



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

Chests Out

Women Veterans, proud to have served our nation.

6/2025 JUNE



CHESTS OUT—proud female veterans staying in touch for 58 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: 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

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Activities:	Activities Officer or coordinators
Bookings:	Coordinator or Treasurer
Commemorations	Commemorations Officer
Policy, Procedures	Jenny Waldron or Leone Wilson
Strategic Planning	President

General Appointments

Activities: A/Off (VACANT), Assist: Jenny Waldron, Glenda Everton-Brocklesby, Annette Newsham, Jeannie Roberts

Assist. Secty Leone Wilson, Jeannie Roberts

Awards: President, Vice Pres, Shirley Watson,

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Commun. & Prom: Media: President, Assist: Sheryl Parker

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Legacy Liaison: Sheryl Parker, Lynne Pollock

Library: Annette Newsham

Line Dancing: Sharon Barsby, Assist: Annette Newsham

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Property Officer: Lynne Pollock, Assist: Sharon Barsby

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Jenny Waldron 4157 4621

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Sheryl Parker (COP Liaison)

Current Life Members

Leone Wilson OAM

Shirley Watson

Kay Derome

Jennifer Waldron OAM

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, June

CONGRATULATIONS - CPL AMY CLEMENTS CSM

Amy, who is currently deployed in the Middle East, has been awarded the Conspicuous Service Medal for meritorious achievement in leading and contemporising Australian Defence Force Space Domain Awareness operations.

Well done Amy; stay safe.

COMMITTEE AND VOLUNTEERS

In recent months, your committee and members working in areas such as activities, have been filling in for

absences and working toward ensuring everything remains ticking over. We all owe our volunteers our gratitude—without them we would not exist. Thank you to all.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

In answer to questions, all members, including associates are required to support our Objects, and adhere to our Members' Code of Conduct. Both are printed on page 4

Service members can invite someone considered suitable, to be an associate member—the application needs approval of the management committee. Form is on our website.

ACTIVITIES

Sunny Coast 'Cruise': It was hard to not believe you were actually boarding a cruise ship—all the familiar authorities, dressed in crisp white uniforms were present and you had to go through the usual processes.

We were all allotted our cabins and could wander the deck and view forward, aft and port or starboard. The sea was calm. It was great knowing so many of the other passengers as well. Identity lanyards displayed our names just in case. That was helpful as some were hiding behind ridiculous glasses.

Once we set sail and paid attention to what to do if we sank, the activities got under way with the usual game of chance. Dining was just one sitting which was beaut. Then we returned to the games with another trivia—we had one of those on our tender on the way down. We nearly all got zero on the first one; it was put together by Navy!

Unfortunately our tender was the first to depart for the return home so we only managed one 'deck' photo. Well done Sunny Coast ESS-WA. Thanks for looking after the Bundy sailors Annette.

Still to come:

Booking sheets are awaiting you at the Lodge for the activities yet to be held.

Check pages 6 and 7, plus the minutes of the general meeting for all of the details.

Remember, if you have special needs diet—add that to the booking sheet or let the coordinator know.

Also, if you unfortunately need to cancel a booking, inform the coordinator without delay. In some cases you may be able to receive a refund; much depends on timing.

6 August at Tom Quinn Café. For those who have not been to TQ Café, it is at the Tom Quinn Community Centre 8 Killer Street which runs south beside Norville State School.

Tom Quinn café has a great menu—you can view it on their website. You order and purchase your own delights. Also onsite is a garden shop. Plenty of small potted items are available.

Kay Littler will book a table adequate to meet expected numbers so please add your name to the list at the Lodge when you attend the July cuppa chat or the art class.

REFRIGERATOR

Thank you to Legacy, and our liaison officer, Sheryl, for replacing the refrigerator which had 'died' on us.

Food, much of which was out of date or suss having been in a warm unit, went to a good cause (feeding Troy's chooks).

ROSEMARY

You will have noticed that the dead plant has been removed from our commemorative garden near the flag pole and replaced with a most suitable alternative, a rosemary bush. Thanks to Ken and Sheryl for the gardening and Sheona for the plant.

More plants are sure to be needed over coming

months so if you have Rosemary growing and can propagate, please keep our need in mind.

WELLBEING

Don't forget to wash hands with soap and until you do, keep them away from face and food. Cover the cough, mask up when appropriate—all the 2020 usuals. Look after you and watch out for your mate.

Take care,

Leone

Hervey Bay shares Friendship June
*Life without friendship is the sky
without the sun.*

Have you preserved your service story?

Whilst we will not be producing another book at this time, we are still offering to collect and preserve your story in print, in a simple booklet. That way your service to our nation will be remembered. Check a copy of *Mothers Daughters Wives, Volume Two* at the Lodge to see an example. You could also purchase a copy at the special discounted price of \$15—while they last! See Leone about writing your story.



Bundaberg District Women Veterans **Member's Code of Conduct**

Objects

The objects of the association are—

- To foster and strengthen the friendship between members of the association
- To promote friendship and goodwill amongst current and former servicewomen generally
- To commemorate and preserve the history of women's service in the Australian Defence Force
- To foster and strengthen ties between the association and other ex-service organisations
- To foster camaraderie and social inclusion among members of the association
- To promote good mental and physical health and general wellbeing of members of the association
- To assist in providing welfare support to association members in need
- To advocate on behalf of former and current servicewomen

Members of the association must:

- treat other members and guests equally, fairly and with respect and courtesy;
- behave responsibly and ensure they conduct themselves in a manner which will not injure the reputation of the association, its events, sponsors, participants and members;
- not physically or verbally harass others;
- act honestly and in good faith at all times; abide by and uphold the constitution and code of conduct of the association; and
- report any inappropriate behaviour to the management committee.

Unacceptable Behaviour

Unacceptable behaviour is behaviour that, having regard to all the circumstances, would be offensive, belittling, abusive, or threatening to another person or adverse to morale or workplace cohesion or otherwise is not in the interest of the association. This includes harassment and bullying behaviour.

All members have a right to work for and enjoy their membership of the association without being subjected to such behaviour and are individually responsible to treat others fairly.

Members have the authority and are encouraged to step in to defuse a potential incident.

Failure to abide by this code of conduct may result in disciplinary measures by the management committee.

Wellbeing Activities

All of our activities are for the wellbeing of members.

LINE DANCING

It takes time and patience but Instructor Chris will help you to learn and enjoy this healthy fun experience.

WEDNESDAYS FROM 1200-1300 Hrs (noon to 1pm)

Coronation Hall (airconditioned) 71 High Street, Walkervale.

Coordinator: Sharon Barsby Assisting: Kerry Clements



Mr Google says: Line dancing significantly improves balance due to the combination of coordinated movements, rhythm, and spatial awareness it requires. It enhances body control, coordination, and proprioception, which is the body's awareness of its position in space. The structured nature of line dancing provides a safe and enjoyable way to improve balance, potentially reducing the risk of falls, especially for older adults

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.

BUNDABERG RSL SUB BRANCH

PROVIDED SUPPORT TO US

Please show your support for our local RSL Sub Branch:

- ⇒ Become a member
- ⇒ Attend activities that are planned for veterans and sometimes also their family
- ⇒ Attend Bundaberg RSL Sub branch general meetings
- ⇒ Attend commemorations organised by the RSL

**THE RSL SUPPORTS US—
WE NEED TO SUPPORT THEM.**

Contact info on page 12

DO YOU HAVE A

- Will
- Enduring Power of Attorney
- Advance Health Directive
- Joint Title of Property
- Joint Bank Accounts
- Lists of accounts, entitlements, access passwords, etc.

Are they all together?

Easily located?

TEN PIN BOWLS

*Last Monday of the month, Jan to
Nov all welcome*

NO SKILL NEEDED!

Meet in café area -
1030 for 1100 Hrs start.

Stay for a social lunch (optional).
First timers contact Lynne Pollock
0438 517 795



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

ART CLASS WITH JAS—SAT 12 JUL 25

The Lodge, 1000 Hrs to 1200 Hrs Theme: Turtle
Members \$30, Guests \$55. RSVP 2 July BYO lunch
Coordinator: Jeannie Roberts

58th BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON— 21 JUL 25

Venue: Terrace, Bundaberg RSL Club, RSL Building, 17 Quay Street
Gypsies, Tramps and Thieves
Members \$35 Guests \$45. RSVP 30 June
Coordinator : Jeannie Roberts plus Glenda E-B, Jenny W & Annette

CUPPA CHAT AT TOM QUINN CAFÉ—6 AUG 25

From 1000 Hrs—Buy your own
Please use the booking sheet at the Lodge to enable estimate of numbers.
Coordinator Kay Littler

COUNTRY GET-AWAY—2 to 5 SEP

Information sheet available at the Lodge. Book with Jenny Waldron.
Coordinator: Jenny Waldron/Sharon Barsby

PICNIC IN THE PARK—SUN 12 OCT

Alexandra Park—BYO Lunch

UKULELE LESSON— TUE 14 OCT

The Lodge, 1000 Hrs to 1200 Hrs
Members \$10, Guests \$20. includes lunch; waiting list available
Coordinator: Jeannie Roberts

HERVEY BAY LUNCHEON— SAT 18 OCT 25

Depart Bundaberg Coaches 0930 RSVP by 30 Sep
60's attire—flower power and bell bottoms. Members \$70 guests \$85
Coordinator: Jenny Waldron

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON—MON 17 NOV

Note the date and WATCH this space, CO page 3 coming issues, and the GM minutes for details

Check page 7 for meetings and all other regular activities

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.

All bookings are to be confirmed by payment. (see page 2 for payment options)

Watch for any updates to these activities.

If, unfortunately, you need to cancel a booking, please advise the coordinator.

OUR DIARY 2025

Please check page 10 for Commemorations



JUN	Mon	30	Ten Pin Bowls	Bundy Bowl & Leisure Centre, 1030 for 1100 Hrs
JUL	Wed	02	Cuppa Chat	Lodge from 1000 Hrs
JUL	Wed	02	Line Dancing	Coronation Hall 71 High St Walkervale 1200 Hrs
JUL	Wed	09	Line Dancing	Coronation Hall 71 High St Walkervale 1200 Hrs
JUL	Sat	12	Art Class with Jas	1000-1200 Hrs M\$30 G\$55. Booking sheet at the Lodge
JUL	Wed	16	Line Dancing	Coronation Hall 71 High St Walkervale 1200 Hrs
JUL	Mon	21	Birthday Lunch	58th Birthday <i>Gypsies, Tramps & Thieves</i> RSL Club 1130 for 1200 Hrs
JUL	Wed	23	Line Dancing	Coronation Hall 71 High St Walkervale 1200 Hrs
JUL	Mon	28	Ten Pin Bowls	Bundy Bowl & Leisure Centre, 1030 for 1100 Hrs
JUL	Wed	30	Line Dancing	Coronation Hall 71 High St Walkervale 1200 Hrs
AUG	Wed	06	Cuppa Chat	Tom Quinn Café 1000 Hrs—buy your own. <u>Book please</u>
AUG	Wed	06	Line Dancing	Coronation Hall 71 High St Walkervale 1200 Hrs
AUG	Wed	13	Line Dancing	Coronation Hall 71 High St Walkervale 1200 Hrs
AUG	Mon	18	Meetings	Lodge, Committee 1200 Hrs (all welcome), General 1300 Hrs
AUG	Wed	20	Line Dancing	Coronation Hall 71 High St Walkervale 1200 Hrs
AUG	Mon	25	Ten Pin Bowls	Bundy Bowl & Leisure Centre, 1030 for 1100 Hrs
AUG	Wed	27	Line Dancing	Coronation Hall 71 High St Walkervale 1200 Hrs
SEP	Wed	03	Cuppa Chat	Lodge from 1000 Hrs
SEP	Wed	03	Line Dancing	Coronation Hall 71 High St Walkervale 1200 Hrs
SEP	Tu-Fr	2-5	Murgon Getaway	Go bush at Barambah; visit attractions
SEP	Wed	10	Line Dancing	Coronation Hall 71 High St Walkervale 1200 Hrs
SEP	Mon	15	Meetings	Lodge, Committee 1200 Hrs (all welcome), General 1300 Hrs
SEP	Wed	17	Line Dancing	Coronation Hall 71 High St Walkervale 1200 Hrs
SEP	Wed	24	Line Dancing	Coronation Hall 71 High St Walkervale 1200 Hrs
SEP	Mon	29	Ten Pin Bowls	Bundy Bowl & Leisure Centre, 1030 for 1100 Hrs
OCT	Wed	01	Cuppa Chat	Lodge from 1000 Hrs
OCT	Wed	01	Line Dancing	Coronation Hall 71 High St Walkervale 1200 Hrs
OCT	Wed	08	Line Dancing	Coronation Hall 71 High St Walkervale 1200 Hrs
OCT	Sun	12	Picnic in the Park	Alexandra Park—BYO lunch
OCT	Tue	14	Ukulele Lesson	Beginners class at Legacy Lodge 1000-1200 hrs M\$10 G\$20
OCT	Wed	15	Line Dancing	Coronation Hall 71 High St Walkervale 1200 Hrs
OCT	Sat	18	Hervey Bay Lunch	Depart Bundy Coaches 0930 Hrs
OCT	Mon	20	Meetings	Lodge, Committee 1200 Hrs (all welcome), General 1300 Hrs



JUNE CUPPA CHAT—Lesley and Mez, Sheryl, Annette and Sheona

SCESSWA CRUISES—5 JUNE 2025



**CLOCKWISE: Pre boarding activity;
Boarding Officials;
Helen H, Glenda, Shirley P;
John, Cap'n Lorraine, Lynne;
Kerry, Sheona** (Kerry's bag—of course!)



Safety Drill



Pool time?



LUNCH IS UP!



Commemorations

ANNIVERSARIES & SIGNIFICANT EVENTS- JULY

10 July 1911

Formation of the Royal Australian Navy,

27 July

Korean Veterans Day—(RSL Sub Branch may be holding a service)

BUNDABERG REGIONAL COUNCIL—STREETS OF REMEMBRANCE

ADDITIONS TO THE LIST

QFX 56538 CORPORAL THELMA LILLIAN PRICE—AAMWS—7AUG43-2APR47



Thelma Newman, nee Price, was a foundation member of our association.

Thelma was born in 1921. she served from 1943 to 1947 at Charters Towers, Redlands and Greenslopes. Thelma passed away 6 December 2011.

PRICE has been added to the list of available street names.

BUNDABERG REGIONAL COUNCIL—ANZAC PARK REDEVELOPMENT

MEETING WITH ESO's

Bundaberg Regional Council Mayor, Helen Blackburn called a meeting of Ex Service/Veteran organisations (ESO). I (Leone) represented our association.

We were updated on progress, prospects and in more detail, proposed wording and images for 6 plinths that are to be designated for the commemorative area which will hopefully be available for use on Remembrance Day. The commemorative section is the corner area which is adjacent to the RSL and to Quay Street.

The ESO's were provided with the opportunity to submit written suggestions to council ahead of a second meeting. Our association contributed some ideas for consideration.

Council will be providing an announcement to the public in due course. Members should watch for this in Bundaberg Now.



Our members' post WWII defence contribution to Australia



A WOMAN'S WEEK AT THE GYM

This is dedicated to everyone who ever attempted to get into a regular workout routine.

Dear Diary, For my birthday this year, my husband (the dear) purchased a week of personal training at the local health club for me.



Although I am still in great shape since being a high school football cheerleader 43 years ago, I decided it would be a good idea to go ahead and give it a try. I called the club and made my reservations with a personal trainer named Christo, who identified himself as a 26-year-old aerobics instructor and model for athletic clothing and swim wear.

My husband seemed pleased with my enthusiasm to get started. The club encouraged me to keep a diary to chart my progress.

MONDAY: started my day a 6.00 am. Tough to get out of bed, but found it was well worth it when I arrived at the health club to find Christo waiting for me. He is something of a Greek god—with blond hair, dancing eyes and a dazzling white smile. Woo Hoo!

Christo gave me a tour and showed me the machines. I enjoyed watching the skillful way in which he conducted his aerobics class after my workout today. Very inspiring!

Christo was encouraging as I did my sit-ups, although my gut was already aching from holding it in the whole time he was around. This is going to be a FANTASTIC week!!

TUESDAY: I drank a whole pot of coffee, but I finally made it out the door. Christo made me lie on my back and push a heavy iron bar into the air then he put weights on it! My legs were a little wobbly on the treadmill, but I made the full mile. His rewarding smile made it all worthwhile. I feel GREAT!! It's a whole new life for me.

WEDNESDAY: The only way I can brush my teeth is by laying the toothbrush on the counter and moving my mouth back and forth over it. I believe I have a hernia in both pectorals. Driving was OK as long as I didn't try to steer or stop. I parked on top of a hill in the club parking lot.

Christo was impatient with me, insisting that my screams bothered other club members. His voice is a little too perky for that early

in the morning and when he scolds, he gets this nasally whine that is VERY annoying.

My chest hurt when I got on the treadmill, so Christo put me on the stair monster. Why the hell would anyone invent a machine to simulate an activity rendered obsolete by elevators? Christo told me it would help me get in shape and enjoy life. He said some other shit too.

THURSDAY: Asshole was waiting for me with his vampire-like teeth exposed as his thin, cruel lips were pulled back in a full snarl. I couldn't help being half an hour late—it took me that long to tie my shoes.

He took me to work out with dumbbells. When he was not looking, I ran and hid in the restroom. He sent some skinny little bitch to find he. Then, as punishment, he put me on the rowing machine—which I sank.

FRIDAY: I hate that bastard Christo more than any human being has ever hated any other human being in the history of the world. Stupid, skinny, anemic, anorexia little aerobics instructor. If there was a part of my body I could move without unbearable pain, I would beat him with it.

Christo wanted me to work on my triceps. I don't have any triceps! And if you don't want dents in the floor, don't hand me the damn barbells or anything that weighs more than a sandwich.

The treadmill flung me off and I landed on a health and nutrition teacher. Why couldn't it have someone softer, like the drama coach or the choir director?

SATURDAY: Satan left a message on my answering machine in his grating, shrilly voice wondering why I did not show up today. Just hearing his voice made me want to smash the machine with my planner, however, I lacked the strength to even use the TV remote and ended up catching eleven straight hours of the Weather Channel.

SUNDAY: I'm having the Church van pick me up for services today so I can go and thank God that this week is over. I will also pray that next year my husband will choose a gift for me that is fun—like a root canal or a hysterectomy. I still say if God had wanted me to bend over he would have sprinkled the floor with diamonds!!!

SMILE

I want to be 18 again and ruin my life differently. I have new ideas.

CONTACTS

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Activities & Events 07 4330 3167

Bundaberg RSL Club 07 4138 7620

Bundaberg Legacy

07 4152 5958

Defence Vets Drop In Centre:

07 4153 4599

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

WELLBEING

Jude Binder

DVA

1800 838 372

Mates4Mates

mates4mates.org

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

BIRTHDAYS

JULY

Michele Mackenzie	11
Patricia Collins	20
Lisa Taylor	29

Happy Birthday!

Health Direct 1800 022 222

Poisons Information 13 11 26

Elder Abuse 1800 737 732

Note to self: 'Cancel credit cards prior to death!'

Be sure and cancel your credit cards before you die!

A lady died this past January, and the bank billed her for February and March for their annual service charges on her credit card, and then added late fees and interest on the monthly charge.

The balance had been \$0.00, now it is somewhere around \$60.00. A family member placed a call to the Bank:

Family Member: 'I am calling to tell you that she died in January.'

Bank: 'The account was never closed and the late fees and charges still apply.'

Family Member: 'Maybe, you should turn it over to collections.'

Bank: 'Since it is two months past due, it already has been.'

Family Member: So, what will they do when they find out she is dead?'

Bank: 'Either report her account to the frauds division or report her to the credit bureau, maybe both!'

Family Member: 'Do you think God will be mad at her?'

Bank: 'Excuse me?'

Family Member: 'Did you just get what I was telling you . . . The part about her being dead?'

Bank: 'Sir, you'll have to speak to my supervisor.'

Supervisor gets on the phone.....Family Member: 'I'm calling to tell you, she died in January.'

Bank: 'The account was never closed and the late fees and charges still apply.'

Family Member: 'You mean you want to collect from her estate?'

Bank: (Stammer) 'Are you her lawyer?'

Family Member: 'No, I'm her great nephew.' (Lawyer info given)

Bank: 'Could you fax us a certificate of death?'

Family Member: 'Sure.' (fax number is given).
After they get the fax:

Bank: 'Our system just isn't set up for death. I don't know what more I can do to help.'

Family Member: 'Well, if you figure it out, great! If not, you could just keep billing her. I don't think she will care.'

Bank: 'Well, the late fees and charges do still apply.'

Family Member: 'Would you like her new billing address?'

Bank: 'That might help.'

Family Member: 'Rookwood Memorial Cemetery, 1249 Centenary Rd, Sydney Plot Number 1049.'

Bank: 'Sir, that's a cemetery!'

Family Member:
'Well, what the **** do
you do with dead people
on your planet?'



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