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EVENTS COMING UP AT RSL MALENY HALL

Vietnam Veterans Day 18/08/17
Club Acoustic 07/09/17
"Rock n Roll & Sixties Night"
For Veterans & Baby Boomers
Sing -A-Long with
Ray & the Sunshines 23/09/17
Remembrance Day 11/11/17
Trivia Night 04/11/17

Monday Mornings @ Hall
Yoga for Seniors start 8am

Friday Nights - Social Bar & Dining
Bar opens 4ish

100 Years Ago,
The Chronicle and North Coast Advertiser, 10 August 1917, p5 Maleny.

Memorial Service.

A memorial service in honour of the late Private (Rev.) Robert Laughlin was held in the local Baptist Church on Sunday 29th ult., and very large congregations assembled for both the morning and evening services, testifying to the esteem in which the deceased was held in the community. Taking as his text 'Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends', the Rev. Horn, an intimate companion of late Rev. Laughlin, touchingly referred to the latter's noble character, and at the evening service likened his life to that of Barnabas. The late Private Laughlin left Maleny to join the A.I.F. some 12 months ago, having been resident minister here for about two years, and about a month ago he met his death in action in Flanders. He was a fine strapping young man whose many manly and kindly actions had endeared him to all sections of the community, and much regret is felt at his untimely though glorious end.

[Robert signed "Lauchlan" on his Attestation Paper.]

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Since our last edition the work load has not decreased. Both Chris Brooker and I attended the State RSL Congress in Brisbane. A very interesting experience. There has been a wrap up of the Congress emailed to all Service members.

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I have been sorting through the historical collection of the RSL Maleny Sub Branch and came across the attached brooch. The brooch is gold, does not have any makers mark and has rose cut diamonds set into it. I can find no reference to it in the RSL records and no one on the RSL board has information on it. I assume it has some link to the military. The letters "GCF" could be the letters of someone's name or could be an acronym for an organisation. It has the numerals "29 16" which appear to be a date.

I have conducted extensive research to try and ascertain its origins but to no avail. If anyone has any information they can contact the RSL at info@rslmaleny.org.au.

Thanks, *P.T.*



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We have both attended a District Board meeting at Kawana and attended the RSL expo at the Kawana Community Centre. It was a real eye opener and I can recommend your attendance at next year's event.

Eight of our Sub Branch members attended the President's luncheon at Bribie Island to celebrate the 50th birthday of the Sub Branch. An interesting function which has given us some new ideas for our Reunion Lunch in Feb 2018. Don't forget that Club Acoustic starts again on Thursday 7 September. Meals are available and the entrance fee of \$10 ensures a great night's entertainment featuring our local Maleny talent.

We had a visit from Rob Eade who is a Vietnam Veteran who, at his own expense, is travelling around Australia on a three wheeled motorised trike and towing a trailer to honour all those Servicemen and women who have died because of warlike actions. He presented a flag to our Sub Branch honouring Pte Morrison who was born here in Maleny.

We are endeavouring to update our honour board and unveil his name on 18 August, Vietnam Veterans Day.

Clarke Alexander, President

Here is just one story of a soldier who left the Army and was helped transition into civilian life by ADF.

**Joel Sardi - Candidate Liaison Officer.
 Ironside Recruitment.**

"Ex-Servicemen and women are great potential employees for a civilian employer. We come with a great set of values and skills. We are diligent, disciplined, respectful and professional."

Joel joined the Army in 2011 as a rifleman and served for five years in 7 RAR, which included a deployment to Kandahar, Afghanistan in 2013. A keen sportsman, Joel represented the Army at national and inter-service AFL tournaments. Following a non-service related accident in August 2014, Joel sustained a serious spinal injury and is now a quadriplegic. Joel was supported by Defence during the transition process and began a placement at Ironside Recruitment in September 2015. He is now a Candidate Liaison Officer at Ironside, assisting and supporting other former ADF members to find civilian employment.

Here is a link to a web page for personnel.
Right click then click open
[Leaving the ADF](#)

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The badge worn by all members of the Returned & Services League of Australia, is a symbol of readiness at all times to render service to Queen and country and to former comrades. It is a time-honoured emblem - one that has been worn with a deep sense of pride by the most revered in our land and one that glorifies the coats of all privileged to wear it.

No wealth or influence can purchase the badge which may be worn only by those who have served their country. The badge is in the form of a shield and the shield is a protection to the wearer.

In the badge, the red represents the blood ties of war that exist between comrades. White, stands for the purity of the motives in joining the league - to render service without thought of personal gain or ambition. The blue indicates a willingness to render that service to a comrade anywhere under the blue sky - wherever he may be. The wattle is symbolic of Australia. The leek, rose, thistle and shamrock are symbolic of, and represent the link with Wales, England, Scotland and Ireland respectively.

Depicted in the centre of the badge, and encircled by the name of the organisation, are a sailor, soldier, airman and servicewoman marching together with their arms linked in friendship. This is to show that within the circle of the League, all Services and all ranks march together in unity and comradeship.



Private Dayle Morrison was assigned to B Company 2RAR for Operation COBURG (24th January to 14th February 1968). This period is now known as TET 68.

Operation COBURG was a Task Force operation, which took place around the border between Bien Hoa and Lon Khanh Province, north-west of Phouc Tuy Province.

The aim of the operation was to deny Viet Cong (VC) access to the area and to sites from which they could direct rocket fire into the complexes of Long Bien and Bien Hoa (major US bases).

Private Dayle Morrison had been a clerk in Battalion Headquarters (Bn HQ) and had frequently requested to be allowed to accompany a rifle company on operations to give him the opportunity to exercise his Infantry skills. In this first phase of the operation, on 6th January 1968, B Company fought through an enemy camp, believed to be occupied by about 25 VC, in an action that lasted about 2 hours. 2 VC were found dead in the camp and there were several blood trails and drag marks indicating that the VC had suffered several other casualties. B Company sustained 1 x KIA (Morrison), and 2 x WIA, one of whom later died.

This was the second day of the operation.



Mr Rob EADE is from Cessnock NSW and is travelling around Australia to present small flags to those fallen Veterans. On Friday the 28 July 2017, Rob attended the RSL Maleny Sub Branch Memorial Hall to present a small handheld Flag in memory of Dayle William MORRISON (No 1732186). Dayle was in 2RAR.

Private Morrison was born in Maleny on 12/08/1945 and died during Operation COBURG on 26/01/1968. He lays to rest in the Garden of Remembrance, Mt Gravatt. Commemoration Position: Wall 3 – Row E.

We have been trying to locate any family members but with no success to date. If anyone knows anything please contact the Office on 5435 2672 or email info@rslmaleny.org.au.

Without this information from Rob we would not have known that Dayle has a link with Maleny. Some members of 2RAR Association were in attendance of the presentation.



L-R Gordon Hurford, AM Sec 2RAR Association. Denny McIver, Rob Eade, Clarke Alexander (President RSL), Peter Fitzgibbon and Bill Richter (104 SIGSQN) Radio Operator attached to 2RAR.





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The RSL Maleny Sub Branch
"The Diggers"
Friday Night Bar & Dining



Come along to the RSL on Friday Nights & enjoy delicious meals & drinks which can be bought at club prices.

The Bar opens around 4ish and meals can be enjoyed after 6pm.

This is a great family venue.

1 Bunya Street, Maleny. 5435 2672

Email: info@rslmaleny.org.au

Guess whose "back"!



To be revealed in the next Newsletter.

Some of the Weekly Events on at the RSL Hall

YOGA FOR SENIORS
Monday Mornings
Level 2 8-9.15am
Level 1 9.45-11am
Phone Ralph or Christine
5435 2842



Ralph Freestun and Christine Crocker offer classes specifically for older adults, supported by the RSL Maleny.

Healthy
SUNSHINE COAST
Stability, Balance & Core at RSL Maleny Sub Branch Hall
8.30am Tuesdays \$5



Maleny Bridge Club
0400 016 502
Let's Play Bridge!
Would you like to play Bridge?
Held At the RSL Maleny Sub Branch



Maleny Art, Craft Market
Sundays
8am - 2pm
Enquiries: 0448 423 919



MALENY R.S.L SUB BRANCH
1 BUNYA STREET, MALENY QLD 4552
ENTRY \$ 5.00
We present on SATURDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER 2017 from 6.30 pm
ROCK "N" ROLL and SIXTIES NIGHT for you
BOOMERS and VETERANS all welcome
REMEMBER THE SONGS FROM OTHER ERA'S SING ALONG AND DANCE TO MUSIC FROM PAST DAYS
BAR WILL BE OPEN FROM 5.00pm NIBBLES TYPE FOOD CAN BE PURCHASED IF REQUIRED BOOKINGS ARE NOT ESSENTIAL BUT ADVISED TO BOOK RING 5435-2672 or email info@rslmaleny.org.au
MUSIC by RAY and the SUNSHINES



Two boys were always trading insults at school; when they finally left, one went into the army and one into the church. They both prospered and eventually one reached the rank of Colonel and the other became a Bishop.

One day they both found themselves in full regalia on a station platform waiting for the same train. After a moment's scrutiny, the Bishop turned to the Colonel and said, "Excuse me porter, am I on the right platform for Manchester?" "Oh yes, madam," replied the Colonel, "but should you be travelling in your condition?"

