



**RSL**  
Hervey Bay Sub Branch

# THE BRANCH

## NEWSLETTER

**September 2023**



## Welcome Members to this edition of "The Branch"

The year is coming to an end very quickly and before we know it Christmas will be upon us.

Since the last edition, the Sub-Branch has commemorated Rimau/KRAIT, Korea and VP Day which were supported very well by veterans.

I attended Vietnam Veterans Day at Freedom Park and laid a wreath on behalf of the Sub-Branch. This service was down on numbers from last year, but a few veterans were in Canberra and of course the number of Vietnam Veterans are declining.

Unfortunately we have had some vandalism at Freedom Park with the interpretive boards being removed and re-appearing within days but damaged.

❏ Last Friday I attended a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner in Gin Gin for the withdrawal of Australian forces from Vietnam. The local Sub-Branch is to be congratulated on a very enjoyable evening.

We are saddened by the passing of Lt Col. Harry Smith SG MC (ret'd) and WO1 Peter Cowan MBE (ret'd), both outstanding servicemen who's lives and achievements are an inspiration to current and future Australian Defence Force personnel.

The Pension & Wellbeing section can be contacted on 07 4184 9496 Monday to Friday between 0900-1500hrs at 19-21 Torquay Rd Pialba on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. If out of hours, please contact the RSL Club reception for the contact phone number.

I hope all members are in a healthy space and if, sadly, you are not, and you need help with wellbeing, please do not hesitate to contact us for assistance. My door is always open for any member to come and have a chat or if you have a grievance, I'm available to listen.

Until next issue stay 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](http://herveybayrslsubbranch.com.au) or



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

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# DATES TO REMEMBER 2023

## Annual General Meeting

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>

*Hervey Bay RSL Women's Auxiliary President, Janice Chick, surprised RSL Club CEO Jason Lynch and RSL Sub-Branch President Brian Tidyman, with Certificates of Appreciation for their assistance with the Tombola fundraiser held in June 2023.*





# 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**



On Saturday 24 June, RSL Queensland members re-elected State Deputy President Ms Wendy Taylor for an additional three-year term during its Annual General Meeting at the State Congress in Brisbane.

Ms Taylor will continue to serve alongside RSL Queensland State President Major General Stephen Day DSC AM and State Vice President Bill Whitburn OAM.

RSL Queensland CEO Robert Skoda with newly reappointed Deputy State President Wendy Taylor and State Vice President Bill Whitburn OAM

# **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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# **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.**

## KOREA WAR VETERANS COMMEMORATION SERVICE FREEDOM PARK CENOTAPH, 27 JULY 2023



← Hervey Bay RSL Womens' Auxiliary Secretary Joan Hawkes with Korea War Veteran Widow, Esme Fay.



← Wreath layers: Hervey Bay RSL Sub-Branch Secretary Kevin Collins representing the Korea War Veterans, Hervey Bay RSL Sub-Branch Deputy President Brad Gray Fraser Coast Regional Councillor David Lee and Member for Hervey Bay Adrian Tantara at the Cenotaph in Freedom Park for Korea War Veterans Commemoration Service.

Well this year is going fast especially when some shops are starting to bring out Christmas decorations.

Since last reporting we, as an auxiliary, have been on several bus trips which our members have enjoyed immensely. To Heather and Pauline for arranging these, many thanks.

In June we once again held our Tombola morning which was a huge success. To you the public for your support, we wish to say many thanks, for without you we would not be able to help those who require assistance.

To the ladies who placed floral tributes on our behalf at the Commemoration Services, we thank you sincerely, as these services are what we, as an auxiliary, are all about. Just seeing the diggers and the pride they have - words cannot describe.

In August, the ladies of the auxiliary celebrated our 94th birthday and those who attended had a really enjoyable day. Thanks to member Nell, for doing our cake (see pic on page 10). Looking forward to next year - this is truly a milestone for any auxiliary!

Coming up, we have Remembrance Day and then it will be time in December for all to have a break and prepare for the coming year.

More bus trips will be forthcoming.

Hoping all are keeping well.

Yours,  
Joan Hawkes  
Secretary

22 August 2023

**Our auxiliary meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month  
at 10:30am upstairs at the RSL Club.  
If you would like to join please come along  
you would be most welcome**





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

- 6 June 2023 - President Brian Tidyman appeared on Radio FM107.9 to talk to Dave Grainger about all things Sub-Branch
- 7 June 2023 - The Hervey Bay RSL latest edition of The Branch is published.
- 24 June 2023 - President Brian and his wife Rose attend the RSL Queensland State Congress in Brisbane. Wendy Taylor was re-elected as State Deputy President (see article page 4)
- 25 June 2023 - Preparations commence for Korea War Veterans Day Commemoration Service.
- 1 July 2023 - Wellbeing Co-ordinator Chrissy Dimitriou relinquishes her position to commence work as an Advocate in Training.
- 1 July 2023 - Wellbeing Administrator, Louise Shipard, is promoted to Wellbeing Co-ordinator.
- 4 July 2023 - President Brian appears on Fraser Coast FM107.5 and talks to Dave Grainger about all things Sub-Branch.
- 14 July 2023 - The Hervey Bay Quilters surprised the Sub-Branch with a beautiful display quilt depicting animals involved in war efforts over the years. This will be proudly displayed in the RSL Club foyer, our thanks go to the Hervey Bay Quilters and the Hervey Bay RSL & Services Memorial Club.
- 15 July 2023 - President Brian attended the WBB District RSL meeting in Bundaberg, accompanied by his wife, Rose.
- 17 July 2023 - Preparations commence for Victory in the Pacific commemoration.
- 25 July 2023 - Baycrest Hervey Bay donated memorabilia - a big thank you to Dani Shannon at Bolton Clarke.
- 25 July 2023 - The Wellbeing Team hosted an excellent Christmas in July Diggers Lunch in Hervey House (see pictures on page 12).
- 27 July 2023 - President Brian leads the service of commemoration at the Cenotaph in Freedom Park for Korea War Veterans' Day (see article on previous page).
- 28 July 2023 - Channel 7 Wide Bay came to interview President Brian in relation to the Fraser Coast Regional Council withdrawing funding support for ANZAC Day. It will now be a grant application with no guarantee of any funding at all.
- 31 July 2023 - The Fraser Coast Regional Council backflips and allocates the Hervey Bay RSL Sub-Branch \$1,000 towards the cost of ANZAC Day commemoration services.
- 5 August 2023 - President Brian chairs the August Quarterly General Meeting in Hervey House.
- 7 August 2023 - The Sub-Branch welcomes Kuni Wendel on to the Committee.
- 8 August 2023 - The Hervey Bay RSL Women's Auxiliary have their 94th Birthday celebration on "The Deck" at the RSL Club (see article on page 10).
- 9 August 2023 - Preparations for the Peacekeepers Day Commemoration Service commences.
- 14 August 2023 - The interpretive boards at Freedom Park are stolen and President Brian made a police report.
- 15 August 2023 - President Brian spoke to Dave Grainger on Fraser Coast FM107.5 about Vietnam Veterans Day.
- 15 August 2023 - President Brian led the service of commemoration for Victory In the Pacific, at the Cenotaph in Freedom Park (see article page 14)
- 15 August 2023 - The interpretive boards at Freedom Park have re-appeared but are damaged.
- 18 August 2023 - President Brian Tidyman attended the Vietnam Veterans' Day service at Freedom Park and laid a wreath (more on page 14)
- 24 August 2023 - Preparations commence for the Remembrance Day 2023 service and planning the function.
- 25 August 2023 - President Brian and his wife attend the Vietnam Veteran's Commemoration Dinner at the RSL Memorial Hall in Gin Gin (see picture in President's Report page 2).
- 26 August 2023 - Another successful Diggers Lunch was held in Hervey House.
- *For the months of June, July and August the Sub-Branch provided an RSL Poppy Service at two funerals.*
- *Administrative assistance and/or supply of ordnance was provided to nine Ex-Service Organisations and cadets as well as 18 volunteer / welfare / community organisations in the Hervey Bay area.*



## Rimau KRAIT Commemoration Service 9 July 2023

*On Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July the Hervey Bay RSL Sub-Branch held a commemorative service for the World War 2 Operation Rimau at the TS KRAIT memorial, Dayman Park, Hervey Bay.*

*The service was conducted by the Hervey Bay Sub-Branch President, Brian Tidyman, before a crowd of over seventy people. The catafalque party was presented by the TS KRAIT Cadets and Rev'd Jeffrey Jarvis led the prayers for the service.*

*The names of all those who were members of the "Operation Rimau" were read out and a bell tolled for each and every one of them. The TS KRAIT memorial is a main feature of Dayman Park and was erected in area that overlooks the waters to Fraser Island where the training took place for those who participated in Operation Rimau.*



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THE HERVEY BAY RSL GROUP







# Australian Navy Cadets

## Become a Volunteer

The TS KRAIT Navy Cadets are looking for Adult Volunteers.  
Are you interested?

You will be spending about 4 hours on Friday nights during school terms with the cadets. You will be provided with paperwork for a police check and Blue Card.

Once accepted, and upon completion of a task book for period of about 6 months you will become a Defence Approved Helper (DAH).

Completing more tasks will see you in uniform as a Midshipman - and more opportunities through the task books and courses, all of which is paid for by Defence.

TS KRAIT, have about 18 enthusiastic cadets.

You don't have to have a Navy back-ground , but this would be preferable.

SERVICE - COURAGE - RESPECT - INTEGRITY - EXCELLENCE



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Copy this link to watch more about volunteering with the Navy Cadets:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nasWrULnznw>

The Australian Navy Cadets is a community youth development organisation with a focus on providing a wide variety of challenging, exciting and safe activities in the maritime environment.

The local Navy Cadet Unit or Training Ship needs new and passionate volunteer Instructors to come onboard! Becoming a Navy cadet Instructor is equally challenging and rewarding. In addition to the personal fulfillment of being a Navy Cadet Instructor, an allowance can be claimed that recognises their time and their service to the community and the Navy Cadet organisation.

If you are passionate about providing the young men and women (13-17 years) the opportunity to develop their confidence, leadership and team-building skills that will properly prepare them to manage the challenges we all experience in life, then this is your chance to contribute!





**Happy 94th Birthday to the Hervey Bay RSL Women's Auxiliary!**  
The ladies enjoyed a lovely lunch on "The Deck" followed by the cutting of the cake by Hervey Bay RSL Sub-Branch President Brian Tidyman, to mark the special occasion.



Thank you to RSL Club Journalist Kerrie Alexander for the photos and article



HERVEY BAY RSL SUB-BRANCH VOLUNTEER DRIVER, ROB, TOOK A GROUP OUT TO COOLOOLA BERRIES IN THE SUB-BRANCH BUS ON THE WEEKEND.

## MEMORABILIA UPDATE

The Model of the H.M.S. VICTORY made by Mr Denis Forster has now been placed on display in the foyer.

We wish to thank Shaun Alexander and RSL Club CEO Jason Lynch for their assistance.

We also express our condolences to Mr Forster on the recent passing of his wife.





The Hervey Bay RSL Sub-Branch Wellbeing Team are proud to be a part of this community event



Awareness, Belonging, Connection

# Connecting for Awareness

Join us for a free and fun community event breaking the stigma around mental health! All ages welcome!

Wednesday, 11 October 2023

Scarness Park,  
Charlton Esplanade

Coffee & food  
available for  
purchase



Richmond  
Fellowship  
Queensland

From 5:30am:

Men's Walk and Talk BBQ Brekky from 5:30am,  
followed by a walk starting at 7:15am

10am to 2pm:

Lucky ticket prizes, crafts, lawn games,  
storytelling, face painting, plant potting,  
sound healing and Murri Tukka presentation.  
Entertainment by The Bus Stop Boys and  
Joella Dawson.

For more information, please contact  
Amanda at Richmond Fellowship Queensland  
on 0417 409 969 or [amanda.main@rfq.com.au](mailto:amanda.main@rfq.com.au)





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# Breakfast Naan Pizza



Active Time:	Total Time:	Servings:
10 mins	10 mins	1

## Nutrition Facts (per serving)

456	17g	52g	24g
Calories	Fat	Carbs	Protein

## Directions:

### Step 1

- ◇ Pre-heat oven to 220°.
- ◇ Coat a rimmed baking sheet with cooking spray.

## Ingredients:

- ◆ 1 wholemeal naan
- ◆ 2 tablespoons ricotta cheese
- ◆ 1 tablespoon marinara or pesto
- ◆ 1/2 teaspoon of lemon zest
- ◆ 1 large egg
- ◆ 1 tablespoon grated parmesan cheese
- ◆ Chopped fresh basil and pepper for garnish

### Step 2

- ◇ Place naan on the prepared pan. Mix ricotta, marinara (or pesto) and lemon zest in a small bowl.
- ◇ Spread the mixture onto the naan, creating a well in the centre. Carefully crack egg into the well. Sprinkle with parmesan.
- ◇ Bake until naan is golden, the egg white is set and the cheese is melted, 8-10 minutes.
- ◇ Garnish with basil and pepper, if desired.



*Don't forget to visit our webpage for  
all the latest Sub-Branch news.  
[www.herveybayrslsubbranch.com.au](http://www.herveybayrslsubbranch.com.au)*



Another fantastic  
Christmas in July Diggers Lunch  
was held at the RSL Club  
on 25 July 2023.  
Thank you to the Wellbeing team  
and the dedicated volunteers!







*Hervey Bay Quilters have kindly donated this beautifully sewn quilt dedicated to the animals of war. It is proudly displayed in the RSL Club foyer.*

## **Saturday 1st July Battle Of The Somme Wreath laying service.**

Our 1st July of Battle of The Somme Wreath laying and Act of Remembrance on Saturday 11.00am at Freedom Park. Sub-branch members were in attendance along with the piper Duncan who did a fantastic job for us. Thankyou to Robyn Smyth for these pictures.







# VP DAY 15 August 2023

Hervey Bay RSL Sub-Branch President Brian Tidyman led the Victory in the Pacific Commemoration Service at the Cenotaph in Freedom Park against a backdrop of sunshine with ex-service personnel and locals attending. Bugler Geoff Harper and Rev'd Jeff Jarvis B.Ed. contributed to the service.

You can watch a part of the service now on the Hervey Bay RSL Sub-Branch FB page: <https://www.facebook.com/HerveyBayRSLSubBranch>





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## 1 JUNE 2023 — 31 AUGUST 2023



WALSH, Kenneth Norman	A314929	RAAF		13.06.2023
NORIN, Peggy		British Army		16.06.2023
JENNINGS, Fred "Toby" Roy	H4187991	RAF	SAC	23.06.2023
FAWCETT, Peter Alan	A320547	RAAF	CPL	26.06.2023
STAUNTON, Lindsay William	3/7818910	ARMY		27.06.2023
CAMERON, Clyde Stirling	A11292	RAAF		05.07.2023
NICHOLS, Darrell Russell	2785055	ARMY		07.07.2023
FOX, Robert John	15974	ARMY	PTE	06.08.2023
STROHFELDT, Colin James	A12341	RAAF		17.08.2023
COWAN, Peter George MBE	53419	ARMY	Major	17.08.2023
MANNING, Barbara Joan	F15014	ARMY		20.08.2023
BLANDFORD, John William	39717	ARMY	WO1	25.08.2023

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

## Hervey Bay Ex-Service Organisations

Ex-Service Organization	Secretary/Contact	Meetings
Hervey Bay & District Veterans' Association PO Box 3042 HERVEY BAY Q 4655	Simon Morley C/- HB RSL Sub-Branch	Third Tuesday of the month 09:30am Hervey Bay RSL Club
Hervey Bay Ex-Servicewomen's Social Club Hervey Bay Branch P.O. Box 3339 HERVEY BAY Q 4655	Andrea Lesmond 0400 750 101	Second Monday of the month 10:30am Hervey Bay RSL Club
Hervey Bay Legacy Group PO Box 3302 HERVEY BAY Q 4655	Graeme Inglis (Acting) 0432 385 587	Second Wednesday of the month 5:00pm Hervey Bay RSL Club
Hervey Bay RSL Sub-Branch Inc. PO Box 3042 HERVEY BAY Q 4655	Kevin Collins Sub-Branch office: 4197 7477	<u>Committee:</u> Fourth Thursday of the month – 10:15am <u>General meetings</u> 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 HERVEY BAY Q 4655	Sue Meehan 0438 911 950	Third Wednesday of the month 11:00am Hervey Bay RSL Club
RAAF Association Hervey Bay PO Box 1076 HERVEY BAY Q 4655	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 <a href="mailto:hbrslpipeband@gmail.com">hbrslpipeband@gmail.com</a>