



BUNDABERG DISTRICT WOMEN VETERANS
Formed 1967 as: BUNDABERG & DISTRICT EX SERVICEWOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Chests Out

Women Veterans, proud to have served our nation.

4/2025 APR

ANZAC DAY



Our early risers at the Dawn Service Bundaberg
Shirley Watson, Helen Baldwin, Gloria Garbutt, Dannielle Brearley

CHESTS OUT—proud female veterans staying in touch for 58 years

Association Information

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BUSINESS INFORMATION: Incorporation IA13064 NFP Charity ABN 78362718229 Public liability Insurance Miramar –132848-Q \$20M

See website for constitution, by laws, business plan and other important documents.

MEMBERSHIP: Service Member \$10; Associate \$15 per year. You may pay for more than one year. Please be sure to alert treasurer of your transfer of money. Your secretary has a record of your advance payments—contact her to check your status.

Financial year: 1Jan to 31Dec. See website 'about us' for eligibility and to download an application form.

Bundaberg District Women Veterans

COMMITTEE 2025-26

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Activities:	Activities Officer or coordinators
Bookings:	Coordinator or Treasurer
Commemorations	Commemorations Officer
Policy, Procedures	Jenny Waldron or Leone Wilson
Strategic Planning	President

General Appointments

Activities:	A/Off (VACANT). Assist: Jenny Waldron, Glenda Everton-Brocklesby, Annette Newsham, Jeannie Roberts
Assist. Secty	Leone Wilson, Jeannie Roberts
Awards:	President, Vice Pres, Shirley Watson,
Commemorations:	C/Off (VACANT). Assist: Angella Hillis, Jenny Waldron, Leone Wilson
Commun.& Prom:	Media: President, Assist: Sheryl Parker
Financial Auditor:	Lynne Pollock, Sheona Webster-Gorrie
Fundraising:	Sharon Barsby, Assist: Kay Littler, Lynne Pollock
Grants:	Jenny Waldron, Kay Littler, Sharon Barsby
History:	His/Mgr (VACANT). Assist: Leone Wilson
Legacy Liaison:	Sheryl Parker, Lynne Pollock
Library:	Annette Newsham
Line Dancing:	Sharon Barsby, Assist: Annette Newsham
Newsletter :	Leone Wilson, Assist: Jeannie Roberts
Property Officer:	Lynne Pollock, Assist: Sharon Barsby
RSL Liaison	Dannielle Brearley, Gloria Kilpatrick
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Ten Pin Bowls:	Lynne Pollock
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Current Life Members

Leone Wilson OAM
Shirley Watson
Kay Derome
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Sharon Barsby

HOW TO PAY:

Electronic Funds Transfer & Direct Deposits:

Bundaberg District Women Veterans Inc. Westpac Bundaberg: BSB 034122 A/c 637419

PLEASE INFORM SECTY or TREAS.

CASH: You can pay cash at a meeting—Please assist the Treasurer by having the correct money.
If you need a receipt let the treasurer know.

MEETINGS

It is a long gap between normal meetings, however activities have continued and contact has been maintained.

April, in fact, has been a busy month with commemorations and the regular events. We have had a few members unwell, including two in hospitals and a number coming and going on holidays.

During all of this the committee have approved two new members: service member Deb Bratt and asso-

ciate, Helen Hancock. Welcome Deb and Helen.

Both Deb and Helen are well known to many of you but you may not be aware that Helen is the daughter of our world war two AWLA member, the late Eleanora Mallett.

Eleanora joined in 1970 and passed away in 2013. Her story is preserved in *Mothers, Daughters, Wives*, the first volume. That highlights the importance of our two historical records. We need a third!

SALUTE TO SERVICEWOMEN

Coverage of the Quiet Moment and Anzac Girls Lunch can be found on

photo pages 8 and 8a.

Tuesday 22 April was deemed a success and thanks to all who participated and Sharon who looked after the subsidy and raffle.

Great to have Lorraine and Jennie with us. Thanks for making the trip from the Sunny Coast.

ANZAC DAY, CITY

A fine, sunny day with a great expanse of blue overhead.

This year, parade numbers were down however I believe we presented a smart unit. The accolades were no less than in the past.

Thank you to those who attended and to Shalom College student, Jada Critchlow who carried the placard and led us proudly.

WAR NURSES MEMORIAL SERVICE

The service went well despite hitches but they were coped with OK. Fluid and flexible!

Bundaberg community representation was about equal to the usual although crowd numbers were down slightly probably because of the long weekend effect.

A group of presumably children had laid out hand made tributes prior to the event adding to the many floral

wreaths and flowers.

Thank you to MC Faye, service coordinator and guest speaker Jenny W, Sharon our sound guru, Shirley and Lynne, wreath wranglers and Jeanne, our gofer. Also Glenda Smith for Nurses Prayer and Dannielle Brearley, the Ode.

We had great support from TS Bundaberg Naval Cadets; Aaron Hunter, bugler; Major Melissa Millard, Salvation Army; and Adam Johnston, Caledonian Pipe Band.

The down side was lack of hands on deck for this year's work party. Sharon and Jenny, assisted by John

Barsby did the lion's share of loading and transporting equipment, setting up and on completion re-loading to transport back to the Lodge for a final unload. Jeannie and Glenda S, assisted on arrival at the park, and a few attendees pitched in to pack up on completion.

We need to do better next year as relying on one or two to move all of the equipment is a big ask.

A special thanks to Jenny, Sharon and John for their work in ensuring we were set up and able to go ahead.

Additional Anzac wrap can be found on photo pages, commemorations page and the back page.

SUNNY COAST 'CRUISE'

If you have not booked, do so now. We will be sending names and payment to Sunshine Coast on Wednesday 7 May.

Contact Annette 0407 581 935 and make sure to transfer your payment.

YOUR STORY, OUR HISTORY

As part of our accepted strategic plan, we are hoping to put together another set of members' stories, together with a record of our association's activity since 2022 through to early 2027. If your history is not yet record-

ed, contact me for how to be included.

WELLBEING

We know all is not well with everyone—sending you best wishes for quick improvement. And please, if you are cruising take plenty of anti-bacterial wipes and Glen 20. In fact 'tis the season to mask up and practice all the well known precautions. If you get a virus—follow doctors orders, stay home, get well; and please, don't share!

Leone

Hervey Bay shares Friendship April
A true friend is someone who brings out the best in you.

LODGE TEAM:

Lodge Liaison Officer: Sheryl Parker
Librarian: Annette Newsham
Key holders: President, Secretary,
Property Officer,
Liaison Officer.

Other authorised access per the secretary.

TIN HAT DONATIONS

A gold coin donation would be appreciated when attending meetings, cuppa chat etc. This goes to Bundaberg Legacy who provide us with our home.

TEA & COFFEE FACILITIES

CLEANLINESS—*The person responsible is you.*

STOCK SUPPLY—Please alert a committee member if something is running low.

CLIPBOARDS

Making bookings by using the clip boards is a convenient method for members.

The booking needs to be confirmed with a payment ASAP. Do this electronically, and advise the treasurer, or you can pay at the meeting.

To pay at a meeting: Please place the correct money in an envelope and include your name. You may ask the treasurer for a receipt.

AIR CONDITION COMFORT

On arriving at a meeting or Cuppa chat, you may find the door closed to keep the cool air in.

Remember you are welcome to attend a committee meeting, but please do so quietly so that the committee can hear the proceedings.

Come on in; close the door please.

FLAG RAISING & LOWERING

If you are nearby when the Australian National Flag is being raised or lowered, you should quietly stand still, facing the flag, until it has reached its destination.

LIBRARIES

SPECIAL BDWV LIBRARY

The association's collection of books is available for members to read onsite—they are one only copies and we can't afford to lose them.

This special library which is housed in the store room includes MDW vol one and two, Special Chests Out, Vol One and Two Commemorative booklets and Chests Out's.

Please feel free to have a read when visiting the Lodge. But do not remove from the building—thank you.

SWAP LIBRARY

These books, DVD and jig saws are for you to borrow. You may donate books/jigsaws. Returning after enjoying allows another member to borrow.

ON LOAN LIBRARY—please book out and in!

Two 'sign out' books are available for when borrowing RSL's library books or Member Owned books, jigsaws or DVD's.

These items are available to borrow but must be returned. Please note in the book provided.

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RESPECT OUR NEIGHBOURS

Legacy Lodge is a residential complex; 'The Lodge' is part of that complex -*For us to be a good neighbour we must be respectful of the other residents*

GOOD HEALTH PRACTICES

Please be considerate—don't spread germs.
Please stay at home if unwell

TO SAVE A LIFE

We may have a defibrillator, but we need to learn how to operate it. search: HeartSine 500P

PHOTOS OF YOU

Unless you advise otherwise, it is deemed we have permission to take and publish photos of you in the newsletter or on our Facebook page. If this is not the case, please contact the secretary.

So that we can honour you!

If you wish your service to your country to be recognised at your funeral, you need to let your funeral director or your family know. It is your family who ask the funeral director to arrange to have the poppy tribute.

Our association cannot interfere.

**Mothers Daughters Wives
Volume Two**

**Queen's Jubilee Mugs
MEMBERSHIP BADGES
SEE SHARON**



**Your gold coin
donation made when
attending the Lodge,
supports our generous
landlord,
Bundaberg Legacy**

Wellbeing Activities

All of our activities are for the wellbeing of members.



28 July 25

Bundaberg RSL Club

Members \$35—Guests \$45

RSVP 30 June

**Gypsies
Tramps
Thieves**

Book via clipboards or email—
payment options see page 2.

BUNDABERG RSL SUB BRANCH PROVIDED SUPPORT TO US

Please show your support for our
local RSL Sub Branch:

- ⇒ Become a member
- ⇒ Attend activities that are
planned for veterans and
sometimes also their family
- ⇒ Attend Bundaberg RSL Sub
branch general meetings
- ⇒ Attend commemorations or-
ganised by the RSL

**THE RSL SUPPORTS US—
WE NEED TO SUPPORT THEM.**

Contact info on page 12

LINE DANCING

It takes time and patience but In-
structor Chris will help you to learn
and enjoy this
healthy fun experience.

WEDNESDAYS FROM 15 JAN
1200-1300 Hrs (noon to 1pm)
Coronation Hall (airconditioned)
71 High Street, Walkervale.
Coordinators: Sharon Barsby &
Annette Newsham



TEN PIN BOWLS

**Last Monday
of the
month,
Jan to Nov
all welcome**
**NO SKILL
NEEDED!**
**Meet in café
area - 1030
for 1100 Hrs
start.**

**Stay for a
social lunch
(optional).**
First timers
contact
Lynne
Pollock
0438 517 795

The word from the recent
welfare workshop is, even if
you don't have a need you
should register for
myagedcare—it helps speed
up the process when a need
does arise

**If you are 65 or over
register now:**

my aged care

1800 200 422

www.myagedcare.gov.au



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

SUNNY COAST LUNCHEON— THU 5 JUN 25

\$70 members \$95 guests, (lunch and coach) RSVP 5 May 25

Depart Bundaberg Coaches 0700 return approx. 1800

Cruise attire for lunch on the *SS Sunny Coast*, docked at Maroochydore RSL

Coordinator: Annette Newsham

58th BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON— 21 JUL 25

Venue: Terrace, Bundaberg RSL Club, RSL Building, 17 Quay Street

Gypsies, Tramps and Thieves

Members \$35 Guests \$45. RSVP 30 June

Coordinator : Jenny Waldron

COUNTRY GET-AWAY—2 to 5 SEP 25

Request a detailed information sheet from Jenny Waldron.

Coordinator: Jenny Waldron/Sharon Barsby

MONTHLY REGULARS Check page 7 for dates

CUPPA CHAT

FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

Informal get together at the Lodge from around 1000 Hrs

Arrive and depart as you wish. Bring a plate (optional)

TEN PIN BOWLS

LAST MONDAY JAN-NOV

FUN ACTIVITY—NO SKILL NEEDED (OR USED!) 1000 FOR 1100 HRS

Healthy exercise with mates and plenty of laughs. Everyone is a winner.

Bundaberg Bowl & Leisure Centre, Lester Street.

Members, full subsidy (free) for a time—guests pay per person booked rate.

Coordinator: Lynne Pollock

LINE DANCING

WEDNESDAYS —1200 TO 1300 HRS

Coronation Hall, 71 High St, Walkervale. *The word is that it is a real hoot!*

Cost per session in 2025 is: members \$2 and guests \$10

Coordinator: Sharon Barsby

BOOKING FOR AN ACTIVITY

PLEASE BOOK EARLY TO ASSIST WITH PLANNING.

The RSVP date is the last date for cancellations to receive a refund.

The easy way to book is via the clipboards at the Lodge.

Otherwise contact coordinator, activity officer or secretary.

Contact details and payment info can be found on page 2.

IMPORTANT: Please advise any special diet requirements when booking for a function.

All bookings are to be confirmed by payment. (see page 2 for payment options).

Watch for any updates to these activities.

If, unfortunately, you need to cancel a booking, please advise the coordinator.

OUR DIARY 2025

Please check page 10 for Commemorations



APR	Mon	28	Ten Pin Bowls	Bundy Bowl & Leisure Centre, 1030 for 1100 Hrs
APR	Wed	30	Line Dancing	Coronation Hall 71 High St Walkervale 1200 Hrs
MAY	Wed	07	Cuppa Chat	Lodge from 1000 Hrs
MAY	Wed	07	Line Dancing	Coronation Hall 71 High St Walkervale 1200 Hrs
MAY	Wed	14	Line Dancing	Coronation Hall 71 High St Walkervale 1200 Hrs
MAY	Mon	19	Meetings	Lodge, Committee 1200 Hrs (all welcome), General 1300 Hrs
MAY	Wed	21	Line Dancing	Coronation Hall 71 High St Walkervale 1200 Hrs
MAY	Mon	26	Ten Pin Bowls	Bundy Bowl & Leisure Centre, 1030 for 1100 Hrs
MAY	Wed	28	Line Dancing	Coronation Hall 71 High St Walkervale 1200 Hrs
JUN	Wed	04	Line Dancing	Coronation Hall 71 High St Walkervale 1200 Hrs
JUN	Wed	04	Cuppa Chat	Lodge from 1000 Hrs
JUN	Thu	05	Bus trip	Sunshine Coast Luncheon RSVP 5 May - details page 6, book now.
JUN	Wed	11	Line Dancing	Coronation Hall 71 High St Walkervale 1200 Hrs
JUN	Mon	16	Meetings	Lodge, Committee 1200 Hrs (all welcome), General 1300 Hrs
JUN	Wed	18	Line Dancing	Coronation Hall 71 High St Walkervale 1200 Hrs
JUN	Wed	25	Line Dancing	Coronation Hall 71 High St Walkervale 1200 Hrs
JUN	Mon	30	Ten Pin Bowls	Bundy Bowl & Leisure Centre, 1030 for 1100 Hrs
JUL	Wed	02	Cuppa Chat	Lodge from 1000 Hrs
JUL	Wed	02	Line Dancing	Coronation Hall 71 High St Walkervale 1200 Hrs
JUL	Wed	09	Line Dancing	Coronation Hall 71 High St Walkervale 1200 Hrs
JUL	Sat	12	Art Class	Details to be advised. Booking sheet at the Lodge
JUL	Wed	16	Line Dancing	Coronation Hall 71 High St Walkervale 1200 Hrs
JUL	Mon	21	Birthday Lunch	58th Birthday <i>Gypsies, Tramps and Thieves</i> 1130 for 1200 Hrs
JUL	Wed	23	Line Dancing	Coronation Hall 71 High St Walkervale 1200 Hrs
JUL	Mon	28	Ten Pin Bowls	Bundy Bowl & Leisure Centre, 1030 for 1100 Hrs
JUL	Wed	30	Line Dancing	Coronation Hall 71 High St Walkervale 1200 Hrs
AUG	Wed	06	Cuppa Chat	Tom Quinn Café 1000 Hrs—buy your own
AUG	Wed	06	Line Dancing	Coronation Hall 71 High St Walkervale 1200 Hrs
AUG	Mon	11	Bus Trip	Date and details to be confirmed.
AUG	Wed	13	Line Dancing	Coronation Hall 71 High St Walkervale 1200 Hrs

SEE PAGE 6 FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLUS:

**CHECK ADVERTISING ON THE WEBSITE, THE LODGE NOTICEBOARD, AND CLIPBOARDS,
AND IN OTHER PAGES OF CHESTS OUT PLUS DETAILS CONTAINED IN THE MINUTES**

Changes are always possible, so stay informed.

2025 Quiet Moment



Jenny Waldron OAM and Kerry Clements

Phyllis Smith, Shirley Watson, Con Chatham, President Leone Wilson OAM and Terri-Anne Howard

We gathered to pay tribute to all women of the Australian Defence Force. Remembering on that day, 22 April 1995, 30 years ago, a massacre occurred in a camp for internally displaced persons near Kibeho south-west Rwanda. Under the UN rules of engagement, Australian defence personnel were unable to do anything but assist the wounded. In doing so, they displayed courage under fire.

Our members Sharon Barsby and Toni Grover and past member Alexandra Logan are veterans of Rwanda. We paid tribute to their service and to all Australians who served in Rwanda.

We also remembered that on 15 August 1945, 80 years ago, peace was declared in the war against Japan, finally bringing an end to World War Two. Many Australian women served in the Australian Defence Force and Women's Land Army during WW2. We paid tribute to the WW2 veterans who founded our association and all members now past.

Shirley Watson provided the Roll Call for members who have passed away in the last twelve months, Shirley Coutts WAAAF and Jenny Millers WRAAF.

Vice President Jenny Waldron placed a tribute at the memorial and was joined by Kerry Clements with a posy for the safe service of deployed ADF including our member, Amy Clements.



Rwanda veteran Sharon Barsby







Parade assembly:
**Jenny W, Deb, Terri-
 Anne, Jeannie**
**Jada Critchlow, Shalom
 College**



War Nurses:
Jenny Waldron OAM
coordinator,
Faye Chatham MC



Piper Adam Johnston * Catafalque Guard—TS Bundaberg
Australian Naval Cadets * Glenda Smith who delivered
A Prayer For Nurses Who Paid The Supreme Sacrifice
*** Bugler Aaron Hunter * hand made tributes already laid by**
unknown children



**John Barsby resting after all his work
setting up at War Nurses**

Wreath tables at War Nurses



Leone & John Wilson at the RSL ANZAC Lunch

Burnett Heads assembly area

Del Crowley, Helen Blackburn, Shirley Watson, Helen Baldwin



Commemorations

ANNIVERSARIES & SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: MAY

08 May 1945	VE Day—Victory in Europe—80th anniversary
14 May 1943	Sinking of Australian Hospital Ship <i>Centaur</i>
27 May	Indigenous Veterans Day



The War Nurses Anzac Day Services began in 1993 following our use of the Memorial Pavilion for our reunion commemorative service in July 1992. This year 2025, notches up thirty three years of ensuring tribute is paid to the nurses who served and those who paid the supreme sacrifice. Our commitment is even more notable when, for some twenty or more of those years, none of our members were nurses.

Lest we forget

Regionally, there may have been other members participating in services, including Woodgate. We know we also had members at Sunny Coast and Ravenshoe. They may have been in Tasmania, Gladstone and on the Gold Coast.



We paid tribute to service women and men, past and current, over a busy week. Members laid wreaths and tributes and attended or participated.

- 22 April Salute to Servicewomen
Quiet Moment and Anzac Girls Luncheon
- 23 April Servicewomen's Plinth, Bundaberg central
- 23 April Masonic Lodge Vacant Chair
- 24 April Streets of Remembrance, Finlay Street
- 25 April Bundaberg Dawn Service
Bargara Dawn Service
Bundaberg ANZAC Parade
Bundaberg Citizens' Service
War Nurses Service
Moore Park Beach Parade and Service
Burnett Heads Parade and Service.



Our members' post WWII defence contribution to Australia



Life in the Australian Army..

Text of a letter from a kid from Eromanga to Mum and Dad. (For those of you not in the know, Eromanga is a small town, west of Quilpie in the far south west of Queensland)

Dear Mum & Dad,

I am well. Hope youse are too. Tell me big brothers Doug and Phil that the Army is better than workin' on the station - tell them to get in bloody quick smart before the jobs are all gone! I wuz a bit slow in settling down at first, because ya don't hafta get outta bed until 6am. But I like sleeping in now, cuz all ya gotta do before brekky is make ya bed and shine ya boots and clean ya uniform. No bloody horses to get in, no calves to feed, no troughs to clean - nothin'!! Ya haz gotta shower though, but its not so bad, coz there's lotsa hot water and even a light to see what ya doing!



At brekky ya get cereal, fruit and eggs but there's no kangaroo steaks or goanna stew like wot Mum makes. You don't get fed again until noon and by that time all the city boys are buggered because we've been on a 'route march' - geez its only just like walking to the windmill in the bullock paddock!!

This one will kill me brothers Doug and Phil with laughter. I keep getting medals for shootin' - dunno why. The bullseye is as big as a bloody dingo's arse and it don't move and it's not firing back at ya like the Johnsons did when our big scrubber bull got into their prize cows before the Ekka last year! All ya gotta do is make yourself comfortable and hit the target - it's a piece of p...!! You don't even load your own cartridges, they comes in little boxes, and ya don't have to steady yourself against the rollbar of the roo shooting truck when you reload!



Sometimes ya gotta wrestle with the city boys and I gotta be real careful coz they break easy - it's not like fighting with Doug and Phil and Jack and Boori and Steve and Muzza all at once like we do at home after the muster.

Turns out I'm not a bad boxer either and it looks like I'm the best the platoon's got, and I've only been beaten by this one bloke from the Engineers - he's 6 foot 5 and 15 stone and three pick handles across the shoulders and as ya know I'm only 5 foot 7 and eight stone wringin' wet, but I fought him till the other blokes carried me off to the booz-er.

I can't complain about the Army - tell the boys to get in quick before word gets around how bloody good it is.

Your loving daughter,

Susan

SMILE

Irish Priest

Father O'Malley rose from his bed. It was a fine spring day in his new Texas mission parish. He walked to the window of his bedroom to get a deep breath of the beautiful day outside. He then noticed there was a jackass lying dead in the middle of his front lawn. He promptly called the local police station. The conversation went like this:

"Good morning. This is Sergeant Jones. How might I help you?"

"And the best of the day te yerself. This is Father O'Malley at St. Brigid's. There's a jackass lying dead in me front lawn. Would ye be so kind as to send a couple o' yer lads to take care of the matter?"

Sergeant Jones, considering himself to be quite a wit, replied with a smirk, "Well now father, it was always my impression that you people took care of last rites!"

There was dead silence on the line for a long moment. Father O'Malley then replied: "Aye, tis certainly true, but we are also obliged to notify the next of kin."



If you find yourself feeling useless, remember: it took 20 years, trillions of dollars, thousands of lives and four presidents to replace the Taliban with the Taliban.

CONTACTS

RSL

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Bundaberg RSL:

Veteran Support Centre: 43303167

ADVOCATE - Compensation -

Lex Roberts

Advocate Cell Tue-Fri 0900-1600

ACTIVITIES:

Tracey Amos (Contact TBA)

RSL Sub Branch

MOB 0477 959 747 or 43303169

Secretary Dannielle Brearley

RSL bldg. Mon-Fri 0830-1500

RSL VETERAN SERVICES

134 RSL (134 775) Opt 2

vs@rslqld.org

LEGACY

WELLBEING Rudy Valzan

0418 452 059

Defence Vets Drop In Centre:

4153 4599

Open Mon & Thu mornings,
ESO BBQ's lunchtime 1st Sunday

WELLBEING

Jude Binder, Angella Hillis CSC

DVA

1800 555 254

Advice and claims

1800 838 372

BIRTHDAYS

MAY

Shirley Watson	02
Meg Stegman	04
Carolyn Kennedy	15
Glenda Taylor	17
Jude Binder	18
Olive Paterson	27

Happy Birthday!



Mateship Day

*A solemn day begins
While the sun still sleeps
Adorned with our medal
We gather where many vets meet
Prayers of remembrance
Prayers for the serving
A bugle call tugs on emotions real
Veterans unknown but with a common
bond
Begin the journey that could last all
day long
From breakfast to parades
To citizens' services
With many more flowers,
Prayers and remembrances
Then to lunch to refresh
Home for many, their day done
But for some, another one?'*

*Parade assemblies
We face down the street
I hear an odd cry,
'oh no' from our feet
But we manage the march
To the final service
A last Rouse and prayer
It is all over for another year
Our emotions ease
Time to relax
Enjoy our freedom
Ever thankful for the service
of Australia's far and near
Tired, but happy, we raise a cold beer!
"Mate!"*

Leone



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