



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

Chests Out

Women Veterans, proud to have served our nation.
06/2024 JUNE

QUEENSWA LUNCHEON



Queensland Day 6 June 2024

CHESTS OUT—proud female veterans staying in touch for 57 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

COMMITTEE 2024-25

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Bookings:	as advertised or Treasurer
Outback 2024 tour:	Jenny Waldron or Lorraine Houlihan
Policy, Procedures	Jenny Waldron or Leone Wilson
Strategic Planning	President

General Appointments

Activities:	Jenny Waldron + Glenda Everton-Brocklesby, Dot Carrol.
Assist. Secty	Leone Wilson, + Jeannie Roberts
Awards:	President, Vice Pres, Shirley Watson, Leone Wilson
Commemorations:	Angella Hillis+ Jenny Waldron, Dot Carroll
Communications & Promotions:-	Leone Wilson
Financial Auditors	Kay Littler, Lynne Pollock
Fundraising:	Sharon Barsby + Lynne Pollock, Kay Littler
Grants:	Jenny Waldron, Kay Littler, Sharon Barsby
History:	Leone Wilson
Legacy Liaison:	Angella Hillis, Lynne Pollock
Library:	Annette Newsham, Dot Carroll
Newsletter :	Leone Wilson + Jeannie Roberts
OnO coach 2024	Jenny Waldron, Lorraine Houlihan
Property Officer:	Lynne Pollock + Sharon Barsby
RSL Liaison	Dannielle Brearley + Gloria Kilpatrick
Social Media:	Jeannie Roberts, + Jenny Waldron
Ten Pin Bowls:	Lynne Pollock
Website:	Jenny Waldron + Faye Chatham

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Current Life Members

Leone Wilson OAM
Shirley Watson
Kay Derome
Jennifer Waldron
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

GENERAL MEETING—MAY

Comments, thank you's and suggestions appear in the 'record' of the May meeting which was sent to members electronically 6 June—please read.

Thank you to Sheona for offering to obtain some Emergency Medical Information booklets which can be completed and then mounted on your 'fridge.

The booklets at \$2 each and Sheona had some with her at cuppa-chat.

It was even suggested that those going on the OnO coach trip, could carry theirs and place that in the envelope handed to the coach captain—they get returned at the end of the trip.

GENERAL MEETING—JUNE

Constitution. The Office of Fair Trading have introduced mandatory clauses relating to grievance procedures to our rules. These become effective 1 July 2024 and have been added to our constitution. An updated copy is available from the secretary; it will be on the website in due course. There is a copy of the new clauses at the Lodge.

NO GENERAL MEETING IN AUGUST

Quite a few members will be away in August therefore the general meeting has been cancelled for that month. The next general meeting will be September 17.

ACTIVITIES

Special diet? - it is important you tell us of your needs when you book.

Sunny Coast: Fourteen members made the coach trip to Maroochydore for the annual luncheon hosted by Sunshine Coast Ex Service and Serving Women's Association.

After the warm Autumn, it was a challenge to the early risers but no

one ran late.

Morning tea was enjoyed at Tiaro and we arrived at Maroochydore RSL in good time to book in, greet others and change outfits if necessary.

Kerry Clements (page one cover girl) sure didn't travel down looking like that. Kerry put the Queen in Queensland—and Shirley Watson, Madam Butterfly (page 9), emerged on time to add colour.

Many others look like they had just come from the State of Origin. We joined a number of bananas and pineapples plus quite a few tropical sunny types.

Thank you Sunny Coast, as usual we had a great day and with Sharon's assistance, managed to win a few prizes in your raffle.

Birthday: We are 57 years young and have a birthday to celebrate. Don't forget to book by Wednesday 3 July (Cuppa Chat). Bookings may include partners and visiting women veterans. Include any special diets.

Prizes for our birthday raffle are welcome—please bring them with you, wrapped, clear cellophane is ideal.

Volunteers are needed to man the entry table, checking members in, handing out drink vouchers, and sell-

ing tickets. Contact Jeannie.

Bungadoo 21 July. Home cooked pizza. Cost per person to cover ingredients is expected to be around \$10—come prepared please.

What else to bring: Sharon suggests some may need an apron to use during preparing your pizza from toppings on offer; wear covered walking shoes and if you have one, bring a picnic chair.

Arrive from 1000 to look at the animals etc. Please book by 11 July. Pray for a nice sunny day.

Mystery day trip 9 September: Cost of coach seat to be advised—

morning tea and lunch will be at your cost.

Hervey Bay Birthday Luncheon 19 Oct. Hervey Bay ladies are celebrating 40 years by holding a weekend reunion. Ruby, Ruby, Ruby is the theme, and for the Saturday luncheon 'red' is the go word.

We plan to have a day trip to the luncheon on Saturday. Look for a booking sheet at the Lodge and check future CO's for RSVP and cost.

Members wishing details on the full weekend can obtain that from secretary Faye.

Arty/Crafty. Go arty for Veterans Health Week on Sat 02 Nov. Paint a beach/ocean scene for yourself. Watch for more details re cost and venue etc.

WELLBEING

The winter bug has been on the bite. We all know it is no fun dealing with the symptoms. Best wishes to all who are suffering; also wishing a speedy recovery to the members with new operating devices, (knees, hips and such), I trust they are working well for you.

Taking care of others, family and mates, is only possible if you take care of yourself first.

Leone

Hervey Bay shares Friendship June

A true friend is someone who brings out the best in you.

Volunteers recognised by our Nation during May



Volunteers Annette Newsham and Assistant Faye Chatham were presented with Certificates of Appreciation for their volunteer work by President Sheryl Parker on behalf of Keith Pitt MP, Federal Member for Hinkler. The certificates were both accompanied by a letter from Keith Pitt. In previous years, at least 18 members have received a Volunteers' Certificate. Congratulations to Annette and Faye and thank you to all of our association's volunteers.



QUOTA CLUB OF BUNDABERG INC.



Certificate of Appreciation

Presented to

*Bundaberg District Women
Veterans*

*for supporting Quota service in our community by
donating toiletry items for use in Quota care bags*

The Quota Club of Bundaberg Inc. is a group of friends who volunteer their time to help those less fortunate in their community, by raising funds and offering service where it is needed.

Our members work together to assist disadvantaged women and children, the deaf, hard of hearing or people who have speech difficulties as well as other local charities.

R. W. Kapernick

President
Quota Club of Bundaberg Inc.
June 2024



Thank you

Bundaberg Legacy

We continue to be very thankful to Bundaberg Legacy Club for allowing us to inhabit 'The Lodge' at 4 Glasgow Street.

It is a rare privilege.

TIN HAT DONATIONS

We ask members for a gold coin donation to show our appreciation. The donation can be made when attending meetings, cuppa chat etc. At the end of the year, the treasurer transfers these funds to Bundaberg Legacy. Your coin goes to a good cause.

Well done to the many members who have contributed toiletry items to Quota by passing them to Jeannie Roberts. This certificate is for you.

Wellbeing Activities

All of our activities are for the wellbeing of members.



LINE DANCING

Instructor Chris will help you to enjoy this healthy fun experience.

WEDNESDAYS 1200-1300 Hrs (noon to 1pm)

Coronation Hall (airconditioned), 71 High Street, Walkervale

Funding provided by Dept of Veterans Affairs, Queensland.

\$2 donation per session per participant.

TEN PIN BOWLS

Last Monday—all welcome

Meet in café area

by 1030 for 1100 Hrs start.

Stay for a social lunch (optional).

First timers,

contact Lynne Pollock 0438 517 795



BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

15 July

Old Bundy Tavern, Quay Street

Members \$30 Guests \$40

DOOR OPEN 1130

BOOK BY 3 JULY



Add your name to the booking sheet at the June meeting and pay then (cash) or by the due date to our bank account (as per page two). If making an EFT or direct deposit make sure you let Sharon know! Alternate for booking, phone Jeannie 0408 281 787



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES 2024



BDWV 57TH BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON 15 JULY

OLD BUNDY TAVERN, QUAY STREET, *PIXIES & PIRATES*—1130 HRS. RSVP 3 JUL
Members \$30, Guests \$40

PICNIC IN THE PARK 21 JULY

BUNGADOO COUNTRY COTTAGE, SUNDAY 21 JULY FROM 1000 HRS. RSVP 11 JUL
Sharon & Jenny cooking pizzas for all— attendees to share cost of ingredients (allow \$10 pp)
Members and family welcome. 1030 allows time to check out the animals. More info page 3.

MYSTERY BUS TRIP 9 SEP

BUNDABERG TO BUNDABERG, DATE 9 SEP 0900-1500/1530 RSVP TBA
Buy your own morning tea/lunch—Coach seat cost to be advised; members will be subsidised.

HERVEY BAY ESW SOCIAL CLUB—40TH BIRTHDAY 18-20 OCT

(FRIDAY GET TOGETHER AT RSL AT OWN EXPENSE; SUNDAY BREAKFAST MIJO CAFÉ \$20)
SATURDAY LUNCHEON *RUBY, RUBY, RUBY* \$40—DAY TRAVEL WILL BE EXTRA, DETAILS TBA;
RSVP through our usual booking system, WED 2 OCT (rsvp date to be confirmed).

ARTY CRAFTY 2 NOV

SATURDAY 2 NOVEMBER—1000 HRS. RSVP TBA
Will include light lunch. Art theme ocean/beach. More details will be provided in due course.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON 18 NOV

18 NOV—Details to be advised—watch this space

MONTHLY REGULARS

CUPPA CHAT

FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH Informal get together at the Lodge from around 1030 Hrs to 1130 Hrs
Arrive and depart as you wish. Bring a plate (optional). NB variations: Sep Tom Quinn.

TEN PIN BOWLS

LAST MONDAY JAN-NOV—FUN ACTIVITY—NO SKILL NEEDED (OR USED!) 1000 FOR 1100 HRS
Healthy exercise with mates and plenty of laughs. Everyone is a winner.
Bundaberg Bowl & Leisure Centre, Lester Street. Book with Lynne Pollock 0438 517 795

LINE DANCING

WEDNESDAYS FROM 8 MAY—FUN ACTIVITY—LEARN AS YOU GO—1200 TO 1300 HRS
More healthy exercise with mates and plenty of laughs. First-timers welcome.
Coronation Hall, 71 High St, Walkervale. Sponsored by DVA Queensland—cost for participants \$2 each per session.

OUTBACK 'N' OCEAN BUS TRIP AUGUST 2024 * 11 DAYS

Departs 10 Aug. Expressions of interest for the waiting list may be sent to Jenny Waldron.

EOI INVITED FOR PLANNING PURPOSES FOR 2025. If you have questions please contact the member organising:

Norfolk Island in 2025—Annette Newsham; Cruising 2025—Gloria Kilpatrick
Details including options are available on two 'expressions of interest' sheets at the Lodge
Select your preferences and add your expression of interest to help forward planning

BOOKING FOR AN ACTIVITY

The easy way is via the clipboards at the Lodge.

Otherwise contact organiser, activity officer or secretary.

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.

OUR DIARY 2024



NB: The full calendar Jan-Dec is available to download from our website.

JUN	Mon	24	Ten Pin Bowls	Bundy Bowl & Leisure Centre, 1030 for 1100 Hrs
JUN	Wed	26	Line Dancing	Coronation Hall 71 High St Walkervale 1200 Hrs
JUL	Wed	03	Cuppa Chat	Lodge from 1030 Hrs
JUL	Wed	03	Line Dancing	Coronation Hall 71 High St Walkervale 1200 Hrs
JUL	Wed	10	Line Dancing	Coronation Hall 71 High St Walkervale 1200 Hrs
JUL	Mon	15	Birthday Luncheon	Old Bundy Tavern 1130 HRS M \$30 G \$40 RSVP 3 Jul
JUL	Wed	17	Line Dancing	Coronation Hall 71 High St Walkervale 1200 Hrs
JUL	Sun	21	Picnic in the Park	Bungadoo—Pizzas at Jenny and Sharon's private park, From 1000 Hrs
JUL	Wed	24	Line Dancing	Coronation Hall 71 High St Walkervale 1200 Hrs
JUL	Mon	29	Ten Pin Bowls	Bundy Bowl & Leisure Centre, 1030 for 1100 Hrs
JUL	Wed	31	Line Dancing	Coronation Hall 71 High St Walkervale 1200 Hrs
AUG	Mon	05	C'tee Meeting	Lodge, Committee 1200 Hrs (no General)
AUG	Wed	07	Cuppa Chat	Lodge from 1030 Hrs
AUG	Wed	07	Line Dancing	Coronation Hall 71 High St Walkervale 1200 Hrs
AUG	Sat	10	Outback n Ocean	11 day coach tour departs Bundy Coaches (return Tue 20)
AUG	Wed	14	Line Dancing	Coronation Hall 71 High St Walkervale 1200 Hrs
AUG	Mon	19	NO Meeting	Lodge will be closed. Next general meeting is September
AUG	Wed	21	Line Dancing	Coronation Hall 71 High St Walkervale 1200 Hrs
AUG	Mon	26	Ten Pin Bowls	Bundy Bowl & Leisure Centre, 1030 for 1100 Hrs
AUG	Wed	28	Line Dancing	Coronation Hall 71 High St Walkervale 1200 Hrs
SEP	Mon	09	Mystery Trip	Day coach Trip. 0900 to about 1500. Cost & RSVP TBA
SEP	Wed	04	Cuppa Chat TQ	Tom Quinn Centre buy your own cuppa from 1030 Hrs
SEP	Wed	04	Line Dancing	Coronation Hall 71 High St Walkervale 1200 Hrs
SEP	Wed	11	Line Dancing	Coronation Hall 71 High St Walkervale 1200 Hrs
SEP	Mon	16	Meetings	Lodge, Committee 1200 Hrs (all welcome), General 1300 Hrs
SEP	Wed	18	Line Dancing	Coronation Hall 71 High St Walkervale 1200 Hrs
SEP	Wed	25	Line Dancing	Coronation Hall 71 High St Walkervale 1200 Hrs
SEP	Mon	30	Ten Pin Bowls	Bundy Bowl & Leisure Centre, 1030 for 1100 Hrs
OCT	Wed	02	Cuppa Chat	Lodge from 1030 Hrs
OCT	Sun	13	Picnic in the Park	Burnett Heads—bring your own lunch
OCT	Sat	19	Hervey Bay	Fri 18 Welcome, Sat 19 Luncheon, Sun 20 Farewell. Theme: Ruby

SEE PAGE 6 FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLUS:

**CHECK ADVERTISING ON THE WEBSITE, THE LODGE NOTICEBOARD, AND CLIPBOARDS,
AND IN OTHER PAGES OF CHESTS OUT PLUS DETAILS CONTAINED IN THE MINUTES**

JUNE CUPPA CHAT



These were yummy >



SUNNY COAST COACH TRIP 2024

**Sunshine Coast Ex Service and
Serving Women's Association
Annual Luncheon,
commemorating Queensland Day**

*More Bundy photos can be viewed on our
Facebook page.*

**Photos from many members who attended
are available to view on Facebook:
Combined Ex Service and Serving Women
Australia**

This is a closed
group site for use
by women of the
ADF.

You can ask to
join by answering
two questions.



Combined Ex Service and Serving Women Australia





Madam Tropical Butterfly—and Queensland's latest weapon with the spoils of battle worn proudly!

Congratulations Patricia

Now an author!

Patricia Collins' story of the Navy in Darwin during Cyclone Tracy has been published by Hachette Australia.

Patricia is pictured here with her advance copy of the book—the result of many years work.

Most of us will remember where we were or what we were doing when we received the news of this devastating event in Darwin, Christmas Day 1974.

Newspaper and other coverage can still be accessed on the web

but the down to earth harrowing story of Royal Australian Navy personnel who were dealing with the aftermath has mostly remain untold, until now. Well done Patricia.

The hardcopy, eBook and audiobook *Rock and Tempest*, Patricia says, will be available from 26 June. The paperback will be on the shelves in most bookshops and department stores and Patricia said that a copy can be pre-ordered.

(I reckon we could even organise to have your copy autographed)





Our first celebration as an association was a dinner held in 1968.

Pictured are Member Jean Renew, President Merna Freid, Secretary/Treasurer Jennie Wheeler, and Bundaberg RSL Sub Branch President Ben Renew.

Do you ever wonder?

Do you wonder if the members who formed our association back in 1967, thought that it would still exist and that members would be about to celebrate our 57th birthday?

Do you think that they would be thrilled to know that the values they aimed for are the same ones we continue to uphold—caring about our members and female veterans and commemorating their service?

When you consider the work gone before us, it makes you proud to belong and highlights the importance of our annual Quiet Moment, our participation in commemorative services and marching behind our banner on Anzac Day, and the reason we get together to celebrate, and most importantly share friendships.

I think they would be delighted and thank us for continuing—we thank them for beginning.

Commemorations

JULY

anniversaries/significant events

- | | |
|-------------|------------------------------------|
| 10 Jul 1911 | Formation of Royal Australian Navy |
| 27 Jul 1953 | Korean veterans Day (Kapyong Day) |



[Our members' post WWII defence contribution to Australia](#)



It's good to be a guy because:

You never have to drive to another gas station because this one's just too icky.



Same work ... more pay.

Wrinkles add character.

Wedding Dress \$2000; Tux rental \$100.

If you retain water, it's in a canteen.

People never glance at your chest when you're talking to them.

The occasional well-rendered belch is practically expected.

New shoes don't cut, blister, or mangle your feet.

Porn movies are designed with you in mind.

Not liking a person does not preclude having a great fling with them.

Your pals can be trusted never to trap you with "So, notice anything different?"

One mood, ALL the damn time.

Phone Conversations are over in 30 seconds.

You know stuff about tanks.

A five-day vacation requires only one suitcase.

You can open all your own jars.

Dry cleaners and hair cutters don't rob you blind.

You can go to a public toilet without a support group.

You can leave the motel bed unmade.

You can kill your own food.

You get extra credit for the slightest act of thoughtfulness.

If someone forgets to invite you to something, he or she can still be your friend.

Your underwear is \$10 for a three-pack.

If you are 34 and single, nobody notices.

Everything on your face stays its original color.

You never feel the need to wash your underwear out simply because they are "slightly soiled." Just throw them in the dirty clothes with everything else.

You can quietly enjoy a car ride from the passenger's seat.

Three pairs of shoes are more than enough.

You don't have to clean your apartment if the meter reader is coming.

You can quietly watch a game with your buddy for hours without ever thinking "He must be mad at me."

You don't mooch off other's desserts.

You can drop by to see a friend without having to bring a little gift.

If another guy shows up at the party in the same outfit, you just might become lifelong friends.

You are not expected to know the names of more than five colours.

You don't have to stop and think of which way to turn a nut on a bolt.

You almost never have strap problems in public.

You are unable to see wrinkles in your clothes.

The same hairstyle lasts for years, maybe decades.

You don't have to shave below your neck.

Your belly usually hides your big hips.

One wallet and one pair of shoes, one colour, all seasons.

You can "do" your nails with a pocketknife.

You have freedom of choice concerning growing a moustache.

Christmas shopping can be accomplished for 25 relatives, on December 24th, in 45 minutes.

The world is your urinal.

SMILE



Men are always whining about how we're suffocating them.

Personally, I think if you can hear them whining you're not pressing hard enough on the pillow!

As I've grown older, I've learned that pleasing everyone is impossible, but pissing everyone off is a piece of cake!

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4153 4599

Open Mon & Thu mornings,
ESO BBQ's lunchtime 1st Sunday
WELLBEING
Jude Binder, Angella Hillis CSC

DVA
1800 555 254
Advice and claims
1800 838 372

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

Health Direct 1800 022 222
Poisons Information 13 11 26
Elder Abuse 1800 737 732

HAVE YOU BOOKED?

Check

the clipboards;
the notice board;
CO pages 6 and 7; and the
Website!!

Have you secured your
booking with payment?

NO GENERAL MEETING AUGUST

Many members will be away
and a quorum is doubtful.
The next General Meeting will
be September 16th.

(July is birthday luncheon)



A DEAD DUCK

A woman brought a very limp duck into a veterinary surgery. As she laid her pet on the table, the vet pulled out his stethoscope and listened to the bird's chest.

After a moment or two, the vet shook his head sadly and said, "I'm so sorry, Cuddles has past away."

The distressed owner wailed: "Are you sure!"

"Yes I am sure. The duck is dead" he replied.

"How can you be sure?" she protested, "I mean, you haven't done any testing. He might just be in a coma."

The vet rolled his eyes and left the room, returning a few moments later with a black labrador retriever.



As the ducks owner looked on in amazement, the dog stood on his hind legs. put his front paws on the examination table and sniffed the duck from top to bottom. He then looked at the vet with sad eyes and

shook his head.

The vet patted the dog and took it out and returned with a beautiful cat. The cat jumped up on the table and also sniffs delicately at the bird.



The cat sat back on its haunches, shook its head, meowed softly and strolled out of the room.

Then the vet turned to his computer terminal. hit a few keys and produced a bill, which he handed to the woman.

The duck's owner still in shock took the bill. "\$350!" she cried. "\$350 just to tell me my duck is dead?"

The vet shrugged, "I'm sorry."

If you taken my word for it, the bill would have been \$40, but what with the Lab report and the Cat scan....



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