



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

# Chests Out

*Women Veterans, proud to have served our nation.*

04/2026 APRIL



75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Post War Women's  
Services



*Salute To Servicewomen*  
*Celebrating Their Contribution*

## 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.

### **Patron: Leone Wilson OAM**

#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

#### **President: Jenny Waldron OAM**

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#### **Vice President: Mary-Rose Mulvaney OAM**

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**Shirley Watson 0408 460 951**

**Leone Wilson OAM 07 4159 4135 0427 415 946**

**Terrie-Ann Howard (WO) 0409 700 581**

#### **GENERAL APPOINTMENTS**

Activities	Jenny Waldron, Deb Bratt, Kerry Clements, Terrie-Ann Howard, Gloria Kilpatrick, Annette Newsham
Assist. Secty	Leone Wilson (non committee)
Awards	President, Vice President plus as per policy 1.17
Commemorations	Angella Hillis, Leone Wilson
Commun & Prom	President
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
Property	Lynne Pollock, Sharon Barsby
RSL Liaison	Dannielle Brearley, Gloria Kilpatrick
Social Media	Helen Baldwin (pending), Jenny Waldron
Ten Pin Bowls	Lynne Pollock

#### **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, April*

### Salute to Servicewomen 2026

#### Quiet Time

Four 'wreaths' were laid at the 'Servicewomen's Memorial' as we paused to remember our founders, and members no longer with us including Joy Christou, UK Land Army who passed away last October aged 103.

Hervey Bay and Sunshine Coast ladies joined us to pay tribute to women who serve in the Australian Defence Force

#### Anzac Girls Lunch 20 Apr

From the wide ranging displays commemorating 75 years since formation of post war women's services to the fun of indoor games – this year's luncheon set a new benchmark and will remain a credit to the team of workers who did all in their power to provide the best ever event.



We are also grateful to the Bundaberg RSL Sub Branch for providing us a grant toward the cost of this function and assisting with printing; and to Bundaberg Legacy for assistance with the table decorations.

Bundaberg business community also provided wonderful support through donations to the event's raffle as did our own members.

Bringing it all together was the associations volunteers from activities, commemorations and committee plus individual members.

#### Recognising the business community:

AUSTRALIA POST	BUNNINGS
CHEMIST WAREHOUSE	DOMINO'S PIZZA
DYMOCKS	LIVE LIFE PHARMACY
MINT SIX BOUTIQUE	MISS INDIA
PEDDERS SUSPENSION	READING CINEMA
SPOTLIGHT	SUPREME PIZZA & PASTA
WOOLWORTHS	

### ACTIVITIES

#### Mystery Trip! 14 May

There were a couple of seats left – check with Jenny Waldron, bring a partner, friend, neighbour – they will enjoy a great day out sightseeing, eating, having fun for just \$100

#### Art with Jassy 16 May

Final numbers are needed now, fully paid. Jassy requires time to procure all of the equipment we need to produce our stunning masterpiece. Book and pay before 25 April. (contact Jenny).

#### SCESSWA – all Elegant 4 June

The regulars can confirm that the annual 'Sunny Coast' luncheon is always an enjoyable event. Members planning to attend can ask me for a copy of the flyer (if you don't already have). RSVP is 25 May and travel is own arrangements.

#### Bundy 59<sup>th</sup> Birthday Mon 20 July

Bookings are open for our annual birthday celebration which this year is *the Swinging Seventies*. \$35 and \$45 – RSVP 30 June.

### WELLBEING

Not everything is rosy 'out there' Some members are looking after loved ones, others are having to look after themselves. Mostly there is zilch we can do to make the task easier other than be available, if required.

Our team of WSO are listed on page 2. We are here to listen and where able, visit. The RSL and Defence Vets continue to provide accredited advocacy and welfare assistance.

Please know that you are in our thoughts, and we hope that the sunshine of a better day is not far ahead.

As always, we extend best wishes.

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

*Capes for Kids - check our Facebook page for their thank you.*

**ANZAC GIRLS 2026**

*Part of the special tribute to the post war women's services*



..and the girls of WWII were remembered too – through to our contemporary veterans. Thank you team – thank you donors!

## ***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**



## **Weekly Line Dancing Monthly Ten Pin Bowls *BEGINNERS WELCOME***

**THE IDEA IS:**

**BE ACTIVE**

**HAVE FUN WITH FRIENDS**

Both of these are good for your health.

**NO SKILL NECESSARY**

## **ACTIVITIES 2026**

### **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.

[RSVP 25 Apr](#)

Coordinator Jenny W

### **ART WITH JASSY Saturday 16 May**

Theme 'Jassy Surprise' Member \$40 Guest \$55 [RSVP 25 Apr.](#)  
Coordinator Jeannie and Jenny W

### **Sunny Coast—SCESSWA Luncheon Thursday 4 Jun**

This will be travel by own arrangement.

Theme: An Elegant Luncheon.

Guests \$50 (SCESSWA members \$45). BSB 645646 A/c 102736405

RSVP 25 May to: thornejl@hotmail.com Mob: 0410 448 433

### **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.

### **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 note any special diet requirements when booking for a function.*

## APRIL

SAT 25 Anzac Day  
WED 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 0800  
Hrs  
SAT 16 Art with Jassy, Lodge, time  
TBA  
MON 18 General Meeting, Lodge  
1300 Hrs (MC'tee 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

## AUGUST

MON 16 Annual General Meeting,  
Lodge 1300 Hrs  
WED 5 Cuppa Chat, Tom Quinn, 1000  
Hrs  
WED 5,12,19,26 Line Dancing,  
Coronation Hall 1200 Hrs  
MON 31 Ten Pin Bowls, Bundy Bowl &  
Leisure Centre 1030 Hrs  
MON 31 Country Getaway to 4 Sep

## SEPTEMBER

AUG 31 – 4 SEP Country Getaway at  
Cania Gorge  
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

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## 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Post War Women's Services





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Well done 'A Team Plus'.

(activities plus commemorations and the many volunteer members, donors, supporters and participants).

We can consider RAANC, WRANS, WRAAC, WRAAF'S 75<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary well and truly remembered in the best of style.

Terrific having Sunshine Coast Ex Service and Serving Women Association members together with Hervey Bay Ex Service Club members join us and a grand occasion for Hervey Bay's past, and very long serving president, Pam Lock to receive Life Membership of Hervey Bay. *Congratulations Pam!*

Check out all of the photos on our Facebook page.



# Commemorations

## Anniversaries

08 May Victory in Europe Day (1945)  
14 May Sinking of *AHS Centaur* (1943)  
27 May Indigenous Veterans Day

### Coming Commemorations

Most of these are being organised by the RSL Sub Branch. Note\* indicates 'to be confirmed'

Mon 27 Jul Korean War, 1000 Hrs, location\*  
Tue 18 Aug Vietnam, 1000 Hrs, Anzac Park  
Vietnam, 1100 Hrs, BDV Drop In Centre

### 2026 QUIET TIME



Welcome and Introduction,  
Jenny Waldron OAM  
Roll Call,  
Leone Wilson OAM



### Our Reps

Helen Baldwin at RAAF Birthday  
Shirley Watson at Tobruk Sunday



### Wreath layers:

Bundaberg, Phyllis Smith  
Sunshine Coast, Jan Thorne  
Hervey Bay, Colleen Crabb  
Personal, Kerry Clements

Ode, Lynne Pollock



## **2000 Darwin "Natural Selection" Awards - Criminal Category**

*These awards are given each year to bestow upon that individual, who through isolation by incarceration, has done the most to remove undesirable elements from the human gene pool.*

### **RUNNER-UP# 8:**

Colorado Springs: A guy walked into a little corner store with a shotgun and demanded all the cash from the cash drawer. After the cashier put the cash in a bag, the robber saw a bottle of scotch that he wanted behind the counter on the shelf. He told the cashier to put it in the bag as well, but he refused and said "Because I don't believe you are over 21." The robber said he was, but the clerk still refused to give it to him because he didn't believe him. At this point the robber took his drivers license out of his wallet and gave it to the clerk.

The clerk looked it over and agreed that the man was in fact over 21 and he put the scotch in the bag.

The robber then ran from the store with his loot. The cashier promptly called the police and gave the name and address of the robber that he got off the license. They arrested the robber two hours later.

### **RUNNER-UP# 7:**

A woman was reporting her car as stolen and mentioned that there was a car phone in it. The policeman taking the report called the phone and told the guy that answered that he had read the ad in the newspaper and wanted to buy the car. They arranged to meet, and the thief was arrested.

### **RUNNER-UP# 6:**

San Francisco: A man, wanting to rob a downtown Bank of America, walked into the branch and wrote "this iz a stikkup. Put all your munny in this bag."

While standing in line, waiting to give his note to the teller, he began to worry that someone had seen him write the note and might call the police before he reached the teller window. So he left the Bank of America and crossed the street to Wells Fargo.

After waiting a few minutes in line, he handed his note to the Wells Fargo teller. She read it and, surmising from his spelling errors that he

was not the brightest light in the harbor, told him that she could not accept his stickup note because it was written on a Bank of America deposit slip and that he would either have to fill out a Wells Fargo deposit slip or return to the Bank of America.

Looking somewhat defeated, the man said "OK" and left. The Wells Fargo teller then called the police who arrested the man a few minutes later, as he was waiting in line back at the Bank of America.

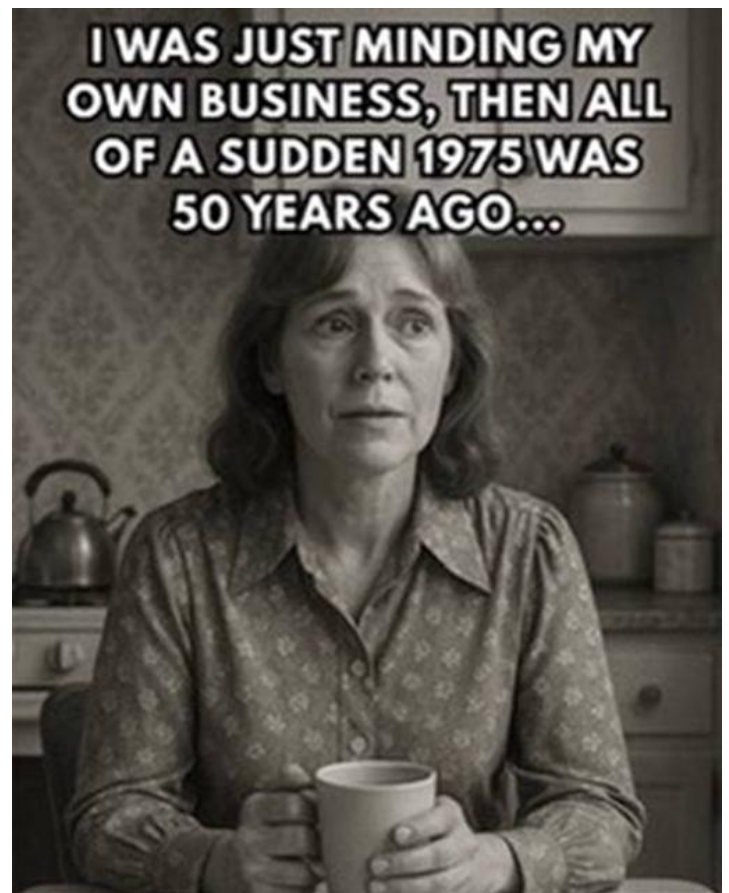
### **RUNNER-UP# 5:**

From England: A motorist was unknowingly caught in an automated speed trap that measured his speed using radar and photographed his car. He later received in the mail a ticket for 40 Pounds and a photo of his car.

Instead of payment, he sent the police department a photograph of 40 Pounds.

Several days later, he received a letter from the police that contained another picture, of handcuffs. The motorist promptly sent the money for the fine.

*To be continued!*



**SMILE**

## 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](http://dva.gov.au)

#### Mates4Mates

Contact and register at  
[mates4mates.org](http://mates4mates.org)

#### ADF Health & Wellbeing Portal

[www.defence.gov.au/health/healthportal](http://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](http://www.defence.gov.au/DCO/Defence-Helpline.asp)

#### Lifeline 24/7

13 11 14

[www.lifeline.org.au](http://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](mailto:info@bundync.org.au)

#### QLD GOVERNMENT LIST

For full details, go to

[qld.gov.au/seniors](http://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  
MAY

02 Shirely Watson

04 Meg Stegman

15 Carolyn Kennedy

17 Glenda Taylor

18 Jude Binder

27 Olive Paterson

Saturday morning the husband got up early, quietly dressed, made his lunch, grabbed the dog, and slipped quietly into the garage. He hooked the boat up to the truck and proceeded to back out into a torrential downpour.

The wind was blowing 50 mph, so he pulled back into the garage, turned on the radio, and discovered that the weather would be bad all day.

He went back into the house, quietly undressed, and slipped back into bed. He cuddled up to his wife's back, now with a different anticipation, and whispered, "The weather out there is terrible."

His loving wife of 10 years replied, "Can you believe my stupid husband is out fishing in that?"

**And then the fight started...**



## DEFINITIONS NOT IN THE DICTIONARY

**CANNIBAL:** Someone who is fed up with people.

**CHICKENS:** The only animals you eat before they are born and after they are dead.

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