

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

Women Veterans, proud to have served our nation. 03/2024 MAR



PRESIDENT HANDOYER

Jenny Waldron passes the badge of office to Sheryl Parker

CHESTS OUT—proud female veterans staying in touch for 57 years

Association Information

POSTAL ADDRESS: PO Box 397 Bundaberg Qld 4670 PHYSICAL ADDRESS: 4 Glasgow St, Svensson Heights Qld 4670

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events@bundywomenveterans.org.au 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:: 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.

Financial year: 1Jan to 31Dec. See website 'about us' for eligibility and to download an application form

Bundaberg District Women Veterans

COMMITTEE 2024-25

Patron: Leone Wilson OAM **EXECUTIVE MEMBERS**

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Who to contact:

Financial issues: Treasurer

Membership: Secretary/Assist Secty or President

Activities Officer Activities:

Bookings: as advertised or Treasurer Outback 2024 tour: Jenny Waldron or Larraine Houlihan Policy, Procedures Jenny Waldron or Leone Wilson

Strategic Planning President General Appointments

Jenny Waldron + Glenda Everton-Activities:

Brocklesby, Dot Carrol.

Assist. Secty Leone Wilson, + Jeannie Roberts

President, Vice Pres, Shirley Watson, Leone Awards:

Wilson

Commemorations: Angella Hillis+ Jenny Waldron, Dot Carroll

Communications & Promotions:-Leone Wilson Financial Auditors Kay Littler, Lynne Pollock

Sharon Barsby + Lynne Pollock, Kay Littler Fundraising: Grants: Jenny Waldron, Kay Littler, Sharon Barsby

Leone Wilson History:

Legacy Liaison: Angella Hillis, Lynne Pollock Library: Annette Newsham, Dot Carroll Newsletter: Leone Wilson + Jeannie Roberts OnO coach 2024 Jenny Waldron, Larraine Houlihan Property Officer: 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

Wellbeing Support Officers (WSO):

Ethel Bourke (The Lakes Village) 0428 881 487

4157 4621 Jenny Waldron

Shirley Watson (Pioneer South) 0408 460 951

4159 4134 Leone Wilson (Wellbeing Officer)

Current Life Members

Leone Wilson OAM Shirley Watson Kay Derome Jennifer Waldron

Sharon Barsby

HOW TO PAY:

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.

Behind the news, Mar

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The attendance at our AGM was pretty good given the many apologies. Thank you for taking an interest in your association.

PRESIDENT: The 2024 annual general meeting saw our president of ten years, Jenny Waldron hand over to Sheryl Parker after having steered the ship (or should it be tank) through some momentous achievements, commemorations and celebrations. Mothers Daughters Wives, one and two, tell most of it.

Thank you Jenny.

For many members, Sheryl is a new kid on the block, but that is not really the case. Sheryl joined ex servicewomen in 2001, but like a number of our members, her time was taken up with work and personal family life. Now retired, Sheryl has bowed to pressure and agreed to give some of her spare time to us. Thank you Sheryl.

IT IS A FACT: Would you believe (probably) that of the 16 presidents, 11 have been army and 5 air force! No navy, until now! Membership wise we have 16 navy, 23 army and 21 air force plus 1 UK LA, 1 USAF.

SECRETARY: Recent changes to the secretary cap has it looking something like the famed baggy green but we are thankful that Faye Chatham has agreed to put it on and come in to bat for our members. Thank you Faye.

Thank you to Glenda EB and Ethel for your time and input to the committee of '23. Some other committee have remained and it is notable that Sharon Barsby is notching up her 9th election as treasurer.

There are many appointments and quite a few non-committee volunteers—together the team is awesome.

With everyone's understanding (as requested by both Sheryl and Faye), and your support, we should have another successful year ahead of us.

Thanks to the outgoing committee for provision of afternoon tea, there were some yum delights.

Thank you also to the members who provided apologies. I know some of these were due to health, unfortunately. Sending your apology is greatly appreciated. Apologies included those of you on the 'annual list'.

ACTIVITIES & COMMERATIONS

With no committee or general

meeting this month, notices were provided at the AGM and will appear on the minutes.

Activity booking sheets at the Lodge - please check them out and add your name. Payments for bookings can be made as per info on page 2 of south of Walker street and not far Chests Out.

LINE DANCING UPDATE

We have received verbal notification from our community support advisor (CSA) QLD, Department of Veterans' Affairs that our grant application has been approved.

DVA funding will enable us to have weekly line dancing and the com-

mittee have approved the cost to participants of \$2 per session.

The sessions are being held at the Coronation Hall, 71 High Street, Walkervale (that is on the corner of Targo and High Streets, 2 blocks from 'Olsen's Corner'). Sessions begin Wednesday 8 May and are from 1200 Hrs to 1300 Hrs.

There is an expression of interest list at the Lodge.

2025 ADVENTURES

Please add your name to activity clipboards to assist planners to determine the most popular options.

ANZAC DAY

March proudly in the Bundaberg parade ladies! See page 10 for info.

War Nurses volunteer workers, please let Angella know of your assistance.

FIRST TIME HAPPENING

Our association has never had a member elected mayor of Bundaberg before!

Congratulations to Helen Blackburn.

WELLBEING

Health issues, both personal and family, are dogging some of our members.

Best wishes to all who are in this boat. We hope you are back to as normal as possible really soon.

There are already viruses circulating through the area so please continue to practice the Covid type of health advice, especially hands and covering coughs.

Take care.

Leone

Hervey Bay shares Friendship Feb

A real friend is one who walks in when the rest of the world walks out.

All of our activities need to be

SMELLS-free

Perfumes, aftershaves and other strong smelling products affect the health of many members.

Please do not wear scented products to meetings or other activities, even outdoor activities.

THANK YOU

INFECTIOUS

A genuine smile one that reaches your eyes is infectious.

PLEASE SPREAD WIDELY

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 funeral director or your family know. It is your family who ask the funeral director to arrange to have the poppy tribute. Our association cannot interfere.

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.



Mothers Daughters Wives Volume Two



After 22 April the cost will be the same as for non-members, \$30

Queen's Jubilee Mugs-badged 'Association' \$10 ea



MEMBERSHIP BADGES-\$10

SEE SHARON



The (Legacy) Lodge

Your gold coin donation made when attending the Lodge, supports our generous landlord,
Bundaberg Legacy.



HOSPITAL AND HOME VISITORS NEEDED

Bundaberg's Community of Practice is seeking volunteers from ESO's (ex service organisations), to be a contact who may be able to visit a veteran who resides in the volunteer's area.

If you are able to assist, please notify Sheryl Parker or Faye Chatham, or direct to Rudy Valzan. You will need to let them know which area you are happy to assist covering.

Wellbeing Activities

All of our activities are for the wellbeing of members.

COECIVE CONTROL WITHIN DFV WORKSHOP 11APR \$25—bookings 4130 7500

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

LINE DANCING UPDATE

Weekly, commencing 8 May

Instructor Chris will help you to enjoy this healthy fun experience.

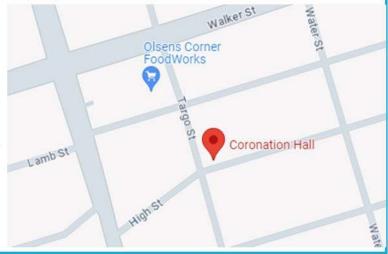


WEDNESDAYS
1200-1300 Hrs (noon to 1pm)
Coronation Hall (airconditioned),

71 High Street, Walkervale

Funding provided by Dept of Veterans Affairs, Oueensland.

\$2 donation per session per participant.



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES 2024

CUPPA CHAT

FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH Informal get together at the Lodge from around 1030 Hrs to 1130 Hrs

Arrive and depart as you wish. Bring a plate (optional).

NB variations: Sep Tom Quinn; November High Tea @ Stained Glass

QUIET TIME & ANZAC GIRLS LUNCH

LIONS REMEMBRANCE PARK 1100 HRS & BUNDABERG SERVICES CLUB MON 22 APRIL—RSVP 15 APR

Lunch will be in the Bistro where members can order from the menu. We will have reserved tables positioned together but no formalities this year. However there will be a small raffle with the association supplying prizes.

Members attending will receive a \$10 subsidy and then pay for your own meal.

SUNSHINE COAST DAY TRIP

COACH TO SUNNY COAST FOR SCESSWA LUNCHEON 6 JUN RSVP 4 MAY

Depart Bundy coaches 0700 Hrs with estimated return of 1800 Hrs. Coach travel and luncheon: Members \$70, Guests \$95. Theme is 'Celebrate Queensland Day'

BDWV 57TH BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

BUNDABERG SERVICES CLUB, TERRACE ROOM. (TBC) 15 JULY, PIXIES & PIRATES—RSVP 3 JUL Members \$30, Guests \$40

PICNIC IN THE PARK

BUNGADOO COUNTRY COTTAGE, SUNDAY 21 JULY

Members and family welcome. Bring your own picnic. Meet at 1130 Hrs

TEN PIN BOWLS

LAST MONDAY JAN-NOV—FUN ACTIVITY—NO SKILL NEEDED (OR USED!) 1000 FOR 1100 HRS

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

Bundaberg Bowl & Leisure Centre, Lester Street. Book with Lynne Pollock 0438 517 795

LINE DANCING

WEDNESDAYS FROM 8 MAY-FUN ACTIVITY-LEARN AS YOU GO-1200 TO 1300 HRS

More healthy exercise with mates and plenty of laughs.

Coronation Hall, 71 High St, Walkervale. Sponsored by DVA Queensland—cost for participants \$2 each per session.

SUPER SATURDAY

EVERY SATURDAY, JANUARY and MAY

Bundaberg Services Club—Arrive 1130. Social get-together whilst raising funds for the association.

OUTBACK 'N' OCEAN BUS TRIP AUGUST 2024 * 11 DAYS

Departs 10 Aug. Expressions of interest for the waiting list may be sent to Jenny Waldron.

DAY TRIP

Details to be advised—watch this space

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

18 NOV—Details to be advised—watch this space

2025

Norfolk Island in 2025—Annette Newsham Cruising 2025—Gloria Kilpatrick

Details including options are available on two 'expressions of interest' sheets at the Lodge Select your preferences and add your expression of interest to help forward planning

ACTIVITY BOOKINGS

The easy way is via the clipboards at the Lodge. All bookings are to be confirmed by payment (see page 2 for payment options). Watch for any updates to these activities.

OUR DIARY 2024



NB: The full calendar Jan-Dec is available to download from our website.

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MAR	Mon	25	Ten Pin Bowls	Bundy Bowl & Leisure Centre, 1030 for 1100 Hrs
APR	Wed	03	Cuppa Chat	Lodge from 1030 Hrs
APR	Mon	15	Meetings	Lodge, Committee 1200 Hrs (all welcome), General 1300 Hrs
APR	Mon	22	Quiet Time/Lunch	Lions Rem Pk 1100; lunch as follows:
APR	Mon	22	Anzac Girls Lunch	Bundaberg Services Club Bistro \$10 subsidy RSVP 15Apr
APR	Thu	25	Anzac Day	War Nurses 1015 Hrs (city and elsewhere as advertised locally)
APR	Mon	29	Ten Pin Bowls	Bundy Bowl & Leisure Centre, 1030 for 1100 Hrs
MAY	Wed	01	Cuppa Chat	Lodge from 1030 Hrs
MAY	Sat	04	Super Saturday	Bundaberg Services Club from 1130 Hrs
MAY	Wed	80	Line Dancing	Coronation Hall 71 High St Walkervale 1200 Hrs
MAY	Sat	11	Super Saturday	Bundaberg Services Club from 1130 Hrs
MAY	Sat	18	Super Saturday	Bundaberg Services Club from 1130 Hrs
MAY	Mon	20	Meetings	Lodge, Committee 1200 Hrs (all welcome), General 1300 Hrs
MAY	Wed	22	Line Dancing	Coronation Hall 71 High St Walkervale 1200 Hrs
MAY	Sat	25	Super Saturday	Bundaberg Services Club from 1130 Hrs
MAY	Mon	27	Ten Pin Bowls	Bundy Bowl & Leisure Centre, 1030 for 1100 Hrs
JUN	Wed	05	Line Dancing	Coronation Hall 71 High St Walkervale 1200 Hrs
JUN	Wed	05	Cuppa Chat	Lodge from 1030 Hrs
JUN	Thu	06	Day coach trip	Sunshine Coast for SCESWA luncheon Dep 0700 Hrs Ret c1800 Hrs
JUN	Mon	17	Meetings	Lodge, Committee 1200 Hrs (all welcome), General 1300 Hrs
JUN	Wed	19	Line Dancing	Coronation Hall 71 High St Walkervale 1200 Hrs
JUN	Mon	24	Ten Pin Bowls	Bundy Bowl & Leisure Centre, 1030 for 1100 Hrs
JUL	Wed	03	Line Dancing	Coronation Hall 71 High St Walkervale 1200 Hrs
JUL	Wed	03	Cuppa Chat	Lodge from 1030 Hrs
JUL	Mon	15	Birthday Luncheon	Bundaberg Services Club (TBC) M \$30 G \$35 RSVP 3 Jul
JUL	Wed	17	Line Dancing	Coronation Hall 71 High St Walkervale 1200 Hrs
JUL	Sun	21	Picnic in the Park	Bungadoo—BYO lunch at Jenny and Sharon's private park
JUL	Mon	29	Ten Pin Bowls	Bundy Bowl & Leisure Centre, 1030 for 1100 Hrs
JUL	Wed	31	Line Dancing	Coronation Hall 71 High St Walkervale 1200 Hrs
AUG	Wed	07	Cuppa Chat	Lodge from 1030 Hrs
AUG	Sat	10	Outback n Ocean	11 day coach tour departs Bundy Coaches (return Tue 20)
				FOR MORE INFORMATION

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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

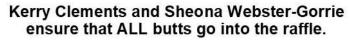






Treasurer Sharon Barsby back to look after our finances for a 9th term.

Secretary Faye makes an electronic start to her new job.











BDWV SHIRLEY CLUB
Shirley Watson and Shirley Parker



MC CATERING TREATS

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

L-R: Annette Newsham,
Faye Chatham, Sheryl Parker,
Kay Littler, Angella Hillis,
Jenny Waldron, Sharon Barsby,
Leone Wilson.
(Lynne Pollock absent 'up north')



Sheryl begins as president

ommemorations

RED SHIRT or RED POLO?

FOR ANZAC DAY WEAR YOUR RED SHIRT IF YOU HAVE ONE. The polo shirt is for casual wear.

QUIET MOMENT

This is when we pause to honour the women of the ADF and to remember the members who are no longer with us.

Dress is neat casual as we then have lunch together. No need to wear medals.





Women Veterans, join together for

ANZAC DAY BUNDABERG

BUNDABERG ANZAC PARADE

0800 assemble Targo Street (confirmed, usual area)

Position 4 (behind the flag bearers/officials), west side, south Of roundabout. Caledonian Pipe Band will be in front of flag bearers.

The parade will march west along Bourbong Street, past the cenotaph and into Buss Park. There will be a designated shaded area for veterans. Take hat, water, sun

War Nurses work party either break off or continue to exit the park discreetly.

WAR NURSES SERVICE

1000 assemble War Nurses Memorial Park

1015 service



We host this service—please make all in attendance welcome and assist with the running as best you are able.



Enquiries: secretary@bundywomenveterans.org.au or phone Angella 0400 422 331

By The Left—wear your medal entitlement on the left with pride

APRIL

anniversaries/significant events

10 April 1941 Siege of Tobruk

> The Rats of Tobruk Memorial Association invites you to attend a commemoration of the 83rd Anniversary at the Rats of Tobruk Memorial, Takalvan Street, Sunday 14 April, commencing at 0830 hrs. Light refreshments will follow at the Defence Veterans Drop In Centre.

Shirley Parker will lay our wreath.

22 Apr 1995 Kibeho massacre, Rwanda

25 Apr 1915 Landing at Gallipoli





Our members' post WWII defence contribution to Australia



NURSERY RHYME updated



Simple Simon met a pie man going to the fair. Said Simple Simon to the pie man, "What have you got there?" unto Simon,

This is the true story of the three bears.

Baby Bear goes downstairs and sits in his small chair at the table; he looks into his small bowl. It is empty. "Who's been eating my porridge?!!" he squeaks.

Papa Bear arrives at the big table and sits in his big chair. He looks into his big bowl, and it is also empty. "Who's been eating my Porridge?!!" he roars.

Momma Bear puts her head through the serving hatch from the Kitchen and yells, "For goodness sake, how many times do we have to go through this with you idiots? It was Momma Bear who got up first, it was Momma Bear who woke everyone in the house, it was Momma Bear who made the coffee, it was Momma Bear who I am officially resigning from adultunloaded the dishwasher from last night, and put everything away, it was Momma Bear who went out in the cold early morning air to fetch the newspaper, it was Momma And if you want to discuss this further, Bear who set the damn table, it was Momma Bear who you'll have to catch me first, put the friggin cat out, cleaned the litter box, and filled the cat's water and food dish, and, now that you've decided to drag your sorry bear-asses downstairs, and"Tag! You're it." grace Momma Bear's kitchen with your grumpy presence, listen good, cause I'm only going to say this one more time.

"I HAVEN'T MADE THE \$@!%&*# PORRIDGE YET!!"

RESIGNATION

I am hereby officially tendering my resignation as an adult. I have decided I would like to accept the responsibilities of an 8 year-old gain.

I want to go to McDonald's and think that it's a four star restaurant.

I want to sail sticks across a fresh mud puddle and make a sidewalk with rocks.

I want to think M&Ms are better than money because you can eat them.

I want to lie under a big oak tree and run a lemonade stand with my friends on a hot summer's day.

I want to return to a time when life was simple, when all you knew were colours, multiplication tables, and nursery rhymes, but that didn't bother you, because you didn't know what you didn't know and you didn't care. All you knew was to be happy because you were blissfully unaware of all the things that should make you worried or upset.

Said the pie man I want to think the world is fair. That everyone is honest and good.

"Pies, you dumb I want to believe that anything is possible. I want to be oblivious to the complexities of life and be overly excited by the little things again.

I want to live simple again.

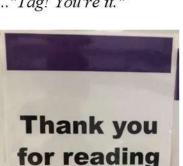
I don't want my day to consist of computer crashes, mountains of paperwork, depressing news, how to survive more days in the month than there is money in the bank, doctor bills, gossip, illness, and loss of loved ones.

I want to believe in the power of smiles, hugs, a kind word, truth, justice, peace, dreams, the imagination, mankind, and making angels in the snow.

So . . . here's my cheque book and my car keys, my credit card bills and my 401K statements.

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'cause.....



this sign.







Talk to committee

A list of contact numbers appears on page 2—keep this handy and talk to a committee member about your ideas, or any concerns or questions.

Chests Out is designed to keep you informed. You should file your copy for a time as information is not necessarily repeated in every issue.

You, the members, own our association—it can be what vou want it to be.

SUGGESTIONS: Suggestions can be provided to the secretary or a committee member ahead of a meeting—that way they can be placed on the agenda giving members advance notice and allowing them to consider your idea.

When making a suggestion, provide details that will enable committee and members to decide on its merit.

Suggestions should meet our aims and objects and comply with association policy/ constitution. (both are on the web)

IT IS TOUR RESOGNATION

CONTACTS

EMERGENCY 134RSL (134775)

Bundaberg RSL:

ADVOCATE APPOINTMENTS 4330 3166

VSC Tue-Fri 0900-1300

Lex Roberts **SECTY 0477 959 747** RSL bldg. Mon-Fri 0830-1500

Dannielle Brearley

ACTIVITIES 0418 1343 VSC Mon, Wed, Fri 0900-1300 Jan Rimmington

RSL QLD POC Natalie Drake natalie.drake@rslqld.org

LEGACY

WELLBEING Rudy Valzan 0418 452 059

Defence Vets Drop In Centre: 4153 4599

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

WELLBEING Jude Binder, Angella Hillis CSC

1800 555 254 Advice and claims 1800 838 372

Open Arms— Veterans & Families Counsellina 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 022 222 Poisons Information 13 11 26 Elder Abuse 1800 737 732

BIRTHDAYS

APRIL

Joy Christou (102)	03
Kay Littler	04
Del Crowley	11
John Wilson OAM	12
Annette Newsham	18
Fae Cooke	29

Happy Birthday!



WISHING A HAPPY AND SAFE EASTER

HAVE YOU BOOKED? Check

the clipboards: the notice board: CO pages 6 and 7; and the Website!

Have you secured your booking with payment?

We have members who can aşsist you.....

GET/YOUR SERVICE RECORDS See Angella

Commissioner for **Declarations—Leone** (by prior arrangement) CHECK PAGES 6 & 7 FOR RSVP DATES FOR ACTIVITIES. DON'T RISK MISSING OUT

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