



Navy Women (WRANS-RAN) Qld

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Summer Happenings – March to May 2026

The History of the Trophy presented at the Council of Ex-Servicewomen's Associations Qld Annual Tri-Service Luncheon

Approximately 30 years ago, when I, Carmel Liddelow OAM was President of the Council and Judith Munday OAM was my Secretary, we decided that something was needed to reward the winner of the Annual Singing competition following the luncheon.

It came to my mind of the time when I was serving and a member of the Army Softball Team. One year we were challenged by the WRAAF to a softball match. Army thrashed the WRAAF and after the game we invited them back to 10 WRAAC Barracks for refreshments. After the WRAAF departed, it was noticed that the Trophy was missing and replaced by two rusty tins wired together. That triggered the thought of what was needed to enhance the singing competition and that was the start of the development of what is 'The Holy Grail' today.

I purchased two mixing bowls and had a hole put in each one. They were connected by a piece of doweling to form a Trophy. It was decorated with white, red and blue ribbons to represent the three women's services. It was such a surprise to see it still being presented at the 2025 luncheon.

One of the highlights of this history was when the Army Nursing Sisters from WW2 won the competition by singing "Kiss me goodnight, Sergeant Major".

It is wonderful to see that it is still a trophy much sought after by those whose singing being judged as the winner. The winning Service proudly holds the trophy for twelve months and we hope that it may continue to be a prize to be much valued for years to come.

Carmel Liddelow OAM
Past President
CESWA Qld



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Meetings: 2026

12 noon on the second
Sunday of each month,
except
May – third Sunday



Commemoration

Jack Memorial Service

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

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

The ceremonies commence at 11.00 and are open to everyone.

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

All are welcomed.

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

26 Mar 2026 – Naval Chaplain addressing the small gathering under the shelter of the Ship Inn.



16 Apr 2026 – 125 years of the Australian Navy – Navy Week



28 May 2026 – RAN Hydrographic Service



Naval Association of Australia, Qld Section, Annual General Meeting



Flowers for Navy Women who do so much for the Qld Section



Marg & Bernie



Sue & Liz with Cathy, Kaye & Judy



Lorrae & Liz

Navy Women Qld Executives 2026



Lee, Cathy, Helen, Pat, Liz & Jen

Letter from the President

In 1970 I had one day at sea, a photo opportunity when I was at HMAS Watson. How things have changed. So much for the better. I spoke with female staff at HMAS Moreton recently. I envy their opportunities and the interesting careers they now have.



Summary

This month's President's Notes reflects on the changing opportunities for women in the Navy and highlights Navy Women Queensland's involvement in recent events, encourages members to attend the upcoming Jack Ceremony commemorating service in the Gulf War, and reminds every one of the meetings. We send warm wishes to our shipmates who are unwell or facing difficult decisions.

August Meeting

The August meeting will be held at the usual time and date (8 August). There will be time for a game or two of Bingo, a raffle and afternoon tea.

Thinking of Our Shipmates

As for all our shipmates on the sick list, some of you are quite ill and some are facing difficult operations or decisions, we wish you a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

Jack Ceremony and Gulf War Commemoration

Do try to attend a Jack Ceremony while the weather is still cool. The ceremony on 31 July commemorates more recent conflicts, including the 1990-91 Gulf War 1 and 2, also known as Operation Damask - Desert Storm, which began when Iraq invaded Kuwait.

Australia contributed 1,800 ADF personnel. The Navy men and women who served during that time played a vital role in supplying and protecting our ground and air troops, as well as actively supporting the UN embargo.

It is significant that seven of HMAS Westralia's crew were women, including two officers. Westralia was the first Australian warship deployed to a war zone with female officers and sailors in its company.



<< Two of HMAS Westralia's junior sailors on their return to Australia following the conclusion of Gulf War I. In an operational first for the RAN, females were deployed overseas on frontline service. Gulf War I - Operation Damask | Sea Power Centre

Thank you all for your service.

Cathy Leung
President 2026

LIFE Members



Judy Hunter

2001



Barbara Snowden

2006



Pat McKay

2007



Jennie Rathbone

2016



Pat Nuss

2016



Wendy Griggs

2022



Wendy, Judy, Pat N & Pat Mc with
Jennie & Barbara - 2024

Diploma of Merit

Cecelia Ashe 2001
Joy Moynahan 2012

Certificate of Merit



Liz Grimes 2021

Honorary Member for Life



Joan Gilbert 2014

Around the Traps with Liz

Community

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

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

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



March at Kawana Waters Surf Club



May at Government House

Liz with the blue Rolls Royce with Flag unfurled.



Bribie Island Ex-Service Women Luncheon

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



March



April



May

HMAS Diamantina – Gold Coast



Commissioned on 4 May 2002, HMAS Diamantina (II) is the fifth of 6 Huon Class minehunter coastal (MHC) vessels.



Glenda, Jackie, Dianne & Lorrae

Morayfield / Caboolture

Second Monday of each month

The ladies from Caboolture, Morayfield and other areas met regularly at the Caboolture Sports Club each month for lunch. The club is currently doing a massive renovation and the ladies are meeting at Club Tavern, at Caboolture, until the renovations are completed. There is usually about twelve ladies from the three services in attendance.



March



April



May

Glasshouse Country Women United by Defence

Second Wednesday of each month

The lunches are at 11.30am at SMEAC Camp (Landsborough) and are popular with ladies from the Sunshine Coast, Bribie Island, Caboolture and from the local area.

You are very welcome to come along from 10 am for morning tea and join in Wellbeing Wednesday beforehand.

Camaraderie

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

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

Western Suburbs – first Tuesday of the Month @ 11am

August	Chapters Bookshop, Karalee
September	Jims Café, Bundamba
October	Emerald Café, Karalee
November	<i>Springfield ??</i>
December	Christmas Party
	Contact Lorrae Johnson

Gold Coast – Third Tuesday of the month – 10am

August :	Karrawa Surf Club
September :	Tahbella Café, Oxenford
October :	Ship Inn, South Bank
November :	La Vintage
December :	Secret Santa @ Tallia Golf Club
	Contact Sylvia Manners

Western Suburbs Lunch



March



April



May

Gold Coast Brunch

The ladies from the Gold Coast continue to look for new and interesting places to meet for brunch whilst visiting favourite venues.



March – Gold Coast Sub-Section Navy women are joined by NWQld members



April with the Gold Coast Sub-Section



Ordinary General Meetings

April - Easter Bonnets Parade



A Memorable Evening Aboard HMAS Brisbane



On Friday 29 May 2026, I had the honour of attending the official reception aboard HMAS Brisbane, representing Navy Women Queensland on behalf of our President, Cath Leung.

The ship was alongside at the Patrick Terminal at the Port of Brisbane, providing a unique setting.

The evening was cold and very windy; however, HMAS Brisbane was truly shipshape, showcasing the professionalism, pride and dedication of her crew.

A highlight was witnessing the sunset ceremony. Seeing and hearing the guns being fired, and the beating of the drums, while a cargo ship continued its operations nearby, felt both surreal and powerful. It was a striking contrast between naval tradition and the busy rhythm of a working port.

It was great to meet Commander Dave Mason. I met many interesting people and particularly enjoyed hearing their stories, what drew them to Navy service, where their careers had taken them, and their personal highlights along the way.

The weekend continued with the Navy Open Day on 31 May, which was a huge success, with over 4,500 people attending. It was terrific to see so many families enjoying the day and getting up close with the “steel cat” herself, HMAS Brisbane. The enthusiasm from visitors, especially families and young people, was fantastic to see and reflected the strong connection between the Navy and the community.

I am grateful for the opportunity to represent Navy Women Queensland at such a special event. It was a fitting celebration of service, capability and community, and a reminder of the important role we all play in supporting and promoting Navy service.

Rosemary



Iain & Judy – ANZAC Day 2026

NAVY WOMEN'S SUPPORT OF NAVY CADET UNITS

The NAA constitution upholds six Pillars and the Constitution states that the 4th Pillar, Cadets, 'Assists youths to become better citizens by supporting the ANC'. To this end, NWQld Sub-Section provides donations to a number of cadet units annually.

This year, after consultation with State VP Colin Edgar, Cadet Liaison, I have isolated four cadet units that could use a donation from us:

TS Diamantina, Bayside area. This unit was temporarily closed several years ago due to rain damaged equipment and was restarted in 2024. The unit is up and running now and could use a donation from us to purchase equipment lost due to mould and water damage.

TS Vengeance. This unit was located at Jindalee High School and has now relocated to the Enoggera Army Barracks. At Jindalee they operated out of a container with no dedicated building. A donation from NWQld could assist them to kit out their new home.

TS Kookaburra, Stanthorpe. Jennie and I have been out to this unit several times in the past and the unit is located at a small independent site with a good building and well-maintained equipment. They were supported by the Stanthorpe Sub-Section, but since the Sub-Section closed, they have no NAA support. They are an important part of the Stanthorpe community, providing an option for local youth to be involved with nautical pursuits rather than roaming the streets.

TS Vampire, Tweed Heads was flooded in one of the massive rain bombs some years ago and although they have an enviable location on the river with flooded dry dock river access, their building was flooded and also outdated. This building has been renovated to include upgraded bathrooms and male and female overnight bunk rooms. They moved back onsite 18 months ago. We offered them a donation a few years ago which they refused due to the upcoming refurbishment. A lot of their equipment was damaged during the floods, so a donation from NWQld would be appreciated.

NAA(Q) VP Colin Edgar has future plans for liaison between NAA and ANC including:

- Encouraging ANC NAA membership with a view to raising an ANC Sub-Section;
- Suggesting each Sub-Section has a 'Cadet Liaison' on their committee, and
- that each Sub-Section who does not support a particular unit regularly, considers taking on a needy ANC unit either in their area or within Queensland.

I feel very proud that NWQld Sub-Section is actively supporting Navy cadets in Queensland.

Please contact me if you would like more information.

Pat Nuss

NAA(Q) Vice President (Cadets)

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Blue Cards for Volunteers

To be a Volunteer with an ANC unit, please complete the application form and name the Unit at: <https://www.qld.gov.au/jobs/blue-card/applications/apply>

Once the ANC Unit completes their section, you are required to complete and submit. You may need a new photo from the Department of Main Roads, which is a free service.

Containers For Change (C4C)

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

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

Be A Change Maker



Barcode for **C10236300**

Your Wellbeing

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

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

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

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

Navy Women Canberra 2027 Reunion

A group of women have taken on the 2027 Reunion to be held in Canberra. Judy Lambert is the organiser with Angela Ballard, Colleen Gould and Lyn Jensen – "The Greenies".

(See the Flappers in the 2025 Reunion photos).

Further details will be posted, when known.

The Official Newsletter of the Navy Victoria Network is published monthly and available online. Well worth a visit at <https://navyvic.net/>

As your Wellbeing Officer I have struggled with what I am actually supposed to do in this position. And what exactly is 'Wellbeing'. Being a modern woman, I did the obvious – I asked the Albots at ChatAPT and Microsoft Copilot to tell me.

This is what they came up with:

"Well-Being as a Concept"

Well-being is a broad concept that refers to the overall quality of a person's life and their ability to experience health, happiness, and fulfillment. It encompasses not only the absence of illness or hardship but also the presence of positive physical, mental, emotional, social, and sometimes spiritual conditions that enable individuals to thrive."

Traditionally, well-being was closely associated with physical health. However, modern perspectives recognize that human well-being is multidimensional. Physical well-being involves maintaining a healthy body through proper nutrition, exercise, rest, and healthcare. Mental and emotional well-being relate to psychological health, including the ability to manage stress, cope with challenges, and maintain positive emotions and self-esteem. Social well-being focuses on the quality of relationships, social support, and a sense of belonging within communities.

Researchers often distinguish between two major approaches to well-being. The first, known as hedonic well-being, emphasizes happiness, pleasure, and life satisfaction. The second, eudaimonic well-being, focuses on meaning, personal growth, purpose, and realizing one's potential. Together, these approaches suggest that well-being is not merely about feeling good but also about functioning effectively and living a meaningful life.

Well-being is influenced by a range of factors, including income, education, employment, environment, culture, and personal choices. It is dynamic rather than static, changing throughout life in response to experiences and circumstances.

In contemporary society, well-being is increasingly recognized as an important goal for individuals, communities, and governments. Promoting well-being contributes to healthier populations, greater productivity, stronger relationships, and improved overall quality of life, making it a central aspect of human development and social progress.

Activities to Enhance Well-Being

Well-being can be improved through activities that support physical, mental, emotional, and social health. Here are some effective examples:

Physical Well-Being

- Regular exercise (walking, jogging, cycling, swimming)
- Yoga or stretching sessions
- Getting adequate sleep
- Eating a balanced and nutritious diet
- Spending time outdoors in nature

Mental and Emotional Well-Being

- Practicing mindfulness or meditation
- Keeping a gratitude journal
- Reading books for pleasure and learning
- Engaging in creative activities such as painting, music, or writing
- Learning new skills or hobbies
- Taking regular breaks from work and digital devices

Social Well-Being

- Spending quality time with family and friends
- Participating in community events or volunteering
- Joining clubs, sports teams, or interest groups
- Practicing kindness and helping others
- Building supportive relationships and networks

Workplace or School Well-Being

- Team-building activities
- Stress-management workshops
- Wellness challenges (e.g., step-count competitions)
- Peer-support programs
- Flexible work or study breaks
- Recognition and appreciation initiatives

Spiritual Well-Being

- Reflection and self-awareness activities
- Prayer or meditation
- Spending time in nature
- Practicing personal values and acts of compassion
- Engaging in activities that provide meaning and purpose

Example Weekly Well-Being Activities

- Monday: 30-minute walk
- Tuesday: Gratitude journaling
- Wednesday: Yoga or stretching
- Thursday: Social activity with friends or colleagues
- Friday: Mindfulness practice
- Saturday: Outdoor recreation
- Sunday: Reflection and planning for the week

These activities help reduce stress, improve mood, strengthen relationships, increase resilience, and support overall quality of life.

Navy Women is addressing your social wellbeing by activities at meetings, social gatherings in between meetings and events planned with your enjoyment and information in mind. I encourage you to be a part of them all.

Upcoming

- Seminar on 'Things To Know Before You Go' (22 October)
- Navy Women 's Annual Reunion Luncheon (7 November)

And if you just need someone to talk to, I have a listening ear and ability to keep confidences.

Wendy Griggs

Wellbeing Officer

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Vale

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

Shirley Thompson (nee Buckley) POTTER

Birth 30 Dec 1923 • Paddington, NSW

Death 12 May 2026 • Claremont, WA

Enlisted: 7 Jun 1944 • Sydney, NSW

WRANS WR/2108; Wran Coder;

Discharged DEE 07Nov1945

Margaret (nee Thomson) PATTERSON

Birth 26 Aug 1934 • Quairading, WA

Death 29 Mar 2026 • Fremantle, WA

Enlisted: 20 May 1961 • Fremantle, WA

WRANS 85313;

RWRSA 20May1961 ; WRSA(V) 20Nov1961 ;

A/LWRREG 21Sep1962 ; LWRREG 21Mar1963 ;

A/POWRREG 05Feb1965 ;

Discharged DEE 19May1965

Beverly (nee Marshall) RESOR

Birth 13 Oct 1943 • Fremantle, WA

Death 24 Mar 2026

Enlisted : 11 Nov 1961 • Fremantle, WA

WRANS 85378 ;

RWRSTD 11Nov1961 ; WRSTD 11May1962 ;

A/LWRSTD 01May1964 ; LWRSTD 01Nov1964 ;

A/POWRSTD 12May1967 ;

Discharged DEE 03Nov1967

Maxine (nee Marshall) STEEGSTRA

Birth 13 Oct 1943 • Fremantle, WA

Death 24 Jan 2026 • WA

Enlisted : 24 Mar 1962 • Fremantle, WA

WRANS R85447 ;

RWRSTD 24Mar1962 ; WRSTD(G) 24Sep1962 ;

A/LWRSTD 14May1965 ; LWRSTD 14Nov1965 ;

Discharged DEE 23Mar1966

Julie Anne (nee Alders) McCOSKER

Birth 9 Aug 1949 • Canley Vale, NSW

Death 8 Jul 2026 • Goulburn, NSW

Enlisted : 30 Sep 1968 • Sydney, NSW

WRANS W103678 ;

RWRMTD 30Sep1969 ; WRMTD 30Mar1970

Discharged as POWR

Anne Theresa (nee Conway) McDERMOTT

Birth 6 Apr 1955

Death 19 May 2026

Enlisted ; 9 Apr 1974 W117025 LWRWTR

Janet (nee Culhane) FAZAKERLEY

Birth 6 Oct 1961 • Corowa, NSW

Death 21 Jul 2026

Enlisted : 4 Sep 1979 Wran Medic (SBA)

Teri-Lee Ross LEUT

Birth 1980

Death 19 Jul 2026

Lest We Forget

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

Sick Bay

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

Maxine Dreyer is still enjoying the pampering at Sunnybank, and hopes to be out soon.

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

'VETERAN' - whether on active duty, discharged, retired or reserve - is someone who at one point in his or her life wrote a blank cheque made payable to "AUSTRALIA", for an amount of "up to and including his or her life".

Women Veterans Network Australia

<https://www.wvna.org.au/>

WVNA is Australia's oldest registered not-for-profit network dedicated exclusively to women who served in the Australian Defence Force. Founded in 2013, we provide peer support, monthly events, online communities, and advocacy for ex-serving women, reservists, and partners of defence personnel nationwide.

We're not a government agency. We're not a helpline. We're a community, built by women who served, run by women who served, and designed around the real challenges of life after the ADF.



Many of our Navy Women have been enjoying lunches with the WVNA at various locations throughout the SEQld area.

8 March saw six navy women at the Gold Coast event.

Navy Alumnae Milestone: Dr Christine Reghenzani OAM Steps Into Global Leadership Role

Dr Christine Reghenzani OAM was officially elected as a Trustee and the **Board Lead for Community Transformation and Projects** at the 31st Triennial Conference of the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW).

The prestigious global conference took place in Ottawa, Canada, from April 26 to May 1, 2026. Christine, a highly respected Navy veteran who dedicated 35 years to full-time service and 15 years as an active reservist, accepted her official trustee badge from outgoing board lead Bonnie Teeples.

Christine's appointment continues a historic legacy of leadership connecting Queensland to the world stage. After retiring from the Navy, she joined the Queensland Country Women's Association (QCWA). Her new global role follows directly in the footsteps of QCWA's founding State President, Ruth Fairfax OBE (who served on ACWW's inaugural board), and Dame Alice Berry DBE, who served as ACWW World President from 1953 to 1959.

About the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW)

Founded in 1929, ACWW is one of the largest international organisations for rural women, with a membership spanning over 51 countries and territories. The organisation focuses its resources on grassroots advocacy and sustainable development projects divided into three core pillars:

- **Climate-smart Agriculture**
- **Rural Women's Health**
- **Education and Community Development**

A Message From Christine: Creating Tomorrow's History

"Having actively participated in the changes for women serving in the WRANS and the RAN during my navy career, I have great empathy for women who are still struggling to gain equality and equity in society.

Our actions today create tomorrow's history. Women's rights have been forged through generations of grassroots action. Though these victories are significant, the fight continues. In 2026, roughly 61 major state-based armed conflicts rage globally, severely impacting women. Globally, women are uniquely vulnerable yet central to peacebuilding.

I invite you to join ACWW, as together we can make a difference in the lives of women not as fortunate as us. Through funding ACWW projects, members directly reduce poverty, improve community health, and empower women to become financially independent leaders who reinvest in their families."

How to Support and Join

You can support this vital work or sign up for an individual membership directly on the ACWW Membership Page. <https://acww.org.uk/>

I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands; you need to be able to throw something back." Maya Angelou

ANZAC Day 2026

Thank you Rose for the photos.



St John's @ Northgate







**You are invited to share in a conversation.
Preparation for aged care, dying and death**

Thursday, 22nd October 2026 at
Geebung RSL
Corner Newman Road & Collings Street, Geebung
9:00 am for a 09:30 am start
Concluding at 12:45, with the opportunity to purchase lunch
Morning tea provided

**Presenters to encourage the conversation include the Chaplain to
the Naval Association, Care representatives from the services and a
psychiatrist.**

All are welcome—bring your family and friends.

FREE OF CHARGE

Numbers are limited so please

RSVP your attendance with name and phone number to Wendy Griggs at

wellbeing@nwqld.org.au or 0412 017 123

before 1 October.

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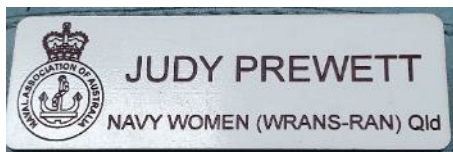
Navy Women (WRANS-RAN) Qld has a 'uniform' so that we can present a uniform appearance when gathered as a group.

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

POCKET BADGE with magnets for Jacket >



^ **TALLY BAND**



NAME TAG with your name and our brand ^^



Formal Occasions:

(Funerals; ANZAC Day)

White skirt, pants or dress, worn with the white shirt, black jacket with the magnetised pocket badge, and white hat with our Tally Band.

Shoes to suit.

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



POLO SHIRTS with EMBROIDERY on right side



AUSSIE PACIFIC POLO SHIRT with EMBROIDERY on right side

Informal Occasions:

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

Wearing of medals:

Large medals are worn for events that commence in the day time;

Miniatures are worn for events that commence at night;

Ribbons are worn during the day for non-Ceremonial events.



BIZ OASIS button front SHIRT with EMBROIDERY on right side



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

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

Meetings are Essential to the Association
A Quorum is Essential to a Meeting
Your Attendance is Essential to a Quorum

Calendar of Events 2026 – subject to changes

Date	Event	Notes
4 Jun	Sunshine Coast Ex-Service and Serving Women's Assoc Inc Luncheon Maroochydore	Civilian dress with name tags
14 Jun	Navy Women Qld OGM Geebung RSL	
25 Jun	Service @ Jack Southbank	
4--6 Jul	Reserve Forces Day Wondai	
19 Jul	Navy Women Qld OGM Geebung RSL	
30 Jul	Service @ Jack Southbank	Gulf War 1 & 2
26 Jul	Korean Veterans Day	
9 Aug	Navy Women Qld GM Geebung RSL	
Aug	Victory in Pacific Day 15Aug1945	South-Eastern District RSL New Farm
08 Aug	End of Life Seminar	Geebung RSL
18 Aug	Vietnam Veterans Day	
27 Aug	Service @ Jack Southbank	Seafarers
3 Sep	Battle of Australia Commemoration	
9 Sep	CESWA Commemoration to Service Women of Aust	Women's Memorial Pine Rivers Kallangur Formal Uniform
13 Sep	Navy Women Qld OGM Geebung RSL	
19 Sep	NAA Golden Rivet 2026	Black Shirts Hosted by Bundamba SS
24 Sep	Service @ Jack Southbank	Vietnam HMAS Vendetta
11 Oct	Navy Women Qld GM Geebung RSL	Breast Cancer Fundraising WEAR PINK
October	Hervey Bay Birthday weekend	
29 Oct	Service @ Jack Southbank	HMAS Sydney II –
7 Nov	Navy Women Annual Reunion Luncheon	Geebung RSL Club
8 Nov	Navy Women Qld OGM	
11 Nov	Remembrance Day Service	
19 Nov	NAA(Q) State Council meeting	
26 Nov	Service @ Jack Southbank	TBA
	Navy Women Qld GM Geebung RSL	Xmas Party closest to 1 st December
2027	Summer Break	
Feb	Service @ Jack Southbank	Honouring HMAS Voyager (II) Lost Crew
Feb	Navy Women Qld AGM & OGM Geebung RSL	Geebung RSL - First meeting for 2027
Feb	NAA(Q) State Council meeting	Delegates attend
Feb	Navy Week	HMAS Moreton - TBC
Feb	Service @ Jack Southbank	RAN Navy Week Hosted by HMAS Moreton:
Feb	Voyager (II)	St Mary's - Kangaroo Point
Mar	HMAS Perth and the USS Houston were lost during the Battle of Sunda Strait on 1 March 1942	
Mar	Navy Women Qld OGM Geebung RSL	
	NAA State Conference –	Delegates attend – everyone invited
Mar	Service @ Jack Southbank	HMAS Yarra (ii) - Focus – Rankin & Taylor
Apr	CESWA Tri-Service Luncheon Geebung RSL	Singing Competition
Apr	Navy Women Qld OGM Geebung RSL	Easter Bonnet
Apr	Good Friday	Happy Easter
25 Apr	ANZAC Day 0600 Service at St John's Church Northgate Corvettes Assoc Service Newstead 0930 Parade in Brisbane City	Formal Uniform
May	Victory in Europe Service 08May1945	South-Eastern District RSL New Farm
May	Navy Women Qld OGM	3 rd Sunday due to Mother's Day date
May	Service @ Jack Southbank	ANMEF 1914 - Navy & Military Expedition

First Tuesday of each month	Western Suburb Lunch
Second Monday of each month	Caboolture Ex-Servicewomen's Lunch
Third Tuesday of each month	Gold Coast Brunch
Fourth Monday of each month	Bribie Island Lunch
Last Thursday of each month	Jack Memorial
	Bribie Island RSL Social Cafe
	Ship Inn, South Bank

Meeting Times

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

1200 to approx. 1400

Geebung RSL Club

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

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

July is third Sunday

December is 30 November

Arrive by 11am to socialise with your sisters before the meeting - stay afterwards for a Welfare subsidised brew.



Easter Bonnet Parade

Email us your Updates & details of Payment

Amount paid:

Date paid:

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

Event:

Special Diet:

Name:

Address:

Phone Number:

Email:

Please advise if your next of kin details change.

Bank Details:

Bank of Queensland

Name: **Navy Women (WRANS-RAN) Qld**

BSB No: **124 002**

Account No: **22446885**

Reference: **Surname reason/event**

December Newsletter Deadline

Deadline for next newsletter is 31 August 2026.

Please send your stories and photos to:

Editor@nwqld.org.au and include

Newslette@NWQld.org.au

New Membership Fees:

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

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

Membership Fees: From 2025

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

FACEBOOK

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

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

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

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

PHOTOS of YOU

Unless you advise otherwise, it is deemed we have permission to take and publish photos of you in the newsletter or on our Facebook pages.

If this is not the case, please advise the Secretary in writing.



Poppy Service

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

Smell Free

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