

THE BRANCH

NEWSLETTER



RSL
Hervey Bay Sub Branch

December 2022





Welcome Members to this edition of "The Branch".

As I write this, 2022 has nearly finished and the year has flown by - at least the year was not hindered by lockdowns and, like every germ that goes around, common sense needs to apply.

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Remembrance Day was again highly successful again this year with a very good attendance by both veterans and the citizens of Hervey Bay. Again, a big thank you to D Coy 9RQR for providing the Catafalque Guard and also to the Wide Bay & Burnett QMI 5th Light Horse Regiment Hervey Bay Troop for their support in making the commemoration service more poignant.

The Sub-Branch Office will be closed from midday on Friday 16 December and re-opening on Wednesday 4 January 2023.

The Pensions and Wellbeing office will be closed from midday on Wednesday 21 December 2022 and re-opening on Monday 9 January 2023.

If any member needs assistance over this period, please contact RSL Club reception for emergency numbers and your needs will be addressed.

Members who have received a letter from RSL QLD in regard to membership renewals please disregard as the Sub-Branch does not charge you for membership.

Finally, on behalf of the Sub-Branch Committee I wish everyone a happy and joyful Christmas, especially if you will be with family that you have not seen for some time, and that 2023 is a better year for all

My door is always open for any member to come and have a chat or if you have a grievance as I will listen.

Until next issue, stay safe and healthy

Brian

Don't forget that you can keep abreast of what is happening with the Sub-Branch and Ex-Service Organisations by checking out our website - herveybayrslsubbranch.com.au or



Our office hours are Monday to Friday 9.30am - 12.30pm or ☎ 4197 7477.



11-13 Torquay Road, Pialba 4655



DATES TO REMEMBER 2023

Annual General Meeting

Last Saturday in February each year

February 25 10:30am

(held in 'Hervey House' at the RSL Club)

General Meetings

May 6 10:30am

August 5 10:30am

November 4 10.30am

(held in 'Hervey House' at the RSL Club unless advised otherwise)

Committee Meetings

Usually held the fourth Thursday of the month
(no meeting December).

**There will be variations in January, April and July when the Committee meetings have been brought forward due to public holidays or commemoration services.*

Check the website for updates and variations

Ensure the RSL Club has your correct mobile phone details to receive event notifications and reminders by SMS text message

Commemorations observed in Hervey Bay:

<i>February 24</i>	<i>National Day for War Animals</i>
<i>April 25</i>	<i>ANZAC Day</i>
<i>July 9</i>	<i>Rimau Commemoration</i>
<i>July 27</i>	<i>Korea Memorial Day</i>
<i>August 15</i>	<i>VP Day</i>
<i>August 18</i>	<i>Vietnam Veterans' Day</i>
<i>September 14</i>	<i>Peacekeepers Day</i>
<i>November 11</i>	<i>Remembrance Day</i>



Veteran's Day

in the Sports bar

1st DVA Pay Day of the month (Thursday)
All Welcome, 11am - 1.30pm

Entertainment Provided! Icy cold beverages at great prices
Meat Tray Raffles plus Lucky Envelopes with great prizes!
General Knowledge Quiz - 8 questions, with a great prize to be won!

Hervey Bay RSL Sub-Branch Pensions Service

Who are we?

The Hervey Bay Sub-Branch of the RSL offers a FREE Pensions and Advocacy service that is staffed and operated by qualified Compensation Advocates and Wellbeing Advocates.

Our staff provides professional advice and assistance on obtaining eligible benefits under the:

- Veterans' Entitlement Act (VEA);
- Safety, Rehabilitation & Compensation Act (SRCA) and
- Military Rehabilitation & Compensation Act (MRCA)

In addition, the RSL State Branch Pensions, Advocacy and Wellbeing Service have advocates throughout Queensland who are:

- Highly experienced in lodging claims under the
Veterans Entitlements Act (VEA),
Safety, Rehabilitation & Compensation Act (SRCA) and
Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act (MRCA);
- Caring and qualified to practice in their areas of expertise;
- Able to draw on a wealth of operational and broad-based peacetime experience;
and
- Having served overseas and in the ADF for many years.

Services We Offer

The Hervey Bay RSL Sub-Branch's Pensions and Wellbeing Service covers disability pensions, compensation payments, associated allowances, income support payments and treatment available to entitled veterans and former serving members of the Defence Forces and their dependents.

The Pension and Wellbeing Office is open Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 3:00pm at Suite 18, 2nd Floor of the Signature Building, 19-21 Torquay Road, Pialba.
Email: pensions@herveybayrsl.org.au

Ph: 07 4184 9496



Hervey Bay RSL Sub-Branch Wellbeing Team

**Our team of 16 Support Officers
are trained and authorised to assist
the ex-service community
(Navy, Army, Air Force and Police)
This is a free service.**

How can they help?

Support Officers are trained to assist with a range of services:

- Visits to Hospitals, homes and aged care facilities (these visits do not include the provision of information or advice); and
- providing services and support on behalf of the Sub-Branch, including but not limited to emergency financial support, accommodation and welfare checks.

How to contact the Wellbeing Team:

Office ☎ (07) 4184 9496
After Hours ☎ (07) 4197 7444
Email: welfare@herveybayrsl.org.au

**To make an appointment with Wellbeing phone Meagan
during office hours: Monday to Friday 9:00am to 3:00pm.**

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Suite 18, 2nd Floor of the Signature Building, 19-21 Torquay Road, Pialba.
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Do you want to help?

**We are looking for more volunteers for our
Wellbeing and Pension teams and you do not have
to be ex-service to help out.**

**It would be an advantage if you have been involved
in nursing, Community Services or Lifeline and
could give a couple of hours per week. Advocacy
Training and Development Program ("ATDP")
training and mentoring will be offered to those
wishing to do more.**

Peacekeepers Day 2022



L-R Sub-Branch committee members, Secretary Kevin Collins, Merchandising Officer, Toby Tidyman and President Brian Tidyman



Bugler Geoff Harper



Jack Dubé Richard Manns and Chris Noske

Hervey Bay RSL Sub-Branch President, Brian Tidyman spoke at the service in remembering Peacekeepers from the Australian Defence Forces and Australian Police Service.

Locals and ex-service organisations attended at the Cenotaph in Freedom Park and over 10 wreaths were laid.

Reverend Jeff Jarvis offered prayers to those who have lost their lives in their duties as well as those currently deployed in Peacekeeping operations worldwide.



Behind: Simon Morley on flag duty.
Front: Garry Reid, Tracy Gillespie, Troy Gill and FCRC Mayor George Seymour



Hervey Bay locals

What's the Sub-Branch been up to lately?

- 8 Sept 2022 - The Sub-Branch acknowledges the passing of the Head of the Armed Forces, Commander in Chief, Queen Elizabeth II.
- 9 Sept 2022 - President Brian Tidyman attended the funeral service for John Meyers (Maryborough Military Museum curator) at Maryborough
- 14 Sept 2022 - President Brian Tidyman led the service of Commemoration for Australian Peacekeepers Day at the Cenotaph in Freedom Park. (See article page 6).
- 27 Sept 2022 - President Brian attended the re-dedication of the National Servicemen's memorial in Freedom Park.
- 29 Sept 2022 - President Brian and Committee Member/Memorabilia Officer, Simon Morley, represented the Sub-Branch at Police Remembrance Day.
- 1 Oct 2022 - President Brian and his wife were delighted to attend the Nashos State AGM Dinner held at the RSL Club.
- 11 Oct 2022 - President Brian and Deputy President Brad Gray hosted students from the Hervey Bay State High School for a talk on serving during the Vietnam War, accompanied by another Vietnam Veteran, Ros Richards,
- 15 Oct 2022 - President Brian and his wife were delighted to attend the Hervey Bay Ex-Servicewomen's 38th Birthday celebrations at the RSL Club.
- 26 Oct 2022 - President Brian enjoyed the Nashos Anniversary Luncheon on "The Deck" at the Hervey Bay RSL Club.
- 30 Oct 2022 - The Maryborough RSL Sub-Branch invited President Brian and Deputy President Brad to the Middle East Commemoration Service at Maryborough and get-together afterwards.
- 5 Nov 2022 - President Brian presided over the Quarterly General Meeting in Hervey House.
- 8 Nov 2022 - President Brian was invited to speak at the RSL Women's Auxiliary meeting about all things Sub-Branch!
- 9 Nov 2022 - President Brian and his wife, Rose, were delighted to attend the TPDSA Christmas function in "Hervey House" at the RSL Club.
- 11 Nov 2022 - President Brian hosted the Remembrance Day commemoration service at Freedom Park (See article page 10)
- 15 Nov 2022 - President Brian and Deputy President Brad invited Fraser Coast Anglican College Student, Jackson Hay, to present his speech for ANZAC Day 2023.
- 19 Nov 2022 - President Brian along with Deputy President Brad Gray attended the Wide Bay Burnett District Meeting in Gayndah.
- *For the months of September, October and November the Sub-Branch provided an RSL Poppy Service at two funerals.*
- *Administrative assistance and/or supply of ordnance was provided to 10 Ex-Service Organisations and cadets as well as nine volunteer / welfare / community organisations in the Hervey Bay area.*



President Brian Tidyman at the Nashos rededication of the National Servicemen's Memorial held at Freedom Park on 27 September 2022



To these businesses who kindly donated items for our annual Christmas Diggers Lunch held on 29 November 2022.

**Woolworths Eli Waters
Woolworths Pialba
Bunnings Hervey Bay
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Hervey Bay RSL & Services Memorial Club**

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Name: Charles (Chuck) FISHER
DOB: 05/06/1940 in Hurstville, Sydney.
Enlisted: 1959
Rank: Able Seaman (Dib-Dab)
Serial #: R55448

Worked in a lawyer's Office doing Articles of Law training prior to call up for National Service at the age of 19 years. Served initial three months with the Army on sniper training and Bren gun accuracy and then switched to the Navy given that my father also served in the Navy. Initial naval training was on shore at the HMAS Watson in Sydney. Completed my exams to act as Petty Officer but not in uniform. At HMAS Penguin -part of the Naval Fleet Command and diving school, I completed training as a 'diver', 12 months prior to being discharge in 1970.



On the 10th Feb 1964, on board the destroyer HMAS Stuart, we were involved in picking up survivors from a collision between the aircraft carrier HMAS Melbourne and the destroyer HMAS Voyager -the incident was caused by a navigational error at night time in Jervis Bay.

In 1966, I saw service on the Aircraft Carrier Sydney (Photo on left) in its configuration as a Fast Troop Transport to carry troops and supplies to Vietnam. I did 4 trips on this ship nicknamed the 'Vung Tau' Ferry. Loved my role in writing the "Daily Orders" on board ship -saved him doing night watches.

Also served on Frigate HMAS Gasgoyne. An occasion which impacted greatly on him, was an accident during a refuelling operation that involved winching a cable around a bollard during mooring. A sailor stepped into the 'bight' area when the rope slipped up and over the bollard, 'taking out' the sailor.

After being discharged from service, I took on a job with Ansett Airlines, Group Travel International in LA America where I was given the nick name of "Chuck" and returned to Australia 2 years later.



One of the most memorable moments was placing a bet with my mate of \$400 each, on the 1999 Melbourne Cup horse, 'Rogan Josh' and came away with \$60,000.

I re-developed my musical interest (from the Navy days) in playing the drums - one in which I took up again last year and purchased an electronic drum kit, pictured above.

The love of my life and best companion is 'Teddy' a beautiful mix of Poodle/Maltese/ Spaniel.

Meet some of our members



Name: Stanley John HANNA
DOB: 16/08/1926
Rank: Private
Serial #: NX205917
31/51 INFBN

After he was put off at the Home Bush Abattoir aged 18yrs. He was then told by 'Manpower' to enlist at the local Army recruitment centre at Bankstown in Sydney in 1944.

One of Stan's earliest memories on training was when they were lined up to collect their uniform and when passing other returned service men each one of them saying, "You will be

bloody sorry". Then when it came to getting the uniform, the store would guess your size or just say these will do or that's about your size. The best advice he got during training with live ammunition being used over head was, 'Don't stand up and keep your head down and crawl.' After being discharged, he took to driving trucks and then to restoring/spray painting vehicles and selling them as an additional source of income.

The biggest impact in his life was assisting Australian POW's held captive by the Japanese, back to Australia from PNG. When in Rabaul in PNG he was posted on guard duty at the Army Hospital and could not understand why he needed to be there. When asked he was told that it was to protect the nurses from being annoyed by soldiers from the army base. One night he yelled out who goes there and it turned out to be one of his mates from Bankstown. His job was to operate the 'wet canteen'. So when his shift was finished ended up going back to the wet canteen. "What a good time we had that night" Stanley commented.

The best moment was being discharged in 1947, and walking out with 42 Pounds in his pocket and thought he was 'on top of the world.' Stanley met a wonderful woman June and had two sons. After his wife passed away some 20 years ago he met and is still with Shirley. They live at Golden Shores Retirement Village.



REMEMBRANCE DAY 2022 FREEDOM PARK, HERVEY BAY

Hervey Bay locals and visitors turned out in droves for the Remembrance Day commemoration service at Freedom Park hosted by the Hervey Bay RSL Sub-Branch. All were welcomed by Sub-Branch President Brian Tidyman.

Students from Hervey Bay schools were amongst the 45 wreath layers at the Cenotaph and Light Horse War Memorial together with representatives from ex-service organisations including the RAAF Police and RAAF Dog Handlers, Hervey Bay Ex-servicewomen's Association and Open Arms.

Over 300 members and their guests attended the luncheon at the RSL Services & Memorial Club after the service.



Sleep, Gently Sleep

*For those who lie far away
Sleep, gently sleep,
In many graves where in you stay
Sleep, gently sleep.*

*You have done your service and done us proud
Sleep, gently sleep
Done your duty well through the battle hell
Sleep, gently sleep.*

*Your name not tainted by untrue accounts
And your mantle is solid of sterner stuff
Honourable and fearsome 'till the end
Sleep, gently, sleep.*

*No longer to climb the mountain high
Nor swim the river deep and wide
Walk across the open plain,
Sleep, gently, sleep.*

*Here the low of the cattle in paddocks green
You lay so far away from your birthplace here
Where the early life lessons were taught to you
Sleep, gently sleep.*

*As they lay you to rest the eerie sound
A bugle played and of volleys sent
To salute the offer of a life so obediently spent
Now here you lay with comrades close
For eternity rest under starry skies
Sleep forever - gently sleepand goodbye.*

Ian Williams ©

Thank you to Volunteer Wellbeing Support Officers', Colin and Jane Mibus, for their articles on Chuck Fisher and Stanley Hanna (see page 9)



The Sub-Branch bus is available
for ex-service organisations, not-for-profit and community groups to use.



The bus is a 2018 Toyota Coaster
with a seating capacity of 21 plus the driver.

We can arrange a volunteer driver for you

Some of the destinations our bus has been to in 2022 include Gympie RSL, Bundaberg RSL and Caloundra RSL for lunches/shopping trips, Eumundi Markets, Childers, Brolga Theatre, Bargara, Lychee Divine, Rusty Gate Winery, Theebine, Noosa, Amandine Lavender, and Woodgate just to name a few!

If this interests you, please contact Mandy at the Sub-Branch to find out conditions of use, cost, availability and any other questions you may have.

MEMORABILIA WITH SIMON MORLEY



This issue's **MEMORABILIA ITEM** is our **COLT REVOLVER.**

This is a Model 1873 Colt Army also known as the "Peacemaker" or the "Gun that won the West".

This pistol is a single action, 6 shot, closed frame revolver with push-rod ejection. It is chambered for the -44-40 Rim Fire Henry Long Cartridge.

Research via Colt Firearms U.S.A. has shown this firearm was made in 1883 as part of an order of 200 for the British Royal Navy and is complete with its leather button-down flap holster.

Thanks to Mr Peter Boxall for this quite rare firearm

The
Hervey Bay RSL Sub-Branch Inc.
use Chris Thompson
at Law Essentials for all their
legal requirements.



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Hello all

Well another year has nearly gone, time sure goes fast as we get a little older.

During 2022, we, as an Auxiliary, have had some exciting times such as celebrating our 93rd birthday which was held at the RSL. Thanks to Elaine and staff of the Memorial Club for the wonderful job done with the catering.



Once again we must thank you, the public, for the support of our sales of white crosses on ANZAC Day and for your support of our Tombola morning. Without your help we would be unable to support charities that we do. So once again, many thanks.

To Heather and Pauline for arranging our bus trips, many thanks. The ladies really enjoy their days out and thanks also to the drivers for their support.

To the RSL Sub-Branch, thank you for your help whenever we have needed it. Your being there does make a difference.

Once again, to you the public, our heartfelt thanks.

Hoping for your support in the coming year.

We wish you all a merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

Take care,

Joan Hawkes.

Secretary

24 Nov 2022



The Women's Auxiliary enjoyed a day out at the Theebine Pub for the 2022 Melbourne Cup

***Don't forget to visit our webpage for
all the latest Sub-Branch news.
www.herveybayrslsubbranch.com.au***



Nice to see Sub-Branch member Jerry with his Assistance Dog, Valour, at Stocklands Hervey Bay - October 2022



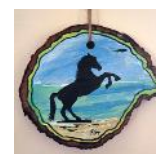
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ART BY JUDY FLEE



At times I create art that requires total concentration for accuracy, in a painterly way, eliminating any desire to focus on things happening in the world around me. Other times, I only have a vague sense of direction and I allow the paint and tools to do most of the work. Often, I just want to play with colours. I am continually mystified and grateful as to how my beautiful paintings come to be and when they are finally finished, my heart is filled with all sorts of emotions. I am humbled yet satisfied when somebody says 'this reminds me of...'



Fruity Christmas Tree

METHOD

1. To create the tree's internal structure, cut slices from apple ends, so it sits flat on a round board.
2. Carve out a 3cm-deep hole in apple wide enough to fit carrot top. Don't carve all the way through.
3. Sit the carrot into the apple and swivel until it sits firmly in apple.
4. Use a metal skewer to poke holes into the carrot at different heights. Cut wooden skewers into different sized lengths, then stick into holes (longer ones towards the base of tree, and small ones toward top).
5. Stud skewers with fruit, as desired.

What you will need:

- * 300gm seedless watermelon, cut into star shapes
- * 1 firm green apple
- * 1 long carrot
- * 250gm strawberries
- * 4 kiwifruit, cut into halves and quarters with some flesh pieces cut into star shapes
- * 1 cup of green grapes

Serves
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Nutrition per serving



245 kJ / 59 Cal
3% of daily energy intake*

Protein
0.9g

Fat
0.5g

Carbs
11.9g

Sugars
11.7g



THE HERVEY BAY RSL SUB-BRANCH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DIGGERS LUNCH WAS ANOTHER ROARING SUCCESS, THANKS TO THE WELLBEING TEAM OF SUPPORT OFFICERS AND THE FUNCTIONS STAFF AT THE HERVEY BAY RSL & SERVICES MEMORIAL CLUB.

MORE THAN 100 GUESTS ENJOYED FESTIVE FARE AND SHARED IN A BOUNTY OF GIFTS SUCH AS WISH GIFT CARDS, JIGSAW PUZZLES, BOTTLES OF WINE, HATS AND HAMPERS.

A SPECIAL MENTION GOES TO THE SANDY STRAIT STATE SCHOOL CHOIR FOR BRINGING THEIR CHRISTMAS SPIRIT AND ENTERTAINING OUR AMAZING EX-SERVICE MEMBERS AND THEIR CARERS' AT THE LUNCHEON.

Season's Greetings

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1 SEPTEMBER 2022 — 30 NOVEMBER 2022



DEWAR, Peter	1687NS	Army	08.09.2022
POMROY, Grahame Lloyd	A28364	RAAF	14.09.2022
SINCLAIR, Charles Alexander	N/A	Merchant Navy	20.09.2022
HARRIS, Colin Robert	163374	Army	11.09.2022
ROFE, Ronald John	1731843	Army	12.09.2022
JACKSON, David	1/46504	Army	28.08.2022
MULLER, Clarence Walter	1/709745	Army	24.09.2022
HALLORAN, Raymond Joseph	1/730623	Army	28.09.2022
FREEMAN, Donald James	2/748632	Army	11.10.2022
NELSON, Robert Victor	37084	Army	17.10.2022
PETERSON, Gary Edward	2201859	Army	30.10.2022
PETERSEN, Paul	216127	Army	30.10.2022
BECKER, Helga	R85531	Navy	13.11.2022
BOSTON, Charles	VX93296	Army	23.11.2022
COLLINS, Peter John	R37914	Navy	26.11.2022

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THEIR MEMORY HALLOWED IN THE LAND THEY LOVED.
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Hervey Bay Ex-Service Organisations

Ex-Service Organization	Meeting details	
Hervey Bay & District Veterans' Association PO Box 3042 HERVEY BAY Q 4655	Third Tuesday of the month 9:30am Hervey Bay RSL Club	
Hervey Bay Ex-Servicewomen's Social Club, Hervey Bay Branch P.O. Box 3339 HERVEY BAY Q 4655	Second Monday of the month 10:30am Hervey Bay RSL Club	
Hervey Bay Legacy Group PO Box 3302 HERVEY BAY Q 4655	Contact Legacy House on 4194 5111 The office is open Tue-Fri 9:00am to 1:00pm. There is an answering service for after-hours.	
Hervey Bay RSL Sub-Branch Inc PO Box 3042 HERVEY BAY Q 4655	<u>Committee:</u> Fourth Thursday of the month 10:15 am Hervey Bay RSL Club	<u>General Meeting:</u> Feb, May, Aug, Nov 10:30 am Hervey Bay RSL Club
Hervey Bay RSL Women's Auxiliary PO Box 3042 HERVEY BAY Q 4655	Second Tuesday of the month 10:00am Hervey Bay RSL Club	
National Servicemen's Association of Australia Hervey Bay Branch PO Box 3042 HERVEY BAY QLD 4655	Fourth Wednesday of the month 10:30am Hervey Bay RSL Club	
Naval Association of Australia Fraser Coast Sub-Section PO Box 802 HERVEY BAY QLD 4655	Second Sunday of the month (excluding January) 11:00am Hervey Bay RSL Club	
RAAF Association Hervey Bay PO Box 1076 HERVEY BAY Q 4655	Second Wednesday of the month 10:30am Hervey Bay RSL Club	
TPDSA (Fraser Coast) Inc PO Box 3241 HERVEY BAY Q 4655	First Wednesday of the month Alternating between Hervey Bay RSL Club and Maryborough RSL Club	
Legacy Laurel Club PO Box 5482 TORQUAY Q 4655	Third Monday of the month 2 pm Hervey Bay RSL Club	
Veterans of Australia PO Box 3243 HERVEY BAY Q 4655	Contact the VOA on 4128 3759 The office is open Mon-Fri 9:00am to 12:30pm.	
War Widows' Guild PO Box 1238 HERVEY BAY Q 4655	First Monday of the month 10 am Hervey Bay RSL Club	

For further information contact the Hervey Bay RSL Sub-Branch on 4197 7477

Support your local RSL Club and affiliated businesses

THE HERVEY BAY RSL GROUP

