



**RSL**  
Hervey Bay Sub Branch

# THE BRANCH

## NEWSLETTER

**March 2023**



# 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.

## Welcome Members to the first edition "The Branch" for 2023

Another year has begun and hopefully it will be a healthy year for us all!

The terracing over in Freedom Park is progressing well with the sandstone blocks in-situ and hopefully, by now, the new soil and grass will be in place so as to be established by ANZAC Day this year.

Our first commemoration for the year was held on Friday 24 February being War Animals Day and was well attended by members and animals and I thank all for their input.

Our Annual General Meeting was held at the end of February and I would like you all to welcome our newest Board Member, Bill Wood. Bill has been volunteering at the Sub-Branch office since joining in mid 2022 and brings his skills from his RAAF background to the Sub-Branch.

Over the weekend of the 4-5 March 2023, the RSL Wide Bay Burnett District held their 104th AGM in Hervey Bay and all went well. There was one election required for a Vice President position and the successful candidate was Scott Wilkinson from Tiaro.

The next important Commemoration is ANZAC Day and as at time of print most details are correct but we are still waiting for the availability of the Catafalque Guard and maybe a fly-over.

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. If out of hours, please contact the RSL Club reception for the contact 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 the next issue stay safe and healthy.

Brian Tidyman

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](http://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](mailto:pensions@herveybayrsl.org.au)

**Ph: 07 4184 9496**



*The Hervey Bay RSL Women's Auxiliary had their annual Christmas Luncheon on "the Deck" at the Hervey Bay RSL & Services Memorial Club.*

*The ladies enjoyed their day, after a busy year of activities and fundraising!*

# **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](mailto: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.**

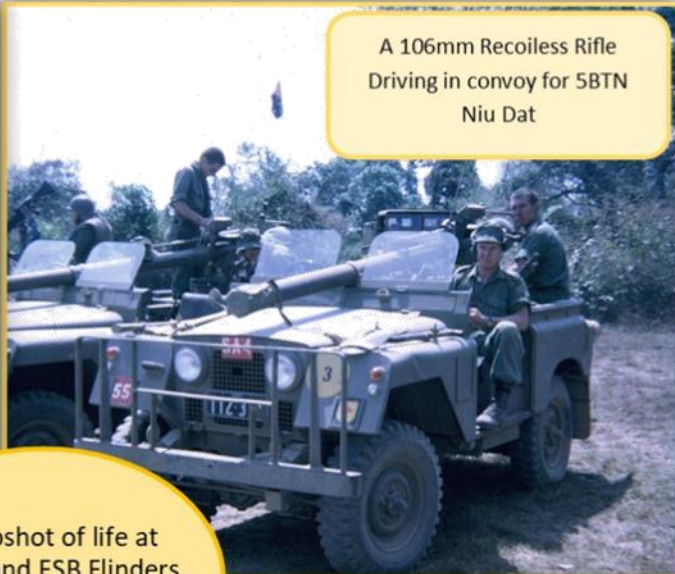
**It would be an advantage if you have been involved  
in nursing, Community Services or Lifeline and  
could give a couple of hours per week. Advocacy  
Training and Development Program ("ATDP")  
training and mentoring will be offered to those  
wishing to do more.**



# Blast from the Past



Brian Tidyman at FSB Flinders

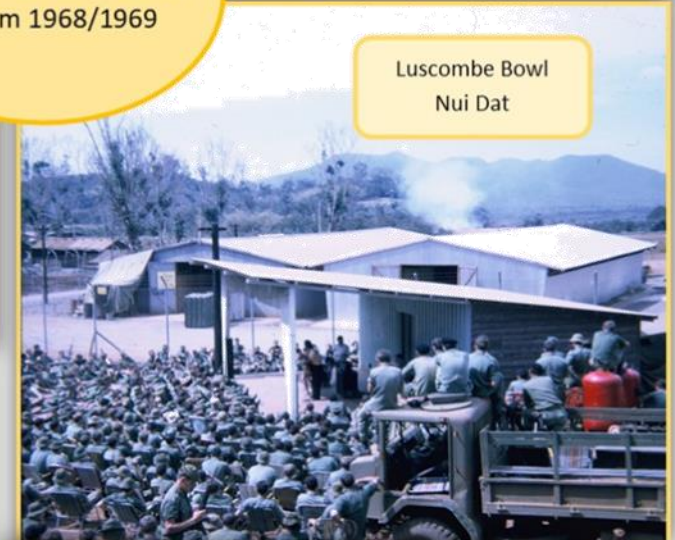


A 106mm Recoilless Rifle  
Driving in convoy for 5BTN  
Niu Dat



Guard Post  
Nui Dat

A snapshot of life at  
Nui Dat and FSB Flinders.  
Vietnam 1968/1969



Luscombe Bowl  
Nui Dat



A new friend!  
Niu Dat

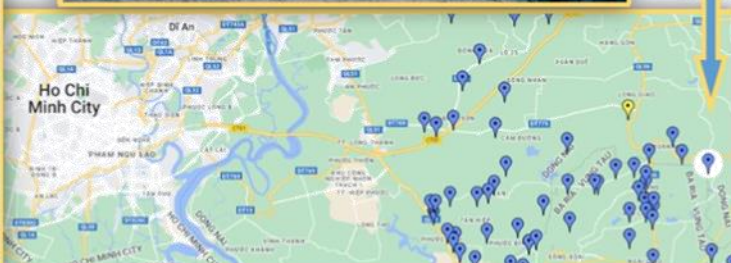


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FSB Flinders



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overnight



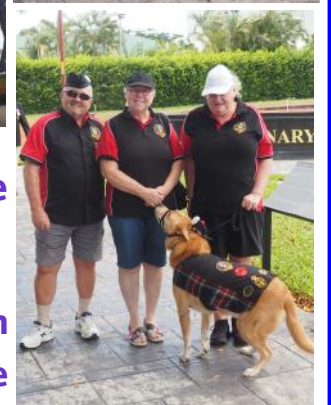


# What's the Sub-Branch been up to lately?

- 6 Dec 2022 - our small marquee was donated to the 181ACU Army Cadets.
- 11 Dec 2022 - President Brian and his wife were delighted to attend the RAAF Annual Christmas Luncheon held in "The Boardroom" at the RSL Club.
- 1 Jan 2023 - Vandals struck at Freedom Park in the early hours damaging the bayonet at Light Horse War Memorial.
- 5 Jan 2023 - President Brian was interviewed on Channel 7 News about the vandalism of the Light Horse War Memorial in Freedom Park.
- 6 Jan 2023 - The final draft Sub-Branch Constitution was forwarded to Wide Bay Burnett District RSL (WBBD).
- 11 Jan 2023 - The annual Sub-Branch "Thank You Luncheon" was held on "The Deck" at the RSL Club for the volunteers (see photos page 10)
- 12 Jan 2023 - Another successful Veterans Day was held in the ANZAC Sports Bar at the RSL Club. It was good to see lots of new faces! (see pictures page 8)
- 13 Jan 2023 - The draft Sub-Branch Constitution is tabled at the WBBD meeting.
- 13 Jan 2023 - Preparations commence for the Annual General Meeting to be held on 25 February 2023.
- 19 Jan 2023 - Preparations begin for War Animal Day to be held on 24 February 2023.
- 19 Jan 2023 - First Board Meeting of the year.
- 20 Jan 2023 - Nominations open for the Hervey Bay RSL Sub-Branch Committee
- 23 Jan 2023 - Louise Shipard is welcomed as Wellbeing admin support for the Pensions & Wellbeing team based on the 2nd Floor of the Signature Building.
- 24 Jan 2023 - President Brian met with the Fraser Coast Regional Council at Freedom Park as works have commenced for terracing the western slope.
- 27 Jan 2023 - President Brian was interviewed by Channel 7 at Freedom Park, along with Fraser Coast Regional Councillor, David Lee, in relation to the recently commenced terracing works (see photo page 14).
- 31 Jan 2023 - President Brian took the Sub-Branch bus to Urangan Engineering for assessment/quote to install a step.
- 1 Feb 2023 - The bayonet on the Light Horse War Memorial was straightened. Thank you to Steve from Pro Weld.
- 2 - 3 Feb 2023 - Committee Members Toby Tidyman and Simon Morley spent time in the ANZAC Sports Bar before opening to re-organise the plaques and shields on the wall after the area was painted.
- 6 Feb 2023 - a Disciplinary Committee was convened in relation to a member for "conduct unbecoming of a Sub-Branch Member"
- 7 Feb 2023 - President Brian spoke to Dave Grainger at Radio 107.9 to talk about the Sub-Branch.
- 10 Feb 2023 - Nominations close for the Hervey Bay RSL Sub-Branch Committee.
- 10 Feb 2023- President Brian and Secretary Kevin attended the commemoration service for the 1964 HMAS Voyager and HMAS Melbourne collision at Freedom Park held by the Naval Association Fraser Coast Sub-Section.
- 15 Feb 2023 - The Sub-Branch bus was taken to Urangan Engineering for the installation of a step.
- 23 Feb 2023 - Sub-Branch February Board Meeting.
- 24 Feb 2023 - President Brian led the National Day for War Animals Commemoration Service at Freedom Park.
- 25 Feb 2023 - President Brian chaired the Hervey Bay RSL Sub-Branch Annual General Meeting at Hervey House. Your committee for 2023 are named on page 9.
- 28 Feb 2023 - The first Diggers Lunch of the year was held in Hervey House.
- *For the months of December, January and February the Sub-Branch provided an RSL Poppy Service at six funerals.*
- *Administrative assistance and/or supply of ordnance was provided to seven Ex-Service Organisations and cadets as well as five volunteer / welfare / community organisations in the Hervey Bay area.*



# War Animal Day 2023



Hervey Bay put on a beautiful day to commemorate the deeds and sacrifices of animals in war on Friday 24 February.



Hervey Bay RSL Sub-Branch President Brian Tidyman led the service which included a prayer from Reverend Jeff Jarvis and wreath laying at the Light Horse War Memorial in Freedom Park.

A special mention goes to the Maryborough Correctional Centre, RAAF Police Dog Unit, the WBB QMI 5LHR Hervey Bay Troop Inc and Stable Minds Equine Assisted Therapy for bringing their charges and participating in the service.





# Hervey Bay RSL Sub-Branch Annual General Meeting Saturday 25 February 2023

**Following the AGM the 2023 Sub-Branch committee is as follows:**

President:	Brian Tidyman
Deputy President:	Brad Gray
Secretary:	Kevin Collins
Treasurer:	Tracy Gillespie
Committee:	Michael Andersen
	Christine Bell
	Vic Jackson
	Simon Morley
	Garry Reid
	Toby Tidyman
	Bill Wood



## 'Thank You' Luncheon for volunteers

*President Brian Tidyman of the Hervey Bay RSL Sub-Branch hosted the annual "Thank You Luncheon" for all the volunteers who assist the Sub-Branch.*

*Brian personally thanked the Pension Advocates, WSOs, Sub-Branch bus and car drivers and the Sub-Branch committee for their hard work and dedication throughout the year.*

*The luncheon was held on "The Deck" at the Hervey Bay RSL & Services Memorial Club on Wednesday 11 January 2023.*





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## ANZAC Day 25 April 2023

### Commemoration Services

will be held at the

**Light Horse War Memorial in Freedom Park, Pialba**

**Dawn Service commencing at 0530hrs (approx.)**


**Main Service commencing at 0945hrs (approx.)**

Ticket holding Sub-Branch members/guests only functions will be held at the RSL CLUB:

**Gunfire Breakfast from 0600hrs | Luncheon from 1130hrs**

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**Wristbands are available at the Sub-Branch between  
0930hrs and 1200hrs from 20 March until 21 April 2023**

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**REMEMBRANCE FOR THE FALLEN  
RESPECT FOR OUR EX-SERVICE MEN & WOMEN  
PRIDE FOR THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY**

Please see the Sub-Branch office for further details or check  
[www.herveybayrslsubbranch.com.au](http://www.herveybayrslsubbranch.com.au) | 

\*information may be subject to change



## To Seek the Way

I am coarse, though I be fashioned well  
Though bold and carefree as youth  
Now I am thoughtful and steady  
I yearn for knowledge and truth  
Research and leaning in my mainstay  
Books, writings, stories, and tales,  
I am mindful of all of this.

Scorn me not for what I seek  
For this is the way of many  
And is found by the sum of a few  
To decipher details, concept, and truth  
From al, each and every parchment,  
Though there are much to consume  
I browse over much and absorb little.

As some or much is of account from the past  
It is fruitful in its meaning and line,  
Strength and learning are consumed within  
Words of faith, of gospel, of events,  
From this my words flow like a waterfall.  
Sometimes strong in depth  
And others, with softness and consuming passages.

This fills me and gives me strength  
The words make me cheerful and calm  
But sometimes, dullness and a cloud hangs over me,  
To be mournful and not thinking of calmness  
within,  
Be at peace, clear your mind and meditate a while.  
This I say is in each of you.

Be free to meditate, to dream and to wonder,  
In prayer, call to God, to show you the way  
Though majesty be not mine  
I turn my faith to God to give me guidance  
I am mindful of what is and what is not  
What foundation is needed to be strong  
To be strong is to be of faith and understanding.

Reach out and find yourself  
Where you are now and,  
Where you need to be.  
Sit back a while and relax  
Meditate on this, reach out to find yourself  
To know you are and where to go.  
The message is clear.

Ian Williams ©



Supporting our veterans' families

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Legacy is seeking Legatees around the Fraser Burnett region.

As a Legatee you can help partners and children of veterans who have lost their lives or health.

To find out more, please contact 4194 5111.

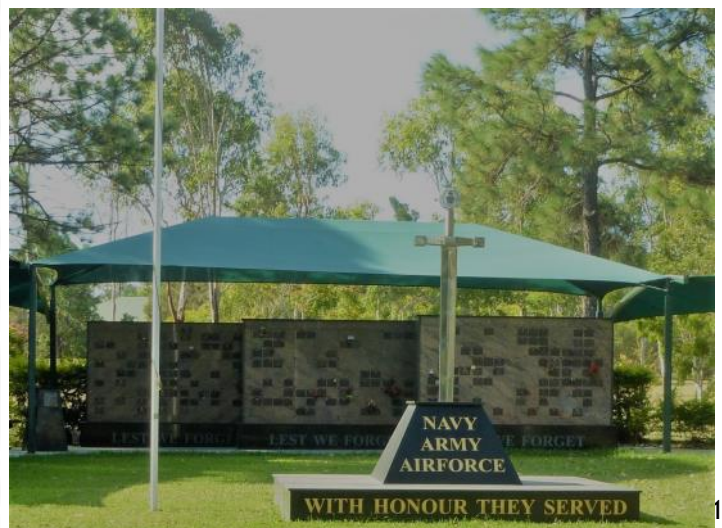
## For those members new to Hervey Bay, we invite you to visit the **Wall of Remembrance**

in the grounds of Ross Funerals  
at Nikenbah.

Members and their partners are  
welcome to consider the Wall of  
Remembrance as their final  
resting place in Hervey Bay.

Niches are \$50 each and  
plaques can be organised  
through the Sub-Branch.

If this interests you then  
please contact the Sub-Branch  
office on 4197 7477 or call in  
and speak to Mandy.



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Recipe by Louise Shipard

### **Broccoli Salad**

#### **Ingredients**

A whole head of Broccoli flower finely diced (can include some stem)  
Half a Spanish onion finely chopped  
Slivered Almonds (as little or as many as you like)  
Grated Parmesan cheese (or crumbled feta) - quantity to your tasting

#### **Dressing**

A good couple of squeezes of mayo  
3 tablespoons of vinegar  
½ a lemon squeezed  
A crack of pepper and salt  
(taste and adjust)

#### **Method**

Throw all ingredients into a bowl and toss together.  
Blend through the dressing

*\*\* Can get meaty and add some diced crispy bacon,  
or fruity and add some cranberries.*



*Don't forget to visit our webpage for  
all the latest Sub-Branch news.  
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First Veterans Day of 2023!  
ANZAC Sports Bar at the Hervey Bay RSL Club



The Sub-Branch has kindly donated portraits of the late QEII to the QMI WBB 5LHR Hervey Bay Troop Inc. and the Maryborough Military & Colonial Museum

The Sub-Branch provided funds to the 216SQN Cadets for a VR Simulator.



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A big shout out to Steve Kennedy at Pro Weld. A great job done to straighten the sword on the Light Horse War Memorial at Freedom Park after it was vandalised during the Christmas/New Year holidays.

Hallo to all

We the members of the Hervey Bay RSL Women's Auxiliary would like to wish all a safe and happy new year!

During the year we shall be placing floral wreaths and attending all important services such as ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day services.

ANZAC Day: We will once again be selling our white crosses in the foyer of the RSL from Monday 17 April to Saturday 22 April 2023 at a cost of \$2.00 per cross. Each cross will have a red poppy and a tag so if you wish to write a message you can do so. Said crosses will be placed at the cenotaph on Monday 24 April 2023.

This year we shall also be going on some mystery bus trips, also having some lunch outings. Our thanks to Heather and Pauline in arranging these outings for us.

In 2023 we, as an Auxiliary, shall be celebrating our 94th birthday! A wonderful achievement.

We hold our meetings the second Tuesday of each month at the RSL Club so if you would like to come along and join you would be more than welcome.

For your support during the year, we are truly thankful.

Joan Hawkes

Secretary

February 2023



## WHAT'S NEW IN THE MEMORABILIA COLLECTION



Thank you to J Jacobsen for his kind donation.

This issue's item of memorabilia is the French 1866

### Chassepot Sabre Bayonet

with leather frog and belt hanger made by the St Etienne Armoury in Paris.

These bayonets fitted the Chassepot short rifled musket and were issued to Cavalry and Dragon units of the French Army and remained in use up until the 1880's.



**Standing  
room only**

Councillor  
David Lee  
And  
Hervey Bay  
RSL  
Sub-Branch  
President  
Brian Tidyman  
watch on as  
work starts on  
terraces at  
Freedom Park  
in Hervey Bay.



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

**24 January 2023**

### **Sandstone terraces create space at Freedom Park**

Sandstone-lined terraces will improve the comfort of veterans and others attending memorial services and functions in Freedom Park, Hervey Bay.

The Fraser Coast Regional Council in conjunction with the Hervey Bay RSL Sub-branch, is undertaking the project to dig three terraces into the natural slope on the western side of the park.

"The project will greatly enhance the comfort of veterans attending events in the park," Hervey Bay RSL Sub-Branch President Brian Tidyman said.

"At present people attending events at the park, especially our mature veterans, find it difficult to stand or use chairs because of the slope."

The Hervey Bay RSL Subbranch gained an \$88,000 grant from the Gambling Community Benefits Fund to help fund the project which is being undertaken by Council's Open Space and Environment team with contractors when necessary.

The key elements of the project include earthworks to create three terraces which will be lined with sandstone that can be used for seating. Each terrace will have room for participants to use their own seating.

"Stairs, with support handrails, will be installed through the centre of the terracing to facilitate access," Cr David Lee said.

"The intention is to have the project completed and the site re-established well in advance of ANZAC Day commemorations.

"The work is based around the availability of sub-contractors, so there may be periods of inactivity on site.

"People will still be able to use the park while the work is underway as only the project area will be closed."



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FROM THE  
**GAMBLING COMMUNITY  
BENEFIT FUND**



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## 31 NOVEMBER 2022 — 28 FEBRUARY 2023



STEVENSON, Ross Thomas	215903	Army	MP	05.12.2022
KAST, Stanley George	4085385	Royal Air Force	S.A.C.	07.12.2022
DAY, Garry Wayne	A123727	RAAF	LAC	08.12.2022
HENRY, Robin	035611	RAAF		12.12.2022
MCDONALD, Robert Leonard	A324194	RAAF	SGT	14.12.2022
KING, John Maxwell	1410877	Army	PTE	24.12.2022
HARRISON, Roy W	A13482	RAAF	AC	24.12.2022
WILSON-POGMORE, Barry Neale	2/730299	Army		04.01.2023
WATTERS, Russell John	2793664	Army	Craftsman	16.01.2023
SORATI, Renato	NS8519	Army	PTE	17.01.2023
WHELLER, Reginald	268229	RAAF		07.02.2023

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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	<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*

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