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Gympie Sub Branch

GYMPIE RSL SUB-BRANCH Newsletter

August 2026



Gympie Veteran Centre

39 Monkland Rd (Cnr River Rd)

07 5483 7707
9:00am - 3:00pm

Gympie RSL Club

217 Mary St
07 5482 1018

Sunday - Thursday: 10:00am - 11:00pm
Friday & Saturday: 10:00am - Midnight



VALE

Alan Ward

DOB: November, 26, 1956

DOD: July 04, 2026

We Will Remember Them

Lest We Forget

Photograph on Front Cover

Phuoc Hai, South Vietnam. 26 August 1967. Troops of 1st Australian Task Force (1ATF) wait for a huge US Chinook helicopter to leave the ground before returning to base after Operation Ulmarra.

The Chinook lifted the soldiers to Nui Dat from the fishing village which had been searched for Viet Cong (VC) activity. (Black and white version held as COL/67/0777/VN)

"Garden at Hiroshima, Autumn," painting, watercolor on paper, Standish Backus, 1946 (99-186-AJ).

Soldiers of the 3rd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment (3RAR), board a RAF Belvedere helicopter to search for Indonesian infiltrators, Sarawak, Borneo, 1965 The Indonesian Confrontation, or 'Konfrontasi', was a three-year conflict on the island of Borneo and the Malay Peninsula, with Australian troops involved as part of a Commonwealth force under British command.

The conflict centred on whether the former British colonies of Sabah and Sarawak, which bordered Indonesia's provinces on Borneo, would become part of Indonesia or of recently federated Malaysia.

It was the last time Australia provided military assistance to a largely British conflict. Twenty-three Australian soldiers were killed during the Confrontation, seven of them on operations, and eight were wounded.

General Sir William Jackson, British historian: [Indonesian Foreign Minister Subandrio] did not spell out what was meant by 'confrontation', but it was assumed to be a blending of political, economic and military pressures just short of war.

2/9886 Pte Lawrence J Hodder aged 19, of Cowra, NSW, 1RAR, showing a Bren Mk 1 light machine gun to Busu Alang, a local tribesman, who is armed with a blowpipe. Pte Hodder also served with 3RAR.

Letter from the President

ADEL AMIN

*President of the Board of Directors,
Gympie RSL Sub Branch*



Hello Members,

It was my pleasure to welcome our incoming Chief Executive Officer, Ms Angela Fan, who commenced with the Gympie RSL Club during July.

As a veteran-focused organisation, we are especially pleased to welcome Angela to our community. She brings extensive executive leadership experience together with a strong background working alongside organisations that support veterans, serving Defence members and the broader community. Through this work, Angela has developed a genuine understanding of the unique experiences, sacrifices and challenges faced by those who have served our nation, and by the families who have supported them throughout their service.

Importantly, Angela recognises the vital role of the RSL—not only as an advocate for veterans and their families, but as a place of remembrance, mateship and practical support. We are confident that her experience, values and commitment to service will foster a strong partnership with the Gympie RSL Sub-Branch, our members and the wider veteran community as we continue our shared mission of supporting those who have served.

While Angela has enjoyed a distinguished executive career across Australia, her connection to the Gympie region is also a personal one. Her family has recently chosen to make our region home.

She has a genuine appreciation for the values, spirit and people that make the Gympie region such a special place. I know she is looking forward to becoming an active member of our community, and I encourage all members to extend a warm Gympie welcome as she begins this exciting new chapter.

In last month's newsletter I shared some highlights from the 2026 RSL Queensland State Congress and Annual General Meeting (AGM). I would like to expand on that report, as the discussions held are highly relevant to the future of veteran support across Queensland. More than 270 delegates and guests from Sub-Branches across the state gathered to participate in business sessions, contribute to the AGM and hear from a range of distinguished speakers. A consistent theme throughout the Congress was the importance of ensuring that veterans remain at the centre of every decision we make.

One of the most informative presentations was delivered by Peta McKinnon, Acting Deputy Commissioner (Queensland), Department of Veterans' Affairs. Ms McKinnon outlined the forthcoming changes to allied health arrangements, scheduled to commence in July 2027, and emphasised that the Department will undertake extensive consultation with veterans and their families over the coming twelve months to ensure the new model reflects the needs of the veteran community.

During the AGM, Cherisa Pearce was elected as State Deputy President and Ashley Naughton was re-elected as Director. Cherisa served more than twenty years in the Australian Army, holding command, training, operational and strategic logistics appointments across Australia, including three deployments to Timor-Leste.

Since transitioning from military service in 2016, she has continued her commitment to veterans through her active involvement with the Currumbin/Palm Beach RSL Sub-Branch. I congratulate both Cherisa and Ashley on their appointments and look forward to the continued leadership they will provide to RSL Queensland.

At the heart of every decision made by the Gympie RSL Sub-Branch are the objectives set out in our Constitution. These remind us that our purpose extends well beyond commemoration and encompasses meaningful support for veterans, their families and the broader community.

Our core objectives include:

- Veteran Wellbeing and Advocacy
- Crisis and Emergency Support
- Commemoration and Heritage
- Community Engagement

Community engagement is an important part of our role. It includes supporting projects and organisations that strengthen our region, including not-for-profit organisations, educational institutions, health initiatives and local sporting clubs. These partnerships help build stronger communities while promoting the values of service, respect and mateship that underpin the RSL.

Many members will be aware that the Gympie RSL Club is the major commercial sponsor of the annual Gympie RSL Crystal Vase Race Day held at the Gympie Turf Club. The Gympie Turf Club is a long-established not-for-profit community organisation that conducts approximately eight race meetings each year and makes a significant contribution to the social and economic life of our region.

This partnership promotes the Club, encourages member participation and delivers tangible benefits to our members, including complimentary gate entry on race day.

Importantly, this sponsorship reflects our broader commitment to community engagement. By supporting respected local not-for-profit organisations such as the Gympie Turf Club, we strengthen community connections while ensuring the commercial success of the Club continues to generate benefits that ultimately support the welfare and advocacy work of the Gympie RSL Sub-Branch.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of our Sub-Branch. Together, we honour the service of those who came before us while continuing to serve today's veterans and their families with respect, compassion and commitment.

Lest we forget.

Adel Amin

Letter from the Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

ANGELA FAN



It is both an honour and a privilege to write my first report as Chief Executive Officer of the Gympie RSL Sub-Branch.

Over the past few weeks, I have had the opportunity to meet many of our veterans, volunteers, staff, Board Directors and members.

I have been genuinely humbled by the warm welcome I have received and by the passion so many people have for this organisation. It has quickly become clear that Gympie RSL is far more than a licensed club, it is an organisation built on service, community and a genuine commitment to supporting veterans and their families.

As I begin my role, my priority is simple: to listen, learn and understand.

Every organisation has its own history, culture and strengths. It is important to understand what makes Gympie RSL special and to hear directly from the people who have helped build it over many years. I have already started meeting with staff, volunteers, members, community organisations and key stakeholders, and I look forward to continuing those conversations over the coming months.

I believe every successful organisation is built upon three foundations: strong governance, exceptional service and a positive organisational culture. While these may sound like business terms, they ultimately come down to people- treating one another with respect, working together as one team and always remembering why we exist.

Our purpose is clear. We exist to honour service and to improve the lives of veterans and their families while providing a welcoming venue that our veterans, members and the wider Gympie community can be proud of.

There are many opportunities ahead. We will continue strengthening our Veteran Services Centre, supporting commemorative activities, improving our member experience and ensuring the Club remains financially sustainable for generations to come.

At the same time, we will be reviewing our internal processes to ensure we continue operating to the highest standards of governance, accountability and customer service.

One thing that has already impressed me is the dedication of our staff and volunteers. Much of what they do happens behind the scenes and often goes unnoticed, yet it is their commitment that creates the welcoming environment members and visitors experience every day. I would like to sincerely thank each of them for their professionalism, their hard work and the pride they take in serving our community.

I also extend my thanks to our Board of Directors for the confidence they have placed in me. I look forward to working closely with the Board, our management team, staff, volunteers and members as we build on the strong foundations already in place.

The future of Gympie RSL will not be shaped by one individual. It will be shaped by all of us working together with mutual respect, open communication and a shared commitment to our veterans, our members and our community.

I look forward to meeting many more of you over the coming months. If you see me around the Club or Veteran Centre, please introduce yourself. I welcome your ideas, your feedback and the opportunity to hear your stories.

Together, I am confident we can continue building a Gympie RSL that honours its proud history while embracing the opportunities of the future. Thank you for making me feel so welcome.

Lest We Forget.



*To our Members celebrating a new
decade in August:*

<i>Jean H</i>	<i>90</i>
<i>Ian McC</i>	<i>90</i>
<i>Brian O'S</i>	<i>80</i>
<i>Katherine S</i>	<i>60</i>
<i>Michael W</i>	<i>80</i>
<i>Bruce W</i>	<i>80</i>
<i>Leslie W</i>	<i>80</i>
<i>Glenn W</i>	<i>70</i>

*Our best wishes to you all, and to all
members celebrating birthdays this month!*





Happy Birthday

TO THE STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS OF THE GYMPIE
RSL SUB-BRANCH

STAFF

Daniel G	8th	Seth C	30th
Takaylee B	11th	Connor J	31st
Lindy-Lee B	18th	Lauren H	31st
Caleb B	22nd	<u>VOLUNTEERS</u>	
Daniel F	26th	Betty B	19th

On your special day, may joy wrap you in its
warmth, laughter echo in your heart, and love
surround you like a comforting embrace.



As for me, so for many of you, the month of August has a particular poignancy.

It is the month during which there are three military commemorations, Victory in the Pacific, Vietnam Veterans' Day and Malaya and Borneo Veterans' Day.

Whilst I was mostly happy to be a member of the Defence Force as a soldier, if I contemplate my service, there is really only one episode that gave me a sense that what I was doing was contributing to the wellbeing of my fellow human beings.

In March 1965, the unit of which I was a member, 2 Field Troop RAE, 11 Independent Field Squadron RE, set off from Camp Terendak, Malacca, Malaysia bound for Bau, Sarawak, North Borneo.

This was the era of Konfrontasi, (Confrontation) between Indonesia and Malaysia. It is known as the 'Secret War' and it lasted for three years till 11 August 1966 when a Peace Treaty was signed to end the war that had never been declared. And the paradox is, while Australian soldiers were fighting Indonesian forces in Borneo, Indonesian officers were attending the Australian Staff College!

Our mission, which we were not given a choice about accepting, was to continue building an all weather airstrip at Bau and a road to the border with Kalimantan, (Indonesian Borneo).

With the help of some amazing people, the Dyaks, the objectives were realized and we left that lovely place after 4 months work having created a means by which the people could travel quickly and safely, take their produce to market, access medical attention, communicate with neighbours who were now close and visit friends in other long houses. The road was no sooner completed than buses and other vehicles, which were not necessarily military, began travelling up and down between Kuching and the kampongs along the route.

To build the road, the route was marked by bulldozers which followed a small 'committee' who negotiated with and paid farmers for pepper and other valuable plants that were removed, laid with large rocks by hand which were then tied in with crushed rock and finally covered with gold tailings which was an abundant material, this being a gold mining area.

We built, didn't destroy. We aided in creating abundance and prosperity, didn't provoke poverty or dislocation. We brought happiness, not misery and we helped bring peace, not fear.

Community Raffles

Supporting our local community is an important part of what we do. Through our community fundraising, we're proud to support organisations making a positive difference across the Gympie region.

Gympie Riding for Disabled

Gympie Riding for Disabled provides equestrian activities for people with disability, helping participants build confidence, develop skills and enjoy the benefits of horse riding in a supportive environment.

Funds raised will go towards:

- New and replacement tack, including saddles, saddle pads and reins.
- General facility maintenance and upkeep.
- Ongoing costs such as insurance, horse feed and veterinary care.



Pictured left to right: Beau, Heather, Adel Amin

ANARRA Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation

ANARRA Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation rescues, rehabilitates and cares for injured and orphaned native wildlife throughout the region.

Funds raised will help cover:

- Live food for raptors and other large birds in care.
- Milk for orphaned wildlife.
- Transport costs for injured animals requiring triage in Eumundi.



Pictured left to right:

Beau, Robin Breen, Lesley Swift, Cacila Michalowicz, Adel Amin

"I've seen the work ANARRA does caring for injured wildlife firsthand, and I know the funds will go to a good cause." -Elay.C

Thank you to everyone who supports our fundraising efforts. Every donation helps these local organisations continue the valuable work they do for our community.



Artist Spotlight: Rufus Jack

Get ready for an unforgettable night of live entertainment as Rufus Jack performs in the Gympie RSL Rhythm Bar on Saturday, 29 August. Known for their energetic performances and exceptional musicianship, Rufus Jack combines the talents of six experienced musicians to deliver a dynamic mix of classic rock, blues, soul, R&B and timeless favourites.

Fronted by powerhouse vocalist Sonia McMahon, the band brings decades of combined touring and performance experience to every show, creating an atmosphere that keeps audiences singing and dancing all night.

Whether you're a fan of classic hits or simply enjoy quality live music, Rufus Jack's polished sound and engaging stage presence make them a must-see act.

Join us from 7:30pm for a fantastic evening in the Rhythm Bar. Enjoy dinner in the Atrium Bistro beforehand, then settle in for a night of great music, good company and outstanding live entertainment.

Admission is free, so gather your friends and don't miss one of South East Queensland's favourite livebands.



SPOTLIGHT ON NEW STAFF

Service and when? RAAF 2005 - 2015

Best restaurant you've been to?

Highland Restaurant Candle Top Mtn.

Are you a morning person or a night owl? Both

What is your home town? Birkenhead, UK

Pick your favourite decade and say why? 90's Gen X Baby!!



John Fahey
Advocate

Service and when? Army Reserves 1997, ARA 1998, Reserves 2006, Inactive 2014. RAAPC, no longer operating.

Where are you from? Scotland and far Nth Qld.

What are your hobbies? Horse-riding, line dancing.

favourite music? ABBA, 80's & currently country.

What's your go-to comfort food? Pasta!!!

What do you do in your spare time? Horse-riding, line dancing.

What did you want to be when you grew up? It varied but for the most part - a jillaroo.

Favourite sport/activity? Horse-riding!!



Catherine Maguire
VSO

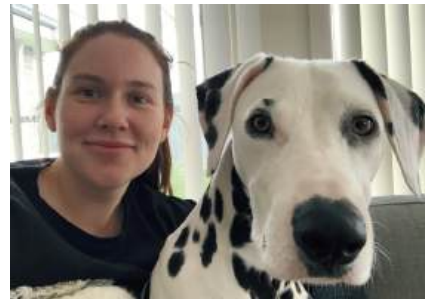
Service and when? R.A.N 2016 to 2023.

Favourite place you've travelled to? The Czech Republic.

Are you a morning person or a night owl? A night owl.

If you could instantly gain a new skill or talent, what would it be? Be able to find lost items.

Which corps or branch? Medical sailor.



Celine Lang
VSO

STARTING
THURSDAY

30

JULY
2026



STARTING
FRIDAY

31

JULY
2026



VETERANS 8-WEEK SURF THERAPY PROGRAM

FEMALE VETERANS 8-WEEK SURF THERAPY PROGRAM

A free, 8-week program for Veterans (current or former serving), designed to support your mental health and wellbeing. Combining group therapy with the therapeutic benefits of the ocean.



WEEKLY ON THURSDAY,
STARTING 30 JULY



NOOSA, QLD



6:30AM–8:30AM



CURRENT & FORMER
SERVING VETERANS



WEEKLY ON FRIDAY,
STARTING 30 JULY



CALOUNDRA, QLD



6:30AM–8:30AM



FEMALE CURRENT & FORMER
SERVING VETERANS



Register Via:

<https://bit.ly/WOWExpression>



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PROVIDED,
AND ALL ABILITIES
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Recognising Families Sculpture

The Australian War Memorial is commissioning a Recognising Families Sculpture outside Poppy's Cafe at AWM to recognise families of service men and women and their support to those serving.

The RSL and Australian War Widows are conducting fundraising on behalf of the AWM for this worthy cause and therefore seeking donations. Should you wish to donate, you can go to the website below which has information about the initiative and artist:

<https://www.recognisingfamilies.org.au/>

This is a very worthy cause and you are urged to assist if you are able.

About the Artist:

Nina Sanadze is a Soviet-born, Melbourne-based artist who works with monuments, archives, and political action. Sanadze presents narratives built upon personal stories from within the experience of conflict; a wall of remembering that acts as a fortification against repeating histories. She believes in the power of art and beauty to bring people together and that peacebuilding is achieved through proactive work, determination, negotiation, and the forging of narratives designed to unite.

Presenting appropriated artefacts, replicas, or documentary films, Sanadze re-examines grand political narratives from a personal position. Humour and beauty allow her to address often disturbing concerns, reflecting the complex paradigm of our existence, which is simultaneously sublime and horrific.



Gympie RSL Choir

Jan and I found myself at Amamoor on Sunday, sharing a coffee with friends and we thoroughly enjoyed the company of the Gympie RSL Choir, who sang their hearts out for the hundreds of people there.

The choir was fantastic, singing non stop for hours, all contemporary songs and the audience joined in at times.

When they broke into Sweet Caroline, the audience, including young kids and train travellers alike, certainly gave Amamoor something to remember. Our choir is fantastic!

Thank you

David Collins



What's On

GYMPIE **RSL**
AUGUST
2026

RIDE *OR* RICHES

MAJOR DRAW
SUNDAY 23RD
AUGUST



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GMG
Gympie Motor Group

WIN YOUR CHOICE OF
A 2025 CHERY TIGGO 4 URBAN MY26 OR \$20K CASH

WEEKLY DRAWS
EVERY SUNDAY FROM 2PM – 4.30PM

6 X MEMBERS WILL PLAY FOR UP TO

\$500 CASH!

+ A TICKET INTO THE MAJOR DRAW

ENTER WITH EVERY \$10 PLAY ON THE GAMING MACHINES OR \$5 SPEND ON FOOD AND BEVERAGE

Terms & conditions apply. Gamble responsibly.



**DRAWS EVERY MONDAY
FROM 12PM – 2:30PM**

**6X MEMBERS WILL SPIN FOR UP TO
\$375 CASH EACH**

**ENTER WITH EVERY \$5 PLAY ON
THE GAMING MACHINES FROM
11AM – 2:30PM EVERY MONDAY**

Terms & conditions apply. Gamble responsibly.

A vibrant graphic with a purple background. The text 'Lucky DICE' is written in large, stylized, pink and red letters. Three red dice are shown rolling. Various Euro banknotes (100, 50, 20) are scattered around the text. A pink banner at the top right says 'DRAWS EVERY SATURDAY FROM 2PM – 4:30PM'. Another pink banner below it says '6X MEMBERS WILL WIN \$100 CASH EACH!'. A third pink banner below that says 'PLUS, ROLL A SEVEN TO DOUBLE YOUR CASH PRIZE!'. At the bottom, it says 'ENTER WITH EVERY \$5 PLAY ON THE GAMING MACHINES FROM 1PM – 4:30PM EVERY SATURDAY'. At the very bottom, it says 'Terms & conditions apply. Gamble responsibly.'.

DRAWS EVERY SATURDAY FROM 2PM – 4:30PM

**6X MEMBERS WILL WIN
\$100 CASH EACH!**

**PLUS, ROLL A SEVEN TO
DOUBLE YOUR CASH PRIZE!**

**ENTER WITH EVERY \$5 PLAY ON THE GAMING
MACHINES FROM 1PM – 4:30PM EVERY SATURDAY**

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A graphic with a light green background featuring various tropical leaves. It displays three drinks: a can of Guinness Draught Stout, a bottle of Angove Prosecco Piccolo, and a bottle of Somersby Apple Cider. Each drink has a price tag in a green circle: \$8 for Guinness, \$5 for Angove Prosecco, and \$5 for Somersby Cider. A small banner at the top right says '* Limited time only. Drink responsibly, 18+'.

Bar Specials

**GUINNESS
CAN**

\$8
MEMBERS ONLY

**ANGOVE
PROSECCO
PICCOLO
(200ML)**

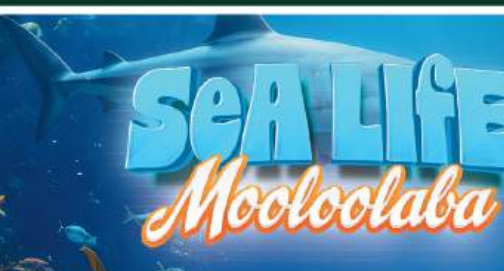
\$5
MEMBERS ONLY

**SOMERSBY
CIDER
BOTTLE**

\$5
MEMBERS ONLY

* Limited time only.
Drink responsibly, 18+.

VETERANS & PARTNERS ONLY EVENTS



SEA LIFE Mooloolaba

PLUS ENJOY COMPLIMENTARY
LUNCH AT MAROOCHYDORE RSL

MONDAY 3RD AUGUST

BUS DEPARTS FROM VETERAN
SERVICES CENTRE AT 8:00AM.

Veterans, Partners, War Widows, Legacy and Vietnam Veterans welcome to attend.
T's & C's Apply. Veterans to pay for their own beverages.

Girls Day Out

MONDAY 10TH AUGUST

Chermside Shopping Centre

DEPARTS FROM VETERANS SERVICES CENTRE AT 8:15AM
RETURNS TO VETERANS SERVICES CENTRE AT 3:30PM

TO RESERVE YOUR SEAT CALL (07) 5483 7707 OR VISIT THE VETERANS
SERVICES CENTRE (39 MONKLAND STREET, GYMPIE)

SUNREEF Whale WATCHING



Experience the wonder of the annual Humpback
Whale migration aboard Sunreef's unforgettable
whale watching adventure

THURSDAY 13TH AUGUST

BUS DEPARTS FROM VETERAN SERVICES CENTRE AT 9:00AM.
WHALE WATCHING AT 10:30AM

Veterans, Partners, War Widows, Legacy and Vietnam Veterans welcome to attend.
T's & C's Apply. Veterans to pay for their own beverages.

GYMPIE = GOLD = MUSEUM

PLUS ENJOY LUNCH AT THE GOLD MINE CAFE



 BUS DEPARTS FROM 
VETERAN SERVICES CENTRE AT 9:00AM.

Veterans, Partners, War Widows, Legacy and
Vietnam Veterans welcome to attend.
T's & C's Apply. Veterans to pay for their own food and drinks.

GYMPIE VETERAN CENTRE OPEN WEEKDAYS 9AM TO 3PM

39 Monkland Street, Gympie QLD 4570

Phone: (07) 5483 7707 | Email: secretary@gympiersla.com.au

Weekly Entertainment

VISIT OUR WEBSITE
FOR MORE
UPCOMING ACTS

AUGUST 1ST | 7:30PM TIL LATE
JUNCTION ROAD

AUGUST 7TH | 7:30PM TIL LATE
SIMON MEOLA

AUGUST 8TH | 7:30PM TIL LATE
PUBLIC NUISANCE

AUGUST 14TH | 7:30PM TIL LATE
BUZZ KARAOKE

AUGUST 15TH | 7:30PM TIL LATE
CLAPTOMANIACS

AUGUST 21ST | 7:30PM TIL LATE

**SUNSET NOVA:
OPEN MIC NIGHT**

AUGUST 22ND | 7:30PM TIL LATE

**SUNSET NOVA:
RACES AFTERPARTY**

AUGUST 28TH | 7:30PM TIL LATE
SELEEN MCALISTER

AUGUST 29TH | 7:30PM TIL LATE
RUFUS JACK BAND

Artists & Time subject to change

Morning Melodies

10AM-1PM

\$20

2 COURSE LUNCH
includes main and dessert!

Thursday 20th August
Wayne Spesser

Book at Reception

INCLUDES
\$5 WORTH OF
RAFFLE
TICKETS!

WIN UP TO A \$200 RSL VOUCHER
JUST BY ENJOYING A DRINK!

FRIDAY NIGHT Frenzy

EVERY FRIDAY
NIGHT AT 9PM

ONE LUCKY MEMBER
WILL CHOOSE 1 OF 5
MYSTERY PRIZE CARDS!

PURCHASE ANY BEVERAGE
BETWEEN 5PM - 9PM EVERY
FRIDAY NIGHT AT RHYTHM
BAR TO RECEIVE AN ENTRY
INTO THE DRAW.

Terms & conditions apply. Members only.
One entry per beverage purchased. Must be present to win.



EVERY WEEK

MONDAYS

12-2.30pm Wheel'y Winnings
5-6pm Happy Hour
5-8pm Kids Eat Free
7-9pm Trivia

TUESDAYS

12-2.30pm Tuesday Treasures
5-6pm Happy Hour
7-9pm Bingo

WEDNESDAYS

9.30-11.30am Bingo
1.30-3.30pm Grocery Grab
5-6pm Happy Hour
6pm APL Poker
6.45pm Members Draw

THURSDAYS

12-2.30pm Cash Pyramid
5-6pm Happy Hour
5pm-8pm Parmy Night

FRIDAYS

12-2.30pm Rising Riches
5-6pm Happy Hour
5-7pm Community Raffles
6pm APL Poker
7:30pm-Late Live Music

SATURDAYS

1-4.30pm Lucky Dice
5-7pm Community Raffles
7:30pm-Late Live Music

SUNDAYS

1.30pm APL Poker
1.30-3.30pm Bingo

Gulf War Illness

In news for our Gulf War 1 Veterans, the RMA has added a Statement of Principles for Gulf War Illness.

The SoP meaning is as follows; "For the purposes of this Statement of Principles, Gulf War Illness: means multiple medically unexplained symptoms seen in military personnel that meets the following diagnostic criteria (derived from the Kansas definition)" We advise Veterans follow the link below and if they feel this SoP applies to them to please make an appointment with an advocate to discuss their next step.

<https://www.rma.gov.au/assets/SOP/2026/047.pdf>

Trivia

Think you know a little bit about everything? Put your knowledge to the test with these 10 fun questions covering history, geography, nature and Australia. See how many you can answer correctly!

1. What is the name of the Gympie Region?
2. Who is Gympie's Mayor?
3. Where are the rock pools in Gympie?
4. Where is the pyramid in Gympie?
5. Address of Gympie Veterans Centre?
6. Name of Gympie male Senior Citizen of Gympie 2026
7. Is Gympie south or north of Brisbane?
8. How far from Brisbane?
9. Name two Gympie golf courses.
10. There are several dancing groups in Gympie, can you name some of them?
11. Name some of the musical instrument teaching groups.
12. When was gold discovered in Gympie?
13. Who is credited with its discovery?
14. Is gold still being mined in Gympie?
15. Is fossicking for gold allowed?
16. Name of Editor of this newsletter?

Long Tan Awards

The ADF Long Tan Youth Leadership & Teamwork Awards recognize Year 10 and 12 students who demonstrate outstanding leadership, teamwork, and strong values such as "mateship". Administered by the Department of Defence, winning students receive cash prizes (e.g., \$250 for Year 10, \$550 for Year 12) and a certificate.

Schools select the recipients annually based on criteria including resourcefulness, problem-solving, and communication. Nominations are typically submitted through school staff, and the awards are often presented at school assemblies by a representative of the Australian Defence Force.



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

ART40758

Image: Long Tan action, Vietnam, 18 August 1966 by Bruce Fletcher, 1970. Australian War Memorial (AWM ID: ART40741). Used under CC BY-NC 3.0.

THE LONG TAN AWARD

RECIPIENTS FROM GYMPIE

Earlier this year I received a visit from Ian Mcl who proposed an article about his two grand-daughters, Jorja and Rhianna who had each been awarded the Long Tan Youth and Leadership Award, Jorja having been awarded it twice.

What follows is the transcript of a conversation I was privileged to have with both young ladies in the presence of their grand-parents.

I think you'll agree they are each an inspiration in their own right and bode well for the future of our society if we presume they represent the majority of young people today.

I would also like to commend their parents for having guided and invested them with such excellent concepts and examples.

It is to be hoped that these young people lead long and happy lives doing what their hearts lead them to and, given the stated medium and long term aspirations of each of the women, society will also be the beneficiary of their endeavours.

It would be remiss not to laud the DoD's initiative in sponsoring these awards.

Dion Channer



Dion: Would you please tell me how you got involved in the Long Tan Award Scheme?

Jorja: I first got involved when I was junior school captain at Gympie High in Grade 9. I was junior school captain and I was awarded it for the first time. I was the school captain of Gympie High in Year 12 and was the recipient again. I was nominated by a staff member and then had to apply for it after that. So, I went through the process and was then given the award at our annual awards night.

Dion: And your story, Rhianna?

Rhianna: I was show team captain from Grade 8 to Grade 10, and I'm show team captain again this year. I helped with various community things around the school, and in Grade 10 a staff member came to me and told me that I should apply for it. So, I went through the application process and I was awarded the prize at the awards night at the end of last year.

Dion: Show team is cattle?

Rhianna: Oh, yes.

Dion: Showing the cattle for the school, the high school's show team?

Rhianna: Right.

Dion: So one of you won it twice?

Jorja: Yes, I won it twice. I won it when I was in Grade 9 and then again when I was in Year 12.

Dion: There isn't a limit on the number of times one can win it?

Jorja: No, there is an award for the junior school and another for the senior school.

Dion: Okay, and what did you actually receive?

Jorja: It was a cheque for \$250, a medal and a certificate. And then there's a plaque, a shield of the school, I'm pretty sure that our names are both on, and then my name's on the junior school one as well.

Dion: So you went to the same high school together?

Jorja: Right.

Dion: What did you do to earn the nomination?

Jorja: Being school captain, I was involved in a lot of school community events, raising funds, spreading awareness, basically making a school community through that leadership role. I was also show team captain like Rhianna. I was show team captain from Grade 9 through to Grade 11 and then stepped into that senior school captain role in Year 12.

We also have a lot of involvement in the community through various things like the Angel Flight that gave us our background to apply for the award.

Dion: You also spoke at one of the ANZAC morning services?

Jorja: Yeah, through my Year 12 leadership role, I spoke at Remembrance Day in 2023. Both of us competed in the Lions Youth of the Year in public speaking, and our parents run a cattle camp for the youth, so we were both actively involved in that. We've also been pretty involved with helping the younger kids in cattle showing, especially, a lot of our life as well.

Dion: What were the consequences for you each individually of winning this prize?

Jorja: At the end of Grade 12 I moved away from home and started Uni in Toowoomba, and the prize set me up. It got me into the university I wanted to go to and enabled me to live on campus.

It was a big token to have next to my name that let me walk into these opportunities.

Dion: So, financially it helped you but also reputationally?

Jorja: Yeah, it did. It showed the university that I am a leader, I will be able to actively participate, I'm reliable, that I will step into university life and do the Uni proud, basically.

Dion: And in your case, Rhianna, what is the story for you?

Rhianna: It helped me get elected to the position of the 2026 Show Team Captain again, and it also helped fund my own cattle stud and help me really get involved in things I'm passionate about.

Dion: If you'll excuse me, you are both so young to be doing something that I imagine most adults would find daunting, not that you aren't adults but you Rhianna, are 16, so, a fair bit happening there. You are amazing people, my compliments, inspirational. What would you like the people to know about you?

Jorja: If you keep working, it'll happen. It will. That's the only reason we've got where we are, is we haven't had any handouts, we haven't been given stuff, we've worked for everything that we've got.

Dion: Can I ask you, from your earliest memory, what set you up to do what you've done?

Jorja: Probably Mum and Dad. We live on a property and we've been around it our whole lives, basically, and so we've seen Mum and Dad. They both have off-farm jobs whilst still managing the farm. Our busy schedules as well, we weren't just always into showing cows. I was a runner, I represented Wide Bay in running. Rhianna did lots of different things, so by just seeing them able to manage their schedules with their off-farm work, the farm, the cattle, us, horses, just everything, seeing how much work they did, I think, for me, it was definitely they who inspired me.

Rhianna: For me, it was probably that they gave us every opportunity to do so well for our future, but they never forced us to do anything. We were the ones who had to get up every morning, and they really taught us that the only way you're going to get anywhere is from the work that you put in.

They never forced us to do anything. When I went out and bought my animals, they said, 'We will help you and we will get you to the places you need to go, but you need to be the one running this,' and since then I've had to learn so much about money and my business decisions, and I've been able to grow from having just one heifer to six heifers now. I've got two of my own cattle at home that I've bred.

Having our parents give us the opportunities but not make us do it was, I think, probably the best for me.

Dion: Where do you see your futures going?

Jorja: I'm in my second year at the University of Southern Queensland in Toowoomba, studying to be a secondary teacher in agriculture and biology, and I'm hoping to become an ag. teacher.

I have a cattle show team of my own that I take to shows and also my sister and I have a steer partnership where we grow steers and show them at the Brisbane Ekka. I really want that to take off and continue growing even though I'm not living at home presently.

Dion: Right, and your future, Rhianna?

Rhianna: After I graduate from high school, I'd like to do my Bachelor of Nursing at the same university my sister attends. Once I finish that, go to America for a few years and work in the Justin Sports Medicine team, and when I come back, I'd like to go to the Royal Flying Doctors, and then once I'm done with that, go into rural nursing, specifically paediatrics and midwifery.

Dion: You're in your scrubs, is that a job?

Rhianna: Yes, I work at Duke Street Vets at the moment. I've only recently started there, but I get to work with animals. And it's before and after school.

Dion: I'm really grateful to you for taking the time out to do this, then, and I imagine that it's a big part out of your day. Thank you so much. Is there anything you'd like to add?

Jorja: I just want to thank everyone for the opportunities I have been given. If we hadn't been given the opportunity to apply through school, I wouldn't have known about the award. I wouldn't have even applied. So, it's definitely set me up.

Rhianna: I think along the same lines, just thank you for reaching out and trying to get more kids our age involved in such an amazing experience.

Dion: Again, thank you both very much. I'm sure our readers would wish me to offer you our congratulations and compliments.



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This Month in History – Victory in the Pacific

Victory in the Pacific (VP) Day, also known as VJ Day, is commemorated on 15 August. It marks the day in 1945 when Japan accepted the Allied Nations' terms of surrender, bringing an end to World War II. For Australians, this date holds profound historical significance as it ended a grueling four-year Pacific campaign that directly threatened the Australian mainland.

Japan agreed to the Allied demand for unconditional surrender on 14 August 1945. News officially reached Australian Prime Minister Ben Chifley at 8:44 AM on August 15. Emperor Hirohito publicly announced the surrender the same day, with the formal surrender document signed aboard the USS Missouri on 2 September 1945.

Nearly 1 million Australians served during World War II, fighting across the Mediterranean, Africa, Europe, and the Pacific. The Pacific theater was especially critical for Australia, as Japanese forces advanced through New Guinea, Borneo, and even attacked the Australian mainland.

Approximately 40,000 Australian service members did not return home, with over 17,000 losing their lives fighting in the war against Japan.

Veterans and civilians alike remember the day as the ultimate victory that brought peace to the region. It is traditionally marked with remembrance ceremonies at key memorials, including the Cenotaph in Sydney's Martin Place.

To explore the historical campaigns, archival footage, and personal stories of those who served, visit the Australian War Memorial or read the detailed overview on the Anzac Portal at

<https://anzacportal.dva.gov.au/commemoration/days/victory-in-the-pacific> .

This Month in History – Vietnam War



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Australia's involvement in the Vietnam War lasted from 1962 to 1973, primarily driven by a desire to halt the spread of communism in Southeast Asia and to strengthen the strategic alliance with the United States. Almost 60,000 Australian personnel served, resulting in 523 deaths and nearly 2,400 wounded.

Key phases and operations:

Advisory role (1962): Involvement began with the arrival of the 30-member Australian Army Training Team Vietnam (AATTV).

Combat commitment (1965): Prime Minister Robert Menzies announced the deployment of a full combat battalion in response to a request from South Vietnam and the United States.

Phuoc Tuy Province (1966): Australian forces took tactical responsibility for Phuoc Tuy province, 50 kilometres east of Saigon. They established a major base at Nui Dat and were primarily engaged in counter-insurgency and patrol operations.

Conscription: In 1964, the National Service Act was introduced, instituting a selective ballot for 20-year-old men. Many conscripts (National Servicemen) were deployed on active duty in Vietnam, sparking significant domestic opposition and large-scale anti-war protests across Australia.

Withdrawal: The withdrawal of Australian personnel began in 1971 under the Gorton government. In December 1972, the newly elected Whitlam government officially declared an end to Australia's combat role, with the final troops returning home by mid-1973.

Indonesian Confrontation, 1963–66

The first Australian battalion, 3 RAR, arrived in Borneo in March 1965 and served in Sarawak until the end of July. During this time the battalion conducted extensive operations on both sides of the border, engaged in four major contacts with Indonesian units, and twice suffered casualties from land mines.

Its replacement, the 28th Brigade, 4 RAR, also served in Sarawak from April until August 1966.

Although it had a less active tour, the 28th Brigade also operated on the Indonesian side of the border and was involved in clashes with Indonesian regulars. Two infantry battalions, two squadrons of the Special Air Service, a troop of the Royal Australian Signals, several artillery batteries, and parties of the Royal Australian Engineers were involved in Borneo.

Ships of the Royal Australian Navy served in the surrounding waters and several RAAF squadrons were also involved in Confrontation.



Understanding DVA's upcoming legislation changes

From 1 July 2026, the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) is reforming veterans' legislation to create a simpler, more accessible system for Defence personnel, veterans, and their families. DVA is implementing legislative reforms through the Veterans' Entitlements, Treatment and Support (Simplification and Harmonisation) Act 2024 (VETS Act).

These changes aim to simplify and harmonise veterans' legislation, creating a more effective, single system that improves support for veterans and their families.

What is changing?

From 1 July 2026, all new compensation claims will be processed under an enhanced Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act (MRCA).

The Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986 (VEA) and the Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation (Defence-related Claims) Act 1988 (DRCA) will close to new claims.

Will my current payments continue?

Existing payments under the VEA and DRCA – excluding DRCA incapacity and Veterans' Children Education Scheme (VCES) payments – will be grandfathered, continuing uninterrupted, and indexed as usual.

Veterans receiving DRCA incapacity payments will automatically transition to higher MRCA incapacity payments.

Children of DRCA veterans may become eligible under the MRCA Education and Training Scheme (MRCAETS), with VCES recipients transitioning to MRCAETS from 1 July 2026.

Do I need to do anything right now?

Not necessarily. If you submitted a claim before the commencement date of 1 July 2026 that hasn't been determined yet, it will be determined under the current tri-Act system. Only those claims received on or after the commencement date will be determined under the improved MRCA.

What other improvements are included?

The VETS Act will see the MRCA enhanced for various entitlements.

- Funeral-related improvements include retaining automatic VEA funeral benefits and increasing funeral allowances and reimbursement for all service-related deaths.
- The reforms expand access and entitlements in several areas.
- The Repatriation Commission will gain the ability to prescribe certain conditions under presumptive liability arrangements - or rules that make it easier for some conditions to be accepted as related to service.
- The definition of service injury has been broadened to include "medical events on duty," such as heart attacks or strokes occurring while on duty.
- Posthumous permanent impairment provisions will allow age-based lump-sum payments (excluding lifestyle components) to be made to a veteran's estate where a claim was lodged prior to death.
- The additional compensation for children of severely impaired veterans will be paid to the primary carer of the eligible child; or appropriately apportioned between primary carers.

Other improvements include empowering the Repatriation Commission to require financial advice for vulnerable veterans prior to compensation payments, and increasing travel reimbursement for treatment under MRCA rates, with removal of the 50 km minimum threshold.

Veterans and their families are encouraged to visit the DVA website for further details regarding the veterans' legislation changes, with an information booklet now available.

Need help understanding the changes?

If you're unsure how these reforms affect you or your family, RSL Queensland's DVA Advocacy team can help. They offer free support with understanding your options, and with preparing or lodging a claim or appeal.

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