

THE BRANCH

NEWSLETTER



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Hervy Bay Sub Branch

September 2022



Welcome Members, to this September edition for 2022 of “The Branch”

In June I attended the State RSL AGM, and the new Constitution was passed which means that we can now move on, and your Sub-Branch can submit our own revised Constitution. It will be a lengthy process as it has to be approved by the Members before it goes to State.

As to the election of the State Vice President, it went to the incumbent Bill Whitburn OAM. Unfortunately, the Delegates were not looking to the future in giving the younger Member ago.

In July I attended the District General Meeting in Bundaberg, and the new Constitution was tabled for approval but was set aside so as some changes can be made which will reflect a more transparent Constitution.

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I also raised the question as to when DVA will be running more ATDP courses as we are desperate to have volunteers trained so as to better serve the Veteran community.

Pension and Wellbeing sections are very busy, as usual, as the Hervey Bay Membership keeps growing. I would like to thank the staff of these sections for their diligence and challenging work looking after Veterans' needs.

The Pension and Wellbeing section are available 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 Hervey Bay 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 as I will listen and hopefully the problem can be solved quickly.

Until next issue stays safe and healthy

Brian

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



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



11-13 Torquay Road, Pialba 4655



DATES TO REMEMBER 2022

Annual General Meeting

Last Saturday in February each year

February 26 10:30am

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

General Meetings

May 7 10:30am

August 6 10:30am

November 5 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 a variation in February due to the National Day for War Animals commemoration service, and again in April when the Committee meeting is held before ANZAC Day.

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 10</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>



Hervey Bay RSL Sub-Branch Pensions Service

Who are we?

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

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

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

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

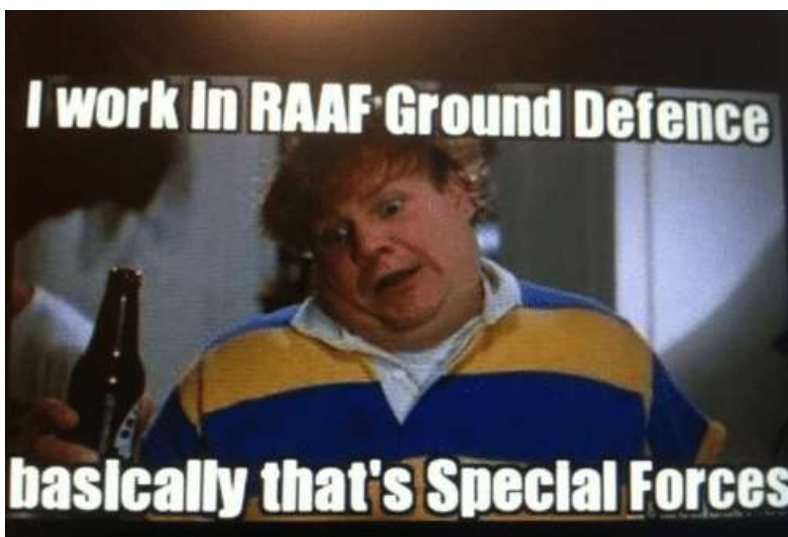
- Highly experienced in lodging claims under the
Veterans Entitlements Act (VEA),
Safety, Rehabilitation & Compensation Act (SRCA) and
Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act (MRCA);
- Caring and qualified to practice in their areas of expertise;
- Able to draw on a wealth of operational and broad-based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

Services We Offer

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

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

Ph: 07 4184 9496



Hervey Bay RSL Sub-Branch Wellbeing Team

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

How can they help?

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

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

How to contact the Wellbeing Team:

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

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

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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.**

Mateship meant everything

Dutchy (Ernest) Lensing had already started the paperwork to join the Australian Army before he was even 17. Born in Holland, Dutchy and his family migrated to Australia via a sponsorship. He was seven at the time.

He worked as a “grease monkey” and apprentice pastry chef as a 16-year-old just to pass the time until he could sign on the dotted line.

He had the desire to do something meaningful. Perhaps it was because he was born during The Battle of Arnhem in the Second World War in 1944. Maybe it was because his grandfather served in the Dutch Army and an uncle in the Navy; whatever the reasoning for his call to service, he just knew it's what he wanted to do. In August 1961, Dutchy signed up to the 1st Battalion RAR and started training as an infantry soldier.

Subsequently he was posted to 4 RAR in Malaysia including Active Service in Borneo) then to 3 RAR and Active Service in Vietnam, where seven of his mates lost their lives. In his 20 years of being enlisted he spent 11 years in active service and another nine in other units. He spent some time behind an office desk in Melbourne doing clerical work for about two years, which wasn't suited to the self-confessed bushy.

A transfer to become a recruit training instructor was where he felt at home, followed by time in the Ordinance unit, which supplied all equipment, vehicles, POL, food and ammunition to the Army.

So, for Dutchy - a much-loved and respected member of the Hervey Bay RSL Sub-Branch - Anzac Day is a day of reflection for the fallen and those who served, with two key elements playing on his mind each time poignant commemorations take place. He said mateship and discipline was what helped keep them alive while out on the battlefield. “Anzac Day to me means a gathering of a bunch of old mates, some who we don't see all year,” Dutchy said. “Anzac Day of course goes back to World War 1 ... it was our greatest military failure of all time, however, it's become a focal point because of the mateship and discipline that was endured during that time which allowed them to survive and get through it! “Everyone backed everyone up and helped everyone out and we may have had many more casualties than we did without it.

“Discipline was also bred into us as young soldiers. I think about that. I think about how I reacted in situations in my time under fire, and I think that those two things held us together, kept us together and stopped panic from setting in. It kept people honest.”

“Anzac Day for me is very important, and to many people, and over time we have related to our own particular conflicts that we've been involved in, and we look back at ourselves and say: ‘Have we justified what our forbearers did?’ “You like to think when we walk away that we have, that we have justified or perhaps even equalled what they achieved. “It's a very important day. It's the making of Australia as far as I'm concerned.”

Lest We Forget!

Written by Kerrie Alexander and reprinted with permission



President Brian Tidyman presenting Women's Auxiliary Members, Esme Fay, with her Life Membership Certificate.
June 2022

The Kindergarten and pre-Kindergarten children at Goodstart Pialba created this amazing poster for our members. Now hanging proudly in the Sub-Branch office.
June 2022



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

- 14 Jun 2022 - A delegation of committee attended at Stable Minds Equine Assisted Therapy to meet Jock and the therapy horses and donkeys (see article page 10).
- 14 June 2022 - President Brian Tidyman and Business Manager Lisa attended the AGM (by phone) for the Body Corporate for Signature Building.
- 14 June 2022 - President Brian was delighted to present Esme Fay with her Certificate of Life Membership of the Hervey Bay RSL Women's Auxiliary at their monthly meeting (see picture page 6).
- 17 June 2022 - the Kindergarten and pre-kindergarten children at Goodstart Pialba gave the Sub-Branch members a poster they made thanking all for their service. This is now hanging proudly in our Sub-Branch office (see picture page 6).
- 23 June 2022 - The Sub-Branch held their monthly meeting in The Boardroom.
- 24 - 26 June 2022 - President Brian, accompanied by his wife Rose, attended the State AGM in Brisbane.
- 5 July 2022 - President Brian attended at Radio 107.5 and appeared on Dave Grainger's show to talk about all things Sub-Branch!
- 2 July 2022 - President Brian, accompanied by his wife, Rose, were delighted to attend the Naval Association Fraser Coast Sub-Section Annual Formal Dinner at the RSL Club.
- 7 July 2022 - President Brian was pleased to accept a Certificate of Appreciation from the Veterans of Australia for the Hervey Bay RSL Sub-Branch sponsorship of their rally car #05 entry into this year's Dunga Derby (see article page 12).
- 10 July 2022 - President Brian led the Rimau/KRAIT commemoration service at the KRAIT memorial in Dayman Park (see article page 11).
- 16-17 July 2022 - President Brian attended the Wide Bay Burnett District RSL Meeting at Bundaberg, accompanied by his wife, Rose.
- 22 July 2022 - President Brian was invited to the D Coy 3RAR reunion Meet & Greet session at the RSL Club.
- 22 July 2022 - We say goodbye to Wellbeing Admin Alicia Jabs.
- 25 July 2022 - Leanne Mizzi joins the Sub-Branch team as an Advocate in training working out of the Pensions & Wellbeing office on the 2nd floor of the Signature Building.
- 26 July 2022 - This month's Diggers Lunch was a Christmas in July theme (see article page 11).
- 26 July 2022 - Michael "Tiny" Andersen joins the Sub-Branch Committee filling a casual vacancy until the next AGM.
- 2 August 2022 - President Brian, Deputy President Brad Gray and Secretary Kevin Collins met with Fraser Coast Regional Council representatives, Bruce and Tracy, at Freedom Park to discuss further works on the slope.
- 6 August 2022 - President Brian presided over the July Quarterly General Meeting held in Hervey House.
- 9 August 2022 - President Brian attended the Hervey Bay RSL Women's Auxiliary 92nd birthday celebrations on "The Deck" at the RSL Club.
- 15 August 2022 - President Brian led the VP Day commemoration service at the Cenotaph, Freedom Park. (See pictures page 13).
- 18 August 2022 - Deputy President Brad Gray and committee attended the Vietnam Veterans Day commemoration service at Freedom Park.
- *For the months of June, July and August the Sub-Branch provided an RSL Poppy Service at eight funerals.*
- *Administrative assistance and/or supply of ordnance was provided to 11 Ex-Service Organisations and cadets as well as six volunteer / welfare / community organisations in the Hervey Bay area.*

"Wisdom and Knowledge" A poem by Sub-Branch member Ian Williams

I am born of the union of man and woman
 I was nurtured by the wisdom of good advice
 Strength of hard work has given shape and substance
 Teachers of school have bestowed much knowledge in me
 Wisdom, strength, knowledge and life these have given me
 My mantle and substance it now give me purpose
 and meaning of life
 I help those who need assistance
 Many give me council to impart wisdom and advice

My father did tutor me in the truth and faith
 Now time has delivered decay to my body
 Thought my mind is full of knowledge
 I still thirst for more understanding
 My cup is full, but it is empty
 I am devoid of some essential knowledge
 And for this I thirst.....
 As if words of wisdom will quench me

Bring forth this learning for what I seek
 My aim is to be whole and confident
 Watch over me and guide me
 So, I may learn the truth
 And, be given the wisdom to follow
 Though I be of good faith and compassion
 I am selfish to be whole of knowledge and truth.

Left Pic: Marg and Bernie Devine with Bill Boswell, two of the three Korea War Veterans remaining Hervey Bay

Right Pic: Rev'd Jeff Jarvis, Hervey Bay RSL Sub-Branch President Brian Tidyman, Secretary Kevin Collins with Hervey Bay RSL Women's Auxiliary member Jan Marshall, Member for Hervey Bay Adrian Tantari and Sub-Branch Deputy President Brad Gray.



The Hervey Bay RSL Sub-Branch held a service of commemoration for the Korea War veterans at the Cenotaph in Freedom Park.

The small gathering was welcomed before Rev'd Jeff Jarvis offered a prayer for those souls who served in what is termed "The Forgotten War". The service continued with a short speech from Sub-Branch President Brian Tidyman followed by wreath laying.

After the service, the two Korea War Veterans, and the widow of another, were treated to lunch and drinks at the RSL Club.

Korea War Veterans Day 2022



Hello to all,

Since the last report we have had our Tombola which was once again a big success. Hoping all who attended had an enjoyable morning. Thanks to all the ladies who helped on the day.

To Esmé Fay, Nel Frahm and Janice Nielsen for attending the Korea commemoration service in July many thanks. Although numbers were small I have been told that the service was most impressionable. To Esmé and Nell for placing the wreath on our behalf, thank you.

This August we, as an Auxiliary, were fortunate enough to celebrate our 92nd birthday. After our monthly meeting we were treated to a luncheon on "The Deck", 23 members in attendance. The cutting of the cakes were rather special as we had our four Life Members along with Hervey Bay RSL Sub-Branch President Brian Tidyman and Women's Auxiliary President Janice Chick to do this honour. We feel very proud and honoured to have come this far. To the members and committee of the past thank you for your efforts in making our Auxiliary the success it is today.

Ladies will be going on another mystery bus trip in September. These are always fun days which are enjoyed by all who attend. To Heather and Pauline, thank you for the job that you do, it is much appreciated by all.

Our next main event will be Remembrance Day in November. We hope we can count on your support with the selling of the Poppies.

There being no further news I shall say goodbye, 'til next time.

Have a great day and take care.

Joan Hawkes, Secretary.





Welcome to the
NAVAL ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA
Queensland Section inc
Monthly Ceremony.
Jack's Memorial
Southbank

The purpose of the monthly ceremonies is to commemorate the service of Officers and Sailors of the Royal Australian Navy. On the last Thursday of each month, at 11.00 the State Executive selects one or two Officers and/or Sailors and highlights their service. This month we are highlighting those who did serve in HMA Ships in the Vietnam War. We also remember Ordinary Seaman Quartermaster Gunner Raymond John Butterworth and Chief Petty Officer Ray Hunt who paid the supreme sacrifice when on 17 June 1968, Hobart was attacked by aircraft. Although the aircraft was evaluated as friendly it continued to close and fired three missiles. The first missile killed Ordinary Seaman Butterworth and wounded Able Seaman JK Parker and Ordinary Seaman RF Davidson.



The second and third missile hit the ship's transom where Chief Petty Officer Hunt was killed and several sailors injured. At 8000 yards the crew of Hobart's forward gun engaged the aggressor, firing five rounds in local control, causing it to turn away before being lost to radar south of Tiger Island.

Naval Operations in Vietnam by Josef Stracek

Between 1965 and 1972 elements of the RAN undertook continuous operational service in Vietnam. During this period the Navy performed a variety of operational tasks at sea, ashore and in the air. The RAN's primary contribution consisted of destroyers, Fleet Air Arm personnel attached to a United States (US) Army assault



helicopter company and the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) No. 9 Squadron, a Clearance Diving Team, and a logistic support force consisting of transport and escort ships. Other RAN personnel served ashore in medical teams or performed staff duties at the Australian Embassy in Saigon or the Australian Task Force Headquarters in Nui Dat. The RAN Fleet Band also completed a short tour of Vietnam entertaining troops during periods of rest and recreation (RAR).

The Vietnam War was not a markedly naval conflict but for the 13,500 members of the RAN who saw active service it was undoubtedly a high tempo environment. The RAN's contribution, although small in comparison to that of the United States Navy (USN), was diverse and played a significant part in the Australian Forces overall commitment.



Though the RAN did not become operationally involved in the Vietnam conflict until 1965, HMA Ships Vampire and Quikmatch were the first ships in the area when they made a goodwill visit to Saigon in 1962. They were followed the next year by the Q Class destroyers HMA Ships Guilberon and Queensborough. These were not



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operational visits: but designed to show Australian government support for the government in Saigon, and members of the ship's company visited the Vietnamese Special Forces training centre and carried out other 'flag showing' activities. During the 1963 visit the small Vietnamese naval vessel K9 304 accidentally rammed and holed Guilberon while coming alongside her.

On the gun line - HMA Ships Hobart, Perth, Brisbane and Vendetta



The largest single commitment by the Royal Australian Navy to Vietnam was the provision of a destroyer on a rotational basis to the United States Navy's Seventh Fleet for service on what became known as the 'gunline'. RAN warships provided naval gunfire support from March 1967 to September 1971. They also participated in Operation SEA DRAGON, the bombardment of North Vietnamese military targets and the interdiction of supply routes and logistic craft along

the coast of North Vietnam from the Demilitarised Zone to the Red River Delta, from April 1967 until it was suspended in November 1968.

The first RAN destroyers to deploy to Vietnam were the Charles F Adams Class guided missile destroyers (DDG) Hobart, Perth and Brisbane. The Australian DDGs were well suited for the task of providing Naval Gunfire Support (NGS). Armed with two 5-inch 54-calibre gun mounts that fired a standard 76-pound High Explosive (HE) shell, they were capable of bringing down accurate 5-inch gunfire at a rate of 40 rounds per minute on targets at ranges beyond 14 nautical miles in most conditions.



The Daring Class destroyer HMAS Vendetta was also deployed for service on the gunline. Her main armament consisted of six 4.5-inch guns that were capable of providing accurate and rapid fire to a range of nine nautical miles at a rate of 16 rounds per gun per minute. In good conditions Vendetta's guns were capable of expending up to 100 rounds per minute.

HMAS Hobart was the first DDG to join the US Seventh Fleet on 15 March 1967 beginning the six monthly rotation of RAN destroyers for service on the gunline. Hobart and Perth deployed three times to Vietnam, Brisbane twice and Vendetta once. The destroyers carried

out NGS missions in all of South Vietnam's four military regions and Hobart and Perth were actively involved in SEA DRAGON. Hobart and Perth came under fire on a number of occasions. Perth was hit once during her first deployment and Hobart suffered two killed and seven wounded when she was mistakenly hit by missiles fired from a United States Air Force jet aircraft.

Hobart was awarded a US Navy Unit Commendation in recognition of her service in Vietnam while Perth received both the US Navy Unit Commendation and the US Meritorious Unit Commendation. This honour allowed both ships to fly distinguishing pennants known as 'burges' from their matchless when alongside for the duration of their commission.

In their five years service in Vietnam, the four gunline destroyers steamed over 395,000 miles and fired 102,546 rounds.



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Logistic support and the Vung Tau Ferry

Mention The Vung Tau Ferry to any Vietnam veteran and they will immediately recall HMAS Sydney (81), the former aircraft carrier that was later converted as a fast troop transport and destined to become the mainstay of naval logistic support operations for Australian forces in Vietnam.



Commissioned in 1948, HMAS Sydney (81) was a keystone in the development of Australia's post war naval aviation capability and served with distinction in the Korean War. HMAS Sydney (81) was converted for troopship duties in the early 1960s and began her first voyage to Vietnam in May 1965, transporting the First Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, from Sydney to Vung Tau in southern Vietnam.

HMAS Sydney (81) was nicknamed the 'Vung Tau Ferry', completing 24 voyages to and from South Vietnam.

Between 1965 and 1972, HMAS Sydney (81) undertook 25 voyages to Vietnam and transported 16,094 troops, 5753 deadweight tons of cargo and 2375 vehicles. On her first voyage four days were taken to unload cargo in Vung Tau. On subsequent voyages this turn around time was reduced to a matter of hours.

On every voyage HMAS Sydney (81) was ably supported by at least one escort that provided a measure of protection against potential hostile forces. She had up to four escorts in 1965 and 1966, including at times the flagship HMAS Melbourne. Other escorts included HMA Ships Anzac, Derwent, Duchess, Parramatta, Stuart, Swin, Torrens, Vampire, Vendetta and Yarra.



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In 1966 the Vietnam supply line was supplemented by two Australian National Line (ANL) cargo ships, Jeparit and Boonaroo. These ships were chartered by the Department of Shipping and Transport on behalf of the Australian Army to transport military vehicles, ammunition, aid and canteen supplies.



In March 1967 members of the Seamen's Union refused to man Jeparit and Boonaroo. To overcome this difficulty, Boonaroo was immediately commissioned by the Royal Australian Navy with a full naval crew for one return voyage to Cam Ranh Bay and Singapore.

In the case of Jeparit, existing crew who were prepared to continue

to serve in the ship were supplemented by a Royal Australian Navy detachment. She made 21 voyages under the Red Ensign with a combined Merchant Navy/Royal Australian Navy crew. Further industrial action in December 1969 prompted the Federal Government to commission Jeparit as one of Her Majesty's Australian Ships. HMAS Jeparit made a further 17 incident-free voyages under the Australian White Ensign. In all she carried 175,000 deadweight tons of cargo to Vietnam before returning to ANL control in March 1972.

Today's address will be provided by D. Derek Marrable MBE. Derek was born Donald Derek Marrable in Dunfermline, Scotland in 1940. He joined the Royal Australian Naval College in 1957 then the Royal Naval College Dartmouth, UK, 1961. He was first posted to HMAS VOYAGER and HMAS Curlew in 1963.

Derek served in HMAS CURLEW during operational Minesweeping tasks in the Solomon Islands and later during Indonesian confrontation. Derek continued his career as a career Gunnery Officer, which saw him graduate from

HMS EXCELLENT The Royal Navy's Gunnery School in Portsmouth as Dagger G. As Gunnery Officer of HMAS DERWENT, he served in the Far East Strategic Reserve and Vietnam after which he joined the Guided Missile Destroyer HMAS PERTH for further action in Vietnam. During this service, he was awarded the MBE.



The citation read

"During HMAS Perth's third deployment firing 10,000 rounds of 5 inch ammunition in support of onshore operations her Gunnery Officer, Lieutenant Commander Derek Marrable was appointed an MBE for his exceptional professional ability throughout the period of operations, his cheerfulness and resource were an inspiration to all officers and sailors on board.

His calm application to his duties was of outstanding benefit and influence on the fighting efficiency of the ship."

After an appointment to the Australian Embassy in Washington, he returned to Australia in 1976 as Executive Officer of HMAS BRISBANE and was selected for promotion to Commander. He retired from the Service in 1977.

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SUB-BRANCH COMMITTEE VISIT TO STABLE MINDS EQUINE ASSISTED THERAPY - JUNE 2022

Ian "Jock" Lindsay from Stable Minds Equine Assisted Therapy ("SMEAT") invited the Hervey Bay RSL Sub-Branch committee and wellbeing team to visit his property and meet the horses Tiger, Ringer and Mac, and the donkeys Quavo and Diego.

The Sub-Branch is a proud sponsor of SMEAT and spent the morning mingling with the horses and donkeys and exploring the property.

Thank you to our host Jock, and his team, for showing us around and providing an overview of the good work SMEAT does with veterans and the community in general.



On 6 July 2022, Hervey Bay RSL Sub-Branch Committee Member Simon Morley attended a function to celebrate the centenary of Mr Dennis Jackson (FLGOFF RAF RTD + Fighter Pilot WWII).

Mr Jackson was presented with certificates from RSL Queensland and the Hervey Bay RSL Sub-Branch.

Congratulations Dennis on your 100th Birthday!



11 July 2022



Thankyou to Colleen Crabb for the photographs



The Fraser Coast turned on the sunshine for the Rimau/KRAIT Commemoration at Dayman Park.

Hervey Bay Sub-Branch President Brian Tidyman commenced the service thanking the large crowd for attending and acknowledging the numerous cadets from TS KRAIT, 181ACU, Air League and the Air Force Cadets.

Sub-Branch Secretary Kevin Collins tolled the bell after each of the 23 names of those who were involved in the raid in Singapore Harbour were read out.

Thanks to Geoff Harper on the bugle, Kier Welch from the Hervey Bay RSL Pipe Band and Rev'd Jeff Jarvis for your participation in this commemoration service.

The Hervey Bay RSL Sub-Branch once again hosted the

Christmas in July Diggers Lunch.

This year 83 veterans and their carers attended at the Hervey Bay RSL & Services Memorial Club for an enjoyable luncheon complete with Christmas presents for everyone and some knee slapping entertainment by Just Us Duo.

Thank you to our amazing Wellbeing volunteers and the carers for making this a great occasion. Big shout out to our guests from Masters Lodge who had the rowdiest table of the day!
26 July 2022





MEMORABILIA BY SIMON MORLEY

VICKERS .303 Machine Gun leather ammo case made in Australia 1944.

These were also used to carry the tool kit for the VICKERS MG

Kindly donated by Andrew Feenstra.

You can see this on display at the RSL Club in the foyer along with many other items from WWII. Why not come in and see what else is new?

If you have any military memorabilia that you would like to donate please contact Simon at the Sub-Branch on 4197 7477.

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Veterans of Australia Car #05 Dunga Derby 2022

The Hervey Bay RSL Sub-Branch has again sponsored the Veterans of Australia Car #05 entry in this year's Dunga Derby. President, Brian Tidyman accepted a Certificate of Appreciation from the President of Veterans of Australia, Hervey Bay, Kenneth Wayne Craker.

A short presentation was given to this year's sponsors outlining the excellent teamwork needed to get this far, and the fun and adventure this event brings to all involved. We wish them well with their fundraising efforts.



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



CHICKEN ENCHILADA CAKE

Ingredients

8 tortillas (20cm)

450g jar enchilada sauce or salsa

2 cups cooked chicken shredded

1 1/2 cups mozzarella cheese grated



This recipe is from
The Easiest One Pot
Cookbook Ever



SERVES 4

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 180C.
2. Line a 20cm round cake tin with baking paper.
3. Make layers in this order: tortilla, enchilada sauce, chicken, and cheese.
4. Continue the layering process until all ingredients are used, ending with a layer of tortilla, enchilada sauce and cheese.
5. Bake until the cheese is completely melted and the sauce is bubbling, 30 minutes.
6. Cool for 10 minutes before slicing.

Recipe Notes

Optional: This is a brilliant veggie smuggler. I often add kidney beans, corn, spring onions, red capsicum and any number of fresh herbs.



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VP DAY 15 August 2022

Hervey Bay RSL Sub-Branch President Brian Tidyman led the service of commemoration for Victory in the Pacific Day at the Cenotaph in Freedom Park.

President Brian's speech noted the millions of Australians that served in WWII, the massive loss of life and included the long campaigns in the region that get overlooked such as Burma, India, Ceylon, Thailand and China.

Rev'd Jeff Jarvis prayer remembered not only all those who served but also included the womenfolk back at home who kept the factories and armaments going for the cause.



- ← VOA President Clive Saunders with Hervey Bay RSL & Services Memorial Club President Ray Eustace;
- ↑ Hervey Bay RSL Sub-Branch Deputy President Brad Gray, Fraser Coast Regional Councillor David Lee, Naval Association Fraser Coast President Danny Meredith and John Holmes wreath laying at the Cenotaph, Freedom Park.
- ↗ WWII Veteran Ken Hayden
- Representing the RSL Social Bowls is David Milne accompanied by his wife, Teresa.

42 DAYS ALONE ACROSS THE INDIAN OCEAN ON A 22 FOOT BOAT

“On those magical moonless nights, with the black sky full of stars that I could almost reach out and touch, I realised that I was totally alone in the middle of this vast ocean.” – Greg Currie

Alone – A Sailor’s Life

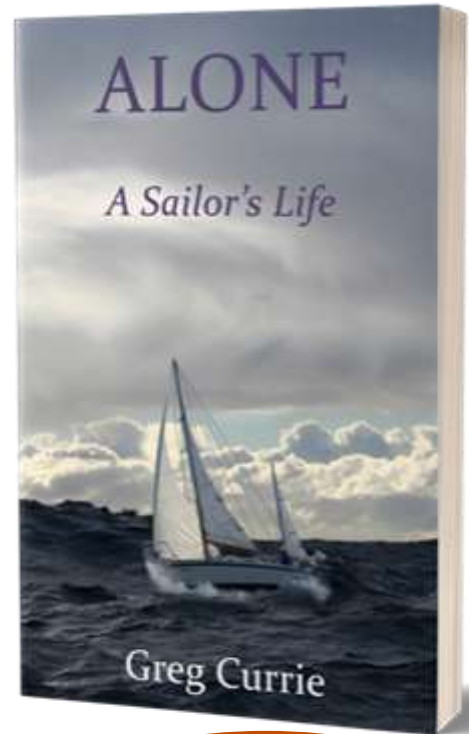
Author: Greg Currie

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What drives someone to climb a mountain, trek across a desert, or sail solo around the world? Is it to satisfy a sense of adventure, a test of personal strength, or just sheer stupidity?

For Greg Currie, former Navy Reserve psychologist officer, it was none of these. Following a traumatic deployment to Banda Aceh after the 2004 Boxing Day tsunami, Greg tries to outrun his depression and his problems. He sets sail in his 22-foot yacht, *Bekka*, to travel solo from Australia to South Africa.

His journey across the notorious Indian Ocean is beset with problems and near disasters but with steely determination, help from the sailing fraternity, and a lot of luck, he achieves his goal. When he isn’t making repairs to his boat, battling storms, getting lost at sea, and narrowly avoiding colliding with ships, Greg recalls the many challenges in his life. With help from a journal he kept on the trip and hours of alone-time for reflection, he tells his tale of survival. But it is more than a sailing story, more than a memoir. *Alone: a Sailor’s Life* is about a man running away from his problems only to realise that he must confront the demons that haunt him and accept himself.



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About the Author:



Greg Currie is a retired clinical psychologist who now lives in Hervey Bay, Queensland, Australia. He first left home to join the Royal Australian Navy as an apprentice when he was 15 years old. Discharging from the Navy after nearly 8 years he worked in an eclectic range of jobs including electrical draftsman, barman, waiter, taxi driver, theatre restaurant compere and radio announcer before studying to become a psychologist and re-joining the Navy as a Reserve Psychology Officer in 1997. After nearly 30 years in private practice as a clinical psychologist he moved to Hervey Bay to enjoy his retirement. He now spends his time sailing the waters of beautiful Queensland, and writing when the mood takes him. Greg is married, has two daughters, as well as two step-sons, four grandchildren and one step-granddaughter who all live in Brisbane.

Alone - A Sailor’s Life is available to order directly from the author at gregpsyc@hotmail.com or through Amazon books.

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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	
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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.	
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