



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.

05/2026 MAY



BUNDABERG CITY ANZAC PARADE 2026 – WOMEN VETERANS

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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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GENERAL APPOINTMENTS

Activities	Jenny Waldron, Mary-Rose Mulvaney, 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
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, May

Meeting

A good attendance for this busy meeting which caught up on the months since pre AGM.

President Jenny took the opportunity to thank the many volunteers who contributed to Salute to Servicewomen and Anzac Day activities.

The Anzac Girls luncheon displays were considered fantastic due to the exceptional work of many members. The War Nurses work force, a long time helpful friend of Sharon Barsby (Lindsay), and Bundaberg Regional Council's 'weeds and seeds' all drew praise.

Anzac Day

From chilly morning to a damp afternoon – Anzac Day 2026 had it all and we were there.

Our ladies attended schools and pre Anzac services and a number of regional services on Anzac Day.

In Bundaberg city we were there for the dawn service, the civic parade – where Leone Wilson OAM joined with hubby John Wilson OAM and Mayor Helen Blackburn to take the salute. All three are members (John is a long time associate). There were 15 members marching on parade.

A number of members attended the civic service, held in the redeveloped ANZAC Park for the first time.

Our service paying tribute to war nurses was as special as ever although numbers were down possibly as the preceding city service went longer than normal.

Members participated at Moore Park Beach and also at Burnett Heads where President Jenny Waldron OAM took the salutes. Thank you to all members who supplied photographs.

ACTIVITIES

Mystery Trip! 14 May

A few 'encores' as we debussed back in Bundy, said it all. The day trippers enjoyed their day out which included morning tea at the old courthouse in Gin Gin and lunch at the old hospital in Mt Perry, both are now art galleries and information centers run by volunteers. We even spent time with farm animals on

a property come campsite perched well above Mt Perry and visited the bats at Boolboonda and drove through New Moonta which is not 'new' at all.

Jo provided very interesting commentary and her knowledge of the history and passion for the area was obvious. All we had to do was sit back and enjoy (even Jenny). Check the photos here and on Facebook.

The mention of an Op Shop day trip to Hervey Bay and other areas caused excitement in the shopaholics – watch this space!

Art with Jassy 16 May

Colours of the Outback created with artistic tricks that ensured we all got paint in places unintended. So much fun – thank you Jassy. We have one more work of art to display at home.

SCESSWA – all Elegant 4 June

To all members who are attending – we know you will have a great time.

Cuppa Chat Change

Due to low turn-up for our regular first Wednesday get together at the Lodge, the committee are looking at other options. Keep an eye out for news on this. Meanwhile, please be aware that there is **NO** June cuppa chat at the Lodge

Bundy 59th 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.

Hervey Bay in October

An early alert that we are sure to need a large number of members filling seats if we are to book a coach to attend this year's luncheon. date is 17 October.

WELLBEING

Winter is almost here – get your jabs up to date and stay away from sneezes!

Leone

PRE ANZAC

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Attending the Athole Lodge Vacant Chair ceremony – our representatives Helen Baldwin and Gloria Kilpatrick pictured with Lisa Taylor who was representing the Drop-In Centre.



Right: Helen Baldwin at East State School, one of the members to attend regional schools.

At Bundaberg Library in support of the ANZAC

Talk are Kerry Clements, Shirley Watson, Helen Baldwin, Terrie-Ann Howard (speaker), Leone Wilson, Annette Newsham and Patricia Collins (author and speaker).



ANZAC Talk with Patricia Collins & Terrie-Ann Howard



Shirley Watson ensured the tradition of placing a posy on our plinth, continued.



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

Splashing the colourz with Jassy!



And we also had a lot of fun creating our masterpieces.

Thank you Jassy Watson (jassy.com.au)

Seniors Expo 2026 Bundaberg Recreational Precinct, Kendalls Road **FRIDAY 3 JULY 2026**

ACTIVITIES 2026

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

(Pizza at Bungadoo has been cancelled – but we have an alternative)

Moore Park Beach Picnic Sunday 16 August 1030 Hrs

Bring a chair or picnic rug, coffee van in vicinity or bring your chosen drink

Feel free to bring a friend, we'll have a few games to play for a giggle

Bacon and Egg burger or sausage in bread - gold coin donation.

Confirmation of attendance appreciated by 1 Aug to Terrie-Ann (mob on page 2)

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 as we know it will no longer take place at the Lodge. The first Wednesday of the month may no longer be a planned get-together. BUT – alternate ideas are being investigated so

WATCH FOR EMAILS AND NOTICES ABOUT WHAT MAY BE NEXT!

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.

MAY

WED 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 3,10, 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, 8, 15, 22, 29 Line Dancing,
Coronation Hall 1200 Hrs

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

AUGUST

SUN 16 Moore Park Beach Picnic

MON 17 Annual General Meeting,
Lodge 1300 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, 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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Shirley Watson, Gloria Garbutt & Helen Baldwin at Bundaberg Dawn Service.



Phyllis Smith, Shelagh Bennett and Annette Newsham

Parade assembly area, members with placard carrier Elexia Powell.



Below: Ready for the order to march off.



Taking the salute in the 2026 Bundaberg Anzac Parade are members, Helen Blackburn (Mayor), Leone Wilson OAM and John Wilson OAM. John and Leone were representing the RAAF on its 105th anniversary .



WAR NURSES 2026

Our association took on hosting an Anzac Day service in 1996 after previously, from 1993, assisting nurses to pay tribute to 'sisters' who had served in wars. Thirty years on the service is a recognised annual Anzac Day event. In 1992, our 25th Anniversary, and 1995 'Australia Remembers' we held services with the support of cadets from TS Bundaberg ANC. This support has continued annually from 1996.





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Reading the Prayer for Nurses who paid the supreme sacrifice is WBHHS Nurse Unit Manager, Ann-Maree Turner, left, and calling the Roll of Honour, Helen Baldwin.

Relaxing at the Bundaberg RSL ANZAC Luncheon after completing the set up and pull down of equipment at War nurses, are Jenny Waldron, Sharon Barsby, Angella Hillis and Kay Littler.



However, the day was not yet over.....

Once more, a member took the salute from an Anzac Day Parade, this time it was at Burnett Heads where the guest was Jenny Waldron OAM



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Burnett Heads community honoured both women veterans and the RAAF by having Leone Wilson, Shirley Watson and Helen Baldwin march at the head of the parade.

Above right, seated ahead of the service, Shirley Parker, Dannielle Brearley and Jenny Waldron.

Right, Helen and Dannielle at the memorial following the Burnett Heads service, which was the last ANZAC commemoration for the region for 2026.



Commemorations

Anniversaries

07 June RAAF Bomber Command 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
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.

Streets of Remembrance

UPDATE

Added to the register as an approved name:

Hector Street – Sister Katie Hector

Thiele Street – Gladys Cayley, nee Thiele

Location allocated:

Holzberger Street – Moore Park Beach. (family including Beryl Holzberger, nee Heidke).

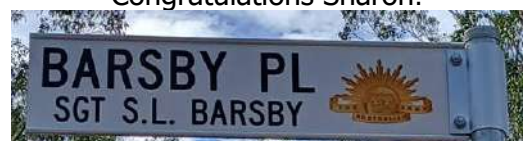
Signposted

Black Road (Sister Black)

Barsby Place (Sgt Sharon Barsby).



Sharon indicates the general location of Barsby Place, named in her honour. Black Road is in the same area. Congratulations Sharon!



MYSTERY DAY TRIP WITH JOJO



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Morning tea at the old courthouse Gin Gin, through Boolboonda Tunnel to Fig Tree Camp then lunch at the old hospital Mt Perry.



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Feed time – (right), left is gold panning, not feed time!





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# 4

Drug Possession Defendant Christopher Jansen, on trial in March in Pontiac, Michigan, said he had been searched without a warrant. The prosecutor said the officer didn't need a warrant because a "bulge" in Christopher's jacket could have been a gun. "Nonsense," said Christopher, who happened to be wearing the same jacket that day in court. He handed it over so the judge could see it.

The judge discovered a packet of cocaine in the pocket and laughed so hard he required a five minute recess to compose himself.

RUNNER-UP# 3:

Oklahoma City: Dennis Newton was on trial for the armed robbery of a convenience store in district court when he fired his lawyer. Assistant District Attorney Larry Jones said Newton, 47, was doing fair job of defending himself until the store manager testified that Newton was the robber. Newton jumped up, accused the woman of lying and then said, "I should of blown your (expletive) head off." The defendant paused, then quickly added, "If I'd been the one that was there."

The jury took 20 minutes to convict Newton and recommended a 30-year sentence.

RUNNER-UP #2:

Detroit: R.C. Gaitlan, 21, walked up to two patrol officers who were showing their squad car computer felon-location equipment to children in a Detroit neighborhood.

When he asked how the system worked, the officer asked him for identification. Gaitlan gave them his drivers license, they entered it into the computer, and moments later they arrested Gaitlan because information on the screen showed Gaitlan was wanted for a two-year-old armed robbery in St.Louis, Missouri.

RUNNER-UP #1:

Another from Detroit: A pair of Michigan robbers entered a record shop nervously waving revolvers. The first one shouted, "Nobody move!" When his partner moved, the startled first bandit shot him.

THE WINNER:

A Charlotte, NC, man having purchased a case of very rare, very expensive cigars, insured them against fire among other things. Within a month, having smoked his entire stockpile of cigars and without having made even his first premium payment on the policy, the man filed a claim against the insurance company. In his claim, the man stated the cigars were lost "in a series of small fires."

The insurance company refused to pay, citing the obvious reason that the man had consumed the cigars in the normal fashion. The man sued....and won.

In delivering the ruling the judge agreeing that the claim was frivolous, stated nevertheless that the man held a policy from the company in which it had warranted that the cigars were insurable and also guaranteed that it would insure against fire, without defining what it considered to be "unacceptable fire," and was obligated to pay the claim. Rather than endure a lengthy and costly appeal process the insurance company accepted the ruling and paid the man \$15,000 for the rare cigars he lost in "the fires."

After the man cashed the check, however, the company had him arrested on 24 counts of arson. With his own insurance claim and testimony from the previous case being used against him, the man was convicted of intentionally burning his insured property and sentenced to 24 months in jail and a \$24,000 fine.



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Defence Vets Drop In Centre

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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

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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 June*

15 Christine Janvrin

29 Helen Baldwin

He rear-ended a car this morning. So, there we were alongside the road and slowly the other driver got out of his car. You know how sometimes you just get soooo stressed and little things just seem funny? Yeah, well he couldn't believe it.... the other driver was a DWARF!!!

He stormed over to our car, looked up at my husband, and shouted, "I AM NOT HAPPY !!!"

Hubby looked down at him and said, "Well, then which one are you?"

And then the fight started.....



The quickest way to double your money is to fold it in half and put it back in your pocket.

DEFINITIONS NOT IN THE DICTIONARY

COMMITTEE: A body that keeps minutes and wastes hours.

DUST: Mud with the juice squeezed out.

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