



RSL
Cairns Sub Branch

2023 Annual Report

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DIRECTOR'S DUTIES

1. Act with reasonable care and diligence

Ask yourself: Would someone who was observing me think that I was being careful and conscientious in my duties as a Director?

2. Act honestly in the best interests of the League and support the RSL Objects

Ask yourself: Is the decision in the best interests of the League and does it further the RSL Objects?

3. Not misuse the position of being a Director

Ask yourself: Am I using my position on the Board for the benefit of the League achieving the RSL Objects and for no other reason?

4. Not to misuse information obtained in performing duties as a Director

Ask yourself: Am I using information I obtained as a Director for the benefit of the League and for no other reason?

5. Disclose any actual or perceived conflict of interest

Ask yourself: Would an independent observer think I was acting in my own interests?

6. Ensure the entity's financial affairs are managed responsibly

Ask yourself: Are there systems and processes in place to ensure monies are being used appropriately and protected from misuse.

7. Not allow the entity to operate while insolvent

Ask yourself: Will the entity be able to pay its debts when they fall due?

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Ode

They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old
 Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn
 At the going down of the sun and in the morning
 We will remember them

Lest We Forget

Vale

The following Defence Family members of the Sub Branch have passed in 2023.
 We pay our most humble respects to both them and their families,
We will remember them.



Source: RSLQ MMS

Membership ID	First Name	Last Name
1537408	John	Sherwin
1521037	Dawn	Quaid
1521601	Robert	Dangaard
1020781	Allen	Dean
1004582	Barry	Faulkner
1560960	Russell	Grant
1568445	Sydney	Gregory
1018821	Brian	Huey
1541927	Joseph	Collins
1521552	Henry	Hill
1013788	Kevin	Byrne
2353140	William	Wallace
1018400	John	Morris
1564422	Chester	Tuxford

2023 Board of Directors

As of 31st December 2023

Nathan Shingles – President

Neil Turnbull – Vice President

Gillian Bryant – Vice President

Craig Maher – Board Director

Graeme Kelly – Board Director – March 2023 – Dec 2023

Paul Walker – Board Director – March 23/June 23

Paul Walker - Treasurers – June 23 – Dec 23

Rob Lee – Board Director

Lucy Cahil – Secretary/Office Manager

Director Name	Meetings Available	Meetings Attended	Apology/ Absent
Nathan Shingles	10	9	1
Ben Hemphill	5	4	1
Graeme Kelly	8	8	
Neil Turnbull	10	8	2
Rob Lee	10	7	3
Craig Maher	10	8	2
Gillian Bryant	10	10	
Paul Walker	8	6	2

Presidents Report

Nathan Shingles
President

The year 2023 stands as a testament to the resilience and progress of the Cairns RSL Sub Branch. As we navigated the complexities of this year, we saw our services expand and adapt to the changing needs of our valued veteran community.

Our members' reliance on the support we offer reached new heights, and our team rose to the challenge with unwavering dedication. The latter part of the year, particularly November and December, saw an uptick in the demand for wellbeing assistance. We responded by providing critical referrals to support services like Open Arms, RSLFND, and RSLQLD, and by distributing food hampers to veterans in need. Furthermore, we supported members in preparing for the impacts of Cyclone Jasper and made generous contributions to local initiatives to uplift the broader community.

Our steadfast commitment to advocacy remained a cornerstone of our mission, as we aided our members in navigating their DVA claims, ensuring they received the entitled benefits and support. We also maintained a robust wellbeing program, conducting hospital and home visits, and wellbeing checks, to provide companionship and support to our community.

Our poppy services continued to be a source of solace for bereaved families, honouring the memory of their fallen loved ones with the respect they deserve.

We maintained our engagement with the community through participation in various commemorative events, providing guest speakers, and representing the Sub Branch across educational and organisational platforms. Our youth-focused initiatives such as Postcards of Honour and Draw to Remember highlight our commitment to imparting the legacy of our military history to younger generations.

The year also marked the successful revival of the Young Endeavour Scholarship, offering promising opportunities for young individuals. Having personally seen the positive changes in teenager of a veteran from the commencement of the voyage to the disembarkation was truly remarkable. As an organisation, the importance of engaging with our youth is as important than ever from an ADF recruitment perspective.

Our calendar of sold-out events was met with enthusiastic participation and recognition in the Cairns veteran and wider community, a testament to the dedication of our team and the spirit of our volunteers. The year's events included:

- International Women's Day High Tea
- Anzac Day Dawn Service and March
- Peacekeeper Peacemaker event
- Christmas in July Trivia Night
- Vietnam Veterans Day
- Thank You for Your Service – Gala Dinner
- Remembrance Day
- Monthly Morning Teas

- Monthly 'KickStart your Day' Breakfasts
- Mental Health Week Breakfast
- Veterans Health Week Golf Day
- Veterans Health Week Wellness Challenge
- Veterans Health Breakfast
- Volunteers Christmas Party
- Cairns Veteran Business Networking Quarterly Events
- New Years Eve Party
- Christmas Event - HMAS Cairns
- Youth Events
- Vietnam Veterans Vigil
- Peacekeeper Peacemaker Plaque Unveiling
- Draw to Remember
- Postcards of Honour

This year also marked an environmental and financial milestone with the completion of our 40 kw solar project, enabling our facilities to operate on clean energy, and we enhanced our operational efficiency.

Looking to the future, we are proud to announce the forthcoming production of a Vietnam Veterans documentary, funded by a secured, Saluting Their Service grant, to preserve and honour the stories of our members and their contributions to the Far Northern District.

Our flagship events, such as the International Women's Day and the Thank You for Your Service Gala Dinner, have become cornerstones in the community calendar for Cairns and the surrounding regions.

As we move forward with our five-year strategic plan, I am filled with optimism for the continued growth and innovation of our thriving Sub Branch.

In closing, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our board, staff, and volunteers for their unwavering dedication and support throughout 2023. Together, we have achieved remarkable milestones, and I am excited about the opportunities that lie ahead in 2024.

Thank you all for your commitment and contribution to the Cairns RSL Sub Branch.

Nathan Shingles

President

Motion:

"That the Presidents Report as tabled be adopted."

Moved:

Seconded:

Treasurers Report

Paul Walker
Treasurer

It is my opinion that the Cairns RSL Sub Branch Inc is solvent and have reasonable grounds to believe that the Cairns RSL Sub Branch Inc will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

Key Points - 2023 Financials

INCOME

- Net Operating Position EOFY was \$74,688, up 241% from 2022
- No change to sources of income; RSL Club Rental income, events and grants
- Income increased by **\$98,654.81** from EOFY 2022 to EOFY 2023 by 19.2%
- **\$6,350.88** Interest earned
- **\$118,365.83** – Grants - Community and DVA – for events; golf day, wellness challenge, another for new solar system

EXPENSES

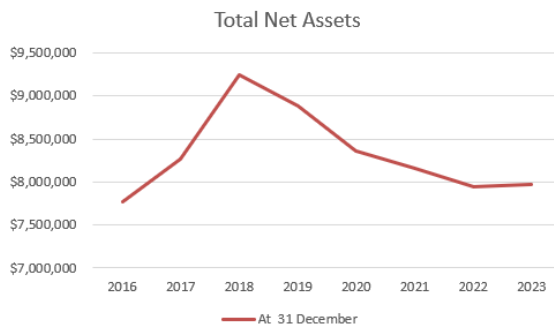
- Expenditure decreased by **\$28,908** from EOFY 2022 to EOFY 2023
- **\$92,842.44** Repair works, rates and charges
- **\$158K** Wages (Rounded)
- **\$30,617** Advocacy; the band, volunteer family supports, catering, training
- **\$4775.88** Museum (increased); storage (ceased), cabinet works, frames and images, interior cosmetics

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2018 to 2023 Yearly Comparison

Net Assets influenced by:-

- Loss in this and prior years influenced by accounting practices for Amortisation of the Development Application Asset + Depreciation of Plant and Equipment. Negative \$161K applied to 2023 profit
- 1.1% decrease in Net Assets from 2023



It is the intention of the officers that the Subbranch will keep the development application in its present form until the future of the re-development project can be decided. If the development does not proceed, the capitalised development costs would be fully impaired and would need to be written down to nil. The development costs are being amortised from the date of renewal on **13 August 2018 to the date of expiration on 13 August 2024.**

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Bank Accounts – EOFY 2023

Key Bank Account Points:



- \$2011.30 closing balance EOFY Bendigo Credit Card
- \$376,966.65 closing balance for 2 Bendigo Term Deposits
- \$3,729.61 Bendigo Holding Account Interest
- \$2,620.43 Bendigo Investment Account Interest.
- Term investments shared across NAB and Westpac (pending) institution for risk mitigation
- \$250,000 closing balance EOFY NAB Term Deposit
- \$800k remains in financial settlement at 31/12/2024

*\$100K financial settlement current; yearly cash injection amount over the next 8 years

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Management Report Key Points 2023

Key Points carried forward from previous AGM's:-

- All Aspects completed
- No areas of concerns raised within Audit Report

	Key issues	Comment	
1	Provision for doubtful debts	No longer an issue	A
2	Non recoverability of Club Loan	Now financial settlement	A
3	Unspent Grants - \$36k carried forward	For operational reasons	B
4	Building maintenance programme	\$92k invested in 2023	A
5	Adjustments to Financial Statements	No concerns	B

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Key Financial Numbers – 2023

Key Numbers in the Audit Report

- \$6,000,000** Land and Building Valuation (2017). New valuation TBA.
- \$800,000** total remaining Amount of the Financial Settlement with the RSL Club - \$100k pa.
- \$413,540** Rental Income from RSL Club - \$35k pm.
- Board Expenses **\$3,407.82**
- Building Repairs **\$92,842.44**
- Insurance **\$59,742.62** up 15% from 2022
- Rates **\$69,641.74**
- Net Operating Position EOFY (**\$74,688**)



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The Subbranch is in a healthy financial position.

We can continue to maintain our core function – Caring For Our Defence Family through our mission and objectives

We can continue to strive to be principal ESO for our Defence Family

Paul Walker
Treasurer

Motion:

“That the Treasurers Report for 2023 as tabled be adopted”

Moved: Paul Walker **Seconded:**

Motion:

“That the Financial Audit for financial period 2023 as presented be adopted”

Moved: Paul Walker **Seconded:**

Motion:

“That the Board of Directors engage Grubers Beckett as auditor for the financial period 2024”

Moved: Paul Walker **Seconded:**

Officer Managers Report

2023 has been marked by significant transitions and growth for the Cairns RSL Sub Branch office. Despite the challenges, we have embraced new roles and responsibilities, expanding our services and strengthening our presence within the veteran community of Cairns. This report highlights key activities, services, and achievements throughout the year.

In March, we bid farewell to Gerry, who served in the role of Admin and Volunteer Coordinator. We welcomed Liz to the Sub Branch team, and together, we adapted to our roles, taking on extra duties and embracing the challenges they presented.

Our services continued to expand, catering to the vital needs of the Cairns veteran community. Notably, our welfare services, including wellbeing checks, hospital visits, and advocacy support, remained in high demand. Phil and Gerry, our advocates, are recognised for their invaluable assistance with DVA claims and advocacy expertise.

Special recognition is extended to Mr. Stan Carswell for his dedicated services in providing poppy services for our departed members.

The demand for emergency food hampers surged, particularly towards the end of 2023. Our office remained steadfast in providing critical support and care to veterans seeking assistance, ensuring they received the necessary information and aid.

The continuation of the Cairns Veteran Business Network (CVBN) aimed to support and recognise veteran-owned/operated businesses, along with veteran-friendly enterprises. The network witnessed steady growth, fostering community connections through networking events.

Additionally, the Youth Development Program for Veteran teens aged 12 to 17 filled a crucial gap in services, fostering skill development and fostering lifelong friendships. While unsuccessful in securing a grant to continue the program, the Sub Branch continues to offer school holiday activities for teen youth on a quarterly basis.

Efforts to engage younger veterans, both ex-service and serving, were intensified, leading to a notable increase in the Cairns Veteran's Business Network membership. Positive relationships with HMAS Cairns and the FNQ 51 Battalion contributed to the growth of our serving member membership.

Appreciation is extended to the office staff, Gerry Webb, and Liz Maguire, along with our dedicated volunteers. Their invaluable contributions make a significant difference to the Sub Branch and the wider defence community.

The Cairns RSL Sub Branch remains a leading Ex-Services Organisation in the Far Northern District. The growth in events and services throughout 2023 reflects our commitment to serving veterans, and we eagerly anticipate the opportunities and challenges that 2024 will bring.

Lucy Cahill

Office Manager

Motion:

"That the Office Managers Report as tabled be adopted".

Moved:

Seconded:

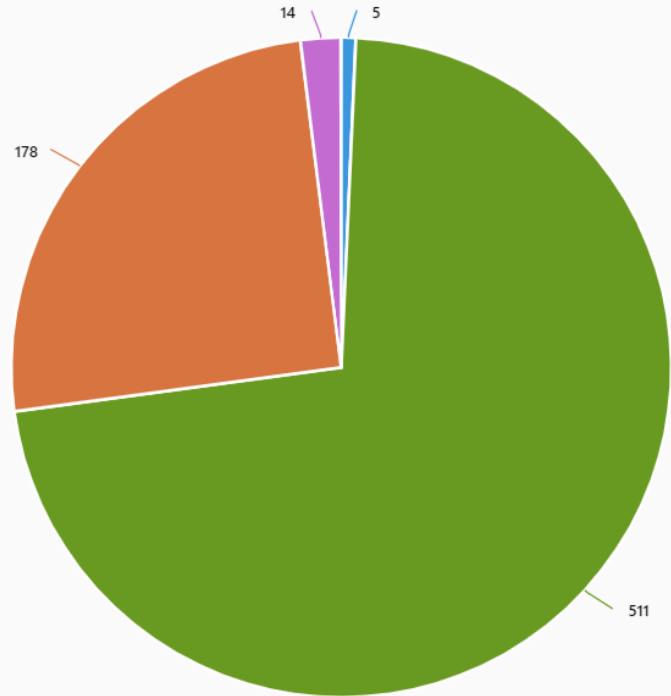
Membership

@ December 2023

Dashboard - Financial Members

Service Members by Category

● Life Member
 ● Life Subscriber
 ● Service Member
 ● Special Status



	<28 yrs	28-35 yrs	36-45 yrs	46-55 yrs	56-65 yrs	66-75 yrs	76-85 yrs	86+ yrs	Total	>65 yrs	% >65
Far Northern District	8	30	69	83	94	189	192	81	698	461	66%
	8	30	69	83	94	189	192	81	696	451	65%
Grand Total	8	30	69	83	94	189	192	81	698	461	66%

Wellbeing Report

Wellbeing Clients/Wellbeing Calls
 Hospital Wellbeing Visits @ Private
 Public Aged Care Wellbeing Visits
 Private Home Wellbeing Visits
 Food Hampers
 Advocate Appointments

130
90
54
5
20
327

Volunteers 2023

Registered Active volunteers	56
Advocate	2
Board only	6
Board/events	1
Hospital visits	2
Events only	7
Requiems	3
Events/museum guide	3
Events/stalls	5
Events/Marketing	2
Museum only	7
Office only	1
Museum/weapons	1
Visits and events	1
Pipes and Drums band	16

Marketing Report

Lucy Cahill
Marketing and Events Coordinator

2023 marked another successful year for the Cairns RSL Sub Branch, characterised by impactful events, community engagement, and substantial growth in various initiatives. Through a range of activities and partnerships, the Sub Branch continued its mission of supporting veterans, fostering community connections, and honouring Australia's military history/heritage.

The year commenced with our Annual International Women's Day High Tea, hosted at the Shangri La on the Marina. Attendance soared to 224 attendees, showcasing substantial growth. Lt CMDR Jess O'Brien and Eden Santos contributed as Guest Speaker and MC. The positive feedback received underscores the success of the event, with plans to expand it further in 2024.

Anzac Day witnessed record attendance, particularly in the March, featuring a notable presence of uniformed personnel. The Navy led the event in 2023, commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the end of Australia's involvement in the Vietnam War. Looking ahead, the Army will lead the 2024 commemoration, focusing on the 80th Anniversary of D-Day.

Throughout the year, the Sub Branch organised various annual events, including the Peacekeeper/Peacemaker event, the 'Thank you for your Service' Gala Dinner which had recorded attendance of over 290 people, Vietnam Veterans Day, Remembrance Day Services, Quiz night and Veterans Health Week activities. These events attracted significant participation, reflecting the community's ongoing support.

The Cairns Veteran Business Network (CVBN) witnessed steady growth, concluding the year with 47 members. Networking functions facilitated valuable interactions with industry experts, enriching the professional landscape for veterans.

The Sub Branch's monthly 'Kick Start your Day' Breakfasts continued to be well-received, attracting 40 to 60 members and their families each month. Additionally, monthly morning teas and Walk and Talk sessions on the Esplanade remained popular, fostering camaraderie and well-being among participants.

The Sub Branch strengthened its ties with stakeholders, fostering collaborative efforts to benefit the community. Partnerships with organisations like the Cairns Defence Community Support Group, HMAS Cairns, Legacy, and Defence Families and Support Services facilitated diverse events, including youth engagements, New Year's Eve celebrations, and Christmas parties aboard HMAS Cairns, fostering inclusivity and support for veterans.

The Sub Branch witnessed significant online growth and engagement across various platforms, including Facebook, Instagram, the official website, and Email Marketing. Noteworthy statistics include over 38,000 emails sent via MailChimp, with an open rate of 42.7%. Social media platforms experienced steady growth, with substantial increases in followers and engagement, reflecting the Sub Branch's expanding digital presence.

The Cairns RSL Sub Branch thrived in 2023, achieving key event and marketing goals while fostering community connections, honouring veterans, and expanding its digital footprint. Through a diverse range of activities, partnerships, and online initiatives, the Sub Branch continues to uphold its commitment to serving veterans and the broader community, poised for further growth and impact in the coming years.

Brand Awareness

the Cairns RSL Sub Branch has continued to grow its brand awareness by sending fortnightly E-Sit Reps, regularly posting blogs on our social media and webpage, and keeping our social media, both Facebook and Instagram, regularly updated. We also attended a number of stakeholder events which include the Bunnings Easter, Fathers Day and Mothers Day Event, Welcome to Cairns Open Days, HMAS Cairns events, CDCSG Event, HMAS Cairns Open Day and partnering with HMAS Cairns, Legacy, and CDCSG to hold an end of year events for Veterans and their families, as well as attending a number of events representing the Sub Branch.

Relationships with key stakeholders

The Cairns RSL Sub Branch has successfully established relationships with Key Stakeholders, attending quarterly Stakeholder meetings run by Defence Members and Family Support. Also, partnering with the Cairns Defence Community Support Group, FNQ Legacy and Defence Members and Family Support to hold events. We have also continued to work closely with the HMAS Cairns and 51st Battalion to successfully hold commemorative services.

Fundraising

Throughout 2023 we have continued to run annual fundraising events. This included our online merchandise stall, sale of books and kit Submarines which were donated to the museum as well as attending various events to promote and sell merchandise. We also had merchandise stalls set up at commemorative events, for people to purchase wreaths and poppies. We also held a number of raffles and 100 clubs to raise money to hold our events.

To conclude, in 2023 we were committed to maintaining our momentum by delivering successful events, providing unwavering support to our members and their families, and actively pursuing the creation of innovative programs, activities, and initiatives. Our primary objectives remain focused on increasing awareness, expanding our membership base, and fostering meaningful engagement with both existing and new members and their families.

Lucy Cahill
Events and Marketing Coordinator

Motion:

“That the Marketing Report as tabled be adopted.”

Moved: **Seconded:**

Administration and Volunteer Coordinator Report

Elizabeth Maguire
Administration Officer
Volunteer Coordinator

It is just coming up 12 months since I started in this position. What a great experience it has been in getting to know our Cairns Sub Branch Defence Family.

The past months have seen changes in our Volunteer numbers with new volunteers stepping forward and some volunteers taking a step back.

Our advocates have been busy assisting veterans with DVA claims, and our Wellbeing Supports Officers have been out and about visiting veterans in hospitals and doing wellbeing checks.

Our Museum Volunteers have spent numerous Thursday morning cleaning the museum and arranging new displays. The museum Volunteers have also coordinated Scot and Cub Groups to come through the museum in the evening and the feedback has been positive from all, as well as the occasional opening for special events when required.

We have had many volunteers giving up their time to help with Merchandise stalls throughout the year. We had successful Anzac and Remembrance Day Merchandise Stalls, which would not run as smooth without time from our volunteers. Volunteers have also come forward to help with events like the Easter Bunny Hop at Bunnings and Cairns Community Day which has been a great way to get our name out into the wider community, and are always excited to talk to the public about what our Sub Branch is doing.

Our Volunteers are also always willing to step up for commemorative events and functions which is extremely helpful in running a successful event.

Bill Maconachie was honoured as the 2023 Volunteer of the Year. Bill's dedication over 32 years, particularly in maintaining the museum and the Sub Branch rosemary garden, is commendable. We are immensely grateful for all he does.

Elizabeth Maguire
Admin and Volunteer Coordinator

Motion:

"That the Administration and Volunteer Coordinator Report as tabled be adopted."

Moved:

Seconded:

Volunteer Register

Below is a list of our 56 very valuable active Volunteers that have assisted the Sub Branch in 2023 in our aim of ***‘Caring For Our Defence Family’***

Volunteer of the 2023 Year Bill Maconachie

Surname	First Name		Surname	First Name
Adams	Christopher		Maher	Craig
Adams	Kim		McDonough	Irena
Armstrong-Waters	Lancelot		McDonough	John
Bryant	Gillian		McLennan	Jason
Bird	Mary-Anne		Moule	Desley
Bradley	Hayden		Neil	Michael (Wombat)
Cahill	Lucy		Nicholson	Mark
Callerae	David		Paterson	John
Carswell	Stanley		Redgen	Matthew
Cooke	Leesa		Richards	Ian
Crossley	William		Ross	Findlay
Cutler	Jill		Royle	Christopher
Derrington	Scott		Royle	Caitlin
Diprose	Ronald		Saliba	Mark
Dunstan	Melanie		Schoosleitner	Dietmar
Forster	Nathan		Shingles	Nathan
Fuller	Paul		Simmonds	Mark
Greenwood	Lee-Ann		Smith	Erica
Hartman	Roy		Spurrier	Jennifer
Hayton	Peter		Stapleton	Joseph (Stubby)
Hayward	Jason		Throssel	Dean
Hemphill	Benjamin		Tooth	Gerald
Johns	Darryl		Tully	Brendan
Kelly	Graeme		Turnbull	Neil
Lee	Rob		Walker	Paul
Lenaghan	Declan		Watson	Phillip
Mackenzie	Nathan		Webb	Carolyn
Maconachie	William		Webb	Gerard

Museum Report

The year 2023 has marked another successful chapter for the Museum, characterized by a series of achievements, enhancements, and community engagements.

Here's a summary of the key activities and developments:

New Displays:

Peacekeeper Peacemaker Display: A significant effort was dedicated to creating and organizing a dedicated display to coincide with the 75th-anniversary Peacekeeper Peacemaker plaque. This exhibit likely shed light on the historical significance of peacekeeping efforts and honored the individuals involved.

Vietnam Veterans Display: With the approaching 50th anniversary of the end of Australian involvement in the Vietnam War, enhancements were made to the Vietnam Veterans Display. These updates likely aimed to provide a more comprehensive and respectful portrayal of the historical context and sacrifices made during the war.

Infrastructure Upgrades:

Security Enhancements: The museum's security measures were improved by changing display cabinet locks, ensuring the safety and preservation of valuable artifacts.

Armory Refurbishment: Timber paneling in the Armory was refurbished, enhancing the aesthetics and maintaining the historical integrity of the space.

Preservation Efforts: Perspex was added to protect the Snowy Marsh POW Table, demonstrating a commitment to preserving delicate artifacts for future generations.

Technological Upgrades: New TV and lighting installations were implemented, enhancing the overall visitor experience and providing better visibility for exhibits.

Community Engagement:

Pop-Up Displays: A new area was created to host pop-up displays commemorating important military events, fostering a dynamic and interactive museum experience.

HMAS Cairns Open Day Participation: The museum actively participated in the HMAS Cairns Open Day, showcasing a pop-up interactive museum for the first time since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. This engagement helped reconnect with the local community and attract new visitors.

Outreach and Relationships: The museum expanded its outreach efforts and established stronger relationships with local military units, including 51 and 31/42 and HMAS Cairns.

Educational Tours: Tours of the museum were conducted for scout groups, cubs, tour groups, and schools, contributing to educational outreach and community engagement efforts.

The museum volunteers also improved their local military history knowledge by visiting the Tanks Museum and doing a Tableland military tour, led by Mr John Hardy.

Volunteer and Donation Growth:

Volunteers: Three new volunteers, Dean, Matty, and Blu, joined the museum team, bringing fresh perspectives and support to ongoing projects.

Increased Donations: The museum experienced an increase in donations, enabling the continuation of work on displays and the expansion of exhibits.

Infrastructure Improvement:

Storage Area Conversion: One of the offices was converted into a storage area/work area for the museum, streamlining operations and optimising space utilisation.

Outlook for 2024:

The focus for the upcoming year will be on further developing displays to reflect upcoming commemorations, continuing the museum's mission of preserving and presenting military history.

Overall, 2023 has been a year marked by significant progress, community engagement, and infrastructure improvements, setting a strong foundation for future endeavors.

Bill Maconachie
Museum Curator

Motion:

"That the Museum Report as tabled be adopted".

Moved:

Seconded:

Building Report

Lucy Cahill
Office Manager

The Board of the Cairns RSL Sub Branch has continued to maintain, repair and upgrade various parts of the Sub Branch building and its surrounds over the last 12 months.

The items of maintenance carried out include but are not limited to the following:

1. The repairs of the Egress doors included the replacement of the panic bar hardware and minor maintenance.
2. Birdproofing has been progressively installed to mitigate damage and corrosion.
3. Installation of a new sign at the entrance to the club directing members and visitors to the Sub Branch.
4. Investigations into the removal of asbestos from the roof of the Catalina Room, a grant has been submitted to pay for the works required to remove the asbestos.
5. Leak repairs in the club area
6. New lighting in the Museum area and emergency lighting repaired
7. Water pipe repairs
8. Solar to the Cairns RSL Sub Branch is now complete.

Future Considerations

- Resurfacing of Carpark
- Renovation of Kitchen/servery on the first floor
- New air-conditioning system in the Sub Branch Museum and Offices
- New lighting in the Museum armoury

Motion:

"That the Building Report as tabled be adopted."

Moved: **Seconded**

Activities 2023

Remembrance Day - Host and Chair Planning Meeting
Vietnam Veterans Day - Host and Planning Meeting
ANZAC Day Dawn Service and March - Host and Chair ANZAC Day
Planning Meetings Hospital/Nursing Home Visits
Requiems
International Women's Day High Tea
Market Stalls
Kokoda Museum Displays
Schools/Scouts/Cubs Museum Tours
Swinton Learning Program Scholarship
Peace Keepers / Peacemakers Event
Fortnightly E-SIT REP
Daily Facebook and Instagram
Regular SMS Notifications
Maintenance of Web Site and Members Portal
Sponsorship Young Endeavour
Tobruk Memorial Pool Poppy Installation
Tingira Association Birthday
Veterans' Health Week - Golf Day - Breakfast - Wellness Challenge
Mental Health Week - Breakfast
Volunteer Christmas Party
Thank You For Your Service Gala Dinner
Kickstart Monthly Breakfasts Members Christmas
Monthly morning tea
Cairns Defence Community Support Group – Youth Event
Cairns Defence Community Support Group (CDCSG) Sponsorship
Defence Members and Family Support, HMAS Cairns, Legacy & CDCSG joint End of Year Party
New Years Eve Party in Catalina Room
Cairns Veterans Business Network Events
Well-Being Calls
Cairns RSL Sub Branch Pipes and Drums
Stakeholder Meetings held quarterly by DMAFS
Monthly Walk and Talk Group
Sir Peter Cosgrove Morning Tea
Bunnings Easter Hope Event
Bunning Fathers Day Event
Welcome to Cairns - DMAFS Event information stall.
Youth Development Program.
Vietnam Veterans Vigil for Corporal John William Norris
Peacekeeper/Peacemaker plaque installation and unveiling
Plaque Unveiling Service for the Morris Family



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OBJECTS

1. Provide for the sick, helpless, wounded, aged, vulnerable, destitute and needy among those who are serving or who have served in the Australian Defence Forces and their dependants;
2. Perpetuate the close and kindly ties of friendship created by a mutual service in the Australian Defence Force or in the forces of nations traditionally allied with Australia and the recollections associated with that experience;
3. Maintain a proper standard of dignity and honour among all past and present members of the Defence Forces of the nation and to set an example of public spirit and noble hearted endeavour;
4. Preserve the memory and the records of those who suffered and died for Australia, erect monuments to their valour, provide them with suitable burial places, and establish and preserve, in their honour, the annual commemoration days known as ANZAC Day, Remembrance Day and other commemorative days;
5. Encourage loyalty to Australia and secure patriotic service in the interests of Australia;
6. Protect the good name and preserve the interests and standing of members of the Australian Defence Force;
7. Encourage Members, as citizens, to serve Australia with that spirit of self-sacrifice and loyalty with which they served as members of the Australian Defence Forces; and
8. Provide welfare to the sick, helpless, wounded, vulnerable, aged, destitute and needy.