



#### CELEBRATE, CONNECT, AND REFLECT

I am thrilled to present the inaugural edition of our Gympie RSL Quarterly Magazine!

This new publication is designed to keep you connected with the heart and soul of our RSL community, celebrating our achievements and keeping you informed about the exciting events ahead.

First and foremost, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated in our recent Masked Ball. It was an enchanting evening, filled with elegance and camaraderie.

Your generous support was truly inspiring, and I'm proud to announce that we raised \$30,000 for

veteran welfare. This will go a long way in providing crucial support and services to those who have given so much for our country.

Spring is here and it's a season packed with opportunities to celebrate, connect, and reflect. We kick off with Father's Day on 1st September - a joyful occasion to honour the dads who make a difference in our lives. It's the perfect time to show appreciation and strengthen family bonds with heartfelt gestures and shared moments.

Mark your calendars for 21st September when the Gympie RSL Crystal Vase Race Day takes centre stage at the Gympie Turf Club. This lively event is not just about the thrill of horse racing; it's a celebration of community spirit and camaraderie. Enjoy the excitement of the races and make the most of a fantastic day out with friends and neighbours on the grassed area beside the track.

As spring draws to a close, we'll observe Remembrance Day on 11th November. This meaningful day is dedicated to honouring the brave individuals who have served in the armed forces. With commemorative ceremonies and moments of reflection, it's a time to pay tribute to their sacrifices and celebrate the enduring values of peace and freedom.

Let's embrace each occasion with gratitude as we come together to celebrate life and honour our past.

Martin Muller
Martin Muller





Connections LOOKING THROUGH THE LENS

Gympie RSL has unveiled a new 24-metre-long mural on Sunday 18th August, coinciding with Vietnam Veteran's Day commemorations.

Titled 'Connections - Looking through the Lens', the new installation has brought the previously blank brick carpark wall to life, with a design celebrating our community and its connection with Veterans, showcasing the values we all hold close to our hearts.

Envisioned by Gympie RSL Group Manager Martin Muller, the mural was designed and painted by Angel Goodfellow from Heart & Soul Sisters. This project would not have been possible without the dedication and support of many.

Gympie RSL would like to sincerely thank Inspiration Paints Gympie for donating the paint; Neal's Engineering Solutions for designing, painting & installing the giant steel frame; Martin, Jessica, Erin, and all the staff & volunteers within our Veteran Centre for their support; the Gympie RSL Board of Directors; Veteran & Community artists involved including Jasen, Katie, Sue, Deb, Maria, Isabella, Adrian; and Veteran researchers Muzzy, Doug & Graham.

We hope members and guests enjoy this new feature as you arrive to our car park.



#### SCOOTER FINDS A NEW HOME IN KILKIVAN

The motorised scooter of late member, Jack Waldock, is now making a positive impact for the community.

The cherished scooter was generously donated to Gympie RSL by the Waldock family and is currently on loan to a member of our Kilkivan Chapter. The scooter is being used to provide better care for his mother, offering her enhanced mobility and independence.

Jack Waldock, a beloved member of our community, relied on this scooter when driving a car became impractical. It provided him with the freedom and mobility he needed during a challenging time. Now, its providing the same freedom to others.

The transition of Jack's scooter from one supportive role to another is a poignant reminder of the enduring spirit of our community and the legacy of those who have touched our lives.



We are deeply grateful to the Waldock family for their thoughtful donation and for enabling this wonderful scooter to continue helping the community.







# Health Alleek

OCTOBER 2024

#### **BOARD GAMES** & PIZZA NIGHT

Friday, 4th October 5pm The Veteran centre. EOI by 25/09

#### SOUR DOUGH STARTER PARTY

Tuesday, 15th October 10am - 12pm Limited seats available - EOI by 25/09

#### PAWS & CONNECT DOG TRAINING

Thursday, 17th October 3.30pm EOI by 25/09

#### FEMALE VETERANS COFFEE & CATCH UP

Thursday, 24th October 10am Chatsworth. Bookings essential.

#### **NOOSA RIVER** FISHING CHARTER

Saturday, 12th October Limited seats available EOI by 25/09

#### **RAINBOW BEACH BUS TRIP**

Wednesday, 16th October Limited seats available EOI by 25/09

#### WICKED THE MUSICAL

23rd October Limited seats available EOI by 25/09

#### COMMUNITY WONKA MOVIE NIGHT

Saturday, 26th October 4pm - 9pm Nelson Reserve, Gympie

For more information and bookings, email reception@gympiersla.com.au. call the Veteran Centre at 07 5483 7707 or stop by 44 Nash St.

Or search "Veteran's Health Week" on https://www.trybooking.com



Gympie Sub Branch





**Australian Government** 

Department of Veterans' Affairs

## KEEP CONNECTED THROUGH VETERAN'S HEALTH WEEK



In celebration of Veterans' Health Week from 13th to 20th October, Gympie RSL Subbranch is hosting a month-long series of events under the theme "Keep Connected."

This theme underscores the vital importance of social connectedness for veterans and their families, providing opportunities for bonding and engagement.

The month's highlights include the Sour Dough Starter Party, where veterans can learn the art of sourdough baking.

For those who enjoy cultural experiences, there's a trip to see Wicked the Musical at QPAC in Brisbane, while outdoor enthusiasts can participate in the Noosa River Fishing Charter, offering a relaxing day on the water.

Families are invited to the Community Movie Night in the Park, featuring the newly released Wonka movie. The event will also include a scavenger hunt, a jumping castle, popcorn, and food trucks for a funfilled evening.

Games Night promises an array of board games and social activities, while Paws & Connect offers a unique dog training session with flyball and agility demonstrations.

Don't miss the Bus Trip to Rainbow Beach, a collaborative event with local RSL sub-branches, including a scenic day trip and lunch at the Rainbow Beach Surf Life Saving Club.

Female veterans are also invited to the Female Veterans Coffee & Catch-Up, a supportive networking session designed for connection and camaraderie.

For more information, contact the Gympie Veterans' Services Centre at (07) 5483 7707 or visit 44 Nash Street, Gympie.

#### **VETERANS SERVICES CENTRE**

Gympie RSL's Veteran Service Centre (VSC) is located directly behind the Gympie RSL Club at 44 Nash Street, Gympie.

The VSC welcomes all veterans and their families, providing a range of services and support.

Drop in today to say hi and find out more!

#### **OPEN WEEKDAYS 9AM TO 3PM**

44 Nash Street, Gympie QLD 4570 | Phone: (07) 5483 7707 | Email: secretary@gympiersla.com.au



The second Gympie RSL Masked Ball, delivered and unforgettable evening of elegance and festivity, marking a grand success for the local community.

Held at the Gympie Pavilion on 13th July, the event drew a sophisticated crowd dressed in stunning masks and formal attire, setting the stage for a night of glamour and intrigue. The venue was adorned with exquisite decorations and ambient lighting, created a truly magical atmosphere.

The evening kicked off with a red-carpet reception, where guests mingled over refreshments and canapés. Attendees enjoyed a gourmet dinner, followed by live music from The Glenn Miller Tribute Band that had everyone on their feet.

A highlight of the night was the best dressed contest, where guests showcased their creativity and flair. Prizes were awarded for the most stylish, elegant, and original outfits, celebrating the impressive fashion sense of the attendees.

The auction, featuring a range of exclusive items and experiences, also captured significant interest and contributed to the event's success.

The Masked Ball not only provided a glamorous night out but also supported a worthy cause. A total of \$30,000 was raised, with all proceeds benefiting local veterans and their families, helping to fund essential services and programs.

As the evening concluded, guests departed with a sense of fulfillment and anticipation for next year's event. The 2024 Gympie RSL Masked Ball has set a high standard for future events, blending high style with heartfelt community support.

## SPRING

## **HEALTH & WELLBEING PROGRAM**

## MODEL HOBBY

Every Monday from 12pm to 1pm

> Veteran Centre, 44 Nash St Gympie

#### GYMPIE RSL CHOIR

Every Tuesday from 5:30pm to 6:30pm

> Veteran Centre, 44 Nash St Gympie



#### FIT TOGETHER

Every Wednesday from 1pm To 2pm & Every Saturday from 8am

Gympie Aquatic
Recreation Centre
Book online:
https://www.trybooking.com/
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## CHAIR

Every Thursday from 1pm to 2pm

Gympie Aquatic
Recreation Centre
Book online:
https://www.trybooking.com/

#### SPLASH AEROBICS

Every Friday from 1pm to 2pm

Gympie Aquatic Recreation Centre Book online: https://www.trybooking.com/ COADE

#### SWIMMING

All day entry every Wednesday, Friday & Saturday

Gympie Aquatic Recreation Centre For Veterans & their Partners/Carers Children welcome upon application

#### VETERANS' HEALTH WEEK

Events throughout October

Further Details available in the Club, or online at trybooking.com \*Some events have limited availability

For more information, call 5483 7707 or email reception@gympiersla.com.au

www.gympiersl.com.au/welfare



## SIMON BRINGS DIVERSE STYLE TO STAGE

Highly versatile Sunshine Coast soloist Simon Meola will bring his unique style to the stage when he performs at Gympie RSL this November.

With a natural approach to live performances, Simon has a repertoire of over 600 covers and original compositions, catering for every age bracket and musical style.

His playlist includes a range of modern contemporary, blues, roots, rock, pop, alternative, reggae and more. His style includes the creation of live loops, giving an ambient and fun feel to his music.

Simon has been performing as a soloist, as well as in duo and trios as a full-time professional musician since 2005. Playing over 4,000 live shows during this time, he also writes, records and performs his own original tracks.



Throughout his career, he has opened for big name acts including The Birds of Tokyo, The Rubens, Mental as Anything, The Choir Boys, James Reyne and The Radiators. He has also performed with Jeff Martin from the Tea Party.

You can catch Simon performing in the Atrium Bistro from 7pm on Friday 22nd November.



## Spring Entertainment Guide

PERFORMANCES TIMES 7PM - 11PM UNLESS LISTED

#### **SEPTEMBER**

SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 7TH
THOSE FOLK

Atrium Bistro

SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 14TH

THE WEBBES

Rhythm Bar

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 20TH

DRAG PAINT & SIP

Rhythm Bar, 6pm

SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 21ST ROCKALICIOUS

Atrium Bistro

FRIDAY | SEPTEMBER 21ST

DRAG BINGO

Rhythm Bar, 6pm

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 28TH
REVEREND BILLY

Atrium Bistro

#### **OCTOBER**

SATURDAY OCTOBER 5TH

SUNSHINE BLUES BAND

Rhythm Bar

SATURDAY OCTOBER 12TH

THOSE FOLK

Atrium Bistro

FRIDAY OCTOBER 18TH

JAMES O'CONNELL COMEDIAN

Rhythm Bar, 7.30pm

SATURDAY OCTOBER 19TH

EAR CANDY

Rhythm Bar

SATURDAY OCTOBER 26TH

FRIED OUT

Rhythm Bar

#### NOVEMBER

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 2ND

THEUNIS P

Atrium Bistro

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 9TH

DAMIEN BARNES TRIO

Rhythm Bar

SATURDAY | NOVEMBER 16TH

BRAD SORENSEN

Atrium Bistro

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 22ND

SIMON MEOLA

Atrium Bistro

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 23RD

THE LOWDOWN

Rhythm Bar

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 30TH

JAIDA CHAMPNEY

Atrium Bistro

Morning Melodies

THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH | 10AM-1PM)

19th September Brad Sorenson 17th October Michael Gant 21st November

Jaida Champney

**\$15** 

2 COURSE LUNCH includes main and dessert!

INCLUDES \$5 WORTH OF RAFFLE TICKETS!

Book at Reception



WEEKLY DRAWS - EVERY SUNDAY FROM 2PM - 4.30PM 6X MEMBERS WILL WIN UP TO



MAJOR DRAWS – SUNDAY 24TH NOVEMBER FROM 11AM – 4:30PM

12X MEMBERS WILL SHARE IN

ALL REMAINING CASH UP TO \$20K!

ENTER FROM 10AM ON TUESDAY 8TH OCTOBER
WITH EVERY \$10 GAMING PLAY OR \$5 SPEND ON FOOD & BEVERAGE

Terms & conditions apply. Gamble responsibly.





## RSL MEMBER Rewards

Gympie RSL's Member Rewards is our exclusive loyalty program for members.

Every time you use your membership card, you'll be rewarded with a range of benefits, including discounts, promotions, rewards & more!

	RUBY	OPAL	EMERALD	SAPPHIRE	DIAMOND	DOUBLE DIAMOND
Level Credits required	Entry level	500	3,000	9,000	18,000	30,000
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Earn points with gaming play	4		- 0	\$	₩	₩
Entry into member promotions			₩		➾	₩
Discounts on meals					₩	₩
Daily kiosk game entry			➾		₩	♦
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Extra points with gaming play		10%	20%	30%	40%	50%
Food & beverage pay by points discount		10%	20%	30%	40%	50%
Special event invites					<	₩
Christmas gift					♦	\$\$
Leave of absence					₩	$\otimes \otimes$
Complimentary daily beverage						₩

Terms and conditions apply. Pick up a copy of our member rewards brochure today for more details!

### GYMPIE RSL APP NOW AVAILABLE

The new Gympie RSL is now available for members to download from the Apple Store or Google Play.

Our exciting new members app is packed full of features including:

- · View your digital membership card
- Check rewards points balances
- · See your rewards level and progress towards next level
- View special offers from Gympie RSL
- · Access club info and promotions
- · Play free games daily for the chance to win great prizes

Members can download the app by scanning on the QR Code below, or search for Gympie RSL in the App Store or Google Play. Once downloaded, members can login to the app using your mobile and the last 4 digits of your membership number.

For more details or assistance, please see a friendly member of our team!





## SCAN NOW TO DOWNLOAD!

#### BLOOMING BOUNTY



## September Kiozk Game

Get set to spring into the club this September and play our Blooming Bounty game at the Member Rewards Kiosk.

Members will have the chance to play for free daily, spinning the wheel to win prizes valued at up to \$30.

#### HAUNTED HOUSE



## October Kiogh Game

October will be filled with spooky surprises as we get set to celebrate Halloween on 31st October.

Members will be able to play the Haunted House game at the Member Rewards Kiosk, choosing boxes to reveal your daily prize of up to \$30.

## JACKPOT RACING CARNIVAL



November Kiogh Game

As we celebrate spring racing and the race that stops the nation, swipe at the kiosk during November to play our Jackpot Racing Carnival game daily.

The game continues until members have matched three identical prizes, receiving a prize of up to \$30 daily.



JACKPOT EACH WEEK BY \$100 IF NOT WON

### **DRAWS START AT**

\$500

PLUS TWO
CONSOLATION
DRAWS FOR
A \$50 GIFT
CARD

EVERY DAY YOU VISIT AND SWIPE AT THE KIOSK IS AN ENTRY INTO THE DRAWS!

T&C's apply.

## Weefly GAMING PROMOTIONS





### WEDNESDAYS 1.30PM - 3.30PM

12 x members will share in \$500 cash and prizes every week!

Play the gaming machines during the promotion for your chance to win







## Spring FINALS SEASON

After the excitement of Park 2024, the sporting focus turns back to Australia as we prepare for footy finals season.

The action kicks off with the AFL finals series commencing on 5th September, culminating with the AFL Grand Final on Saturday 28th September.

Closely following is the NRL final series, kicking off on 13th September, with the Grand Final held during the King's Birthday long weekend, on Sunday 6th October.

Spring Racing takes centre stage from October, with the running of the Everest on 12th October, along side other popular meets; Caulfield Cup (19th October), Cox Plate (26th October), Victorian Derby (2nd November) and Melbourne Cup (5th November).

International sporting action during spring includes the Presidents Cup Golf (24th-29th September), Women's ICC World T20 (3rd – 20th October) and the America's Cup sailing from 12th – 20th October.

















## THREE BIG SESSIONS EACH WEEK!

PLAY WITH CELECTRONIC PETS OR PAPER!



#### SUNDAYS

EYES DOWN 1.30PM

#### **TUESDAYS**

EYES DOWN 7PM

WEDNESDAYS EYES DOWN 9.30AM







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## Community Kaffley SUPPORT PALLIATIVE CARE

Recent Community Raffles achieved a heartwarming milestone, raising an impressive \$6,446 for Little Haven Palliative Care.

Little Haven Palliative Care plays a crucial role in providing comfort and compassionate care to individuals and families facing life-limiting illnesses. The funds raised through Gympie RSL's Community Raffles will directly support their vital services, ensuring Little Haven Palliative Care can continue offering the highest level of care in challenging times.

The success of these raffles would not have been possible without the incredible support of our community. Every ticket purchased and every donation made plays a vital role in supporting our beneficiaries. The enthusiasm and kindness of members helps bring comfort and hope to those who need it most.



From all the Gympie RSL, a heartfelt thank you to all our members who participated in the community raffles. We look forward to supporting more community organisations in the coming months.



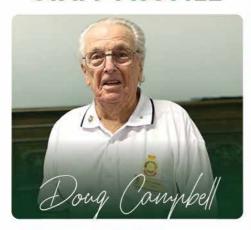


### **EVERY MONDAY FROM 7PM** \$6PP ENTRY | OVER \$100 IN PRIZES | 18+

All proceeds supporting Camp Quality. Bookings recommended



#### STAFF PROFILE



- What is your role at the club?
  Veterans Services Centre Volunteer
- ➤ What is your service history? RAAF
- Where are you from and where did you go to school?

I am an Australian of Scottish descent. I was born in Gympie and completed most of my studies in the Air Force. I attended school here and there growing up - including two months of Grade 7.

- What is your go-to comfort food?
  Seafood
- What is the favourite place you have travelled? South Africa. It is such a beautiful country.
- Who is someone who's made a big impact on your life?

A schoolteacher in the Air Force. I love maths and he saw my capacity for it, encouraging me to pursue education despite not having much growing up. I'm a qualified accountant and studied law for three years.

- ➤ Best restaurant you've ever been to? My own! I love cooking.
- Are you a morning person or a night owl?

  Morning person. I'm usually out of bed by half past
  4 and usually start my day with 8 or 10km walks.

  Editor's note: Doug is our eldest volunteer at 94
  years of age. His help and presence in the Veteran
  Centre is truly a gift.



1.30-3.30pm Bingo



- Discounts on meals & drinks
- Birthday offers
- Member promotions
- Earn & redeem Club Dollar Points
- 🌄 Entry into Birthday and Members Draw

## **2025 EARLY BIRD RENEWALS COMMENCE 1ST OCTOBER**

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