



NEWS LETTER

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Caloundra RSL Sub Branch

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Memorial Garden valuation nears

After many weeks waiting (not so patiently) for an acoustic report by council engineers to allow a proper valuation to start on the slice of garden that the council will be taking, we are close to starting negotiations.

The engineers, in a report that only an acoustic engineer could love, recommended some special noise-reducing road surface, and a 2m-high noise barrier wall.

Now, the Sub Branch valuer is working out his estimate of what our compensation should be and before long there will be a "crunch" meeting between our team and the council's team, which is when the tough negotiations will begin.

Watch this space.

The floggings will continue until morale improves

Ken Priest's latest excursion was a roaring success - with lots of the roaring being done by Warder Downey in the direction of prisoners 78 and 31.

The three escorted, entertained and educated the score or so Sub Branch visitors to St Helena Island, reached by ferry from Manly.

Talking of ferries, Ken was slightly misled and greatly grumpified by misleading information he was given by the ferry company. His booking documents said the boat would leave Manly at 0900hrs; The ferry captain said it was 1000hrs and swore blind it had always been set for that time. No problem. We managed to pass a pleasant hour at Manly anyway.

Several passengers were worried about possible seasickness but the bay was like a millpond; several others were worried about having to walk too far but a minibus was provided so all went well.

Warder Downey explained that St Helena was set up as a quarantine station but just wouldn't have worked, so was converted to a high security prison. No one, he said, ever escaped, mainly because food scraps were tossed into the surrounding water to attract sharks.

The island is now a national park and the tour we were given was excellent.

Warder Downey and prisoners 78 and 31 (no names were allowed for prisoners; they were identified only by number) will never win Oscars for their acting ability but they were amusing and effective: we learned a lot.

– Terry O'Connor

Warder Downey encourages 31 as he applies a cat-o-nine-tails to 78's back.



Important general meeting on Saturday

The minutes of the 18 September general meeting are, as usual, online and you will find them in the caloundrarsl.org.au [news archive](#).

Please take the time to read them, particularly if you are coming to the next general meeting - an important one - on Saturday, 16 October.

The meeting will be in the Sub Branch lounge, beginning at 1000hrs. The Club doors will open at 0930hrs and as well as using the QR code and swiping your member's card, you will be asked to sign in at the lounge door.

Address on behalf of the Services Club

The Sub Branch Board has agreed to a request by Services Club President Cathy Stamp to address the meeting on the topic of the Club transferring from an incorporated association under the Queensland Associations Incorporation Act 1981 to a company limited by guarantee operating under the Commonwealth Corporations Act 2001.

Solicitor Mr Glen Rolley, from Mullins Lawyers, will be available via Zoom to answer questions.

The proposed move is significant and it is in all Sub Branch members' interests to be fully informed about it so **please come along, listen and ask questions**.

Cathy said: "While the transfer will not directly effect Sub Branch members, it is very important for all members to be informed and understand why the Club has proposed to undertake this significant change and what it means for the Club."

At the conclusion of the Sub Branch meeting, Cathy plans to convene a Services Club meeting, at which the motion will be tabled and voted on.

View a copy of the [resolution](#).

Last chance for Anniversary Dinner tickets

Sales of tickets for the Sub Branch 75th Anniversary dinner on 30 October close at the end of this week.

Don't miss a night of fun, entertainment, great food, free drinks, raffles, dancing, meeting up with friends . . . the list goes on.

It's just \$45 a head for Sub Branch members and partners, \$75 a head for non-members.

What a bargain!

Don't miss out - see Janine in the Sub Branch office and she'll fix you up with tickets.

Timor or Afghanistan memorabilia needed

Military Display Curator Trevor Smith and his team have big plans for expanding and reorganising the display, in part by opening up the area to Timor and Afghanistan Veterans' memorabilia.

Trevor asks that if you or any generous person you know has any Timor or Afghanistan memorabilia, to please consider donating some of it to the display.

The Military Display is open Tuesday to Thursday from 1000hrs to 1400hrs.



Extremists trying to recruit veterans

Extremist groups are trying to recruit veterans, say researchers at the University of Canberra's National Security Hub, who ask: Does the ADF owe them a duty of care?

The researchers are investigating online influence operations targeting Australia, including its veteran community. This global problem was noted at this year's International Terrorism and Social Media Conference in the UK.

Such extremist groups present a complicated and dangerous threat to the community. The transition to civilian life can be a vulnerable time for many veterans. Rates of suicide, homelessness and incarceration are alarmingly high for Australian veterans. It is then, rather than during service, that veterans are particularly vulnerable to radicalisation.

Read the full report at [The Conversation](#) online.

Bernie & Val's 64th wedding anniversary

Not too many of our members reach this milestone, so we were happy to provide Bernie & Val with a cake in our lounge. Congratulations to both!



Bus Trip

Tuesday 26 October

Woodford & Woongooroo Estate

Winery Mt Archer

8.30 Depart RSL

9.45 Arrive Woodford for morning tea (own cost)

10.30 Depart Woodford

11.00 Arrive Woongooroo Winery Mt Archer

Wine tasting (optional, pay \$5 at venue for approximately six tastings)

Two sessions of bush poetry

Lunch, \$23.50 per person:

Cold meats (chicken and ham) with salads and dessert of home-made apple crumble with cream and custard

Bottomless tea and coffee included

View the llamas and alpacas on the estate



2.15 Depart

Pay Janine at Sub Branch office \$23.50 when booking



*Veterans Family
Christmas Party*

Sponsored by the
Caloundra RSL Sub Branch

Caloundra RSL Function Centre
1:00pm to 3:00pm
Saturday 4 December 2021

Santa Visit
Face Painting
Party Activities
Fairy Floss
Bouncy Castles

Cold Drinks
Party Food
Obstacle Course
Balloon Man

Free event. For catering purposes please RSVP to the Treasurer with the number of adults and kids attending by 22 November 2021 on email treasurer@caloundra.rslqld.net.au or SMS 0477 963 428

RSL Social Bowls

Five new members joined up and were given a very warm welcome at Pelican Waters Bowls Club on Sunday 10 October.

We had **26** members for a great game of bowls and **24** for the BBQ.

Carol Howard and John Aiken volunteered to do the cooking which was accompanied by delicious salads.

Prizes:

Closest to the "Hooter" Steve Ward, **RSL \$20 cash card.**

Meat tray winners: Ross Norman and Terry O'Connor.

Bowls winners: Renee Gibson and Sharyn O'Connor, **RSL \$20 cash card** each.

Raffle Winners: Steve Ward, John Aitken & Richard Evans, **RSL \$20 cash card** each.

Renee Gibson **Pelican Waters \$20 Club voucher.**

Thanks to all who attended and made it such a successful day.

The next Social Bowls day will be at Pelican Waters Bowls Club on Sunday 14 November at 1:30pm.

– Lyn Gurr, Secretary

Three of the winners: Sharyn O'Connor, Renee Gibson, and Steve Ward



Noosa takes coveted golf trophy

The RSL Challenge was hosted by Tewantin Noosa RSL at the Noosa Par 3 course on 19 September. The contest was over 27 holes which caused a bit of confusion with handicaps but in the end Noosa took the coveted toilet seat trophy with us second and Maroochy third. It was a lovely day and we enjoyed the company of the other two clubs. Next year it will be hosted by Maroochy so we will see if we can get the trophy back.

The following Sunday we played on the long challenging Noosa/Tewantin course and it certainly looked a great day for the second round of the club championships, but a small field meant only one grade. The winner was Eddie Osborne with a fine score of 68 nett, and in second on a four way countback with 70 nett was Bob Marks. Dean Wye beat all the stragglers to the Bradman's.

On 10 October we played the third round of the club championships at the Cooroy course. The course was in good condition but the greens were very slow. Numbers were again down and only one grade was played. The conditions certainly suited Geoff Purser who had a nett 67. Kev Caldwell was second on a countback on 69. Peter Robinson brought up the rear.

The fourth round of the championship will be played at the Woodford course on 24 October. We play at Maleny on 7 November and the last round of the championship will be at Beerwah on 14 November.

Any members interested in playing golf in a friendly and supportive atmosphere are welcome to email Dean Wye at deanwye@hotmail.com.

– **Tom Major, Secretary**



We will remember him

With deep sorrow we acknowledge the recent death of
John Montefiore, Royal Australian Air Force

Lest We Forget



On Patrol

The September edition of Everyman's *On Patrol*, the newsletter of the organisation that has supported our troops in the field since 1940, is available on the Sub Branch website.

Go to

<http://caloundrarsl.org.au/media/21-9everymans.pdf>

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