

THE BRANCH

NEWSLETTER

March 2024



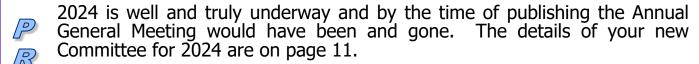
Australia is due to take delivery of its first HIMARS in 2025





Presidents Report for March 2024

Welcome members to this edition of "The Branch"!



The Sub-Branch is moving ahead in leaps and bounds with new members joining or transferring from other Sub-Branches. Since the temporary closure (I hope) of the Maryborough Veteran Center, our Advocates are being inundated with clients from that area. We are lucky to have a Level 3 Advocate here and consequently, he is getting a lot of veterans from out of the area needing help. The Sub-Branch is in the process of advertising for another paid trainee Advocate to take some of the workload off our present Advocates.

The Sub-Branch is also planning a further Memorial for Freedom Park as long as the Fraser Coast Regional Council agree, and a grant is available for us. Hopefully my next report will have more information to pass on to you, the members.

The next commemoration is ANZAC Day with planning well under way. As always, we are hoping for a large attendance by both veterans and members of the Hervey Bay community.

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 floor. If out of hours, please contact the Hervey Bay RSL & Services Memorial 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 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 or

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

11-13 Torquay Road, Pialba 4655



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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



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.

Sub-Branch
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 A/EA):

- 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.

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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Quick 'n' dirty olive pasta with prosciutto, spinach and olives

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INGREDIENTS

500g dried spaghetti

165-220g olive tapenade, or to taste (see note)

1 tbs extra virgin olive oil, plus extra to serve

2 cups English spinach (optional)

80g prosciutto, coarsely

70 € pitted wild olives

50g shaved parmesan

they are not always easy to decipher.

Juice of 1 lemon



Cook the pasta in a large pot of salted boiling water until al dente. Strain quickly and return to the pan. Add the olive tapenade and olive oil and toss to coat the pasta. Add the spinach, if using, and season generously with salt flakes and freshly ground black peoper. Add the prosciutto. olives and parmesan and toss to combine. Season again with salt, pepper and lemon juice. Taste and adjust the seasoning. Squeeze over some more lemon juice for brightness, if needed.

Using tongs, transfer pasta to serving bowls. Drizzle with a little extra olive oil (optional) and more olive tapenade to taste, and serve while still nice and hot.

The Australian War Memorial is calling for volunteers to transcribe thousands of love letters contained in its National Collection

as part of a new digital platform Transcribe.

The project is being launched on Saint Valentine's Day, 14 February, with the digital release of hundreds of thousands of personal letters, diaries and other hand-written documents that are part of the collections of the Australian War Memorial.

Among the documents is a love letter written by an Australian soldier in the hours before he died in the landing at Gallipoli. There are also love letters from Australian pilots in New Guinea, private letters from nurses serving their country overseas, and years of correspondence between prisoners of war and their lovers back in Australia.

Robyn Van-Dyk, Head of the Research Centre at the Australian War Memorial, said: "The letters are an intimate insight into the daily life of couples separated by war and we are fortunate to now share them as part of ... this important project.

Original hand-written letter decorated with love heart.

Terri-Anne Simmonds, Head of Digital Experience at the Memorial said: "Reading these letters is like travelling through time. But because they were written in places like prisoner of war camps and front-line trenches, and are often written in cursive script,

"This new website, encourages volunteer transcribers in assisting all Australians by turning these thousands of handwritten documents into digital text – which are then able to be searched and made more discoverable by the public on the Memorial's website

The new technology will enable the public to transcribe, review, and tag digitised pages from the National Collection.

Volunteer transcribers will join the project team at the official launch to be held at the Australian War Memorial on 14 February 2024 at 9am. The project was developed with the assistance of the Australian War Memorial's partner, Leidos Australia. To register an interest in volunteering, visit the Australian War Memorial's website.

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

	1 December 2023	The December edition of "The Branch" was published.			
1	0 December 2023	President Brian Tidyman and his wife enjoyed the RAAFA Christmas luncheon on "The Deck".			
2	20 December 2023	The Sub-Branch office closes for Christmas.			
	8 January 2024	The Sub-Branch Office opens for 2024			
	15 January 2024	Preparations commence for the Annual General Meeting to be held on Saturday 24 February 2024.			
	19 January 2024	Nominations open for Sub-Branch committee places.			
	25 January 2024	First Board Meeting of the year.			
	7 February 2024	President Brian and Deputy President Brad Gray were delighted to meet Mariella Simmons, co-author of "Dear Luisa". You can find out more information about "Dear Luisa" on page 11.			
	8 February 2024	First Veterans' Day for 2024 held in the ANZAC Sports Bar.			
	9 February 2024	Nominations close for Sub-Branch committee places			
	13 February 2024	Secretary Kevin Collins and Treasurer Tracy assisted with the Women's Auxiliary AGM. Congratulations to the new President, Vice President and Secretary.			
	15 February 2024	President Brian was interviewed by Channel 7 in relation to the War Memorial's call for volunteers to transcribe love letters from days gone by. (see pic below).			
	22 February 2024	President Brian lead the National Day for War Animals Commemoration Service at Freedom Park.			
	23 February 2024	February Board Meeting - see note at bottom of page.			
	24 February 2024	President Brian chaired the Hervey Bay RSL Sub-Branch Inc. Annual General Meeting at Hervey House. Your committee for 2024 is named on page 11.			
	27 February 2024	The first Diggers Lunch of the year is held in Hervey House.			
	29 February 2024	President Brian met with Bruce from FCRC Parks & Gardens to discuss a new Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall.			
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- ♦ For the months of December, January and February the Sub-Branch provided an RSL Poppy Service at four funerals.
- ♦ Administrative assistance and/or supply of ordnance was provided to seven Ex-Service Organisations and cadets as

President Brian Tidyman having a lighthearted moment before being interviewed by Channel 7 (15 Feb 2024)

Update on ANZAC Day protocols

At the recent Committee Meeting held on Thursday 22 February 2024 the following items were noted:

- Hervey Bay RSL Sub-Branch Associate Members with voting rights at another Sub-Branch will be required to pay for entry to the private members' functions.
- The Hervey Bay RSL & Services Memorial Club will enforce the dress code and entry will be refused to those who do not comply. No refunds given.

You can find the Hervey RSL Club Dress Standards at: https://www.herveybayrsl.com.au/members/visitor-information

War in Vietnam

The earliest records of war in Vietnam show that in 111bc, China conquered what we know today as Vietnam.

After over 1100 years of resistance, Chinese rule is finally overthrown but it takes until 1428 before full Vietnamese independence is established.

By 1802 the French have eyes on Vietnam's natural resources and support the emperor to gain trade privileges.

The French, unable to obtain what they wanted by peaceful means, finally used their superior western military forces and invaded Vietnam in 1857 at Danang. Danang fell to the French in 1858, following by Saigon in 1861 and finally, after fierce resistance from the north, Hanoi fell in 1883.

On 25 August 1883 the name Vietnam was officially eliminated and replaced with French Indo-China. France then helped itself to Vietnam's resources from then on, but not without resistance.

In 1919 in Paris, a young revolutionary called Nguyen Ai Quoc tried to present the American President with an independence program, but was turned away. Finding no help from the free world, he turned to the communists for support. Eventually Nguyen and his supporters founded the Vietnamese Communist Party in Hong Kon in 1930, but upon their first uprising in Yen Bay, the French virtually destroyed this organisation.

In September 1940 Vietnam fell to the Japanese and the French collaborated to form an admin government.

On 10 May 1941 the Vietminh was formed to resist both the Japanese and the French. With the Americans taking up the Asia/Pacific War, American OSS teams supplied arms, equipment and advisors to the Vietminh to carry out resistance attacks and to rescue downed American pilots. During this period, Nguyen changed his name to Ho Chi Minh.

In Hanoi on 2 September 1945, Ho Chi Minh, with American OSS officers at his side, proclaimed the "Independent Democratic Republic of Vietnam" using terms of reference from the American Declaration of Independence. This was with high hopes of gaining American support for an independent Vietnam as due to his relations with the OSS he regarded the US as a friend to struggling peoples. Unfortunately for the Vietminh, the British were put in charge of the region to keep control and organise repatriation of Japanese POWs. The British were still firm believers of colonialism and supported re-establishing French control.

Over the next six months Ho Chi Minch wrote to the US President at least eight times requesting help in gaining aid and independence from France. OSS Officers also supported these claims but while America was against colonialism, it feared a communist administration even more and supported the French and their control was re-instated.

The French forces were low in numbers due to WWII so made a deal with the allies to release any German POW who was prepared to join the French Foreign Legion, this led to more than half of the Legion in Vietnam, post WWII, being Germans. Meanwhile, on the Vietminh side, over 3000 Japanese troops refused to surrender and joined their forces.

When no support was given by the Americans, the Vietminh Army grew in support and launched its first attack against the French in 19 December 1946. Over the next few years, the war became a stalemate with the French controlling the cities, and the Vietminh the countryside.

In 1950 the Americans signed a military aid program with France and American advisers were once again in Vietnam, only this time on the French side and against the Vietminh. This was brought about because the Americans needed to release its troops from Japan to fight in Korea. France was against the Japanese reforming its own defence force, but America received their agreement by offered to fund their "Little Asian war". With this additional support, the French stepped up its campaign and the war culminated in a set piece battle at Dien Bien Phu in 1954. It is now history that the French lost.

A Geneva Convention was established whereby Vietnam was split into the North with a communist administration and the South, a democracy. A general election as to be held in July of 1956 and in the meantime, both countries were to observe a freeze on foreign military personnel.

Unfortunately, the South Vietnamese President refused to recognise the Vietminh as a legitimate party and the unification elections did not eventuate. Tensions escalated between the two Vietnams and America, using "The Domino Principle" violated the Geneva Accord and in May 1956 sent in its first contingent of 350 military advisors.

Over the next few years foreign aid increased in both Vietnams and as conditions in South Vietnam became increasingly Americanised, the unsuitable term Vietminh, which means Vietnamese Patriot, had to disappear, so during 1957, they become known as the American term, 'Vietcong'. Conditions continued to escalate until Australia became involved in 1962 in what we now refer to as "The Vietnam War".

Bob Taylor 8 Vietnam Veteran

WHAT'S NEW IN THE MEMORABILIA COLLECTION

Recently donated is a Flag depicting the Battle Honours of the 36th (Ulster) Division British Army.

This is now on display in the foyer of the RSL & Services Memorial Club in the WWI section.

Kindly donated by the Ulster-Australia Loyalist Association prior to their 2024 WWI Battlefield Tour.





Our friends at
Wide Bay Motor Group
are offering a further \$500.00 off
the price of any vehicle purchase
until 30 June 2024
for any ex-service person
(regardless of TPI GST exemption).

Support your local RSL Club and affiliated businesses

THE HERVEY BAY RSL GROUP HERVEY BAY BAY SWATER BAR & ORFILL CLUBHOUSE CL

Memories of a Little Girl in the Time of War

This young girl remembers the war knocking on Australian shores As the Japs came closer to cause us fear Life in our hometown was a constant concern for what we held dear As our safety and freedom were threatened by this impending war

Not for this young girl who was all of 4
Felt safe with her parents love and care
Who were her one and all
But clearly remembers our everyday lives with
Rationing of sugar, butter and many things more
Short supply of goods galore at our corner store

Black curtains adorned our windows, to block our lights
From enemy planes that may drop bombs on our homes, and destroy our lives
An air raid shelter was dug by hand as my poor dad used shovel and pick
No fancy tools for the endeavour

There was a time when the sirens rang out with My mum taking me to shelter, in our dug out It may have been a practice run but This had to be acted on

The yanks came to save us from war and camped
At the University of St Lucia not far from our back door
A soldier or two would leave their bikes on our front porch
To make a getaway to a dance in town and woo our ladies from all around
We were rewarded for this good deed with treats galore
Such a feast or our poor souls

The end of the war eventually came with great jubilation and Celebrations from families and soldiers for towns and shores These memories are still in store
As this little girl still remembers all

By Josie Krebs





Did you know the Navy salute is different to Army and Air Force?

In the Australian Army and Royal Australian Air Force the salute is done with the palm open and facing forward, to show trust and a lack of concealed weapons.

In the Australian Navy the hand is tilted down to hide any dirt or grease - a tradition that dates back to when tar and pitch were used in sailing ships.

*Side note - The exact origins of the salute are debated. There are many variations around the world, but the modern Australian practice dates back from the late 19th century and was inherited from our British counterparts.





Look at these amazing silhouettes handmade by Sub-Branch member Robin Smyth! If you like these and want to find out how to

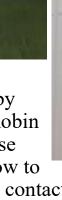
have one made for you contact Rob:



0450 922 011 or



robintheulsterman@gmail.com



Hervey Bay RSL Sub-Branch Annual General Meeting Saturday 24 February 2024

Following the AGM the 2024 Sub-Branch committee is as follows:

President: Brian Tidyman

Deputy President: Brad Gray Secretary: Kevin Collins

Treasurer: Tracy Gillespie

Committee: John Beattie

Christine Bell Vic Jackson

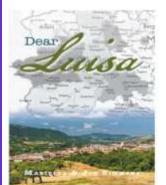
Simon Morley

Garry Reid

Toby Tidyman

Bill Wood

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



Dear Luisa

by Mariella Simmons & Jim Simmons

About the Book

A young Australian man signs up to go to war having little knowledge of how his life would be impacted in the future. World War II is the setting for this true story which tells of two people who meet in difficult and tragic circumstances. Jim, after serving at Tobruk, was captured and sent to POW camps in Germany and Italy. Luisa, born during WWI was raised in a small village in Italy. This is a love story of two ordinary people whose lives will be forever entwined by the horrors of that war and the impact it had on future generations.

About the Author

Mariella was born in the high country, Omeo, Victoria. Her family moved south to Werribee soon after where she spent her childhood. She lives in Hervey Bay, Queensland and has three children, Doug, Damien and Danielle, of whom she is very proud. Mariella has worked as an administration assistant, sales consultant, freelance artist and mother. She loves sewing, reading, walking, painting with acrylics, travelling, keeping active, great food and is passionate about barracking for her AFL team, Collingwood. Mariella and husband, Arthur, enjoy a relaxed peaceful life in an amazing part of the world.

Available now at Xlibris.com.au or call them on 1800 844 927







We had a very busy 2023 starting off with the National Day for War Animals Commemoration Service at Freedom Park on 24 February 2023. It was great to see the horses, dogs and a donkey participating in the service. Our Auxiliary laid a wreath and assisted with programmes.

The next big event on our calendar was ANZAC Day. The ladies were delighted to again do the White Crosses, which looked amazing on the day near the Light Horse Statue. We thank the RSL Club for letting us sell memorabilia in the foyer leading up to the day.

Our annual fundraiser, the Tombola, was held in June 2023 and it was the biggest and best one we've ever had and raised the most funds of all time. Those funds were distributed to:

- 1. The Hervey Bay RSL & Services Memorial Club Giving Tree.
- 2. The Dundowran Rural Fire Service.
- 3. Toogoom Rural Fire Service.
- 4. RACQ Life Flight.
- 5. Riverheads Rural Fire Service.
- 6. Riding for the Disabled.

Our membership increased in 2023 although we are always looking for more ladies to join us.

Our bus trips this year were organized by Pauline and Heather. They did a great job and all who went on those trips enjoyed themselves. Some highlights were visiting the strawberry farm, seeing the Llamas at Bundaberg and a fantastic Melbourne Cup luncheon at the Theebine Hotel.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the President, Committee and staff of the Hervey Bay RSL Sub-Branch for their assistance and support. As well, the Hervey Bay RSL & Services Memorial Club for their generosity to our Auxiliary.

As always, we thank our Secretary, Joan Hawkes, for her dedication to this very important role within our Auxiliary.

The ladies are already looking forward to a bumper 2024 for fundraising, outings and assisting the Hervey Bay RSL Sub-Branch with their Commemoration Services.

If you are looking at joining the Hervey Bay RSL Women's Auxiliary, for some interesting outings, friendship and enjoy fundraising, we would love to welcome you on board.

Our meetings are held monthly on Tuesdays at the Hervey Bay RSL Club. See the Sub-Branch for more information.

Janice Chick 3 Feb 2024





ANZAC Day 25 April 2024

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

Wristbands for the functions are available at the Sub-Branch between

0930hrs and 1200hrs from 18 March until 23 April 2024

ANZAC DAY LEST WE FORGET

Please see the Sub-Branch office for further details or check www.herveybayrslsubbranch.com.au |

*information may be subject to change



Hervey Bay RSL Sub-Branch President, Brian Tidyman, hosted the National Day for War Animals Commemoration Service at the Light Horse War Memorial in Freedom Park.

There were horses donkeys and medic dogs alongside the 9th Battalion Ceremonial Guard which made a great visual impact to the 60 or more folk who attended.

A special mention goes to the WBB QMI 5LHR Hervey Bay Troop Inc, the 5th Light Horse Regiment Gympie Troop, Stable Minds Equine Assisted Therapy for bringing their charges and participating in the service, and to Majestic White Dove Releases for their amazing doves at the end of the service.

Thank you to Chaplain Jeff Jarvis, Bugler Geoff Harper and Hervey Bay RSL Pipe Band Piper, Duncan Birt for their key contributions to the service.







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ROLLINGS, Ronald David	A12337	RAAF	01.01.2024
DEVINE, Bernard Patrick	3/410158	ARMY	10.01.2024
GAULD, Errol	1708761	ARMY	12.01.2024
SPARKS, Alexander William	R52019	NAVY	16.01.2024
CRAVEN, Richard Bruce	3/715199	ARMY	28.01.2024
HOOK, Brian Michael	A61147	RAAF	03.02.2024
MEREDITH, Myrtle	QF267892	ARMY	17.02.2024
SCHULTZ, Robert Alan	138057	ARMY	20.02.2024
CHAPPEL, Ailsa	QF273754	ARMY	26.02.2024

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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/Toby Tidyman C/- HB RSL Sub-Branch	First Monday of the month og:30am Hervey Bay RSL Club
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 Q 4655 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 HERVEY BAY Q 4655	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
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
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