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Hervey Bay Sub Branch

# THE BRANCH

## NEWSLETTER

### JUNE 2024



**Diggers sitting on Armoured Personnel Carrier 1968**

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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**AIR FORCE**



## Presidents Report for June 2024

Welcome Members to this edition of "The Branch".

**P** The year is just halfway through, and I am amazed at how fast the time has gone.

**R** ANZAC Day was again an outstanding success with a bigger turnout than 2023 with both Veterans and the citizens of the Bay. Thank you to all who attended either the Dawn or Main Service of Commemoration.

**S** On the 6 June 2024 the Sub-Branch commemorated the 80th Anniversary of the D Day landings in Europe. A good attendance turned out for this service including three WW2 Veterans, Stan, Alan and Ken, and it was an honour and privilege to speak to them. A special luncheon was provided to these veterans after the Service (see more on page 17).

**I** On the 24 June, I will attend the RSL State AGM at which time there will be an election for the position of State President. There are two candidates for the position and I will vote as you, the Members, chose at the May Quarterly General Meeting and you will be informed of the outcome.

**D** The next Commemoration will be "Rimau" at 1000hrs on Sunday 7 July at the KRAIT Memorial in Dayman Park, Urangan. I look forward to seeing our members there to salute the Z Force Unit and remember those 23 operatives who lost their lives during the two operations in Singapore Harbour, namely JAYWICK and RIMAU.

**E** Pension and Wellbeing section can be contacted on 07 4184 9496 Monday to Friday between 0900-1500hrs. at 19-21 Torquay Rd Pialba on the 2 floor. If out of hours, please contact the RSL Club reception for contact details.

**P** My door is always open for any member to come and have a chat or if you have a grievance, I'm more than happy to listen.

**O** Until next issue, stay safe and healthy!

**R** Brian Tidyman

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



Our office hours are Monday to Friday 9.30am - 12.30pm  
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Advocacy Training and  
Development Program



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# HELP US SUPPORT THE VETERAN COMMUNITY BY VOLUNTEERING AS AN ADVOCATE OR ADVOCATE SUPPORT OFFICER

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If you wish to volunteer we would like to hear from you. If you volunteer we will do everything within our power to ensure success in your chosen role.

# 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 & Wellbeing Office is open Monday to Friday, 0900hrs to 1500hrs at Suite 18, 2nd Floor of the Signature Building, 19-21 Torquay Road, Pialba.**  
Email: [pensions@herveybayrsl.org.au](mailto:pensions@herveybayrsl.org.au)

**Ph: 07 4184 9496**

## INTRODUCING RSL QUEENSLAND'S STATE SECRETARY

Iain Carty CSM commenced the role of RSL Queensland State Secretary on 17 November 2023. The role of the State Secretary is to engage with and support members at a grassroots level, while also working with elected members to improve culture, standards, support and governance across the League.

Iain previously served 32 years full time service as a Ground Defence Officer in the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF). He has served across a range of operational, training, staff officer, command and executive roles throughout his career and had the privilege of commanding at unit level in Australia and overseas.



# Hervey Bay RSL Sub-Branch Wellbeing Team

**Our team of 14 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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Suite 18, 2nd Floor of the Signature Building, 19-21 Torquay Road, Pialba.  
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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.**



On Monday 25 March 2024, Memorabilia Officer, Simon Morley and Committee Member Victor Jackson conducted a tour of the memorabilia museum in the foyer of the HB RSL & Services Memorial Club and at Freedom Park for students from the Hervey Bay Special School.

It was a pleasure for the Sub-Branch to do this for the school prior to ANZAC Day.”

## Creamy French Chicken

### Ingredients

- 750g chicken thighs diced
- 45g French onion soup mix
- 4 bacon rashers
- 1 1/2 cups water
- 1 cup cream



Easy | 0:15 Prep | 0:25 Cook | 4 Servings

- 1 Place diced chicken and soup mix in a freezer bag and shake until the chicken is well coated.
- 2 Cook the chicken in a frying pan until golden, then add the bacon and water.
- 3 Simmer for 10 minutes or until the sauce thickens.
- 4 Add cream just before serving.



### Method



↑ Wednesday is Morning Tea day for the volunteers at the Sub-Branch office

→ It was great to see Violet Whittaker and Raelene Box from the [WBB QMI 5LHR Hervey Bay Troop](#) at the Hervey Bay RSL & Services Memorial Club selling tickets to see

ONE LAST RIDE  
and  
THE  
LIGHTHORSEMEN  
screening at Big Screen Cinemas



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

- 2 March 2024 President Brian attended the District AGM held in Bundaberg.
- 25 March 2024 The Hervey Bay Special School attended at the Hervey Bay RSL to see a presentation of the memorabilia by Hervey Bay RSL Sub-Branch Memorabilia Officer, Simon Morley, assisted by Committee Member Vic Jackson (see article page 6)
- 26 March 2024 Another successful Diggers Lunch was held in Hervey House, with an Easter theme. (See article page 20).
- 27 March 2024 Public Notice for ANZAC Day 2024 road closures.
- 28 March 2024 Sub-Branch Board Meeting.
- 2 April 2024 Members of the WBB QMI 5LHR Hervey Bay Troop were at selling tickets to the movie One Last Ride and The Light Horsemen, in the foyer of the RSL Club.
- 12 April 2024 President Brian met with the Fraser Coast Red Dragons who are keen to get veterans on board (see page 14).
- 18 April 2024 Sub-Branch Board Meeting.
- 25 April 2024 The Hervey Bay RSL Sub-Branch hosted the Dawn Service and Main Service of Commemoration at Freedom Park.
- 25 April 2024 Committee Member, Garry Reid, resigns from the Board.
- 29 April 2024 Planning commences for the D DAY 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration Service to be held at the Cenotaph, Freedom Park, on 6 June 2024.
- 9 May 2024 Planning commences for the RIMAU/KRAIT Commemoration Service to be held on 7 July 2024 at the RIMAU/KRAIT Memorial at Dayman Park.
- 11 May 2024 President Brian chaired the May Quarterly General Meeting in Hervey House.
- 18 May 2024 President Brian attended the Wide Bay Burnett District meeting via webcam.
- 22 May 2024 Volunteers Appreciation Function held (see article page 13).
- 23 May 2024 Sub-Branch Board Meeting
- 28 May 2024 Diggers Lunch held in Hervey House.
- 31 May 2024 Planning commences for Korea War Veterans Day to be held on Saturday 27 July 2024

- ◇ For the months of March, April and May the Sub-Branch provided an RSL Poppy Service at three funerals.
- ◇ Administrative assistance and/or supply of ordnance was provided to eight Ex-Service Organisations and cadets as well as 11 volunteer / welfare / community organisations in the Hervey Bay area.

**The  
Hervey Bay RSL Sub-Branch Inc.  
use Chris Thompson  
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legal requirements.**



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## The Most Ruthless Australian Who Ever Served...!!

**Lawrence Dominic McCarthy** was born in York WA on 21 January 1892. He was orphaned at a young age, was brought up in Clontarf Orphanage in Perth and educated in Catholic schools. After completing his schooling, from the age of 13 he worked on a farm as an apprentice near Northam, and later, he served with the 18th Light Horse, a Militia unit, for two and a half years.

### Gallipoli and the Western Front..



McCarthy was initially rejected when he attempted to join the AIF however, he was later accepted after proving he had won a number of shooting competitions and enlisted on 16 October 1914. He was subsequently posted to the newly formed 16th Battalion. His large build later earned him the nickname "Fats".

After sailing for Egypt in December and further training, the 16<sup>th</sup> Battalion was landed late on 25 April 1915 at Gallipoli and reinforced the line at Pope's Hill on the second day of the campaign against the Turks. On 2 May it took part in the assault on 'Baby 700', a commanding position held by the Turks, which overlooked Australian positions in Monash Valley. The Battalion was tasked to take the 'Bloody Angle', the ridge above the right hand gully at the head of Monash Valley, between Pope's Hill and Quinn's Post.

16 Bn had landed with a strength of about 1000 men, but by dawn on the 3rd May, after the action at Baby 700, it numbered just 309. McCarthy survived the assault here and was promoted to corporal on 19 July.

The Battalion saw further action at Quinn's Post, and in the area towards Suvla, including the unsuccessful attack on Hill 971. In this action at one stage the left flank of the brigade was left entirely exposed where *'only severe fighting by the 16th Bn kept the Turks from enveloping the rear of the column.'* The Battalion had suffered the loss of 118 officers and men.

On 1 September, McCarthy was promoted to sergeant though general debility caused his evacuation to Egypt nine days later and he did not rejoin his unit at Gallipoli until 13 November. He was then among the last in his battalion to leave Gallipoli on 20 December 1915, moving back to Egypt for rest and re-organising of the AIF.

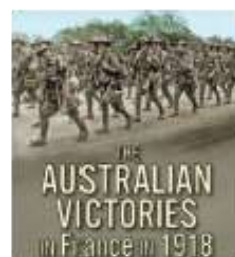
The 16th Battalion arrived in France in June 1916 where they took part in the fighting against the Germans at Pozières and Mouquet Farm in August 1916. In January 1917, McCarthy was awarded the French *Croix de Guerre* for his services on Gallipoli and in France. He was promoted to CSM on 8 March. On 2 April he suffered a gunshot wound to the left arm in fighting near Bullecourt and was evacuated to England for treatment.

Rejoining his unit on 9 July 1917, he was promoted to lieutenant on 1 November. Between February and August 1918 he was posted to the 13th Training Battalion in England where he trained troops, before rejoining his battalion in time for the *Allied Hundred Days Offensive* that began on 8 August.

### Victoria Cross action ..

**On 23 August 1918, McCarthy performed what was later described in the official history as being the most effective piece of individual fighting in the history of the AIF, next to Albert Jacka's Military Cross-winning feat at Pozières.**

Near Madame Wood, west of Vermandovillers, France, the Bn was heavily opposed by well-sited German machine-guns. A crisis suddenly developed in front of a British flanking unit, halting its advance preventing a link-up with the Australians. McCarthy, realizing the situation, dashed across the open ground with two men to the nearest machine-gun post, where, having out-distanced his companions, he put the gun out of action, then continued on his own fighting his way down the trench, throwing "bombs" and shooting his way through, dropping into a disused trench which had been blocked.



One of his two men was killed whilst doing this. He was now right under the block over which the enemy machine-gun was firing. The presence of head cover prevented the use of bombs. He therefore tunnelled a hole through the bottom of the block, through which he inserted his head and one arm. He at once shot dead the two men firing the gun. He then crawled through the hole he had made, and by himself charged down the trench. He threw his limited number of Mills bombs among the German garrison and inflicted some more casualties.



He then came in contact with two German officers, who fired on him. One of these he shot dead, the other he seriously wounded. He then charged down the trench using his revolver and throwing enemy stick bombs, and captured three more enemy machine-guns. At this stage, he was joined by Sgt Fred Robbins whom he had outdistanced earlier. Together they continued to bomb up the trench, until touch was established with the British unit that stabilised the situation. In the meantime yet another machine-gun had been captured

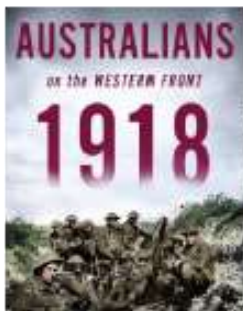
Having cleared up a dangerous situation, he proceeded to establish a garrison in the line. Whilst doing this he saw a number of the enemy escaping from neighbouring trenches. He seized a Lewis gun and inflicted further casualties on them. A total of 5 machine-guns and 50 prisoners (37 unwounded and 13 wounded) was captured, while Lieut. McCarthy during his most amazing and daring feat had, single-handed, killed 20 of the enemy.

**The determined and daring conduct of this gallant officer saved a critical situation, prevented many casualties, and was mainly, if not entirely, responsible for the final objective being taken.**

The 16th Battalion historian noted that the action was met with the most extraordinary reaction from McCarthy's prisoners. Far from further resistance, the Germans actually congratulated him on his feat. *"The german prisoners closed in on him from all sides ... and patted him on the back!!"*

**For his actions in the taking of the trench, McCarthy was awarded the Victoria Cross. For his part in the same action Robbins was awarded a Distinguished Conduct Medal (DCM).**

Within his battalion and in some quarters of the London press, McCarthy's VC award became to be known as the **"Super-VC"**. Responding to the congratulations of a fellow officer McCarthy reportedly remarked; *'Oh, it was nothing. I jumped into a trench and got the fright of my life when I found that it was full of Fritzies.'*



Ten days after the war ended, on 21 November 1918, McCarthy was evacuated to England with influenza, where he was informed that he had been awarded the VC for his August action. After recovering he rejoined 16<sup>th</sup> Bn on 7 January 1919, subsequently receiving the award from King George V at Buckingham Palace on 12 July 1919.

Later in 1919 the London Times released Volume XIX of its comprehensive history of the war. Of the Australians it notes; *'Nothing could exceed the daring and initiative of these oversea soldiers...'* Contained within the volume is reference to McCarthy's actions which *'were of the bravest and most resolute description, and they were conspicuous even amongst the many extraordinary single-handed exploits of the war.'*

Between March 1916 and November 1918 more than **295,000 Australians** served in the Australian Imperial Force (AIF) in France and Belgium. Of these, some 46,000 lost their lives and some 131,000 were wounded.

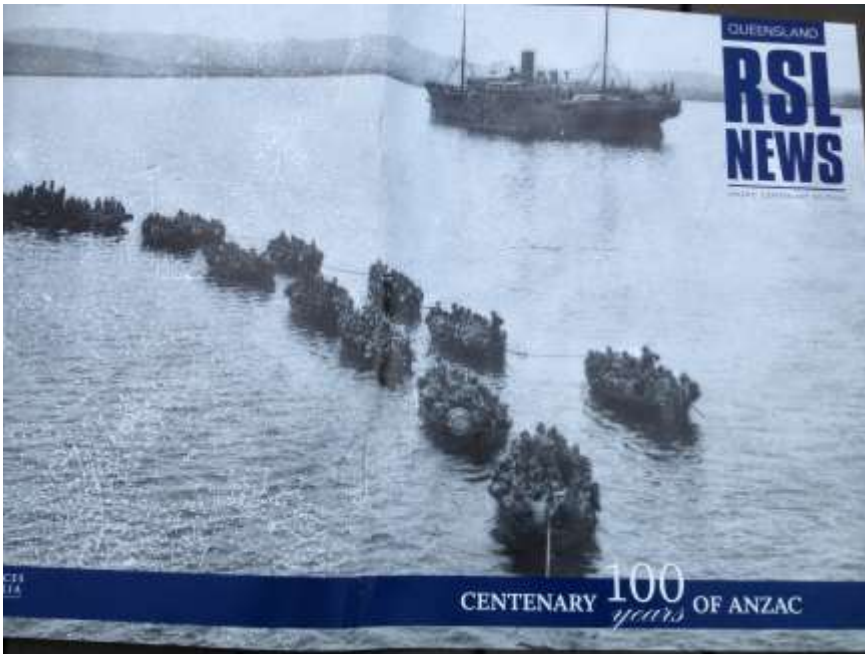
**16th Battalion was the most highly decorated Australian infantry battalion of World War One**

*Footnote:*

McCarthy returned to Australia in December 1919, having married Florence Norville in January in London. He was demobilised in August 1920 and returned to WA. Moving to Victoria in 1926 with his wife, he was employed by the Sunshine Harvester Works as a commercial traveller and remained with them until 1934 when the company was forced to lay off staff during the Great Depression. He subsequently found new work with the *Trustees, Executors & Agency Co.* in Melbourne, and worked for that company until his retirement in 1969.

**The couple's only son, Lawrence, was KIA fighting the Japanese on Bougainville on 20 May 1945.**

**Lawrence Dominic McCarthy VC** died at the Repatriation General Hospital, Heidelberg in Melbourne in May 1975 and was cremated with full military honours.



This is a picture from the front cover of the RSL News several years ago. Back then it caught my attention. It's a picture of the smaller boats making their way to the beach at Gallipoli. I also found the original picture in Canberra at the museum.

As Australia was still a young country back then, there were many emigrants from Ireland, Scotland and England.

The large round item being held on the boat is a Lambeg Drum. They are still made in Ireland and played regularly at competitions in Folk Drumming Clubs. They were carried into battle the same as the Scots played the bagpipes. The hides are made from Goat Skins usually captured in the Donegal Hills from wild goats. They have a fearsome sound and they are beaten with bamboo rods. My research has found that many of these drums were brought here by immigrants and hence why one ended up being taken to Gallipoli.

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=ZOOTfX7GuSI&pp=ygUcd2lsbGllIGRyZW5uYW4qbGFTYmVnlGJvb2dpZO%3D%3D>

I have painted some of these before when I lived in Ireland as each drum carries some history in some way. PS. Here is a picture of one I painted 32 years ago.

# Robin Smyth



Hervey Bay RSL Sub-Branch member, Robin Smyth, has kindly designed and installed two of his silhouettes on the Hervey Bay RSL Sub-Branch Bus Shed at 18 Torquay Road, Pialba.

Robin has also fabricated a wreath stand which you may have seen at Freedom Park on ANZAC Day 2024.

**Thank you for your donation.  
Great work and professionally done.**

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# Military invalidity pensions – Douglas decision

Work out if your military invalidity pension is affected by the Douglas decision and what it means for your tax.

## THE *DOUGLAS* DECISION

The Federal Court decision in [Commissioner of Taxation v Douglas \[2020\] FCAFC 220](#) (the *Douglas* decision) found that, from 1 July 2007, certain invalidity pension payments for veterans and their beneficiaries are superannuation lump sums, and not superannuation income stream benefits.

The vast majority of veterans will be in a better tax position due to the *Douglas* decision – paying less tax. Tax will increase for a small number of veterans.

As a result of the *Douglas* decision, a [veterans' superannuation \(invalidity pension\) tax offset](#) (VSTO) has been introduced to ensure veterans and their beneficiaries don't pay more tax because of the *Douglas* decision.

## WHAT'S NEW IN THE MEMORABILIA COLLECTION



In the first week of June the new RSL Sub-Branch “Memorabilia” sales cabinet was installed in the RSL Club foyer. This new cabinet has allowed for a major expansion and relocation of the museum display area.

In total, the museum has gained seven new shelves over the whole display area.

The Hervey Bay RSL Sub-Branch wishes to thank the following from the Hervey Bay RSL and Services Memorial Club, Ray Eustace (President), Ian Cox (Vice President), Jason Lynch RSL Club CEO, and his staff for their assistance in seeing this display enhancement through to its conclusion.

The Women's Auxiliary have been busy since our AGM in February. We have welcomed back some of our previous executive and some new. A huge thankyou to our Immediate Past President, Mrs Janice Chick for her outstanding work over the last few years. Our new President, Mrs Joan Hawkes has hit the ground running, and we are sure she will do an excellent job. As Joan is our new President, our long-term member Mrs Wendy Owen has stepped in to fill Joan's shoes as Secretary.



In the lead up to ANZAC Day, the ladies were busily selling Memorabilia on behalf of the Sub Branch, along with our white crosses, which were on display at the cenotaph. We would like to thank all those who purchased memorabilia and White Crosses. Your support enables us to continue to help vital charities throughout the community as well as the many veterans and their families who call Hervey Bay their home.



As usual, we continue to hold our monthly raffles at the RSL. The proceeds of which continue to be utilised in supporting our veterans. Our next monthly raffle is Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June, and we hope the members and visitors to the Memorial club will try their luck by buying a ticket. We are now busily working towards gathering and making gifts for our major fundraising activity, the Tombola. With the generous support of the Memorial Club and the Sub Branch, through donations and use of Hervey House, we are hosting our Tombola Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July starting at 10am. Tea, coffee, and biscuits will be available. Tickets range from \$2, \$5, \$10, and \$20 boards.

Once a month or so we head off on a day trip courtesy of the Sub Branch and the use of their bus and driver.

So far this year we have visited Butterfly Hill Farm in Nambour and experienced a lovely cruise, dolphin feeding and scrumptious seafood lunch for Mother's Day in Tin Can Bay.

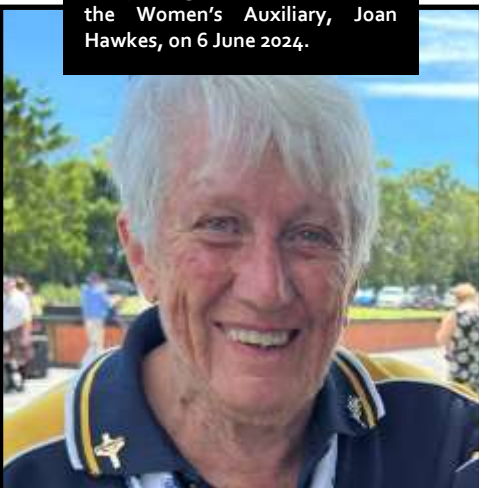
These trips take a lot to organise, and we have our Treasurer Heather and member Pauline to thank for organising them for us.

Our next trip is planned for Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July where we will be visiting Brooklyn House in Howard and having a lovely lunch at the Craignish Country Club. A big thank you to Heather and Pauline for all your hard work.

As a volunteer organisation, we are always looking to welcome new members. So, any ladies who would like to join a fun, chatty group who enjoy helping our veteran community, please feel free to come along to one of our meetings.



It is with great sadness we note the passing of the President of the Women's Auxiliary, Joan Hawkes, on 6 June 2024.



Meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month, starting at 10.30am in the Lakes Conference Room. For further information please contact the Secretary, Mrs Wendy Owen on 0458 436 788 or email [w heironymus@hotmail.com](mailto:heironymus@hotmail.com).



# National 20-26 MAY 2024 Volunteer Something for Everyone Week



The President of the Hervey Bay RSL Sub-Branch, President Brian Tidyman, and the Sub-Branch committee, were delighted to host a Volunteers' Appreciation Function at the Hervey RSL & Services Memorial Club during Volunteers Week, May 2024.

Our wonderful volunteers assist the Sub-Branch in so many ways, such as the Wellbeing Support Officers who often go above and beyond to look after our members, drivers for bus trips and veteran transport, and those who assist in our Commemoration services, such as our steadfast bugler, Geoff Harper, and our much-loved Reverend, Jeff Jarvis B.Ed.

President Brian personally thanked all who attended and gave kudos to the RSL Club for the excellent setting and food. It was great to get everyone together and thank them for their time and efforts in making the Hervey Bay RSL Sub-Branch and its members, a great organisation to belong to.

## Poem for the Veterans

### The War

They were strong and young  
When given a gun  
And shipped off overseas  
To fight a war  
On another shore  
So many said "yes please"

They fought, they died  
Oh! How they tried  
These men we all call brave  
But on this day  
They lead the way  
Remember all that they gave

But times are new  
The veterans few  
Old enemies we now call  
friend

But lest we forget  
Remember, you bet!  
And races will strive to blend.

Darryl Harris (d'ecd)  
Ex-Navy



It's great to see Hervey Bay RSL Sub-Branch Committee Member, John Beattie, keeping the Sub-Branch office clean.

Love your work! Keep it up!

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

## FRASER COAST RED DRAGONS

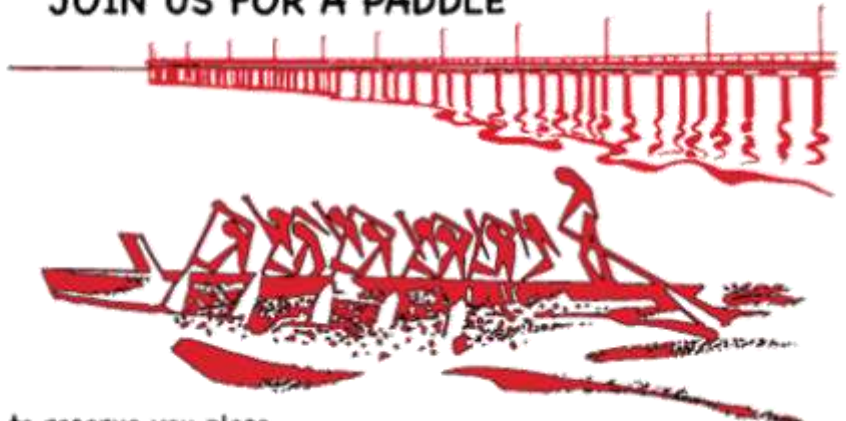
For Fun Or Fitness, Competition Or Social



JOIN US FOR A PADDLE

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Sundays @ 6am  
Off Scarness beach



Call the club today (0411 234 747) to reserve you place  
OR Email: [frasercoastreddragons@gmail.com](mailto:frasercoastreddragons@gmail.com)

*Get involved in dragon boating*  
Meet up at Scarness public car park  
(Near the outrigger club and Sailing club).



# RSL

Hervey Bay Sub Branch



The Hervey Bay RSL Sub-Branch will hold a

## Commemoration Service

at the Cenotaph

Freedom Park on Main Street, Pialba

**Saturday 27 July 2024 at 1100hrs**

All welcome to this Service

Please advise the Sub-Branch office, before noon on Thursday 25 July 2024  
if you wish to lay a wreath

# **DATES TO REMEMBER 2024**

## Annual General Meeting

February 24 10:30am (held in 'Hervey House' at the RSL Club)

## General Meetings

May 11 10:30am

August 10 10:30am

November 23 10.30am

(held in 'Hervey House' at the RSL Club unless advised otherwise)

## Committee Meetings

Usually held the fourth Thursday of the month (no meeting December).

\*There will be a variation in April when the Committee meeting is brought forward due to the ANZAC Day 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:**

<b>*February 23</b>	<b>National Day for War Animals</b>
<b>April 25</b>	<b>ANZAC Day</b>
<b>July 7</b>	<b>Rimau Commemoration</b>
<b>July 27</b>	<b>Korea Memorial Day</b>
<b>August 15</b>	<b>VP Day</b>
<b>August 18</b>	<b>Vietnam Veterans' Day</b>
<b>September 14</b>	<b>Peacekeepers Day</b>
<b>November 11</b>	<b>Remembrance Day</b>

**\*War Animal Day will be commemorated a day earlier, on 23 February 2024, due to the Hervey Bay RSL Sub-Branch AGM being held on 24 February 2024**



**Veteran's Day**  
**in the Sports bar**  
1st DVA Pay Day of the month (Thursday)  
All Welcome, 11am - 1.30pm  
Entertainment Provided! Icy cold beverages at great prices  
Meat Tray Raffles plus Lucky Envelopes with great prizes!  
General Knowledge Quiz - 8 questions, with a great prize to be won!

## **DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN AFFAIRS - 2024 1ST PAY DATE OF THE MONTH**

January 11

February 8

March 7

April 4

May 2

June 13

July 11

August 8

September 5

October 3

November 14

December 12



With thanks to RSL Queensland and the Federal Member for Hinkler, the Hon. Keith Pitt, three Hervey Bay RSL Sub-Branch members were presented with a WWII Medallion after the ANZAC Day Main Service

We introduce you to:



← **Ken Hayden** was involved in the D Day Landing the largest amphibious military invasion in history . Ken has served for both the British and NZ Navy.



→ **Stanley Hanna** enlisted at Army Recruiting in Bankstown in 1944 and discharged in 1947. He assisted Australian POW's held captive by the Japanese, back to Australia from PNG.



← **Alan Williams** served in Papua New Guinea during WW2 and is fondly referred to as an absolute gentleman and community advocate. Alan will turn 101 on the 16th of June.



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## **Commemoration Service**

at the

**KRAIT Memorial**

**at Dayman Park, Urangan.**

**Sunday 7 July 2024 at 10:00am**

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Royal Australian Air Force Association

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**OUR AIMS**

*SUPPORTING THE WELFARE OF THE AIR FORCE FAMILY WITH ADVOCACY, CAMARADERIE, ASSISTANCE AND COMMEMORATION*

*DISSEMINATE INFORMATION RELATING TO COMPENSATION ENTITLEMENTS*

*ORGANISED EVENTS FOR THE AIR FORCE FAMILY TO REMAIN CONNECTED*

*HONOUR AND PRESERVE THE MEMORY OF THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED BEFORE US*



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By joining the RAAFA, you and your family could enjoy the benefits of membership. This includes:

- Retirement benefits advice,
- Repatriation & Welfare advice,
- Social — fellowship & camaraderie,
- Support for the Air Force Cadets,
- Commemorative activities,
- Friends in civil life,
- Support for the RAAF
- RAAF History and Heritage Involvement
- A voice to government for members & ex-members of the Air Force.

*One of the best reasons to join is simply meeting up with 'old mates'; those who we served with during our Service life. So why not come join us.*

The RAAFA is an association for all ranks, both male & female, serving & ex-serving, from the RAAF, WRAAF, RAF, RNZAF, the Navy Fleet Air Arm, Army Aviation, allied Commonwealth Air Forces & the USAF, as well as family members of those service personnel.

If you are interested, there are many ways to join the Association, either by going to the Queensland website at; [www.raafaqld.com/documents/raafa-qlddivision-application-form/](http://www.raafaqld.com/documents/raafa-qlddivision-application-form/) to download an application form which can then be submitted with any of the contacts below.

Or via direct contact with any of the following:

RAAFA Fraser Coast Branch at: [frasersec@raafaqld.org](mailto:frasersec@raafaqld.org) or

RAAFA Qld State Secretary at: [statesec@raafaqld.org](mailto:statesec@raafaqld.org)

*A hard copy of WINGS Magazine is provided to the members of the Australian Flying Corps and Royal Australian Air Force Association, Queensland Division.*



**The Hervey Bay RSL Sub-Branch Bus** has been very busy this quarter. **You may have seen it at:**

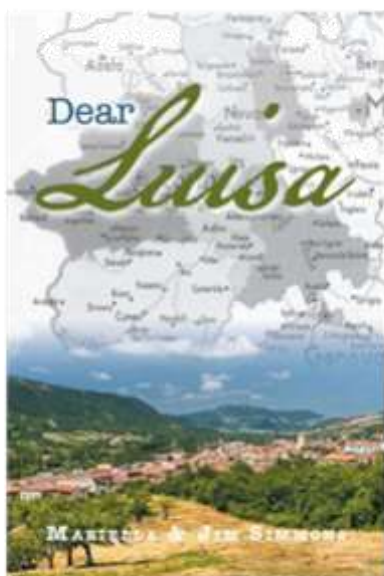
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- Gympie Wood Museum
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- Tin Can Bay Country Club
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- Burnett Heads
- The Brolga Theatre
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Vietnam Veterans Day information coming soon



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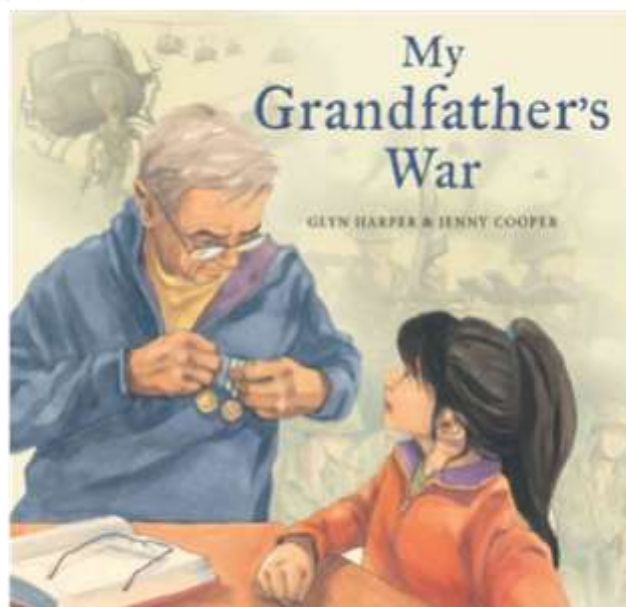
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These books were donated to the school libraries in the local area whilst speaking at the ANZAC Day school assemblies.

The High Schools received *Dear Luisa*, a love story from the 2nd World War.

*My Grandfather's War*, a great story about a Vietnam War veteran and his granddaughter was for the primary schools.



The Light Horse Memorial at Freedom Park was once again the focal point for the ANZAC Day services this year hosted by the Hervey Bay RSL Sub-Branch. President Brian Tidyman welcomed thousands of people to both the services.

Reviewing Officer LCDR Cecilia Berryman, Chaplain Jeff Jarvis, and the catafalque party supplied by 9RQR were a part of the team that came together to give Hervey Bay relevant, yet poignant ANZAC Day commemoration services. Freedom Park was adorned with white crosses by the Hervey Bay RSL Women's Auxiliary, in memory of our forefathers who never returned to home soil.

The Hervey Bay RSL & Services Memorial Club provided a Gunfire Breakfast for members and their guests after the Dawn Service, as well as a delicious luncheon after the main service. The RSL Pipe Band came to play in the Club after the service to the delight of members and guests.

*Check our FB page for these and many more photos from ANZAC Day 2024*



Kawungan School Choir



Freedom Park - Main Service



Members of the 9th Btn Ceremonial Guard



Sub-Branch Committee Members  
Christine Bell and Treasurer Tracy Gillespie



Sub-Branch President Brian Tidyman  
with member Dave Grainger



Sub-Branch Committee Member John Beattie with  
Reviewing Officer LCDR Cecilia Berryman RAN



Sub-Branch Deputy President Brad Gray  
representing Korea War Veterans - Main March



The Colour Party - Main March



Reverend Jeff Jarvis

*Thank you to new Hervey Bay RSL Sub-Branch member, David Beattie, for donating these shell casings he found in caves in Papua New Guinea. David told Deputy President, Brad Gray, that he spent some time in PNG with the New Guinea Volunteer Rifles and brought these back with him.*

*They are now on display in the foyer of the Hervey Bay RSL & Services Memorial Club*



## Diggers Lunch May 2024

The Hervey Bay RSL Sub-Branch veterans were treated to a performance from the incredibly talented Fraser Coast Anglican Performance Group. The students, supported by Mr Ian Slater (Fraser Coast Anglican's wonderful Director of Visual & Performing Arts) are warmly welcomed to Diggers Lunch and never hesitate to answer the call to entertain the Diggers. These extraordinarily gifted musicians really know how to belt out a tune. 'Home Among the Gum Trees', got the room bouncing.

Ali Clenton (Events Co-ordinator Extraordinaire for the Hervey Bay RSL & Services Memorial Club) beautifully dressed the tables with tributes to both Mothers Day and ANZAC Day. Ali arranged a delicious hearty Autumn menu, that was enjoyed by all.



The Wellbeing team and volunteers look forward to the June luncheon.

Lou Shipard  
Hervey Bay RSL  
Sub-Branch  
Wellbeing  
Co-Ordinator  
May 2024



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GADDES, Keith	2787064	Royal Air Force	18.03.2024
JANSSON, Carl Frederick	355895	ARMY	20.03.2024
LESLIE-MCINTOSH, Ian Maxwell	A219204	RAAF	14.04.2024
BROTHERTON, Reginald Vernon	173595	ARMY	23.04.2024
BEVAN, Martyn	5717691	ARMY	27.04.2024
MCDERMOTT, Peter Robert	R95311	NAVY	09.05.2024
WORTHINGTON, Gregory Patrick	318296	ARMY	11.05.2024
CASEY, John David	312686	ARMY	28.05.2024
KILLMIER, Hillary "Tex" J	47024	RAAF	29.05.2024

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## 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/Toby Tidyman C/- HB RSL Sub-Branch	First Monday 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	Pam Lock 0409 629 389	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	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	Tina Bray 4194 5111   0418 554 057	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>