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#### Regular Events

Yoga (Mondays)

#### Seniors Fitness

Tues & Thursday

8.30-9.30am. \$5

#### Bingo – Tuesdays

Open 10.00 am

Games 10.30 -12.30

#### Diggers Bar

Fridays: Bar open from 4.30pm.

Meals from 6pm.

#### Club Acoustic

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of month

# NEWSLETTER

## OCTOBER 2019

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Dear Members

**Observance of Remembrance Day is our next ceremonial event – details as follows:**

**RSL Memorial Hall, 11am on Monday, 11 November.**

On Friday evenings, the bar is open from 4.30pm and affordable meals are available (\$22 each) from 6pm. On Friday 11 October, Tom Richter and his ukulele players will be providing entertainment. The theme is “Hawaiian”, so come along in your most colourful outfits and join the fun. Cost is \$15 per person and this includes a couple of slices of pizza.

Until next month, stay safe and well.

Clarke Alexander

### COMING EVENTS

**Tom Richter and Maleny Ukelele: Friday evening  
11 October. Hawaiian theme. \$15**

**Bingo: Tuesdays, 01, 08, 15, 22, 29 OCT.**

**Board meeting: 17 October**

**Club Acoustic: Thursday 07 November**

**Trivia Night - 09 November**

## HISTORY OF SUNSHINE COAST EX-SERVICE AND SERVING WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION FROM 1980

A public meeting was held on 3 June 1980 for the purpose of forming an Ex-Servicewomen's Association in the Maroochydore area. Nominations were called for and after general discussion the name was chosen, Maroochydore Combined Ex-Servicewomen's Association. The first General meeting was held on Thursday 3 July 1980 and regular monthly meetings followed. Members were from our WW2 Services and our Allies and consisted of AWAS (Australian Women's Army Service), AAMWS Australian Army Medical Women's Service), WAAAF (Women's Auxiliary Australian Air Force), ATS (Auxiliary Territorial Service) United Kingdom, to name a few. After the first twelve months there were about 20 members and increasing steadily.

Many social events were held and enjoyed together with Memorial services and ANZAC Day marches. Back in the day there were quite a number of fashion parades, morning teas and visits to sister Associations and members own service events took place. Bus trips became an adventure day in the late 1990's. The Hervey Bay Ex-Service Women's weekend was also on the agenda in the early 1990's. Mention was made of a Nambour Association till at least 1992 and also Bribie Island. Joint lunches were held and enjoyed.

Our Association gained a Post War member in the early part of 2000, RAANC, and then another, a WRAAF in 2004 and one, a WRAAC in 2005. Age did weary these great Ex-Service women and a decline in the WW2 ladies began. Our Association has held a Birthday lunch in June each year and it is an extremely well attended event. It is a happy meeting of the remaining Ex-Servicewomen's Associations to the north and south of the Sunshine Coast and where old memories and shared camaraderie is enjoyed.

Numbers for our Association increased very slightly from 2011 but as time went on and after much thought and discussion with all members the name of the Association was changed on 7 February 2019. We were, now, the only Ex-Servicewomen's Association on the Sunshine Coast. We became the Sunshine Coast Ex-Service and Serving Women's Association. This reflected the changing times and renewed birth, moving forward to the future and a new generation of Service women. Our numbers have increased and as at September 2019 we have 52 members. We continue to be there for one another for friendship and support.

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Memories from an ex Army Veteran"

*Spent a couple of days before this transfer as "camp blowfly"; as the name indicates, main job was cleaning washrooms, laundries and toilet blocks. The toilet blocks were 6 seaters, built as a demountable/removable building, placed over a large pit and when the pit was filled, moved to another location. Daily duties were to sweep the buildings, replace the toilet paper, tidy up the magazines and de-bug the pit.*

*Point here is that the magazines were Playboy or Penthouse published in America. At that stage,*

*Australia didn't have these fine publications with their decisive writing and sharp articles. So, if a bloke happened to be in the toilet block for the usual reason and one of these magazines happened to be there, our enquiring minds lead us to the articles and decisive writing. Now because the articles were so well written, time went rather quickly and minds were usually riveted on the articles.*

*At this stage, the "camp blowfly" would take a seat as naturally as could be with nefarious activity in mind, extract a de-bugging device from his rather bulky clothes and drop the de-bugging device into the pit. The de-bugging device was in fact a smoke grenade with a time delay of approx 10 seconds, this gave the CB enough time to stand up, depart the building at the same time adjusting his clothing and hide behind a tree before the smoke grenade went off and the other inhabitants departed the building, some in quite haste.*