

Chests Out

Women Veterans, proud to have served our nation.

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Supporting Super Saturday at the Bundy Social Club, January 2026

Kay Littler, Phyllis Smith, Deb Bratt

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

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.

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.

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Jeannie Roberts

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Leone Wilson OAM (WO) Sheryl Parker (COP)

GENERAL APPOINTMENTS

Activities	Jenny Waldron, Jeannie Roberts, Glenda Everton-Brocklesby, Annette Newsham
Assist. Secty	Gloria Kilpatrick, Leone Wilson, Jeannie Roberts
Awards	President, Vice President, Shirley Watson
Commemorations	Angella Hillis, Jenny Waldron, Leone Wilson
Commun & Prom	President, Sheryl Parker
Financial Auditor	Lynne Pollock, Sheona Webster-Gorrie
Fundraising	Sharon Barsby, Kay Littler, Lynne Pollock
Grants	Jenny Waldron, Kay Littler, Sharon Barsby
History	Leone Wilson
Legacy Liaison	Sheryl Parker, Lynne Pollock
Library	Annette Newsham
Line Dancing	Sharon Barsby
Newsletter	Leone Wilson, Jeannie Roberts
Property	Lynne Pollock, Sharon Barsby
RSL Liaison	Dannielle Brearley, Gloria Kilpatrick
Social Media	Jeannie Roberts, Jenny Waldron
Ten Pin Bowls	Lynne Pollock
Website	Jenny Waldron, Faye Chatham

OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES

Activities	AO, Sub C'tee, Coordinators
Activity Bookings	You, AO, Coordinator, Treasurer
Membership	Secretary, Treasurer, President
Policy & Procedures	President, Secretary
Strategic Planning	President

CURRENT LIFE MEMBERS

Leone Wilson OAM

Shirley Watson

Kay Derome

Jennifer Waldron OAM

Sharon Barsby

Behind the news, January

HAPPY NEW YEAR

2026 began with a get-together at Rovers for the Bundy Social Club's Super Saturday. Eight members and two partners shared social time including lunch and two were lucky in the raffle. Shirley Watson looked after the flow of the prizes and paperwork while Angella and Sheryl found the winners. Following weeks have been well supported and the time spent together has been a great start to what we hope will be a good year.

MEETING

Numbers were a little down for our first meeting for 2026 but ample to get through all business. Importantly booking sheets gathered names and a few paid their 2026 membership.

February's general meeting will include an open forum and members wishing to have a specific topic listed are invited to send details to Secretary Mez. Jenny W will be on hand to outline plans for the 2027 reunion, so come prepared if you wish to contribute.

Please read the minutes when Mez sends them out, they will provide you with more news.

2026 AGM

Notice of motions to the AGM (generally constitutional type) are to be with the secretary by 10 February. Nominations for committee close Monday 2 March. If you need a form emailed to you, please contact me.

ACTIVITIES

Summer Lunch 9Feb

Monday 9 February will see us at Truly Asian for a buy your own lunch. Bookings are required to ensure we have sufficient seating at the restaurant – if you plan to attend and didn't put your name on the booking sheet, please let Jenny W know today!

Truly Asia has a menu online and you need to scroll to the end to find the lunchtime specials.

Anzac Girls Lunch 20 Apr

The 2026 *Salute to Servicewomen* combines our reflection 'Quiet Moment' at Lions' Remembrance

Park with a pre-Anzac luncheon, 'Anzac Girls', and this year will include inter-service indoor sports. All will commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the formation of post-war women's services.

The lunch and games will be held in the Gallipoli Room (main room upstairs), and to set the scene, we would like memorabilia to display. See page 10.

60th DIAMOND REUNION 2027

You can become involved and bring your ideas to the sub committee by contacting Jenny Waldron and ask to be included in notices regarding sub committee meetings. This will also be a topic at the open forum.

MEMBER AWARDED

Our serving member, Amy Clements CSM has been awarded the *US Air and Space Commendation Medal* by the United States military for her exceptional service whilst overseas in the Middle East.

Congratulations Amy!

WELLBEING

As we look out for our friends, we often find it difficult to understand why things are as they are and ponder how we can make it better.

Unfortunately, we can do little more than be a good listener. You can however share concerns with the wellbeing officer.

In turn our association's wellbeing officer holds no additional authority to act and can only endeavour to establish a reasonable understanding of a situation.

Professional support for those in need is available from their GP and a number of contactable organisations. Many of these are listed on page 12 of this issue.

Finally, stay hydrated in this hot and humid weather and seek cool conditions.

Take care

Leone

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

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 16 March

Presentation of Reports

Election of Office Bearers and Committee

NOTICES OF MOTIONS CLOSE TUESDAY 10 FEBRUARY

These are constitutional type motions and are to be forwarded to the Secretary for inclusion on the agenda of the February General Meeting.

NOMINATIONS FOR ALL COMMITTEE POSITIONS:

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Committee

Nominations are to be in writing.

A form is available at the Lodge or ask for one electronically.

**Nominees, nominators and seconders must be
2026 financial service members of the association.**

Nominations are to be in the hands of the secretary by:

MONDAY 2 MARCH

Afternoon tea will be provided.

Wellbeing Activities

All of our activities are for the wellbeing of members

Wellbeing Support Officers (WSO)

WHAT THEY DO:

A WSO is someone you may contact to let them know you are going to hospital or are dealing with a problem.

They can chat with you, visit you at home or in hospital. If unable to visit they will let the wellbeing officer know so that she can try and organise someone to visit you.

A WSO can lend an ear, and provide a happy smile.

WHAT THEY CAN'T DO:

A WSO cannot offer advice unless they have been approved through the ADTP system to do so or hold professional qualifications.

WSO IS FULLY VOLUNTARY

A WSO is your friend when you have a need but she should not be taken advantage of as each WSO provides their friendship and caring free of charge and without payment or reimbursement.

Page 2 provides a list of our current WSO's including contact information.

Any caring member may become a wellbeing support officer.

Contact Leone to offer your services

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS FOR 2026

In the last issue there was a list of members who are already financial having either paid in advance or reached or were awarded free status; Below, a time of compiling, is a list of member who need to pay for 2026. Members need to be financial to have a voice and vote at meetings and to receive subsidies including Functions, Trips, Ten Pin Bowls and Line Dancing.

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Service Member \$10		Associates \$15	
BALDWIN	ELLIS	TAYLOR, GLENDA	ALLEN
BINDER	ERICKSON	TAYLOR, LISA	AMOS
BLACKBURN	LEIJEN	WEBSTER-GORRIE	BEAUMONT
BREARLEY	MACKENZIE		BLACKWOOD
CHESTER	MACKENZIE-FORBES		HANCOCK
CLANCY	MCLACHLAN		WOODALL
CROWLEY	NEWSHAM		

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PLEASE NOTE:

This list was not created by 'AI', therefore you should check and alert Sharon or Leone if you disagree with the content!

Also note the scattered numbers – there is a prize for anyone who can locate them on the original word document!! The prize is you can type up the next issue. Tee hee!! Ed.

ACTIVITIES 2026

Lunch—Truly Asia—Monday 9 Feb, 1200 Hrs

Order and buy your own meal and drinks. RSVP 1 February

Cnr Takalvan and Walker Sts. There is a full menu online. Note that the lunch specials are toward the bottom.

Coordinator: Jenny W

ANZAC GIRLS LUNCH—Monday 20 Apr

(follows our annual Quiet Moment to be held at Lions Remembrance Park at 1100)

75th Anniversary, post-war Women's services – Memorabilia wanted please!

Bundaberg RSL Club Terrace Room, Member \$35 Guest \$45 RSVP 4 Apr

followed by Interservice Olympics fun and games in the Gallipoli Room

Coordinators: Jenny W, Terrie-Ann and Commemorations Officer

Mystery Bus Trip—Thursday 14 May

Mystery day tour with Jo Jo's Tours including morning tea and lunch. Depart from Lodge. Time TBA;

Member \$70 Guest \$100. Expressions of interest by 30 Mar. RSVP 25 Apr

Coordinator Jenny W

ART WITH JASSY Saturday 16 May

Theme 'Jassy Surprise' Member \$40 Guest \$55 RSVP 25 Apr. Coordinator Jeannie

Sunny Coast—SCSSWA Luncheon Thursday 3 Jun

This will be travel by own arrangement. More details will follow re cost and booking.

59th Birthday Luncheon—Monday 20 Jul, 1200 Hrs

Theme: The Seventies with Singalong Karaoke

Bundaberg RSL Club, Terrace Room, Member \$35 Guest \$45 RSVP 30 Jun.

Coordinators: Jenny W & Terrie-Ann, Gloria K

Cuppa Chat at Tom Quinn—Wednesday 5 Aug, 1000 Hrs

Purchase your own cuppa and eats. Coordinator—volunteer required to make booking.

Pizza at Bungadoo—Sunday 9 or 16 Aug

Bungadoo Country Cottage, RSVP 1 Aug. Coordinator Sharon

Country Getaway—Cania Gorge Tourist Retreat

Arrive Monday 31Aug depart Friday 4 Sep

Book cabin or site now (full payment required for cabins) Ph 4167 8110. Let Jenny W know if you book.

(essential for planning). RSVP 20 August. Coordinators: Jenny W & Terrie-Ann

Hervey Bay Luncheon—Saturday 17 Oct

Bus day trip departing 0930. RSVP 30 Sept. Coordinator Jenny W

Cuppa Chat at Urban Dragonfly Coffee Lounge—Wednesday 4 Nov, 1000 Hrs

Purchase your own cuppa and eats. Coordinator—volunteer required

Christmas Luncheon—Monday 16 Nov, 1200 Hrs

Bundaberg RSL Club, Terrace, Member \$35 Guest \$45. RSVP 3 Nov. Coordinator Jeannie

The above information will be updated monthly, so please recheck for additional detail or changes.

'Member' means FULLY FINANCIAL MEMBER AT TIME OF PAYING

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.*

FEBRUARY

MON 9 Summer Luncheon, Truly Asia,
1200 Hrs

MON 16 General Meeting, Lodge
1300 Hrs (MCtee 1200 Hrs)

WED 4 Cuppa Chat, Lodge, 1000 Hrs

WED 4,11,18,25 Line Dancing,
Coronation Hall 1200 Hrs

MON 23 Ten Pin Bowls, Bundy Bowl &
Leisure Centre 1030 Hrs

MARCH

MON 16 Annual General Meeting,
Lodge 1300 Hrs

WED 4 Cuppa Chat, Lodge, 1000 Hrs

WED 4,11,18,25 Line Dancing,
Coronation Hall 1200 Hrs

MON 30 Ten Pin Bowls, Bundy Bowl &
Leisure Centre 1030 Hrs

APRIL

MON 20 Quiet Moment, Lions
Remembrance Park 1100 Hrs;
Anzac Girls Luncheon, Bundaberg
RSL 1200 Hrs

FRI 25 Anzac Day

WED 1 Cuppa Chat, Lodge, 1000 Hrs

WED 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Line Dancing,
Coronation Hall 1200 Hrs

MON 27 Ten Pin Bowls, Bundy Bowl &
Leisure Centre 1030 Hrs

MAY

THU 14 Mystery Day Trip, time TBA

SAT 16 Art with Jassy, Lodge, time
TBA

MON 18 General Meeting, Lodge
1300 Hrs (MCtee 1200 Hrs)

WED 6 Cuppa Chat, Lodge, 1000 Hrs

WED 6, 13, 20, 27 Line Dancing,
Coronation Hall 1200 Hrs

MON 25 Ten Pin Bowls, Bundy Bowl &
Leisure Centre 1030 Hrs

JUNE

MON 15 General Meeting, Lodge
1300 Hrs (MCtee 1200 Hrs)

THU 4 Sunshine Coast Luncheon, own
arrangements

WED 3 Cuppa Chat, Lodge, 1000 Hrs

WED 3,10, 17, 24 Line Dancing,
Coronation Hall 1200 Hrs

MON 29 Ten Pin Bowls, Bundy Bowl &
Leisure Centre 1030 Hrs

SOCIAL CLUB SUPER SATURDAY – JANUARY 2026





Super Saturday week one, eight members and family gathered in the Women Veterans group and at least one other sat elsewhere; week two the group number increased to sixteen and for week three climbed again to twenty. For the long weekend we still managed sixteen in the group and the event was capped off by a double birthday celebration.

Deb reached 69 on 22nd and Phyllis will tick off 93 on Australia Day. That looks like we need to expect a big 70 22 Jan 27 and a big 95 26 Jan 28.

Commemorations

75 years, Women's Services * 85 years WWII Servicewomen

WRANS	Women's Royal Australian Naval Service. Formed in 1941, active 1942-1948, re-established January 1951. Integrated into RAN 1985
AWAS	Australian Women's Army Service. Raised 13 August 1941 Active to 1947.
WRAAC	Women's Royal Australian Army Corps. Established April 1951 Integrated 1984 to 1985 when WRAAC ceased to exist.
WAAAF	Women's Auxiliary Australian Air Force. Formed March 1941, active to 1947.
WRAAF	Women's Royal Australian Air Force. Formed July 1950, beginning service January 1951. Absorbed into RAAF 1977.
RANNS	Royal Australian Navy Nursing Service. Established 1942, disbanded but re-formed in 1948. Ceased 1984 following integration as a branch of RAN.
RAANC	Royal Australian Army Nursing Service (RAANS) November 1948 and became part of the regular Army the next year. In 1951, the RAANS achieved corps status and became the Royal Australian Army Nursing Corps.
RAAFNS	Royal Australian Air Force Nursing Service. Established July 1940. Disbanded 1946 but reformed in 1948 continuing to 1977 when the service was absorbed into the broader RAAF Medical Branch.

Memorabilia Wanted

for loan, to display at our Anzac Girls luncheon



Uniform bits and bobs or other items relating to your service would be greatly appreciated.
Bring along to the Lodge on a cuppa or meeting day.
Please ensure you have labeled the item so that it may be safely returned to you.

ANZAC DAY, SATURDAY, 25 APRIL 2026

INVITATION FROM BURNETT HEADS MEMORIAL PARK COMMITTEE

To attend the Burnett Heads Anzac Day Service.

Parade assembles at Tennis Courts 1430, march off 1445 to Burnett Heads Memorial Park for the service. Afternoon tea following the service, at Lighthouse Hotel.

Taking the salute will be Jennifer Waldron OAM

STREETS OF REMEMBRANCE

Three more of our past members added to council's list for recognition:

Jean Winifred Grother nee Daniel—Winifred Street

Ivy Joan Waldock nee Nichols—Ivy Street

Frances Eileen Woods nee Davies - Frances Street

TRUISMS

EGOTIST Someone who is usually me deep in conversation

HANDKERCHIEF Cold Storage

INFLATION Cutting money in half without damaging the paper.

MOSQUITO An insect that makes you like flies better.

RAISIN Grape with a sunburn

SECRET Something you tell to one person at a time.

SKELETON A bunch of bones with the person scraped off.

TOOTHACHE The pain that drives you to extraction.

TOMORROW One of the greatest labour saving devices of today.

WRINKLES Something other people have similar to my character lines.

YAWN An honest opinion openly expressed.



A young boy had just qualified for his Driver's permit and asked his father if they could discuss his use of the car.

His father said he'd make a deal with his son. "You bring your grades up from a C to a B average, study your Bible a little, get your hair cut and we'll talk about the car."

The boy thought about that for a moment, decided he'd settle for the offer and they agreed on it.

After about six weeks his father said, "Son, I've been real proud. You brought your grades up and I've observed that you have been studying your Bible, but I'm real disappointed you didn't get your hair cut."

The young man paused a moment then said, "You know, Dad, I've been thinking about that,

and I've noticed in my studies of the Bible that Samson had long hair, John the Baptist had long hair, Moses had long hair and there's even a strong argument that Jesus had long hair."

To this his father replied, "Did you also notice they all walked everywhere they went?????"

SMILE

After living in the remote wilderness of Kentucky all his life, an old hillbilly decided it was time to visit the big city. In one of the stores he picks up a mirror and looks in it. Not ever having seen one before, he remarked at the image staring back at him, "How about that! Here's a picture of my daddy." He bought the mirror thinking it was a picture of his daddy, but on the way home he remembered his wife, didn't like his father ... So he hung it in the barn, and every morning before leaving for the fields, he would go there and look at it.

His wife began to get suspicious of these many trips to the barn. One day after her husband left, she searched the barn and found the mirror. As she looked into the glass, she fumed, "So that's the ugly bitch he's runnin' around with."



There is no such thing as a grouchy old person. The truth is that once you get old, you stop being polite and start being honest.

CONTACTS

Bundaberg RSL

Secretary

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Wellbeing

Advocacy & Hospital Visits

07 4330 3166

Activities & Events

07 4330 3167

Bundaberg RSL Club

07 4138 7620

Defence Vets Drop In Centre

07 4153 4599

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

WELLBEING

Jude Binder

Bundaberg Legacy

07 4152 5958

Dept. of Veterans' Affairs

1800 838 372 dva.gov.au

Mates4Mates

Contact and register at
mates4mates.org

ADF Health & Wellbeing Portal

www.defence.gov.au/health/health
portal

Open Arms

Veterans & Families Counselling

1800 011 046

Safe Zone 24/7

1800 142 072

Defence Family Helpline 24/7

1800 624 608

www.defence.gov.au/DCO/Defence
-Helpline.asp

Lifeline 24/7

13 11 14

www.lifeline.org.au

Elder Abuse

1800 737 732

Health Direct

1800 022 222

Poisons Information

13 11 26

My Aged Care

1800 200 422

State Emergency Service

132 500

Bundaberg & District

Neighbourhood Centre

(information hub—weekdays)

111 Targo Street

4153 1614

info@bundync.org.au

QLD GOVERNMENT LIST

For full details, go to

qld.gov.au/seniors

(some are work hours)

Seniors Support Services

1300 135 500

Human Rights

1300 130 670

Beyond Blue

1300 224 636

Crime Stoppers

1800 333 000

DV Connect

1800 811 811 (women)

1800 600 636 (men)

Public Guardian

1300 653 187

Relationships Australia Qld

(Bundaberg)

14 Tantitha Street

1300 063 232

Sexual Assault Helpline

1800 010 120

Women's Infolink

1800 177 577

*Happy
Birthday for
February*



Sheona Webster-Gorrie 9th

Glenda Smith - 18th

Jenny Chester - 26th

Two men were sitting next to each other at a bar. After a while, one guy looks at the other and says, "I can't help but think, from listening to you, that you're from Ireland."

The other guy responds proudly, "Yes, that I am!"

The first guy says, "So am I! And where about from Ireland might you be?"

The other guy answers, "I'm from Dublin, I am." The first guy responds, "Sure and begorra, and so am I! And what street did you live on in Dublin?"

The other guy says, "A lovely little area it was, I lived on McCleary Street in the old central part of town."

The first guy says, "Faith & it's a small world, so did I! And to what school would you have been going?"

The other guy answers, "Well now, I went to Sunt Mary's of course."

The first guy gets really excited, and says, "And so did I. Tell me, what year did you graduate?"

The other guy answers, "Well, now, I graduated in the year of nineteen and fifty four" the first guy exclaims, "The Good Lard must be smiling down upon us! I can hardly believe our good luck at winding up in the same bar on this very night. Can you believe it, I graduated from Sunt Mary's in 1954 my own self."

About this time, another guy walks into the bar, sits down, and orders a beer.

The bartender walks over shaking his head and mutters, "It's going to be a long night tonight, the Murphy twins are drunk already..."

Acknowledgement:

Thank you to the Bundaberg RSL Sub Branch and Anzac Day Trust for assistance with this publication.

**I JUST GOT A BILL IN
THE MAIL THAT SAID
FINAL NOTICE
WHAT A RELIEF!**

**Irish Chili has only 239
beans.
One more would be too
farty.**