



GREENBANK RSL  
SUB-BRANCH Inc.

# NEWSLETTER

March 2024

## Presidents message

Well, this is the first newsletter for 2024, and the Sub-Branch Board has been working hard over this period to ensure that the focus on veteran wellbeing, advocacy and support has remained paramount even over the Christmas break.

Although there are many things to report on for this newsletter, I feel that I should begin with several changes that will affect our GM, AGM and ANZAC Day, this being the renovations that started in the Service Club on the 8<sup>th</sup> of January 2024.

For General Information :

1. the Sub-Branch General Meetings will be held in the Sub-Branch rooms until further notice. They will still commence at 7pm and the Sub-Branch will be open from 6pm. And yes, for Ron, a coffee machine has been installed with several coffee selection, and we will also happily supply the biscuits.
2. The AGM will be held in the Eats on Anzac restaurant not the Gala Room, this is detailed later in my report.
3. As stated, the renovations will be well underway, and the Gunfire Breakfast will still take place for Financial Sub-Branch Members and 1 partner only. This will be discussed in another article in this newsletter regarding the ANZAC Day rundown as it may affect visitors wishing to partake in the Gunfire Breakfast.

As stated, these are important notes and will be given more clarification as dates and meeting occur, with any updates passed on. I understand this may disrupt some members, plans but it is out of our control until the renovations are complete or a stage of completion which allows for a change.

The beginning of January saw the lease between the Greenbank Services Club and Sub-Branch agreed upon, signed, and finalised to the best interest of both entities. This ensuring that the Service Club renovations were able to proceed on time as scheduled. For the Sub-Branch, there was an increase in rent that will be important in the future direction and development of the Welfare Hub and Men's Shed as per our strategic plan.

On the 19<sup>th</sup> of January, it was with great honour that I and many Sub-Branch members saw Tom McGee presented with a dedication plaque at the Vietnam era Australian

Soldier statue at the front entry of the Greenbank Services Club by SED President Kerry Gallagher AM, for his outstanding achievement of being on the Sub-Branch Board for over 30 years. This service is a testament to his ongoing service to the veteran community and their families, for which I feel all members should congratulate him. I would like to make a point that there are not too many Sub-Branches that can boast this achievement. For those that were unable to attend please visit the Sub-Branch website [www.greenbankrsl.org](http://www.greenbankrsl.org) for photos and a small snippet of video.

As you are aware the Sub-Branch AGM is on the 24<sup>th</sup> of March 2024. This will be held in the Bingo room in the Eats on Anzac restaurant due to the current renovations. The meeting will commence at 10am sharp, so ensure you are there with enough time to register if you a financial Sub-Branch Service member, so that you are eligible to vote. As per last year there will be three positions up for nomination, this being (1) Deputy President, and two (2) Board Members. Nominations forms will be available from Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February. If you are nominating, please fill in all details correctly to ensure that you remain eligible under the constitution. Nominations close at 10am on Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup> of March, where the ballot box will be opened, and the 2024 nominations will be drawn.

I feel that there is much more that I could talk about with upcoming events, but it is probably better that I keep some things for the first GM.

Lastly, I would like to encourage everyone to visit Veteran Social Brisbane on Facebook or the website [www.veteransocial.com.au](http://www.veteransocial.com.au) as it will commence 10am Feb 24 at Cafe 63, Park Ridge Shopping Centre, Park Ridge.

With that, stay safe and I hope to see you at the first General Meeting in the Sub-Branch rooms for 7pm on Monday the 19<sup>th</sup> of February.

Regards,  
Stewart Rae  
President



**SUB-BRANCH  
CALENDAR**

**DATES TO  
REMEMBER**

**March 2024**

4th Women's Aux AGM  
18th General Meeting  
24th Sub-Branch AGM

**April 2024**

7th Services Club A.G.M.  
15th General meeting  
25th Anzac Day

**May 2024**

20th General meeting

**June 2024**

17th General meeting



"TACT IS THE ABILITY TO TELL SOMEONE TO GO TO HELL IN SUCH A WAY THAT THEY LOOK FORWARD TO THE TRIP."

Winston Churchill



**A huge stack of toilet rolls fell on me in the supermarket. I'm ok though, just soft tissue damage.**



**ANZAC DAY**

THURSDAY 25<sup>th</sup> of April 2024  
Greenbank Services Club Southern Carpark

Dawn Service 0530<sup>hrs</sup>  
March step off at 1000<sup>hrs</sup>  
Main Service at 1030<sup>hrs</sup>

Followed by a get together on the top deck of the Services Club for Greenbank Sub-Branch  
**Members and guests**

**Some interesting reads:**

The world's most spectacular stone forest

[The world's most spectacular stone forest \(msn.com\)](https://www.msn.com)

The 15 biggest tourist traps in Australia

[The 15 biggest tourist traps in Australia \(msn.com\)](https://www.msn.com)

The Top 20 National Parks in Australia

[The Top 20 National Parks in Australia \(msn.com\)](https://www.msn.com)

*Lest we  
Forget*



We remember the following Sub-Branch Members who have sadly passed away since the last newsletter.

Norma Kelso (May) 98 yrs  
John Fotek  
Keith Dale  
Donald Boorman  
John Jennison (July 23)



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**Did you know?**

By replacing your potato chips with grapefruit as a snack you can lose up to 90% of what little joy you still have left in your life.



**SURVIVAL TIP:**

If you get lost in the woods start talking about politics and someone will show up to argue with you.



**Last Night, My Neighbor Came Home Drunk & Banged On His Own Door For Like 5 Mins. Problem Is, He Lives Alone, So I Went Outside And Told Him He Wasn't There & He Left!!!**



# WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

We look forward to working with the Sub-Branch for another year, and our first role will be selling badges for Anzac Day. If there are any ladies out there who would like to join 'The Partners of Veterans Association of Australia' or want more information, please give me a call or text on 0421 756 389. If I don't answer, please leave a short message and I will call you back.

Till next time,  
Linde Cavanagh  
President

As a man, I used to think I was pretty much just a regular person, but I was born white, into a two-parent, two-gender household which now, whether I like it or not, makes me "Privileged", a racist and responsible for slavery.

I am fiscal and moral, which by today's standards, makes me a fascist because I plan, budget and support myself.

I went to School, worked my way "up the ladder", and have always held a job. But I now find out that I am not here because I earned it, but because I was "advantaged".

I am heterosexual, which according to "gay" folks, now makes me homophobic.

I am not a Muslim, which now labels me as an infidel.

I am older than 60, making me a useless person who doesn't understand Facebook, Instagram or Twitter.

I think and I reason, and I doubt much of what the "mainstream" media tells me, which makes me a "Right-wing conspiracy nut".

I am proud of my heritage and our inclusive Australian culture, making me a xenophobe.

I believe in hard work, fair play, and fair compensation according to each individual's merits, which today makes me an anti-socialist.

I believe our system guarantees freedom of effort – not freedom of outcome or subsidies which must make me a borderline sociopath.

I believe in the defence and protection of Australia for and by all citizens, now making me a militant.

I am proud of our flag, what it stands for and the many who died to let it fly, so I stand during our National Anthem – so I must be a racist.

Please help me come to terms with the new me because I'm just not sure who I am anymore.

If all this nonsense wasn't enough to deal with, now I don't even know which restroom to use... and I have to go more FREQUENTLY!

....Anon

## DROP-IN CENTRE

Open every Thursday morning  
In the Sub-Branch rooms  
(behind the Greenbank Services Club)  
Come along and join us for a coffee, tea,  
something to eat and a chat!



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Col Anderson was presented with a certificate for his 30 years as a member of the R.S.L.



John Renton was presented with a certificate for his 50 years as a member of the R.S.L.



Doug Watts was presented with one of the Quilts for Valour.



Terry Hippisley (Hippo) was presented with one of the Quilts for Valour years as a member of the R.S.L.



Al Loxton was presented with one of the Quilts for Valour.



(Above and right) Tom McGee (OAM) was honored with the unveiling of a plaque at the base of a statue of him in the front of the Services Club.



(Left) Tom likes to have a cake at these functions.



**Greenbank RSL Men's Shed**  
 3/15 Corporate Place, Hillcrest QLD 4118  
 mensshed@greenbankrsl.com.au 07 3380 0292  
 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 0630-1130hrs

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## New Navy Ships:

### USS RONALD REAGAN

Seeing it next to the Arizona Memorial really puts its size into perspective...

ENORMOUS!



When the Bridge pipes 'Man the Rail' there is a lot of rail to man on this monster: shoulder to shoulder, around 4.5 acres. Her displacement is about 100,000 tons with full complement.

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### USS BILL CLINTON

The USS William Jefferson Clinton (CVS1) set sail today from its home port of Vancouver, BC



The ship is the first of its kind in the Navy and is a standing legacy to

President Bill Clinton 'for his foresight in military budget cuts' and his conduct while holding the (formerly dignified) office of President.

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### HMAS ANTHONY ALBANESE

Details are vague. But don't you worry, he has a plan!!



## Post Turtles

An old farmer was getting his hand stitched up after an accident at his farm. He and the doctor started chatting, with the conversation soon turning to politics.

The old farmer explained: "Well, as I see it, most politicians are 'Post Turtles'."

Not being familiar with the term, the doctor asked what a 'post turtle' was. The old farmer explained as best he could: "When you're

driving down a country road and you come across a fence post with a turtle on top, that's a 'post turtle.'

The doctor remained puzzled. The farmer continued further.

"You know he didn't get up there by himself, he doesn't belong up there, he doesn't know what to do while up there, he's elevated beyond his ability to function, and you just wonder what kind of idiot put him there to begin with."

## JOIN US ON FACEBOOK

Why not like and follow us on Facebook!

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# NAVAL ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

G'day to all you seafarers.

Happy new year to you all and welcome to 2024.

Seeing as how we have had the Christmas shut down, and Sunday the 11th of Feb was our AGM and first meeting (further information on the outcome of the AGM will be in the following newsletter), there is nothing really to report.

So have a happy and safe 2024.

Smooth seas,  
Michael Brophy  
President



## RAAF ASSOCIATION LOGAN CITY BRANCH

Hello again readers and welcome to a brand new year!

Were we busy or not since the last newsletter? Let me tell you about our fantastic Christmas party. It was really well attended, we had about 60 members and guests for lunch in a roped off area of the lounge. Lunch, wow! We enjoyed a two course meal which included a traditional medley of roast meats and veggies for mains and an awesome dessert, I can't remember what the dessert was but I know I enjoyed it!

At the Christmas gathering we held our annual giant Christmas raffle. There were around 70 prizes to raffle off. We held a few over for the AGM. Speaking of the AGM, we held it on the 4th of February in the Sub-Branch rooms. The election of office bearers and committee was really easy, no changes, nobody in, nobody out! So we didn't have to hold a ballot. Although I must be honest, there was one change. One of our committee members stood down and thank you for your service George B. The association thanks the Sub-Branch for its continued support and for the use of the meeting rooms at the Sub-Branch.

We are now holding our meetings monthly, which will be held on the first Monday of each month at 1830hrs (6.30pm) in the Sub-Branch. Please come along and join in the fun. We are always looking for new members so please have a chat to our President Eric, to find out about the different member tiers and load him up with a bunch of questions! Just to wet your appetite, around June/July this year, we are throwing around some ideas for a few days away. We are thinking the Granite Belt...nice and coooold!! However, nothing is finalised yet.

Well readers, till next time, stay well and stay safe (I hope Santa was good to you!) and I'll talk to you then.

Cheers  
Steve Ball

### Are you interested in leatherwork??



The Greenbank Men's Shed leatherwork group are looking for more members. Drop by the Sub-Branch on Wednesday or Friday between 0830-1100hrs to have a chat and see the incredible work these men do. Men of all ages are welcome! For further information, email [subbranch@greenbankrsl.com.au](mailto:subbranch@greenbankrsl.com.au) or call 07 33800270



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## Freeling farmer Harry Schuster goes viral for paddock Australia Day art

This might just be the most Australia Day thing ever. A young farmer has gone to extreme lengths to pay tribute to our great country.

A farmer near the Barossa Valley has unveiled an incredible design in his paddock, crafting an eye-catching crop pattern to celebrate Australia Day.

Harry Schuster, 27, finished drawing a map of Australia at his family's paddock at Freeling on Thursday, complete with an Australian flag design and signed with his initials.



Harry Schuster's giant map of Australia that he mowed into a paddock at Freeling, north of Adelaide, ready for Australia Day.

The engineering graduate first designed his creation on the computer, converting an image into a GPS map, and then took a John Deere tractor to carve it into the field.

Harry said the creation took about two hours.

"I planned it over the course of a few nights after work, it's hard to put a number on it," he said.



Harry Schuster planned his masterpiece over a few nights. Mowing it took two hours. Picture: Kelly Barnes

The cereal and legume farmer used the farm's main work tractor, which he refers to as the "work horse" or the "puller", normally used to plant seeds, to make the pattern, which is about 50 hectares in size.

"I did it using a combination of tools but basically just by using the programming skills I picked up from university to be able to turn the photo into a shape you can put on the screen and then it's just a matter of following the purple line.

Happy Australia Day from The Barns of Freeling.

"People think it's automatic – not quite. There's a bit of manual involvement."

The massive design is not Mr Schuster's first foray into large-scale art.

Last year, Mr Schuster mowed a large sunflower into the same paddock – known as The Barns of Freeling – with the design big enough to be seen on Google Maps.

**DID YOU KNOW**



Quilts of Valour Australia aims to award quilts to Veterans, Service Personnel of the Australian Defence Force and our Allies as well as immediate family of Veterans and Defence Personnel who have passed. These awards are in recognition of their Service, Sacrifice and Valour for their country.



Linde and Eric Cavanagh were presented with their Quilts for Valour on the 16th January 2024.



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## **Couple are flown to France instead of Denmark**

A couple blamed carrier Ryanair for flying them to France instead of Denmark during the pre-Christmas rush at Manchester Airport in 2021. The pair claim that they were whisked aboard the incorrect aircraft amid "horrendous" queues and only realised that they had been routed to Beauvais, near Paris, instead of Copenhagen (pictured) when the flight landed. The airline has said that it's the individual responsibility of travellers to board the correct flight.

## **Man washes his feet in scorching Yellowstone hot**

Barricades and boardwalks indicate the safe distance you should maintain from the steaming hot springs that Yellowstone National Park is famous for. But despite the fact that these natural wonders reach scorching temperatures (the most famous, Grand Prismatic Spring, has been known to climb to 87°C (189°F), one traveller decided to wash his feet in the geyser basin. Thankfully, it appears he was relatively unharmed.

## **Man accidentally flies to Las Vegas instead of Essex**

Essex and Las Vegas are rather different destinations, but in 2017 a British businessman mistakenly flew to the Nevada resort city (pictured) after boarding a flight in Cologne, thinking he was actually going back to Essex in England. The finance broker fell asleep and woke up to see that the plane had travelled over the UK on the in-flight map. He deemed the experience a "major security failing", saying his boarding pass was checked three times by airline staff before getting on the plane.

## **GPS sends man 270 miles away from destination**

Noel Santillan, a 28-year-old American tourist in Iceland, made a serious mistake when using his GPS on arriving at the airport. Aiming for Reykjavík's main street, he typed 'Laugarvegur' instead of 'Laugavegur' into his satnav and ended up 270 miles (435km) away in the remote

fishing village of Siglufjörður (pictured). The story has a happy ending, though: he became something of a celebrity in Iceland and really made the most of his time, staying overnight in a local hotel and visiting the local herring museum.

## **Tourist flies to Grenada instead of Granada**

An American dentist attempted to sue British Airways in 2014 after he and his partner were accidentally flown to Grenada in the Caribbean instead of Granada in Spain. It had long been the couple's dream to see the Alhambra (pictured), but the airline apparently mistakenly allocated them the wrong tickets. The couple sought £25,500 (\$34,000) in damages, but lost the lawsuit.

## **Man takes 6,600-mile detour**

A 22-year-old American man was left red-faced in 1985 after accidentally flying to Auckland, New Zealand rather than Oakland, California about 6,600 miles (10,622km) away. The *LA*

*Times* reported that Michael Lewis had misheard a number of airline announcements and questions from staff asking if he was going to Auckland (pictured). He said: "They didn't say Auckland. They said Oakland. They talk different."

## **A party-goer accidentally ends up in Paris**

In 2013, a number of British newspapers reported on a teenager who, after a drunken night out in Manchester, ended up on a last-minute flight to Paris alone. While all his friends were in bed at home, 19-year-old Luke Harding was sleeping off his hangover in a toilet at Charles de Gaulle airport. He said: "When I first woke up I didn't know where I was. Then I remembered booking the flight – and thinking 'oh s\*\*\*!'"





This is a side of Policing that not many members of the public know about.

This report is from a serving police officer in Broome.

No wonder they get frustrated. For those and the bleeding hearts, who have never lived amongst aboriginals, read and be educated, because this is just how it is. This race of people, have had 200 years to become civilized, and yet it just hasn't happened.

I have never seen a group of people who have been given so much and contributed so little.

Broome WA used to be a paradise, is it any wonder tourists are avoiding the town these days including the grey nomads in their caravans.

G'day! Yesterday, just about to knock off work when all hell breaks out at Town Beach, Broome.

Over 150 black fellas from Halls Creek, Balgo, and Broome start blueing. They've been on the booze all day. They were loaded up with cartons of beer and JDs.

First car goes in and the missiles get launched at them and the troopy is trashed.

The Coppers beat a retreat under a barrage of rocks and cans. 2nd, third and 4th cars arrive and they too are smashed by the mob that stop fighting each other and turn on the boys and girls in blue. I go in with my team and we start tipping out grog and the mob comes at us.

Apparently it's our fault for turning up. In our misguided attempt to protect the innocent members of the community going about their lawful business, we have caused the mob to turn on us. We shut all the liquor outlets and the mob go wild again.

After an hour and a half we restore order. We have 5 wrecked cars and four injured staff.

One obese woman is run over by a police car after throwing herself at the police vehicle. Fortunately she is not seriously injured.

Booze should be barred for all Aboriginals, their brain power simply cannot handle the stuff, they go crazy when they get on the grog

Your tax payer funded dollars fuelled this disorder.

Your tax payer dollars will pay for the repairs, the overtime, the medical bills and the clean-up of the public park.

Next week is welfare payment week. That means, they can afford to buy cartons of JD and JB and smoke kilos of dope.

That means we will be again back at Town Beach fighting them when things get out of control.

Yep, Broome - this is paradise.

A 12 year old has been ripping up and down the road on his brand new quad bike.

As he flies past he gives us the one finger.

We won't chase because of the danger to everyone else.

He comes past again, another one finger and takes off.

We know where he lives and arrive in time to catch him and his mate who is riding a small trail bike.

We seize both bikes for 28 days and tell them they will be summonsed.

He is full of foul language and threatens to get us.

Mum comes out calling us white trash and is screaming because she only bought the quad bike today for \$3500!

Whilst we load the bikes onto a trailer, a local tax payer funded charity organisation turns up with heaps of food -tv dinners and desserts for all the black people at the house.

So, she can afford to buy the little shit a quad bike, but can't afford to buy them food.

Why would she bother - the tax payer is supplying her booze, rent, drugs and (free) mobile phone (yes, you can get a free Telstra mobile if you're the "victim" of domestic abuse).

When will any politician, or politically correct tree huggers have the balls to investigate and stop this blatant waste and demand accountability from these people who are partying 24/7 on a tax payer funded junket for life.

And when they call me a white dog c-you-en-tee, that's not being racist is it????

And me being a police officer, I am supposed to treat them with respect.

I am asking for a transfer to Perth to get away from these people.

If my request for a transfer is declined I intend to hand in my resignation.

Call me a racist I couldn't care less, I just have to get away from them.

Welcome to the Kimberley WA. - A place to steer well clear of !!and then there is this little gem

Once in a while we just have to stand back in awe of government.

The Food Stamp Program, administered by the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, is proud to be distributing the greatest amount of free meals and food stamps ever - to 46 million people.

Meanwhile, the National Park Service, administered by the U.S. Dept. of the Interior, asks us to "Please Do Not Feed the Animals." Their stated reason for the policy is because "the animals will grow dependent on handouts and will not learn to take care of themselves.






# CLICK TO PLAY

CLICKING THE PUZZLE WILL OPEN  
YOUR WEB BROWSER WHERE YOU  
CAN PLAY LIVE!

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NIGER  
NORWAY

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## Brain Teasers



1. A farmer had 17 sheep. All but 9 died. How many did he have left?
2. 2 men play draughts. They play 5 games and each man wins 5 games. There are no ties. How can this be?
3. An archaeologist claimed he found gold coins dated 46 BC. Do you think he really found the coins?
4. A woman gives a beggar 50 pence. The woman is the beggar's sister, but the beggar is not the woman's brother. How come?
5. How many animals of each species did Moses take on the ark?
6. What word is misspelled in this test?