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NEWSLETTER – Issue 1 March 2022

Calendar of Coming events - 2022

BEAUDESERT SUB BRANCH

** COVID Social Distancing Restrictions **

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| 25 April 2022 | ANZAC Dawn & Main Service - Beaudesert |
| 25 April 2022 | ANZAC Day Service - Rathdowney |
| 6 May 2022 | Women's Aux Cent Auction |
| 19 May 2022 | Members General Meeting |
| July 2022 (Date TBA) | Presidents Reunion Luncheon |
| 18 August, 2022 | Vietnam Veterans Day |
| 14 September 2022 | Peacekeeping Day |
| October 2022 | Veterans Health Week |
| 11 November 2022 | Remembrance Day |
| 25 November 2022 | Women's Aux Cent Auction |

Members General Meeting (Wife/Husband/Partners most welcome)

➤ Next Meeting: 19 May 2022

Held at The Club Function room – 2.00pm

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



LEST WE FORGET

We remember the following Sub-Branch Members who have sadly passed away this year 2022.

♦ Larry Hurst (08/12/2021) ♦ Russell Hartley (14/02/2022)

Welcome New Members – 2022

T. Holt ♦ S. Mackie ♦ C. Smith ♦ R. Deans ♦
L. Christensen

Welcome 2022 New Board Members

President – Jon Forbe-Smith
Snr Vice President – Steve Monteath
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President's Message

Views from the Chair – March 2022

This is my first formal conversation with you, and I seriously ask you to read it through, and then give me and your new Board every opportunity to move forward together.

Overview

Firstly, my sincere appreciation for your confidence in permitting me to take the reins as your new President of this Sub-Branch. One with a positive attitude to all wellness and memorial responsibilities, with a capable Board who are aware of their governance obligations, one which is facing significant challenges: frankly we may not achieve all our goals without your input.

It is a fact our general meetings are so poorly attended that a quorum is often not achieved. Membership needs, opinions and valuable ideas cannot be canvassed, and essential recorded two-way communications opportunities are lost. Please, I encourage your attendance, and that of your partners. To that end, we intend to revamp the venue, catering, and format of our general meetings.

Present Situation

During the Covid environment, from good management and discipline, your Sub-Branch has remained in a relatively healthy financial position. We operate in a location that is spacious, but which is virtually inaccessible to many of our members and clients. This is totally unsatisfactory, and our plan is to sell these premises. Equally the Services Club is a drain on our financial and management strengths, albeit we rely upon the monthly rental to remain solvent. As you will be aware the Club management have initiated an unsolicited offer to purchase the building structure and associated real estate. At a General Meeting, your Sub Branch members voted overwhelmingly to dispose of this asset and our Board is presently in contractual negotiations to authorise a Broker to represent our (your) interests.

The Challenge.

The quickest way to diminish anybody's enthusiasm is to ignore them. May I comment that it is a tribute to my Board that they remain positive, what they lack is your input, feedback, focus and direction.

Each day we see our young women and men in uniform taking responsibility for our safety and stability. And we are aware of the price our young generation pay - not only in casualties and physical wounds but also in the psychological effects that may lie dormant for years, but always remain.

So how do we reach a larger audience, what more can we do to encourage involvement and support for and from our members? The question is why our Sub-Branch appears to be losing relativity when in fact the numbers of contemporary Veterans' increase daily. Where are our female servicepeople, veterans, partners? They are of our team.

The Plan.

When the Club purchase initiative progresses, and the existing Sub-Branch sells, the intent is to invest the bulk of the capital to establish a reliable income stream. Then we plan to provide a truly accessible Sub-Branch Wellbeing Hub on the land we own, adjacent the Club and museum which will be a center of excellence for all members, veterans, servicemembers and related families. Membership input will be valuable.

What can You Do

The League exists to help repatriate service personnel when they return from wars, engagements, hostilities, and atrocities. War, and war like activity, is unsettling to all – but especially to those who were there. The League provides the opportunity for the ex-service community, all of us, to assist the serving and those who have served; for the stronger to help the needy.

To reinvigorate our Sub-Branch, and to encourage the inclusion of all members, we need to work together, listen with an open mind to changing requirements and make decisions according to the will and needs of the many. But to make your wishes known, you must be involved. If you have the drive, if you have the resolve, if you are willing to make a commitment, then we need your involvement.

I am committed to my position and fully understand my responsibility to you and The League. I will make myself available to each and every member to the best of my ability.

I and my Board will listen!

Jon Forbe-Smith
President

Secretary

It has been a busy start to the year, ANZAC Day preparations are on the way for Beaudesert and Rathdowney Services. The Bofors has been restored and returned in front of Harry's Haunt. Finally, we have been able to get repairs underway to Harry's Haunt (hold up being sourcing contractors available to do the work). Once we have helpers available to clean the museum and have it spick and presentable we can re-open very soon. Please if you have any spare time, I am looking for helpers to clean memorabilia and cabinets. Please contact the Sub Branch if you can assist, we would greatly appreciate any time you may spare. This year I will be sourcing various Grants to assist with more social events and outings for our members, hopefully with the easing of COVID restrictions we can organise bus trips as we have done in the past. If you have any ideas on social days out, please notify me. We require members feedback and if we can get enough members who would

like to participate and join in social occasions, we can organise these for you all. We would like more interaction between the Sub Branch and members. I hope to hear more from you all with any feedback on what members want from their Sub Branch, how we can better assist.

Joanne

PAWS/Wellbeing

This past month has seen the two Advocates on leave returning to the fray and attending to the phone calls that have built up over the month. Leave from Advocacy does not mean leave from phone calls, txt messages or emails and as expected these came through.

Jay had a somewhat relaxing yet posterior wise sojourn on his motor bike travelling over 4000 klms in Out Back Queensland. Now that we are back on deck we are into the job and the client build up. Over the past month a Veterans wife broke her leg and is in Beaudesert hospital receiving the best of treatment and care, visits to her upon our return are a pleasure. Another Veteran required assistance with his 'ORANGE' DVA card. This is a pharmaceutical only card from the DVA. Gladly this client was directed toward his chemist who was able to attend to his 'pills' requirements. So, upon our return and into the PAWS office where a list of phone calls, emails has been attended to and the possibility of a volunteer interested in undertaking the ATDP/DVA Military Advocacy course. Fingers crossed.

Advocates available on Wednesday's. Jay Collins and Steve Monteath.

If you require any assistance with DVA claims or unsure what you are entitled to please call the Sub Branch office and make an appointment to see one of our Advocates who are ready to help.

**PAWS office is open for clients on
Wednesday by appointment only.**

Please call and make an appointment on Ph: 5541 3720 or email:

welfare@beaudesertslsubbranch.com

All these services below are available right now - 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

- **Open Arms — Veterans & Families**
Counselling service is available 24/7 on **1800 011 046**
- **Safe Zone Support** on **1800 142 072** is a free and **anonymous** counselling line for current serving ADF personnel, veterans and their families available 24/7
- **Defence Family Helpline** is available for ADF members and their families, available 24/7 — dial **1800 624 608**



Lifeline is available 24/7 on 13 11 14

If you know of a Veteran who requires assistance, doing it tough or unwell please let us know. We have welfare bags available for those in need.

We are concerned about any instances of homelessness in the Veteran community. If you or someone you know is in this situation, please contact 1800 VETERAN (1800 838 372).

Veterans and their families who are at risk of or experiencing homelessness can access a wide range of support, including short term emergency accommodation in times of crisis.

Visit: <https://www.dva.gov.au/financial-support/income-support/help-buy-property-or-find-accommodation/homelessness-support>

PAWS TEAM (Steve, Jay & Peter)

Museum – Harry’s Haunt

Repairs are underway and will be opening soon. We require some volunteers to assist with the dusting and cleaning of the memorabilia in the museum before we can open. Please contact the Sub Branch if you are able to assist, we would greatly appreciate any help and your time.

Secretary

Women’s Auxiliary

The ladies are getting smaller in numbers of volunteers and are calling for more members to join and assist with fund raising, social activities and come along to their monthly morning tea when they meet up. They are also calling for extra

help for their Cent Auctions, to help to carry a lot of the heavy stuff, thanks to Joanne H and Carol for their assistance in most of the heavy lifting, packing and moving from Sub Branch to Function room and setting up on the Cent Auction days. Also, any donations of items that can be used for Cent Auction raffle prizes, would be greatly appreciated.

If you are able to assist, please contact the Sub Branch office.

Secretary

Birthday Acknowledgements

We wish to acknowledge the following members who had/will have their Birthdays in January, February and March, 2022



January, 2022

Barrett T ♦ Burchard H ♦ Castles C
Christensen L ♦ Deans R ♦ Evans K
Forbe-Smith J ♦ Gordon B ♦ Johnson I ♦ Jones S
Lange B ♦ Maher C ♦ Phillippi D Pohlner H ♦ Rye H
Smith I. M ♦ Turnbull I ♦ Venz L



February 2022

Baty D ♦ Burnett N ♦ Cronk R ♦ Dadson A
Day E ♦ Ford J ♦ Goodwin C ♦ Lester P ♦ Lomax R
McCreadie B ♦ Murphy S ♦ Noy B
Rasmussen E ♦ Seymour R ♦ Stewart A
♦ Strudwick J ♦ Stubbs J



March 2022

Beulah G ♦ Binstead E ♦ Cooke B ♦ Kable S
Percy D ♦ Reid R ♦ Richardson J ♦ Smith C
Smith R

SUB BRANCH **NEWS**

ANZAC DAY – 2022 Parade

It is with great pleasure to announce Scenic Rim Regional Council with the assistance by the Sub Branch ANZAC Sub committee will be holding Main Service and parade for ANZAC Day. If you wish to participate in the Parade but are unable to walk the distance, please notify the Sub Branch to book a ride in golf buggy. I am presently waiting on confirmation from the Beaudesert Golf Club if they are able to assist in supplying them. We will have limited seats and designated drivers, due to insurance public liability restrictions—unfortunately we cannot have family members driving buggies. The Sub Branch have appointed designated drivers that are under the Sub Branch liability insurances.

Pending 4 x Buggies available for 4 members who wish to be in parade and cannot march.

Dawn Service: 4.20am
Main Service: 11.00am
Rathdowney Service: 8.15am



Secretary

Sub Branch Library Open



The Sub Branch has a large collection of books and DVD's that has been donated to the Sub Branch. The Library is open to all members and their families use. Please come in and see what collection of books and DVD's we have.

QAS Patient Transport Information for Members

Beaudesert RSL Sub Branch Inc has been providing non urgent medical transport under contract to Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS) for some 20 years now.

We thought it timely to reiterate the value of this service to the RSL Sub Branch Members. There has been some 'chatter' recently within the wider community about who runs the service, and how it is accessed. Along with the questions being asked (particularly on social media) are coming some misinformed answers. There have also been some comments noticed from users of the service who do have the correct information and express their gratitude for the assistance they have received.

As Members we would like you to be aware of the wonderful service provided under this contract, so I would like to clarify the parameters of the Patient Transport service provided on behalf of QAS.

As many of you will be aware if people from this area require transport to specialist and hospital appointments their options to get there are limited if they are unable to drive themselves.

Your Sub Branch derives income from supporting QAS through the contractual agreement we hold. If a person finds themselves needing medical transport, they are able to request QAS transport by applying through their own GP. The GP will send the request to QAS and they collate the lists, forwarding to us (RSL Patient Transport) suitable patients for us to transport. We are unable to transport people with higher needs such as wheel chair bound or stretcher reliant. Those patients are always transported by the QAS vehicles and drivers.

All requests to use the service must be made through the patient's GP to QAS.

All transport services are provided by Volunteer Drivers who donate varying amounts of time to provide this essential service.

The program is coordinated in the office by paid staff with the assistance of 2 volunteers who come into the office on a weekly basis.

There is also an after hours contact person. A voluntary liaison position that can be contacted if the drivers need after hours support or QAS needs to alter the list that was sent earlier in the day.

Your Sub Branch runs a fleet of 4 Patient Transport vehicles. Although these vehicles are aged and carry a daunting work load, they are well maintained in the

interests of safety- for all people using them- drivers and patients.

As this valuable service is provided in this area by the RSL Sub Branch there is often the misconception expressed that this service is for Veterans only. The Patient Transport provided by RSL Sub Branch on behalf of QAS is available to any one who is QAS eligible.

We are always looking for suitable additional drivers. The small band of 14 drivers are not always able to meet all of the patient transport requests, so to relieve the strain on the existing drivers we encourage suitable applicants to become involved.

Any prospective drivers have to be willing to undergo the intake process, which includes a National Police Check (we pay for) and agree to a Confidentiality Clause. Periodically we engage QAS to conduct First Aid courses for our drivers, and drivers have to be willing to attend. This is helpful in the drivers role, but also a great general life skill worth keeping current.

Drivers must be computer literate and training is provided with experienced drivers.

If any Members are interested in hearing more about this program, please feel free to call the office to speak with Dianne or Joanne for further information. The office number is 5541 3720 and we are available from at least 9am to 1pm each week day.

As a footnote: the drivers who do volunteer their time find their role very satisfying. It is a really valuable use of their time and they make great connections with other drivers and the patients they transport. It also gives a great insight into the Queensland Health services.

Transport Co-Ordinator

Scenic Rim Regional Council

Rebate Relief for TPI Pensioners for Ratepayers

Hardship in accordance with section 120(1)(c) and section 122(1)(b) of the Regulation, Council will grant a rebate of whichever is the less of, \$200 per annum and 20% of the gross rates and charges levied to the eligible classes of ratepayers including: • Property owned and occupied by totally and permanently incapacitated (TPI) veterans holding a valid TPI Gold Card DATE OF ADOPTION

For more info contact the Scenic Rim Regional Council Ph: 5540 5111

BEAUDESERT SOCIAL GOLF CLUB



There is no requirement to be a member of the Beaudesert Social 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. 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. Why not come along and have a game?? For more information contact the Beaudesert Golf Club.



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



I have been advised by Star Liquor Warehouse Beaudesert, Veterans receive discounts at Star Liquor Warehouse, require to show Defence Card to receive discounts.

DVA NEWS



Who is eligible for concessions?

The organisation that offers the product or service, e.g. your local council, decides what sort of concession is offered and to whom it is offered.

DVA [Pensioner Concession Card \(PCC\)](#) and [Veteran Gold Card](#) holders are usually eligible for concessions, but it is important to contact the organisation offering the concession to confirm your eligibility.

Health concessions

Treatment Cards

If you have a Veteran Gold Card or [Veteran White Card](#) you should always use this card for medical, hospital, pharmaceutical and allied health services. Pharmaceutical benefits
PCC holders are eligible for medication under the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) at \$6.60 per

prescription. Your pharmacist can tell you which medicines are listed under the scheme. Premiums charged by manufacturers may apply to some alternative brands/medicines. Once you have spent the PBS Safety Net threshold amount on PBS medicines, you will receive free PBS medicines for the rest of the year.

National Diabetes Services Scheme

You can receive a range of Australian Government approved products at a reduced price. For more information contact the scheme on [1300 136 588](#) or visit their website at: www.ndss.com.au.

Hearing services

The Office of Hearing Services provides vouchers which enable you to get hearing assessments and devices from hearing service providers of your choice. This includes the cost of fitting the device. For more information contact the Office of Hearing Services on [1800 500 726](#), email hearing@health.gov.au or visit their website at: hearingservices.gov.au

Transport Concessions

Public Transport Concessions
PCC and Queensland Veteran Gold Card and Veteran White Card holders are entitled to a concession fare for travel on Translink and regional ferry services. A concession fare is 50% cheaper than an adult fare.

TPI and EDA Veteran Gold Card holders must have a TPI/EDA Veteran Travel Card to receive unlimited free travel on approved Translink and regional ferry services.

For more information phone Translink on [13 12 30](#) or visit their website at www.translink.com.au/tickets-and-fares/concessions/pensioners-and-veterans.

Queensland Rail Travel

Queensland PCC and Veteran Gold Card holders marked War Widow/Widower are eligible for 4 long distance Queensland Pension rail travel entitlements per calendar year.

Queensland TPI or EDA Veteran Gold Card holders who have a TPI/EDA Veteran Travel Card, receive

one free return trip each fortnight on long distance Queensland rail travel.

For more information, please contact Queensland Rail Travel on [1300 131 722](#) or visit their website at <http://www.queenslandrailtravel.com.au/PolicyCentre/Pages/Eligibleforconcessions.aspx>.

Household Concessions

Australia Post

Australia Post offers a 40% discount on postage stamps, discounts on re-directing mail and deliver some items that aid the sight of people with a vision impairment free of charge, or at a discounted rate, for Veteran Gold Card, Veteran White Card and [Veteran Orange Card](#) holders. For more information contact Australia Post on [13 76 78](#) or visit their website at auspost.com.au.

Telstra

Telstra offer a number of concessions to PCC holders, including a discount on new telephone service connection fee and a reduction in your home line plan costs. For more information contact Telstra on [1800 676 442](#) or visit their website at www.telstra.com.au/home-phone.

Rates Subsidy

Queensland PCC and Veteran Gold Card holders may be eligible to receive a subsidy of 20 per cent (up to a maximum of \$200 each year) of the gross rates and charges levied by your local council. For more information, contact your local council.

Water Subsidy

Eligible PCC and Veteran Gold Card holders may be eligible for a subsidy of up to \$120 each year off the cost of water access and usage charges. For more information, contact your water retailer.

Vehicle Concessions

Motor Vehicle Registration

Queensland PCC holders and Veterans receiving at least 70% disability pension or who have at least 50 impairment points, may be eligible for a discount on the registration fee for one vehicle and one boat.

For more information visit the Queensland Government's [concessional registration webpage](#). You may also be eligible for [exemptions to vehicle registration duty](#).

Motor Vehicle GST exemption

Once every 2 years or 40,000 km, eligible veterans are entitled to GST exemption on the purchase of a new car. GST exemption is also available on spare parts necessary for the running of a motor car. For more information refer to [Supply of Cars and Car Parts GST Free](#). More Information about Concessions

State Seniors Card

Different concessions may be available for holders of Seniors Cards. All State Governments issue their own Seniors Card. The Seniors Card is issued free and provides access to savings on a range of goods and services provided by participating businesses. For more information contact the State Seniors Card on 13 QGOV ([13 74 68](#)) or visit their website at: www.qld.gov.au/seniors/legal-finance-concessions/seniors-card

Seniors Business Discount Card

This card gives you access to discounts when purchasing goods and services from participating business outlets in Queensland. You must be 60 years or over and meet all the criteria to be eligible. For more information on the Business Discount Card contact Smart Service Queensland on [13 74 68](#) (TTY [13 36 77](#)) or visit their website at: <https://www.qld.gov.au/seniors/legal-finance-concessions/seniors-card/seniors-card-types-benefits>

More information about Queensland Government concessions

For more information about Queensland Government concessions call [13 74 68](#) (TTY [13 36 77](#)) or visit the website at www.qld.gov.au/community/cost-of-living-support/

Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide

21 March 2022

A public hearing of the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide in Sydney has ended with a call for serving members of the Australian Defence Force to have their say and make a submission ahead of hearings in Canberra, Townsville and Hobart.

The Commission Chair Nick Kaldas said witness accounts at the eight-day hearing identified gaps in suicide reporting data; concerns about military culture and issues around sexual assault.

"The information before us suggests cultural problems still exist in the ADF – despite the important work each service (and the ADF as a whole) is doing to address consistently high rates of suicide," Commissioner Kaldas said.

"This isn't a problem of the past."

Commissioner Kaldas said support is available for anyone who wishes to talk to the Commission but fears that speaking up could jeopardise their career.

"No one can tell your story better than you. We need your help to understand the many issues that may contribute to the risk of suicide."

Commissioner Kaldas also raised significant concerns that parliamentary privilege legislation is restricting the Commission from considering documents tabled to Parliament that relate specifically to Defence and veteran suicide.

"This diminishes our capacity to meet our terms of reference and deliver the outcomes the community should rightly expect," Commissioner Kaldas said.

"We will be writing to the Parliamentary Officers and to the Government, asking them to take action. If necessary, we intend to recommend an appropriate amendment of the Parliamentary Privileges Act."

The next public hearing will be in Canberra from 4 April. Hearings will also take place in Townsville from 20 June and Hobart from 25 July.

Sent in by members

ODE to "SOMEONE ELSE"

The Sub Branch was saddened to learn of the loss this week of one of its most valuable members, *Someone Else*.

Someone Else's passing creates a vacancy that will be difficult to fill. *Someone Else* had been with the RSL for some time. *Someone Else* did far more than a normal person's share of the work. Whenever there was a job to do or a Project or a Committee to be chaired or a meeting to attend, one name sprang to everybody's lips – let *Someone Else* do it.

It was common knowledge that *Someone Else* was among the largest contributors of their time to our cause, whenever there was a need for a volunteer,

everyone just automatically assumed that *Someone Else* would do it.

Someone Else was a wonderful person – sometimes appearing superhuman – but one person can only do so much. Were the truth to be known, everyone just expected too much of *Someone Else*.

Now *Someone Else* is gone! We wonder what we are going to do. *Someone Else* left a wonderful example to follow, so who is going to do the things that *Someone Else* did?

When you are asked to help – REMEMBER – we can't always depend on Someone Else

So sell a raffle ticket now and then, take an active role in activities volunteer to help your Sub Branch and be a part of providing the funds that our membership relies on. You may discover that you like doing it.

THE TRADITIONS OF ANZAC DAY

ANZAC Day services are rich in military protocol and tradition. But do you know what these traditions mean and how they came about?

A SPRIG OF ROSEMARY



Rosemary has been associated with remembrance since ancient times, but its particular significance to ANZAC Day dates back to World War I. Native to the seaside regions of the Mediterranean, rosemary grows wild on the slopes of the Gallipoli Peninsula.

Tradition has it that a wounded Digger brought home a small rosemary bush from ANZAC Cove, which was planted in the grounds of the Army

Hospital at Keswick, South Australia. Cuttings from this original plant were taken and propagated in nurseries all over Australia, and sprigs of rosemary are worn to this day by attendees at ANZAC Day ceremonies as a fragrant reminder of the fallen.

THE CATAFALQUE PARTY



At the beginning of an ANZAC Day service, four members of the Defence Force take up position around the cenotaph or shrine, standing with their heads bowed and arms (the weapons they are carrying) reversed. They remain there as a mark of respect for the fallen until the end of the service. These four sentries are known as a catafalque party. A catafalque (pronounced cat-a-falk) is a raised platform on which a coffin rests before burial, but is represented at ANZAC ceremonies by the memorial.

THE LAST POST



There are few who can avoid a lump in their throat at the haunting sound of a lone bugler sounding the Last Post.

The Last Post is traditionally the bugle call that signals the end of the working day, but it has been adopted in commemorative services to herald the service people who have gone to their final rest. At Dawn Services, the minute's silence is broken by the Reveille – traditionally, the first call of the day to wake sleeping soldiers.

THE ODE OF REMEMBRANCE



Less than two months after WWI was declared, with heavy casualties already being reported, English poet Laurence Binyon wrote *For the Fallen*.

Since 1921, the fourth stanza – known as The Ode – has become a central part of ANZAC ceremonies, encapsulating Australia's collective sense of respect and loss for the service people who gave their lives during World War I, and in all conflicts since:

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.*



GUNFIRE BREAKFAST

Your local RSL Sub Branch may host a Gunfire Breakfast following the Dawn Service, but do you know why?

Rather than artillery, 'gunfire' refers to the rum-laced coffee or tea that is served alongside the bacon and eggs and harks back to the measure of liquid courage that was served up at the beginning of the day to help soldiers face the coming battle.



RSL Queensland is the largest ex-service organisation in Queensland, with 230 Sub Branches across 10 Districts, offering advice, support and camaraderie to all current and former Australian Defence Force members and their families.

Beaudesert war veterans receive Quilts of Valour



MEMBERS of the Scenic Rim Veterans Group were recognised for their service in the armed forces.

Quilts of Valour Queensland coordinators Barbara and Bill Kenny visited the Beaudesert Golf Club, where the close-knit group meets every Wednesday.

Ms Kenny presented five members with hand-sewn quilts as a show of gratitude and support.

While many among them served with the armed

forces during the Vietnam war, those recognised this week included former American Marine John "Gunny" Rochester and Stephen Kable, who served two tours in Afghanistan with the Australian Army.

Local veterans who also received quilts at Beaudesert included Linda Pedley, who served in the air force, army veteran Stephen Mackie and air force veteran Gary Cooling.

Thank you to Janice Heit (Women's Auxiliary) for assisting Quilts of Valour and nominating Veterans in our community to receive these beautiful handmade quilts

If you know of a Veteran who has not received a Quilt of Valour, please contact the Sub Branch to nominate them.

Secretary

PRIDE

The old men's hearts are filled with pride
In memory of their mates who gallantly died
Whilst fighting on those bleak and distant shores
For what they believed to be a worthy cause
Lest we forget is the perpetual theme
It is time for young men and old to quietly dream
Of their mates who to their homeland never returned
And those of us who did and forever are spurned
The bugler plays that mournful last post
For those that understand it, it is still the most
Chilling sound, and makes the bravest heart miss a beat
As we ponder and wonder at the marching of those missing feet
And as the years pass us by, we still give our thanks
To the brave who came home, and their dwindling ranks
But the price of our freedom it was not cheap
For cast your eyes around at the friends and
loved ones who silently weep.

L.R. Venz



DATE CLAIMER 2022

Mark your calendar



Beaunesert RSL Women's Auxiliary

GENT AUCTION

Friday, May 6

Mother's Day theme



Friday, November 25

Christmas Theme



For more information

contact Joanne 0400 705 374



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COMMEMORATES THE CENTENARY OF THE RAAF 1921-2021



DINNER AND SHOW

PREFLIGHT CHECK LIST

VENUE

HANGER 5, QANTAS AVENUE,
ARCHERFIELD AIRPORT

DATE

7 MAY 2022

DRESS

FORMAL / LOUNGE SUIT / COCKTAIL

START

1800 HOURS

COST

\$123.00 PER PERSON

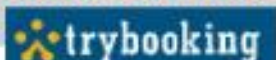
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*The Naval Association of Australia
Stanthorpe & District Sub-Section Inc.
ONCE NAVY – ALWAYS NAVY*

***On the 80th Anniversary of the Battle of the Coral Sea,
the President and members invite you to a***

Dinner Dance



*continuing the friendships forged between
United States and Australian Armed Forces.*

6pm for 6.30pm Saturday 14 May, 2022

Dance band til late!

Stanthorpe Civic Centre

Marsh Street opposite Weeroona Park

*Cost: \$70.00 per person
including 3 courses, 1 drink of choice from bar
Cash bar
Please notify dietary requirements*

*RSVP: 3 May 2022 with payment:
Direct Deposit to: BSB: 633 000 A/c: 154228894
Ref: Dinner 'Surname'
Dress: Jacket, tie, miniatures Ladies: evening*

5pm Saturday: Commemorative wreath-laying Ceremony

Naval Remembrance Wall, Weeroona Park

Meet n Greet Gathering

4pm til 6pm Friday 13 May, 2022

Stanthorpe Civic Centre

All welcome

*Cost: \$20.00 per person
Finger food Cash bar
Dress: Smart casual*

*RSVP: 3 May 2022 with payment:
Direct Deposit to: BSB: 633 000 A/c: 154228894
Ref: M&G 'Surname'*

*Accommodation: google 'Stanthorpe' or 'Granite Belt' Accommodation
More information? Phone Norm: 0435 617 626 or stanthel70@gmail.com*

Nurses Memorial Candlelight Vigil 2022

Hosted by

The Centaur Memorial Fund for Nurses
Defence Service Nurses RSL Sub-branch
Queensland

Her Excellency the Honourable Dr Jeannette
Young PSM, Governor of Queensland will be
in attendance

Friday 22 April 5.30pm for 6.00pm prompt start

Venue: Anzac Square Brisbane, Adelaide Street

**Anzac Square Memorial Galleries under the
Shrine of Remembrance will be open until 6pm
for attendees to visit and delve deeper into
Queensland's military history.**

**Dress code: Business attire or Uniform Ceremonial
(Army 2A, Air Force 4C) & Medals**

Email: admin@centaurnursesfund.org.au or
mobile 0418 758 661 if wanting to lay a wreath

Public welcome to attend this event

**NB: if unwell with any CoVID type symptoms please do not
attend. Event will also be live streamed - link will be
available: www.centaurnursesfund.org.au**



DEFENCE & SERVICES
BRANCH OF AUSTRALIA
Queensland Division





Tri-Services Mixed Dining-In-Night

Presented by

Nerang RSL Sub Branch Inc.

www.nerangrslsubbranch.org.au

- Date:** Saturday 30 July 2022
- 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
Must be a Sub Branch Member or partner, serving/ex-serving member of the ADF, or a front line responder.
- Raffle:** Raffle tickets will be sold and drawn on the night



Ticket Sales

4 Apr - 1 July 2022

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.