



NEWS LETTER

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Caloundra RSL Sub Branch

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IN BRIEF

Volunteers deserve enormous round of our applause

Sub Branch President Heather Christie wants to publicly thank the volunteers who rolled their sleeves up and helped move furniture and fittings around when the lounge and offices were being worked on. Without them the job would have taken twice as long.

Anniversary dinner and dance special



Don't forget our special diamond anniversary dinner on Saturday 30 October - \$45 per head for Sub Branch members. **Invitation inside**

Minutes of the August meeting

Topics discussed included health out-of-pocket expenses for veterans and spouses, insurance (again) and our Memorial Garden (still).

[Read them online](#)

Party, party! Watch this space

Preliminary plans are afoot for a Melbourne Cup function, but help is needed. **Details inside**

Come join the meeting in our beaut new lounge



The Sub Branch will hold its first general meeting in the beaut new refurbished lounge on **Saturday, 18 September**. Please join us from 1000hrs to find out what's been happening and what will soon happen, and don't forget you have a vote and you should use it. The lounge opened for business on the afternoon of Friday 3 September, and was sampled by the biggest Friday crowd since Covid threw a spanner in the works last year.

The lounge, the Sub Branch corridors and the offices have had the first facelift in years and the result, we think, is stunning. Come along and let us know **your** opinion.



Newsletter to go digital only

Printed copies of this newsletter will be distributed at the next meeting as usual, and a number of copies will be posted to Sub Branch members who do not have email.

But from next month it will be sent out only via email, with a version posted on the Sub Branch website.

This brings us into line with similar organisations that are trying to reduce both their workload and their carbon footprint.



The **C**aloundra **RSL** **S**ub **B**ranch **P**resident
Cordially invites Members & Partners
of

Caloundra RSL Sub Branch

To attend our

75th Diamond Anniversary Black Tie Dinner

To be held at the *Sunshine Coast Function Centre*

Caloundra RSL Services Club Inc

Saturday 30th October 2021

6:00pm for 6:30pm

Dress: *Formal with Miniature Medals*

Cost: *\$45.00 per head (\$90.00 per couple) Sub Branch Members*

\$65.00 per head (\$130.00 per couple) Non Sub Branch Members

Includes 3 Course Meal; Beer; Wine; Basic Spirits & Soft Drink

Please RSVP by 15th October, 2021

*To President, Heather Christie on 07 5438 5825 or
sub.president@caloundrarsl.com.au with names of those attending.*

*Direct Transfer payment to NAB: BSB 084 484 Account 243796402
If paying by Direct Debit please follow up with an email to the President.*



Social Lawn Bowls

The next Social Bowls Day will be on Sunday 12 September at 1:30pm. Weather permitting we will be playing the usual 12 ends of bowls.

There will be no changes to the way the prizes are distributed, starting with the usual, closest to the **Hooter** etc. Hopefully the weather will look after us and we get good attendances.

We will finish up with the usual BBQ, meat tray raffle and presentation of prizes.

We would appreciate it, if all those who are attending could email their reply by no later than COB Friday 10 September, and indicate whether they will attend just for the Bowls, just for the BBQ or for both. This makes it a lot easier for the catering.

Changes to the bowls trip

COVID 19 restrictions mean our rescheduled Evans Head trip on 13 and 14 October has had a destination change.

We will now be playing at Mt Gravatt Bowls Club on the Wednesday morning. Morning tea will be supplied on our arrival and lunch will be supplied after our bowls game.

After lunch we will make our way to our accommodation in Beaudesert. Dinner that night and breakfast the next morning will be at your own expense.

Thursday, morning tea will be supplied on arrival at the Beaudesert Bowls Club, followed by bowls then lunch, also supplied.

– Lyn Gurr, Secretary



Wellness Support Officer system continues its expansion

The Sub Branch Board has received another application from a citizen concerned with the welfare of veterans who wishes to become registered with us as a Wellness Support Officer (WSO). The Board was delighted with the approach and has moved to expedite the application.

More later.

Meanwhile our existing WSOs, such as Judi Taylor, are doing great work.

The photo at right shows Judi encouraging and teaching craft work with a resident at Blue Care, Dicky Beach.



Why the long face? Watch this space



Plans have been hatched for a Melbourne Cup function again this year but we need someone to run with it.

Our Treasurer says he can find some funds to keep the cost down for patrons, but we need an organiser to get the ball rolling.

The organiser will have lots of help on the day but we need a front-runner to get started right now with catering and entertainment bookings.

Interested? Please contact the Secretary on 07 5438 5825.

Veterans fronting up to assist their mates

Two Sunshine Coast Army veterans who now run a real estate company have volunteered to lend their expertise to fellow veterans who might be seeking properties to either rent or buy. Jordan and Mitch Lund are life members of the Caloundra Sub Branch and as real estate experts know only too well how hard it can be to secure rental properties.

“The market is particularly tough on the Sunshine Coast at present,” Mitch said.

“Applying for properties is very difficult – due to very low vacancy rates and the application process having many hurdles.

“We believe we may be able to assist with application advice and networking with properties coming up in the near future.

“It’s not a huge thing but it may be just enough to give veterans a foot in the door with a new property.”

Sub Branch senior advocate Ian Harrison said the advice offered by the brothers could be a great resource.

“As an advocate I often get calls in regard to rental assistance in obtaining a property,” he said.

To make an appointment with the Lund brothers’ company, Elite Lifestyle Properties, please email Mitch on mitchlund@elitelp.com.au or call 0421 411 881.

ELITE lifestyle properties
sales & property management

We Will Remember Them



With deep sorrow we acknowledge the recent deaths of

Gary Little, RAN;

Colin Marshall, Army;

John Waldron, Army;

Bruce Clark, Army; and

Colin Hollis, RAAF.

Lest We Forget

Grants Officer needed. Could it be you?

Despite help from a number of volunteers (to whom many thanks!) the Sub Branch needs someone to take on the role of Grants Officer, or perhaps share the role. The job is not onerous, and support is there from RSL Queensland, which has made staff members available to help with writing, lodging and acquitting grants. We have had lots of success with grant applications and the most recent, for about \$20,000 of computer equipment, has just been acquitted. But we still need help because a couple of people involved no longer have the time. So, could *YOU* be our next Grants Officer, maybe with help from someone else?

THE GREEN THING

By Una Riddel

In the line at the supermarket, the cashier told an older woman that she should bring her own grocery bags because plastic bags weren't good for the environment. The woman apologized to him and explained, "We didn't have the green thing back in my day." The cashier responded, "That's our problem today. Your generation did not care enough to save our environment."

He was right – our generation didn't have The Green Thing.

Back then, we returned milk bottles, soft drink bottles and beer bottles to the store. The store sent them back to the plant to be washed and sterilized and refilled, so it could use the same bottles over and over. So they really were recycled. But we didn't have the green thing back in our day.

We walked up stairs, because we didn't have an escalator in every store and office building. We walked to the grocery store and didn't climb into a 300-horsepower machine every time we had to go two blocks. But she was right. We didn't have the green thing in our day.

Back then, we washed the baby's nappies because we didn't have the throw-away kind. We dried clothes on a line, not in an energy gobbling machine burning up 240 volts — wind and solar power really did dry the clothes. Kids got hand-me-down clothes from their brothers or sisters, not always brand-new clothing. But that old lady is right; we didn't have the green thing back in our day.

Back then, we had one TV, or radio, in the house — not a TV in every room. And the TV had a small screen the size of a handkerchief (remember them?), not a screen the size of the state of Western Australia. In the kitchen, we blended and stirred by hand because we didn't have electric machines to do everything for us. When we packaged a fragile item to send in the mail, we used a wadded up old newspaper to cushion it, not Styrofoam or plastic bubble wrap. We didn't have the green thing back in our day.

Back then, we didn't fire up an engine and burn gasoline just to cut the lawn. We used a push mower that ran on human power. We exercised by working so we didn't need to go to a health club to run on treadmills that operate on electricity. But she's right; we didn't have the green thing back then.

We drank from a fountain when we were thirsty instead of using a cup or a plastic bottle every time we had a drink of water. We refilled fountain pens with ink instead of buying a new pen, and we replaced the razor blades in a razor instead of throwing away the whole razor just because the blade got dull. But we didn't have the green thing back then.

Back then, people took the tram or a bus and kids rode their bikes to school or walked instead of turning their mothers into a 24-hour taxi service. We had one power point in a room, not an entire bank of sockets to power a dozen appliances. And we didn't need a computerized gadget to receive a signal beamed from satellites 2,000 miles out in space in order to find the nearest pizza joint.

But isn't it sad that the current generation laments how wasteful we old folks were just because we didn't have the green thing back then?

— Una Riddel (1927-2021)

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