



Navy Women (WRANS-RAN) Qld

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Autumn Happenings – March to May 2024

June BAKER - 27Jun1937–20Mar2024

June was born on 27 June 1937, the eldest of three girls – her sister Ann was born six years after her and Carol to years later. Family life had its difficult moments, as June's father had served in the war, and returned home a different person, negatively affected by his experiences.

June grew up in Murwillumbah, attending the local primary and high schools. Having completed her secondary education, she left for Sydney as she had been accepted into teacher's college, training as a primary school teacher. Her first teaching position was at Tyalgum Primary, which was only a very small, two teacher school at the time. Composite classes are a challenge for the most experienced teacher, so this was quite a difficult job for a new teacher like June, but she took it on with courage and determination. She had three classes combined into one, and often told Carol she felt she forgot the little ones in her focus on teaching the other children.

She then moved onto teaching at East Murwillumbah Primary, and once she reached ten years of employment in the education system, June took her long service leave and made plans to begin a new career. This new path was in stark contrast to primary school teaching, as in 1967, June enlisted in the Women's Royal Australian Naval Service, beginning a remarkable journey spanning over twenty years, including postings in England, serving the Governor General from 6 May 1985 and forging the way for women in the military.

June endures a lot during her time in the WRANS, living through a generation where women were not afforded the same respect as their male counterparts in the military. Very much treated as the underdog, June fought hard to establish her place, still having to put up with ridicule and abuse, forging on despite it all.

She made it her mission to fight for equality in areas of Officer training and postings, equal pay and rank titles, working towards integration of women with the male dominated forces. It became a lifelong commitment for June in all aspects of life to improve conditions for women and see us recognised for our achievements equally. She only retired from the Navy, having reached the rank of Commanding Officer as there wasn't time left in her career to achieve the rank of Captain.

While her notable career was very important to June, and defined many aspects of who she was, she maintained a close connection to family throughout her life. June and her sisters all had varying life paths but remained close. Ann had two daughters and a son. June and Carol, despite an eight-year age difference, shared a close bond and as single sisters, shared much of their lives together, taking on new challenges wherever they went, an inseparable partnership. They spent some time living in Queanbeyan, where they owned a florist shop which Carol worked as a florist.



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12 noon on the second
Sunday of each month,
except
May – third Sunday
July – third Sunday.
December – first Sunday

In the early days of June's retirement, they returned to the home-town region, establishing a herb farm in Mooball where they lived for 19 years. This saw them growing and supplying herbs to various businesses, including the Tweed Fruit Exchange in Murwillumbah.

June was always very active person, having played hockey in her younger years, which she continued during her time in the WRANS. Once she retired, golf became her sport of choice, and she was quite an accomplished golfer, even captaining the Murwillumbah Women's Golt team for three years.

When they were ready to slow down, June had a beautiful home built in Pottsville, where she lived with Carol for the last 13 years. Never having children of their own, animals were family for June and Carol, from horses to dogs and cats. Their dog, Charlie, a beautiful boxer, passed away only a few months ago, leaving two Burmese cats to keep them company.

The last couple of years saw changes affecting June's character, as dementia began to take hold. To see such a proud and intelligent women lose her pride and motivation to do things that had always been important to her was difficult for those close to her. Although for family and friends, it is difficult to imagine life without June, they recognise that her best years were behind her, and wish to honour her by remembering all her great achievements of years gone by and be grateful for wonderful memories.

JUNE's Achievements (by Joan Reynolds)

June Baker enlisted the WRANS in 1967 and notched up a number of firsts during her naval career.

1. One of the first WRANS officers to complete the RAAF's two-year correspondence course which qualifies officers for staff college.
2. The first member of the Women's Royal Australian Naval Service to gain selection to attend the Royal Naval Staff College at Greenwich, England.

For about three years The Royal Naval Staff College had been admitting Women's Royal Naval Service members to the course.

First Officer Baker applied to attend not only to widen her personal qualifications, but on behalf of her colleagues in the WRANS. "If the WRNS can do it, I think the WRANS can too."

June Baker undertook a six month staff training course which enabled her to assume responsibilities at a high level of naval administration. (Navy News- 27th August 1976 page 13 and NN 8th April 1977 page 10)



Photos from Portfolio Volume 1 No 2 *Anchored: A look at Women in the Navy* – Pat Kean reviews the opportunities for women in the Navy

Sydney Morning Herald (SMH) 6 July 1983 page 3 with article by James Cunningham

3. 23 June 1983 - Commander June Baker first woman to be appointed an RAN Executive Officer)

With her appointment as the first RAN Executive Officer and second in command at HMAS Penguin, Commander June Baker was responsible for good order and discipline at this naval establishment.

The following extracts are from an interview with June Baker by James Cunningham which was published in the SMH on 6 July 1983 page 3.

"There may have been some surprise among the men when I was first appointed. But, if there was, they have got over it by now."

She has a gunnery officer as her first lieutenant. She is President of HMAS Penguin's Officers Mess. Another history making decision will be with her first big ceremonial occasion when she commands 'Divisions' parade and presents them to HMAS Penguin's Captain for inspection.

For her appointment as Executive Officer, Commander Baker faced male competition and she will have to do so as she strives for Captain's rank. She cannot however, compete with men for a sea appointment.

She folded her gold braided arms and said:

"It is Government policy for women not to be employed on combatant ships. Because I haven't been trained for sea-going duties I have no objection to this.

"But I think that it is a bit sad for girls who have been trained for jobs that are carried out at sea and who are not allowed to do them. Still I can foresee changes that will allow women to serve in naval ship that do not have a direct combatant role" (SMH 6 July 1983 page 3 by James Cunningham) (Navy News July 1-15 1983 page 7)

In an article that appeared in Navy News (1-15th July 1983 page 7) when June Baker was appointed as XO of HMAS Penguin it was reported that she made the following comments:

- a. She felt proud to be the first WRANS 'XO' but at the same time, didn't feel daunted by the job. It's something I've had my sights set on for two or three years."
- b. Admits that not being a seaman office limits her knowledge of boats and ships but she is confident her strong administrative background will carry her through.
- c. She expects a disciplined approach and lots of application will get her through the job.
- d. Her advice to WRANS is to be determined and efficient. "You can go further than the person who doesn't bother. You must not feel intimidated."

June Baker participated in the latter stages of the clean-up after cyclone Tracy. A keen sportswoman, June represented the WRANS in hockey, sailing, athletics, golf and squash and also had amazing successful results when she trained the WRANS teams for inter-service sports competition. (Coach of the 1972 EAA hockey team which took out the trophy for the first time since 1955).

Page 3 - WRANS ACT 24 May Newsletter.

Letter from our President

This year has started off with us being very busy, and I'm learning as I go. Thankfully I have a very experienced team behind me who love to tell me where to go and what to do.

We have had a very good turnout at all our events, starting with Navy Week in February. (Just as well as I'd only been out of hospital 6 days and needed "assistance")

ANZAC Day is one of our biggest highlights. So many of us marched and the response from the crowd was heartwarming, both in the city and in South East Queensland. (Photos from around the state are included in this Newsletter)

We are seeing more members attending the Naval Association of Australia, Queensland Section's Memorial Services at the Jack Memorial at South Bank.

We've attended several Commemorative services already with more to follow. Our Services at "Jack" each month are getting bigger and bigger. For the first time since I started attending, Navy Women were outnumbered by our Vietnam Veterans last month.

Our Vice Presidents are fulfilling the roles of our 5 Pillars, and I'd like to congratulate them on a job very well done.

We're joining our sister services both socially and for commemorative services.

Some of us are part of these Associations as well as being on the committee and take part in the organising of our Tri-Service luncheons. We did get "our" trophy back when our fabulous voices were raised in song.

We're still recruiting new members which is wonderful to see. Word of mouth is the best form of advertising. We have our monthly brunches/lunches all over the place and this is where we find our "lost ladies and bring them in from the cold."

Who would not want to join in the fun every month? It doesn't matter when or where you served, there is always someone who was there or that you joined with.

Our Cadets Units are still benefitting from our Containers for Change initiative and our Executive attended TS Brisbane's graduation and passing out Parade last month. We're looking forward to attending more Parades, Dinners and Presentation Nights as we can.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for your support and ongoing friendship since I've become your President. It's an honour.

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LIFE Members



Judy Hunter

2001



Barbara Snowdon

2006



Pat McKay

2007



Billie Lake

2014



Jennie Rathbone

2016



Pat Nuss

2016



Wendy Griggs

2022

Diploma of Merit

Cecelia Ashe 2001
Joy Moynahan 2012

Certificate of Merit



Liz Grimes 2021

Honorary Member for Life



Joan Gilbert 2014

Around the Traps with Liz

Commemoration

ANZAC Day

St John's Church was built in 1962, eleven years after it was proposed for construction with the adjacent St John's Convent School. This church is the only non-military place of worship built specifically as a Royal Australian Navy War Memorial.

The church contains a Roll of Honour of the sailors who enlisted in Brisbane during the Second World War and later died during that conflict.



They have no grave but the cruel sea

In Brisbane's quiet suburb of Northgate, an ecclesiastical-style Catholic church has an unusual link with the Royal Australian Navy sailors who made the ultimate sacrifice in World War II.

St John's is the only dedicated civilian Navy War Memorial Church in Australia and displays the Honour Board of HMAS Moreton, commemorating 14 lives lost in that war. It was officially consecrated in 1962 in the presence of the restorer for many, later prime minister, senator John Gorton.

Navy has been a presence since Lieutenant Henry Miller sailed up the Brisbane River and settled with a group of about 200 sailors in 1825. Strategically, Moreton has always been the important southern hub to defend the country from French, Russian, Japanese and Chinese aggression over the centuries.

In World War II, our US allies led by General Douglas MacArthur and Admiral Chester Nimitz chose Brisbane as the epicentre of the Pacific War. The base itself has relocated four times, originally at the former Queensland Marine Conference House to Alice St, Gardens Reach, where the government yacht Lucinda was moored. When war broke out in 1939, the old Naval Offices in Edward St were added.

The next move was to New Farm including the magnificent commanding officer's residence, Anely, built by warfighting officers Thomas White. Finally the base was located to the current Bulimba Reach, but most ships anchored at the Pier of Brisbane now due to their size.

During World War II, Moreton was the base where all navy vessels and reservists signed on in Queensland, later assigned to ships and shore establishments.

The names on the honour board have been researched by participants and staff Kevin Lacey, who

A nice sunny day dawned for ANZAC Day. Our ladies attended various services prior to attending the city or local marches.

- Wendy Griggs with hubby was spotted at the Dawn Service at ANZAC Square and was interviewed by Channel Nine.
- Pat Nuss, Jenny Rathbone, Kaye Morgan and Cath Leung attended a service at St Johns Church at Northgate, donating books for the school instead of a wreath.
- Liz Grimes attended the Corvette's Service at Newstead Park, laying a wreath on our behalf.
- Barb Jeffreys, Lorrae Johnson, Sandy Cox, Bernie Giggins attended the Dawn Service at Bundamba. BZ to all ladies who attended ANZAC Services all over the state.



Colin, Sandy, Lorrae, Barb, Bernie



Barb, Helen & Liz waiting for buggies



Navy Women after the march

<https://pages.pagesuite.com/c/a/ca921e82-44b9-4953-a518-4cd7efab9b1d/page.pdf>

As is the custom of the Naval Association of Australia (Queensland Section), we lay books for the School Library in lieu of a wreath. In the following service we all had a part to play. The ending of the service was quite sombre as photos of the young sailors who died was watched in silence after the singing of the Navy Hymn. Afterwards the Church Ladies put on a lovely, very filling breakfast.



Kaye Morgan, Cath Leung, Pat Nuss, Jenny Rathbone and Cecelia Ashe at St John's Church

The ANZAC Day March commenced with a fly over by the Royal Australian Air Force. HMAS Moreton lead the Navy with the Naval Band following, then the Naval Association with our ladies, led by President Barb Jeffreys in a golf buggy. Judy Prewett and Liz Grimes followed the ladies in their golf buggies. During the march along Adelaide Street, Liz was interviewed by the Parade Commentator.

A big thank you to the Navy Cadets, who again, carried our banner. A group photo was taken after the march before preceding to The Ship Inn at South Bank. It was great to meet an out of townner, Patricia Collins, who lunched with the Navy Women. After a great meal and chats, the ladies headed for home for a well-earned rest.



Bernie & Letty at Brisbane



Jan



Rose & Renie



Liz



Judy & Ian



Rose & Liz



Barb, Lorrae, Colin, Sandy & Bernie



Rose, Liz & Barb



Rose, Lorrae, Bernie & Bernie



Sylvia & Annie



Two Jeeps behind the Women's squad



Rose at commencement



Jackie & Sylvia



Rose, Lorrae, Marie



Sammie & Ron with their son



Denise Letty



President Barb leading the squad



Bernie



Liz, Patricia & Pat



Tracey & Sam



Patricia & Liz



CMFN Nurses Memorial Candlelight Vigil

The Centaur Memorial Fund for Nurses and Defence Service Nurses RSL Sub-branch Queensland hosted the Nurses Memorial Candlelight Vigil at the Anzac Square Brisbane, Adelaide Street on Wednesday 24 April 2024 at 5.30 pm. www.centaurnursesfund.org.au

81st Anniversary of the Sinking of the 2/3 Australian Hospital Ship Centaur

At approximately 4.15am on Friday 14 May 1943 AHS Centaur was torpedoed by a Japanese submarine. She was struck in an oil fuel tank. There was no time for signals and no time for launching boats. She sank in 2 to 3 minutes and of the 332 persons on board only 63 men and 1 woman survived.

Each year on the 14 May, the Centaur Memorial Fund for Nurses Committee coordinates a Memorial Service commemorating this loss of life on AHS Centaur.

Open Day – HMAS Moreton

HMAS Moreton held an Open Day for the end of Navy Week 2024. HMAS Choules was in port and open for visitors. Di McSwain and Anne Walker attended the day.



Victory in Europe Day

Victory in Europe (VE Day) is held on the Saturday closest to the day that World War II ended in the European Theatre. Brisbane is the only place in Australia to remember our allies, including Australians and New Zealanders who fought in the European theatre.

On Saturday 11 May, Helen Yench (representing NAA(Q)) attended a wreath laying ceremony at SED New Farm RSL. It celebrated the 79th anniversary of Victory in Europe, when on 8 May 1945, Germany surrendered unconditionally to the Allied Forces ending six years of conflict.

In London, before the victory was announced, Winston Churchill first ensured that the city had enough food and beer to allow over a million people to celebrate.

Cathy Leung, VP, was in attendance in her capacity with the TS Brisbane Cadets, who put forward an excellent show as the catafalque party and colour party.

The laying of wreaths at the stone this year, will be the last at the site. With some renovations occurring in the next year, the stone will be lifted and moved to the amphitheatre just one section over. We were part of history there today, and next year, we hope to be part of it again as we remember the Victory in Europe for the 80th time.

82nd Anniversary of the Battle of the Coral Sea Commemoration Service

Australian American Association, Queensland Division, Brisbane held a Service on Saturday 4 May 2024. Unfortunately, none of our members were able to attend. CMDR Rosemarie Apikotoa RAN Commander of HMAS Moreton and many Naval personnel were in attendance, including members of the NAA(Q) Executive.

Jack Memorial Service



On the last Thursday of each month the Naval Association of Australia (Queensland Section) (NAA(Q)) conducts a Commemorative Ceremony at the **Naval Memorial** at the South Brisbane Memorial Park, adjacent to the Ship Inn and the Queensland Maritime Museum.

Each ceremony highlights the services of persons who have served Australia.

The ceremonies commence at 11.00 and are open to everyone.

At the conclusion of the Commemoration, there will be fellowship and drinks at the Ship Inn, your own expense.

All are welcomed.

All Navy Women Qld members attending are requested to wear their black shirts (not T-Shirts) or white shirt (T-Shirt) with black jacket with white skirt/trousers. Medals and name badges may also be worn.

In March 2024, they commemorated the War Widows, specifically honouring the legacy of Mrs Jessie Vasey, an extraordinary woman way ahead of her time. She was an educated and well to do woman, who had great empathy for those who couldn't speak for themselves. She was a tour de force, who dealt with her own widowhood and grief by changing the lives of others.



In May, they commemorated the Ships and Crews in the Vietnam War - the Navy's ships which served in Vietnam. HMAS Sydney, The Vung Tau Ferry was highlighted. The event recognised all who served, with particular attention to those who were transported to and from Vung Tau.



Comaraderie

It started with a phone call....

In October 2010 our phone rang, and my husband answered it. He looked at me and said it was "some woman called Wendy who knew you from the Navy."

I had no idea who this Wendy could be. However, being the polite person I am, I gestured "give me the phone" and began listening to a call to arms. Well, not really, it was an insistence that I attend the Annual Luncheon at the United Services Club in November. This strange Wendy explained she was trying to track down all the members of our recruit Class 119.

I had left the WRANS in 1972, and a deluge of water had gone under and over the bridge since then. I plucked up my courage and said I would come to the Luncheon. I think I just ceded defeat rather than plucked at any vestige of courage. It is very difficult to say "no" to Wendy.

I arrived at the Services Club, where Wendy introduced me to another member from Class 119, Sandy Gillis (nee Hay). We sat together and with other new members talked about our navy experiences, what little we could recall. At the end of the luncheon, we were both signed up as members, (to what I had no idea). Sandy and I looked at each other and confessed we really had no memory of each other.

Wendy was on a roll and determined to get the band back together. She rounded up thirteen Class 119 members and invited us all to her place for a sleep over. This was May 2011. We all arrived like it was our first day at recruit school. Nervous, wondering how this would go, were there enough toilets, will we have to share. . However, after forty odd years we were heftier cattle. Those that could, with effort, roll up from a blow-up mattress lined up in the hallway. A few had the misfortune to be given a berth on a leaky boat. Those with back problems or obvious inability to crawl up from a blow-up bed had first dibs on the beds. Wendy's husband, Kenny was our Chef and did a bang-up job of ensuring we were well fed. Wendy had cooked up a storm of cakes and deserts. Then there was the champagne and nibblies. Not a health spa by any means. However, a feast of laughter and reconnecting. I met up with Margie Cunningham who had looked after me when I first joined up. She, all of twenty-one, took pity on an overwhelmed seventeen-year-old. Without her showing me how to iron, make a bed, and moving in the freezing mornings I don't think I could have survived.

Now every time we get a chance, at luncheons, reunions we gather as many as we can, and make record of how we have stayed connected, and how we have aged.



L-R Front Row: Wendy, Margie, Kathy, Sue, Vita, Jane.
Back Row: Christine, Lesley, Dina, Cathy, Judy, Jan, Sandy, Paula.

As the years progress, we catch up with more classmates. This hapless band of girls who shared the first six harrowing weeks of recruit school before branching out to our chosen careers. Now fifty-four years later and I continue meeting

up with the women they grew into, with families or not, married, divorced, widowed and some have crossed the bar. Some I met only once, others regularly. Friendships have formed out of dim memory into something robust and welcoming.

I am thankful that Wendy got a bee in her bonnet and decided to contact us. Now I can enjoy the camaraderie and friendship that goes with being an ex-WRAN. Once Navy Always Navy.



Community

Sunshine Coast Ex-Service & Serving Women's Association (SCESWA)

The SCESWA hold numerous C&C mornings at various sites, and many of our members attend.

We wear our shirts so we are easily identified amongst our sisters, and many reconnections have been made.



2 May 2024 – C&C

Sunshine Coast Ex Service Women's C&C

Bower Tree, 10 Courage St, Sippy Downs 5 Sep
Maroochy RSL Gardens Annual Wreath Laying 7 Nov

LUNCH AT COOROY

The Sunshine Coast Ex-Service and Service Women held a luncheon on 2 May at the Cooroy RSL. The weather was not kind to those driving as it turned out to be a rainy day. This did not deter about 32 Ex-Service Women driving from the Sunshine Coast, Bribie Island and Caboolture to enjoy the company of their fellow sister services. The guest was a 102 year old World War II veteran who served in the AWAS.

Tri-Service Lunch (CESWA)

The Tri Service Luncheon was held at Geebung RSL and, of course, time to hear the songs the ladies had been “practicing” during the past year. The Navy Women won the singing competition. BZ Wendy Dennis for composing the words to It’s a Long Way to Tipperary.

We were a rowdy bunch of female veterans chatting and laughing until the MC, bought us back in time for the formalities of the day.

The Navy girls outnumbered the Army and Air Force girls but that didn’t stop us catching up with each other. We come together as sisters-in-arms.

The Geebung RSL Catering Team’s service was again above and beyond. After the yummy meal, it was time for the singing competition.



The Judges



International Women’s Day (IWD)

On 7 March, the RSL Queensland Veteran & Family Wellbeing Centre at 274 Stafford Road, Stafford hosted a morning tea to celebrate International Women’s Day. We were joined by other service women and providers for an informative session on how Service Women handle the separation requirements of the Services.



Bernie, Kaye, Lorrae, Barb Judy, Margie & Rose

The following day, another group met at Beerwah to celebrate IWD.



Front – second from left – Liz



DEJA VU-ING

Sometimes, I cannot actually tell
Where dreams begin and reality ends.
Am I surfing a mountainous swell
Or just dreaming about riding high?

Surely, I've walked this track recently,
Fighting through an overgrown path.
Although it all seems so familiar to me,
Perhaps it's just the struggle that is real.

Standing at the edge of the precipice
I fight the urge to take another step
Then fly like a bird high above the abyss
Before landing safely way below.

It's just a dream and I wake in fright,
But I see it's time to keep walking
Into reality. Not from that great height
But forward towards new opportunities.

No more dreaming, or deja vu-ing.
Time for authenticity in my existence,
Some go-getting and positive 'doing'.
Dreams are for those sleeping through life.

© Sandy Gillis

'Where They Rest' project

A group from the Navy Women QLD organisation are researching and recording the resting places of Australian Navy Women, under the 'WRANS – Where They Rest' project. This year alone, they have recorded the deaths of more than 550 WRANS personnel, but are still looking for others. In April 1941, women started working for the Navy as members of the Women's Emergency Signalling Corps, and in 1942 were enlisted into the WRANS. By the end of WW2, there were more than 3140 members. A handful are still alive. Those who never returned were laid to rest in the US, Greece, Canada, UK, New Zealand and Australia, or scattered to the oceans. To record the death of any WRANS/RAN servicewomen or their burial place, email treasurer@nwqld.org.au

PROJECT – “WRANS – Where They Rest”

In April 1941, the first women started working for the Navy as members of the *Women's Emergency Signalling Corps*. On 1 October 1942, they were enlisted into the WRANS with a seniority of the day they started working for the Navy. By the end of WWII, there were over 3,140 members who joined. A handful are still alive.

Where do they rest? Some are in Arlington National Cemetery, more in the USA, Greece, Canada, UK, Zimbabwe and New Zealand, many are here in Australia.

A group of Navy Women are researching and recording what we can find for all Australian Navy Women, anywhere in the world. Joan (NSW), Carol (NQ), Tania (SA), Rebecca (SA) and Lorrae (Qld) need your help to record the resting places of our sisters who paved the way for us younger ones.

This project includes ALL Australian Navy Women from 1941 until now, anywhere in the world, buried, cremated, scattered to the Oceans or Winds of the world.

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Project – 'WRANS – Where They Rest'

Navy

In April 1941, the first women started working for the Navy as members of the Women's Emergency Signalling Corps (WESC), which later became the Women's Royal Australian Naval Service (WRANS). A handful from WWII are still alive. Of those that have left us, where do they rest? We need your help to record the resting place of our sisters. This project includes ALL Australian Navy Women from 1941 until the current day. If you know of the death of any WRANS/RAN service women, and hopefully, their burial place, could you please make contact.

Show contact details

<https://www.dva.gov.au/about/news/vetaffairs/vetaffairs-noticeboard>

Camaraderie

Over the past three months, Navy Women again meet at various locations to share fellowship with each other and our fellow sister services. Navy Women met at the Gold Coast (where recently the first whale was sighted) and Western Suburbs meeting at various places for camaraderie and lunch. Navy Women met on the Sunshine Coast, Bribie Island and Morayfield to swap stories with their Army and Air Force sisters.

All Navy Women are welcome to meet at the below venues for a few good laughs and lunch. We usually wear our black shirts so we are easy to find.

Western Suburbs – first Saturday of the Month – 11am

Moselles Café + Restaurant	Jul
Chapters Book Shop, Cafe & Wine Bar	Aug
Forty West Café Ripley	Sep
Club Parkview, Goodna	Oct
CSI, Ipswich	9 Nov
Thirty-Seven Café	Dec

Contact Lorrae Johnson

Gold Coast – Third Tuesday of the month – 10am

Globe Trotters	Christmas in July
Cruiz Espresso	Aug
La Vintage	Sep
Cafe Michigan	Oct
Southport Sharks	Nov
Tallai Golf Club	Dec

Contact Sylvia Manners

Western Suburbs Lunch



*Forty West Café, Ripley – March 2024
Liz, Letty, Barb, Lorrae, Pat & Jennie*



Chapters Book Shop, Karalee – April 2004 - Marie, Mary, Barb, Pat, Jennie, Liz, Bernie, Letty, Lorrae, Robyn



Goodna Club Parkview – Mary, Bernie, Barbara, Margaret, Letty, Jan, Marie, Barb, Lorrae, Robyn

Gold Coast Brunch



March 2024 – La Vintage Boutique - >Tania, Lorraine, Anne, Barbara, Diane, Jan, Cathy, Sylvia, Jackie, Sue, Glenda, Barb, Michele, Lorrae and Gayle



April 2024 – Café Michigan – <Sylvia, Anne, Liz, Wendy & Lorrae, Gayle, Sue, Jackie



May 2024 – Southport Club – watching the first whale of the season frolicking - Barb, Tanya, Jan, Laura, Lorrae, Lorraine, Glenys, Wendy

Sunshine Coast Morning Tea

Navy Women have been meeting for morning tea at the Maroochy RSL Club on the third Wednesday of the month.



April 2024 – Cathy, Sue, Bernie, Ingrid, Peter (RSL President), Lorrae, Judy & Liz

Community

Bribie Island Ex-Service Women Luncheon

Bribie Island Ex-Service Women Luncheon—
Fourth Monday of the month at the Bribie Island RSL
Contact Anita Cooper



March 2024



April 2024 – Guest Speaker - Carla Edwards **



May 2024

Morayfield / Caboolture
Second Monday of each month



March 2024 - Front Left – Liz with Little Jack;
Barbara in black shirt



May 2024 with Barbara & Liz

Carla Edwards **

Photojournalist Carla Edwards is capturing the stories and portraits of Australian ex-service women she believes are “unsung heroes” whose history is largely untold.

Her project started when the New South Wales Central Coast Council gifted her exhibition space at Woy Woy.

<https://storytellingassistant.org.au/thebirth/>

<https://www.anzacmemorial.nsw.gov.au/event/herstory-remembering-australias-military-women>

Honouring the service and sacrifice of Australian servicewomen, featuring the photography of Carla Edwards.

Beerwah

Second Wednesday of each month at The Local at Beerwah which is owned by a Navy lady.



March 2024



May 2024

Hervey Bay Navy Women

Twice a year, our Life Member, Judy Hunter, has held a luncheon in Hervey Bay for all Navy Women, regardless if they are NAA members or not. She has passed the baton to Sue Meehan (NAA Fraser Coast Secretary) and Ronda Rose. Both ladies are full members at Fraser Coast, and Social Members with us.

On 24 May, Barb, Liz and Lorrae travelled to Hervey Bay to socialise with our Navy sisters, and have always received a warm welcome. There is a separate table for men, so bring your spouse and enjoy a great lunch. Thank you Sue and Ronda, and all the ladies for another great event.



98 year young, WWII veteran, Lillian Coyne sits in the front row, surrounded by her younger sisters.

Cadets *with Pat Nuss*

The Navy Cadet Units are always looking for Volunteers
– Can you help at one near you?

Flotilla Commanders (FLOTCOM)

Moreton	SEQld
Daring Flotilla	Mid Qld
Attack Flotilla	FNQ/NT

Australian Navy Cadet Units:

- | | |
|------------------|-------------------|
| o NTS Gympie | o NTS Vengeance |
| o TS Brisbane | o TS Bundaberg |
| o TS Centaur | o TS Coral Sea |
| o TS Diamantina | o TS Endeavour |
| o TS Gayundah | o TS Gladstone |
| o TS Ipswich | o TS Kookaburra |
| o TS Koopa | o TS Krait |
| o TS Lismore | o TS Magnus |
| o TS Maryborough | o TS Moreton Bay |
| o TS Norfolk | o TS Onslow |
| o TS Paluma | o TS Pioneer |
| o TS Rockhampton | o TS Toowoomba |
| o TS Vampire | o TS Walrusyalgum |

Please contact me if you would like more information.

Pat Nuss

NAA(Q) Vice President (Cadets)

Mobile: 0439 674 199

Email: patrician@netspace.net.au

<https://www.navycadets.gov.au/>

Service, Courage, Respect, Integrity and Excellence

Containers For Change (C4C)

We are raising funds for the Cadets through *Containers for Change*. We have a separate account, and the funds raised each year are distributed in April and May the following year as a donation for their ANZAC Services.

This year, we donated \$250 each to four Training Ships: TS Diamantina ; TS Walrus ; NTS Gympie NTS Vengeance

Our account number is **C10236300** and all donations gratefully appreciated.

Be A Change Maker



Barcode for **C10236300**

Doriel Wailes
with her grandson



Cadets

TS GAYUNDAH INSPECTION PARADE



On 11 May 2024, Liz Grimes and Jennie Rathbone attended the TS Gayundah 2024 Annual Inspection at HMAS Moreton. The Cadets and Guard were inspected and then did a march past the Inspecting Officer. After the parade was dismissed, the Cadets went through several evolutions. One evolution

required Cadets and spectators to muster at the “hard” (an area where various naval items are stowed and entry for boats to the river) for the exercise. attended the.

TS IPSWICH ANNUAL INSPECTION



Jennie Rathbone and Cath Leung attended the TS Ipswich Annual Inspection. It was a very wet day, yet the young people paraded and showed us their skills. As stand-in for Pat Nuss, I can see why she

encourages us to attend these events.

Your Wellbeing

Please let our Wellbeing Officer know if you are not well, especially if you are going to hospital, or if you are dealing with a problem.

We practice support through friendship and camaraderie. If you just need to talk to someone, call any committee member, or one of our ladies.

Don't bottle it up, we do not have the answers, but we have an ear to listen whilst you think out your options.

Sometimes, a chat over a coffee is more beneficial than you may realise, so please, always feel welcome to join any of our groups.



The Cup for winning the Singing Competition

**THE COUNCIL OF EXSERVICEWOMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS
QUEENSLAND**

INVITATION

TO MEMBERS OF ALL MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS
TO

**34th Annual Memorial Church Service
for Exservicewomen**

Which commemorates and acknowledges the sacrifice and contribution made
by all exservicewomen to our nation

Saturday 27 July at 11.30am

at

**Albert Street Uniting Church,
Brisbane**

After the service lunch will be provided in the Annex at
a cost of \$25 per person.

Only pre-advised special dietary requirements will be
available.

Lump sum payment *through Associations only to:*

Acc. Name: Navy Women (WRANS-RAN) Qld SS

BSB No 124-002

Acc. No.: 22446885

Ref: Name Church Lunch

Direct Debits only.

Individual payments will not be accepted.

List of attendees and special dietary requirements
to: Judy Prewett (Secretary@NWQld.org.au)

Deadline for payments, attendee and special dietary requirements advice: 10 July 2024

WRAAC Association Qld Inc

Redcliffe District Exservicewomen's Club Inc

Navy Women Qld celebrates diamond jubilee

In February 2024, the Navy Women (WRANS-RAN) Qld Sub-Section of the Naval Association of Australia celebrated its diamond jubilee with a lunch for approximately 80 guests at the Geebung RSL Club.

As part of the event, Navy Women Qld launched a new book - titled *From Then, Until Now* - on its Sub-Section's formation and history. Researched and prepared by Sub-Section Treasurer Lorrae Johnson, the book details all Sub-Section members over the last 60 years, from their background and service records to their lives after military service.

The jubilee luncheon was organised by Sub-Section Secretary Judy Prewett, Lorrae Johnson, and Wellbeing Officer Margie Gadd (pictured left to right).



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**WHERE THEY
REST PROJECT**

In April 1941, the first women started working for the Navy as members of the Women's Emergency Signalling Corps. On 1 October 1942, they were enlisted into the WRANS and started working for the Navy. By the end of WWII, there were over 3,140 members who joined. A handful are still alive.

Where do the fallen rest? Some are in Arlington National Cemetery, more in the USA, Greece, Canada, UK, New Zealand and many more in Australia.

A group of Navy women are researching and recording what they can find for all Australian Navy women, anywhere in the world. Joan, Carol, Tania and Lorrae need your help to record the resting places of the women who paved the way for future generations. This project includes all Australian Navy women from 1941 until now.

**For more information email,
NWQld-Treasurer@bigpond.com**

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“From Then, Until Now”

Books are still available.
\$50 each plus P&H if applicable.

Email our Secretary for full details.

Secretary@NWQld.org.au

Home Garden Maintenance Lawn Mowing Services Veterans Home Care (VHC)

Lawn mowing services are provided as part of the home and garden maintenance services package. Eligible VHC clients can receive up to 15 hours per year service limit for home and garden maintenance. This includes lawn mowing, gutter cleaning, changing light bulbs, external window cleaning and minor repairs that can be completed by a handyman.

VHC services include domestic assistance, personal care, respite care and safety-related home and garden maintenance.

If you are not a current VHC client, contact the VHC Assessment Agency on 1300 550 450 to request an assessment for VHC services.

You may also wish to contact My Aged Care on 1800 200 422 to apply for an assessment to receive services, which can include lawn mowing.

If you have been advised that your service provider doesn't have the capacity to deliver lawn mowing services, please contact your VHC Assessment Agency on 1800 200 422 to discuss the matter.

Check <https://www.dva.gov.au/get-support> for help that is available

A Gold Card or eligible White card holder benefits and services provided by the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

You can direct your questions to Pat, the friendly AI <https://www.dva.gov.au/about/overview/overview-dva-benefits-and-services>

Failing this, everyone can access Counselling. If you are considering any change in your lifestyle, such as downsizing or going into care, you can contact free counselling Open Arms - Veterans & Families Counselling on 1800 011 046

<https://www.myagedcare.gov.au/>

<https://www.rslqld.org/find-help/>

DVA 'PLANNING AHEAD' BOOKLET

This booklet is a very useful guide to putting your affairs in order and preparing for and coping with bereavement. Very much recommended and can be obtained by emailing: publications@dva.gov.au to request a copy be sent.

Costco holds **Open Mornings for Defence** – you do not need to be a member, but you will need your DVA card.

NAA(Q) has produced a Handy Billy for eligible Gold and White Card holders. The first part is a series of Power Point slides regarding DVA services available to eligible card holders. The second provides information on entitlements for funeral benefits. The latter is worth the read. Check out the Bosuns Call magazine and The Good Buzz for more tips at <https://navalassoc.org.au/>

DVA Information : The Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) is running the 2024 Client Insights Survey (formerly Client Satisfaction Survey), which will close on Monday, 8 July 2024.

They are reaching out to advise you of this survey, and they welcome our assistance to promote this opportunity.

The survey is now open and can be accessed and distributed via the following link:

Department of Veterans Affairs (orima.com.au) www.dva.gov.au/survey.

The latest edition of DVA e News is available here: <https://www.dva.gov.au/about/news/latest-news>

Contact Details



Please feel free to text me a message at 0432227181. Leave your name and number and I will get back to you. I don't always have my phone on me, as many of my friends can attest to. I will respond once I look at my phone.

Wellbeing@NWQld.org.au

THE PARADE GROUND

After the battle, when retreat was sounded and the unit had re-assembled to call the roll and count the dead, a hallowed square was formed. The dead were placed within the square and no-one used this as a thoroughfare.

Today the parade ground represents this square.

It is considered to be hallowed ground, soaked with the blood of our fallen, and the area is respected as such.

NAA(Q) AGM

The Naval Association of Australia (Queensland Section) held their AGM on Saturday 23 March 2024 at the NAA Pine Rivers S-S premises.

The Delegates, Judy Prewett and Lorrae Johnson, with the Proxy, Barb Jeffreys attended all events, as did Liz Grimes, Bernie Franklin, and Jennie Rathbone as visitors.

Helen Yench, Kaye Morgan, Pat Nuss and Marg Dean attended in their role as NAA(Q) Executives. Our Social members attended, representing their home Sub-Sections: Anne Walker (Gold Coast); Sue Meehan (Hervey Bay) and Sandy Beaumont (Ipswich and West Moreton).

The Meet and Greet was held at Pine Rivers premises and allowed time to meet members from other Sub-Sections.

The NAA National President and his two Vice Presidents attended the AGM weekend. We spoke with them individually about the membership types (they are trying to reduce the number of membership and were advised that our Guidelines will remain unchanged), as well as the Constitution and By-Laws inadequacies and contradictions, especially the confusion around the Debit Card and internet banking.

At the AGM, the guest speakers were Rosemarie Apikotoa, (Rose) the CO of HMAS Moreton, as well as representatives from DVA and RSL. The reports were presented, and it was interesting to see how few Sub-Sections presented their reports. The elections were held, and as only one person was nominated for each position, they were duly appointed. The outgoing Treasurer did not nominate and as no-one else was nominated from the floor, he accepted the position again. Helen did not stand again, and Pat Ringold OAM was again voted in as the State President.

Navy Women Qld members, Kaye Morgan is the Secretary and Judy Prewett is the Assistant Secretary, Marg Dean and Pat Nuss were returned as Vice Presidents (VP), as well as Bernie Franklin who later accepted as a VP following the death of Peter McDermott. Marg is also the State Membership officer.

The NAA(Q) Regulations were presented and accepted by the members and are therefore adopted as part of our Rules.

Navy Women Qld won the Alex Nichols Shield for the Sub-Section gaining the most members on a percentage basis. >>

Congratulations to our members and thank you for volunteering to keep the State active.

The AGM dinner dance at the Rugby Club at Kallangur was interesting with the speeches and loud dinner music.

>> Barbara Snowdon won the final raffle of the evening. Helen handed over the President's baton to Pat Ringold.

It was great to spend time with our sisters and to watch our brothers in action.

Meet & Greet



Lorrae & Liz



Lorrae & Marg



Bernie & Judy



Judy & Lorrae



Liz & Anne



Barb, Anne, Helen & NAA VP

AGM Dinner Dance



Rock and Tempest: Surviving Cyclone Tracy and its Aftermath

by Patricia Collins (Author)

When Cyclone Tracy flattened Darwin on Christmas Day 1974, it was the worst natural disaster Australians had ever experienced. Stationed in the city with the *Women's Royal Australian Naval Service*, Patricia Collins not only lived through Tracy but was part of the massive clean-up effort. This is her extraordinary story.

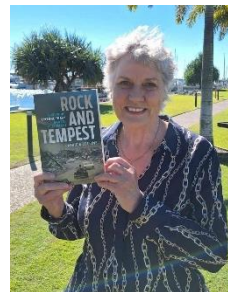
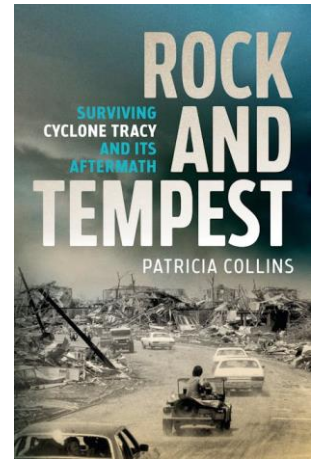
The experience of living through a terrifying natural disaster is chillingly told by Collins as she recounts her own dark hours that Christmas, along with those of her contemporaries.

They sat huddled in doorways and bathtubs as the winds raged, lifting off roofs, picking up cars and sinking ships. Most of the city was destroyed. Seventy-one people died.

The Navy suffered terrible losses. A patrol boat was sunk with the loss of two crewmen and another was driven onto rocks. A sailor lost his wife and two children, and another lost his young son.

In the days after Tracy, the majority of Darwin's population was evacuated interstate as the Navy's Task Force arrived to clean up and rebuild. Collins was there as a survivor of Tracy and now an integral part of the recovery.

Rock and Tempest contains astonishing first-person accounts of terror and uncertainty as well as courage and survival. It is fascinating and moving, and absolutely essential reading.



Patricia Collins was a Wran (the women's branch of the RAN) stationed in Darwin at the time of Cyclone Tracy. She wrote a brief account of her experiences during Tracy and the clean-up for her son when he was a teenager and interested in what had happened. The essay was submitted by a third party to the editor of the magazine Australian Warship and was subsequently published with her

permission in Issue 24 in 2005. Patricia then turned it into a book and brought in experiences from many of those she served with during that time. Rock and Tempest is her first book.

The book will be available in all book shops, including Big W and all other standard departmental stores

Sick Bay

Please let us know if you are unwell, or in hospital, and we may be able to organise a visit to cheer you on.

Our thoughts and prayers are with anyone spending time in Sickbay or Hospital



Another successful noisy happy gathering at morning tea at The Wello on 18 April 2024. Many Navy Women amongst the Army and Air Force women.

New Members – Welcome Aboard

HAUSSMAN Ingrid nee Kuntz W117404. Ingrid joined 30 Sep 1974 as a WRRP. She served on HMA Ships Cerberus, Watson and Albatross. Her rank on discharge was SWRRP. Ingrid is a FULL member with Maroochydore RSL and is joining Navy Women as a SOCIAL member.

LAVIS Frances nee Steele W142890. Frances joined 8 Feb 1988 as an ABRO. Frances served at HMA Ships Cerberus and Albatross. Frances discharged from FTS on 5 Dec 1993 and joined the Reserves on 12 Feb 1998 serving at Harold E Holt, HMA Ships Harman, Coonawarra, and Cairns. She discharged on 11 Feb 2004. Frances rank on discharge was ABRO. Frances is joining Navy Women Qld as a FULL Member.

BILLAUT Virginia Dominique Annie nee Loft W139309. Virginia joined 9 Mar 1987 as an ABMEDO. Virginia served at HMA Ships Cerberus, Albatross, Lonsdale, RAAF Laverton, Defence Centre Melbourne and was part of the first Crew on the Young Endeavour. Frances discharged 4 Nov 1997 and served as a Fulltime Reserve from 4 Nov 1997 until 2003. Virginia's rank on discharge was LSMEDO. Virginia is joining Navy Women Qld as a FULL member

JACKSON Barbara nee Farnsworth W107264. Barbara joined 13 Apr 1970 as a WRSV serving on HMA Ships Cerberus, Penguin and Albatross. Barbara was discharged on 12 Apr 1974 and her rank on discharge was SWRSV. Barbara is joining as a SOCIAL Member (subject to Partnership Membership at Ipswich and West Moreton Sub-Section).

Care with Liz

FUNERAL OF CMDR JUNE BAKER

On 20 March 2024 the navy lost a groundbreaking and pioneer of the WRANS. **CMDR June Baker** crossed the bar. She has left behind a legacy which will be hard to follow. Through her efforts, she pioneered the way for the WRANS to be integrated completely into the RAN.



Liz Grimes, Helen Yench and Yvonne Turner (from Banora Point NSW) attended CMDR Baker's funeral at Murwillumbah NSW. CMDR Baker was a very good hockey player and, after retiring, took up golf at which she excelled.

Ma'am, you will be missed. Rest in Peace – your duty done.

Vale

We have received news from interstate, and the notices are included in their Newsletters which are shared via email. We will report the loss of our sisters when we are advised.

Kathleen Katie CRONK (nee Goubareff) 19Nov1937-11Mar2023 WR/297 30Mov1942-22Feb1946 LSBA

Dawn Ellen Mary QUAID (nee Andreassen) 22Feb1930-Mar2023 WR4147 01Oct1951-30Sep1955 L WRAN Tel

Patricia Mary KORNIE (nee Mooney) 05Dec1925-11Mar2024 WR/2118 07Jun1944-13Mar1946 Tel Oper

June Rosalie BAKER 27Jun1937 – 20Mar2024 L86625 30Aug1967-

Margaret JONES (nee Thompson) 18Aug1937-15May2024 WR4577 29Aug1955-25Apr1959 LWRRP

Please let us know of the death of any Navy Woman - member or not; from any state and we will mention them in the next newsletter.

Merchandise for Sale to Financial Members only

Stores@nwqld.org.au

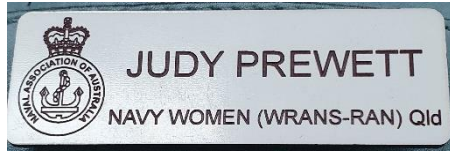
Navy Women (WRANS-RAN) Qld has a 'uniform' so that we can present a uniform appearance when gathered as a group.

White Hats are a non specific brand of Panama style – acquired from various department stores – Kmart, Target, etc

POCKET BADGE with magnets for Jacket >



^ **TALLY BAND**



NAME TAG with your name and our brand ^^

Formal Occasions:
(Funerals; ANZAC Day)
White skirt, pants or dress, worn with the white shirt, black jacket with the magnetised pocket badge, and white hat with our Tally Band.

Shoes to suit.

Alternatively, the black blouse can be worn in lieu of white shirt and black jacket.



POLO SHIRTS with EMBROIDERY on right side



AUSSIE PACIFIC POLO SHIRT with EMBROIDERY on right side

Informal Occasions:
(Coffee mornings, bus trips, social gathering)
Black tops with your choice of bottom half.

Wearing of medals:
Large medals are worn for events that commence in the day time;
Miniatures are worn for events that commence at night;
Ribbons are worn during the day for non-Ceremonial events.



BIZ OASIS button front SHIRT with EMBROIDERY on right side

Orders for shirts and name tags take 3 weeks.
Payment must be received before orders are placed.

For details of price, and to place orders, contact:
Judy Prewett on 0419 877 594 or email Stores@nwqld.org.au



DVA Women Veterans Policy Forum



Rose Van Dijk recently attended the *DVA Women Veterans Policy Forum* in Canberra and thought I would share some points and some photos from the event, to share in the newsletter.
(< Christine and Rose)

- The Department Veterans' Affairs *Women Veterans Policy Forum* was held in Canberra on 15 and 16 May 2024.
- It was highly participative, solutions focussed engagement with so many amazing and energetic women.
- The Forum was first established in 2016 and has evolved considerably since then.
- Originally the Female Veterans and Veterans Families Forum were held at the same time. The two cohorts were split into separate Fora in 2023 i.e. *The Veterans Families Policy Forum*, and the *Women Veterans Policy Forum*, which has been very successful.
- For the 2024 event, an open EOI process was undertaken to attract new participants. Advertised widely on Social Media platforms the process attracted a lot of interest.
- Over 60% of the participants in the 2024 Forum were new to the Forum. This incorporation of 'new' voices into the discussion proved very valuable and ensured that a diversity of experiences were represented
- Key topics for exploration during the Forum included:
 - Gender Equality
 - Mental health
 - Digital experience – 'My Service'
 - Local veteran community initiatives, and
 - Public participation.
- DVA Secretary Alison Frame and the Repatriation Commissioner Mr Kahlil Fegan attended key components of the Forum, as well as many of the DVA Senior Executive.
- The Minister for Veterans' Affairs and Defence Personnel, Hon Matt Keogh MP, attended the networking dinner where he was guest speaker and also meet informally with the group.



Remember When !!



Supplied by Barbara Snowdon

Australian American Association Queensland Division – Brisbane

On Wednesday, 24 April, Barb Jeffreys, President, attended a "Dinner Presentation" by internationally renowned speaker John Schindler, one of Australia's leading Independent Documentary Producers and Narrators. John Schindler's most recent WWII Pacific War Documentary "Known unto God" was selected for screening on the History Channel, and at the prestigious American GI Film Festival in Washington DC. It was the story of Sydney Surf Lifesaver John Whitworth, who was lost behind enemy lines in Indonesia in late 1945. Family and friends were never able to find out his fate, but this was to change half-way through the making of the documentary film, when the unexpected happened.

National Defence Chaplains' Memorial Grove

The newly-finished *National Defence Chaplains' Memorial Grove* in Toowong's ANZAC Park honours the gallantry, dedication to duty and sacrifice of those who humbly serve the fighting men and women who keep Australia free.



National Navy Women's Reunion 14-16 March 2025 Wrest Point Hotel Casino TAS



All events are **ONLY** available to **PAST AND CURRENT SERVING LADIES**, with the exception of the Richmond bus trip, where partners and carers are also welcome.

Registration

- The registration form will be available mid-February 2024, and will be provided to you by your Secretary, on receipt from Cindy Gallahar. This form will also provide a link to Wrest Point Accommodation, which can be booked from mid-March 2024.
- A **NON-REFUNDABLE REGISTRATION FEE OF \$75** is payable by bank transfer at the time of Registration.
- **REGISTRATION CLOSES 31 JULY 2024.** Your completed registration form should be emailed to nwtas25@gmail.com

Planned events include

- 14 March 2025 – Afternoon Tea – 1500-1700 \$45
- 15 March 2025 – Reunion Dinner – 1630-2359 \$90
- 16 March 2025 – Richmond Bus Trip – 0930-1530 \$25 pp (bus only)

Calendar of Events 2024— subject to changes

Date	Event	Notes
6 Jun	Sunshine Coast Ex-Service and Serving Women's Assoc Inc Luncheon Maroochydore	Civilian dress with name tags
9 Jun	Navy Women Qld OGM Geebung RSL	Guest Speaker – DVA Lauren
13 Jun	CESWA Bi-Monthly OGM	Delegates attend
27 Jun	Service @ Jack Southbank	Gulf War
7 Jul	Reserve Forces Day Wondai	
21 Jul	Navy Women Qld OGM Geebung RSL	third Sunday
25 Jul	Service @ Jack Southbank	Korean War
27 Jul	CESWA Annual Church Service	Formal Uniform
27 Jul	Korean Veterans Day	
8 Aug	CESWA AGM and GM	Delegates attend
11 Aug	Navy Women Qld GM Geebung RSL	
10 Aug	Victory in Pacific Day	South-Eastern District RSL New Farm
18 Aug	Vietnam Veterans Day	
29 Aug	Service @ Jack Southbank	Timor
6 Sep	Battle of Australia Commemoration	
8 Sep	Navy Women Qld OGM Geebung RSL	Games Day
11 Sep	CESWA Commemoration to Service Women of Aust	Women's Memorial Pine Rivers Kallangur Formal Uniform
14 Sep	NAA Golden Rivet 2024	CSI Ipswich – Hosted by Redcliffe SS
26 Sep	Service @ Jack Southbank	Sandakan March
10 Oct	CESWA Bi-monthly GM	Delegates attend
13 Oct	Navy Women Qld GM Geebung RSL	Breast Cancer Fundraising WEAR PINK
October	Hervey Bay Birthday weekend	
17-19 Oct	All Navy Reunion	Sunshine Coast
31 Oct	Service @ Jack Southbank	Sydney II
2 Nov	Navy Women Annual Reunion Luncheon	Tattersalls Club Brisbane
10 Nov	Navy Women Qld OGM	
11 Nov	Remembrance Day Service	
28 Nov	Service @ Jack Southbank	Cyclone Tracey
1 Dec	Navy Women Qld GM Geebung RSL	Xmas Party First Sunday...
12 Dec	CESWA Bi-monthly GM	Final meeting for 2024

DVA Veterans Health Week <https://www.thegardensclub.com.au/cafe/> City Botanical Gardens - Hire Maxi Taxis to transport members who attend from Roma Street Station to venue. Lunch at venue.

First Saturday of each month	Western Suburb Lunch	
Third Tuesday of each month	Gold Coast Brunch	
Fourth Monday of each month	Bribie Island Lunch	Bribie Island RSL Social Cafe
Last Thursday of each month	Jack Memorial	Ship Inn, South Bank

REUNIONS

All Navy Reunion - Sunshine Coast
17-19 October 2024

Ops Room Association of Australia Inc - Perth
18-20 October 2024

Naval Health Services Reunion - Gold Coast -
23-24 October 2024 - SBA's, Medics, Nurses, Allied
Health persons, and MTD's who were Ambulance Drivers

NAVAL HEALTH SERVICES ASSOCIATION QLD -

Reunion in October 2024
Telephone: 0411 623 325 (M)

34th Annual Memorial Church Service

The Council of Ex Service Women's Associations Queensland (CESWA) invites all Service Women (former and current) to attend their Annual Church Service to commemorate and acknowledge the sacrifice of contribution made by all Ex Service Women to our nation.

Saturday 27 July at 11.30 at Albert Street Uniting Church.

ACT WRANS Memorial Service – Saturday 19 October 2024

The annual WRANS Memorial Service at HMAS Harman will be held on Saturday 19 October 2024 commencing at 1100 and followed by refreshments in the Bonshaw Mess afterwards.

If the weather permits, the service will be held at the WRANS memorial, just inside the main gate. Otherwise, it will be held in the Bonshaw Mess as we have been required to do on the last two occasions.

Navy Women Tasmania 2025 Reunion

Wrest Point Hotel Casino, Friday 14th - Sunday 16th March 2025.

All events are open to *past and current serving ladies* only

Enquiries/Registration Forms to nwtas25@gmail.com

Meeting Times

Navy Women Qld meetings are held on the **second Sunday of every month****,

1200 to approx. 1400

Geebung RSL Club

(323 Newman Road, Geebung - near the Geebung Railway Station)

**** Except May, when it is the *third Sunday of the month* (not Mother's Day) ****

July is 3rd Sunday

December is 1st Sunday

Arrive by 11am to socialise with your sisters before the meeting - stay afterwards for lunch/afternoon tea, supplemented by Welfare.



Email us your Updates & details of Payment

Event:

Special Diet:

Subs : Full Membership \$40 pa
Social / Club Membership \$15 pa.
No more than a maximum of 3 years in advance.

Amount paid:

Date paid:

Name:

Address:

Phone Number:

Email:

Please advise if your next of kin details change.

Bank Details:

Bank of Queensland
Name: **Navy Women (WRANS-RAN) Qld**
BSB No: **124 002**
Account No: **22446885**
Refence: **Surname reason/event**

September Newsletter Deadline

Deadline for next newsletter is 31 August 2024.

Please send your stories and photos to:

Editor@nwqld.org.au and include

Treasurer@NWqld.org.au

Newslette@NWQld.org.au

FEEs for 2024 are due

PLEASE NOTE: The NAA National Council has raised the Full membership fee **by \$2 from 2024.**

New Membership Fees:

<https://nwqld.org.au/membership.html>

Membership Type	Initial Fee + Badge	Annual Fee	Total Fee
Full	\$5	\$40	\$45
Social		\$15	\$15
Club	\$5	\$15	\$20

Membership Fees: From 2024

Membership Type	Annual Fee
Full	\$40
Social	\$15
Club	\$15

FACEBOOK

Under the Events tab of our Facebook page, I attempt to add every event that I am aware of that is open for us to attend. Please check them out.

<https://www.facebook.com/wrans.qld/events>

If you are a financial member, there is an events tab in our Members Only page – with other events.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/563214483732517>



Poppy Service

If you wish your service to our country to be recognised at your funeral, you need to let your funeral director or your family KNOW. It is your family who ask the Funeral Director to arrange to have the Poppy tribute. We cannot interfere with your service.

Smell Free

In 2022, we voted not to wear strong smelling perfumes to our meetings. Perfumes affect the health of many members, so please be considerate of our sisters when you are preparing to attend any functions.