

THE BRANCH

NEWSLETTER

June 2023



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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Australian soldlers, 7th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, 1967







VIETNAM WAR COMMEMORATIVE MEDALLION AND CERTIFICATE



To acknowledge the 50th anniversary of the end of Australia's involvement in the Vietnam War, the Department of Veterans' Affairs will produce a Commemorative Medallion and Certificate of Commemoration.

The Medallion and Certificate will be made available to every living veteran, widows of veterans and other family members of veterans of the Vietnam War.

You can apply on on-line at dva.gov.au or if you are having difficulties with your application and require assistance please phone 1800 VETERAN (1800 838 372) between 9am and 5pm AEST Monday to Friday and when prompted say the word 'medallions'.

Welcome Members to this edition of "The Branch"



ANZAC Day 2023 was again a special Day for Veterans in Hervey Bay. It was pleasing to see the large number of veterans marching at both services.



The numbers at the Dawn Service were the biggest I have seen in my 30 years attending ANZAC Day in Hervey Bay.



Once again, a special thank you to the residents of the area for supporting the veterans on this special day.



The terrace on the western side of the memorial enhanced the area greatly and the fact that after the main march everybody on the terrace could sit down, was convenient and more comfortable. Again, I would like to thank the Queensland Government Gambling Community Benefit Fund and the Special Projects team from Fraser Coast Regional Council for their dedication to completing the project on time and with a great result.



The next commemoration service is "Rimau" at Dayman Park on Sunday 9th July 2023 commencing at 1000hrs.



On this theme I had the pleasure of meeting with Allan Russell who was in the Bay from Sydney. Allan will turn 100 in October. Please see article on page 14.



The day-to-day running of the Sub-Branch is progressing well and as you will know, no day is the same.



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 2nd floor. Outside of these hours, please contact the SMC reception for the after-hours phone number.



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



Until next issue stay safe and healthy

Brian Tidyman

President

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



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Our office hours are Monday to Friday 9.30am - 12.30pm
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

10:30am May 10:30am August 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:

February 24 National Day for War Animals

April 25 ANZAC Day
July 9 Rimau Commemoration
July 27 Korea Memorial Day
August 15 VP Day

August 18 Vietnam Veterans' Day

September 14 Peacekeepers Day

November 11 Remembrance Day

The Hervey Bay RSL Sub-Branch Library is bursting with books! We've had many new additions to our already extensive range, so why not come in and have a browse! You are sure to find something of interest!

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



WITH FUNDING SUPPORT FROM THE GAMBLING COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND



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.

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: 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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Hervey Bay RSL Sub-Branch Deputy President Brad Gray has just returned from a trip to Thailand and has shared his photographs of Hellfire Pass.











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When a man died, he died in an aura of love and brothermood, you died with your head in the lap of a maie, with somebody heading your hand, with somebody with a hand on your forchood saying a little prayer.



We are delighted to announce that Bayside Christian College has offered generous bursaries of a 50% reduction in college fees for the enrolment of the child/ren of:

- 1. Returned & Active Servicemen and Servicewomen;
- Spouse of a veteran who has passed away in Active Service; and
- The grandchild/ren of a veteran.

If this interests you please contact Sharleen, Head of Enrolments, at Bayside Christian College to obtain the Veteran Application Form.

Sharleen.sneath@bayside.gld.edu.au | \$\textit{\alpha}\$4124 4417

CHECK OUT Sub-Branch Member Tom Scutt's story taken from "Mango Stories".

You will find this as an insert to this newsletter.

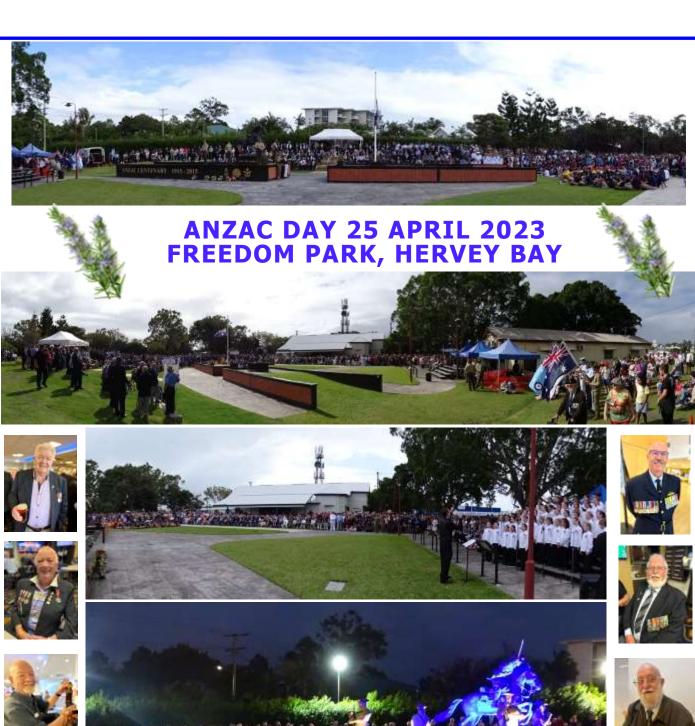
It makes a great read and interesting insight into **Tom's memories of days** gone by.

"Things work out best for those who make the best out of the way things work out."

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

- 4-5 Mar 2023 The Hervey Bay RSL Sub-Branch hosted the RSL Wide Bay Burnett District AGM.
- 13 Mar 2023 Memorabilia Officer Simon Morley assisted his Maryborough Sub-Branch counter-part in the design and set up of their memorabilia area.
- 14 Mar 2023 The March edition of "The Branch" is published.
- 18 Mar 2023 Deputy President Brad Gray attended the TS KRAIT Cadet inspection at their TAFE HQ.
- 20 Mar 2023 Wristbands for the ANZAC Day functions available from the Sub-Branch office.
- 22 Mar 2023 President Brian and Secretary Kevin Collins attended a stakeholders meeting with the Fraser Coast Regional Council re: Hervey Bay City Centre Masterplan.
- 25 Mar 2023 President Brian and his wife, Rose, were delighted to attend the Naval Association Fraser Coast Sub-Section dinner dance in Hervey House at the RSL Club.
- 4 Apr 2023 President Brian attended Radio 107.9 and talked all things Sub-Branch with Dave Grainger.
- 11 Apr 2023 Sub-Branch Member Kenneth Price presented President Brian with a copy of his latest book "Kokoda Mist"- see pages 10 + 14 for more information).
- 15 Apr 2023 Secretary Kevin held a short briefing for ANZAC Day stakeholders.
- 17 Apr 2023 ANZAC Day Memorabilia sales commence in the foyer of the RSL Club.
- 18 Apr 2023 President Brian attended Radio 107.9 and talked with Dave Grainger about the forthcoming ANZAC Day commemoration services.
- 23 Apr 2023 President Brian attended Freedom Park to view the new statue installation by the Lone Pine.
- 25 Apr 2023 The President and Committee of the Hervey Bay RSL Sub-Branch attended at Freedom Park for the Dawn Service and Main Service of Commemoration.
- 26 April 2023 Bayside Christian College offers a generous bursary for children of veterans see more information on page 9.
- 4 May 2023 Another excellent Veterans' Day held in the ANZAC Sports Bar.
- 6 May 2023 President Brian presided over the May General Meeting in Hervey House.
- 9 May 2023 Preparations commence for Rimau|Krait Commemoration.
- 23 May 2023 The Sub-Branch Bus and Welfare Car got a professional clean today and new tyres were ordered for the bus.
- 30 May 2023 A joint Board Meeting with the RSL Club was held today.
- 30 May 2023 The Sub-Branch hosted another great Diggers Lunch in Hervey House.
- 31 May 2023 The Queensland Dept. of Transport and Main Roads attended at the Sub-Branch today to carry out an Audit on the Sub-Branch Bus and checking driver accreditations.
- For the months of March, April and May the Sub-Branch provided an RSL Poppy Service at two funerals.
- Administrative assistance and/or supply of ordnance was provided to eight Ex-Service Organisations and cadets as well as nine volunteer / welfare / community organisations in the Hervey Bay area.



















The Hervey Bay RSL Sub-Branch was delighted with the thousands of people who turned out for the Dawn Service at Freedom Park.

The crowds further swelled for the Main Service and showed their appreciation to all who marched. Sub-Branch President Brian Tidyman lead the service and acknowledged the large number of veterans marching this year. A private function was held for Sub-Branch members and their guests at the Services Memorial Club and was well

attended.

ANZAC DAY 2023

Thank you to all involved

181ACU Hervey Bay, 216SQN Maryborough 9th Battalion Ceremonial Guard

Australian Air League Bayside Christian College and their School Band

Blooms & Petals Florist
Ric Brown - Parade Marshall
Steve Boyle - School Speech
Bruce Coats - School Speech
Corrective Services Dog Squad
D Company 9RQR
Deluxe Party Hire
Dept of Defence

State Emergency Service Ray Eustace - President Hervey Bay RSL & Services Memorial Club

Fraser Coast Anglican College and their School Band

Fraser Coast Regional Council Scott Harris from Ross Funerals and his team of volunteers Geoff Harper - Bugler John Holms - Flag Marshall

(NZ)/School speech
Glendyne School
Stuart Gillard - Choir leader
Kawungan State School
Stephen Hart WGCDR Air
Combat Officer (RTD)
Reviewing Officer

Jackson Hay - ANZAC Day speech

Hervey Bay & District Veteran's Association

Hervey Bay Ex-**Servicewomen's Social** Club Hervey Bay Daylight

Lodge No. 521 Hervey Bay Girl Guides Hervey Bay Legacy Group Hervey Bay RSL Pipe Band

Hervey Bay RSL & Services Memorial Club

Hervey Bay RSL Social Bowls Club Inc

Hervey Bay RSL Sub-Branch Committee

Hervey Bay RSL Women's Auxiliary

Hervey Bay State High School and their School Band

Hervey Bay Surf Lifesavers Reverend Jeff Jarvis B.ED Kawungan State School and their Choir Derek Lawton - School

Speech
Ian "Dutchy" Lensing School Speech
Tye Mathieson - School
Speech

National Servicemen
Naval Association of
Australia Fraser Coast Sub
-Section
Pialba Mortar Platoon

47th Battalion

Pialba State School

Keith Pitt - Federal Member for Hinkler

Queensland Ambulance Service

Queensland Fire & Emergency Services

QMI 5th Light Horse Regt HB Troop

Queensland Police Service Ben Reed - School Speech

Riverside Christian College Salvation Army

Sandy Strait State School Scout Association of Australia Security 101

Fraser Coast Regional Council Mayor George

Seymour Shield Traffic

Star of the Sea Catholic Primary School

State Emergency Service

St James Lutheran College Adrian Tantari - State Member of Parliament Torquay Kids Early Learning Centre

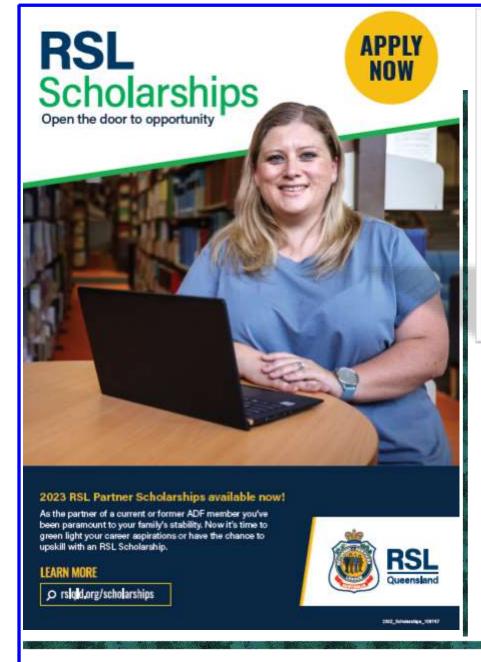
Torquay State School
TS KRAIT cadets
Ultramusic Hervey Bay
Urangan Point School
Urangan State High School
Urangan State High School
and their School Band

Yarrilee State School Xavier Catholic College











Sub-Branch President,
Brian Tidyman,
was presented with
a copy of
"Kokoda Mist"
by author and
Hervey Bay RSL
Sub-Branch member,
Kenneth Price.

Find out more on Page 14.

WHAT'S NEW IN THE MEMORABILIA COLLECTION

The following new items have now been placed on display in the foyer:

- 1940 British MKIIA Artillery Sight off a 25PDR Field Gun.
- WWII MK2S Sniper's Telescope.
- 1940's British Binocled Naval Compass.
- U.S. Army 80 round Cartridge Belt for the M1 Garand Rifle.

We wish to thank all those members and patrons for the donation of the above items.

Due to space constraints we are now rotating items to allow new items to be placed on display.

Simon Morley Memorabilia Officer May 2023



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



4/79 Torquay Road, Pialba Q 4655 PO Box 3358, Pialba Q 4655 P (07) 4197 5600 www.lawessentials.net.au

Good morning to all,

Time sure has gone by fast or is it that we are getting a little older?

Since we last reported we as an auxiliary have been on several bus trips which the ladies enjoyed immensely. Thank you to Heather and Pauline for arranging these for us. More bus trips are coming up!

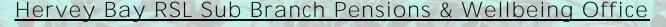
To all members of the public who supported our White Cross sale for ANZAC Day, we thank you ever so much - it really was a great response from you!

On Tuesday 27 June we will be holding our Tombola Morning commencing at 10am in Hervey House. Many wonderful prizes to win with free morning tea. We hope you can come along and have an enjoyable morning with us.

In August we as an auxiliary will be celebrating our birthday which we are all looking forward to. Our auxiliary meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 10:30am on the 2nd Floor of the RSL Club. If you would like to join us please do come along as you would be most welcome.

Hoping you have good health and lots of good luck!

Joan Hawkes Secretary



Needing help with your claims? Not sure what you may be entitled to? Come and see one of our experienced Compensation Advocates to help you with the process.

As a Veteran, unless you have a DVA Gold Card endorsed TPI or EDA it is a good idea to have your DVA claims reviewed every 5 years, or as required.

If you have questions about Household Services, Hospital Visits, Travel Concessions, or maybe you're just unsure what support is available, ask for an appointment with our Wellbeing Advocate.

Have you got friends or neighbours in the Veteran Community who may need support? Please give the office a call to see what services may be available.

The Pensions and Wellbeing Office is on Level 2 Suite 18 (directly opposite the elevator) in the Signature Building located at, 19-21 Torquay Rd Pialba.

There is a Multi-level carpark behind the building, with a skybridge from the top level straight to our floor.

Call the office on 4184 9496 to arrange a time to chat with an advocate.

Office Hours are 9am - 3pm Monday to Friday.

Contact Ian at his Burrum Heads property: ianlindsay40@qmail.com





Pet treats, Paracord Leads and Collars, Harnesses











The Hervey Bay RSL Sub-Branch would like to give a shout out to Ethan and Sarah of PETZCLO. They make great treats and accessories for dogs and offer a 20% discount to ex-service personnel. Head on over to their webpage https://petzclo.com.au/ and check out their products.

Buy local and support a local business and a defence veteran.

5 ingredient chicken and mushroom pasta bake. A perfect easy evening meal for the cooler months

Method:

What you need:

- 1. 375 grams penne pasta
- 2. 1/2 chicken coarsely shredded (no skin or bones)
- 3. 490gram jar of creamy mushroom sauce
- 4. 120 grams of fresh spinach
- 5. 250 grams shredded mozzarella cheese
- Preheat oven to 200°. Cook the penne in a large saucepan of boiling water following packet directions or until al dente and drain well.
- Combine the penne, chicken and mushroom sauce and spinach in a large bowl. Season. Spoon into a 10 cup baking dish (2.5litre) and sprinkle evenly with the mozarella cheese.
- Bake for 20 minutes or until top is golden brown and pasta mixture is heated through. Serve immediately.



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



Join Australian soldiers, Stan and Billy, in their stubborn resistance against an overwhelming World War II Japanese force in Papua New Guinea as the Australians fight a tactical withdrawal along the Kokoda Track. The strategies and tactics used in this withdrawal created one of the most famous actions in the annals of Australian military history and was to have a major impact on the collective psyche of all Australians.

Follow the magnitude of this impact as it played out on the streets of Brisbane. Link arms with Carol and Jean, two sisters who experience love and tragedy while struggling to fulfil their duties as waitresses in the Victory Café. Experience the full effect that tens of thousands of allied troops had on their home city of Brisbane.

Put yourself in the middle of the Battle of Brisbane - a brief battle that broke out between Australian and American servicemen, which highlighted the tension that existed between these two allied forces.

At war's end, you will realise how it was that this generation was able to face their future with such confidence and certainty as they built the foundations of the modern Australia that we all enjoy today.

Product description

Review

"Graphic descriptions of the horror of war are starkly contrasted to the quiet life of Carole and Jean back home. The author takes us with him on a journey of damaged minds, recovery, race relations and romance. A meaningful look at war, and its aftermath."

- Judith Flitcroft, author of Vitalk Back in Time

About the Author

Kenneth Price is a Wefnam Wat velorant. When he was seventeen, he entisted in the Australian Army and was trained as a medic. He was sent to Vietnam in 1968 and served with 5th Field Ambidance and 1st Australian Field Hospital. His grandfather served in the Royal Australian State as a Borneth State served in the Australian Army during World War II. Kenneth's uncle also served as a bomber pilot in World War II and he was killed when his platne was shot down in 1944. After returning from Vietnams, Kenneth married and went to university where he graduated with an Arts degree (with Distinction), majoring in Hestory and Liferature. He also has a Bachelor of Education and a Masters (with Distinction) in Australian Political History Kenneth spent fourteen years teaching History and English at Brisbane Grammar School and eight years as a lecturer in English in Singapore, where he helped his students obtain their 'O' and 'X' level certificates from Cambridge University, Writing has always been his passion and following retirement he was inspired to research his farmily's military history. The lot or writing his first book, Broken Lives, which covers some of the exploits of his grandfather's SH Battalion, and now his second book, Kokoda hillst, covers his father and mother's generation. Kenneth has six children and eleven grandchildren. He is currently married to his second wrife, Luz, and lives in Henvey Bay, Governitand.

Stockists include: Angus & Robertson, Amazon.com.au, and Booktopia.com.au

Recently I had the pleasure of meeting up with Allan Russell who this year turns 100 and is acknowledged as the last surviving member of the Z Force from WWII.

I spent about half an hour talking with him (only because he was on a tight schedule) but the state of his mind for his age was absolutely incredible.

Being typical ex-service there was no "warries" as such but we did speak about a lot of things such as that during training, he trained on Fraser Island as well as along the Hawkesbury River in NSW.

After the war he became a geologist and worked in Australia, New Guinea and Canada.

Allan still lives alone in his house in Sydney and he marched in this year's ANZAC Day parade in Sydney.



It was an incredible experience to chat with Alan and this gives me hope that we can all look forward to having a sound mind at such an age!

VALE 1 March 2023 — 31 May 2023







Name	Service No.	Unit	Rank	Deceased
BIBB, Kenneth	22582185	Army		10.03.2023
WIGGINS, Phyllis	NF462984	Army		02.04.2023
COSSEY, George David	3789116	Army	PTE	11.04.2023
CAHILL, Brian Joseph	R50158	Navy		11.04.2023
ROSS, James	62392	Army		19.04.2023
JACKSON, Dennis Hodson	1106770	RAF		01.05.2023
AUSTIN, Richard Charles	431006	Army	CFN	13.05.2023
CRUSE, Dennis John	A47970	RAAF		15.05.2023

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THEIR MEMORY HALLOWED IN THE LAND THEY LOVED.
LEST WE FORGET

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	Committee: 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 HERVEY BAY CLUBHOUSE BAYSWATER BAR 6 GRILL BURPENGAR) Community Club Community Club Community Club