



## **President's Message**

Our AGM was well attended this year however as many of you were unable to attend, I thought my report for the year 2019 would be an appropriate inclusion in our first Newsletter for 2020.

It has been an honour and a privilege to represent Members of the Beaudesert RSL Sub-Branch as your President this year. The year has been very challenging for the Executive and Committee Members of your Board and myself. Many changes have been implemented in getting back to our grass roots and core business; "The Objects of The RSL League" caring for the "Wellbeing" of Veterans and their Family Members.

I would sincerely like to thank Mr. Jay Collins, Mr. Steve Monteath and Mr. Peter Higgins, for their devotion to duty in assisting many Veterans and Family Members with their Advocacy work with D.V.A. This work has been invaluable in alleviating many Veterans concerns about their eligibility for assistance. The granting of a White Card for all Veterans also accelerated the requests from Veterans. The reputation of our Advocates has spread far and wide and they have received requests for assistance from Interstate and throughout Queensland.

Our membership has remained reasonably stable throughout this year, with the loss of some long-term members through their passing and the gaining of some new members through transition of moving to our Scenic Rim Regional Area. We have 190 members, the majority are in the 65-75 age group, a percentage of older and younger members make up the full membership.

During the Year RSL State appraised our Business Plan and recommended a revision, this resulted in your Sub-Branch moving away from long term Accountants, Solicitor and Auditor which had been shared with the Services Club and taking a new direction in Governance Principles becoming an Entity within our own volition. For the first time in many years there were no Executive from RSL Sub-Branch or Paid Employees of the Sub-Branch sitting on the Executive Board of the Beaudesert RSL Services Club. Thus a review of the Lease with the Beaudesert RSL Services Club, a business strategy was advised and this had caused many of the Services Club Staff and Members of the Sub-Branch concerned unnecessarily, as it was the entity that own the premises, "The building only" (The RSL Sub Branch Inc.,) negotiating a new Lease with the Beaudesert RSL Services Club (the business that owns the Liquor and Gambling Licenses and runs the Services Club) this contract was within the Lease agreement signed by both parties.

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*Jon Forbe-Smith*

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*Wayne Oldmeadow*

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Many Members of the Public and indeed many of our own Members are not fully aware of “When is an RSL Not an RSL” and as our State President Mr. Tony Ferris stated “it is important to make the distinction as the lack of understanding damages RSL Queensland Brand” and this consequentially affects the Beaudesert Sub Branch and undermines the work we are doing to help the Veterans. The public must recognize that spending money in an RSL Services Club is not a guarantee of supporting Veterans.

Throughout the Year I have had the privilege of attending along with other Committee Members, Veterans and Community Members Commemorating Anzac Day in Beaudesert, Rathdowney and Jimboomba, Vietnam Veterans Day, Peacekeeper’s Day and Remembrance Day. We were fortunate to have Warrant Officer Deb Butterworth from the Navy attend the Anzac Functions with us this year, which made The Navy presence very visible in our Community for 2019.

I would like to thank the Jimboomba Cadets, their Leaders and family members for the dedicated support they have given to our Sub-Branch when assisting with the ceremonial aspects of these Commemorations.

Our Sub-Branch continues to facilitate with the assistance of Queensland Ambulance, the transportation of many of our Veterans that are not covered by DVA and Community Members this gives the ability to access surrounding Hospitals and Specialist appointments. Transport is provided daily by your Sub Branch free of charge. This could not happen without the Wonderful Volunteers that assist with the administration of the paperwork under the guidance of Dianne Mulder our very much appreciated Transport Co-Ordinator and the very Special Volunteers that drive these patients, some of these Volunteers are Veterans themselves still doing “Service for their Community” and many of the other Volunteers have a close association with Veterans. Thankyou one and all you are very special treasures.

Combined Volunteers Hours given by your Committee, Volunteers that assist your Sub-Branch and Volunteers that run the Patient Transport are as follows. **Volunteer Hours 11,500 and the Kilometers travelled 150,591.3**, a mighty effort from a small group. On your behalf Members I thank them one and all.

It is with regret that our Ladies Auxiliary that has been running very successfully for many years, has been unable to attract any willing persons to take up any Executive role, we are indebted to the devotion and enthusiasm of these Ladies with their fund raising efforts and support they have given to the Sub Branch over many years, enabling our Members and Community to benefit financially through their fund raising efforts. This year they raised over \$12000.00 a mighty effort for a small bunch of committed citizens. Ladies you deserve a badge of honour.

At the Sub-Branch we are looking at starting a Citizens Auxiliary, which opens support for your Sub-Branch to a wider group of interested persons without the required identity of connection to a Veteran. Although checks and balances are in place for suitable persons to be accepted.

The Grant that facilitated the construction of The Volunteers Memorial on the Corner of William and Anna Streets is nearly completed, please take time to read the plaques on the stone plinths as they represent the stories of all the people and creatures who Volunteered during WW1. This Memorial will become an Historical Icon, initiated by your Sub-Branch, being influential in keeping the memories of the last 100 years within the Wider Community Alive.

No Committee or Sub-Branch runs effectively without a dedicated Secretary, Joanne Crocker has given exemplary service to your Executive and Sub-Branch Members going over and beyond to facilitate all the functions and activities that have been a part of the year 2019. We all feel very proud to have Joanne as part of our Team. Thank you, Joanne.

As I have said previously this has been a very challenging year for your Sub- Branch Executive and Committee Members, however we have met the challenge with enthusiasm and vigor. I would like to sincerely thank all the Members of the Executive and Committee for your support, expertise and good comradeship, looking forward to the New Year with our RSL Sub-Branch upholding a proper Standard of Dignity, Service and Good Governance.

*Carol Castles*  
*President*

## **Women's Auxiliary**

The ladies will still run the Hoy and Cent Auction, raffles, Beaudesert show and selling of the Badges this year with limited ladies to help.

We require more ladies to continue their mission to keep the Auxiliary going into the future. If you have spare time and looking for something to do, they would really appreciate your help and joining them. The Ladies do an excellent job in raising money for the Sub Branch members and community. Every month holding Hoy and Cent Auction, Raffles on weekends at the Club, selling Badges for Commemorative days for the Sub Branch and getting together for a laugh. If this sounds like something you would like to do, please call the Sub Branch for more info.

## **Museum – Harry's Haunt**

It's been a quiet start to the year. We have received a few items of donation for display, come in and see them.

We would like to thank all the volunteers at Harry's Haunt - John & Victoria, Rodney, Kevin, Phil, Merv & Errol who have volunteered their time during 2019 and hope to have your continued support throughout 2020. Your assistance and support are greatly appreciated.

We always require more volunteers for a couple of hours for any of the days Harry's Haunt is open.

Please come and see the guys there and ask.

Remember we are officially opened Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday between 1000hrs and 1400hrs

**Errol Guilfoyle - Beaudesert RSL Museum Co Ordinator**

## **PAWS/Wellbeing**

It has been a busy start to the year for Jay with Advocacy, assisting clients with their applications and enquiries. As more veterans are aware we have an advocate at the Sub Branch to assist with all their enquiries, we have had an influx of clients not just from Scenic Rim, also from other regions.

Thanks to Peter Higgins for his valued professional advice re VEA for Vietnam Veterans and counsel of our advocates,

**PAWS office will be open for clients on Tuesday and Wednesday by appointment only.**

Please call and make an appointment on Ph: 5541 3720 or email: [welfare@beaudesertslsubbranch.com](mailto:welfare@beaudesertslsubbranch.com)

## **Veterans and Veterans Families Counselling Service (VVCS)**

A free and confidential counselling service for Australian veterans, peacekeepers and their families.

For more information on VVCS services and eligibility, please visit the VVCS website ([www.vvcs.gov.au](http://www.vvcs.gov.au)) or phone 1800 011 046.

**PAWS TEAM**

## **Calendar of Coming events - 2020**

### **BEAUDESERT SUB BRANCH**

22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2020	Nursing Home Visits – ANZAC morning tea
23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2020	School visits – ANZAC Service
24 <sup>th</sup> April 2020	Jimbalong House – ANZAC morning tea
25 <sup>th</sup> April 2020	ANZAC Day Dawn/Main Services & Rathdowney Service
25 <sup>th</sup> July 2020	Presidents Luncheon
18 <sup>th</sup> August 2020	Vietnam Veterans (Long Tan) Day
14 <sup>th</sup> September 2020	Peace Keepers Day
11 <sup>th</sup> November 2020	Remembrance Day

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### **Members General Meeting (Wife/Husband/Partners most welcome to attend)**

- 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 @ 1.00pm – Sub Branch office
- Future dates to be confirmed

♦ We hope you can attend for your input and support to the Sub Branch ♦

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## ***LEST WE FORGET***

*We remember the following Sub-Branch Members who have sadly passed away this year 2020.*

♦ (05.12.2019) Errol Yuke ♦ (25.12.19) John O'Flynn  
♦ Barney McCabe ♦ Desmond Biss ♦ Robert Campbell

# **SUB BRANCH NEWS**



## **HELP!!!**

The RSL Sub-Branch of Beaudesert is looking for community minded people to assist with their volunteer patient transport service.

Volunteer drivers are urgently needed.

- Do you have an open drivers' licence?
- Do you have a few hours free during the week?
- Would you like to give back to your community?
- Full training and ongoing support will be provided.
- Vehicles Provided

If you are looking for something to do and not sure what, maybe this is something you might be interested in.

If you would like more information, please call in for a chat or call Dianne.

### **BEAUDESERT SOCIAL GOLF CLUB**

The Beaudesert Social Golf Club was established in 2007. Half a dozen or so Golf playing Veterans from the Sub-Branch got together and founded the Social Golf Club. They play at Beaudesert Golf Club the second Monday of the month. It costs \$5 per year to join the Social Golf Club and \$10 per game. There is no requirement to be a member of the Beaudesert Golf Club, however, they would love to see more ex-Military and Veterans in their ranks. It is a great day with 18 holes of Golf, Morning Tea, BBQ lunch and prizes in excess of \$100. There are also full Bar facilities. They have players of all skill levels, but the main aim of the day is to have fun, enjoy yourself and meet some likeminded people. They have our own Handicap System so everyone regardless of ability has a fair chance to win Prizes. There are plenty of members that have motorised Carts and only too willing to give a fellow player a lift. Why not come along and have a game??

For more information contact the Beaudesert Golf Club.

### **Social Gatherings**

We are hoping to have more social gatherings for our members and partners. If you have any ideas that you would like to do as a social gathering please contact the Sub Branch and let us know.

- BBQ in many park areas around the Scenic Rim or other places of interest. Any ideas let us know?
- Game of Golf, Bowls, visit museums, wineries, arts & craft markets and many more.

These are just some ideas, but I am sure you can think of many more. To be able to organise these social outings we need advance notice, your commitment and interest to attend.



### **Message from the Secretary**

Hope you all had a lovely Christmas with family and friends and a great start to the New Year.

Thank you to the members who attended the Sub Branch AGM, it went very well.

At the start of the year Committee members attended the Kokoda Barracks Family and open day at Canungra with many other local RSL Sub Branch's attending, it was a great day had by all who attended.

Preparations are now underway for ANZAC Beaudesert Dawn Service and the Main Service for Rathdowney and Beaudesert. We are always looking for Volunteers to assist and support the Sub Branch in setting up.

Kokoda Barracks, Canungra army officers once again will be attending with the Sub Branch to visit the Schools for their ANZAC Memorial Services. Each year we look forward to visiting the schools who perform such lovely and heart-warming service for the Sub Branch Veterans and are very well organised by the students. Also during the same week before ANZAC Day, the Committee and members visit and have morning tea with the residents of the Nursing Homes.

Our next Members Meeting will be held on 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 @ 1pm at the Sub Branch office. We hope to see more members attend and please invite your wife/husband/partner to attend with you, they are most welcome as a visitor but are unable to vote.

*Joanne Crocker*

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### **Birthday Acknowledgements**

We wish to acknowledge the following members who have had their Birthdays in January and February, 2020



#### **January 2020**

Thomas B ♦ Henry B ♦ Carol C ♦ Jon F-S ♦ Gregory F ♦ Bruce G ♦ Ian J ♦ Betty J ♦ Stuart J ♦ Barry L ♦ Leonard L ♦  
Colin M ♦ David P ♦ Howard P ♦ Hedley R ♦ Ian S ♦ Ian T ♦ Lloyd V

#### **February 2020**

Dorelle B ♦ Noel B ♦ Ronald C ♦ Anthony D ♦ Edward D ♦ Colin G ♦ Peter L ♦ Brett M ♦ Raymond L ♦ Lily M-W ♦  
Shane M ♦ Bronwyn N ♦ Errol R ♦ Rowe S ♦ Allen S ♦ John S ♦ Jack S ♦ Shaun W

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### **ANZAC DAY PARADE – Bookings for Golf Buggies**

Please notify the Sub Branch if you wish to participate in the parade and require a ride in a golf buggy for the parade march. We have limited seats and designated drivers, due to Insurance (Public Liability) restrictions for drivers – unfortunately we cannot have relatives driving buggies. The Sub Branch has appointed designated drivers that are under the Sub Branch Liability Insurances.

Please book a buggy by 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2020 if you are unable to walk in the parade march but wish to participate.

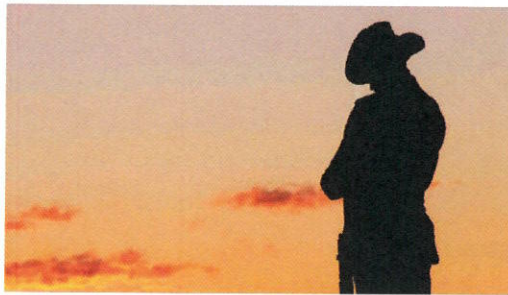
**Ph: 5541 3720 Sub Branch office – Mon – Fri Hours open (9.00am – 1.00pm)**

**or email: [admin@beaudesertslsubbranch.com.au](mailto:admin@beaudesertslsubbranch.com.au)**

## **Ecumenical Service**

**Date:** 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2020  
**Time:** 10.00am  
**Venue:** Baptist Church  
13 Eaglesfield Street, Beaudesert

This year Beaudesert RSL Sub Branch Inc. will be hosting with Beaudesert Baptist Church an Ecumenical Service for ANZAC for all members and the Community. We hope you can attend.



## When is an RSL not an RSL? - (From RSL Qld News / 09 October 2019)

Have you visited an RSL Club in Queensland thinking the money you spend there will help veterans? You might be surprised to learn that may not always be the case.

RSL Queensland State President Tony Ferris says almost 54 per cent of Queenslanders believe they are supporting RSL Queensland's charitable activities by patronising an RSL Club.

"People believe the money from the bars and pokies goes towards helping veterans, but that's simply not correct," Tony says. "Of the roughly 230 RSL Sub Branches throughout Queensland, only about 40 have a relationship with an RSL Club. Of those, only 17 own and operate their associated RSL Club.

"RSL Queensland – the state body – does not operate any alcohol and gaming facilities."

Shoulder to shoulder with our Defence family

"What RSL Queensland does is provide welfare and wellbeing assistance to current and former service people and their families throughout Queensland – both state wide and on a local level through our Sub Branches," Tony says.

"RSL Sub Branches are run by volunteers, all of whom are ex-serving themselves, who give their time to provide crucial support to veterans in their local communities. This might be through helping them with DVA claims, driving them to medical appointments, or providing opportunities for them to connect with other veterans in their community.

"Very little of the funding for these activities comes from RSL Clubs; in fact, most RSL Sub Branches are reliant on donations from the public to be able to provide these grassroots services."

A shared history

On the other hand, Tony says, RSL Clubs are commercial entities.

"Although we share the same origins, RSL Clubs have been separate since the introduction of poker machines necessitated stricter liquor and gaming legislation in the 1990s," Tony says.

A complicated relationship

He says Sub Branches' relationships with their local Clubs vary greatly, making for quite a complex overall picture.

Veterans laughing and chatting at table

"In some cases, the Club leases a property from the Sub Branch to operate its gaming venue, and the Sub Branch may co-exist in the building to carry out its welfare and commemorative activities," Tony says.

"In other cases, Clubs may help the Sub Branch with the organisation and costs associated with commemorative activities, such as ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day. But sometimes they have no collaborative relationship at all, and the Club may not even direct any of its charitable spending to the Sub Branch for its veteran welfare activities."

Tony says RSL Clubs are still an important part of the social landscape, particularly in smaller regional areas.

"I doubt there's an Aussie who hasn't patronised an RSL Club at some point or another! But patronising an RSL Club doesn't necessarily support veterans."



## **OTHER NEWS**

**\*\*Information provided by U3A member for our members**

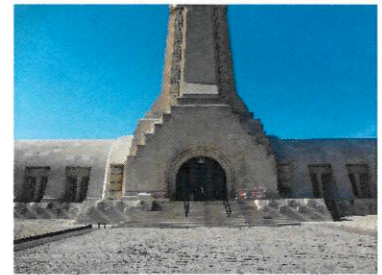
My father and his mum were born not far from Verdun where the big battle in 1916 took place. Their village of Charny was completely destroyed and rebuilt a few years later. The following pictures -761 to 773 are the pictures of the fort of Douaumont. At Verdun 360000 French and 340000 German did dies. My father as a kid went to plough the fields with his uncle and theirs draught horse on his farm. My father's job when he was a kid , was to collect any human bone which were coming back to the surface of the field and put them in a bag. At the end of the day if they did found any , they would give them to the local priest. The priest would bless them and then give them to the local ossuary.



Battlefield at Verdun (1914-1918)



The Graves



Douaumont ossuary

On the 10/06/1916 two companies of the 137<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Infantry were buried alive in their front line trench by shelling. Only the tops of their rifles protruded above the ground. This poignant tomb is preserved as a Memorial



La tranchee des baillonettes

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## **6 RAR REUNION 2020**

### **5-7 JUNE 2020**

All eras of 6 RAR are INVITED, with special emphasis on commemorating East Timor 2000 and MTF 1 2010.

5 June – 1800 - Meet and Greet at Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre, Southbank

6 June – 1800 - Gala Dinner at Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre, Southbank

7 June – 0900 - Memorial Service, 6 RAR Association AGM, Spit Roast Lunch, at the RAR National Memorial Walk, Gallipoli Barracks

More information and Registration at: <http://6rarassociation.com/reunion2020.html>

Contact: Allan Whelan, PH: 0427632402. Email: [wheels6rarassn@gmail.com](mailto:wheels6rarassn@gmail.com)

# GROUP PROGRAM SCHEDULE

## JANUARY - JULY

### SOUTH QUEENSLAND

#### DOING ANGER DIFFERENTLY

##### SPRING HILL

Tuesdays 28 April - 2 June | 9:30am - 12:00pm  
Six Week Program

#### MAROOCHYDORE

Monday 30 - 31 March | 10:00am - 4:00pm  
Two Day Program

#### MANAGING PAIN

##### SPRING HILL

Mondays 11 May - 15 June | 9:30am - 12:00pm  
Six Week Program

#### IPSWICH

Monday 29 - 30 June | 10:00am - 4:00pm  
Two Day Program

#### RECOVERY FROM TRAUMA

##### IPSWICH

Monday 20 - 21 April | 10:00am - 4:00pm  
Two Day Program

#### SPRING HILL

Monday 25 - 26 May | 10:00am - 4:00pm  
Two Day Program

#### ASIST

##### SPRING HILL

Monday 30 - 31 March | 9:00am - 5:00pm  
Two Day Program

#### STEPPING OUT

##### SPRING HILL

Thursday 2 - 3 April | 9:30am - 4:30pm  
Two Day Workshop

#### IPSWICH

Thursday 23 - 24 July | 9:30am - 4:30 pm  
Two Day Workshop

#### BEATING THE BLUES

##### SPRING HILL

Thursday 18 - 19 June | 10:00am - 4:00pm  
Two Day Program

#### MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

##### SPRING HILL

Thursday 11 - 12 June | 9:00am - 5:00pm  
Two Day Program

#### TWEED HEADS

Tuesday 5-6 May | 9:00am - 5:00pm  
Two Day Program

#### UNDERSTANDING ANXIETY

##### SPRING HILL

Thursday 2 April - 7 May | 9:30am - 12:00pm  
Six Week Program

#### SPRING HILL

Monday 1 - 2 June | 10:00am - 4:00pm  
Two Day Program

#### YOUNGER VETERANS LIFESTYLE

##### SANCTUARY COVE

Part A: Friday 8 - 11 May

Part B: Friday 5 - 7 June

Two Weekends

**For the most up to date information visit:**

<https://www.openarms.gov.au/get-support/group-treatment-programs-and-educational-workshops>



**1800 011 046**  
**OpenArms.gov.au**



## BEATING THE BLUES

A skills-based group program to help understand the situations and thinking patterns that contribute to depression, and identify strategies to help manage symptoms.

## BUILDING BETTER RELATIONSHIPS

Building better relationships can help you rediscover what's important in your relationship, and rebuild a relationship with your partner.

## DOING ANGER DIFFERENTLY

A two day program will help you to understand anger and manage it more effectively, so that it doesn't have a negative impact on your own, or others' lives.

## MANAGING PAIN

This program will help you learn about pain and teaches you strategies and skills for effective pain management.

## MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

Mental Health First Aid is a two day workshop that teaches practical skills for helping a family member or friend who is experiencing mental health problems.

## OPERATION LIFE: ASIST

The two day workshop aims to help you see, hear and respond to suicide signals. Preparing you to work with people at risk, increase their immediate safety and to get further help.

## OPERATION LIFE: SAFETALK

In the safeTALK half day workshop you will learn how to become more alert to suicide prevention opportunities, and how to offer help.

## PARENTING PROGRAMS

Parenting programs are tailored to the needs of attending veteran families, to help build strong and positive relationships between parents and their children.

## RECOVERY FROM TRAUMA

This program will help you to understand the possible impact of trauma, and teaches you strategies and skills to help you to manage its impact on you and your family.

## RELAXATION AND STRESS MANAGEMENT

Relaxation and stress management provides practical skills that can be used in everyday life to de-stress via mindfulness techniques.

## RESIDENTIAL LIFESTYLE PROGRAM

The Residential lifestyle management program is designed for veterans and their partners who want to enhance their wellbeing and relationships.

## SLEEPING BETTER

Sleeping better is an educational and skills-based group program to help you manage disturbed sleep.

## STEPPING OUT

A two day program for ADF members and their partners who are about to, or have recently separated from the military.

## UNDERSTANDING ANXIETY

This program will help you to understand anxiety and teaches you strategies and skills to reduce anxiety and associated stress.





# Joint Services Mixed Dining In Night

Presented by

***Nerang RSL Sub Branch Inc.***

[www.nerangrslsubbranch.org.au](http://www.nerangrslsubbranch.org.au)

Date: 2nd May 2020

Location: Nerang RSL & Memorial Club  
69 Nerang St, Nerang, QLD 4211

Timings: 1800hrs Pre Dinner Drinks for 1830hrs Mess  
assembled

Dress: Formal or Mess Kit with miniatures  
Ladies Formal or Cocktail Dress

Cost: \$50.00 per person includes 3 course meal with  
limited refreshments purchase your tickets from  
the Nerang RSL & Memorial club reception.

## ***Ticket Sales***

# ***2nd March - 30 April***

## ***From the Nerang RSL & Memorial Club***



***The aim of the night is to keep the memories of "MESS TRADITIONS" alive,  
to bring guests together rekindling old friendships and the cementing  
of new friendships.***

