

# Caloundra RSL Sub Branch

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## Big change to finances

Since our last message, there has been a material change in financial circumstance surrounding our "in good faith" discussions with the Services Club. Late on October 8 our bank, NAB, informed us that owing to an error that IT had made, the monthly payment obligation of the Sub Branch to the bank had increased substantially.

This came as a complete surprise to both the Sub Branch and the Services Club, because, as reported to you last month, the two parties had an agreement in principle that was based on the earlier information provided by NAB.

We have formally informed the Services Club and hope we can arrange to meet toward the end of the month to reach another agreement.

This has been a most unwelcome development, particularly as the Sub Branch and the Services Club had amicably reached an agreement after many hours of dealing with the details. I am taking a break for a few days from October 14 to October 24, during which time Senior Vice President Heather Christie will be acting President and will chair our general meeting on Saturday, October 17. I am sure you will give the same wonderful support to her as you have to me (greatly appreciated by the way).

Among the many activities falling foul of Covid 19 restrictions has been our annual formal reunion dinner, normally held in October. We cannot possibly have a dinner along the usual lines, but are in the process of organising a scaled down dinner, possibly at the Power Boat Club in November. We will keep you informed of progress.

As most of you are aware, Heather's mother passed away recently. It has been a most difficult time for Heather, however despite her personal circumstances, she has continued to serve the Sub Branch. I am sure you will all join me in offering her our condolences and thanking her for continuing in trying times. Click on the link below to the draft minutes of our last general meeting if you want a heads-up before Saturday morning.

Geoffrey Gardiner, Sub Branch President

## Minutes of the September 19 General Meeting

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## Administration office opening hours

The admin office, under the control of our new volunteer Secretary, Janine Evans, will for the foreseeable future be open on:

Mondays 1000-1400

Tuesdays 1000-1400

Fridays 1430-1700



## Tell us what's you're up to

This newsletter is your vehicle to tell us what's happening: what's good, what's different; what's worth knowing; or whatever stupendous news you want to share with the world.

Send tips to editor Terry O'Connor, [TerryO@caloundrarsl.com.au](mailto:TerryO@caloundrarsl.com.au).



## Navy News showcases "our" squadron

Carl McGarrity has shared an [article](#) from the latest *Navy News* showcasing 816 Sqn, the military unit that has adopted Caloundra as its homeport, with the RSL Sub Branch playing host since 1997.

Carl writes: "This article briefly describes my old squadron and the crew composition of the Sikorsky MH-60R Seahawk helicopter.

"The helicopter is also colloquially known as the 'Romeo' because Sikorsky has built many variants of the Seahawk for navies around the world.

"Hopefully, we get to see Todd and his troops again next ANZAC Day (COVID permitting). With a bit of luck they might do a flypast over the RSL again."

**ABOVE:** An 816 SQN MH-60R launches from HMAS Hobart after conducting deck handling trials in Sydney Harbour, and the CO of 816 Sqn, Cmdr Todd Glynn, in front of an MH-60R Seahawk helicopter on the flightline at HMAS Albatross.

## Poppy service training

The Sub Branch seeks volunteers who are interested in training to deliver Poppy Services. Those who deliver the services can ease the pain felt by the families and friends of the departed veterans.

If you are interested, please contact Senior Vice President Heather Christie.





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Sunshine Coast

# Invitation to Veterans' Re-Connect

## Serving Together – Staying Together

### When:

Sunday 1 Nov 20  
(10:00am – 4:00 pm)

### Where:

Caloundra RSL Sub Branch  
Memorial Gardens

### For all ages and families:

- Live Entertainment
- Food and drink sampling
- Charity Raffle
- Support Veteran owned businesses on the Coast
- ESO and Veteran support advice
- Re-connecting with those who served
- Supporting those that support Veterans

### Who will be there:

Hello Harry Burgers  
Meatu@home Beerwah  
TAPS Mooloolaba  
Your Mates Brewery  
Warfighter Coffee  
Green Frog Adventures  
Xperience  
West Rock Insurance  
Active Body Conditioning  
Burkewood Builders  
Caloundra Car Care  
Ufit  
JR Medals  
Mobile Skips  
A1 Glass Solutions  
BEC Norman Massage  
Healing Hands Physio  
Steps  
Veterans Retreat  
Legacy  
Open Arms  
And many more



## Bowls + BBQ = a real winner



The Social Lawn Bowls Club enjoyed a great afternoon on Sunday. Our members were keen to bowl and BBQ - 20 in total for bowls and a couple more for the BBQ. An apology from Noelene and Bonny. This month we had two people share the cooking - many thanks to Gene and Roy. We had two new members join us - David and Shirley Lowe, and received and accepted membership applications from Alan and Chris Franks and Marc and Lyn Gurr. A big welcome from us all. The closest to the Hooter was won by Ryan McArthur who received an RSL cash card. The winning team was Vic Burr and Ross Norman - the highest losing margin - and they each received an RSL cash card. Lucky draw winners of an RSL cash card were Shirley Lowe, Margaret Rose and Steve Ward, and Ryan McArthur won the Pelican Waters Bowls Club voucher. We had another raffle - thanks to Noel for organising the two meat trays. The winners were Barrie Nipperess and Ryan McArthur - certainly Ryan's lucky day. The photo shows the winners apart from Ryan who had to leave early. Net income to the Club from the raffle: \$83.90. Our Christmas breakup (see below) is proving to be very popular - it is almost booked out.

**Georgina Nielsen, Secretary**

### **CHRISTMAS BREAKUP**

(NB: Numbers are limited and members get first option. If numbers are not reached non-members will be invited without the benefits given to members.)

**Date:** Sunday December 13

**Time:** Depart 4pm from Pelican Waters Tavern Wharf on Caloundra Cruises Boat.

**What:** A wonderful cruise on Pumicestone Passage. Please BYO beverages – glasses and delicious nibbles will be supplied. We will be COVID compliant.

**Then:** Arrive 6pm at Pelican Waters Tavern Wharf. Each member will receive a \$40 PWT cash card to be spent as they wish at the tavern.

## **Date Claimer - Friday November 27**

The Sub Branch Reunion Dinner will be held at the Caloundra Power Boat Club. Details regarding ticket prices etc are still to be confirmed.





## Tough day at Bribie Island

What a tough day at Bribie Island it was, playing off the back markers and being severely challenged by the course which beat up most of us, but how much fun it was being challenged nearly every hole!

The playing conditions were perfect but it seemed like we were there for a long time because of our late start.

The winner in A grade with a net 75 was Neil Gray and the winner in B grade with a net 73 was Ngarie Kimball. Well played to you both.

Just a reminder: we have the RSL Challenge at Nambour between Caloundra, Noosa/Tewantin and Maroochydore RSL Clubs on the 18th and we will be trying to get the toilet seat (**editor's note: what the heck is that?**) back this year .

If anyone would like to have a fun game with us at various courses around the coast please contact Dean Wye. His email is [deanwye@hotmail.com](mailto:deanwye@hotmail.com).

## Get going - Run, Walk or Wheel

Do it at your own pace and location.

Choose your preferred distance – 2km, 5km, 10km or set your own goal.

Do it in one go or break it up over the weekend – it's up to you.

### REGISTRATION

Adults \$25, children up to 16 & pensioners \$15

Family (2 adults + children) \$60. Team of 8-10 people \$175

100% of your registration goes to Gallipoli Medical Research Foundation

[FULL DETAILS HERE](#)



# RUN, WALK OR WHEEL

for Remembrance 2020



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Please feel free to contact any of your committee members.

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