

REDLANDS SUB BRANCH

BUGLE

JUNE 2026 EDITION

"Honouring The Fallen By Serving The Living!"



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





Delicious 2-COURSE Christmas IN JULY LUNCH SPECIAL

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THROUGHOUT JULY**

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Traditional Christmas Plum Pudding
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(Main Meal only \$16*)



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President's Report

I hope this finds everyone in good health.

Firstly, a Happy Birthday to Dennis Wellbelove, one of our service members, who turned 105 on the 6th June. Congratulations Dennis, you have reached an incredible milestone that most of us will never achieve.

Last month, we acknowledged our Volunteers during National Volunteers Week and while volunteers are the heart of our Sub Branch, it is important to also acknowledge the invaluable work done by many of our paid employees. Unlike many other Sub Branches, we are fortunate to have employees that are paid by the Club to assist us with a range of tasks, from advocacy to administration to reception to marketing. With over 1200 sub branch service members, volunteers alone could not manage the requirements of all our members. What needs to be acknowledged is the manner in which these employees go above and beyond what is expected of them. My personal thanks to you all.

Many of you are aware that our long-serving General Manager, Peter Harrison, is retiring. Despite several overtures by Board members to have him reconsider and continue his good work, he is steadfast in his decision. During the last three weeks, Deputy President Phil Barnes and I have conducted interviews to find a worthy replacement. Peter will leave big shoes to fill, so the task has been onerous and made more difficult by the extraordinary number of quality applicants, and the pressure that we must make the right decision. More information will be announced soon.

On Saturday 20th June, I attended the State RSL Congress as Redlands RSL Sub Branch Delegate. The Congress includes the Annual General Meeting of RSL Queensland followed by Business Forums from a range of presenters.

The results of the ballot for the two Board positions:

- Skills-Based Director: Ashley (Ash) Naughton
- State Deputy President: Cherisa (CJ) Pearce

The Notice of Motion was carried with 84% For, 12% Against, 4% Abstained.

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 31ST MAY 2026

MEETING OPENED: by Rob Wilson at 10.30am

ODE RECITED

REMEMBERING:

Anthony Taylor – Army

Arthur Robert Khan - Navy

Allan Murdoch - RAAF

ATTENDANCE: League: 51, Visitors: 13, Total: 64

Apologies: Chris Ryan, Alex Rigby, Graham Hargreaves, Reverend Cameron Freese

Moved: J. Butler

Seconded: D. McDonald

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

NEW MEMBERS: Stephen Radcliffe - Army

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:

Dudley Palmer – Birthday

Dennis Wellbelove – 105 years

Jock Fiddes – 88 years

Alan Harcourt – Birthday

Bernie Coleman - 81 Years

Bernie & Laraine Coleman – 53rd Anniversary

GUEST SPEAKER: Alan Pickering – Ambassador for Guide Dogs Queensland

Alan reported that Guide Dogs Queensland continues to focus on breeding, raising and training high standard guide dogs, while also developing a PTSD assistance dog program at DVA's request. The organisation prioritises quality over volume, maintains a 43% graduation rate, and currently has two PTSD dogs in training. It breeds its own dogs, operates an in-house veterinary clinic supporting around 80 dogs, and provides a four week live in handler training program with ongoing welfare checks. Alan noted that dogs cost over \$50,000 to train, non graduates are re-purposed into other service roles, and DVA funds PTSD dog recipients. Dogs generally

retire at around 10 years of age, with priority re-homing to handlers. Alan also highlighted emerging challenges such as quiet electric vehicles, requiring enhanced problem solving training to ensure safe navigation.

PRESIDENTS OPENING REMARKS: Mr Rob Wilson

President Rob Wilson acknowledged the recent passing of Robbie Khan, noting his long-standing contribution to the sub-branch. President Rob Wilson stated that Robbie will be greatly missed and closed the tribute with, "Rest in peace, Robbie, lest we forget."

PREVIOUS MINUTES: As presented in the Bugle - Page 4-8 | League Gathering Meeting - Sunday 19th April 2026

Moved: C. McKay

Seconded: G. Williams

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

..... Motion 2: Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES: Nil

PRESIDENTS REPORT: As presented in the Bugle on Page 3

Moved: C. Griffioen

Seconded: I. Cuthbertson

That the Presidents Report be accepted Motion 3: Carried

LEAGUE CORRESPONDENCE: As presented by Michael McDonnell
– League Secretary

Inwards:

- A request was received from community supporters seeking assistance to publicise a family-friendly barbecue event in support of Ben Roberts-Smith and his family, scheduled for Sunday 7 June from 11:00 am at Rocks Riverside Park, Seventeen Mile Rock.

Moved: F. Williams

Seconded: B. Corrie

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

LEAGUE SECRETARY REPORT: As presented in the Bugle on Page 17

Moved: M. McDonnell

Seconded: M. Rabjohns

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

TREASURERS REPORT: As presented in the Bugle on Page 9

Moved: P. Field

Seconded: D. Rogers

That the Treasurers Report be accepted..... Motion 6: Carried

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

Moved: L. Harcourt

Seconded: I. Cuthbertson

That the Wellbeing Report be accepted..... Motion 7: Carried

CADET LIAISON REPORT: As presented in the Bugle on Page 11-16

Mr David Field noted the positive working relationship with the current OCs/COs of the three service cadet units, all of whom remain keen to maintain strong links with the RSL and participate in sub-branch commemorations. He advised that the Army and Air Force units are currently at full strength and not recruiting, while the Navy unit is seeking new cadets. Mr Field also outlined plans for the upcoming tri-service parade, proposing, after consultation with cadet leaders, that it be moved from the high school to the Anzac Park Memorial Wall to provide greater public visibility.

Moved: D. Field

Seconded: C. Griffioen

That the Cadet Liaison Report be accepted Motion 8: Carried

SED REPORT: As presented in the Bugle on Page 16

Moved: R. Wilson

Seconded: C. McKay

That the SED Report be accepted Motion 9: Carried

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

Moved: R. Wilson

Seconded: G. Olsen

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

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

Moved: I. Cuthbertson

Seconded: C. McKay

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

LIBRARY MUSEUM REPORT: As presented in the Bugle on Page 20-21

Moved: M. Rabjohns

Seconded: J. Butler

That the Library Museum Report be accepted . . . Motion 12: Carried

NATIONAL SERVICE GROUP REPORT: As presented in the Bugle on Page 22

Moved: P. Field

Seconded: E. Shaw

That the National Service Group's Report be accepted.

. Motion 13: Carried

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

Moved: D. Lingard

Seconded: M. Taylor

That the Women's Auxiliary Report be accepted . Motion 14: Carried

VETERANS & WELLBEING EXCURSION REPORT: As presented in

Greg Saunders noted the recent Tweed River trip was successful despite traffic delays. He advised that the next outing to Summer Land Camel Farm, will be held on Monday 22 June, followed by lunch at the historic Dugandan Hotel.

Moved: G. Saunders *Seconded: B. Coleman*

That the Veterans and Wellbeing Excursion Report be accepted
..... Motion 15: Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS:

State RSL Notices of Motions for State Congress

President Rob Wilson presented the sole State RSL notice of motion for the 2026 State Congress, originating from the City -New Farm Sub Branch and previously supported at the South East District meeting in March. President Rob Wilson reminded members that the Redlands RSL Sub Branch League Gathering meeting in January had already endorsed supporting this motion at the South East District meeting. Rob then requested that the notice of motion be voted in the affirmative at the State Congress.

Moved: B. Coleman *Seconded: C. Griffioen*

That the State Notices of Motions for State Congress be accepted . . .
..... Motion 16: Carried

RSL State Executive Nominations – Skills Based Director

President Rob Wilson briefed members on the RSL Queensland Board elections, noting that two positions, Deputy President and a skills-based director, are to be filled this year, with three nominees for Deputy President and nine for the skills-based role. Rob reported that the Redlands Sub-Branch Board had reviewed all nominees and recommended preference orders. For the skills-based director role, President Rob Wilson recommended Mr Ashley Naughton as first preference and Ms Meegan Olding as second preference. Mr Naughton is contesting both positions and can only hold one. Rob sought members’ agreement to authorise him to vote with first preferences for the Skills-Based Director position, adjusting the second preference in the second ballot depending on the outcome of the first.

Moved: M. Hanrahan *Seconded: A. Harcourt*

That the skills-based director nominations be accepted
..... Motion 17: Carried

RSL State Executive Nominations – Deputy President

For the Deputy President position, Rob read out the nominees, Mr Doug Egan, Mr Ashley Naughton and Ms Cherisa Pearce and recommended Ms Pearce as first preference and Mr Norton as second preference. Rob then sought members' agreement to authorise him to vote with second preferences for the Deputy President position, adjusting the second preference in the second ballot depending on the outcome of the first.

Moved: D. Field

Seconded: J. Butler

That the Deputy President nominations be accepted

..... Motion 18: Carried

Badge Selling – Victoria Point Shopping Centre

President Rob Wilson reported that the Redlands Sub Branch headquarters received multiple enquiries about the absence of badge sellers at Victoria Point Shopping Centre. Rob advised that he will consult with Bayside South RSL regarding any existing or potential arrangements, indicating a preference for Bayside South RSL to take the lead at Victoria Point if feasible.

Action: President Rob Wilson to Investigate and progress badge sale logistics with Bayside South RSL for Victoria Point Shopping centre.

Lifetime Membership Nomination

President Rob Wilson presented a life membership nomination for Mr Michael McDonnell, noting that Michael has been a League member for over 30 years and has served as League Secretary at Redlands for the past 12 years with responsibility for all sub-branch commemorations. President Rob Wilson stated that Michael's long and dedicated service warrants life membership. The nomination was carried unanimously by the members.

Moved: M. Rabjohns

Seconded: J. Butler

That life membership be presented to Michael McDonnell.....

..... Motion 19: Carried

Redlands RSL Board - Casual Vacancy

President Rob Wilson informed the meeting that Mr David Field had resigned from the Board which the Board had accepted, creating a casual vacancy. Rob advised that the Board was recommending Mr Andrew Bailey to fill a vacancy as a director, expressing the Board's confidence in his suitability. President Rob Wilson then called on members to confirm Mr Bailey's appointment as a director.

Moved: C. McKay

Seconded: B. Corrie

That Andrew Bailey be formally appointed to the Board as a casual director..... Motion 20: Carried

NEXT VETERANS CUPPA:

- Wednesday 10th June 2026 in the ANZAC Lounge at 9am.

RAFFLES: Drawn and Won

NEXT MEETING:

- Next League Gathering Meeting will be held on Sunday 28th June 2026 at 10.30am
- Next Quarterly General Meeting will be held on Sunday 26th July 2026 at 10.30am

MEETING CLOSED: Meeting closed by Rob Wilson at 11.30am

SED REPORT

The last SED Meeting was held on Thursday 4th June and chaired by the new District President, Doug Egan.

The meeting opened with two guest speakers, Ashley (Ash) Naughton and Cherisa (CJ) Pearce, both nominees for the State Deputy President position. The opportunity to listen to their address would have been better before our last League Gathering meeting. Nevertheless, after listening to both candidates I believe nothing needs to change, we made the correct decision at our League Gathering. New District President, Doug Egan, also a nominee for the State Deputy President position, announced that he would not be addressing the meeting on his nomination, because we all know him.

Following the guest speakers, the meeting progressed with the ode and the usual routine business. Casual vacancies still exist on the District Committee following the recent AGM, and Delegates were requested to canvass their sub branch members.

Report provided by Rob Wilson

Treasurer's Report

Although the Federal Government's Annual Budget did generate a lot of negative debate amongst the "naysayers" the Budget Bill will obviously be passed, without any amendments, by both Houses of Parliament.

Since the Federal Treasurer delivered the Budget on 12th May, 2026, I have been asked on many occasions about the ramifications of the "DVA's \$5,000 allied health cap problem". This refers to an Annual Monetary Limit of \$5000 on allied health services for all Veteran Card holders (including Gold Cards). Announced in the Federal Budget, it caps DVA-funded services (like physiotherapy, psychology, occupational therapy, and exercise physiology) at \$5,000 per financial year. This will become a huge problem for the Government unless they clearly explain the guidelines for the new scheme or totally scrap it entirely. To date no clarification has been provided by the Prime Minister, the Treasurer nor the Minister for Veterans Affairs. The cap on allied health will formally take effect on 1 July 2027.

From the weekend figures delivered by the General Manager it is clearly obvious that although the RSL continues to attract a reasonable clientele each week, the spending pattern is moderating.

The major disbursements for League and Wellbeing during May and totals for the 5 months were as follows: -

	<u>For May 2026</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Donation – Cadet units	\$177.64	\$14,164.00
Donation – Vietnam Veterans	\$3,550.00	\$15,975.00
League – ANZAC Day Expense	\$0.00	\$105,441.87
League – Bugle / Bay Breeze	\$367.27	\$5,836.66
League - Golden Oldies	\$1,559.13	\$7,262.76
League – Home Maintenance	\$1,379.00	\$8,028.00
League – Honorariums	\$0.00	\$8,696.00
League – Joint Venture	\$502.73	\$4,129.99
League - Meeting Expenditure	\$964.28	\$7,134.91

Overall year to date Members Funds total \$33,843,690.53. The Current Asset total is \$4,465,520.51, against Current Liabilities of \$5,736,887.43. This includes the Bank Business loan of \$2,787,828.82. Our cash reserves remain buoyant at \$1,786,366.24 and there is a further \$1,674,759.60 in Operational Funds.

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.

Paul Field

TREASURER, REDLANDS SUB BRANCH



Wellbeing Report

Good morning and welcome to the June League meeting and Queensland winter.

Hoping everyone is well and have had their flu shots and any other needles you choose to have.

Our Advocates are seeing lots of clients each week, as well as finalising and lodging claims. July 1st sees the introduction of the Veterans Entitlements Treatment and Support Act 2025. No veteran will be disadvantaged when this is enacted. The Government states that this is to make it easier for veterans to access their benefits faster.

Hopefully this will happen. You can go to the DVA website to get information if you wish. It will be a learning experience for our Advocates so please be patient with them.

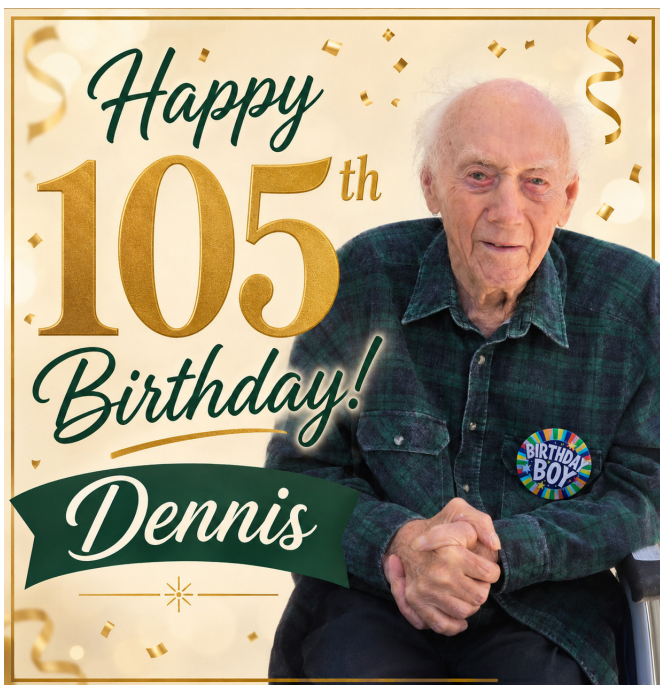
Our Wellbeing Support Officers have had a busy month with our members requiring information to assist them in their day to day lives. One thing about wellbeing is that it is never the same day-to-day. Nicole Dooley, who is at present working in HQ Reception, is continuing with her ADPT training and has successfully completed and attained Statement of Advocacy Compensation Level 1 MRCA, and Certificate in Accidental Counsellor Short Course. Well done Nicole.

Our last bus trip was a Tweed River Cruise and was enjoyed by all who attended despite the long bus trip home due to the M1 being closed. Thank you to our patrons for your patience and to our great bus driver who knew a few shortcuts.

Our Wellbeing Support Officers meeting was held on the first Wednesday of the month. We did not have a guest speaker but had a

good discussion between ourselves. We have a guest speaker from the Bayside Mental Health unit to address our July meeting. I think it is important that we all get together to check on each other. Several of our Service members have been in hospital in the last month and we hope they are home and on the road to recovery.

Congratulations to Service Member Dennis Wellbelove who celebrated his 105th birthday this month. Dennis is our oldest Service Member and we hope he enjoyed his celebrations. A birthday tribute shared on our Redlands RSL Facebook page received more than 1,070 likes and reactions, along with 74 heartfelt comments from people wishing Dennis a wonderful birthday and thanking him for his service.



Warm Regards,

Linda Harcourt

WELLBEING CO-ORDINATOR

Email: linda.harcourt@redlandsrsl.com.au



Cadet Liaison Report

No reports submitted for the June Bugle.



League Secretary Report

As we move further away from the busy period surrounding Anzac Day, activity within the Sub Branch has naturally eased. This quieter stretch has been well earned, with many taking some much deserved leave following the significant commitments and responsibilities that come with commemorating Anzac Day each year.

While things have settled, our focus is now shifting toward the next major commemoration on our calendar — Vietnam Veterans Day, to be held on Tuesday, 18 August 2026. Preparations are already underway to ensure all requirements are in place, and we look forward to a strong turnout as we honour the service and sacrifice of our Vietnam veterans.

I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to the Board for the honour of offering me Life Membership in recognition of my continued service to the Sub Branch. It is a privilege I deeply appreciate.

Finally, my gratitude goes to all members and supporters for their ongoing commitment, assistance, and camaraderie. Your support continues to strengthen our Sub Branch and the important work we do.

*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 annual RAF Bomber Command Commemorative Service was held at RAAF Base Amberley on Sunday 7th June. This service commemorates the sacrifices made by Australian airmen who flew with Bomber Command over occupied Europe in WW2. Of the approximately 10,000 Australian aircrew who took part, 3500 paid the ultimate sacrifice. Ten members from the Redlands Branch attended the service in good weather, and quality presentations by good speakers made the service moving and interesting. A lunch followed in the RAAF Museum and enabled members to catch up with members from other Branches, and other attendees.

The Branch informal Wellbeing gatherings in the ANZAC Lounge of Redlands RSL on Wednesday afternoons continue to have good regular attendances. These gatherings enable members to discuss a wide range of topics and often provide solutions to world problems, if anyone would listen. The monthly RSL 'Vets Cuppas' and the RSL Wellbeing Bus Trips have also been popular with members.



The next meeting of RAAF Association Redlands Branch will be a General Meeting on Sunday 9th August 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

The Bayside June meeting was held at Redlands RSL Tobruk Room, 6th June 2026 commencing at 1200. There were 45 attendees.

Ladies Lunch

The formal meeting was held in the Tobruk Room with male members in attendance. Lady members enjoyed the annual fully subsidised Ladies' Lunch in Sails, with excellent feedback received on both the meals and the service. Once again, BZ (well done) to the chefs and dining room staff. Following the formal meeting, male members were treated to mixed platters and later adjourned to the lounge areas.



NAA Bayside Ladies Dine In Night

Members are reminded that the Ladies Dine in night at the Redlands RSL will be 18th July 2026. Tickets are subsidised and available from the Bayside Treasurer.

Veterans Cuppa

The next Veterans Cuppa at the Redlands RSL will be 8th July 2026

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 will be held on Thursday 25th June 2026 starting at 1100. The theme for the ceremony is Timor - Leste.

The July ceremony will be for the Gulf Wars 1 & 2, 30th July 2026

Yours Aye,

Colin Saxby

NAVAL ASSOCIATION AUSTRALIA,
BAYSIDE SUB SECTION INC.



Library Museum

Greetings to all,

After a very busy April and May, things have settled a little in the library and museum. We did, however, complete an audit and inspection of all weapons conducted by Queensland Police Weapons Licensing. A few minor issues were identified and have since been resolved, and Licensing was satisfied with both our security measures and the overall presentation of the collection.

We are also looking to expand our activity within the Redlands community. The Russell Island RSL has approached us for assistance with memorabilia displays, and Marty and I will be meeting with them shortly to discuss what items we may be able to donate.

Thank you once again to all our museum volunteers. Your time, effort, and ongoing contribution are truly appreciated.

Until next month,

Andrew Bailey

LIBRARY MUSEUM CURATOR



Opening Hours:

Mondays through to Fridays from 10am to 2pm.

For any enquiries or group bookings,

please contact Martin Rabjohns on 0438 229 763.

National Service Group

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Our group was established in 2001 to cater for the needs of those who were conscripted to serve in either of the two cohorts of National Service {between 1951 & 1959 and 1965 & 1972}. Our membership ages range from 74 to 94. Due to many reason our numbers are diminishing, however it is a well-known fact that within the Redlands there are lots of potential members unaware of our organisation. We just need to locate them!

As previously advised we will be staging a series of functions to cater for those Nasho's in an endeavour to encourage them to not only join our group, but also the Redlands RSL. We welcome any assistance members can give us to locate these guys. Some of whom could be totally unaware of any possible DVA benefits they could claim.

Our next Mess Hall lunch will be held at the Capalaba Sports Club on Monday 13th July 2026. From all reports this venue has been a favourite on previous occasions. Bookings details will be via either Paul Field or Denise Partis.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Sunday 5th July.

Paul Field,

PRESIDENT, NATIONAL SERVICE GROUP
REDLANDS BRANCH



Women's Auxiliary

No report for this month.

Desley Lingard

PRESIDENT, WOMEN'S AUXILIARY



VETERANS & WELLBEING EXCURSIONS

Our Veterans and Wellbeing Excursions continue to go from strength to strength, and it is wonderful to see such strong support from the veteran community.

Our most recent excursion, held on 29 May, took us to the Tweed region for a Tweed River and Rainforest Cruise. The day certainly had its share of surprises. A major accident on the M1 caused significant delays, resulting in our arrival being approximately 30 minutes late cruise still went ahead as planned. Despite the setback, spirits remained high, and participants were rewarded with an outstanding lunch featuring enormous king prawns—the biggest I have ever seen! Due to the earlier traffic delays, we did not return to the Club until 6.15 pm.

Our next adventure is scheduled for 22 June 2026, when we travel to the Scenic Rim to visit a camel farm. The day will include a guided farm tour, product tastings, and morning tea featuring scones made from award-winning camel milk products. Following the tour, we will enjoy lunch at the historic Duggman Dam Hotel, where guests will have the opportunity to choose from a selection of the venue's renowned menu specialties. From all reports, the food is exceptional.

The popularity of these excursions continues to exceed expectations. Our latest trip, announced at the Veterans Cuppa on 10 June, sold out in less than an hour. Scheduled for 20 July 2026, the excursion will take participants to Wyaralong Dam for morning tea, followed by a three-course lunch at St Bernard's Hotel. The total cost for the day is \$60 per person.

The success of these excursions is made possible by an incredible team of dedicated staff and volunteers. I would like to acknowledge:

- Karleigh Little (Marketing) for her outstanding work promoting and supporting these events.
- Linda Harcourt and Alisa Mathot, whose attention to detail and behind-the-scenes support ensure everything runs smoothly.
- Amber, our Club Receptionist, who is a powerhouse when it comes to reservations and member enquiries—nothing is ever too much trouble.

Personally, it gives me great satisfaction to see veterans coming together, forming new friendships, and enjoying these shared experiences. The camaraderie and connection that these outings foster is exactly what the program was designed to achieve.

I look forward to seeing many more of you on future excursions. Until next time,

Greg Saunders,

CONVENOR OF VETERANS &
WELLBEING EXCURSIONS



29 MAY: TWEED ECO RIVER CRUISE



22 JUNE: SUMMER LAND CAMELS



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>

AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT DEFENCE - NEWS & EVENTS

<https://www.defence.gov.au/news-events>



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
SOCIALLY CONNECTED!**

Our Veterans Cuppa takes place on the 2nd Wednesday of every month and remains a popular morning tea gathering. Veterans enjoy exclusive early access to the Anzac Lounge before the club opens to the public, providing a relaxed social setting where they can connect with fellow Sub Branch members over a barista-crafted coffee and a freshly baked scone or muffin.

NEXT VETERANS CUPPA:

9AM, WEDNESDAY 8TH JULY 2026

COST: ONLY \$5.00

PRE-BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL - PHONE 3488 1199

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

10% OFF SAILS LUNCH MENU - MAIN MEALS - FOR REDLANDS RSL SERVICE MEMBERS

New Sails Lunch Menu starts Monday 1st June.

10 delicious main meals to choose from!

Add a selected entree or dessert
for only \$4 extra.

*Available 7 days a week, between
11.30am and 2pm, excludes
Public Holidays. 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.

History

JUNE

DATE	TITLE	EVENT
1 June 1918	RAN aircraft first used in combat	First use of aircraft in combat by ships of the Royal Australian Navy in the Heligoland Bight. Aircraft were launched from HMAS Sydney and Melbourne to intercept two German aircraft.
3 June 1944	Last major air combat by RAAF in the Second World War	South of Biak Island 15 P-40Ns from No. 78 Squadron attacked 15 Japanese aircraft (12 fighters and three dive-bombers) and succeeded in shooting down seven fighters and all of the dive-bombers for the loss of one P-40 and pilot.
6 June 1944	D-Day	Allies land in Normandy, opening up a third front against Germany and beginning an eastward drive across northern Europe that ended with Germany's surrender in May 1945.
6 June 1969	Battle of Binh Ba, South Vietnam	Binh Ba, located 6 kilometres north of the Australian base at Nui Dat was the site of a battle between an Australian Ready Reaction Force and a combined force of Viet Cong guerrillas and North Vietnamese Army troops who had occupied the village. The enemy were driven off after more than a day's fighting.
8 June 1942	Sydney and Newcastle shelled	A week after they launched the midget submarines that attacked Sydney Harbour, four large Japanese submarines shell Sydney and Newcastle, but to little effect.
13 June 1945	Australians capture Brunei	The Australian occupation of Brunei was aimed at permitting the establishment of an advanced fleet base to protect Brunei's oil and rubber resources.
14 June 1966	6th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, arrives in South Vietnam	The deployment of the 6th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, to Vietnam formed part of Australia's build up of forces in Phuoc Tuy province in the mid-1960s. D Company from this battalion became involved in the battle of Long Tan on 18 August 1966.
16 June 1948	Malayan Emergency declared	The Australian involvement in Malayan Emergency lasted from 1950 to 1960, making it the longest continuing military commitment in our history. 39 Australian servicemen died in this conflict.
20 June 1943	Darwin bombed	Darwin was bombed by Japanese aircraft 64 times during the Second World War.
30 June 1971	Final anti-war rally	110,000 people in Australian cities demonstrated against the war in Vietnam.

WITHOUT HISTORY, THERE WOULD BE NO FUTURE!

Associated Groups

	AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION (RAAFA) REDLANDS BRANCH Meetings held 2nd Sunday every second month at 10.30am in the Gallipoli Room. Social get-togethers held Wednesdays at 3pm in the Anzac Lounge. Contact: President Rob Wilson 0419 688 014
	NAVAL ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA (BAYSIDE SUB SECTION) Meetings are held on the 1st Saturday of the month at 12 noon. Contact: Graham Hargreaves 0431 349 688
	NATIONAL 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
	T&PI ASSOCIATION MORETON BAY SOUTH Meetings held on the last Wednesday of the month in the Veterans Community Centre. Contact: Jeff Graham - 0438 584 376 Greg Hambridge - 0422 300 242
	REDLANDS RSL SUB BRANCH WOMEN'S AUXILIARY Meetings held the 1st Monday of the month at 10am in the Meeting Room. Contact: Desley Lingard 0409 060 267
	REDLANDS SUB BRANCH AUSTRALIAN WAR WIDOWS (QUEENSLAND) Meetings are held the last Friday of the month in the Maritime Room of the club commencing at 10.30am. Contact: Jenny Cockroft, President on 0417 795 567
	REDLANDS LEGACY CARE GROUP Meets on the 1st Friday of each month in the RSL Club Maritime Room commencing at 10.30am. Contact: Shree Rogers, President on 0416 062 115
	YOUNG VETERANS REDLANDS Contact: Geoff Hooper on 0419 649 925. E: chev1950@bigpond.com Facebook: Young Veterans Redlands
	REDLAND VIETNAM VETERANS' GROUP Meet at Veterans' Community Centre: 'Drop In' - Wednesdays from 12noon (Tea & Coffee). Art Therapy Classes - Tuesdays 9.30am to 12noon. Contact: David Smock, President on 07 3821 3999

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NAME	DECEASED DATE	SERVICE
Noel Myler	6th June 2026	ARMY
David Jordan	9th June 2026	ARMY

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