



Australian American Association Queensland Division – Brisbane



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Patron: Her Excellency the Hon. Dr Jeannette Young AC PSM, Governor of Qld.



Dear members and friends,

So far, we have kicked-off the New Year, by organizing and attending a lot of delightful events, such as the following:

Australia Day Citizenship Awards Ceremony, held at the Sunnybank High School on Sunday 26th January 2023.



Well known identity Lewis Lee OAM, was the MC for the event. Lewis is Chairman of the Australians of Chinese Heritage War Memorial Committee, and also, President of the Sunnybank RSL Sub-Branch.



Well over 125 New Citizens to Australia, received their Citizenship Awards at the ceremony held at the Sunnybank High School.

Multicultural Celebration on Australia Day, including a thanksgiving Eucharistic Mass Celebration, organized by Honey La Rosa Binny of the Philippines Association of Qld, held at St James Church Coorparoo on Sunday 26th January 2023.



Tai Chi was one of the many Multi-cultural displays performed at the Australia Day event.



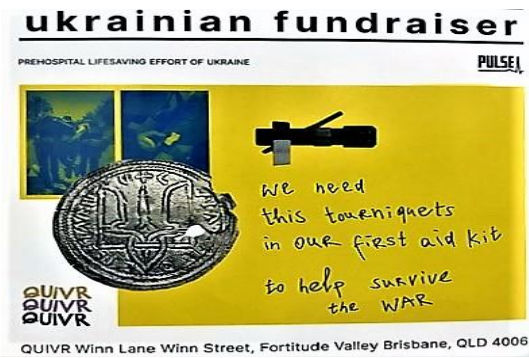
Our Australian American Association's Treasurer Teresa Pokoj and President Mike Harris, enjoying all the fun of the displays, with their good friend retired Coorparoo GP - Dr Pandy (sitting at centre of photo).

Australia Day Luncheon, held at the Coorparoo RSL Club on Sunday 29th January 2023.



Big group of happy Australian American Association Brisbane members and friends who attended the "Australia Day" Luncheon.

Ukraine Fundraiser, held at the Ukrainian Club Greenslopes, on Friday 10th February 2023.



From left - Joe Kelly MP, Member for Greenslopes and Leanne Linnard MP, Minister for multicultural Affairs, joined by Australian American Association, Brisbane - President Mike Harris, Treasurer Teresa Pokoj and Secretary Alice Langford.

Super Bowl Game, viewed live at the Coorparoo RSL Club on Monday 13th February 2023.



The Kansas Chiefs defeated the Philadelphia Eagles to win Super Bowl LVII in one of the most exciting Super Bowls we've seen in years. The final score was 38 - 35.



A good crowd of members and friends turned out for the Super Bowl game, especially, to enjoy a thrilling finish. As is usual, great food and friendly service was provided by the Club's staff at the Coorparoo RSL Club.

Meet and Greet Evening, held at United Service Club Brisbane City, on Friday 17th February 2023.



Members, gathered at the big table in the United Service Club's 'Military Bar'.

MAJOR EVENTS AND ALSO SOCIAL EVENTS TAKING PLACE FOR THE REST OF 2023.



Monthly Drinks - Meet & Greet Nights.

These M & G Nights, are great occasions for bringing our Association's Members and Friends together, where they can have a light dinner with drinks, and enjoy a little fun, friendship and connection. The February 2023 M & G was held in the 'Military Bar' of the United Service Club and was much enjoyed by all those who attended. The United Service Club is one of Brisbane's premium establishments which has great ambiance and provides great meals and excellent service. We will soon be advertising our March 2023 event to be held there, by News Flash.

ANZAC Day March and Dawn Services.

On Tuesday 25th April 2023, you will have the option of attending the ANZAC Day March held in Brisbane City, or attending a Dawn Service, held at your local RSL Club.

The Battle of the Coral Sea Wreath-laying event, followed by a Separate Luncheon.

A Commemoration Service to mark the 81st Anniversary of the Battle of the Coral Sea will be held on Saturday 6th May 2023, commencing at 10:00 am, at the Australian American War Memorial, Lyndon Baynes Johnson Place Newstead Park, Brisbane (Corner of Breakfast Creek Road and Newstead Avenue, Newstead). A Light Morning Tea will be provided at this service.

Further to this on the same day, and following the above Wreath-laying event, a Luncheon will be held at the United Service Club, Brisbane City. Arrival time is 1:00pm, with the luncheon commencing at 1:30pm. If you are attending both events, you will have ample time to leave the Wreath-laying event, and travel to attend the Luncheon Event. You must book separately for each event, for catering purposes. Note: If you are only attending the first event, you will be served a Light Morning Tea following the service.

Independence Day (4th July) Luncheon

This luncheon will be held on Sunday 2nd July 2023 (starting at 11am) at a venue yet to be announced by News Flash.

Memorial Day

Memorial Day is observed every year on the last Monday in May. We understand that this year, it will be held on 29th May. Memorial Day honours those who died serving in the United States military. You will be advised of the organization who is holding this event this year, and the time and place, once our Association is advised of this information.

Thanksgiving Dinner

A Thanksgiving Dinner Function will be held at the United Service Club on either Thursday 23rd or Friday 24th November 2023 (a Newsflash will be released advertising this event).

Pre-Christmas Dinner

This is a wonderful time of the year to bring our Members and Friends together to enjoy some good will, reflect on the important things of the year passing and contemplate on our future hopes and aspirations. The event can be a Friday Dinner or sometimes a Saturday Luncheon, held about a week prior to Christmas Eve, say Friday 15th or Saturday 16th December. A News Flash will be released advertising the time, date and where this event will be held.

Yours faithfully,

Mike Harris, President.

Australian American Association, Brisbane.

