUB BRANCH

# BUGLE

MARCH 2026 EDITION

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



**ANZAC DAY**  
**SATURDAY 25 APRIL**

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





# Veterans Cuppa

**KEEPING OUR REDLANDS RSL SUB BRANCH MEMBERS  
SOCIAALLY 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 APRIL 2026**

**COST: ONLY \$5.00**

**PRE-BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL - PHONE 3488 1199**

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# President's Report

I hope this finds everyone in good health.

The Redlands RSL Sub Branch commemorative program for the year began on Australian War Animal Day, with a service on Tuesday 24th February, at Anzac Memorial Park. Our guest speaker, Ian Ward from AWAMO, gave a moving address on the sacrifices our war animals paid for their loyalty and devotion to duty, while serving alongside our military personnel. Thanks again to Michael McDonnell for planning this annual event on our calendar. It was encouraging to see an increased attendance this year.

Our next commemorative event, Anzac Day, does not need any reminders and is by far the premier commemorative event each year for all RSL sub branches. This year is somewhat special for us, being the 100th Anzac Day Service commemorated by Redlands RSL Sub Branch. As usual, planning has been underway for some time. It is a time when our volunteers will be required to step up in the weeks leading to the day, with attendances at services conducted by schools and aged care facilities, the selling of Anzac memorabilia and the 'Honour the Fallen' program, to name a few. It is also a time for cooperation, particularly if you want to lay a wreath or need a ride in a buggy, you need to advise Michael McDonnell now to avoid disappointment.

Following some correspondence that crossed my laptop screen recently, I felt it timely to pay tribute to the great work done by our experienced, hardworking Advocates, and their support staff. Our Advocates strive to obtain the best possible outcome for their clients. This year in particular, has been difficult as they prepare for a significant reform with the consolidation of DVA claims combined with the volume of claims. So be kind and courteous, and above all, patient. Delays are rarely their fault. Positive feedback would always be appreciated.

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 16TH MARCH 2025 (FOLLOWING AGM)

**MEETING OPENED:** by Rob Wilson at 12.32am

**NEW MEMBERS:** N/A

**BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:** Lorraine Coleman – 80th Birthday on 17th March 2025

**PRESIDENTS OPENING REMARKS:** No remarks by President Rob Wilson. All remarks have been addressed and said in the previous meeting AGM.

**PREVIOUS MINUTES:** As presented in the Bugle - Page 5-7 | League Gathering Meeting Sunday 19th January 2025

*Moved: E. Shaw*

*Seconded: A. Symonds*

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

. . . . . Motion 1: Carried

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Nil

**PRESIDENTS REPORT:** As presented in the Bugle on Page 3

*Moved: R. Wilson*

*Seconded: D. Palmer*

That the Presidents Report be accepted . . . . . Motion 2: Carried

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

### Inwards:

- Open Arms email – Building Better Relationships, 6th-7th March.
- SED email – Queensland RSL seeks nominations for two board director positions, Vice President, and two skilled-based directors. “Run Army, Run Club” registrations open from January 30th to March 27th; event covered by TV, raising money for charity.
- SED AGM – Saturday 17th May at 12:00pm.
- Request from Noel Newton – Replace Norm Price Plaque over the entrance to the showgrounds; handed over to the council for review.
- Australian American Association Newsletter – Latest update.
- Update from Australian National Events – Regarding ANZAC Day.
- Military History Summit – 2nd Fort Lytton, Saturday 2nd August 2025.

- Latest ACNC Newsletter – Recent update.

### **Outwards:**

- We sent a request off to RSL QLD regarding ANZAC Day Media Coverage.
- Invite local MPs to Lay a Wreath.

*Moved: M. McDonnell*

*Seconded: B. Reedman*

That the correspondence inwards / outwards be accepted.....

..... Motion 3: Carried

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

**Charity Golf Day:** The Redlands RSL annual charity golf day raised \$9,000, which was donated to three charities: Night Ninjas, Cleveland Meals on Wheels, and one other, with each receiving \$3,000.

*Moved: G. Saunders*

*Seconded: G. Hinson*

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

**WELLBEING REPORT:** As presented in the Bugle on Page 11

*Moved: L. Harcourt*

*Seconded: D. Field*

That the Wellbeing Report be accepted Motion 5: Carried

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

*Moved: I. Gray*

*Seconded: G. Hargreaves*

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

..... Motion 6: Carried

**LEAGUE SECRETARY REPORT:** As presented in the Bugle on Page 15

*Moved: M. McDonnell*

*Seconded: A. Harcourt*

That the League Secretary Report be accepted. . . . Motion 7: Carried

**RAAF ASSOCIATION REPORT:** As presented in the Bugle on Page 16

*Moved: G. Olsen*

*Seconded: D. Field*

That the RAAF Association Report be accepted . . . Motion 8: Carried

**NAVAL ASSOCIATION REPORT:** As presented in the Bugle on Page 17

*Moved: G. Hargreaves*

*Seconded: I. Cuthbertson*

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

**GENERAL BUSINESS:** Nil General Business

**NEXT VETERANS CUPPA:** 9am, Wednesday 9th April 2025.

**RAFFLES:** Drawn and Won

**NEXT LEAGUE GATHERING:** Sunday 20th April at 10.30am.

**MEETING CLOSED** by Rob Wilson at 12.45pm Returned & Services

League of Australia (Queensland Branch)  
Redlands RSL Sub-Branch  
**LEAGUE GATHERING MEETING MINUTES**  
**SUNDAY 22ND FEBRUARY 2026**

**MEETING OPENED:** by Rob Wilson at 10.30am

**ODE RECITED**

**REMEMBERING:**

John Etherington	Army
Frank Featherstone	Army
Gary Mapstone	Army
Maurice Ellem	Air Force
Sean McMullen	Army
Ian Gray	Army

**GUEST SPEAKER:**

David Field introduced the guest speaker Beau King. Beau provided a photo slideshow throughout the presentation beginning with his life growing up in the Redlands, followed by his service life and his post service life.

**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: R. Kahn*

*Seconded: C. Griffioen*

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

**NEW MEMBERS:** N/A

**BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:** N/A

**PRESIDENTS OPENING REMARKS:**

This Tuesday 24th February 2026 is Australian War Animals Commemoration Day and Redlands Sub Branch will be holding a commemorative service in Anzac Memorial Park beginning at 10.00am. A reminder that the AGM is on 22nd March 2026.

**PREVIOUS MINUTES:** As presented in the Bugle - Page 4-10 | League Gathering Meeting - Sunday 23rd November 2025

*Moved: I. Cuthbertson*

*Seconded: D. Field*

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

. . . . . Motion 2: Carried

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

President Rob Wilson raised the issue of fostering Bayside South Sub Branch as a chapter of Redlands Sub Branch, noting that forming a chapter appears unlikely as it seems they were able to form a committee at their last meeting.

*Moved: N. Hendrick*

*Seconded: G. Hargreaves*

That the Business arising from previous minutes be accepted . . . . .  
..... Motion 3: Carried

**PRESIDENTS REPORT:** As presented in the Bugle on Page 3

President Rob Wilson reiterated his report as presented in the Bugle.

*Moved: R. Wilson*

*Seconded: D. James*

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

**LEAGUE CORRESPONDENCE:** As presented by Michael McDonnell – League Secretary

**Inwards:**

- There are two applications for RSL Qld Directors, Deputy Director and Skilled Director
- Updated Australian National Events Budget for Anzac Day
- Anzac Day Centenary Park booking approved by Redland City Council
- Redlands City Council Community Grants application has been forwarded
- Redlands City Council Anzac Day permit approved

*Moved: M. McDonnell*

*Seconded: C. Griffioen*

That the Correspondence Report be accepted. . . . Motion 5: Carried

**LEAGUE SECRETARY REPORT:** As presented in the Bugle on Page 18-19

*Moved: M. McDonnell*

*Seconded: G. Olsen*

That the League Secretary Report be accepted. . . . Motion 6: Carried

**TREASURERS REPORT:** As presented in the Bugle on Page 10

*Moved: P. Field*

*Seconded: A. Dunker*

That the Treasurers Reports be accepted. . . . . Motion 7: Carried

**SED REPORT:** As presented in the Bugle on Page 11

*Moved: R. Wilson*

*Seconded: G. Hargreaves*

That the SED Report be accepted . . . . . Motion 8: Carried

**WELLBEING REPORT:** As presented in the Bugle on Page 12-13

*Moved: L. Harcourt*

*Seconded: D. Rogers*

That the Wellbeing Report be accepted. . . . . Motion 9: Carried

**CADET LIAISON REPORT:** As presented in the Bugle on Page 13-17

*Moved: D. Field*

*Seconded: A. Symonds*

That the Cadet Liaison Report be accepted . . . . . Motion 10: Carried

**RAAF ASSOCIATION REPORT:** As presented in the Bugle on Page 20

*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 21

*Moved: G. Hargreaves*

*Seconded: I. Cuthbertson*

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

**LIBRARY MUSEUM REPORT:** As presented in the Bugle on Page 22

*Moved: G. Hargreaves*

*Seconded: R. Khan*

That the Library Museum Report be accepted . . . Motion 13: Carried

**VETERANS & WELLBEING EXCURSION REPORT:** As presented in the Bugle on Page 23

The trip last week to Maleny Bird World followed by lunch at Nambour RSL was another successful excursion.

*Moved: G. Saunders*

*Seconded: B. Coleman*

That the Veterans and Wellbeing Excursion Report be accepted . . . .  
..... Motion 14: Carried

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

President Rob Wilson raised the review of Redlands RSL (Qld) Sub Branch Inc. constitution, noting that Wohlsen Consulting were engaged to review the Constitution, firstly against the Model Constitution and, as we are an incorporated not for profit association, our requirements by the Office of Fair Trading. The Board also submitted recommendations of known errors and requirements.

If these changes are approved, they will then also need to be approved by RSL Queensland before registering with the Office of Fair Trading.

The final Constitutional recommendations for Returned & Services League of Australia (Queensland Branch) Redlands Sub Branch Incorporated are as follows: -

• **Motion 1 – The use of the Common Seal**

The rationale is self-explanatory. The common seals are no longer required by law and are seldom in use with new technology. Article 50 is being replaced and new rules 50.13 to 50.3 have been added.

*Moved: D. James*

*Seconded: G. Olsen*

That Motion 1 be accepted . . . . . Motion 15: Carried

- **Motion 2 – Secretary must be 18 years of age or older**

The rationale is self-explanatory.

*Moved: A. Symonds*

*Seconded: F. Williams*

That Motion 2 be accepted ..... Motion 16: Carried

- **Motion 3 – Mis-reference to the secretary position being included as a member of the board**

This is to correct an error, most likely a “typo” that contradicts Rule 21.5. It refers to whether an appointed Secretary of the Board is counted as a member of the Board.

*Moved: D. Field*

*Seconded: A. Dunker*

That Motion 3 be accepted ..... Motion 17: Carried

- **Motion 4 – Disciplinary and Grievance procedure**

A mandatory requirement by RSL Qld, which outlines procedures required for Disciplinary and Grievances.

*Moved: D. Rogers*

*Seconded: G. Hargreaves*

That Motion 4 be accepted ..... Motion 18: Carried

- **Motion 5 – Requirements at an Annual General Meeting**

This is in line with the Model Constitution.

*Moved: A. Harcourt*

*Seconded: G. Hargreaves*

That Motion 5 be accepted ..... Motion 19: Carried

- **Motion 6 – Other requirements to the schedule of the Liquor Act**

To conform to the Liquor Act. This is a regulatory requirement.

*Moved: R. Khan*

*Seconded: C. Ryan*

That Motion 6 be accepted ..... Motion 20: Carried

- **Motion 7 – Removal of Director due to unsound mind or mental health**

The rationale is self-explanatory. It provides a process to follow should the need arise.

*Moved: C. Griffioen*

*Seconded: D. Field*

That Motion 7 be accepted ..... Motion 21: Carried

- **Motion 8 – Rule 28 -Functions of the Board**

The rationale is self-explanatory.

*Moved: P. Field*

*Seconded: C. Griffioen*

That Motion 8 be accepted ..... Motion 22: Carried

- **Motion 9 – Quorum and voting at General Meetings**

The rationale is self-explanatory. Current rules are uncertain as to how a quorum is assessed for a General Meeting.

*Moved: A. Dunker*

*Seconded: I. Cuthbertson*

That Motion 9 be accepted ..... Motion 23: Carried

• **Motion 10 – Members calling for a special General Meeting**

The rationale is self-explanatory.

*Moved: N. Hendrick*

*Seconded: R. Khan*

That Motion 10 be accepted ..... Motion 24: Carried

• **Motion 11 – Funds of account (Rule 51)**

The rationale is self-explanatory and leaves: -

51.1 The funds of the Sub Branch must be kept in an account in the name of the Sub Branch in a financial institution decided by the board.

51.2 Records and accounts must be kept in the English language showing full and accurate particulars of the financial affairs of the Sub Branch.

51.3 All amounts must be deposited in the financial institution account as soon as practicable after receipt.

*Moved: N. Hendrick*

*Seconded: R. Khan*

That Motion 11 be accepted. .... Motion 25: Carried

• **Motion 12 – Documents (Rule 53)**

The rationale is self-explanatory and the specification of what documents is no longer required in the constitution and is not in the Model constitution. This is a Statutory requirement by the Australian Tax Office, all taxpayers are bound by the 7 years, and it is also in Financial Controller Standards. It leaves: -

53.1 The board must ensure the safe custody of books, documents, instruments of title and securities of the Sub-Branch.

It Removes: -

53.2 The Sub-Branch shall maintain:

53.2.1 A book or statement of amounts received and paid;

53.2.2 A receipt book of receipt forms;

53.2.3 records of accounts the Sub-Branch keeps with financial institutions that are given to the Sub-Branch by financial institutions;

53.2.4 A register of members;

53.2.5 A register of assets;

53.2.6 A petty cash book; and

53.2.7 A minute book of the Board

*Moved: I. Cuthbertson*

*Seconded: R. Khan*

That Motion 12 be accepted ..... Motion 26: Carried

### • **Motion 13 – Renumbering of Rules**

Our constitution does not have an index which makes it difficult to find specific rules. The renumbering will be done so the rules of our constitution are more closely aligned with the RSL Model Constitution.

*Moved: A. Harcourt*

*Seconded: D. James*

That Motion 13 be accepted ..... Motion 27: Carried

### **Australian War Animal Memorial Day**

This Tuesday 24th February 2026 we will be honouring the Australian War Animals with a commemoration service in the Anzac Memorial Park at 10.00am.

### **Anzac Day**

Michael McDonnell provided details on Anzac Day timings and assembly instructions, including buggy and wreath-laying timings, to members requesting advance notice for those who wish to lay wreaths or make use of a buggy at the Dawn service.

### **Annual General Meeting**

President Rob Wilson reminded all that the Annual General Meeting is on 22nd March 2026, noting that there are four positions available for re-election; The Deputy President and League Secretary positions and two delegate positions. Application forms are available from the General Manager or his representative.

**NEXT VETERANS CUPPA:** Wednesday 11th March 2026 in the ANZAC Lounge at 9am.

**RAFFLES:** Drawn and Won

### **NEXT MEETING:**

- Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 22nd March 2026 at 10.30am
- League Gathering Meeting will be held on Sunday 19th April 2026 at 10.30am
- Quarterly General Meeting will be held on Sunday 26th July 2026 at 10.30am

**MEETING CLOSED:** Meeting closed by Rob Wilson at 11.29am.

# Treasurer's Report

As I put my fingers to the keyboard to prepare this report, all I hear on the radio, television or read in the papers goes back to the problems in the Middle East. The potential for petrol price hikes, maybe petrol rationing. These were the daily thought in the minds of our forefathers 85 years ago. How far have we come?

I really don't want to sound to maudlin with the income and expenditure for whole of the organisation. I'll leave those boring details to our General Manager – Peter Harrison. I will summarise some of the League and Wellbeing disbursements during the month. ANZAC Day Expenses \$40,443.78, Member Amenities \$30,750.61, Cadet Units \$4,986.36, Vietnam Veterans \$3,550.00, Golden Oldies \$1,526.60, Home Maintenance \$1,461.00, Wellbeing Other \$1,171.55.

Overall year to date Members Funds total \$ 33,537,902.77. The Current Asset total is \$4,182,893.50,

Against Current Liabilities of \$5,983,880.37. This includes the Bank Business loan of \$3,117,744.67. Our cash reserves remain buoyant at \$1,772,894.77 and there is a further \$1,464,785.41 in Operational Funds.

Carbrook Golf Club was the venue for the Annual Redlands RSL Dave Whitehead Memorial Charity Golf Day which was held on Friday 20th February. The highly successful event was again organised by Peter Harrison who ensured our valued suppliers were involved with donations and contributions. The proceeds from the event were donated to Meal on Wheels Cleveland and Redlands Centre for Women, both receiving \$4,000 each.

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.

My final message in previous Bugles has been about prospects for the future. The next 3 months will most certainly be uncertain for everyone. Interest rate rises and petrol shortages being high on all minds.

I certainly want to have a totally optimistic financial outlook by the time I write the July report.

*Paul Field*

TREASURER, REDLANDS SUB BRANCH



# Wellbeing Report

Headquarters is busier than usual with plans for Redlands RSL Sub Branch 100th Anzac Day Service well under way.

Michael, assisted by Nicole and Alisa are talking to schools regarding merchandise sales and school visits as well as badge/merchandise sales in the local Woolworths Centre.

If you would like to assist with Anzac Day badge selling anytime on Wednesday 22nd, Thursday 23rd or Friday 24th April please advise Rob Wilson after the meeting.

Our advocates Deb and Julie are doing a wonderful job to assist veterans and their families with help from Admin assistant Jeanette. They are in the office from Monday to Thursday to assist you with any problems you may have regarding your DVA entitlements. If you think you may be entitled to an upgrade to your present entitlement please call Headquarters to make an appointment.

Our Wellbeing Support Officers met earlier in the month and had guest speakers Judy and Jasmine from the Wellbeing Support Office at Greenslopes Hospital which is managed by SEDRSL. They explained that they try to get to see as many veterans as possible who are in-patients in the hospital. When they visit a patient they always enquire if they belong to a Sub Branch and if they would like someone from their Sub Branch to visit them. They are endeavouring to introduce this service to other hospitals.

If you would like a visit please call HQ Reception 3488 1151 and one of our Wellbeing officers will visit.

Once again, our Vets cuppa was well attended with some veterans we haven't seen before attending. Good to see regular and new faces each month. These gatherings are well attended and is also where we release our new bus excursions. There is no bus trip in April due to Anzac Day and the next one will be released at the Vets Cuppa on 8th April.

Golden Oldies meet every second Tuesday, next one is 31st March. On arrival tea and coffee is supplied, raffle is drawn and then have entertainment or a guest speaker followed by tea/coffee and sandwiches. If you are 80+ and would like to join and either served in the Defence Force, or the spouse of someone who did, and have no transport our RSL bus is available for transport if you live within

designated area. The morning is free of charge. Special events are held with a nominal cost.

We are continuing to regularly post on Facebook to share Sub Branch information so keep an eye out on the RSL Facebook page - RedlandsRSLClub.

Thank you to all volunteers who assist our veterans and their families your time is much appreciated.

Warm Regards,

*Linda Harcourt*

WELLBEING CO-ORDINATOR

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## SED REPORT

The last SED Meeting held on Thursday 5th March returned to a more traditional meeting. This time, there was only the usual one guest speaker before the meeting, Brigadier Kevin O'Brien, who presented his new book, 'LONG TAN Memories, Myths and Reality'. His presentation provided some interesting contradictions that dispelled many of the accepted beliefs about the action.

Following the guest speaker, the meeting began with the ode and business routine as usual until the Motions of Notice. The two City New Farm Motions generated some interesting discussion that mostly centred around whether there was a need for better communication from National, instead of seeking a change in the structure of the National Congress. At the conclusion of this discussion the vote was taken and result convincingly in favour of both motions, which were carried.

The next and final motion, was the motion from SED to approve the Draft SED Constitution. Not surprising, there was no discussion about the Motion and the voting to approve the draft SED Constitution was carried unanimously.

In General Business, discussion centred on the announcement of all the impending vacancies that will occur at the AGM in May as follows:

- **District President** Kerry Gallagher AM
- **District Treasurer** Dean Malseed
- **Senior Vice President** Doug Egan
- **Vice President** Bob Ikin
- **Vice President** Eve Radford

Doug Egan announced that he was contesting the State Deputy President position being vacated by Wendy Taylor in June. Like everyone, he was blindsided by the announcement by the SED President to resign at the AGM. Doug Egan added he would also contest the SED President position. Some interesting times ahead.

Report provided by

*Rob Wilson*

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## Cadet Liaison Report

The three cadet units are up and running in 2026, having been busy since returning from holidays with recruiting and training. Both Army and Air Force are pretty much at their preferred number of cadets, while the Navy has been busy recruiting. All three services continue to run short of adult leaders or volunteers and the Navy is in the most need at this time. If any reader of this missive has an interest in becoming a cadet leader or knows someone who may, please contact me at 0439 855 894.

Being a military cadet really brings out the best in young people. A mum would tell you that young Johnny now makes his own bed, keeps his room tidy and insists on ironing his uniform. I am sure that all the Mum's would love to have this with their teens. Not only do the cadets manage their own equipment, they learn to mix with their contemporaries and also learn about leadership.

You should attend one of the parades and listen to the young commanders giving orders and then watching the reaction of the 'troops'. Some of these youth go on and study at the Defence Force Academy in one of the military branches followed by a career in the chosen branch.

A big thanks to Roland Heath – the Deputy Cadet Liaison Officer for his assistance.



## TS NORFOLK AUSTRALIAN NAVY CADET UNIT

No report.

For further enquiries, please contact [TSNorfolk@navycadets.gov.au](mailto:TSNorfolk@navycadets.gov.au)

— Lt (ANC) Matt Firth, CO TS Norfolk



## 136 AUSTRALIAN ARMY CADET UNIT

136 Army Cadets has had a strong and productive start to the 2026 training program, highlighted by the successful intake of 17 new recruits. These cadets commenced their journey with their first induction training weekend, where they were introduced to core cadet skills including basic drill, navigation, care of personal equipment and uniform, as well as the history and purpose of the Australian Army Cadets. This initial training has laid a solid foundation for their development and integration into the unit, setting clear expectations around discipline, teamwork, and personal responsibility.

In addition to recruit training, the unit has continued to focus on leadership development and progression opportunities for senior cadets. Earlier in the year, a number of cadets attended a Lance Corporals Course conducted by 13 Battalion, further developing their leadership, instructional, and fieldcraft skills. Building on this momentum, the unit has also achieved an outstanding outcome with three cadets selected for the National Adventure Training Award (NATA) activity, scheduled to be conducted in April in Tasmania. This selection reflects both the commitment of the cadets involved and the overall standard of training and leadership within the unit.

Beyond training, 136 Army Cadets has remained actively engaged with the local community and upcoming ceremonial commitments. The unit is currently ramping up preparations for ANZAC Day parades, ensuring cadets are well prepared to represent the organisation with pride and professionalism. Planning is also underway for a new recruitment drive commencing from May onwards, aimed at continuing the unit's growth. Additionally, 136ACU is taking part in the Bendigo Bank Community Raffle, to help raise funds to further improve the experience the Cadets have within this valuable youth program. You can help support 136 by buying a ticket via the following link <https://www.raffletix.com.au/?ref=vruap&sref=4m8uh78x>

— Report provided by CAPT (AAC) Craig Buckingham, OC 136ACU

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## 217 SQUADRON, AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

217 Squadron is based at Capalaba State College and in January welcomed returning cadets and eager new cadets. It is likely when all adjustments are made that our strength will be around 75 cadets with our recruitment process closing nationally at the end of March.

PLTOFF (AAFC) Peter Eickenloff marched in as the new Commanding Officer. The new CO has previously served with 200 Squadron and 212 Squadron of the AAFC. Additionally, he has gained extensive experience previously as a Commanding Officer with army cadet units on both the southside and northside of Brisbane.

The first phase of the training year is a focus on refreshing skills and preparing our recruits for upcoming activities. Our recruits are forming together on Saturday 14 March with 215SQN recruits to extend their drill and field skills training.

Upcoming activities will be the Squadron participation in the local Anzac Day March, and on the 9 May we are hoping that all will be well for our Banner Parade. At the end of May we will be heading into bush phase for a weekend bivouac at a local field area.

After being located at Capalaba State College for a number of years, it looks likely we will relocate later in the year. Whilst the details are still being worked out this is unlikely to impede our training tempo, and the Squadron will do it best to maximise the benefits of any changes.

It is shaping up to a great year for the Squadron.

For any enquiries relating specifically to 217 Squadron, please contact [co.217sqn@airforcecadets.gov.au](mailto:co.217sqn@airforcecadets.gov.au)

The nationwide recruitment period runs from 1 October to 31 March each year. If capacity is reached early, then individual squadrons may close their recruitment period earlier. Visit:

<https://www.airforcecadets.gov.au/> and search for 217 Squadron.

— Report provided by Plt Off (AAFC) Peter Eickenloff CO 217 Sqn AAFC

Cadet reports compiled by

*David Field*

VICE PRESIDENT, REDLANDS SUB  
BRANCH, & CADET LIAISON OFFICER



# League Secretary Report

Preparations for this year's ANZAC Day commemorations are almost complete. Veterans who wish to lay a wreath on behalf of the unit or squadron they served with are invited to contact me, particularly for the Dawn Service. Please remember that only one wreath per military unit or squadron can be laid.

For those who have not marched at dawn before, it is an experience worth reconsidering. The atmosphere, the silence, and the crowd that awaits you create a moment that stays with you long after the service ends.

This year we have a limited number of golf carts available, and allocation will be on a first-come, first-served basis. At the time of printing, two carts remain unallocated. Those riding in the golf carts are asked to assemble in the HQ car park no later than 9.30am. Veterans wishing to march in the main parade should gather adjacent to the Bowls Club in Shore Street by 10.00am.

To ensure the parade remains respectful and manageable, veterans are asked to bring only one carer or child. ANZAC Day is a solemn commemoration, not a family parade.

The main parade will feature representatives from the RAAF and Army, our three cadet units—TS Norfolk, 136 Army Cadets, and 217 Squadron Air Force—along with multiple bands, youth organisations, and all local schools, each limited to 15 students. Many other community groups will also be taking part.

ANZAC Day in the Redlands is one of the largest commemorations in the greater Brisbane region. Let us continue to support our RSL Club and acknowledge the dedicated volunteers who work tirelessly throughout the year to make this event possible.

*Michael McDonnell*

LEAGUE SECRETARY,  
REDLANDS SUB BRANCH





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**100TH ANZAC DAY**

**REDLANDS RSL SUB BRANCH**

**25<sup>th</sup> APRIL**

**- SATURDAY -**

**2026 MARKS THE  
100th ANZAC DAY FOR  
REDLANDS RSL SUB BRANCH**

**If you are available to volunteer to sell  
Anzac Day Badges on Wednesday 22nd,  
Thursday 23rd or Friday 24th April  
please advise Rob Wilson.**

**Anyone requiring a ride in the Golf Carts for the  
Main Parade, please contact Michael McDonnell.  
Limited number available.**

**Anyone wishing to lay a wreath, please  
contact Michael McDonnell.**

*lest we forget*

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# - Anzac Day -

## **GUNFIRE BREAKFAST**

4.30am to 5.15am | Anzac Lounge  
Coffee, Tea and Toast

**This is strictly limited to League Members, Veterans, Serving Personnel, Partners & Carers only.**

Did you know: Rather than artillery, 'gunfire' refers to the rum-laced coffee or tea, and harks back to the measure of liquid courage that was served up at the beginning of the day to help soldiers face the coming battle.

## **BREAKFAST**

6am to 8am | Sails Restaurant

After the Dawn Service, all are welcome back at Redlands RSL for a plated breakfast of bacon, scrambled eggs, hash browns, tomatoes, and baked beans; with tea and coffee.

**Adults: \$15 | Children 12yrs & under: \$10**

No bookings required.





## ENTERTAINMENT

### Anzac Lounge

1pm to 5pm - Acoustic Kaffene

From 7pm - Homegrown

### TWO UP

Can Bar open from 12 noon

Two Up from 1pm to 5pm

Large crowds are once again expected to gather for two-up, celebrating true Aussie spirit and mateship.

This traditional game was played extensively by Australian soldiers during WW1.



## FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information on the Dawn Service, Main Commemorative Service, or Wreath Laying please phone our League Secretary on 3488 1108.



## ANZAC DAY SCHEDULE

# NTH STRADBROKE ISLAND

**5.10am: Assemble at the Butcher Shop** on Welsby Street, and March to the Cenotaph

**5.30am: Dawn Service Commences**

**6am-7am: Gunfire Breakfast**  
North Stradbroke Island Rugby League & All-Sports Club for a small cost, plus donations accepted.

**10.15am: Main Parade Assembly**  
at the bottom end of Dunwich school on Welsby St, Dunwich (not at the Little Ships Club)

**10.45am: Main March Commences**

**11am: Main Commemorative Service**  
at Cenotaph, Welsby St, Dunwich

After the service, all are invited back to The All-Sports Club for camaraderie.

For any further information regarding the services or wreath laying, please contact John Hague on 0428 191 134.

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## ANZAC DAY SCHEDULE

# COOCHIEMUDLO ISLAND

**4.45am:** Ferry departs Victoria Point Jetty to allow cadets, their parents and general public to attend the Anzac Day Dawn Service.

**5.30am:** Dawn Service at Main Beach commences with flag orderlies and Catafalque Party taking post.

After the service, all are welcome to the Gunfire Breakfast hosted by The Men's Shed at the small cost of a gold coin donation.

# ANZAC DAY SCHEDULE

## CLEVELAND

### 4.30am: Traditional Gunfire Breakfast - Coffee/Tea/Toast

*NB: Restricted access for League Members, Veterans, Serving Personnel, Partners & Carers ONLY will be permitted in the club before the Dawn Service.*

### 5.20am: Dawn Service Parade

Redlands RSL to ANZAC Centenary Park  
*Strictly only League members, Veterans, and Serving Personnel permitted to partake.*

### 5.30am: Dawn Service Commemorations

#### 6am to 8am: Breakfast

Sails on Shore Restaurant at Redlands RSL.  
*See page 14 for further information*

#### 6am to 8am: Service Member Camaraderie in Gallipoli Function Room

*NB: Restricted access for League Members, Veterans, Serving Personnel, Partners & Carers ONLY during these times. Facilities available at the Veterans Community Centre between 9am & 10am.*

### 9.45am: Main Parade Assembly

Shore St West (*behind Cleveland Bowls Club*)

### 10.20am: Main Parade Commences

Shore St West into ANZAC Centenary Park

### 11am: Main Commemorative Service

ANZAC Centenary Park, Shore St West

#### 12 noon to 1pm: Service Member Camaraderie in Gallipoli Function Room

*NB: Restricted access for League Members, Veterans, Serving Personnel, Partners & Carers ONLY during this hour.*

#### Redlands RSL Trading Hours:

6am to 8am for Breakfast only.

Re-opening for lunch on conclusion of the Main Service

#### Sails Restaurant Trading Times:

All Day Dining: On conclusion of Main Service  
until 8pm

#### Cove Café Trading Times:

On conclusion of the Main Service until late

#### Traditional Two Up:

The lower car park behind Redlands RSL  
(off Shore St West) will be closed for 'Two Up'.  
Can Bar open from 12 noon. Two Up from 1pm.

# RAAF Association

## REDLANDS BRANCH

Redlands Branch of the RAAF Association promotes the wellness and benefits of members and supports the Australian Air Force Cadets.

The Branch informal wellbeing gatherings in the ANZAC Lounge of Redlands RSL on Wednesday afternoons are still having good regular attendances. The monthly RSL 'Veterans Cuppas' have also been popular with members. Branch members are also looking forward to the next RSL Wellbeing Bus Trip, many thanks to Greg Saunders for organising these activities.

The Branch BBQ scheduled for Sunday 8th March had to be cancelled, again due to poor weather. Instead, members met at Redlands RSL for camaraderie and lunch in the Sails Restaurant.

The next meeting of RAAF Association Redlands Branch will be a **General Meeting on Sunday 12th April 2026 in Redlands RSL at 10:30am.** Final arrangements for Anzac Day will be made at this meeting. 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 Bayside Naval Association's monthly meeting for March was held at 1200 in the Tobruk Room at Redlands RSL on the 7th of March 2026. Forty-two members attended, marking another well-supported gathering.

After the meeting, many members moved to the lounge area, while several others joined the celebrations at Sails for a member's birthday. The group enjoyed a lovely lunch and refreshments.

### ANZAC DAY

The President and Secretary will lay wreaths on behalf of the Royal Australian Navy and the Naval Association of Australia. Ken Anderson will represent the Royal Navy by laying a wreath as well. Members who wish to lay a wreath for a ship or group, or those who require the use of a golf buggy for the march, are asked to contact the Secretary as soon as possible, as the number of buggies is limited.

### VETERANS CUPPA

Members are reminded that Redlands RSL hosts Veterans Cuppa mornings on the second Wednesday of each month at 9:00 am. Please let the RSL front desk know if you plan to attend.

### JACK MEMORIAL SOUTH BANK

The next ceremony at Jack Memorial will be held on Thursday, 26 March 2026, commencing at 1100. The theme for this event is Navy Chaplains. Fellowship will follow at the Ship Inn once the ceremony concludes.

Yours Aye,

*Colin Saxby*

NAVAL ASSOCIATION AUSTRALIA,  
BAYSIDE SUB SECTION INC.



# National Service Group

## REDLANDS BRANCH

It has been an extremely active period for the Redlands RSL National Service Group. Firstly, was the commemorative service in Canberra marking the 75th anniversary of National Service on National Servicemen's Day, 14th February 2026.

Secondly was the Annual General Meeting of our group on Sunday 1st March 2026.

National Service refers to two conscription schemes for the armed forces that the Australian Federal Government operated during the Cold War. Both schemes saw young men conscripted into Australia's armed forces for full-time and part-time service. Those who served in the national service schemes were affectionately known as 'Nashos'.

To get the details of the National Service schemes I suggest you log onto and watch [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9R49Nf97\\_1I](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9R49Nf97_1I).

Our Annual General Meeting on Sunday 1st March saw some big changes to the executive of the organisation. Firstly, our long-term president Eric Shaw announced his retirement after 15 years in the role. Eric has been heavily involved in community activities within the Wynnum Redlands districts for over 60 years. He spent 10 years as an Alderman on Brisbane City Council, State Member of Parliament for 12 years plus he was actively involved with approximately 100 local community organisations before, during and after his term in State Parliament. Eric will continue as Immediate Past President for the next 12 months.

Perhaps Eric's lasting contribution to the Redlands RSL community is the "Anzac Centenary Memorial" which was unveiled on 17th April 2015 in time for ANZAC Day.

Frank Williams, our Vice President since 2020 also decided not to seek election this year. Frank was involved in many different ways particularly as the social organiser. Frank was always the "go getter" who made sure all social events were filled to the maximum. His guiding support will be greatly missed.

The final function of the old committee held on Sunday 9th March at the Asian House Restaurant. In typical style Frank Williams organised a wonderful meal for all who attended. Frank was given a hearty round of applause for his valued work for the group.

At the AGM, I was elected president to replace the retiring Eric Shaw. An extremely brief background. I was called up for National Service in 1967, whilst working with the Commercial Bank of Australia in Newcastle. I saw service in Vietnam as the company driver for A Company 6th Battalion Royal Australian Regiment.

Graham Hinson was elected unopposed as Secretary. Denise Partis was returned unopposed as Treasurer while for the 20th year Bruce Reedman was returned as Welfare Officer. Noel Newton was returned as Membership Development Officer. We have vacancies for the positions of Vice President and Social Organiser. We are hoping one of our members might take up the position soon, so we can continue to enjoy our monthly mess hall luncheons.

We all look forward to many social gatherings during the year.

*Paul Field,*

**PRESIDENT, NATIONAL SERVICE GROUP  
REDLANDS BRANCH**



75th anniversary of  
National Service  
1961-1972



## Women's Auxiliary

The Auxiliary started back in February and I would like to thank the ladies who filled in for me at events as I went off to Tasmania for a fortnight. Carmel our secretary, tried to have a holiday in Norway but unfortunately broke her arm. We wish Carmel a speedy recovery.

We had our AGM in March and the 2025 committee has been re-elected with the exception of our Wellbeing Officer Sally, who has decided to stand down. From all the auxiliary members we thank Sally for all her hard work over several years.

*Desley Lingard*  
**PRESIDENT, WOMEN'S AUXILIARY**



# Library Museum



## 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.

## 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>

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link: <https://www.contactairlandandsea.com/>

# VETERANS & WELLBEING EXCURSIONS

Our recent trip to Maleny Bird World was an outstanding success, with plenty of smiles and memorable moments along the way. We began the day with morning tea which included generous home-made scones served with jam and cream—an instant hit with everyone.

After morning tea, we boarded the buggies for a guided tour of the park. Travellers enjoyed getting up close to a wonderful variety of animals and birdlife. The park's peaceful atmosphere and friendly residents made it a highlight for all.

Our next stop was the Nambour RSL for lunch, which certainly impressed. The alternate drop of roast beef and barramundi was top quality, and the pavlova that followed was nothing short of sensational.

We returned to Redlands RSL around 4.30pm, rounding off a thoroughly enjoyable day shared in great company.



Looking ahead, our next excursion on Friday 27th March (a river cruise on the Noosa River followed by lunch at the Royal Mail Hotel in Tewantin) is already a sell-out. Members are encouraged to add their names to the waitlist in case a spot becomes available.

Please note there will be no trips in April due to Anzac Day commemorations. Our next outing will be on Friday 29th May, with details emailed to Service members on Tuesday afternoon 7th April, and announced at the Veterans Cuppa on 8th April 2026. Bookings will not open until after the Veterans Cuppa on this day at 10am.

Til' next time,

*Greg Saunders,*

CONVENOR OF VETERANS &  
WELLBEING EXCURSIONS





# WAR ANIMAL DAY

COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE | 24TH FEBRUARY





# REDLANDS RSL SUB BRANCH

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## 2026-2027 CALENDAR

### SUB BRANCH MEETINGS, VETERANS CUPPA'S, AND COMMEMORATIVE EVENTS

Be sure to ask for a magnetic calendar for your fridge at home.

#### April 2026

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○ Veterans Cuppa, 2nd Wednesday of each month

- 19 Apr- League Gathering
- 25 Apr- ANZAC Day
- 31 May- League Gathering
- 28 Jun- League Gathering
- 26 Jul- Quarterly General Meeting

- 18 Aug- Vietnam Veterans Day
- 23 Aug- President's Luncheon
- 27 Sept- League Gathering
- 25 Oct- Quarterly General Meeting
- 11 Nov- Remembrance Day

- 22 Nov- League Gathering
- 24 Jan- Quarterly General Meeting
- 24 Feb- War Animal Day
- 28 Feb- League Gathering
- 28 Mar- Annual General Meeting

## NOT RECEIVING EMAILS OR SMS NOTIFICATIONS?

Please phone reception on 3488 1199 to confirm your details that we have on our membership database.

# ASSISTANCE FOR VETERANS?

Redlands RSL Sub Branch is here to support veterans and their families, helping them find purpose, connection, and assistance whenever it is needed.

From time to time, veterans ask what the RSL can offer them if they become members of our Sub Branch. Every Sub Branch is different. Some have fewer than 20 members, while others have over 2,000. Each Sub Branch works within its available resources to support veterans and their families and to uphold the Objects of the League.

Located at RSL Headquarters, 1–11 Passage Street, Cleveland, the Redlands RSL Sub Branch provides a range of services and activities, including:

**Advocacy** - Free assistance from qualified ADTP Advocates with DVA claims and appeals.

**Commemorative Services** - Support and participation in Anzac Day, Vietnam Veterans Day, Remembrance Day, Honouring the Fallen, and AWAMO Remembrance services.

**Poppy Service** - For a deceased veteran, provided at the request of the next of kin.

**Wellbeing Support Officers** - Home visits, transport assistance (where not covered by DVA entitlements), and referrals to appropriate support agencies.

**Social Connection** -

- **Golden Oldies** – every second Tuesday, free of charge for those over 80.
- **Veterans Cuppa** – on the second Wednesday of each month.
- **Bus Excursions** – approximately every six weeks at reasonable cost.

**Member Involvement** - Monthly meetings where members can contribute to decisions affecting the Sub Branch followed by camaraderie.

**Practical Assistance** - Gardening assistance for eligible veterans.

**Communication** - Monthly Bugle newsletter, Redlands RSL website, Facebook updates, and information displayed at the RSL.

**Community Engagement** -

- Collaboration with other ex-service organisations (contact details available in the Bugle and on RSL TV screens).
- **Joint Venture** Indoor Bowls held weekly in the Tobruk Room at the RSL.
- Military memorabilia displayed in the Library Museum and throughout the Redlands RSL Club.
- Service members visiting local schools on request for commemorative occasions.

Most of these services are delivered by our dedicated team of volunteers, who work tirelessly to support veterans and their families.

**For more information, please contact us on 3488 1158.**

THIS MONTH IN AUSTRALIAN MILITARY

# History

MARCH

DATE	TITLE	EVENT
3 March 1942	Broome and Wyndham bombed	The Japanese air raid on Broome came when the port was crowded with refugees fleeing the Japanese invasion of the Netherlands East Indies. About 70 people, including many civilians are thought to have been killed in the raid. Japanese Attacks on Wyndham focused on the town's aerodrome.
11 March 1845	First Maori War	British troops based in Australia were sent to suppress an uprising by Maoris who were unhappy at the continuing expansion of European settlement in New Zealand's North Island.
13 March 1943	Japanese reconnaissance flight over Darwin	In addition to the 64 air raids on Darwin the Japanese made numerous reconnaissance flights over northern Australia.
15 March 1940	First two women from the Voluntary Aid Detachments organisation enlist in the AIF	Most Voluntary Aids transferred after August 1942 into the new Australian Army Women's Medical Service. Over 200 Voluntary Aids served in the Middle East and Ceylon during the Second World War.
16 March 1942	Darwin bombed	Darwin was subject to 64 Japanese air raids during the Second World War.
20 March 1916	ANZAC Corps land in France	With Gallipoli behind them the bulk of Australia's forces were now sent to France where the terrible fighting on the Western Front awaited.
20 March 2003	Iraq War	Australian military forces, as part of the US-led coalition, commence operations as part of the invasion of Iraq.
26 March 1917	First Battle of Gaza begins	This was the first Allied attempt to capture this major Turkish centre lying 32 kilometres inside the border of Palestine. The Allied strength included two Australian Light Horse Brigades and the ANZAC Mounted Division under Major General Harry Chauvel.
27 March 1944	First Victory Loan	Australian Government launches first Victory Loan aimed at raising £150 million for the war effort. Twelve major Government war loans were offered to the Australian public during the Second World War.
31 March 1921	Formation of the Australian Air Force	In Australia negotiations between Army, Navy and Defence officials from 1917 to 1921 resulted in the Australian Air Force being formed on 31 March 1921, with approval to use the 'Royal' prefix granted on 13 August 1921.

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

# Associated Groups

	<p><b>AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION (RAAFA) REDLANDS BRANCH</b>          Meetings held 2nd Sunday every second month at 10.30am in the Gallipoli Room. Social get-togethers held Wednesdays at 3pm in the Anzac Lounge.          Contact: President Rob Wilson 0419 688 014</p>
	<p><b>NAVAL ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA (BAYSIDE SUB SECTION)</b>          Meetings are held on the 1st Saturday of the month at 12 noon. Contact: Graham Hargreaves 0431 349 688</p>
	<p><b>NATIONAL SERVICE GROUP REDLANDS BRANCH</b>          Meetings are held on the 1st Sunday of the month at 10.30am in the Gallipoli Room.          Contact: Graham Hinson on 0413 543 497</p>
	<p><b>T&amp;PI ASSOCIATION MORETON BAY SOUTH</b>          Meetings held on the last Wednesday of the month in the Veterans Community Centre.          Contact: Jeff Graham - 0438 584 376          Greg Hambridge - 0422 300 242</p>
	<p><b>REDLANDS RSL SUB BRANCH WOMEN'S AUXILIARY</b>          Meetings held the 1st Monday of the month at 10am in the Meeting Room. Contact: Desley Lingard 0409 060 267</p>
	<p><b>REDLANDS SUB BRANCH AUSTRALIAN WAR WIDOWS (QUEENSLAND)</b>          Meetings are held the last Friday of the month in the Maritime Room of the club commencing at 10.30am.          Contact: Jenny Cockroft, President on 0417 795 567</p>
	<p><b>REDLANDS LEGACY CARE GROUP</b>          Meets on the 1st Friday of each month in the RSL Club Maritime Room commencing at 10.30am.          Contact: Shree Rogers, President on 0416 062 115</p>
	<p><b>YOUNG VETERANS REDLANDS</b>          Contact: Geoff Hooper on 0419 649 925.          E: chev1950@bigpond.com   Facebook: Young Veterans Redlands</p>

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# LAST POST

NAME	DECEASED DATE	SERVICE
Harry Leary	23rd February 2026	ARMY
Clifford Morrison	March 2026	ARMY

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