

Women's Royal Australian Army Corps

QLD REVIEW



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Elsie Stiller's (nee Bannister) memories of her Land Army Days

Together with my sister Jean and friend Mona Cameron, I joined the Land Army in November 1943. I thoroughly enjoyed the experience and the opportunity to support the war effort. I was 17 when I joined the Land Army, and my sister was 14. Mum only allowed us to go if it was for 1 year and with a promise that we'd behave ourselves. Stanthorpe was our first posting. Here my job was to work with the fruit trees. With a bag over my shoulders, I used to climb a ladder to pick the fruit. Of course, the bag got very heavy making it difficult to balance on the ladder. Best of all we could eat as much of the ripe fruit as we liked. I especially enjoyed the peaches and apricots which were delicious. On wet days we made wooden packing cases for the fruit. I don't know how many black fingernails I gave myself from missing the nails as I hit them into the cases. Jean worked on a vegetable farm where she was picking vegetables.

At our campsite at Mt Bullen there were about 12 of us. Our boss was Stan McLucus. We were a small camp, but all was good. The matron who looked after us was Matron Maddox and the cook was Gertie. Matron Maddox was very strict with us girls as she didn't want us hanging out with the farm boys. The food was simple but adequate for we hungry girls.

We were paid £3 per week by the farmers out of which we had to pay 25 shillings board and three shillings and sixpence tax. This left only about 30 shillings per week for ourselves.

I recall a night when Matron Maddox took us on a route march which certainly wasn't needed after a full day of work. However, I guess even the land army girls needed to do something like the regular army. Other Land Army camps had abandoned military routines but apparently Matron Maddox thought this was important, but why, I'll never know. Thankfully after that we were given leave for a week when we could go home for a break.

Our next placement was at Callide to pick cotton. Our home was in the Callide Hall which is now the site of the powerhouse. This time there were between 25 and 30 girls in our camp. Some of the group were city girls who had come from New South Wales. City girls picking cotton was interesting as the temperature at times reached 120 degrees Fahrenheit (48.8 degrees Celsius) and other times they were surrounded by mud due to heavy rain. Cotton picking was hard on your hands as our hands and especially fingernails were often very sore and became infected. Removing the small, rough cotton bolls from the cups on the bushes was tedious work. I had picked cotton on my uncle's farm at Guluguba so at least I knew what to do. It was great to be with my sister and friend, Mona. We were paid threepence a pound for the cotton we picked. This meant we had to pick a lot of cotton to make a reasonable amount of money. Mona was the 'top picker' making £8 in one week. The most I was paid was £7.

Some of the girls were lazy and would sit all day with the bosses chatting, smoking and who knows what else they got up to. They knew the government would supplement the wage if they didn't pick enough. I enjoyed being out picking cotton so was happy to do the work.

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Dances to which we wore our uniforms were often held on the weekend. These were a lot of fun as the girls in our camp would often arrive together on the back of a truck. On the way we'd often be boisterously singing some of our favourite war songs such as, "It's a Long Way to Tipperary". We however preferred the Aussie version, "That's the Wrong Way to Tickle Mary". Some of my other favourites were, "We'll meet again", "Wish Me Luck as You Wave Me Goodbye" and "Pack up Your Troubles in Your Old Kit Bag". I enjoyed dancing but remember that some of the boys were too drunk to dance properly. This was disappointing to me as it wasn't my way of having fun.

We had friends at Biloela, and I also knew the Pastor at the local Lutheran Church who came out to visit us. On the following Sunday we used our work truck to go to church. It must have been a funny sight to see a bunch of land army girls in uniform sitting on the tray of the truck dangling our legs and singing war songs as we drove the 5 miles to church. On the weekends, Jean and I would often stay with our Biloela friends which was a nice break from camp life.

After this it was off to Wowan for 6 weeks to finish the cotton picking there. At Wowan we camped in tents, so life was a little on the rough side, but I still enjoyed it.

From Wowan we travelled via the Keil Mountain Road to Woombye where Jean and I worked for 3 months on a mixed farm with a lovely brother and sister as our boss. I recall that Colin was the brother's name. We were able to have a room in their house which was on a big hill. Each morning we'd go down to work on the farm and then hike up the hill for meals with a very tired trudge up the hill at the end of the day. Colin grew a range of fruit and vegetables such as custard apples, pineapples, pawpaw and cucumbers. It was wonderful to be able to feast on delicious fruit and vegetables. I developed a carbuncle which required lancing. This was painful. The doctor said that I should wear gloves as the juice from the pawpaw may have caused it.

Jean and I borrowed 2 bikes and rode to church in Nambour. If you know the Nambour area, you'll be aware that some of the hills are very steep. To make things more challenging the bike I rode had a fixed wheel. Oh my goodness, what an ordeal riding the bike up and down the hills. As Jean is my younger sister, I let her have the easier bike to ride. Thankfully after church, some kind people delivered us home on the back of a ute. The following Sunday Jean and I wore our uniforms and started to walk to church. Oh, the power of a uniform as we were soon picked up and delivered safely to church. No more bike rides for me.

The 12 months that mum had allowed us to be in the Land Army was soon up, so it was back home with the family. I was home in Toowoomba for only a week when I was given a job at Salem Rest home so much wiser for the experiences I had.

I felt honoured to have had the opportunity to serve my country in doing essential work, no matter how hard to help keep our country strong.



Elsie
Land Army Woombye
1944



Elsie with Jan Nary
Writer and Director
of "The Other Diggers"



Elsie with cast and crew of "The Other Diggers"

The play "The Other Diggers" written and directed by Jan Nary was recently on at the Redlands Museum. I attended the final performance and thoroughly enjoyed it. Another member, Pam O'Connor also attended the same performance. The afternoon was topped off by meeting Elsie Stiller and her daughter Judy, this privilege really enhanced the meaning of the play and the pleasure of meeting someone who had served in the Land Army and furthermore she served at Woombye where my mother grew up and worked on the family farm. It is Jan Nary's hope that this play tours nationally and is also performed at the Australian War Memorial. Well done to all involved, it was such a wonderful afternoon.

Gwenda Editor

In the spotlight this Review

Fran Sinclair – Member WRAAC Association QLD



My Story

I grew up in the small country town of Aberdeen in the Hunter Valley, New South Wales. I worked in the local CBC Bank after leaving school. I always had a dream of moving away and doing something different, but really didn't know what at the time.

I had two cousins in Vietnam and we were very isolated from the negative press about the war.

I left the bank after 2 years to work in a solicitor's office and met an Ex WRAAC, Jan Divine, who spoke very fondly of her time in the Army. I did some research about the army life for a young girl and felt it was for me. I am the oldest of seven and had a very strict catholic upbringing so I knew I could cope with discipline.

I enlisted in Sydney in May 1972 and had my 19th Birthday at WRAAC School at Georges Heights. After recruit training I stayed on at WRAAC School as a Stewardess. I did my trade training as a driver at Randwick Barracks, although I lived in at WRAAC

School for the duration. I met my husband on that driver's course. I recall the instructors on the course giving us a hard time about our friendship.

I always remember the day I marched into 1TRB Kapooka as a driver. It was the day Gough Whitlam became Prime Minister in December 1972. It was an historical time as National Service was abolished and the Nashos marched out of Kapooka as Civies. A moment in history.

I went home on Christmas leave and invited Ken home to meet the family (quite a shock for him). We were engaged over the Christmas break and mum went into top gear to organise a wedding while I headed back to Kapooka. The date was chosen (by mum) she didn't believe in long engagements. It was May 1973 and I applied for a posting back to Sydney as Ken was stationed at Holsworthy. My posting was approved and I was posted to 390 Tpt Platoon at Ingleburn and I lived in at Moorebank for about 6 weeks before the wedding. I was the Family Liaison Driver located in Holsworthy Village. After our wedding I went back to the Unit and attended the parade at Rose Bay where Transport became a Corps as the Service Corps was disbanded. The dynamic of the Corps changed and we became Liverpool Transport Unit and my role changed as well. I trained on the Mac trucks and buses and obtained my army licence to drive troops. I remember very early mornings driving troops out to Richmond Air Force Base or Watsons Bay for discharge.

Life was good but then my life changed, I fell pregnant in July 1974. Once I told my OC, he took me off the road and I helped in the Orderly room. I was used to this as I often helped type up the weekly routine orders as the orderly room sergeant found me on the typewriter very early in my posting at 390 Tpt Platoon. The Orderly room corporal taught me the pay system - you may know the one in the little brown pay book.

At the beginning of November 1974, the OC issued an order that I take my discharge. Hence on the 30th November 1974, I became a civilian again. I left the unit on the Thursday afternoon to fond farewells. A commonwealth car collected me from home on the Friday morning for a long trip to Watsons Bay for my discharge and returned me home. It was the loneliest time of my life. I had never had a day on my own in all my life until then. I still feel cheated that I could not stay on but realise it happened to many before and also after me. I know I was privileged to have been able to stay on after my wedding so am grateful for that.

After leaving the Army I had 2 sons. Over the next 23 years we moved with Ken on his posting to Townsville, Adelaide, Canberra, Geelong and back to Sydney. In Townsville I did a short stint in the Army Reserve where I learnt the pay system. As Ken was part of the ready division, I wasn't able to continue on as I didn't have any support to look after the boys, although I did work full-time and they were in child care during the day. In Canberra I completed a diploma in IT when there was no PC only main frames although have been lucky enough to upgrade along the way.

On Ken's retirement we settled on the Central Coast NSW for the next 20 years. Ken has had 3 life threatening cancers over the years and the last one left him with multiple health issues from the side effects of heavy-duty chemo. It was a very tough time over a period of 5 years and when he had the heart attack for me it was the last straw. I made the decision to move to the Sunshine Coast as both our boys and their family have lived here for over 20 years. I didn't give Ken a say although he did eventually have a say as to where on the Coast we would live. He made a great choice and I am loving life here. I have become active in the community with the Ex -Service ladies and the local Aussie Rules Football Club. I met up with old friends and certainly made some new ones. The Coast has been very welcoming.


Christmas in July at the **LOCAL** at Beerwah

Christmas in July has never been on my bucket list, and I avoid it like the plague, but when the topic was raised at our last General Meeting and I asked, "Would anyone be interested?" a resounding "Yes" and lots of heads nodding was evident, it was a goer. Oh well there you have it I thought, this will be my first.

So little time and so much to organise and then Fran Sinclair waved her magic wand and offered one of her Wednesday bookings. Good news, venue and meal sorted in no time however, I discovered trying to hire a mini bus around school holidays just doesn't happen, so I was more than grateful to those who car pooled to get everyone there.

So it came to pass, many turned up wearing Christmas accessories, the tables were decorated in true festive style with Fran's extra touches. We did include some of Fran's usual Wednesday 'friends' as we had felt guilty about taking away one of their 'get together' days.

The meal was lovely, and in between the main course and dessert, we took to painting little plaster of paris ornaments. Thanks again to Fran for supplying all the paraphernalia as I do believe we had some aspiring Rembrandts in the group.

The owner Stephanie, was a delight, her warm heartedness and welcome made us right at home.

The meal was exceptional, the service splendid and I am sure everyone had a good time.

Who would believe it, I came home already planning a Christmas in July for 2024.



Charity Fundraiser

Win this beautiful hand made Quilt by purchasing a \$5.00 Lucky "Number"



Ensure you purchase your number now or you might miss out! Limited to 200 numbers. To purchase a number or two, refer to Internet Banking details on page 10. Please include in the reference your "name/quilt raffle", then email the secretary to receive your number/s.

The Winner will be drawn at our November meeting at Geebung RSL on Saturday 25th November 2023, if not sold out prior. Results will be published on our website and in the WRAAC Review following the draw.

This Quilt was kindly donated to the Association by Jennifer Gilbert, Carolyn's sister. For those of you who have a passion for sewing you would acknowledge the amount of effort involved in creating such a wonderful quilt. Many hours of labour have been spent to produce such a beautiful result. It will make a lovely wall hanging or a throw rug for your bed or knees during the cooler months.

All funds raised will be donated to charity.

Thank you for your support, it is much appreciated. Good Luck!

Army Museum South Queensland

presents

Women in Uniform

(in Army in Queensland 1899-2023)

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From the President's Pen

Each time I prepare this article for the Newsletter, I feel the year is going at a fast rate of knots, I can't believe we have hit the second half of the year as it only feels that we just finalised Corps Day.

While the AGM is done and dusted, my thanks goes to all those who worked hard to make our last financial year a positive one. It was a bit daunting going into the AGM with very few nominated for Committee and Executive positions. However, thanks to Lorraine Houlihan who chaired the meeting and also rallied nominations from the floor. This saw all the positions filled with willing workers ready to start planning the years activities.

You will see from another article in this Newsletter that we celebrated Christmas in July at Beerwah. As this seemed very popular, July next year we will no doubt be arranging another luncheon with different activities at a different location.

While we are already organising other functions, we are currently planning to have a get together, this being a Picnic in the Park at the Roma Street Parklands on Tuesday 5th September from 11.30am. Unlike this event of years gone by, there will be no physical games and activities as I may have to have a St John's Ambulance and Paramedics at the call. Perhaps something a bit more sedate including a leisurely walk through the gardens would be more suitable. You can either BYO lunch or make a purchase at one of the eateries. I'm currently looking at a free guided tour that starts at 10.00am. I may need to know numbers for this, and will be sending out advice of where exactly we will meet up and who would like to do the tour.

We are still waiting for word from the local Member on the Sunshine Coast regarding the date of the Australia Zoo trip. We have been told it will be during Veterans Health Week, therefore, we will be applying for a grant to go towards providing a free bus to our members for this activity.

Hoping to see you at the August meeting, where we will be showing the special DVD Edition to the Women's Land Army. Thanks to Gwenda for arranging this.

Once again, thank you for your support

Kay



Eligibility

You can apply if you hold any of the following Australian Federal Government concession cards:

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Phyllis “Pippa” Latour: The Forgotten Spy Whose Knitting Helped Pave the Way for D-Day..!!

In May 1944, a 23 year old British secret agent named Phyllis Latour parachuted into occupied Normandy to gather intelligence on Nazi positions in preparation for D-Day. As an agent for the British Special Operations Executive (SOE), Phyllis secretly relayed 135 coded messages to the British military before France’s liberation in August. She took advantage of the fact that the Nazi occupiers and their French collaborators were generally less suspicious of women, using the knitting she carried as a way to hide her codes.



Phyllis’ father Philippe, was a French doctor married to Louise, a British citizen living in South Africa, where Phyllis was born in April 1921. Her father died three months later. Some years later in South Africa her mother was killed in a car crash. She subsequently moved from South Africa to England and then joined the Women’s Auxiliary Air Force (WAAF) in November 1941 aged 20, to work as a flight mechanic, but SOE recruiters spotted her potential and offered her a job as a spy as she spoke fluent French. A close family friend had been shot by the Nazis and as a result her grandmother suicided and so she was eager to support the war effort however she could.

She immediately accepted the SOE’s offer and began an intensive training program. In addition to learning about encryption and surveillance, trainees also had to pass gruelling physical tests. She described how they were taught by a cat burglar who had been released from jail on *“how to get in a high window, and down drain pipes, how to climb over roofs without being caught.”*

Phyllis first deployed to Aquitaine in Vichy France where she worked for a year as a spy using the codename Genevieve. Her most dangerous mission, however, began on 1 May 1944 when she jumped out of a USAF bomber and landed behind enemy lines in Nazi-occupied Normandy.

Using the codename Paulette, she posed as a poor teenage French girl whose family had moved to the region to escape the Allied bombing. Phyllis used a bicycle to tour the region, chatting with German soldiers often under the guise of selling soap. She then passed information to the British on Nazi positions using coded messages transmitted by using Morse Code equipment. In a later interview she described how risky the mission, was, noting that *“The men who had been sent just before me were caught and executed. I was told I was chosen for that area of France because I would arouse less suspicion.”* She said when she obtained any military intelligence she encoded it for transmitting by using one-time codes. She also explained how she concealed her codes: *“I always carried knitting because my codes were on a piece of silk – I had about 2,000 I could use. When I used a code I would just pinprick it to indicate it had gone. I wrapped the piece of silk around a knitting needle and put it in a flat shoe lace which I used to tie my hair up.”* She was searched on several occasions, and at one point was brought in for questioning, but the German authorities did not think to examine her hair tie and she was released. Coded messages took a half an hour to send, and the Germans could identify where a signal was sent from in an hour and a half, so Phyllis moved constantly to avoid detection.

At times, she stayed with Allied sympathisers, but often she had to sleep in forests and forage for food. During her months in Normandy, she sent 135 secret messages conveying invaluable information on Nazi troop positions, which was used to help Allied forces prepare for the Normandy landings on D-Day and during the subsequent military campaign. Phyllis continued her mission until France’s liberation in August 1944. In September 1945, she was appointed an additional Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE), for services in France during the German occupation. After WWII, Latour married an engineer with the surname Doyle, and went to live in Kenya, Fiji, and Australia. She now lives in Auckland, New Zealand where she raised four children. For many years, Phyllis Doyle’s contributions to the war effort were largely unheralded, but she was finally given her due in 2014 when she was awarded France’s highest honour, the “Chevalier of the Legion of Honour” during the 70th Anniversary of the Battle of Normandy as well as the “French Resistance Medal of 1943”.

She did not discuss her wartime activities with her family until her children discovered them by reading about them on the Internet in 2000.

Phyllis Latour Doyle celebrated her 102nd birthday on 8 April 2023 and she is the last living female SOE Agent of the 40 who worked in France during World War II.



AUGUST

2023

Saturday 26th

General Meeting 10:30am Geebung RSL, 323 Newman Road, Geebung

Following the meeting there will be a showing of the 70th Anniversary Special Edition DVD to: "THANKS GIRLS and *Goodbye*". There was an article about this in the last Review.

Why not stay on after the meeting for a cuppa/lunch and catch up with friends. Looking forward to seeing you there!



SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 5th

DATE CLAIMER

PICNIC IN THE PARK AT ROMA STREET PARKLAND

BYO or purchase lunch - play some *gentle* games or wander around and take in the Spring flowers. **This is still in discussion phase but put the date aside.**

Wednesday 13th

CESWA - Annual Memorial & Wreath Laying Service

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OCTOBER

Saturday 7th

Committee Meeting 10:30am SED RSL New Farm

Friday - Sunday

Hervey Bay Ex-Servicewomen's Social Club - 39th Birthday Weekend

20 - 22nd

Details on page 9 of this Issue and on our Website

RSVP 6th October 2023

OCTOBER /

VETERANS' HEALTH WEEK BUS TRIP

NOVEMBER

A bus trip, hopefully to Australia Zoo, is in the process of being organised for either October or November to coincide with Veterans' Health Week. Watch our Website for the details of this event once they have been confirmed.



Have you checked our **Website** www.qldwraac.org.au

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- ★ HISTORY ★ OUR ASSOCIATION ORIGIN ★ PICTURE GALLERY
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Hervey Bay Ex-Servicewomen's Social Club 39th Birthday



Colour Our World



This year we want you to wear your
FAVOURITE COLOUR!

Partners are most welcome. We can't wait to see you there!

The Courtesy Bus is available for transport to the RSL Club
for the Friday night function and Saturday Luncheon.

Phone: 1300 775 287 to book.

Friday 20TH OCTOBER

"Casual"

Friday night get together

RSL in Hervey House

5.30pm for 6.00pm Start

Cost: \$25

(Limited drinks and nibbles included)



Saturday 21ST OCTOBER

"Colour Colour Colour"

Saturday Luncheon

RSL in Hervey House

11.30am for 12.00pm Start

Cost: \$40

(Limited drinks included)

RSVP 6th OCTOBER 2023 to Treasurer Julie Chapple

Direct Deposit Details:

BSB 034 136 ACCOUNT 306418 NAME: Hervey Bay Ex-Servicewomen's Social Club

(If using direct debit please advise the treasurer on email judulie@gmail.com)

Please advise any Dietary requirements

Sunday 22nd OCTOBER

"Breakfast"

Sunday Breakfast will be at Mijo's Café Unit 9/6/8 Liuzzi Street Pialba

(they are opening exclusively for us)

8am START

Cost \$10 - PAYABLE BY CASH ONLY ON ARRIVAL SUNDAY MORNING AT THE VENUE

(please do NOT include this with the Friday and Saturday functions cost)

Breakfast Menu:

- 1.SAVOURY MINCE -Mince in a rich sauce with vegetables, served with Turkish bread.
 2. SMASHED AVO - Fresh avocado served on Turkish bread with feta crumble, dressed with rocket + balsamic glaze.
 - 3.BREAKFAST STACK - Turkish bread stacked with smoked bacon, fried egg, hash brown, spinach finished with homemade hollandaise.
 - 4.YUMMY EGGS YOUR WAY - 2 Eggs (fried or poached) served on Turkish bread with tomato relish.
 - 5.BACON + EGG ROLL - Smoked bacon rashers with fried egg with choice of sauce.
 6. FRUIT TOAST - 2 Fruit toast served with butter + dusted with icing sugar.
- PLUS--Cappuccino/Flat White/Hot Chocolate/Pot of Tea/Orange Juice/Apple Juice

If anyone wants to pre order please let Julie Chapple, Treasurer, know by email as above, it will help the cook.



The Council of Ex-Servicewomen's Associations Qld

has much pleasure in extending an invitation to the Executive Committee & Members of

All Member Associations

to attend the

**KALLANGUR MEMORIAL & WREATH LAYING SERVICE
for the Women of Australia**

at the Women of Australia Memorial Wall in the grounds of the
Norths Leagues & Services Club and Pine Rivers RSL Sub-Branch on

Wednesday, 13 September 2023 at 11 am

Medals may be worn

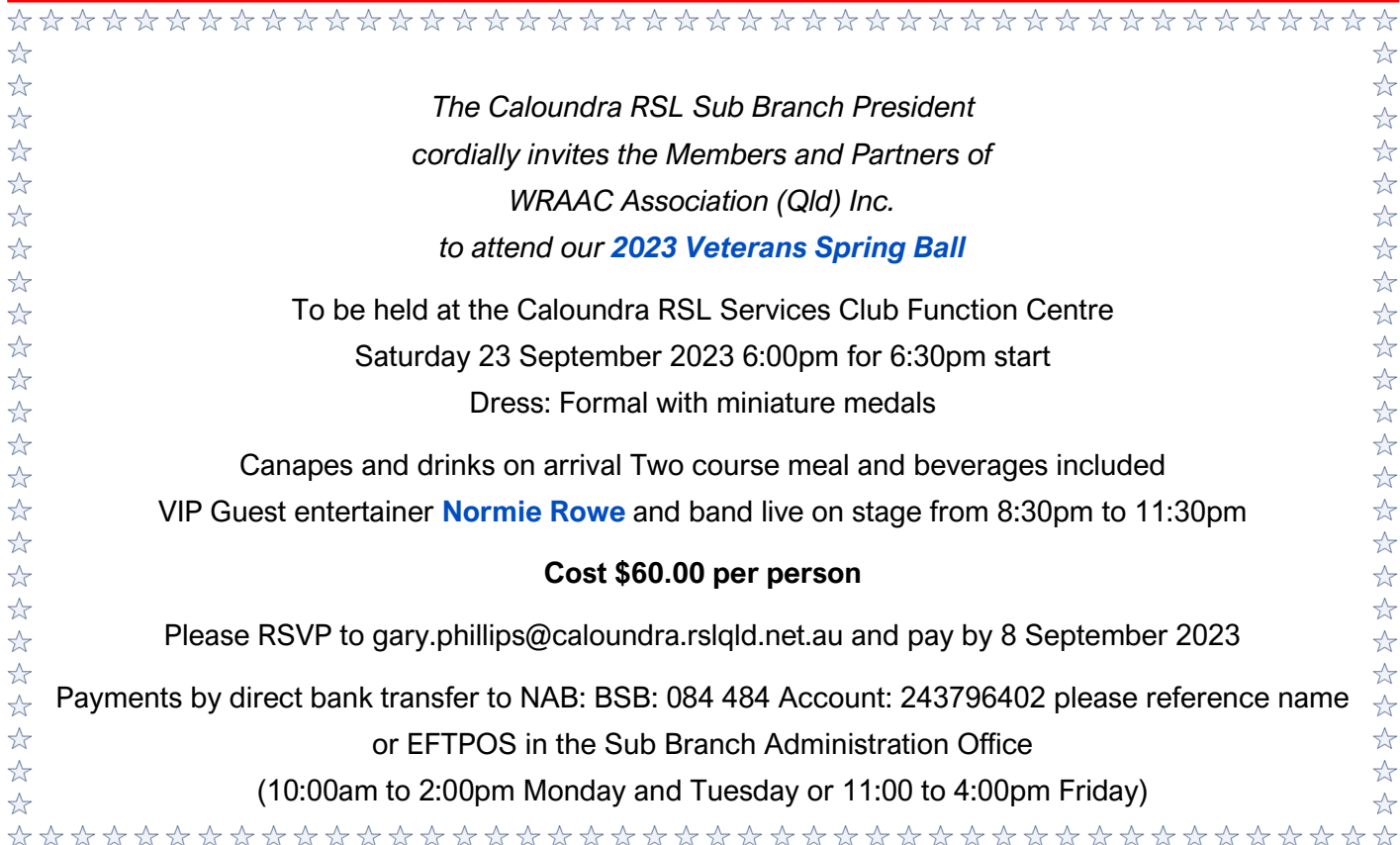
Lunch will not be arranged as a group function.
Norths Leagues & Services Club will serve lunch on an individual booking basis.
For lunch reservations please call Norths Leagues and Services Club on 3285 2733

The Women of Australia Memorial

The Memorial was designed to honour the women of Australia, both military and civilian, whom, through their dedication and courage, provided a significant contribution during all wars and conflicts.

The Memorial has two distinct components one honouring civilians and the second honouring female members of the various Defence Forces.

It is hoped that this memorial will remain as a permanent reminder of those who served our Nation and, in particular, honour those women who paid the ultimate sacrifice.



*The Caloundra RSL Sub Branch President
cordially invites the Members and Partners of
WRAAC Association (Qld) Inc.
to attend our **2023 Veterans Spring Ball***

To be held at the Caloundra RSL Services Club Function Centre
Saturday 23 September 2023 6:00pm for 6:30pm start
Dress: Formal with miniature medals

Canapes and drinks on arrival Two course meal and beverages included
VIP Guest entertainer **Normie Rowe** and band live on stage from 8:30pm to 11:30pm

Cost \$60.00 per person

Please RSVP to gary.phillips@caloundra.rslqld.net.au and pay by 8 September 2023

Payments by direct bank transfer to NAB: BSB: 084 484 Account: 243796402 please reference name
or EFTPOS in the Sub Branch Administration Office

(10:00am to 2:00pm Monday and Tuesday or 11:00 to 4:00pm Friday)

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GENERAL MEETINGS

- ◆ 10.30 am
 - ◆ On the 4th Saturday in March, May, August and November
- It is hoped that we will be having a Bus Trip in July and also an Event in October to celebrate Veterans Health Week details TBA*

GENERAL MEETING VENUE:

- ◆ Geebung RSL
323 Newman Road, Geebung

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- ◆ 10.30 am
- ◆ Bi-monthly or as required

COMMITTEE MEETING VENUE:

- ◆ South East District RSL
42-50 Oxlade Drive, New Farm

MEMBERSHIP FEES

- ◆ **\$15.00** due on **31st March** each year

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Thank you



If you have celebrated an Anniversary, Birthday or maybe a Lotto Win ...

We hope enjoyed your special day! Whatever you were celebrating!!



Don't Forget!

MEMBERSHIP FEES DUE 31 MARCH EACH YEAR

FEES ARE **NOW OVERDUE** FOR 2023

CAN'T GET TO GENERAL MEETINGS AND FEEL LIKE YOU ARE MISSING OUT ON INFORMATION?

A copy of the Minutes from the General and Annual General Meetings will now be emailed or posted to you. If you are not receiving your copy or would prefer not to receive them, please contact the Secretary Marjorie McShane on 0400 038 221 or send an email to secretarywraac_qld@outlook.com and she will be happy to discuss this with you.

ALL GENERAL MEETINGS IN 2023 WILL BE HELD AT GEEBUNG RSL

Don't FORGET!

DON'T FORGET TO UPDATE YOUR PERSONAL DETAILS & CONTACT NAME IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY



Have you changed any of your personal details? Please advise the Secretary so we can update our records. Change of address, phone number, email address or contact name and phone number in case of an emergency. If we lose contact with you, we may rely on ringing your contact person.

care corner

Val Jack has had a cataract op and has sight in her (L) eye now. She is happy she can now read again. Our Editor, Gwenda has also had cataract surgery on both eyes, and they are both healing well. Judith Munday has been unwell but on the improve now. Denise Busk continues to visit Faye Gray who seems more settled these days. I have not heard from anyone else so know no more. Stay well in this cold weather.

Signing off, Eve Radford
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