



**RSL Maleny Sub Branch Inc.**  
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**September 2018**

### **Board Members 2018**

**President:**

Clarke Alexander

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Chris Brooker

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**Membership:** Phil Thamm

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Members of the Board may be contacted by sending an email to the Secretary (Jen Clarke) :  
[info@rslmaleny.org.au](mailto:info@rslmaleny.org.au)

### **Community Welfare**

**GYM**

**(free for DVA card holders)**

Starts 20 July, 11am at the Showgrounds.

Minimum of 6 participants.

**Yoga (Ralph Freestun)**

Mondays: Cost \$10.

Session 1: 8am – 9.15am

Session 2: 9.45am –

11.15am

**Fitness classes**

Tues & Thurs: 8.30-

9.30am

Sponsored by SCRC: \$5

### **Regular Events:**

Friday , 4pm onwards:  
Diggers Bar & Kitchen

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of month:  
Club Acoustic

### **FROM THE PRESIDENT:**

You will notice that we have included the Board Members on the front page of the newsletter. If you need to contact any of the Board, email the RSL and the Secretary will forward your communication to the member concerned.

It is with deep sadness, I report the death of one of our staunch members, Tom Dansie. Tom's funeral was held at the Anglican Church on Friday 17 August. The RSL State President and the District President were both in attendance. Tom was the Treasurer at the Sub Branch for a great many years but resigned the position on the introduction of electronic accounting.

In order to take advantage of grants, of various financial worth, as they become available, I request that members submit ideas for any projects beneficial to the Sub Branch. The Board will consider all ideas after the next Board Meeting on 20 September. Please email the Secretary with your ideas.

Since the last newsletter, the Sub Branch has been involved with social activities including the Trivia Night, Clive Crandley's wake and Richo Richardson's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration.

The Sub Branch conducted a service to commemorate Vietnam Veterans' Day on 18 August.

Until next month, live well and travel safely.

Clarke Alexander  
President



*Tom Dansie, Anzac Day 2018*  
(photo taken by Howard Mear)

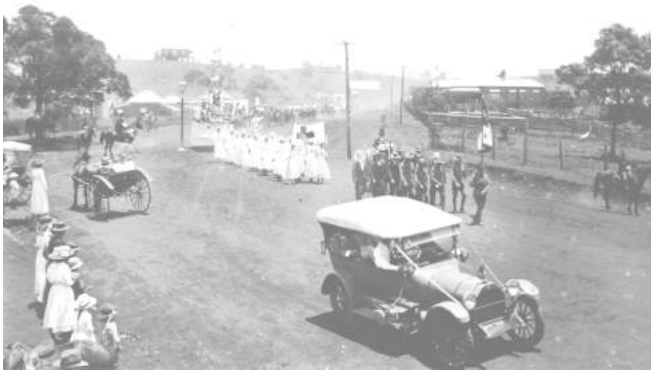
## Re-enactment 1918 Victory Parade – Progress Report

Chris Brooker

This photo is of the original 1918 Victory Parade. The men marching at the front are the Returned men followed by the contingent of Red Cross ladies.

Interesting to note the guesthouse in the background which is still standing and the sale yards on site of Cooke Park. Not sure whose house it is on the hill near where the old school was. Note also the decorations on the car consisting of two streamers, but this was just after end WW1 so supplies were still a tad short.

More to come . . . . .



## Coming Events:

**06 September:** Club Acoustic. Monthly music and entertainment evening featuring local talent. Meals available, bar open. A top night for minimal cost.

**17 October:** Working Bee at the RSL Hall

**11 November:** Remembrance Day & Re-enactment 1918 Maleny Victory Parade.

**17 November:** Trivia night.

**Friday nights:** Bar open from 4.30ish. Kitchen open for meals from 6pm. Great social evening. Positive feedback re quality and value for money meals.

## The People behind the Scenes

### **President – Clarke Alexander**

Clarke and his wife, Lyn, have been Maleny residents since 1994. Clarke transferred his RSL membership in 1995. Since that time he has held various positions on the Board.

Clarke is also an active volunteer for other service clubs based in Maleny. He is a keen gardener (when he is not helping other people) and likes talking to his chooks!

Clarke is a Life Member of RSL Australia (Qld Branch).

### **Deputy President – Chris Brooker**

Maleny has been home since Chris was four days old, with family here since the late 1800's. In later years, he has become involved in RSL/ Rotary.

He worked with National Bank for 14 years in branches across Queensland. As part of two years National Service, Chris served 12 months overseas with 3<sup>rd</sup> Cavalry Regiment. Purchasing Bert Brooker's fuel business in 1976 meant a return to Maleny.

Chris was Caloundra City Council's "Citizen of the Year" in the last year of Council, so is proud to hold this honour in perpetuity. He was awarded an OAM in 2013, and is a Life Member of RSL Australia (Qld Branch).

Jocelyn and Chris have three daughters and eight grandchildren.

**Position Vacant: Volunteer gardener.**  
Our RSL Hall gardens need attention!  
Please contact Chris on 0428712504 if you and/or a few friends would like to take on responsibility for the gardens.