



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.

02/2026 FEBRUARY



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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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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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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, February

CARING SUPPORT

We had a wonderful attendance at Peter Robert's funeral providing support to Jeannie at this very sad time in her life. I am sure your attendance would have been a comfort to Jeannie. As too the thoughts of those members unable to attend who sent apologies.

WELCOME!

A big welcome to Christine Robinson (WRANS) who joined our association on Monday. We look forward to your company at our activities Chris.

For our membership, navy has almost caught air force, and army only has a head in front.

MEETING

February's general meeting was a fizzer with more apologies than attendees and falling two short of a quorum.

The committee had held a successful meeting and worked toward covering all of the areas necessary for the long break to May.

The only business held is the acceptance of the January general meeting minutes. That will be presented to May's general meeting.

There was to be an open forum as part of the general meeting. That still went ahead. As a result, members are invited to have input toward any recommendations for the incoming committee.

Things identified to consider include cuppa chat, frequency of general meetings and Lodge layout, plus reunion options.

Please study the content of page 5 for a wrap up on the open forum suggested recommendations.

WORKING BEE. Also identified was the need for a thorough clean of the Lodge, head to toe. A date will be selected and volunteers called for; and

REUNION MEETING. a meeting of members interested in all facets of the reunion in 2027. Again a date will be selected and notified to all.

Please watch for this and come along to provide your input.

2026 AGM

The annual report has been emailed to members.

The meeting agenda including nominees will be sent to you following closure of the nominations.

Check out the list of appointments on the meeting agenda; there are a few vacant spots and you may find one or two that would suit you.

ACTIVITIES

Mystery Trip!

Urgent request for bookings for our day outing on 14 May. We have around 15 and that is short of the minimum. Please book now for yourself and why not add a friend.

Departure from the Quay Street long term carpark at 0800 Hrs, (arrive 15 minutes early); returning around 1600 Hrs (TBC).

Anzac Girls Lunch 20 Apr

Commemorating 75 years since formation of post war women's services.

Please book for this day of activities beginning with our annual tribute at Lions Remembrance Park at 1100 Hrs, followed by a commemorative lunch at the RSL and inter service sports challenge also at the RSL.

WRANS, RAANC, WRAAC, WRAAF items are needed for display on the day, please.

WELLBEING

The association provides activities that will hopefully benefit the majority. These include opportunities to enjoy the company of other women veterans (lunches, outings, get-togethers), opportunities to learn a health promoting skill (line dancing) and opportunities to try out a sport regardless of ability (ten pin bowls).

Other suggestions are welcome. We would like to see all of our members benefit.

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

Please make an effort to attend!

NOMINATIONS FOR ALL COMMITTEE POSITIONS CLOSE NOON 2 MARCH:

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

Afternoon tea will be provided.

MEMBERSHIP BADGES AVAILABLE NOW



from Treasurer Sharon
\$13



The (Legacy) Lodge

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 storeroom 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!

'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 loan book provided.

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.

Service Items



wanted for display at 20 April's lunch



Thank You!
Flag Garden



Wellbeing Activities

All of our activities are for the wellbeing of members

INFECTIOUS

*A genuine smile—
one that reaches your eyes—is infectious.*

PLEASE SPREAD WIDELY

Informal OPEN FORUM items for consideration:

CUPPA CHAT. Held on the first Wednesday each month (not always in January). One or two of these at a commercial venue (you pay), the rest at the Lodge.

- Should we have less? Maybe only hold on non-ordinary general meeting months which are March, April, July and December with 2 commercial venue events – currently Aug and Nov; or selected months?
- Or should we have the same but more commercial, less at the Lodge?
- Or leave as is?

GENERAL MEETINGS. Held Jan, Feb, May, Jun, Aug, Sep, Oct. Members considered the question of ‘should we have less or continue as is?’ Consensus was to stay as is as most enjoy the social aspect and being updated on coming activities.

ROOM LAYOUT FOR GENERAL MEETINGS. Currently tables along window side with seating on one side only, remainder seated on chairs on kitchen side. Recommendation was to switch some tables (the trestle came in for some dislikes!) but retain the configuration.

The above and other topics can be noted as recommendations to the incoming committee to consider or implement.

REUNION. This area attracted quite a lot of discussion – I defer to Jenny’s notes:

- Friday Night function options: All liked idea of Sunset Service in Anzac Park followed by function in Terrace Room.
 - Options for either wholly meet n greet with good finger food or short meet n greet with drinks and light nibbles followed by sit down meal or just straight to meal. Costing the guiding factor here. Buffet meal for something different. (2 choices with sweets \$50 a head. So very expensive... I may be able to do a better deal.)
- Saturday Luncheon - not our usual budget function menu - so again expensive at \$50 to \$60 pp.

Reunion items can also be noted at the AGM as recommendations to the both the incoming committee and reunion sub committee to investigate.

ACTIVITIES 2026

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 Long term car park, Quay Street. Time 0800;
BRING A MATE - 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—SCESSWA 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 Swinging 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. Data sheet available at the Lodge.
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.*

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

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

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

JULY

MON 20 Birthday Luncheon, RSL,
1130 for 1200 Hrs

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

SUMMER LUNCHEON



Wait for the Christmas special to see who I was talking with!

Welcome Christine!



75th Anniversary Post War Women's Services Commemorations & Celebrations

We will celebrate this anniversary with a service paying tribute to all defence servicewomen; a luncheon which recognises the service of women since 1951 and a fun sports event highlighting the friendly rivalry created through our service.

MONDAY 20 APRIL 2026

Be sure you have booked – see page 6.

Commemorations

Anniversaries March

20 Mar Operation Falconer (Iraq) 2003

31 Mar Formation of RAAF

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 chat or meeting day.

Please ensure you have labeled the item so that it may be safely returned to you.



Thank you to Helen 'Baldy' Baldwin for representing us, as well as the RAAF Assn at the commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of National Service.

More details will be provided as invitations are received.

Coming Commemorations

Most of these are being organised by the RSL Sub Branch.

Note indicates 'to be confirmed'*

Sun	01 Mar	CMF, 1000 Hrs Anzac Park
Sun	29 Mar	Tobruk, Tobruk memorial *
Tue	31 Mar	RAAF, 1000 Hrs*, Anzac Park – Helen Baldwin
Sat	25 Apr	Anzac Day – various times and locations
Mon	27 Jul	Korean War, 1000 Hrs, location*
Tue	18 Aug	Vietnam, 1000 Hrs, Anzac Park Vietnam, 1100 Hrs, BDV Drop In Centre
Wed	02 Sep	Battle for Australia, 1000 Hrs, Anzac Park
Mon	14 Sep	National Peacekeepers Day*
Sun	20 Sep	INTERFET Day, 1000 Hrs, Anzac Park
Wed	07 Oct	Afghanistan, 1000 Hrs, Anzac Park

Members with a special link to one or more of these may contact the commemorations officer and volunteer to be our representative.

Members may also attend.

More details will be provided as invitations are received.

MEN ARE JUST HAPPIER PEOPLE

NICKNAMES

If Laura, Kate and Sarah go out for lunch, they will call each other Laura, Kate and Sarah.

If Mike, Dave and John go out, they will affectionately refer to each other as Fat Boy, Godzilla and Four-eyes.

EATING OUT

When the bill arrives, Mike, Dave and John will each throw in \$20, even though it's only for \$32.50. None of them will have anything smaller and none will actually admit they want change back.

When the girls get their bill, out come the pocket calculators.

MONEY

A man will pay \$2 for a \$1 item he needs. A woman will pay \$1 for a \$2 item that she doesn't need but it's on sale..

BATHROOMS

A man has six items in his bathroom: toothbrush and toothpaste, shaving cream, razor, a bar of soap, and a towel .

The average number of items in the typical woman's bathroom is 337. A man would not be able to identify more than 20 of these items.

ARGUMENTS

A woman has the last word in any argument. Anything a man says after that is the beginning of a new argument.

FUTURE

A woman worries about the future until she gets a husband.

A man never worries about the future until he gets a wife.

SUCCESS

A successful man is one who makes more money than his wife can spend.

A successful woman is one who can find such a man.

MARRIAGE

A woman marries a man expecting he will change, but he doesn't.

A man marries a woman expecting that she won't change, but she does.

DRESSING UP

A woman will dress up to go shopping, water the plants, empty the trash, answer the phone, read a book, and get the mail.

A man will dress up for weddings and funerals.

NATURAL

Men wake up as good-looking as they went to bed. Women somehow deteriorate during the night.

OFFSPRING

Ah, children. A woman knows all about her children. She knows about dentist appointments and romances, best friends, favourite foods, secret fears and hopes and dreams.

A man is vaguely aware of some short people living in the house.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

A married man should forget his mistakes. There's no use in two people remembering the same thing!

SMILE

When you've been flashing lights for 5 minutes to tell him that his cow is going to fall out, and you finally realize that the door is closed.

SPECIAL TRIBUTE: *Over the last 27 issues we have been enjoying 'one liners'. The last one was published in the January 2026 issue. These gems had been provided to us by Peter Roberts.*



CONTACTS

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Advocacy & Hospital Visits

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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/healthportal

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)

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4153 1614

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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 Infoclink

1800 177 577



Happy
Birthday for
March

Robyn Walton 3rd

Lee Mackenzie-Forbes 9th

Linda Rae 19th

Amy Clements CSM 20th

Chris Clancy 23rd

Louise Laing 25th

Janet Rasmussen 30th

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER: Are you chewing gum?

STUDENT: No, I'm Billy Anderson.

TEACHER: Alfred, how can one person make so many stupid mistakes in one day?

STUDENT: I get up early.

TEACHER: George, go to the map and find North America.

STUDENT: Here it is!

TEACHER: Correct. Now class, who discovered America?

CLASS: George!

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TEACHER: Didn't you promise to behave?

STUDENT: Yes, Sir.

TEACHER: And didn't I promise to punish you if you didn't?

STUDENT: Yes Sir, but since I broke my promise, I don't expect you to keep yours.

HUSBANDS ARE THE BEST
PEOPLE TO SHARE

SECRETS WITH.

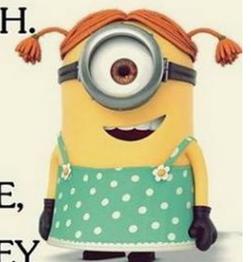
THEY'LL

NEVER

TELL ANYONE,

BECAUSE THEY

AREN'T EVEN LISTENING.



"Do not touch" must be one of the scariest things to read in braille.

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