

REDLANDS SUB BRANCH

BUGLE

JULY 2026 EDITION

"Honouring The Fallen By Serving The Living!"



**VETERANS &
WELLBEING
EXCURSIONS
CONTINUE
TO BE A HIT!**

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



Invitation

President of Redlands RSL Sub Branch Inc.

MR ROB WILSON

Invites all Service members (plus one partner or carer),
War Widows, Legacy Ladies and Women's Auxiliary
to attend the

President's Luncheon

WHEN: Sunday, 23rd August 2026
11.30am for 12 noon start

LOCATION: Gallipoli Room, Redlands RSL

DRESS: Lounge Suit or female equivalent
(no medals)

TICKETS: \$40 per person
Pre-bookings with payment are essential at
Redlands RSL reception, or phone 34881199.

Service members were emailed the invitation on 7th July
2026. If you did not receive this, please check that our
reception team has your correct details on file.

The menu and invitation can be found on our website:
<https://redlandsrsl.com/sub-branch/news/>

President's Report

I hope this finds everyone in good health.

The main topic being discussed by Sub Branch members over the last month, has been the announcement by the Government in the Budget of an annual cap of \$5,000, effective 1 July 2027, on Allied Health services available to Veterans. A disappointing aspect of this announcement has been the lack of consultation leading to the decision. It is pleasing however, to see the National President getting on the front foot and releasing a petition 'Scrap the Cap!'. Service members have received details and a link by email to this petition, to participate if they desire.

Our long-serving General Manager, Peter Harrison, to use his words, 'is retiring on his terms' after 23 years at the helm. This is an extraordinary length of time in the hospitality industry. When Pete came to Redlands RSL all those years ago, the club was in dire straits and in need of fresh ideas and above all, good management. He was able to provide both, and turn the business around and successfully embark on an expansion program to provide us with the facilities we enjoy today. A Sub Branch HQ and Library Museum, then a new three-story carpark to keep us dry getting into the Club. Renovations that expanded the Kitchen, the Sails Restaurant, the Cove Café, the Anzac Lounge and the Gallipoli Room function area followed. This is the magnificent legacy that Peter Harrison has left us.

Pete, you have always placed the best interests of Redlands RSL Sub Branch Inc at the forefront, and you know we would love to see you stay. In saying that, you deserve to retire on your own terms, but we will certainly miss you.

Congratulations and welcome our new General Manager, Chris Sartori, who was selected from a group of very qualified applicants to take over the reins from Peter. Chris, like all the applicants interviewed, is aware of the 'big shoes' he has to fill. Such was the reputation and high regard Peter was held in the Queensland Hospitality Industry. Please make Chris welcome when you see him.

Take Care.

Rob Wilson

PRESIDENT, REDLANDS RSL SUB BRANCH



Previous Minutes

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

QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES SUNDAY 25TH JANUARY 2026

MEETING OPENED: by Rob Wilson at 10.30am

ODE RECITED

REMEMBERING:

Ian Gray – Army
Donald Ramsay – Army
Joseph Murray – Navy
Robert Hill – Royal Navy

ATTENDANCE: A total of 64 as per the attendance book (49 League, 15 Visitors)

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

Moved: M. Rabjohns

Seconded: R. Khan

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

NEW MEMBERS: Tim Myers

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:

Eric Shaw's 90th Birthday
Aaron Symonds's 43rd Birthday
Joe Daag's 92nd Birthday
Marty Rabjohn's 55th Birthday and 14th Wedding Anniversary
Cornelius (Blue) Griffioen's 72nd Birthday

PRESIDENTS OPENING REMARKS:

Items to be discussed in this meeting:

- Pending changes to the Constitution,
- Information on the election of office bearers at the AGM,
- The draw for the free tickets provided by RSL Queensland to the Edinburgh Military Tattoo.

PREVIOUS MINUTES: As presented in the Bugle - Page 4-9 |
Quarterly General Meeting & League Gathering Meeting – Sunday
26th October 2025

Moved: A. Rigby

Seconded: R. Khan

That the Minutes of the previous meeting be accepted.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES: NIL

Moved:

Seconded:

PRESIDENTS REPORT: As presented in the Bugle on Page 3 – President Rob Wilson

Moved: M. Rabjohns

Seconded: B. Readman

That the Presidents Report be accepted Motion 3: Carried

GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT: As presented in the Bugle on Page 10 – Peter Harrison

The General Manager, Peter Harrison, added to the report that the figures in the report represented ‘best ever’ results in most areas during the year, continuing the trend of the past three years since the renovations, stating that the club has become the venue of choice for many in the community and thanked the Management, staff and the Board.

General Manager Peter Harrison was asked to draw the raffle for the Edinburgh Military Tattoo tickets on Thursday 12th February 2026.

The winner announced: Mr Frank Williams.

Moved: G. Hargreaves

Seconded: B. Coleman

That the General Managers Report be accepted . . . Motion 4: Carried

TREASURERS REPORT: As presented in the Bugle on Page 11 – Paul Field

Paul Field expressed his sincere gratitude towards the previous Treasurers’ and General Manager Peter Harrison, due to the end of year figures being as successful as they were.

Moved: P. Field

Seconded: R. Heath

That the Treasurers Report be accepted Motion 5: Carried

WELLBEING REPORT: As presented in the Bugle on Page 12-13 – Linda Harcourt

Moved: L. Harcourt

Seconded: J. Butler

That the Wellbeing Report be accepted Motion 6: Carried

DEPUTY PRESIDENTS REPORT: No Report

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

Moved: D. Field

Seconded: A Symonds

That the Cadets Liaison Report be accepted Motion 7: Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Constitution

Wohlsen Consulting has been engaged to review our current constitution and to recommend changes to incorporate regulatory requirements under the Associations Incorporation Act and to RSL Qld 2024 Model Sub Branch Constitution; and any other recommendations to eliminate outdated and conflicting rules.

These recommended changes will be made available for perusal by members, before a vote to accept them is taken at the next Quarterly General Meeting 26th July 2026.

Election of Office Bearers at the Annual General Meeting on 22nd March 2026

The positions of the Board are still as follows:

Deputy President	Currently held by Phil Barnes
Director League Secretary	Currently held by Michael McDonnell
Director	Currently held by Ian Cuthbertson
Director	Vacant

The incumbents have advised they will be contesting their positions.

NEXT QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING: Sunday 26th July 2026 at 10:30am

MEETING CLOSED: by President Rob Wilson at 10.54am

LEAGUE GATHERING MEETING MINUTES SUNDAY 25TH JANUARY 2026 (FOLLOWING QGM)

MEETING OPENED: by President Rob Wilson at 10.54am

CORRESPONDENCE: Presented by Michael McDonnell – League Secretary

Inwards:

- Australian War Animals Memorial Organisation Day will be held on Tuesday 24th February 2026.
- Duty Nobly Done Battle Tours are still open for those wishing to attend Anzac Day in Villiers-Bretonneux.
- Amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws.

Outwards:

- Nil

Moved: M. McDonnell

Seconded: M. Rabjohns

That the correspondence outwards be accepted . . Motion 8: Carried

LEAGUE SECRETARY REPORT: As presented in the Bugle on Page 15 – Michael McDonnell

Moved: M. McDonnell

Seconded: A. Bailey

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

SED REPORT: As presented in the Bugle on Page 12 – President Rob Wilson

Moved: A. Symonds

Seconded: B. Coleman

That the SED report be accepted Motion 10: Carried

RAAF ASSOCIATION REPORT: As presented in the Bugle on Pages 16 – President Rob Wilson

Moved: R. Wilson

Seconded: B. Griffieon

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

NAVAL ASSOCIATION REPORT: As presented in the Bugle on Page 17 – Colin Saxby

Moved: G. Hargreaves

Seconded: I. Cuthbertson

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

NATIONAL SERVICEMEN REPORT: As presented in the Bugle on Page 18 – Eric Shaw

Moved: E. Shaw

Seconded: F. Williams

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

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY REPORT: As presented in the Bugle on Page 19 – Carmel McKay on behalf of Desley Lingard

Moved: C. McKay

Seconded: M. Rabjohns

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

LIBRARY MUSEUM REPORT: As presented in the Bugle on Page 20 – Marty Rabjohns

Moved: M. Rabjohns

Seconded: B. Readman

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

VETERANS & WELLBEING EXCURSION: As presented in the Bugle on Page 22 – Greg Saunders

Maleny Bird World

Greg Saunders mentioned that the trip to Maleny Bird World is now

sold out. Greg also wanted to thank everyone for their continued support for the Veterans and Wellbeing trips.

Moved: G. Saunders

Seconded: A. Dunker

That the Veterans & Wellbeing Excursion Information be accepted .

..... Motion 16: Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS:

City New Farm Sub Branch Motions:

President Rob Wilson discussed the changes to the RSL badge. The two motions presented have been prompted by the lack of consultation in those changes being made.

Motion 1: Seeks to have the RSL Annual National Congress, the members’ annual meeting, reinstated, by having South East District President request RSL Queensland Branch President to lobby for this change.

Moved: D. Field

Seconded: B. Coleman

That Motion 1 be accepted Motion 17: Carried

Motion 2: Request that the President of South East District seek clarification from RSL Queensland Branch about the relationship, Constitutional and otherwise, between the Board of RSL National and the RSL’s grassroot members.

Moved: D. Rogers

Seconded: R. Khan

That Motion 2 Be accepted Motion 18: Carried

Anzac Day

League Secretary Michael McDonnell requested all whom would like to lay a wreath or would like to either ride or drive a golf buggy on Anzac Day, to please inform headquarters as soon as possible.

Redlands RSL Sub Branch Constitution

General Manager Peter Harrison explained the necessity of the regulatory amendments to the Constitution to align with the Associations and Corporations Act and RSL Queensland’s 2024 and the office of Fair Trading and why some changes are required to get state RSL approval.

RAFFLES: Drawn and Won

NEXT VETERANS CUPPA: Wednesday 11th February 2026 at 9.00am in the ANZAC Lounge at 9am.

NEXT LEAGUE GATHERING: Sunday 22nd February 2026 at 10.30am

MEETING CLOSED: by President Rob Wilson at 11.33am

LEAGUE GATHERING MEETING MINUTES

SUNDAY 28TH JUNE 2026

MEETING OPENED: by Rob Wilson at 10.30am

ODE RECITED:

REMEMBERING:

Noel Myler - Army

David Jordan - Army

ATTENDANCE: League: 44, Visitors: 9, Total: 53

APOLOGIES: Marty Rabjohns, Ian Cuthbertson, Noel Hendrix, Eric Shaw, Brian Corrie, Marie Taylor, Laraine Coleman, Reverend Cameron Freese, Anne Shaw

Moved: G. Olsen

Seconded: A. Bailey

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

NEW MEMBERS: Nil

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:

Helen Barnes - Birthday

David Field – 57th Wedding Anniversary

GUEST SPEAKER: Ian Lynch – King Island, Tasmania

David Field introduced guest speaker Ian Lynch, noting his King Island heritage and six years of Army service from 1962–1968, including deployments across Southeast Asia and his role as the first Army searcher on the beach during the disappearance of Prime Minister Harold Holt. Ian presented an overview of King Island's military history, highlighting its exceptional World War I enlistment rate: from a population of about 778, 225 enlisted and 46 were killed, one of the highest per capita rates in the Commonwealth. He outlined his family's service, the story of the troopship docked in Melbourne and the myth around its sinking, and local efforts with the RSL and War Graves Commission to identify and mark previously unmarked servicemen's graves. He also described work promoting service symbols on veteran named street signs.

Ian reported that 429 King Islanders served in World War II, with 17 killed, and explained the significance of the government flag recognising the island's enlistment contribution. He referenced notable service families and relatives who served in Korea, Vietnam, Cyprus (UN peacekeeping), Iraq, the Persian Gulf and other theatres, including his father's post war duty in Timor. Ian spoke about war

cameraman Damian Parer, the island's connection to him, and a little-known Japanese submarine reconnaissance mission off King Island in 1942. He concluded with reflections on his own service and the story of his great uncle's grave at Bailleul, France, tended by a local family for three generations, reinforcing his theme of "Little Island, Big Service."

PRESIDENTS OPENING REMARKS: Mr Rob Wilson

President Rob Wilson reported on the official opening of the new 'Gray Room' at the 136 Army Cadet Unit. The project began as a refurbishment of the unit's Q store but was redesigned in honour of Ian Gray, recognising his significant contribution as Cadet Liaison Officer. The upgraded training room features a grey painted exterior, camouflage netting on the ceiling, an electronic whiteboard, tiered stadium style seating, and a photo of Ian Gray displayed prominently. Esther Gray performed the ribbon cutting ceremony. Rob encouraged members to visit 136 ACU and view the Gray Room, noting it is an impressive and well-designed training space for the cadets.

PREVIOUS MINUTES: As presented in the Bugle – Pages 4-9 | League Gathering Meeting Sunday 31st May 2026

Moved: G. Hinson *Seconded: N. Dooley*
That the Minutes of the previous meeting be accepted.
. Motion 2: Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Badge Selling at Victoria Point Shopping Centre

Rob Wilson reported on the ongoing difficulty of staffing badge selling at Victoria Point Shopping Centre while also covering Stockland. He has spoken with the President of Bayside South RSL to explore whether their sub branch could take responsibility for Victoria Point. Rob noted that while it is uncertain whether Bayside South can fully commit, such an arrangement would be highly beneficial and would reduce repeated requests from the shopping centre. The matter remains under consideration, and no decision has yet been made.

Action: President Rob Wilson to follow up with Bayside South President regarding the proposed badge selling opportunity at Victoria Point Shopping Centre and provide an update to the league once a decision is received.

Moved: B. Reedman *Seconded: D. Field*
That the Business Arising from Previous Minutes be accepted.
. Motion 3: Carried

PRESIDENTS REPORT: As presented in the Bugle on Page 3 – Rob Wilson

Rob Wilson reported on the recent State Board elections, following the earlier League vote on the roles of Deputy President and Skills based Director. At the South Eastern District meeting, members heard presentations from Ashley Naughton and Cherise (CJ) Pearce. Rob advised that Ashley Naughton was elected as Skills based Director, after which he withdrew from the Deputy President contest. Cherise (CJ) Pearce was subsequently elected as Deputy President, and Rob expressed his satisfaction with the outcome, describing her as dynamic and well suited to the role.

Moved: R. Heath

Seconded: F. Williams

That the Presidents Report be accepted Motion 4: Carried

LEAGUE CORRESPONDENCE: As presented by Michael McDonnell – League Secretary

Inwards:

- Battle Tours of the Western Front – A company offering guided tours of key First World War battlefields in Normandy.

Outwards: Nil

Moved: M. McDonnell

Seconded: N. Dooley

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

LEAGUE SECRETARY REPORT: As presented in the Bugle on Page 13 – Michael McDonnell

Moved: M. McDonnell

Seconded: A. Bailey

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

SED REPORT: As presented in the Bugle on Page 9 – Rob Wilson
President Rob Wilson highlighted the most notable update: the recent South Eastern District RSL meeting was the first to be chaired by the new SED President, Doug Egan.

Moved: R. Wilson

Seconded: P. Barnes

That the SED Report be accepted Motion 7: Carried

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

Moved: P. Field

Seconded N. Newton

That the Treasurers Report be accepted. Motion 8: Carried

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

Linda noted that although Greg consistently thanks others in the Bugle and on every trip, he is rarely acknowledged himself. She formally thanked him on behalf of all travellers for the significant work he puts into organising the RSL trips. Linda added that once a destination is chosen, Greg negotiates strongly with providers, and together with the RSL subsidy, ensures trip costs remain competitive for members.

Moved: L. Harcourt

Seconded: I. Goulding

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

RAAF ASSOCIATION REPORT: As presented in the Bugle on Page 14 – Rob Wilson

President Rob Wilson added that members attended the Bomber Command Commemorative Service at RAAF Base Amberley earlier in the month. He described the service as deeply moving, noting the heavy casualties suffered by Australian aircrew in Bomber Command during World War II, and said it was an event well worth attending.

Moved: R. Wilson

Seconded: G. Hinson

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

NAVAL ASSOCIATION REPORT: As presented in the Bugle on Page 15 – Chris McKay on behalf of Colin Saxby

Moved: C. McKay

Seconded: C. McKay

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

LIBRARY MUSEUM REPORT: As presented in the Bugle on Page 16 – Andrew Bailey

Andrew Bailey advised members that he will be filling in for Marty Rabjohns while he is convalescent.

Moved: A. Bailey

Seconded: N. Dooley

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

NATIONAL SERVICE GROUP REPORT: As presented in the Bugle on Page 17 – Paul Field

Moved: P. Field

Seconded: N. Newton

That the National Service Group's Report be accepted.....

..... Motion 13: Carried

VETERANS & WELLBEING EXCURSION REPORT: As presented in the Bugle on Page 18-19 – Greg Saunders

Greg thanked Linda for her acknowledgement and noted that the Veteran trips program continues to perform very well, with most

outings selling out quickly. He reported that the recent visit to Summer Land Camels was a surprising success, with members enjoying an educational tour, learning about the large scale operation, and sampling camel milk before lunch at the Dugandan Hotel, where the local sausages were a highlight.

Greg advised that the upcoming Wyaralong Dam and St Bernard’s Hotel trip on 20 July is fully booked and encouraged anyone who misses out to join the waitlist, as cancellations are now more common. He reminded members that coach and venue bookings come with specific conditions, and while he negotiates favourable arrangements, not all individual preferences can be met. Greg also commended Karleigh Little, Alisa and Linda for their work sending reminders, and asked members to use their own phone reminders as well. He thanked everyone for their support and said he looks forward to the next outing.

Moved: G. Saunders

Seconded: F. Williams

That the Veterans and Wellbeing Excursion Report be accepted

..... Motion 14: Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Phil Barnes – Service Update

Phil Barnes advised that, after 46 years in the RAAF Reserve, he has formally retired. He noted that his farewell was significant and that the change is welcome news for his wife, Helen. Phil reflected that his Defence service was extremely worthwhile and said he would not have changed any part of it, concluding that he is now a full civilian.

Vietnam Veterans Day

Michael reminded members that this is the second last meeting before Vietnam Veterans Day on Tuesday, 18 August, marking the 60th anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan. He emphasised the importance of a strong turnout and advised that anyone wishing to lay a wreath must register their name, unit, and whether they will provide their own wreath or require one from the RSL. Andrew Bailey will collect these details. Michael confirmed the service will be held at 10:00 am beside the Headquarters building, and noted that the next meeting will be the final opportunity to advise intentions to lay a wreath.

State Congress Update

President Rob Wilson reported that at the State Congress held on 20 June, the motion sponsored by City New Farm RSL and supported by

Redlands RSL passed with 84% support, reflecting strong delegate endorsement.

Allied Health Annual Cap

Rob briefed members on the Federal Government's proposal to introduce a \$5,000 annual cap on DVA funded allied health services from 1 July 2027, noting the lack of consultation for the proposal and that psychology and counselling delivered through Open Arms will not count toward the limit. He advised that DVA has stated additional treatment will still be funded where clinical need is demonstrated, with a simple approval process being developed.

President will circulate short explanatory podcasts outlining the proposal, its potential impacts and lack of consultation. Rob noted that a 12 month consultation period lies ahead and expressed hope that the policy may be revised before implementation.

Action: President Rob Wilson to distribute short explanatory podcasts via email to all League members outlining the proposed annual allied health cap.

Defence and Veterans Service Commission (DVSC)

Rob also reported on the establishment of the Defence and Veterans Service Commission (DVSC), led by Commissioner Penny Mackay from 1 June, and suggested the Commission should prioritise reviewing or opposing the proposed cap.

More information can be found on the Website:

<https://www.dvsc.gov.au>

Moved: D. James

Seconded: G. Olsen

That Motion 1 be accepted Motion 15: Carried

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

RAFFLES: Drawn and Won

NEXT MEETING:

- Next Quarterly General Meeting will be held on Sunday 26th July 2026 at 10.30am
- No League Gathering Meeting will be held in August 2026
- Next League Gathering Meeting will be held on Sunday 27th September 2026 at 10.30am

MEETING CLOSED: by Rob Wilson at 11.25am

General Manager's Report

Half Yearly 2026 v 2025

Bottle-Shop sales were \$ 111,939.14 which is + 0.45% on 2025.

Bar sales were \$ 1,452,633.78 which is + 1.42% on 2025.

Sails Bistro sales were \$ 1,873,373.50 which is – 1.40% on 2025.

Function sales were \$ 138,956.23 which is – 12.51% on 2025.

Coffee-shop sales were \$ 603,128.94 which is + 17.68% on 2025

Keno sales were \$ 1,346,167.10 which is + 20.50% on 2025.

Net Profit/Loss unaudited \$ 808,460.43 which is + 8.38% on 2025. If accelerated depreciation amount of \$ 205,217.78 is added back in the actual % is + 10.98%.

All areas except functions & Sails which are showing slight decline in sales, Cove still steaming ahead and Keno growth is good to see.

Comparison Gaming Figures 2026 V 2025

Turnover:	+ 7.12%
Revenue:	+ 3.08%
Cancel Credits:	+ 16.11%
Cash Clearance:	+ 4.19%
Banking:	+ 3.98%
ADT:	+ 7.13%
ADN:	+ 2.52%
RTP:	+ 0.37%

We have started the 2026 year with 6 record months in Gaming turnover which was not expected but will happily take it, hopefully the second half of the year we will see consistent or growth in all areas.

As I retire after 23½ years as General Manager here at Redlands RSL, I would like to sincerely thank our members, Board, staff and volunteers for your loyalty, friendship and support. It has been an honour to be part of the Redlands RSL community and the Club's continued growth and success. I leave knowing the Club is in great hands and am pleased to welcome Chris Sartori as the new General Manager. I wish Chris, the Board, staff, volunteers and all our members every success for the future. Thank you.

Peter Harrison

GENERAL MANAGER, REDLANDS RSL



Treasurer's Report

The financial year for the is flying by. Half the year already gone and the trading results are looking good. Despite all the outrageous financial perspectives emanating from the Australian Federal Government coupled with those coming from overseas experts, Redlands RSL appears to be weathering the "predicted financial storm" satisfactorily.

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

The major disbursements for League and Wellbeing during June and totals for the 6 months were as follows: -

	For June 2026	Year to Date	Budget
Donation – Cadet units	\$ 0	\$ 14 164	\$13 500
Donation – Vietnam Veterans	\$ 3 625	\$ 19 600	\$21 000
League – ANZAC Day Expense	\$ 0	\$ 105 442	\$ 99 000
League – Bugle / Bay Breeze	\$ 300	\$ 6 137	\$ 7 800
League - Golden Oldies	\$ 1 289	\$ 8 552	\$ 9 200
League – Home Maintenance	\$ 2 084	\$ 10 112	\$ 9 600
League – Honorariums	\$ 0	\$ 8 696	\$ 12 000
League – Joint Venture	\$ 997	\$ 5 127	\$ 4 740
League - Meeting Expenditure	\$ 912	\$ 8 047	\$ 6 000

Overall year to date Members Funds total \$ 33,978,764-66. The Current Asset total is \$ 4,541,341-22, against Current Liabilities of \$ 5,558,214-09. This includes the Bank Business loan of \$ 2,677,856-87. Our cash reserves remain buoyant at \$1,791,387.64 and there is a further \$1,645,827.46 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 RSL SUB BRANCH



SED REPORT

The last SED Meeting was held on Thursday 2nd July and chaired by District President, Doug Egan.

The meeting opened with guest speaker, Jazz Tyrill, RSL Queensland Marketing Manager – Membership and Network. Jazz explained her role within RSL Queensland, which included Editor of RSL News and Membership. Responding to a question: 'How do you get a story in RSL News?', her response was: 'You need to have an Angle'. Redlands RSL did manage to get a story printed in the latest RSL News on page 50.

Jazz continued with details about the new on-line membership application form and reminded Delegates about activities to engage with community, such as: Drawer to Remember and Christmas Hampers. She concluded with details of fund raising for a new project, Recognising Families Sculpture, to be sited at the Australian War Memorial. Details can be found on page 81 in the latest RSL News.

Following the guest speaker, the meeting progressed with the ode and the usual routine business. High on the General Business list was the cap on Allied Health services for Veterans. I advised the meeting of the National President's Newsletter I received with the on-line 'Scrap the Cap!' Petition. I have since forwarded these details to SED.

The Casual Vacancy that existed on the District Committee following the recent AGM, has been filled by one of our Redlands Sub Branch members, Matt Hanrahan.

Report provided by Rob Wilson

SUPPORT OUR CAMPAIGN TO SCRAP THE CAP!

rslaustralia.org/your-voice



Allied health services [physiotherapy, psychology, occupational therapy, podiatry] are not a luxury for many veterans, they are essential. A cap of this nature has the potential to force veterans to reduce or cease treatment, with serious consequences for their health and wellbeing.

Wellbeing Report

Good morning all and welcome to the July Quarterly Meeting, already half the year has gone.

Our volunteers have been working hard as usual this year and have accumulated 4,620 hours of volunteer hours up to the end of June. Well done to the volunteers and our paid staff at Headquarters who look after our Veterans and their families in so many different ways. A new day brings a new query and we learn something new every day.

Our Advocates have begun processing DVA claims under the Veterans Entitlements Treatment Act 2025 and so far, all is going well, but we still have a lot to learn.

On Saturday 18th July I had the pleasure of attending The Naval Association of Australia, Bayside Sub Section Ladies Dine In Night. It is always a pleasure to attend this Annual Event and I was pleased, on behalf of the Redlands RSL Sub Branch, to accept a cheque for \$1,000.00 to be used to provide Food vouchers for our Veterans who may be doing it a little tough. The Sub Branch has a long lasting to the Bayside Naval Association and on behalf of the Sub Branch thank you for your donation and your hospitality.

At our June Wellbeing Support Officers Meeting our guest speakers Shanon (who is an RAAF veteran) and Adam (RAAF Reserve) spoke to us regarding the Bayside Community Health Unit. Shanon is the Service Integration Coordinator Therapies & Allied Health of this unit and Adam is an Occupational Therapist. Shanon and Adam spoke about their roles in this organisation which most of those in attendance did not know existed. She also brought numerous flyers to distribute regarding what assistance is available to Veterans through this unit. It was very rewarding connecting with them and the information that was shared on the day, and has since been shared with me, is invaluable. They hold a Community meeting on the first Wednesday of the month in the grounds of the Uniting Church in Passage St, Cleveland from 9am where various community representatives are in attendance. Instead of our usual meeting on the 5th August of Wellbeing Support Officers are going to check it all out for you. Will have a report in the next Bugle.

Our next Wellbeing Excursion will be held in September and will be announced at the Vets Cuppa on the 12th August. There is no trip in August due to the Annual President's Luncheon.

Once again, the Vets Cuppa was attended by a large number of Veterans with first time attendees welcomed. Peter Harrison our General Manager who is retiring soon spoke to the Veterans and thanked them for their support over the past twenty-three years as this was to be his last Veterans Cuppa. Peter has always been a great supporter of the Veterans Cuppa. Good luck in your retirement.

Thank you to all those who do so much for our Veterans and their families every day of the week. It is much appreciated.

Warm Regards,

Linda Harcourt

WELLBEING COORDINATOR

Email: linda.harcourt@redlandsrsl.com.au



Library Museum

As Marty is currently convalescing, I will be stepping in as Library and Museum Coordinator and Curator until he is able to return. I appreciate everyone's support during this temporary transition.

I would also like to remind everyone that Vietnam Veterans Day, held on 18th August each year, will carry special significance in 2026 as we mark the 60th anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan. This milestone offers an important opportunity to honour one of the most defining and courageous actions of Australian forces during the Vietnam War. The anniversary is expected to draw strong community interest.

Finally, my sincere thanks to all our museum volunteers. Your ongoing contribution is truly appreciated and continues to strengthen the work we do.

Andrew Bailey

LIBRARY MUSEUM CURATOR



Opening Hours:

Mondays through to Fridays
from 10am to 2pm.

For any enquiries or group bookings,

please contact Andrew
Bailey on 0417 760 341.

VIETNAM VETERANS DAY

TUESDAY, 18TH AUGUST 2026

On Tuesday, 18 August 2026, Australia marks the 60th anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan, a pivotal clash in which just 108 Australian soldiers from D Company, 6RAR, held off thousands of enemy troops in torrential rain. This anniversary also officially serves as Vietnam Veterans' Day.

The annual day of remembrance honors all 60,000 Australians who served in the Vietnam War—where 524 lost their lives and over 3,000 were wounded

COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE

Time: 9.45am assembly, for a 10am start.

Where: Anzac Memorial Park
(located next to Redlands RSL HQ, Passage St, Cleveland)

After the service, camaraderie will be held at Redlands RSL.



League Secretary Report

As we move through the quieter mid year period, the Sub Branch's focus now turns to one of our most significant commemorations, Vietnam Veterans Day. This year carries particular weight as we mark the 60th anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan, a defining moment in Australia's Vietnam War history. The anniversary provides an important opportunity to honour the courage, sacrifice and resilience of all who served, and to ensure their legacy continues to be recognised by our community.

The Vietnam Veterans Day Service will be held on Tuesday, 18 August 2026 at Anzac Memorial Park. Members and guests are invited to assemble at 9.45am for a 10.00am start. A strong turnout is encouraged as we pay tribute to our Vietnam Veterans and acknowledge the profound impact their service has had on generations of Australians.

With Michael McDonnell currently on leave, Andrew Bailey is stepping in to assist with preparations and coordination for this important event. Members wishing to lay a wreath are asked to contact Andrew Bailey or Nicole at Reception Headquarters so arrangements can be finalised ahead of the day.

Vietnam Veterans Day remains a cornerstone of our commemorative calendar. It is a moment for reflection, gratitude and unity, ensuring that the service and sacrifice of our Vietnam Veterans are honoured with the respect they deserve.

Thank you to all members for your ongoing support and commitment. Your involvement strengthens our Sub Branch and the important work we continue throughout the year.

Many thanks,

Andrew Bailey



Cadet Liaison Report

Just a few weeks ago (in June), 136 ACU officially opened a room in honour of an RSL member who dedicated much of his time to the Tri-Service cadets, hence, the 'Gray Room' for Ian Gray. More about this in the 136 ACU report below.



Esther Gray was in attendance and Alan Harcourt made a short presentation on the work of Ian Gray.

Other members of the RSL Board were also in attendance, including the President, Rob Wilson.

136 ACU recently returned to Bunnings to host the BBQ and they have been invited to run the BBQ on several more occasions in 2026.

All three cadet units have recently returned to weekly parades after the school holidays. 136 ACU spent Saturday 18th July serving barbecued sausages at Bunnings Capalaba.

Roland Heath has been attending weekly parades with 136 ACU along with his grand daughter who is a cadet. He works well with the OC having been there himself. Unfortunately, I was away during the recent important events, like the banner dedication by 217 Sqn and the dedication of the Gray Room.

David Field

REDLANDS RSL SUB BRANCH
CADET LIAISON





136 AUSTRALIAN ARMY CADET UNIT

136 Army Cadet Unit continues to build on its strong reputation for excellence, leadership, and community engagement. One of the most significant achievements during this period was the Unit's participation in Exercise Dragon Steps, a South Queensland Brigade competition that tested navigation, teamwork, fieldcraft, and endurance. Competing against 18 units from across the Brigade, our team delivered an outstanding performance to finish 5th overall. This result is a testament to the dedication, preparation, and determination of the cadets involved, and reflects the high standards that 136 ACU continues to uphold.



Pictured above: Cadets at Exercise Dragon Steps

The Unit was also proudly represented on the national stage by CDTSGT Lleno Harrington, who was selected to take part in the National Chief of Army Challenge during the July School Holidays. This prestigious event brings together some of the most capable cadets from around Australia to compete across a range of military skills, leadership activities, and team challenges. SGT Harrington's participation was an outstanding achievement in itself, and we were especially proud to see South Queensland emerge as the overall winners of the competition this year. His involvement serves as an inspiration to all members of the Unit and highlights the opportunities available to cadets who demonstrate commitment and excellence.

A particularly memorable milestone occurred on 24 June with the official opening of the Gray Room. This new learning and development space has been dedicated to the memory of Mr Ian Gray, our former RSL Liaison Officer, whose unwavering support and contribution to the Unit over many years helped shape the success of countless cadets. The Gray Room provides a modern and dedicated environment for

instruction, planning, and professional development, ensuring that Mr Gray's legacy will continue to benefit future generations of cadets.



Pictured right: Esther tests out the Board.

Pictured below: Inside the Gray Room

The evening was made even more special as it coincided with a number of important promotions and recognition ceremonies. Recruits were formally promoted to Cadet, Cadets advanced to Lance Corporal, and Lance Corporals were promoted to Corporal in front of a distinguished audience that included representatives from the Cleveland RSL, Rotary Club, Alex Hills Men's Shed, the Red Beret Association, SQLD BDE HQ, as well as parents, guardians, and supporters of both current and future cadets. The ceremony highlighted the hard work, commitment, and leadership displayed by our members, while also demonstrating the strong community support that continues to surround 136 ACU.

As we commence Term 3, the Unit welcomes another 19 new recruits into our ranks. These young people are beginning what we hope will be an exciting, rewarding, and memorable cadet journey. They join a Unit with a proud history, a strong sense of community, and countless opportunities for personal growth, leadership development, adventure, and friendship. On behalf of all members of 136 ACU, we wish them every success and hope they enjoy every step of their cadet career as they become part of the 136 family.

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



217 SQUADRON, AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

After the ceremonial portion of the Squadron training cycle culminating in the banner parade, our focus turned to fieldcraft and other training.

We closely watched the weather at the end of June, and whilst the weather was not encouraging a few days before the bivouac, the blue

skies opened above at the last moment, allowing us to enjoy a great bivouac at Karingal.

Our cadets, together with cadets from 215SQN and TS Norfolk started with a walk along the dusty track through the bush into our camp area.

Pictured: The track into Karingal Scout Camp



Senior cadets under the watchful eye of staff lead both introductory and advanced training covering living in the field, navigation, operating at night, operating a command post, quick decision exercises and cooking in the field, amongst many other experiences the cadets enjoyed.

Pictured: Cadets learning in the open air classroom



We were able to support the Reserve Forces Day Parade 2026 on 21 June 2026 by providing a reasonable portion of the 2 Wing AAFC contingent marching. Well done to those cadets able to support this activity.

Pictured: Cadets joined others to form a contingent at the Reserve Forces Day



Cadets are now on leave and do not recommence until 13 July 2026. The main activity leading into August will be the tri-service parade on 15 August 2026 at Capalaba.

For any 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 Eichenloff, CO 217 Sqn AAFC

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 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, particularly the recent trip to the Camel Farm.

Members of the Branch attended the Logan City Branch 30th Anniversary Birthday Lunch at Logan Diggers in June. This function was attended by the National and State Presidents. More recently, Redlands Branch hosted Redcliffe Branch for lunch in the Sails Restaurant of Redlands RSL on Sunday 12th July. Both these activities enable members to socialise with other Branch members and reminisce about days gone by.

The next meeting of the 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.

National Service Group

REDLANDS BRANCH

As we approach Vietnam Veterans Day on 18th August, we take time to reflect on the 18 men from D Company 6 Battalion Royal Australian Regiment, in the prime of their lives were taken from their loved ones during the Battle of Long Tan. 12 of those 18 were 21-year-old National Servicemen. We must however also remember the 24 Battalion members who were so badly wounded. Their injuries and horrors will remain with them forever.

On 18th August 2026, I look forward to being with many of our Nasho's, as possible, when we commemorate Vietnam Veterans Day on the 60th anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan in 1966. We remember the sacrifices of those who died and say thank you to almost 60,000 Australians who served (tragically, 523 of them died and 3000 were wounded) during the 10 years of our involvement in the Vietnam War.

Attending the commemorative service gives everyone a perfect opportunity to catch up with "old mates" and to "meet new ones". During the commemoration service at ANZAC Memorial Park, 1 – 11 Passage Street, Cleveland or at the Redlands RSL Club.

Our July Mess Hall lunch was a great success at Capalaba Sports Club with 28 in attendance. Next function will be in house at the Redlands RSL on 10th August. Meetings scheduled during August

Nasho's General Meeting - Sunday 2nd August 2026 commencing at 10.30am

Looking forward to the challenges of the next few months.

Paul Field,

PRESIDENT, NATIONAL SERVICE GROUP REDLANDS BRANCH



Naval Association

BAYSIDE SUB SECTION

The Bayside July meeting was held at Redlands RSL Tobruk Room, 4th July 2026 commencing at 1200. There were 35 attendees. Following the meeting Members adjourned to Sails and the lounge for lunch and refreshments.

NAA Bayside Ladies Dine In Night

The annual Ladies Dine In night was held Saturday 18 July 2026. There were 62 attendees present and by all accounts experienced an enjoyable night. A big BZ and thanks to the RSL chefs and staff for a lovely meal and service. Representatives and invited guests included the President and Business Manager from the Redlands RSL and the Queensland Naval Association Representative.

The guest speaker Ash Semmens ex Chief Petty Officer RAN gave a very informative presentation on his RAN career as a Specialised Navy Clearance Diver including his active service in Afghanistan and his finning across the English Channel in June 2025 which was a world first swimming on his back and using only fins on his feet honouring RAN Clearance Divers. The swim raised money for the Navy Clearance Divers Trust. BZ Ash.

This received from Ash Sunday 19 July:

Thank you to the Naval Association of Australia for inviting me to be the keynote speaker at its Annual Ladies' Night, a long-standing tradition that brings together members and guests to honour the contributions of women connected to naval service. The evening celebrates not only the achievements of women who have served in uniform, but also recognises the vital role played by partners, families, and supporters whose strength and resilience underpin the broader defence community. Thanks also go to Redlands RSL for hosting the amazing evening.



Presentation \$1000 donation to RSL Food Bank

During the dinner Bayside Secretary Ian Cuthbertson presented a \$1000 cheque to Linda Harcourt for the RSL Food Bank.



Veterans Cuppa

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 30th July 2026 starting at 1100. The theme for the next ceremony is Gulf Wars 1 & 2. Fellowship at the Ship Inn on completion.

Vietnam Veterans Day 18 August 2026

Members are reminded the Vietnam Veterans Remembrance Day service will be held at the Anzac Memorial Park (located next to Redlands RSL Headquarters) at 10am the 18 August. The President and Secretary will lay wreaths for the RAN and NAA Bayside. Any members wanting to lay a wreath on the day for a Ship or Group let the Secretary know.

Yours Aye,

Colin Saxby

NAVAL ASSOCIATION AUSTRALIA,
BAYSIDE SUB SECTION INC.



VETERANS & WELLBEING EXCURSIONS

Our most recent outing proved to be another thoroughly enjoyable day, filled with great company, beautiful scenery and plenty of good cheer. The group travelled first to Wyaralong Dam, where the views made for a perfect mid morning stop. Everyone relaxed over a generous morning tea, taking in the peaceful surroundings and enjoying the chance to chat and unwind.

From there, we continued on to the iconic St Bernard's Hotel, a venue well known for its character, history and spectacular views across Tamborine Mountain. The atmosphere was warm and welcoming, and the three course "Christmas in July" lunch was a highlight in itself. The dining room buzzed with conversation, laughter and the kind of camaraderie these excursions are designed to foster. Many commented that it was one of the most enjoyable lunches we've had in some time.

The day as a whole offered exactly what our wellbeing outings aim to provide: connection, relaxation, and shared experiences in beautiful places.

Thank you to Lorraine Perren who took some photos for us (seen on page 31).

With the President's Luncheon scheduled for August, our next excursion will take place on 14 September. Details will be sent via email and SMS on the Tuesday before our next Veterans Cuppa, with bookings opening after the Veterans Cuppa on Wednesday, 12 August 2026.

Be sure to book early, as our last few excursions have sold out within an hour or two. If you do miss out, please add your name to the waitlist in case a place becomes available.

'Till next time

Greg Saunders,
CONVENOR OF VETERANS & WELLBEING
EXCURSIONS



20 JULY: WYARALONG DAM & ST BERNARD'S HOTEL



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 12TH AUGUST 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!

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Public Holidays. Table
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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

JULY

DATE	TITLE	EVENT
1 July 1945	7th Division landed at Balikpapan, Borneo	The landing at Balikpapan was the largest and final Australian amphibious landing of the Second World War.
2 July 1950	No. 77 Squadron flies first combat mission in Korea	First combat mission flown by No. 77 Squadron, RAAF, in Korea. No. 77 Squadron was the first Australian unit committed to the war in Korea.
2 July 1993	Death of Sir Edward "Weary" Dunlop	Sir Edward "Weary" Dunlop gained fame for the medical services he rendered to his fellow prisoners of the Japanese on the Burma-Thailand railway during the Second World War.
6 July 1943	Darwin bombed	Darwin was bombed 64 times during the Second World War.
10 July 1911	Formation of the RAN	In its original form, the Royal Australian Navy consisted of the battlecruiser Australia and several cruisers, destroyers and submarines. When the new fleet arrived in Australia on 4 October 1913 the day was declared a public holiday and was described in the press as the greatest day in Australia's history.
15 July 1940	Volunteer Defence Force formed	The Volunteer Defence Force (VDC), composed mainly of First World War veterans, was formed for home defence by the Returned and Services League (RSL).
19 July 1916	Battle of Fromelles	A total of 5,533 Australians were killed or wounded in this battle, most on the night of 19–20 July. Fromelles was the first battle for the Australians on the Western Front.
26 July 1940	Formation of the Royal Australian Air Force Nursing Service (RAAFNS)	The RAAFNS was established in response to the need for a greater number of nursing personnel as the RAAF underwent a rapid expansion early in the war. Membership of the RAAFNS expanded from 45 in December 1940 to 616 in December 1945. The service was disbanded at the end of the war, but in 1948 a peace-time service was formed.
27 July 1942	Formation of the Australian Women's Land Army	With many male agricultural workers leaving their farms to enlist Australia required rural labour to produce food and other raw materials for the war effort. Women's organisations responded by setting up "land armies" in each state and many of these women were later absorbed into the Australian Women's Land Army. It was open to all women who were British subjects or "friendly aliens" between the ages of 18 and 50 not already engaged in rural work.

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 Cockcroft, 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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LAST POST

NAME	DECEASED DATE	SERVICE
Graham Emmett	10th August 2025	ARMY
Ivor Worrell	8th November 2025	Royal Navy
Dallas Schofield	10th June 2026	ARMY

Lest We Forget

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BY SERVING THE LIVING"**