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Submarines Association Australia Queensland Inc.



## Gold Coast Member Update

*'Deep Thinkers'*

**Dear members and friends**

### Message from the Gold Coast Submariners

*Dear Members and  
Friends*

*As we venture into the  
new year, I am thrilled to  
share with you the latest  
updates and  
accomplishments of our  
association. Despite the  
challenges we faced,  
2025 was a year of  
remarkable  
achievements, and I am  
confident that 2026 will  
bring even greater  
success.*

The Submarine Association Australia Queensland Branch Inc. is dedicated to preserving the rich heritage of Australian submariners while fostering camaraderie among past and present members. Through regular meetings, memorial services, community engagement, and fundraising efforts, they ensure that the stories of Australian submariners are remembered, and their contributions recognized.

Looking to the future, the association remains committed to its mission, ensuring that the legacy of courage and sacrifice lives on for generations to come.



### **Message from the President**

SAA QLD Inc Social Functions November/December 2025

A long outstanding Association member, and past president, has recently commented on the lack of any form of social activity so far since the new committee has been elected. I totally agree with this honoured member. It has been far too long. This is the first social fundraiser, and I would like to see more in the future. Alex has previously had lunches arranged and the turnout was good, and a memorable time was had by all. It was good time to meet members informally and listen to what is their thoughts.

There are initial plans for an association BBQ in March to kick of the new year. These functions can be initiated by any individual in the Association and does not have to primarily instigated by the Executive Committee. My initial response after being elected as your President for 2025, was for the Executive Committee not to be isolated in SAA QLD activities, but to use suggestions from the Association members to organise social functions. You won't be alone. Help is readily available to assist you. Your suggestions are warmly welcome.

This is not just for Brisbane members, however, the response from my recent four week out to the country members was a huge success.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at these events as well as our rapidly approaching AGM and General Meeting.

Kindest Regards,

Brian Mateer

### **Message from Vice-President**

VPSAAQLD Xmas Message 2025

Well it's getting close to that time of year when Christmas is nearly upon us and closely followed by the 2025/2026 New Year.

2025 has been a reasonably busy year which has seen the SAAQLD move to our new "home" within the Naval Association, Ogg Street, Murrumba Downs. There's still work to be done in that space to ensure a successful "bedding in" to the complex however things do not progress rapidly. It was good to see our esteemed President, Brian "Shorty" Mateer engage in a road trip within QLD to entice local submariners to re-engage with SAAQLD. Time will tell on the success of this recruitment drive/awareness.

The SWHT Committee, along with Ian Sinclair, have been particularly busy with SWHT and the QHM Audit proving to be a time consuming task.

Of particular note was the high level planning and execution of Lord's Abinger visit from UK. The purpose of the visit was to pay homage to Lord Arbinger's great-uncle, LT the Hon Leopold Scarlett RN/RAN of AE1. Further high level visits included having 4 Admirals visit SWHT earlier during the year.

Personally, I forward my thanks on to the SWHT team, who work tirelessly behind the scenes, in their honouring of our veterans memories and of course the home and hospital visits by members to those Submariners that are not travelling all that well.

Whilst I am recognising outstanding people, I would like to extend our recognition, and thanks, to Terry Shorrocks for his outstanding contribution as Treasurer SAAQLD. Again, a position that is mainly behind the scenes, Terry undertook the position, somewhat reluctantly, however provided an outstanding contribution to SAAQLD, both Executive and as an association member. So again, my thanks to an outstanding member of the SAAQLD team and welcome Dave Perry to the position of Treasurer. As a former Supply Officer (Maritime Logistics Officer) I'm sure our accounts will remain in good hands.

On behalf of SAAQLD I wish you all a great Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year.

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DJ SCANLAN  
VP SAAQLD

### Queensland / Gold Coast presence

There is an active **Submarines Association Australia — Queensland Inc.** branch which runs events, memorial activities and welfare support for submariners in Qld. This is a not-for-profit association, not a commercial Defence contractor. Their site lists meetings, memorials and joining information. <https://www.saaqld.net/>

### Ceremonial – Gold Coast Qld

A very successful Remembrance Day service was held at Submariner's Walk and Heritage Trail. Planning is underway for the ANZAC day dawn service at the same venue (commencing 0530). As is the case in prior years, the SAAQLD have been invited to lay a wreath at Newstead House to mark the 82nd anniversary of the Battle of the Coral Sea in May and this shall continue.

### Achievements - Submarine Association Australia Queensland Inc, on the GOLD COAST

#### Preservation of Heritage:

- Nil



### **Camaraderie and Support:**

- Organised gatherings for members, including social events, and group outings.



### **Memorialization and Commemoration:**

- Participated in national Anzac Day and Remembrance Day ceremonies to honour all servicemen and women, with a focus on submariners.
- Held a special memorial service commemorating the anniversary of a



### **Fundraising and Support Programs:**

- Organised a successful event to raise funds for association activities and support programs.



These specific achievements illustrate how the Submarine Association Australia Queensland Branch Inc. advanced its mission and objectives in 2025, benefiting both its members and the broader community.

### **Socials Events for 2026:**

- a. Gold Coast social lunch. Wednesday, 28 January 2026 at Georges on Sorrento @1200. <https://www.georgesonsorrento.com.au/>
- b. Gold Coast social lunch. Wednesday, 25 February 2026 on: M.V. Bundy. [mvbundy@icloud.com](mailto:mvbundy@icloud.com) Mob: 0431108529
- c. *Our next meeting will be our GM to be held on **Saturday the 7th March 2026 @ 11:00 hrs**, venue is the Pine Rivera NAA facilities, 3 Ogg Road Murrumba Downs 4503.*
- d. Gold Coast social lunch. Wednesday, 01 April 2026 at Currumbin RSL @1200.

- e. Gold Coast social lunch. Wednesday, 27 May 2026 at Georges on Sorrento @1200. <https://www.georgesonsorrento.com.au/>
- f. *Our next meeting will be our GM to be held on Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026 @ 11:00 hrs, venue is the Pine Rivera NAA facilities, 3 Ogg Road Murrumba Downs 4503.*
- g. Gold Coast social lunch. Wednesday, 01 July 2026 at Georges on Broadbeach @1200. <https://www.georgesbroadbeach.com.au/>

## Stay Connected

For the latest updates, events, and news, be sure to follow us on social media and visit our website regularly. Your engagement and support are invaluable as we work together to honor the legacy of Australian submariners.

## Contact Us:

For inquiries, suggestions, or to get involved, please contact us at [presidentsaaqld@gmail.com](mailto:presidentsaaqld@gmail.com), [secretarysaaqld@gmail.com](mailto:secretarysaaqld@gmail.com) or [acaseizo@gmail.com](mailto:acaseizo@gmail.com) or visit our website at <https://www.saaqld.net/>

Thank you for your continued dedication and support.

Sincerely,

Dr Alex Seizovic

Submarine Association Australia Queensland Branch Inc. Gold Coast

## Welfare

### Health & Welfare

When making a claim for certain conditions like Lumbar Spondylosis for the non-qualifying service SOP there are drop dead dates after which you will have trouble with a claim being accepted as service caused.

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#### **CRISIS AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT**

***For immediate help in a crisis, please contact one of the following services.***

**Triple Zero (000) - NSW Police, NSW Ambulance, Fire & Rescue NSW**

Contact Emergency Services on Triple Zero (000) in life threatening or emergency situations.

**Contact your nearest Emergency Department**

*If you need medical assistance or urgent support.*

**Suicide Call Back Service**

1300 659 467

24hr counselling service for suicide prevention and mental health.

Available via telephone, online and by video chat.

#### **Open Arms**

1800 011 046

24hr mental health support for Navy, Army & Air Force Personnel, Veterans and their families.

Free and confidential national counselling service for Australian veterans and their families, provided through the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA).

#### **Defence Member and Family Helpline**

1800 624 608

24hr service providing a range of practical and emotional support programs for families facing emergency or crisis.

#### **Defence All-hours Support Line**

1800 628 036

24hr service for ADF members and their families with help to access ADF or civilian mental health services.

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