



RAAF ASSOCIATION – TOWNSVILLE BRANCH

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Next Branch Meeting

Sunday 18th November 2018

1000 Hours

Townsville RSL, Charters Towers Road, Hermit Park

Next Raffles

Friday 21st December 2018

1730 Hours

Townsville RSL, Charters Towers Road, Hermit Park

Next Social Event – Christmas Luncheon

Sunday 9th December 2018

1130

Mercure Resort, Woolcock Street, Townsville RSL

November Birthdays

On behalf of the President and all members, I wish the following members a very Happy Birthday.

4 th November	Gary Young
14 th November	Deb Fifield

If I have missed anyone, please forgive me and have a Happy Birthday.

Christmas Lunch

The Christmas Lunch is programmed for 1130 hours on Sunday 9th December 2018 at the Mercure Resort on Woolcock Street, Hyde Park.

The meal will be your choice from the standard menu for the restaurant which has a good selection at reasonable prices. A copy of the Lunch Menu is below:

I require numbers for those attending prior to then If you are attending, and if you haven't already done so, please let me know by **Tuesday 4th December** so that the booking can be finalised.

There will be a small raffle held on the day so we are looking for donated prizes up to the value of \$10.00. If you would like to donate something to the raffle would you please wrap it and bring it with you on the day.

All members and families are invited to attend.

The Lunch Menu is:

PORK SCHNITZEL \$18

Chips, salad, apple sauce

B.L.T \$15

Bacon, lettuce, tomato with aioli and chips

Add egg or avocado \$3

STEAK SANDWICH \$19

Rib fillet, lettuce, tomato, onion, cheese, BBQ sauce served with chips

BEEF BURGER \$19

Bacon, lettuce, tomato, beetroot, BBQ sauce

Served with chips

RIB FILLET (GF) \$29

250gm Rib fillet served with chips, salad and red wine jus

CHICKEN PARMIGIANA \$23

Chicken schnitzel topped with bacon, napoli sauce and cheese

Served with chips and salad

CRUMBED FLATHEAD FILLETS \$18

Served with chips, salad and tartare sauce

GRILLED HALOUMI SALAD \$17

Grilled haloumi, mixed salad leaves, cherry tomatoes, red onion, red wine vinaigrette

CHICKEN SALAD (GF) \$17

Mixed salad leaves, cucumber, tomato, red onion, capsicum, red wine vinaigrette

GREEK SALAD (GF,V) \$15

Mixed salad leaves, olives, feta, red onion, capsicum, cucumber, red wine vinaigrette

Add smoked salmon \$5

TOASTED SANDWICHES \$7

Ham, cheese, tomato

Chicken, cheese, avocado

Add chips \$3

SMOKED SALMON WRAP \$11

Salmon, avocado, lettuce and spanish onion

Veteran Card

Following the announcement by the Government to issue a Veteran Card to all eligible current and former members of the Australian Defence Force, I have included information on the card that was taken from The Dept of Veterans Affairs web site.

Information for card holders and applicants (Veteran Card)

The Veteran Card will make it easier for Australians to recognise and respect the contribution that veterans have made to Australia and for our veterans to connect with the broader Australian community.

Eligibility for the card

Anyone who is eligible for a DVA White, Gold or Orange card will be eligible for the new card, including veterans who are transitioning or have transitioned from the ADF.

Eligibility includes all current and former permanent full-time ADF members.

It also includes certain Reservists.

The Veteran Card will support up to 600,000 veterans in Australia.

Benefits of the card

The Government is working with Australian businesses and community organisations to discuss tangible recognition and services for card holders. Organisations may wish to provide special offers, support or concessions to holders of the card. This will be at the discretion of the participating business or organisation. Major businesses including Target, Bunnings, Coles and the NRMA have already expressed interest in working together on the program. More information about participating organisations will be made available in the coming months.

How to apply

Veterans and their families will be able to use their existing DVA White, Gold or Orange Card to gain access to benefits provided by businesses and community organisations until the new-look Veteran Card is issued.

DVA systems are being updated to that you will soon be able to apply for the Veteran card through your existing MyService logon or by creating an account at MyService.

If you do not already have one, you can also apply for a White Card via MyService.

For those who do not have a computer or the ability to log onto the DVA My Service, I do not know how you will be able to apply for your card. I will endeavour to find out and include it in a future newsletter.

Stop Press – Veteran Card

I have attached an article from Vice President Michael Krink which he received from 35 Squadron Association of what the Veteran Card and Lapel Pin might look like. I personally cannot vouch for the authenticity of the card or the pin so please do not quote either Michael or myself if it is different.

Letter from the National President

I have attached a letter from the National President of the RAAF Association, Group Captain Carl Schiller OAM CSC (Retd) to all members.

Until the next newsletter, kind regards to all and please stay safe.

Ted Mildren