

# Sunshine Coast Ex-Service and Serving Women's Association Inc.

## *Joining Forces*



### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Welcome to the 17th edition of *Joining Forces*.

In this edition we are again very fortunate to have the privilege of presenting another exceptional Service Career Biography. Our member Tracy Casteleijn, Navy, has provided us with a wonderful insight into the role and functions of a Navy Photographer/Imagery Specialist (Phot). She is an exceptional woman and has served in a number of theatres including War Zones during her long service to Australia both on land and at sea.

I believe that the sharing of these service histories add so much to our Association and as editor I am so grateful for not only the written word and photographs but also the significant effort that our members have gone to in providing their personal insight into their Military Service.

Additionally, this Association has recently presented to the President Peter Tsakissiris, Maroochy RSL Sub Branch a copy of *Australian Women's Roll of Honour 1899 to 2016*. This Roll was the exacting and extensive work of the Bundaberg and District Women Veterans and was reproduced and presented with their permission. To them we give our sincere thanks. The magnificent Honour Roll now hangs proudly in the entrance foyer of the Maroochy RSL Sub Branch.

With respect.

*Larraine Houlihan*

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### **Editor's Note;**

Along with all of the information contained in these editions please be aware that I am always on the look out for new Bios . You may think that your time in service was not very long or interesting however everyone's service was different and always interesting. Please think about writing your story no matter how short or long. I am always happy to help you put it together.

*Larraine*

## TRACY CASTELEIJN, RAN W145204

### Honours and Awards:

Australian Active Service Medal with ICAT clasp  
Australian Operational Service Medal—Border Protection  
Defence Long Service Medal with First and Second Clasps  
Australian Defence Medal  
Afghanistan Campaign Medal  
Returned from Active Service Badge  
Operational Service Badge—Military



#### THEN

Tracy at her  
Recruit School  
graduation in  
July 1989

#### NOW

Tracy during  
ANZAC Day  
2023 in  
Caloundra



I enlisted on 03 April 1989 at ADF Recruiting in Melbourne into General Entry 54 (GE54), Waller Division, Romeo Class at RAN Recruit School, HMAS *Cerberus*, Victoria. I was discharged on 03 May 2017 from HMAS *Harman* in Canberra as a Warrant Officer Imagery Specialist.

I joined the Navy at 18 years of age as a Recruit WRAN Steward with a view to transferring category to Photographer. Postings as a WRAN (WR) / Senior WRAN Steward (SWRSTD) included HMAS *Cerberus*, where I was employed in the Wardroom and Gunroom, then I was off to HMAS *Harman* in Canberra in 1990 where I was employed as a bar steward in the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) Cadet's Mess, Officer's Mess, Senior Non-Commissioned Officer's (NCO) Mess and the Junior NCO's bar. In 1991 the 'WRAN' sailor rank titles were abolished in lieu of those used by males so my rank then became Able Seaman (AB). In 1993, I was posted to HMAS *Creswell* where I made friends of whom I am still in touch with today. I was largely employed as the Supply Officer's Assistant, a refreshing alternate task, that propelled me to apply for, and be lucky enough to be selected for, transfer of category to Photographer (Phot). At year's end of 1993 *Creswell* experienced the commencement of ADF catering services being contracted out to civilian companies. All Navy cooks and stewards were posted out and replaced with civilian staff. I completed my steward days at HMAS *Albatross*, the Naval Air Station in Nowra, NSW, in March 1994. I graduated from the School of Photography at RAAF East Sale in Victoria in December 1994, and was awarded the 'Most Conscientious and Consistent Effort' perpetual trophy. The basic photography course was an intense 9 months of learning every single little detail of every aspect of photography and earned those of us that made it to graduation a professional photographer qualification.



Being presented with her Basic Photography Graduation Certificate

Being awarded the "Most Conscientious and Consistent Effort" perpetual trophy.



Let the best job in the Navy begin! Posted to HMAS *Kuttabul*, Navy Imagery Unit-East (NIU -E) on Garden Island in Sydney, as a newly graduated Able Seaman Photographer (ABPH) to consolidate my training, I was off to a cracking start with a deployment to Exercise Kakadu II, a multi-nation exercise off the coast of Darwin, Northern Territory, where I took the most famous photo of my entire career (5 FFG's all abreast). This photo went 'viral' so-to-speak, attracting world-wide acclaim including the US Navy congratulating me on such an awesome image.



RAN guided missile frigates (FFGs). From front, HMA Ships NEWCASTLE, DARWIN, SYDNEY, CANBERRA and ADELAIDE. (Photograph - ABPH Tracy Casteleijn)

Tracy's most coveted photo published as a Navy marketing poster in 1995

Some healthy rivalry existed amongst us Photos to get our pics on the front page of Navy News. I am happy to say that I did indeed achieve a few Navy News front pages during my time at NIU-E. In 1995, this time as a Phot, I was posted back to HMAS *Albatross*, where the majority of tasking was technical industrial photography supporting air craft maintenance reports, plus public affairs photography and a lot of group photography. This was all by hand black-and-white film and print processing which is now a lost art but I could do it all again right this second. I will always miss silver-based film and print photography.



Atop Darwin's Iron Ore Wharf crane gathering imagery for Exercise Kakadu 11 in 1995.

On promotion to Leading Seaman Photographer (LSPH) in 1997 I was posted to the RAN Tactical Electronic Warfare Support Section (RANTEWSS) in *Albatross*, learning the extra-curricular skill of Imagery Analysis to qualify for the position. I completed two South East Asia deployments in HMAS *Adelaide* which included multi-nation exercises and port visits in Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand and Indonesia. In Indonesia in 1998, I cross-decked from *Adelaide* to HMAS *Torrens*, the last of the RAN's Destroyer Escort (DE) class, for her decommissioning deployment and visited ports in the Pacific including Port Moresby and Noumea. Here I served with one of my best mates of whom was a Leading Seaman Naval Police Coxswain (NPC). She had transferred to NPC from a Motor Transport Driver (Truckie) and we had served together previously at *Albatross*. We will always remain besties and we keep in touch.



*HMAS Torrens Last of the Class poster produced by Tracy in 1998 during Torrens' decommissioning deployment*

Also in 1998, I completed a Southern Ocean deployment in HMAS *Newcastle* to Heard Island which earned me the Australian Operational Service Medal-Border Protection. We were patrolling for Patagonian Toothfish poachers in Australian waters. Although such conditions can be very dangerous as you move around the ship, the big tall roughers of the Southern Ocean were exciting and great fun. The motion of the ship plunging down a wave would fling you from the bottom to the top of a ladder in a second. The bright orange mustang suits required to be worn on the upper decks to prevent hyperthermia and photographing from the ship's helicopter with Heard Island in the background was a fabulously unique experience. To put the icing on the cake, we did indeed apprehend poachers and escorted the vessel back to mainland Fremantle.



HMAS *Newcastle* at Heard Island Great Southern Ocean 1998

In my Mustang Suit on HMAS *Newcastle* during a replenishment at Sea with HMAS *Westralia* 1998



In 1999 I posted to HMAS *Coonawarra* in Darwin (Defence Public Affairs-Northern Territory) where I was part of a Tri-Service public affairs team made up of a Navy LSPH (me), an Air Force Corporal Phot, an Army Corporal Phot, an Army Sergeant Videographer, an Army Captain Public Affairs Officer and a civilian Public Affairs Officer. We covered military activities in both video and stills photography across the entire top end and included East Timor operational tasking. This was one of my favourite postings as I got to experience a huge range of military activities and I got to visit Indigenous communities like Borroloola and the Tiwi Islands. During my time in Darwin, I became friends with an Army WO2 Clerk, who was loan-posted to our PA Team. We will always remain friends and keep in touch. She is a current member of the Women's Royal Australian Army Corps (WRAAC) Association Queensland and we catch up at the annual Tri-Service Women's Luncheon in Brisbane. Also, whilst in Darwin I reconnected with two Air Force friends that I served with at ADFA in the early 90's, one of which I am still in touch with today.



Photographing an ADF cycling event in Darwin 2002



A selection of Northern Defence Magazines which I contributed imagery to from 2000 to 2002

In 2002, I deployed to the Middle East Area of Operations (MEAO) in the Arabian Gulf in HMAS *Newcastle* which earned me the Australian Active Service Medal with ICAT (International Coalition Against Terror) clasp and the Afghanistan Campaign Medal. We sailed from Sydney via HMAS *Stirling*, then across the Indian ocean via Diego Garcia and Bahrain. We'd patrol the gulf for a few weeks at a time then we'd get a few days leave ashore in Dubai which is just the most amazing place. An opulent oasis in the desert with great shopping and plenty to do and see. We bought gold in the Gold Souk where every window was dripping with the biggest pieces of gold jewellery you've ever seen and we shopped for Persian rugs in the al Juma Souk (Masafi Friday Market) then struggled back to the ship with these big, heavy rolls of carpet that we wrangled through hatch combings and down ladder bays to find a place to stow them on the ship; we went 4-wheel driving and camel riding through the mountainous sandy desert dunes and enjoyed a sumptuous middle-eastern meal at a desert camp BBQ where we smoked shishas (traditional Arabic hookah waterpipes); and we relaxed by the pool at the Seafarer's Club to refresh and re-charge for the next patrol. On departing the Gulf, we visited the port of Muscat in Oman where it was 45 degrees in the shade and women must be fully covered in long pants and long sleeves. Crikey it was hot! We did a tour up in to the mountains and down into the valley where we swam in the cool waters of the wadi (a river valley). It was spectacular. Even with all the fun and amazement, a 6-month deployment is a tough gig to get through, where the full range of emotions are experienced many times over but where you and your shipmates get each other through anything and everything.



On the forecandle of the HMAS Newcastle in the Arabian Gulf in 2002



Shopping in the Gold Souk in Dubai in 2002

On promotion to Petty Officer Photographer (POPH) in 2003 I was posted to Photographic Training Flight at RAAF East Sale as the sole Navy Instructor where I delivered professional photography training to Navy and Air Force personnel. Being a teacher does not come naturally to me so this was one of my more difficult postings but embracing the opportunity it was an invaluable personal growth experience. In addition to the teaching challenge, one of those experiences was performing the role of parade commander for a basic photography course graduation. Quite the daunting task but I lead that parade with aplome and felt particular pride in that achievement. Another out-of-the-ordinary task was to lead an ANZAC Day parade through the City of Sale, Victoria and lay the wreath as Navy's representative alongside the most senior Air Force and Army officers in the region. Again, a nerve-wracking task and again, a proud moment and sense of achievement. In 2006 I was posted to Navy Headquarters in Canberra as Staff Officer Navy Marketing. This was a newly created position for a POPH where I learned about corporate branding and marketing. A very interesting and creative role, this was a terrific job where I was involved in the development of Brand Navy, developed imagery databases and produced imagery-based marketing products such as yearly RAN calendars.



Official Portrait as a Petty Officer at Flight Training, RAAF East Sale

Leading the City of Sale ANZAC Day march alongside Army and Air Force

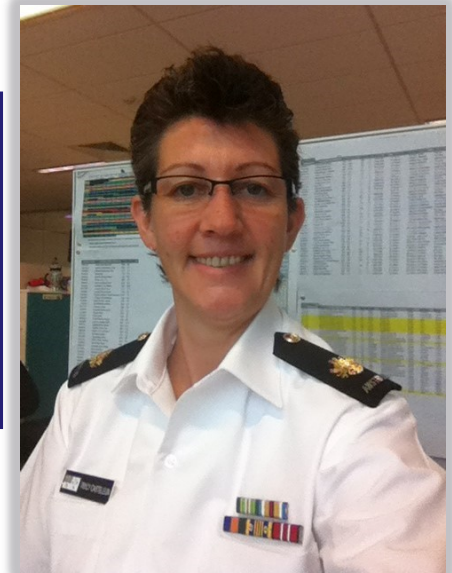


On promotion to Chief Petty Officer Photographer (CPOPH) in 2007 I was posted to HMAS Stirling as Officer-in-Charge Navy Imagery Unit-West (OIC NIU-W) where I managed a team of six Photographers to provide all photographic support requirements for HMAS Stirling and its many lodger units plus the RAN Submarine Fleet and west-based seagoing platforms.

In 2009 the Photography category's name was changed to Imagery Specialist (IS) to better describe our wide and varied roles so I became CPOIS. I thoroughly enjoyed this posting. My staff and I received numerous accolades for the imagery support we provided and I jumped at the chance to complete the Navy Women's Mentoring Program and to participate in the Perth Women's Leadership Symposium. What a fabulous personal growth opportunity that was. In 2013 I was posted to HMAS *Harman* (Navy People Career Management Agency) in Canberra as the Intelligence Categories' Career Manager where I managed the postings for Imagery Specialist, Imagery Analyst, Cryptologic Linguist, Cryptologic Systems and Electronic Warfare category sailors. This was one of my most challenging but rewarding roles.



Portrait as a CPOIS in Disruptive Pattern Navy Uniform at NIU-W



In my role as Warrant Officer Imagery Specialist Category Manager, Canberra 2015.

On promotion to Warrant Officer Imagery Specialist in 2015, I was posted to the Directorate of Navy Category Management in Canberra as the Imagery Specialist Category Manager where I was responsible for the IS category's structure, equipment, tasking and future planning. Having strived for and proudly achieving the pinnacle of non-commissioned ranks, my time at the rank of Warrant Officer was short-lived due to failing health and I was discharged from Navy in May 2017. Although it was a disappointing end, I completed just over 28 years full time Service with a broad range of postings and performed many and varied roles. I experienced the female rank transition from 'WRAN' to 'Seaman', the implementation of compulsory sea service for women and the civilianisation of shore-based catering services. In my capacity as a professional photographer, I experienced the transition from silver-based photographic processing using chemicals to digital photography now processed on computers and I was involved in the category's name change from Photography to Imagery Specialist. I experienced Imagery Analyst, Tri-Service Public Affairs team, operational (war-like Service), border protection Service, Photography Instructor, Corporate Marketing, Navy Imagery Unit Management, Human Resource Management and Category Management roles. I inadvertently made a little bit of trail-blazing RAN history being the first female PH/IS to achieve the senior sailor ranks of PO, CPO and WO. All the unique and wonderful things that I experienced; the skills I learned; the ships that carried me; the aircraft that flew me; the foreign ports that I explored; the many cities in which I lived across the country; the fabulous people that I served with and the many life-long friends that I made, together create a most wonderful and memorable career.

Along with those life-long friends with whom I Served, we are members of Navy Women (WRANS-RAN) QLD, Sunshine Coast Ex-Service and Serving Women's Assn Inc and Bundaberg District Women Veterans organisations. Through these memberships we have reunited with even more fellow shipmates and have also made new life-long friendships. All of us, young and old, from all Services, will always have the commonality and connection of having 'Served' and the friendships just keep on growing from there. Such wonderful affinity.

My partner Sam, also ex-Navy having completed 32 years, also made some trail-blazing history in her career, including becoming the first female to achieve the rank of Warrant Officer Naval Police Coxswain. In 2017, together Sam and I relocated to Kooralbyn in South East Queensland to spend more time with our families. We joined the Beaudesert RSL Sub-Branch who made us overwhelmingly welcome. Along with an executive member of the sub-branch at the time, also an ex-WRAN and also a member of WRANS-QLD, we got together and car-pooled to Ex-Service Women's events. Yet another example of the camaraderie continuing. In 2021, one of the sub-branch's long-serving Ladies Auxiliary members arranged for Sam and I to each be presented with a quilt of valour. It was quite the honour for our service to be recognised in such a way. A quilt of valour is made by the hands of fabulously creative and generous volunteers and the certificate reads:

*'On behalf of 'Quilts of Valour Australia Inc.', 'we award this quilt to you to acknowledge your Valour, Service and Sacrifice for our country. The quilt has been made with love for you from other Australians to wrap you in warmth and care. The top of the quilt with its many colours, shapes and fabrics, represents the communities and the many individuals we are. The wadding, the filler, in the centre of the quilt is its warmth. It represents our hope that this quilt will bring warmth, comfort, peace and healing to you. The backing is the strength that supports the other layers. It represents your strength, the support of our communities and our nation. Each stitch that holds the layers together represents love, gratitude and sometimes the tears of the maker. Best wishes and prayers.'*

I am more than honoured to be honoured in such a beautiful and caring way. That sense of pride to have Served my country will never waiver.



Tracy and partner Sam were presented with "Quilts of Valour" 2021



Yearning to be close-by the ocean, in 2023 Sam and I relocated to Woodgate on the central Queensland coast, enjoying our beautiful beach and the glorious ocean every day. One of my best mates, whom I served with in HMAS *Newcastle* in the MEAO also lives in Woodgate. Some shipmates remain your best mates for life.



# Sunshine Coast Ex-Service and Serving Women's Association Inc – 2024 Annual Luncheon



## SUNSHINE COAST EX-SERVICE AND SERVING WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION INC

Invitation to all Service Women  
**ANNUAL LUNCHEON**  
**6 June 2024**



Help us Celebrate  
**QUEENSLAND DAY**

(Beautiful one day perfect the next)



to be held at  
**MAROOCHY RSL CLUB**  
**Memorial Ave**  
**MAROOCHYDORE**



**11.30am for 12.00 midday**

**COST: SCESWA (Financial) members \$35 - Non-Members \$40**

**RSVP 25 May 2024 with payment**

**Dress Code: Celebrating Queensland**

Carers are welcome



Tea and coffees will be available, for early arrivals who have travelled long distances.

A complimentary meal, at the Bistro, will be available for bus drivers (please advise)



Below are the details payment options:

- ◇ Internet Banking Auswide Account **SCESWA BSB 645646 Acct No 102736405**  
**Please include your name as reference:**  
**email payment details to: Judi Taylor at judimtaylor@gmail.com**
- ◇ Cheques made payable to: Sunshine Coast Ex Service and Serving Women's Assn Inc. sent to:  
The Secretary  
Sunshine Coast Ex-Service and Serving Women's Association Inc.  
PO Box 654  
BUDDINA Qld 4575 .

PLEASE ADVISE IF THERE ARE ANY SPECIAL DIETARY / ALLERGY REQUIREMENTS

**Sunshine Coast Ex-Service and Serving Women's Assn  
2023 Christmas Luncheon**



**SCESWA members at the  
Lind Lane production of  
"Nancy Wake"**



**Women's Royal  
Australian Army Corps  
73rd Corps Day at  
Geebung RSL**

**Presentation of the *Australian Servicewomen's Roll of Honour 1899–2016* to Maroochy RSL Sub Branch President**

Role of Honour produced by the Bundaberg District Women Veterans and presented with their permission



Vice President Deirdre Elliott and Treasurer Judi Taylor presenting the Women's Roll of Honour to Maroochy Sub Branch President Mr Peter Tsakissiris.

**Glasshouse Country Women United by Defence Monthly luncheon.**

L to R; Bev Milner, Val Machin, Lorraine Houlihan, Terri-Ann Howard, Jennie Promnitz, Fran Sinclair, Mo Barnes, Jan Thorne, Liz Grimes & Sandy Hoffschildt



Held on 2nd Wednesday each month at 11.30am. Next date is 13 March 2024. Contact Fran Sinclair on 0416 013 987 for further info. All welcome.

**Bribie Island Ex-Service Women's Monthly Luncheon**

The Luncheon for the Bribie Island Ex-Service Women is held the 4th Monday of the month at the Bribie Island RSL, 99 Toorbul Street, Bribie Island. Contact Anita Cooper on 0402 246 408 for any further info. All welcome.



## OGM & AGM Meeting and Committee Meeting Dates -2024



**21 March 2024—SCESWA Committee Meeting**



**4 April 2024—OGM and Annual General Meeting—Kawana Surf Club**



**18 April 2024 —SCESWA Committee Meeting**



**16 May 2024—SCESWA Committee Meeting**



**6 June 2024—Annual Luncheon—Maroochydore Events Centre**



**20 June 2024—SCESWA Committee Meeting**



**18 July 2024—SCESWA Committee Meeting**



**1 August 2024—OGM Maroochydore—RSL Sub Branch**



**29 August 2024—SCESWA Committee Meeting**



**3 October 2024—OGM—Caloundra RSL Sub Branch**



**17 October 2024—SCESWA Committee Meeting**



**21 November 2024—SCESWA Committee Meeting**



**5 December 2024—OGM and Christmas Lunch—Kawana Surf Club**



## COFFEE and CHAT & Other Association Dates—2024



Thursday 7 March 2024

Caloundra RSL Sub Branch



Thursday 2 May 2024

@ 11.30am—Lunch at Cooroy RSL Club  
\* Please Note that this replaces the  
previously advertised C n C location



Thursday 4 July 2024

Bus Trip to Bribie Island



Thursday 5 September 2024

Bower Tree, 10 Courage St, Sippy Downs



Thursday 7 November 2024

Maroochy RSL Gardens—Annual Wreath  
Laying

The dates below may change, if so, you will be updated in advance.



Saturday 16 March 2024

Tri Service Luncheon—Geebung RSL—RSVP to  
your respective Associations by 1 March 2024



Saturday 27 July 2024

Council of Ex Service Women Church Service



Wednesday 11 September 2024

Council of Ex Service Women—Pine Rivers  
Wreath Laying Ceremony

## **BIRTHDAYS**

### **MARCH**

Raylene Dries, Barbara Jeffries, Patricia Campbell, Elaine Retallick, Valerie Smith, Ingrid Hausmann, Lorraine Houlihan, Christine Clancy and Lorelle Horan

### **APRIL**

Margaret Thomas, Rhondda Poor, Jan Thorne and Bett Upson

### **MAY**

Dianne Pearce, Trudy Avery, and Cindie Manzie



## ***VALE***



Irene Mary SMITH (nee PATULLO) 5.08.1923—21.01.2024—AWAS  
Life Member of SCESWA



## **POPPY SERVICE**



Remember to notify your local RSL Sub Branch if you would like to have a Poppy Service or alternatively ensure you advise your family of your wishes.

## **Facebook — Combined Ex Service and Serving Women Australia**

The *Combined Ex Service and Serving Women Australia* is a very informative site on Facebook for ex servicewomen and is independently administered by ex service women. Ex service women from all over Australia have registered and make frequent posts providing interesting information, military photos and fun ditties. To join, simply answer two questions relating to your service, and once the Administrator approves your request you will have unlimited access to other Combined Ex Service Women Australia's members posts, photos and importantly all events that are coming up for numerous Associations throughout Australia. Whilst this Facebook site is not part of our Association, the committee ensures that all events relating to the SCESWA are recorded on this site.

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**Members: Please note the change of email address for our Association.**



# NAVY WOMEN QUEENSLAND CALENDAR OF EVENTS for 2024

## Calendar of Events 2024– subject to changes

Date	Event	Notes
3 Feb	60 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Navy Women Qld Luncheon and launch "Then and Now Diamond Jubilee"	Geebung RSL
8 Feb	CESWA Bi-Monthly OGM	Delegates attend
8 Feb	Service @ Jack Southbank	Honouring HMAS Voyager (II) Lost Crew
11 Feb	Navy Women Qld AGM & OGM Geebung RSL	Geebung RSL - First meeting for 2024
15 Feb	NAA(Q) State Council meeting	Delegates attend
End Feb	Navy Week	HMAS Moreton
29 Feb	Service @ Jack Southbank	RAN Navy Week Hosted by HMAS Moreton:
1 Mar	Service @ Jack Southbank	HMAS Perth Lost Crew Organised by Perth Assoc
10 Mar	Navy Women Qld OGM Geebung RSL	Easter Bonnet with ideas from the old Commonwealth Day
16 Mar	CESWA Tri-Service Luncheon Geebung RSL	Singing Competition
22-24 Mar	NAA State Conference – Pine Rivers S-S	Delegates attend – everyone invited
28 Mar	Service @ Jack Southbank	
<b>29 Mar</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>Happy Easter</b>
11 Apr	CESWA Bi-Monthly OGM	Delegates attend
14 Apr	Navy Women Qld OGM Geebung RSL	
25 Apr	ANZAC Day 0600 Service at St John's Church <b>Northgate</b> Corvettes Assoc Service <b>Newstead</b> 0930 Parade in <b>Brisbane City</b>	Formal Uniform  Ship Inn After March
14 May	Victory in Europe Service	South-Eastern District RSL New Farm
19 May	Navy Women Qld OGM	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday due to Mother's Day date
30 May	Service @ Jack Southbank	Vietnam Ships Lost Crew
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	
13 Jun	CESWA Bi-Monthly OGM	Delegates attend
27 Jun	Service @ Jack Southbank	Gulf War
7 Jul	Reserve Forces Day Wondai	
14 Jul	Navy Women Qld OGM Geebung RSL	<b>Bastille Day</b>
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	
11 Sep	CESWA Commemoration to Service Women of Australia	Women's Memorial Pine Rivers Kallangur <b>Formal Uniform</b>
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	<b>Breast Cancer Fundraising WEAR PINK</b>
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
8 Dec	Navy Women Qld GM Geebung RSL	Xmas Party
12 Dec	CESWA Bi-monthly GM	Final meeting for 2024

First Saturday of each month  
Third Tuesday of each month  
Fourth Monday of each month  
Last Thursday of each month

Western Suburb Lunch  
Gold Coast Brunch  
Bribie Island Lunch  
Jack Memorial

Bribie Island RSL Social Cafe  
Ship Inn, South Bank





**BANKING DETAILS:**

Name of the Account:

Sunshine Coast Ex-Service and  
Serving  
Women's Association Inc.

Institution:

Auswide Bank

BSB: 645 646

Account Number: 102736405

Cheque made payable to:

Sunshine Coast Ex-Service and Serving  
Women's Association Inc.

Forward to:

The Treasurer  
PO Box 654, BUDDINA Q 4575

**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP SUBS: \$15.00 per year**

**Memberships are now overdue**

*Membership payments are Due **31 December** each year*

If you wish to pay by Internet Banking,  
Remember to include payee reference: Please quote your  
initial and Surname/Subs: e.g. JSmith/subs  
Payments will be accepted at the Meeting or Coffee n  
Catchup

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS DETAILS**

***We are having a number of Birthday cards and letters returned  
"NOT AT THIS ADDRESS". If you have moved address or  
changed your email or phone number, please notify our  
Membership Officer, Chris Birch on 0403 905 023. This will  
allow your Association to continue to provide you with  
updated information throughout the year.***

**SCESWA MEMORABILIA**

SCESWA has three different types of Badges available to our members. We have Magnetic or Pin name  
badges. Please see Jan Thorne to arrange. Cost: Pin \$14.50, Magnetic \$16.00

Cloth Badges for the Grey Shirts are available to be sewn on by HIP Pocket at the members cost and are held at  
Hip Pocket. However the payment for the cloth badge itself is a separate charge and is to be paid to Treasurer,  
Judi Taylor. Cost is \$6.50. If any member is wanting a cloth badge separate from the shirt arrangement please  
contact Jan Thorne to arrange purchase.

We also now have SCESWA Car Stickers, Note Books, Bags and Coffee Mugs for sale. These stickers are  
available for \$5.00 each. Note Books, Mugs and Bags \$10.00 each with new pieces of Merchandising to come .  
They may be purchased at all meetings and C n C and luncheon events. Fran will be happy to serve you.

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER**

Deadline for the next newsletter is 25 May 2024

Every effort will be made to use all contributions, but it may not be in the next issue.

Please send all articles, clear photos and letters to the Editor at the association address or email Lorraine at  
l.houlihan1@bigpond.com. We look forward to members' input.

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