

Women's Royal Australian Army Corps

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- * If your fees are in arrears, please pay immediately.
- * Have your personal details changed; contact number, home or email address. In case of Emergency - contact name and number; this is very important if there is an emergency.
- * Please advise the Secretary, so we can update your details (details on page 13)

ANZAC DAY Liturgy at Ambrose Treacy College Indooroopilly

The Ambrose Treacy College invited Brigadier Mark Smith CSC (a proud parent) and myself, Di Elsworth (a retired AA Psychology Corps Warrant Officer Class 2 representing the Kenmore-Moggill Sub Branch RSL Qld) to participate in their ANZAC Day Liturgy and wreath laying ceremonies.

The Students conducted the majority of the Service to a very high standard and I felt very proud to be included. Judging by the standard displayed that morning, we (the older generation) have no worries in thinking the ANZAC Spirit will ever fade. If anything, I feel it is growing each year as displayed by the boys' enthusiasm and reverence.



Job done
extremely
well

Lest we
Forget!



Submitted by Di Elsworth

84th Anniversary of the Battle of the Coral Sea

On Saturday 9th May I had the pleasure of representing WRAAC at the commemoration of the Battle of the Coral Sea, hosted by the Australian American Association Qld Division, Brisbane. This was their 79th commemoration service, which was held at Australian American War Memorial, L.B.J. Place, Newstead Park.



There was a good attendance of dignitaries and others. The American 7th Fleet was represented by Vice Admiral Patrick J. Hannifin. Representatives of the RAN Band Queensland and the USN 7th Fleet Band played the National Anthems and other musical entertainment. The *ISKA Celtic Rock Band* presented an Aussie Musical Tribute including *I am Australian* and *I've Been Everywhere*.

After the service there was an informal enjoyable morning tea. This was a first for me to attend this service and an honour to lay a wreath on behalf of our Association.

Submitted by Gwenda Smith

Kedron-Wavell RSL ANZAC Day Service 25 April 2026

It was a great honour to lead the ANZAC Day March at Kedron-Wavell RSL. It was an overcast day but the wet weather stayed away during the service. According to the Sub-Branch the attendance was one of the biggest 3,000 plus, and the young ones loved the Fly Over.

After the service I had a quiet moment and laid a wreath in memory of my dad and five (5) of my uncles who served in WWII. One was a P.O.W. on the Burma Railway, however, they all returned. I also laid a single yellow rose, remembering all my mates that are not with us today.

My youngest brother and I were Legacy Children. Our father passed away very young from a service related subsequent illness and we were given a Legacy Father, till we were of age, he was a Ex-P.O.W., Col McPherson.



My fathers war service WWII
1st January 1942 - 2nd January 1946
Active Service in Australia 669 days,
outside Australia 691 days.

Photo left: my father with hat on

LEST WE FORGET

I would like to say a few words about "Uncle Weary" that's what we kids used to call him. Sir Edward Weary Dunlop lived in our area in his youth, in Victoria's north east. He was a great friend of the family, he would visit us often after the war. Born 1907 - 1993, served in the military in the Medical Corps as a surgeon, in the Middle East and South East Asia. He was captured while commanding the Allied General Hospital in Bandung Java in 1942. He earned his status as a P.O.W. while treating allied soldiers under brutal conditions, most notably on the Burma Thailand Railway, Konya River Camp.

He got his nick name during his university days, he worked hard never giving up - leading to a witty link to the phrase never ever "weary". He was married to Helen, they had two (2) sons, John and Alex. Uncle Weary had his ashes scattered over Australia and Thailand. Below is an extract from The Numurkah Leader, dated Wednesday 3rd August 1994, telling some of Weary's connection with the area.



The Numurkah Hospital celebrated the official naming of its south wing in a special ceremony on Sunday. Named after the hero to thousands of ex-prisoners of war, the late Sir Edward "Weary" Dunlop, the dedication of the wing was performed by the state minister for health, Marie Tehan.

The new "Weary Dunlop Wing" which houses the hospital's midwifery and surgical patients, was opened by Sir Edward himself in 1957 at the opening of the hospital, he also officiated at the extension of the Baala House Nursing Home in 1990.

Mrs Tehan praised the late Sir Edward for his enormous skill, courage and determination, his commitment and contribution to medical services across Victoria and for his unwavering support of returned servicemen and ex-prisoners of war. Sir Edward has a long association with the Numurkah area, apart from spending his youth in Victoria's northeast. On his return to Australia following the war, he was a regular visitor to the town to attend the annual meeting of the Murray Goulburn Ex-POW Association.

Ex-POW association secretary, Cliff Moss, said one of Sir Edward's greatest traits was his humility and praised his friend as a shining light of hope. Mrs Tehan and Mr Moss then unveiled two (2) plaques to commemorate the occasion.

The hospital's chief executive, Trevor Carr, said the board of management had chosen to dedicate the previous unnamed wing to Sir Edward after being approached by the Ex-POW Association and receiving the blessing of the Dunlop family.

Board of Management member, Cr Rob Watson, said it was encouraging to hear the minister speak on the future of Victoria's hospitals, especially in her references to the quality of the management of the Numurkah Hospital. "It's a great day for Numurkah to have the minister up to dedicate the "Weary Dunlop Wing", Cr Watson said.

Submitted by Alison Rolffe

The Travel Adventures of Jean Bromham in Singapore and India



A trip to India sounded like a good thing to do and while I was at it, a couple of days in Singapore on the way over sounded very attractive.

I spent my two days in Singapore walking and exploring the city. It is always my preference to walk as I believe you get to know a city and its people that way. It's interesting that more people will stop and talk to a person on their own and that is exactly what I like.

I walked past Raffles Hotel but did not go in for a gin sling. Instead, I walked further and spent time exploring the Marina which is a water source for the city but that doesn't stop it being a tourist attraction with all sorts of things to see and do, including going for a boat ride and riding a giant Ferris Wheel.

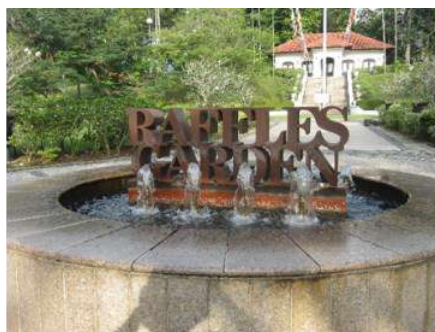
My next stop was the War Memorial Gardens which is in a beautiful park dominated by an obelisk and a memorial tomb with thousands of names inscribed on a wall.



My next stop was the oldest Christian church in the city and its Rectory which, like everywhere else in Singapore had beautiful gardens. Could not go to the art gallery which was closed for renovations and totally hidden from public view. I did by chance come across Istana (Royal) Park which covers a whole city block, has a reflection pool and paths through fabulous tropical trees and gardens.

It seemed appropriate then to have the rest of the day off after I found and ate a great meal in a Chinese restaurant where I was looked after like royalty.

Day two and I only had the morning free so headed out fairly early to visit the Fort Canning Park. This was the British military HQ and was the site of the surrender to the Japanese in 1942. It has been beautifully preserved with some of the original buildings, including the "Battle Box" which was the actual army HQ but can only be seen from the outside. There is a Raffles House and Gardens, a cannon which pre-dates WWII, and even an archaeology site where evidence of human occupation from the 4th century has been found, plenty of walks, a Muslim temple and everywhere lovely gardens and huge trees. There is a cricket field, a large open space in front of the old barracks which are well maintained and an old British cemetery, together with an "Under tree tunnel" as one of the entrances to the park which is obviously a site of choice for selfies.



I had an evening flight to Kolkata from which I spent ten days travelling up and down the Hooghly River with Pandaw River Cruises, going ashore at least twice every day to explore, see and do things while living the life with my own “state room”. A fantastic ship and a crew of 22 to look after just 19 of us – and they do it so well. We visited markets, museums, churches, temples, local villages and so much more. A few highlights from this cruise were:

- * Visiting a maze of hundreds of temples where we learnt how to meditate using “Om” – there is a special way to breath and this should be done between 7am and 10am every day. A group of local men meet there to talk and practice yoga every day, they were very happy to talk to us.
- * A palace and temple which are surrounded with magnificent gardens. Here a priest blew a cowrie shell horn for us and we had the opportunity to explore the attached museum
- * Visits to a few villages where people were very happy for us to be there. A school teacher told us about his life and ambition to bring education to more of the population. A young girl left the group she was playing with at a temple, to pose for me, so she could be in a photo on her own.
- * The government apparently provides funds to build a house. Interestingly, it is the women who build the houses (at least in some villages) and when it is finished, it can be registered in both husband-and-wife names or in the wife’s name only. Gas is commonly used for cooking but some still use the old traditional way of making a clay oven in the dirt and using various material to keep the cooking fire going.



- * These small statues under the tree are a prayer to the gods that the husband and wife be granted a child.

- * The Hara Krishna complex in Mayapur is massive, with a museum, two very large temples (one still under construction) and apartment blocks to accommodate their members, some of whom do not live there but spend time there every year. There are all manner of shops and business activities with plenty of opportunities to buy should you wish. On the road at the entrance to the complex were many stalls, principally selling clothes and other things that had been produced by the devotees.



- * Katra Mosque is a huge centuries old complex. The Median (school) was damaged (lost its roof) by earthquake some centuries ago. There were two schools visiting while we were there and both students and teachers were excited to see us. They combined to sing their National Anthem for us and then wanted a very large photo of everybody.



- * We visited a very industrial village where they recycle copper with very primitive machinery and no WHS gear at all. They also produce mustard seed oil. Once the copper has been recycled they make some beautiful things out of it. Including the earrings I bought as my souvenir from India.



- * We even had a cooking demonstration from our chef who cooked Samosa and Malata tea and a young magician came on board from Murshidabad to practice his skills. On another occasion we had complimentary foot massages which was very nice indeed.

- * One of the most interesting mosques we visited had a clock tower. There were two sets of steps to the top of the tower – one for men and one for women. It was a 250 step spiral staircase with nothing but concrete walls (no handrails) and the steps were not even heights. Just 3 women and maybe four men made the trek up and back but it was worth it for the great view across the river.



Keep an eye out for more of Jean's travel adventures in the November Review.

Association Library Update



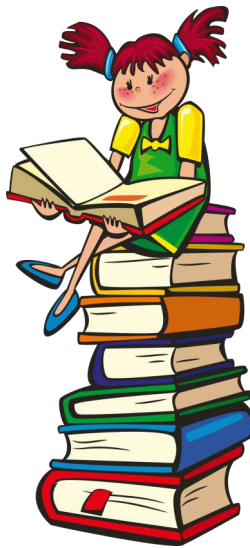
Our thanks to our librarian, Daniela, along with committee member, Cheryle and her husband for refurbishing our library. This resulted in a number of surplus publications being removed from our collection.

The surplus books have been donated to the Library of the RSL SED Veteran and Family Wellbeing Centre at the Greenslopes Private Hospital.

An updated list of library books is available on the website. For those who don't have a computer, ask the secretary, and a copy will be mailed to you.

Our Librarian Daniela would welcome your requests to borrow a book or two.

Details on how to borrow are on page 13



Brisbane Sights Bus Trip & Luncheon



*Christmas
in July 2026*



The Council of Ex-Servicewomen's Associations Qld
has much pleasure in extending an invitation to

Women Everywhere

to attend the

KALLANGUR MEMORIAL & WREATH LAYING SERVICE
for the Women of Australia

at the Women of Australia Memorial Wall in the grounds of the
Norths Leagues & Services Club and Pine Rivers RSL Sub-Branch,
1347 Anzac Avenue, Kallangur

on

Wednesday, 9 September 2026 at 11 am

Medals may be worn

A light lunch will be served in the Spirit Bar after the service.
RSVP to usgriggs@bigpond.com before 1 August for catering purposes.

The Women of Australia Memorial

The Memorial was designed to honour the women of Australia, both military and civilian, whom, through their dedication and courage, provided a significant contribution during all wars and conflicts.

The Memorial has two distinct components one honouring civilians and the second honouring female members of the various Defence Forces.

It is hoped that this memorial will remain as a permanent reminder of those who served our Nation and, in particular, honour those women who paid the ultimate sacrifice.

Should you have enquiries, please contact – Wendy Griggs
President
Council of Ex-Servicewomen's Associations Qld
Ph. 0412 017 123 or Email: usgriggs@bigpond.com

We Need Your Support

The RSL Defence Servicewomen's Chapter of the Sunnybank RSL Sub-Branch

The Sub-Branch has recently become a Chapter under the banner of the Sunnybank RSL Sub-Branch. Should we close, our history will be lost forever. Women with women should be a strong voice in the community.

Over 30 members would normally attend the meetings under ANZAC Square and it was a very happy time. However, as history shows, the Sub-Branch had to vacate the Square and were offered space at SED.

Over the years nearly all of the WW2 ladies have passed and gradually membership has declined.

Join the Defence Servicewomen's Chapter of the Sunnybank RSL Sub-Branch and help keep the history alive.

Meetings are held bi-monthly, at the Sunnybank RSL Sub-Branch- 19 Gager Street Sunnybank.

For further information, please contact:

Sunnybank RSL Sub-Branch
Kirsty Claassen
kirsty.claassen@sunnybank.rslqld.net.au





From the President's Pen

Hello all, another financial year done and dusted and thanks to our Treasurer Carolyn we are in good hands, all bills paid and our account is satisfactory. Our AGM now over and the new committee already organising bits and pieces for the year and of course Corps Day is on the horizon. Not so much interest for anyone else but the committee has already started to put plans in motion.

Our farewell to Di Elsworth who left the committee and our thanks to both her and her husband Rod. Di would bring him along when she knew that we would be in need of a hand and Rod always the willing worker turned up and helped. Returned member Pam O'Connor was welcomed back with open arms and fitted into the committee like an old pair of slippers. (not that Pam is old).

It was nice to see so many of our members attended Trudy Thomas's memorial service with Dee Elliott providing a very honourable and professional poppy service. In true style of our beloved Trudy the song 'Wine Time' by Beccy Cole was chosen for the final song.

We have recently taken part in our Christmas in July Bus Trip which I am certain our Editor Gwenda will include some photographs in this Newsletter. For those who attended, it was most enjoyable and our thanks goes to our Vice President Carmel Tunstall for organising the day.

As some of you may know, the committee has monthly meetings at the Sunnybank RSL Sub Branch where we are always made to feel welcome and have full use of their facility at no cost.

Recently, I was approached by the Sunnybank RSL Executive and asked if the servicewomen would like to provide some items to form a small display in their newly installed display cabinet. I received this invite not as president of the WRAAC Association but as the Delegate to the RSL Defence Servicewomen's Chapter. (The Chapter came about when our Servicewomen's Sub Branch almost closed and we were taken under the care of Sunnybank, and as a result I was nominated to be the representative, known as the delegate to run the Chapter in conjunction with Sunnybank RSL).

Of course, I immediately leapt at the opportunity to have the three services represented. However, it also gave me an opportunity to discuss the possibility of displaying items commemorating the service of WRAAC WO1 Marj Fossey. This includes her pace stick, medals, Warrant Certificate and a few other items which have been mounted in a frame. Sunnybank RSL has agreed to hang the frame on one of the walls. A small event will be held to honour WO1 Fossey when this takes place.

In my previous Pen, I spoke of the group of women who have formed a Committee to stage a WRAAC Reunion in 2029 on the Sunshine Coast. The Association has already committed to advertising this venture on our website and will keep you up to date on its progress.

An article has been included in this Newsletter to explain why the decision was made to **not endorse** the Reunion Committee to:

1. become a sub-committee within the WRAAC Association, and
2. Have access to our ABN.

However, in saying this, the WRAAC Association has always said that we will offer support to this committee in any way possible.

As it is that time of the year when the temperature has got a little low, get those woollies on and take all measures to protect yourself from unwanted bugs.

Once again, thank you for your support, stay safe and keep warm

Kay

A brief explanation regarding why the Association did not endorse the Proposal put forward by a committee of 6 ex-WRAAC regarding a WRAAC Reunion

A group of ex-WRAAC formed an impromptu sub-committee at the Perth's 75th WRAAC Anniversary and announced their intentions to organise a WRAAC reunion in Queensland in 2029 (the 78th).

On invitation, they met with the Committee of the WRAAC Association Qld., with a proposal and request that they be endorsed as a sub-committee of the Association and be permitted to use the ABN.

The Committee considered their request at length and came to the decision that the group could not be endorsed as a sub-committee of the Association for the following legal reasons.

The Management Committee of the Association cannot delegate its powers to a sub-committee as it is ultimately responsible for all management and financial aspects of the Association.

Therefore:

The management committee would have to maintain control over management of funds and a member of the committee would need to be a signatory to the bank account of the reunion sub-committee. Further the management committee would need to give prior approval for all expenditure;

Any decision made by the reunion sub-committee would need to be recommended to the Management Committee for a final decision;

Grant applications would need to be approved and submitted by the management committee;

The Association is registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC), and must comply with the governance principles of the Commission. This may involve putting additional processes and policies in place, especially around the matter of fundraising. The Association may also be required to register with the Australian Taxation Office to provide tax deductions to organisations donating funds. Also, for this purpose to occur, we would be required to change our registration details with ACNC; and

Both parties would be required to sign a Terms of Reference agreement.

While the WRAAC Association recognises the idea of a reunion as a great initiative, it was the above points, that was the reason why the proposal could not be endorsed. However, the Association is committed to providing full support to the Reunion Committee. This information was provided to the Secretary of the reunion committee.

The Association does not have a Facebook page, however for marketing purposes, we are committed to providing advertising on our website and the Newsletter. The website www.qldwraac.org.au/events already has the event marked, but we are still waiting for further information to set up a Menu Page.

No information has been provided to the Editor for the Newsletter.

The Committee
WRAAC Assn Qld Inc

WRAAC 75th Anniversary Backpack

ONLY 15 LEFT your only chance to buy.
before their gone!

**\$45.00 each
+ postage**



Please contact the Merchandise Officer Cindie Manzie
E: cintru@hotmail.com

***The backpacks will be available to purchase at the
August General Meeting***



VALE

F119190 TRUDY ELLEN THOMAS



We farewelled Trudy Ellen Thomas who served her country and “upheld with dignity and fidelity, the highest traditions of military service. Her life in uniform, and the manner in which she discharged her duty, remain a source of pride to those who served beside her and to all who knew her.

Trudy’s partner and friend in life, Cindie Manzie, Trudy’s twin brother, Storm, her own sister, Cindy, other brother David and their families and her older brother, Calvin’s family; assembled with us on Friday 12 June in a crowded auditorium to render a solemn and final tribute to our comrade.

We contemplated on a sensitive and heartfelt delivery of the eulogy by representative of the Qld WRAAC Association; and Sunshine Coast Ex Service and Serving Women’s Association Vice President Deirdre Elliott.

*Trudy enlisted into the CMF on 2 June 1981 – 3 June 1982.
WRAAC/ARA Supplement (O) on 9 June 1982 – 3 Jan 1994.*

Her nine postings were in a Dental Hygienist position, and her discharge rank was Corporal. Her Australian Defence Medal was acknowledgment of her period of commitment and service to the nation.

For those of us on Bribie and the Sunny Coast, she was an exuberant bubble of energy, with a cheeky grin and occasional one liners! This strength of spirit prevailed in her “it is, as it is” attitude towards her cancer diagnosis and her chemotherapy. Trudy’s lengthy but positive approach towards her quest for wellness, her endurance, tenacity and grateful appreciation of the love and support of the ex- Service camaraderie were indicative of the remarkable woman we admired.

*“We shared good times; we shared some bad; we laughed and reminisced.
Our mate sure was a lot of things – but most of all she’s missed!
We never told her what she meant- for this we do regret.
But always will we honour her, our mate TRUDY.*



*Lest We Forget
May you Rest in Peace - Soldier of the Queen*

Submitted by Joie Scheinpflug

Care Corner



Rather short and sweet hello to you all as I am doing a little travel over the coming months. But please I always have my mobile on and the trusty laptop with me so if you are needing any assistance only a phone call away.

Ladies I do hope we are all keeping warm during the winter months, soup on the stove or a nice hearty stew always sticks to the ribs in these colder months. I have been hearing back from VSOs that phone calls to association members are very valuable and such a worthy way of ensuring no one gets missed. A little brief reminder if you are entitled to claim travel for medical treatment there have now been changes to the amount reimbursed being that of .68 cents per km (see link below).

<https://www.dva.gov.au/news/latest-stories/claiming-travel-reimbursements-from-1-july-2026>

I recently realised that not all veterans were aware there is generally a Veteran Liaison Officer in most hospitals or at the very least most Sub-Branches/State RSL representatives conduct visits to hospitals. If you find yourself in hospital, please always identify yourself as a veteran during admission because the smiling face of a Welfare Officer may be able to assist with support both whilst your are in hospital or on your transition home, or at the very least share a cup of tea with you. I will make every effort to ensure further information for this is provided on the WRAAC webpage.

Until next time keep warm, and take very good care. 😊

Terrie-Ann, Wellbeing Support Officer



Linda Shirley EARL nee Keirnan

16 August 1948 - 21 June 2026

An ex-WRAAC and good friend
of the Kedron Wavell Ex-Servicewomen Ladies
Linda often attended the Tri Service Luncheons
At Geebung RSL



As per Linda's wishes a private cremation was held.
Linda was not a member of the WRAAC Association (Qld) Inc.

*We will remember her
Rest in Peace - Soldier of the Queen*



PERMISSION TO USE YOUR IMAGE

Unless you advise otherwise, it is deemed we have permission to take and publish photos of you in the newsletter or on our Website.

If this is not the case, please ensure you are not in group photos or permit yourself to be photographed in our activities.



Dotty Fisher & Maureen Howard

AUSTRALIAN OUTBACK SPECTACULAR'S HEARTLAND

Embark on a journey to the heartland of Australia through an extraordinary show featuring true Australian characters, a transformative arena, mesmerising animals and immersive technology. Delve into the gripping tale of two struggling Aussie farmers, Reg and Marge, and rejoice with them as the community's courage, bravery and generosity help them overcome a stunning, yet unforgiving life on the land. With the help from some unlikely characters, and friendships that will last a lifetime, the pair overcome the harsh realities of life on the land.

Sunday 27th September 2026 - Cost: \$80.00
ONLY for WRAAC Assn members who are not SCESWA members



MENU

~ Main Course ~

Steak or Seasoned Chicken

served with Roast Pumpkin, Roast Potato & Green Beans

~ Dessert ~

Golden Baked Apple Pie

with drizzled Caramel Sauce & a dollop of Fresh Cream

Dietary Options: Vegetarian • Low Gluten • Low Dairy • Low Nuts • Low Egg

When making your booking please choose Steak or Chicken or advise on dietary requirements

RSVP 10th September 2026

To: Dee Elliott Ph: 0408 222 592 Email: deirdre_colin@bigpond.com

Sunshine Coast Ex-Service and Serving Women's Association

Direct Deposit to AUSWIDE BANK BSB: 645646 ACCT: 102736405

Suggest arrival at Outback Spectacular by 11:00 am • Show commences 12:30 pm

YOU WILL NEED TO ARRANGE YOUR OWN TRANSPORT

Hervey Bay Ex-Servicewomen's Social Club

42nd Birthday

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It's time
to get your
ghoul on!



Friday 16TH OCTOBER

"Casual"

Friday night get together
RSL on the Veranda
5.30pm for 6.00pm Start
Cost: Own Expense

Saturday 17th OCTOBER

"Get your Ghoul on"

Saturday Luncheon
RSL in Hervey House
11.30am for 12.00pm Start
Cost: \$45
(1 drink voucher pp incl.)

Sunday 18th OCTOBER

Indicate interest
Numbers needed
Cafe 63
Breakfast @ 8am
Cost: Own Expense

**THIS YEAR WE WANT YOU TO WEAR.....
A COSTUME SO GOOD IT WILL RAISE THE DEAD!**

Partners are most welcome. We can't wait to see you there.

The Courtesy Bus is available for transport to the RSL Club
for the Friday night function and Saturday Luncheon.

Phone: 1300 775 287 to book.

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BSB 645 646

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NAME: Hervey Bay

Hervey Bay Ex-Servicewomen's Social Club

Branch Name: _____ Ex-Servicewomen's Association
Social Club

Enclosed Cheque for \$ _____ (If using direct debit please
email- hervey.bayesw@outlook.com)

Friday Night- Own Expense

Saturday Luncheon- \$ 45pp (1 drink voucher pp incl.)

Sunday Breakfast- Own Expense

Dietary requirements:

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GENERAL MEETINGS

- ◆ 10.30 am
 - ◆ On the 4th Saturday in March, May, August and November
- It is hoped that we will be having a Bus Trip in July and also an Event in October to celebrate Veterans Health Week details TBA*

GENERAL MEETING VENUE:

- ◆ Geebung RSL
323 Newman Road, Geebung

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- ◆ 10.00 am
- ◆ Monthly

COMMITTEE MEETING VENUES:

- ◆ Sunnybank RSL Sub-Branch, 19 Gager Street, Sunnybank

MEMBERSHIP FEES

- ◆ **\$15.00** due on **31st March** each year

INTERNET BANKING

- ◆ **ACCOUNT NAME:** WRAAC Assn Qld Inc.
- ◆ **BSB:** 124074 (Bank of Qld) **ACCOUNT NO:** 23017767
- ◆ **PAYEE REF:** Please quote your Initial & Surname and what the payment is for. Eg. ACitizen/Fees

IMPORTANT

Please text or email the Treasurer with your payment details, to ensure your payment can be receipted correctly.

Thank you



Process for borrowing:

Contact the Librarian Daniela Bensen on 3869 3190 or E: bensen21@hotmail.com

- * Borrowing time will be 3 months.
- * If you are local we would ask that you 'pick up' and 'return' at a meeting.
- * If you are not local we will try and make an arrangement to save a postage fee.

A list of available publications is on our website. For those who don't have a computer, ask the secretary, and a copy will be mailed to you.



Events & Functions

2026

AUGUST

SATURDAY **COMMITTEE MEETING**
8 10:00am Sunnybank RSL Sub-Branch, 19 Gager Street, Sunnybank

SATURDAY **GENERAL MEETING**
22 10:30am Geebung RSL, 323 Newman Road, Geebung.

Come early, and enjoy a cuppa before the meeting. Afterwards why not catch up with friends old & new over lunch. Geebung RSL supports the WRAAC Association, so lets return the favour and support them!

SEPTEMBER

WEDNESDAY **COUNCIL OF EXSERVICEWOMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS QLD**
9 KALLANGUR MEMORIAL & WREATH LAYING SERVICE
for the Women of Australia
11:00 am - Details page 6

SATURDAY **COMMITTEE MEETING**
12 10:00am Sunnybank RSL Sub-Branch, 19 Gager Street, Sunnybank

SATURDAY **SUNSHINE COAST EX-SERVICE & SERVING WOMENS ASSOC**
27 AUSTRALIAN OUTBACK SPECTACULAR'S "HEARTLAND"
For full details see information on page 11 or on the website

OCTOBER

SATURDAY **COMMITTEE MEETING**
10 10:00am Sunnybank RSL Sub-Branch, 19 Gager Street, Sunnybank

WEDNESDAY **HERVEY BAY EX-SERVICEWOMEN'S SOCIAL CLUB**
16 - 17 - 18 42nd Birthday Celebrations **RSVP 3rd October 2026**
For details see information on page 12 - Full details on the website

NOVEMBER

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SATURDAY **GENERAL MEETING - FOLLOWED BY THE CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**
28 10:30am Geebung RSL, 323 Newman Road, Geebung.
Come early, and enjoy a cuppa before the meeting. Geebung RSL supports the WRAAC Association, so lets return the favour and support them!

Have you checked the Website for information and details of other Events that are happening.

[Events | wraacqld](#) (link for website)

- * Caboolture Ex-Servicewomen's Lunch on the 2nd Monday of each month
- * Glasshouse Country Women Veterans on the 2nd Wednesday of every month (booking required)
- * Combined Services Bribie Island Group who meet for lunch every 4th Monday of each month
- * Toowoomba and District Women's Veterans Group on the 3rd Saturday of each month (booking required)



Don't Forget!

**MEMBERSHIP
FEES
DUE
31 MARCH
EACH YEAR**

Anniversary, Birthday or
maybe a Lotto Win ...

*Whatever you were
celebrating!!*

**We hope you enjoyed your
special day!**

**DON'T FORGET TO UPDATE YOUR PERSONAL DETAILS
including a contact name and phone number
IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY**

Have you changed any of your personal details? Please advise the Secretary so we can update our records.

Change of address, phone number, email address or contact name and phone number in case of an emergency.

If we lose contact with you, we may rely on ringing *your* contact person.

**CAN'T GET TO GENERAL MEETINGS
FEEL LIKE YOU ARE MISSING OUT?**

A copy of the Minutes from the General and Annual General Meetings will now be emailed or posted to you.

If you are not receiving your copy or would prefer not to receive them, please contact the Secretary Marjorie McShane on 0400 038 221 or send an email to secretarywraac_qld@outlook.com and she will be happy to discuss this with you.

*Lucky
Member
Draw ...*



Ros Hayes

Congratulations!

POPPY SERVICE

If you desire your service to your country to be recognised at your funeral, you need to let your family know of your wishes. They can request a Poppy Service through your RSL Sub Branch.



DEADLINE FOR NEXT REVIEW

Deadline for the next newsletter is **17 October 2026**. Every effort will be made to use all contributions, but it may not be in the next issue. Please send all articles, clear photos, reports and letters to the Editor at the association address or email editorwraac.qld@outlook.com

Your input makes an ordinary Review "Extraordinary"

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WRAAC APPAREL

To purchase any of the below items please complete the order form attached or on the website, provide payment details, and send to the Secretary via email

E: secretarywraac_qld@outlook.com or post to

The Secretary, WRAAC Association (Qld) Inc., 30 Scrubby Creek Road, Browns Plains Q 4118

**** ORDERS WILL BE PROCESSED ON RECEIPT OF PAYMENT ****



FLEECY VEST WS-PF02

Embroidered on left front

Cost: \$50.00 each + postage TBA

Material: 320gsm - 100% Polyester

UNISEX	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL
½ CHEST	56	59	61.5	64	66.5	69
LENGTH (Top Shoulder Point)	66	69	72	74	76	78



LONG SLEEVE POLO CP1632 (Sun Smart)

Embroidered on collar, right sleeve and left front

Cost: \$45.00 each + postage TBA

Material: 160gsm 100% Breezeway polyester micro mesh fabric

UNISEX	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL
½ CHEST	56	59	61.5	64	66.5	69
LENGTH (Top Shoulder Point)	66	69	72	74	76	78



SHORT SLEEVE POLO CP1601

Embroidered on collar, right sleeve and left front

Cost: \$50.00 each + postage TBA

Material: 190Gsm 65% cotton 35% polyester provides sun protection and is anti-pilling



UNISEX	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	5XL
FULL CHEST	105	110	115	120	125	130	140
LENGTH (Top Shoulder Point)	70.5	73	75.5	78	79.5	81	84

WRAAC MERCHANDISE

**To purchase please contact our Merchandise Officer
Cindie Manzie E: cintru@hotmail.com**



1. Lapel Pin \$10
2. Bag Holder \$10
3. Key Ring \$4
4. WRAAC Sticker \$5
5. 75TH Pen \$3

6. WRAAC Pen \$3
7. Embroidered Hat Patch \$5
8. Embroidered Round Patch \$10
9. Embroidered Rectangle Patch \$10
10. Car Sticker \$3

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LIMITED STOCK OF THE BELOW ITEMS



Pause to Remember Pen \$2



Remember Lapel Pin \$8



Poppy Shopping Bag	\$10
Magnetic Memo Pad	\$3
Remember Lapel Pin	\$5
Bunch of Poppies	\$5
Coffee Mug	\$10
Travel Mug	\$10