

BUNDABERG DISTRICT WOMEN VETERANS

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

CHESTS OUT

Women Veterans, proud to have served our nation. 5/2022 MAY



ANZAC DAY 2022

Bailee Baldwin, Shalom Catholic College Phyllis Smith WRAAC, Jeannie Roberts RANR, Janet Rasmussen RAANC, Shirley Parker WRAAF

CHESTS OUT—proud female veterans staying in touch for 55 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 2022: Service Member \$5; Associate \$10; 2023 onward, Service Member \$10, Associate \$15 per year. Financial year: 1Jan to 31Dec. See website 'about us' for eligibility and to download an application form

HOW TO PAY: OUR BANK DETAILS For Electronic Funds Transfer & Direct Deposits:

Bundaberg District Women Veterans Inc. Westpac Bundaberg: BSB 034122 A/c 637419

PLEASE INFORM SECTY or TREAS of EFT or Deposits. 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.

Bundaberg District Women Veterans

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Financial issues: Treasurer

Membership: Secretary or President President or Secretary Activities: Bookings: as advertised or Treasurer

Your Wellbeing Support Officers are:

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Leone Wilson OAM

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

Members—we encourage you to carry a document in your wallet or handbag that provides information which could be helpful in an emergency situation? Include things such as:

- who to contact:
- who is your doctor;
- special conditions (e.g. allergies).

Our association practices support through friendship—if you just need to talk to someone, call any committee, wellbeing support officer or association member.

Don't bottle it up! You are important to us.

All of our activities need to be

CENT-FREE

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

THANK YOU

So that we can honour you!

If you wish your service to your country to be recognized at your funeral, you need to let your family know. It is your family who ask the funeral director to arrange to have the poppy tribute.

Behind the news, May

ANZAC

Thank you to all members who represented the association in various ways during Anzac 2022, and a special thanks to the team who successfully hosted the War Nurses Service.

Volunteers are needed to understudy how to set up and operate our PA system for future services. The next opportunity will probably be 17 July. Let Sharon, Jenny W or Kate know if you can be part of that team.

MAY MEETING

With a number of committee mem-

bers 'elsewhere', the management committee meeting lacked a quorum and some business has been held over to the June meeting. More important items together with those that were easily handled by a general meeting were presented to the members attending the May general meeting.

Thank you to those in attendance for dealing with more than the usual business.

REUNION

RSVP for your attendance at the reunion is <u>2 July</u>. Book your spot for Friday and Saturday functions either online on our website (see page 2) or via the clipboard at the Lodge. Sharon won't

be at cuppa chat but you can make payment using an envelope which includes your name and details of the payment—give this to Angella.

Donations to the raffles may be brought to the Lodge, unwrapped.

Memorabilia you can purchase is advertised on page 4 (port and MDW2), and orders can be made online or taken via the reunion clipboard the same as for bookings.

Queen's Jubilee—if our grant application is approved, we will be adding a tree planting project to the Sunday service, 17 July. Watch this space!

Reunion meeting With many things to be finalised, a meeting will be called in

June. Please watch for an email giving date and time.



MOTHERS
DAUGHTERS
WIVES—
VOLUME TWO

The package has arrived at Bungadoo. Pre-ordered distribution and

details of the official launch of our second volume will be advised when known.

Meanwhile, as author/compiler I wish to add a short important message:

Those of you purchasing the book will

read the acknowledgements but not everyone will buy a copy therefore I wish to put on record that thanks are due to the massive effort made by Jeannie Roberts, Faye Chatham, John Wilson and Jenny Waldron. Also assisting were Sharon Barsby, Ethel Bourke, Janet Rasmussen.

Making the book what it is are the members who contributed their amazing stories. Thank you all. Enjoy the read!

SUPER SATURDAY

The assistance given by members enabling us to man the raffle table for the additional month of May is greatly appreciated.

As well as providing funds in a demanding reunion year, the gettogether of a few members is a pleasant social opportunity and helps support the club that supports us, Bundy Services Club.

EXERCISE PHYSIOLOGIST

Teagan Gleeson, who had a mix up with dates and was a no show for the talk arranged for May Cuppa Chat, sent apologies to all members and an offer to reschedule. We all know how easily that can happen and how embarrassing for Teagan.

As you will read in the minutes, many members are not keen on guest speakers at cuppa chat so a rebooking

is being considered as part of the Department of Veterans' Affairs' Veterans Health Week 2022.

Veterans Health Week is held around the end of October and each year there is a theme. We believe this year could be aimed at nutrition (TBC) but basically, if it is a presentation or activity that can promote better health practices for us all, then it is worth considering.

Suggestions for talks or activities are invited from members—bring them along to the June general meeting or pass your ideas to a committee member.

WELLBEING

Covid 19 continues to pop up when least expected so please be on your guard. Also make sure you have a couple of RAT test kits available. If you have a concession card

you can get up to 10 free kits in a 3 month period, with a max of 5 in any one month.

If you get covid, you will need at least two kits—don't get caught short like | did! You can't just pop out to get one.

Best wishes to members putting up with health issues, or recovering from operations. We hope you have a speedy return to good health. Take care.

Leone

Friendship

A friend understands your past, believes in yourfuture, and accepts your today.

Thanks Hervey Bay



Special 55th reunion bottling of the ever popular port

\$18 per Bottle.

Mothers Daughters Wives Volume Two

\$20 members \$30 non-members

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Orders can be made online at

https://bundywoimenveterans.org.au go to the 'Reunion' tab.

You may also order through the Reunion clipboard and pay Treasurer Sharon.

Bank details to enable payment are on page 2. The port and book will be available in time for the reunion.

Don't forget to book for the reunion

THE MIND—USE IT OR LOSE IT

Relax, clear your mind, now answer the following question

Q. What do you put in a toaster?

A: The answer is bread. If you said "toast," then give up now and go do something else before you hurt yourself. If you said "bread", go to the next question (which will be in the next issue).

Veska's popular MINDFUL MOVEMENT EXPERIENCE

Tuesdays, 0930 to 1030, at Legacy House 11 Williams Road.

Entry a gold coin donation to Bundaberg Legacy Gentle exercise to your own ability



The (Legacy) Lodge



Respect our Neighbours

Legacy Lodge is a residential complex; 'The Lodge' is part of that complex -

For us to be a good neighbour we must be respectful of the other residents.

TEA & COFFEE FACILITIES

Provided by the association for you on a self serve basis.

CLEANLINESS

We all know what that means The person responsible is you.

STOCK SUPPLY

Please alert a committee member if something is running low.

LODGE TEAM:

Lodge Liaison Officer: Angella Hillis
Librarians:
Annette Newsham and Shelagh Bennet
Key holders:
President, Secretary,
Property Officer, Liaison Officer,
or authorised substitute during absences.

Please be considerate— Please stay at home if unwell.

TIN HAT DONATIONS

A gold coin donation when attending meetings, cuppa chat helps
Bundaberg Legacy.

CLIPBOARDS

Making bookings by using the clip boards is a convenient method for members.

The booking needs to be confirmed with a payment ASAP. Do this electronically, and advise the treasurer, or you can pay at the meeting. To pay at a meeting:

Please place the correct money in an envelope and include your name.



PEACEKEEPERS

Address written and presented by President Jenny Waldron to the 2022 pre-Anzac Salute to Servicewomen Luncheon.

Australians have served in peace-

keeping missions every year since 1947. They were the first UN Peacekeepers in the field and were deployed to the Netherlands East Indies (now Indonesia). Their intense experience of observing the front between Netherlander troops and East Indian republicans foreshadowed the experiences of generations of Australians to come.

Peacekeepers are selected as needs arise: they can be ADF personnel from any of our services, public servants, state or federal police, aid workers, scientific or specialists.

Peacekeeping has evolved over time and requires management of complex and multi-dimensional issues usually taking place in countries destroyed by war. They have worked in more than 60 peace and security operations. Most are UN led missions, while others are led by individual countries or organisations.

Australian peacekeepers have long operated as military observers, monitoring ceasefires and elections. They have provided logistical support, medical assistance, communications and movement control teams. Helped with disarmament and reconstruction, removed landmines, provided policing support functions, helping to deliver or make possible humanitarian aid, all while upholding international law and protecting human rights.

Since the 1970s, Australia's contributions to peacekeeping operations have increased in size and scope. In that decade, and again in the 1980s, RAAF helicopters operated in the Sinai, as Egypt and Israel ended three decades of hostilities. At the end of 1970s, an Australian infantry force of 150 soldiers took part in a British Commonwealth operation as Zim- Today we remember and pay tribute to the service of all babwe won its independence. A decade later, an even larger who have worn Australia's uniform in the service of peace contingent, composed largely of engineers, assisted in a UN operation in Namibia.

The 1990s proved to be the busiest decade in the history of multinational peacekeeping. For the first time RAN ships took part in a peacekeeping operation, enforcing UN imposed sanctions against Iraq both before and after the Gulf War. For a period in 1993, Australia had over 2,000 peacekeepers in the field, with large contingents in Cambodia and Somalia. In Cambodia, Australia had taken a leading diplomatic role in the search for a settlement to factional strife in a country still suffering the effects of the genocidal Pol Pot regime of the 1970s.

In Somalia, Australians were deployed with UN missions centred on providing movement control teams, port and airport management. In addition to the UN peacemakers, a battalion-level contingent was deployed to deliver humanitarian aid as part of a US led operation. The Australians who served in Somalia were deployed to one of the world's most dangerous conflict zones, sadly that is still the case.

A year later, Australians were in Rwanda, another country to fall victim to genocidal civil violence. This time, the Australian contingent centred on providing medical assistance to the local people as well as members of the UN force. This saw the largest contingent of nurses deployed overseas since Vietnam.

Members of the 2nd contingent became the first to receive Gallantry medals (for bravery under fire during Kibeho Massacre) including Captain Carol Vaughan-Evans - Army Doctor, the first time gallantry medals had been awarded since Vietnam. I believe Carol Vaughan-Evans is still the only servicewomen to be awarded the Medal of Gallantry.

Since 1997 Australians have also served on Bougainville and then in 1999, Australia led a peace enforcement operation which dwarfed all its previous peacekeeping efforts, as East Timor achieved independence from Indonesia.

Peacekeepers continued to be deployed on various UN missions throughout the world during the last 20 years of Iraq/ Afghanistan conflict and today there are many still on operations, mostly in the Middle East and Africa.

MajGen Cheryl Pearce has been the Force commander in Cyprus since 2019, an operation which has been running since 1964. One of several long running UN missions mostly in the Middle East.

Our members have served on the following Peacekeeping, Peacemaking missions:

Sinai, Somalia, Rwanda, Bougainville, East Timor, Sudan.

Over 30,000 Australians have been involved in oftendangerous peacekeeping operations over 75 years, some Australian peacekeepers have been killed or suffered injury and trauma.

and commemorate the 16 ADF members killed, including

Major Susan Felsche (RAAMC) who was the first Australian women to die on active service since WWII. She was killed in an aeroplane crash whilst serving with the UN mission in Western Sahara on 21 June 1993.

Flight Lieutenant Lynne Rowbottom and Sergeant Wendy Jones (RAAF) were aboard a helicopter when it crashed and killed 9 Australians on 2 April 2005. They were part of humanitarian relief efforts off the Island of Nias, Indonesia.

To all who have died on peacekeeping operations and those who lost their lives during humanitarian operations.

Lest We Forget



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

55TH REUNION WEEKEND



FRI 15-SUN 17 JUL

Information is available on the BDWV website https://
bundywomenveterans.org.au. You can book at meetings or download the
form from the website and email to: events@bundywomenveterans.org.au

Fri Welcome \$30;

Sat Luncheon \$45 (members/guests)

RSVP 2 JULY



BORDER COUNTRY EXPLORER—8 DAY COACH TRIP

THU 8—THU 15 SEP BOOKED OUT—WAITING LIST ONLY.





FUN ACTIVITY—NO SKILL NEEDED (OR USED!!!)

Healthy exercise with mates and plenty of laughs. Everyone is a winner.

LAST MONDAY JAN-NOV Book with Pamela 0427 594 067 one week before



SUPER SATURDAYS IN MAY 2022

Enjoy the friendship and a cuppa (own expense) and raise funds for our association 1130, Bundy Services Club on Saturdays during May.



Ex-Servicewomen's Church Service
Ann Street Presbyterian Church Saturday 30 July
Lunch follows at Annex to the Church

INVITATION TO: ALL WOMEN VETERANS

Through Council of Ex-Service Women's Associations Qld FROM: Bundaberg District Women Veterans.

TO ALL SERVING AND FORMER SERVICEWOMEN, our association's activities can be found on this page & page 7

YOU ARE WELCOME TO JOIN WITH US.

Please book with payment at the rate set for guests. Contact and bank info is on page 2. Additional info can be found on our website:

https://bundywomenveterans.org.au

OUR DIARY 2022

(updates, if any, will appear in this colour)

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	MAY	Sat	21	Super Saturday	Bundaberg Services Club from 1130 Hrs
	MAY	Sat	28	Super Saturday	Bundaberg Services Club from 1130 Hrs
	MAY	Mon	30	Ten Pin Bowls	Bundy Bowl, 1030 for 1100 Hrs
	JUN	Wed	01	Cuppa Chat (tbc)	Lodge from 1030 Hrs
	JUN	Wed	01	Bus trip to Sunny Coast	Mem \$350, guest \$400 RSVP 15 May
	JUN	Mon	20	Meetings	Lodge, Committee 1230 Hrs, General 1400 Hrs
	JUN	Mon	27	Ten Pin Bowls	Bundy Bowl, 1030 for 1100 Hrs
	JUL	Wed	06	Cuppa Chat	Lodge from 1030 Hrs
	JUL	Fri	15	Reunion Welcome	Rowers on the River \$30 pp RSVP 2 Jul
	JUL	Sat	16	Reunion Luncheon	Rowers on the River \$45 pp RSVP 2 Jul
	JUL	Sun	17	Reunion Service	War Nurses Park—morning tea at Rowers
ı	JUL	Mon	25	Ten Pin Bowls	Bundy Bowl, 1030 for 1100 Hrs
ı	AUG	Sat	06	Super Saturday	Bundaberg Services Club from 1130 Hrs
	AUG	Sat	13	Super Saturday	Bundaberg Services Club from 1130 Hrs
ı	AUG	Mon	15	Meetings	Lodge, Committee 1230 Hrs, General 1400 Hrs
ı	AUG	Sat	20	Super Saturday	Bundaberg Services Club from 1130 Hrs
ı	AUG	Sat	27	Super Saturday	Bundaberg Services Club from 1130 Hrs
	AUG	Mon	29	Ten Pin Bowls	Bundy Bowl, 1030 for 1100 Hrs
	SEP	Wed	07	Cuppa Chat	Lodge from 1030 Hrs
	SEP	Thu	80	Border Explorer	8 Day coach trip
	SEP	Mon	19	Meetings	Lodge, Committee 1230 Hrs, General 1400 Hrs
	SEP	Mon	26	Ten Pin Bowls	Bundy Bowl, 1030 for 1100 Hrs
	ОСТ	Wed	05	Cuppa Chat	Lodge from 1030 Hrs
	ОСТ	Sat	15	Hervey Bay	Luncheon—date and details TBC
ı	ОСТ	Mon	17	Meetings	Lodge, Committee 1230 Hrs, General 1400 Hrs
ı	ОСТ	Mon	31	Ten Pin Bowls	Bundy Bowl, 1030 for 1100 Hrs
	NOV	Wed	02	Cuppa Chat	Lodge from 1030 Hrs
	NOV	Mon	21	Christmas Lunch	Details TBA
	NOV	Mon	28	Ten Pin Bowls	Bundy Bowl, 1030 for 1100 Hrs
	DEC	Wed	07	Cuppa Chat	Lodge from 1030 Hrs
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FOR MORE INFORMATION:

CHECK ADVERTISING ON THE WEBSITE, THE LODGE NOTICEBOARD, AND CLIPBOARDS, AND IN CHESTS OUT PLUS DETAILS CONTAINED IN THE MINUTES

FOR FORWARD PLANNING

(the following is subject to change and confirmation)

- Cuppa Chat—first Wednesday
- General Meetings—third Monday except July, November and December
- Ten Pin Bowls—last Monday except December
- Luncheons—April TBA, July third Monday except reunion years, November third Monday
- Super Saturday—January, May and August, all Saturdays
- Commemorations—Quiet Moment and Roll Call LRP April TBA; War Nurses Anzac Day



Quiet Moment and Anzac Girls Lunch



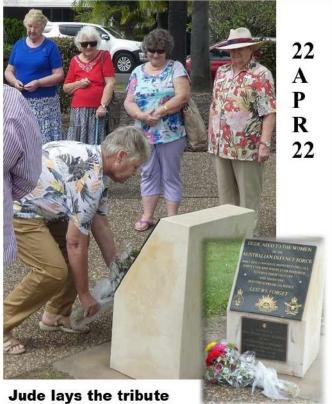
Ethel & Sheona Sharon & Lynne



Jenny C & Shirly W









Berris & Shirley P



Glenda S, Kate, & Gloria K Jenny W & Dot











Women Veterans

ANZAC DAY 2022

https://www.facebook.com/Bundy.eswa Check it out for many more photos

From Top: Glenda T, Jeannie & Janet; Angella & Jenny W. Shirley W & Carolyn; Kay L & Lynne; Angella with banner. Adam Johnston; Glenda Taylor (Tom Smith); Bailee Baldwin.







When I was in my younger days, I weighed a few pounds less, I needn't hold my tummy in To wear a belted dress.

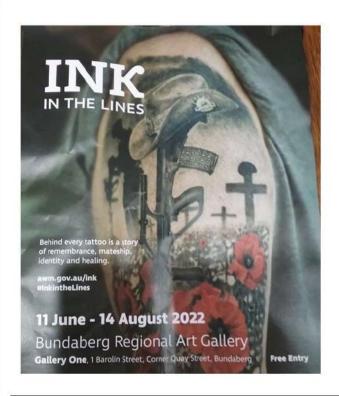
But now that I am older, I've set my body free; There's comfort of elastic Where once my waist would be.

Inventor of those high-heeled shoes My feet have not forgiven;
I have to wear a nine now,
But used to wear a seven.

And how about those pantyhose-They're sized by weight, you see, So how come when I put them on The crotch is at my knees?

I need to wear these glasses As the prints were getting smaller; And it wasn't very long ago I know that I was taller.

Though my hair has turned to grey And my skin no longer fits, On the inside, I'm the same old me, Just the outside's changed a bit.



REUNION MEETING

To finalize all matters and projects

This meeting will be called via email It will be sometime after the Sunny Coast trip.

Please watch for notices as to who needs to attend if possible and the date and time.



VALE

DOROTHY EDITH MCNEE NEE PERSHOUSE

1109 Australian Women's Land Army—World War Two Born Bundaberg 21 July 1928—Died Bundaberg 6 April 2022

Enlisted and Discharged at Bundaberg Served at Birkdale and Ballandean as a Farm Hand, 1945

Member Bundaberg & District Ex Servicewomen's Association Bundaberg District Women Veterans 1996, and from 2017

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Lest we forget



Our members' post WWII operations contribution to Hustralia





On their wedding night, the young bride approached her new husband and asked for \$20.00 for their first lovemaking encounter. In his highly aroused state, her husband readily agreed.

This scenario was repeated each time they made love, for more than 30 years, with him thinking that it was a cute way for her to afford new clothes and other incidentals that she needed.

Arriving home around noon one day, she was surprised to find her husband in a very drunken state. During the next few minutes, he explained that his employer was going through a process of corporate downsizing, and he had been let go. It was unlikely that, at the age of 59, he'd be able to find another position that paid anywhere near what he'd been earning, and therefore, they were financially ruined.

Calmly, his wife handed him a bank book which showed more than thirty years of steady deposits and interest totaling nearly \$1 million. Then she showed him certificates of deposits issued by the bank which were worth over \$2 million, and informed him that they were one of the largest depositors in the bank.

She explained that for the more than three decades she had "charged" him for sex, these holdings had multiplied and these were the results of her savings and investments.

Faced with evidence of cash and investments worth over \$3 million, her husband was so astounded he could barely speak, but finally he found his voice and blurted out, "If I'd had any idea what you were doing, I would have given you all my business!"

That's when she shot him.

You know, sometimes, men just don't know when to keep their mouths shut.

WARNING!



When I'm an old woman, I shall wear purple, with a red hat which doesn't go and doesn't suit me.

And I shall spend my pension on brandy and summer gloves

and satin sandals, and say we've no money for butter.

I shall sit down on the pavement when I'm tired and gobble up samples in shops and press alarm bells and run my stick along the public railings and make up for the sobriety of my youth.

I shall go out in my slippers in the rain and pick the flowers in other people's gardens and learn to spit.

You can wear terrible shirts and grow more fat and eat three pounds of sausages at a go or only bread and pickles for a week and hoard pens and pencils and beer nuts and things in boxes.

But now we must have clothes that keep us dry and pay our rent and not swear in the streets and set a good example for the children. We must have friends to dinner and read the papers.

But maybe I ought to practice a little now? So people who know me are not to shocked and surprised when suddenly I am old and start to wear purple.





Bundy's 55th Birthday Reunion

Fri 15 July Welcome and Dinner

Rowers on the River \$30 pp

Sat 16 July Reunion Luncheon All things green Rowers on the River \$45 pp

Sun 17 July Special Commemoration Service Dedication of Plaques

War Nurses Memorial Park
Morning Tea

Rowers on the River No cost

RSVP 2 JULY BOOK VIA OUR WEBSITE OR SHARON'S CLIPBOARDS:

https://bundywomenveterans.org.au
GREEN for GO! So book now and lets GO together!

the clipboards;
the notice board;
CO pages 6 and 7; and the

Have you secured your booking with payment?

Website!!

We have members who can assist you......
GET YOUR SERVICE
RECORDS
See Angella
Commissioner of Declarations
Leone (by prior arrangement)

BIRTHDAYS

JUNE

Olive Williams 09 Margaret Findlay 20 Helen Baldwin 29

Happy Birthday!

CONTACTS

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SECTY 0477 959 747
Dannielle Brearley
ACTIVITIES 0418 983 415
Jan Rimmington

Defence Vets Drop In Centre: 4153 4599

Open Mon & Thu mornings, BBQ's lunchtime 1st Sunday

> NASHO Bus Trips Book with Anita Currie 0400 141 278 after 4pm

DVA: 1800 555 254 Advice and claims 1800 838 372

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

ADF Health & Wellbeing Portal www.defence.gov.au/health/ healthportal

Defence Family Helpline 24/7 1800 624 608 www.defence.gov.au/DCO/ Defence-Helpline.asp

> Health Direct 1800 0212 222

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