



BUNDABERG DISTRICT

**Women
Veterans**

BUNDABERG DISTRICT WOMEN VETERANS

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

Chests Out

Women Veterans, proud to have served our nation.

10/2025 OCTOBER



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; Gloria Kilpatrick
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: other dancers
Newsletter :	Leone Wilson, Assist: Jeannie Roberts
Property Officer:	Lynne Pollock, Assist: Sharon Barsby
RSL Liaison	Dannielle Brearley, Gloria Kilpatrick
Social Media:	Jeannie Roberts, Assist: Jenny Waldron
Ten Pin Bowls:	Lynne Pollock
Website:	Jenny Waldron Assist: Faye Chatham

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Jeannie Roberts	
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Current Life Members

Leone Wilson OAM
Shirley Watson
Kay Derome
Jennifer Waldron OAM
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.

Behind the news, October

OCTOBER'S MEETING

Please note that you now have a holiday from general meetings. October was the last for 2025. The next one will be January 19. (the committee will meet in December to tidy up pending items)

FAREWELLS

We farewelled by giving thought to Joy Christou, WWII UK Land Army at the October meeting. Joy was 103. Our condolences to her friends and family.

Thoughts and condolences also go to Robyn Ellis whose husband Ray passed away. Fay Chatham and I, plus Con and John, attended Ray's funeral; and to Shirley Parker on the passing of husband Rodney.

Rod's funeral will be Friday 31 October at Branyan Gardens, Cummins Road at 1000 Hrs. Red shirts appropriate if you have one and medals are optional.

WELCOME

Committee had the delightful job of approving two membership applications. Welcome to Cindy Harrington (RAN) and Louise Laing (RAAF).

Both ladies joined up on our first night at RSL raffles. Being late in the year, their subscription takes them through to December 2026.

This is an ideal time to recruit new members.

RSL RAFFLES

A sea of red polo shirts had quite an impact at the RSL and our team of smiling members did a magnificent job selling tickets and promoting our association. Thank you ladies

A thank you letter will be sent to the RSL.

ACTIVITIES

Jenny Waldron presented the 2026 calendar of events and it received committee approval. Jenny and the activities committee will now be busy preparing costings and budget for the December committee meeting.

Keep an eye out for the calendar on our web site and check pages 6 and 7 in *Chests Out* for coming activities.

There will be some fun times ahead with lunches, games, mystery trip and visits to our ex-servicewomen neighbours, plus 4 days in the 'bush'.

2026 AGM

This will be an agenda item in January. Motions for the AGM will close in February. AGM motions are normally

'red tape related' such as amendments to the constitution. The committee have accepted a review of our governance documents and no amendments were recommended for the constitution.

Members have the right to carry out their own review and propose changes which will then be processed through general meetings, and if necessary, they will get presented to the AGM.

There is a copy of the constitution and also Policy on our website, under the 'about us' tab.

Nominations for committee will also be called early in 2026.

60th DIAMOND REUNION 2027

The Activities Sub Committee will be calling a second meeting of all members who wish to be part of the reunion planning group.

Please contact the secretary or Jenny W to add your name so that you receive notification of when and where this will take place.

FACEBOOK & WEB

Jeannie has been recording our very busy October posting many pictures from the activities to Facebook for you all to enjoy.

Maintenance of our website falls mostly on Jenny Waldron's shoulders. Jenny is holding up many other areas especially activities which currently has a vacancy for a chairperson, so time availability is a hindrance and a number of areas require updating. Anyone with an interest in assisting should contact Jenny.

Both Facebook and the website are our window to the community, supporting promotion to others whilst also providing information to our members.

Thank you Jenny and Jeannie and also thanks to all of the photographers who share their 'snaps'.

WELLBEING

Gradually personal Christmas festivities will take over from association activities, however it is still possible to stay in touch through our WSO's or committee.

I for one am happy to hear from you regardless of day—landline is the most effective. But I may not answer after 8pm!

Take care

Leone

Hervey Bay shares Friendship October

Life is partly what we make it, and partly what it is made by the friends we choose.



Someone you don't know.
Ask for their name and number or
just.

HANG UP AND CALL BACK

Phone the company and check

DON'T PROVIDE INFORMATION.

*Ask them to forward their request in by post.. If they are legit, they already know
your address..*

**DON'T ANSWER STRANGE EMAILS EITHER—PHONE THE SO
CALLED COMPANY, AND CHECK. OR JUST DELETE.**

***Volunteers needed for 2026 executive, committee and
appointments. Your chance to have a go.***



THANK YOU DONORS

Thank you to all who have donated to our
library collection.

Remember, December's cuppa chat may be
your last opportunity to select some
Christmas break reading or a jig saw.

DON'T FORGET TO SIGN OUT ASSOCIATION AND RSL BOOKS

All of our activities need to be

SMELLS-free

Perfumes, aftershaves and other strong smelling products affect the
health of some members. Please do not wear scented products to
meetings or other activities, even outdoor activities.

THANK YOU

Wellbeing Activities

All of our activities are for the wellbeing of members

NOTE:

**NOVEMBER CUPPA CHAT WILL BE HELD
AT 'THE LODGE'.**

It will be the second last for 2025!

The last will be 3 December



TEN PIN BOWLS

Last for 2025 will be Monday 24 November.

ARRIVE BY 1030 FOR A 1100 START

LINE DANCING

It takes time and patience but Instructor Chris will help you to learn and enjoy this healthy fun experience. WEDNESDAYS FROM 1200-1300 Hrs (noon to 1pm)
Coronation Hall (airconditioned) 71 High Street, Walkervale. Coordinator: Sharon Barsby.

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

my aged care

1800 200 422

www.myagedcare.gov.au

VETERANS HEALTH WEEK (VHW)

Other ex-service organisations may be planning activities between now and February. All VHW activities are designed to assist you.

Look out for advertising and give your support to VHW

VOLUNTEERS

Without volunteers, our association would have nothing to offer.

Our volunteers are a group who work together to ensure we enjoy the good things our association can provide.

Volunteering is rewarding.

There is something for everyone to do. Check page 2 for an overview of our sub committees and appointments.

DO YOU HAVE A

- Will
- Enduring Power of Attorney
- Advance Health Directive
- Joint Title of Property
- Joint Bank Account
- Lists of accounts, entitlements, access passwords, etc.

Are they all together?

Easily located?

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES



CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON—MON 17 NOV

The theme is 'Christmas!'

Members \$35 (2 DRINK TICKETS), Guests \$45 (1 DRINK TICKET)

Book at cuppa chat on the sheet available at the Lodge.

Or pay direct to our account and notify Sharon



Check page 7 for meetings and all other regular activities

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.

Sneak a peek at '26



Lunch—Truly Asia—Monday 9 Feb

Interservice Olympics—April

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Mystery Bus Trip—May

Country Getaway
Arrive Mon 31Aug depart Fri 4Sep
Cania Gorge Tourist Retreat
Book you cabin or spot now
(full payment required for cabins)
Ph 4167 8110
Let Jenny W know if you book.





OUR DIARY 2025

Please check page 10 for Commemorations

OCT	Mon	27	Ten Pin Bowls	Bundy Bowl & Leisure Centre, 1030 for 1100 Hrs
OCT	Wed	29	Line Dancing	Coronation Hall 71 High St Walkervale 1200 Hrs
NOV	Wed	05	Cuppa Chat	Lodge from 1000 Hrs
NOV	Wed	05	Line Dancing	Coronation Hall 71 High St Walkervale 1200 Hrs
NOV	Wed	12	Line Dancing	Coronation Hall 71 High St Walkervale 1200 Hrs
NOV	Mon	17	Christmas Lunch	RSL Club, Terrace Room M \$35 G \$45
NOV	Wed	19	Line Dancing	Coronation Hall 71 High St Walkervale 1200 Hrs
NOV	Mon	24	Ten Pin Bowls	Bundy Bowl & Leisure Centre, 1030 for 1100 Hrs
NOV	Wed	26	Line Dancing	Coronation Hall 71 High St Walkervale 1200 Hrs
DEC	Wed	03	Cuppa Chat	Lodge from 1000 Hrs
DEC	Wed	03	Line Dancing	Coronation Hall 71 High St Walkervale 1200 Hrs
DEC	Mon	08	Committee meeting	Gibson Memorial Library, RSL building 1030 hrs
DEC	Wed	10	Line Dancing	Coronation Hall 71 High St Walkervale 1200 Hrs
DEC	Wed	17	Line Dancing	Coronation Hall 71 High St Walkervale 1200 Hrs

OUR DIARY 2026

JAN	Sat	03	Super Saturday	Bundaberg Social Club from 1130 Hrs
JAN	Sat	10	Super Saturday	Bundaberg Social Club from 1130 Hrs
JAN	Wed	14	Line Dancing	Coronation Hall 71 High St Walkervale 1200 Hrs
JAN	Sat	17	Super Saturday	Bundaberg Social Club from 1130 Hrs
JAN	Mon	19	Meetings	Lodge, Committee 1200 Hrs (all welcome), General 1300 Hrs
JAN	Wed	21	Line Dancing	Coronation Hall 71 High St Walkervale 1200 Hrs
JAN	Sat	24	Super Saturday	Bundaberg Social Club from 1130 Hrs
JAN	Mon	26	Ten Pin Bowls TBC	Bundy Bowl & Leisure Centre, 1030 for 1100 Hrs
JAN	Wed	28	Line Dancing	Coronation Hall 71 High St Walkervale 1200 Hrs
FEB	Wed	04	Cuppa Chat	Lodge from 1000 Hrs
FEB	Wed	04	Line Dancing	Coronation Hall 71 High St Walkervale 1200 Hrs
FEB	Mon	09	Luncheon	Truly Asia Restaurant 1200 Hrs—see page 3 and 6
FEB	Wed	11	Line Dancing	Coronation Hall 71 High St Walkervale 1200 Hrs
FEB	Mon	16	Meetings	Lodge, Committee 1200 Hrs (all welcome), General 1300 Hrs
FEB	Wed	18	Line Dancing	Coronation Hall 71 High St Walkervale 1200 Hrs
FEB	Mon	23	Ten Pin Bowls	Bundy Bowl & Leisure Centre, 1030 for 1100 Hrs
FEB	Wed	25	Line Dancing	Coronation Hall 71 High St Walkervale 1200 Hrs
MAR	Wed	04	Cuppa Chat	Lodge from 1000 Hrs

A BUSY OCTOBER



Picnic in Alexandra Park
RSL Raffles
Ukulele Lesson
Official Opening,
ANZAC Park
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Hervey Bay Birthday



Commemorations



Jennie Roberts representing the association and remembering those who, like herself, served on Op. Slipper, Afghanistan.

Below: John Wilson OAM (RAAF Association), Helen Blackburn (Mayor, Bundaberg Regional Council), Shirley Watson, Jeannie Roberts, Leone Wilson OAM, (all association members) plus the State Member for Burnett, Stephen Bennett MP.



RED SHIRT or RED POLO? (in case in doubt) Association representatives at commemorations are requested to please wear the dress shirt .(as above!)



REMEMBRANCE DAY 11 November

Bundaberg's service will be held in ANZAC Park.
Please look for advertising from the council or RSL.

VALE

JOY WILLIS CHRISTOU NEE MORECROFT

03 April 1922 Liverpool UK —03 October 2025 Bundaberg

Land Army (UK)

Joy served in the United Kingdom Land Army from 1939 to 1943. She joined our association in 2017. Some of our members helped her celebrate her 100th Birthday in 2022.

Lest we forget



Legacy Lodge commemorative area will soon be enhanced with the addition of special tiles at the base of the flagpole.

If you are passing by, call in and check.

And while you are there, please water the garden—the soil drains quickly and the plants will die without your TLC!

THE IDIOT REPORT

IDIOTS IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD

I live in a semi-rural area.

We recently had a new neighbour call the local township administrative office to request the removal of the Deer Crossing sign on our road.

The reason: "Too many deer are being hit by cars out here! - I don't think this is a good place for them to be crossing any more."

IDIOTS IN FOOD SERVICE

My daughter went to a local Taco bell and ordered a taco. She asked the person behind the counter for "minimal lettuce." He said he was sorry, but they only had iceberg lettuce.

He was a Chef?

IDIOT SIGHTINGS

I was at the airport, checking in at the gate when an airport employee asked, "Has anyone put anything in your baggage without your knowledge?" I replied, "If it was without my knowledge, how would I know?"

He smiled knowingly and nodded, "That's why we ask."

The stoplight on the corner buzzes when it's safe to cross the street. I was crossing with an intellectually challenged co-worker of mine. She asked if I knew what the buzzer was for. I explained that it signals blind people when the light is red.

Appalled, she responded, "What on earth are blind people doing driving?!"

At a good-bye luncheon for an old and dear co-worker (she was leaving the company due to

"downsizing"), our manager commented cheerfully, "This is fun. We should do this more often." Not another word was spoken. We all just looked at each other with that deer-in-the-headlights stare.

When my husband and I arrived at a car dealership to pick up our car, we were told the keys had been locked in it. We went to the service department and found a mechanic working feverishly to unlock the driver's side door.

As I watched from the passenger side, I instinctively tried the door handle and discovered that it was unlocked. "Hey," I announced to the technician, "It's open!"

His reply, "I know - I already got that side."

A man was brought to Mercy Hospital and taken in for coronary surgery.

The operation went well and, as the groggy man regained consciousness, he was reassured by a Sister of Mercy, who was waiting by his bed.

"Mr. Smith, you're going to be just fine," said the nun, gently patting his hand. "We do need to know, however, how you intend to pay for your stay here. Are you covered by insurance?"

"No, I'm not," the man whispered hoarsely.

"Can you pay in cash?" persisted the nun.

"I'm afraid I cannot, Sister."

"Well, do you have any close relatives?" the nun es-sayed.

"Just my sister in New Mexico," he volunteered. "But she's a humble spinster nun."

"Oh, I must correct you, Mr. Smith. Nuns are not 'spinsters.' They are married to God."

"Wonderful," said Smith. "In that case, please send the bill to my brother-in-law."

SMILE

Hard to believe I once had a phone attached to a wall, and when it rang, I picked it up without knowing who was calling.

CONTACTS

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Advocacy & Hospital Visits 07 4330 3166
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Defence Vets Drop In Centre:

07 4153 4599
Open Mon & Thu mornings,
ESO BBQ's lunchtime 1st Sunday
WELLBEING
Jude Binder

Bundaberg Legacy

07 4152 5958
DVA
1800 838 372
Mates4Mates
mates4mates.org
Open Arms—
Veterans & Families Counselling
1800 011 046
Safe Zone 24/7
1800 142 072
Lifeline 24/7
13 11 14
www.lifeline.org.au

BIRTHDAYS

NOVEMBER

Terrie-Ann Howard	02
Cindy Harrington	11
Helen Hancock	23
Con Chatham	24
Toni Grover	25
Mez Mulvaney	27

Happy Birthday!



*Tell us your Reunion ideas
Join the planning group.*

*Book now for Christmas Lunch
See page 6*



JIM'S SUIT

The doctor said, 'Jim, the good news is I can cure your headaches. The bad news is that it will require castration. You have a very rare condition, which causes your testicles to press on your spine and the pressure creates one hell of a headache. The only way to relieve the pressure is to remove the testicles.'

Jim was shocked and depressed. He wondered if he had anything to live for. He had no choice but to go under the knife.

When he left the hospital, he was without a headache for the first time in 20 years, but he felt like he was missing an important part of himself. As he walked down the street, he realized that he felt like a different person. He could make a new beginning and live a new life.

He saw a men's clothing store and thought, 'That's what I need... a new suit.' He entered the shop and told the salesman, 'I'd like a new suit.' The elderly tailor eyed him briefly and said, 'Let's see... size 44 long.'

Jim laughed, 'That's right, how did you know?'
'Been in the business 60 years!' the tailor said.

Jim tried on the suit, it fit perfectly.

As Jim admired himself in the mirror, the salesman asked, 'How about a new shirt?'

Jim thought for a moment and then said, 'Sure.'

The salesman eyed Jim and said, 'Let's see, 34 sleeves and 16-1/2 neck.'

Jim was surprised, 'That's right, how did you know?'

'Been in the business 60 years.'

Jim tried on the shirt, and it fit perfectly.

Jim walked comfortably around the shop, and the salesman asked, 'How about some new underwear?'

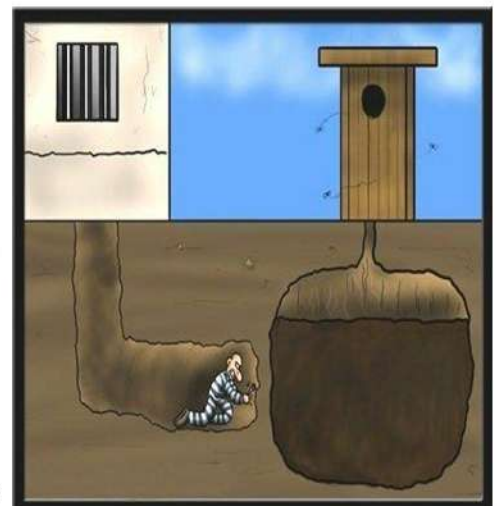
Jim thought for a moment and said, 'Sure.'

The salesman said, 'Let's see... size 36.'

Jim laughed, 'Ah ha! I got you, I've worn a size 34 since I was 18 years old.'

The salesman shook his head, 'You can't wear a size 34. A size 34 would press your testicles up against the base of your spine and give you one hell of a headache.'

New suit - £400
New shirt - £36
New underwear - £6
Second Opinion - PRICELESS



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