



# NEWS LETTER

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Caloundra RSL Sub Branch

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## Crucial meeting for members

The next Sub Branch general meeting will be held on Saturday 15 January in the Sub Branch lounge, commencing at 1000 hours.

All general meetings are important, giving members a public voice in how the organisation (YOUR organisation) is run.

This one is particularly important because it will allow members to raise any issues - favourable or unfavourable - they might have about the proposed move by the Services Club to a company limited by guarantee, and the proposed constitution put forward at the last Services Club meeting, but then withdrawn because it contained a legal error.

Here now is your chance to put your view to other members, and to the Club.

And when you're considering this, please consider also that the Sub Branch needs people who are prepared to put their hands up and stand for election.

The Board needs strong directors and you, the members, need a strong Board.

And the only way we can all get what we need is to attract committed volunteers. Nominations open on 21 January and the elections will be held at the AGM on 19 February.

Have a go: Download a [nomination form](#) and fill it in.

## Minutes of the November general meeting

As usual, a copy of the [minutes](#) of our latest general meeting is available on our website.

Also as usual, all minutes are drafts until they have been ratified.



## Sub Branch donation delivered

The Sub Branch donation of \$25,000 to Wishlist – the Sunshine Coast Health Foundation – was delivered this week on the site of the Stage Two development of the Wishlist Centre at Birtinya. Stage One of the centre, featuring 18 care rooms, community facilities, consultation rooms and more, is half completed. Stage Two is set to go ahead within months.

The Sub Branch decided to support the centre mainly because of its services for veterans, many of whom have different needs to those of previous generations.

Research shows veterans aged under 30 are at a higher risk of suicide and increased mental ill-health, and the Sunshine Coast has the highest number per capita of veterans in Australia at just over 7000, and this number is growing.

The occasion was actually a handover (not a hold-up) and behind the masks were, from right, President

Heather Christie, Wishlist CEO Lisa Rowe, Treasurer Ian Harrison and Vice-President Terry O'Connor.



## And you thought the ADF was miserly . . .

COPENHAGEN, Denmark (AP) — Conscripts in Norway have been ordered to return their underwear, bras and socks after the end of their military service so that the next group of recruits can use them. The Norwegian military said Monday that it is struggling with dwindling supplies, in part due to the pandemic.

The Norwegian Defense Logistics Organization said because of “a challenging stockpile situation, this move is necessary as it provides the Armed Forces with greater garment volumes available for new soldiers starting their initial service.”

Read the full [Associated Press report](#).

## Letter of appreciation for Frank Wratten

Museum Curator Trevor Smith has dobbed in Memorial Walkway coordinator Frank Wratten for doing absolutely the right thing by the daughter of a deceased veteran. Here is her letter of thanks (reproduced with her permission).

**Dear Frank**  
**Re Memorial Plaques**

Further to our recent telephone conversation regarding my delight with the recent installation of the 5 plaques for my family members and longstanding family friend, I would like to formally thank you and your offsider for the courteous and helpful way you enabled me to bring this to fruition.

It had been a longterm dream to have a plaque installed to pay tribute and respect to my late father Arthur Green. Then in the process I decided to extend this to include his uncle, his younger brother, who both sacrificed their lives - his great friend, and then my mother's second husband. The list grew. This venture needed your expertise guidance. I very much appreciated your help.

I was absolutely amazed that by happy coincidence I went to the Headland Walk the very day the installation crew were installing these plaques. It was a totally overwhelming experience, and gave me a great feeling of connection to my father and associated relatives to see their sacrifices honoured there. Since then I have visited this spot with one of my sons to ensure he knows of their existence, and there is a special place of commemoration and contemplation. What a beautiful spot it is!

Once again my sincere thanks for your good work.

**Best wishes**

**Yours sincerely**

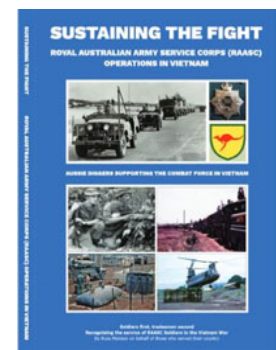
**Denise Poole**

## Logistics in Vietnam

Forty-year Defence veteran Russ Morison has launched his second book about logistics during the Vietnam War.

Russ says there are still a few copies left of his first book, "Peas, Beans and Bullets" about the work of the supply platoons in Vietnam.

Now "Sustaining the Combat Force-RAASC Operations in Vietnam" is available. Russ, who served with 25 Sup PI in Vietnam from May 1969 to April 1970, says the 240-page book contains 200 photos, and members can obtain a copy by phoning him on 0408 947 935 for an order form. The book costs \$52 including shipping and handling.



## Caloundra Woodworkers Ahoy!



In 2021 the Caloundra Woodworking Club was given a boat that needed lots of TLC. Some members took on the challenge to restore her ready for sale.

It's now completed and advertised on YachtHub.com under "Oughtred Acorn 13" and looking for her new owner. The proceeds of this restoration will be used for either maintenance or purchase of new equipment for members' use.

The listing at [YachtHub](https://www.yachthub.com.au) says in part: "Classic style Acorn 13 sailing/rowing boat. Iain Oughtred designed. Boat is craftsman built with superb level of workmanship. Complete with set of original plans, etc. This boat has been lovingly restored by a team of members of the Caloundra Woodworkers Group to benefit the Club."

Congratulations to the Woodworking Club, which has several Sub Branch members and has many times done exceptionally fine work for us.

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