

REDLANDS SUB BRANCH

BUGLE

APRIL 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



For you, our current serving and ex-service members, Anzac Day is deeply personal.

It is far more than a public holiday or ceremonial tradition — it is a day of remembrance, mateship, pride, sacrifice, and reflection.

For many who have served, Anzac Day is about honouring those you stood beside, those who never came home, and those who carried the physical and emotional scars of service long after the conflict ended.

It is a time to reflect on the bond that only military service can create — the shared hardship, unwavering loyalty, humour in the toughest of times, courage, and trust forged under pressure.

Today, Anzac Day commemorates all Australians who have served in war, conflict, and peacekeeping operations. For many, it is also about seeing that legacy carried forward by family, children, and the wider community.

The Dawn Service holds a profoundly personal meaning. In the quiet stillness of the early morning, surrounded by fellow veterans, loved ones, and members of the public, it becomes a powerful moment of reflection. The silence, the Last Post, and the first light of day often stir memories of service, mateship, sacrifice, and those who never returned. For many veterans, dawn has always carried special military significance, making this service especially moving and symbolic.

Then later in the morning, as you march through streets lined with members of the community, it becomes something equally powerful. Seeing families, children, and locals gathered shoulder to shoulder for the 10.30am main parade is a visible reminder that your service is remembered, valued, and honoured by the very community you served to protect.

The applause, the respectful silence, the waving flags, and the generations lining the streets all send a powerful message: **your sacrifice matters, your service is not forgotten, and your legacy lives on.**

25th APRIL

- SATURDAY -

BADGE SELLERS

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

WREATH LAYING

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

PORTRAIT PHOTOS

6.30AM - 8AM | GALLIPOLI ROOM

Once again, the Redlands RSL Sub Branch is honoured to offer the opportunity for complimentary commemorative portrait photos to be taken on Anzac Day morning following the Dawn Service.

These portraits provide a treasured keepsake, capturing a special moment of remembrance with your fellow service mates, family members, or loved ones as we come together to honour the spirit of Anzac.

Photos will be available to view approximately one week later on the Redlands RSL Facebook page and website, or can be downloaded to a USB from HQ Reception.



HONOURING THE FALLEN
BY SERVING THE LIVING!



- 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.

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 4 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.

President's Report

I hope this finds everyone in good health as we approach ANZAC Day 2026.

ANZAC Day holds profound importance for many Australians and New Zealanders, reminding us of the service and sacrifice made by those who served in the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps during World War I. ANZAC Day was also the birth of the 'Anzac Legend', that powerful myth that embodies the essence of Australia's identity and the enduring essence of community and mateship. It is a testament to the resilience, courage, and camaraderie that defines the Australian spirit.

It is a day when we pause to remember the sacrifices of the past, and to honour the brave men and women who fought to defend our freedom, a freedom they wanted to preserve so much, they were willing to fight and die for. It is also a day where we all reaffirm our commitment to the enduring commemoration of ANZAC Day and to the continued support of all those who have served and continue to serve. The continued support of our veterans is a vital component of the ANZAC spirit, from all sectors of the community, but particularly the families of our veterans.

This year will be the 101st time the Redlands RSL Sub Branch has commemorated ANZAC Day as our Sub Branch was formed on 11th May 1925. Like every other year, we would like to see as many of our sub branch members, current and ex-service members, and members of the community to come and participate in one of our ANZAC Day services. I realise however, that for many this is not possible; what is important is to pause and remember.

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 22ND MARCH 2026 (FOLLOWING AGM)

MEETING OPENED: by Rob Wilson at 10.55am

NEW MEMBERS: Nil

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:

Laraine Coleman - 81 years

Alex Rigby – 74 years

Ian Cuthbertson – 59 years

Phil Barnes – 68 years

PREVIOUS MINUTES: As presented in the Bugle - Page 6-11 | League Gathering Meeting - Sunday 22nd February 2026

Moved: R. Khan

Seconded: I. Cuthbertson

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 – Robert Wilson

Moved: R. Wilson

Seconded: F. Williams

That the Presidents Report be accepted Motion 3: Carried

LEAGUE CORRESPONDENCE: As presented by Michael McDonnell – League Secretary

Inwards:

Outward:

- Invitations and correspondence have been sent to local members and relevant Defence and associated organisations, with responses and requirements being co-ordinated.

Moved: M. McDonnell

Seconded: B. Griffioen

That the Correspondence Report be accepted. Motion 4: Carried

LEAGUE SECRETARY REPORT: As presented in the Bugle on Page 18 – Michael McDonnell

ANZAC DAY: As presented in the Bugle on Page 19-23

Michael McDonnell reported on Anzac Day preparations, outlining the

key timings and arrangements as published in the Bugle, including the gunfire breakfast, assembly and wreath collection at the RSL, parking arrangements (encouraging use of the multi-storey car park and designated disabled spaces), and timings and assembly points for march participants and golf cart users. He stressed the need for early arrival to manage large crowds and school groups, explained the seating and marquee arrangements for veterans and wreath-layers (including carers), and requested that drivers return golf carts to the headquarters car park after the service. Members were reminded to see him after the meeting to register for wreath-laying or remaining buggy places.

Moved: M. McDonnell *Seconded: R. Khan*

That the League Secretary Report be accepted. . . . Motion 5: Carried

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

Paul noted a strong financial start to the year but cautioned that economic conditions may slow in the coming months due to interest rate pressures.

Moved: P. Field *Seconded: A. Dunker*

That the Treasurers Reports be accepted. Motion 6: Carried

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

Moved: L. Harcourt *Seconded: B. Coleman*

That the Wellbeing Report be accepted. Motion 7: Carried

SED REPORT: As presented in the Bugle on Page 14-15 – Robert Wilson

Rob Wilson reported that several SED positions will soon be available and encouraged interested members to consider nominating. He noted that the Sub Branch’s two badge-related motions were strongly supported at the recent SED meeting and, while unlikely to prompt immediate national change, he hoped they would lead to better consultation with the wider RSL membership.

Moved: R. Wilson *Seconded: A. Dunker*

That the SED Report be accepted: Motion 8: Carried

CADET LIAISON REPORT: As presented in the Bugle on Page 15-17 – David Field

Moved: D. Field *Seconded: N. Hendricks*

That the Cadet Liaison Report be accepted. Motion 9: Carried

RAAF ASSOCIATION REPORT: As presented in the Bugle on Page 24 – Robert Wilson

Moved: R. Wilson

Seconded: D. Palmer

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

NAVAL ASSOCIATION REPORT: As presented in the Bugle on Page 25 – Colin Saxby

Moved: G. Hargreaves

Seconded: I. Cuthbertson

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

NATIONAL SERVICE GROUP REPORT: As presented in the Bugle on Page 26-27 – Paul Field

Moved: P. Field

Seconded: A. Dunker

That the National Service Group Report be accepted

..... Motion 12: Carried

WOMEN’S AUXILIARY REPORT: As presented in the Bugle on Page 27 – Desley Lingard

Moved: C. McKay

Seconded: N. Dooley

That the Women’s Auxiliary Report be accepted . Motion 13: Carried

VETERANS & WELLBEING EXCURSION REPORT: As presented in the Bugle on Page 29 – Greg Saunders

Greg Saunders advised that Friday’s excursion is fully booked and reminded members to arrive on time so departure time is not delayed. He noted that there will be no trip in April, due to Anzac Day with the next trip planned for Friday 29th May 2026.

Moved: G. Saunders

Seconded: M. Rabjohns

That the Veterans and Wellbeing Excursion Report be accepted

..... Motion 14: Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS: President Rob Wilson announced that there is no General Business

NEXT VETERANS CUPPA: Wednesday 8th April 2026 in the ANZAC Lounge at 9am.

RAFFLES: Drawn and Won

NEXT MEETING:

- League Gathering Meeting - Sunday 19th April 2026 at 10.30am
- Quarterly General Meeting - Sunday 26th July 2026 at 10.30am

MEETING CLOSED: Meeting closed by Rob Wilson at 11.21am.

Wellbeing Report

Good morning and welcome to the April League meeting which is a week early due to ANZAC Day being next Saturday.

Headquarters is abuzz with preparations for ANZAC Day with Michael, Nicole and Alisa doing a wonderful job to make the Redlands RSL Sub Branch commemorative services a great success for our Veterans and the Redlands Community.

Our Advocates Deb and Julie are extremely busy lodging claims with the Department of Veteran Affairs for our many clients. It's troubling that some veterans are waiting until they are over 80 to apply for any DVA entitlement and only doing so because a mate says to them I get entitlements from DVA why haven't you lodged a claim. If you are a veteran and want to know if you are entitled to any benefits please do not hesitate to ring HQ on 3488 1158 and make an enquiry you have nothing to lose and maybe a lot to gain.

Our Wellbeing Support Officers met on 1st April. Diane Applewaite from Legacy addressed the meeting on the Objectives of Legacy in assisting veterans and families of Veterans. They are looking for volunteers to visit Legacy Widows (Legatees) so if you have a bit of spare time please ring me and I will put you in touch with Diane.

Redlands RSL Sub Branch has always had a close affiliation with Legacy and we want that to continue into the future.

Also discussed at the Wellbeing Support Officers was projects we can put in place for our veterans in the future. If you have any ideas please let me know. Suggestions were Guitars for Veterans, Wills and Power of Attorney presentation and perhaps Photography workshops.

As advised in a previous report the Sub Branch is going to supply Care packages to our Veterans and their families who are doing it a bit tough at Christmas. Queensland RSL supply some Christmas hampers but we just want to do a bit more this year. Our Womens' Auxiliary have offered to assist with this project. We will begin collating goodies when the shops start stocking Christmas items which is probably not too far away.

After our bus trip to Noosa in March a story and photos were posted on the RSL Facebook page. Thank you to Lorraine and Jose for the great photos. The Bus trips will be posted regularly from now on.

After SEDRSL Wellbeing Centre visited our Wellbeing Support

meeting, we have been able to establish contact with some of our members who are hospitalised at Greenslopes. We have visited several members in hospital who were pleased to see a representative from their Sub Branch. If you are admitted to hospital anywhere please give us a ring so we can arrange a visit

The Vets Cuppa was well attended again this month and the next bus trip to the Tweed River was announced. This is already full but please if you are interested please add your name to the waiting list.

Golden Oldies was formed many years ago to address social isolation in our veteran community. They meet every second Tuesday for a chat, morning tea and guest speaker or other entertainment. If you are over 80 and you are a veteran or widow/widower of a veteran you are very welcome to attend.

Joint Venture play indoor bowls each Wednesday downstairs in the Redlands RSL. There is a small admission fee. You are welcome to join them, if you haven't played before there are plenty of our members willing to teach you.

That's all for this month. Thank you to our volunteers who each month assist our Veteran Community and thank you to you our members who are the most important part of our Sub Branch.

Warm Regards,

Linda Harcourt

WELLBEING CO-ORDINATOR

Email: linda.harcourt@redlandsrsl.com.au



SED REPORT

The last SED Meeting, held on Thursday 2nd April, was a meeting for Sub Branch Presidents only.

The meeting opened with two guest speakers, firstly from The Institute of Veteran's Advocacy (IVA), Director Margaret Jennyns and then RSL QLD, State President Stephen Day, DSC AM.

Margaret Jennyns provided an insight into the progress made so far in the establishment of the IVA, an organisation that will provide more support to Advocates and improve Advocacy standards; while hopefully having greater control over some of the unscrupulous 'fee for service' Advocates, who take advantage of Veteran's vulnerability.

Stephen Day briefed the meeting on key outcomes proposed by RSL Queensland for 2026. More detail on these reforms can be read in the latest QLD RSL News. He further provided information on a memorial project at the Australian War Memorial to recognise the families of service members. His hope was that funding may come from the donations from service members rather than from government and corporate means, and therefore have greater significant for members.

Following the guest speakers, the meeting progressed with the ode and the usual routine business. Of particular note, was District President Kerry Gallagher's report to the Meeting which provided more in-depth information about his resignation from the position. He was pleased to have the State President in attendance, but after more than 6 years in the position he felt that he had become 'stale' and needed to move on. Kerry has made a significant contribution during his tenure and will leave a huge void for whoever takes his position next month.

There is no scheduled SED meeting in May due to the District AGM on the 16th May. It will be interesting to see the makeup of the new SED Committee from that meeting.

Report provided by

Rob Wilson

Cadet Liaison Report

The Cadet Liaison team has been busy during the past month with visits to all three units along with quite a lot of email, where the latter mainly dealt with Anzac Day. The cadets practise the military related event activities including that of a catafalque party. However, they don't get to exercise their catafalque training.

The cadets have commitments at Dunwich, Coochiemudlo Island, Bayside South (TS Diamantina) and Cleveland for both the Dawn Service and the 1000 March. They will also provide the 'Guard of Honour' for the Veterans marching from the RSL Club to the Cenotaph. After the Dawn Service, the RSL Club will provide a sausage sizzle in the downstairs car park, where the cadets do the cooking.

In recent weeks, I have attended the 42 for 42 lunch on 27th March at the Cricketers Club at the Gabba along with most of the RSL Club Board and about 250 other guests. I also attended the Allied Forces Memorial Service at Queen's Park Brisbane on 29th March



'42 for 42 is a not-for-profit organisation which was founded by ex-Army veterans whose aim is to help struggling veterans and their families by building a memorial dedicated to those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice. The 42 stands for the 41 veterans who were killed in Afghanistan, with the 42nd representing the veterans we have lost and continue to lose to suicide, and those who have returned with injuries and mental illness.'

One of the special guest speakers at the 42 for 42 lunch was Daniel Keighran VC – an Afghanistan Veteran.

'Daniel was awarded the Victoria Cross for his actions while serving with the 6th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, in a fire fight with insurgents during the Battle of Derapet on 24 August 2010, an action of Operation Slipper.'



Unfortunately, I don't have a report from 136 ACU as the OC is out of country and I don't have a report from TS Diamantina.

A big thanks to Roland Heath for his assistance in this position and being the main co-ordinator for 136 ACU.



217 SQUADRON, AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

The cadets of 217 Squadron started the year eagerly, preparing for our many drill activities at the start of the year and also preparing for our first bivouac of the year. Our cadet numbers are on average 75 cadets on Monday parades, with the staff together with the senior cadets providing a range of challenging lessons and experiences.

Upcoming activities will include our Squadron participation at Redlands RSL Anzac Day activities, with a few cadets able to support the AAFC in Brisbane City with the 2 Wing contingent. Our Banner Parade will be on 9 May, subject to the availability of an Air Force Chaplain.

During the April School holidays, cadets have the opportunity to attend several activities conducted by 2 Wing. GST (General Service Training) is an opportunity for first-year cadets to experience living on an air force base and also participate in a range of 2 Wing and Air Force conducted activities. Our Squadron is likely to have 10-15 cadets attending, with our waiting list double that amount, showing that this activity is valued by our cadets. Additionally, some cadets are also taking the opportunity to participate in 2 Wing specific opportunities including fieldcraft, drill and ceremonial and drones

217 Squadron is building our band capability and, hopefully after training in 2026 will be able to field a small band in 2027.

In early May, our cadets will help out at the Rotary Bookfest, providing our cadets with experience supporting community events.

Late May, we will be on our first bivouac of the year, a joint activity with 215 Squadron. Additionally, we will invite a small group from 136ACU and TS Norfolk which is a sign of the close tri-service co-operation possible in the Redlands area.

217 Squadron closed our recruitment early this year, as our capacity was met. Currently, we have many new leaders going through various stages of recruitment, and if all are finalised, it will improve our staff-

to-cadet ratio, enabling us to recruit even more cadets in 2027.

For enquiries relating specifically to 217 Squadron, please contact 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



TS NORFOLK AUSTRALIAN NAVY CADET UNIT

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



136 AUSTRALIAN ARMY CADET UNIT

Cadet reports compiled by

David Field

VICE PRESIDENT, REDLANDS SUB
BRANCH, & CADET LIAISON OFFICER



League Secretary Report

Hello everyone,

Preparations for Anzac Day are now complete. To make this day truly meaningful, we encourage you to come along—and bring a friend. If you are unsure about the timing of the service you wish to attend, all details can be found in the Bugle on pages 2-7.

If you choose to participate in the Main March, please note that only one carer or child may accompany you, as it is not a family parade. It is far better for your loved ones to cheer you on from the roadside along with the rest of the community.

With so much happening in the world today, Anzac Day offers us a moment to pause, reflect, and remember the conflicts in which Australia has been involved, as well as the veterans we have lost. We honour the hardships they endured, and we acknowledge those at home who kept families together during difficult times.

Today's youth are well-educated about the history of the Anzacs. Let us continue to guide, support, and inspire them toward a future built on mateship, respect, and wellbeing—they are, after all, the leaders of tomorrow.

My sincere thanks and congratulations go to the dedicated women who have supported me in organising this year's Anzac Day commemorations. This is all new to them, yet they have embraced every challenge without hesitation.

Michael McDonnell

LEAGUE SECRETARY,
REDLANDS SUB BRANCH



RAAF Association

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

The last Branch Restaurant Dinner was held at the Alexandra Hills Hotel on Tuesday 17th March, St Patricks Day. The Guinness Pie enjoyed by many members, was a fitting addition to the menu on the night. The Branch informal Wellbeing gatherings in the ANZAC Lounge of Redlands RSL on Wednesday afternoons continue to have good regular attendances. The monthly RSL 'Veterans Cuppas' and the RSL Wellbeing Bus Trips have also been popular with members.

On Sunday 29th March, members of the Branch attended the Australian and Allied Air Forces Commemorative Service at the RAAF Memorial in Queens Park, Brisbane. This service organised by Queensland Division of the RAAF Association, was timed to also celebrate the 105th birthday of the RAAF on 31st March.

The next meeting of RAAF Association Redlands Branch will be a General Meeting on Sunday 14th June 2026 in 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

April has been a very quiet month for Bayside. The April meeting was cancelled as it fell on Easter Saturday. Members are reminded the May meeting will be held Saturday the 2 May in the Tobruk Room at Redlands RSL commencing at 1200.

Department of Veterans Affairs

Members were provided guidance and advised they should seek assist from the Redlands RSL Advocates before submitting any claims or reassessments with the new Veterans Act. Information is on the DVA webpage to start on the 1st July 2026.

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.

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.

Yours Aye,

Colin Saxby

NAVAL ASSOCIATION AUSTRALIA,
BAYSIDE SUB SECTION INC.



National Service Group

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Paul Field,

PRESIDENT, NATIONAL SERVICE GROUP
REDLANDS BRANCH



Library Museum

As we approach ANZAC Day, a time of reflection and remembrance, we are pleased to share highlights for some upcoming activities.

21st -23rd April – Honour the Fallen Program

Honour Our Fallen has a mission to display an Australian flag on every deceased veteran's grave or ashes wall plaque across Australia each year over ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day, ensuring all who served our country are honoured. As part of this mission, students from Cleveland District State High School, Victoria Point State High School, and Faith Lutheran College will join us to commemorate local service members.

23rd April – Visit from Mt Gravatt Blue Care

We are delighted to welcome visitors from Mt Gravatt Blue Care for a tour of the Library Museum. Their interest and enthusiasm will make for a memorable morning.

29th April – Redlands City Council Library, Cleveland

Our team are supporting the Stories from the Boer War, World War I, and World War II event by providing a curated selection of military memorabilia from our extensive collection. These artefacts will help bring to life the acts of courage and sacrifice that have shaped the Redlands community.



Thank you for your continued support of the Library Museum.

We look forward to sharing more updates next month.

Marty Rabjohns



Opening Hours:

Mondays through to Fridays from 10am to 2pm.

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

VETERANS & WELLBEING EXCURSIONS

We've certainly hit the ground running with our excursions this year. Our trips continue to fill quickly, and the feedback shows everyone is having a fantastic time. There is, however, one area where I need your help: departure times.

When we say "meet at 8.00am at Redlands RSL for an 8.30am departure," this means arriving at 8.00am—or shortly after—so we can leave right on 8.30am. From now on, all trips will depart exactly on time with no leeway. Our schedules are tight to keep costs down, so thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Our most recent outing took us to beautiful Noosa, and what a day it was. We began with morning tea at the Noosa Marina, close to where our boat would depart. Alisa and Linda prepared the spread, and it was superb. A big thank-you to our travellers who helped with setting up and packing away.

We then boarded our all-electric vessel for a peaceful 1.5-hour cruise along the Noosa River. The quiet glide across the water made for a wonderfully relaxing experience. After returning to the marina, the Blue Bus whisked us away to the Royal Mail Hotel in Tewantin, which received enthusiastic approval from everyone. The food, ambience, and historic charm were all spot-on.

Our next adventure is scheduled for Friday 29 May 2026, with the same timing—8.00am arrival for an 8.30am departure. This trip takes us into NSW for a three-hour scenic river and rainforest cruise on the Tweed River. Keep your eyes peeled for the incredible wildlife along the way.

Morning tea and lunch will be served on board. Morning tea includes refreshing lemon myrtle tea with Byron Bay biscuits and freshly baked cake. Lunch is a generous grazing board featuring local cheeses, smoked and cured meats, fresh prawns, homemade frittata, antipasto, fresh bread, salads, and fruit. This unique experience sold out quickly last time, so be sure to book early.

More trips are planned for 2026—stay tuned.

'Til next time,

Greg Saunders,
CONVENOR OF VETERANS &
WELLBEING EXCURSIONS



REDLANDS RSL TEAM MARCHES ON FOR SOLDIER ON



During the month of March, twelve members of the Redlands RSL team proudly took part in the March On with Soldier On Fundraiser.

Each participant committed to walking or running 96 kilometres, representing the length of the Kokoda Track, in tribute to the courage, endurance and sacrifice of our veterans and their families.

This important initiative raises vital funds for Soldier On's mental health services, helping provide life-changing support to veterans and their loved ones, while playing a crucial role in suicide prevention and saving lives.

Representing Redlands RSL were:

- President Rob Wilson
- General Manager Peter Harrison
- Operations Manager David King
- Marketing & Advertising Coordinator Karleigh Little
- Club Supervisors: Louise, Gareth, & Meaghan
- Sous Chef: Jessa
- Staff Members: Amber, Holli, Talia, and Nicole

TOGETHER, THE TEAM RAISED AN OUTSTANDING

\$4,914

We extend our sincere thanks to everyone who donated and supported our team throughout the month. A very special acknowledgement goes to our **Women's Auxiliary**, whose generous **\$1,000 donation** made a significant contribution to this fantastic result.

This was a wonderful way for our team to honour the legacy of service while supporting an organisation doing incredible work for the wellbeing of our veteran community.

GOLDEN OLDIES

**EVERY SECOND TUESDAY FROM 9.30AM
GALLIPOLI ROOM**

Golden Oldies is a welcoming fortnightly social morning for Redlands RSL members aged 80+ with ex-service, war widow, or Legacy ties. Come along, catch up with friends, enjoy a cuppa, and share in the wonderful company.

Held every second Tuesday from 9.30am in the Gallipoli Room, the morning includes biscuits on arrival, raffles, a guest speaker or entertainer, followed by sandwiches and another cuppa.

A complimentary courtesy bus is available within the Club's approved area, and there is no cost to attend, proudly provided by the Redlands RSL Sub Branch.

Enquiries: Lorraine Perren – 0419 790 238

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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JOINT VENTURE INDOOR BOWLS CLUB

New Participants Welcome – Join the Fun Every Wednesday

Looking for a great way to enjoy some friendly competition, social connection and a morning out? New participants are always warmly welcome to join our weekly sessions.

Held every Wednesday morning from 9am in the Gallipoli Room at Redlands RSL, this is a wonderful opportunity to meet new people and enjoy a relaxed and enjoyable atmosphere.

The cost is just \$3 per day, which includes a cuppa and biscuits after the first game, along with the chance to win lucky door and raffle prizes.

Annual membership is only \$5, making it an affordable and enjoyable activity for everyone.

Best of all, there are no age limits or restrictions on who can join in, so why not come along and give it a try?

For more information, please contact
Helen Day (Secretary) on 0423 487 935.

WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE SOME NEW FACES JOIN US.





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.



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 13TH MAY 2026

COST: ONLY \$5.00

PRE-BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL - PHONE 3488 1199

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Table reservations recommended,

phone 3488 1199.



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

APRIL

DATE	TITLE	EVENT
1 April 1921	First AIF disbanded	During the four years of the First World War the First AIF gained a reputation for military prowess that remains very much in the consciousness of Australians to the present day.
4 April 1918	First action at Villers-Bretonneux	Villers-Bretonneux, overlooking the Somme and within artillery range of Amiens, was a principal objective when the German Spring Offensive was in its dying stages in early April. They were repulsed by the 9th Brigade from the 3rd Australian Division and some British units.
7 April 1916	Australians reach the Western Front	First Australian units of the 2nd Division arrived on Western Front and were introduced to fighting on the Western Front in what was called the 'nursery sector' in the relatively quiet area around Armentieres, France.
8 April 1918	Repatriation Department established	Once soldiers were demobilised all tasks aimed at their rehabilitation and return to civilian life became the responsibility of the Repatriation Department.
13 April 1983	Dedication of the Rats of Tobruk memorial	The memorial, on Anzac Parade, was dedicated by the Governor-General of Australia, the Right Hon Sir Ninian Stephen. The memorial commemorates the Australian and Allied servicemen who died during the siege of Tobruk in 1941.
25 April 1915	Landings at Gallipoli	British, French, Australian and New Zealand troops were involved in a series of coordinated landings. Although the Gallipoli campaign was a military failure, the anniversary of the landing has become a national day of commemoration in Australia.
25 April 1916	First commemoration of Anzac Day	The first anniversary of the Gallipoli landings was widely observed in Australia. Large crowds attended church services and public ceremonies. The day was also commemorated by Australian and New Zealand servicemen in Egypt and London.
29 April 1965	Prime Minister Menzies announces the commitment of an infantry battalion to Vietnam	Australia's involvement in Vietnam was a gradual process. By April 1965 there were 100 members of the Australian Army Training Team Vietnam in Vietnam. The commitment of a battalion represented a major step in Australia's involvement and precipitated further increases in the number of Australians serving in Vietnam until reductions began in 1970.

WITHOUT HISTORY, THERE WOULD BE NO FUTURE!

Associated Groups

	<p>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</p>
	<p>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</p>
	<p>NATIONAL SERVICE GROUP REDLANDS BRANCH 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>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</p>
	<p>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</p>
	<p>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: Jenny Cockroft, President on 0417 795 567</p>
	<p>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</p>
	<p>YOUNG VETERANS REDLANDS 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
Kevin FitzRoy	5th April 2026	Army
Theodore Jorna	10th April 2026	Army
James Kearns	12th April 2026	Navy

Lest We Forget

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