

THE BRANCH

NEWSLETTER

December 2023





Welcome Members to this edition of "The Branch"

The year is nearly over and it seems the years are going faster. The Sub-Branch Office will be closed from noon on Wednesday 20 December and re-opening on Monday 8 January 2024. The Pensions and Wellbeing office in the Signature Building will be closed over the same period.

If any Member needs any assistance over this period contact the RSL Club reception as they have the emergency contact numbers.

S Remembrance Day was well attended by both Veterans and Residents. I hope that all who came back to the RSL Club enjoyed themselves.

I have enjoyed attending the many gatherings over the last few weeks, and catching up with friends and acquaintances. It's great to see so many people out and about and enjoying themselves at this festive time of year.

Don't forget that the next AGM is on Saturday 24 February 2024 in Hervey House starting at 1030 hrs. Please, if you are free, do attend so you know what your Sub-Branch is doing and how we are traveling.

The next Commemoration is War Animals Day on Friday 23 February 2024. This will be held at Freedom Park starting at 1100hrs.

I wish all Members and their families a happy and safe Christmas and good health and happiness for the new year

The Pension and Wellbeing section can be contacted on 07 4184 9496 Monday to Friday between 0900-1500hrs. at 19-21 Torquay Rd Pialba on the 2 floors. If out of hours, please contact the Hervey Bay RSL Club reception for the contact phone number.

P My door is always open for any Member to come and have a chat or if you 0 have a grievance as I'm more than happy to listen. R

Until next issue stay safe and healthy

Brian Tidyman President Dec 2023

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

Our office hours are Monday to Friday 9.30am - 12.30pm **2** 4197 7477.

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DATES TO REMEMBER 2024

Annual General Meeting

February 24 10:30am (held in 'Hervey House' at the RSL Club)

General Meetings

May 11 10:30am August 10 10:30am November 23 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).

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:

*February 23 National Day for War Animals

April 25 ANZAC Day

July 7 Rimau Commemoration

July 27 Korea Memorial Day

August 15 VP Day

August 18 Vietnam Veterans' Day

September 14 Peacekeepers Day November 11 Remembrance Day

*War Animal Day will be commemorated a day earlier, on 23 February 2024, due to the Hervey Bay RSL Sub-Branch AGM being held on 24 February 2024

Sports Ist DVA Pay Day of the month (Thursday) All Welcome, Ilam - 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!

DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN AFFAIRS - 2024 1ST PAY DATE OF THE MONTH

January 11February 8March 7April 4May 2June 13July 11August 8September 5October 3November 14December 12

^{*}There will be a variation in April when the Committee meeting is brought forward due to the ANZAC Day commemoration services.

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).

- 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 & Wellbeing Office is open Monday to Friday, 0900hrs to 1500hrs at Suite 18, **2nd Floor** of the Signature Building, 19-21 Torquay Road, Pialba. Email: pensions@herveybayrsl.org.au



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: <u>welfare@herveybayrsl.org.au</u>

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

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Email: welfare@herveybayrsl.org.au

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.

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Presentations for the ANZAC Youth Competition were held at the Hervey Bay RSL on Tuesday 10 October 2023.

Hervey Bay RSL Sub-Branch President, Brian Tidyman, welcomed Fraser Coast Anglican College teacher Derek Grumetza and two students, Sulav Tajhya and Daniel Rockett along with Urangan Senior High School Teacher Michelle Pipe and student, Alyssa Lewis.

Sub-Branch Deputy President, Brad Gray said "All the students put in a lot of time and thought into their speeches having the theme "What Does ANZAC Day Mean To Me."

After some deliberation and input from Hervey Bay RSL & Services Memorial Club journalist, Kerrie Alexander, it was decided to award Alyssa and Sulav the honour of presenting their speeches at the ANZAC Day services in 2024. Each winner will also receive \$2,000 towards their further education or an apprenticeship.



At the morning tea after the presentations, President Brian thanked the teachers and students for their attendance and efforts made to keep the Spirit of ANZAC relevant.



Cheesy pumpkin puffs

Step 1





Place all the ingredients in a large bowl and season. Use a spatula to fold the ingredients together until well combined. Divide mixture among the prepared muffin pans.



Bake for 25 minutes or until puffed and golden (they will sink slightly on cooling). Set aside in the pans for 5 minutes to cool slightly. Use a flat-bladed knife to gently remove the muffins from the pans. Serve warm or at room temperature, sprinkled with extra chopped chives, if you like.

Ingredients

520g (2 cups) mashed cooked pumpkin

80g (1 cup) grated cheddar

2 eggs, lightly whisked

150g (1 cup) self-raising flour

1/4 cup chopped fresh chives, plus extra, to serve (optional)



6 15m prep 25m cook makes 12

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

- 1 Sept 2023 the September edition of "The Branch" was published.
- 4 Sept 2023 President Brian participated in the WBB District Budget meeting in Bundaberg.
- 12 Sept 2023 President Brian chaired the Hervey Bay RSL Women's Auxiliary meeting in the absence of President Janice Chick.
- 16 Sept 2023 President Brian attended the WBB District Meeting digitally via TEAMS.
- 21 Sept 2023 Frank McLean kindly presented a portrait of WWII Supermarine Spitfires along with a very generous donation to the Sub-Branch. This painting now hangs near the Sub-Branch office on the 2nd Floor of the RSL Club (see pic page 4).
- 29 Sept 2023 President attended the Police Remembrance Day at Maryborough and laid a wreath
- 30 Sept 2023 President Brian and his wife Rose were delighted to attend the Historical Museum for the unveiling of the KRAIT Z Force Banner and later back at the RSL Club for the plaque unveiling.
- 3 Oct 2023 President Brian attended at Radio 107.5 with Dave Grainger and talked about all things Sub-Branch!
- 10 Oct 2023 President Brian and Deputy President Brad Gray hosted the ANZAC Youth Competition presentations (see article page 6).
- 21 Oct 2023 President Brian attended the Ex-Servicewomen's Birthday luncheon on 'The Deck' at the Hervey Bay RSL & Services Memorial Club.
- 25 Oct 2023 President Brian and his wife Rose joined the National Servicemen's Charter Lunch in "Hervey House".
- 1 Nov 2023 President Brian and his wife Rose were delighted to attend the TPI Christmas function held at the Hervey Bay RSL & Services Memorial Club on 'The Deck'.
- 4 Nov 2023 President Brian chaired the November Quarterly General Meeting in The Boardroom.
- 11 Nov 2023 President Brian led the Remembrance Day service at Freedom Park (see article page 11).
- 15 Nov 2023 The Sub-Branch Bus gets new tyres.
- 18 Nov 2023 President Brian attended the WBB District Meeting in Bundaberg.
- 25 Nov 2023 Committee Member Vic Jackson was delighted to attend the 181ACU Army Cadets Pass Out parade (see pics on page 8).
- ♦ For the months of September, October and November the Sub-Branch provided an RSL Poppy Service at seven funerals.
- Administrative assistance and/or supply of ordnance was provided to eight Ex-Service Organisations and cadets as well as 11 volunteer / welfare / community organisations in the Hervey Bay area.



MEMORABILIA COLLECTION NEWS

Australian Army Photographic Stereoscope (Vietnam).

Used to interpret reconnaissance photographs in to 3D to be able to judge height, width and length of features to more accurately design fire power plans/air strikes on enemy positions.

This is on display in the Hervey Bay RSL & Services Memorial Club foyer.

Proudly donated by Maj. Ray Ellis, Australian Army (Ret'd)



UNVEILING OF KRAIT PLAQUES - OPERATION PILGRIMAGE





On Saturday 30th September 2023 Hervey Bay RSL Sub-Branch President Brian Tidyman attended an unveiling ceremony at the Fraser Coast Village Museum for Operation Jaywick at the invitation of Operation Pilgrimage. The unveiling was carried out by Lt Gen Ken Gillespie AC DSC CSM alongside Alan Miles OAM.

Later the same day Brian unveiled a plaque at the RSL Club before Lt Gen Ken Gillespie AC DSC CSM, Alan Miles OAM, Chris Bull, and Major Lauriee Arthur from the Salvation Army. This plaque is now mounted in the foyer of the Hervey Bay RSL Club on the southern side of the central column in the Hall of Remembrance.

Don't forget to visit our FB and/or webpage for all the latest Hervey Bay RSL Sub-Branch news.



I attended the 2023 ceremonial marching out parade of the 181ACU Hervey Bay Army Cadets on the morning of Saturday 25th November 2023. It was a well attended parade with lots of very proud parents supporting their cadet sons and daughters.

At the completion of the parade some cadets were awarded and recognized for their outstanding efforts and excelling themselves as cadets during the 2023 year.

It was very warming to witness the young cadets performing their march-by and the discipline as members of a well managed army unit.

It was a highly commendable display of cadet excellence and a credit to the Army Cadet staff and officers.

By: Victor Jackson, Hervey Bay RSL Sub-Branch Committee Member



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Peacekeepers Day 2023

was commemorated at the Cenotaph in Freedom Park, Hervey Bay, on Thursday 14 September 2023

The service was officiated by the Hervey Bay RSL Sub-Branch President, Brian Tidyman and included prayers from Reverend Jeff Jarvis and wreath laying by ex-serving Peacekeepers, ex-service organisations and officials from the Fraser Coast Regional Council and the Office of Adrian Tantari, State Member for Hervey Bay.

Bugler Geoff Harper completed the service with the Last Post and Rouse.







Support your local RSL Club and affiliated businesses

THE HERVEY BAY RSL GROUP

















In February 2023, local Navy Veteran Chuck Fisher set himself some goals, while battling some very serious health issues with a not so great prognosis.

One goal was for Chuck to celebrate his 83rd Birthday on the 05th **June, which he romped in. Chuck's next** milestone, and a to do on the bucket list was to attend the Melbourne Cup.

Chuck likes a punt and struck it lucky on the 1999 Melbourne Cup, having a sizeable wager on Cup winner Rogan Josh.

I am pleased to share that on the 7th of November 2023, Chuck achieved his dream of attending the 163rd running of the Melbourne Cup.

Former Wellbeing Support officers Colin and Jane, waited at the wharf to greet Chuck, however were no able to get any closer to the cruise ship than the above photo – So they called and chatted to Chuck as he cruised by.

Chuck returns home to Hervey Bay this week and the Wellbeing office, along with his Support Officer are so excited to get the low down on Chucks trip, hopefully he backed a winner.



SHOULDER TO SHOULDER, ALWAYS.

If you've ever served in the Australian Defence Force, RSL Queensland has got your back – and your loved ones, too. Through a state-wide network of Sub Branches – and a broad range of welfare and wellbeing services, programs and events – we're here to make all veteran families in Queensland feel supported and connected.

Whether you're seeking employment after transition, need a hand with finances or DVA claims, or want to connect with old or new friends, we're here to help.

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Diggers Lunch Christmas 2023

What a fantastic day our Hervey Bay RSL Sub-Branch members and their carers had at the Christmas themed November Diggers Luncheon!

It was 'all hands on deck' with preparations and catering for the 100 guests!

The Sandy Strait State School were delighted to bring their senior choir to perform for our socially isolated 'diggers' and they mingled with everyone afterwards.

Our Wellbeing team had the best time organising presents and gift wrapping all the gifts donated by local Hervey Bay businesses. It was great to see our members enjoying themselves!

More photos are available on our Facebook page.

















Hallo to all,

Time sure has flown, Christmas is once again upon us. We, the members of the Hervey Bay RSL Women's Auxiliary wish to thank you for participating in our fund raising events during 2023.

Without your support we would be unable to support the various charities in our area who need help from time to time.

For your attendance at our Tombola morning and also the sale of our White Crosses, we thank you most sincerely.

To each and everyone we wish you a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

Stay safe and once again, many thanks for your support.

Joan Hawkes Secretary November 2023

Worthy recipients of an RSL Queensland Christmas Hamper



Paul and Aileen Bennett were nominated by the Hervey Bay RSL Sub-Branch Wellbeing Co-ordinator, Lou Shipard, for this year's RSL Queensland Christmas Hamper. Read below Lou's nomination submission:

Paul along with his wife Aileen volunteer as Welfare Support Officers with the Hervey Bay RSL Sub-Branch. Paul is also a Veteran. Paul bends over backwards and goes above and beyond for the local Veteran Community. Paul offers emotional and social support for some of the most vulnerable and isolated Veterans in our local community.

Paul and Aileen have used their intuition and raised the alarm on several wellbeing checks, without their devotion and dedication the outcomes may have been grim. Paul is the first to put his hand up for extra volunteering, assisting with Veteran Transport requirements, bits and pieces of handyman work, watering plants and getting bossed around by one of our beautiful WW2 female Veterans.

Paul's clients adore him. Paul happily and unequivocally volunteers his time, always smiling and genuinely making a positive impact on all paths he crosses. Paul and Aileen have had some big expenses this year with their car. It would be fabulous to give a little something back to this very deserving man.





A note from L3 Pension Advocate **Micheal "Tiny" Andersen:**

The news re Rifle Company Butterworth, yet to be confirmed by parliament.

Rifle Company Butterworth, previously classed as Peacetime Service

now deemed to be Non-warlike'.

'Non-warlike' is not qualifying service and does not entitle you to a Service Pension.

Non-Warlike Service | Service Eligibility Assistant, Additional Information, Understanding Service Eligibility Instruments (dva.gov.au)

Veterans who served in Butterworth and may not have had VEA service may now be entitled to claim under the VEA.

Also, we may now use the Reasonable Hypothesis (RH) Statement of Principles (SOP) or claims, which in essence require a lower standard of proof, to link disease/injury to service.

For veterans who already hold a gold card, there will be no significant change.

For others, possibly conditions previously rejected, may be resubmitted using the RH SOP.

WOW - NEW SEATS OUTSIDE THE HERVEY BAY RSL & SERVICES MEMORIAL CLUB



THE SEATS SITUATED OUTSIDE THE HERVEY BAY RSL & SERVICES MEMORIAL CLUB ("RSL CLUB") COURTESY BUS STOP WERE FIRST CONSIDERED WHEN PICTURES WERE SEEN ON FACEBOOK OF MURGON SUB-BRANCH WHO HAD SIMILAR SEATS.

IT WAS DECIDED BY THE HERVEY BAY RSL SUB-BRANCH TO APPROACH THE RSL CLUB TO SEE IF THEY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE SIMILAR SEATS FOR HERVEY BAY.

THE SUB-BRANCH DESIGNED THE SEATS REPRESENTING THE THREE SERVICES. THE RSL CLUB WERE DELIGHTED TO ORGANISE THE FABRICATION, FUNDING, FREIGHT AND INSTALLATION.

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE RSL CLUB CEO AND STAFF, AND I AM SURE THE SEATING WILL BE OF GREAT BENEFIT FOR PEOPLE WHILE WATING FOR THE COURTESEY BUS.



Brisbane Legacy House is a bespoke project that supports an innovative model of service, embracing key partner institutions to create transformative social infrastructure for Queensland families. The new building, on a culturally significant site, will co-locate with existing veterans and family services operating out of the Greenslopes Hospital Precinct. The precinct incorporates both Medical and Research support including the Gallipoli Medical Research Foundation (GMRF), the Keith Payne VC Mental Health unit, and Greenslopes Private Hospital.

Within the new Legacy House, a permanent collaboration space has been included to allow RSLQ, Mates 4 Mates, Open Arms and others to work together on service delivery needs, particularly to those families supporting an incapacitated veteran.

The design will reflect the New Model of Care providing the interface of key veteran agencies and family support in one location, which is key to future success of the organisation.

Informed by a collaborative workshop process, the new Legacy House is envisioned as a connective space that links house and park, and accommodates the program in distinctive, layered spaces. There is an emphasis on personal occupation, offering a choice of settings that balance confidential and collaborative needs. The site's history is expressed through tactile materials and the dual house form which reflects the original Red Cross building that previously occupied the site.



The
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use Chris Thompson
at Law Essentials for all their
legal requirements.



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VALE 1 SEPTEMBER 2023 — 30 NOVEMBER 2023







MCDOWALL, Wayne Leslie	R93552	NAVY		03.09.2023
JELLEY, Keith Ross	217151	ARMY		17.09.2023
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DWYER, Alison Rita	W5732	WRAAF		25.09.2023
VERNON, Frederick William	R94752	NAVY		05.10.2023
MACKENZIE, Leslie James	2790255	ARMY		27.10.2023
CAMPBELL (Nee Marriott), June	WH817	WRAAF		29.10.2023
MCANULTY, Leslie William	2724649	ARMY		29.10.2023
ELLIS, Robert John	243207	ARMY	WO1	12.11.2023
WILSON, James	23781438	BRITISH ARMY	Craftsman	12.11.2023
LEWIS, James Maurice	481-06-71	U.S. NAVY	PO2	21.11.2023
ARNAUD, Charly Fernand - Croix de la Valeur Militaire Bronze Star	579301160	FRENCH ARMY	LT	21.11.2023
MACGREGOR, Merle	W18926	WRAAF	CPL	30.11.2023

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Hervey Bay Ex-Service Organisations

Ex-Service Organization	Secretary/Contact	Meetings
Hervey Bay & District Veterans' Association PO Box 3042	Simon Morley C/- HB RSL Sub-Branch	Third Tuesday of the month og:30am Hervey Bay RSL Club
HERVEY BAY Q 4655		
Hervey Bay Ex-Servicewomen's Social Club Hervey Bay Branch P.O. Box 3339	Andrea Lesmond 0400 750 101	Second Monday of the month 10:30am Hervey Bay RSL Club
Hervey Bay Legacy Group PO Box 3302 HERVEY BAY Q 4655	Graeme Inglis (Acting) 0432 385 587	Second Wednesday of the month 5:00pm Hervey Bay RSL Club
Hervey Bay RSL Sub-Branch Inc. PO Box 3042 HERVEY BAY Q 4655	Kevin Collins Sub-Branch office: 4197 7477	Committee: Fourth Thursday of the month – 10:15am General meetings Feb, May, Aug, Nov 10:30am Hervey Bay RSL Club
Hervey Bay RSL Women's Auxiliary PO Box 3042 HERVEY BAY Q 4655	Joan Hawkes 4125 4049	Second Tuesday of the month 10:00am Hervey Bay RSL Club
National Servicemen's Association of Aust. Hervey Bay Branch PO Box 3042	Derek Lawton 0427 359 512	Fourth Wednesday of the month 10:00am Hervey Bay RSL Club
Naval Association of Australia Fraser Coast Branch PO Box 802	Sue Meehan 0438 911 950	Third Wednesday of the month 11:00am Hervey Bay RSL Club
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RAAF Association Hervey Bay PO Box 1076	Rosslyn Richards (%) 4128 7685 / 0457 713 333	Second Wednesday of the month 10:30am Hervey Bay RSL Club
HERVEY BAY Q 4655		
TPDSA (Fraser Coast) Inc. PO Box 3241 HERVEY BAY Q 4655	Shirley Smith 4124 6248	Alternating between Hervey Bay RSL Club and Maryborough RSL Club
Veterans of Australia 9 Main Street PIALBA Q 4655	Gary Burke 4128 3759	First Tuesday of the month 12noon Veterans' Social Centre, Main St, Hervey Bay
War Widows' Guild 44 Corfield Street POINT VERNON Q 4655	Christine Starr 0407 575 624	First Monday of the month 10:00am Hervey Bay RSL Club
Legacy Laurel Club PO Box 5482 TORQUAY Q 4655	Denise Kitchin 0428 638 784	Third Monday of the month 2:00pm Hervey Bay RSL Club
RSL Social Bowls Club PO Box 3042 HERVEY BAY Q 4655	George Carmichael 0400 223 724	Social Bowls are every Sunday 8am- 11am
RSL Pipe Band 10 Southerden Street HERVEY BAY Q 4655	Pipe Major: Simon Bedding 0432 519 744	Second Monday of each month hbrslpipeband@gmail.com