

Women's Royal Australian Army Corps

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CHARITY FUNDRAISER 2023

A BIG thankyou to all those who purchased lucky numbers for the Quilt which was a Charity Fundraiser. The winner was drawn at our General meeting on the 25th November and the winning number was 186 bought by Zena Baratta, pictured below, (WRAAC Association member).

Zena was absolutely thrilled with her win!

Thankyou for supporting us in this charitable event and thankyou again to Jennifer Gilbert, for her wonderful creation and donation to our Association.

Monies raised will be donated to the following charities: Orange Sky Australia and the remaining monies will be donated to a Women's Support Group Service, to be advised.

OrangeSky

— Australia —

Orange Sky Australia is the world's first free mobile laundry service for people experiencing homelessness – an idea founded in a Brisbane garage by two 20-year-old mates, Nic Marchesi and Lucas Patchett. In late 2014, the boys installed a couple of washing machines and dryers in the back of their old van and visited parks around Brisbane to wash and dry clothes for free. What started as an idea to improve hygiene standards and restore dignity to people doing it tough has evolved into something much bigger and more powerful.

Congrats!



Life Membership Presentation

A morning tea was organised at Easts Leagues Club Coorparoo with some of the committee on Thursday 7th March to catch up with a long time member Joan Rudd, who of late has been unable to attend meeting and events. Unbeknown to Joan she was presented with her Life Membership Certificate, badge, gift and flowers in recognition of her 38 years of service to the Queensland WRAAC Association. Joan was humbled by this recognition and presentation. A lovely morning catching up was had by all.



Thank you Joan for all you have done for the Association over the years.



BRISBANE ANZAC DAY MARCH 2024

TIMING: 9.30am for 10.00am march off – please make sure you are at the line up point (see below) by 9.30am. Once the march has started it will be impossible to join in.

DRESS: WRAAC outfit and beret/hat if you have one or smart casual dress/slacks in pale colours and closed in shoes and hats. Full medals only to be worn, no miniatures.

LINE UP POINT: We will be close to the corner of Elizabeth and George Streets. For new members look for the WRAAC Association banner, and be aware that we are one of the first to march off.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: A small water bottle would be beneficial for you to carry.

WATCH THE WRAAC WEBSITE FOR ANY UPDATED INFORMATION



The Treasurer has received a deposit in the Bank Account for \$30 from PCU (Police Credit Union?) most likely for membership but no name was provided.

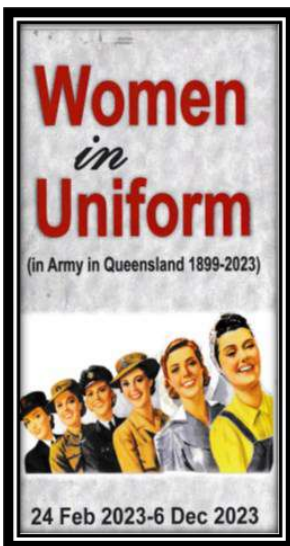
Paid on the 11 October 2023

If this was you, please contact the Treasurer at your earliest so that it can be receipted correctly.

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Goodbye to the Women in Uniform Display



While the display closed on the 6th December 2023, we have finally been able to collect those bits and pieces which were so lovingly lent to us for the display.

Currently, Carolyn and Marjorie are assisting me in organising the items, which need to be again accounted for and then carefully packaged for their safe return.

Captain Adele Catts, the Museum Curator advised that all the items of uniform, were put through a stringent process for the correct maintenance/handling for a museum display. This saw them firstly frozen followed by vacuuming, an arduous task but one that was needed to ensure everything was uncontaminated. She said that this process will help them last longer however, it is suggested not to store them in plastic.

While the display covered the Boer War to the present, Capt Catts said that the most popular display was that of the WRAAC.

She said that while visitors were engaged in the entire display, it was the WRAAC section that was packed with so many items to look through, that made it popular.



Captain Adele Catts, Army Museum South Queensland

Submitted by Kay Halford

Vale

Bernadetta Rita (Withers) Smith

7 December 1946 - 4 December 2023

Membership No. 203



Rita's burial service was held on 13 December 2023 at the Pinaroo Cemetery Albany Creek

Rest in Peace - Soldiers of the Queen

LEST WE FORGET



73rd Anniversary of WRAAC Corps



10 February 2024

It was a day filled with lots of laughter, chatting and camaraderie, catching up with friends old and new, reminiscing of our WRAAC days and making new and treasured memories.

What a wonderful day we had to celebrate our glorious Corps. Thank you all who attended.

Jacque and her team from Geebung RSL were outstanding again this year – nothing was never a trouble. The food was scrumptious and plenty on our plates.

We received many lovely comments about the Poppy theme, decor, and the lovely take home gifts. Many made comments of the novel way the poppy badge was presented – thank you to Gwenda for her brilliant ideas.

A lot to thank for their contributions to a successful day:

Fran Sinclair, Cindie Manzie, Janine Lake, and Verree Carter, for honouring us and taking part in the formalities.

Alison Rolff for the donation of the mystery prize – whale watching trip for 2.

Deidre Elliott and Maggie Winduss for accepting the task of our Flag Bearers. What a wonderful way to commence and end the day's proceedings.

The Association President and her Committee for their wonderful tireless work for bringing the day together. It was appreciated by all who attended.

To our new Life Members, thank you for your Service to the WRAAC Corps and the QLD WRAAC Association – 121 years in various positions in the Association between the 3 of you:

Meg Chalmers (44 years).

Denise Busk (40 years).

Barbara Dawson (37 years).

They were so honoured to receive the life membership from the Association and their gifts. They all had the opportunity to say a few words and they found it hard to believe that they had done so much and very humble to be honoured in this way.

To quote some of the ladies:

"The atmosphere in the room was truly wonderful from start to finish. Everyone was so happy".

"Thanks to the great team our committee are, who go the extra mile for us."

"What a lovely day we all enjoyed."

"Everyone looked fabulous."

"New and old faces. Great turn out."

"Come away overwhelmed with the joy and friendship that filled the room."

"Many thanks to Kay and her team. A wonderful day all round. We are so lucky to be able to get together with such a great group of likeminded ladies – what a sisterhood."

"Thank you to all the ladies who with the President, did a wonderful job and very well organised."

"It was a great happy day."

We look forward to seeing you all again during the year and of course at the 74th in 2025. Thank you for 73rd Anniversary of WRAAC Corps in February 2024.

Narelle Gourlay



Mystery Raffle Winner

Life Memberships

Luck Door Winner

2024



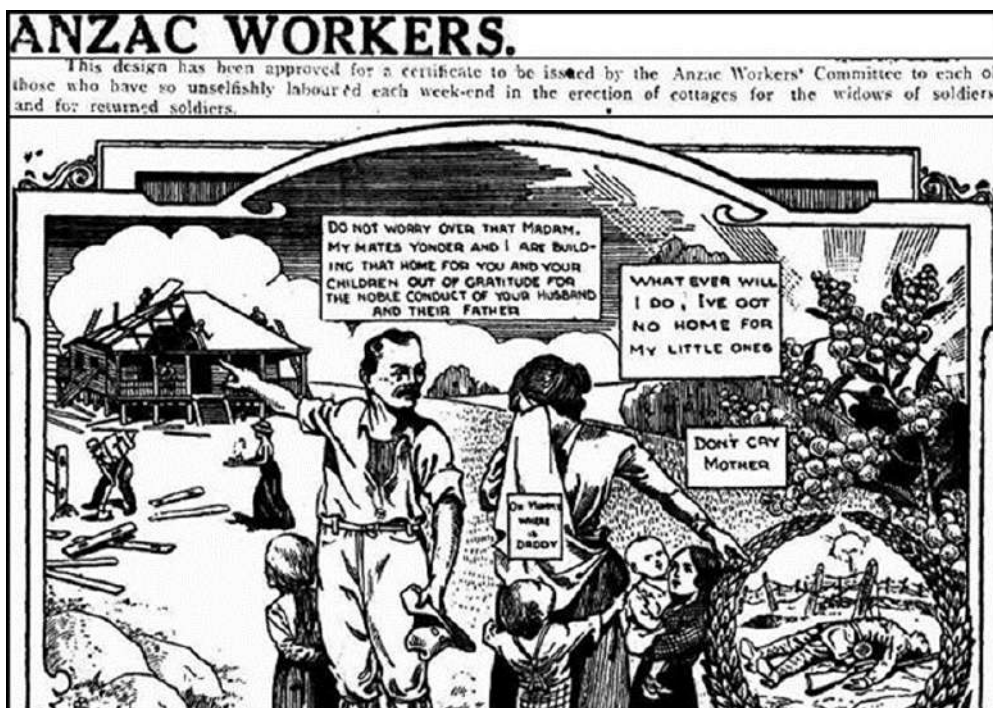
ANZAC COTTAGES

Anzac Cottages are the product of a voluntary scheme begun over 100 years ago in 1917 to provide houses for the widows and families of soldiers killed in World War I. One is located in Coorparoo at 475 Cavendish Road, as per photo below.

Anzac Cottages were constructed in Queensland under the auspices of the Anzac Cottage Committee, a sub-committee of the Queensland War Council. Funds to buy land and material for the Anzac Cottages were raised by the Queensland Government lottery, the Golden Casket, although land and materials were also donated. What was so unusual about this lottery was that all lotteries with cash prizes had been outlawed in Queensland since 1895 by the Suppression of Gambling Act. The Golden Casket advertising stated that the organisers guaranteed to fund buyers for the 'golden casket' prizes to their full value. Not only was the Golden Casket run by the government, but the cash prizes were huge. First prize was £5000. This was an enormous amount – the equivalent to 30 years wages for the average male wage earner or over 60 years for female wage earners. The tickets too were expensive – 5 shillings or the equivalent of one day's wages for the average (male) wage earner.

The first two Golden Caskets raised money for the Queensland Patriotic Fund, while Caskets three, four and five raised money for the construction and maintenance of Anzac Cottages. The cottages themselves were presented to deserving widows recommended by local Anzac Cottage Committee sub-branches. While promoted as a gift to the families of Anzac heroes, the cottages were provided for the widows to rent as long as they remained respectable. Widows had to be of 'good character' and not be seen to drink publicly or have gentleman callers. If the widow remarried she had to vacate the cottage. A small weekly rent of 1/6 was charged and the widow was responsible for rates, water bills and other Municipal or Shire charges. However, documents in the Brisbane City Council Archives suggest that, under Council ordinances, the cottages were declared to be 'public charities' and thus exempt from general rates, although sewerage, water and electricity charges applied.

In 1923 the Anzac cottages scheme was extended to provide housing for soldiers returning from the war with tuberculosis (TB). The Anzac Cottage Trust was disbanded in 1932 and the Public Curator took responsibility for the cottages. The Golden Casket Art Union went on to fund Queensland's free hospital system. By 1956 the numbers of World War I widows and dependants had decreased and most cottages were rented to non-Anzac families. Funds for their maintenance had diminished and in 1960 the Anzac Cottages and TB Homes Act allowed for the sale of the cottages for which no eligible tenant could be found.



ANZAC WORKERS, The Bowen Independent, Saturday 9 February 1918, p 5

Source: [Anzac Cottage | Heritage Places \(brisbane.qld.gov.au\)](http://Anzac Cottage | Heritage Places (brisbane.qld.gov.au))



From the President's Pen

Hello all, I am so pleased, we are getting closer to a cooler change in the weather. The last three months of cyclones, mini tornados, torrential rain, and high humidity has left many with respiratory problems, me included. I wish those who are still having complications, a speedy recovery.

A big welcome to our new members, Judith Kenefick, Cheryle Phillips, Deana Carr and also our re-joiners Chris Everett and Gaye Brown. Apart from Gaye Brown who lives in Tasmania, all these ladies attended our recent Corps Day Luncheon.

The Luncheon was a most enjoyable day and Narelle Gourlay, who was responsible for managing the event and being the MC, did an outstanding job. In fact, the Committee worked extremely hard to ensure the day was memorable. A great team effort.

Thank you to Maggie Winduss and Deirdre Elliott, Sunshine Coast WRAAC Members who this year formed the flag party. With the inclusion of the Australian Flag, the two flags were professionally marched in and took pride of place in their stands on either side of our new pull up banner. The banner was designed by member Carolyn Kanowski who had also designed our Association Shirts. Based on a similar style, Carolyn created the design for which we are very grateful.

A special thankyou to Daniela Bensen for again putting up a Library Display. It was nice to overhear the conversations and see books being booked out and donated books coming in. So don't forget to check out the Library contents which can be done on the website.

Once I receive all the photos that were taken on the day, I will download them onto our website. Regarding the recently updated website, for a little light reading all the recent newsletters from other Associations have been included beneath '**Membership**' while under the '**Noticeboard**' there are two programs SafeMate and Hidden Disabilities that may interest some of you.

Under '**Topical**' are two interesting articles to browse while you're having a cuppa.

Finally, don't forget to check out the forthcoming '**Events**' and save those dates in your diary.

For now, I hope you all keep well and stay safe.

Warm Wishes

Kay

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM of the WRAAC Association (Qld) Inc. will be conducted at the
Geebung RSL, 323 Newman Road, Geebung on **Saturday 25th May 2024**.

The General Meeting will commence at 10.30am and the AGM will follow after a short interval.

The Nomination Form, Appendix B (attached), must be lodged with the Secretary by close of business
Wednesday **19th April 2024**. Proxy Form, Appendix C, is also attached.

All forms are available from the website under 'Membership'.

Submitted by the Secretary

MARCH

2024

Saturday 9th *Committee Meeting* 10:30am SED RSL New Farm

Saturday 16th **Tri-Service Lunch 2024 and Inter-Service Singing Competition**
1100 hrs for 12 noon - Geebung RSL, 323 Newman Road, Geebung

Saturday 23rd *General Meeting* 10:30am Geebung RSL, 323 Newman Road, Geebung

March is our Memorabilia month, so if you have something you would like to 'show and tell' please bring it along.

* Guest Speaker, Melissa from Orange Sky Australia.
Following the meeting why not stay for lunch and a catch up.

APRIL

Saturday 13th *Committee Meeting* 10:30am Sunnybank RSL Sub-Branch
19 Gager Street, Sunnybank

Thursday 25th



See page 2 for details of the Brisbane City March

MAY

Saturday 4th *Committee Meeting* 10:30am SED RSL New Farm

Saturday 25th *General Meeting* 10:30am Geebung RSL, 323 Newman Road, Geebung

Followed by the *Annual General Meeting*

JUNE

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

Thursday 6th Annual Luncheon - see details on page 10



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

JUST ONE CLICK AWAY

- ★ HISTORY ★ OUR ASSOCIATION ORIGIN ★ PICTURE GALLERY
- ★ ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE ASSOCIATION ★ UP COMING EVENTS
- ★ AND MUCH MORE



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.



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

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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 VENUES:

- ◆ South East District RSL, 42-50 Oxlade Drive, New Farm
- ◆ Sunnybank RSL Sub-Branch, 19 Gager Street, Sunnybank

MEMBERSHIP FEES

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

INTERNET BANKING

- ◆ **ACCOUNT NAME:** WRAAC Assn Qld Inc.
- ◆ **BSB:** 124074 (Bank of Qld) **ACCOUNT NO:** 23017767
- ◆ **PAYEE REF:** Please quote your Initial & Surname and what the payment is for. Eg. ACitizen/Fees

IMPORTANT

Please text or email the Treasurer with your payment details, to ensure your payment can be receipted correctly.

Thank you



Process for borrowing:

Contact the Librarian Daniela Bensen on 3869 3190 or E: bensen21@hotmail.com

- * Borrowing time will be 3 months.
- * If you are local we would ask that you 'pick up' and 'return' at a meeting.
- * If you are not local we will try and make an arrangement to save a postage fee.

A list of available publications is on our website. For those who don't have a computer, ask the secretary, and a copy will be mailed to 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 2024 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

Welcome to a hot and steamy 2024. Hope you all had a great Christmas and New Year. Now we have just got to get through this weather, which has caused storms and flooding, hopefully no one has been affected by these. I hear some members have been on cruises and come back with souvenirs they could do with out (Covid). Wishing the following members a speedy recovery from surgery or illness: Judith Munday, Judi Taylor, Zena Baratta, Denise Busk, Jan Thorne, Chris Clancy, Desley Lingard, Pam O'Connor, and Kay Halford. Toni Andrews, thinking of you and your family at this time.

Take care all, keep cool and safe.

*Signing off, Eve Radford
0438 320 845
Wellbeing Officer*

Lucky Member Draw ...

Julie Chapple

DEADLINE FOR NEXT REVIEW

Deadline for the next newsletter is **15 April 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, reports and letters to the Editor at the association address or email editorwraac.qld@outlook.com

Your input makes an ordinary Review "Extraordinary"

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WRAAC MERCHANDISE

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Car Sticker
\$5



Pte Penny Gadget

A "Torch" to light your way
An "Opener" to help you refresh
A "Tape" to measure
A "Key Ring" to travel with you !
\$4



Lapel Pin
\$8



Pen
I can write
your messages
& I have a
"Stylus" for
your screens
\$2



Car Sticker
\$3



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**REMEMBER
THEIR SERVICE
LAPEL PIN
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