

# Anzac Day Trust

## Annual Report 2007–08

Legislation was passed in 1965 that allowed places of public entertainment and amusement to trade on the afternoon and evening of Anzac Day. This heralded the end of an era in which Anzac Day was a 'closed day' and business trading was very restricted. The Parliament of the day was optimistic that in return for the bonus of extra trading hours on Anzac Day, those businesses which benefited would donate to the Anzac Day Trust Fund. The fund was established under the same legislation and provides funding, on application, to organisations offering financial assistance and relief to ex-service men and women and their dependants.

The annual disbursement of the trust fund to over 200 ex-service organisations, supports:

- aged and infirm veterans wishing to remain in their own homes
- maintenance of essential services
- the construction and maintenance of homes/units for war veterans
- many other services such as advocacy, hospital visits, food hampers and gift/amenities parcels for the sick.

An annual appeal for donations each April begins with a mail out targeting those businesses providing public entertainment and amusement. The main source of funds, however, continues to be an annual grant provided by the Queensland Government.

### The trustees

The following members of the Board of Trustees were appointed for a three year term commencing 26 April 2007:

#### Chairperson

Mrs P E Waters

#### Representing the Legacy Clubs of Queensland

Mr Colin Brewer

#### Representing the Returned & Services League of Australia (Qld Branch)

Mr Peter Jones

#### Representing all other ex-service organisations

Mrs Judith Hunter

## Activities

The main activities of the Trust throughout the year are the public appeal in April and the disbursement of the trust fund, including the government grant appropriation, in November of the same calendar year.

Queensland bowls clubs, sporting clubs, metropolitan hotels and bars, and theme parks/tourist attractions were canvassed in the 2008 appeal which netted a total of \$29 642 from 57 donors (\$26 175 from 55 donors in 2007). The trust fund continues to receive generous support from Gold Coast theme parks which has accounted for a substantial percentage of total donations received in recent years.

In the 2007-08 financial year, payments totalling \$1.06 million were disbursed to 255 applicant ex-service organisations. In the previous financial year, 239 organisations benefited. Preliminary indications are that disbursements will occur to more than 240 organisations in 2008-09.

## Income

The Trust was funded predominantly by way of a grant appropriation of \$1.023 million from the Queensland Government.

Proceeds of the annual appeal totalled \$29,642

Interest on investments during the year, amounted to \$15,233 and cash at bank as at 30 June 2008 was \$30,866.

## Acknowledgments

The trustees wish to record their gratitude and appreciation to all supporters of the Trust, in particular the donors who have maintained their generosity for many years. Certificates of Appreciation were issued to all those who contributed.

The Queensland Government is once again commended by the trustees for its generous financial support. The secretariat and administrative support provided by the Department of Employment and Industrial Relations is also gratefully acknowledged.

## Financial audit and statements

The audit of the books and accounts of the Trust has been performed in accordance with the provisions of the *Financial Administration and Audit Act 1977*.

## Disbursement of the Anzac Day Trust Fund

The trust fund is disbursed annually to applicant ex-service organisations as soon as possible after the receipt of the government appropriation. In 2007, \$1,063,375 was disbursed as follows:

Returned and Services League of Australia (Queensland Branch) (including branches and sub-branches) \$508,450

R.S.L. (Qld) War Veterans Homes Limited \$100,000

Legacy Clubs of Queensland \$247,901

Made up as follows:

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Bundaberg	6,178
Cairns	8,140
Gold Coast	18,069
Coolangatta/Tweed Heads	24,324
Ipswich	8,337
Brisbane	123,500
Maryborough	6,132
Mackay	5,368
Rockhampton & Central Queensland	12,271
Toowoomba	9,042
Townsville	26,540

Other organisations \$207,024

Made up as follows:

2/15th Bn AIF Remembrance Club Inc	1,000
2nd Battalion The Royal Australian Regiment Association	1,092
8/9 RAR Association	1,000
ADCC War Veterans Trust	6,400
Aircrew Association Brisbane Branch	1,000
Armed Services Assistance Centre Inc	3,014
Aust Army Aviation Association	1,000
Aust Army Training Team Vietnam Assoc	1,000
Aust Federation of TPI Ex-Servicemen & Women Qld	20,036
Aust Red Cross	6,247
Aust Women's Army Service Assoc of QLD	1,000
Bundaberg & District Disabled Veterans Assoc Inc	1,000
Bundaberg & District Ex Servicewomen's Assoc Inc	748
Caloundra Combined Ex-Servicewomen's	1,000

Association	
Capricorn Disabled Servicemen & Women's Assoc Rockhampton & District Inc	1,000
Council of Ex Servicewomen's Assoc (Qld)	771
Dalby & District Disabled Veterans Assn Inc	1,000
Ex Service Women's Assoc of QLD Inc	1,000
Ex-Servicemen & Women's Welfare Association Inc	1,000
Ex-Servicewomen's Assoc (Hervey Bay Branch)	1,000
F.E.S.R. Navy Assoc (Aust) Inc Qld Div	1,000
Gold Coast & District Ex Servicewomen's Association	1,000
Incapacitated Servicemen and Women's Assn of Aust	12,506
Naval Associations of Australia - Queensland	16,940
National Servicemen's Assoc of Aust (Qld)	17,599
Partially Blinded Soldiers Assoc of Aust (Qld Branch)	1,000
Post 1955 Veteran's Group Inc	1,000
Qld Commando Assoc	1,000
Qld Ex-POW Assoc Inc	2,277
RAAF Associations	14,559
RAAOC Assoc (Qld Division)	1,124
Redcliffe District Ex-service Women's Club Inc	743
Regular Defence Force Welfare Assoc (Qld Branch)	1,112
Royal Aust Army Nursing Corps Assoc Qld Inc	1,000
Royal Aust Regiment Assoc (Qld Div) Inc	1,000
The Royal Naval Assoc QLD Branch	1,000
T B Sailors' Soldiers' & Airmen's Assoc (Qld) Inc	1,039
The Salvation Army	7,000
TPD Ex-servicepersons Assoc (Townsville)	3,576
TPDSA Fraser Coast Inc	1,118
TPDSA Sunshine Coast	1,000
Tweed, Coolangatta & Dist Ex-Service Women's Assoc	1,000
Veterans Support & Advocacy Service Australia Inc	3,034
Veterans Support & Advocacy Service Australia (Ipswich Branch)	1,000
Victoria Barracks Historical Society	1,000

Vietnam Logistical Support Veterans Association Inc	1,000
Vietnam Veterans Assoc of Australia (Queensland)	15,097
Vietnam Veterans Federation of Aust Queensland	3,966
Vietnam Veterans Federation of Australia Rockhampton Sub Branch Inc	903
Vietnam Veterans Federation of Aust (Townsville)	1,658
War Widows Guild of Australia (Qld)	37,465
WRAAC Assoc of QLD Inc	1,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,063,375</b>

## Anzac Day Trust Donors

Arana Leagues Club  
 AussieWorld  
 Australia Zoo  
 Biggenden Bowls Club Inc  
 Bribie Island Bowls Club Inc  
 Brothers Leagues Club Ipswich Inc  
 Buderim Bowls Club Inc  
 Bulimba Memorial Bowls Club  
 Bundaberg & District RSL & Citizens Memorial Club  
 Cairns RSL Sub Branch  
 Cairns RSL Club Limited  
 Carina Leagues Club Limited  
 Clifton Bowls Club Inc  
 Cooloola Coast Bowls Club Inc  
 Coolum Beach Bowls Club Inc  
 Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary  
 Dreamworld  
 Eidsvold Bowls Club Inc  
 Emu Park Bowls Club Inc  
 Geebung-Zillmere RSL & Services Memorial Club Inc  
 Gold Coast Commerce Club Inc  
 Goomeri Bowls Club Inc  
 Gum Sing Pty Ltd, Wynnum

Haywood Pty Ltd  
 Ipswich RSL Services Club Inc  
 Kedron-Wavell RSL Sub Branch Inc  
 King Tutt's Putt Putt Pty Ltd  
 Kingaroy & Dist RSL & Citizens Memorial Club  
 Laserforce – Lasergames Pty Ltd  
 Mackay Ex-Service Women RSL Sub Branch  
 Macquarie Leisure Operations Limited  
 Merricum Pty Ltd – Balmoral & Hawthorne Cinemas  
 Mooloolaba Bowls Club Inc  
 Murgon & District Services & Citizens Memorial Club  
 Murgon Ladies Bowls Club  
 Murgon RSL Sub-branch  
 North Rockhampton Bowls Club  
 Pomona Bowls Club Inc  
 Proserpine Ex-Services Club Inc  
 Proserpine RSL Sub Branch  
 Qld Ex-POW Association Inc  
 R & S Hawkins Pty Ltd – McDonalds Gladstone  
 RAAM Trading Pty Ltd  
 RSL Townsville Sub-branch Inc  
 Sarina Sub Branch RSL  
 Sherwood Services Club Inc  
 South Toowoomba Bowls Club Inc  
 Southport Workers Community Club Inc  
 Sporting Shooters Assoc of Aust (Brisbane)  
 Taroom Bowls Club Inc  
 The Bay Boozatorium  
 Toogoolawah Bowls Club Inc  
 Warner Village Theme Parks  
 Whitewater World  
 Wondai Diggers Memorial & Citizens' Club Inc  
 Wondai Country Club Inc

The full audited financial statements for the Anzac Day Trust are provided in this report. See page 103.